



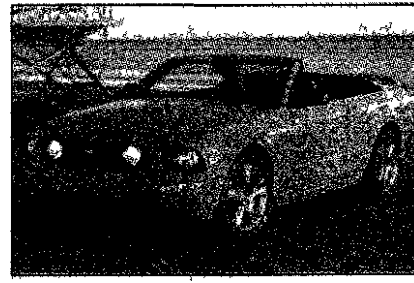
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Elaine Didier of Plymouth is the new director of the Gerald R. Ford presidential library in Ann Arbor

Library chooses local woman

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Most people get congratulatory phone calls on their first day at a new job

Not many, though get one from a former president of the United States. But that's who was at the other end of the line when Plymouth's Elaine Didier answered the call her first day leading the Gerald R. Ford Library in Ann Arbor.

"The president called, and it was very exciting," said Didier, chosen after a national search for a library chief. "He's such a great man, no matter what party you're from. He called, and we talked football."

Didier, a University of Michigan alumna and former associate dean of Rackham School of Graduate Studies, was named the new director of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum. She replaced Dennis Daellenbach, who retired Jan. 1. The library is located on the university's North Campus.

PLEASE SEE LIBRARY, A4

Locals sign on in school election

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan wasn't pleased with the contract handed to him by Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett, requiring the school district to pay all costs for the May 3 school board election.

As Ryan looked over the contract presented by Bennett, he asked, "You want me to reimburse you more than what the law requires?"

Bennett's answer: "Yes. My directive from (Supervisor) Tom (Yack) was that you sign the agreement, or we will opt out."

Not that he wasn't already prepared to pay Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville Township, Salem Township and Superior

Township for the costs involved in putting on the annual election, but Ryan was upset because it will be costing much more than the \$15,000 it previously cost the district to conduct an election.

"My frustration grows with the fact it's a bad law," said Ryan, who took part in a meeting Thursday conducted by the Wayne County elections division to finalize agreements between school districts and municipal clerks, who will be running the school board elections for the first time. "I feel like we're losing the positive relationships we have with our local municipalities."

The state law 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.

Part of Ryan's frustration stems from being coerced into signing a contract with Canton Township, requiring the school district to reimburse the township for all costs associated with the election. Ryan had already agreed, in a letter to the clerks, to pay back all election costs as provided by law. However, the law doesn't include the chargeback of costs incurred by municipalities during regular business hours.

Bennett later told Wayne County officials her office will opt in - handle the Canton portion of the Plymouth-Canton Schools election - pending

the signed agreement. Bennett said she did not get school officials from Wayne-Westland and Van Buren to agree, so she will not conduct those elections and is leaving it up to Wayne County.

"If we opt out, by law we are required to do three things," said Bennett. "To conduct the entire absentee ballot process, make our election equipment available and provide a list of our election workers. The county then becomes responsible for handling the election."

The other five communities in the Plymouth-Canton school district agreed to opt in, and didn't ask for a signed contract.

No one knows how much the election will cost Plymouth-Canton.

PLEASE SEE ELECTION, A7

Symphony, composer hitting all the right notes



PHOTO BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Composer André Myers, commissioned by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, shares the feeling of finishing a composition with students at Canton's Field Elementary. Myers was commissioned to write a piece based on the Holling C. Holling book, "Paddle to the Sea."

New composition helps bring orchestra to youngsters

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Virtually since Nan Washburn became the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's music director five years ago, symphony officials have been crafting an educational program designed to bring orchestra music to young children.

They believe they have the final piece of the puzzle when a composition they've commissioned designed around a popular piece of study material.

The symphony will unveil the musical version of *Paddle to the Sea* by Holling C. Holling at a March 9 concert at Plymouth Salem High.

PLEASE SEE COMPOSER, A5

City officials navigate budget awash in red ink

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

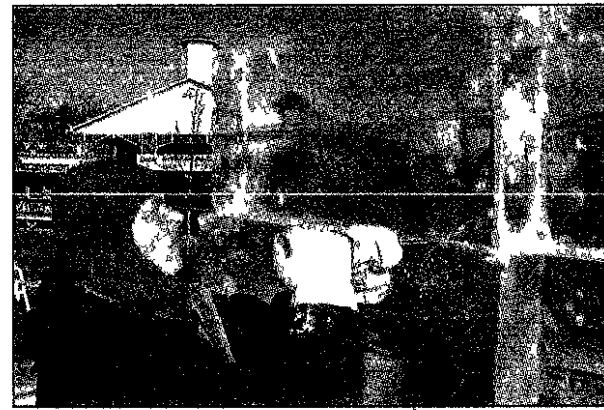
As Plymouth city Finance Director Mark Christiansen finalizes his department's 2005-06 budget for City Manager Paul Sincock, it becomes increasingly difficult to ask for more than the necessities in the face of another looming budget deficit.

"We would like to replace our accounting system," said Christiansen. "There are better programs out there that do a faster and more efficient job, but capital

improvements haven't been affordable the last three or four years. We just can't afford the \$50,000-\$60,000 it would cost."

Department heads have been told to put their budgets and wish lists together for the fiscal year which begins July 1, but most already know the five-year budget projections all show the city in the red. So, it looks like another year of cuts, rather than expenditures. "My department had, at one time, seven full-time people,"

PLEASE SEE BUDGET, A5



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hitting the ice

Canton world champion Ted Wakar and Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular organizer Mike Watts secured the last block of ice needed for their sculpture as the 23rd-annual got underway this week in downtown Plymouth. The festival closes out today (Sunday).

Free pizza? Tell us who's deserving

Starting next month, Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer Newspapers* will honor good citizens with a 'Random Act of Pizza.'

Each week, *Observer* readers will nominate a person or family who will receive a home-delivered Buddy's Pizza dinner. Tell us in 50 words or less why you or someone else deserves this home-delivered treat. Do you know someone too busy to cook because of volunteer work? Or do you know a single mom or dad who could use a break? Tell us about your great neighbors, the new family down the street or

the busy family who could use some time together.

Be sure to include the name, address and telephone number of the family you nominate.

Selection will be done by *O&E* staff members. Send nominations by e-mail to Ken Abramczyk at kabramczyk@oehomecom.net.

Dinner includes pizza, salad, Buddy Bread, soft drinks and table setting.

The dinner is just a small way to celebrate a special person or family in 2005, said Marcy Brontman, marketing director for Buddy's.

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Do you remember the magic that happened the first time you met that special someone? It's those moments that remain in our memory forever. Tell us about the first time you met your sweetheart and you could win our Valentine's Day package that includes a \$200 gift certificate from Murray's Jewelry in Redford, dinner for two at Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Farmington Hills or Dearborn Heights (\$60 gift certificate), a singing valentine by a quartet from the Renaissance Chorus of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and two tickets to Phantom of the Opera at Masonic Temple on Wednesday, March 2. On Sunday, Feb. 13, the *Observer* Community Life section will feature readers' Magic Moments. Send yours by Friday, Feb. 4 to Hugh Gallagher, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Coming Thursday in Filter

What's up with Jeff?

Michigan's own Hollywood movie star, Jeff Daniels, talks about the playwright's craft and his new comedy opening at the Purple Rose Theatre.

Medilodge scholarships

Medilodge Group, Inc., has announced it will distribute more than \$35,000 in scholarships to the graduating class of 2005. Participating schools in the Plymouth-Canton area include Plymouth, Salem and Canton high schools.

Medilodge Group, a for-profit group of skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, including one in Plymouth. The scholarships will be made available to high school seniors in the district that each Medilodge facility serves.

It's a way of giving back to our communities for their continued support, said Frank Wronski, Medilodge's president.

Each of the nursing facilities will award a \$250 winner from each of the eligible schools in their area and an overall \$1,000 winner will be awarded for the best applicant from each building. The 15 overall winners will then be placed in a final competition for the grand-prize scholarship. The winner of that \$10,000 scholarship will be announced in May.

To obtain more information about the scholarship program, call Cathy Newsom, activity director for Medilodge of Plymouth, (734) 453-3983.

Little lambs preschool

Preschool registration for next year's (2005-06) classes at Little Lambs Christian Preschool takes place at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. The school is located inside First Baptist Church on N. Territorial between Sheldon and Beck.

The school emphasizes social skills, problem-solving, fine motor skills, pre-reading, writing and math skills and his-

tening. Extra amenities include field trips, a Christmas program, student evaluations, parent conferences and an end-of-year picnic.

Students must be 3 or 4 years old by Aug. 1. For more information call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

Sagear scholarship

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is looking for Plymouth-Canton area high school seniors eligible for the annual Sandra Sagear-Rotary Scholarship.

The club strives to Plymouth-Canton High School senior who has overcome adversity. Rotary is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier.

Students eligible for this \$500 scholarship will also have shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community.

For more information and the application, visit the Web site at www.storytellerdesign.com/SagearRotaryScholarship.pdf.

Ice age at the library

The Plymouth District Library, in conjunction with the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History, will present the first of three programs on Michigan during the Ice Age.

The programs are designed for children ages 5-12 and their parents.

The first program, Distant Elephant Cousins in Michigan, will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26. Registration is requested as attendance is limited to the first 25 children signed up.



A call to cookie duty

Girl Scout Troop 433 from Tonda Elementary is showing its patriotism by sending cookies to members of a National Guard squad that will be deployed to Iraq in February. People can buy cookies from the girls and have them sent to the troops. A girl will 'personalize' each box for the troops, and will provide a yellow ribbon to all those who purchase a box. From 1-5 p.m. on Feb. 20, the girls will be selling cookies at Farmer Jack, at Morton Taylor and Joy roads. They will also be at Family Video, at Canton Center and Hanford, on March 5 during the same hours. In the back row, from left, are Samantha Krahn, Kayla Turner, Elizabeth Johns, Jessica Hanser, Amanda Nilles and Meggan Ellis. In front are Kristin Larkins (left) and Megan Wood. All are fourth-graders at Tonda. For more information, call troop leader Charisse Dore' Nilles at (734) 459-0675.

Parents must accompany each child attending.

To register, go to the Reader's Advisory Desk on the first floor of the library or call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. This series is made possible by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library and the Speckhard-Knight Foundation.

Damaris award

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents the Damaris Fine Arts Award to a Plymouth-Canton senior who has 'displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his or her education in this field. Deadline to apply for this

\$600 scholarship is March 18.

For more information and the application, visit the Web site at www.artsculture.com/DamarisAward.pdf.

Mothers of Multiples

Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples will hold their Spring Sale 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill, north of Ann Arbor Road.

Department-style shopping with baby and children's clothing from newborn to 5T, maternity clothing and baby gear. There will also be a bake sale. Admission is \$1 for

Johnson Creek Protection

The Johnson Creek Protection Group meeting will be holding meetings at 7 p.m. on Mondays Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 21, April 18 and June 20 in the Forum Room at Northville High School. The exception is the Volunteer Rally and informational meeting Feb. 21, which will be at the new Northville Township Hall, Northville High School is located at 45700 Six Mile Road. Refreshments will be served.

In addition, Johnson Creek Day 2005 is set for Saturday, May 14. More information on that event will be available as the planning continues. For additional information, contact Michelle West at mwest@alm.com or by calling (734) 761-1010.

Women's 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 Theives,' 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, scrap-booking, 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 Schaefer, (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.



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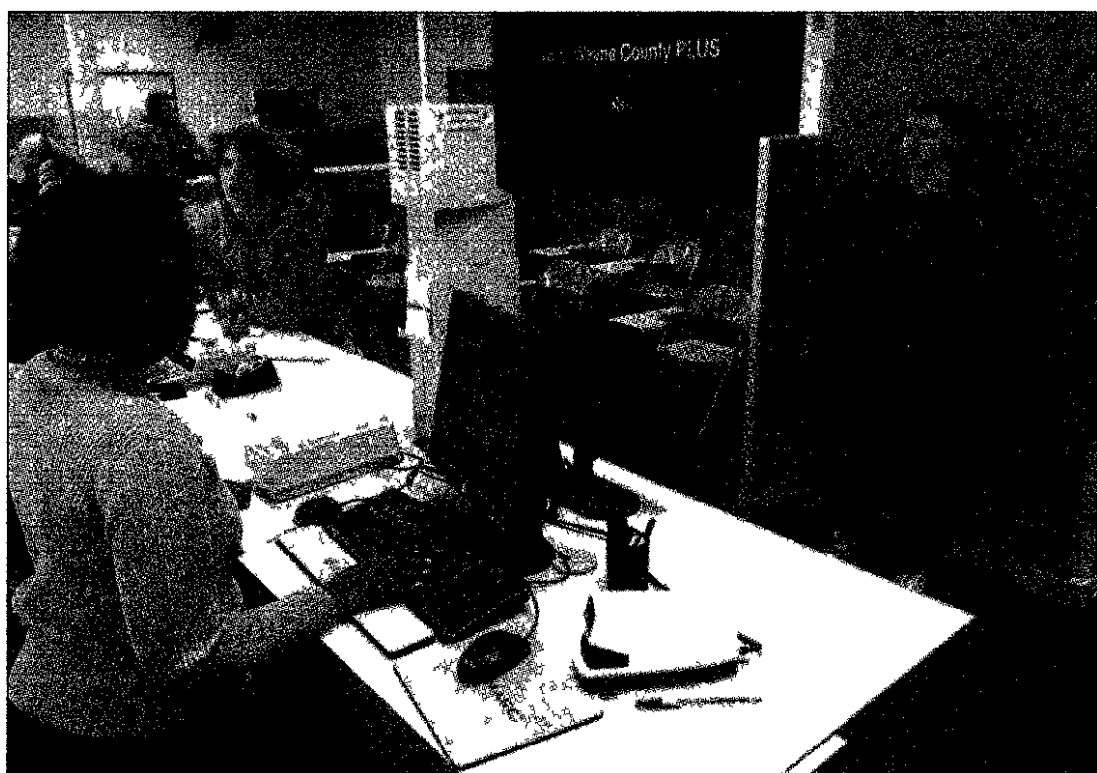
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Phil Smith has his driver's license photo made by Gloria Parham at the Secretary of State's office in Canton

Improved SOS office offers several pluses

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Despite the sub-freezing temperatures outside, it was business as usual inside the Secretary of State Canton Branch office Tuesday. The office had been closed for more than a week, so it could be renovated into a Secretary of State PLUS office. Officially, it is now known as the West Wayne County PLUS office, offering some expanded services not found at traditional branch offices, including extended hours on Wednesdays and the ability for customers to pay with a Discover credit card. The branch is one of 22 branch offices Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land has targeted to become PLUS offices, in an effort to modernize operations in the offices. These offices are designed to serve larger areas. Ultimately, Land will eliminate 20 of the state's 173 branch offices, including one in Wayne. Other PLUS offices opened in Detroit and

Belleville last year. Land will also open five SUPER Centers, including one in Livonia, which will offer many of the same features as PLUS offices, as well as Saturday hours and certain specialty services. Our goal is to provide convenient options that make it easier to do business with us," Land said in a statement. According to Canton branch manager Joe Kraus, the office will also soon have a self-service kiosk where customers can renew vehicle registration tabs without having to wait in line at the counter. He also promises there will be at least seven or eight stations open at a time to make sure customers get through the line in a timely manner. In addition, the office now has a customer service specialist that will help people make sure they have the correct documentation, so they don't have to wait in line before finding out they need additional documents. He said drivers will also be able to get a copy of

their driving records. And the office now has an area designated to serve auto dealers, which will shorten the waiting time for other customers. Kraus said he is taking a "wait-and-see" approach to whether the office will take on additional customers because of the change. He said the office is already one of the busiest in the state, serving customers not only from Canton, but also Plymouth, Westland, Livonia and a number of other communities. This is the busiest office in Wayne and Oakland counties. We do more than 1,000 transactions a day. We're one of the four of five busiest offices in the state, said Kraus, who has managed the Canton branch for 21 years. Hours of the West Wayne County PLUS office, which is located at 44948 Ford Road, are now 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. For more information, call the office at (734) 463-8211.

Emagine ticket offer bolsters annual Kiwanis sweat suit plea

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Anyone wanting to see the new Ice Cube movie 'Are We There Yet?' is going to get a discounted chance to do just that, courtesy of the Emagine Theater in Canton and the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club. To support the club's seventh-annual sweat suit drive, theater officials have agreed to a 2-for-1 deal that nets a pair of movie tickets for each sweat suit set — top and bottom — brought to the theater Saturday, Jan. 29. Doors open at 9 a.m., the movie plays at 10 a.m. "One of our members thought of it, and the theater was good enough to help us," said Kiwanis member Carol Heminger. "It's the first time we've partnered with someone like this, and we think it's going to work out well for us." The annual sweat suit drive supports First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Officials at Emagine said the chance to help was the driving force in agreeing to do the drive. "Emagine is very supportive of charities, and I think this is a good one," said Ruth Daniels, Emagine's vice president of sales and marketing. "It's a charity located right here, so we thought it was a good fit." Heminger said phone calls to the Wal-Mart on Ford Road in Canton and the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth confirmed plenty of sweat suits are available. Donors who don't wish to purchase a sweat suit can make a \$10 donation. "We'll be happy to go and do the shopping," Heminger said. The sweat suits are necessary because victims of abuse frequently have their clothes taken as evidence, Heminger explained. When hospital officials call First Step for crisis care, those workers have the suits stashed in their cars. 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," she said. Those who can't make the drive movie can still help. 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 ■ Plymouth District Library, 223 S Main. These Canton locations have drop boxes: ■ Canton Public Library, 1200 S Canton Center ■ Help-U-Sell Real Estate, 7242 N Haggerty ■ Republic Bank, 6549 Canton Center. For more information, call drive chairman Dennis Heminger, (734) 451-3500.

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@oehomecomm.net 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 jpeg format (please send largest size possible) and make sure photos are identified. The special section will be published in May 2005.

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Johnson Controls, Inc., officials honored the company's 44 top-performing suppliers at a celebration event held recently at the Westin Detroit-Metropolitan Airport Hotel in Romulus.

A total of 45 awards were presented to supply companies that have shown exceptional performance and leadership in their work during the past year with the Automotive Group of Johnson Controls.

"These awards exemplify the commitment of our supply base," said Carolyn Woznicki, vice president of purchasing—North America for Johnson Controls. "We feel it's important for us to recognize our suppliers who help Johnson Controls exceed our customers' expectations."

Johnson Controls' Supplier Performance Awards are presented annually for performance encompassing four key business areas: quality, commercial, material and logistics, and service and engineering support. Exemplary performance by the firm's supply base is recognized on three levels—gold, silver and bronze.

Recipients of the Gold 2004

Supplier Performance Award included Alex Products, Inc., Ridgeville Corners, Ohio, Aplix Inc., Southfield, Argon Automotive, Plymouth, Automatic Spring Products Corp., Grand Haven, Concept Industries, Grand Rapids, E&E Manufacturing, Plymouth, Enerflex Solutions, Troy, The Haartz Corporation, Bloomfield Hills, Innotec, Zeeland, Leon Plastics, Grand Rapids, Mideast Aluminum, Mountaintop, Pa., The Oakwood Group, Dearborn, OJI Intertech, Inc., North Manchester, Ind., Plasticos Diana, Puebla, Mexico, Polimeros del Uretano, Puebla, Mexico, Ventura, Zeeland, and WET Automotive Systems, Ltd., Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Silver 2004 Supplier Performance Award recipients included American and Efid Inc., Berkeley, Capro USA, Willis, Texas, Creative Foam Corporation, Fenton, Eagle Ottawa Leather Company, Rochester Hills, Header Products Inc., Romulus, Intermed Corporation, Mexico City, Mexico, Irvin Automotive, Pontiac, Janesville de Mexico,

Uruapan, Michoacan, Mexico, Jason Group, Grand Rapids, LM Gear Company, Chesterfield, PGI Non wovens, Mooreville, N.C., Quality Screw and Nut Company, Bensenville, Ill., Superior Roll Forming, Valley City, Ohio, Thistle Molded Group, LLC, East Troy, Wis., Greenfield Research Inc., Greenfield, Ohio, U.S. Farathane Corporation, Sterling Heights, and Robert Bosch Corp., Farmington Hills.

Recipients of the Bronze 2004 Supplier Performance Award included Acoustek Non-Wovens, Troy, CNI/UTI Inc., Madison Heights, Modern Metal Products, Rockford, Ill., Purchased Parts Group, Lvonia, Seton Company, Troy, and Toyo Seat USA, Imlay City.

Johnson Controls officials also presented five value-based leadership awards—including the Community Partnership Award, the Innovation Leadership Award, Minority Business Development Leadership Award, the Safety and Environmental Leadership Award and the Strategic Collaboration Award.

LIBRARY

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'DELIGHTED'

"I'm delighted to be selected for this position," Didier said. "The field of presidential libraries is fascinating for its trove of historical documents, artifacts, and other materials." Didier saw the national post-ing last fall, then waited until the day before it closed to apply. The only presidential library she's visited is John F. Kennedy's, but the job piqued her interest.

"It just caught my eye and sounded like a lot of fun, very broad-ranging, and this job certainly is," Didier said. "It sounded like a lot of fun. Then I started looking at what other presidential libraries do, and I kept getting more and more interested. Now that I'm into it, I'm just in awe of all we can do."

U.S. Archivist John Carlin praised Didier as someone with a "wealth of experience as a leader in higher education in Michigan and as an executive leader facilitating outreach and alliances in support of learning programs."

Carlin also said he was impressed with Didier's ideas on how to use today's technology to expand educational outreach efforts at the library and museum. The choice pleased the former president.

"I am tremendously pleased by the Archivist's decision to name Elaine Didier as the new library director," the president said. "She has the energy, experience and enthusiasm to sustain and enhance the progress that's been made at the library and museum. I am particularly pleased by her interest in partnering with civic leaders and the academic and business

communities in Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and the region to provide new opportunities for educational programming."

MICHIGAN TIES

Officials said the Gerald R. Ford Library is unlike other presidential libraries, which typically feature a museum at the same location. The museum is in Grand Rapids, the president's hometown. Together, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum are one of the 11 presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration.

Ann Arbor was chosen as the site for the library, Ford said, because it is a "long-established, diversified and distinguished institution of higher learning." Ford is a 1935 U-M alumnus and the 38th president of the United States. Having the papers at U-M means students, faculty, researchers and visiting scholars have ready access to these important materials.

The library has more than 21 million pages of memos, letters, diplomatic cables, meeting notes, reports and other historical documents. Materials also include photographs, videotapes of news broadcasts, audiotapes of speeches and press briefings, film of public events, and televised campaign commercials.

Didier, who will spend three days a week at the library in Ann Arbor and two days at the Grand Rapids museum, said one of her goals is to strengthen relationships with various U-M units and to encourage joint programming and greater use of the library. There are plans to enhance the Web site to facilitate distance learning and research.

In Grand Rapids, Didier noted plans to collaborate with the Hauenstein Center for

Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University. She also hopes to develop partnerships with other colleges and universities as well as K-12 schools.

"I want to increase the library's and museum's visibility because these are national treasures," Didier said. "We want people to know what we have and who we are, so they will appreciate the legacy of President Ford."

BACKGROUND

Didier has served in a number of positions at U-M from 1977-99, including interim director of academic outreach, associate dean of the Rackham School of Graduate Studies, and director of information resources at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business. She has also served as adjunct associate professor for the School of Information and director of the Erasmus/Michigan Master of Business Informatics Program.

She was president of the Michigan Library Association and is currently serving as an elected member to the Executive Board of the Association of College and Research Libraries and represents the association on the American Library Association Council. Appointed by then-Gov. John Engler to the Library of Michigan Board in 2001, she was elected to chair the board for 2003-04.

Didier earned B.A., A.M.L.S., and Ph.D. degrees from U-M and studied at the University of Oxford. She lives in Plymouth with her husband, Gordon.

Library hours are 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. For more information visit the Web at www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov.

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For Detroit schools to improve, society has to make its own AYP

Sometimes news events gather to a critical mass, forcing us to think about issues we'd almost rather avoid.

On Jan. 13, the Michigan Department of Education released the school district report cards, showing which school districts made adequate yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind criteria. While the majority of districts did make AYP, many urban districts did not. For some, like Livonia, this reflected the performance of special education students and its small



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black student population. For Detroit, it represented an ongoing crisis in its predominantly African-American school district. On that same day, Bill Cosby brought his bracing, some feel abrasive, message to Detroit. The comedian with a doctorate and a long history of social involvement has been preaching a bitter message to the African-American community. Beginning at

last year's NAACP national convention, Cosby has been telling black parents that it is long past time to take responsibility for their children — for their studies, their lack of manners, their violence. It wasn't a message many wanted to hear. The educated, multi-millionaire Cosby has been reviled and accused of class snobbery toward poor black Americans.

But he hasn't given an inch, even in the direct language he uses, which would be roundly criticized as racist coming from a white commentator.

In a report on his Detroit speech in the *Free Press*, Cosby is quoted, "These are our people — our people — our young people, and they have to be taught and retaught and we have to do it and mean it. You can't throw them up against the wall anymore. You can't curse them anymore. We've got to bring them home, sit them down. We are the elders, and we've got to demand our place."

That same week it was announced that the drive to end any form of affirmative action at state institutions was being revived for a run at the 2006 ballot. The movement has a black face, Californian Ward Connerly, and a hollow-ringing assertion that its purpose is to promote color-blindness and opportunity for all.

Finally, Monday was Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The most revered leader and martyr in the cause of civil liberties has become a chameleon of virtue for a variety of viewpoints. For some his message of non violence is emphasized. For others it's his steely determination in the face of violence for his cause — justice, equality, social upheaval.

All of these events can draw blood and ire. They all reflect unresolved issues, issues that didn't magically begin in Montgomery when Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat and didn't magically end with the death of King. These issues began the first time a slave trader took human beings from Africa to the New World to perform forced labor and they continue to this day for reasons as complex and tangled as any that have ever confronted a society that prides itself on its liberty and justice.

Metro Detroit is in many ways ground

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zero for trying to understand. Here we have an almost all-black city, surrounded by predominantly white suburbs. The city has been in a long decline, despite sputtering efforts to revive here and there, bits and pieces. Projects have brought in theaters, stadiums and a few major corporations (GM stayed in the city, Compuware moved there).

But no one pretends that Detroit will ever again be a retail center or be home to a large, thriving middle class or ever again project the energy and promise it once had. To the rest of the country, Detroit seems like some third world city. Its image is the image of the movie *8 Mile* and Eminem's harsh lyrical portraits. Super Bowls and All-Star Games won't bring change.

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While many come from good homes with the kind of concerned, loving but strict parents Cosby endorses, they still live in neighborhoods where the temptations are great and the reasons to resist get dimmer with every day.

While more and more African-Americans move into the middle class (and out to these suburbs), their success can't excuse the broader problems in the black community.

Cosby makes good points about the need for the black community to do its own house cleaning, to drive out the criminal element, to restore its own neighborhoods, to rescue and support its children. No matter how legitimate the effects of racism, it can't be an excuse for neglect, crime and a lack of self-respect.

But what we have here is not just a black/city/poor problem. What we have is a problem that affects us all. What we have is an infant care problem, a drug peddling problem, an unemployment problem, a run-down housing problem, a decaying infrastructure problem, a racism problem that cloaks itself in color-blindness rhetoric, a whites in the suburbs problem, a black middle-class problem.

We have a central city that no longer serves a vital purpose for the middle-class, predominantly white residents of the suburbs.

But if they don't do something and we don't do something, none of us will ever make adequate yearly progress to the better world of Drs. King and Cosby's dreams.

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Writing to pope isn't one of Gumbleton's birthday wishes

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton is supposed to write a letter to Pope John Paul II this Wednesday. Trouble is, he doesn't want to do it.

"Traditionally, you are supposed to write to the pope on your 75th birthday and offer to resign," Michigan's most politically controversial bishop said, chuckling softly over breakfast. "But it's so arbitrary — some of them they ignore, but if you are the least bit progressive, they accept it immediately."

If that's the case, the Vatican may accept his resignation with the speed of the Internet. But Bishop Tom has no desire to lay his burden down. He is a true child of Vatican II who was studying in Rome while the famous council was going on, and who was changed forever by it. He believes the church has a role to play, "standing up and safeguarding human rights for everyone." And as a bishop of the church, he feels it is his job to help lead that struggle. That mission has taken him, a man who resembles a gentle, kindly Irish elf, to El Salvador and Iraq and a dozen other countries. He has just come back from Haiti, where he helped get a prominent priest, Father Gerald Jean-Juste, released



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from prison, and he plans to go back soon. He's been in Vietnam and Guatemala and a dozen other places, usually staying with the poorest of the poor, sometimes tempting dictators and fate.

Even if he is forced into retirement, he intends to continue his travels. Why? What influenced Tom Gumbleton most was a Vatican II document on the church's role in the modern world. "If you are saving souls one at a time you really aren't going to get very far," he said. But as he sees it, the church's role should be to try to "transfer this world into as close an image of the reign of God, what the reign of God might look like, as possible."

That would be a world, he said, where everyone has enough to live decently, and also where their human and political rights aren't trampled on.

That view of his role and the church has caused him to fast and commit acts of civil disobedience and irritate numerous governments, including his own.

Those sentiments are more or less out of fashion these days. He was one of the youngest (38) men ever to be ordained an auxiliary bishop in 1968. He laughed a few years ago when I asked if he thought he would have been made a bishop today. "Oh no!" he said, laughing.

Born in Detroit, Father Tom was a young priest studying canon law in Rome when Pope John XXIII convened the famous council. He was fas-

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inated. John Cardinal Dearden, then Detroit's archbishop, was a main player.

"He was one of only a few — I think there were only two — American bishops who could really handle Latin, and all the discussions were in Latin."

Bishop Tom believes he has a traditional and pastoral role, too, he also serves as priest of St. Leo, a drafty, century-old brick church in the inner city where many of the parishioners are desperately poor, and death by gunshot is all too common. When we had breakfast last week, he was waiting to find out whether he or another priest would preside over the funeral of one of these. The last time I visited him there, it was so cold in his office I could barely write.

The good bishop had been sleeping there, in a pallet on the floor. He hadn't told me, but he had used some of his salary to help pay the tuition of one of my students.

What if he somehow just forgets to send the letter in? "I suspect I'll get a call saying that the pope is looking for my letter."

He thinks forcing him into retirement would be a waste. He says he knows another round of church closings is coming. They say it isn't arbitrary, but it is, and they never address the real reason, which is that there aren't enough priests.

He thinks the archdiocese should train a network of lay pastoral ministers, and send priests in to perform the sacraments. But his advice tends to be ignored. He admired John Cardinal Dearden and sometimes got into shouting matches with his successor, Edmund Cardinal Szoka. But the current archbishop, Adam Cardinal Maida, mostly just ignores him.

Bishop Tom prefers a dialogue, even at high decibels. He shrugs and smiles, looking out the window of a downtown deli in a neighborhood devastated by the closing of Tiger Stadium.

"Maybe you could send (the letter) by sea mail," suggested Rudy Simons, who has traveled with him to Iraq and Haiti. Simons, who is Jewish, told me every morning he found the bishop silently reading his Bible, and sometimes it would be hours before he spoke at all. I never believed in saints. Now, I am not so sure.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Death of Radio

Detroit, as one of the top broadcasting markets, has long been home to freeform radio until Clear Channel chose to remove Thayne and end broadcast of the Bone Conduction Music Show from its Ann Arbor Affiliate WQKL.

Broadcasting music of distinction every week for more than 20 years, Thayne has respected his listeners by playing a unique blend of vintage rhythm and blues, rock and roll and soul.

In an unprecedented move initiated by one single complaint under the direction of a Clear Channel executive, the

Bone Conduction Music Show was removed from the air without the consent of the public, bad ratings, or even evidence of registered complaints with the Federal Communications Commission.

As a weekly listener, I eagerly awaited his show and have been entertained by Thayne's, one-of-a-kind on-air personality, however, I am left with no justifiable reason to listen to WQKL and have removed the station from my presets.

Thayne has become a victim of the increased consolidation and corporatization of radio ownership and an out-of-town executive who has never heard the show.

Finally, if the new message of Clear Channel's ad campaign is to confront satellite radio by claiming new artists get their careers started on the radio, this would only support the Bone Conduction Music Show because its hallmark has been to play frequently unheard music.

Please, any advocate of freeform radio and especially any supporter of the Bone Conduction Music Show, join in protesting the removal of this show and contact WQKL and Clear Channel with complaints.

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Rouge friends seek help with frog survey

Friends of the Rouge is looking for volunteers who are willing to survey wetlands in their Rouge neighborhood for frogs and toads. Volunteers are asked to attend one of five training sessions held at locations throughout the Rouge River Watershed in February and March. All materials necessary for the survey will be provided at the training session.

Volunteers interested in participating in the survey are asked to register for one of the training sessions by calling Friends of the Rouge's Public Involvement department at (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing picordinator@througe.org. Pre-registration is required.

Local training sessions are scheduled for:

■ Saturday, Feb 12, 10 a.m.-noon, Farmington Hills City Council Chambers, 31555 Eleven Mile Road

■ Wednesday, Feb 16, 7-9 p.m., Environmental Interpretive Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road

■ Saturday, March 5, 10 a.m.-noon, Salem Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile Road

■ Wednesday, March 9, 7-9 p.m., Walnut Room, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

■ Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m.-noon, Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Township

Friends of the Rouge has been training volunteers to survey for frogs and toads since 1998. Volunteers who participate become more attuned to their local wetlands as they listen and learn what species live in their neighborhood. The results of the survey are helping Friends of the Rouge to learn more about the health of the watershed.

Friends of the Rouge is a non-profit group of citizens established in 1986 and dedicated to promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed.

Surveying involves visiting a nearby wetland site at least twice a month beginning as

soon as temperatures are above 46 degrees Fahrenheit (late February or early March) and continuing through July. Surveys are done after sunset and require listening for three minutes.

Data collected by volunteers is mapped and summarized and this information is provided to participants, Rouge communities and other interested parties.

The Rouge River Watershed is 466 square miles and there are over 1,000 blocks that need coverage. Surveys are best done in teams to increase safety at night.

Because amphibians depend on clean water for breeding and need good quality upland habitat for the adult portion of their life, their presence is an indication of good quality habitat.

The more species a site can support, the better the habitat. Ten species of frogs and toads call the Rouge River Watershed home.

More information and 2004 summary report available at http://www.througe.org/Programs/PI/frog_and_toad_survey.htm

School council celebrates diversity

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Diversity Council held its annual Celebration of Diversity dinner and show on Saturday, Jan. 15, at Salem High School.

Students wore native dress, performed ethnic dances and skits and served a variety of foods from around the world.



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During Salem High School's Celebration of Diversity, the Asian Pacific American Club does a Chinese Indian traditional dance.

Student groups involved included the Diversity Council, Current Events, Bible, Irish Scottish, Muslim,

African American, Polish American, Asian Pacific, Salsa (Hispanic) and Gay Straight Alliance.

Weather spotter class available

Learn how to spot severe weather and help provide an early alert to the community.

The Garden City Fire Department, in cooperation with Garden City Emergency Management and the National Weather Service, will offer severe weather spotter training 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Maplewood Center with a second session April 2.

The training is designed for community volunteers, amateur radio operators and public safety officials to enable them to identify key cloud formations and storm effects and report their findings to weather service meteorologists at the Detroit/Pontiac Forecast Office.

This information is used, along with sophisticated technology, including Doppler radar, to issue severe thunderstorm and tornado watches and warnings to protect the public. "Skywarn spotters are a key component of our communities emergency management activities, and annual training is an important step to assure their readiness in an emergency," said Garden City Fire Chief Bill Forbush.

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) program fields about 50 volunteer amateur ham radio operators during storms to act as the eyes of the Weather Service at the local level.

RACES Officer Dan Hancock emphasized that "public service, and particularly emergency communication, is one of the cornerstones of amateur radio" and that his volunteers are trained and equipped to provide supplemental communications support to agencies like the National Weather Service, county and local emergency management authorities and public safety officials, when needed.

The Skywarn training class is open to the public and is offered free of charge. To register, call Diane at (734) 793-1782 or send an e-mail to fire@gardencitymi.org.

ELECTION

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Schools until the bills from all six communities come in. But, clerks indicate there won't be much of a break on what it costs them to do their own elections, which are approximately \$78,000 for Canton Township, \$35,000 in Plymouth Township, \$30,000 for Northville Township, and \$15,000 in Plymouth.

Plymouth City Clerk Linda Langmesser said the assurance from Ryan the district will pay for all costs was enough. Langmesser, like Bennett, plans to bill for every hour spent preparing and conducting the election.

"In conversation with our city attorney, he indicated I should opt in and conduct the election in the best interests of the voters,

Langmesser said

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said, "I will charge the district for anybody I hire to help with the election, and staff overtime. I'm not sure if I will charge for staff time during regular working hours."

Clerks and school administrators are already grumbling about the additional workload and costs associated with the new law.

"After this election is over, that's when the complaints will come in from the clerks and school district, and we'll be revisiting this with our legislators," said Langmesser.

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, said the new election law, which he supported with his vote, was intended to get more voters to the polls, keep the school districts from having "stealth" elections and as a cost savings.

"If this isn't cost-efficient, I

will be the first legislator to introduce legislation to amend it so it will be, or at least what it cost before for the schools," said Stewart. "We need to take the best parts of what was passed, and amend the worst parts."

Plymouth Township has agreed to collect nominating petitions and filing fees for the one open four-year seat on the Board of Education. Petitions, with a minimum of 40 signatures, must be turned in at the Plymouth Township clerk's office.

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.

Thus far, no one has picked up or turned in petitions. Incumbent Tom Wysocki said he will run for a second four-year term.

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In an effort to help communities affected by the emerald ash borer, an insect killing ash trees in communities all across southern Michigan, the state is lending its considerable purchasing power to help clear out the dead wood.

Last week, the state awarded bids to 26 tree removal companies to help communities and homeowners get rid of trees ruined by the borer. The state used its contract system to pool demand and get lower prices from tree removal companies. The plan has been in the works since October of last year.

The program is available to communities in Oakland, Wayne, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Saginaw, St. Clair, Shiawassee and Washtenaw counties — all counties considered 'quarantined' because of emerald ash borer infestation.

But just because a community is in one of those counties, that doesn't mean residents can sign up immediately. Charlene Molnar, Oakland County's horticultural advisor, said it's up to the individual community to take part.

"The municipalities choose to participate, the homeowners contact the municipality," she said. If the community doesn't take part, residents will have to remove the

trees on their own."

The state, through the offices of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Department of Management and Budget, will hold a training session from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 27 at the offices of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, 535 Griswold, in Detroit.

A similar meeting was held in Wixom earlier this month and additional orientation meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesdays in coming months at the MDA's Southfield office.

Emerald ash borer Policy
Director Patricia Lockwood said nothing in the state's plans will help pay for the removal of trees. Individual communities will not offer financial aid to residents to remove dead or dying trees. What the program does is allow communities to get a price break for residents.

"The prices are very competitive," she said.

"Based on the sheer number of trees involved."

State officials estimate that 10 million of the state's 760 million ash trees will have to be cut down. The program has nothing to do with a one-time \$1.2 million federal grant for tree removal approved in the 2004 budget.

Tree removal costs, for residents of communities which are participating, is based on diameter of the tree at breast height and location in

the front or back yard. For instance, a tree with an 18- to 24-inch diameter should cost \$360 to remove from the front yard and \$450 to remove from the back yard.

But the program is not popular with everyone. Judd Hart, of J.H. Hart Urban Forestry, said the fixed pricing in the program is misleading — a tree standing alone in the front yard is very different from the one in the back yard under power lines and over the pool.

"It's like calling a dentist on the phone and asking how much it's going to cost to fix a tooth," he said. "He has to look at the tooth."

Hart, the forester of record for the city of Birmingham, said the program is bad for the industry because homeowners are going to look at the state-generated price list and accuse small operators of trying to gouge them when they quote prices.

"It's bad for the industry," Hart said. "It's bad for the public."

The emerald ash borer came to the attention of the state in 2002 when ash trees started to die off. The extent of the infestation is different for each community, depending on the number of ash trees. Ironically, communities whose tree-lined boulevards were devastated by Dutch elm disease in the 1950's replaced those trees with ashes.

For more information about the program, call the MDA at (248) 356-1701 or go to the Web site at www.michigan.gov/eab.

Workshop tells all about emerald ash borer

Emerald ash borer (EAB) beetles have killed about 10 million ash trees in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, with the most devastation in southeast Michigan. All homeowners need to know how this affects them, and what they can and should be doing about it.

The Emerald Ash Borer Information & Ash Wood Utilization Fair on Saturday, Jan. 29, will address everything anyone could ever want to know about the EAB. The event is free and will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor. It is hosted by Washtenaw County Michigan State University Extension in partnership with the Southeast Michigan Resource Conservation & Development Council.

Through educational displays and demonstrations, attendees will learn:

- How to identify an ash tree and tell if it is infested with Emerald Ash Borer
- Whether and how to treat an infested ash
- Whether an ash needs to be cut down
- How to hire a tree service or tree removal company
- How to properly dispose of cut-down ash trees
- What trees to plant in place of an ash
- Laws against moving ash trees, logs, or firewood out of the quarantined zone

Alternative uses for ash wood

Chainsaw use and safety
Presenters will include representatives from many government agencies, area businesses (tree care services, sawmills, woodworkers, wood product industries, etc.), and local municipalities.

The emerald ash borer (EAB) was discovered in southeastern Michigan in the summer of 2002. It most likely made its way to the U.S. in solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes originating in Asia. An adult EAB may cause little damage, but the larvae feeds on the inner bark of ash trees.

This disrupts the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. The tree dies from the inside out. Regulatory agencies have enforced quarantines and fines to prevent potentially infested ash trees, logs, or firewood from being taken out of the infested areas. Extensive information is available at www.emeraldashborer.info.

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Students display ideas for cities of the future

Auto-navigating vehicles running on electromagnetic roads. Climate-controlled underground homes in the desert with giant plasma screen windows that have interchangeable pictures so one day you have an idyllic Pacific sunset and another you're peering down the Rockies from 11,000 feet. Clean, safe, renewable energy sources powering everything from 1,000 mile-an-hour trains and covered moving sidewalks to homes, schools and manufacturing plants.

Sound like something out of a workshop for science fiction writers? Not really. These are just some of the ideas that will be shown at the Future City Competition from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at Burton Manor in Livonia.

And who are the creators of these cool ideas? None other than seventh and eighth grade students from middle schools around metropolitan Detroit who have a penchant for designing cities of the future that are safe, clean, fun places to live.

This year, more than 750 students and 40 middle school teams from 30 school districts including Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Detroit, Eastpointe, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Southfield and Waterford will be participating in the Michigan region competition.

Future City, part of National Engineers Week, is an annual event started in 1951 to increase public awareness and appreciation of the engineering profession. Teams from 36 regions around the country hold competitions in January and the winners go on to the national competition in February during National Engineers Week in Washington, D.C.

This program brings students together to design, build and present a city of the future — complete with roads, sewers, water, transportation, businesses, power plants, residential homes

and schools. It's a team-based program made up of students, a teacher and a practicing engineer mentor. The students learn how to conduct research, develop problem-solving skills, make decisions as a group and make presentations. But most importantly, the students learn how to apply the knowledge they learn to real world situations, while seeing first hand how an engineer turns ideas into reality.

The Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD) is the coordinator of the Michigan region Future City Competition. Part of our mission as a professional society is to foster the growth and development of engineers and scientists of the future, said Don Goodwin, President of ESD and Vice President of Scientific Laboratories and Proving Grounds for DaimlerChrysler Corporation. "This level of participation is a testimony to our commitment to reach out and make math and science more interesting and relevant to students encouraging them to become Detroit's future leaders in these career fields."

Founded in 1895 and head quartered in Southfield, ESD is a multi-disciplinary society uniting engineers, scientists, architects and professionals in related technical fields to enhance their careers, foster the growth and development of future engineers and scientists, and improve the communities where members live.

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Momentum builds for high-flying Penguins

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Momentum will be skating with the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team Tuesday night when the second-place Penguins host first-place Grosse Pointe South in a crucial Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League showdown.

The Penguins should be brimming with confidence after pouncing Ann Arbor Unites, 8-0, Friday night at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor.

It was their second shutout of the week.

"I told the girls before the game tonight that it was important to get in the right mindset so that we're ready to play against Ann Arbor, and so that we have a lot of momentum going into Tuesday's game against Grosse Pointe South," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "We didn't come out like gang-busters in the first period, but we picked it up as the game went on. It was a really good defensive effort from our team."

The victory improved the Penguins' record to 10-2-1. Ann Arbor slipped to 2-8.

PCS outshot its hosts, 39-12. Freshman goalie Kristie Kowalski, who

has started every game this season for PCS, picked up the win between the pipes.

The Penguins grabbed a 1-0 first-period lead on the first of Tara Bohard's two goals. She was assisted by Adrienne Cercone and Kristina Creith.

PCS broke the game open with five goals in the second period. Kelli Bargowski, Amy Coleman, Olivia Pennebaker, Sharla Gillespie and Cercone scored one each during the pivotal 15-minute span.

"Adrienne's goal was short-handed and it was due to her hustle," Callahan said. "She beat a couple of Ann Arbor girls to

the puck in their end. She wasn't expecting Adrienne to get the puck, so I think she was caught off guard a little bit. It was a nice goal."

The Penguins salted the victory with third-period goals from Bohard and Kristen Schwan.

Pennebaker and Laura Coleman finished with two assists each.

Tuesday night's MMGSHL showdown against Grosse Pointe South is set for 6:30 p.m. at the Arctic Edge in Canton. The Lady Blue Devils are 12-0-0.

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Sidelines

Wolfpack tryouts

Tryouts for the Western Wayne Wolfpack AAU girls 10-and-under basketball team will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Pioneer Middle School. Parents with questions regarding the team should contact coach Rick Berberet at (734) 454-3777.

Volleyball tour

Sports For Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 20 years old who are accomplished high school or club volleyball players to participate in the 2005 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. This year marks the 25th year that the Goodwill Ambassadors have conducted world tours for junior volleyball players. The 2005 tour will travel to London, Paris, Venice and Rome. The registration deadline is Feb. 15. For more information, or a tour brochure, contact the Sports For Youth office at (425) 255 8102.

GCYBSA signup

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association will hold its initial registration 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the 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.

Cubs tryouts

The Canton Cubs 14-and-under travel baseball team is looking for one or two additional players. The team plays a 40 game schedule. For more information about the team, contact dates and location, contact Larry Ott at (248) 982-1405.

Winter sports

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting the following winter sports programs:

- An adult softball tournament on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Canton Softball Center. The entry fee is \$125 per team and there will be prizes and restaurant specials. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, Jan. 26.

- Family Bowling Day will be held Friday, Jan. 28, at the Super Bowl in Canton. The \$35 team entry fee includes shoes, pizza and two-and-a-half hours of bowling. There will be a maximum of six bowlers per lane. Registration forms are available at the Summit on the Park.

For more information on these programs, call (734) 483-5600.

Nix'ed

Wayne's big man dunks Chiefs, 42-39

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Standing 6 feet, 7 inches, Wayne Memorial's Gene Nix normally doesn't look anybody in the eye when he jumps center.

But after Canton's 6-8 center Kevin Thornton blocked four of his first five shots in the opening quarter, Nix decided it was time to answer the challenge.

Nix was the story Friday night as he scored a game-high 23 points and helped seal the 42-39 victory for the visiting Zebras when he snared a key rebound off a missed free throw and scored on a putback with only six seconds left.

Wayne, 5-6 overall, remains tied for first place in the Western Lakes Activities Association at 4-1. The loss drops Canton to 6-5 and 2-3.

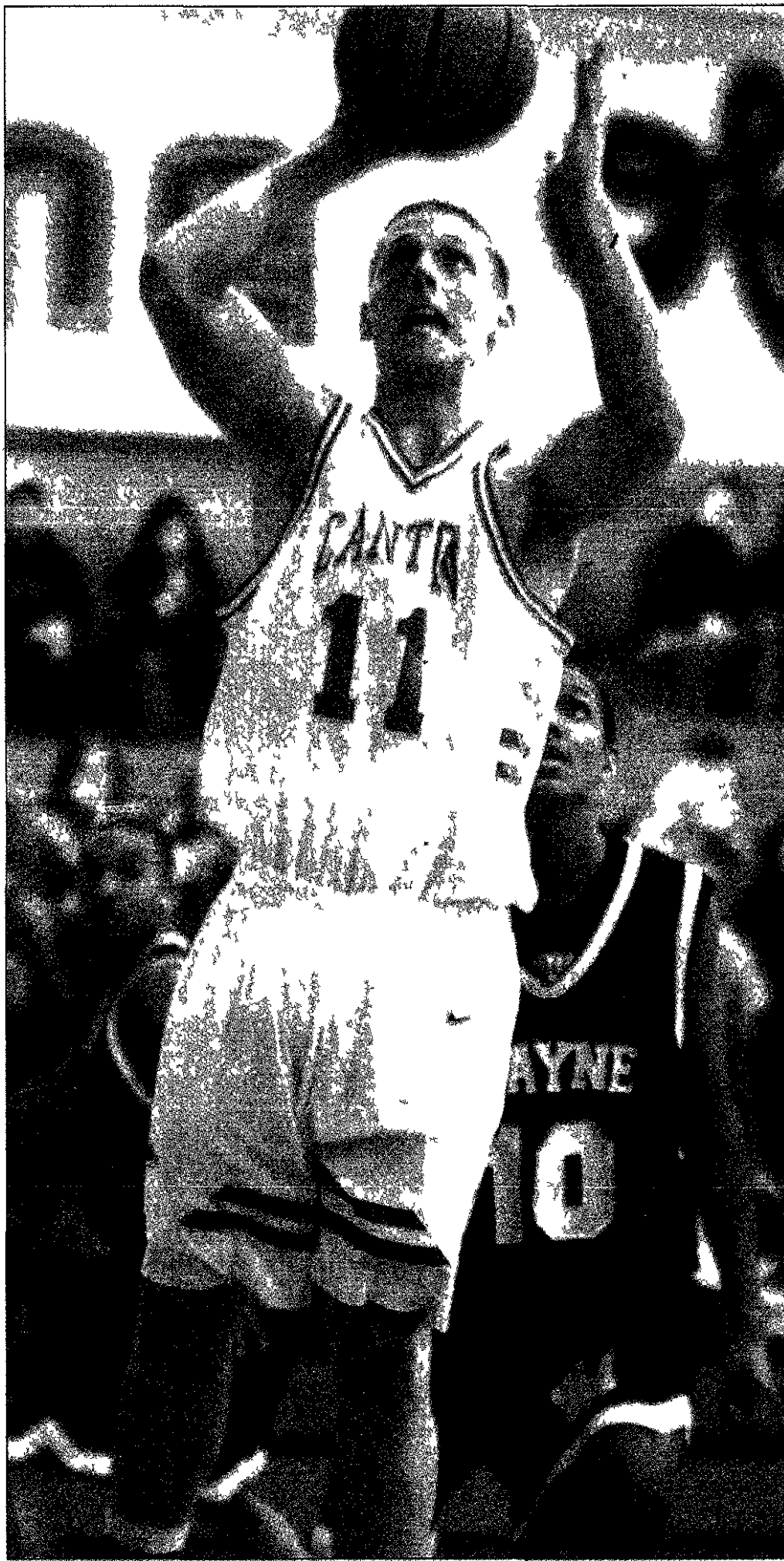
I felt kind of rusty and started slowly, Nix said. "I didn't stretch in the lockerroom. This is the first big guy (Thornton) I've seen all season. I'm used to going against guys 6-2 and under. And I realized he (Thornton) he could jump, too."

Nix had only two points in the first period, but scored nine in the second quarter as Wayne rallied from a 20-11 deficit after Canton's Andre Bridges nailed a three-pointer from the wing with 4:28 left in the half.

Wayne pulled even at halftime after Canton's Julian Smith missed a two-handed breakaway dunk just before time expired. The 6-foot-4 senior was hit with a technical foul for hanging on the rim and Wayne's Danny Walsh converted two free throws to make it 22-all at intermission.

"In that stretch in the second quarter we got shots, we just didn't put them down," Canton coach Charlie Paye said. "But we also turned the ball over."

"Andy (Cortellini) made that back-door cut and got the ball



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Canton's Steve Paye lays in a shot during the second quarter of Friday night's 42-39 loss to Wayne Memorial.

Intense 'D' dominates WLAA hoop

What is the first thing that enters your mind when you see a boys high school basketball score in which neither team managed to score 50 points?

a) There must have been enough bricks thrown up in that game to build a new condo.

b) The game was probably called at halftime due to a power outage.

c) What in the world are they using for rims — those undersized things you see on the fixed carnival games?

d) All of the above.

It's only natural to see a 47-44 or 46-40 score and figure the teams playing were offense-challenged. I mean, Tracy McGrady scored 13 points in 35 seconds earlier this year in an NBA game. How can an entire team not average 13 points over four eight-minute quarters?

Sub-50-point scores have been the rule rather than the exception in the Western Lakes Activities Association this season. In fact, of the 15 or so games I've witnessed in person, only a handful of the teams have broken the half-century mark.

Points, it's safe to say, have been hard to come by.

But I'm not complaining.

GOOD 'D' GETS A+

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and what my eyes have seen this year is not necessarily a lack of offensive skills, but rather a heightened concentration on the defensive end of the court. Floor-burn-inducing hustle, tenacious traps and hands-in-your-face 'D' have dominated the WLAA this season, which is a good thing if you ask me.

I'd much rather see a 40-something to 40-something contest in which every basket scored was earned than a game in the 80s in



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The puck stops here

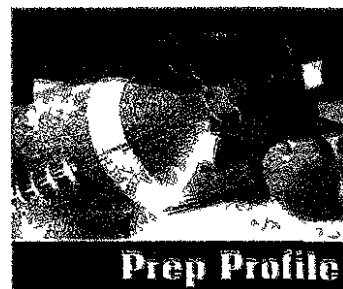
Chiefs' goalie is big reason for team's sizzling start

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When you're 3 years old and your two older brothers like to shoot hockey pucks, the chances are good you're going to be a goalie — whether you like it or not.

Fortunately for Canton goalie Tony Hylko, he liked it. In fact, Hylko liked it so much that he's still knocking away pucks 15 years later.

As soon as I turned three, my brothers — D.J. and Ryan — handed me a baseball mitt



Prep Profile

and a stick and said, "You're the goalie," Hylko reflected. "They were both forwards, so they needed someone to take shots at. I really enjoyed it and

have been a goalie ever since. "Hockey runs in my family. My dad (Dave) started playing when he was young and he still plays in a men's league in Novi. He got both of my brothers into leagues in Plymouth when they were growing up, and I'd go to all of their games. I couldn't wait until I got to play."

LAST LINE OF DEFENSE

Hylko, a 5-foot-8, 175-pound senior, has been one of the key components of the Chiefs' outstanding start this

season. Through Friday night's win over Bloomfield Hills United, Canton owned a 9-4-1 record following a sub-500 campaign last season. Much of the team's success can be attributed to Hylko's ability to turn away shots, much like he did against his brothers as a toddler.

Tony means a lot to this team, said Canton coach Mike Behen, "not only as a goalie, but for a number of other reasons as well. He's a

PLEASE SEE HYLKO, B4



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton hockey player Tony Hylko has been one of the key components of the Chiefs' torrid start this season. The skillful goalie is also a 40 student.

HOOPS

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blocked by Nix. And that (missed dunk) was big. I told Julian (Smith) the next time just get the layup.

Both teams went super cold in the third quarter — Wayne, 4-for-14 from the field, and Canton 2-for-13 — but the Zebras were able to forge a five-point cushion, 29-25.

In the defensive struggle, Wayne increased its lead to 37-30 on Nix's rebound with 3:25 remaining in the final period and seemingly had the game under control when Nix scored again with 2:26 left to make it 39-33.

But then the Zebras began a free-throw odyssey that left coach Wayne Woodard standing helplessly on the bench.

Trying to secure the win, Wayne missed eight of nine free throws in the final 1:16, including a trio of one-and-ones.

Free throws was part of our final exams, which we had this morning, but it didn't translate into success, Woodard said. "When I'm on the side and there standing out there between those white lines, there was nothing I could do."

Canton clawed back on a drive by David Cahille with 44 seconds to go to cut the deficit to 39-37, but Nix answered by splitting a pair of free throws just 13 seconds later.

The Chiefs then pulled to within one, 40-39, on Thornton's short baseline jumper with only 16 seconds remaining. Walsh then found himself standing at the line with two free throws and the game on the line with just 10 seconds to play. The senior guard missed the first and the second, but there was Nix to the rescue, wedging himself in between two Canton defenders, grabbing the loose ball and laying it back in for the win.

"The way we kept missing, I figured I had to get it," said Nix, who also grabbed 13 rebounds.

Cortellini's off-balance last-ditch three-point attempt then caromed off the backboard and bounced off the rim as time expired. The 5-10 senior guard finished with a team-high 12 points. Thornton added eight points and blocked six shots.

"Shooting has been our Achilles Heel all year," said Paye, whose team hit only 17-of-53 (32 percent) and went to the foul line just two times. "We have the potential to shoot the ball. It's a simple game when you do that. We're capable and I expect us to have a breakout game very soon."

"The league is pretty balanced, and once we hit on all cylinders, we'll be hard to beat."

But on this night, it was Nix who was hard to beat.

"Kevin (Thornton) is the backbone of our defense and Nix played a good game," Paye said.

After starting the season slowly because of a sprained ankle, Nix has elevated his game in recent weeks.

Thornton took it to him early, Woodard said. But that's the way he's capable of playing. That's the way he played all summer, and it was against good competition.

Added Nix: "I feel good on my ankle. Right now I'm ready to play and give it my all because it's my senior year."



Canton's Jason Houdek drives to the basket past Wayne Memorial's Rodrick Walker during Friday night's WLAA Western Division match-up.

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Iowa-bound

Canton's Smith is headed to academy, then Big 10

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Observerland's most coveted football recruit, Canton's Julian Smith, suited up Friday night for his final basketball game in the Chiefs' 42-39 loss to visiting Wayne Memorial.

The 6-foot-4, 220-pound All-Observer running back, who also plays defensive back, confirmed Friday night that he plans to attend a prep academy in upstate New York for the second semester.

Smith's father, Keith, also indicated that his son had planned to commit to play football at the University of Iowa after considering Michigan State, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan universities.

The NCAA national signing date starts Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Smith, who made an official visit two weeks ago to Iowa City, said his anticipated move to the academy near Albany was initiated by the Iowa coaching staff.

He said he has not yet met NCAA academic requirements.

"It's sad leaving all my friends, but if that's what I have to do to go there (Iowa), I'll do it," Smith said. "It's a bigger school (Iowa), and in my situation,

The 6-foot-4, 220-pound All-Observer running back, who also plays defensive back, confirmed Friday night that he plans to attend a prep academy in upstate New York for the second semester.

it's best I go there because they have the programs that best suit me.

"They're looking at me as either an outside linebacker or free safety."

Smith, a starting forward, scored six points and grabbed seven rebounds in his final game as a Chief.

"We'll miss a player like Julian, we'll just have to find somebody to step in and take his place," Canton basketball coach Charlie Paye said.

Smith's accomplishments, as a football player are well known.

This past year he earned All-League and All-State recognition as he rushed for 21 touchdowns and 880 yards, leading the Chiefs to a 10-1 record.

INTENSE

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which the defensive effort resembled that seen in an And 1 Streetball shoot out.

For every turnover you see in the boxscore there is probably a scrappy defensive effort that never gets into print.

So, yes, a 44-43 game can be visually pleasing — at least if you appreciate hard work and effort like I do.

NO EASY HOOPS

This may be a slight exaggeration, but I'll bet somewhere between 80 to 90 percent of the shots taken at the WLAA games I've seen this season have been contested.

The instances of players driving to the basket without a defender making life difficult for them have been about as common as sunbathers at the Plymouth Ice Festival.

Like the classic old commercial used to say: When you score in a WLAA game these days, you've earrrrrrnnned it.

FREE (?) THROWS

Don't get me wrong: some games are flawed by offensive deficiencies. Too many players settle for way too many three-point shots instead of working the ball around for a closer look.

And the most glaring weakness for most teams is the inability to make a decent percentage of their free throws.

There have been a number of instances this season where a team could have turned a loss into a win if it had just shot 70 percent from the charity stripe.

For the most part, though, the games — although low-scoring — have been hard fought and competitive.

So the next time you see a 49-48 WLAA score in the paper, don't jump to conclusions and think it was a sloppy, mistake-filled game.

High scores are nice — but only when they're earrrrrrnnned!

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Canton icers rebound from loss

Canton's hockey team bounced back from a tough setback earlier in the week to crush Bloomfield Hills United, 8-1, Friday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

The boys were still upset about the loss, so they jumped but fast and played hard, said Canton coach Mike Behen.

Canton led 3-0 after one period and 5-1 with 15 minutes to play.

"Mike Kondratek had an outstanding game for us tonight," said Behen. "His plus-minus is probably about plus-30. He's such a great role model for the other players. He's all business when he's out on the ice. He's always where he is supposed to be and he moves the puck really well."

Seven different Chiefs scored goals: Bryan Wioncek (two), Kondratek, Reece McCabe, Andy Barylski, Brad Barath, Brett Giacomino and Paul Stevens.

Tony Hylko and Jon Bonham split time in goal for the winners.

Livonia Stevenson 5, Canton 3: After scoring just one goal over the first two periods, Livonia Stevenson (11-4-1) cashed in on its third period opportunities to outgun Canton (8-4-1) in a WLAA crossover at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson led 1-0 after one period on Jason Mifsud's power-play goal from Dan Darrow and Shawn Anderson at 14:52, but Canton countered at 4:34 of the second period on Garrett Hyman's goal from Bryan Wioncek and Mike Kondratek.

Stevenson came out hot in the third period, scoring three unanswered goals to make it 4-1 — Anderson from Dan

Lamonica and Michael Voran (4-19), Mifsud from Andy Tuttle and Nick Dahlstrom (6-52), and Anderson from Darrow (9-04).

Kondratek cut the deficit to 4-2 at 9:36 on a goal from Kyle Kowalski and Reece McCabe, but Stevenson's Michael Voran tallied a power-play goal from Anderson and Marcus Voran at 11:45 to put it away.

McCabe closed out the scoring for Canton at 12:03 on an assist from Wioncek.

We haven't played a real tough schedule the past month or so — Stevenson was the best team we've played by far — so I was afraid we would come out a little slow," said Canton coach Mike Behen. Both goalies (Stevenson's Ryan Dennett and Canton's Tony Hylko) played well the first two periods, but we made a couple of mental mistakes the last period and they buried us with them. They were the kind of mistakes you can make against a lesser team and get away with it, but not against a team like Stevenson.

The kids fought back and played hard to the end. Both teams had opportunities the first two periods, but neither team did a great job in their own zone, Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said. We were fortunate to cash in on a few more in the third period." Dennett made 23 saves, while Hylko stopped 19 for Canton.

Livonia Churchill 7, Salem 1: Junior left winger Dave Graciak notched a hat trick, while Justin Stadler and Brandon Mishowski each had three assists as Livonia Churchill (8-3, 6-0) rolled to a WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Wednesday night over

host Salem (7-8-1) at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Churchill went three-for-three on the power-play as Justin Tonti added two goals, while Phil Wendecker had one goal and two assists for the state-ranked Chargers. Junior defenseman Kory Strong scored his first goal in three seasons.

Other assists went to Mike Fierk, Nick Harris and Chris Lantto. Tommy Cooper scored for the Rocks from Nathan Edelen.

Churchill outshot Salem, 37-10, as Scott Lewan went all the way in goal for the Chargers. Derek Edelen was in net for Salem.

Plymouth 8, Dexter 6: The Wildcats got two goals each from Nick Rosochacki and Charlie Webb to lead them to a victory over the Dreadnaughts Plymouth, which was outshot 41-20, led 5-4 after two periods.

Christian Bick played a strong game in goal for the Wildcats, turning away 35 Dexter shots.

PCS Penguins 6, Farmington Hills Mercy 0: Freshman goalie Kristie Kowalski recorded her fourth shutout of the season Tuesday night to lead the Penguins to the top-sided victory. PCS is now 9-2-1 and in second place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

"Their goalie was outstanding, too," said PCS coach Lori Callahan, referring to Jenna Martinez's 50-save effort. "The entire team came to play tonight."

Tara Bolhard paced the Penguins' offensive attack, netting a pair of goals.

HYLKO

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good leader and he sets a good example with his work ethic. He's always one of the first players on the ice at practice, and one of the last to leave. He's involved in a number of activities off the ice, including as a volunteer for Special Olympics. He's a great, all-around kid. "Tony's not big, but he plays big. Technically, he's sound and he makes the big saves when we need him to."

DELICATE BALANCE

Hylko said successful goalies need to be mentally and physically sharp. "You have to be level-headed," he said. "Goalies can't get too excited or emotional. Physically, you need to be flexible and agile and — I know it's a cliché — but you have to be quick on your feet."

Hylko's most memorable game came three years ago when, as a ninth-grader playing for the Bantam AA Novi Icecats, he turned in an effort that earned him MVP honors in a Kensington Valley tournament.

"The championship game was tied 1-1 at the end of regulation," he said. "The first overtime was a four-on-four and there was no scoring. No one scored in the second overtime either, so it went to a shootout. I stopped all five of the shots in the shootout and we ended up winning. That's one game I'll never forget."

LOCK THE BACK DOOR

Of all the difficult scenarios goalies must face each game — getting screened, scrambling in front of the net facing break-

He's already preparing for a possible career in the Air Force by serving as a volunteer in the local Civil Air Patrol.

aways — there's one that stands out as the most challenging for Hylko.

"It's when the opponent tries to sneak a guy off the back post and beat me back-door," he said. "A lot of times, you're concentrating on the player with the puck, and you don't even know there is someone behind you. It's something I make sure I'm aware of at all times. You always have to know where all of the other team's players are."

POINTS WELL TAKEN

Here's all you need to know to gauge Hylko's success on the ice and in the classroom at Canton. His goals-against-average (2.83) is more than one point lower than his grade-point average (4.0).

"I put a lot of work into school," he said. "I see what needs to be done, and I do it. I know that the effort I put into it now is only going to help me in the long run, so I take the necessary steps to get good grades."

In hockey terms, what does it feel like to ace a test?

"It's like getting a shutout," he said, without hesitation. "School and sports are similar in that you have to prepare if you want to do well. Plus, there's pressure involved with both."

Hylko, who lists math and Spanish as his favorite subjects,

said the closest he has come to losing his perfect grade-point average came in — of all things — a power-lifting class. "I was sick earlier in the semester and I had to miss a few days of school," he said. "Well, towards the end of the semester, I didn't realize it, but I found out I had to make the days up or I would get a B."

ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER 'A'

Hylko made the days up, racked up another A and is in contention for Canton High School's valedictorian honors for the Class of 2005.

Ideally, Hylko wants to attend college at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and eventually become a pilot. He's already preparing for a possible career in the Air Force by serving as a volunteer in the local Civil Air Patrol.

"It's an auxiliary unit of the U.S. Air Force," he said. "It's kind of like ROTC, but it's outside of school. We meet once a week and we are trained in a variety of things, including electronic location transmission and search-and-rescue techniques."

Hylko said his chances of getting accepted to the Air Force Academy are "about 50-50."

"I've been already been accepted at the University of Michigan, so if the Air Force doesn't work out, I know I'll be attending an outstanding school no matter what."

And Hylko said that no matter where he attends college, he will continue to play hockey, whether it is for the school's team or intramurals.

His brothers wouldn't have it any other way.

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Whalers fall, 2-0

The Plymouth Whalers failed to score a goal for the first time this season as they were shutout Friday night by Francois Thuot and the Barrie Colts, 2-0, before 2,866 fans at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Thuot backstopped the Colts making 27 saves en route to first star honors and his second shutout of the season.

B.J. Crombeen and Travis Fuller lit the lamp for the Colts (21-15-6-2) who stay in third place in the Ontario Hockey League Central Division.

Crombeen scored a short-handed goal, his 19th goal of the season, at 17:56 of the first period to put the Colts on top for good.

Whalers goaltender Ryan Nie allowed the two goals on 21 shots but stood tall while shorthanded, allowing the Colts to score on 1-of-9 power play opportunities.

Despite the loss, the Whalers (19-18-4-3) held on to a one-point lead for first place in the OHL West over Sault Ste. Marie.

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Mustang gymnasts barely edge Canton

The Canton gymnastics team's best performance of the season wasn't quite good enough to pull out a victory Thursday night against Northville.

The Mustangs prevailed, 143.65-141.70, dropping the Chiefs to 3-2 overall and 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

We hit our highest score, but a weak beam cost us the 1.95 differential, said Canton coach John Cunningham. Alyssa Kelley was sick and still had her best meet of the year. Jessie Murray also was stellar with her highest all-around of the year.

Kelley earned first-place honors in the vault (9.35) and all-around (36.60), and seconds in the bars (9.10) and floor (9.50).

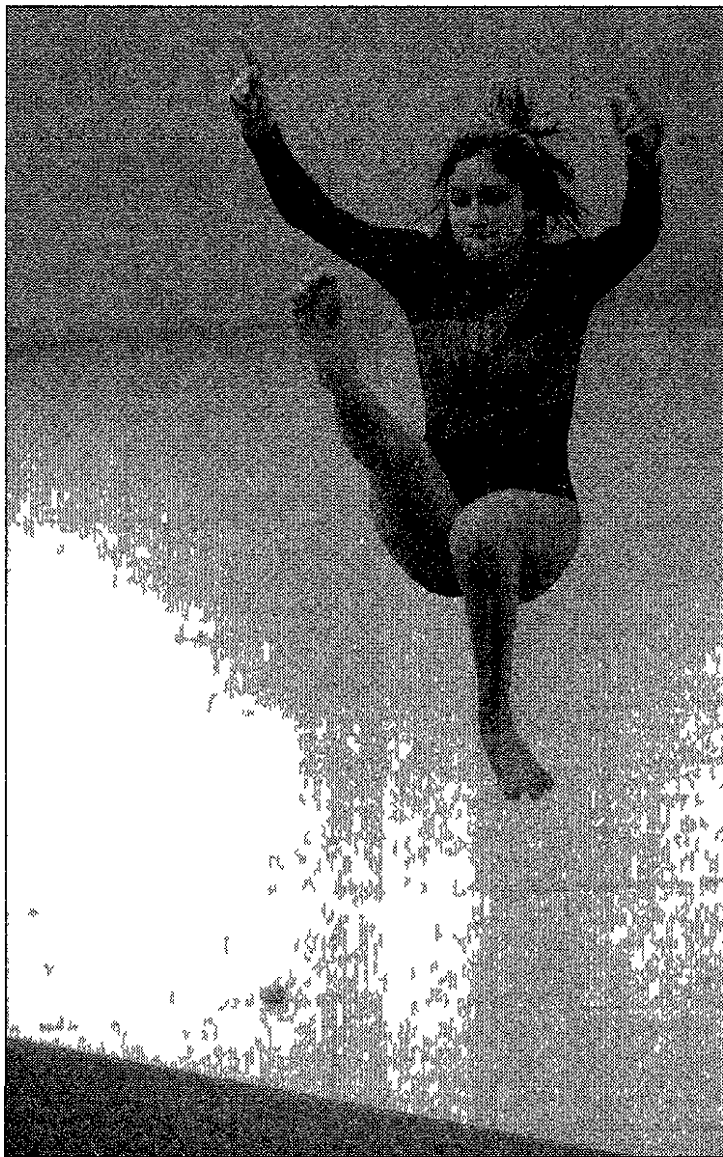
Murray placed in every event, finishing third in the all-around (35.45), fourth in the vault (9.00), bars (8.55) and beam (8.85) and fifth on the floor (9.05).

Kara Ahern also performed well for the Chiefs, notching second on the beam (9.20) and third on the floor (9.35). Canton's Mina Pirzadeh earned

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sixth-place points in the all-around (33.90).

NORTHVILLE 143.65 CANTON 141.70
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Vault: 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9.35 2 Amanda Perelli (N) 9.30 3 Julie Foucher (N) 9.05 4 (tie) Jessie Murray (C) Emma Platt (N) and Janna Ramsey (N) 9.00
Bars: 1 Maggie Mills (N) 9.15 2 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9.10 3 Sarah Ilkhani Pour (N) 8.60 4 Jessie Murray (C) 8.55 5 Amanda Perelli (N) 8.50 6 Janna Ramsey (N) 8.45
Beam: 1 Rachel Deneau (N) 9.25 2 Kara Ahern (C) 9.20 3 Julie Foucher (N) 9.00 4 Jess E Murray (C) 8.85 5 (tie) Maggie Mills (N) and Courtney Paul (N) 8.75
Floor: 1 Maggie Mills (N) 9.60 2 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9.50 3 Kara Ahern (C) 9.35 4 Rachel Deneau (N) 9.20 5 (tie) Amanda Perelli (N) and Jessie Murray (C) 9.05
All around: 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 36.60 2 Maggie Mills (N) 36.10 3 Jessie Murray (C) 35.45 4 Julie Foucher (N) 35.35 5 Amanda Perelli (N) 35.10 6 Mina Pirzadeh (C) 33.90



Canton's Mina Pirzadeh finished sixth in the all around at Thursday night's meet against Northville.

Spartan setters upend Plymouth

Junior Maria Mezzadri registered 22 kills and Kaitlin Armstrong added nine kills and 16 digs as Livonia Stevenson avenged a girls volleyball loss earlier in the week at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament by defeating Plymouth on Wednesday in five games, 21-25, 25-19, 25-20, 21-25 and 15-10. The Spartans are 17-5-1 overall and 4-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Plymouth is 11-6-1 and 2-2 in the WLAA.

"We knew a little more what to expect and the girls were pumped up," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "Everybody played well. Plymouth is a very good team. It could have gone either way."

Other standouts for the Spartans included Jenny Perkins and Beth Prost, seven kills apiece, setter Ashton Judis, 33 assist-to-kills, Jamie Radley, eight digs and two ace serves.

Churchill stymies Chiefs

Everybody got into the act Wednesday as Livonia Churchill earned a 25-14, 25-

14, 25-18 win at Canton. Churchill is 17-3-2 overall and 4-0 in the Western Lakes, while Canton falls to 8-8-3 and 1-3.

Kailee Hobbins, Lauren Krupsky and Allison Westfall each recorded three kills for the victorious Chargers.

Brynn Kerr finished with 11 digs, while Mia Macerata went 8-for-8 serving with four digs. Coach Mark Gremer also singled out the play of Carly DeClercq.

"It was quite a team effort," Gremer said.

Andrea Johnson paced the Chiefs with four kills and 11 digs. Molly Conlon contributed three kills and 15 digs, and Lisa Western had four kills.

Fundamentally, we got outplayed," said Canton coach Alex Perrin. "We had some good rallies, but the speed of their hits were more than we were used to. We just couldn't catch up to them."

"We dug ourselves an eight-point hole in the third game and then we came back and got to within two or three, but we didn't put much pressure on them after that."

PREP SWIMMING

SALEM 103 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 80
Thursday Jan 20 at W.L. Northern H.S.
200 yard medley relay: 1 Salem (Matt Jurcak, Stan Chen, Pat Sataural, Mike Higgs) 2:45.24 2 Northern (Taylor Tannous, John Shaw, Eric Attard, Ryan Gerber) 2:48.20 3 Northern (Joel Rinkevich, Roman Standler, Dave Wachtel, Travis Kneale) 2:48.58
200 freestyle: 1 Nick Leone (S) 2:00.73 2 Matt Underhill (S) 2:01.11 3 Eric Erdos (WLN) 2:01.48
400 IM: 1 Roman Sandler (WLN) 2:03.71 2 Matt Jurcak (S) 2:09.05 3 Penn Chou (S) 2:15.40
50 freestyle: 1 Mike Higgs (S) 23.80 2 Matt Zavslak (WLN) 25.63 3 Jason Williams (S) 26.09
Diving: 1 Travis Kneale (WLN) 232.40 2 Kane Johannes (WLN) 130.00 3 Neal Murray (S) 115.65
100 butterfly: 1 Pat Sataural (S) 59.34 2 Bill Horgan (S) 1:03.56 3 David Wachtel (WLN) 1:08.22
100 freestyle: 1 Matt Jurcak (S) 49.71 2

Joel Rinkevich (WLN) 50.84 3 Nick Leone (S) 55.42
500 freestyle: 1 Roman Sandler (WLN) 5:03.07 2 Paul Coldren (WLN) 5:28.06 3 Nick Hoffmeyer (S) 5:46.55
200 freestyle relay: 1 Salem (Bill Horgan, Pat Sataural, Matt Underhill, Penn Chou) 1:38.67 2 Northern (Travis Kneale, Ryan Gerber, Taylor Tannous, Matt Zavslak) 1:43.28 3 Salem (Nick Leone, Nate Spala, Adam Clark, Jason Williams) 1:45.33
100 backstroke: 1 Joel Rinkevich (WLN) 5:37.52 2 Mike Higgs (S) 1:04.26 3 John Kline (S) 1:06.02
100 breaststroke: 1 Stan Chen (S) 1:07.87 2 Eric Martin (S) 1:14.10 3 John Shaw (WLN) 1:17.23
400 freestyle relay: 1 Northern (Roman Sandler, Matt Zavslak, Eric Erdos, Joel Rinkevich) 3:33.28 2 Salem (Penn Chou, Bill Horgan, Pat Sataural, Matt Jurcak) 3:33.42 3 Salem (Jim Crabill, John Klein, Mike Higgs, Stan Chen) 4:02.00

SPORTS ROUNDUP

LEARN TO SKATE

Starting Saturday, Jan. 29, the Arctic Edge will offer eight weeks of learn-to-skate sessions, 30 minutes each with 15 minutes of free time. Classes are grouped by age and ability. Tot Time starts Tuesday, Feb. 1, or Thursday, Feb. 3. All sessions offered are eight weeks in length, 30 minutes each, with 15 minutes of free time. Kids ages 3-and-a-half to 6 are eligible to participate. You can pick up registration forms at the Summit on the Park and at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, 46615 Michigan Ave. (west of Canton Center Rd.)

For more information, including levels of instruction, private lessons, teams and competitive opportunities, call (734) 487-7777.

LITTLE LEAGUE INFO

Spring registration for the Canton Little League will be held from 1 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.
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.
EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
 The Canton Leisure Services Department will be hosting a co-ed euchre tournament 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Diamonds Bar and Grill in Canton. The tournament will consist of two-person teams. The cost is \$20 per team for residents and \$26 for non-residents. For more information, contact the Canton Leisure Services Department.

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Penguins win holiday classic

The Arctic Pond Penguins Bantam AA hockey team won its third tournament of the 2004-2005 hockey season last month capturing the Compuware Christmas Hockey Tournament Championship by beating the Plymouth Stingrays 3-1. The Penguins went undefeated in the tournament. Wins against Kensington Valley (5-1), the Farmington Hills Fire (8-3) and the Lakeland Hawks (3-2) sent the Penguins to the tournament semifinals where they defeated the Hawks, 3-2. The Penguins consist of Adam Szajner of Novi, Court Murtland (not pictured) and Chris Gendron of Farmington Hills, Tony Thomas of South Lyon, Lou Lemak of Brighton, Jerry Pitts, Colin Rolfe, Bobby Smith, Justin Mongrain and Ryan Shepherd of Canton Township, Caleb Hamlin of Battle Creek, D.J. Konfrst and Alex Kolpacke of Livonia; Jon Ponte of Novi, Cody Longuski of Westland, Ian Barnaby of Plymouth Township, and Joe Burgio of Redford Township. The head coach is Britt Ponte. The assistant coaches are Dino Szajner (not pictured), Kevin Longuski and Grant Ponte. The team is managed by Maria Pitts. The Penguins play in the Bantam AA Ranked Division of the Little Caesar's Amateur Hockey League.

GDBA offers prize money for worthy seniors

Everybody likes to win some money. This is particularly true of bowlers.

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Al Harrison

less than superstar ability tend to shun tournament bowling believing that they have little or no chance against those so-called "hot shots."

This kind of outlook is way off the mark, as in the local tournament scene, many quality tournaments are designed to level the playing field with as much as 100 percent handicap.

It really means that virtually anyone has a good chance to win all the marbles or at the very least still cash in.

One good example of this is the Greater Detroit Bowling

Association's upcoming 39th annual Karl Schmuck Memorial Senior Division Five-Man Team Handicap Tournament. It is open to ages 55-and-older and sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress. Could you use a \$1,000? That is first place money and second place pays out \$500 based on 60 teams minimum entered.

This one is 100 percent handicap from 1,100 with the prize fees returned 100 percent as well. There will be at least one prize for each five entries.

Special GDBA awards will be made on the spot for 125 pins over-average in a three-game series, 100 pins over-average in one game, Dutch 200, 10 strikes in a row, and seniors 75 pins over-average in one game or 125 in one series.

You do not necessarily have to bowl with your regular team from your league, you can form a team just for the tournament and bowl as such, as long as all are sanctioned ABC bowlers and meet the age criteria (you must be 55 by Feb. 19, 2005).

Entries close at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26 at Sterling

Lanes, 33200 Schoenherr Road, Sterling Heights.

The squads are slated off at noon Saturday Feb. 19 and 26.

Entry fee is \$15 per bowler and entry forms are on the counter at GDBA bowling centers.

For more information, call (586) 979-5200.

The Livonia Jones family has their own 300 club.

The newest member is 17-year-old Scott, who rolled his first perfect game at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills last Saturday in the youth league.

His younger brother, Andy, shot a 300 game last year, and mom Pamela has two 300s to her credit, including one just last November.

Only Keith, the dad, has not yet achieved this lofty goal, although he averages close to 200, he still has to roll 12 strikes in a row.

Scott is the only family member who has topped 800 for a series, having done it twice already. Scott will not be cashing in anywhere soon, as he plans to remain in the youth leagues and earn some scholarship funding in the Michigan

Junior Masters Association tournaments.

On the subject of money, here is a chance to get a lot of savings from local businesses. There is a joint promotion between the GDBA and several local business which are offering two-for-one deals and other discounts.

A \$5 card entitles the bearer to one-year of deals at A&W, McDonald's, Burger King, Tubby's, Dunkin' Donuts, Jet's Pizza, GNC, Valvoline, One-Hour Martinizing, Michigan Eyecare Institute, Payless Shoe Source, Steak 'N Shake, Boston Market and Arby's.

The plastic card can be used over and over again as much as you like and doesn't expire until Dec. 31, 2005.

Each GDBA officer and director carries a supply of these cards for your convenient way to get one. If you patronize only one of these local businesses, you will still save money.

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

NAIA power Cornerstone pounds Madonna, 109-74

Cornerstone University, ranked No. 3 in the latest NAIA Division II men's basketball poll, rolled to a 109-74 victory Wednesday night over host Madonna University.

Guard John Freund led the victorious Golden Eagles, now 20-2 overall and 4-0 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, with 25 points. He nailed 7-of-13 three-pointers.

Central Michigan University transfer Brandon Voorhees added 18 points, while center John Jonker finished with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Josh Liggins chipped in with 11 points.

Madonna's leading scorer, Noel Emenhiser, was limited to 10 points on 4-of-15 shooting. Derrick Mudri and Jordan Napier (Canton Agape Christian) each added 10

points. Charlie Henry (Canton Agape) had eight points and four assists.

The Crusaders, who trailed 54-39 at halftime, were out-rebounded 50-34.

Cornerstone shot 54.7 percent from the field (41-of-75).

The loss drops MU to 5-15 overall and 0-4 in the WHAC.

SCHOOLCRAFT 91 ST. CLAIR CC 80 Western Kentucky University transfer Kevin Massiah scored 20 points to lead a balanced scoring attack Wednesday as Schoolcraft College (17-2) earned a victory over Eastern Conference foe St. Clair Community College (6-12-15).

Others in double figures for the Ocelots who led 42-35 at halftime included Courtney Williams (19), Martin Samarco (18), Jarred Axon (11) and Ty Scott (11). Marcus Moore had eight.

Josh Wagar, a 6-foot-4 forward, led St. Clair and all scorers with 27 points. George Bonnes added 20.

Schoolcraft hit 29 of 42 free throws while St. Clair made 11 of 18.

Greer lifts Lady Ocelots to 79-74 cage triumph

Char Greer scored 18 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lift Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team to a 79-74 victory Wednesday night over host St. Clair Community College.

Westland John Glenn alum Sara Tyree helped the cause with 15 points and eight boards while Mike Williams chipped in with 17 points.

Scoring 22 and 19 points for the Skippers, respectively, were Danielle Lapeer and Deidre Deering.

Schoolcraft trailed 42-39 at halftime but came on after intermission with a determined attack that saw the Lady Ocelots take 43 shots at the basket compared to just 30 by the Skippers. For the game, Schoolcraft connected on 31 of 81 field-goal tries (38 percent) while St. Clair connected on 27 of 54 attempts.

With the win, the Lady Ocelots improved to 14-3 overall and 6-0 in the Michigan

Community College Athletic Association. St. Clair fell to 14-5 overall and 3-3 in the MCCA.

CORNERSTONE 75 MADONNA 55 A wide disparity in foul shots in the second half cost the Madonna University Wednesday night in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference contest.

Madonna, which trailed 31-27 at the half, stepped up to the free throw line just three times in the entire second half, making one of them. During that span the Golden Eagles made 13 of 17 free throw attempts to essentially ice the game.

For the Crusaders (9-11 overall, 2-2 in the WHAC) the defeat spoiled a 16-point, 12-rebound effort by center Sarah Thomson.

Scoring 10 points was forward Martina Franklin while both forward Kassi Jacob and guard Lydia Prusinowski contributed eight points for Madonna.

Cornerstone (17-3-31 in the WHAC) coasted to the victory behind a 24-point night by forward Jessica Weston, who led a balanced offense. Weston also paced the Golden Eagles with eight rebounds.

Scoring 11 points each for Cornerstone were guards Cathi Velzen and Mary Schmidt.

If there was a particular bright spot for the Crusaders it was rebounding. Madonna pulled down 42 boards compared to Cornerstone's 35.

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Deb Madonna

The right note at the same time

If a Plymouth-Canton middle school student wants to be in the school's orchestra, they have to catch a bus to the high school or have their parents drop them off. Either way, their day starts at 7 a.m. After class, they shuttle back to their home school and take six more classes.

But once upon a time, a long time ago, every middle school had its own orchestra. And then one day, in-school orchestras disappeared.

When Cathy DePentu became the PCEP Orchestra director eight years ago, there were 11 high school string players, now there are 52. The middle school program has grown from 20 students to 80 today. Cathy is hopeful the program will be phased back in.

Erin Zurbuchen arrived here six years ago. Together they are the entire Orchestra Department, in charge of all PCCS students, teaching day classes, before- and after-school sessions, and conducting nighttime concerts.

The orchestras also perform at outside events.

You would think that all these activities might wear Erin and Cathy out or dampen their enthusiasm. But they don't.

Cathy: "The kids work hard. They meet and exceed my expectations. When I show kids that I love music, they love it back."

Erin: "The kids are wonderful, very focused and enjoy playing music. They make my job very easy."

And when all the students play the right notes at the same time, Erin and Cathy are the first to show their pride with good words and big smiles.

There are a few perks for these lady conductors, though. When they walk on stage, all the musicians stand. They get to see kids at their best, dressed up in long dresses and tuxedos. They can hear the hard work of their students. They get to watch young children pick up a violin for the first time and observe them over the years as they mature into accomplished musicians and great young adults.

Maybe they put in long hours because they have a soft spot for kids who wear Santa or Blinking Reindeer Hats at concerts.

At the Rotary-Kiwanis Holiday Lunch, the Orchestra was joined by PCEP Madrigal, Chamber, and Dulcissima Choirs, under the direction of director, Jennifer Kopp. The Chorus and Orchestra took turns singing and playing songs. The performance ended when the singers and musicians untied to perform Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.

Research supports the importance of art and music in a child's education. But sometimes music is important just because it's so beautiful.

You can decide for yourself. Upcoming concerts are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Salem High School Auditorium and 8 p.m. Feb. 12, when the middle school strings will join the Plymouth Symphony at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

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Scared straight

At risk youth turns her life around at boot camp

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sarah Bentley smiles easily, something she wasn't able to do for 5-1/2 months at the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy in Battle Creek. In addition to keeping a straight face, there was a list of don'ts - no contact lenses, no makeup, no fraternizing with male cadets at the camp for at-risk youth.

It was a rude awakening for the 18-year-old Livonia woman arriving to staff loudly shouting commands "to get moving" as the evaluation period began at Fort Custer. One of 134 candidates from Redford, Canton, the metro Detroit area and communities around the state, Bentley spent the next two weeks marching, doing pushups and learning about military structure and teamwork.

LIFE-CHANGING

Youth must want to turn their lives around with the National Guard Challenge program funded by federal and state partnerships. The boot camp weeds out teenagers uncommitted to spending 22 weeks at the academy where education is a priority. High school dropouts and potential dropouts with no felony convictions receive 400 hours of classroom instruction, 160 hours of vocational/technical training and participate in more than 40 hours of community service and conservation activities to graduate. Back home, a judge is frequently watching to see that they do.

"I kind of knew what it was going to be like, but then didn't know until I got there and thought what have I gotten myself into," said Bentley.

Brian, her father, had a feeling she would successfully complete the program. Bentley proved him right, graduating from Churchill High School then going on to study at Henry Ford Community College while working full time as a life-guard. Bentley still must meet with a mentor plus fill out reports on her progress for the next year.



Education is a priority at Michigan Youth Challenge Academy. Sarah Bentley was able to graduate from Churchill High School, complete 160 hours of vocational/technical training in computer drafting and earn 15 college credits.

"The day we dropped her off she said her goodbyes and took her huge bag and hefted it up and took her place in line. They were yelling. It's very strict. I had a feeling she'll never give up. She's stubborn like me."

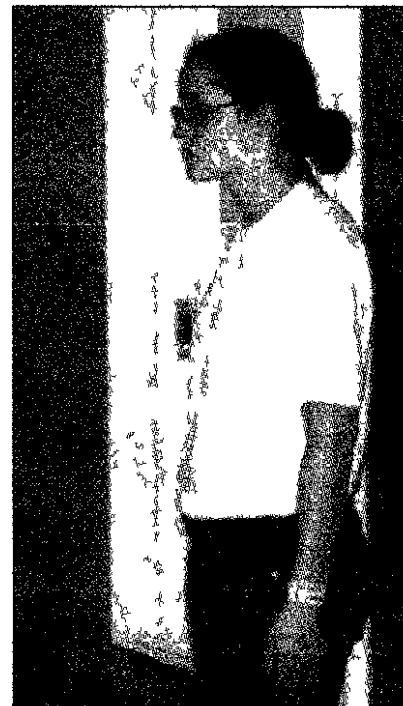
TOUGH LOVE

Bentley's refusal to change her wayward behavior is one of the reasons she ended up at the camp. All that her mother, Linda, could think of on the 2-1/2 hour drive to Battle Creek for monthly visits with her daughter was "this has got to work."

"We went through intensive outpatient programs for drugs and anger management classes," said Linda. "We'd been in counseling and parenting classes on three separate occasions. But ultimately it's tough love. You can't save your child. If a child shoplifts, you have to bring it to the attention of the store or courts. After violence in the house we pressed charges."

Bentley was on probation for assault when charged as a minor in possession of alcohol. The judge sentenced her to long-term care out of the house but did not specify a facility. Bentley explored her options then decided on the academy, free to motivated youth.

Out of the 86 cadets who graduated in December, Bentley received numerous awards including certificates for academic achievement and fitness, a scholarship, plus 15 college credits. Although on probation until 2006, she is on her way to becoming a responsible member of society.



Sarah Bentley wants to be searched before receiving the five military outfits she will wear for the next 5 1/2 months at the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy in Battle Creek.

"At times I thought I couldn't make it, but I did," said Bentley. "I have more confidence in myself than ever before. I try to keep myself busy and out of trouble. Over the holidays, I was around people who were drinking and said I need to leave now. This is not me anymore. I try to work on myself everyday, not to swear. I set daily goals for myself."

FUTURE'S BRIGHT

Bentley's probation officer, Nadezda (Natalie) Stojcevska, sees a bright future for the young woman ordered to complete the program or be in violation and possibly incarcerated.

"It was amazing how she returned. She was a completely new person. The person we were trying to reach came to us," said Stojcevska. "As a result, we went in front of Judge Kathleen McCann who was equally as impressed and would like to have her as a volunteer probation officer when she completes probation."

Michael McNees keeps track of the success stories. A nationwide effort, MYCA is one of 31 programs in 26 states and Puerto Rico.

"We give them structure, teach them discipline and our corps value," said McNees, program recruiter. "Only 0.02 percent of one percent that successfully complete the program have been incarcerated. Out of 56,000 students nationwide, 75 percent received high school degrees or GEDs, 51 percent joined the workforce, 19 percent went into the military, 20 percent continued on with education in a formal college setting."

For more information or an application for the July session, visit www.ngycp.org/mi or call Michael McNees at (269) 968-1230 or the academy at (800) 372-0523.

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Manufacturing careers appeal to women of all ages

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Mary Finkel doesn't think it's unusual for a woman to aspire to a career in manufacturing, especially in the Motor City. That's why she suggested Eastern Michigan University hold an open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, in Sill Hall.

Like Finkel, women might consider an education in designing, machining and marketing new vehicles and products if they knew more about it. Finkel is glad she did. A machinist and CNC programmer for S-3 Engineering in Ann Arbor, Finkel graduated from EMU in December at age 35.

"There's a lot of different things you can do," said Finkel of Westland. "It's a broad field that includes anything from designing parts for anything mechanical or electrical to a kitchen faucet or car parts, to managing people and teamwork. I always liked math and science and working with my hands. There's companies out there making all kinds of things."

At the open house, Finkel will pass on her enthusiasm along with representatives of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and Society of Women Engineers, and Philip Rufe, Finkel's professor in the manufacturing engineering technology program at EMU. Rufe will give a tour of laboratories where students work on everything from casting to robotics and rapid prototyping. For more information, call Rufe at (734) 487-2040 or visit www.mfgt.emich.edu.

LEARNERS

Many of Rufe's students are older like Mary, but had a curiosity about how things worked while growing up. As a child, he took apart toys. Later, it was cars.

"There are many types of opportunities available for women in manufacturing - engineers working at the Big Three or suppliers, project managers respon-



Mary Finkel works on a CNC (computer numerical control) milling machine similar to one used to train students at EMU.

sible for successful completion of a new product, or quality engineers responsible for customer satisfaction," said Rufe, a Plymouth resident. "Students have gone on to work at Borg-Warner in Livonia to make parts for SUV transmissions. Jobs are with companies that are innovative. A number of companies are doing very well because they're looking for new products to produce."

Kathy Kustron knows what it takes to make it as a woman in manufacturing. She's been in the business 20 years and is director of continuous improvement at Lear Corp. in Southfield.

"They may be able to get their foot in the door because they're a pretty girl, but won't remain if they don't have good work ethic, personal integrity, be a team player and results-oriented, make good decisions," said Kustron, who earned a master's degree in manufacturing engineering after becoming interested during drafting classes at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Kustron loved to draw in high school at Our Lady of Mercy.

"It's a highly competitive field that will keep them on their toes. They need to understand the equipment to be successful. Women look at it like you might get dirty. Yes, initially you do get dirty but you understand how tools make a particular part. You see a car driving down the street and say, 'I had something to do with that.'"

ENCOURAGE GIRLS

Sherill West hopes to interest more girls in manufacturing, science and technology at free camps funded by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers at University of Detroit-Mercy June 19-24, and June 26 to July 1, and Grand Valley State University June 20-23, and June 27-30. For more information, visit www.sme.org or call (313) 425-3305.

"If you look at the overall declining number of male and female students in math, science and technology and then the smaller number of women going into manufacturing it's important to interest girls early," said West, president of the board of directors for the SME education foundation based in Dearborn. West worked at Caterpillar for 30 years, retiring recently as vice president for research and engineering.

"Lots of companies have seen the trends - Ford, Caterpillar, Eaton and Visteon have donated money to the foundation for education. In turn we've given money to universities to establish camps. Students get a mixture of experiences as well as good old-fashioned fun things to do like designing and building a robot. It's really exciting."

"We're trying to ignite and fuel the curiosity of young people about what manufacturing today is all about. It's much more high tech. Too many of us have an image of it's dark or dirty. There are more computers and robots on the assembly line today and there's engineering behind that technology that makes that happen. I believe engineers make the world go round and manufacturing makes an economy work."

Bread man bakes loaves from the heart

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Mark Denis expects to be rising earlier than usual to bake nearly 100 loaves of bread for the Soup City benefit to raise money for COTS on Monday, Jan. 31, at the Historic Gem & Century Theatres.

On a typical day, it's nothing for Denis and his baker to make more than 100 loaves for customers at his House of Bread in Plymouth Township, but this will require a double batch.

Denis is proud of the fact the store offers 20 different varieties including basil parmesan, garlic cheddar, garden herb, and grandma's white, all sweetened with honey. Although he'll bake only four varieties for the fundraiser, the same amount of flour and labor goes into every loaf.

Denis doesn't seem to mind, though.

He believes in COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter) so much he volunteered to serve on the board. Denis originally became involved four years ago when a friend encouraged him to learn more about the organization that provides more than shelter for homeless men, women and children. One of the first times he helped with fund rais-



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Mark Denis of House of Bread will be making nearly 100 loaves of bread for the COTS Soup City fund-raiser. Pictured above are apple cinnamon swirl, garlic cheddar and garden herb, three types of bread baked in his shop in Plymouth.

ing was during the grand opening for House of Bread in April. As part of the event, Denis hosted a lemonade stand with proceeds going for COTS programs.

"What really enticed me is they're trying to end the cycle of homelessness, providing training so people can get back on their feet," said Denis.

"I've been to the Soup City fund-raiser a couple of times. It's a good event for the average person to participate and get involved. There are a lot of needs in the Detroit area, defi-

nitely a lot of homeless people in the Detroit area that need help."

Denis, along with employees Maria Yockey (Livonia) and Krista Dillon (Canton), will be slicing bread to go with the soup from Agave, Coach Insignia, Gem Theatre, Ritz-Carlton, Sweet Georgia Brown, Traffic Jam & Snug, Trattoria Andiamo, Union Street, and Zoop!

For the first time in the six year history of the event, a chef is traveling from out of state. Executive chef Jerry Schmidt,

formerly of the Detroit area, leaves the Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, Ga., to serve his special recipe at Soup City.

In addition to eating a hearty, warming meal guests will be entertained by Devin Scilhan's country band Arizona Son, the Keith Malinowski Jazz Band, roving magician Ron Aldrich, and balloon artist Fidget T. Clown (a.k.a. Rick Sherman, a surgeon at Detroit Receiving Hospital).

Lynn Wilhelm is expecting about 600 people to attend COTS second biggest fund-

raiser of the year, but hopes more will support the nonprofit which has been helping the homeless for more than 20 years.

Proceeds from the event provide not only shelter, meals and clothing but educational and employment programs to help people help themselves. A child care center allows parents to work, seek housing or employment, or attend school so they can rebuild their lives.

"I'm pretty excited about this year's Soup City," said Lynn Wilhelm, development director. "Soup City is helping the homeless help themselves at the coldest time of the year."

"One of the many things we're excited about is having 15 restaurants this year. Another great community effort is the raffle. Pewabic Pottery has given a tour and the College for Creative Studies' students have made bowls that will be raffled off. Reynolds Plantation is donating a weekend at their resort plus we'll have two tickets to fly to Atlanta. It's a great opportunity for them to show their support for COTS in a fun atmosphere."

Soup City takes place 6 to 10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31 at 333 Madison Ave. Detroit. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door. For more information call (313) 831-3777.

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Andrea is the daughter of Dennis and Pam Rahaley of Livonia. She is a 1998 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 2002 graduate of University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in biology. Currently she is a third year medical student at Wayne State Medical School.

Ryan is the son of Tom and Karen Schrieber of Plymouth.

He is a 1997 graduate of Catholic Central High School and a 2001 graduate of University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is a 2002 graduate of U-M with a master's degree in engineering and is currently pursuing his MBA at U-M's Business School.

Attending the bride were Jennifer Nordstrom as matron of honor, Laura Pope, Jeannette Madden and Kelly Rem.

Attending the groom were Charlie Bolognino as best man, Mike Rahaley, Jeff Schrieber, and Shirish Sabnis.

Ryan and Andrea spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. They are making their new home in Livonia.

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Research finds bullying has serious consequences**Bullying Part II**

Bullying at school is getting new attention, as researchers find mental health implications in the fact that as many as one-third of students say they have either bullied someone or been the target of bullying. Researchers also consider it important that some 70 percent of the young persons who committed extreme acts of school violence such as shootings were later found to have been either victims or perpetrators of bullying in their schools.

There have been only a few studies of the longer term consequences of bullying, but existing research suggests as much as a four-fold increase in criminal behavior on the part of bullies by the time they reach their mid-20s, while those who have been bullied appear to have higher rates of depression and poor self-esteem.

In commenting on a study by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, physician Howard Spivak says, "Most important is the need to address the larger school environment that supports or condones bullying as reflected by the reported high social status that bullies enjoy among their schoolmates. We need to identify ways to shift the social norms and values in schools and communities to ones that promote healthy peer interactions and reject bullying, intimidation, and other forms of physical and verbal coercion as acceptable."

In thinking about bullying, we may fail to discuss the role of bystanders who watch bullying take place and do nothing to intervene. The students, in

**Teens in 2005**

Alice McCarthy

particular, may be 'secondary victims,' one psychologist said. Witnessing bullying is in itself an experience in which children directly learn fundamental lessons about power, authority, empathy, injustice, social responsibility, and courage or the lack of it - lessons that are likely to be more salient than academic lessons about civic responsibility taught in schools."

In any case, the psychologist notes, by failing to intervene the bystander has passively supported bullying.

How to help if your teen is being bullied?

Being a good listener is one of the best ways to comfort your adolescent. Just talking about the problem and knowing you care can be helpful. Your teen is likely to feel vulnerable while discussing bullying and how it makes him or her feel, so it's important to show your love and support.

You should also reassure your teen that he or she isn't to blame. Explain that bullies are often confused or unhappy people who don't feel good about themselves.

Also consider asking your student thoughtful questions, such as:

- What's it like walking to the bus stop or home from school?
- What's it like on the bus ride to and from school?
- What happens during

activities before or after school?

- What happens in the hallways at school or during lunchtime?

- Have any bullies in the neighborhood or at school threatened anyone you know?

- Do some kids you know get e-mails, instant messages, or text messages that are upsetting, threatening, or insulting?

What can your adolescent do?

The key to helping your teen deal with bullying is to help him or her regain a sense of dignity and recover damaged self-esteem. Here are some tips to share:

- Hold the anger. Not only will getting angry or violent not solve the problem, it will only make it worse.

- Never get physical or bully back. Tell your teen that it's best to hang out with others, stay safe, and get help from an adult.

- Act brave, walk away, and ignore the bully. Tell your son or daughter to look the bully in the eye and say something like, "I want you to stop right now. Counsel him or her to then walk away and ignore any further taunts. Encourage walking tall" and holding his or her head up high.

- Tell an adult. If your teen is being bullied, emphasize that it's very important to tell an adult. Teachers, principals, parents, and lunchroom personnel can all help to stop it.

- Talk about it. It may help to talk to a guidance counselor, pastor, teacher, or friend - anyone who can give your adolescent the support he or she needs.

- Use the buddy system. Enlisting the help of friends or

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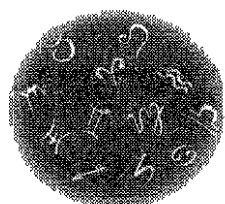
a group may help both your adolescent and others stand up to bullies. The bully wants to be recognized and feel powerful, after all, so a lot of bullying takes part in the presence of peers. Tell your child to make a plan to buddy up with a friend or two on the way to school, on the bus, in the hallways, or at lunch - wherever he or she thinks there might be a bully.

If you've tried all of these methods and still feel the need to speak to the bully's parents, it's best to do so within the context of the school, where a school official such as a counselor, can mediate.

With special thanks to *Healthy Choices* (Bridge Communications Inc.), www.healthinschools.org/focus/2004/no2.htm, and www.kidshhealth.org

If you missed our first column on bullying, you can access it at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp

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**Star Struck**(Jan 23-Jan 26)
By Dennis Fairchild**ARIES (March 21-April 20)**

Although a reappraisal of a situation will reap immediate benefits, you better think twice - you need to know why someone is acting in a particular way before making any long-term decisions. With the Full Moon now in your element, this is not the moment to compromise your ideals. Ram.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Let family and friends have their own way right now, even if you don't agree with what they're doing, because you're going to ask for their assistance soon and it will help if they owe you a favor. Got it? You're being honest and upfront like always. Bull, just a bit 'dreamy' now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Things may not be a barrel of laughs during this Full Moon week, but they shouldn't be a punishment either. Twins, walk a mile in the shoes of someone who appears to be disruptive or hypercritical, and you'll have a much better chance of getting to the root of the problem.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The only thing that might hold you back over the current Full Moon days/daze is a fear that you're not good enough. Logically you know that this is irrational, but it will continue to haunt you until you do something about it. Stop thinking and start acting!

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Brilliant planetary activity is turning the unlikely into the possible now. Lion, beware however of overreacting to the suggestions of someone who is less committed to the cause. Your own beliefs count more than those of someone whose opinions are tainted by insecurity.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

What you are told or discover with the Moon in your sign in a few days will give you all the information and ammunition you require to confront those who betrayed your trust. Don't pull your punches over intensely personal issues and long-term financial interests, kiddo.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Planets are urging you to take friend's advice before tackling a

work or domestic dilemma. Don't rely on your own somewhat distorted view. Balancer. You may be your own best friend, but there's a big problem - you are also your worst enemy. Kiss the face in the mirror, kid!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

What you enter the new week with will be better than anything you've had since your birthday. Experiences as tough as you have been through take a lot of dusting off, so is it any wonder that you're feelin' shaky? Remain focused and don't lose your temper. Scorp, people who fly into a rage always make a bad landing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

There is a saying: To be true to the best of yourself, fear nothing but live up to your nature. Then you will be happy! Something else you might ponder: Is it not the strangest thing in the world how long it takes us to learn to accept the joys of simple pleasures? Loosen up, Sadge!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Even if you hate to say you're sorry, you'll find it easy to ask for forgiveness now. The planets don't think that you have too much to apologize for, mind you. But don't let others play on feelings of guilt. Cap, make amends, speak your peace, and leap forward!

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

There will be times this week when you feel like the proverbial square peg in the round hole, and you won't seem to fit in. That doesn't mean that you're no longer wanted, but it does suggest that you have to rely more on yourself now rather than approval from others.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Blame it on the Full Moon if you'd like, but as much as you dislike confrontation, it's time to put a stop to the shenanigans of someone whose actions are more misguided than malicious. Just remember that a calm reaction will serve you better than an emotional explosion. Fish, kid!

Royal Oak astrologer **Dennis Fairchild** is author of several books on divination. For personal consultations call (248) 546-6912 or DenFairchild@aol.com

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Sherry Eid created this portrait of a Cuna Indian in colored pencil. It was done from a photograph her aunt took while Eid was growing up in the Panama Canal Zone.

Colored pencil artist shows 18 years of work

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sherry Eid is always thrilled when friends call to say they've seen her art featured in an exhibit or newspaper article. Over 18 years of creating colored pencil work that adds up to a considerable amount.

Eid is well-known in the area for not only showing the drawings but winning honors like third place at the Fall Colors exhibit in Lake Orion and the Judge's award in Our Town in Birmingham. Her latest award was for a work titled "Blue Nun" in a show called "January Thaw Draw," continuing at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center through Jan. 28. Eid will show 30 people and pet portraits, landscapes and abstracts at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive.

It's pictures off our walls plus ones loaned by family and friends, said Sherry Eid, a Livonia resident. "I can't say

which is my favorite. That's like asking about my children. I like them all."

In addition to a new work featuring two cats owned by Eid's son, the retrospective spotlights a range of subject matter going back to 1986 when she began classes at the Art Store and More in Livonia. She continued to study there until last year.

Born in Panama Canal Zone, Eid taught English at the middle school level there until marrying and moving to Michigan. She has been teaching drawing in the Continuing Education program at Schoolcraft College for the last eight years. On Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 9-10, she begins a new semester of evening and afternoon classes.

My work is done mostly from photographs, done layer upon layer so family or models wouldn't last long if they were posing," said Eid, who's held offices in Artifacts Art Club and the local chapter of the Colored Pencil Society of America. "Over the 18-



Family pets are a favorite subject of Sherry Eid.

years of drawing, I don't know whether there's been a change in my style. I don't know if I have a distinct style."

For more information about

Eid's drawing classes, call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu

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Culinary extravaganza to benefit center's developmentally disabled

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The upcoming Italian American Club dinner dance isn't your ordinary fund-raiser. While the Livonia organization is hosting the Sunday, Jan. 30, event, it's the developmentally disabled residents of the St. Louis Center in Chelsea who will benefit. Everyone from the community is invited to attend the dinner dance with men, women and children from the center.

Dancing to the Mike Wolverton Band is one of the highlights of the afternoon along with food provided by Giulio's Italian Cucina, Luigi's Pizza & Deli, Giuseppe's Bakery, Italian Epicure Steak House, DeLucas Restaurant, Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Joe's Produce, Paolo's Catering, East Side Marios, Livonia Italian Bakery, and several other businesses.

The event starts at noon with a buffet at 12:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 2:30 p.m. and dancing 4-6 p.m. Door and raffle prizes will be awarded throughout the event including gift certificates to area restaurants, tickets to Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, his and her watches, tickets to a Pistons game, and a full set of golf clubs. Tickets for the annual dinner dance are \$45, and available by calling Cindy Lesser at (734) 475-8430.

"We start with a mass in the club level then go upstairs for dinner and the culinary extravaganza," said club member Mary Galasso who originally was asked to serve on the committee with Tony Greco who wanted to help the center. "We have a lot of area delis and restaurants donating their time, talent and food for an appetizer extravaganza. Some do cooking then there's a sit-down dinner. People have a really good time. Some of the residents and staff come from the St. Louis Center. It's really like a family up there."

The Italian American Club started the dinner dance 10 years ago to benefit residents who were family of club members. Established by the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1960, the St. Louis Center is operated by the Servants of Charity, a Catholic order of priests and brothers founded in 1908 by Rev. Louis Guanella. The Italian priest devoted his life to those in need, including the developmentally disabled. Money from the dinner dance goes to purchase and maintain the six vans which take residents to work, school, medical appointments, and recreational activities. Nearly \$40,000 was raised last year.

For more information about the St. Louis Center, visit www.stlouiscenter.org

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
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A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday February 3, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI to consider the following items:

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		Fence Height
		Zoned R 1 Single Family Residential
		Applicant: David Murphy

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Adoption fair

Celebrating the diversity of families who adopt or provide foster care transracially the Transracial Adoption Fair will be held 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday Feb 12 at Cornerstone University's Gainey Conference Center Commemorating African American culture and the beauty of transracial families the event includes hands on activities delicious ethnic food at a small fee interactive Christian hip hop music and prize giveaways Adult tickets are \$6 in advance or \$10 at the door and kids are free! Call Adoption Associates Inc (800) 677 2367

St Damian craft show

St Damian Catholic Church is looking for crafters for its annual spring arts and crafts show that will be held on Saturday March 12 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 30055 Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Merriman Road) in Westland For more information or an application please call Carol Nelius at (734) 721 4758 or e-mail nelius@comcast.net

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw Livingston and western Wayne counties Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting patient transport/patient outings errand running grief support and clerical services Contact Ann Christensen volunteer coordinator for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973 1145

Free Parent/Child Activity Groups

Starfish Family Services Great Parents Great Start Wayne County offers a series of free parent and child activity groups Bring your children ages 2-4 years to hear a story make a project and play in the playroom while you talk with other parents and early childhood staff about parenting Groups are located at Puzzle Pieces Center for Children & Families 991 N Mill in Plymouth on Jan 31 Feb 7 Feb 14 and Feb 21 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call (734) 459 4664

Support session

Hospice of Michigan hosts Blues Blues and Blizzards to help people grieving the loss of a loved one during the winter months when days are long and opportunities for staying busy are limited This session will address the effects of grief and winter depression The program is free The session is set for 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan 31 at the Hospice of Michigan Ann Arbor office 2090 S Main in Ann Arbor To register call Rev Nancy Doty (734) 769 4212

Re-Max scholarships

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan with more than 65 offices and 1,325 associates presents its third annual American Dream scholarship program open to high school seniors in Macomb Monroe Oakland and Wayne counties The scholarship program - \$500 to each of 20 student recipients was originally established as part of the celebration of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan's 25th anniversary three years ago Because the program was so successful in its inaugural year RE/MAX decided to offer the scholarship contest for a second time last year and again this year making it the third annual program To apply students must provide a short essay on what the American Dream means to them and the role that higher education plays in helping to achieve that dream Essays and supporting materials will be judged on content originality and creativity The deadline for submitting applications is Feb 1 For more information about the scholarship program or to obtain an entry form contact Jeanette Schneider at 248 440 0404 x202 check on line at www.manyhouses.com or visit any local RE/MAX office

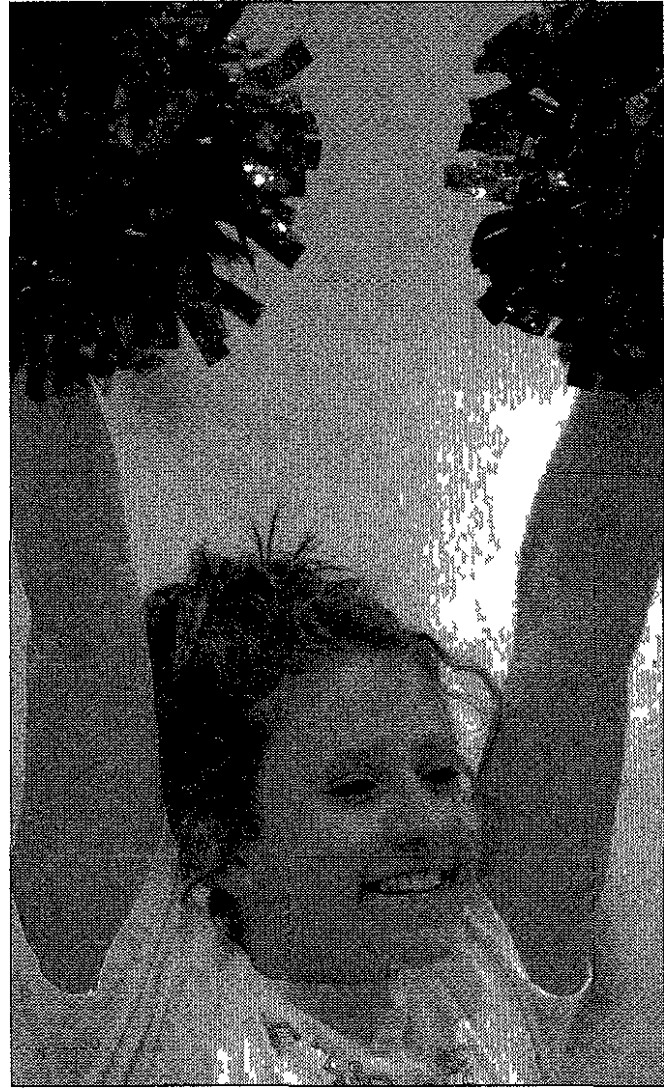


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Presidential pompons

Laura Schulz of Plymouth practices with the Mid American Pom Pon All Star team on Monday night before leaving for Washington to perform during the presidential inaugural parade

ty and creativity The deadline for submitting applications is Feb 1 For more information about the scholarship program or to obtain an entry form contact Jeanette Schneider at 248 440 0404 x202 check on line at www.manyhouses.com or visit any local RE/MAX office

Poetry contest

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

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years Groups for parents who have lost a child adults who have lost a parent pet loss and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants If you are grieving or know someone who is please call our office at (248) 348 0115 for information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or visit www.newhopecenter.net

Symphony fund-raiser

The Plymouth Symphony is selling the 2005 Entertainment Book offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events The 2005 Entertainment Book can be picked up at the Plymouth Symphony Office next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth or by calling Mary Thomas (734) 453 3016 Cost of the book is \$20 with proceeds benefiting symphony programs Call the symphony office at (734) 451 2112

Crafters artists wanted

Officials of the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble The event is scheduled for 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday March 19 at Canton High School It is a juried show For more information e-mail Diane VanDyke at dvandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416 3354

CLUBS

Rotary A M

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth

A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer New members are always welcome Contact Robert Scoggins president Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. via e-mail at rscoggins@wideopenwest.com or call (734) 455 9565

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering We present speakers on child & family issues have small group discussion time crafts and brunch Childcare is provided We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month September to May Contact Resha at 734 207 0658 or resha@junc.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of L.vonia S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities For more details call Birthe (734)458 8143 or Martna (734)464 0481

DAR

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

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the 1100 F Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible Contact (734) 459 7324

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth Call (866) 841 9140 Ext 4329 or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com

LIBRARY PICKS

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

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

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Class of 1950 Class of Jan /June 1950 is planning a 55 year reunion in September 2005 For more information contact Dick McCrae at (586) 263 8179 or Fred Kashouty at (586) 294 7512

Horace Mann Grade School, Detroit

Class of 1963 Looking for classmates for reunion Please contact Kathie at (734) 525 5416

Lowry High School

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 chackett@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 e-mail at nancyambinder@comcast.net

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

St Florian School

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

Winship Elementary

Class of 1958 Winship Elementary School in Detroit is planning a reunion for June 11 2005 E-mail at winship58@comcast.net

Alterra collects for children's Book Drive

Alterra Clare Bridge of Farmington Hills, a memory care residence located at 27950 Drake Road, will be a donation site for books in honor of the Book Blitz Month of January

All donated books will be given to the Motor City Kids Book Drive to help underprivileged children in the Detroit area learn to read

The literacy rate in Wayne County is only 52 percent, which means that almost half the residents cannot read

The focus of the book drive is to get the proper books into the hands of children from babies to teenagers Please do not donate coloring or picture books, but books that provide the opportunity for children to learn to read Slightly used

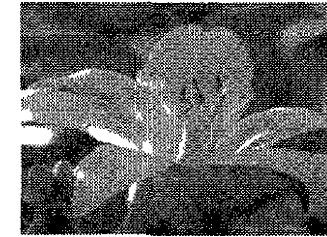
books are acceptable, but no torn or missing pages, or pages that contain pen, pencil or crayon markings

Donations can be made during the month of January at Alterra Clare Bridge of Farmington Hills For more information on the book drive please contact Tracy Pascavis, Community Sales Representative at Alterra Clare Bridge, at (248) 489-9362

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PAUL CAMERON BABCOCK

Age 45 died January 19 2005 Dear father of Paul Cameron Jr and William Boardman Babcock Son of Paul W MD and Janet Babcock Brother of Barbara Fox (Randy) Nancy Butler Brian W Babcock (Melissa) Juhe Chimento (Tony) Christopher A Babcock and Sarah Muteralli (Dan) Family will receive friends Sunday January 23 from 2-8 PM with Scripture Service Sunday 7 PM at A J Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 2600 Crooks Rd (between Maple and Big Beaver) Funeral Mass Monday 10 AM at St Regis Church 3695 Lincoln at Lahser Bloomfield Hills Visitation at church begins Monday at 9:30 AM Rite of Committal Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

GEORGE "TOM" KAZEN JR

Age 56 passed January 20 2005 Beloved husband for 35 years of Carol Dear father of Elizabeth (Robert) Schomack and Claire Kazen (Dan Aquinto) Loving grandfather of Hunter Thomas Beloved son of Eileen Kazen and the late George Sr Fond brother of Theresa Browne and the late Timothy Kazen Adored uncle of Lisa Rick Jackie Allison In State Thursday January 27th 10am at St Valentines Catholic Church 25881 Dow Redford until time of Mass at 10:30am In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Claire Kazen Educational Fund, in care of the family

JOSEPHA OLKOWSKI

December 22 2004 age 89 Resident of Garden City for 48 years Formerly of Altoona PA World War II Navy Veteran Beloved husband of Helen Dear father of Barbara (Chuck) Benninger and Kathy (Dr Mark) Menestrina Grandfather of C J Jaelyn Beth Hillary and Natalie Brother of Anastasia Ronan and the late Wanda Rawa Theresa Zola and Ted Also survived by many nieces and nephews Mass was held December 28th at St Raphael Catholic Church of Garden City and burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Memorials suggested to St Raphael Church or American Heart Association

JAMES M. O'TOOLE

January 20 2005 Age 85 of Westland Beloved husband of Beatrice Dear father of Patricia (Kenneth) Christinson Sharon (Ben) Ferguson Susan (Bill) Pregitzer Kathy (Barry) Faber Roseann (Butch) Hutcherson Brenda O'Toole and Jennifer (Brian) Niemi Grandfather of 8 boys and 9 girls Great grandfather of 3 boys and 3 girls Funeral Monday 10 am at the UHT Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Westland Family will receive friends Sunday 1-9 PM Memorials would be appreciated to Arbor Hospice Mr O'Toole was a decorated WWII veteran with the 82nd Airborne Division in most of the campaigns of WWII He retired from Detroit Diesel after 34 faithful years Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

FRANCIS PATRICK XAVIER SULLIVAN JR. (SULLY)

With a twinkle in his eye a warm smile, or a heartfelt song he touched the lives of all who knew him including his beloved Dorothy E wife of 58 years his cherished children Kathleen A (Bill) Bradshaw Debra J (Pat) Franssen Mark W (Wendy) and grandchildren Jennifer Devon Kyle Ryan Collin and Trinity Sully leaves behind his dear brother William and numerous nieces and nephews and was preceded in death by his parents and 3 sisters He bestowed faithful service to the US Navy Detroit Edison and various charities including Meals on Wheels A great man who was quick to help anyone in need leaves a huge void on earth but his strong spirit remains and blesses us all Family will receive guests Monday January 24 from 3PM until time of celebration of Sully's life at 4:30PM, at Neely-Turkowski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile (between Middlebelt & Merriman) in lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to American Heart Association or Meals on Wheels

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Service first

Community hospitals strive to improve patient stays

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Quesadillas, grilled Alaskan salmon, chili made from Red Wings player Chris Chelios' recipe. Sounds like the menu of a trendy restaurant. It's not. The dishes are among an extensive listing of appetizers and entrees offered to patients at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, one of many community hospitals which are expanding services to make a patient's stay as pleasant as possible. Throughout the four inpatient sites of the Oakwood Healthcare system, staff work to provide care specifically tailored to each patient.

Today's hospitals must take into account cultural diversity and religious beliefs while treating not only the body, but mind and spirit. Oakwood's hospitals provide interpreters, meals and religious support teams to remove disparity in care of Arab-American patients. At Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, bloodless medicine and surgery is designed for patients, in particular Jehovah Witnesses whose religious beliefs prohibit transfusions. Blood conservation technology such as cell saver machines have benefited all patients.

"Health care is moving more to consumerism," said Jerry Fitzgerald, president and CEO of Oakwood Healthcare. "More patients have to pay more out of their pockets so in this era of consumerism we want to make our organization their number one choice."

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like a drive-through and order."

A patient's well-being is No. 1 in the kitchen at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia as well. Craig Brown, director of food service, and Lisa Martin, director of patient services, provide comfort foods served by hostesses who are assigned to specific floors so a patient sees a familiar face for all three meals.

Room service is just one of the ways in which health care has changed dramatically since Christine Stromp-Hamba became a nurse 30 years ago. The demands are greater than ever to deliver comforting words and smiles along with medication. Stromp-Hamba, a clinical nurse manager, is especially proud of Oakwood Healthcare staff that huddle a couple of times during each shift to re-emphasize the importance of communicating with patients and physicians.

"Health care was different. Nurses and doctors provided care. Patients did what they were told. Now we make sure everyone is part of the care," Stromp-Hamba said. "It's not unusual for staff to stop what they're doing and walk someone to their destination. We want to make sure the patients' visitors are taken care of as well."

At Oakwood Annapolis, Crittenton and St. Mary Mercy, patient visitors could mean dogs and cats. Critically ill and end of life patients feel better when a pet visits.

"The pet is the person's family," said Cheryl Fairbrother, coordinator for cancer services, including the Peaceful Journey Program, at St. Mary Mercy, "and it's good for the animal who goes through grieving."

Teddy bears also provide comfort in the emergency room at St. Mary Mercy. The bears are donated through



Red Wings player Chris Chelios serves a bowl of his chili to Leo Simonds at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Community hospitals are expanding their menus and services to make patient stays as pleasant as possible.

the Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. in Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia.

"We give Teddy bears to kids to try to show them through the bear what we're going to do," said Michelle Moccia, R.N., interim director of the center. "We ask the Teddy bear the same questions. Sometimes the child talks through the Teddy bear because they're scared. We also give them to elderly patients. It gives them something to hold on to and comfort them. We do whatever we can. We ask can we call a neighbor to let your dog out. We try to individualize care."

Sometimes it's as simple as giving a patient a warm blanket.

"In an emergency, we have a blanket warmer," Moccia said. "It's amazing how they react when you get a blanket and tuck them in. It's the touch, the voice, asking them what they need to heal mind, body and spirit. Our mission is to offer coordinated compas-

sionate care, every time for everyone. We try to live by that."

The motto at Garden City Hospital is "Give 'Em the Pickle." The program is based on one by Bob Farrell, former owner of Farrell's restaurant. All staff wear a small plastic pickle to illustrate their commitment.

"We wanted people to be aware a smile could ease anxiety," said Linda McCarthy, vice president administration, chief nursing officer. "We tell staff to give them the simple things. If they request someone to talk with them, sit with them. Leave the room, by saying, 'Is there anything else I can do for you?' In our patient discharge survey, the satisfaction level rose from 93 to 96 percent."

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Tips for keeping on track with fitness

As 2005 kicks off, many people are looking toward the new year as a time to make a renewed commitment for personal improvement. Topping the list again this year, according to www.mygoals.com, are resolutions related to health and fitness, including exercise, general fitness and weight loss. To help in the success of fitness-related goals, here are a few tips from the Jewish Community Center where the Fitness Club features a complete with cardio theater as well as spinning, yoga and other specialty workout classes.

For more information, call club director Aaron Tolchin at (248) 432-5575. To set up an appointment for a fitness eval-

uation, call the center's Health & Wellness Program coordinator Nancy Tashman at (248) 432-5481.

- **Do your homework** Consider a professional fitness evaluation to determine your baseline physical condition with regard to body fat, cardiovascular fitness, flexibility, strength and endurance.
- **Make a plan** Consider this your own personal "business" plan. Be sure to include your goals with specific information on what will be the key to your success given your own fitness level and health status.
- **Be realistic** Keep your goals at an attainable level. This helps to avoid frustra-

tion and disappointment. Remember, this is all about you and what works for your own personal success.

- **Make it about a new way of life** Many see diet and exercise resolutions as programs with a beginning and an end. The key to long-term success is about making your plan work with your lifestyle and your schedule on an ongoing basis.
- **Be good to yourself** How about a nice, relaxing professional massage for hitting that certain milestone? The key is to remember that you have control over your success - you can do this.

Surgeon urges diabetics to have feet checked

Podiatric surgeon Joseph Silver is urging all diabetic patients to make sure their physicians check their feet during every office visit for signs of ulcerations that if left untreated can lead to infection and ultimately result in lower limb amputations.

"It's a simple exam that takes two minutes to determine if the patient is at risk for foot ulcers," said Silver, a member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons who practices in Westland. "And the easiest way to remember to get your feet checked is to remove your shoes and socks in the examining room before the doctor comes in."

Most diabetic patients are

vulnerable to foot ulcerations caused by poor blood circulation in the lower extremities and neuropathy that inhibits nerve sensation.

"Ulcers are the leading cause of foot amputations among people with diabetes and they are preventable in most cases if doctors routinely check their patients' feet," said Silver. "It's so tragic when I encounter someone who undergoes an amputation that could have been prevented by regular, two-minute foot exams."

It is estimated that more than 86,000 lower extremity amputations are performed in the U.S. every year on patients with diabetes. More than 70 percent of them are caused by

foot ulcerations that deteriorate to deep tissue infection, tissue necrosis and gangrene.

In foot exams performed by primary care physicians or podiatrists, patients should be checked for nerve sensation, skin irregularities (corns, calluses, punctures, and areas of redness), swelling, drainage, and foot deformities that cause unnatural pressure points that are prone to ulceration. In cases of deformities such as bunions and hammertoes, diabetic patients should consult a podiatric surgeon to determine the best treatment option to reduce risk for ulceration, infection or amputation.

Individuals considered at high risk for foot ulcers should

have their feet checked every two to three months, but all diabetic patients should be checked at least twice a year, according to Silver.

"It doesn't take long for infection to worsen and ulcers to occur without the patient being aware that anything is wrong," he said. "Diabetes carries an enormous health care burden, but being diligent about foot care is a prudent and simple way to avoid one crippling complication of this disease."

ACFAS offers a free brochure, "Diabetic Foot Problems and Treatments," which is available by calling toll-free (888) THE-FEET, or on the Web at www.acfas.org

These hospital volunteers ease patients' suffering

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes all it takes to make someone feel better is to listen. Knowing that, hospital staff are enlisting volunteers to help patients and their families.

At St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, students volunteer to pass communications from emergency patients to family members in the waiting room.

"It helps keep the communication going," said Michelle Moccia, interim director of the emergency center at St. Mary Mercy. "The volunteers are excellent. Sometimes they may do simple things such as getting a cart ready for us. It's their presence."

As coordinator for cancer services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Cheryl Fairbrother knows that just being there is frequently all someone needs at the end of life. Fairbrother oversees a number of programs, including No One Dies Alone. Volunteers are trained to be compassionate companions, to notice signs and symptoms of an impending death so they can be there for the patient and family.

"We have a compassionate companion class to train people from the community," Fairbrother said. "We have a caring cart of comedy videos, journals, quilts for patients to make it more homey, candy and food, and cameras. Families come together maybe for the first time in years. The

cameras capture moments they won't have again."

At Botsford Hospital in Farmington, high school volunteers interview critically ill patients and then write their stories, which are read by staff. The information helps staff learn more about the patient, who may be hospitalized for a long period of time.

"It gives us talking points with a patient," said Kim Guesman, director of nursing services. "We're striving to be the best community hospital, to listen to our patients, to learn about them as a person, not just a body in a bed."

Hospital staff are volunteering their time as well to make patient stays a little warmer.

"We're just starting to make quilts and blankets," Guesman said. "A quilt club (of hospital employees) made blankets that I took to orphanages in Lithuania when I went there with my church this summer. Then I found out nurses in the cardiac step down unit made more than 50 blankets and donated them to oncology and the emergency department to distribute, so we're starting a program called Blankets of Love."

"We want to expand throughout the hospital these two programs. We will call for volunteers to get donations of quilts or blankets and let nurses determine who needs that extra comfort."

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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Blood Drive
2-8 p.m. Monday Jan. 24 at the Bova VFW Post 9885, 6440 North Dix between Ford and Warren roads. Westland Walk-ins are welcome; however, appointments are encouraged. Call the post at (734) 728-3231 or blood drive chairman Larry Tebor at (734) 377-8329 or (734) 261-2807 and leave your name, telephone number and time desired. All donors will be placed in a drawing to win 3 free games of bowling at Vision Lanes in Westland.

Influenza symposium
Pandemic Influenza: Could History Repeat Itself? A daylong symposium brings many of the world's foremost flu experts 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24 in the Lydia Mendelsohn room at the Michigan League, 911 North University on University of Michigan's central campus. The program also will be available live and archived via Webcast. Visit www.mipreparedness.org after Jan. 17 for details. The symposium is free and open to the public; no registration required. For more information, send e-mail to prepared@umich.edu. Participants to discuss the emergence of avian influenza, international and domestic monitoring efforts, influenza immunization development and delivery and our current state of preparedness to meet the challenge of the next flu pandemic. Among the speakers are Dr. Ed Thompson, deputy director of public health services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; J. Malik Peiris, microbiology professor at the University of Hong Kong and chief of virology at Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong; and Dr. Keiji Fukuda, epidemiology and surveillance section, influenza branch, national Center for Infectious

Diseases CDC.

Divorce support
The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Grief support workshops
Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Angela Hospice Care Center. All groups are free of charge and open to the community. For more information, call Joan Lee in the Bereavement Department at (734) 464-7810.

Weight loss lecture
Overcoming Barriers to Weight Loss is an empowering lecture designed to teach participants how to remove barriers that prevent reaching fitness and weight loss goals 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 at the Place Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center in Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River Avenue between Haggerty and Meadowbrook, Novi. Monica Pagels, MS, exercise physiologist, will talk about why weight control is so difficult, including motivation, adherence, schedule conflicts and financial as well as physical limitations. Afterward, Pagels will conduct a question and answer session. Cost is \$10, which may be applied to the cost of an exercise program at TRACC. To register, call (248) 473-5600 or send e-mail to

mpagels@botsford.org.

Free supper lectures
Shirish Gadgeel, M.D., tells about advancements in treating lung cancer 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26 at the Weisberg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. To RSVP, call (248) 538-6514 or send e-mail to khardy@dmc.org.

Red Cross blood drives
7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia, and 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 at the University of Michigan Health Center, 1051 North Canton Center Road, Canton. Walk-ins are available. Appointments can be made by calling (800) GIVE LIFE. To donate blood, you must be age 17 or older, weigh 110 pounds and be in general good health.

Birthday celebration
From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, the Saint Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station in Canton will celebrate its fifth birthday with cake and balloons. The event is open to the public and admission is free. The Health Exploration Station is located in the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road. The fourth Thursday of each month, individuals and families can explore what schools, scout troops and community groups have identified as their field trip destination of choice, free of charge. For more information, call (734) 398-7518.

Fitness fair
Be Healthy Get Fit. Have Fun Fair, a family event sponsored by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department, takes place 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile. No charge. Event includes informative sessions, exhibits and interactive

demonstrations of nutrition, exercise, healthy life choices, rest and relaxation. Food prizes and fun-filled activities for all ages are included. For more information, call (248) 473-1800.

Self-defense seminar
For women ages 16 and up 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Seminar focuses on the proper way to execute basic strikes, evasive movement methods and defense to four of the most common types of street attacks. Students are encouraged to wear loose, comfortable clothing at Huron Valley Sina Hospital, 1 William Caris Drive, Commerce. No charge. Preregistration required, call (248) 937-3314. Space is limited.

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 Foundation are appropriate for anyone seeking a joint safe exercise program. Participants learn a series of slow, graceful, flowing movements adapted from Sun style tai chi.

Red Cross safety courses
Begin in January and include CPR/first aid with AED (automated external defibrillation), Infant/Child CPR, CPR/AED review for professional rescuers, CPR review for individuals with current CPR certificates, nurse assistant training and baby sitter training at the Livonia Service Center, 36650 Five Mile. Call (734) 542-0442 or visit www.semredcross.org. Costs vary.

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Farmington, patients stay in touch by receiving e-mail communication with family and friends in whatever form, speeds along patient recovery. Several of the hospitals, including Crittenton and St. Mary Mercy, allow family members of critically ill patients to spend the night.

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"It's just some of the little things we're trying to do to make it more homey or comfortable," said Kim Guesman, director of nursing services at Botsford Hospital. "We want patients to know we really care about them. Sometimes it's easy to lose sight of what we do because of all of the technology."

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In treating rheumatoid arthritis, physicians use drugs that have potential side effects on the bone marrow, liver and kidneys. Some arthritis medications are removed from the body in the urine by the kidneys. Your doctor must know if your kidneys are compromised so he can decrease drug dosage and avoid medication toxicity.

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Remember that keeping your blood work schedule is important.

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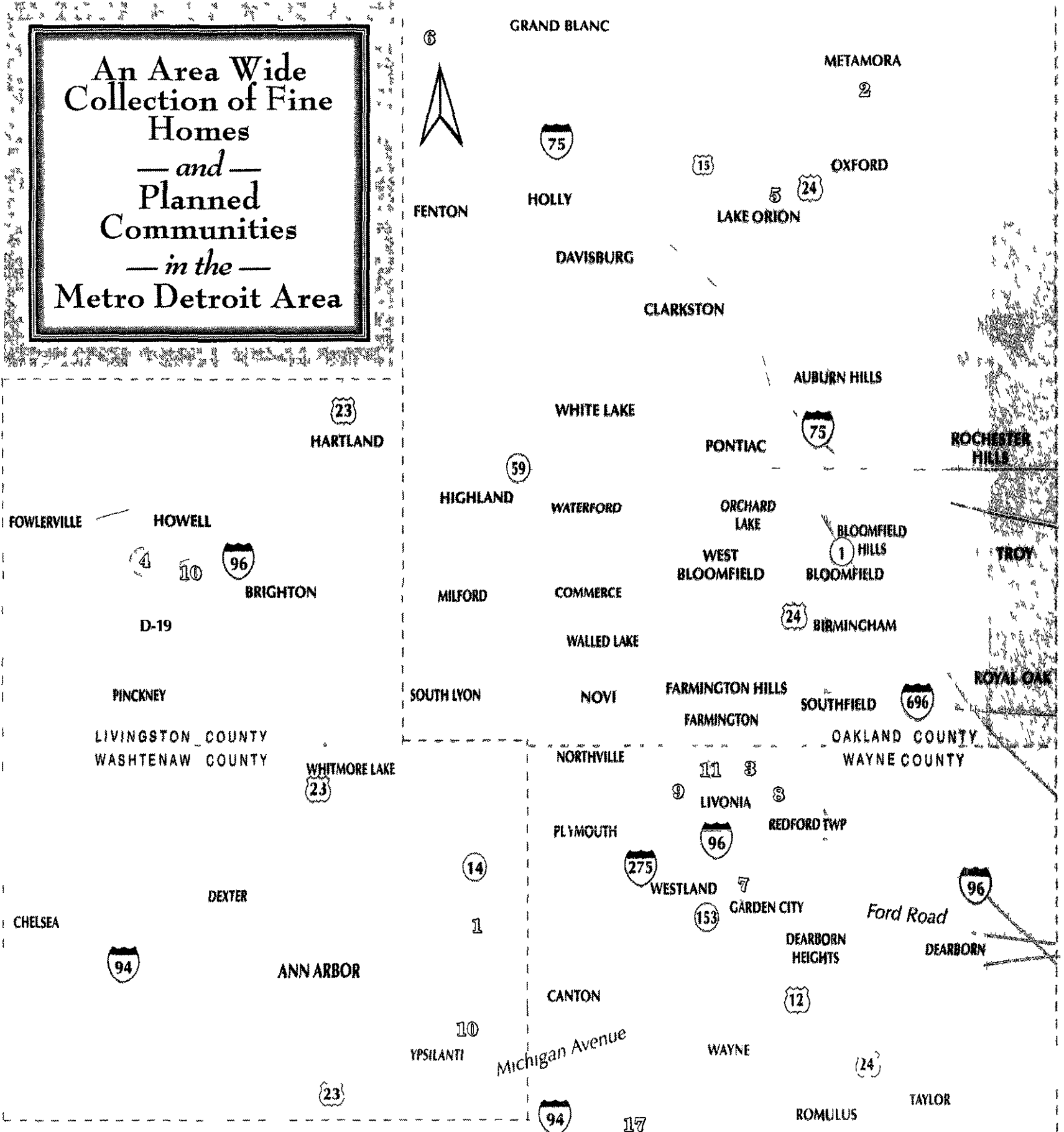


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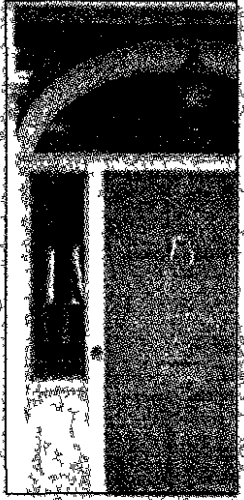


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Protect your home from ice damage

(MS) - You may not know what ice dams are, but they cost the public millions of dollars each year.

Ice dams form when warmth from inside a home causes snow on the roof to melt and trickle to the roof's edge, where it refreezes, blocking gutters and drains.

Since water cannot flow over the built-up ice, it seeps into the home under the shingles, often causing extensive damage to the roof decking and a home's interior - particularly ceilings, walls, carpets and flooring.

Fortunately, there are things that you can do to protect your home.

"If your house is susceptible to ice dams, the best time to take action is in the fall," said Bill Mullaney, senior vice president of customer service and claims for MetLife Auto & Home.

"During the early spring, we routinely see hundreds of claims caused by ice dams. An ounce of prevention during the warmer months can help keep things from snowballing out of control during the cooler ones."

Following are some tips to consider during the fall:

- Keep all gutters and downspouts clear. Be sure that sticks and debris are removed from your home's gutters and downspouts. During the winter, periodically check their condition, removing any snow or icicles that accumulate.
- Give your roof an overcoat. The most effective way to eliminate ice dams

is to stop snowmelt by making the roof colder. This can be achieved by insulating the floor of the attic and under the roof, and by blocking all crevices where warm air from the interior can rise into the attic.

- Identify water entry points within the home. You may wish to contact a contractor to find these entry points and take the appropriate actions to create a waterproof barrier.

Once winter has arrived, there are still ways to prevent an ice dam or to minimize the effects if one has already occurred. After a snowfall, consider the following:

- If possible, keep snow off the roof with a snow rake. Use a roof rake or push broom to reduce the amount of snow that could melt. Don't climb on the roof to clear the snow, as serious injury may result. Also, be cautious of electrical wires.
- To melt the ice, bring new life to an old set of legs. Placing old nylon stockings filled with snowmelt over an ice dam is an effective way to melt the dam and create a channel for the water to run off. Be certain to lay the stockings perpendicular to the gutter near the edge of the roof.

In an emergency situation, where water is seeping into the house, notify a professional contractor at once. Although other temporary solutions do exist, it's a good idea to leave the work to



Don't let ice dams ruin your home. Prevent problems by taking action during the warmer months.

the professionals.

In the meantime, it's possible to capture entering water before it causes significant damage by placing a bucket under the leak.

For additional information on how to forestall future problems, MetLife Auto

& Home offers a free brochure, *Protecting Your Home Against Damage From Freezing Weather*. To receive the brochure, call (800) MET-LIFE.

Access more tips on surviving freezing weather at www.metlife.com by entering "freezing" in the search box.

New Web site helps you reduce your energy bills

(NUI) - As gasoline, natural gas and heating-oil bills skyrocket and overall energy prices go up and down like a roller coaster, what's a frustrated consumer to do?

If you want to take greater control of your energy bills, a great place to start is the Alliance to Save Energy's new consumer Web site.

Everything you need to know about reducing your energy bills is there.

Most of the content on the site is new and has been developed and organized to meet the needs of consumers, said Alliance Communications and Marketing Director Rozanne Weissman.

Here's a rundown of what you can find on the new Alliance consumer site:

- Tips on lowering your energy bills including seasonal tips for summer and winter tips for the home office and targeted tips for consumers in various states.

- Advice on remodeling your home to maximize energy efficiency - including information on home energy ratings, financing possibilities, smart investments and a link to finding a good contractor.

- An animated version of the Alliance's popular free consumer booklet, *PowerSmart Easy Tips to Save Money and the Planet*, along with ordering information for single, bulk and customized printed booklets and a downloadable flyer for use at trade shows and fairs.

- A variety of home energy tools from the Alliance, Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency that demonstrate how you might save the most money, plus a home energy audit that can be done together with children as a learning tool.

- Help with shopping for energy-efficient products. The Alliance shopping section, organized by product category, makes getting information and shopping for energy-efficient products easier for consumers.

It links to appropriate consumer information on the Web sites of government agencies and of retailers and manufacturers that have made a commitment to energy efficiency through their work with the Alliance.

- A Multimedia Screening Room. The Alliance brings together its offerings in a screening room for use by media, consumers and schools.

- Resources for kids. The Alliance's kids page helps teach children how to save energy.

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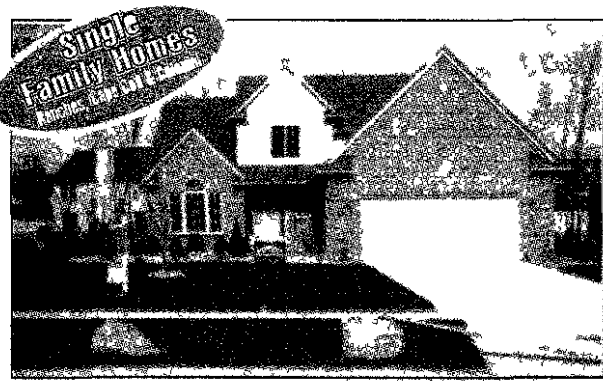
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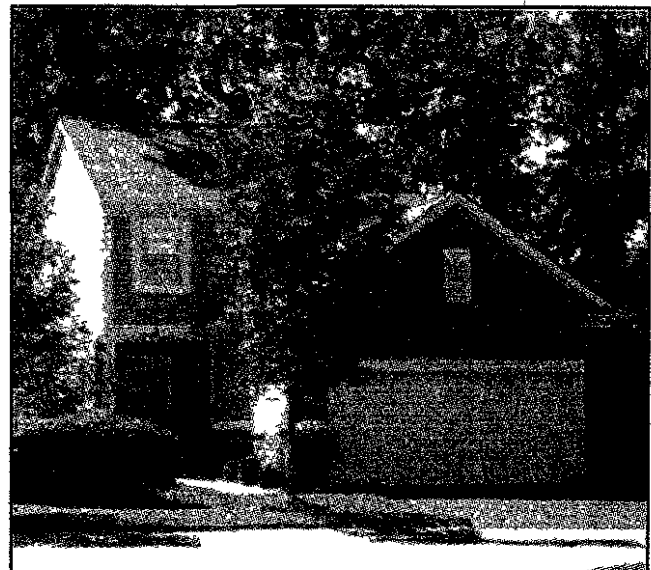
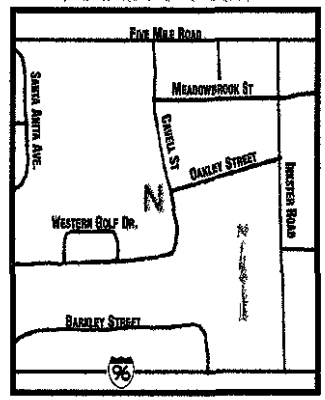
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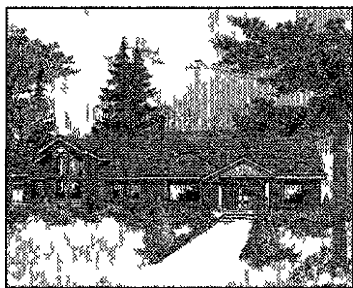
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3 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial with 4 car garage. Nicely landscaped court lot. Great room w/wooded ceiling gas fireplace. Large kitchen w/white cabinets & nook w/french doors to patio. MBR w/Jacuzzi tub. Fin shed bsmt.

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Profess designed interior builders model w/100K of extras. 3 story 3 BR 3.5 BA brick townhouse w/2 MBR sts both w/won bath & WIC. FF MBR w/marble tile jetted spa tub granite kitchen & hardwood floors. Fin bsmt & 2 car garage.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Fabulous
3 BR 3.5 BA contemporary w/foyer opens to bridged GR w/marble fireplace and soaring ceilings. Kitchen w/Sub Zero den finished basement w/BR BA and kitchen. Recessed lights T/O 2 decks & 2 car garage.

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NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
With open floor plan 2 story love w/hardwood floors. Formal LR & DR fam ly room w/1 fireplace. Profess onally finished basement. Spacious master suite has glamou bath 3 car attached garage. 4 bedroom 2.5 baths.

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OAKLAND Top Of The Line
Upgrades throughout. Gourmet kitchen cherry cabinets granite countertops double oven fireplace in hearth area. FF master suite w/private deck. Great room fireplace walk out lower level. Spec landscaped lot.

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COMMERCE Desirable Location
Large lot with highest elevation on Bridge Pointe sub. Wooded views from 2 story windows finished walkout has 2nd kitchen full bath & 5th BR. Customized details in every room. Incld w/ok staircase & granite fireplace.

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BLOOMFIELD Absolutely Stunning
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ROCHESTER HILLS Elegant
4 bedroom home w/cherry cabinets and granite counters. Kitchen w/center island and stainless appls. granite backsplash. Profess onally finished bsmt w/ok bath & sauna. master bath w/marble tile & whirlpool tub.

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CLARKSTON Village Of Clarkston
Waterfront on the Mill Pond Louisiana style home 4 bedrooms 3 baths hardwood upgrades & updated mahogany front door open 1st plan designer roof new kitchen 2nd kt n LL.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Spectacular
Lakefront custom built home on approx 2.71 acres. Stunning kit w/island & solarium window. Wonderful MBR ste w/marble bath private lib & fin LL w/o w/ull kit BRs & more. Wrap around deck & 3 car garage.

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NORTHVILLE Incredible Value
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BIRMINGHAM Contemporary Beauty
With only seven lots five of them walk outs 4 bedrooms 3.5 baths ceramic foyer kitchen lay and FFL. Gourmet kitchen with SS appliances. Master BR with jetted tub. Foul car garage 2 story w/FR w/gas FP.

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ROCHESTER Timeless Tradition
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COMMERCE Gorgeous Location
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NOVI Beautiful Custom
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Great for entertaining. Contemporary nestled in woods overlooks ravine open floor plan w/vaulted ceilings. FF MBR has a walk in closets trayed ceiling. Custom kitchen w/ins and Jenn air gas cooktop & ovens. Hdvd fr.

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BEVERLY HILLS Newer Construction
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Great Value
Beautiful 4 BR 3.5 BA colonial. Granite 42 maple cabinets custom hardwood finished basement with bedroom bath kitchen & wooded cul de sac lot. 3 car garage. Great lot with plenty of room to play.

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In secluded sub. Many features including a chef ent w/ways hardwood floors gourmet kitchen with granite cherry cabinets crown molding and we neoc French doors and walk out basement.

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Accepting applications for the position of Police Officer Salary \$33 940 per year Job description with complete qualifications will be available on the Canton Township website at www.cantonmi.org or may be viewed at the Canton Township Human Resources Division 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188. Applications may also be picked up at the Canton Administration Building Human Resources Division on the Canton Township website. A Canton Township application form must be completed in its entirety and on file in the Human Resources Division prior to 4 p.m. January 25 2005. Faxed or mailed applications will not be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race color national origin sex religion age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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- No Experience Necessary
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Help Wanted-General 6000

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Crew/Truck/Tools & 2 ml Gen Liability a MUST WORK IMMEDIATELY Call Terry @ 248 888 9328

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Contract Mgmt Services Co seeks full time Supervisor for School Lunch Program. Must be an innovative self starter who is creative with proven leadership skills. NSLP experience a plus. Customer service oriented individuals need only to apply. Great benefits. Please forward resume to P.O. Box 261 New Hudson MI 48165 Attn: Human Resources

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE 18600 Haggerty Rd Livonia MI 48152 www.schoolcraft.edu

The Continuing Education Department at Schoolcraft College offers a variety of programming for adults hand cap and/or children. There is a need for:

- Aerobics Instructors** ACE or AFAA cert. in fact on or equivalent
- Step Aerobics** ACE or AFAA certification or equivalent
- Interior Design** Bachelor degree in subject area professional interior design experience and teaching experience with adults

Interested applicants may complete an on line application or download an application at www.schoolcraft.edu/jobs call (734) 462 4408 and receive an application by mail or stop in the Human Resources Department between the hours of 7:30 am and 5:00 pm. Completed applications must be received in the Human Resources office by Friday February 11 2005. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road Livonia MI 48152.

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees of Schoolcraft College not to discriminate against any person on basis of race color sex age marital status handicap and/or national origin.

Help Wanted-General 6000

TEACHER ASSISTANT

Bloomfield Montessori Preschool Good pay flexible hrs Exp needed 248 646 5770

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Livonia area Part time Exp required Call 9am 2:30pm 248 474 0001 or after 3:30pm 248 926 6656

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For Kitchen & Bath Company in Farmington Hills Must be experienced w/20 Software Fax resume (586) 468 1448

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Hometown Community Credit Union has immediate openings for part time tellers. Light typing good math aptitude and member service skills required. Competitive wages. Applicants may call 248 348 8500 ext 304 to schedule application and interview process.

TOW TRUCK DRIVERS

Full/part time available Exp. experienced - only. Must have chauffeur's license & health card. 2826 Southfield Rd. at 10th Mile (248) 557 4044

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Industrial Distributor has a great opportunity for the right individual. A minimum of 2 4 years warehouse experience clean driving record and a desire to advance your career. We offer a complete benefit package including 401(k). Send resume to Box #1050 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd Livonia MI 48150

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WAREHOUSE

Large wholesale distributor in Western suburb needs men or women with experience in a distribution environment with full time positions available in our can mode n facility. Day shift Sunday thru Thursday. Starting wage \$10 \$11 and benefit package including Medical & Dental. Send resume or letter of interest in confidence with job experience and salary history to:

H R Director PO Box 8026 Novi MI 48376 Email: hrdirector@aol.com Fax to 248 374 6066

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Administrative Assistant

Looking for an experienced Administrative Assistant to support property management office at executive level. Candidate should be personable a quick learner able to demonstrate flexibility and a team player who can handle a fast paced environment. Strong communication skills for correspondence and excellent computer skills a must. Competitive salary and benefits. Send your resume to: eamgmt@yahoo.com

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

For Troy based Sales Company. Great phone and people skills. Proficiency in Word and Outlook. Good knowledge of Excel and Works. Flexible hours. Fax resume to 248 743 0260 or EMAIL to: atcalas@atcalas.com

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

For Farmington Insurance Agency. Familiar w/secure ties transactions & pensions. Salary range \$30's. Fax resume to Pete at 248 442 5010

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

With strong organizational & MS Office skills needed for a booming mechanical firm. A positive professional and upbeat person with the ability to multitask under fast paced conditions is exactly who we're looking for. Duties include assist project mgr in preparing quotes answering phones project tracking purchase orders and light dispatching. We offer competitive pay and benefits in a goal oriented environment. Please fax resume to 248 478 2005 visit our website at www.danboisemechanical.com or email to: info@danboisemechanical.com

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Full Time Please fax your resume to 248 888 4721

Administrative Assistant

Financial planning office in Plymouth looking for full time assistant. Experience a plus. Fax resume to 734 451 5660

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FULL-TIME

Large Reform Congregation seeking dynamic and energetic team player for its caring and warm Education Department. Excellent phone skills strong working knowledge of Access Microsoft Word Power Point Excel Mon Tues Wed 8:30 am 5:00 pm Thurs 10:00 am 6:00 pm Fri 8:30 am 2:30 pm Good benefits. Please fax or mail resume to:

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT RECEPTIONIST

For a small office in a medium sized manufacturing company in NE Detroit. Multi tasked position. Responsible for phone mail and general office. Needs to be proficient in Microsoft Excel and Word. Send resume and salary history to:

Global Titanium Inc 19300 Filer Detroit MI 48234 Fax 313 396 5305 or email to: info@globaltitanium.com

BOOKKEEPER

For Dental Office in Southfield Peachtree software 16 20 hours Fax resume to 248 357 6014

BOOKKEEPER Part Time

for medical office in Novi area Exp with QuickBooks necessary Fax resume to (248) 305 5880

BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY

Full Time For CPA Firm Computer & Payroll Fax Exp Preferred (248) 738 7420

CLERICAL

Part time evenings & week ends in real estate office. Approx 15 hours / week. Good phone & computer skills. Full out application in office 3172 6 Mile Livonia (734) 464 7111

CLERICAL TEMPORARY

20 hrs/week flexible sched ul. Process closed medical records for long term storage. Send resume to Hegira Programs Inc 8623 N Wayne Rd Suite 200 Westland MI 48185

CLERICAL PART TIME

For our children's outpatient services in Westland High School diploma good customer service. General office/organizational skills. Send resume to Hegira Programs Inc 8623 N Wayne Rd Suite 200 Westland MI 48185

CLERICAL POSITION

Growing Environmental Services Company is seeking Clerk for General Office Duties and Accounts Payable. Must be detail oriented and able to work in fast paced environment. Hourly position with benefits. EOE. Please fax resume to (734) 459 0021

COMMUNITY MANAGER

experienced for large metropolitan Detroit area community. Must be well versed in positive resident relations direction of leasing & maintenance staff. AHSI computer knowledge helpful. Great benefit package. Fax resume to 248 548 1597

A word to the wise when looking for a great deal check the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds!

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020

CUSTOMER RELATIONS & COLLECTION FULL-TIME

Reform Congregation seeks an energetic compassionate team player with good office and communication skills for its Accounting Department. Individual must be experienced in collections assisting in the establishment of proper payment of shukels and other related duties. Knowledge of Accounts Receivable Microsoft Word and Excel necessary. Good sense of humor a plus.

35 hour week 8:30 am to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 am to 2:30 p.m. on Friday. Good benefits.

Please mail fax or e mail resume to:

Personnel TEMPLE ISRAEL 5725 Walnut Lake Road West Bloomfield MI 48323 Fax 248 661 1302 Email: nglasser@templeisrael.org

CUSTOMER SERVICE/INVOICER

Full or part time Mon-Fri. For fast growing distributor. Send resume to 28115 Lakeview Dr Wixom MI 48393 or fax 248 446 4508

Customer Service/Office Clerical

Crypton Super Fabrics® is looking for a dependable and motivated individual to join our Customer Service Department. Applicant must have good communication organization and computer skills. Ability to be accurate detail oriented and multitasking is a must. AS400 knowledge and/or Fabric experience a plus. Minimum 5 years office clerical or customer service experience required. Position is permanent full time 9:5 Mon-Fri. Please send resumes to: Box 1046 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Schoolcraft Rd Livonia MI 48150

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for real estate agent must be highly organized real estate experience not required. Computer multi task and phone skills are a must. Must be personable willing to enjoy job learn new things and grow as a person. Mon-Fri 9:5 30:00. Please send resumes to: Mdmembers@twmri.com or mail to Attn: Mark Demers 39500 Orchard Hill Place Ste 130 Nov MI 48375

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FILE CLERK for Southfield office High School graduate Immediate opening Fax resume 248 355 2079

GENERAL CLERICAL Full time general clerical position with exp available in busy Farmington healthcare facility. Please fax resume to attn: Erica 248 471 6682

GENERAL OFFICE

Fast growing Wixom based co seeks PART TIME clerical person for general office & book keeping. Computer MS skills good organizational skills & multi task abilities a must. Fax resume 248 524 6940

INSIDE SALES CORRESPONDENT/SECRETARY

Mfg Representative for a major industrial products mfg. Looking for enthusiastic personality small sales office experienced good communication skills and professional telephone manner. Multi tasker computer literate self motivated and pro active skills are a must. Flexible and open work environment. Send resume to P.O. Box 587 Farmington MI 48332 0587

INSIDE SALES ASSOCIATE

Superior wood window company has an immediate opening in our Plymouth and Ann Arbor sales offices for a organized detail oriented professional individuals to work with home owners builders & contractors. Responsibilities include clerical computer order entry sales/product demonstration and maintenance of organized and efficient sales office. Excellent benefits salary commensurate with exp. Send resume to Pella Window & Door Company 2000 Haggerty Rd West Bloomfield MI 48322 EOE Attn: H

INSURANCE ASSISTANT ACCOUNT MANAGER

Provide support to Commercial Account Managers & Sales staff. Must be extremely organized and excel at multi tasking. Proficient in Microsoft word Excel and internet use. Insurance exp helpful. Excellent growth potential salary & benefits. Email resume to: billing@underwritersagency.com or fax 248 855 5267 Attn: Nancy

LEGAL SECRETARIES

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Detroit area (Plymouth MI) automotive global supplier is seeking experienced Narrow Web Flexographic Die Cutting Converting and Slitter Operators.

Qualified candidates need 2-3 years experience operating Flexographic die cutting machinery flat bed die cutting and/or material slitting and laminating machinery. Candidates must have a high school diploma, high desire to learn, great attention to detail, quality focused and be very dependable. Must have a solid understanding of QS 9000 statistical process control (SPC) and experience in automotive industry. Experience in CAD and PLC machinery a big plus.

We offer a clean working environment and very competitive benefits. Candidates must be able to work in the United States. Send resume and wage history to:

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Experienced Part time 15 20 hrs/wk Irish Rose Florist Livonia (248) 478 5144

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FORK LIFT OPERATOR

Wayne based building material (lumber) distributor seeks full time Fork Lift Driver / Load Builder. Must be team player & possess good math aptitude. Please fax resume att: Bob S at 734 695 3128 EOE

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HAIR STYLIST

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We are looking for a highly energetic individual with a great personality to join the housekeeping/leasing team at our Westland apt community. Applications can be filed at Hawthorne Club (734) 522 3364

INSIDE HELP

For commercial laundry. Must have driver's license. Good pay. Will train right person. 734 729 4740

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Requires HS grad or GED and 4 yrs experience supervising a code inspection/enforcement program. Prefer computer experience. \$51 945 77 917 per yr. Apply now until 4 PM 2/2/05. Applications available at Human Resources 500 W Big Beaver Troy or www.ci.troy.mi.us EOE

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General Skills Brighton/Howell area Call Mike 248 875 2130

LABORERS

Construction Co seeks full time highly motivated individuals for light construction. Must possess a strong work ethic. valid driver's license ability to drive a stick shift and work as a team member in a dry free work environment. \$15 18/hr year round work call (734)547 8246 ask for ext 202 Mon-Fri 8 am 4 pm on yr

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LARGE LANDSCAPE CONTRACTING FIRM NEEDS

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We seek motivated people to join our winning team! Applicants for these outdoor positions require good communication skills and a valid drivers license with good driving record. If you have a desire to learn and can work with minimum supervision give us a call. Medical benefits 401k 1 year round employment full training and up to 2 paid weeks off in your 1st year! Call us now at (248) 477 4880 to schedule an interview

MAINTENANCE

Full time needed for Apt complex Farmington Hills (248) 474 3000

MAINTENANCE (COMMERCIAL)

Off site Maintenance Technician is needed to assist Facilities Manager with the daily maintenance of various OAKLAND COUNTY office building sites. MUST have experience in Commercial Office Building maintenance reliable transportation and tools. Benefits include medical dental 401(k) vacation days and personal days. EOE. E mail resume with Salary Requirements to: resume@singhmail.com

Maintenance LOOK

Dependable person needed for general maintenance at mid size apartment community in Westland. Full time benefits included. Must be on site. Call 734 261 7394 Fax resume 734 261 4811

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Person wanted for Senior Citizen apt community to perform a variety of duties incl prep work apt work orders & exterior Apt & person Mon-Fri 1 5

FREEDOM SQUARE APTS 34848 Freedom Rd Farmington Hills MI

MAINTENANCE TECH

A luxury senior community in Royal Oak is seeking a full time maintenance tech. Must be skilled in heating and cooling & general maintenance duties. Computer knowledge preferred. Work schedule consists of Monday through Friday with an on call component. Fax resumes to 248 549 6426 attention: Kathy

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Full time experienced for Canton apt community. Great opportunity for right person. Please call 734 397 1080

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Full time experienced for Dearborn Heights area apt community. Great opportunity for right person. Please call (313) 562 3988 or fax resume to (313) 274 1927

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Applicant must have 3 to 5 years mortgage origination experience w/conforming and non conforming products. Must have a good understanding and previous background with FHLMC/FNMA Policy and Procedures. Competitive compensation plus benefits. Apply in person at any branch location.

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MORTGAGE PROCESSOR

CTX Mortgage Company LLC one of the nation's largest non bank affiliated retail mortgage originators with over 200 offices nationwide is a subsidiary of Centex Inc. A Fortune 500 Company. While we are a large organization we remain entrepreneurial in spirit and value our employees and their contribution.

We are currently seeking an experienced Mortgage Processor in our fast paced Southfield Builder Office who will:

- process Conventional FHA and VA purchase money loans while providing exceptional customer service to our Builder and Home Buyers
- demonstrate a working knowledge of standard loan products including guide price underwriting grade lines
- possess a minimum of 2 years mortgage processing experience

CTX offers a competitive compensation plan excellent benefits including a 401(K) Plan EOE

Applicants should be direct ed to Sarah Mewton via fax 248 233 8401 or email sarah.mewton@ctxmort.com

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Part time Computer proficient & light accounting skills required. Flexible hours. Call 8am 4pm 248 375 2800 or fax resume to 248 375 3002

OFFICE CLEANING

Plymouth Area 5:30pm - 8pm Mon-Fri \$8.50/hr Dearborn Area part time weekends. Call (248) 449 4880

ORDER PULLER PART-TIME

For fast growing distributor Afternoon shift 6:11 Apply at 28115 Lakeview Dr Wixom MI (248) 446 4500 or fax to 248 446 4508

OUTSIDE SALES REP

Needed for roofing/siding supply warehouse. East Side/Detroit/Downriver area. Knowledgeable in commercial & residential roofing along with sales exp. Many extras. Please apply at Wayne Oakland Building Supply 25018 Plymouth Rd. Redford

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For a metal stamping tier 1 automotive supplier in NW Detroit area. Competitive salary/benefits. Send resume & salary requirements to P.O. Box 98 Chesterfield MI 48051

QUALITY ASSURANCE TECHNICIAN

Tier 1 metal forming supplier has an open position in the quality department. Candidate must be capable of operating all inspection and test equipment including CMM. Comprehensive of GD&T on product drawings and PC fluency is required. Mail resume to Clips & Clamps Industries 15050 Keel Street Plymouth MI 48170 Email HR@clipsclamps.com or Fax 734 455 4270 EOE

QUALITY ENGINEER

Tier 1 metal forming supplier has an opening in the quality department. Extensive exp with PPAP PSO SPC GD&T corrective action and Internal Auditing is required. Exp communication skills are required for customer and supplier interface. Mail resume to Clips & Clamps Industries 15050 Keel Street Plymouth MI 48170 Email HR@clipsclamps.com or Fax 734 455 4270 EOE

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SUPERVISORS

U S Foodservice Inc a multi billion dollar national food distributor has two openings for Night Shift Supervisors at the Wixom Michigan location. The principal function of this position is to aggressively manage the nightly operations in the warehouse with direction and feedback plus analyze the current operations and make recommendations to improve on expense and cost control. This position will interact with sales and other departments. Qualifications/Abilities: Appropriate background in operations management industrial distribution or equivalent work experience with broad knowledge of warehouse operations methods and procedures. A plus if candidate has experience in the distribution business with strong competencies in leadership communication and solid business judgment. No application for this position local candidates only. Only applicants with appropriate background will be contacted. Excellent benefit package and salary will be commensurate with experience. Please e mail resume with salary requirements to: recruit.let@ballantys.com Please use Req # 05 0175 on the subject line of your e mail EOE/M/F/D/V

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DESIGNER/DETAILER

Custom machine supplier in need of a 3D CAD designer/detailer. This position should have special machine design and knowledge of tolerances bearings and fit specifications. 2 5 years experience. MUST have experience designing special machines with Autodesk Inventor. Excellent benefits. Resume to HR@linkinc.com or fax 734 453 0802

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020

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NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL WHOLESALE/ DISTRIBUTOR

Livonia seeks an Accounting Clerk for Finance dept. At least 1 year AP or accounting experience. Strong knowledge of Word/Excel. Approximately \$9 11/hr. Must be high school graduate and able to pass pre employment drug screening. To apply fax resume to 734 743 7015 or email sddodson@thdg.com

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LEGAL SECRETARY to \$41,500 Major Ann Arbor firm 5 years lit exp Patent a plus but not a must Familiar w/ Federal Court rules Call Barb 586 772 8760 Snelling Personnel Services

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OFFICE MANAGER Needed at Cribbhol Nursery 50145 Ford Canton MI Fax resume and Salary Requirements to (734) 495 1131

Office Manager/Secretary To run 1 person office for an electrical contractor in Farmington Mon Fri 30 hrs/week minimum Good computer telephone and organizational skills a must! A/R & A/P experience a must! Call 248 615 4449 or fax resume 248 615 4453

OFFICE ASSISTANT Brighter Life Products is looking for a part time office assistant to work 3 days/week for approx 3 5 hrs/day Mon Wed & Fri Days & times are flexible Knowledge of Quickbooks is helpful Please call Carolyn Diaz at (248) 349 0800

OFFICE ASSISTANT Livonia business seeks experienced individual Customer service skills & attention to detail a must Fax resume & salary req to (734) 458 8703

OFFICE ASSISTANT Part Time Microsoft Office & Quicken exp preferred 248 330 4998

Office Clerical Manufacturing company with administrative office in Southfield is looking for an individual to handle various accounting functions supporting its six plants throughout the US Individual will be responsible for various accounting related tasks including data entry file maintenance customer/vendor communication information analysis and G/L coding Please send resume to DFI attn OC 19100 W 8 Mile Rd Southfield MI 48075 or to OC@detroffirm.com

OFFICE COORDINATOR Full time customer service for Oak Park sales firm Access XL Word Fax 248 354 5197 email info@glencosales.com

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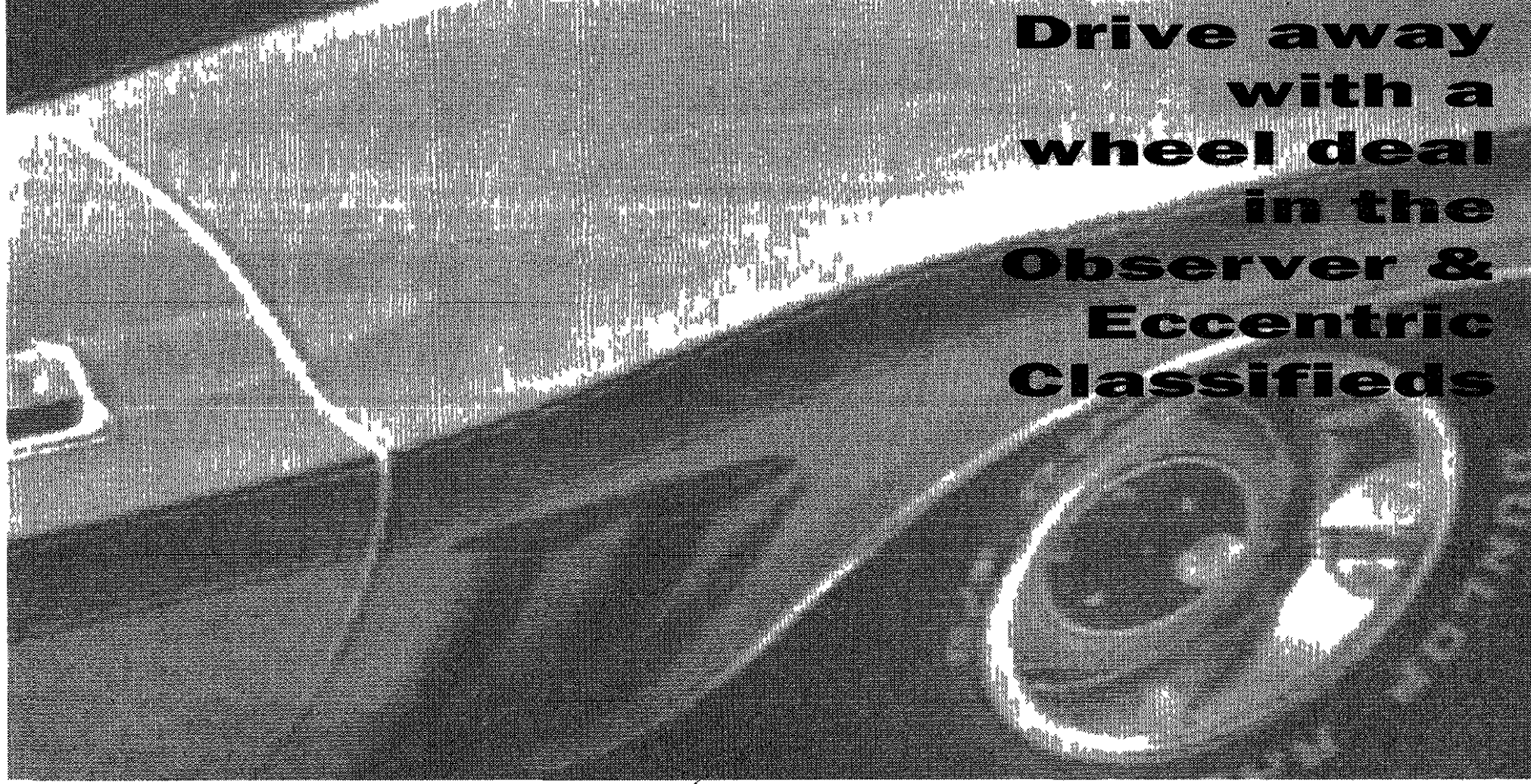
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Automakers let everything shine this year, from the newest and technologically best they could muster, dozens of automobiles and trucks were introduced for the first time. Everyone outdid one another, that's for certain.

The general public can view these wonders starting this week. Now in its 17th year as an international event, the North American International Auto Show is among the most prestigious auto shows in the world and is one of the largest media events in North America.

This is your chance to see everything the automakers offer in just one place. It's also a great chance to choose your next vehicle to drive, like, maybe the 2006 Lincoln Zephyr - or something else.

The National Auto Dealers Association has offered some tips that anyone can use to make new car buying easy and a little bit of fun at the same time. Let me pass along some of those tips.

Do your homework

Before you set foot in any new car dealership do your homework. Determine the type of vehicle that best fits your needs, your wants and especially your lifestyle. Check out NADAguides.com. There you'll find a comprehensive New Car Information Center to help you to choose your ideal ride. It includes a side by side comparison tool to let you compare up to four different vehicles on your wish list at the same time. It's a lot easier than visiting a bunch of manufacturer's web sites, which can be time consuming and sometimes a hassle to negotiate.

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Anne Fracassa



The new 2006 Lincoln Zephyr can be seen at Detroit's North American International Auto Show.

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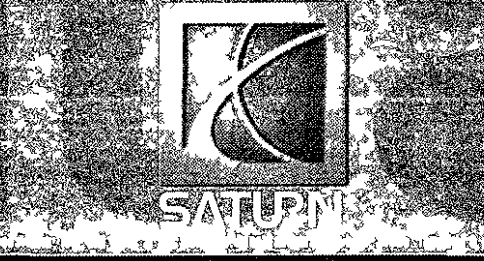
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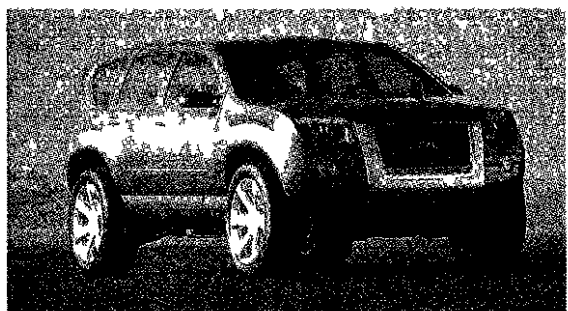
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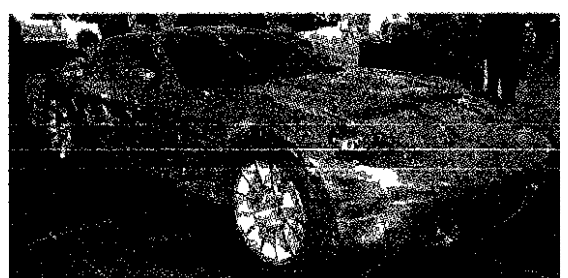
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The Ford GT got a lot of attention at this year's North America International Auto Show

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Popular designs make a comeback

BY SAM TRICOMO
STAFF WRITER

The names are meant to pull at the nostalgic strings of the auto buying public but similarities between new versions of old nameplates tend to end there.

Bill Cook of Bill Cook Imports in Farmington, served as chairman of this year's North American International Auto Show and said there is a trend toward automakers capitalizing on the retro trend in either name or design.

The Porsche brand holds a certain emotional connection for people in terms of the sports car image. That can take on a retro feel with cars like the Boxster but really it's all emotional. These new cars are so highly engineered and contain the most modern advances that they are not comparable to the models from 20 or 30 years ago, Cook said.

And with names like Charger, Mustang, Fairlane, Zephyr and GTO the 2005 North American International Auto Show is a showplace for automotive resurrections.

Beginning alphabetically with the four-door sedan market with a car that looks nothing like its predecessor but promises to perform as well at stop lights and haul a family of four in comfort.

Yeah, it's a Charger. The new Charger introduced at the show but available next year comes standard with a 250-horsepower High Output V-6 or an optional 340-horsepower HEMI.

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Chrysler's 300M received this year's Car of the Year Award at the North American International Auto Show

Car of the Year: People just love Chrysler's 300M

BY SAM TRICOMO
STAFF WRITER

Chrysler's wildly successful 300M should be getting a swelled head.

The company's re-entry into the large, rear-wheel-drive market segment was told again how wonderful it is by receiving the North American International Auto Show's Car of the Year Award.

The Chrysler Group is honored and proud of this award, said Eric Ridenour, Executive Vice President, Product Development. "We believe the Chrysler 300M fully represents our operating philosophy of disciplined pizzazz."

Birmingham's Gordon Runschler knows a little about the operating philosophy and spent years as the man in charge of

mini van and the Pacifica platforms.

"With the 300M and now with its little brother the Charger I think the company is really hitting on something," Runschler said.

The NAIAS Car of the Year Award is in addition to being selected *Motor Trend* magazine's Car of the Year as well as top distinctions from *Maxim*, *Money*, *Automobile*, *Car and Driver* and *Advertising Age*.

Fully loaded, the 300M is powered by Chrysler's famed HEMI engine which signifies that the pistons have hemispherical rather than flat design.

It was a favorite among muscle car enthusiasts beginning in the 1950s and ending in the early 1970s.

The new engine is able to boast much of the same horsepower and torque ratings as the old at 340 and 390.

The NAIAS award isn't just another compliment though. For dealers it can add a little extra push on the showroom floor.

"We've seen an increase since the announcement. People just love this car," said Dave Galdes of Livonia Chrysler-Jeep.

At this point, Chrysler's problem isn't making people love the 300M, it's providing enough of them to go around.

"The car is just selling fantastic. We don't have enough of them and that's a good problem to have," Galdes said.

That love is also tearing drivers away from old flames. "We see a lot of import buyers coming in for 300Ms. People driving Cadillac's, and Audi's want the horsepower and performance this car has," Galdes said.

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Many European automakers plan slew of new models

BY DAVID RUNK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Following a year that saw their U.S. sales drop 4 percent overall, many European automakers are introducing a slew of new models in 2005 as part of an effort to reverse the slide and revive their brands.

They're using the North American International Auto Show to showcase new vehicles ranging from the new Volkswagen Jetta and the Land Rover Sport to the second-generation Mercedes-Benz M-Class and Porsche's new 911 Cabriolet.

The European automakers didn't have many new models on the market last year, and the aging lineup contributed to the sales decline, said Jeff Schuster, executive director of global forecasts for J.D. Power and Associates.

The introductions are a must if the European automakers hope to reverse the trend, Schuster said.

Audi is planning to revamp its U.S. offerings with five models in the next seven months. And Volkswagen this month has been showing off its Jetta - the first of nine new models in the next 18 months - as it works to return to its performance-car roots and revive sales.

Len Hunt, executive vice president of Volkswagen of America, said the automaker's customers want "dynamic German-engineered driving experience with European flair."

Land Rover, which is part of Ford Motor Co.'s Premier Automotive Group, showed off its new Range Rover Sport and 2006 Range Rover, which will soon join its Land Rover LR3 sport utility vehicle in dealer showrooms.

The Ford Premiere division's Volvo, which saw U.S. sales up 3 percent in 2004, and Jaguar, which was down 16 percent, both are planning new models in the coming years to try to strengthen the brands. Those include the C30, which will be Volvo's smallest car and is expected to be introduced in late 2006.

Other automakers, such as BMW, are in a better position going into the year after its U.S. sales rose 7 percent.

BMW Group chairman Helmut Panke said the company plans to continue to bring a broad range of products to market. And Tom Purves, who leads the automaker's North American operations, said making new models available played a key role in the company's 13-year streak of sales increases in the United States.

Mercedes-Benz showed off its new M-Class, one of four new Mercedes models this year. Its U.S. sales were up 1 percent in 2004, but the gain came as the division of DaimlerChrysler AG suffered from weaker sales in Western Europe.

Audi chairman Martin Winterkorn said 2004 was a year where the company faced tough competition for its cars in the

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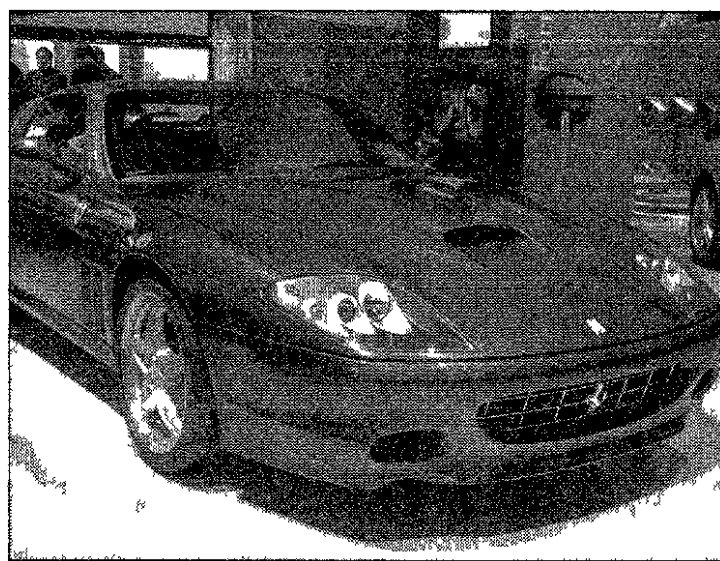


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Mercedes M-Class is one of the new vehicles being introduced by European automakers.

Product launches generate excitement

BY SAM TRICOMO
STAFF WRITER



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Mercedes M-Class is one of the new vehicles being introduced by European automakers.

The North American International Auto Show generates more industry excitement, and new vehicle launches, than any other show on this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

This year's show featured everything from a new world class SUV offered by Mercedes, a genuine supercar from Ferrari to Pontiac division's first SUV, the Torrent.

We're very excited about both the G-6 and the Torrent, said Jim Druce of Red Holman Pontiac in Westland.

This is an excellent SUV and one I think will be a hit.

The G-6 is a new Pontiac passenger car and will come in a four-place hardtop and

retractable convertible version.

The G-6 is powered by 3.5 liter, 200-horsepower V-6 engine.

The Torrent represents an entirely new direction for Pontiac. It's the largest of the midsize multipurpose vehicles in its class with a 112-inch wheelbase.

The Torrent is based on the same platform as Chevy's Equinox.

Chevy is adding a new twist to its Impala by offering the first ever front-drive V-8 in the historic nameplate.

Ferrari's Superamerica convertible coupe was a crowd pleaser with its pivoting, retractable hard top.

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COMEBACK

FROM PAGE F1

For the diehard Mopar fanatic who feels the new four-door Charger strays too far from its muscle car roots, the stats tell a different story.

"We're dying for this car to get here," said Joe Himmelspach of Crestwood Dodge in Garden City. "We really need a full sized four-door and people already want this car."

The 5.7-liter Hemi V-8 is rated at 340-horsepower with an impressive 390-foot-pounds of torque. Squeezed into a 2,000-pound car that equates to a 0-60 mph time of six seconds.

Besides having two more doors than the original street machine Charger, the '06 also boasts a host of technological features.

Borrowing from a Cadillac concept in the mid-eighties, the new Charger attacks fuel economy by using only the cylinders it needs to get the job done.

LIL GTO

Introduced last year but with new life this year is Pontiac's GTO.

Departing strongly from the look of the original large, two-door Tempest-based 1964 version, the new GTO is a short, low two-door more closely resembling a Sunfire than a mid-sized car.

But like the original the GTO is about muscle. New to the GTO this year is a 400-horsepower engine with an equal 400-foot-pounds of torque.

One interesting aspect of the new generation GTO is that a buyer would need to step to some very pricey foreign offerings from Italy or Germany to be able to purchase a car with dual exhaust.

Anyone who has ever heard a classic GTO knows that distinctive sound, said Lynn Myers, Pontiac-GMC general manager. "It's very much a part of the character of both the GTO and Pontiac, so we knew we had to recreate that same feeling in the modern version."

Mechanically, the exhaust system on the GTO consists of two completely independent exhaust paths that run from the manifolds to the outlet pipes, ensuring there is no mixture of exhaust gases. However, creating the necessary "voice" of the vehicle required much more than simple mechanics.

Dealers like Jim Druce of Red Holman Pontiac in Westland are glad the new GTO looks nothing like the original.

"You would get a few guys in here who remember the original and they'd buy one but it would end there. This is really a flag ship kind of car for us and not something meant to be sold in mass quantities. I think the 400-horsepower offering certainly deserves some respect and the car is well received by the public," he said.

LEGENDS RESURRECTED

Already on the streets but shown at Cobo in several trim levels including full-race is the next generation Ford Mustang.

With its fast back and rear window styling the car is an obvious resurrection of the over-popular original.

With its road rally lights, blackout grille and reconfigured tail lights, the Mustang is even more reminiscent of the race/street versions converted for Ford in the 1960s by motor sports legend Carol Shelby.

"This is a car the public has loved for years and the new design is really striking a cord with the public," said Mike Schrieber of Bill Brown Ford in Livonia.

The Ford Shelby GR-1 concept is retro primarily in name but with its aluminum body and 6.4-liter, 605-horsepower V-10 power plant it better represents the future of high performance for Ford.

Ford unveiled its supercar, the GT. Heavily inspired by the original Ferrari-eating GT-40 of 1966, the new GT powered by Ford's mid-mounted MOD 5.4-liter supercharged V8 the GT boasts 550-horsepower and 500 pound-feet of torque.

Ford also resurrected an old nameplate with a new Lincoln Zephyr on display at Cobo.

Other than a Mercury version from the mid-seventies that the company would rather forget, the new Zephyr is Lincoln's mid-sized luxury sedan.

The Zephyr's interior sports real wood, brushed metal trim and leather and is powered by a 210-horsepower, 3.0-liter V6 engine. All-wheel drive will be available a year after launch.

"The Zephyr shows luxury in a smaller package than our traditional Lincolns and will attract a new generation of customers," said Greg Smith, Ford executive vice president and president of North and South America operations.

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The rear of the new Mustang is reminiscent of the '60s era Shelby Mustang GT 350 and 500.

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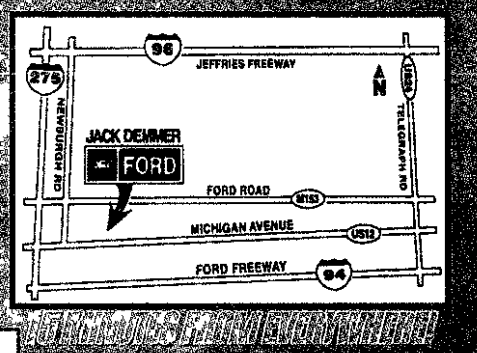
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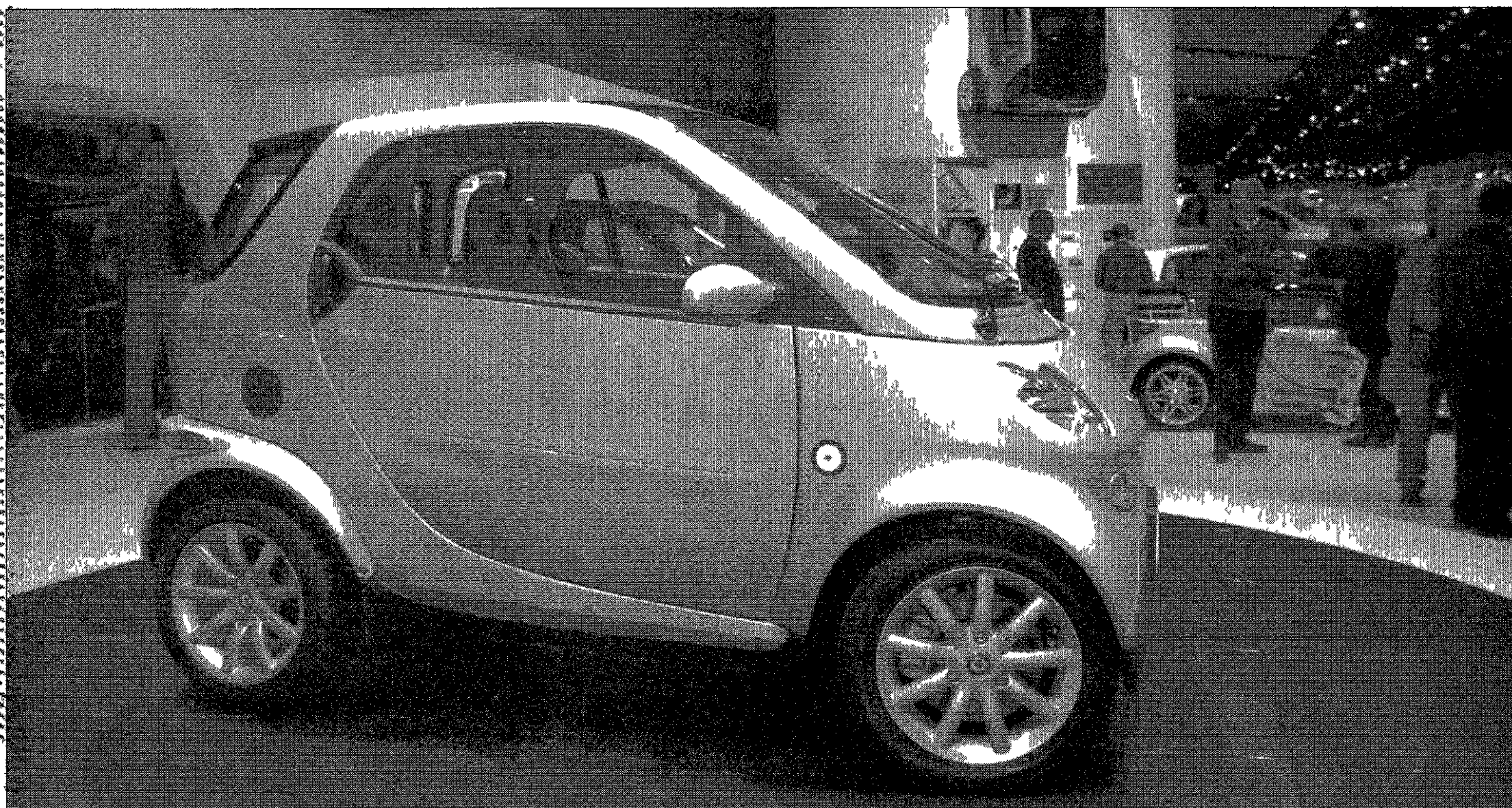
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DaimlerChrysler's Smart brand represents a completely new concept in personal transportation for the American market

High gasoline prices fuel interest in hybrids

BY SAM TRICOMO
STAFF WRITER

North America For the romantic car enthusiast it's a land of long open roads where size matters and horsepower rules supreme. But for the realist it's a place where high gas prices and congested streets and freeways are more the rule than the exception. Automakers at this year's North American International Auto Show seem to be understanding the realist's point of view as several manufacturers

are either launching, preparing to launch or celebrated the success of various alternatives to the traditional internal combustion gasoline engine.

AND THE WINNER IS

Ford will likely capture the most attention for hybrid products since its Escape hybrid SUV was voted NAIAS Truck of the year.

The Escape is the company's entry level SUV and represents the company's first hybrid vehicle. In addition to being a clean

running vehicle the Escape hybrid earned a federal distinction for highest fuel economy averaging 36 mpg city and 31 mpg on the highway in two-wheel-drive mode.

My great-grandfather's vision was to provide affordable transportation for the world. I want to expand that vision for the 21st century and provide transportation that is affordable in every sense of the word - socially and environmentally as well as economically, said Ford Motor Company Chairman

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Bill Ford
Ford Motor Co chairman and CEO

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The Mercury Mariner hybrid will be ready for customers later this year. Ford Motor Company's hybrid commitment expands to five models on the road in three years. The company will build three more hybrid-electric vehicles in the next three years - The Ford Fusion, Mercury Milan and Mazda Tribute.

NOT TO BE OUTDONE

General Motors showed off its hybrid brain power in the new Sequel.

A cross between mini van, wagon and passenger car, the Sequel is comparable in size to the Cadillac SRX.

Powered by a fuel cell module, the Sequel is capable of a 0 to 60 mph time of 10 seconds.

The system design has evolved and the components are becoming simpler, which

is helping drive down the cost of technology and bringing us one step closer to reality, said Daniel O'Connell, head of GM Fuel Cell Product Engineering.

THE SMART SET

DaimlerChrysler's Smart brand made its first appearance at the NAIAS this year.

The small, uniquely shaped vehicles are not hybrids per se but do represent a completely new concept in personal transportation for the American market.

Already a hit in Europe where gas prices are high and driving and parking space is limited, Smart offers a line-up of small eight-foot-long compacts powered by three cylinder engines.

Smart vehicles represent an entry into the Mercedes Benz line-up. The company's Fortwo is a two passenger, turbo-assisted coupe with a top speed of 84 mph and aver-

age fuel economy of 50 mpg. We think the trend in North America will soon be less is more, said Mark Ramsey, product manager for Smart. It's not always about how fast you go but about how you feel driving.

Smart cars feature flexible body panels and offer owners a variety of color options and design configurations.

Ramsey said the company is also very proud of its turbo diesel Fortwo CDI with an average 60 mpg.

This is really a small, high tech diesel and something we think will help to dispel the American concept that diesels are dirty and slow, Ramsey said.

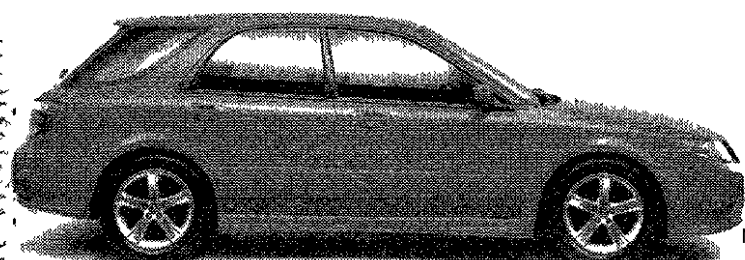
Smart also offers a hotrod of sorts in its Roadster.

The sleek, two-seater records a top speed of 118 mph and has a rear mounted, three-cylinder engine.

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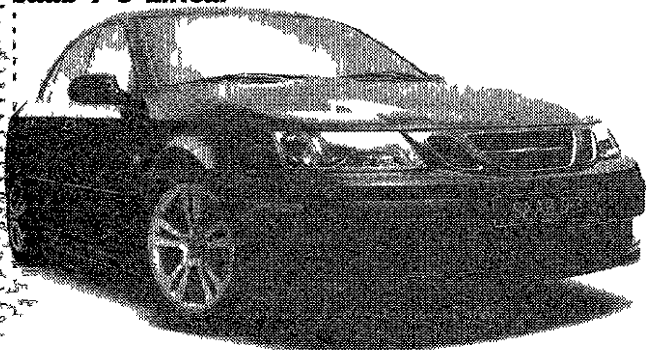


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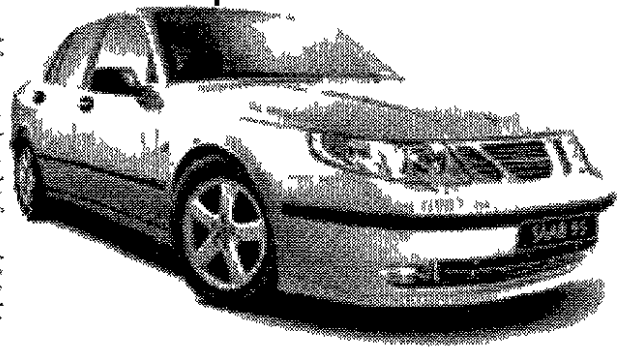


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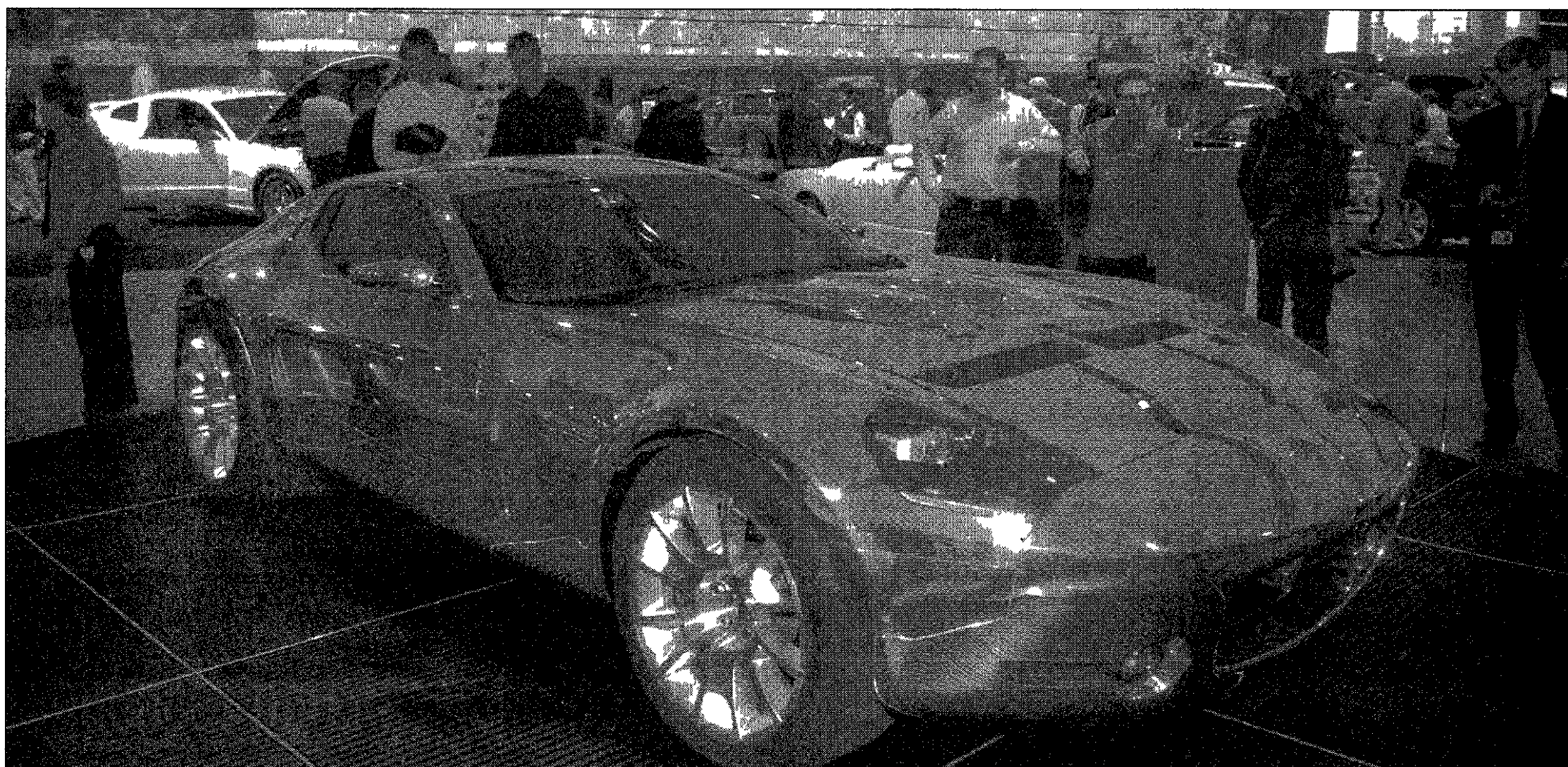
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North American market from SUVs and pickup trucks. But he says its new lineup is the most comprehensive overhaul in its history.

Even with new models coming to market, some such as German luxury automaker Porsche AG say they aren't focusing wholly on sales. Last year, the company said its North

American sales rose 11 percent to more than 33,000 - breaking a record set in 1986 - as its U.S. sales jumped about 10 percent.

"We will not push Porsches into the market by means of discounts. A Porsche must and will always remain a scarce asset in great demand," said chief executive Wendelin Wiedeking.



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Ford introduced its Shelby concept, a front-engine, rear drive coupe powered by a 605-horsepower V-10 engine.

Automakers move brands forward with challenging concepts

BY SAM TRICOMO
STAFF WRITER

GLADIATOR

They are not available for sale and may never be, but the sleek, ultra-modern vehicles automakers use to showcase various technologies and gauge public interest in designs are the standout stars at the North American International Auto Show.

Fifteen automakers are displaying experimental or "concept" vehicles at this year's show, and those range from ultra-fast supercars to vehicles capable of defying the general laws of automotive physics.

Chrysler is exhibiting its Firepower concept for the first time at Cobo. The high-performance, luxury coupe is based on the Dodge Viper chassis and powered by a 6.1-liter Hemi.

As designers we challenged ourselves, said Trevor Creed, Senior Vice President - Chrysler Group Design. How could we best encompass such strong Chrysler models as the Crossfire, which began the brand's move toward a higher level of performance and elegance, while looking to the most extreme expression of engineering and design such as last year's prototype, the ME Four Twelve? Firepower uniquely bridges these two worlds.

The Jeep Gladiator is the company's concept for a lifestyle pickup truck in somewhat the tradition of the Wrangler model.

The Gladiator features a retractable canvas top, removable doors and fold-down windshield. The truck's bed is designed with several stow-away compartments and expandable capabilities from 5 feet, 8 inches to 8 feet, 11 inches.

A 4-cylinder turbo diesel with 295 foot-pounds of torque powers the four-wheel drive vehicle.

Jeep's Hurricane also made a loud entrance during press preview days as it literally turned within its own radius.

The vehicle features two modes of automated four-wheel steering. The first is traditional with the rear tires turning in the opposite direction of the front to reduce the turning circle. The second mode is an innovation targeted to off-road drivers: the vehicle can turn all four wheels in the same direction for nimbler crab steering. This allows the vehicle to move sideways without changing the direction the vehicle is pointing.

The car is meant to show case the company's ability to deliver extreme performance to the off-road buying market and features not one but two 335-horsepower HEMI engines.

Jeep Hurricane is simply the most maneuverable, most capa-

ble and most powerful 4 by 4 ever built, said Trevor Creed, Senior Vice President - Chrysler Group Design. "It pays homage to the extreme enthusiasts' Jeep vehicles in form and off-road capability, but it is a unique interpretation of Jeep design. Simply stated, it is the extreme example for the Jeep brand."

Acura is showing off its hopes for an entry into the SUV market with its RD-X, a performance, luxury wagon aimed at today's young urban professionals.

In addition to its Explorer-based Sport Trac sport utility pickup, Ford is showcasing its Fairlane concept, a pretty but boxy utility wagon with leather and wood interior appointments.

In the supercar arena, Ford also is taking the wraps off its Shelby GR-1 concept, a front-engine, rear-drive coupe powered by a 605-horsepower V-10 engine. Sitting on a Ford GT frame, the GR-1 is clad in a highly polished aluminum body making it a definite eye-catcher.

Nissan's design center in Farmington Hills produced the company's Azeal concept, an entry-level, high-performance small car with styling cues somewhat resembling Pontiac's Vibe and Ford's Focus.

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Mazda got high marks from women for its zoom-zoom-zoom TV ads. The MX Crossport was one of the new models introduced this year. It merges the elegant speediness of a sports car with the tough practicality of an SUV.

Positive experience at dealership influences purchases by women

PRNewswire - There's good news for Mazda and its advertising agency. Professional women in the Motor City love its "zoom-zoom-zoom" TV ads, according to a recent instapoll of members of the Women's Economic Club. Cadillac ads also drew strong praise for doing "a great job in showcasing and making an old brand new."

The bad news is that only 14 percent of the 264 women who responded to the poll acknowledge that TV advertising is a major influence when it comes to buying a new car.

The results of the poll, which were tallied by event sponsor Deloitte, were announced at the WEC's annual automotive breakfast on Thursday, Jan. 13 by Kay Benesh, partner, Audit and Enterprise Risk Services, Deloitte.

"Although the participants had a variety of opinions on most ads, there were some major themes that had a greater impact in the ads they found appealing," said Benesh. "Some examples include the use of music and humor, as well as ads that portrayed elegance and sophistication."

Held in partnership with the Adcraft Club of Detroit, the auto show breakfast also featured fresh data from R.L. Polk regarding gender-related vehicle segment purchasing trends and a panel discussion, led by New York Times columnist Stuart Elliott.

WEC President and CEO Terry Barclay said the purpose of the annual event, held during press week of the North American

International Auto Show, is to provide the auto industry fresh information about the wants and needs of women, who make or influence 80 percent of new vehicle purchases. In North America, that's \$336 billion worth of purchasing power in the hands of women, said Barclay.

Of over 1,800 WEC members, 267 - including three men - responded to the instapoll. Asked whether they would consider buying a hybrid vehicle, 60 percent said they would, a few mentioning that their consideration would be dependent on a lower price tag.

The most women reported being influenced by consumer research reports (36 percent) and word of mouth (38 percent) in their purchasing decision, with the fewest identifying the Internet (12 percent) and TV advertising (14 percent) as the most influential source. Others said that employer loyalty, hands-on personal experiences and test drives, and print ads had a significant influence on their decisions.

When asked what motivates them to keep buying or leasing from the same automotive company, almost half (46 percent) chose the overall experience at the dealership and with the service staff, while only 15 percent said they were motivated primarily by incentives that are too good to ignore. The way a car makes the driver feel about herself/himself received relatively few votes overall (11 percent) and only 6 percent of respondents cited a connection to the auto industry (via dealerships or OEMs) as reasons that factor into their loyalty.

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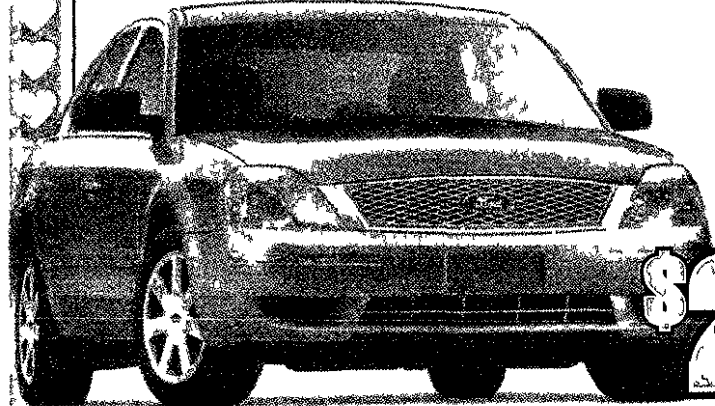
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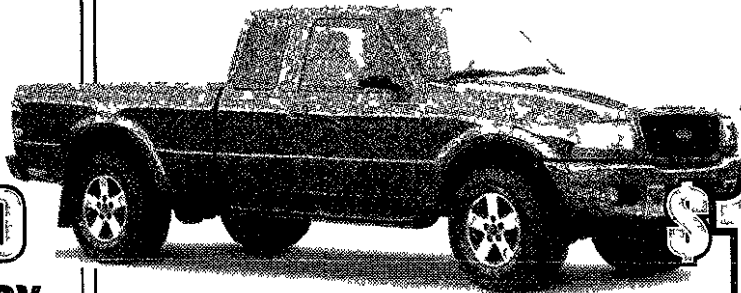


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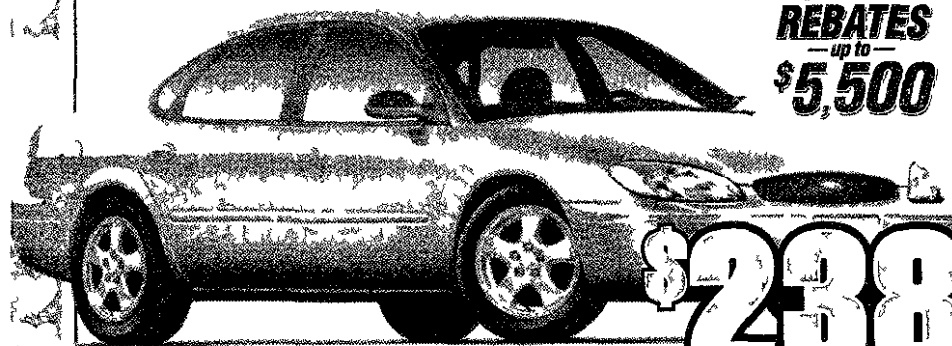
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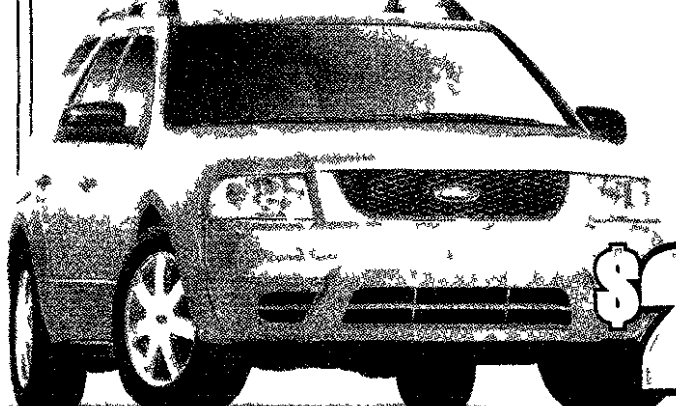


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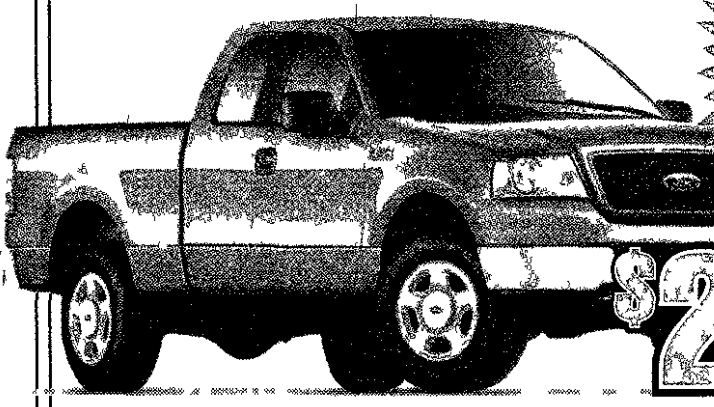
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The Pontiac G6 is built in Orion Township. It's one of the new models the Big Three hope will fuel their success in 2005.

Top automakers pledge U.S. sales growth from new vehicles

BY JOHN PORRETTO
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The world's top automakers used one of the industry's biggest stages in recent days to roll out their latest cars and trucks at the same time pledging to use the fresh offerings to attract greater numbers of new customers and expand their businesses. Here's the rub: The math doesn't add up. Many analysts and top automotive executives say the U.S. market in 2005 is likely to be flat, maybe even down a bit, from a solid sales year in 2004. However, growth was a common theme among automakers, particularly Asians and Europeans, during media preview week for the North American International Auto Show.

But across-the-board growth is highly unlikely. Many observers predict Asian brands such as Toyota and Honda will continue their assault on Detroit's Big Three in 2005. Asked Monday if General Motors Corp., the world's largest automaker, can grow its business in the United States this year after watching it fall 1.4 percent in 2004, Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said, "We can. We're going to try

That said, much of the buzz around this week's show was the continued onslaught of new products from Asian and European automakers, some of which will compete in categories dominated for years by American brands.

A bright spot for Detroit's Big Three was good reviews for several important products introduced in Detroit.

Chris Ceraso, an analyst with Credit Suisse First Boston, in particular liked the looks of Saturn's Aura concept car, which the GM brand says provides a peek at its upcoming replacement for the L-Series mid-size sedan. The car is expected to join Saturn's revamped lineup in 2006, sharing the underpinnings of other midsize models such as the Pontiac G6 and Saab 9-3.

Ceraso also was bullish on Ford Motor Co.'s new Ford Fusion midsize sedan, an important car for the company that fits between the Focus and new Five-Hundred flagship sedan. It will compete against models such as the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord, the top-selling cars in America last year.

Another Big Three vehicle that attracted attention was Chrysler's new Dodge Charger, a high-performance

sedan that takes its name from a muscle car of the '60s. The Charger, part of a product offensive at the U.S.-based division of DaimlerChrysler AG that includes 25 new or redesigned vehicles by the end of 2006, is scheduled to go on sale this summer.

I think the Charger will do well, said Jesse Toprak, senior analyst for Edmunds.com, an independent company that provides online automotive information. It still has a loyal following from way back when.

Much of the media attention at the show surrounded the Asians and Europeans. Honda Motor Co., for example, unveiled its first pickup, the Ridgeline, which is clearly aimed at the midsize truck market that for years was Detroit's domain.

Hoping to revive demand for its flagship Avalon sedan, whose North American sales were off 28 percent last year, Toyota Motor Corp. debuted a redesigned version in Detroit. Toyota also plans to increase the number of gas-electric hybrid vehicles it allocates for the United States, expanding its lead in that category.

While the winners and losers among the automakers will emerge as the year unfolds, Toprak said a certain winner is the American consumer. He

said buyers can expect to find continued rebates and financing offers on many models in the ultra-competitive marketplace, and the choices will be broader than ever.

"Many automakers are going for more limited production runs to capture those specialized segments," he said. "That means more new models. It used to be compact cars, mid-

size cars, trucks and SUVs. Now some vehicles are hard to categorize. But with all the new products, the consensus is it's a great time to be a consumer."

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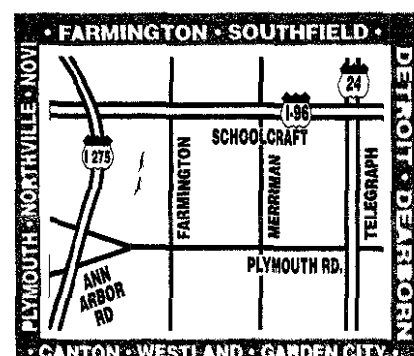
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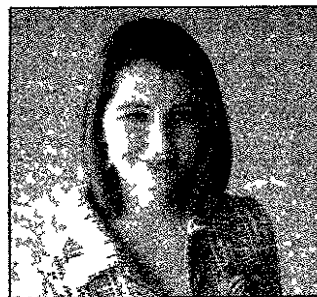
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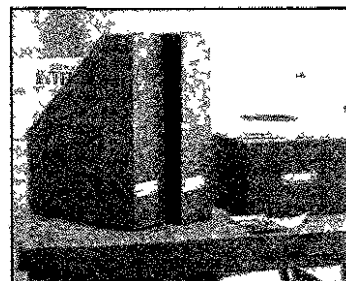


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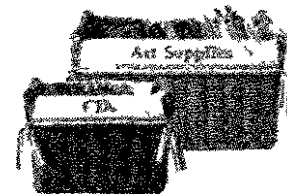


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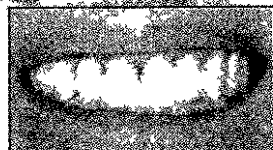
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Meg Ferron owner of The Fuchsia Frog and co chair of Dog Town poses with the Dogs of Birmingham poster

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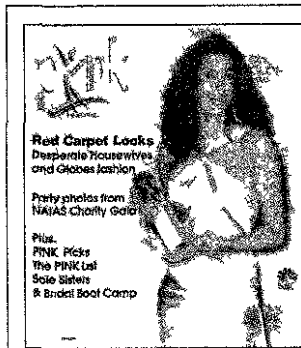
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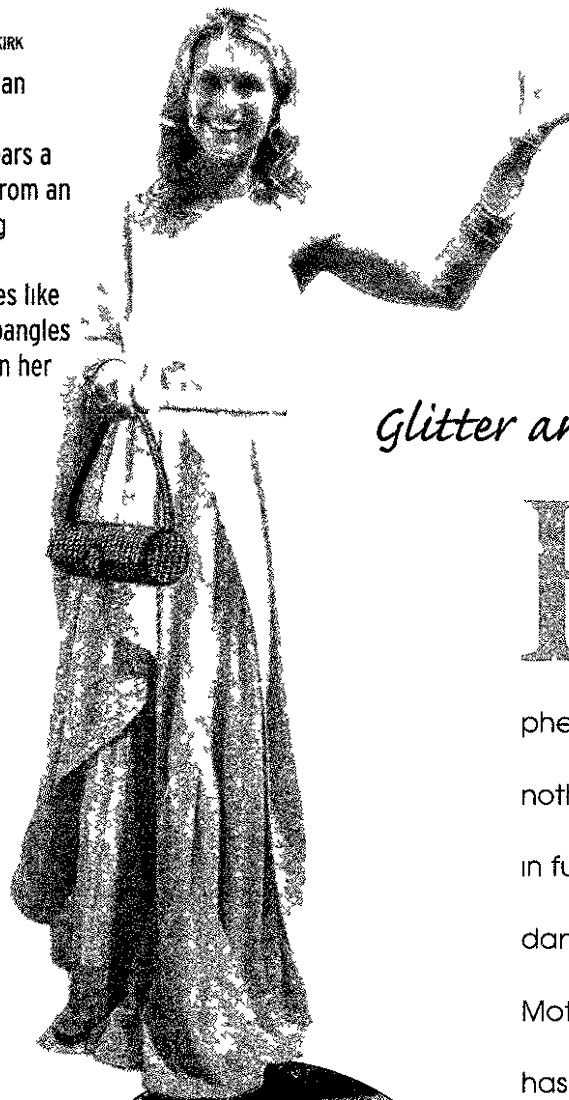
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Katja Knupfer an attorney from Bloomfield wears a unique dress from an Indian wedding complete with themed touches like delicate gold bangles and a bindhi on her forehead



Glitter and glitz were in high

Each year the North America Charity Preview gala. The price — a sneak peek at the

sphere of champagne and glamour. Nothing is too fancy to wear to the party in full evening gowns. Auto industry exude as people come from around Motor City. Best of all, the gala raises money for the Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan. The NAIAS closes today at 7 p.m.



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From left John Davis CFO of Wayne State University enjoys the show with his wife Lizzie and Kiko and Don Davis CEO of First Independence Bank



Bill Ford Jr and NAIAS laughs as the gala gets



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Heather and John George of Lovio George Inc enjoy a taste of champagne



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Actor Jeff Daniels and Governor Jennifer Granholm pause backstage

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Karen Neuman sings the national anthem to open the NAIAS gala.



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Lear Company's Lisa Fraser looks fabulous in a metallic fuchsia tea-length gown with a flared skirt, while her husband Roger complements her in a traditional tux.



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Co-Chairs Bill Cook and Richard Genthe share some laughs under way.



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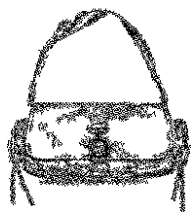
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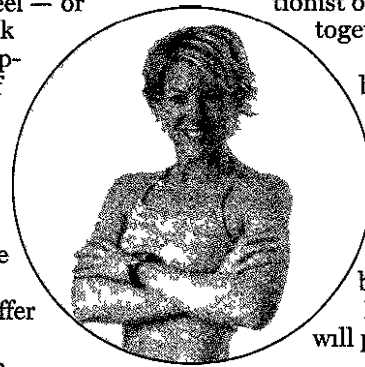
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Planning a wedding but freaking out because you don't feel — or look — ready to walk down the aisle? Get a jump-start on whipping yourself into shape with an all-day Bridal Boot Camp presented by Personal Trainer Jennifer Gray. Gray has called in a team of pros to meet at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester on Feb. 5 and offer complete mind and body makeovers for all who sign up for the \$500 workshop. The event includes personalized fitness evaluations, nutrition and skin care consultations, hair and makeup demos, fashion advice, dance lessons, wedding planning guidance and menu tips, along with numerous fitness classes. Brides-to-be will arrive at 6 a.m. sharp, and leave at 9:30 p.m. armed with a wedding prep plan created just for them. Gray, who holds a degree in Exercise Science from Oakland University, trains one on one with clients throughout the metro area but decided to bring her talents to a wider audience by creating Bridal Boot Camp. Everyone cannot afford to seek a consultation with a fitness expert, a nutritionist or stylist so I gathered them together for one day, she said. Gray will evaluate each bride-to-be and provide workout and nutritional recommendations customized for their wedding day goals. Throughout the day, she will also lead classes in cardio circuit, bosu ball, fit ball, band and toning. Noted dietician Gail Posner will present information on deciphering labels and meal planning. Skin care expert Margo Kohler from Margo's European Day Spa will give skin care dos and don'ts, while London Hair Company and Todd's Room step in with make-up and hair instructions. The beauty boot camp will continue with a presentation on the latest hair trends for the big day by Keith Harris — stylist to stars like Shania Twain, Penelope Cruz and Pamela Anderson. Brides will also receive practical advice on relaxing before and during the wedding, along with dance lessons.



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Trod on over to downtown Northville's newest boutique

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The far West Side just got a little more groovy with the recent opening of Sole Sisters on North Center Street in downtown Northville. Look for the single purple door and step through to discover a superior selection of very wearable and eclectic footwear from hard-to-find brands like Biviel, LaCoste and S Edelman (formally Sam & Libby), as well as faves including BCBG Girls and Franco Sarto.



Check out Sole Sisters Northville where the boots are on sale and the handbags are divine.

This is the first franchise for Sole Sisters, opened by new owners Lauren and Bob Beras, who branched off from the original, which has graced the corner of Fourth and Washington in Royal Oak for nearly two years.

Count on Sole Sisters to offer not so run-of-the-mill handbags like those by a local Livonia designer made from vintage records, and jewelry by the likes of Kitty Delux and Love Linkz. Owner Lauren is hoping to add the fun, sporty and uber

hip PUMA line to round out her selection very soon.

Sole Sisters' wise array of merchandise all seems lovingly at home in its new cozy space, which features exposed brick mixed with corrugated sheet metal walls in a 178-year-old building smack in the middle of Northville's Historic District. The shop will perfectly suit Sole Sisters' signature Shoe Parties, which any customer can book to provide a soiree style shopping experience with wine and cheese and a bonus 10 percent discount!

Service is stellar, selection is varied and ambiance is funky-boutique meets-vintage-apartment chic. Saunter into Sole Sisters Northville and discover your new fave footwear boutique that'll have you enjoying the spirit of shopping beyond the same-old found at the mall.

Sole Sisters Women's Shoes and Accessories is located at 142 North Center Street Northville. Call 248-348-9270.

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Sexy 'Desperate Housewives' rule the Golden Globes red carpet

By Samantha Critchell ■ AP Fashion Editor

The stars pulled out their party clothes for the Golden Globes Sunday night, with on-screen boxer Hilary Swank looking like a bronze goddess in a simple yet-slinky Calvin Klein gown, and all the Desperate Housewives in sexy dresses instead of twin sets and jeans.

Among the ABC series fashionable stars were Teri Hatcher in a multi-metallic stretch Donna Karan gown with a very low back, braid detailing and hand-cut embroidery, and Felicity Huffman in a formfitting, bronze-beaded gown with a deep V-neck.

Co star Eva Longoria said she wanted to "do pretty" in a black, cocktail-length dress by Oscar de la Renta with the designer's signature pouffy skirt, since she spends so much time in "va va voom" outfits on her show. And Marcia Cross wore one of the night's biggest trends: a fishtail train.

Cate Blanchett kept the train of her lilac Jean-Paul Gaultier gown under control by holding the end in her hand. The dress, with its floral appliques and asymmetrical shape, fit the carefree mood of the Globes.

"This event is a lot more playful than a lot of the other awards. It's loose and lighthearted, and the dresses reflect that," said designer Monique Lhuillier, who made Diane Lane's jade chiffon gown with jade organic stone clusters at the neckline.

Lhuillier said silk chiffon, soft colors and metallics were popular.

Nicole Kidman, however, went bright in a Gucci dress with a blue peacock feather detail on her shoulder, and Charlize Theron wore a structured dark teal gown by John Galiano for Christian Dior that played up her new short dark hair.

"The dress is such an amazing color," said Shane Paish, makeup artist for Dior. "I didn't want to do anything too strong. I wanted to keep her looking like herself," he said, which was done with dewy skin and peachy colors.

Emmy Rossum, who plays Christine in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*, wore a sophisticated Ralph Lauren with tiers of tulle but also looked her age — 18 — thanks to loose hair, delicate Harry Winston drop earrings and the light color of the dress. Meanwhile, Natashe Portman picked up on one of spring's major fashion trends — bohemian chic — in a billowing tank dress with a black beaded cummerbund.

The *O.C.* star Mischa Barton went for sexy in a halter gown with matching cutouts at her hips, both her dress and makeup was bare.

"The dress is really sexy and we decided to do something a little bit more grown up," makeup artist Nick Barose said. He used pale lilac colors, and a lot of mascara and eyeliner to create dramatic eyes.

"She looked foxy and grown up," he said.

Jennifer Garner, with wavy hair held back with a 12-carat diamond crescent by Harry Winston, had on a siren-red, scoop-neck vintage Valentino that showed off her slim and well-toned back.



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Marcia Cross, Nicolette Sheridan, Felicity Huffman, Teri Hatcher and Eva Longoria represented the glamazon side of Desperate Housewives backstage at the 62nd Annual Golden Globe Awards.

Many gowns had draping and delicate details that will translate well to clothes for average women, said Glamour editor in chief Cindi Lerve.

Lerve particularly liked Halle Berry's one-shoulder, nude-color gown. "She really looks great. That looks like a dress that'll be knocked off and in the mall in three and a half days."

Swank's gown came to a gathered V in the back. She wore a pony tail, simple Chopard comical diamond drop earrings and sheer makeup.

"We didn't go overboard. She looks like a bronze goddess who has the most beautiful skin and who just walked off the beach," described Dior makeup artist Pati Dubroff, who worked with Swank. The only strong makeup was her mascara, which is complemented by praline-colored lip gloss, Dubroff said.

Kate Hudson wore a chocolate brown gown by Versace with a sweetheart strapless neckline and a keyhole cutout on the bodice.

Mariska Hargitay preferred pink. She wore an asymmetrical, dusty-rose satin gown by Vera Wang.

A good black dress always looks great, and among the standouts was Renee Zellweger in a strapless Carolina Herrera dress reminiscent of the 1950s.

Juhanna Margulies wore a long, black skirt with a layer of beaded tulle and a white wrap top. "I saw the skirt and I fell in love with it," she said. "It was about trying to find the shirt. I feel glamorous."

Star Jones Reynolds used the word 'glamazon' several times as she offered fashion commentary for E! on the red carpet. It's how she described Minnie Driver in a silver, V-neck gown with floral embroidery by Randolph Duke.

TV Guide Channel's Joan and Melissa Rivers, Jones Reynolds' on-air rivals, wore black. The elder Rivers' strapless gown featured fur around the bust and white embroidery on the bodice, while her daughter's gown had a bustier top and jeweled straps.

Most of the red carpet's bling came from dangling earrings, but Jones Reynolds wore a \$7 million diamond brooch from Chopard that was sewn directly onto her sea-foam goddess gown by Kevan Hall.

For men, the most popular look was pairing a regular tie with a tux, it was worn by Leonardo DiCaprio, Orlando Bloom, Ewan McGregor and Denis Leary, whose purple Hugo Boss tie matched the purple gown worn by his wife, screenwriter Ann Lembeck. Jamie Foxx, meanwhile, skipped the tie altogether and wore his midnight-blue shirt open at the collar, and fashion rebel Johnny Depp wore a blue suit and pink tie.

"This is men saying, 'This isn't the Oscars, we're trying to keep this in perspective,'" said Glamour's Lerve. "It's the evening version of men wearing their shirts untucked during the day."

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