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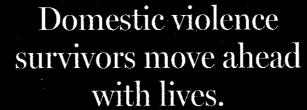
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District makes MEAPs a graduation must

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton 11th-graders will be required to take the MEAP tests in order to graduate and receive their high school diplomas

The Board of Education passed the new policy Tuesday night in order to comply with state Adequate Yearly Progress regulations and the federal No Child Left Behind Act, designed to make schools more accountable for improved test scores

The new policy was necessary after the district failed to meet AYP at Canton High School because the district failed to get 95 percent of the students to participate in the MEAP test School officials said Canton's participation was above 94 percent, but not high enough to keep from getting flagged for non-compliance

"It all goes back to the years when parents and students began to exempt themselves from testing, particularly

at the high school level,' said Barbara Church, assistant superintendent of instructional services 'Students stopped taking the tests because they felt it wasn't relevant. During the time when we didn't have to show that 95 percent of the students took the test,

it wasn't a problem' 'In essence the policy states that in order to graduate, a student must attempt all portions of the MEAP, said Church

Juniors at all three high schools -

Canton, Salem and Plymouth - will be taking the MEAP tests during a two-week period beginning March 14

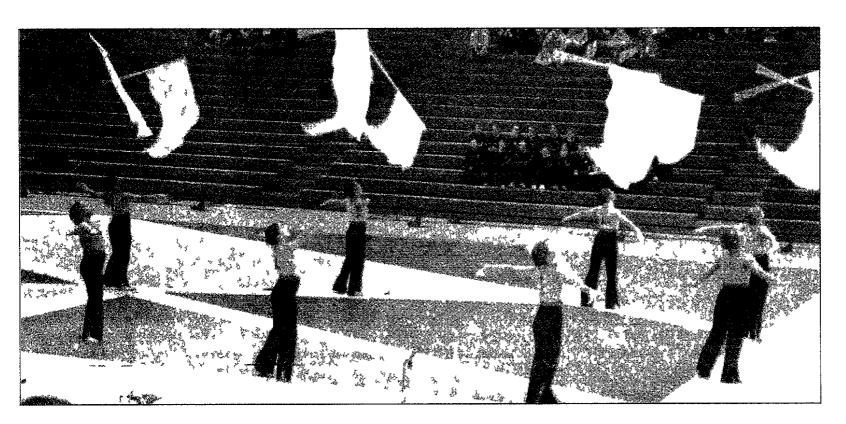
"We had a high percentage of kids already participating, but the board making it a graduation requirement will help us exceed 95 percent," said Mike Bender, director of secondary

While waiting to pick up her daughter, Sarah, at Salem Friday afternoon, Elizabeth Bugosh of Canton Township said there's really no harm in requiring the MEAP tests for students

"I don't see anything wrong in students taking the test because many of them are preparing for college or some kind of technical school, and it's helps them be more prepared," said Bugosh

Jason Bagley, 18 and a senior at Salem, has already taken the MEAP tests He favors the idea of requiring

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in the performance by the Plymouth Canton Winter Guard at the national championships last year. The Winter Guard has grown from 20 to 37 members this year

Coming out of the band's shadow

Winter Guard team building reputation all its own

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Mention the words 'winter guard" to most people and they don't know what you're talking

But if the Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard program continues to grow at this rate, it won't be long before the perception changes

The PCEP Winter Guard, the flag-waving, rifle-totin' winterized arm of the PCEP marching band, has nearly doubled in size in the two years since Jennifer Leseth took over

"People don't know what it is, but when they see it, they like it,' said Leseth, hired two years ago to coach the team "I think we've done a good job recruiting"

She's got a right to think so Two

years ago, in Leseth's first season, the Winter Guard fielded one group of performers featuring just 20 students

This year, Leseth is balancing two groups with nearly 40 total students She attributes the increased participation to the group's education of the public and its efforts to bring in middle schoolers

"We tried to get into the middle

schools to expand our student base,' Leseth said "We also did a community performance, which

we'll do again" Winter Guard is the winter version of the fall's color guard Team members twirl flags, rifles and sabres The group performs to recorded music, incorporating dance and music into a choreo-

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Chamber seeks permanent home

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is looking to purchase downtown property to move its Main Street offices

"When you look at the bottom line, and the best interest of the chamber. some (board members) feel it's in the best interest to find a permanent location,' said Patrick O'Neill, chamber president "It's an issue that's been around for more than 20 years, and pops up once in a while It's a distraction for the chamber, and takes away from the development of programs

The Board of Directors recently voted to move into the new office building at Harvey Street and Ann Arbor Trail constructed by Dominic Maltese However, a second vote Jan 21 resulted in the board deciding against leasing office space for the time being

The chamber offices, located next to Parkside Gallery, are considered too small and aren t barrier free

"Our goal is to be within two blocks of the downtown area, have ample parking for major functions and handicap accessibility," said O'Neill "Our preference is to buy

Jim McKeon, who owns buildings on Main Street across from Kellogg Park that house four businesses — including O'Neill's UBS Financial Services - said

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Dorothy Twinney of Foursight Creative Group updates the crowd on the activities of the Old Village committee at Thursday's State of the Chamber breakfast

Restaurant chain won't add local link

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Andiamo restaurant chain won't be calling Plymouth home anytime soon Joseph Vicari, CEO of Andiamo Restaurant Group, said the cost to renovate the old Penn Theatre was just too expensive to make the proposed venture &

'We definitely like Plymouth, but it was going to cost a lot more to renovate that building than the landlord was willing to do, and the economics didn t work for us, Vicari said Unfortunately, we were under the impression the landlord would put some dollars toward the remodeling, but he wanted it repaid That's the main reason were not going to do the deal"

"It's an old building, and to bring it to code would have cost \$2 5-\$3 million," he said "We just felt we couldn't get a return on our investment in a reasonable amount of time"

Chris Knight, who along with Pat Tortora, bought the building in March for nearly a million dollars, said it's back to the drawing board

"We're exploring all options," said Knight

And, for the first time, Knight hinted the theater - which has been a landmark in downtown Plymouth since 1941 - could see some big changes

"Maybe we change the building, construct a new building, add on," said Knight 'Make it a restaurantomake it' office space It's a great piece of real estate, but a tough building

'It's not up to fire code, not up to electrical code, the bathrooms aren't handicap friendly," added Knight "The heating and cooling would need to be redone Sometimes you have to say it's time for a new building, or version of a different

building" ,

Knight hinted the Penn could be renovated into office space

"There seems to be a lot of office space available in Plymouth, but one or two may pass those up to be in this location," Knight said 'In a perfect world, we'd like to see it be a restaurant, with office and condominiums above At this minute, we have nothing headed in that direction"

Vicari, meanwhile, hasn't ruled out the possibility of opening a restaurant in Plymouth

"I think well talk with a Realtor and see what's available," said Vicari "We may be better off approaching an existing restaurant owner and seeing if they're interested ın selling"

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Pioneer Mystery Zone

Eighth-grade students at Proneer Middle School host the second-annual Mystery Zone Thursday, Feb 10

This dessert theatre will showcase the acting, dancing, singing and writing talents of the Proneer eighth-graders In addition to being a culminating activity for their mysterv unit, students hope to raise money to refurbish Pioneer's 30-year-old stage

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8 at Pioneer Middle School A silent auction featuring donations from local businesses and parents will also be held

The Educational Excellence Foundation will handle the money raised from the Mystery Zone until there is enough to begin refurbishing the stage

Governor appointee

Gov Jennifer M Granholm announced the appointment of attorney William Lawson, Jr, of Plymouth to the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Board

Lawson was appointed to represent members who retired from a finance or operations management position for a term expiring March 30, 2008 He succeeds John Cook, whose term has expired

The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Board is responsible for the investigation of the morality, service, compensation, and other experiences of members and beneficiaries of the public school retirement system, and is charged with investing and distributing any or all of the monies in the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Fund Additionally, every five years the board must formulate and present a plan to direct the operation of the

Mom-to-mom sale

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Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples will hold their Spring/Summer Sale from 10 30 am to 1 pm Saturday, March 5, at Plymouth VFW, 1426 S Mill, North of Ann Arbor Road

The event features department style shopping with baby and children's clothing from newborn to size 7, maternity clothing, toys and baby gear There will also be a bake sale

Admission is \$1 for adults, no strollers please

Lenten fish fry

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a fish fry every Friday from Feb 4 through

All-you-can-eat meals of fish and chips (\$6), shrimp (\$7) and macaroni and cheese (\$4) will be served from 5-7 p m Free coffee and punch will be available

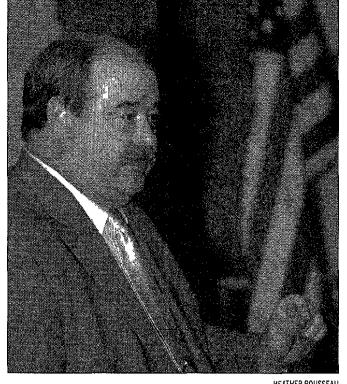
The Knights of Columbus is located at 150 Fair in Plymouth For details, call (734) 453-3966

Blood drive

St John's Episcopal Church hosts a Red Cross blood drive

from 2-8 p m Monday, Feb 21 Donors can call Carolyn Liebau, (734) 455-5395, to make an appointment or simply drop in

St John's is located at 574 S Sheldon



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Cherry visit

Lt Gov John Cherry spoke and had a question and answer session at the Garden City Democratic Club meeting Wednesday night

Headache seminar

Dr Nicole Whitehead appears at 7 30 p m Feb 9 at the Plymouth Cultural Center for a free headache relief seminar that focuses on how balance, posture and nutrition can bring relief to even the most chronic headache suffer-

To register for this free workshop, call (248) 426-0201 Seating is limited

Franklin scholarships

Applications are now available in the counseling offices of Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools for the James W Franklin Scholarship

Seniors planning to attend a two- or four-year college who have participated in an organızed swim program are eligible to apply for the \$1,000 award

Applications and criteria are also available at

www.jameswfranklin.com Tsunami relief

The Cutting Quarters Salon in Plymouth sponsors a "Tsunamı Relief Benefit" from

4-8 p m Monday, Jan 31 In effort to raise funds for the tsunami victims, the stylists will be providing all salon services to the community All proceeds from the benefit will be donated to the American Red Cross

The Cutting Quarters Salon is located at 328 Harvey For more information, call(734) 459-0640

'Our Gang' exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents "Our Gang, an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Canton resident Byron Reed, Feb 2-

The artist was born on Detroit's lower east side and his work depicts life before TV Drawing entirely from memory, Reed captures a sprawling, vibrant and energized inner city Most of the scenes are recollections from childhood and represent his favorite subject just plain folks on the street According to PCAC officials, the work is 'jazzy and very upbeat"

The exhibit can be viewed 9 a.m -3 p m Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a m -8 30 p m Wednesday

The Arts Center is located at 774 N Sheldon in Plymouth Call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 for additional information

Memory program

"Improving Your Memory how to remember what you're starting to forget,' is the next in the Plymouth District

Library's health and wellness series The event takes place

from 7-9 p m Monday, Feb 7 This free workshop will provide vital information on how memory works and which fac-

tors affect memory Participants, ages 50-65, will learn concrete strategies for tackling the areas of memory that are troubling

The presenter is Lynn Stern, MSW, a clinical social worker at the U-M Health System Turner Geriatric Clinic She has co-authored a book by the same name and will present concepts guaranteed to help individuals learn that there is a tool to remember everything

Registration is requested for the program and can be accomplished on-line at plymouthlibrary org or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext 4

Parent information

Canton Charter Academy will hold a parent information meeting at 6 30 p m Wednesday, Feb 2 at the school, located at 49100 Ford Road in Canton

Principal Claudia Williamson will present an overview of the school and its curriculum, followed by a tour of the facility

Canton Charter Academy, managed by National Heritage Academies, is currently taking applications for students in kındergarten through eighth grade for the fall of 2005 The tuition-free academy features a back-to-basics curriculum, small class sizes, and a focus on character development and core democratic values

Applications are currently available and can be obtained at the meeting For additional information, call (734)453-

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Police team up to 'nail thieves'

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

McGruff, the crime-fighting dog, was always urging residents to "Take a Bite Out of

Now the police departments of Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships are starting a campaign under the label "We 'Nail' Thieves"

The campaign, in cooperation with the Crime Stoppers organization, is aimed at eliminating (or at least reducing the number of) thefts from construction sites in the growing communities

"We have continued to expemence a large amount of construction site larcenies occurring," said John Santomauro, Canton director of public safety "Our department has attempted to address this through the years by doing some things up to and including seminars for developers and trying to do some public education

And that's one of the projects that's coming up

On Friday, Feb 11, from 2-4 pm at the Summit on the Park ın Canton, a seminar will be held to educate builders and contractors on how to protect their sites from thieves. The seminar, which is offered at no cost, will be conducted by Canton Police Sgt Scott Hılden

To register call 394-5325 by Feb 5 There is no charge for the seminar

"Since the year 2000 up to 2004, known theft from construction sites has amounted to about \$1.5 million and that's known,' Santomauro said "The reality is in most cases a lot of the minor theft that occurs in terms of dollars is never reported so we think that's only the tip of the iceberg

Northville Township Police Chief John Werth said his community has had a similar, if lesser, problem

"Our theft loss at new construction sites was under a half million dollars, and we had

approximately 48 construction sites last year," he said

And Plymouth Township Police Chief Thomas Tiderington said it's a problem in his community also

"The only thing I'd add is it's to educate the contractors and builders on how to protect themselves,' he said "Its not the police function to go out and be the security company What we expect is that they take reasonable steps to secure their property and this would be a good opportunity to teach them how to do that'

And that's where they connection with Crime Stoppers comes in

Craig Yaldoo, who spearheads the Crime Stoppers effort, said the citizen based group encourages residents to be aware of whats going on around them and to speak out if they see a crime being committed

"We're not going to let thieves and vandals impede the growth of these communities,"

Crime Stoppers will offer builders and developers posters to put up at their construction sites listing an 800 number to call if someone sees a crime being committed

"We offer cash rewards up to \$1,000 depending on the crime,' Yaldoo said 'And we will shield an anonymous tipster We'll act as a buffer between the tipster and the police department without revealing the tipster's name

Anyone having evidence of a construction site theft or any other serious crime is asked to call (800) SPEAK UP (that s 1 (800) 773-2587)

Yaldoo said that in order to remain anonymous, callers must call the above number

Santomauro pointed out that construction site thefts affect more than just the contractors and builders

"Ultimately it's the home buyer who's going to pay for it,"

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Keeping an eye on the future

Students test imaginations in creating cities

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

Imagine a city where the residential area is protected by a biotechnical dome - a place where people would be safe from the impact of any natural disaster, and where energy is derived from a solar power plant

It sounds like a dream But for one group of middle school students, these ideas constituted an entry in the Michigan Regional Future City Competition

Teammates from St Valentine School created these concepts and more for Astra, their 'city of the stars' About 26 students from the Redford school worked on the project. Only three presented the work before judges on Thursday at a day-long regional competition, held at Livonia's Burton Manor

Joseph Pomponio of Livonia, Erica Parkinson of Livonia, and Jordan Ramirez of Detroit were ready to answer questions and introduce their fictional city located in Iceland in the year

"We're really confident about our city and the way we presented it," said Jordan

Erica and Joseph said the project brought their classmates closer together as a team

And onlookers noticed their efforts, too

Bryan Whitaker, whose son Keith was also part of the competition, said he was most impressed by St Valentine's entry "What a bunch of amazing kids," he said "We got a lot of good ideas'

St Valentine's eighth graders have a reputation to uphold For the past two years, the school has made it to the state level in this competition

That was enough incentive for Daniel Ryan to get involved The former St Valentine student now attends Detroit Country Day Middle School This year marked the first Country Day entry in the regional competition

"I thought it would be a fun project,' said Ryan, who lives in Redford "We started with brainstorming and picked the things we liked' His team created a city that might be located in a crater on the moon

Alan Moore, a project manager at Durr Industries in Plymouth, witnessed plenty of creativity during the event Thursday He served as a judge for the second year

"We sponsor the Energy Efficient Design Award," Moore said "We're judging different categories, and seeing how they distribute energy He said some schools found innovative ways to produce

energy, by using volcano magma or robots, for example 'They're all very inventive, added Dale Thomas, director of communications for the Engineering Society of Detroit 'We provide an engineer mentor to help the kids'



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The St Valentine School team of Joseph Pomponio of Livonia (left), Erica Parkinson of Livonia, and Jordan Ramirez of Detroit meet with Future City Competition judge Jon Hommes

The Engineering Society of Detroit, based in Southfield, hosts the competition each year The event is open to seventh and eighth grade students interested in designing, building, writing about and presenting a city of the future

The winning team at the national level is announced during National Engineering Week each February

"There are a lot of secondary and subtle aspects (of the project),' said Thomas 'Students learn to work as a team, make decisions, conflict resolution and communication skills"

He called the project unique and complex It represents about four months of work for those involved Each team is eligible for one of 15 special awards, including Most Creative Use of Materials, Best Planned City or Best City for People with Disabilities

Ask students like Tom Brama of Garden City, Kate O Connor of Plymouth and Nick Marek of Westland, and they ll admit it's a lot more fun than a regular day in their science or math classrooms

Its the first year our school has ever done this," said Kate The students attend St Raphael School in Garden City Working with about 27 of their peers, they created Peruvian Pacific, an underwater wonderland hypothetically located off the coast of Ecuador The city would be powered by hydrogen and lit by sodium vapors rather than sunlight, they explained 'We re aiming for the 'Best Rookie' award,' Tom said

For Kate, working with such a large number of students was the most challenging aspect of the project. While Nick enjoyed building the model, Tom said he's having the most fun pre-

Each team member contributed his or her own strengths to the project And they all agreed, it was worth the effort

I d encourage anybody who is interested in science or math to try it, Kate said





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The hands of creation

Artist's sculptures grace library, earn national recognition

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

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To describe Joseph DeLauro, a 37-year Canton resident, as a longtime artist is an under statement

DeLauro, 89 has been a professional artist for more than 60 years He received his bach elor of fine arts degree from Yale in 1941 - the same year the attack of Pearl Harbor rocked headlines and pushed the United States into World War

Locally, people can see his work at the Canton Public Library - where sculptures entitled Storytime and Storyteller' are on display Another of his works - a plastic sculpture called Spirit of the Lakes - is currently on display at the National Sculpture Society's Juried Exhibition in New York City His was one of only 52 works, out of 568 submitted, chosen for the exhibi-

Although he has worked with many materials, DeLauros favorite medium is marble

The grade is fine and you get nice detail in the finish. said DeLauro, who has also worked in limestone, concrete, wood, bronze plastic and glass

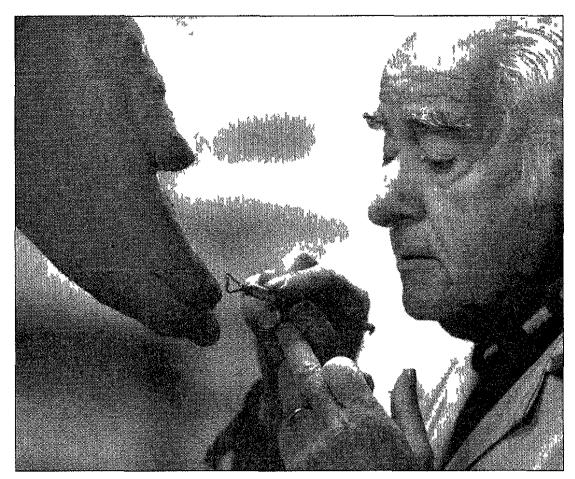
DeLauro and his wife, Dorothy Ann have been married for 60 years. They have three children

His daughter, Kathleen Kargula of Northville, said that though her father urged her to study the masters of art, she chose to look no farther than her own home

I think the master I most enjoyed studying was him' Kargula said He pointed out the beauty in most everything The simplest things to the most complex beauty in nature and Gods work

Kargula said she has always been equally impressed with his exhibition etiquette

'When we would go to a



Joseph DeLauro 89 and a 37-year-Canton resident has been a professional artist for more than 60 years. He received his bachelor of fine arts degree from Yale in 1941 the same year the attack of Pearl Harbor rocked headlines and pushed the United States into World War II

show where his art was being exhibited I would marvel at how gracious and at ease he was with people I admired how many people would come up to him, she said

The National Sculpture Society Park Avenue Atrium Exhibition runs through April

In between sculpting, DeLauro also had an active career, serving as a professor of art at Marygrove College the University of Detroit and the University of Windsor, where he also founded and headed the fine arts department He holds a masters of fine arts from the University of Iowa

He has exhibited his work at the Detroit Institute of Arts. among numerous other places, since 1940

'The grade is fine and you get nice detail in the finish."

sculptor Joseph DeLauro on marble

To learn more about the show visit www nationalsculpture org To see more of DeLauros work, visit his Web site at www indelauro com

One of DeLauro's works is currently on display at the National Sculpture Society's Juried Exhibition in New



FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

John W Andrews, 73, died Jan 24 Martha L. Armstrong, 92, of Livonia, died Jan 17 Catherine Maxine Arnold, 80, of Clarkston died Jan 25

Martha M Brown, 87, of Bloomfield Hills, died Dec 31 Wallace H Brown, 92 of Auburn Hills, died Jan 6

James Smith Clark III 42, of Canton, died Jan 24 Muriel Clayton died Jan 24

Donald G Ferguson, 84, of Auburn Hills, died Jan 14

Patricia Ann Gibbs, 79, of Lake 🦸 Orion, formerly of Rochester Hilfs, died Jan 22 James A Gilmore, 91, of Bloomfield Township, died Jan 19 Eldon Gregory, 90, of Livonia, formerly of Plymouth and Northville, died Jan 23

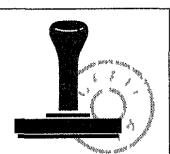
Donna J Harless, 75 of Rochester Hills died Jan 23 Edna L Harp, 75, of Auburn Hills, died Jan 15 Doug L Humer, 57 of Auburn Hitts, died Dec 28

Jerry D. Johnson, 65, of Winter Haven Fla, died Dec 28

Grace R Lemerise, 83, of Rochester Hills, died Jan 3 Kay W Libke, 69, of Plymouth, died Jan 27

Ronald L McCandless, 66, of Livonia died Jan 21 Helen D MacDonald, 78, of Farmington Hills, died Jan 25

Robert Thomas Nichols died Jan



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found inside today's Community Life section in Passages on page C5

Harold E Paulus, 90, of Troy, died

Floyd E Ramsey, 81, of Rochester Hills, died Jan 6 Frederick Rozich died Jan 23 King Ruhly, 86, of Birmingham, died Jan 22

John R Schettenheim, 85, of Rochester Hills, died Jan 23 Margaret E Stallard, 79, of Rochester Hills, died Jan 18 Donald E Stapleton, 77, of Rochester Hills, died Jan 10 Alice M Story, 86, of Livonia, died Jan 26

Mable Vincent, 93, of Rochester Hills, died Jan 5

Madlyne R Walter, 91, of Rochester Hills, died Jan 14 James H Woodall, 82, of Rochester, died Jan 2

Walter B Zetterlund, 75, of West Bloomfield, died Jan 15 Atsuko Zmich, 59, of Rochester Hills, died Jan 23

Rotary club giving scholarship

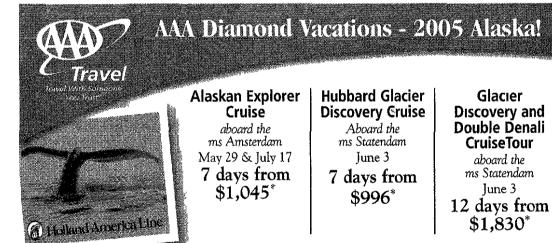
The Rotary Club of Plymouth A M is looking Plymouth-Canton area high school seniors eligible for the annual Sandra Sagear-Rotary Scholarship

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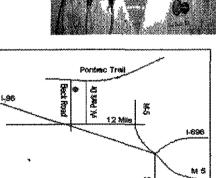
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Special annual sections about the Academic All-Stars have saluted the intelligence, involvement and industry of the best and brightest students in public and private high schools around Oakland and Wayne counties

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 pho tos about your former All Star e mail Special Editor Mary Klemic at mklemic@oe homecomm 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

Chamber seeks Hall of Fame nominees

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce 1s looking for 2005 nominees for the Plymouth Hall of Fame Last year, Plymouth Mayor Stella Greene, Plymouth Historical Museum Director Beth Stewart and Paul Voorhies joined more than 30 former inductees as members

To increase the scope, the chamber this year will use a steering committee made up of Stewart, former Plymouth police chief Bob Scoggins,

assistant to the supervisor Becky Armstrong of Plymouth Township, Plymouth District Library Director Pat Thomas, Bill Miller and Don Kobeck of the Kıwanıs Clubs, Fran Toney and Tony Welsh from the chamber, and retired Judge James Garber, a Hall of Fame member

Deadline for nominations is Feb 18 Nominees must ■ Have been a resident of

at least 10 years,

the Plymouth community for

■ Be at least 30, ■ Have made a recognizat ble contribution in terms of time and effort in the building or rebuilding of the well-

being of the community Background information to support nominations is helpful Nominations are being accepted by the Chamber of Commerce, 386 S Main, Plymouth 48170 They can be faxed to (734) 453-1724 For more information, call the chamber, (734)

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Observer lauded

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers was recently honored with nine awards in the Suburban Newspapers of America 2004 Editorial Contest. In fact, the OOEmore awards than any Michigan non-daily newspaper in the annual contest, which recognizes editorial excellence

Three journalists from the Observer papers were recognized by SNA

"The SNA awards is a competition for journalists from throughout the United States We are proud of the recognition from this national organization and proud of the outstanding work done by our staff members," said Hugh Gallagher, managing editor

Plymouth Observer Community Editor Brad Kadrich earned a first place for best column writing, while Plymouth/Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright took second place in best sports writing for his story, "Aluminum bat usage spurs debate'

Canton Observer Community Editor Kurt Kuban earned a third place in the SNA's annual Journalist of the Year competi-

It's the third time in five years Kadrich, who became the Plymouth editor in November 1999, has been honored for his columns by the SNA This is the first SNA honor for Wright, who became editor in October 2004

Prior to being named Canton editor in November, Kuban served two years covering Oakland County and environmental issues for the *Eccentric* Newspapers Nominated by O≅E Executive Editor Susan Rosiek, Kuban was recognized for being a strong believer in advocacy journalism, particu-

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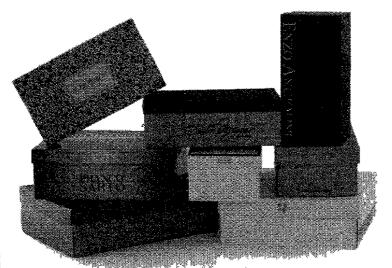
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Apathy about Detroit's crisis can't last forever

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he one thing on which virtually everyone in Michigan agrees is that the state's largest and most famous city is in an appalling mess

But what they disagree violently on is who is to blame They argue over who can fix it, how to fix it or even whether the city can be

For many, the state of Detroit was symbolized perfectly by what happened last week-

end when Mayor Kwame Kılpatrıck, a verv



Lessenberry

large 34-year-old man with a large diamond in his left ear, appeared before the cameras to confirm what he had been denying for days Yes, the luxury Lincoln Navigator the city had leased for \$24,995 a year had been meant for his wife and children

However, he claimed he decided it was too extravagant and had intended to send it back. He had never

lied about it, he said, even though he had spent several days lying about it, as had other city officials When one TV reporter followed the mayor to Washington to ask about it, a security guard acted like a thug and smashed his face into the wall, live on television.

Washington police then said they would no longer protect the mayor on his visits because of his incessant nonstop nightclub hopping into the wee hours, something the mayor denied, saying he never went "clubbing" at

All that would have been embarrassing had it happened to the mayor of Palm Beach during an economic boom But Detroit is in dreadful shape, with unemployment rising past 14 percent and a budget deficit spiraling out of control

Earlier this month, the mayor had announced that nearly a thousand jobs were being eliminated, and the already inadequate bus service was being cut back

Now, those who need to a bus to get to work in the wee hours are out of luck. That's no minor inconvenience in the once-mighty Motor City, where, ironically, something like a third of the residents have no access to cars And that's just the tip of the rusting ruin

Fifty years ago, Detroit was a bustling industrial metropolis with two million people Now, it has barely 910,000, and is shrinking fast

The public schools are in even more appalling shape - the mayor himself refuses to put his kids in them - and they are likely to get worse now that further reform efforts have been rejected by the voters

Legally, the city has to balance its budget

But with this year's deficit running anywhere from \$230 million to \$380 million, even the draconian cuts he announced may not be enough Legislators and others are beginning to whisper the dreaded word receivership Some think the state could end up having to take over the city within the next few years, and send in a special master to run it Highland Park, a desperately impoverished enclave city surrounded by Detroit, lost control of its own affairs years ago

Even more startling, many - perhaps milhons - of Michiganders don't care That includes mány who live in Hillsdale or Traverse City, but also well-off suburbanites who live a short hop from the city's famous border, Eight Mile Road

Many say the city brought its problems on itself (by which they usually mean, the blacks destroyed it after the whites moved out) and actually believe that what happens in Detroit is totally irrelevant to them and their lives

For many, Detroit's problems are easy to ignore Fewer people live in the city than at any time since World War I Detroit is now home to only 9 percent of the state's population Most of those who live there are black, most who don't are white The state and the city exist in almost separate worlds

But those who say the city doesn't matter, or who think they can get by ignoring it, are dead wrong, said Freman Hendrix, who is attempting to unseat Mayor Kilpatrick in this fall's election "How can the rest of the state feel secure if their major city isn't functioning?" said Hendrix, a financial expert and a former deputy mayor under the business-oriented Dennis Archer

It is hard to see how anyone can think Michigan can continue to be economically competitive if its main city, its sports and entertainment capital, looks like something out of the Third World, with desperate poverty and services and gated communities only for the rich

Sooner or later, Michigan - and Detroiters themselves - will have to face some tough decisions about what kind of state, city and society they want to be Urban experts like David Rusk think the solution for Detroit is obvious, some form of metropolitan government with the surrounding suburbs it gave buth to

So far, neither the city nor the suburbs have been willing to consider that, preferring to bash each other instead. It would be nice if a statesman with a vision emerged sometime soon There may not be that much time left

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State needs to look at school financing, educational reform

was very pleased to read Philip Power's column in the Farmington Observer on Jan 13 I'm encouraged to see that people outside the educational community are finally catching on to the need to reform school financing

As a parent of two kids in Farmington Public Schools, I have become acutely aware of the lack of funding in a very well-run district Late last summer, the district and a few parents formed the Parent



Nancy Gross

Legislative Advocacy Network (PLAN) We had not even had our first meeting when the state Legislature announced that they would be cutting the 20J

funding to our

district and others We wrote letters, spread the word, and went to Lansing As you know, the Legislature decided not to take away 20J

Since that time, our core group has met on a regular basis and on Jan 12 we hosted a forum in conjunction with Farmington Public Schools The theme was making it through the maze of school funding, to educate the citizens on school funding and its terminology

As I have become much more informed about how schools are funded, I have come to realize that most people in this area do not realize that they are living in a donor district in a donor county People think that their taxes stay locally and do not realize that, aside from our hold harmless funds, our property taxes go to Lansing and into the School Aıd Fund

People also do not realize that the Headlee Amendment, in conjunction with Proposal A, limits the total amount of funds that can be collected from property taxes People assume that as property is sold and the cap comes off the taxable value the

district or city is collecting more taxes This is not the case While I do believe that living in Oakland County we have the responsibility to help fund other districts in the state, I do not think that it should come at the expense of our kids education

When Proposal A was passed 11 years ago, most people only looked at it as property tax relief and did not realize the extent it would change the way schools are funded Now, the state controls the revenue and the local districts can only control the expenditures And, to some extent, the districts do not even have control of all their expenditures They must fund the ever growing and out of control pension and health care costs

I read Tom Watkins' "Structural Issues Surrounding Michigan School Funding in the 21st Century' in December While it does raise a number of good questions with hard answers, I have to ask do fewer, but larger, districts make sense?

Detroit is an example of a district that is too large with too many layers of administrators Educators there can "pass the buck" up or down the ladder and not take responsibility It would make more sense to me to break this district apart into several districts with 15,000 students per district You could still keep several of the district services consolidated, such as transportation, purchasing or payroll, to save on costs They could also keep services like special education and vocational programs consolidated that other current intermediate school districts

I do agree with you that there are probably too many small districts with less then 2,000 kids that have too much administrative overhead

But those districts do not have the many layers of administrators that larger districts have Consolidating a small district into another could add additional layers of administrators, and this would certainly bring out parents in opposition that want to keep their local control People do not like change and

sometimes smaller is better It would be interesting to see how small, well-funded districts compare to others with No Child

Left Behind and Education, Yes I hope that the state Board of Education does ask the governor and Legislature to do a thorough adequacy and equity study Proposal A has closed the gap in school funding, but we have to remember that, due to factors unique to each district, it does not cost the same amount of money to educate students in different areas of the state I think that the state has to look at what exactly an "adequate education" is Districts have an everexpanding curriculum Fifty years ago, most students did not go on to college Now the expectation is that all students should continue their education with at least a two- or four-year degree

If parents in a district want more than what the state deems as adequate, they should have the ability to raise these additional funds to cover the costs, especially at a time when funding has not kept pace with inflation for at least three years

I became interested and involved with these issues as I realized that my school board has so little control with school funding

I thought that class sizes in my elementary school were too big Now to keep class sizes where they are (which is too big), many districts have to cut programs, add fees to play sports and find alternative ways to bring more funds into schools The more I have learned about the issues, the bigger I realize the problem

I have only touched upon some of the issues that surround school funding Issues such as unfunded mandates just add to the mess I am not convinced that raising taxes is the right answer but, at the same time, not having an increase in school funding for the last three years has put even well-funded districts in peril

Nancy Gross lives in Farmington Hills Her children attend Farmington Public Schools

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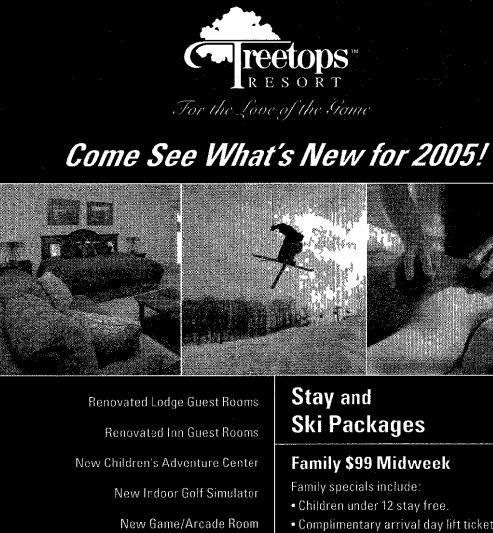
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The Plymouth Canton Winter Guard includes students from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools

WINTER GUARD

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graphed routine
Last year, the team captured gold in the Michigan
Color Guard Circuit State
Championship and finished
third in the Winter Guard
International Regional
Competition in Chesterton,

Unlike the color guard, which is an integral part of the marching band's success, Winter Guard performs indoors at various competitions between January and April

"The big difference is color guard is more about pageantry, but Winter Guard is more about difficulty," Leseth said "It gives kids a different experience from color guard and marching band It's year-round training, and gives them more to

Winter Guard will perform in four local competitions, plus national performances in New York and Ohio

To get ready for the competitions, Winter Guard members practice twice a week for three hours and for some six or seven hours every weekend. The payoff for all that practice is the competition, which Leseth said is "an opportunity for the kids to perform in front of people"

"They work for months on the show, and you don't get that many chances" to perform it, Leseth said "For the kids, it's about performing, but they're passionate about what they do I think most of them would do it even if they never performed

The performance is icing on the cake," she added Salem High School senior Brittany Weiss is in her third year on Winter Guard She did it as a freshman, but there was no team her sophomore season She's worked under Leseth the last two

She said the work ethic team members have established will take them a long way, not only in competition, but in life

seasons

'You get to meet a lot of people,' said Weiss, a Canton resident "You learn time management, you learn to be organized It teaches you a lot of lessons

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Talent show, clinic top events for annual marching band boost

The Plymouth Canton Music Boosters (PCMB), the parent organization for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (P-CEP) Marching Band and Winter Guard are eagerly awaiting the weekend of Feb 4-5

That's when they invite the Plymouth-Canton community to join them in what they say is shaping up to be a fun weekend and a great kick-off to next fall's band programs and marching band season

"Varnety Is,' P-CEP's talent show of the year, features students gifted in all areas of the performing arts. The show, organized and directed by band students, starts at 7.30 p.m. in Salem High School's Logan Auditorium Friday and Saturday.

In conjunction with the Saturday performance, the band holds its 2005 Sport of the Arts Auction, to benefit the PCMB programs, particularly the PCEP Winter Guard The auction preview and bidding begins at 6 p m Over 50 local merchants, restaurants, golf courses, hotels and the PCMB have shown their support by donating more than 65 very wonderful items

Also on Saturday, Winter Guard hosts a free clinic in the Salem High School Gym from 2 30-5 pm. All male and female middle school and high school students in grades 7, 8, and 9 are invited to attend. A junior guard will be formed for anyone interested in participating

"We want to get people used to what winter guard is," said coach Jennifer Leseth 'We're trying to get into the middle school, get kids interested We did a community performance last year, and we'd like to do one again"

The junior guard will practice one evening per week during February and March and have one performance for parents In April, junior guard students will be ready to participate in the P-CEP fall color guard workshops and auditions

Anyone interested in attending the Feb 5 clinic should obtain a form from their middle school office or information rack or any of the high school offices or media centers. The form is also available at the PCMB Web site www.pcmb net. Students may also indicate their interest by sending an e-mail to pcmbguard@aol.com.or calling (734) 582-5666.

MEAP

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the MEAPs for graduation
"I have friends who skipped
the MEAP and ACT and SAT,
and when they went to college
they would flunk out because

they had no idea what they

were doing," said Bagley, who lives in Canton Township "I think they make kids more ready for college because it helps you find out about subjects you don't know as well and then you can take classes to help"

help" The Michigan Department of Education plans to eliminate the MEAP tests next year in favor of the ACT School officials said when that happens, the ACT will be required for all seniors to graduate

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CHAMBER

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the chamber's plan to find a building within two years is almost an impossible task

"I suggested they talk with other groups in town that raise money and work together on getting one building for all those organizations," said McKeon "They could also buy a piece of property that doesn t meet their needs, but is a good investment to make money"

The chamber reportedly has about \$400,000 to put toward a new building, which McKeon said is well short of what downtown property costs these days. The old Shell gas station property at Wing and Main streets sold for over \$500,000. The Penn Theatre went for just

under \$1 million

"I think it's going to cost them between \$700,000-\$800,000 to get the property they want," McKeon said "They probably can't wait for something to be for sale. They may have to contact a current owner and see if they want to sell."

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Mettetal remembered as giving, caring

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Nancy Pride remembers that while growing up in Plymouth Township, her mother — Olive Jeanne Mettetal — was a firm disciplinarian

"Some of my brothers and sisters tried to test her, but it didn't do any good," said Pride, 61, who now lives in Wayne "Being the oldest, I learned to follow what she said I figured she had more years than I did, and was wiser than I was But, she was always fair"

Olive Mettetal, known by

most as Jeanne, died Jan 10 from kidney failure A memorial service was held last weekend at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth

"She was a very caring and giving person, and was involved in helping several relatives financially so they could go to college," said Pride "She also helped raise three grand'She was a very caring and giving person, and was involved in helping several relatives financially so they could go to college.'

Nancy Pride daughter

children when their mother died"

Many know the Mettetal name in reference to Mettetal Airport, at the corner of Lilley and Joy in Canton Township Jeanne sometimes worked there with her husband, Bob, whose dad opened the facility in 1939 He eventually sold the airport to a private owner, before it was purchased by the



Olive Mettetal

Bob was a senior at Plymouth High School when he met Jeanne, a freshman, in the library

"The first time I ever saw her was a pair of eyes looking at me over a book," he said "That started it for me"

The couple was married for 63 years

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Judge Kelly wants tougher bond recovery plan

BY RUSS HAMMOND CORRESPONDENT

Third Circuit Court Chief Judge Mary Beth Kelly says the court needs to do a better job collecting forfeited bonds when defendants skip out on their court dates

'The court will enforce bonds' Kelly said 'The court hasn't been very strict enforcing this in the past

Implementation of a criminal bond forfeiture program is one of several objectives for 2005 outlined in an interview with Kelly The chief judge also wants to see action on the Court Tower initiative for a new courthouse, an upgrade for the court's computer software, better service by the Friend of Court and pay increases for court employees

Kelly, a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Notre Dame Law School, oversees the largest and busiest court in the State of Michigan The 3rd Circuit has nearly 800 employees, including 66 judges She has been a judge for six years and is entering her fourth year as chief judge

Also known as Wayne
County Circuit Court, the 3rd
Circuit handles all criminal,
civil and family court cases for
the county In 1997, the state
legislature combined
Recorders Court with the
Wayne County 3rd Circuit
Court to create the current
court

The court is divided into three separate divisions, all in Detroit The Family Division, the Criminal Division and the Civil Division

The Family Division handles all matters involving juveniles,

as well as all cases pertaining to domestic relationships. The Criminal Division handles felony cases, high misdemeanor crimes and all criminal appeals from district courts throughout Wayne County. The Civil Division hears civil cases where the dollar amount of the controversy exceeds \$25,000 the largest and busiest court in the State of Michigan.

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Kelly said that the county needs an effective plan to collect forfeited money

When a defendant is released on bond, they are expected to show up for their court date Unfortunately, some people never come back for their court appearance. This automatically forfeits the defendants bail and the money is supposed to be turned over to the court. The 3rd Judicial Circuit Court has not kept up in collecting forfeited bonds.

Kelly said that the county needs an effective plan to collect forfeited money The plan that Wayne County will be using was modeled after a program used in Oakland County She said that Wayne County officials have worked very closely with Oakland County to create the bond forfeiture program

In Oakland County, the prosecutor's office maintains a weekly computer list of those who didn't show for court dates. They allow no-shows three weeks and then issue an order for forfeiture of bond. Assistant Oakland County. Prosecutor Edward Cibor said the program has netted the county hundreds of the thousands of dollars for the county general fund over the years.



Third Circuit Court Chief Judge Mary Beth Kelly

She added that the implementation of the plan, which began in the Criminal Division at the end of this month, will increase court revenue by an estimated \$2 million per year

"We need to be proactive in collecting money," Kelly said Another matter that Kelly feels strongly about is the Court Tower initiative that is under a feasibility study by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano The study, which started nine months ago, examines the possibility of a new courthouse that would contain all divisions of the court under one roof

Ficano's office said the county is looking at the plans, specs, financials, and the intergovernmental agreement between the county and the 3rd Circuit Court that was considered in 2001 for a location near the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit

But at present Ficano is studying a different approach – a correctional facility that would include facilities for the 'The court will enforce bonds. The court hasn't been very strict enforcing this in the past.'

Mary Beth Kelly
Third Circuit Court chief judge

court and the prosecutor's office

The objective is to provide a single location for detention, the courts, and prosecutors, alleviating the pressure on local outcounty lockups. A regional complex would eliminate early detention due to overcrowding and provide one location for processing. Ficano's study committee is assessing the feasibility of the plan with no new taxes.

Additionally, the site considered in 2001 is owned by the Greektown Casino and would be utilized as their permanent site

Currently, the three divisions of the court are in three separate buildings Only two are in downtown Detroit and are within walking distance of one another

The Criminal Division is at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on St. Antoine and the Civil Division is in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building on Woodward Avenue. The Family Division court is split, the domestic relationship cases are heard at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building and the juvenile cases are heard at the Lincoln Hall of Justice on East Forest and the I-75 freeway.

Kelly would prefer that all of her divisions be under one roof instead of being spread through three different build-

ings
"Mr Ficano is looking into
the feasibility of this," Kelly
said "This study has been
done before – on and off over
the last 10 years'

Along with a new courthouse, Kelly said another objective for 2005 is new software for the court's computer system. The current software does not allow the three divisions to communicate with one another.

Kelly said that the cost for the software was \$1 2 million But she adds, "Our request is supported There's hope"

Friend of the Court, which is the child support wing of the

Family Division, is another area that Kelly looks to improve upon Friend of the Court handles cases involving child custody, divorce, child and spousal support and parental visitation scheduling Recently, they opened a new call center to handle the nearly 1,200 phone calls a day that

they receive

Kelly also wants to develop a program for Friend of the Court that would establish paternity sooner This, in turn, would speed up the child support process

This year, Kelly would like to provide a pay hike of three percent to court employees. She said that it has been five years since the employees have received a raise in pay

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Seniors lead PCA to homecoming win

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Big stages are built for big perform-

The stage for Friday night's Canton Agape-Plymouth Christian basketball game was definitely big - the multithousand-seat Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsılantı

The big performers turned out to be a

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trio of PCA seniors and a sophomore, who led the Eagles to a hard-fought 54-46 victory in the annual PCA homecoming game played at EMU

Seniors Aaron Ciborowski, Stephen Sumner and Mike McCord, and sophomore Matt Saagman combined for 44 points and 28 rebounds to help send the large contingent of PCA alumni home with a smile

The win improved the Eagles' overall record to 5-7 while the Wolverines slipped to 6-5

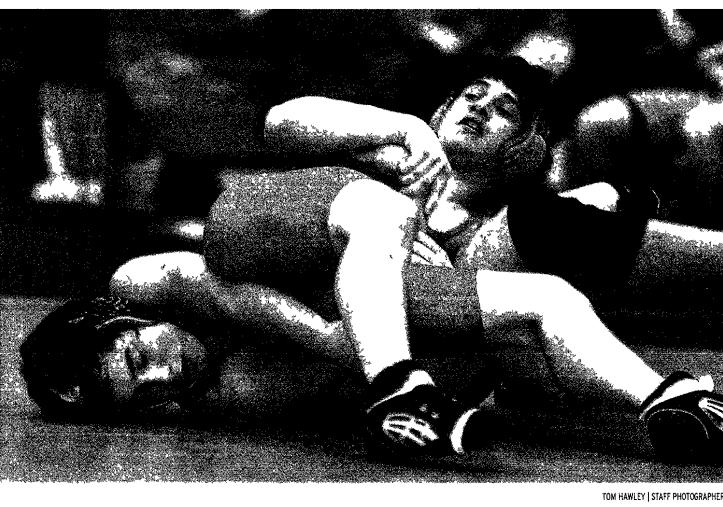
"It was a great team win for us tonight," said PCA coach Doug Taylor "It's always nice to win on homecoming because it's usually our biggest crowd of the year and we get to play in a Division I atmosphere here at Eastern Agape is our sister school, so there's no animosity between the two teams But the kids get up for them because their school is similar in size to ours so there's a natural

Gabe Molnar and Bryan Horning had strong games for the Wolverines, netting 17 and 14 points, respectively

It may have been the large crowd, the unfamiliar surroundings or just plain old early-game jitters - whatever the cause, both teams came out tight, combining for just 13 first-quarter points (Agape led 7-6)

Both teams' offenses got into more of a

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton wrestler Alex Freitag gets the upper-hand over Plymouth opponent Brandon Garcia in the 152-pound match of Thursday night's cross-campus

Major decision

Canton wrestlers pin Wildcats, 49-18

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton's resurgent wrestling program flexed its muscles Thursday night and applied a full nelson to Plymouth's up-and-coming squad

The Chiefs captured 10 of the 14 matches and upended the Wildcats, 49-18, before a loud and enthusiastic crowd in the Plymouth High School gymnasium Canton set a new school record with its 19th victory of the sea-

The dual meet was the maugural showdown between the two P-CEP schools

"I was excited to see the kids get the record and to beat Plymouth like we

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Churchill 1st mat loss

showdown Freitag won, 21 4, to help the Chiefs to a 49-18 triumph

See complete results on Page B3

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Not in our house

That was the statement Salem's wrestling team made to Livonia Churchill Thursday night as the visiting Chargers were looking to add to their 13-0 dual-meet record

The Rocks protected their home turf, upending Churchill, 33-28, to improve to 15-5 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association The Chargers are now 2-1 in the

"Every match was important for us tonight, but there were a few that stood out," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. 'Nick Steiger won in overtime at 112 That was a very big win Jake Bennett had a big pin at 145 and Jeremy Henderson's win over (Joe) Bargerstock at 189 was important'

Woochuk also pointed to the 130pound match, which featured two wrestlers with flawless records Salem's Ryan Stump, who usually wrestles at 125, and Churchill's Justin Smith Stump won, 7-4, in a tense match that proved to be a momentum-seizer for the surging Rocks

Fittingly, the match came down to the finale, which pitted Salem's Ryan Olson against Churchill's Dave Rush at 140 Olson won going away, 9-1, to seal the Rocks' most significant victory of the season

"It was a nice win, but it will be even better if we can do it in February," Woochuk said, looking ahead to the Class A district tournament, where the two teams will square off again

Salem's final dual meet of the season is set for Thursday when it travels to Walled Lake Central to take on the Vikings The opening match is set to commence at 6 30 p m

Salem hands | Shocker: Romulus routs Tigers by 37

BY RICHARD L SHOOK CORRESPONDENT

Romulus had an answer for everything Belleville wanted to know - and his name was Jerret Smith

Smith did just about anything he wanted Friday night, scoring 31 points to help Romulus hand second-ranked Belleville its first loss of the season by a shocking 80-43 score in a Mega Conference battle between Red Division powers

"I don't know who's overrated," Coach Nate Oats of the Eagles said, "but it sure as heck isn't Jerret Smith'

"I told Jerret after the game," Tigers' coach Mike Krogel said, 'I think we've

seen the true Jerret Smith

"We had absolutely no answer for him And all their other guys were just knocking down threes like it was nothing He

was a man possessed" "Jerret was obviously on top of his game,' Oats said "We had a little talk recently and you could see he had an attitude about him in this game You could see he was going to get it going in practice this week About Wednesday you could really see it"

About a minute into the game you

could see it

Smith drove right to the basket early and often to set the tone for the game He made 11-of-14 shots and was easily responsible for another dozen Romulus baskets And when he didn't drive, he'd pop out for a three-point shot that usually went down

He had nine points in the first quarter and 19 by the half. The total was 26 after three periods

Dante Williams added 12 points for the Eagles (10-2, 5-0 Mega Red) while sophomore center Devin Searcy scored

The Tigers (10-1, 4-1) were led by junior Leon Freeman's 13 points but were unable to get anyone else to double fig-

Romulus was up by 10 after the first period ended, 24-14, and swelled the

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Plymouth's Haskins is 'set' for success

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

As the volleyball descended rapidly toward the open space on the Plymouth side of the court Monday night, the Walled Lake Western players on the opposite side of the net were in high-five mode, ready to celebrate another point in the Western Lakes Activities Association showdown that was unfolding in the Wildcats' gymnasıum

No one could have blamed the Warriors for assuming the point was theirs After all, the closest

Plymouth player was 10 feet away and the ball was just a few feet off the ground

Unfortunately for Western, the closest Wildcat was Sarah Haskins, who dove head-first for the spinning, white sphere Incredibly, as Haskins slid across the floor, she managed to get her fist under the ball just before it hit the hardwood The ball popped straight up off Haskins' fist and to a waiting



teammate who pushed it over the net

The point — to the disbelief of all six Warriors and to the delight of Haskins' teammates - was still up for grabs

Plymouth eventually lost the point, but Haskins - the team's junior setter and one of its captains — had won the admiration of everyone who witnessed the all-out, hustling effort

"That was just one example of what Sarah means to this team," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland 'She is our quarterback on the court In most cases, she decides where

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Plymouth volleyball player Sarah Haskins serves important roles as the Wildcats' setter and as one of the team's captains

Boys swim listing

The Observer sports staff plans to launch its inaugural listing for the area's best boys swim times for the Thursday, Feb 3, edition

Coaches from the following schools are urged to report their season individual and relay bests by 11 p m Monday, Jan. 31 Livonia Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Westland John Gienn, Wayne Memorial, Garden City, Redford 🔭 Union, Redford Thurston and Redford Catholic ~ Central

You can fax updates to sports department at (734) 591-7279, or send a regular e-mail - no attachments please - to your area individual sports editor including

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Wildcat fund-raiser

The Plymouth High School Athletic Department invites members of the Plymouth-Canton community to participate in its second annual PHS Athletic 🐭 Department Spring Fundraiser.

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The event will be held March 12 at the VFW ผลิส์ in Plymouth

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Baswanz@aol com Donations can also be mailed to Plymouth High School, Athletic Department, 8400 Beck Rd , Canton, MI 48187.

GCYBSA signup.:

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

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The GCYB-SA, which is replacing the dissolved Canton **Community Junior** Baseball/Softball Association, will offer T-Ball, baseball, and softball teams for youths between the ages of 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 bustness hours at the Summit

They can also mail in their registration forms.

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on spikers even WLAA record

Canton's volleyball team balanced its Western Lakes Advittes Association ledger Wednesday night with a thiffling five-game victory overs Westland John Glenn 23-25, 25-20, 12-25, 25-20 and 15-8

The Chiefs are now 10-8-3 overall and 3-3 in the WLAA. Join Glenn dropped to 11-6-3 and 3-3 in the league

"It was a hard-fought, wellplayed match," said Canton coach Alex Perrin "We won it by playing superior defense Our offense was out of synch for much of the match, but we passed incredibly well

Perrin praised the play of senior Christie Daniels, who was nearly flawless, recording no errors on 34 passes, and a 2 6 serve-receive average

Christie was nearly perfect the entire match on defense," Perrin said "Lisa Western and Marie Martin also played well They both had their best blocking games of the year and they kent Glenn from getting good looks all night"

The Chiefs also received a stellar effort from Sarah Alexander, who recorded 19 service points with no serving faults Alexander is currently serving at a 98 5 percent clip

Canton trailed 21-14 in the opening game before Laura McKendry strung together nine straight service points to give the Chiefs a 23-21 lead The Rockets responded, though, by scoring the next four points to secure an early

"We had seven hitting errors in the first game, Perrin said 'We felt that if we could cut down on the unforced errors, we were the stronger team

In addition to Daniels, Perrin credited the defensive play of Andrea Johnson and Molly Conlon

"Glenn's best player, Jennifer Schwartz, was very impressive all night, but Christie dug three consecutive bombs by Schwartz in the fourth game that really set the tone for the remainder of the match"

Daniels finished with 18 digs Other top performers for the winners were Johnson (10 kills, 27 digs), McKendry (15 kills, 13 service points, 14 digs), Western (five kills, six blocks), Alexander (18 digs) and Stephanie Price (29 assists, 17

Plymouth ousts Pats

The Wildcats defeated Livonia Franklin, 25-17, 21-25, 25-23 and 25-22 Wednesday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association match Plymouth is now 13-5-1 overall and 2-4 in the WLAA

Jeanine Moise led the Plymouth charge with 18 kills, 19 digs and four blocks

Sarah Haskins also played well, recording 28 assists and 19 digs

Agape bumps Calvary

The Wolverines rebounded from an opening-game loss to upend Ypsılantı Calvary Christian, 22-25, 25-16, 25-22 and 25-21 Thursday night in a

non-league contest The victory improved Agape's overall record to 2-6

"We're starting to play better as a team," said Agape coach Justine Pummill "We did a nice job of passing and communicating tonight, and we're serving a lot better We didn't have a lot of aces, but we put the ball in play"

Katie Lambert shined in a setting role for the Wolverines, Pummill noted

"Katıe was very accurate with her sets tonight," she said Agape standouts included A.J Creps (nine kills), Ashley Paul (eight service points, five aces) and Erin Allen (six aces)

PCA sweeps Agape

The Eagles knocked off the Wolverines, 25-5, 25-16 and 25-16, Friday night in a match played at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation

"It was a total team effort," said PCA coach Missy Henry

Calille's hot hand leads Canton cagers

Senior guard David Calille scored a career-high 19 points to lead Canton to a 55-44 victory over visiting Northville Friday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division match-up

The victory improved the Chiefs record to 7-6 overall, 3-4 in the WLAA and 2-2 in the Western Division Northville slipped to 5-8 overall and 2-5 in the conference

Nine of Calille's points were the result of three triples

"Dave's always been a good shooter, but he was in one of those zones tonight," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, referring to Calille's hot hand "We set up a play for him early in the game and he scored off it, so it seemed to get him going Hopefully, he keeps it going because it would give us another weapon"

Senior center Kevin Thornton was dominant in the paint for the Chiefs, netting 11 points, 11 rebounds and eight blocks Sophomores Ryan Waidmann (seven points) and Steve Paye (six points and eight rebounds) provided Canton with a lot of depth

"Kevin blocked eight shots, but he altered several more," Paye said

Canton led 13-9 after one quarter, 23-16 at the half and 41-26 with eight minutes left

"For the first time in a long time we played four consistent quarters and didn't have a scoring drought," said Paye "Defensively, we shut down the kids we thought could hurt us We took care of the ball tonight, too We only had 10 turnovers, which is good for us"

Chris Lorente led the Mustangs with 14 points JD Gerblick twined eight

WAYNE 67, PLYMOUTH 56: Senior Gene Nix was one rebound short of doubling up a double-double in Wayne's Western Lakes Activities Association matchup with the

Wildcats The 6-foot-7 center finished with 22 points and 19 boards while leading his team to their seventh win after a slow start Danny Walsh added 10 points

The Zebras (7-6 overall, 6-1 WLAA) used a 20-5 third guarter to distance themselves from Plymouth (7-6, 3-4) come away with the win

"In the third quarter," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said, "we did a better job of taking care of the ball and attaching their press'

ıng let the Zebras pull away

"In the third quarter we started forcing things, and when we got good shots, we did not bury them," Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said "Then we got back in rhythm We showed some character coming back We didn't quit, and that's a positive sign We got good shots, but we didn't bury them "

Plymouth's DJ Coleman led all scorers with his season-high 30 points and came up with six steals, but the Wildcats couldn't recover from a 19-for-37 performance from the charity stripe

Jim Wilbur added eight points, while Josh LeDuc blocked six shots

FRANKLIN 60, SALEM 33: Livonia Franklin outscored the Rocks 33-13 in the second half to pull away and notch another WLAA victory

Junior Andre Bell led the way for the Patriots (9-3 overall, 5-2 WLAA) with 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Mitch Jelonek added 11 points

The Patriots struggled against the struggling Rocks (1-12, 1-6) in the first half but came out strong in the second

"Our execution wasn't there in the first half," Franklin coach Russ Keberly said, "but we had a pretty productive second

Despite nearly doubling up Salem, Keberly thought his team was flat

"Salem outhustled us, and out-executed us," Keberly said "They were just not able to score We can't play like this on Tuesday (at Walled Lake Central) and expect to win "

Junior Billy Leddy led Salem with nine points

"They just dismantled us in the second half," Salem coach Bob Brodie said of the Patriots "We had 24 turnovers They had 12 steals, a total of 36 giveaways They did a great job defensively

JOHN GLENN 54, W.L. NORTHERN 51: WLAA coleader Westland John Glenn (6-7, 6-1) rallied to erase a fourpoint halftime deficit Friday to escape stingy Walled Lake Northern (1-12, 1-6)

Brandon Pratt (15 points) Barry Eberhardt (13) and Alex McMillian (12) led the way for the Rockets The Knights' Nick Bortz led all scorers with 20 points and Joel Darin added 12 for the Vikings (1-12, 1-6)

Each team earned eight points at the charity stripe, Glenn on 19 attempts and Northern on 13

SWIM RESULTS

Salem 142 Westland John Glenn 37

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Canton gymnasts overcome Eagles

A no-fall performance on the balance beam served as the catalyst for the Canton gymnastics team in its 141 95-133 00 victory over Hartland Wednesday night at Plymouth High School The victory improved the Chiefs' dual-meet record to 4-2

The key to the meet was that we had six good performances on the beam routines," said Canton coach John Cunningham "Of the six, we had four nines and an 8 85 Chelsea Selden's (9 05) and Hıllary Bracht's (9 3) performances on the beam were personal

The Chiefs welcomed the return of Megan Chappo, who finished

fourth on the bars "Everyone is progressing well," Cunningham said

Canton 141 95 Hartland 133 00 Wednesday Jan 26, at Plymouth H.S (results for Canton gymnasts) Vault 1 Alyssa Kelley 930 2 Jessie Murray 900 3 (tie) Mina Pirzadeh 860 6 (tie) Kaitlyn

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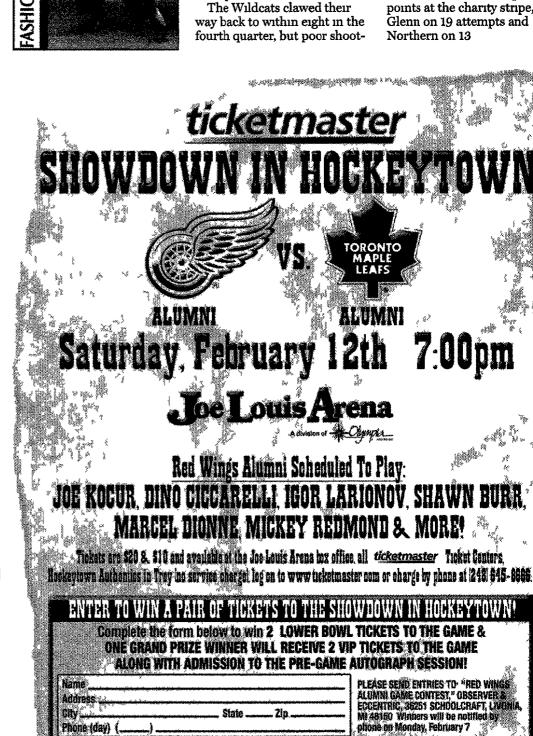
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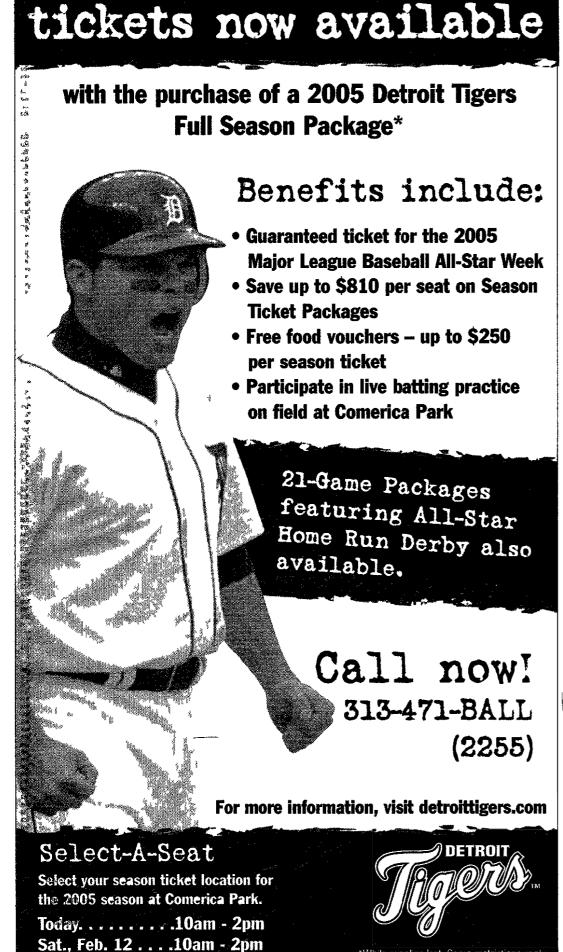
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did," said Canton coach Casey Randolph 'We weren't quite as relentless as I would like us to be, but we still did well'

Canton led 5-3 after the first two matches Chief Jay Fleischmann opened the proceedings with a 16-1 technical fall triumph over Richard Martin at 125 The Wildcats bounced back in the 130pound match when Steve Korpus edged Canton's Pete Bonneau, 8-5

However, the Chiefs gained a strangle-hold on the match from that point on as they won the next seven contests — two

by pins, two by major decisions match will begin at 6 p m and one on a technical fall to take a commanding 37-3 lead with five matches left Corey Phillips (135), Ryan Webb (140), PJ Caram (189), Ryan Schnettler (103) and Sam Santıllı (112) recorded pins for the Chiefs

Next week will be a busy one for the Chiefs, who host Livonia Franklin on Tuesday and Walled Lake Western on Thursday Both matches are set to commence at 6 30 p m On Saturday, Canton travels to the Battle Creek Central Invitational

Plymouth returns to the mats Thursday when it hosts Livonia Franklin The opening

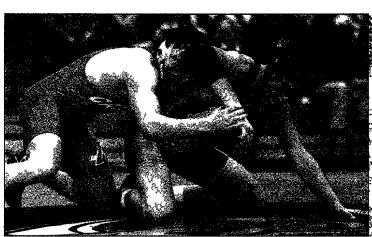
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SALEM 33 **LIVONIA CHURCHILL 28** Jan 27 at Salem

145 pounds Jake Bennett (S) pinned Jameson Murray 1 45 152 Josh Kelly (LC) won by major decision over Val Gui 91 160 Ben Adams (LC) won by major dec over Kevin Mylnek 195 171 Manuel Schubert (LC) won by void 189 Jeremy Henderson (S) dec Joe Bargerstock 6 4 215 Hafeez Oureshi (LC) p Alex Smith 0 45 275 Pat Draheim (LC) p Steve Kaptur 0 39 103 Alex Fowler (LC) dec Jeremy Stankewitz 5 2 112 Nick Steiger (S) dec Tim Hecksel 12 0 119 Matt Keffler (S) won by major dec. over Greg Roberts 14 5 125 Cory Mervyn (S) p J P Gaffke 103 130 Ryan Stump (S) dec Justin Smith 7 4 135 Scott Fysh (S) won by major dec over Eric Brace 9 0 140 Ryan Olson won by major dec over Dave Rush 91

Dual meet records Salem 15 5 overall 31 Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division Churchill 13 1 overall 2 1 WLAA Lakes



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Canton's Marwan Faraj and Plymouth's Ramin Pakray battle for position during the early stages of Thursday night's 160-pound match. Faraj eventually won, 850 776

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASKETBALL

Tuesday Feb 1 Canton at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Salem 7 pm Northville at Piymouth 7 p.m. Canton Agape at Franklin Road 7 30 p.m. Bethesda at Plymouth Christian 7 pm Thursday Feb 3

Huron Valley at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School 730 pm Friday Feb 4 Plymouth at Canton 7 p m Salem at Northvile 7 pm

Plymouth at Canton 7 p m Southfield Christian at PCA 7:30 p m **BOYS SWIMMING** Monday Jan 31 Plymouth at Redford CC at Livonia Community Center 7 p.m. Thursday Feb 3 Northville at Canton 7 p m

Salem at Livonia Stevenson 7 p m Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 7 p m PREP HOCKEY Tuesday Feb 1 Northville at PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge Arena 630 pm Wednesday Feb 2 at Arctic Edge Ice Arena 8 p m Chelsea at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center 8 30 p m Plymouth at Livonia Churchill 6 p.m.

Friday Feb 4 Canton at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center 8 p m PCS Penguins at Regina 9 pm Plymouth at W.L. Western at Lakeland ice Arena 820 pm WRESTLING Thursday Feb 3

WL Western at Canton 630 pm Salem at W L Central 630 p m Livonia Franklin at Plymouth 6 p m **GYMNASTICS** Monday Jan 31

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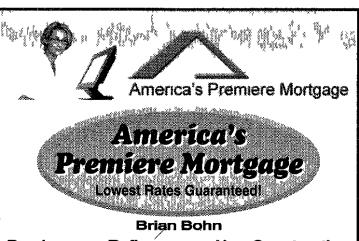
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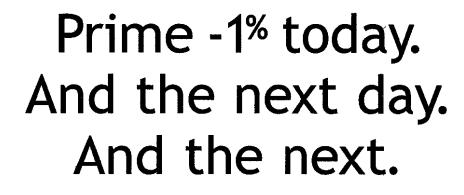
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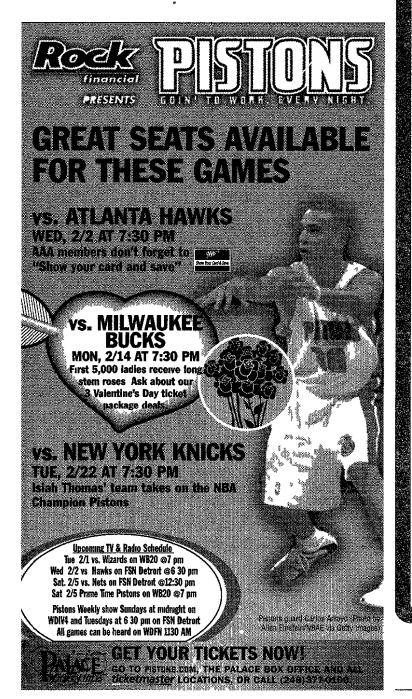
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margin out to 40-23 at halftime It was 57-35 through three quarters and the Eagles were up by 22 points or better throughout the fourth period

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"There was one point in the fourth quarter, with about three minutes left," Krogel said, "where Jerret lobbed that long pass (for an easy basket by Searcy) We just stood around watching That bothered me'

Bothered him to the point where he pulled his starters and put in the reserves, trailing 73-38 "It was devastating It was an eve-opener, for

We had distractions all week People close to us know we've had (internal) problems We deserved what we got

'And that's not to take anything away from Romulus Without the distractions, they probably would have still beaten us by 20

Bellevilles best quarter was the first, when it scored 14 points

'In our last three games we'd had 28, 24 and 22 turnovers,' Oats said "I told our kids if they would take care of our turnovers and go to the

rım, we d win going away "Sometime late in the first half, Jerret told me, 'I'm back

Smith drew a foul and scored his first point of the game on a free throw 57 seconds into the

contest He made a driving layup with 5 54 left and added another solitary free throw a halfminute later

He hit a triple at 5 03 and added another basket, driving to the glass for a layup, to make it 19-6 with 3 32 left in the opening period

In the second quarter Smith made three baskets, one a three-pointer, and three free throws for 10 points

"I'm disappointed in myself and I m disappointed in my team," Krogel said 'But we'll get

'I thought all along we were due for a whipping We got one

"If we don't learn from this, we won't learn from anything

The teams will play again on the last game of the regular season, Feb 25 There's a decent chance first place, or a share of first place, will be on the line for the rematch at Romulus

I was 1-6 versus Belleville coming into this game," Oats said 'You obviously aren't going to think it's going to be easy going against the No 2 team in the state But I felt as confident coming into this game as I ever have against Belleville"

Having Jerret Smith, the answer man, on your side would be enough to take care of most questions

"I'd say," Krogel said, "that Romulus and the University of Michigan feel a whole lot better about Jerret Smith today'

HOMECOMING

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rhythm in the second quarter thanks to some stunning outside shooting Molnar hit a pair of mid-range jumpers and a long three for Agape and sen-10r guard Jordan Johnston swished a pair of treys for PCA in the opening minutes of the second period to set the tone for the rest of the half, which ended in favor of Agape, 23-21 Molnar scored nine points in the quarter — all from the perimeter

Whatever changes Taylor made at the half worked because the Eagles put together an 8-0 run to open the third quarter to grab a lead they would never relinquish Ciborowski started the run with a strong inside move Sumner then drained a three

and Saagman added a baseline drive and a free throw

'We made a few adjustments at the half that seemed to help," Taylor said "We were driving too much and not passing enough in the first half Plus, we weren't flashing to the high point We moved the ball better in the second half and took the ball inside more

Matt Saagman did a nice job of finding the seams in their match-up zone Aaron had one of his better games this year, too And Stephen Sumner may not have scored a lot, but he makes his presence felt in other ways

PCAs biggest lead of the second half was 46-34 with 3 50 to go when Ciborowski converted a layup Agape cut its deficit to 52-46 on a pair of Jack Anleitner free throws with 16 2 seconds left, but that's as close as the

Wolverines could get Molnar rimmed out a pair of threes within a 20-second span in the final minute

Ciborowski paced the Eagles with 17 points and 14 rebounds Sumner added 11 points while Saagman chipped in with 10 McCord tallied six points and nine rebounds

The Wolverines' biggest ınsıde threat, senior Derek Leathers, scored just one point, but he pulled down a teamhigh nine boards Bryan Horning had five steals for Agape and Anleitner had four swipes

PCA htt 20-of-43 shots from the field (46 5 percent) and 11of-19 free throws (578 percent) Agape connected on 16of-49 field goals (32 6 percent) and 9-of-13 shots from the charity stripe (69 percent)

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Smooth skaters

The Canton Crush Squirt A hockey team won the Detroit Regional Silver Sticks Tournament Dec 15 in St Clair Shores The tournament featured the best Squirt A teams from throughout southeastern Michigan The Crush upended Kensington Valley, 2-1, in the title game Team members are Jack Bergmann, Ben Crabill Michael Curtis, Ryan Cusin, Gage Fasbender, Connor Gaffney, Brendon Kearney, Jacob Pacholski Pearce Vance, Reede Burnett, Matt Cox, Nick Daigneau, Lucas Salinas, Nate Tustian and Brett Young The team is coached by Ken Gaffney and Frank Vellucci



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HASKINS

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the ball is going to go, and our success is centered around her ability to set the ball

"Earlier in the season, I asked Sarah to become a little more vocal, and she has definitely improved on that She's a good leader for this team"

EARLY SPIKER

It didn't take long for Haskins' volleyball skills to blossom after she was introduced to the sport seven years ago in her hometown of Franklin, Tenn Once her mom registered the athletic fourthgrader for a volleyball club at a local recreation center, the 9year-olds passion for the sport was born

I hked volleyball right away,' she said "I like the pace of the game Its always intense In basketball, if your team is down by more than 10 points, its hard to come back because the other team can hold the ball But in volleyball, you can be down a lot and still battle back and win' Like the quarterback of the

football team, volleyball setters are often the biggest difference-makers when it comes to

winning and losing Haskins doesn't mind the extra responsıbılıty

In fact, she thrives on it 'I like having the pressure on my shoulders, she said "I don't really look at it as pressure, though I like being able to make the decisions about who the ball is going to My teammates and I have played together so long that they know where I'm going to set the ball just by reading the position of my body'

NO EXCUSES

Haskins said she has never used the fact that Plymouth won't have seniors until the 2005-06 school year as an excuse when the team struggles 'To tell you the truth, I've

never thought of us as not having seniors," she said It almost feels like I m a senior because I ve been a part of the first class to go through Plymouth I love being a part of this first class because we're the ones who get to set the tradition, the trends and the records for the following classes to match' Once Plymouth's season

ends sometime in March, Haskins' volleyball focus turns to the Crusaders a local AAU

travel team that is made up of several top players from the area The team practices two to three times a week and competes in tournaments on weekends beginning in April, she

"We pretty much just travel around Michigan," Haskins added, "but we did go to Chicago last year for the nationals

CLASSROOM ACE

Haskins said she finds it easier to maintain — or even ımprove - her shining 3 5 grade-point average during volleyball season, even though it's the time of year when her agenda is packed 'I actually get better grades

when I'm participating in sports because I know when I get home from practice I don't have much time, so I have to get my homework done," she said I've learned how to manage my time better because of volleyball' She's also learned how to

manage her volleyball court awareness quite nicely as well over the past three years There are six Walled Lake

Western players who would confirm that fact

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Opportunistic Chief icers outlast Redford

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Opportunity knocked several times for Redford Unified's hockey team Wednesday night ın its non-league game at Canton, but the Chiefs continuously slammed the door shut on their Mega Conference visi-

The defining moment in Canton's 4-2 victory at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton came in the opening minute of the third period when a 45-second two-man advantage for Redford was snuffed out by the Chiefs' three-man penalty-killing unit

"That was the turning point of the game," said Redford coach Larry Singer, whose team trailed just 3-2 at the time "Not only were we unable to score, but we didn't even get a shot off That was a great opportunity to tie it up and we didn't take advantage of it" "Canton improved to 10-4-1

dropped to 6-7 "It was a strange game for us," said Canton coach Mike Behen "We played hard, but we played sloppy We started off well, but then we had a couple of defensive lapses that really hurt us Give Redford a lot of credit They're young, but they play extremely hard and

with the victory while Redford

they stayed in the game against us right to the end The Chiefs outshot their

opponents 30-14 and seemed on the verge of breaking the game open on several occasions However, Redford goalies Nick Kinney, who played the first half of the game, and Chris Donahue, who played the second, turned back a number of sizzling

"I was impressed by Canton — they are a very skilled team," Singer said "I thought we turned the momentum around in the second period when we played with a more physical style We got hurt when we started playing the puck defensively, and not the body"

The way the game started, it looked as though the scoreboard may blow a fuse before the night was over The Chiefs scored 23 seconds into the contest when Andy Barylskı pounced on a rebound off the stick of Kinney and flipped it into the back of the net to make it 1-0 Reece McCabe, who fired the shot Kınnev deflected towards Barylski, was credited with the assist

Undaunted, Redford knotted the game at 1-1 48 seconds later when Tom Anderson lit the lamp after taking a pass from Justin Blalock.

Canton snatched the lead back for good five minutes into the second period when Garett Hyman punched in a powerplay goal to make it 2-1 Ben Laurin and Bryan Wioncek assisted on the go-ahead tally

Chief defenseman Mike



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Mike Kondratek looks for a passing lane during the Chiefs' 4-2 victory over Redford Unified Wednesday night Redford's Justin Herbst is blocking Kondratek's path to the net

Kondratek — the fastest skater on the Arctic Edge ice Wednesday night — expanded Canton's advantage to 3-1 with 5 29 left in the period when he deposited the puck into the back of the net from the doorstep Jon Sudia assisted

The resilient Redford squad cut its deficit in half just over a minute later when captain Brandon Baity scooped a shot past Canton goalie Tony Hylko from just outside the crease Nick Fischback and Robert Lippe were credited with helpers on the goal

Redford threatened to tie the game with 1 26 left in the second period, but Hylko denied Jason Hendrickson on a shot from point-blank range

Kondratek added an insurance goal for Canton when he wristed a shot into the net with 9 04 to play

The third period was slowed down by eight penalties - five on Canton and three on Redford

"I thought Bryan Wioncek, Mike Kondratek and Reece McCabe played outstanding games for us tonight," Behen said "They all did a great job"

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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The event will be held Friday, Feb 4, at 7 pm at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township Tickets for adults will be \$20 while children 12 and under will get in for \$15 Premier seating tickets, which include a postshow reception with the skating stars, cost \$100

Among the performers will be Belbin and Agosto, who won their second consecutive United State Figure Skating pairs ice-dancing championship two weeks ago in Portland, Ore, 1992 Olympic gold medalist Victor Petrenko, 2002 Olympic and World medalist Timothy Goebel, 2005 US national champion Johnny Weir, 2005 US pairs champions Katie Orscher and Garrett Lucash, and five-time US National Champions Liz Punsalan and Jerod Swallow

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The program is divided into four leagues Minor (7-10 yearolds), Major (11-12 year olds), Junior (13-14 year olds), and

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Last-minute goal gives 'Cat icers win

Plymouth's hockey team slipped by Walled Lake Central, 4-3, Friday night in a Western Lakes Activities game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center The victory improved the Wildcats' record to $\bar{7}$ -8 overall and 2-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association The Vikings dropped to 0-7 in the confer-

"It was kind of a sloppy game for us," said Wildcat

coach Mike Kaput "We had 16 - Johnson Johnson was penalties and all three of their goals were on power plays Central had 14 penalties, so the refs were blowing their whistles a lot

"I thought Christian Blick played a good game in goal for

us tonight Brandon Winowiecki scored the game-winner with 22 seconds left in the game when he

fired a shot from the blue line

past Viking net-minder Jim

screened on the play by a pair of Wildcat skaters who rushed towards the net just prior to Winowiecki's winner, which was assisted by Barile and John Knoerl

Mike Barile had a stellar effort for Plymouth, tallying a goal and an assist

Barile opened the scoring with a first-period goal that was assisted by Justin Michalek and Mike Manner Nick Rosochacki made it 2-0 a few minutes later when he lit the lamp He was assisted by Billy Gauthier and Cote Brown The Vikings surged in front, 3-2, with three unanswered goals in the second period from Anthony White, Bard Murphy and Colin Angelosante

Jason O Gunn knotted the score at 3-3 early in the third

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Ben Wallace, eat your heart

Schoolcraft College center Courtney Williams, a 6-foot-9 transfer from Oakland University, hauled down a season-high 24 rebounds as the Ocelots downed host Oakland Community College in a mens basketball game at the Highland Lakes campus gym,

70-56 Williams and Martin Samarco also scored 15 points apiece to pace Schoolcraft, now 19 2 overall

Marcus Moore added 14 points and nine rebounds. while Chris Gandy dished out six assists...

Julius Barnett led OCC (9-11) with 17 points Walt Williams added 11

Schooleraft overcame poor shooting and 18 turnovers to pull away in the second half

after leading by just three points at intermission, 30-27

The Ocelots were only 23-of-59 from the floor (39 percent) and 16-of-29 from the free throw line (55 percent), while OCC was 22-of-68 from the field (32 percent) and 6-of-13 from the line (46 percent)

INDIANA TECH 100 MADONNA 75 Madonna (6 16 1 5) earned exclusive rights to last place in the Wolverine Hoos er Athletic Conference with a loss Wednesday to WHAC foe Indiana Tech (15 6 3 2) in Fort Wayne

MU's Noel Emenhiser kept up his torrid scoring pace by dropping 36 points on 12 for 27 shooting and tied for the lead on his team with five boards and four assists but no other Crusader could reach double digit

JuJuan Cooley led the host Warriors with 25 points and five steals while Chris Goings added 14 points and Luke McKenna staved atop the WHAC rebounding leaders with 14

The Crusaders couldn't overcome 26 per cent (8 for 30) shooting in the first half and trailed at the break 43.25

Lady Ocelots pick up easy win, 65-4

STAFF WRITER

On Jan 22, Schoolcraft College's women's basketball got derailed by a snowstorm Wednesday, the Lady Ocelots temporarily lost power, so to speak

"Yeah, we only scored 27 points in the first half, and that's a power outage for us," joked Schoolcraft head coach Karen Lafata

She could laugh because the Làdy Ocelots cranked it up again in the second half and easily defeated Oakland Community College 65-42 The victory improved Schoolcraft's record to 15-3 overall and 7-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association OCC dropped to 9-9 overall and 4-3 in the MCCAA

They (Lady Raiders) slowed the tempo down on us," Lafata explained 'The game was real choppy and we couldn't get into the flow'

In the opening half, Schoolcraft connected on just The victory improved Schoolcraft's record to 15-3 overall and 7-0 in the **Michigan Community College** Athletic Association, OCC dropped to 9-9 overall and 4-3 in the MCCAA.

12 of 30 field-goal tries but managed to lead 27-20 Although OCC made just four of 23 attempts, the Lady Raiders hit 12 of 14 foul shots compared to just two-of-five for the Lady Ocelots

But the play picked up after the intermission, and Schoolcraft scored 38 points to easily clinch the win

"That was more typical for us, said Lafata, noting that her team hit 14 of 27 field-goal attempts in the second half

Schoolcraft's offense is averaging about 80 points per game, the coach said

On Wednesday, despite the slow start, four players scored at least 10 points for the Lady Ocelots

Sophomore forward Ashley Gibson led Schoolcraft with 17 points, including three triples Gibson chipped in with four assists

Freshman forward Charlese Greer tallied 14 points along with nine rebounds Scoring 10 points each were freshman forward Amantha Combs (Belleville) and sophomore center Sara Tyree (Westland John Glenn)

Lafata noted strong play off the bench from freshman guard and Walled Lake Western graduate Tracey Winkler, who scored five points and contributed three

MADONNA 68 INDIANA TECH 55 Proficient shooting from the floor sparked Madonna University to a Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Wednesday night over visiting Indiana Institute of Technology

The Lady Crusaders hit 26 of 54 field goal

however shot 303 from the floor (20 66).

Madonna outscored the Lady Warriors 32

25 in the first half and built on that lead in the second half

Top contributors for the Lady Crusaders (11 1) overall 42 in the WHAC) were center Sarah Thomson (18 points 11 rebounds) quard Jackie Pingston (15 points six rebounds) guard Lydia Prusinows (12 points) and forward Martina Frankles (11 points 10 rebounds)

For Indiana Tech (10 12 overal) 42 in the WHAC) guard DeNisha Gray scored 18 points while forward Alicia Harrison chipped in with

MADONNA 63 CONCORDIA 54 MU had to wait two days to take on - and defeat - host Concordia University with the Jan 22 game postponed until Jan 24 due to heavy snow

After a bit of a slow start last Monday the Lady Crusaders went on to defeat the Cardinals 63 54 in a WHAC matchup

Trailing 32 27 at halftime Madonna simply shot better from the floor after the intermis sion The Lady Crusaders connected on 11 of 26 field goal attempts in the second half compared to a nine for 30 clip by Concordia (2 16 0 6 in the WHAC)

Sparking Madonna with 17 points was Pingston while Maureen McCormick (42 points) and Prusinowski (11 points) helped the cause on the offensive end

in the rebounding department the Lady Crusaders received 12 boards from Franklin and 11 from Thomson

For the Cardinals Richel Gerstenberger

Whalers blank Saginaw as goalie Nie stands out

Plymouth Whaler All-Star goaltender Rvan Nie stopped all 33 shots he faced en route to a decisive 5-0 victory over the Sagmaw Spirit in an Ontario Hockey League game Friday night at Compuware Sports Arena Plymouth improved to 21-19-4-3 and reclaimed sole possession of first place in the OHLs West Division John Mitchell scored his 18th and 19th goals of the season and added three assists

for a five-point night and John Vigilante added his 16th goal of the season and a trio of assists

him three on the season Nie, the only Whaler on the

OHL All-Star team, earned his second shutout of the season Plymouth was in control

throughout, striking first at 12 22 of the first period, when Vigilante split two defenders and scored

Steve Ward also scored two goals for the Whalers, giving

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Dear Jen, My boyfriend and I have been dating for only a few months and I think he's using me. I did something with him that I regret and don't know what to do. I thought he'd like me more, but he told everyone and is now a jerk. Too much too soon in Canton,

You should never do something with someone for him or her to like you more First off, you will not feel good about yourself for doing it, and secondly you set yourself up to be used To be in a serious relationship you should both be affectionate for the right reasons This guy doesn't sound like he deserves you, because he has violated your trust and your privacy You need to pick your chin up, break up with him and start to heal If he truly cares about you, he will give you time to work through your feeling and let go of the regret If he doesn't, then move on and make sure your next boyfriend is with you for the right reasons!

Dear Jen. My life has been really hard so far. I've gotten into drugs and alcohol and quit the sports teams that I played on for three years Oh ... and my grades have been horrible. Is it too late for me to turn my life around? Life's too short in Redford, 17

It is never too late to turn your life around Actually, you have already started by admitting your problems and seeking help You should talk with your parent(s) about finding a therapist to work with you on your substance abuse problem Once you start to feel more confident about the changes you're making, you can take up a different sport or start looking into college and university sports programs As you feel better, I bet your grades will come back up Just keep strong, believe in yourself and remember it's never too late

Dear Jen, I have a very weird problem. I have to always talk and can't stand the sound of silence. I've even not gone on dates because I don't think I would be able to talk the whole time. Is this normal? Silence is Golden in Livonia, 16

Well, it's normal for you for the meantime It sounds as though you are dealing with some insecurity Sometimes when people are afraid of silence they are uncomfortable with themselves in some way There may be some issues that you are trying to ignore by keeping them bottled up By talking all the time, you never have to think about You should buy a notebook and start journaling Journaling will help you work through these problems and work on being silent Start being conscious about silent moments when with friends and if you feel the need to just talk count to 10 first, silently! You can work through this, but it's going to take a conscious effort Just remember, you don't have to always entertain

Jennifer Sawalha of Livonia has a master's degree in psychology from the Center for Humanistic Studies She can be reached by e mail at JGSKarma@aol com

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Taking the First Step



Valerie Harris (right) comforts a domestic violence survivor in the Activity Room of the First Step shelter. The room provides a place where individual families can have some space and be together

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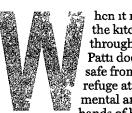
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Domestic violence survivors move ahead with lives

STAFF WRITER



hen it rains, the roof leaks in the kitchen and several places throughout the shelter, but Pattı doesn't mınd because she's safe from harm Until seeking refuge at First Step, she suffered mental and physical abuse at the hands of her partner for many years In the last two months, she's become less

anxious She's not constantly anticipating something bad is about to happen "It's a big difference to be out of that and to be strong," said Patti "It's been wonderful When I was having down days the advocates noticed my

spirits were down They talked to me, showed me they cared They hugged me Those hugs meant a lot to me They meant I'm not alone I'm grateful this place exists"



Associate Director Amy

with their children Youngquist says First Step is and the clothes on helping more women and chiltheir backs Two dren and providing more serv- weeks ago, a woman came in without any ices for each

"We had 38 famıhes during the holiday," said Harris "People are staying longer We're trying to find safe housing, trying to establish income It's getting harder to do because of the economy"

The phone never stops ringing at First Step Volunteers and staff answer 400 to 500 calls a month from women in need of shelter, legal

PLEASE SEE LIVES, C3

Charity dance became event over last 15 years

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Brian Duggan can't believe it's been 15 years since he started the charity dance to raise money for First Step, a nonprofit agency providing services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault It's certainly become more work to coordinate the food including hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and pizza, a Casino Night, music by Steve King & The Dittlies, and entertainment by actors impersonating Madonna, Karen Carpenter and Cher Nevertheless, Duggan feels its more important now than ever to host the event 7 30 pm to 1 30 am Friday, Feb 11, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Tickets are \$35 in advance and available by calling (734) 591-1900

'Throughout the 15 years, I've met a lot of people who have been battered and it turns my stomach when a woman or a child gets abused," said Duggan "We've sent letters to everyone and have added a raffle, car raffle, slot car racing Every table gets a bottle of champagne All

PLEASE SEE DANCE, C3

Mindworks: **Program targets** learning problems

BY RUSS HAMMOND CORRESPONDENT

When she was in first grade, Becky Nall noticed that her daughter, Emily, was having trouble reading The teachers "brushed her off' and told Nall that some kids just take longer to learn to read than others

In third grade, she was told, "Emily has a disability and just has to live with it" The school advised her that Emily would have to repeat the same grade next year Nall would not accept

That's when Nall, who lives in Novi, took her daughter to Mindworks in Ann Arbor This year, Emily is in fifth grade and got an A in reading

Mindworks is not a tutoring program — it doesn't help kids with their schoolwork. It works to correct the underlying problem that's causing the difficulties ın school

The Mindworks program is an option to help those with dyslexia and ADD/ADHD For people with these learning disabilities, school can be a nightmare and their future is limited unless they receive some type of specialized

When Emily was tested at Mindworks, she was found to have a phonological processing problem She took in information differently than other people

'It was a sequencing problem,' Nall said 'She couldn't pull words apart and this affected her reading

According to Terry Dunivin, CEO of Mindworks, many kids in school today are diagnosed with ADD/ADHD when they really have a different type of learning disability

"There are 30 learning issues



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rebecca Nall watches her daughter, Emily, 11, work on some school work Emily has improved her reading skills and is now reading at grade level after completing a special program at MindWorks for children with learning problems

similar to ADD/ADHD,' Dunivin said "Ritalin is used too much"

Dr Jill Robinson, coordinator of the master's program in learnıng dısabılıtıes at Madonna University, echoes this sentiment

about using medication "Pılls don't teach skılls," Robinson said

With proper diagnosis and treatment, many learning disabilities can be overcome without

Dunivin said that the Mindworks method gets to the underlying problem of the disability, while many schools just teach kids "how to cope with it"

Robinson said that "programs such as this provide a great option above and beyond what public schools offer'

She added that "public schools have a great challenge to educate

all students" According to Robinson, the makeup of special education classrooms has changed drastically and "it's hard for special education teachers to meet the

PLEASE SEE MINDWORKS, C3

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Show your love for your teen on Feb. 14

alentine's Day gives us a special time to think of love Love can be expressed in many ways This column doesn't involve suggestions for material gifts but rather includes reminders of ways you can truly express your love for your teen Here are some ideas

■ Use plenty of positive words and phrases each day with your teen Banish putdowns from your vocabulary

■ Make an extra effort to set a good example at home and in public Use words like "I'm sorry," "please," and "thank

■ Use non-violent forms of discipline Rewards and restrictions are at the heart of adolescent discipline

■ When you ask questions, don't pry too much Use openended questions like, "Is there something we should talk about?"

■ Listen with your eyes body language says a lot about how your adolescent feels

■ Acknowledge your adolescent's feelings Help name and sort out feelings Then move forward in figuring out an issue or problem

■ Denying how a teen feels even if you disagree with how the feeling is expressed - is a sure way to shut down a conversation

■ Mark family game nights on your calendar so the entire family can be together Put a different family member's name under each plate at dinner, and have that person choose which game will be played that evening Sounds

Teens in 2005



Observer & Eccentric | Sunday January 30 2005

Alice McCarthy

Your teens need your steady support and encouragement to discover their strengths. They need you to believe in them as they learn to believe in themselves.

"corny" Invite your teen's best friends You will be surprised how much fun it is to play a game together

One of the best ways to familiarize your child with good food choices is to encourage cooking with you Let him or her get involved in the entire process, from planning the menus to shopping for ingredients to the actual food preparation and its serving This experience is important for after high school independence and college

■ Your early adolescent's health depends significantly on the care and guidance you offer during this time By taking your teen to the doctor regularly, keeping him or her safe from accidents, providing a nutritious diet, and encouragıng exercise, you help protect and strengthen his or her body

Regardless of whether you actively try to pass on your values and beliefs to your teen, he or she is bound to absorb some of them just by living with you Your teen will notice how disciplined you are in your work, how deeply you hold your beliefs and whether you practice what you preach

■ Mental health issues. especially depression and the warning signs of suicide, are subjects parents need to learn about and be able to discuss with teens

Pre-teens and teens can face tough issues like failure in school, stealing, and gang membership Alcoholism and drug use among peers and family members, and eating disorders are also issues kids face Risky behaviors, date rape, and sexually transmitted diseases-including HIV/AIDSare all topics that parents need to be able to discuss openly

■ Just because your adolescent is in high school please don t think you can neglect the importance of a strong school connection Know your teen's counselor, teachers and principal Find a way to volunteer at school, offering your talents and ideas for all students Your teen will be proud of your volunteerism even if you are ignored as you pass in the hall!

Your teens need your steady support and encouragement to discover their strengths They need you to believe in them as they learn to believe in themselves Loving your adolescent, spending time **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness by Dr Edward Hallowell (Ballentine 2002 \$22 95) Dr Hallowell is a psychiatrist who is known for his work in ADHD and dyslexia He is also the author of Driven to Distraction and recently **Delivered from Distraction** He can be contacted through his web site at www DrHallowell com

with him or her, listening to and praising accomplishments are all part of this process

This copy was modified and extended from a set of tips supplied by the American Academy of Pediatrics (2004) We will discuss these tips more thoroughly in future columns If you missed previously

columns, you can access them www.hometownlife.com/Livon 1a/News asp Type 'Alice R McCarthy under 'Keyword

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recent columns

Alice R McCarthy Ph D the mother of five professionals is a national consultant in the areas of parent involve ment in schools curriculum writing in health and health publications Write to her in care of the Observer/Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Honecker-Sample

Richard and Elaine Honecker announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Ann Honecker, to Christopher Douglas Sample, the son of John and Carol Sample of Canton

The couple will reside in Los Angeles

A Sept 26, 2006 wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth



Stafford-Peterson

Sharon Cabreros of Canton announces the engagement of her daughter, former Canton resident Kimberly Anne Stafford of Portage, to Clark Allen Petersen of Portage, the son of Sherı and George Peterson of Champaign, Ill

The bride-to-be, the daughter of Cabreros and the late William Stafford, attended Canton High School and Western Michigan University She is employed at The Moors Golf Club

The prospective groom, originally from Champlain, attended Centennial High School and Eastern Michigan University He is the general manager at



The Moors Golf Club An Oct 8, 2005 wedding is planned at Yarrow Golf Resort ın Augusta, Mıch

Brown-Mai

Bill Brown of Ossineke and Mickey Wiedbrawk of Pensacola, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kamie Sue Brown, to Matthew Carl Mai, the son of Richard and Susan Mai of Northville The bride-to-be was graduat-

ed from Salem High School in 1994 and from Eastern Michigan University in 2001 She works at Salon Awesome in Plymouth

The prospective groom is a 1987 graduate of Lutheran High Northwest and a 1992 graduate of Madonna University He currently works



for Ultimate Limousine in Brighton

A Feb 16, 2005, wedding and honeymoon are planned in Hawan The couple plans an August 2005 reception in Presque Isle, and will make their home in Northville

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 per son and a telephone number

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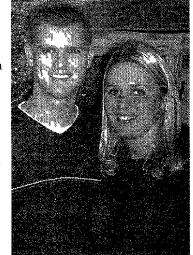
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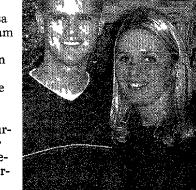
Rzepka-Kaufman

Steven and Helen Rzepka of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Melissa Diane Rzepka to Bryan William Kaufman the son of William and Renee Kaufman of Canton

The bride-to-be is currently working on a bachelor's degree in health administration at Central Michigan University

The prospective groom is currently an account manager for Coca-Cola Co and has a bachelor's degree in accounting information systems from Eastern Michigan University





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LeBlanc

Francis and Deloris (nee Ricklefs) LeBlanc of Livonia celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan 29 with a luncheon at St Aidans Hall They were married Jan 29, 1945, at St Gregory Parish in Detroit

Francis is from the Upper Peninsula and Deloris is from South Dakota Thay have lived in this area

63 years Francis has been retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Co 23/2 years and enjoys working

on the computer Deloris worked for Xcello's in 1945 and has since been a fulltime homemaker She enjoys crocheting and reading

The couple has six children, Francis of Tulsa, Okla, Bernard of Venice, Fla, Eugene of Farmington, Michael of Livonia, Marilyn of Livonia, and Joseph of Plymouth, 11 grandchildren, and six greatgrandchildren

MINDWORKS

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ındıvıdual needs of each stu-

dent' Robinson said that organizations like Mindworks are a "viable option for parents"

Dunivin said the difference between Mindworks and other learning systems is the method involved

"We change the way kids learn," Dunivin said "We strengthen learning skills"

Mındworks doesn't use schoolwork to help its students it uses a series of activities and games that help develop the memory

"We improve the process of learning through a series of exercises that doesn't include homework," Dunivin said. "The last thing these kids want to do is schoolwork, especially if they're having real trouble"

The program at Mindworks lasts three to four months, with many parents seeing results within weeks

Kathy Sultana of Canton has already seen "significant" changes in her son, Tyler, even though he's been in the program only since mid-November

"His teachers have seen a complete turnaround," Sultana said "He actively participates in

Sultana said that Tyler had been having problems in school since first grade He always had a hard time - his mind would wander

Luckily, Tyler managed to get good grades, but it was always a battle for him to get his homework done His problem was reading, he couldn't stay focused long enough

Sultana took Tyler to Mindworks for testing to see if anything could be done for him The test results determined that he has ADD — he has sequencıng problems

At Mindworks, Sultana said that Tyler is involved with an exercise called interactive metronome Tyler listens on headphones to a series of beeps and he has to signal every time he hears one It works with Tyler's memory and makes him pay attention.

Sultana said, 'It's so simple it's bizarre that it works"

Mindworks programs are designed to get to the root of the problem In Tyler's case, the program has helped his attention span so that he can move forward ın school

If students don't advance academically, they're apt to fall behind, become frustrated with the entire educational process and drop out. Dunivin said that 75 percent of kids who don't read at their grade level never will He added that nearly half the kids with learning disabilities drop out

To keep kids from reaching the point of quitting school, Dunivin stresses early intervention

"Third, fourth and fifth grades are the most important grades for learning in school, Dunivin said "These are the grades that count '

Mindworks not only helps kids get better grades, it also reinforces their self-esteem Many kids who are labeled learning disabled feel ashamed of their situation.

Emily Nall felt this way "She felt she was dumb," her

mother said. "It affected her selfesteem big time — she had a real hard time

After 20 weeks at Mindworks, she no longer feels dumb She's getting good grades and is talking about going to college to be a vetermanan

Tyler is also doing well in the self-esteem department His mother said that there has been a big change

Tyler plays hockey and his coach told him that he wished the kids on the team had half the confidence that he does," Sultana said

Dunivin stresses that Mindworks isn't for everyone

There are kids that we can t help," he said "In these cases, we let the parents know that our program just isn't for them

But for the kids who do attend, Dunivin says that 90 percent improve their school grades within three to four months

For more information on Mindworks, call (734) 929-6635 or go online at www mindworkslearning com

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information and counseling The good news is more family members are picking up the phone Amy Youngquist believes that's because 'society is starting to recognize this is truly a crime" By the end of the year they ll have helped nearly 7,000 people

We re helping more people and providing more for each,' said Youngquist, associate director of the nonprofit agency based in Plymouth with an outreach office in Redford 'When they're calling the shelter it's like the last resort They have no where to stay We accept anyone that needs to be safe, not just Wayne County"

The most dangerous time is after a woman leaves home for the shelter Its also the most emotional It's at this time they and their children, some as young as 2 days, need not only clothing and diapers, but counseling First Step programs immediately begin to help them regain stability and selfesteem For the children, play sessions and art therapy may help them express what they've gone through

'Children are frightened, confused We may see behavioral problems, said Harris 'Some have problems in school Some have problems

communicating their needs Sometimes women come in with more than four children, with six, seven, eight It's hard to find housing for them Landlords won t rent to large families

Extended stays mean more people living in the building that's expanded over the 16 years First Step has owned it A leaky roof is just one of the problems Harris says because the building is so old we have to turn the heat up high - that means increasing energy costs

'Things pop up daily, said Youngquist 'We're looking for a committee to build a new building, looking for people with skills

ADVOCACY

First Step doesn't charge for their services or programs that include sending a children's advocate into schools starting in third grade as a measure of prevention It costs around \$2 million a year to provide meals, clothing, transportation, formulas, and counseling for the survivors of domestic violence Federal funding as well as private donations and fund-raisers such as the Feb 11 charity dance help women and chil-

dren move on with their lives "It's the support of staff and volunteers that keep us going," said Youngquist "This is an old building We need skilled labor and financial donations, and we always need volunteers, ' skilled labor to do tiling and repairs, those who can make a longer commitment, work on the crisis line four hours a week after training There are lots of ways in which they can help We welcome men and women, elders, foster grandparents'

'The dance brings in additional money to help A lot of stuff we get for the holidays, clothing, shoes carry us through the year but paper products, diapers, are needed all year long All funding is tied to something A leaky roof is not included, that's where fund raising is so essential to us"

First Step is able to provide services because of fund-raisers like the 15th annual charity dance 7 30 pm to 1 30 a m Friday, Feb 11, at Burton Manor, Livonia Tickets are \$35 in advance and available by calling (734) 591-1900

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Warren at Sheldon in Canton

DANCE

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doors are opened to eliminate long lines We have more food, nine roast beef stations, and dessert courtesy of Bright

Duggan expects to fill 175 tables with 10 guests at each Last year, the event raised \$35,000 after expenses

"The sooner they call the better," said Duggan "I encour age them to buy raffle tickets It helps offset the cost of the event and they can win a twoyear lease for a Chevy Cobalt or Ford 500 from Tennyson Chevrolet or Bill Brown Ford We have to sell 500 tickets at \$20 apiece If not, it reverts to

a cash prize Well also have a raffle for everything from a flat screen TV to nights on the town It's only \$10 and on the back is a coupon for a buy one get one dinner free at E G Nicks, Leather Bottle or Giulio's Out of 15 years, I don t remember someone saying they didn t have a good time"

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2003	8161	739	173	268
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All proposals shall be made on the Proposal Forms and in accordance with Instructions to Proponents furnished by the Division of Public Services Solid Waste Department Each proposal shall be sealed and plainly marked Copies of the proposal forms and instructions may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk 42350 Ann Arbor Road

Proposals must be delivered to and be on file with.

Office of the Township Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, Michigan 48170

on or before March 28, 2005, 3:00 PM

ANY PROPOSAL RECEIVED AFTER THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED ABOVE SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED

The envelope containing the Proposal must be sealed and plainly marked "Proposal for Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Recycling and Composting"

Proposals will be <u>publicly opened</u> and available for review at 3 05 PM on March 28 2005 in the Clerk's Office Meeting Room located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Questions should be directed to Susan Vignoe, at 734-453-8131 ext 33 (Charter Township of Plymouth, Division of

Public Services, Solid Waste Department)

Proposals must be submitted with a bid bond of \$180 000 00 executed by a Surety Company licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Michigan and acceptable to the Township No bidder may withdraw his proposal within ninety (90) days after the date set for receipt of proposals

The defined terms appearing in the General Specifications apply to all Contract Documents A Pre-Proposal Meeting for all interested parties has been scheduled for February 9, 2005 at 2.00 PM The meeting will be held in the Plymouth Township Board Meeting Room located at

42350 Ann Arbor Road. Questions/concerns regarding this document will be addressed at the Pre-Proposal Meeting

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Proposal and to make an award in any manner, consistent with law deemed in the best interest of the Township

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

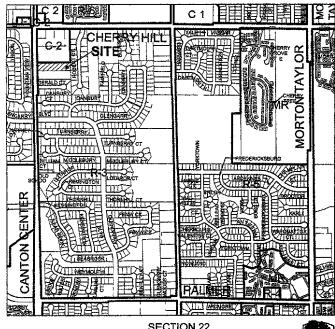
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday February 21 2005 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road at 700 pm. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

MORRIS REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 086 99 0002 001 FROM R 3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO 0 1 OFFICE Property is located east of Canton Center and south of Cherry Hill Road



SECTION 22

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, February 17 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

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Young actor makes good in Hollywood

STAFF WRITER

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John Yono left Livonia for Los Angeles a little more than a year ago but he already has wrapped shooting on several films including There Cant Be Nothing premiered at Universal Studios in June and Clique an independent horror tale from Clarity Pictures

Even though Yono stars in the teen slasher film and plays a supporting role in the drama about a love triangle hes not letting success go to his head Yono avoids late night Hollywood parties in favor of sleep He says it's important to look good and be healthy in

this city Its a whole different world out there from cars to clothes said Yono 23 'You rarely see a Ford there You stop at a light and you re surrounded by BMWs Audis, Ferraris Its all about how you look Its very fast I ve become immune to it

He does occasionally have doubts about making it on the West Coast but not enough to lure him back home with his father, John, mother Cindy, four brothers and a sister Yono loves his family but has dreamed of a career on the stage since his senior year at Churchill High School

It was then he began think-



This still is from the film There Can't Be Nothing which premiered at Universal Pictures last June Livonia native John Yono (right) played a supporting role in the drama about a love triangle

At the time he was playing drums in the hard core band, Elements of Aggression

Yono didn't care for the lifestyle that included drugs He took a theater class with James Hartman at Schoolcraft College and was hooked For the next few years, Yono honed his acting skills in productions with the Plymouth Theatre Guild (now Spotlight Players) and the Farmington Players while saving his money for the

family and friends I always had the biggest mouth of the group,' said Yono I was the one who wanted to entertain and make everyone laugh

I took acting classes at John Casablancas, a talent agency in Plymouth, and played a fan in the Billy Crystal film *61 After seeing what the set was like with thousand of lights everyone watches you I thought that was what I want

to do I got a lot more serious Yono signed up with an

agent at The Talent Shop in Bingham Farms after hearing about the promoters while studying acting at Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea It wasn't long before he landed a part in a commercial for Belle Tire, then headed off to Hollywood where actors seem to be everywhere, including serving coffee at Starbucks

He doesn't let the competition intimidate him

Yono continues to drop off resumes and head shots to Hollywood studios in search of actors He is presently working on a demo reel of films he's appeared in to add to his presentation 'You ve gotta do what you've

gotta do, said Yono I prepared by working jobs in warehouses, everything to a stage hand and saved my money My parents are very supportive I live with two roommates

in Glendale When I have to, I do catering at celebrity events like the movie premiere of The Bourne Supremacy (Universal Pictures), MTV awards

Side jobs keep Yono going financially so he can pursue an acting career

I feel so happy being on the set, said Yono, even though its a very long day

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Star (Jan 30 Feb 2) By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You're surrounded by back seat driv ers who cannot understand the emo tional or professional conflicts you are experiencing Simply clear the air and make a complete break With your ruling planet Mars changing signs next week you if be better off letting go rather than letting off steam Ram

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Batten down the hatches Bull! With your ruling planet Venus changing signs Wednesday pay less attention to other's opinions and more to your own The answers you seek are with in reach, but you have been looking in all the wrong places recently Let go of tunnel vision feed your head

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

With your ruling planet Mercury entering your element today there may be a great deal more opposi tion than you expected this week but don't even think of backing down because this is a battle that needs to be fought. Be bold and brave Twin and you should be the last one standing

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

There are few who have not experi enced some kind of disappointment or financial loss recently or paid dearly for counting too many chick ens waaay before hatch time Exercise your right to terminate any unsatisfactory arrangement – be it business or personal Your best is yet to come Crab!

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Before you throw good money after bad consider what you are trying to achieve Lion The time is long past when you could spend your way out of trouble or flash that smile What is needed now is not a fresh injection of cash and flash but a fresh injec tion of class and ideas

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You know only too well that great works are achieved by perseverance rather than happenstance Virgo However no amount of effort will be enough unless you open up and allow others to share the load now You've paid your dues and done your time kiddo!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

With Mercury and (soon) Venus enterina your element and aspecting mighty Mars you II have to do something distasteful this

week something you would prefer to avoid but know you can't Get it over with as quickly as possible Balancer but make sure you do a good job so that you don't have to go back and do it again

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

With the Moon in your sign now the worst thing you can do is fret about what you believe you ought to have done Certain individuals have cho sen to ignore your advice or have taken the law into their own hands It's time to set about realizing your financial and professional goals

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Should you allow your principles to interfere with your ambitions and desires or should you ignore them? There is no easy answer to this predicament but your instincts are likely to be correct now Archer By staying true to your ideals you remain true to yourself

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Keep your wits to ensure that new financial arrangements are not designed to give others more con trol or authority Experience has taught you that the dividing line between dreams and reality is determined by self belief With Mars entering your sign next week it's time to get your priorities in order!

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

There are two points to be remembered when dealing with personal matters now WaterBearer First it is much easi er to be critical than to be correct Second the only criticism that hurts is the kind that one deserves For best results be open minded rather than full of yourself as Mercury enters your sign

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

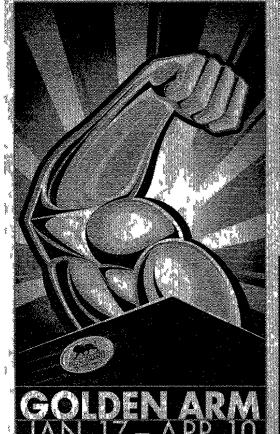
Home and domestic matters are high lighted now and it II be a wise Fish who pays attention and stays well within the perimeters that loved ones try to impose it is difficult being detached when you feel hurt or disillusioned but you can and must pull through

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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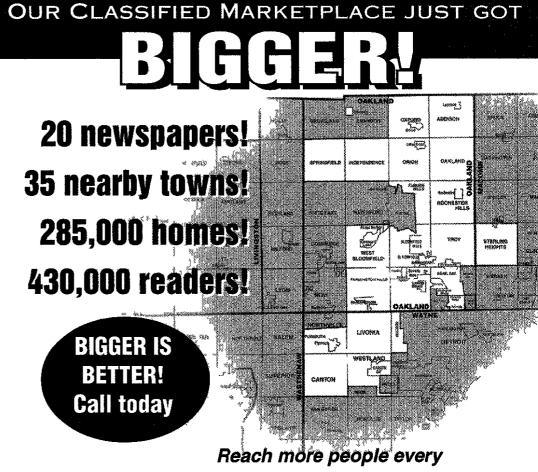
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AROUND TOWN

Super summer for kids

The 16th annual Super Summer for Kids A Camp & Activities Fair offering one stop shopping for interesting and stimulating camps is set for Sunday Feb 27 in the Birmingham Public Schools Corporate Training and Conference Center 31301 Evergreen Beverly Hills (behind Groves High School) More than 70 US and Canadian Camps both day and overnight will be showcased at the event from 11 a m 3 p m Many new camps will attend this year according to Elaine Sturnam camp fair organiz er in addition new programs for older children that include overnight travel programs computer camps sports camps and programs that have a community service component will be represented Admission is free In addition high school and college students interested in summer employment will also have the oppor tunity to obtain valuable information The camp fair is presented by Elaine S Events and co-sponsored by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Metro Parent Magazine

Madonna blood drive The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations from noon 6 p m Wednesday Feb 16 in the University Center/Residence Hall Classrooms at Madonna University located at 14221 Levan Road The process is safe simple and takes only a short time To make an appoint ment call the office of student servic es at (734) 432 5428 Walk in donors are also welcome Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old and may donate every eight weeks or not more than five times a year The Red Cross will distribute all donated blood to the 75 area hospitals in southeast ern Michigan

Genealogical Society meets

The Livingston County Genealogical
Society meets at 7 p m Thursday Feb
3 at the Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints 1041 W Grand River
in Howell The beginners class starts
at 6 and is taught by society member
Margaret Bowland For more informa
tion call (517) 223 3216 or (810) 227
7745

Mercy auction benefit

Mercy High School in Farmington Hills announces its 26th annual auction Still Rockin at 60 to be held Saturday Feb 26 The event starts at 6 p m with a silent auction emceed by WDIV's Steve Garagiola The live auction starts at 9 p m Proceeds raised from the auction will benefit Mercy's educational programs For auction reservations or other information call Erin Carlesimo (248) 476 8020 Ext 1253

Men's health day

St Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a prostate screening and men's health day from 8 a m -4 p m Saturday March 5 Men can receive a prostate screening learn about medical health and fitness information nutrition and more Prostate screening consists of a blood test total cholesterol check a prostate exam and a blood pressure check A \$10 donation to the new St Mary Mercy Cancer Center is optional Appointments fill quickly To register call (734) 655 8963 St Mary Mercy is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia

Gardening workshop
Mia Mahalo sponsors the latest in its

workshop series A Guide to Growing Flowers Fruits and Vegetables Naturally from 7 8 30 pm Thursday Feb 24 With Spring just around the corner its time once again to start thinking about your garden and health Edie Saunders owner of Two Women and a Hoe and MSU certified Advanced Master Gardner will host a workshop on organic gardening for novice to advanced gar deners The workshop will focus on The Organic Way or WW M N D (what would mother nature do looking after the soil and how to improve it

Let's select and grow and a garden that everyone can safely enjoy Admission is \$10 per person Mia Mahalo is located at 407 S Washington in Royal Oak For more information call (248) 546 1900 Black History art exhibit

Madonna University Art Department presents the exhibit Individual Idioms Interwoven Identity in cele bration of Black History Month The exhibit will feature contrasting mediums such as paint fiber ceramics collage found objects installation

and video by Detroit area artists including. Peter Williams Richard Lewis Chris Turner Loretta Oliver Elizabeth Youngblood and Ross Sawyer The exhibit is on display through Wednesday. Feb 23. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday. 8 a.m. 10 p.m. Friday. 8 a.m. 7 p.m. Saturday. 9 a.m. 5.30 p.m. and Sunday. 1.5 p.m. For more information contact. Christina Hill. gallery curator. Madonna University art department at christinahill.49@yahoo.com.

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! For more information or to RSVP 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@com cast net

Hospice training
Heartland Hospice is looking for car
ing 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 train
ing 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 chil
dren ages 2 4 years to hear a story
make a project and play in the play
room while you talk with other par
ents and early childhood staff about
parenting Groups are located at
Puzzte Pieces Center for Children &
Famil es 991 N Mill in Plymouth on
Jan 31 Feb 7 Feb 14 and Feb 21 from
10 30 1130 a m For d rections and
more information call (734) 459 4664

Support session
Hospice of Michigan hosts Blues
Blahs and Blizzards to help people
grieving the loss of a loved one dur
ing the winter months when days are
long and opportunities for staying
busy are limited. This session will
address the effects of grief and win
ter depression. The program is free
The session is set for 130 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 pro gram 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 pro gram 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 applica tions 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.many houses.com or visit any local RE/MAX

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian based bereavement out reach 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 chil dren 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 vari ous times of the year All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants If you are grieving or know someone who is please call our office at (248) 348 0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or visit www newhope center net

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's a
juried show For more information e
mail Diane VanDyke at
djvandyke@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 s 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@juno.com.

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities For more details call Birthe (734)458 8143 or Martina (734)464 0481

DAR

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

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 informa

American Legion

Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the 100 F Hall on the third Monday of each month at 730 p m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible Contact (734) 459 7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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

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.

(734) 981 7259 f 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 mothersand more63@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

FICTION

- 1 "The DaVinci Code," Dan Brown
 2 "The Five People You Meet in Hea
- 2 "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," Mitch Albom
- 3 "Chainfire," Terry Goodkind 4 "State of Fear," Michael Crichton
- 5 "By Order of the President," WEB Griffin

NON-FICTION

- 1 "Witness,' Amber Frey
- 2 'America (The Book), Jon Stewart3 Collapse, 'Jared Diamond
- 4 His Excellency George Washington,
- Joseph J Ellis 5 Faithful, Stewart O Nan and Stephen King

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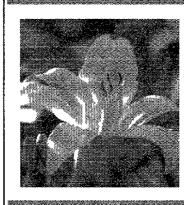
NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1 "Carnival of the Animals, John Lithgow 2 'Belling the Tiger, Mary Stolz
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- 4 'Doodler, Doodling, Rita Gelman 5 'Going North, Janice Harrington

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Icy blast

Sculptors representing colleges throughout the state braved what some called "brutal" weather— with blowing snow and starkly falling temperatures — to take part in competitions during the 2005 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular



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ISABELLA W. BRIMBLE

Age 92 January 25 2005 vife of the late Joseph W Brimble Loving mother of Roxana (Donald) Hoffman Mary (Jerry) Ellis and Kathryn (Bruce) Finck Devoted grandmother of Stacey and William Johnston William and Victoria Hoffman Andrew Ellis, Evan and Emily Ellis Erik Finck and Sondra Finck Great grandmother of Sara Sean and Samuel Johnston Dear sister of Audrey Weldon Loving grandmother of the late Stephanie Hope Ellis A memorial service wil be held on Sunday January 30 2005 at McCabe Funeral Home 31950 W 12 Mile Rd Farmington Hills beginning at 2 00 pm Memorials may be sent to the Stephanie Hope Ellis College Scholarship Fund C/O Temple Isreal 5725 Walnut Lake West Bioomfield MI 48323 or to a charity of your choice

In Memory Of

KAY W LIBKE

Age 69 of Plymouth died January 27 She was born November 22 1935 in Detroit She came to the Plymouth community in 1993 from Livonia She was the secretary at Loiselle & Associates in Plymouth for many years She was also the secre tary of the Dearborn Power Squadron She was a loving wife mother grand mother great grandmother sister and friend. She is survived by her husband of 43 years Donald her children Cheryl (Louis) Molnar and Mark (Holly) Libke her grandchildren Shannon (Dave) Budd Kevin Molnar David Molnar Blake Libke and Cole Libke her great grandchildren Evan and Ethan Budd and her sister Carol (Ed) Baugh Funeral from Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth Sunday January 30, 1pm Visitation Sunday 11am until time of service. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association

JAMES SMITH CLARK III

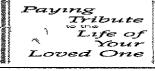
Canton Michigan Age 42 passed away on Monday January 24 2005 He was born the son of James and Jill (Thompson) Clark Jr on September 28 1962 in Detroit MI Jim had lived in the area since 1985 until recently moving to Canton He had been a salesman for several area car dealerships and was known for his easy smile and happy go lucky atti tude. His family includes his former wife Ann Bommarito his three chil dren Amanda Andrew and Alyssa his loving companion Vicki Malek and her three children Rachel Alvssa and Kaila his parents James Smith Clark Jr and Jill (Bob) Emmons one sister Betsy (Jeff) Rousch nephews and niece Tom AJ and Nicole Rousch as well as a host of loving family Jim's family received friends at the Nie Lifestory Funeral Home 2400 Carpenter Rd on Saturday January 29 2005 from 11 00 am until the time of the memorial service at 1 00 pm In lieu of flowers memori al contributions may be made to an educational fund for his children with contributions made payable to the family Please visit Jim's person al webpage at Lifestorynet com to

ALICE M STORY

or read his life story

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Age 86 of Livonia Michigan Died Wednesday January 26 2005 at St Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia MI Beloved wife of the late Virgil Orvil Virgil Story Dear step mother of (Barbara) Story of Ypsilanti and step grandmother of many She was pre ceded in death by two sisters. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and collecting bells she had nearly a hun dred She loved children and babysat for numerous infants and toddlers Cremation rites have been accorded Memorial contributions to Trinity Episcopal Church would be appreciat ed by the Story family Arrangements by David C Brown Funeral Home in Belleville MI (734) 697 4500



JIMMY D WHITE Age 71 of Florida formerly of

Livonia Michigan passed away on January 26 2005 in Summerfield Florida He was born on August 3 1933 in Peoria Illinois He is sur vived by wife Joan White of Florida (formerly of Livonia) daughters Sally White of Farmington Hills MI and Penny White of Rochester Hills MI He is preceded in death by son Jimmy Dean White Jr Mr White was a retired tool and die maker He moved to Summerfield Florida from Livonia Michigan He was a life time member of the VFW in Wayne Michigan He enjoyed traveling golf and he coached boys baseball and girls softball He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict He was a loving husband and father Visitation at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth on Sunday January 30 2005 from 3 9 and funeral from the funeral home on Monday January 31 2005 at 11 AM burial will be in Parkview Cemetery Livonia Michigan



ROBERT THOMAS NICOLS Passed away January 15 2005 at his

Aspen home surrounded by his wife and six children He is survived by his wife Melody Nicols children Michael Nicols Robert Nicols Susan Endlicher Jacqueline Allwardt Jonathan Nicols and Jay Nicols and grandchildren Amy Nicols Matthew vicols Blake Nicols Christopher Nicols Libby Nicols Tate Allwardt and Keaton Allwardt Robert is also survived by innumerable dear family and friends in Aspen Chicago throughout Michigan Florida California and Minnesota Robert was an avid polo player and aviator He enjoyed skiing boating automobiles and most recently golf Born of US immigrants his father from Greece and his mother from Ireland Robert lived the American dream Robert built his fortune from and was solely responsible for revolutionizing the marketing and distribution of wine nationwide utilizing cutting edge advertising and promotional tech niques which are the universal stan dards used today He conceived and built six magnificent homes three in Bloomfield Hills Michigan and three homes in Aspen Carbondale Colorado Basalt and He enjoyed talking to people from all walks of life and was genuinely interested in their well being More than anything, Robert loved his wife children and grandchildren and deeply cared for his family and friends around the country He was a truly wonderful man and he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him There will be several masses said across the country honoring Robert in addition to an Open House Celebration of his life on Tuesday February 22 2005 Six to Eight O clock in the evening in the Main Ballroom of the Detroit Athletic Club Friends and former colleagues who knew and loved Robert and would like to reminisce are encour aged to attend in support of his family In lieu of flowers please make dona tions to the Roaring Fork Hospice

(970 945 3434) In memory of Robert T Nicols

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Friends

Now there's no doubt snow can be beautiful However, it can also pose some risks to our

If you have a personal or family history of heart disease or high blood pressure, if you smoke, or if you're generally an mactive person, you can be in a danger zone if you run out there to shovel the walk.

Even generally healthy people need to be careful Here are some tips

- Freshly fallen snow is easier to shovel, so try to remove snow right after a storm
- Dress warmly and in lay-
- Drink water to avoid dehydration Bend from the knees and
- tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow If the snow is too heavy to
- lift, push it like a snowplow Most importantly, take it slow and stop if you feel pain or discomfort

The bottom line is that it's important to do what's right for your health Your best options might be paying a youngster in the neighborhood to shovel your walk or asking someone for a helping hand Take care of your health before it's

lonnngggg gone Ernie Harwell the voice of the Detroit Tigers for more than four decades retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone Today at 87 his days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network public appearances writing traveling and taking long walks with Miss Lulu his wife of more than 60 years His latest book a collection of his baseball columns titled Life After Baseball is available at local book stores or by calling (800) 245 5082



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Running on empty

New book proves recovery from anorexia is possible

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

At 85 pounds Carrie Arnold didn't think she was anorexic Then one day everyone ordered pizza.

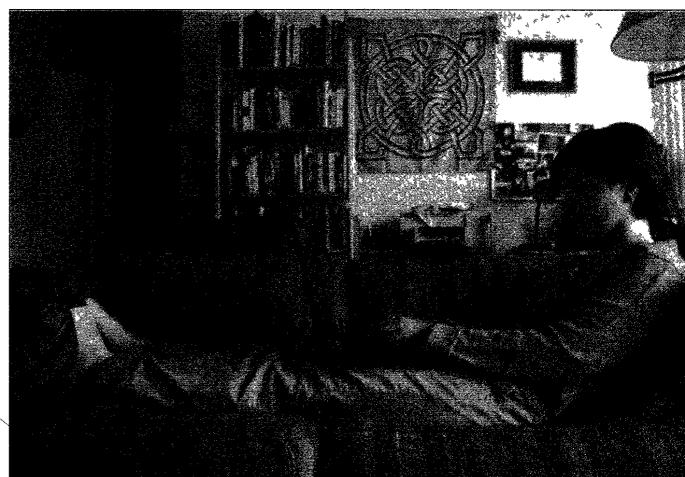
"I realized I wanted the pizza but couldn't say it and had a panic attack," said Arnold "Then I knew I had a problem'

That was the summer of 2001 Arnold had been existing on lettuce, salsa, carrots, and mustard Today, at age 24 she's at a healthy weight, completing graduate work at the University of Michigan and talking about anorexia

Arnold's weight had been normal throughout high school in West Bloomfield, but began dropping during her junior year at Hope College It was during this time she had to give up an internship at Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta because she was starving herself to death Three hospitalizations later she is telling her story in the book "Running on Empty, a Diary of Anorexia and Recovery

In the next several weeks she'll speak at William Beaumont Hospital ın Royal Oak and West Bloomfield High School about her four-year battle with anorexia, bingeing and purging, excessive use of laxatives and overexercising

"It's hard to think you're anorexic because images in the media are skeletal, but that's not typical You can be average weight and be anorexic It's about how you feel about yourself and cope with your emotions," said Arnold



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Carrie Arnold wrote much of her book stretched out on her sofa

"An eating disorder isn't just cured when you stop behaviors If you don't love yourself and find ways of dealing with life it's always a possibility to go

This fall Arnold relapsed It was one of the scarrest parts of her entire ordeal Arnold ended up in the ER at University of Michigan Hospital where a doctor said her potassium level was so low she could have died from car-

Setbacks aren't necessarily a negative, according to Dr Susan Gottlieb who wrote the forward for Arnold's

book Gottlieb is Arnold's therapist

"It's an opportunity to learn how to use your tools to cope, said Gottlieb who specializes in treating eating disorders in a private practice in Farmington Hills "It's not about food Food becomes the tool to deal with your emotions whether it be anxiety, depression, stress It's a way not to deal with the issue

"People can recover It depends on how long they've had the disorder The quicker you catch it the better the chances for a full recovery

Arnold reached a point where she

'wanted to be better more than she wanted to be sick "

"I realized I was in recovery for sure during my third hospitalization at Beaumont," said Arnold "I was munching on cold fish nuggets on the ninth floor and looking down at the traffic passing by on Woodward I was eating Tater Tots, peas and fish nuggets, an anorexic's worst nightmare because of all the fat, and realized people driving by had not a clue I existed or that mean doctors made me

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Eating disorders damage young bodies ANOREXIA

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Patrızıa Jesue's clients are getting younger and younger. some as young as 8 They come to her Bloomfield Hills practice afraid to eat

A registered dietitian, Jesue develops a meal plan and makes sure they see a psychologist or therapist to help them conquer their disorder before it damages their bodies Jesue's seen young adults developing signs of kidney failure or wearing a full set of dentures because of purging, or breaking bones because of osteoporosis

It's important to reach young girls before this hadpens On March 18, she'll be at Dunckel Middle School in Farmington Hills talking with sixth- through eighthgrade students about eating . disorders Earlier in the month, she'll be at Beaumont Hospital For information on the March 2 event, call (248) 898-9700, visit www geocities com/jesuerd or send email to jesuerd@yahoo com

"It's not usually bulimia but anorexia They're not purging or throwing up,' said Jesue "I help them gain weight and get them to understand what a healthy body weight is I help them overcome their fear of food They might be afraid of foods with fat Now with the fear of carbs, they won't eat bread or pasta They believe if they eat these foods they will get fat They have a distorted belief about these foods

Jesue teaches them the basics of healthy eating She doesn't tell them not to eat potato chips or drink pop, but do it in moderation

"Low carbohydrate is a huge problem now," said Jesue "Everybody is focused on low carb That's really a frustrating part of my practice There's no medical basis behind it They need carbohydrates They're young and growing'

So what should a parent do when they realize their child is suddenly cutting out foods they once enjoyed, counting calories and losing weight?

'Don't emphasize dieting, instead healthy eating. Allow your child to have anything they want in moderation. My advice for parents is to look at their eating behaviors as role models to their children.'

Dr Susan Gottlieb therapist

"Don't emphasize dieting, instead healthy eating," said Dr Susan Gottlieb, a therapist specializing in eating disorders in a private practice in Farmington Hills "Allow your child to have anything they want in moderation My advice for parents is to look at their eating behaviors as role models to their children If a child sees a parent is

afraid of food themself or

can't go a day without exercising, or constantly talking about food, those are unhealthy eating behaviors There's no such thing as good or bad food Its how much you have of them

Gottlieb has one final but crucial tip for parents of children with eating disorders

"The sooner you catch this disease the better the chance of recovery," said Gottlieb "Even if resistant to going it doesn't mean they won t get better It's a tough road

'Gently confront the person Seek professional help with a person who specializes in eating disorders to evaluate the extent and rule out any disease that may present itself Make sure there's not a physical reason for the disorder like a thyroid problem And don t wait. It's a killer disease Osteoporosis can't be reversed That's why you want to catch it as quickly as possible'

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eat I thought, this is kind of stupid It dawned on me how self defeating this was

Arnold began writing about her experiences as part of a senior project at Hope College Her adviser came to her after and said you need to write this whole story" Shed been keeping journals for 10 years so the process went quickly

Writing was therapy for Arnold as was working at the Build-A-Bear Workshop and making herself a Recovery bear

Part of getting better is learning to have fun, giving myself permission, said Arnold

Dr Alexander Sackeyfio says there's a lot of pressure on ages 6 through 60 to do better, choose the right direction, be productive That's part of the problem along with media portrayals of thin, beautiful young women

They feel we have all these choices," said Sackeyfio, a psychiatrist and neurologist at Beaumont Hospital where he treated Arnold The brighter ones get caught up in this illness They think, we have a host of things to be good at and people expect me to We're setting people up for the anxiety'

Sackeyfio believes Arnold's book proves recovery is possible That's important because hes seeing younger people, more males in his private practice with Gottlieb in Farmington Hills

"I'm almost always hopeful," said Sackeyfio

Eating disorders are treatable Sackeyfio, a medical doctor and director of Beaumont's Eating Disorders program, and a panel of doctors, nurses social workers and therapists will explore options during Feb 28 and March 2 sessions at the hospitals Arnold speaks on March 2 For information, call (248) 898-9700

Running on Empty is available on the Amazon and Barnes & Noble Web sites, and through First Page



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Carrie Arnold with her Recovery Bear Arnold named the bear Lee Ann after Lee Ann Womack Anytime she feels like reverting to old eating behaviors she plays the CD with 'I Hope You are Dance' to give her strength

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Dr Alexander Sackeyfio Beaumont physician

Publications in Livonia. In addition to the speaking sessions, Arnold appears at book signings 2 p m Saturday, it Feb 19, at Borders in Birmingham, and Sunday, Feb 20, at Border's in downtown Ann Arbor From 6 8 p m Tuesday, Feb 22, she is the fear ig tured author at Mugs Coffee with Shop in Commerce Township, up ti For more information, call First Page at (734) 525-1900 or Jy (800) 343-3034

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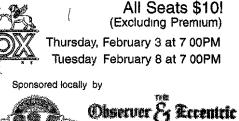
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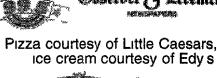




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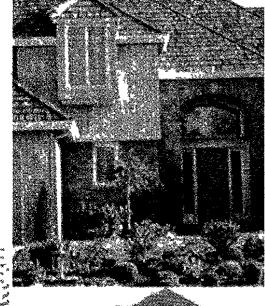
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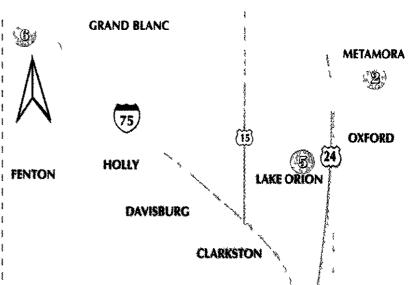


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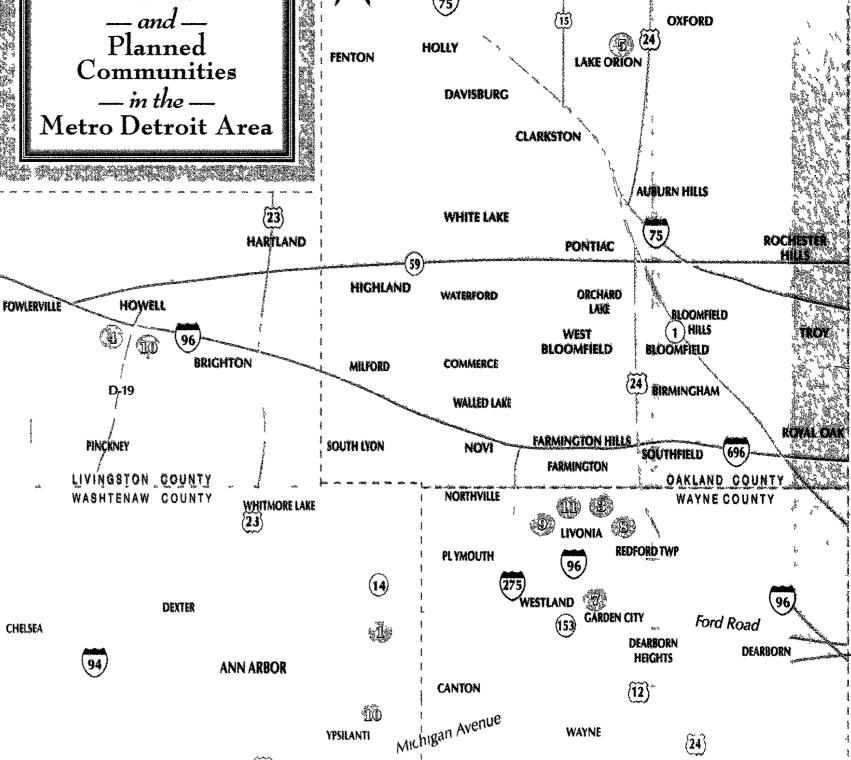
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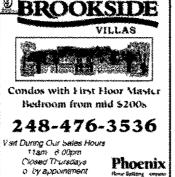
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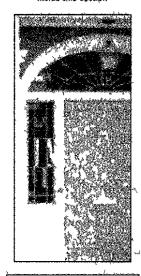
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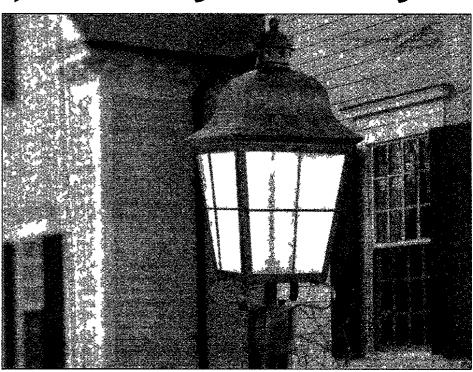
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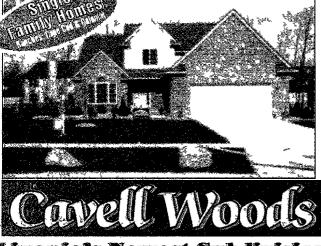
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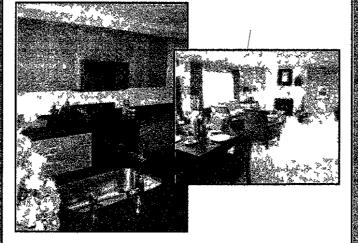
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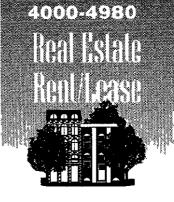


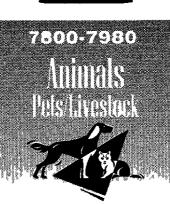
















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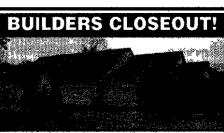
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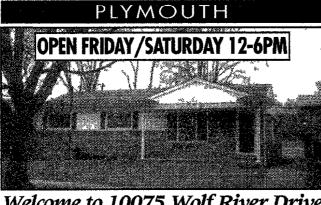
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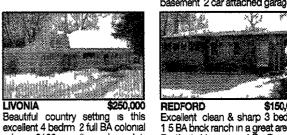
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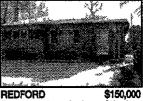






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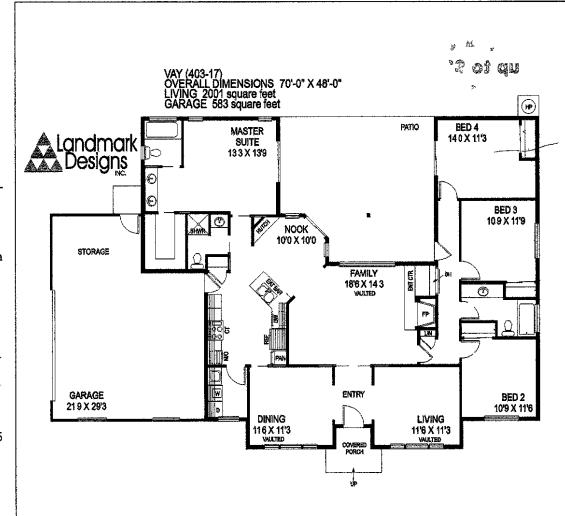
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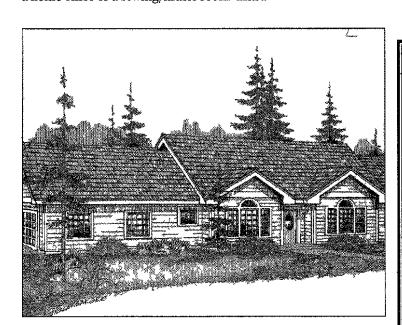
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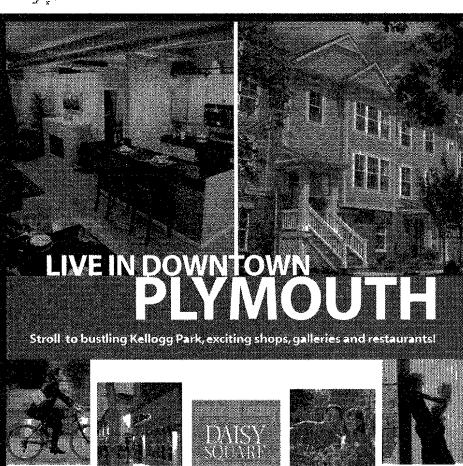
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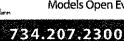
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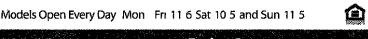
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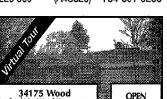




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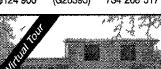
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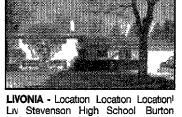


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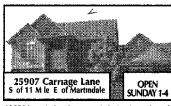
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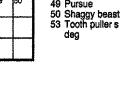
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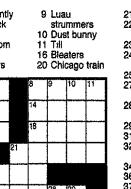
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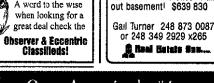
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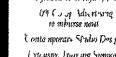
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OAKLAND Private And Unbelievable Gorgeous 3 bedroom 2 5 bath backing to K ngs Point commons Wooded lot gran te cherry kitchen library formal dining room first floor bonus oft with closet Extensive upgrades throughout (B79TRE) 248 652 8000 \$449 800



LENOX Fabulous Home
Contemporary home with 3 bedrooms 2.1 baths
Nature's beauty several ponds with foundains Multi
tered paid of Hige vaulited de ngs Custom wet bar and
surround sound A must see (B60COU) 248 626 8800 \$649 333



BIRMINGHAM Walk To Downtown
From this beautiful rebuilt home 3 BR's a w/cath
ceilings 3 fu BAs and 1 half bath kit w/grante
counters and Jennian SS applis MBR ste w/MC own
laundry area and frpic Hdwd firs and cedar deck (B76BAT) 248 642 8100 \$679 000



NOVI Elegant Lakefront Living
Prest g ous Island Lake offers incredible condo Fn
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kitchen Sound system marina clubhouse & tenns cts (B10ISL) 248 349 5600 \$579 900



WASHINGTON TWP Gorgeous
4 bedroom 4 bath home with a g and entrance Master
bedroom with jettec tub and large walk in closet Great
oom with high ce ngs Fench doors in brary
Hardwood foo ng Backs up to a wooded area \$439 900 (B02WOO) 248 524 1600



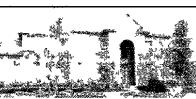
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Updated in North Maplewoods Spacious Tudor with 4 bedrooms 35 baths 3 cagarage and fin bent plumbed for k tchen and wet bar Step down fam y room with fireplace arge kitchen with s and and app's Updates oof windows carpet paint (B44BAU) 248 626 8800 \$464 000



BIRMINGHAM Updated
3 BR 2 5 BA home on quiet co ner lot in Poppleton LR
w/vaulted ce lings library w/v ews of deck ya d and hot
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skylight and
FR w/frpic wine coler and access to deck (B80SHE) 248 642 8100 \$529 000



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Golf Community 4 spacious bedrooms 3 5 baths & gran te Backyard features private resort n ground (B05MER) 248 349 5600 \$799 900



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4 bed dom 3 5 bath colon al with open foor pan
Gourmet kitchen with staniless app ances and g an te
counters 2 sto y FR with g ante surround gas FP Dual sta rease. Master BR with panice ingland jetted tub (B08HID) 248 524 1600 \$499 900



HIGHLAND Golfers Paradise

Nea M ford stunning 1 5 story contemp designed by
Lubin of Blimfld H s Located at 12th green wa of
windows soa ng cellings 8 ft doors huge finished
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FARMINGTON HILLS Spectacular Large 4 bed dom 31 bath co on a Great open foo plan Huge maste suite beaut fu updated kit 2003 Love y in bamt H dwd floo s n foye and brary many bu t ns Newer roof gutters & s'd ng Front courtyard ent y (B89GRE) 248 626 8800 \$449 900



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w/corner ga den tub cath ceiling in open foyer & GR
K tchen w grante tops P ck cabs + g and starcase (B02ROL) 734 455 5600



OAKLAND TWP Stunning home on a most 3/4 acre wooded lot Gourmet k tohen with grante sta niess appls Two sto y G eat Room with soaring windows L brary with doc wall to deck Master su te w gas FP W C & marble BA (B36WOO) 248 524 1600 \$689 900



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4 BA 2 powder rms 6 frp cs. Approx 1 4 acre w/pond \$2 750,000 (B47PON) 248, 626, 8800



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Great Location
For this 4 BR 25 BA colon a Some ha dwood floors
2 firep aces & newer kitchen w gran te & terra cotta t le
foor Recessed ghting partially fin shed basement &
on pr vate lot w/newer andscaping (B84TOF) 248 642 8100 \$479 000



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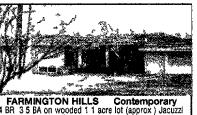
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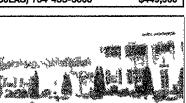
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WEST BLOOMFIELD No Earthly Reason To accept 2nd best when you can own this spec 4 BR 3 2 BA contemp on wooded out de sac ot 3 car gar int ocell ng windows cath ceilling n LR 2 story ceil in foyer extensive reces lighting t/o Center sland in kit (B40\$WA) 248 626-8800 \$599 900



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4 BR 35 BA home Boasts dramatic 2 story foyer
w/circu ar staircase & soaring ce ngs n huge glow
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FARMINGTON HILLS Fabulous
3 BR 3 5 BA contemporary w/foyer opening to br dged
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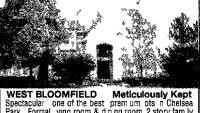
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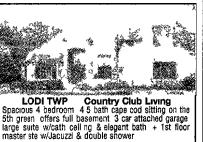








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n shed walkout 3+ car garage \$394 900 ANN KELLY (734) 462 9800 x203



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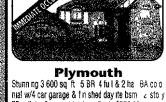
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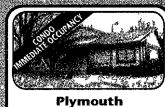




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Southfield ft 2 bedroom in unit laundry balcony carport Low association RACHEL MUKH



Southfield On 2/3 ac e 3 BR 2 ful BA updated ranch Remodeled kit Awasome mstr bath vi/whirlpoo tub 2 car attached ga ag



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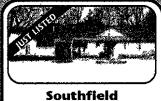
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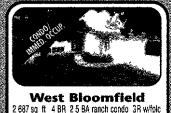






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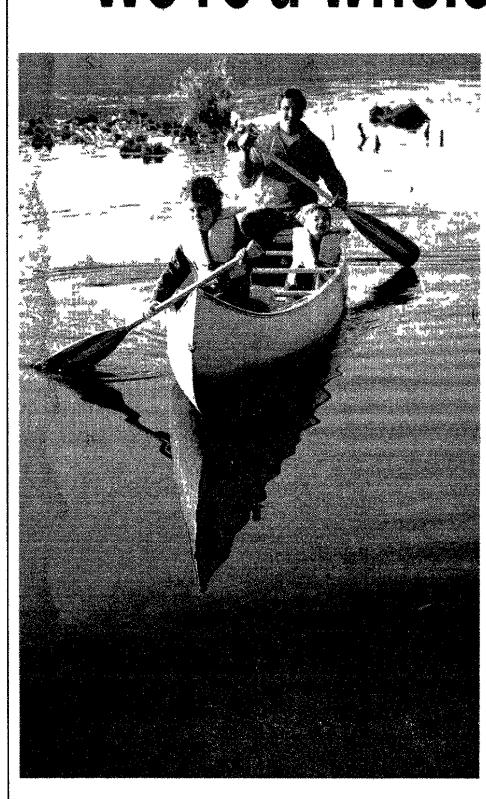
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Builders show off products and progress during show

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We recently attended the annual International Builders Show presented by the National Association of Home

We were among more than 100,000 attendees from around the world who converged on Orlando, Fla., for a peek at the latest in building products, technology and allied services

Billed as the world's largest building industry event, it featured some 1,600 exhibitors who came out to showcase their wares in more than 1 5 million square feet of exhibit

Appliances, plumbing fixtures, lighting, cabinets, counters, decking, windows, doors, siding, roofing, fireplaces, building materials and tools are just a small sampling of the more than 300 product and service categories represented

Chances are if it has to do with building, it could be found at this event

Missing from this year's show, however, was the obvious leap in new product development and technology that had been featured at the exhibition event for the last several

As far as we are concerned, that's a good thing We suspect that manufacturers are offering builders and consumers a bit of a breather, an opportunity to catch up with the major advancements that have been made over the last several

Rather than launching a new product, manufacturer focus has shifted to making a good product better They want it to look better, last longer, be easier to install (for both the builder and consumer), and require less maintenance - all with an eye toward comfort and conven-

HEALTH, ENERGY

No less visible this year is the emphasis toward the production of "green" building materials designed to reduce demand on natural resources and as a means of improving indoor air quality and family

Building products are getting better in this regard Arsenic has been replaced by a less toxic compound as the active ingredient in pressuretreated lumber, and a leading insulation manufacturer has omitted formaldehyde from the product and in turn added a compound to prevent the growth of toxic mold

Speaking of mold, it's no secret that it thrives on moisture - the same moisture that is produced from cooking, bathing, doing laundry or just plain breathing

Ventilation fan manufacturers have come to the rescue with products that move more air yet make less noise They are more attractive than ever and some models contain space heaters and energy-efficient fluorescent lighting

To further combat indoor air quality and mold problems, comfort system manufacturers are turning out systems that "sanıtıze ındoor aır, usıng electronic and ultraviolet air cleaning systems

Dehumidification systems and central vacuum systems are gaining momentum as effective ways to improve indoor air quality

Super energy-efficient building materials and products that reduce demand on natural resources and improve home comfort, lower utility bills and help save the Earth generated lots of interest at the show

A new generation of expanding foam sealants, super caulks, radiant barriers, insulated foundation systems, windows, doors and insulation are contributing to the most energy-efficient homes in the history of construction

Helping fuel the energy-efficient trend are appliances that use less water and power and that carry the Energy Star label

AUTOMATION

Home automation systems

are hot They control lighting, heating and air conditioning, home entertainment and secu-

A couple of products that no "hip' home should be without are a combination oven-refrigerator and a refrigerator with a built-in computer

With the refrigerator-oven combo, a meal can be prepared in the morning and placed in the refrigerated oven, which will keep it cool until the oven is activated at a predetermined time

Change in plans? Need to work late, stuck in traffic or decide that you want to eat out? Simply log on via the Internet or dial up with your cell phone and keep things cool or change the cooking program

Thought that your new lowprofile, side-by-side fridge with ice and water in the door was as good as it gets? You apparently haven't seen the refrigerator with a built-in computer

monitor Now, while you're waiting and filling your glass with ice and water, you can check your e-mail or surf the Net You also can scan your groceries to create a shopping list, order online and have them delivered to your home

SECURITY

Home safety and security products continue to be big at the builders show They are less complex, more affordable and easier to use

Windows with unbreakable glass, exterior doors with multi-point locking systems, keyless door locks, and remote controlled lighting, and security-minded home automation systems are a sampling of this steadily growing category

Home automation systems aren't just for controlling lighting and entertainment any-

These state-of-the-art systems now permit homeowners to control interior and exterior lighting and monitor their home by using strategically placed video cameras via the Internet from virtually anywhere in the world

Now, in addition to notifying a contracted security monitoring company, a "smart" security system can digitally record unexpected activity and immediately fire you off an e-mail with an embedded video attachment

Some systems will also detect smoke and fire and notify local authorities or call you on your cell phone Still other systems will detect plumbing leaks and running water and allow you to adjust the thermostat

MATERIALS

Composite building materials have been the rage for the last several years What's different now is that manufacturers are perfecting the process and

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Customize your bathroom, make it a place for your comfort

(NUI)- Today, bathrooms are just as much about style as the rest of the house It should also be a place that expresses your individuality and sense of style for increased comfort and enjoyment Start small and coordinate smaller items or buy one luxury item that showcases your personal style Depending upon your budget and creativity, you can easily impact the look and feel of your bathroom in one or two simple steps

Unique faucetry An inexpensive place to incorporate your signature style is through faucetry Upgrading your sink and tub faucets is an easy way to add drama Faucets provide the exclamation point for the bathroom with styles ranging from traditional classic designs to contemporary high-arc spouts that really make a statement Unlike traditional faucets with a small round nozzle, today s choices allow water to cascade into

your sink and tub for a luxurious accent

Single focal point When too many objects compete for attention in a room, the design can become confused Select one strong element as the room s focal point and arrange the rest of your bathroom, including lighting, to enhance its best advantage Don t be afraid to make a bold statement about your personality For example the Jacuzzi Morphosis tub will

convey your love of European design Its graceful arch and chromatherapy lighting create the perfect centerpiece for a room

Artwork Bathrooms are among the most important rooms in the house and can easily be personalized with artwork and color When selecting artwork for your walls, keep in mind the room s color scheme Select artwork that you will enjoy every day, especially while lingering in a nice bath Frame pieces well to protect them against the light, water and steam present every day in a bathroom

When it comes to customizing your bathroom, follow your design instinct rather than the current decorating trend Incorporate elements that suit your personality and your bathroom will serve as a comfortable place that reflects who you are For more information about which bath

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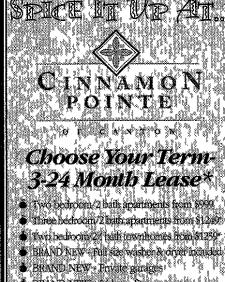
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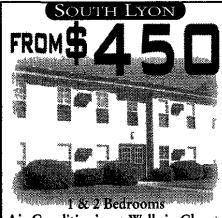
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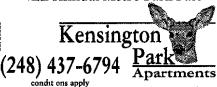
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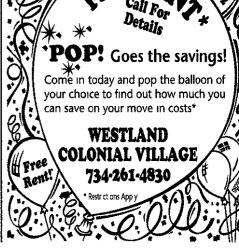
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You'll not put this book down until about halfway through Meanwhile, you'll be treated to an engaging discussion about effective steps to earn more money Read for concepts rather than insight into specific gender, and you'll gain the most perspective

The principle behind the book is that women (read people) who don't make as much money as they'd like, because they make self-limiting career choices and decisions They may choose a field that's so glutted that earnings go down (the arts) or that has minimal risk (therapy) They avoid dangerous fields (construction) They skirt "dirty work" (sanitation) Farrell demonstrates how to up the ante by

incorporating a new skill in your work, such as

- marketing your own artwork, - teaching and investing, or

- placing your skill in an industry wheremost of the personality types are polar opposites, such as serving as a therapist in the military or a linguist in national security

The last tactic he defines as "seeking what you love to do in a field that represents what you hate to do "

Nonetheless, the book is filled with some of the best perspective and career advice you'll ever find if you're underpaid (or fear that you are) There's no wrong college major "The challenge of creating a high-pay formula," Farrell states, "is finding what you enjoy that generates high pay It is discovering what's a plus to you that might be a trade-off to someone else " He cautions that if your objective is to find fulfillment, have flexibility and remain safe, chances are excellent that you won't find the formula

"If you're still saying to yourself," he quips, "'I've already chosen a field,' remember, you aren't dead yet "What about looking for non-hazardous jobs in a field known for putting people at risk? How about a job on which you can't close the door at 5 00? Unhealthy? Pride in a career you can't stop thinking about can "strengthen the ımmune system '

Farrell writes about changing subfields, such as a general nurse shifting to nurse anesthetist or replacing the lifestyle-

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Farrell's perspective on stay-at-homedads is well-reasoned and sensitive, although he sounds like a leftover 60s liberal He points out that a full 23 percent of women earn more than their husbands and "that 70 percent of men (versus 63 percent of women) would forfeit money if they could have more family time Men, they are a-changin "This trend might appeal to women who want to throw themselves into their careers to increase their salary, and men who would enjoy staying home In a world where most families need two incomes, this sounds a

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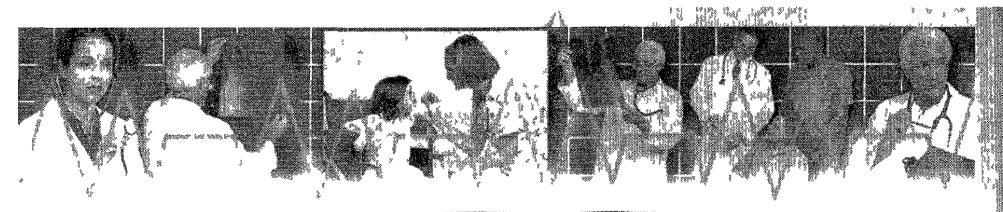
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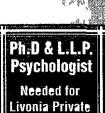
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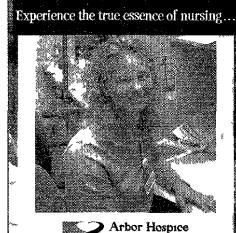
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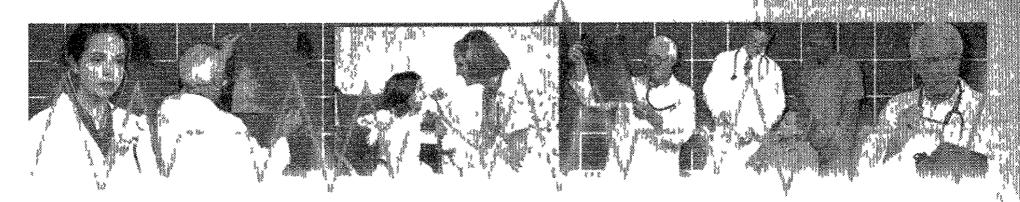
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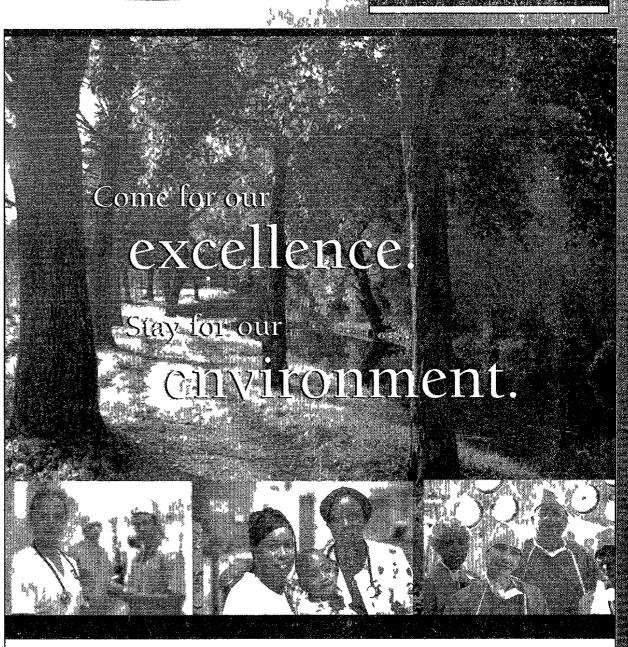
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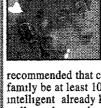
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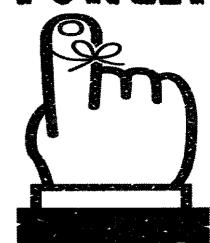
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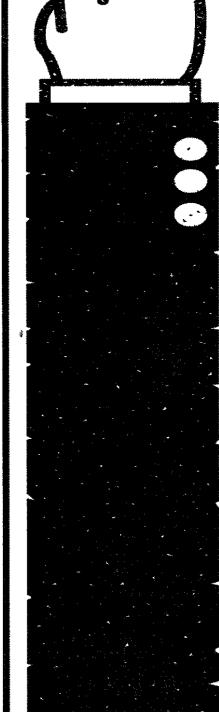
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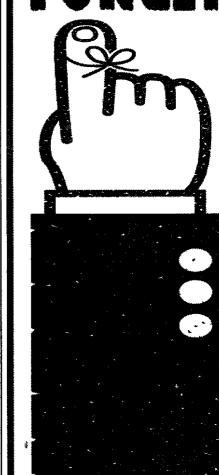


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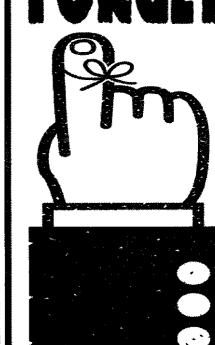
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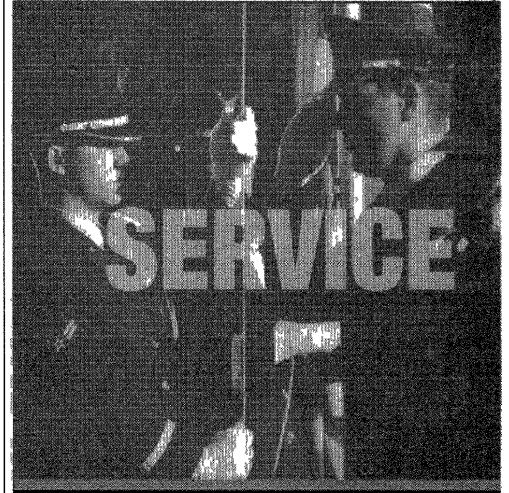
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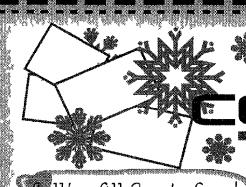


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SOUND LIKE YOU? 18 56 blonde/hazel 150 lbs sweet honest outgoing likes concerts movies hanging with friends Seeking honest attractive funny outgoing SM for casual dates fun and friendship \$\overline{\pi}\$562708 MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES SWCF 51 411 115lbs blonde hair two grown children loves animals church children sports Seeking a good Christian man 50 62 for friendship first possible LTP 2530353

EDUCATED AND POSITIVE SWF 55 5 10 Polish N/S likes the outdoors movies good conver sation trivia genealogy restaurants traveling dogs Seeking intellectual SWM 47 60 2260061 FRIENDS BEFORE LOVERS

SF 20 seeks attractive outgoing available SW/BF 18 30 for friend ship possibly more Why not call? **25**76322

SEEKING TALL GENTLEMAN SWF 62 52 dark hair dark eyes N/S likes travel casinos dining antiques movies Seeking WM 60 70 2578566

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS DWF 54 142lbs 56' enjoys blues animals gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SM 5 10 + N/S social drinker for LTR \$2548938

READY TO FALL IN LOVE How sweet are you? Seeking fun and laughter with genuine honest man emotionally/funancially se cure over 40 in return you will enjoy the best DWF 40s petite dark brown/hazel 2983784

NO NONSENSE Nice looking active no nonsense gal seeks good looking active no nonsense guy 35 49 white or Hispanic DWPF young 43 athlet ic Companionship and fun desired \$2448655

WORTHWHILE Tall slim attractive intelligent extroverted SPF 58 who enjoys

music theatre art and nature Seeking fit cultural educated man w/sense of humor 2543917 LONESOME Senior WF retired 5.4 active honest healthy Need the attention of a WM 65.75 enjoys everything

easy to please So hurry up and call me! #2449585 RESCUE ME! SBF 41 55 average build en joys church family shopping much more Looking for SBM 43 47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman

SEARCHING

FOR A REAL LOVE
Full figured African American wo man attractive 44 no children ISO African American male 32 38 to spend quiet evenings I m carefree love laughter good times concerts plays sporting events traveling and quality time 2290167

LOVING AND CARING Independent active loving caring down to earth SF 46 N/S vegetarian enjoys movies fine dining travel Looking for hand some SW/AM 45 49 H/W propor tionate N/S professional job #421896

FRIENDSHIP FIRST God fearing loving intelligent SBF 43 enjoys church the out doors laughter dining out gospel music and more Seeking god hearing honest caring SBM 40 45 for friendship first \$221725

NEW TO WAYNE CO AREA SBPF 40ish 5.6 nurse with children marriage minded smoker loves drama movies dancing and crossword puzzies Seeking WM 45 60 smoker who enjoys music and sports 2245545

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers WHERE IS MR RIGHT? **LOOKING FOR YOU**

ARE YOU THE ONE
DBF 53 H/W proportionate out
going loves the arts plays danc ing movies outdoors scenic drives ISO SM D/D free w/similar interests smoker social drinker

ok No games! 25417236 men seeking

women

EVENINGS AT HOME Respectful SM 39 511 build N/S delivery man likes to watch movies eat dinner go dancing seeks SBF 23 35 N/S

JUST A SIMPLE GUY SBM 38 125lbs 56 looking for nice sweet young lady 26 38 race open to share friendship and interests \$122987

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY Easygoing cute SWM 40s not into loud noise and big crowds enjoys art wine tastings charity seeks similar minded lady for friendship maybe more \$548455 **OPENTO ALMOST ANYTHING** Optimistic outgoing SWM 46 enjoys most activities yet open to new ideas and adventures seeks spirited spontaneous SWF age open \$547524

MAYBE IT S YOU SWM 52 Ar es N/S seeks fr endship first with SWF 35 48 Call now I would like to hear from you \$\infty\$546509

A QUALITY GUY secure Seeks honest S/DWF sense of humor enjoys travel can delight dinners plays dancing concerts boating movies for friendship possible LTR \$269646

SO SPONTANEOUS Dark complected spontaneous humorous SBM 6 206ibs aver age build Capr corn smoker seeks SWF 28 50 smoker who is down to earth loves to commun cate \$574173

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE Educated good looking ener getic open minded SAM 59 Aquarius N/S seeks single woman 34 50 who wants to unconditional love ISO SOMEONE SINCERE

SWM 54 57 190lbs N/S works n road construction enjoys fish ing boating camping and dancing Seeking WF 40 54 for LTR TIRED OF BEING ALONE

SWM 41 6 250lbs muscular average build marriage minded N/S works fu tme Seeking woman 30 55 N S for something ser ous 12587141 **NICE GUY**

Ladies wish to meet a truly nice guy? Pass onate romant c sensi tive car ng SWM 40 N/S with variety of interests seeks WF 22 50 for possible LTR \$584721 KIDS OK SBM 31 59 mustache and beard slim build Pisces mar

riage minded security guard smoker seeks woman early 30s \$\oldsymbol{\sigma} 538147 ARE WE A MATCH?

SWM 29 N/S 6 200lbs brown/brown one daughter goat ee tattooed carpenter by trade seeks SF 20 50 for possible rela tionship 2582014

SEXY SBM 29 6 260lbs H/W proportionate seeks SBF 20-40 for friendship possible dating Call mel 2578573

ITALIAN SEEKS SBF Italian SWM 35 dark/dark athletic enjoys dining dancing movies jazz Seeking attractive attract ve SBF for LTR 2583240

Expecting any surprises

this Valentine's Day?

Native American male 28 6 brown/brown Scorpio smoker seeks a spontaneous level head ed woman 20 40 smoker to chat with 25568061

LUST FOR LIFE! Sweet SWM 36 56 130lbs brownish/blue Leo smoker enjoys fast cars boats adventure not into bar scene Seeking sweet SWF 25 41 N/S for possible rela tionship 4437557

SEE FOR YOURSELF Employed SWM 39 61 155lbs brown/brown attractive and fun enjoys biking the beach movies road trips more Seeking SF 20 45 for friendship and possibly more 2573191 **EVERYONE LOVES A COOK**

SWM 46 professional chef eats healthy likes to get away to romantic bed and breakfasts the weekends ISO SF 35 48 for relationship 2555727 HOLY COW!

SWM 23 62 170lbs blond/blue Leo smoker no kids homeowner owns a construction company loves camping four wheeling and bonfires Seeking WF 20 25 **☎**588991

I WILL CHERISH YOU Good looking attractive tall SWM 30 smoker great job seeks single woman 18 45 klds ok Get in touch! \$2575553 GET IN TOUCH

SBM 34 57 180lbs silm build N/S likes shows trying new things Seeking SBF 19 37 N/S w/good head on her shoulders LOOKING FOR LOVE?

SBM 25 59 smoker seeks woman 20-46 N/S with sense of humor with whom to have fun 15°564731 LONELY IN ROYAL OAK

Male 39 511 160lbs part time

clerk blond/blue Taurus enjoys

movies dining out and music Seeking friendship or relationship with a woman 20 38 children ok NO BAGGAGE SWM 32 Virgo N/S loves to trav

el watch sports and dine out Seeking WF 23 42 for friendship and dating 2568293 LOVE METENDER SWM 38 N/S likes sporting events movies dinner dates look

ng for SWF 32 45 who knows

how to treat a guy right \$\pi 573879 BE COOL Fit SBM 33 510 N/S occasion al drinker no k ds seeks SWF 24 25 who is honest and will enjoy being around me 2574817

GET AT ME SBM 25 6 smoker likes to chill at home with a good movie enjoys writing poetry seeks large lovely 18 34 smoker who s rea and plays no games 2575283

LET S HAVE SOME FUN! SBM 23 light complexion brown eyes black braids a few tattoos smoker seeks woman 18 38 for bowling movies clubbing possible relationship \$\alpha 578950\$ CALL ME!

SWM 20 light smoker wants to meet a SF 18 40 to spend some time with and get to know **☎**581325

ARE WE A GOOD MATCH? SWM 50 artist/musician/tennis pro looking for a kind witty SW/AF 18 55 sensitive intelli gent uninhibited who likes out doors animals \$579089

TALL, STRONG, AND SOLID Patient SWPM 47 hoping to meet thin slender SBPF 22 44 for friendship or more Let's talk! **☎**582171

VERY OPEN-MINDED SWM 38 57' 165lbs single father athletic build Scorpio N/S light drinker loves archery Seeking WF 22 52 N/S for friendship possible romance **2570408**

SEEKING ART LOVER Good looking SM 46 155lbs college graduate outgo ing easygoing seeks slim attractive SF who enjoys concerts movies dining out art theater symphony long walks and romance \$2331159

LET S HAVE FUN SWM 38 muscular build 58" 170lbs hardworking enjoys life outdoors working out movies romantic evenings at home Seeking attractive physically fit WF 25 45 for fun and laughs leading to LTR 22452643

SEEKS OUTGOING SISTER SBM 34 works in sales loves bowling going to shows seeking a nice SBF 26 34 no dependents who is established outgoing SEARCHING FOR YOU SBM 511 200lbs medium build

great sense of humor likes movies

and going out Would like to meet a fit female 3045 with similar interests #531157 WAITING

Nice looking BM 34 one chid looking for female 26 35 Give me a call 25533025 LOOK NO FURTHER

Affectionate strong gentle kind well educated SBM 42 55 140lbs shaved head mustache/ goatee seeks SWPF a woman of substance and social grace to share a little romance happiness and new adventures 2412524 LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT

going fun loving enjoys a variety activities indoor/outdoor Looking for LTR with the right per son 265340 **UNFINISHED DREAMS** SWM 19 63" 185lbs brown/ brown smoker loves working on

W/WM 45 511 220lbs is easy

cars and listening to rap music Seeking WF 18 25 for friendship possible romance 2567024 GOT HUMOR? Very outgoing DBM 55 61

230lbs brown complexion easy going smoker seeks BF 48 55 medium to average build friendsh p maybe more 2906509 COMMITTED
SBCM 37 58 140lbs sim mus
cular build seeks pretty honest

and mature SF 27 40 for friend ship possibly more \$575938 LOVEABLE LEO Outgoing SBM 23 510 smoker athletic seeks SBF 20 29 smok er who wants to make the most

out of life Get back to me **☎**571328 CARPE DIEM SBM 18 58 Sagittarius N/S seeks SBF 20 21 N/S who

respects herself and understands the value of life #571617 ECLECTIC DWM 54 HPTW fit degreed financially and emotionally stable

varied interests including travel music sports intelligent conversa tion NPR art and more Seeking beautiful independent SW/HF 44 54 w/similar interests for friend ship 2575306 ARE YOU MY GIRL? SBM 22 6 nice complexion

enjoys movies hanging with friends bowling more Seeking funny intelligent SF to share the good times with ☎576253 HOLLA AT ME

SM 19 looking for respectful girl 18 20 nice personality with a good head on her shoulders

MORE THAN A DATE! Your hearts desire SWM 45 positive outlook neat clean seeks SWF friend lover compan ion for dating and possible LTR **23**355547 SEEKING SINCERE ONLY

Seeking female 30 50 Must be beautiful down to earth inde pendent and sincere Seeking sin cere relationship Race open VERY EASYGOING

SBM 36 enjoys music movies picnics breakfasts Seeking full figured WF to get to know 🕏 424900 SEARCHING FOR AN ANGEL

erious honest warm hearted fun loving sincere well educated SWM 52 56 160lbs with good job financially secure seeks attractive intelligent sweet lady 35 48 with good morals for possi ble long term relationship H/W proportionate 2134345 CALL TO ACTIVATE

Humorous wonderful caring understanding SWM 40s 510 brown/hazel H/W proportionate looking to share friendship and companionship with attractive SWF \$434500 ROCHESTER GENTLEMAN

DWM 59 handsome fun loving and active but heavyset with cane retired engineer financially secure enjoys the smaller thing in life local theater cooking and roadtrips Seeking S/DWF 50 60 for LTR 2533085

WELL-CONNECTED SWM 49 62" athletic build N/S with 2 dogs works in energy man agement loves art galleries Seeking woman 40 54 for friend ship possible romance 2554995

YOU KNOWS WHAT S GOOD? Spending time with this bright enthusiastic optimistic yet realistic SWM who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s \$2550046

LOVE IS LOOKING Sharp supportive SWM 45 good listener can make you feel specia and appreciated seeks special SWF age open 2278661

SHALL WE DANCE lives together? Adventurous yet humorous daring yet caring active yet easygoing DJM 63.6 195lbs ISO honest independent pretty slender SJPF for LTR

27469069

SEEKING **FEMALE COMPANION** Retired WM 65 N/S financially secure seeks attractive fit signder woman 50 60 for friendship fun and companionship answer all 2117637

LOTS OF LAUGHS
SWM 40s sensible and qualified, seeks SWF with grins and giggles for companionship and more

CHURGOER SBM 48 63 265lbs glasses fast food restaurant manager N/S; enjoys chess checkers bowling and playing basketball Seeking. woman 42 60 full figured a+ for friendship possible romance. **2** 583282

SEEKING SURVIVOR PARTNER. SWM 44 black/brown fit roman tic honest communicative spiritui? al attractive immunity Challenge survivor Seeking SF 32-44 passionate confident enlightened, who enjoys travel fine dining sports and theater To enjoy life

TAKE ME OUT TONIGHT Lonely SBM 51 62 195lbs Capricorn smoker enjoys family activities seeks SWF 35 47 who. loves children and dancing **☆**547574 MUST LIKE CHILDREN

WM 56 150lbs very outgoing on enjoys spend a lot of time with my daughter Looking for very attractive female 18 24 who loves camping the outdoors and more **25**532099 DO YOU BELIEVE in thoughtfulness understanding sincerity everyday warmth cour

paramount to a long term monogamous romantic relationship? SWM 42 61 190lbs seeks slim romantic woman for LTR 2538958 SINCERE AND LOVING Retired 72 year young SWPM

likes classy educated grandmoth...

church gardening conversation; winter sun areas ISO romance leading to loving committed LTR+ MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC Tall athletic SWM 44 62 209lbs brown/blue never married,

no dependents college educated clean cut good sense of humor, outgoing seeks friendly SF for fun Age/location open \$2587540 SELF-SUFFICIENT SENIOR Retired SWM 72 511 N/S has a taste for all different kinds of cui sine would like to meet SWF 60.

N/S who loves the outdoors **\$**455402 LOCKING FOR YOU SWM 49 55" 115lbs blue eye. Gemini smoker seeks a sweet woman 18 35 for dating if this sounds good call \$2567644

I WILL NEVER take you for granted SWM 53, 5.9 185lbs salt n pepper hair, N/S dye setter seeks WF 48 53 N/S for LTR 2586818

TAKE A CHANCE

Fit communicative humorous persevering Catholic SWPM 45, 5 8" no dependents enjoys in/out doors Seeking fit educated emotionally available SWF 2130291 SEEKING SLENDER LADY SBM 45 58 180lbs muscular build smoker father seeks very attractive slender SF 30 46 for

friendship possible marriage **#**431563 THIS IS DIFFERENT SWM 55 romantic lots of fun respectful gent friendly and entertaining is looking for a lady just like you 2348055

JUST GET OUT OF THE HOUSE SWM 48 62 strong 190lbs N/S, N/D Leo no kids financially secure with cats open to anything anywhere Seeking SW/AF 30+ N/S potential LTR ☎205507

FIRST MATE NEEDED

DWM 42 5 11 180lbs attractive employed Great Lakes fisherman new to the city seeks attractive employed SF 30 47 H/W propor tronate 258629 HOW FAR IS HEAVEN? Separated male youthful 60 5 10 190lbs light brown/dark,

brown enjoys collecting movies rock n roll dancing ISO feminine SWF 50s 60 to share the good things in life \$259150 **NEW DATE UPDATE** Sentimental self assured SWM, 40s enjoys family and friends can laugh and cry can cook and clean

seeks fun smiley face SWF 37 53 2240388 FROM FRIEND-MATE SWM 51 non smoker animal/ i nature lover enjoys music

playing sports Seeking woman non smoker vegetarian a+ who loves dogs No e mail replies 2347003

LIVE TO THE FULLEST! SWM 55 63" 225lbs Aries N/S SOH financially secure enjoys the outdoors golf scuba diving Seeking slender SWF 42 60 N/S

for LTR 22436345 A Asian B African American/Black C Christian D Divorced F Female H Hispanic J Jewish M Male NS Non smoker ND Non Drinker N/D No Drugs P Professional S Single W White LTR Long Term Relationship



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2005 Volvo XC90 Offers Premium Motoring

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It was only a matter of time All the automakers are doing it

Jumping in the pool with a mid-size premium

Volvo is no different With its introduction of the XC90 just two years ago, the potential of successful sales is just around the corner Not much has changed for this year – just minor tweaking And the tweaking is good Yes, it is

There are the new flat blade windshield wipers in front that evenly distribute the blade's edge to the front windows And a hydrophilic surface on the side mirrors and side glass areas that virtually quickly drain the rain drops off the glass Finally, there are new exterior colors available and the all-

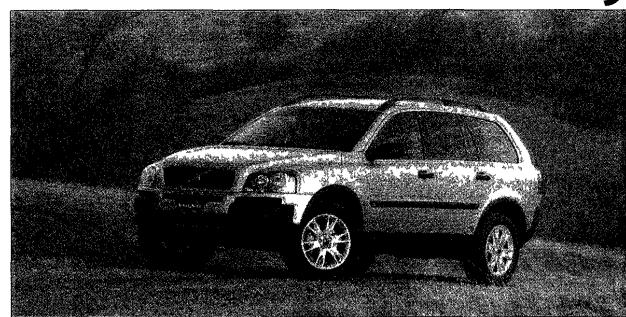
quickly drain the rain drops off the glass. Finally, there are new exterior colors available and the all-important new technology of a standard tire pressure warning system.

That's a very valuable tool for most people who actually take care of their cars. With the cost of a vehicle climbing higher every year, it's important for maintenance to be a priority. With the tire pressure to the standard tire pressure to the standard tire pressure.

for maintenance to be a priority With the tire pressure warning system, your tires will always be properly inflated (if you pay attention, or course), which will extend the life of not only your tires, but also other major components that have to work harder when your tires aren't perfect

Safety and value are at the core of the XC90
Volvo is one of the premier automakers that active-

Volvo is one of the premier automakers that actively places new technology on its vehicles in a hurry I'm talking about Roll Stability Control, inflatable side curtains for all three rows of seats, an integrated sliding center booster seat of kids, seat belts with pretentioners in all seating positions and a Dolby surround sound stereo system with a 305 watt Alpine amplifier and 12 speakers placed strategically around the cabin



2005 Volvo XC90 - Vehicle class: Sport utility vehicle. Power: 2.5-liter inline 5-cylinder engine. Mileage: 15 mpg city, 20 mpg highway. Where built: Gottenburg, Sweden. Price as tested: \$45,725.

All this doesn't come cheap Base price is \$34,840 But we're talking about a premium vehicle here With all-wheel-drive, you'll push that up to \$41,015 It is, by the way, the largest vehicle in the Volvo lineup

You'll be able to stick 93 cubic feet of cargo in the XC90 With the second and third rows and the front passenger seat folded flat, you'll realize almost 10 feet of cargo length Not even a pickup can boast that fact

There are forward-facing third-row seats available as an option on the Versatility Package, which will increase your passenger seating to seven With the package, you'll also get separate controls for the rear air conditioning and stereo system. The third row of seats fold flat to the floor, which doesn't force you to remove a heavy seat to carry more cargo.

I mentioned the integrated child booster seat Located in the middle of the second row of seats, it can be slid forward so the kild can actually see the road and his/her parents and talk easily to them

The base XC90 is powered by a 25-liter inline five-cylinder turbo-charged engine that delivers 208 horsepower The XC90 T6 all-wheel drive model has a 29-liter inline six-cylinder engine that provides 268 horsepower Both offerings can tow up to 5,000 pounds

With the all-wheel-drive model and under normal driving conditions, 95 percent of the engine's power is given to the front wheels. If a slippery situation is detected and the front wheels lose traction, a clutch in the rear differential switches and sends 65 percent of the power to the rear wheels. It keeps you safe without any effort on your part

Oh, almost forgot Standard equipment list now includes the nifty HomeLink garage door transmitter system

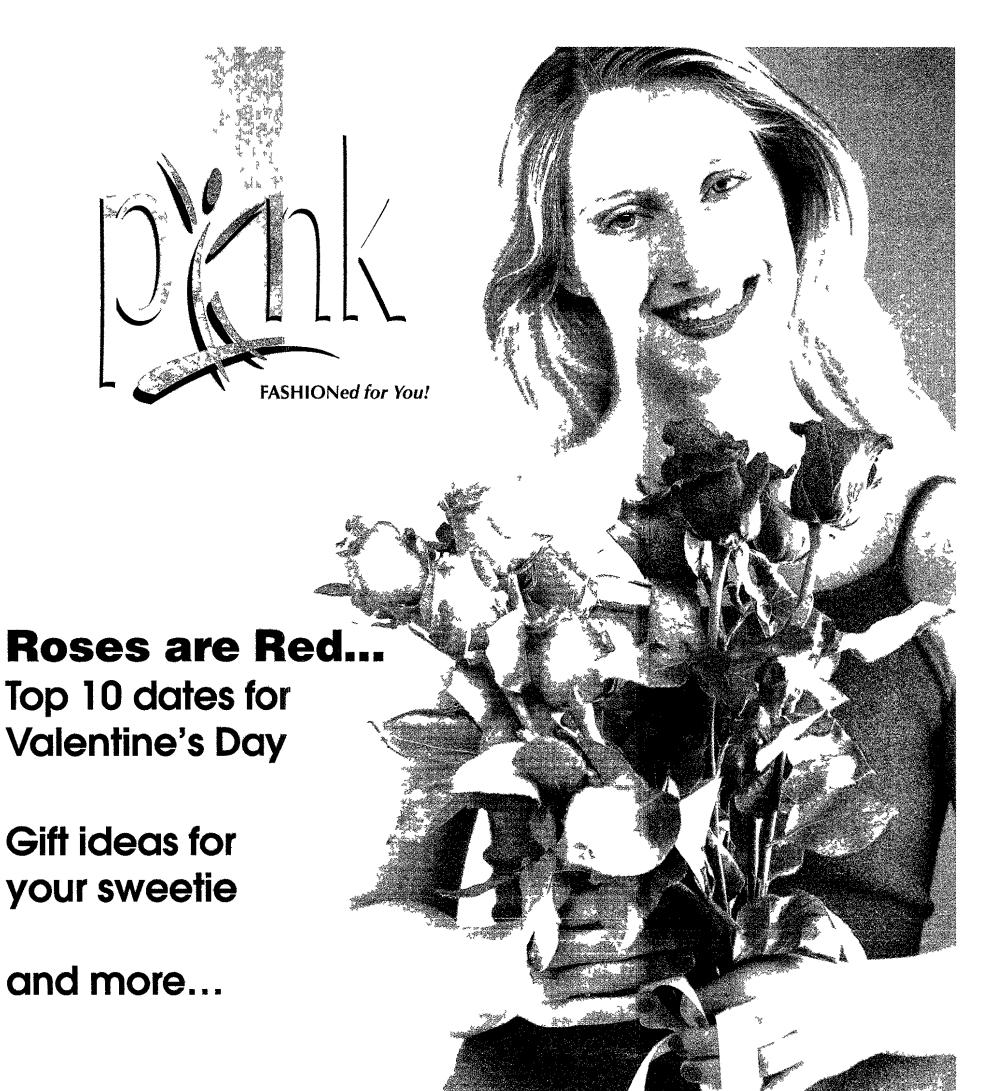
Standard on the premium package are a power glass moon roof, leather seating surfaces all around, power passenger seat, six-CD in-dash changer, auto dimming rearview mirror, leather gearshift knob and a pesky cargo security cover It just got in the way of stuff I was loading It's a valuable tool to hide your securities, however

The option list includes metallic paint treatment, the integrated child seat, rear seat controls, DVD-based navigation system (cool technology on this baby), cargo net, rear parking assist, Bi Xenon headlamps (to drive oncoming traffic crazy), a wood steering wheel and an interior air quality system.

This is a neat SUV with a host of technology built in You've got to check it out

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Sweet Valentine's Gifts for Guys and Girls



ınk Red White You probably fall into as divided categories as red and blue (re states) Some love that chubby cherub called Cupid, while

others would like to turn that arrow right back on him, and not in a loving way Whichever side of the Valentines coin you're partial to, may I suggest doing away with all the pressure and expectations and just enjoy the day for what it is? A day to indulge loved ones, potential loved ones, and most of all yourself, with some much needed pampering We could all use the break, no?

Let this guide help you find fun, sweet and thoughtful gifts without the stress of hunting down fun, sweet and thoughtful gifts No pressure is what Kelly's Klicks is all about Enjoy

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For the Ladies

Whilst we lurve the chocolates and flowers, many of us also love the fash-10n even more We can't help it - its genetic (or so I like to theorize) So for those fashionistas now @ bagborroworstealcom in your life, try an innovative gift this

holiday A membership to the Bag Borrow or Steal handbag club at bagborroworsteal.com Memberships start at just \$19 95/month and let that special lady borrow top designer handbags for as long as she wants When she wants to trade in that Marc Jacobs for the latest Gucci bag, she just sends it back in and is sent her next fix Note Men, you will make your woman very happy with this gift And when she's happy, you're

happy, right? Another win-win? Lip Balm of the Month club at lipmedic com For \$65, your one and only will be sent the latest and greatest glosses monthly Pucker up



Lip balm of the month club \$65 @ lipmedic com

Another sweet idea that's great for all ages is a Pajama Gram from pajamagram com Indeed, you can send her a cute pair of PJs, a sexy nightie, or a cuddly robe, and have it delivered with a free keepsake organza hatbox, lavender bath tea, a Do

Not Disturb' sign, and a personalized gift card Prices start at \$39 95



Love & Happiness Pajama Gram \$82 95 @ pajamagram com

For the Gents

Despite the front they sometimes put up, men like to be pampered too, metrosexual or non-metro A great way

to show you adore him and his fabulous face is by giving an aMENity shaving and grooming set from getamenity com Gift sets range from \$39-\$89 and come with a cute old-fashioned shaving brush and



aMENity starter shaving kit \$39 @ amenity com

some very fresh smelling cream, lotion, aftershave, moisturızer, and cleanser Best of all, proceeds for some products benefit Men **Against Breast** Cancer charity, and we can't think of anything more lov-

ing than that

But for the man who's more cocktails than coattails, a Dirty Martini Gift Set

might be right up his alley This naughty little gift from shop com includes four "swerve' martını glasses in your choice of clear or blue stem, a playful Position of the Day book, Men's accessories box. and a stainless steel Swank



\$110 @ redenvelope com

Martini shaker kit, all for \$94

Looking for something slightly tamer? Check out redenvelope com From a cool red leather flask (\$25-\$35) and elegant initial cufflinks (\$90) to a sweet double locket key chain (\$30) and handsome mens accessories box (\$110), you're sure to find a heartload of wonderful gifts for the day we hate to love

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BLISS Bridal show

Plan your wedding in a day at BLISS! Bridal Fest The event features wedding experts, the latest trends, prizes, strolling hors doeuvres, wine tastings, live fashion shows and more, noon-4 p m Jan 30 at Kensington Court, 610 Hilton Blvd, Ann Arbor Observer/Eccentric readers get two free tickets — mention code PINK when reserving by phone or enter the code on the Website \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door Call 888 BLISS-11 or visit www blissbridalfest com

Bridal Boot Camp

Get in shape for your wedding with this one day intensive workshop presented by personal trainer Jennifer Gray, 6 a m 9 30 pm Feb 5 at the Royal Park Hotel Rochester Brides consult with experts and get a personalized fitness evaluation nutrition and skin care consultations hair and makeup demos, fashion advice, dance lessons, wedding planning guidance and menu tips along with numerous fitness classes Leave with an easy to follow plan created just for you \$500 includes all personal consultations, meals and services For details, call 248 761-2321 or visit www getaway4brides ¢om

Brides-To-Be, Inc.

Browse hundreds of bridal exhibits and view a fabulous fashion show Plus, enter to win more than \$100,000 in free gifts and prizes including spectacular ClubMed honeymoons and Demetrios bridal gowns, noon, Sunday, Feb 6, Sheraton Novi \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door Call 586-228-2700 or visit www bridestobeshows net

Damsels in De-Stress

Once upon a time there was a lady who yearned to relax and unwind Sound like your kind of fairy tale? Macomb Family Services invites you to Damsels in De-Stress, an evening of primping, pampering and indulgence Stroll through the Best Western Concorde Inn from 5 10 pm Feb 11 and enjoy shopping, fragrances, spa services, makeovers, fashion and entertainment by Robin Smith from Born to Shop \$50 includes dinner, chocolate fountain, valet parking and coat check, with proceeds benefitting senior programs at Macomb Family Services Call 248-226-3440 or 586 254-5660 ext 239 to reserve your spot

Fashion Show Benefit

Portofino Salon & Spa will be giving their hearts to St Judes this Valentines Day and hoping the public will do the same by attending its Spring Fashion Show Preview at the Hilton Hotel in Troy to benefit St Jude Children's Research Hospital 7 p m Feb 9

The evening will include an energypacked Spring preview of hair colors and styles with fashion, dancing and singing, along with hors doeuvres, a free cocktail, after-show dancing with D J Joe Caradonna and a silent auction The latest hair care and skin care products will be available for purchase Pick up tickets, \$60, at Portofino Salon & Spa, 2559 Livernois Troy or online at www.salonportofino.com

Fur Caravan

Stay warm these winter months in a stylish fur from the season's best looks, Feb 2 8, Neiman Marcus, Somerset Call 248-643-3300 for more information

The Great Bra Giveaway

Sick of wearing uncomfortable undergarments? Squirm no more European designer Victor Herbert has designed a brand new bra for Jockey using 3-D laser body scans of more than 5,000 women Pick up a free sample as Marshall Field's and Jockey host The Great Bra Giveaway, 11 a m 2 pm Feb 9 at Oakland Mall, Troy, 4-7 p m Feb 10 at Somerset, Troy, and 11 am -2 pm Feb 11 at Twelve Oaks Guests will receive a free, newly designed Jockey bra with each complimentary fitting from a Jockey professional

Tuesday Night Beauty Bar

Indulge in martinis and manicures at the Franklin Grille/Spas Beauty Bar 6-10 p m every Tuesday night Grab your girlfriends and pick up a martini at the Franklin Grille, then hop across the street to the Franklin Spa, 32751 Franklin Rd, for a mini manicure, tweeze or chair massage The cost is \$19 for one drink and one spa service Reserve your spot today by calling 248 626-1772

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editor's note



ell, its the end of January Have you kept your resolutions? No? Well, you re not alone PINK started out the new year announcing all our editorial plans for 2005, and already they are 'so last season' due to a big change for

You are holding in your well manicured little hands the very last weekly issue of your beloved PINK Starting in February, PINK will transition to a monthly publication, in order to offer a more traditional, magazine-style format The first monthly edition will appear in your Sunday Observer & Eccentric on Feb 20, and subsequent issues will be published each month after that

Never fear, each issue will continue to contain PINK's signature features, including Kelly's.Klicks, (our online shopping column) PINK Picks (our style hot list) Tried 'n' True (beauty product and service reviews), The PINK List, (our guide to style events around town) and StyleScopes In addition, PINK will feature fashion and retail news from Metro Detroit and beyond

But don't fret if that's simply not enough PINK! A "PINK Page" will appear every Sunday in the Community Life section of your Observer & Eccentric, offering your weekly fix of PINK Picks, the PINK List and other fun features So keep thinking PINK

And as for resolutions there's noth ing wrong with tweaking them along the way, provided you keep your eyes on the ultimate goal In our case being fabulous in every way Thanks for reading

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Valentine's Day is just around the corner Make your plans for romance with a little help from PINK

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Jessica Perreca of Novi looks great in a dress from Shapes

Treas Charow a clothing designers and owner of Shapes in Royal Oak is a big sup porter of the local fashion scene She attended the soiree in an asymmetrical blouse from her own store

pink carpet Right on Time

> raque Model Management in Ferndale threw their annual holiday bash at the bosco in Ferndale to celebrate another successful year booking local talent According to Agency Director Mary Mullen, the party was a chance for everyone to relax and unwind after a busy year Traque books print, runway, on camera and editorial models for such clients as DOC, Chrysler Jeep Toyota, HOUR Media and, of course, PINKI The company, originally based in Toledo, will cele-

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10 great ways to spend V-day with your sweetie

By k & Wensdy White

ive Cupid's energy a chance to find its mark with these fresh ways to spend Valentine's Day with the one you love Just remember, February 14th falls on a Monday this year, so you might want to plan your date the preceding weekend Here are some of PINK's suggestions for a fun and fabulous night

1) Take it higher

Get a new perspective on love by plan ning drinks and apps at Coach Insignia, the newly opened restaurant at the top of the Ren Cen in downtown Detroit Drink in the big city lights with a glass of bubbly, and toast your relationship to new heights Afterwards, you just might get lucky — if you stop by Motor City Casino and take a chance on love, that is Bet on red together, or seek out the Queen of Hearts Just promise to put your winnings toward more romance

2) Cross the border

Be a jet-setter and add some international flair to your date this year If you haven t crossed the Ambassador in a while, hop over the bridge to Windsor for some Canadian fun Start out at the Bern Fondue and Wine Bar, where you can break bread together and share an intimate meal What's could be more romantic than ending dinner with chocolatedipped strawberries? Then, head to one of Windsor's nightclubs Dare to check out the Wild Orchid, which caters to couples with modern burlesque or, cozy up for some Latin dancing at The Zebra Room's Mıamı Style Saturdays

3) Reserve decadence

If splurging on a gourmet meal is on your agenda, book your reservations early as tables all over town are bound to fill up fast A can t-go-wrong choice for fine dining is Tribute in Farmington Hills The restaurant is usually closed on Mondays, but will open Feb 14 with a special menu created just for Valentines Day Your

sweetie will feel simply adored sitting in a cozy booth gazing into your thoughtful eyes over a delicious meal and glass of top-notch wine

4) Hit the hills

Get snow bunny with your honey and head to one of southeastern Michigan's local hills for a

slope-styled date Mt Holly, Pine Knob and Alpine all have night skiing hours which will get you out of the house and doing something different Best of all, apres-ski you ll get the chance to snuggle close in the lodge and warm up by the fire with an Irish coffee Besides, how fun to shop for pink and red ski wear before you go

5) Get Lucky

If you're a casual couple looking to celebrate the lighter side of Valentine's Day, check out Lucky's in Novi's Fountainwalk. The new funspot offers an arcade, bar and super-cool scene Slap some money on a Lucky's card and try your skills at virtual surfing, snow boarding and dancing Or, shoot hoops and Skee-ball and turn in your tickets for silly gifts for each other Have a cocktail while you're playing, or wait until you re done and head over to Lucky's lounge where you can cuddle on the couches and make time to chat

6) Chill out

Plan a date at home with the help of www.thelobsterguy.com Order a Romantic Dinner for Two for \$169 99 (includes shipping) and turn your own dinner table in to a 5-star restaurant Direct from the Ferry Wharf Fish Market in Rhode Island, this dinner of lobster, shrimp cocktail and soup is romantic, elegant and easy to prepare - simply open the box delivered direct to your door and crystal candle holder and candle Call 1-866-788-0004 for details Or, get 'carried

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away" locally with gourmet take-out from Cucina Leone or Papa Joe's, both in Birmingham

7) Pamper and relax

There's no better way to indulge your sweetie and yourself — than by booking a decadent massage for two Many

local spas offer couples massage packages, but why not make your reservations at a place named after Cupid's very own mom? Venus Day Spa at 14 and Haggerty in Commerce Twp offers a Couples Massage for \$180, that combines Swedish and Deep Tissue techniques with scented hot towel wraps For the month of February, couples will be greeted with a bottle of champagne

8) Make it "Dirty"

If you're an open-minded, creative couple then you've probably already penned Detroits annual Dirty Show at the Tangent Gallery on your calendar for Feb 11-13 Founded by Jerry Vile, the former publisher of Detroit's Orbit Magazine, the exhibit features erotic art from the area's most talented artists But be forewarned, the Dirty Show is not for the faint of heart There's no PG or PC art to be found at this edgy show

9) Bend the rules

They say 'the couple that works out together, stays together' - right? Well, hop on the Zen bus and get ready for some asanas Sign up for Partner Yoga at 7 p m on Feb 11 at Yoga Now in Keego Harbor You'll both feel blissful as you cel ebrate each other's health — and try out positions you didn't know existed Call 248 683-0086 for more details

10) Express your love

Write your dearest a true love letter Better than a store-bought Valentine on the 14th, a bona-fide handwritten lettre d'amour says serious romance Keep it sweet or light-it up lusty - a note of love slipped into his briefcase or delivered to her office will set the tone for your next rendezvous Or, present the letter in person with a box of chocolates, like champagne truffles from Gayles in Royal Oak, or hand dipped heart-shaped treats from Chocolates by Renee in Northville





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Detroiters showed their generosity by donating 820 articles of clothing, including 534 suits, to Jackets for Jobs Inc as part of the Chrysler Group Women's Forum "Suits, Cars and Seminars" event at the North American International Auto Show The Women's Forum also presented the local charity with \$25,000 to support activities that will prepare economically disadvantaged women to enter the work force

'Hundreds of area women will get a fresh start in 2005 as a result of the generosity of the Metro Detroit community, said Chris Alaniz, Chrysler Group Director of Materials Engineering and Chair of the Chrysler Group Women's Forum

In addition, three Jackets for Jobs clients received makeovers to com plete their new look Beauty First provided hair styling and manicures, while Parisian did the makeup and assisted with accessories Both stores are located in the Village of Rochester Hills

To go along with the suits and cars, the Chrysler Group Women's Forum offered seminars throughout the day Feb 19 on topics that included new vehicle design trends understanding vehicle financing and maintaining your vehicle

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The Chrysler Group Women's Forum presented Jackets for Jobs Inc. with \$25,000 during 'Suits Cars and Seminars' Pictured are (from left) Betty Henderson and Alison Vaughn of Jackets for Jobs Chris Alaniz and Christine MacKenzie of Chrysler Group Women's Forum, and Brian Glowiak DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund

ship between Jackets for Jobs and the Chrysler Group Women's Forum,' said Alison Vaughn, Jackets for Jobs Founder "It's inspiring to see Chrysler Group and the community work together to help make a difference so low income women can enter the work force'

For more information about Jackets for Jobs, visit the organization's Web site at www jacketsforjobs org or call 313-579 9160

The life of an auto show model: Remonda Palmer Sheffield

By Maureen McDonald № PINK Correspondent

porting wool felt jacket, silk sweater and tweed trousers. Remonda Palmer-Sheffield stood on a rotating platform reciting the attributes of a Toyota Camry Solara

Its so affordable," she gushes as a group of adoring men engage her in questions about engine performance, mileage, trunk capaci ty and warranty Is there anything else you want to know?

Palmer-Sheffield, 34, of West Bloomfield, 18

one of 175 product specialists recently placed at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit by Productions Plus, a Bingham Farms talent agency specializing in car exhibitions She worked six-hour days under bright lights, booming microphones and threeinch patent-leather shoes

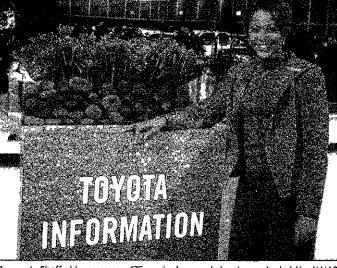
"At least I'm able to wear comfortable clothing," she says In the past decade the auto show models have morphed from ravishing women in glittery ball gowns or svelte leather hot pants to everyday people who trumpet value and experience, not just sirens of chrome

Toyota spends a full week each year educating us on new products and service They call it kaizen - continuous learning," Palmer-Sheffield says Agency members travel to Paris, New York and Mılan to study the latest fashions and develop wardrobes that fit the individuals and the car lines they represent Glamour is great — as long as it doesn't outshine the autos

'It takes a great deal of talent and stamına to work with the public for six to eight continuous hours, says Margery Krevsky, CEO and president of Productions Plus "People want personality and competence'

Product specialists help personalize the vehicles as they move about the crowd answering questions, taming children who might become aggressive toward vehicles or fending off admirers Specialists work as a team to help each other cope with difficult people They are selected because they can work with a vast number of people who hail from around the Midwest

If the image of the ditzy brained blonde with great cleavage persists, Palmer Sheffield begs to differ She jug gles the role of a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines, mother of a threeyear-old daughter and auto show model,



Remonda Sheffield was among 175 product specialists who worked at the NAIAS

working at least six out of a possible 72 auto shows staged across the country

Among the auto show veterans, comedian Tim Allen once worked as a product specialist for Cadillac Katherine du Ross captured the eye of Henry Ford II as she draped herself on a Ford product in the late 1960s She later became his wife

Just how important is the show? David Sowerby, chief market analyst at Loomis Sayles & Company said the 800,000 visitors in 2005 represented an economic impact of \$580 million, a 5 percent gain over 2004 The black-tie charity preview was a sell-out event for 17,500 individuals who raised \$7 million for children's charities

How does an individual become the talent that earns a place on a rotating platform? Palmer-Sheffield says several other flight attendants encouraged her to apply because their flexible hours lend themselves easily to show dates She already had people skills, an ability to stand for long hours and weather questions with a smile

Productions Plus maintains a data base of more than 5,000 product specialists who can work the auto show circuit, training in dealerships or presenting products at department stores Individuals send portfolios to the website, www productionsplus com Periodically the agency hosts job fairs in cities around America A background in modeling and product presentations is helpful

Once you get on board, the good thing is that car companies often ınvıte you back year after year because they like seasoned people Some members of the team have been here 14 years," she said What's the best perk? "A private room in a nice hotel At the end of the day greeting thousands upon thousands of people you want to rest your feet in privacy

How to shine on Cupid Monday

fast approaching, let's get you ready for the big snuggle with a few tips that will make you look and feel as rosy as the dozen you expect by noon on V-Day!

Choose a lingerie set that's feminine and sexy, yet comfortable under your flowy, lay ered top of choice Try the DKNY Enticing Twinkle cami and bikim set (\$64 at barenecessities com) which is done in just girlyenough-but-still cool stretch lace that'll give support and a bit o coverage-on-yee-bum Then, book a bikini wax to get tidy

Bikini waxing several days ahead will allow for any irritation to go down, but try Tend Skin (\$20 at Sephora) to ensure you stay smooth afterward A good mani/pedi is in order to keep dry, winter hands and feet out of the question. Have your toes painted in a deep berry and your fingers in a gold-spiked pink

Choose a sweet, vibrant shade for cheeks that is sheer in texture like **Tarte Cheek**Stain in Flush (\$26 at Sephora) and balance it out with a not too-gooey lipgloss like
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But, before you answer the doorbell and saunter off to Tribute, you ll want to smell like the classy gal you are without permeat ing the whole room Choose a fragrance that is more subtle than some of the in-your-face winter scents we covet in the deep freeze months Try Fresh's new Sake Eau de Parfum (\$50 at Ruby's Balm)

The countdown to Cupid Monday is on!
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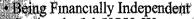
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