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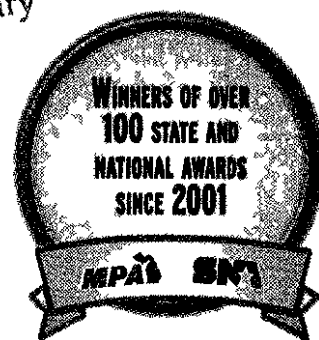
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District 'cautiously optimistic'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school district officials aren't preparing for a windfall of cash despite the announcement by Gov Jennifer Granholm she wants to increase the public school foundation grant by \$175 per student.

While school districts across Michigan currently receive a minimum \$6,700 per student, Plymouth-Canton Schools bottom line is \$7,025 per pupil.

Patricia Brand, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, had budgeted no increase in state funding when she told the Board of Education last month she's projecting an \$11.8 million shortfall in 2005-06.

We're cautiously optimistic said Superintendent Jim Ryan. I believe the governor and legislators understand that through three years of freezes and two mid-year cuts, and with rising expenses, it's very tough.

I certainly wouldn't use the term windfall," Ryan said, "but any additional revenue has a positive effect on the budget."

Brand said the additional \$175 per student would generate \$3.2 million. However, she's preparing for something less than that.

"My guess is they'll start there, but not end there," said Brand. "The lobbyists for school districts in Lansing are hearing more like \$125. That's probably more like reality."

At a per pupil increase of \$125, Brand said the district would receive an additional \$2.2 million. "Of that \$2.2 million, we'll use about \$1.7 million for the projected increase.

PLEASE SEE CAUTIOUS, A4



Firefighters Capt. Chuck Russo (front) and Christine Moustakas make their way out of the frozen pond at Plymouth Township Park during ice/water rescue training Thursday.

PHOTOS BY ANN DEGHETTO

Deep freeze training

Firefighters practice the art of ice, water rescues

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Someone is walking through Plymouth Township Park and happens upon the pond there. Looking out, he sees that someone has fallen through the ice and immediately calls 9-1-1.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responds and successfully pulls the stranded victim from the ice.

This scenario hasn't yet played out in the Plymouth community, but it could, which is why firefighters spent time this week in the park, training for just such a scenario. Firefighters from all platoons at the department's three stations

each took turns practicing the scenario.

According to new training officer Chuck Mann, Plymouth firefighters haven't had to do it yet, but readiness, he said, is all.

"We've never rescued a human, but we have rescued a number of animals," said Mann, a Plymouth firefighter since August 1992.

While the six-man crew practiced rescuing the victim, firefighters also simulated putting the Wayne County dive team and helicopters on stand-by, a standard procedure, according to Mann.

While such a rescue would generally not incorporate other departments directly, the situation would quickly



Once the 'victim' is out of the water, he's treated for hypothermia by Plymouth Community Fire Department firefighters and then transported to a local hospital.

become one of mutual aid.

"We'd be the primary agency out here," Mann said. "But we'd depend on other departments to respond to calls we would normally get. It then becomes a mutual-aid situation."

The training is necessary, according to Mann, because there's more water in the community than one might think.

In addition to Wilcox Lake, he said, there are "numerous ponds and tributaries" in the community.

"There are a lot of ponds and lakes in the township," Mann said. "We staged this training exactly how we'd do it for real."

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Board eyes hall woes

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

What Plymouth Township board members found out Wednesday night was the new township hall project is some \$2 million overbudget and some 14 months behind schedule.

What they aren't sure about is what to do about it.

Board members met Wednesday to discuss options for dealing with square footage and cost overruns, but came up with no concrete solutions. They scheduled a study session for 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, to consider options ranging from redesigning the building to eliminating or delaying construction of the new fire station.

The project, originally budgeted at \$12 million, has reached \$14 million, according to officials at DeMattia Group, the project's construction manager.

Supervisor Richard Reaume said the township must look at a variety of options for fixing the problem.

"The municipal financing model is broke," Reaume said. "Expenses are increasing exponentially, while revenues and state-shared payments are declining or being eliminated. We need to evaluate all areas to either increase revenues and/or lower expenses."

COSTS ARE UP

DeMattia spokesman Matt Hubbard said the increases are largely due to changes in the original

PLEASE SEE HALL, A5

35th District Court looks within to choose its new administrator

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's 35th District Court will have a new court administrator by the end of the month.

Debra Kubitskey, who has been a probation officer at the court since 1993, will assume the duties Feb. 28.

"It's a goal that I've been working on for some time," said Kubitskey, 37, from South Lyon. "It's a good opportunity for me to move forward with a new challenge."

Kubitskey has a master's degree in public administration from Eastern Michigan University. She was one of 80 people who applied for the position, which became available in October.

"I think promoting from within boosts morale," said Kubitskey. "Since I've been working in the probation field, I've developed good communication and human resource skills. My first responsibility will be to learn the job, but as I become more familiar changes will come."

Court controller Pam Avdoulos, who has been interim court administrator since Kerry Erdman left for health reasons in July, said the three finalists for the position were current 35th District Court employees.

The three were extensively interviewed, two with a panel and another

with an outside assessment firm," Avdoulos said. "The final interview was with (Chief Judge John) MacDonald."

"I think the interview process proved we had the best candidates in house," she said. "Debra is really well educated in public administration, is a great people person and is very well organized."

MacDonald has worked extensively with Kubitskey the past 15 years.

"She merits being the best candidate," said MacDonald. "She knows the system, has good educational credentials and is a good fit for the job."

Kubitskey's annual salary will be \$63,000.

The 35th District Court serves the cities of Plymouth and Northville, as well as the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Northville.

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Taxes due

Monday, Feb 14, is the last day for residents to pay their taxes without penalty, according to Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards. Taxes can be paid at the treasurer's office in the township hall complex, located at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. The office will be open an extra half-hour, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., to receive residents.

For more information, call the treasurer's office, (734) 354-3214.

Kiwanis Euchre

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club hosts its second annual Euchre Party at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb 26 at the Masonic Temple, 760 Penniman in Plymouth.

Prizes will be awarded, refreshments will be served and the evening includes a \$50/\$50 raffle. There's a \$10 entry fee, and space is limited to the first 100 people.

Reservations can be made via e-mail at dtorzy@hotmail.com or by calling (734) 453-9904 during the day or (734) 282-2340 in the evenings.

Kids' theater

Parents have an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon with their children at Canton's Village Theater, located at Cherry Hill and Ridge Road.

This event combines a light lunch with the thrill of a live stage production. The event starts at 12:30 p.m. in the Biltmore Studio of the theater with a hot dog lunch, complete with a bunny cook-

ie and a surprise for everyone.

Then participants head into the theater for a presentation by the Giant Puppets Bits-N-Pieces called 'A Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit'. The reserved seats are limited to the first 30 participants.

The \$16 cost includes lunch and a reserved seat ticket. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information please contact Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

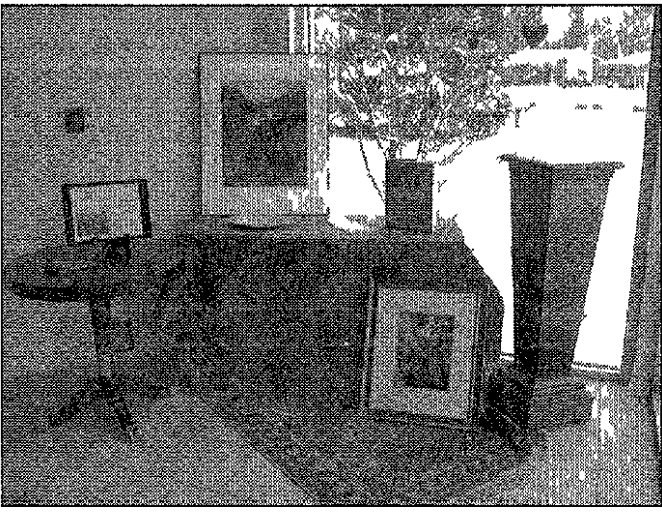
Underground Railroad exhibit

Celebrate Black History Month by visiting the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth, and learning about how quilts may have been used to 'communicate' information to escaping slaves on the Underground Railroad. Scavenger hunts and games help tell the story.

Visit Michigan's largest Abraham Lincoln Collection on permanent display and experience the 10 stages of Lincoln's life from his boyhood through his tragic assassination.

The museum is open to the public 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and \$7 per family.

For more information, visit the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 455-8940.



Auction action

These are just some of the items that will be available when the Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its annual auction fund raiser March 19 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The photograph is by John Middlestead, the area rug and pedestal were donated by American Blind and Wallpaper, the side table from Walker-Buzenberg and the print by Juarez Macado was donated by Friends of the Arts Council. PCAC officials hope to raise \$50,000. Advance tickets for the auction are \$85 per person. The silent auction begins at 5:30 with a wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres, with dinner at 7 p.m. and the auction starting at 9 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (734) 416-4278.

Doll exhibit

Lost Arts Stitchery is hosting a doll display called 'Tribute to the Art Doll', through the end of February.

Several local Michigan doll artists have their gorgeous dolls on display in the store and many are priced for sale. It's an opportunity to view and purchase doll art that is not easily found.

Lost Arts Stitchery is located at 580 Forest in Plymouth. The store is open from 10:30

a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For information, call (734) 453-1340.

ID theft seminar

USA Credit Union and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce join forces to host a seminar on identity theft from 8-9 a.m. Friday, Feb 18 at the chamber office.

Those attending the seminar will learn how thieves get victims' personal information, what exactly identity theft is, how to know if you're a victim and what to do if you become a victim. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided, seating is limited to

35 people. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, Feb 17. To make a reservation or for more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540. The chamber office is located at 386 S. Main.

Farewell concert

St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth hosts a presentation of 'Music for Organ, Soprano and Tenor, a Farewell Concert' at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb 27.

The event features St. John's Minister of Music and Organist Michael Brittenback performing with John McLaughlin and Jennifer MacDonald. McLaughlin was the first internship vocalist and is St. John's current recipient of the Tenor Internship. He will graduate the University of Michigan in April. Jennifer MacDonald, a soprano, is also currently an internship resident and will also graduate U-M in April.

Brittenback will leave his post as Minister of Music to move to Columbus, Ohio, this summer.

The program offers an afternoon of musical variety for solo organ, plus organ and voice featuring 'Toccata and Fugue in D Minor' by J.S. Bach. The concert takes place in the Nave of St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon. The concert is free, however, a free-will offering will be accepted at the door to help support the series.

For more information, call (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16.

PCAC auction

An evening of Black Satin and Pearls is planned for this year's 'Artful Affair' presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council at 5:30 p.m. March 19 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College.

As the only major fund-raiser for the PCAC each year, the

goal for the dinner auction is \$50,000 with proceeds going toward the council's many and varied educational and community arts programs.

The evening includes fine dining, dancing to the sounds of Channel 6 and live and silent auction items.

Advance tickets are \$85 per person and are available by calling the PCAC at 734-416-4278. Those who would like to donate items for the auction can call the same number.

DAR meets

Irene Foster will be the keynote speaker when the Daughters of the American Revolution Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Plymouth-Northville holds its Good Citizen Reception at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb 21, at the Plymouth District Library.

The library is located at 223 S. Main. For more information, call (734) 420-2775.

Mom-to-mom sale

Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples will hold their Spring/Summer Sale from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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.

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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'Ziploc' arrest may solve pair of Plymouth robberies

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Two Plymouth bank robberies may have been solved with the arrest of a serial bank robber known as the Ziploc Bandit.

FBI Detroit Special Agent Terry Booth said 44-year-old Daniel Armstrong, who was arrested by Livonia police earlier this month after allegedly robbing a Standard Federal Bank branch, is suspected of robbing 19 banks in Wayne, Macomb and Genesee counties. Included are heists at two Bank One branches in the Plymouth area, at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Harvey Street in Plymouth, with the other at Five Mile and Beck roads in Plymouth Township.

The amounts of cash taken have not been disclosed. "He has a very unique modus operandi," said Booth of Armstrong, who was labeled the Ziploc Bandit. "He comes in with a large caliber handgun

'He has a very unique modus operandi.'

Terry Booth
FBI special agent

and tells everyone to get on the floor, then distributes Ziploc baggies to the tellers and demands \$50 and \$100 bills. He's worn different disguises each time.

Armstrong has been arraigned in federal court on two counts of bank robbery, as well as firearms charges. He is being held without bond.

The maximum penalty for bank robbery and using a firearm is 32 years in prison. If Armstrong is charged with other armed bank robberies, he could face 25 to 30 year consecutive sentences for each one.

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

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

If you're a former All-Star or a parent who can provide information and photos about your former All-Star, e-mail Special Editor Mary Klemic at mklemic@oe.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.

Battleground

Computer tourneys gaining popularity

BY RUSS HAMMOND
CORRESPONDENT

In two dark rooms in a Canton strip mall on Saturday night, 20 young men attempted to maim, butcher and kill each other. They yelled commands, groaned at mistakes and heckled the opposition.

Seated side by side in large leather chairs, in teams of five players, they battled for eight hours on state-of-the-art computers playing a simulation game called Counter-Strike. The game, which is gaining in popularity, pits terrorists against counter-terrorists.

Instead of sitting in their homes and annihilating each other online, the players gather at the Gate, an area in the rear of Canton Computers in Canton, where they pay \$25 to play in its monthly Counter-Strike tournament. Coming to this event allows them to socialize, play the game they love with other like-minded people, and maybe even win the top prize, which usually ranges from \$400 to \$600.

"It's exciting. It brings people together," said Mark Maletic, 15, of Canton.

Maletic, and two of his teammates, James Wolf, 17, of Plymouth, and Tom Stanford, 17, of Canton, were taking a breather and milling around the store after their team won the first game of the tournament.

The game went back and forth, Wolf said. "But we came back and won."

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Stanford said they're at the store, which is located at Canton Center and Ford roads, at least once a week playing various computer games and spend plenty of time at home with Counter-Strike. Maletic added that while it's OK to play online with people from around the country, there is "trash talk on the Internet but at the computer store, there's lots of joking around."



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Benny Halit (left) of Plymouth and Mike Kovach of Canton play Counterstrike during a tournament at Canton Computers.

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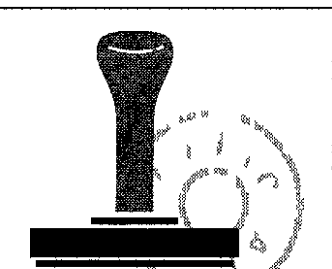
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 Patrick J. Chandler, 61, of Auburn Hills, died Feb 1
 Mary M. Cirrincione 88 of Independence Twp died Feb 5
D
 Margaret Evelyn Davidsen (nee Cripps) 87 formerly of Farmington Hills died Feb 5
 Jeanette A. Dorvee 76, of Redford Twp., died Feb 5
 Mildred C. Dunnigan 86, of Shelby Twp., died Feb 6
G
 Stephen M. Galida 36 Coshocton, Ohio, died Feb 6
H
 Charles W. Heil 67 died Feb 10
 Doris Marion Hirzel died Feb 8
J
 Jessica Lynn Johnson, 22 of Plymouth, died Feb 7
L
 Mary A. Lenzion, 80, of Rochester Hills died Feb 4
M
 Helen F. Martens 82, died Feb 6
 Amelia Dolores (Ruppersberg) McKee 90, of Troy died Feb 7



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Minnie Myers, 94 died Feb 2
P
 Esther J. Parrott 73 of Westland, died Feb 5
S
 Helen R. Smith 100 of Rochester died Feb 1
V
 Phillips Buick Van Dusen, 76, of Chapel Hill, N.C. died Feb 4
 Kenneth E. VanderVen of Livonia died Jan 31
W
 John Hazen Wilson 83, of Plymouth died Feb 6

FOR THE RECORD

Lena E. Wing 93 of Rochester Hills died Feb 1

POLICE BLOTTER

A Plymouth Township resident reported he parked his 1993 Dodge Dakota in the lot just north of his building on Risman and when he returned to the vehicle he discovered someone had stolen the in dash stereo amplifier and various CDs. Police have no suspects.

FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Feb 2-8:
Tuesday Feb 8 - Residential rescue runs on Lilley and on Edgewood vehicle accidents on Joy Road west of Beck and on N Territorial west of Beck industrial fire on Helm mutual-aid received rescue run on Risman, vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Beck
Monday Feb 7 - Vehicle accidents on southbound I-275 over M-14 and on northbound I-275 north of

I-96 residential rescue runs on Evergreen on Karmada on Sheldon on Thornridge and on Deer, industrial rescue run on Deer
Sunday Feb 6 - Residential rescue runs on Lilley on Parkview, on Sheridan on Maple Tree and on Heritage rescue run to a public building/school on Farmer
Saturday Feb 5 - Vehicle accident with wash down at Joy and General Drive smoke investigation on Penman vehicle accident at 5 Mile and Ivywood investigation on Ann Arbor Trail, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail residential rescue run on Northville Road
Friday Feb 4 - Commercial rescue run on Beck residential rescue runs on Haggerty on Plymouth Heights, on Deer, on Northville Road and on Aspen vehicle accident on northbound I-275 south of M-14, rescue run to a public building/school on Main
Thursday Feb 3 - Residential rescue runs on Carol, on Mill, on Northville Road on Eastside and on Coolidge
Wednesday Feb 2 - Vehicle accident at Ridge and N Territorial, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road residential rescue runs

on Sheldon, on Newporte, on E Drive, on Fairground and on N Territorial, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road mutual aid given run on 6 Mile in Northville Township

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In the state-mandated retirement rate, Brand said "Health care is expected to go up another \$17 million." "And, that still doesn't include other increased expenditures like utility costs and any negotiated compensation with our employee unions, she said. "The increase helps minimize a horribly dismal situation to somewhat dismal." Granholm's proposal also includes another \$50 per student for every student who completes a college-prep curriculum. Even with an increase in funding, Ryan said he expects to make additional cuts in the budget. "We'll continue to work with the board to make those cuts and budget adjustments as we look at our long-range forecast," Ryan said. "That's always the challenge, how much do you cut?"

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St. Mary Mercy puts focus on men's health

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a prostate screening and men's health day from 8 a.m. to 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 at Levan in Livonia.

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plan put together by Plante & Moran-CRESA, the real estate arm of the township's planners who did the space needs evaluation.

CRESA's original budget called for some 52,000 square feet in the project. That's the plan the township board used to bid for an architect. Floor plans unveiled Wednesday by A3C, the Ann Arbor firm the board hired to design the project, call for some 57,000 square feet.

The other factor, according to Hubbard, is construction costs. The original budget was figured assuming the project was going to start back in October 2003. Delays have caused construction costs, particularly for materials like concrete and steel, to rise.

"The largest cause were the changes to CRESA's original budget," Hubbard said. "But every project does that. Every project changes from when it was conceived. It's not that unusual."

Township trustee Steve Mann, who was supervisor when the board hired CRESA to do the original study, said he blames A3C's "mis-reading of the plan" for square footage increases he says have driven up the costs.

"I attribute the increase in square footage to (A3C's) mis-reading of the plan," Mann said. "I have some serious concerns as far as (architect) performance goes. We've added space and had some unfortunate cost increases."

LOOKING AT OPTIONS

Much of the discussion centered around square footage in the proposed new fire station. A3C's plan calls for a bunk and office space for a captain, plus six bunks for firefighters, a fitness room and men's and women's locker rooms.

A3C's plan for the police station includes 830 square feet for a holding area, plus six cells (the current station has three). The CRESA plan called for 13,000 square feet in the police station, A3C's plan is for just over 14,000.

"There are material cost increases that weren't anticipated by CRESA," Hubbard told board members. "CRESA's plan also talked about developing a five-acre site, but the site is actually nine acres, with seven acres actually being developed."

Township officials have considered several options, among them:

- Delaying or scrapping the project altogether, which brought a quick, "No way!" from trustee Kay Arnold.

- Purchasing the bankrupt Hidden Falls spa property at Schoolcraft and Haggerty. Sources said the building was briefly considered and discarded because it would need extensive renovation and an addition.

LOOKING AT OPTIONS

What: Plymouth Township Board Study Session

When: Monday, Feb 21, 6 p.m.

Where: Township board meeting room, Ann Arbor Road and Lilley

Purpose: To talk about options to deal with spiraling costs and space questions for the new township hall project

- Building the fire station in phases, paying some \$700,000 to do all the underground work now, then capping that part of the site off until such time as officials wanted to move ahead. That would save some \$1 million in construction costs.

- Eliminating the fire station altogether.

- Having A3C redesign the building and cutting down on the square footage. This appeared to be the most popular option, although some said any cost benefits might be offset by redesign costs.

"This board hasn't approved a design yet," said trustee Bob Doroshewitz. "How can we have redesign costs when we haven't approved a design to begin with?"

HOW TO PAY FOR IT

Some residents said they wanted to see the project not only go forward, but without any real cuts.

"I don't think there's anything extravagant in this building," said resident Greg Fyke. "I think this community deserves better."

Even if it means more taxes, according to resident Mel Moore.

"I don't think you should cut square footage," said Moore, who is the assistant fire chief in Wayne. "I think you should go bigger and look for ways to finance it."

One way would be to sell more bonds. However, back when the board first approved this project, they set the budget at \$12 million, with \$6 million in bonds sold, and the other \$6 million coming from other sources, including the general fund.

"When this project was first sold to the community it was stressed numerous times that no new taxes would be used," resident Arlene Karrel said. "I'd like to see the board stuck to that."

Ultimately, board members agreed to put together a list of preferred options, and those will be forwarded to Hubbard at DeMatia to have cost analysis done. Those options will be studied at the study session at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21.

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Rah! Football furor moves north

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

With the Super Bowl having played out Sunday in Jacksonville, some Canton and Plymouth business people are already getting pumped for the Detroit Super Bowl one year away.

"I think for our retail business and restaurants and hotels they'll definitely see some impact. I'm sure it will be all good," said Dianne Cojet, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Fran Toney, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce executive director, first contacted the host committee a year ago. "One of the things they discussed was moving the days of the ice spectacular," she said.

But this likely won't happen. "They have their own Winter Blast, Toney said, adding the business community expects a windfall of hotel, restaurant and bed-and-breakfast business. "We've got a beautiful boutique hotel, The Inn at St. Johns, we've got the Hilton, the Comfort Inn and Red Roof Inn and beautiful bed and breakfasts."

Tawnya Johnson, director of sales for St. John's Golf and Conference Center, said, "We anticipate absolutely being sold out for the Super Bowl and most (Metro) hotels anticipate being sold out for four days around the Super Bowl."

Johnson said construction of The Inn at St. John's will be finished in December. The facility will have 118 rooms and 26 executive suites. She said the St. John's ballroom should also draw Super Bowl business.

Toney said she'll be talking with the Detroit Super Bowl host committee executive director right after the Super Bowl on Sunday. "We want to get a piece of that pie."

Colin Campbell, sales manager of wood and laminate flooring firm Pergo Inc. and Canton resident, is one of a handful of local business people serving as "Super Captains" for the Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee. Members of the committee are in Jacksonville this week to observe and learn how to put on the wide range of Super Bowl-related events and services.

"They're taking notes and getting ready," Campbell said.

But he and other super captains are also getting busy. Each one is charged with identifying 50 volunteers who can commit to 2 to 4-hour shifts during Super Bowl week, to perform a range of tasks - from greeting visitors at Metro Airport to staffing the NFL Experience interactive exhibit, which travels to each Super Bowl city. They will also provide information on restaurants.

So far, Campbell has rounded up 10 volunteers. They attend monthly training sessions, the next is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 16.

The Detroit host committee is seeking 8,000 volunteers from the Metro area.

"We're going to try and organize a group of volunteers from the chamber," Campbell said.

Campbell first e-mailed the Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee a year ago, to ask about participating.

"I was interested in getting involved to show Detroit in its best light," he said.

To volunteer call (734) 844-2355 or go to the Detroit host committee Web site at <http://sbxl.org>.

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Student radio station gears up for auction

New Liberty Bank presents the annual WSDP 88.1-FM Radio Auction from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 14.

The auction benefits the student-run radio station at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. This year the auction proceeds will go toward an endowment fund that will help provide funding for the station for years to come. The auction kicks off a two-and-a-half-year capital campaign to raise funds for the endowment.

This is the second year that New Liberty Bank has served as the title sponsor of the 88.1-FM Radio Auction. Michael Weaver, president and chief executive officer of New Liberty Bank, said sponsoring the radio auction was a good fit for the bank.

"WSDP is an important part of the Plymouth-Canton school district," Weaver said. "This year's auction is especially important to the station's endowment and New Liberty Bank is proud to help ensure its continued success."

Listeners will be able to bid on items

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Michael Weaver
New Liberty Bank CEO

WSDP volunteers will be contacting businesses for donations through the end of April. Businesses interested in donating items can contact the station at 416-7732.

"We really appreciate New Liberty Bank's willingness to support the auction for a second year in a row," said Bill Keith, station manager. "Last year they helped us raise over \$12,000 and this year we hope to top the \$15,000 mark."

New Liberty Bank has expanded its presence in the community with the opening of a new 20,000-square-foot headquarters on Ann Arbor Road. The full-service bank is locally owned and operated in Plymouth. New Liberty Bank reported total assets of \$61 million in October 2004. More information is available online at www.newlibertybank.com.

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The station is celebrating 33 years of serving Plymouth and Canton.

Civilians want you

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

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Granholm, Legislature need to do something — anything

Whatever you think about the dramatic proposals Gov. Jennifer Granholm put forth in her State of the State speech, perhaps the most politically significant thing about them is that she has — for the first time — committed her administration to a major stand on the state's future.

The Democratic governor offered a complex package that includes asking the voters this fall to approve a \$2 billion bond proposal aimed at creating 72,000 jobs. She also announced, among other things, a massive \$800 million set of public works projects that she said would create another 36,000 jobs. She also announced significant reforms in the state's controversial Single Business Tax, though she stopped short of doing what many expected her to do — get rid of it, period.

And she added a few other proposals, including a new \$4,000 merit scholarship for successful college juniors.

Republicans, as expected, denounced her plans as, in the words of Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, "debt today and debt tomorrow." Democrats, who don't control either house of the Legislature, were somewhere between cautiously supportive and wildly enthusiastic that their governor at last was behaving like both a governor and a Democrat.

Whatever one thinks of her ideas, the governor has, for the first time since her election in 2002, put forth an agenda. Though much has been made of her status as Michigan's first woman governor, the dirty little secret she is widely regarded as the weakest chief executive Michigan has had since the 1940s.

Though widely expected to win by a landslide, she barely prevailed over a weak opponent, and has behaved with considerable timidity ever since. Last year, a Republican leader told me with a tight little smile that his party didn't really mind very much having Jennifer Granholm as governor. Sure, she might nominate a few judges they didn't like but, as they saw it, she had no agenda, and since the GOP had large majorities in both houses of the Legislature, they felt they could get what they wanted through, perhaps with a little bit of trimming at the margins.

But in fact, what has happened since she took the oath more than two years ago largely has been political drift, in which the lawmakers'

chief preoccupation has been to finesse a state budget that seems to be perpetually out of balance by \$1 billion a year.

Twenty-two years ago, a new governor named Jim Blanchard took office facing a fiscal crisis that was as bad or worse, and spent his political capital temporarily raising the state income tax. That solved the crisis, and the tax was lowered again as promised, but Democrats lost the state Senate as a result.

Eight years later, Republican John Engler took over and began slashing, burning and cutting programs that had been seen as sacrosanct. There was much screaming, but he prevailed and was re-elected twice by landslides.

But Granholm has proposed nothing of the sort, and both parties have shrunk from tackling the core issue. Instead, it's been all about the death of a thousand cuts. Those who understand higher education are openly worried that the whittling-down process will soon seriously damage the university system, and with it Michigan's future ability to compete.

While both parties will privately admit the state's budget system is massively and structurally flawed, nobody has had the courage to tackle reforming it. Nor will anyone say the words that everyone believes, but regards as politically fatal: "You get what you pay for."

Right now, Michigan isn't getting anywhere. The state is drifting downward economically, tied with Alaska for the nation's worst unemployment rate.

But will the governor's proposals, which sound like a combination of Silicon Valley and Franklin Roosevelt, work? Do they have a chance of being enacted by the Republican Legislature? Bill Ballenger, publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics* and a respected political handicapper, says it is dicey.

She told the Republicans not to just pass the good stuff — the parts they liked — and send it to her, but I think that's exactly what they will do, and dare her to veto it," said the pundit, himself a former state senator.

History suggests that the odds of getting the voters to approve a new spending scheme in a special off-year election are not good.

Yet there is a risk for the GOP, too. If the Michigan Legislature refuses to enact any of her agenda, the governor will certainly run next year against the "do-nothing Republicans" who, she will say, played politics while Michigan's economy burned.

Jack Lessenberry is editorial vice president of HomeTown

Michigan's political leaders need to put state above party

Politics is fun. Government is work. Anyone watching Gov. Jennifer Granholm's State of the State address could see that politics is alive and well. Government doesn't have a chance.



Hugh Gallagher

In the words of state Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, Michigan is a leaking boat, the proverbial Titanic after running smack into the iceberg. Officially, the state is tied with Alaska for the nation's highest unemployment rate.

The state struggles every year with its depleted treasury to maintain its constitutionally mandated balanced budget and vital services. Every year, the state kicks its financial problems down the road to municipal governments, school districts and state universities.

While the rest of the nation's economy seems to be on the rise, Michigan remains stuck.

Sen. Toy and Sen. Michael Bishop, R-Rochester, came to the *Observer* on Monday to present some of their proposals for investing in the life sciences and other technology to get Michigan back on track. Bishop has a bill to provide tax credits to reduce loss risk for "angel investors" who will provide funding for innovative ideas. Toy is proposing a package of ideas to support a "development pipeline" that would bring together public and private investment.

On the same day the governor was getting a chill from the Republicans in the legislature, President Bush was at the Detroit Economic Club to tout his new budget, which includes some deep Medicaid cuts that will only exacerbate the state's problems.

He told assembled business leaders that the time for debate over his budget should be over. Opponents are equally sure the real debate hasn't even begun.

Granholm came out swinging Tuesday night with a bold proposal to launch a \$2 billion bond issue to pay for various programs to encourage high tech development in the state. She also proposed expansive public works projects to provide employment and improve the state's infrastructure. And she ventured into the treacherous waters of school consolidation and changes in the Merit Scholarship. These were bold gestures from a governor who hasn't been a well spring of original ideas in her first two years.

If you watched the speech, you know that a part of the audience rose regularly to give the governor a round of applause. A larger part of the audience didn't. They fiddled with their fingers, or gave a tepid little tea party hand tap or squirmed miserably.

Everyone rose when reminded that Michigan is the greatest state in the union, when lauding our military and when deploring Hollywood sex

and violence. Otherwise, it was definitely an organized Republican snub.

Apparently some Republicans have also felt snubbed. Sen. Toy said Monday that in two years she has never been invited to Gov. Granholm's office.

Engler used to call us in quite a bit, both sides of the aisle, and I have yet to be called into Gov. Granholm's office to ask what my position is on an issue," Toy said. "We have to be inclusive, we have to work together. I hear her talk it, but I don't see her walk it."

On Tuesday, the state got to see the GOP neither walk the walk or talk the talk.

In offering a "rebuttal" to the governor, a decidedly sour-faced Sen. Ken Sikkema, the Republican majority leader, and this year's Speaker Craig DeRoche could find nothing but doom and gloom and hard times (high taxes) for the state's "job providers." It was also obvious that they were already looking ahead to next year's gubernatorial race and a governor who's even more vulnerable if they do nothing. (And since the bond proposal requires a two-thirds majority to get it on the ballot, you can forget that idea.)

Meanwhile, we still have the nation's highest unemployment rate, many more have long since given up looking for work, many who once depended on Medicaid to supplement inadequate or non-existent health insurance are doing without, our local governments, schools and universities are struggling to find more ways to cut on top of cuts, which adds to the unemployment problem, high tech industries are going to other states, and the state's infrastructure problems grow worse.

Politics is how things get done. It is necessary to debate ideas, pare away at the details, compromise.

Maybe Sens. Bishop and Toy have some good ideas.

Maybe the governor has some good ideas.

But now is the time to get down to the business of government and work through those ideas.

The devil, of course, is in the details, as presented Thursday in Granholm's budget proposal. This is the time to debate those details, discuss the practical merits and demerits of those proposals without automatically rejecting them because there's an election two years away and it's just possible for the GOP to win control of everything.

Michigan can't wait through two more years of inaction and bickering because we have a Republican legislature and a Democratic governor. It's time both parties talked the talk and walked the walk.

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Denise Necker, owner for the past 13 years, has credited their family-friendly atmosphere and an array of flower and planting services for the flower shop's continued success. In 2004, the shop was voted the "Best of Redford" in an *Observer* reader's poll.

In addition to fresh cut flowers and arrangements that mark life's milestones, Floyd's offers personalized planting services each spring. With Valentine's Day fast approaching, the Floyd's staff is working to fill orders faster than ever - it's the holiday that requires the quickest turnaround of all.

Floyd's Flowers is at 25096 Five Mile, between Beech Daly and Telegraph in Redford Township. Call (313) 535-4934.

FAMILY-STYLE

Passers-by can tell by the sign. It's no secret that Livonia's Leather Bottle has changed ownership. Now

called G. Subu Leather Bottle, the restaurant is under the guidance of father-and-son team George and Johnny Subu.

If their names sound familiar to local residents, it's no coincidence. George Subu served as co-owner of Sandtraps - formerly on Five Mile in Livonia.

"We are a family-owned business," Subu said. "A lot of people in Livonia know us."

He called Livonia a "great, established community," and mentioned the restaurant as easily accessible, particularly with its proximity to Farmington. Subu said he looks forward to serving his former customers and drawing in new ones.

The menu ranges from the Leather Bottle's famous pizza and pasta, to seafood, steaks and other specials. Prices range from \$10-\$15 for most dinner entrees. The space offers banquet facilities and will host live music on weekends. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, and noon to midnight on Sunday.

G. Subu Leather Bottle is located at 20300 Farmington Road, just south of Eight Mile in Livonia. Call (248) 474-2420.



BRONZING STARS

Sister-brother team Leslie and Mike Osman are already earning praise as the new owners of All Exposed Tanning & Nails in Westland.

Lori Brist, president of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, said she believes the new owners will be quite successful in this venture.

"I'm such a people person," said Leslie Osman. "I love working with the public." She said she's always willing to answer questions or share advice on how to tan safely. After all, she said "we tan to look good."

The salon offers nine tanning units, and sells single visits or packages of five, seven or 10 for \$6-\$40. All Exposed also runs promotions. Currently first-timers can tan

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American Legion post offering scholarship

Rosedale Park American Legion Post No. 390 will again offer a \$5,000 scholarship to a deserving graduating senior.

To qualify for the \$5,000 scholarship, a student must have a parent, grandparent or family member who is currently serving or is an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. military and have a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

High schools identified to participate in the program include Catholic Central, Clarenceville, Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, North Farmington, Harrison, Farmington High, Mercy, Ladywood, Northville High, Plymouth-Canton, Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Christian Academy, Redford Union and Thurston.

Applications are available at the counselors' offices. Completed applications must be returned to American Legion Post No. 390 by March 15.

The post, which was founded in Detroit in 1946 in the North Rosedale Park area, currently meets at 8 p.m. every third Thursday at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall on Farmington Road in Livonia. Members have served in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam.

In addition to the post's Perpetual Education Fund, Post No. 390 has awarded six \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. Over the years, more than \$50,000 has been awarded to students for college support.

Parents, students work together to add gym at New Morning

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

space in 2002, it included just a shell for the gym, which still needed dry wall, a floor and other amenities. It took awhile, but with

plenty of fund-raising effort by parents and students, the gymnasium has finally been completed.

"It's got a rubberized floor, which has good resiliency and cushion for the children," said Elaine Yagiela, founder and director of the school on Haggerty Road just north of Schoolcraft. "It now has two portable basketball nets, and it has sparked development of a gym program for all the kids."

Yagiela said the last couple of years students had to go to Lifetime Fitness for gym programs. Before that, it was the Livonia YMCA.

But, a \$1 million fund-raising campaign allowed for plans which included the gym, renovation of the middle school and an elementary classroom addition.

New Morning School, oper-

ated as a co-op by parents, is in its 32nd year. It started at Five Mile and Haggerty in a church, then moved to Canton Township and Dearborn Heights before purchasing its current tract in 1981 and locating modular units on the site. There were additions in both 1986 and 1997, before the final phase was constructed three years ago.

Currently there are 100 families who participate in the school, with 100 students attending kindergarten through eighth grades.

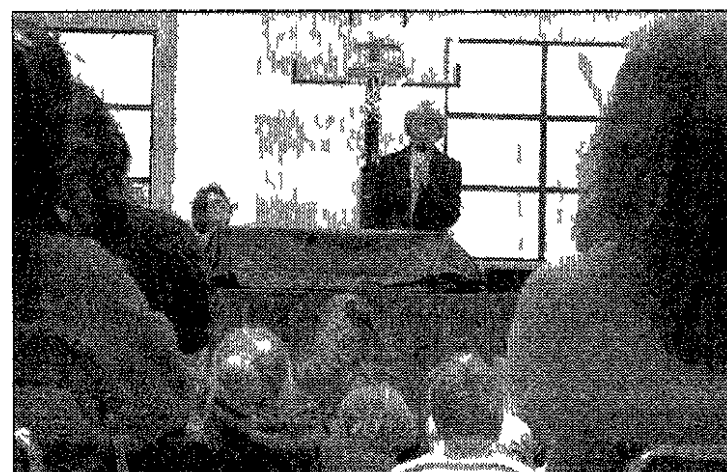
"It's really quite an accomplishment for our parent co-op based school to own a facility and operate as long as we have," said Yagiela. "We get such a tremendous amount of energy from our parents."

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New Morning School eighth graders presented major donors to the new gym project with autographed basketballs. Pictured (from left) are Karen Wilson, Kellie and Mike Ferrantino, New Morning Executive Director Elaine Yagiela and Jack Krasula.

When New Morning School added 10,000 square feet of



Elaine Yagiela, director of New Morning School in Plymouth Township welcomes guests at the dedication of the school's new gym. The \$1 million facility was paid for through fund-raisers.

DAR meets locally

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. This is a group with ancestors who fought in

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Arthritis Today

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NEW CONCEPTS AND NEW DRUGS

You may consider it odd now when drugs used commonly in arthritis are coming under criticism. That I should devote a column to new drugs. However, the explosion in ingenious ways to use technology has changed medicine too dramatically to ignore.

The gains created for molecular biology have reached practical application. By the term molecular biology, I mean the ability of scientists to track the activities of drugs and potential new drugs at the level of the individual cell. Technology is so sophisticated that it is possible to see how a molecule of a drug attaches to the cell wall surface, and then follow the series of reactions that drug initiates within the cell and the cell nucleus.

From such research has come arthritis drugs such as Enbrel, Fiemicaid, Humera and Kineret all of whom block proteins from attaching to joint cells. Blocking these proteins aborts a cascade of cell reactions that otherwise would lead to inflammation.

The advantage of these drugs is their specificity. They are unlikely to cause side effects such as gastritis, hepatitis and possibly heart attacks and strokes associated with other arthritis drugs. These new medications are targeted for particular sites and avoid the non-specific effects that cause risk in other drugs.

The disadvantage of these new medications is their cost and that they are administered by IV infusion or injection. However, the gain in safety by their use and the promise of resolution of arthritis is great enough to bring these drugs forward at this time.

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State senators propose life science investment package

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, is supporting a package of bills she says will help Michigan compete in a fast

changing economic environment.

"Budget deficits and unemployment problems we've had are all symptoms of a bigger problem," Toy said.

"The rest of the country has changed and Michigan hasn't kept up with those needs."

Toy and state Sen. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester,

discussed their ideas for supporting investment in new technology Monday, before Gov. Jennifer Granholm presented her proposal in Tuesday's State of the State address to seek voter support for a \$2 billion bond program to invest in new technologies.

Bishop is sponsoring a bill to provide equity loss tax credits for "angel investors." The bill would encourage investment in innovative businesses by guaranteeing up to \$50,000 in tax credits against losses. The total program is capped at \$10 million, with the first claims not accepted until 2008.

"Michigan is way behind in seed funds for venture capital," Bishop said. "We also faced the reality that the manufacturing base was decimated in this state. Michigan needs to step up and do something different. We want to be more than a flyover state between Silicon Valley and

Silicon Alley

Bishop said the angel investors fund is designed to tell investors that the state is willing to invest in innovative companies.

"We want to create a fund that will not only keep companies here but invite more in," he said. "We'll never be able to keep up with California and Massachusetts but at the same time a journey of 1000 miles begins with one step."

Toy is offering several supporting ideas that aren't yet to the formal bill stage. She proposes creating a life science product development pipeline, working with Michigan companies.

Under the proposal, a Life Sciences Seed Fund would be created for commercializing drugs, diagnostics and medical devices, capitalized with up to \$50 million in revenue bonds.

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The fund would invest 10 percent in a life science project, the company bringing the new product would put up 10 percent and other private sector investors would provide the other 80 percent. Initially, bond payments would be subsidized from the existing life science corridor appropriation, about \$4 million a year.

Investments in firms doing embryonic stem cell research would be prohibited.

"We need the vision and expediency because we are behind," said Toy.

She said the old days of high paying assembly line jobs are a thing of the past and new industries will require a higher level of education.

A final portion of Toy's package includes an income tax credit for individuals and small and mid-size companies who invest in job training.

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Bouchard finds support for Senate bid

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Michael Bouchard tested the waters before deciding to take on Sen. Debbie Stabenow in the mid-term elections, which are still two years off, and found them to be agreeable.

The response from family members and others he asked was "very positive," he said.

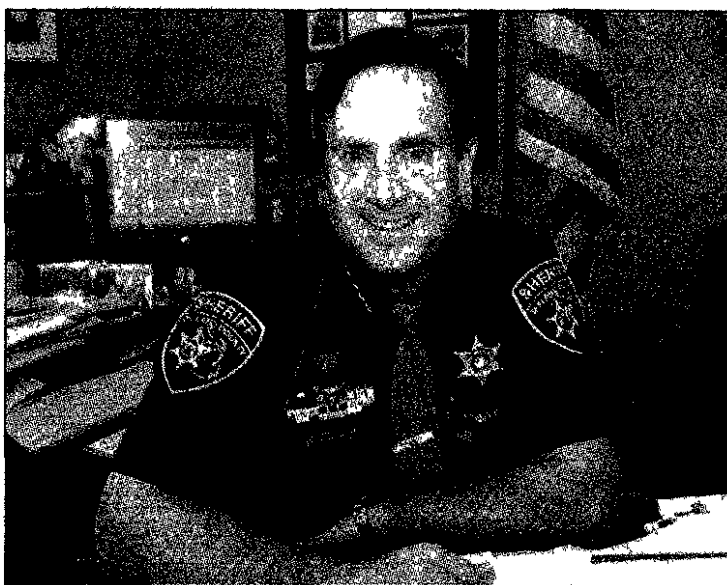
Bouchard, 48, currently serves as Oakland County sheriff and has been an elected official since his first term on the Beverly Hills village council in 1986. He served in the state House and state Senate until 1999 when he was appointed Oakland County sheriff. He was elected to the post in 2000 and has been re-elected twice since then.

Now, he's looking at the U.S. Senate and filed to run against Stabenow last week.

He said if people were going to talk about the most pressing issues of the day they'd be talking about his strengths. The pressing issue of the day, he said, is security.

"It's about job security, job creation," Bouchard said. "I was a small business owner and I know where government can help. By getting out of the way."

He said he's done consider-



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard is making a bid for the U.S. Senate.

able work to promote family security by pushing for the creation of a sex offender registry and the launching of an Internet crime unit. When seen in total, combining his career as a law enforcement officer as well as his experience as a member of the state Senate, he said people will see the choice is simple.

"When you look at my experience and the changes I've made, people will conclude that I get results," Bouchard said.

If elected, he said he'd try to end some of the "blind partisanship" he said is plaguing Washington, D.C., today. He said Michigan's incumbent Sens. Carl Levin and Stabenow are a part of that problem, preventing votes on several judgeships. He said the nominees should be voted on, either way, just as long as they get a vote.

"The delay is holding up the system and justice delayed is justice denied," he said. "People

are tired of that."

Bouchard also said he'd make the budget a priority if he's sent to Washington. He said he'd examine government activities closely. If it's necessary, he says he'd work to make it as efficient as possible. If it isn't, he said it should be stopped.

Bill Ballenger, publisher of the Lansing-based Inside Michigan Politics, said Bouchard is a viable candidate, but there is more than one race on the horizon before anyone trades body blows with Stabenow.

"First we need to see how he fares in the Republican primary and who he's going to face in that race," he said. "Then will the national Republican party see Stabenow as vulnerable? Will they send money? Will (President) George W. Bush campaign for him?"

He said comparing their resumes isn't going to tell you who voters are going to smile on in 2006. That Bouchard was both a legislator and sheriff or that Stabenow has been a long-time legislator isn't going to matter all that much in the voting booth.

"People don't make decisions that way," Ballenger said. "They look at name identification and personality."

Michigan Humane Society planning Telethon

On Wednesday, Feb. 23, the studios of WXYZ Channel 7 will air the Ninth Annual Michigan Humane Society Telethon from 6 a.m. through 11 p.m.

For the second year, the Telethon will air on Channel 7 with several two-minute segments scheduled during breaks in regular program-

ming. Radio partner will be Magic 105.1 FM.

Telethon 2005 will again be hosted by Channel 7 meteorologist and animal lover, Dave Rexroth.

Tune in and watch during your favorite Channel 7 shows such as Good Morning America, The View, Oprah, the Channel 7 Action News

and others.

In conjunction with the Telethon, the Michigan Humane Society's three shelters in Westland, Detroit and Rochester Hills will hold special adoption hours from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Canton senior guard David Calille drove to the basket against Salem's Jon Pomorski during the third quarter of Friday night's game. Calille finished with a game-high 12 points to lead the Chiefs to a 48-27 victory.

Red streak

Strong defense keys Canton's 5th straight win, 48-27, over Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's basketball team proved during Friday night's annual showdown against Salem that it can play a pretty solid game of "paint-ball."

The taller, more physical Chiefs dominated in the paint in front of the basket and rolled to a 48-27 victory in the Salem gymnasium.

Canton, which improved to 11-6 overall and 7-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, will carry a five-game winning streak into next week's Western Lakes Activities Association conference playoffs (see related story on page B3). The struggling Rocks dropped their ninth-straight game and slipped to 1-16 overall and 1-10 in the league.

Offensively, Canton converted a number of second-shot opportunities when front-court players Kevin Thornton and Andre Bridges grabbed offensive rebounds and deposited them into the basket. On the defensive end, the 6-foot-8, long-armed Thornton made life difficult for any Salem player who ventured into the paint with the basketball. He blocked four shots and altered many others.

At times Friday night, it appeared as if both teams had given up scoring for Lent Combined, the Chiefs and Rocks hit just 31 percent of their shots from the field, but that low number was due to tough, gritty defense more than anything else.

"I thought the key to the game was that we played solid defensively for four quarters tonight," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "Offensively, we were a little sporadic, but we shot well enough to win."

Paye said his team knew it would be in trouble if it took the one-win Rocks too lightly.

"The kids knew that they had to get up for this one because we knew Salem was going to be ready to play," he said. "Plus, all we had to do was remind them about Tuesday night's game against Stevenson. They had been struggling, but we only led them by one point at the half."

I thought Andy Cortellini came up big for us tonight. He made some big shots. Andre Bridges came off the bench and played well inside.

Salem coach Bob Brodie said his team wasn't able to accomplish its No. 1 goal heading into the game — limiting the bigger Chiefs to just one shot per trip down the court.

PLEASE SEE STREAK, B3

Stagelines

Hoop events

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting a pair of basketball-related events on Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

At 9:30 a.m., a free hoop-shoot competition will be held. Winners in each of the age divisions will advance to regional competition in the statewide tournament.

Following the hoop shoot, a three-on-three basketball tournament will be held for third-through eighth-graders. The cost per team is \$42.

Salem tennis

Unofficial conditioning workouts for the Salem boys tennis team are being held on Mondays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the upper-commons area of Salem High School. The season begins March 14.

All interested players should attend conditioning and stop by the athletic office to pick up medical, eligibility and physical forms, which must be turned in by March 14.

Chiefs win

The Canton freshmen volleyball team was crowned the silver division champion at the Northville High School Freshmen Tournament held Saturday, Feb. 5. The ninth-grade Chiefs defeated Plymouth in the semi-finals and Westland John Glenn in the final round match.

Canton boosters

There will be a Canton Football Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth.

Parents of current Canton football players and parents of current eighth-graders who will be freshmen at Canton in the fall are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Kathy Powers at KMPowers6@aol.com.

Clarification

An article in Thursday's *Observer* stated that Canton gymnasts Alyssa Kelley and Kara Ahern finished 17th and 19th, respectively, in the Division 1 all-around competition at the Canton Invitational, which was held Feb. 5.

The gymnasts' final places were misleading because they only competed in three of the four events.

Volleyball tryout

The Madonna University women's volleyball program will hold an open tryout from 10 a.m. until noon, Sunday, Feb. 20, at the school's gym.

The tryout is open to all eligible senior high school volleyball players, and also those with remaining college eligibility.

For more information, call MU assistant coach Brian McClain at (734) 432-5612, or e-mail him at bgmccain@aol.com.

HV Alliance earn indoor soccer title

The Canton-based HV Alliance captured the National Indoor Soccer Men's Championship last weekend at the High Velocity Sports facility in Canton. The tournament attracted several of the top indoor soccer teams from across the country in the following divisions: U-10 and U-15 boys, Open Women, and Open Men.

The Alliance squad included Bryan Finnerty, the owner of HVS and a former professional indoor soccer goalie for the Detroit Rockers, Andrew Crawford, the general manager of HVS and a 10-year pro, Rodrigo Gonzalez, HVS facility manager and a former Rocker, Johny Demergis, the HVS assistant soccer director, and several other former Rockers, including Jaman Trpoli and Jason Willan. The Alliance finished unbeaten, but it faced many tough games, including the final against Baltimore, MD-based MD Sports Unlimited. HVS overcame a three-goal deficit to win 7-6 in overtime.

"It was so much fun to play with those guys again," said Finnerty. "We are all a little bit older and slower than our pro playing days, so to see the experience of quality veteran players win games over speed and youth was unbelievable. We all feel like kids again."

Over 150 fans showed up throughout the tournament to support the Alliance, whose roster includes several trainers for the Canton Soccer Club.

- Other division winners were
- U-10 boys Division I — Michigan Future Stars (Centerline, MI),
- U-10 boys Division II — The Gators (Watauga, TX),
- U-15 boys — Joey's Unknowns/Kingdom (Holland, MI), and
- Womens Open — Michigan Celtic FC (Sterling Heights, MI)

Fast-starting Rocks toppled by Pats

Canton edges Rockets. See Page B2.

PREP WRESTLING

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Nate Turco has learned plenty of moves on the wrestling mats tagging along with his older brother Nick.

But it was the sophomore Nate who took the lead this time with a pin as he jumped-started unbeaten Livonia Franklin to a come-from-behind 40-22 victory Thursday night over Salem.

The Patriots rallied from a 16-0 deficit

to run their overall season record to 18-0 in a match of divisional champions in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I was a little worried when we got down because Salem is always a hard program to wrestle," Nick Turco said.

After Lakes Division co-champion Salem took the first four matches, 140-pounder Nate Turco's pin of Ryan Olson in 4:29 ignited the Patriots.

Dave Watkins followed with a dramatic win for Franklin at 145 with a take-down of Jake Bennett in the final two seconds, good enough for a 4-2 decision

and catapult the Western Division champions.

Senior heavyweight Nick Turco's pin of Steve Kaptur in 2:16 stretched Franklin's advantage to 31-22 and 103-pounder Jesse Gardocki's 19-3 technical fall of Salem's Jeremy Stankewitz sealed the team dual win.

The Turco brothers have been in Franklin's wrestling program for two years after moving here from West Bloomfield when Nate was a freshman and Nick was a junior.

Franklin coach Dave Chiola figured his team would face an early deficit after the blind draw started in Salem's favor.

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, B2

Rowley shines on the blue line

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

In one corner, there were tap-dance shoes. In the other, hockey skates. In the middle was Amanda Rowley, a talented 12-year-old who had to choose which of the two extremely contrasting activities — dancing or hockey — she was going to dedicate a large portion of the next six years of her life to.

Following a short debate, Rowley chose the blue line over the chorus line, and she hasn't had any regrets since. "I used to go with my parents to my brothers' mini-mite hockey practices," said Rowley, recalling how her hockey career was born six years ago. "My mom said, 'As long as you're here, you might as well try it, too. I did, and I liked it right away. There wasn't enough time to do both (dancing and hockey), so I had to choose one or the other."



Prep Profile



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

A senior defenseman, Salem student Amanda Rowley has been an instrumental part of the 2004-05 Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team's successful season.

PLEASE SEE ROWLEY, B5

Canton wrestlers take down Rockets

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Before Canton took charge of Thursday night's Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over match against Westland John Glenn, the Chiefs had to wrestle with some early adversity.

The Rockets seized the early momentum by winning the first two matches of the night, but the host Chiefs re-grouped and chalked up a 38-18 victory.

"After we lost the first two matches, I rallied the troops a little bit and got them re-energized," said Canton coach Casey Randolph, whose team improved to 21-9 overall and 5-1 in the WLAA. "Like in football, momentum is so important in wrestling and John Glenn had it early when it won the two close matches right away. But we got five huge wins in a row after the two close losses to get the momentum back."

"They beat us up pretty bad last year, so this was a nice win for us. I'm very proud of the kids."

The setback dropped John Glenn to 19-5 overall. The Rockets are coached by Bill Polk, who was a collegiate wrestling teammate of Randolph's at Eastern Michigan University.

Pat McWhirter (171), Keil Price (189), P J Caram (215), Donnie Laramie (heavyweight) and Ryan Schnettler (103) turned in the momentum-turning efforts for Canton.

The first three won by technical falls, Laramie pinned his opponent and Ryan Schnettler won by decision to turn a 6-0 deficit into a 24-6 advantage for the Chiefs.

Jeremiah Austin stopped the bleeding for John Glenn when he won at 112, but Cantons Jay Fleischmann recorded a technical fall victory at 119 to replenish the hosts' lead.

One of the most exciting matches of the night was at 140, where the Rockets' Rece Cox outlasted Cantons Konrad Konstzke, 4-1.

Canton 38 Westland John Glenn 18
Thursday at Canton

152 pounds Dave Wood (JG) decisioned Marwan Faraj 4 3 160 Jon McCahill (JG) decisioned Alex Amberg 6 4 171 Pat McWhirter (C) won by technical fall over Andy Hein 16 1 189 Keil Price (C) won by technical fall over Ozeil Hamon 22 7 215 P J Caram (C) won by technical fall over Shamir Garcia 17 2 HVY Donnie Laramie (C) pinned Kevin Hanka in 3 52 103 Ryan Schnettler (C) decisioned Brandon Nikula 7 3 112 Jeremiah Austin (JG) decisioned Sam Santilli 9 4 119 Jay Fleischmann (C) won by technical fall over Logan Shepard 17 2 125 Rowdy Glasgow (JG) decisioned Pete Bonneau 6 4 130 Corey Phillips (C) decisioned Jim Wood 9 4 135 Ryan Webb (C) pinned Orlando Carswell in 2 31 140 Rece Cox (JG) decisioned Konrad Konstzke 4 1 145 Sa f Naber (JG) decisioned Alex Freitag 4 2 (OT)

'Cats earn up-and-down win over Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to breath-taking roller-coaster rides, Cedar Point had nothing on Wednesday night's cross campus volleyball match between Plymouth and Salem.

The first varsity-level meeting between the two P-CEP schools had more peaks and valleys than Millennium Force and Magnum put together. When it was over, Plymouth had won a five-set thriller 25-22, 22-25, 25-17, 11-25 and 15-9 to improve its record to 25-10. Salem slipped to 13-11-3.

Both Canton and Salem have outstanding teams, so I'm proud of the girls for winning both matches against the other Park teams," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "We didn't play our best match of the year on Wednesday. We had a lot of service-return errors early on, but we were able to regroup. Our tendency this year has been that when we get down, we stay down for a while, so coming back to win the fifth game was nice."

Amazingly, not one senior participated in the match.

Plymouth doesn't have a senior class yet and Salem's lone senior on the roster, Kelly Lepper, was sidelined by an injury.

"We had five sophomores on the court for most of the night, so the girls really wanted to go out there and prove they could do it," said Salem coach Jennifer Peterson. "We were a little too excited early on and I think it took us a while to get settled down. The girls fought hard all night."

I was proud that, after we lost the first game, the girls regrouped and won the second game. But then when we lost the third game, again, I thought, 'Uh, oh.' But we came back in game four and made it interesting. Overall, it was a good match for us because I think the girls have a better understanding of how much emotion plays a part in big matches."

Jeanne Moise led the winners with 22 kills and 12 blocks. Kim Klonowski (nine kills), Sarah Haskins (39 assists), Lindsay Vogelsberg (14 digs), and Brandi Swyhart (17 digs) also played well for the Wildcats.

Teresa Coppellie (10 digs and 10 kills), Lauren Kurtz (10

kills) and Lauren Price (15 kills) all played well for the Rocks.

Chiefs bump Spartans

The big hitters took a back-seat to steady defenders and dependable setters Wednesday night for Canton, which edged Livonia Stevenson, 26-24, 25-17, 18-25 and 25-20, in a WLAA match held in the Phase III gymnasium.

The Chiefs received stellar efforts from defensive specialist Christie Daniels (25 digs) and setter Stephanie Price (28 assists, 20 digs and 15 service points).

"Christie was unbelievable tonight," said Canton coach Alex Perrin. "Whenever Stevenson hit the ball anywhere near the middle of the court, she was there. Considering she only played about half the match, 25 digs is amazing."

"Stephanie probably played her best match of the season. You can tell she had a good night by looking at our kill list, which was very balanced. She was distributing the ball well tonight. We don't have a dominant player like a lot of teams, but we have a lot of very good

players, and Stephanie took advantage of that."

Price's serving was instrumental in the Chiefs fourth-game victory. Canton trailed 9-6 before the senior setter put together a 10-point serving run to give her team a lead it would never relinquish.

Stevenson has a very good team, but it felt like we were in control for most of the match," Perrin said. "We match-up well against them. It wasn't a blowout by any means, but I thought we were the better team tonight."

Perrin also commended the play of Andrea Johnson (seven kills), Molly Conlon (nine kills and 20 digs) and Laura McKendry (10 kills and 16 digs).

"Kelsey Bailey also gave us a huge spark in the fourth game," Perrin said. "The first play she was in for she made a diving dig on a hit that looked like was going to be a kill for them. We ended up getting the point and it led to Stephanie's 10-point service run."

Canton and Salem square off Monday night at 7 p.m. in the Phase III gymnasium.

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Plymouth ickers win thriller in triple-OT

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

For a while Friday night, it looked as if the opening game of the Titan Invitational Hockey Tournament in Southgate between Plymouth and Warren-Sterling United would never end.

But the Wildcats' Mike Barile made sure it did end — happily for Plymouth.

Barile slapped in a rebound shot with 38 seconds left in the third overtime to lead Plymouth to a grueling 3-2 victory over Warren-Sterling. The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 10-9 and advanced them into Saturday night's tournament final against host Southgate, which defeated University Liggett Saturday night's results will appear in Thursday's Observer.

That win was right up there with any other one we've had this year," said Plymouth coach Mike Kaput. "We got some outstanding leadership from Ryan Stamm in the overtimes, and our goalie, Christian Bick, played well, too."

The game was tied 1-1 after one period on goals from W-S's Mitch Sherry and Stamm, who was assisted by Billy Gauthier and Michael Manner. Plymouth led 2-1 heading into the second intermission on John Knoerl's goal, which was assisted by Jason O'Gunn and Barile. W-S knotted the game at 2-2 on Nick Phillips goal with 3:11 left in the third period.

They had a goal waved off in the first overtime because they had a player in the crease and we had one waved off in the second period because the referee said he didn't see it go in the

net," said Kaput. "We finally won it in the third when Ryan Stamm hit Michael Manner with a pass. His shot was deflected to Barile, who scored on the rebound."

Canton 5 Livonia Franklin 1 Bryan Wioncek tallied two goals and assisted on two others to lead Canton to a 5-1 victory over Livonia Franklin Friday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. Canton, which improved to 11-6 overall and 4-3 in the WLAA's Western Division, outshot the Patriots 33-17.

My boys skated hard and hit hard, but we broke down in our game plan and systems completely," said Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt. "Who's team fell to 8-2 overall and 2-4 in the Western Division. I thought (Canton goal scorer) Tony Hyko played a good game and Canton's a good team. They outplayed us, but I feel we could beat them if we had stuck to our game plan and played disciplined hockey."

Canton led 1-0 after one period on a Reese McCabe goal, which was assisted by Paul Stevens and Wioncek. The Chiefs padded their lead to 4-0 after two periods on goals from Garrett Hyman, Wioncek and Brad Barath. Hyman was assisted by Ben Laurin and McCabe. Wioncek was a goal by Stevens and Mike Kondratek, while Barath's goal was unassisted.

Franklin cut its deficit to 4-1 on a Matt Vicin goal, which was assisted by Dan Kozlowski and Alex Chisholm, but Wioncek countered with his second goal of the game a short time later to ice the win for the hosts.

I thought we played a very disciplined game," said Canton coach Mike Behen. "It had been 10 days since we had played our last game, so considering that, plus the fact we have some guys out due to illness, I thought we played well."

Hyko knocked away 16 shots to earn the win. Franklin start goaltender Joey Garbutt faced 18 shots before going on to Austin Mesler with 4:19 left in the second period. Mesler faced 15 shots.

Franklin 3 Salem 1 Livonia Franklin (10-7-2) built a three goal lead through the first 38 minutes and 34 seconds Wednesday en route to a WLAA crossover victory over the Rocks (7-11-1) in a game played at Edgar Arena.

The Patriots led 1-0 after one period on Dan Kozlowski's goal from Garrett Radford at 12:38.

At 11:22 of the second period, D.J. Tracy scored from Steve South and Alex Chisholm to make it 2-0.

Radford then scored at 1:12 of the third period on an assist from Sean Nisun before Salem's Ryan Sharro spoiled goaltender Austin Mesler's shutout bid with 6:26 to play on assists from Adam Gill and Brooks Bethart.

WEEK AHEAD

| PREP BASKETBALL | GYMNASTICS |
|--|---|
| Tuesday Feb 15 | Wednesday Feb 16 |
| Westland John Glenn at Plymouth 7 p.m. | Salem at Plymouth 7 p.m. |
| Canton at Walled Lake Western 7 p.m. | Thursday Feb 17 |
| Salem at Livonia Churchill 7 p.m. | Canton at T.C. Central 10:30 a.m. |
| Canton Agape at Macomb Christian 7 p.m. | Friday Feb 18 |
| Oakland Christian at PCA 7 p.m. | Salem at Canton 7 p.m. |
| Friday Feb 18 | Plymouth at W.L. Central 7 p.m. |
| WLAA Conference Playoffs - 2nd round | Canton Agape at Flat Rock 7 p.m. |
| Canton Agape at Calvary Christian 7 p.m. | Tuesday Feb 15 |
| BOYS SWIMMING | Canton Agape at Oakland Christian 7 p.m. |
| Wednesday Feb 16 | PCA at Allen Park Inter City 7 p.m. |
| Livonia Franklin at Plymouth | Thursday Feb 17 |
| at Salem pool 7 p.m. | Canton Agape at Light & Life 7 p.m. |
| Thursday Feb 17 | Saturday Feb 19 |
| W.L. Western at Canton 7 p.m. | WLAA Conference Meet |
| Salem at W.L. Central 7 p.m. | at Livonia Churchill 8 a.m. |
| Saturday Feb 19 | PCA at U.M. Dearborn Tourney TBA |
| Canton Invitational TBA | MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL |
| PREP HOCKEY | Wednesday Feb 16 |
| Monday Feb 14 | St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft 7:30 p.m. |
| Canton at Harland 6 p.m. | Concordia at Madonna 7:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday Feb 15 | Saturday Feb 19 |
| W.L. Northern at Salem | Schoolcraft at Wayne County 3 p.m. |
| at Plymouth Cultural Center 8 p.m. | Indiana Tech at Madonna 3 p.m. |
| Wednesday Feb 16 | WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL |
| Plymouth at Northville | Wednesday Feb 16 |
| at Novi Ice Arena 7 p.m. | St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft 5:30 p.m. |
| Friday Feb 18 | Concordia at Madonna 5:30 p.m. |
| Northville at Salem | Saturday Feb 19 |
| at Plymouth Cultural Center 8 p.m. | Schoolcraft at Wayne County 1 p.m. |
| Saturday Feb 19 | Madonna at Indiana Tech 1 p.m. |
| Canton at Plymouth | ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE |
| at Compuware Sports Arena 6:40 p.m. | Sunday Feb 13 |
| WRESTLING | Whalers at Saginaw Spirit 2 p.m. |
| Thursday Feb 17 | Friday Feb 18 |
| Team District Tournament | Whalers at Guelph Storm 7 p.m. |
| at Canton 5 p.m. | Saturday Feb 19 |
| Saturday Feb 19 | Whalers vs S.S. Marie (Compuware) 7:30 p.m. |
| Individual District Tournament | |
| at Salem 9 a.m. | |

WRESTLING

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with the 119-pound weight class.

And the Rocks responded as Scott Fysh (135) won on a technical fall. Meanwhile, Matt Keffler (119) and unbeaten Ryan Stump (130) both earned major decisions. The Rocks also got a boost from junior Cory Mervyn (125), normally a JV wrestler who moved into the varsity lineup and scored an impressive 11-5 decision

over Josh Billau.

Also scoring wins for the Patriots were 171-pounder Mark Kadrich (by void), 215-pounder Greg Schuyler (major decision) and Brandon Smith (major decision).

Salem's other two wins came from Val Gui (152) and Jeremy Henderson (189).

It's probably the best we could have started out, said Salem coach Greg Woochuk of the 16-point lead. "We knew they (Franklin) were Observerland champs and there were not too many places

we could have moved around."

Mervyn had a big win. He came in and did an excellent job. But we had a couple of guys getting pinned where we needed to give up only three points instead of six.

Salem enters Wednesday's Division I team dual district at Canton with a 15-6 record.

Stump (S) won by major decision over Mike Warren 18 6 135 Scott Fysh (S) won by technical fall over James Jones 5 39 140 Nate Turco (LF) pinned Ryan Olson 4 29 145 Dave Watkins (LF) dec Jake Bennett 4 2 152 Val Gui (S) dec Dennis Tullio 11 6 160 Blake Karkoska (LF) p Kevin Mlynec 3 08 171 Mark Kadrich (LF) won by void 189 Jeremy Henderson (S) dec Chris VanCamp 13 8 215 Greg Schuyler (LF) won by major decision over Alex Smith 11 3 275 Nick Turco (LF) p Steve Kaptur 2 16 103 Jesse Gardocki (LF) won by technical fall over Jeremy Stankewitz 19 3 112 Brandon Smith (LF) won by major decision over Nick Steiger 15 7

Dual meet records: Franklin 18 0 overall Salem 16 6 overall

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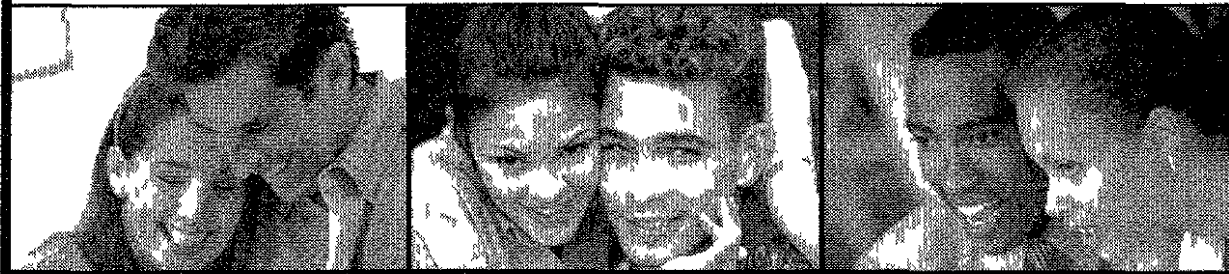
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ONE OF A KIND
SF 38 blonde/blue 5'6 mother enjoys bowling pool concerts long park walks cycling musc special ly Rod Stewart Seeking Maconn man to share happiness #404691

GAME FREE
SBF 37 5'9 N/S works out enjoys leisurely walks and laughter seeks man 35-50 with sense of humor and sense of fashion #592847

SEE FOR YOURSELF
SBF 42 5'2 170lbs compassion ate hard working enjoys 70s/80s rock/dance scenic drives movies fishing playing pool reading ISO active SM who's up for a little adventure once and a while Friendship/LTR #580735

LOYAL
SWF 43 Leo N/S blonde/blue professional chef green thumb petite enjoys cooking boating seeks compatible SWM 43-50 N/S for dating and possible relationship #56732

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
DWF 45 N/S has 4 grown children enjoys theater movies dancing would like to meet SWM 40-60 for friendship romance possible LTR #595540

MUST LOVE ANIMALS
WF 53 5'4 blonde/blue full figured likes travel fine dining shows plays animals children picnics boating swimming cooking reading fishing slow dancing Seeking good kind hearted man 50-60 with integrity and morals #601692

VERY ROMANTIC
45 yr old S/WF N/Smoker N/ drinker social worker/masters degree who loves music dancing singing and sports Over weight but charming parent of one looking for SWPM 45-65 who is honest romantic and sensual #559964

MACOMB COUNTY SWEETIE
I am a 52 brunette dark eyes early 60s searching for a tall financially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady #57854

MR RIGHT
Are you a tall handsome man that could be my Mr Right for a SWF 58 attractive outgoing and fun let's share life together #243339

SEEKING MY OTHER HALF
WF interested in meet a WM 60-65 who likes to enjoy life and will make me happy #599813

NEW TO WAYNE CO AREA
SBPF 40ish 5'6 nurse with children marriage minded smoker loves drama movies dancing and crossword puzzles Seeking WM 45-60 smoker who enjoys music and sports #245545

SEEKING INTELLIGENT MAN
SBF 36 Cancer N/S works full time in healthcare single mother loves to cook Seeking down to earth spontaneous SWM 34-48 N/S for dating #589409

MUST BE RESPECTFUL
Very attractive BF financially/emotionally secure looking for a laid back easygoing man 34-47 who likes travel dining out more #595277

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT
SBFC grandmother N/S likes dining in/out movies plays bowling shooting pool parks traveling cooking Seeking gentleman 45+ sense of humor values kindness how to treat a lady No game play #479737

CAN YOU CANOE?
Professional SWF 30 N/S seeks SWM 35+ independent and professional for casual dates talks possible LTR #575003

FOR YOUR LOVE
SBF 37 N/S likes to travel see plays and movies seeks commit ted respectful honest SWM 40-47 N/S who is interested in finding long term love #593559

SEEKING TALL GENTLEMAN
SWF 62 5'2 dark hair dark eyes N/S likes travel casinos dining activities movies Seeking WM 60-70 #578566

GREAT PERSONALITY
Honest caring sincere SWF 51 5'1 106lbs likes festivals movies and friendly drives Seeking honest caring sincere SWM 42-56 #982309

FRIENDS FIRST
SWF 42 one child looking for affectionate outgoing SWM 34-44 N/S with good sense of humor and can make me laugh I love sports pool concerts long walks more #579622

WORTHWHILE
Tall slim attractive intelligent extroverted SPF 58 who enjoys music theatre art and nature Seeking fit cultural educated man willing to humor #543917

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
Mature and outgoing SBF 50 years young 5'175lbs thick not fat great figure interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously #276032

VERY OUTGOING
Catholic DWF 59 looks much younger N/S very tall looking for gentleman 56-63 w/upbeat personality to enjoy family activities camping travel much more #455079

ARE WE A MATCH?
SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors rollerblading biking long walks and romantic dinners Looking for SWM 25-30 for LTR #485764

SINGLE FATHER WELCOME
WF 38 5'4 108lbs two children enjoys cooking the outdoors beaches art museums theater movies fine dining Seeking attractive WM 37-52 who is fit and secure #579528

LOST IN MICHIGAN
SBPF 23 5'5 130lbs no children never married very attractive easygoing laid back loves travel Looking for sincere open minded laid back male who has his stuff together #229089

PRECIOUS ONE
SWF very pretty a young 39 medical um dark/green works in medical field seeks attractive SWM outgoing honest caring sensitive and creative for best friend more #230588

CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR

Me 28 4'9 155lbs brown com pleted employed You 59 6'4 180lbs 240lbs single drama free handsome Friendship first maybe long term later #271252

A LOT TO OFFER
Outgoing SBF 24 5'6 350lbs professional employed loves the fun and excitement of festivals enjoys new movies and concerts seeks handsome honest SBM #286633

SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE
SWPF 57 long brown hair looking for an educated man 35-55 who likes politics reading and going to movies #529129

LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL
In a SBM 38 50 6+ 190+ Must be honest and laid back I enjoys movies going out walks nice conversat on dining more #531635

GET IT TOGETHER
SBF 28 5'5 N/S plus sized brown/ brown would love to spend some time with a nice SBM 30-40 N/S who has his life together #543576

TAKE A CHANCE
SBF 33 seeks SBM 30-35 for friendship possible LTR I enjoy movies walks dining out sports and more #568333

SOULMATE SEARCH
Slim attractive 57 yr old JF looking for her soulmate any sincere successful JM between the ages of 54-64 please respond #589875

50 YEARS
Old Entrepreneur Pretty SWF successful kind compassionate lots of fun looking for her knight and shining armor any caucasian sincere successful spiritual 55-80 #592074

READY TO FALL IN LOVE
How sweet are you? Seeking fun and laughter with genuie honest man emotionally/financially secure over 40 in return you will enjoy the best DWF 40s petite dark brown/hazel #98378

GET TO KNOW THIS
petite attractive SBF 57 N/S enjoys music concerts dining Looking for SBM 57-63 for friendship possible LTR #402995

STRIKING
blue eyed blonde slim sensuous romantic fun caring seeking attractive fit fun loving male 47-57 Friendship/LTR I enjoy movies walks music hugs laughter quiet times Let's get to know each other #982302

FULL FIGURED BEAUTY
Light complexioned SBF 25 5'5 265lbs brown eyes dimples enjoys movies parks playing pool Seeking SM 18-32 who is sweet treats a woman with respect #112932

WHERE ARE YOU?
Attractive outgoing honest sexy SBF 32 ISO SM any race 31-37 for relationship I enjoy movies rollerblading comedy clubs bowling etc Serious replies only #455371

ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB
Financially secure independent SBPF 31 5'7 160lbs enjoys concerts movies dining quiet times and more Seeking SCM 30-45 with similar interests for possible LTR #217475

BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE
Sports oriented BF 39 two teenage daughters physically challenged loves jazz sports gospel picnics amusement parks Seeking SF 29-45 #223080

HONESTY REQUIRED
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 is looking for tall dark handsome SBPM who is honest and down to earth to spend time with #401086

CALL ME
if you are a business man 60-70 SWM N/S N/D homeowner interests in home life nature pets alternative medicine sports I'm a SWF 73 w/his above #416289

GET TO KNOW ME
SF 38 N/S mother of two looking for working man 28-55 N/S for friendship first #431382

MAKE ME LAUGH
SBF 45 smoker wants to find friendship possibly more w/gentle man 40-60 who appreciates music travel spending time out doors #460289

CUTE AND CLASSY
SBF mid 50s seeks attractive gentleman 50+ with similar interests I love jogging walks com certs quiet evenings #574342

SLOW DANCING, ROMANTIC
DWF 45 N/S H/W proportionate perky brown eyed girl honest and outgoing seeks SWM 40-50 for good friendship dating and special times #576279

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

MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES
SWCF 51 4'11 115lbs blonde hair two grown children loves animals church children sports Seeking a good Christian man 50-62 for friendship first possible LTR #530353

LOVES TO DANCE
Tall brunette very attractive 5'9" long black/green looking for an available WM 53-70 5'10+ who loves to dance also #531151

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS
DWF 54 142lbs 5'6 enjoys blues animals gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SM 5'10+ N/S social drinker for LTR #548938

SOUND LIKE YOU?
SWF 18 5'6 blonde/hazel 150lbs sweet honest outgoing likes com certs movies hanging with friends Seeking honest attractive funny outgoing SM for casual dates fun and friendship #562708

NO NONSENSE
Nice looking active no nonsense gal seeks good looking active no nonsense guy 35-49 white or Hispanic DWPY young 43 athletic Companionship and fun desired #448655

VERY SPICY
BBW passionate SBF 46 honey complexion dimples seeks outgoing fun loving gentleman 35-55 N/S N/Drugs any race for movies pool dancing music and romance Dating possible LTR #752243

EDUCATED AND POSITIVE

SWF 55 5'10 Polish N/S likes the outdoors movies good conversation trivia genealogy restaurants traveling dogs Seeking intellectual SWM 47-60 #260061

ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF
49 H/W proportionate med um build enjoys cruises concerts dining out movies traveling Seeking honest passionate SM 45-60 with similar interests for dating possibly more #134441

LOVELY CULTURED TRIM
Warm professional who enjoys dancing theater classical and big band music movies books travel dining out seeks tall attractive educated gentleman w/good build for LTR 63-73 #506895

SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE
Full figured African American woman attractive 44 no children ISO African American male 32-38 to spend quiet evenngs I'm carefree love laughter good times concerts plays sporting events traveling and quietly time #290187

A PRECIOUS JEWEL
Very attractive BPF Christian 47 5'5 145lbs honey brown N/S enjoys outdoors movies traveling cooking Seeking romantic SBM 40-55 financially secure similar interests for LTR #432793

EBONY SEEMS IVORY
DBF 42 5'3 140lbs full figured seeks to date SWM 40-50 in the Mount Clemens area #455323

LOVING AND CARING
Independent active loving caring down to earth SF 46 N/S vege tarian enjoys movies fine dining travel Looking for handsome SW/AM 45-49 H/W proportionate N/S professional job #421896

LIBRA
DBF 50 looks much younger enjoys music long walks quiet times Seeking WA/HM 35-50 for friendship possible long term relationship #253857

LONGSOME
Senior WF retired 54 active honest healthy Need the attention of a WM 65-75 enjoys everyth ng easy to please SO hurry up and call me! #449585

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM
SWF 43 N/S would like to meet an outgoing friendly non smoking man 35-53 who likes outdoors bicycling walking family #113795

FABULOUS AND FUN FIGURED
Cute sexy SBF 41 N/S will try anything once loves movies plays dancing holding hands cuddling Seeking attractive sexy BM 31-50 N/S with similar interests #113224

DARK EBONY
SBF 42 5'8 full figured seeks intelligent man 48-60 5'8-6 2 medium build or heavier/steed for possible relationship #232593

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Classy attractive SBF 50 5'3 120lbs ISO SWFM 50+ for special friendship I love boating music quiet times movies at home romance outdoors travel #233588

SHALL WE?
DWF 40 5'4 H/W proportionate light brown hair N/S loves golfing suspense movies and travel Seeking active outgoing WM 40-49 N/S for friendship #245969

WHERE IS MR RIGHT?
SF 46 likes dancing bowling romantic evenings swimming Seeking SWM 40-55 with good sense of humor #257085

ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?
But gentle of heart? Good looking trim SM 42-55 N/S very cute SBF 53 emotionally and physically in shape with eclectic interests current ly accepting applications #263684

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

NOT INTO GAMES

Petite WF 50s with herpes willing to give it another chance seeks one on one relationship with SM Race age unimportant #403796

RESCUE ME!
SBF 41 5'5 average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBM 43-47 profession ally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman #408635

ARE YOU THE ONE
DBF 53 H/W proportionate outgoing loves the arts plays dancing movies outdoors scenic drives ISO SM D/D free w/similar interests smoker social drinker ok No games! #417236

AFFECTIONATE & ATHLETIC
SBF 45 5'2 130lbs enjoys cooking roller skating dancing Seeking SM 40-55 5'5+ N/S N/Drugs for friendship dating possible LTR build on honesty trust respect #425305

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
I could be it! Attractive SWF 50 5'10lbs willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM 32-50 for special relationship #418068

TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE
SBF tall medium build N/S who enjoys music traveling comedy shows seeks man 45-55 N/ks N/S outgoing affectionate stable for LTR #444748

ROMANTIC LADY
Beautiful voluptuous DBF 42 5'6 likes traveling outdoors Seeking man 45+ race unimportant to enjoy life together for friendship maybe more #464984

men seeking women

EVENINGS AT HOME
Respectful SM 39 5'11 slim build N/S delivery man likes to watch movies eat dinner go dancing seeks SBF 23-35 N/S for LTR #527179

WELL CONNECTED
SWM 49 6'2 athletic build N/S with 2 dogs works in energy man agement loves art galleries Seeking woman 40-54 for friendship possible romance #554995

LIFE IS A CABARET
Classy romantic intelligent SWM 50 well traveled with good taste seeks a special caring friendly lady 36-55 Lets share life romance and laughter #480718

LOOKING FOR MR RIGHT
WWM 45 5'11 220lbs is easy going fun loving enjoys a variety of activities indoor/outdoor Looking for LTR with the right person #265340

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Honest humorous compassionate SWM 52 6' 200lbs brown/blue homeowner N/S seeks a lady 45-53 petite medium build H/W proportionate for friendship and dating #591136

ISO SOMEONE SINCERE
SWM 54 5'7 190lbs N/S works in road construction enjoys fishing boating camping and dancing Seeking WF 40-54 for LTR #566902

SEEK ATTRACTIVE FEMALE
Attractive WM 59 blond/blue looking for an attractive WF 18-22 for dating Call me soon #599861

EASY ON THE EYES
DWM mid 50s 5'7 145lbs self employed seeks easygoing WF 45-57 slim build sense of humor who likes dining dancing movies more #600770

A GOOD GUY TO KNOW
Love happiness and opportunity await your call Th's SWM 42 is easy to talk to friendly handsome and available Seeking SWF #371066

NO BAGGAGE
SWM 32 Virgo N/S loves to travel watch sports and dine out Seeking WF 23-42 for friendship and dating #568293

PRECIOUS AND FEW

SWM 25 6'3 average build Cancer N/S seeks WF 18-28 N/S who is honest funny has a great sense of humor loves to cuddle #586332

WEST SIDE OF DETROIT
Very cool laid back down to earth drama free SBM 25 independent no kids N/S seeks sweet intelligent BF 20-40 N/S who wants to be treated right #594802

DREAM DATE
Well spoken intelligent SBM 28 6'1 athletic build smoker likes to watch television and try new things seeks single woman 21-38 for potential relationship #596323

WORTH YOUR TIME
Very attractive SBM 30 5'9 slim build N/S looking for sexy SBF 21-34 to spend a little time with #596371

LET ME SEE YOU SMILE
SBM 39 5'9 fit build Taurus smoker looking for a female 18-55 race open who wants to share good times Possible LTR if the feeling is right #596664

MAYBE IT'S YOU
SWM 52 Aries N/S seeks friend ship first with SWF 35-48 Call now I would like to hear from you #548509

A QUALITY GUY
DWM 56 5'10 handsome and secure Seeks honest S/DW/F sense of humor enjoys travel can delight diners plays dancing concerts boating movies for friendship possible LTR #269646

REGULAR GUY
Sometimes shy SWM 49 6' 250lbs N/S blue eyes carpenter likes bowling movies staying in for the evening seeks SWF 25-55 N/S for meaningful romance #590018

WELL HELLO
SM very young looking 50 5'7-180lbs medium build employed self reliant D/D free easygoing and easy to get along with enjoys biking and cooking Seeking S/DW/F 40-55 200-350lbs #597126

ARE YOU MY ANGEL?
SBM 52 5'9 medium build brown/brown professionally employed N/S seeks woman 39-47 N/S who likes boating and traveling #597165

TAKE A CHANCE
SWM 58 N/S likes bowling soft ball P shot games would like to meet SWF 40s N/S who is on the lookout for fun #600160

TIME FOR A CHANGE?
SWPM 58 brown/blue fit enjoys biking jogging being outdoors music movies reading concerts good conversation being with friends and family Seek ng emotion ally available SWF 28-44 who s passionate about life #511391

YOU WILL LIKE ME
DWM 51 5'6 140lbs cute s m great heart good fun seeks roman tic lady 40+ who values friendship loyalty cuddling Pick me! #587223

HOW ABOUT ME LADIES?
Hard working loyal SBM 33 6'1 255lbs seeks appreciative kind hearted SWF 27-35 for quiet times together cuddling picnics BBQs more #982622

ARE WE A MATCH?
SWM 29 N/S 8' 200lbs brown/brown one daughter goat ee tattooed carpenter by trade seeks SF 20-50 for possible relationship #582014

SEXY SBM
29 6' 260lbs H/W proportionate seeks SBF 20-40 for friendship possible dating Call me! #578573

ITALIAN SEEKER
Italian SWM 35 dark/dark fit athletic enjoys dining dancing movies jazz Seeking attractive SBF for LTR #563240

SINGLE PAINTER
designer artist attractive trendy SWM 35 5'8 athletic build brown/green seeking adventurous artistic culturally active female 21-40 #586930

PEACE

SWM 40 homeowner Pisces smoker involved in a bowling league seeks an honest Godly woman 25-45 #595994

A SINCERE GENTLEMAN
DWM 56 5'10 handsome and secure seeks honest caring S/DW/F with a sense of humor who enjoys travel candlelight dinners dancing concerts boating movies for friendship possible LTR #507073

SEEKING ART LOVER
Good looking SM 46 5'8 155lbs college graduate outgoing easy going seeks slim attractive SF who enjoys concerts movies dining out art theater symphony long walks and romance #331159

SHALL WE DANCE
our lives together? Adventurous yet humorous daring yet caring active yet easygoing DJM 63 6' 195lbs ISO honest independent pretty slender SJPF for LTR #469069

I WILL NEVER
take you for granted SWM 53 5'9 185lbs salt n pepper hair N/S dye seller seeks WF 48-53 N/S for LTR #588818

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
SWM 41 6' 250lbs muscular average build marriage minded N/S works full time Seeking woman 30-55 N/S for something serious #587141

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
Bilingual SHM 32 good body N/S enjoys the outdoors dancing movies If you are romantic passionate affectionate and love life call #590390

LET'S HAVE FUN
SWM 38 muscular build 5'8" 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 #452843

SEE FOR YOURSELF
Employed SWM 39 6'1 155lbs brown/brown attractive and fun enjoys biking the beach movies road trips more Seeking SF 20-45 for friendship and possibly more #573191

A SEXY SHIRT SBF WANTED
age 37-60 4'5 5'9 tall enjoy music movies dining talks and more with SBM 6'1 cute face lips and hair Own home and car #498852

SEARCHING FOR YOU
SBM 51 200lbs medium build great sense of humor I kes movies and going out Would like to meet a fit female 30-45 with similar interests #531157

SEEKS OUTGOING SISTER
SBM 34 works in sales loves bowling going to shows seeking a nice SBF 28-34 no dependents who is established outgoing #533222

EVERYONE LOVES A COOK
SWM 46 professional chef eats healthy likes to get away to romantic bed and breakfasts on the weekends ISO SF 35-48 for relationship #555277

HOLY COW!
SWM 23 6'2 170lbs blond/blue Leo smoker no kids homeowner owns a construction company loves camping four wheeling and bonfires Seeking WF 20-25 #588991

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING
Optimistic outgoing SWM 46 enjoys most activities yet open to new ideas and adventures seeks spirited spontaneous SWF age open #547524

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

GOOD TIMES GUARANTEED
SBM 27 6'1 160lbs enjoys dining out movies the outdoors traveling good conversation weekend getaways laughter and more Seeking outgoing intelligent slender SBF 18-27 for friendship and more #596577

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 #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 intelligent uninhibited who likes outdoors animals #579089

TALL STRONG AND SOLID
Patient SWPM 47 hoping to meet thin slender SBPF 22-34 for friendship or more Lets talk! #582171

LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL GUY
Sincere GWM 38 honest down to earth fun loving enjoys the country dining out movies Seeking GWM 35-41 same qualities for old fashioned romance (Downriver area) #340814

HITHERE
SM 51 5'10 180lbs in good shape seeking SBM 35-50 for dating and possible relationship #587445</

STREAK

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"The key to the game — especially in the second half — was their offensive rebounding," Brodie said. "They killed us on the glass. We stressed before the game that we needed to box out, and we didn't do it well enough."

"Offensively, we tried to slow the game down and give them fewer opportunities to score. I thought we did OK early on, but then we shot ourselves in the foot too much in the second half."

The way the game started, it looked as if both teams may break the 80-point barrier. Canton drained its first three shots — a triple and a baseline jumper from Cortellini, and a three from David Cahille — and Salem's Billy Leddy swished a long trey on the Rocks' first possession.

However, defense soon took over and — as it turned out — the 80-point barrier wasn't broken by both teams combined.

Canton led 17-8 after one quarter and 29-12 at the half. The Chiefs extended their lead to 41-20 with eight minutes left and sustained the 20-point cushion for most of the fourth quarter.

Cahille paced a balanced Canton scoring ledger with 12 points. Cortellini contributed 11, Bridges had 10 and Thornton finished with nine. Leddy led the Rocks with 11 and Dave Cardenas chipped in with six.

Thornton was the game's top rebounder, hauling in 11. Steve Faye grabbed seven boards and Bridges snared five. Leddy and Rory Kind both had five rebounds for Salem.



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Salem's Kevin Bradley elevates for a shot against Canton's Andy Cortellini Friday night.

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Canton, Plymouth cruise into playoffs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A pair of local teams will be carrying hot hands into next week's Western Lakes Activities Association conference playoffs.

Fourth-seeded Canton (11-6) will take a five-game winning streak into its Tuesday night showdown at Walled Lake Western, the conference's fourth-seeded team. Plymouth (10-7), the seventh-seeded squad, will host No. 2 seed Westland John Glenn Tuesday. The Wildcats have won two straight and three of their last four contests. Both games will tip off at 7 p.m.

Western Division teams will host all first-round games, unless two Lakes Division teams meet. If that happens, the highest seeded team hosts the game. The Lakes Division teams will host the second-round games. The winner of the Canton-Walled Lake Western game

The championship game will be played Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Walled Lake Central.

will face off against the winner of Tuesday night's Northville-Wayne battle. If Plymouth upends John Glenn, it will play the winner of the Walled Lake Central-Livonia Franklin match-up.

The championship game will be played Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Walled Lake Central.

Western edged Canton, 57-52, when the two teams squared off on Jan. 7. Plymouth defeated the Rockets, 43-42, on Jan. 11.

Wildcats surprise Vikings

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP BASKETBALL

Plymouth's gymnasium is quickly turning into a dangerous destination for high-ranking, visiting Western Lakes Activities Association basketball teams.

The Wildcats knocked off Walled Lake Central, 48-47, at home on Friday night in a down-to-the-wire thriller. The Vikings (12-5 overall and 8-3 in the WLAA) finished second in the regular-season conference standings. Earlier this season, Plymouth ousted Westland John Glenn, the WLAA's third-best team, at home.

"I have been told this season by other coaches that Walled Lake Central is the best team in the league, and I told the kids that tonight before the game," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, whose team improved to 10-7 overall and 6-5 in the WLAA. "They knew they had to bring their 'A' game if they were going to win tonight, and they did."

"It was a total team effort. The kids are finally buying into the team concept, and it's paying off for them."

The visiting Vikings led 16-14 after one quarter and 30-23 at the half.

"We scored right before halftime, so we were feeling good heading into the second half," Van Wagoner said. "In the third quarter, we went out and got after it and outscored them 18-10. We had five different kids score in the third quarter, which was nice to see."

Plymouth led 41-40 after three quarters. Led by D.J. Coleman, the Wildcats then went on a 7-0 run to secure a 48-40 lead. However, Central scored the final seven points and had two opportunities in the final minute to grab the lead, but the Vikings' efforts were thwarted by the Wildcats.

Coleman led all scorers with 15 points. Josh Le Duc netted 13 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks, A.J. Davey

tallied eight points, and Jim Wilbur had seven. Brad Burkhardt paced the Vikings with 11 points.

Canton Agape 63 Taylor Baptist Park 52: With Friday night's homecoming victory, the Wolverines became the first team in school history to win a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference division title. Agape improved its record to 11-5 overall and 8-0 in the MIAC's Red Division. Baptist Park slipped to 11-7 and 6-3.

Baptist Park only had seven players, so we pressed them the entire game and tried to wear them down," said Agape Christian coach Keith Anleitner. We scored 17 bunches off the press. It seemed like we just had too much team speed for them.

Agape led 15-7 after the first quarter and 33-20 at the half. The Wolverines padded their lead to 49-32 with eight minutes left to play. The Wolverines' 11-point win could have been much more one-sided had they shot better than 50 percent (18 of 36) from the free throw line.

Bryan Horning led the winners with 18 points, seven steals and four assists. Also playing well for Agape were Jack Anleitner (13 points, five steals and three assists), Derek Leathers (12 points and nine rebounds) and Gabe Molnar (10 points). Halston Hodges led Baptist Park with 18 points and Jonathan Stevin twined 13.

Birmingham Roper 36 Plymouth Christian 29: The Roughriders led 18-12 at the half before holding off a late PCA rally to improve to 11-4 overall and 5-3 in the MIAC's Blue Division. PCA fell to 7-9 and 1-7. Stephen Sumner paced the Eagles with 14 points despite sitting out most of the first half due to foul trouble. Aaron Ciborowski had a huge game as well for PCA, netting 12 points, 15 rebounds and six steals. Perry Keydel led the winners with nine points. PCA held the Roughriders' leading scorer Erik Zinser to just six points. He lit up the Eagles for 31, the first time the two teams met earlier this season.


The Eagles host Oakland Christian on Tuesday night. **Belleville 64 Ypsilanti 51:** The Tigers were led by the inside outside duo of Isaac Kindell (15 points) and Leon Freeman (10 points and 25 rebounds) to up their record to 15-1 overall and 7-1 in the Mega Red Division. The host Braves dropped to 4-3 in the league.

Ypsilanti led 11-8 after one quarter, but Belleville rebounded to take a 24-23 lead at the intermission. Belleville led just 39-37 after three quarters but outscored Ypsi 25-14 over the final eight minutes to seal the win. The Tigers shot 80 percent from the free throw line (24 of 30) for the game and they connected on 14 of 18 fourth quarter free throws. Isaac Kindell opened the fourth quarter with a three and then we got a three from Leon Freeman and a couple of free throws so that gave us some breathing room," said Belleville coach Mike Kroegel. Leon had a great night rebounding. He probably had four or five offensive rebounds and 20 on the defensive end.


GYMNASTICS RESULTS

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| Canton 144-20 Walled Lake 125-30 | BARS 1 Megan Chappo (C) 9/15 | 6 Stephanie Sanders (WL) 8/15 |
| Wednesday at Plymouth High School | 2 Kate Staley (C) 9/00 3 Kara Ahern (C) 8/95 4 Alyssa Kelley (C) 8/85 5 Jessie Murray (C) 8/55 6 Mina Pirzadeh (C) 8/40 | FLOOR 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9/45 |
| VAULT 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9/35 | 2 (tie) Kaitlyn Burns (C) and Kate Staley (C) 8/80 4 Heather Wagner (C) 8/60 5 Kara Ahern (C) 8/40 6 Kelly McKay (WL) 8/20 | 2 Kara Ahern (C) 9/20 3 Jessie Murray (C) 9/05 4 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 8/95 5 Kate Staley (C) 8/80 6 Kelly McKay (WL) 8/60 |
| | BEAM 1 Megan Chappo (C) 9/35 | ALL AROUND 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 36/10 2 Kate Staley (C) 35/60 3 Hillary Bracht (C) 34/70 |
| | 2 Mina Pirzadeh (C) 9/25 3 (tie) Kate Staley (C) and Kelly McKay (WL) 9/00 5 Alyssa Kelley (C) 8/45 | |


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ROWLEY

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The biggest reason I picked hockey over dancing was that when I danced, I would practice and practice, but that's pretty much all you did. There was one recital a year and that's the only time you could really put your practice to use. With hockey, there's a lot of practicing, but then you get to play a couple of games every week.

GREAT CHOICE

Judging by her on-ice accomplishments the past six years Rowley's decision has turned out to be a good one. She was a strong skater on several AA and AAA youth travel teams before joining the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins two years ago. She quickly established herself as a slick-skating, dependable defenseman who sacrifices the glory that accompanies scoring goals for solid play in front of the Penguins net.

PCS coach Lori Callahan said the combination of Rowley's leadership skills and hockey skills make her an ideal captain. "Amanda is very conscientious and she takes her responsibility of being a captain very seriously," Callahan said. She always puts the team first. As a defenseman, she doesn't get to score much, but that doesn't bother her because she is very unselfish. She'll skate the puck up end-to-end sometimes, but she always makes sure she hustles back to the other end to help the goalie.

'A' IN CHEMISTRY

Rowley credited team chemistry as one major reason why the Penguins have flourished during the 2004-05 season. As of Friday, the team was 14-5-1 and in second place in the Michigan Metro Girls High

School Hockey League. Last year, PCS notched just eight wins.

Everyone on this year's team seems to have bonded better than last year, both on and off the ice, said Rowley. "We have a good mix of players and coaches, and everyone gets along, which helps."

Rowley said the team received a huge confidence boost when it battled top-rated Grosse Pointe South to the wire in an early-season game.

"We were tied with South, 2-2, after two periods, which no one expected," she said. "We ended up losing, 4-2, but it was a confidence builder for us because we played so well. I think we believed in ourselves more after that game."

HONORABLE STUDENT

Rowley's academic efforts at Salem have been hat-trick caliber. She currently owns a lofty 3.8 grade-point average and is a two-year member of the National Honor Society. Her NHS membership requires several hours of volunteer work, which she thoroughly enjoys.

"There is a lot of community service involved, which I like," Rowley said. "We help out with Special Olympics, the Cancer Walk and with the American Heart Association fund-raisers. It makes you feel good to help out charities like that."

Rowley will attend college at Grand Valley State University, where she will pursue a degree in physical therapy. She also plans to continue her hockey career even if it's only on a recreational level.

I have a friend who attends Grand Valley now and she plays in a women's league once a week, so I would like to do that if I can fit it in with my school work, she said.

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Salem 120 Livonia Churchill 63
Thursday Feb 10 at Salem

200 yard medley relay 1 Salem (Matt Jurcak Stan Chen Nick Dixon Mike Higgs) 1:46.46 2 Churchill (Patrick Brunsch Patrick Hays Spencer Maby Billy Jones) 1:57.08 3 Salem (Jim Crabbill Eric Martin Billy Horgan Jason Williams) 1:58.73

200 freestyle 1 Andrew Randall (LC) 1:59.61 2 Matt Underhill (S) 2:00.18 3 Matt Sautural (S) 2:01.46

200 IM 1 Greg Scully (LC) 2:12.71 2 Penn Chou (S) 2:14.79 3 Spencer Maby (LC) 2:24.35

500 freestyle 1 Nick Dixon (S) 23:80 2 Cory Price (S) 24:78 3 Billy Horgan (S) 25:40

Diving 1 Andrew Murawski (S) 241.85 2 Chuck Elstone (LC) 183.85 3 Neal Murray (S) 126.35

100 butterfly 1 Pat Sautural (S) 58.54 2 Spencer Maby (LC) 1:01.86 3 John Kline (S) 1:03.13

100 freestyle 1 Mike Higgs (S) 51.98 2 Nick Leone (S) 55.56 3 Billy Jones (LC) 59.72

500 freestyle 1 Andrew Randall (LC) 5:17.01 2 Stan Chen (S) 5:37.09 3 Steve Moore (LC) 5:49.48

200 freestyle relay 1 Salem (Matt Jurcak Nick Dixon Mike Higgs Penn Chou) 1:33.43 2 Salem (Jason Williams Billy Horgan Pat Sautural Cory Price) 1:39.98 3 Churchill (Greg Scully Mark Gordon Andrew Randall Erik Foulds) 1:41.12

100 backstroke 1 Matt Jurcak (S) 59.13 2 Greg Scully (LC) 59.57 3 James Crabbill (S) 1:10.44

100 breaststroke 1 Nick Dixon (S) 1:07.28 2 Mark Gordon (LC) 1:13.96 3 Eric Martin (S) 1:14.25

400 freestyle relay 1 Salem (Pat Sautural Matt Underhill Nick Leone Penn Chou) 3:38.62 2 Churchill (Greg Scully Erik Foulds Andrew Randall Mark Gordon) 3:47.87 3 Salem (Cory Price John Kline Adam Clark Stan Chen) 3:53.76

DUAL MEET RECORDS, Salem (5/5)

Canton 140 Plymouth 43
Wednesday at Salem

200 yard medley relay 1 Canton (David Conzelman Dan Anthony Nick Landis John Faraoni) 1:54.21 2 Canton (Russell McBain Kevin Karlinski Joe Spillane Nathan Larimore) 2:05.01 3 Plymouth (Ben Ambrose Justin Huey Sorin Oprican Casey Molloy) 2:05.35

200 freestyle 1 Robert Blaesser (C) 1:59.51 2 Jack Distel (P) 2:03.09 3 Alex Marinica (C) 2:04.61

200 IM 1 Matt Carlson (C) 2:07.57 2 Derek Schmitt (C) 2:23.69 3 Sorin Oprican (P) 2:33.64

50 freestyle 1 Shogo Uno (C) 23.71 2 Chris Mannica (C) 25.71 3 Nathan Phillips (C) 25.96

Diving 1 Kevin Cafarelli (C) 193.70 2 Justin Magill (P) 179.45 3 Robert Matar (P) 116.45

100 butterfly 1 Nick Landis (C) 1:01.25 2 Ben Eberlein (C) 1:02.20 3 Derek Schmitt (C) 1:05.56

100 freestyle 1 Jon Templeton (C) 54.43 2 Ben Ambrose (P) 58.23 3 Kevin Karlinski (C) 59.40

500 freestyle 1 Ross Schwartz (C) 5:31.53 2 Alex Marinica (C) 5:40.83 3 Michael Conger (P) 5:48.35

200 freestyle relay 1 Canton (Matt Carlson Nick Landis Derek Schmitt Ben Eberlein) 1:39.56 2 Canton (Ross Schwartz Jarod Cheves Nathan Larimore Greg Calabrese) 1:44.69 3 Plymouth (Ben Ambrose Casey Molloy Michael Conger Justin Magill) 1:50.10

100 backstroke 1 John Faraoni (C) 1:01.99 2 Robert Blaesser (C) 1:02.26 3 David Conzelman (C) 1:03.95

100 breaststroke 1 Dan Anthony (C) 1:12.92 2 Nathan Phillips (C) 1:13.67 3 Iman Haghoogoe (C) 1:19.94

400 freestyle relay 1 Canton (Chris Marinica Nick Landis Shogo Uno Jon Templeton) 3:37.08 2 Canton (Robert Blaesser Ross Schwartz Alex Marinica David Conzelman) 3:52.31

Dual meet records Canton 5.2 overall (3.1 in WLAA)

Canton 102.5 Saline 80.5
Tuesday Feb 8 at Saline

200-yard medley relay 1 Canton (Nathan Phillips Dan Anthony Shogo Uno Chris Marinica) 1:52.64 2 Canton (David Conzelman Kevin Karlinski Ben Eberlein Greg Calabrese) 1:55.12 3 Saline (George Lippert Andrew DeVries Brian Kung Chris Reid) 1:56.65

200 freestyle 1 Kyle Begley (S) 1:52.69 2 Matt Carlson (C) 1:55.09 3 Nick Landis (C) 1:55.94

200 IM 1 Daniel Warner (S) 2:01.43 2 Shogo Uno (C) 2:16.10 3 Robert Blaesser (C) 2:17.13

50 freestyle 1 John Faraoni (C) 23.83 2 Noah Whitener (S) 24.00 3 Jon Templeton (C) 24.73

Diving 1 Kevin Cafarelli (C) 221.00 2 Andrew DeVries (S) 170.35 3 Peter Draegich (S) 151.25

100 butterfly 1 Shogo Uno (C) 56.10 2 John Faraoni (C) 58.07 3 Noah Whitener (S) 58.25

100 freestyle 1 Kyle Begley (S) 50.83 2 George Lippert (S) 54.38 3 Derek Schmitt (C) 54.46

500 freestyle 1 Nick Landis (C) 5:10.73 2 Stephen Furey (S) 5:16.88 3 Robert Blaesser (C) 5:24.83

200 freestyle relay 1 Canton (Derek Schmitt Matt Carlson Jon Templeton John Faraoni) 1:37.76 2 Saline (Noah Whitener Chris Reid Mike DeVries Stephen Furey) 1:38.17 3 Canton (Chris Marinica Ben Eberlein Nick Landis Robert Blaesser) 1:43.35

100 backstroke 1 Nathan Phillips (C) 1:02.69 2 (tie) Justin Duong (S) and David Conzelman (C) 1:04.52

100 breaststroke 1 Daniel Warner (S) 1:01.49 2 Matt Carlson (C) 1:07.58 3 John DePaul (S) 1:07.67

400 freestyle relay 1 Saline (Kyle Begley Stephen Furey Mike DeVries Daniel Warner) 3:31.87 2 Canton (John Faraoni Jon Templeton Shogo Uno Matt Carlson) 3:35.77 3 Canton (Robert Blaesser Derek Schmitt Nick Landis Ben Eberlein) 3:45.61

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RON EDWARDS
Treasurer
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED USE OF THE 2005 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
FEBRUARY 22, 2005

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road on February 22 2005.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2005 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Office of Block Grant Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program are that the estimated 2005 funding allocation for the township will be approximately \$117,000.00.

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth upon completion of the public hearing will determine the use of the 2005 funds.

Any written comments regarding proposed use of the 2005 funds should be directed to Susan Vignoe Community Development Block Grant Coordinator Charter Township of Plymouth 42350 Ann Arbor Rd Plymouth MI 48170 postmarked by February 24 2005.

Marilyn Massengill CMC
Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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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 March 7 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

SINGH REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 107 99 0003 002 AND PART OF PARCEL NO 107 99 0003 001 FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-6 SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Palmer and east of Canton Center Road.

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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday March 3 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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PARDON US WHILE WE TOOT OUR OWN HORN.

We grabbed our horn because we've just received the results of the 2004 Suburban Newspapers of America's (SNA) annual competition. Our staff received nine awards for excellence in journalism in 2004. What makes this even more exciting is that of the 2,246 entries, **we brought home more awards than any other non-daily newspaper in the state.** And here they are:

- Best Editorial Writing** Second Place - Troy Eccentric "Stop Recall, Insure Freedom, Don't Mess With Charter"
- Best Column Writing** Third Place - Sandy Armbruster, Troy Eccentric
- Best Editorial Page Cartoon** Second Place, Geof Brooks "Budget Cartoon"
- Best Opinion Column** First Place - Brad Kadrich, Plymouth Community Editor
- Best Sports Writing** First Place, Jim Toth, Troy/Rochester Special Editor Sports "Court Ruling"
- Best Sports Writing** Second Place - Ed Wright, Plymouth/Canton Special Editor/Sports "Aluminum Bat Usage Spurs Debate"
- Journalist of the Year** Third Place - Kurt Kuban, Canton Community Editor

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SC survives Henry Ford; MU earns 2nd win in row

Schoolcraft College avenged one of its three men's basketball losses this season Wednesday night with an 88-82 homecourt victory over Henry Ford Community College.

The game was close throughout. It was 38-all at the half. With the Ocelots (23-3) only up two with a minute to play, 5-foot-3 point-guard Genois Safford (Wayne Memorial) came up with a key steal and a layup to give Schoolcraft a four-point cushion.

Courtney Williams then scored and was fouled, converting the three-point play with a free throw to seal the win.

Martin Samarco (Belleville) paced the Ocelots with 19 points and seven assists. Kevin Massiah added 17, while Ty Scott chipped in with 15. Williams, a 6-foot-9 transfer from Oakland University, finished with 14 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists. Safford ended up with 10 points.

Kenny Gupton led Henry Ford (14-6, 7-2) and all scorers with 23 points. Cedric Bird

MEN'S HOOPS

added 16.

Schoolcraft hit 19-of-27 free throws, while Henry Ford was 8-of-13.

The game did not count in the Eastern Conference standings because Schoolcraft is on probation by both the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association.

MADONNA 98 DAVENPORT 67 For a change it was a breather Wednesday for host Madonna University (8-18) which cruised to a non conference victory over Davenport (record unavailable) as six players scored in double figures for the victorious Crusaders.

Noel Emenhiser the school's all time leading scorer finished with 15 points. Others in double figures for MU included Joe Kofahl (14), Charlie Henry (12), Danny Lezotte (12), Jordan Napier (11) and Andrey Douthard (10).

Mike McKeever had a team high six assists. Henry also had four assists and three steals.

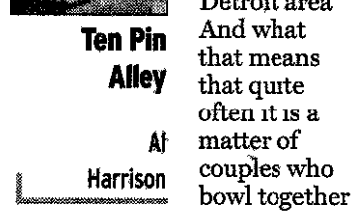
MU shot a blistering 56.2 percent from the floor (41 of 73) and outrebounded Davenport 42-28.

James Allen had 15 points for Davenport which trailed 42-24 at the half. Cameron Dampier and Thomas Poe added 14 and 13 respectively.

Woehlke remembered for his love of game

They say that love means nothing in tennis, but we just talk about bowling and with Valentine's Day here, love is a very important item as far as bowlers are concerned.

It is a fact that 75 percent of all sanctioned league bowlers bowl in mixed leagues in the greater Detroit area. And what that means is that quite often it is a matter of couples who bowl together stay together.



Ten Pin Alley At Harrison

There are countless stories of "love on the lanes" where some happily married couples first met while bowling.

It is also very apparent that most people who go bowling do so because of the love this game. Some love it for the competition, some others love it because it is an outlet to take out their anger on the pins, or just that good feeling when you knock 'em all down.

A real love story is about two wonderful people who met,

married and became inseparable for over 60 years.

Jarvis and Ida Woehlke of Dearborn were just such a couple until Jarv passed away on Feb. 4 from cancer at the age of 91.

Known as "The Mechanic," Jarv loved to bowl and he excelled at the sport so much that he set a record that may not be equaled or broken. He bowled two sanctioned 300 games in the same season at the age of 86.

Jarv did that and a whole lot more over the years. He had won eight medals in senior olympics bowling, he won the overall championship of the Greater Detroit Old Timers Tournament at age 76.

Woehlke was always a tough competitor, but he will be remembered more than that as a real gentleman.

When he was just a little kid, he would walk to school every day, and quite often an elderly man would stop his car and drop him off.

That's how he became friends with Mr. Henry Ford.

Sure enough, he went to work at the Ford plant when he grew up, but the job was much too mundane for him and he then pursued a career with the Dearborn Fire

Department from which he retired.

Jarv had a lot of friends and I am proud to say I was one of them.

He often helped other bowlers to improve their game and make them better. Overall, his credentials are worthy of Detroit Hall of Fame selection, and sometime in the future he should be voted in.

Jarv was a champion in every way, bowling was his life and he was just as good as ever in his last outing two weeks earlier where he strung out nine strikes in a row and won all the jackpots in his Friday morning Mayflower Seniors League.

Woehlke left an indelible mark on the greater Detroit bowling scene, he will be long remembered and very much missed.

The Mayflower Senior Leagues 50-50 tournament is now history, and it was so successful that it was decided to become an annual event.

Thanks to the following donors of door prizes: Entertainment Books, Taylor Lanes, Outback Steak House, Red Robin restaurants, DiLaura Brothers, Olive Garden restaurants, Sandy's By the Beach, The Timber Wolf

and Dun-Rite Bowling Supply.

Howard Davis of Redford did not win this event, but two days later he scored his second career 300 game, only nine years after his first one.

Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland had a great father-and-son performance in the Tuesday Junior Classic as Bob Hansen, Jr. bowled a 300 game with a 681 series. His son, Bob Hansen III, rolled 279 and 728 the same night.

Others top scorers included Keith Hoisington (277/678), Gary Brudna (276/715), Rich Trullard (268/731), Tony Grote (279/733) and Ryan Jacek (248-279-234/756).

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association Senior Tournament is coming right up on Saturday Feb. 19 and 26 at Sterling Lanes.

This is a team event and you can form a team from your league if your regular team cannot all make it. Entry fee is \$15 per man, must be age 55 or older. For more information, call the GDBA office at (toll free 888) 753-6350.

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

Davenport cools off MU in non-league encounter

Despite 23 points by Sarah Thomson, the Madonna University women's basketball team could not get past visiting Davenport University Wednesday night.

The Crusaders lost 67-57 in the non-league game.

Davenport took a 34-28 lead at halftime, largely on the strength of hot shooting from the floor.

The Rams hit 16 of 31 field goal tries before intermission, a 51.6 pace.

Karen Rugless tallied 26 points to lead Davenport while Jennifer Rausch and Shannon Callaghan collected 19 and 16 points, respectively.

Madonna only connected on 24 of 65 attempts from the floor (.369), shortcircuiting any rally chances.

Thomson pretty much was the only player hitting the mark for the Crusaders. She made 11 of 15 field-goal

WOMEN'S HOOPS

tries in the game, and also grabbed 11 rebounds.

Jackie Pingston and Stephame Childs each scored 12 points while Lydia Prusnowski pulled down six rebounds.

SCHOOLCRAFT 2 HENRY FORD 0 (forfeit) In an MCCA Eastern Conference game scheduled Wednesday the Lady Ocelots (17-5-10-2) won by forfeit because Henry Ford Community College (0-12-0-10) does not have enough players to field a squad.

MADONNA 81 AQUINAS 68 All five starters scored in double figures Saturday as Madonna University (14-11-7-2) won its fifth straight Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference game over host Aquinas College (18-8-5-4) in Grand Rapids.

Pingston led the Crusaders with a game high 24 points including 4 of 7 from three point range. Redford Union's Martina Franklin added 17 while Prusnowski had 13.

Childs and Thomson contributed 12 and 10 respectively.

Jackie Braspeninx led Aquinas which trailed 38-29 at the half with 22 points. Whitney Marsh added 13.

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Cal Stone

MSU's new president plots the future

At Michigan State University, nearly 60 percent of the East Lansing school's transfer students come from community colleges, according to Lou Anna Simon, the university's new president. These basic courses are the most cost-effective for MSU to offer, but with one million credit hours per year, "it's not a problem for us at all," said Simon of the financial impact.

The issue is how to maintain the integrity of the degree, she noted. "Right now, there's no reverse transfer for an MSU student to go back to a community college and get an associate's degree."

Although one wonders how often that scenario unfolds, there is a definite movement to get more students graduating from Michigan universities. At just 22 percent, the state's undergrad rate is well below the national average.

More science and tech grads are needed to shift Michigan from a manufacturing to high-tech economy, according to the Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth. Chaired by Lt. Gov. John Cherry, the Cherry Commission in December concluded that the state needs to double its number of college graduates.

The goal is right if Michigan is to prosper," said Simon, but she questioned the additional expense. "Can we afford it? It's going to require higher education being a priority. People don't have a good understanding of what higher education really costs. We need to make it simple for people."

Simon is more focused on the university she's been in charge of since Jan. 1 of this year. She took over the helm of the 150-year-old institution when Peter McPherson ended his 11-year reign, becoming its 20th - and first female - CEO. But this Indiana native, born in 1947, is in no way a new face on campus.

She came to MSU as a grad student in 1970 and earned a doctorate in philosophy, administration and higher education four years later. Simon became a member of the faculty and assistant director of the Office of Institutional Research, and then served as provost and vice president for academic affairs in 1993.

Simon actually ran MSU when McPherson was in Iraq helping to rebuild that country's economy in 2003. Ten years prior, she was the faculty favorite for the president's position but the Board of Trustees made a last-minute move and picked McPherson.

But now she's in charge of the 45,000-student institution, founded in 1855 as the nation's first land grant university. Would its founding fathers recognize the current MSU?

"I don't think they'd be surprised at the evolution of intellectual fabric," said Simon. "Be good, but have the courage to take a different path. We have to balance our down-home attitude with playing in this league."

Simon will continue to champion MSU's study-abroad program and actually hopes to get more graduates involved.

But a problem of today is money, or a lack thereof. Even with tuition increases, the university has increased by 5,000 students since the 1990s. To grow more will demand additional residence halls and infrastructure, issues that will require fair treatment in the governor's next budget proposal.

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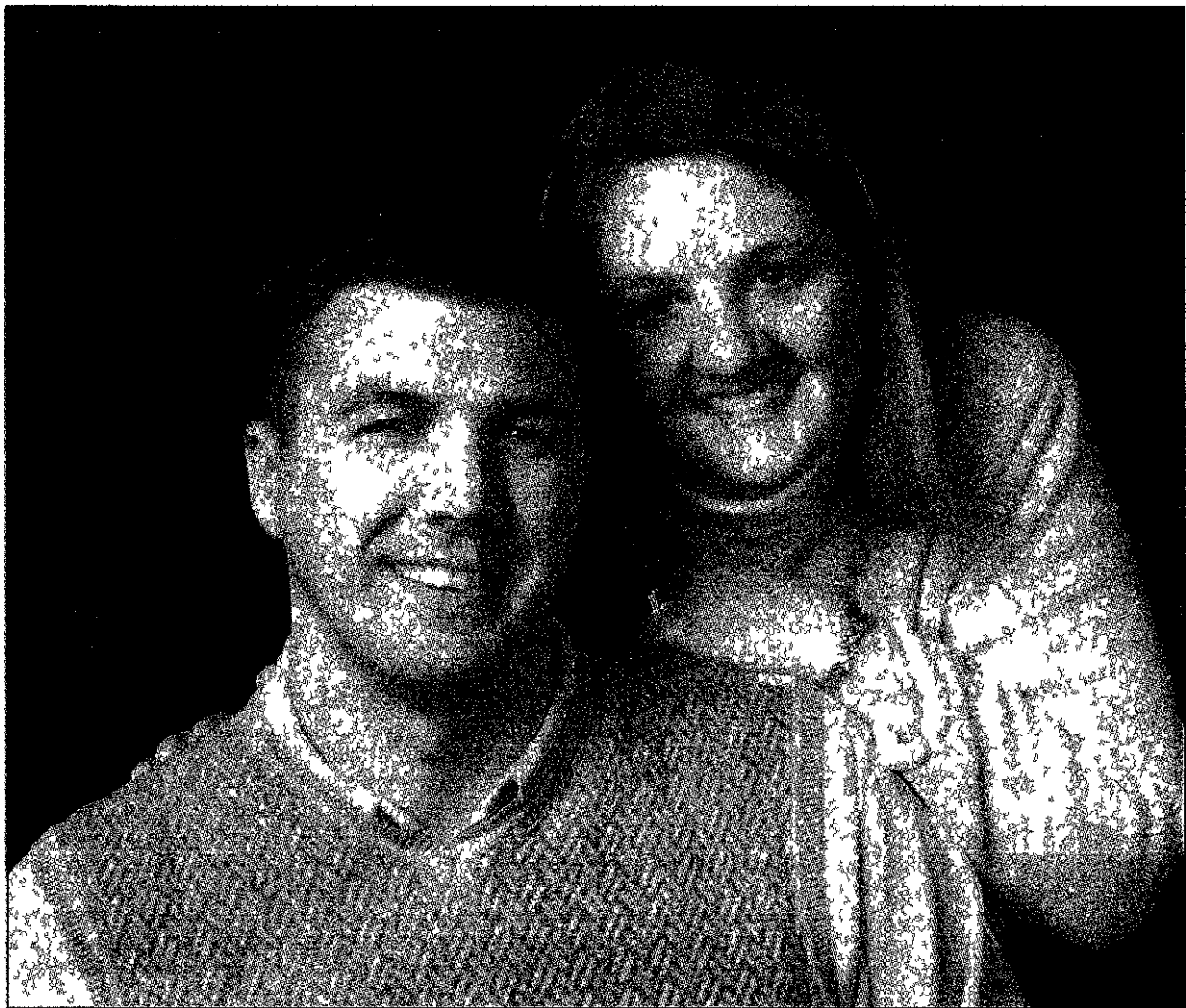
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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tim and Cheryl Phillips won first place in the Observer's Magic Moments contest. The Canton couple received dinner for two at Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Farmington Hills or Dearborn Heights, a \$200 gift certificate from Murray's Jewelry in Redford, two tickets to Phantom of the Opera at Masonic Temple, and a singing valentine by a quartet from the Renaissance Chorus of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Magic Moments

Readers share their love stories

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Some men bring women flowers on a first date.

Tim Phillips brought guppies. The gesture impressed Cheryl McInerney so much she ended up marrying him last September.

Their first date didn't come about overnight.

McInerney was attending a conference in Chicago as part of her job as coordinator for St. Joseph Mercy's Health Exploration Station in Canton when she first learned from her roommate about Phillips, a park planner at Kensington Metropark. The

roommate's husband went to school with Phillips. She passed McInerney's phone number on to him along with a Web site to find out more about her.

A couple of weeks later he called. They finally met three months later when he came to the door bearing fish. It was a Magic Moment that touched McInerney's heart as well as judges for the Observer Newspapers' annual contest.

"I had a tough time at the pet store," said Phillips of Canton. "I could have bought larger ones that ate hers."

Fortunately, the guppies were compatible. McInerney wrote:

"I thought it was sweet that he brought me fish - that was definitely a first and showed that not only was he creative, but also he really paid attention when we had talked on the phone. It was then she had mentioned that some of her fish had died."

TOUGH FOR OUR JUDGES

The Phillips story was just one of several entries which made it difficult for judges to choose only one winner of the prize package including a \$60 dinner for two at Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Farmington Hills or Dearborn Heights, a \$200 gift certificate from Murray's Jewelry in Redford, two tickets to *Phantom of the Opera* at Masonic Temple on Wednesday, March 2, and a singing valentine by a quartet from the Renaissance Chorus of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Margaret and Edwin Haack's Magic Moment happened in 1945 when they met at a Halloween party thrown by a group of girlfriends.

Edwin had just returned home from serving in Italy with the U.S. Air Force. It was love at first sight for the couple. He invited her to

walk over to his parents' house to pick up some records. After that, he didn't call her for two weeks. She lost 18 pounds, couldn't eat or sleep. Finally, he called and they've been together ever since, marrying in October of 1946.

They've lived in the same Livonia home for 49 of the 58 years they've been married.

Josephine Capra will be celebrating her 65th wedding anniversary in July. The 84-year-old Westland woman met her husband in 1936. She wrote, it "was a turning point in my life." He came into her parents' house dressed in a three-piece light tan suit. He was a handsome sight next to her four brothers in bib overalls.

Scott Lodge's Magic Moment was a long time coming. He told us about meeting Pam in 1970 at a Coast Guard Auxiliary

PLEASE SEE MAGIC MOMENTS, C3

Book hooks the secrets of Internet dating success

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Jake Slivensky of Plymouth walked through bookstores with an eye toward writing a book of his own, he detected a dearth of titles dealing with online dating in this age of chat room meetings and Internet dating.

Since over the last five years or so Slivensky has experienced some personal success in that area, he decided it was a niche he could fill.

Thus was born *The ABC's of Online Chatting and Dating: Thriving in the Social Internet*.

"I've had a lot of success with online dating," said Slivensky, who has met "maybe 50" people on the Internet the last five years. "The book basically walks you through the steps of finding people, meeting people and presenting a profile that gives you the best chance at results. Along with that, I have all the do's and don'ts and the warn-

ings. Those are a necessity to have and know."

The book, a "how to" about online dating, takes readers through steps such as successfully finding a place to chat, making and keeping Internet "buddies," using online "lingo" and the importance of profiles.

Profiles are the bits of information that describe people, and frequently include a picture. They are, according to Slivensky, one of the keys to success, and one of the Internet dating places most fraught with danger.

"The profile is a huge part of it. The effectiveness of pictures on a profile can directly correlate to how well you do," the author said. "Fake profiles are the biggest danger. I hate to say it, but people post profiles and pictures of someone else, trying to lure people into traps."

"In the beginning, I came across a lot of that, and the book includes author tales, as well. I was new to it, I didn't

see the warning signs I should have, and I fell right into it."

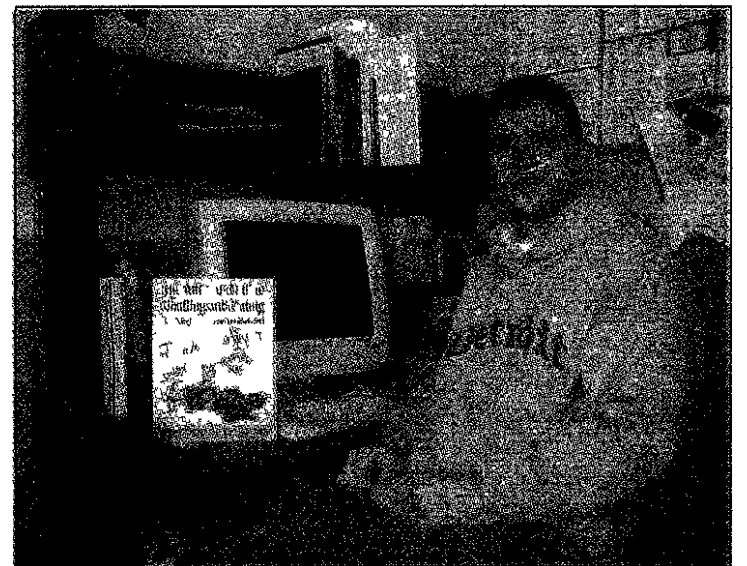
Slivensky said he got into computer dating some five years ago, after graduating from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tenn., and moved to Mississippi to take a job as an environmental engineer.

Alone and with few friends, Slivensky gave the Internet a try. He quickly learned that patience is definitely a virtue.

"You have to be smart about your searches and where you look," he said. "You have to have patience, because it's not going to come overnight."

But it happens. Slivensky, who said he has met dozens of people online, is now in a relationship with a woman he met online. That relationship has lasted seven months.

Much of the success is simple common sense, for instance, being able to detect when a profile is fake. More and more people are finding



Plymouth resident Jacob Slivensky used his experience with the Internet as the basis for his book, "The ABC's of Online Chatting and Dating."

relationships online, including people who might have shied away from it before.

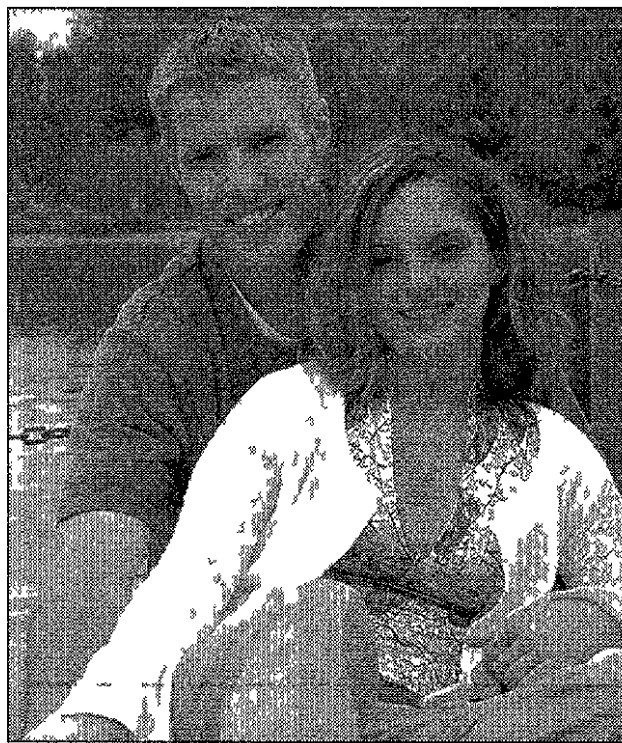
"Nowadays it's pretty common to find people who have tried it, people who two years ago wouldn't have looked at a computer," Slivensky said.

When considering his book, Slivensky decided not to seek an agent, but rather to publish the book himself, ironically online. The book, published by authorhouse.com, is now available on Amazon.com and on Barnes & Noble's Web site.

"I did a lot of research and decided to go with print-on-demand rather than an agent," Slivensky said. "I keep full rights and control of the book, I didn't have to sign it over to anyone. The marketing efforts I want to place on my book, I have total control over that, as well."

Jake Slivensky's book *The ABC's of Online Chatting and Dating: Thriving in the Social Internet* can be found at www.authorhouse.com

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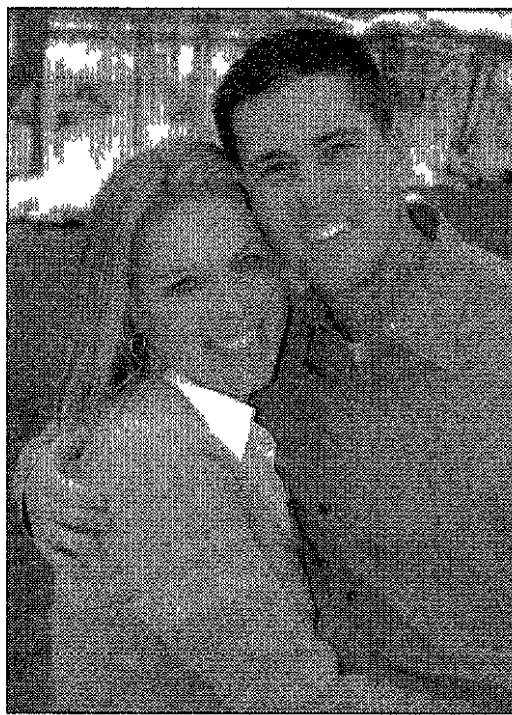
Babcock-Kellman

Robert and Cindy Babcock of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa, to, Ryan Kellman, of Sterling, Va

Theresa is an undergraduate student at U of M Dearborn. She will be attending law school in Washington DC

Her fiance, Ryan, is the son of Janet Hoffman of Auburn Wa and Keith Kellman of Ann Arbor. He is a graduate of Michigan Institute of Aeronautics. He works for Independence Airline/Dulles Airport

Ryan and Theresa are planning a July wedding at St Johns Conference Center in Plymouth



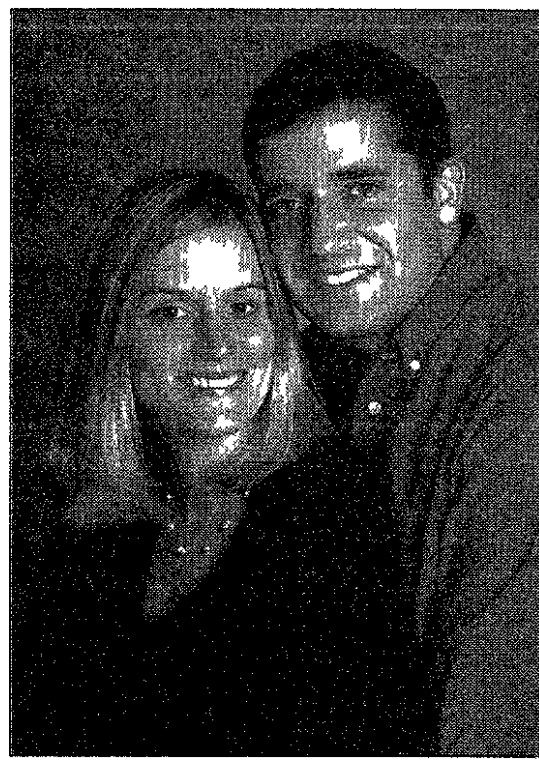
Cook-Howard

Cliff and Connie Cook of Spring Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Suzanne, of Farmington Hills, to Aaron Christopher Howard, of Livonia

Jill is a graduate of Radford University. She is a teacher

Her fiance, Aaron, is the son of Don and Pam Howard, of Plymouth. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He works for Power Play International

Aaron and Jill are planning a July wedding at Northville Presbyterian Church



Conway-Vanairsdale

Mr and Mrs James Conway of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerry, to Brian Vanairsdale

Kerry is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 2001 graduate of Madonna University. She is employed as an elementary teacher in the Redford Union school district

Her fiance, Brian, is the son of Michael and Susan Vanairsdale of Peachtree City, Ga. He is a 1996 graduate of McIntosh High School in Peachtree City and a 2000 graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga. He is employed as an engineer with Ford Motor Company

Brian and Kerry are planning a spring wedding

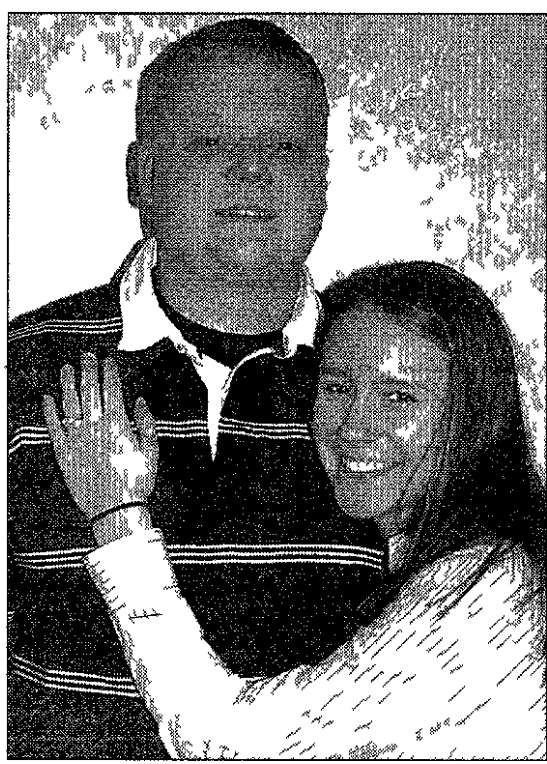
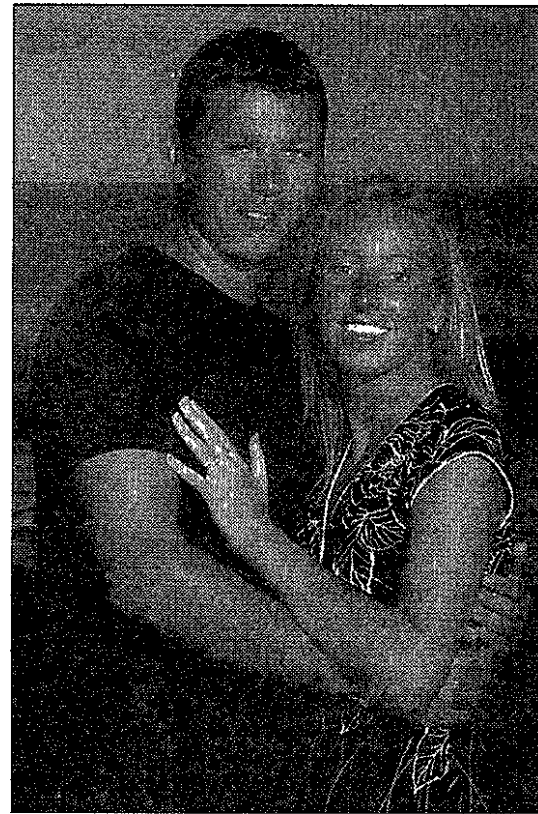
Spohn-Link

Douglas and Donna Spohn of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Charlotte, of Canton to James Gregory Link of Canton

Alison is a 1998 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 2002 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in business management and Spanish. She is the head manager of a Wendy's franchise restaurant

Her fiance, Jim, is the son of Gregory and Mary Link of Canton. He is a 1998 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 2002 graduate of Kettering University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is currently employed at Visteon

Jim and Alison are planning an April 2006 wedding at St Johns Conference Center and Chapel in Plymouth



Stemp-Hanson

Jennifer and Stephen Stemp of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle L. Stemp, to Eric B. Hanson, the son of Bart and Diane Hanson of Canton

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights and is studying elementary education at Eastern Michigan University. She is to be attended by Julie Landelius, Samantha Smolen, Lora Montgomery, Lisa Hanson, Leah Hanson and flower girl Anna Hanson

The prospective groom is a 1999 graduate of Canton High School and works as a master mechanic for Firestone in Canton. He is to be attended by Ken Kirwan, Jeff Hanson, Scott Hanson, Stephen Stemp, Kenneth Stemp and ring bearer Dylan Hanson

A July 1, 2005 wedding is planned at St John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton, with Father George Williams officiating. Following their honeymoon, the couple plans to reside in Garden City

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Conference in Bay City and then marrying her 30 years later after finding her address and phone number through Yahoo's People Search while surfing the net

Lodge ended up moving to Livonia after leaving the Coast Guard in 1998. Both of their marriages were ending. He wrote, 'Pam and I both believe that everything happens for a reason and that we were meant to be together from the start.'

LOVE OFTEN COMPUTES

Computers and winter brought

several couples together. It was a cold January day when Edward Cieslak was going on his first date with Donna and wanted to impress her so he washed the car. When they came out of a Greektown restaurant the doors had frozen shut and Donna had to climb in a short skirt through the hatchback. The two still laugh about it after 25 years of marriage and raising their children in Westland.

Judges chuckled as well when reading Livonia resident Kim Collieran's letter about the first meeting with her sweetheart (now husband).

It was a country club brunch, and he made her smile and laugh which she hadn't done in many years. He invited her out for a second date,

this time at his house with her children. She went not because she particularly liked him a lot, but because I had nothing else to do and he was a really nice guy. The kids fell in love with him. Her love for him grew when he helped her chauffeur the kids to birthday parties all over town. She went home that night and couldn't sleep. She knew she had found a soul mate. Six weeks after they met he asked her to marry him.

Lynn Halton of Farmington Hills told of falling in love with her sweetie at the Sugar Bowl. She'd known Jerry Balogh since 1983, her junior year at the University of Michigan but never expected anything would happen between them. They both went to the Sugar Bowl

in New Orleans, separately with friends but ended up together after she called him at his hotel. On New Year's Eve they walked around the romantic city hand-in-hand and have been together ever since.

DOGGONE LOVE

Writers told of meeting on blind dates, in the emergency room, and on a dog walk. A golden retriever and beagle brought Cheryl and David Clancy together. Cheryl thought she would be walking alone with Gypsy at the Paws with a Cause benefit in June 2000 at Kensington Park, but met up with "fellow goldens."

As they were on the trail, she looked up to see a beagle wearing a

colorful baseball cap coming toward her. David was on the end of the leash. All four ended up in the dog look-a-like contest. "David came in third place, but Gypsy made a friend." Back at the picnic tables she kept walking over to David and Elvis, the beagle. Cheryl retrieved her several times before the owners exchanged phone numbers. David eventually proposed while they were taking their dogs for a walk. They were married in September 2001.

Elvis is now 11. Gypsy died after their son was born in January of 2003. Cheryl writes, "I like to think she stayed alive over 14 years to be sure that I found someone to take care of me."

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Parent notification laws won't stop teen sex

United States researchers reported recently that laws aimed at forcing teens to get their parents' permission before getting contraception will do nothing to scare youngsters off having sex and may in fact increase rates of teen pregnancy.

And trying to frighten teenagers about the risks of pregnancy is equally ineffective, a second study found.

The researchers said their findings support the argument that teens need to get good information about contraceptives, including condoms, and argue against current federal policies pushing abstinence-only education.

"The research published in January 2005 shows abstinence-only does significant disservice to American youth by increasing the risk of pregnancy and disease," said Cynthia Dailard, an analyst at the nonprofit Alan Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive health think tank.

A study of 1,500 girls under the age of 18 who used family planning clinics, which provide contraceptive and pregnancy services, showed the parents of 60 percent of them knew the young women were using the clinics, said the Institutes' Rachel Jones.

But close to 20 percent of the girls said if they had to get permission to use contraceptives from their parents, they would do without, Jones and colleagues report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

In the second study, Dr. Peter Bearman, who directs the Columbia University Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, found that fear of pregnancy did little to keep a girl from having sex, and those with positive attitudes about contraception were much less likely to become pregnant.

"Policymakers often have concerns that talking positively about contraception encourages young people to have sex," Bearman said in the journal *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*.

"There's a lot of research to show that's just not true," said Bearman.

"Even those adolescents who most actively believe they are not going to have sex before marriage, for instance those who take virginity pledges, 80 percent of them will eventually have sex before marriage."

Parents need to be informed about the kinds of information related to human sexuality provided in school health classes. In Michigan, there is an opportunity to serve on districtwide committees related to school-based HIV and sex education programs. Please call your interme-



Teens in 2005

Alice R. McCarthy

diat school district to locate a health coordinator, or go to www.Michigan.gov/mde, click on K-12 curriculum, then health education. Scroll down to Professional Development.

The law states that public schools in Michigan are required to offer health education.

The law does not explicitly state the grades or duration of the health course.

The exception to this is the law requiring that HIV prevention education be offered at every building level, elementary school, middle school, and high school. HIV prevention education is most effective within the context of a health course where general health skills, such as refusal, assertiveness, negotiation, goal setting, and decision making skills are being taught.

It is, of course, unwise to deny health education to high school students, just at the time of their development when they are most at risk for the behaviors that seriously impact immediate and lifelong wellness, such as alcohol and other drug use, tobacco use, physical inactivity, poor nutrition choices, sexual activity leading to communicable disease or pregnancy, and injuries caused by violence or accidents, including car accidents.

It is also well-documented that students who are healthy do better in school. Several studies have documented the link between good health and attendance or school performance.

Here is another opportunity to keep the channels of conversation open with your teen about important issues. Inquire about what is being taught, better still, be sure that what you believe should be taught is included in the health teaching. Serve on that committee!

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp. Type Alice R. McCarthy in 'Keyword Search' for a list of her most recent columns.

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FICTION

- 1 "The Broker," John Grisham
- 2 "The Da Vinci Code," Dan Brown
- 3 "Conviction," Richard North Patterson
- 4 "By Order of the President," W. E. B. Griffin
- 5 "State of Fear," Michael Crichton

NON-FICTION

- 1 "Collapse," Jared Diamond
- 2 "Witness," Amber Frey
- 3 "Blnk," Malcolm Gladwell
- 4 "His Excellency," George Washington, Joseph J. Ellis
- 5 "America (The Book)," Jon Stewart

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1 "This Place in the Snow," Rebecca Bond
- 2 "Robert's Snow," Grace Lin
- 3 "Toby and the Snowflakes," Julie Halpern
- 4 "Snow Dude," Daniel Kirk
- 5 "The Snow Princess," Ruth Sanderson

Corporate communicator turns to words of love

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever wanted the right words to tell your special someone exactly how you feel?

Just in time for Valentine's Day, local author Harold Sieloff, writing under the pseudonym H. Thomas Saylor, will be your Cyrano in his book of love verses, 'I Need You to Know.'

After a career in corporate communication, Sieloff is expanding his communication skills in new directions. The Northville writer took a buyout from Ford Motor Co two years ago and formed Threedot Publications. In addition to continuing as a corporate communications consultant, his self-published book offers consultation on personal communication.

I've written a number of things over the years and got some encouragement from friends to pull it together and see if it looked like anything, he said. "Initially it was written for use as greeting cards. But I thought with a little packaging and support it could be a little more than a greeting card."

Sieloff, 55 in March, said it was time to move in a new direction. Three of his four children are grown, with the youngest a junior at Lutheran Westland. His wife, Gail, wanted to return to work, as well. She represents Mayfair Realty in Livonia and manages Tradewind Spas in Utica. She is also the volleyball coach at Lutheran Westland and was named *Observer & Eccentric's* volleyball coach of the year last year.

She is also the inspiration for many of Sieloff's verses.

"You look around and watch relationships, those that are successful and those that aren't. One thing I observe to be true is that one's that work well are the ones where people talk to each other," he said. "And in this busy world we're in, sometimes your days are gone before you know it and you find you're only communicating on special days and holidays. I was hoping to create something that would work for special occasions but also have a shelf life throughout the year and encourage people to communicate on a daily basis."

Sieloff said he has also been inspired by the relationships he sees around him, both those that work and those that don't. He said he was especially moved by a woman who lives at the Lutheran Ministries Home on Plymouth Road in Livonia who will be 89 this February. She lost her husband to



Harold Sieloff, who writes under the pen name H. Thomas Saylor, wrote a book titled 'I Need You to Know.'

illness over 40 years ago, yet she never remarried and keeps his picture on her night stand.

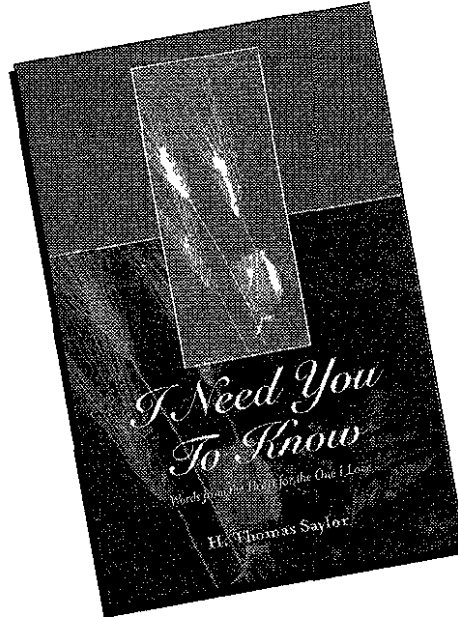
He said a Redford couples strength following the death of son to drugs was another inspiration.

These real life examples highlight Sieloff's principal themes on the different kinds of love - commitment, friendship and the physical aspects of a relationship.

The special quality of a relationship is captured in *Becoming One*.

*First there was you,
And then there was me
One day a meeting
And then there were we
Then you became you and I became me
And soon there was one
Forever to be!*

Or during this chilly season a winter memory in *My Winter Love*.
*A fresh dusting of white snow covered the ground
As children's laughter stirred memories of long ago,
We walked among the angels hand in*



hand.
And there on the edge of the frozen lake we embraced

*Never to let go, my winter love and I,
Never to let go*

In addition to the brief verses, Sieloff includes journal pages to capture special moments together and a checklist to test your commitment to your relationship.

Following the theme of love, Sieloff is working on a romance novel, *Three Days in December*.

I got ideas down from what I see. The story has been churning in my head for a number of years," he said.

The Saylor pseudonym was to separate his romantic efforts from his work as a corporate communications writer. He is also working on a book on corporate communications under his own name.

"One of the reasons I did this book was I wanted to learn about the publishing business. This project gave me an opportunity to learn about the business," he said.

He found it wasn't easy getting the attention of a major publisher with his first work. But he found another way to realize his dream. I set realistic goals for what this book could do. Breaking even is my initial goal and to reach the minds and hearts of those who do read my book, he said.

'I Need You to Know' is available on-line at www.hthomassaylor.com or through Amazon.com. Sieloff said he is also working with local merchants to sell his book at stores in Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville.

A portion of the proceeds will go toward Readers' Cove, a reading pro-



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(Feb 13 Feb 16)
By Dennis Fairchild

that no one really knows how to treat you. Therefore ensure that you do not sell yourself short this week. You desire it all!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

The astro efforts you've made over the past few weeks have not been in vain even though you may not have received much in the way of praise. Balancer. What happens this week will more than make up for what you've missed. Others will look at you with envy for change which is what you're waiting for.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

You won't have to work hard to make this a week to remember as good things will happen no matter where you go or what you do. But if you do make an effort they won't just be good things they'll be bigger and better things! It's merely a question of how much excitement you can stand. Scorpi!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Things may not be a barrel of chuckles at the moment but they shouldn't be a punishment either. Walk a mile in the shoes of someone who appears to be disruptive or hypercritical and you'll have a much better chance of getting to the root of the problem. Don't hide in the shadows but think twice before speaking. Sadge.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

While in one area of your life anything that can go wrong will go wrong in another you will enjoy success. SeaGoat. Social and romantic activities are under marvelous influences at the moment. But when considering financial matters bear in mind. "The least said the soonest mended." Got it?

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Someone once observed that conscience is a mother in law whose visit never ends and for reasons best known to yourself you feel that you have blotted the diary. (This birthday please lighten up okay?) The only solution is to distance yourself from situations that are churning up old and done emotions.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Whatever trials you may have faced the next few weeks will bring more opportunities than you know what to do with. Fish! Current astro aspects urge you to thing big and act big - this is not a time for second thoughts or being quiet. Life is what you make of it - so make of it whatever and every thing you can!

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Thinking Cap time with Mercury in Pisces on Valentine's Day may make you anxious to please for a couple of weeks. Ram. The best way to make it work is to overlook a discretion which has scant significance in your life as a whole. A new responsibility may be inconvenient but will bring long term benefits.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Once again your budget appears to be a problem at the moment but the Moon in your sign over the coming days should put the matter in the correct perspective and make it easier to handle. Be true to yourself. Bull! Don't exaggerate the importance of a difference of opinion. It matters less than you think.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Due to circumstances beyond your control. Twins. Your life seems to be undergoing a series of enforced changes now - but they are all for the good! For far too long you have been hampered by a need for reassurance. Now it's time to prove that you are prepared to go waaaaay out on a limb.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You might not like what I'm going to say but you must now confide in partners for it would seem that they have been a shade too impulsive lately. However the important thing to remember is that you are perfectly entitled to go to any lengths to safeguard what you have achieved or accumulated over the years!

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Leo is symbolized by the mighty prowling beast of the jungle. Therefore not only do you like to be kept in the picture forest but also want to know all the ins and outs and whys and wherefores. However the best results will now be achieved through taking things on trust. Not Ego. Swallow your pride but don't hide.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Wake up kiddo! Whatever you feel to be your due is about to be handed to you over the coming days! However you still appear to be physically under par and changing to such a degree



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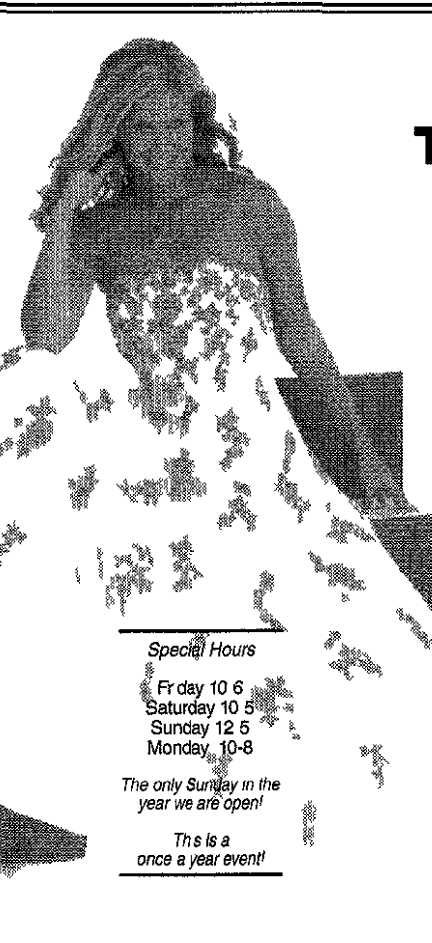
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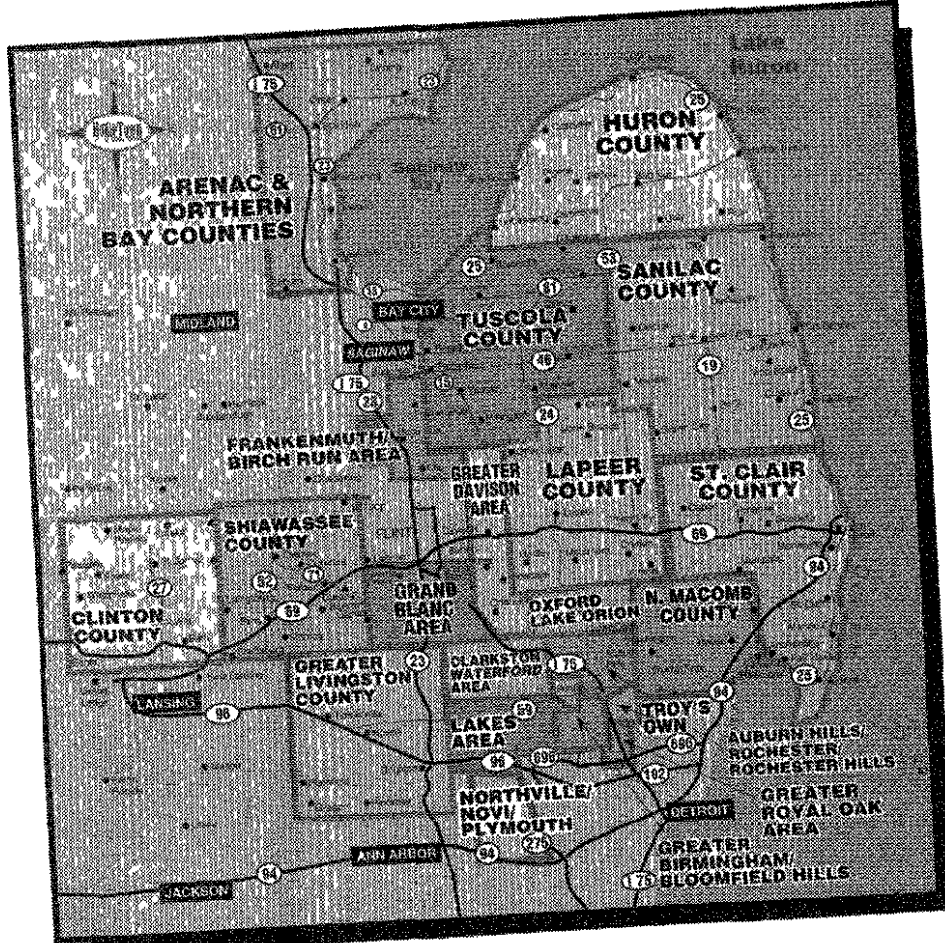
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Lenten retreat

Madonna University will hold the 2005 Lenten Retreat from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 5. This year's theme will be "The Holy Eucharist: The New and Everlasting Covenant." The day long event for alumni, friends, students and their families will be held in the Residence Hall and Chapel on the Livonia campus (14221 Levan Road). Activities will include Morning Prayer Exposition and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, lunch, three Lenten conferences, time for confessions and the Rosary and Stations of the Cross led by students and Mass. The cost of the retreat which is open to the public is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments. Students, faculty and staff are \$10. Reservations are required for meal purposes. For additional information contact Madonna University's Campus Ministry Office at (734) 432-5419.

Madonna blood drive

The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations from noon to 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 appointment call the office of student services 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 southeastern Michigan.

Vegas night

St. Mel's Men's Club hosts a Las Vegas Night from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 19. The evening will feature black jack, two craps tables, roulette, Big Six and dice games with hot food available. Proceeds go to the Men's Club. St. Mel's is located at 7506 Inkster in Dearborn Heights. For details call (313) 275-0684.

Jewish renewal festival

Four nationally recognized leaders of the Jewish Renewal movement lead a day of spirituality, learning and music from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 6 at the Ann Arbor Jewish Community Center 2935 Birch Hollow. Registration is \$50 and includes lunch. Registration deadline is March 2. More information is available on the Web at www.pardeshannah.org or by calling (734) 213-8374.

Genealogical society

Guest speaker Sue Daniels will talk about Michigan's One Room Schoolhouses when the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. The meeting and classes are open to the public and are offered free of charge. For more information call Pat at (734) 425-3079.

Women's Economic Club

Named 2004 Newsmaker of the Year by Crain's Detroit Business, Edsel B. Ford II will be honored at a noon luncheon Feb. 16 sponsored by the Women's Economic Club and the Detroit Economic Club. Tickets for the luncheon to be held at Cobo Conference Center are \$35 for members and \$45 for guests. For more information or reservations visit the WEC Web site at www.womenseconclub.org or call (313) 578-3230.

Tsunami benefit concert

St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Ann Arbor hosts a concert for tsunami survivors at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26. The concert will feature Lucia and William Campbell (soprano and trumpet) the choir and Schola of St. Thomas the Dogoveto Sisters. Donald Fishel on the flute and Diane Winder on the cello. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds going to flood relief and Catholic social services. St. Thomas is located at 517 Elizabeth St. in Ann Arbor.



Bronze poms

The Salem High School junior varsity Rockettes placed third in the 14th-annual Pom/Dance Championships held recently at The Palace of Auburn Hills. The Rockettes overcame a driving snow storm to put forth their outstanding effort.

Off the Wall Gallery

The Spring exhibit for the Ann Arbor Art Center's Off the Wall Gallery will be installed throughout downtown Ann Arbor in late February and will be displayed from Feb. 22 to May 9. The spring exhibition is titled Black + White with the theme of wild and wacky silhouettes featuring an artistic collaboration between Ann Arbor's Burns Park Elementary students and Art Center WineFest volunteers. Forty-eight Burns Park fourth graders will create one side of the banners; the other will be painted by WineFest community volunteers. The spring exhibit offers many ways for the Art Center to connect with the community and promote this year's WineFest which will be held on Saturday, May 14. The banners will be on display during the event with the black and white style reflected throughout this year's decor. For more information call (734) 994-8004 Ext. 111.

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's Mercy Hospital hosts a prostate screening and men's health day from 8 a.m. to 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's Mercy Cancer Center is optional. Appointments fill quickly. To register call (734) 655-8963. St. Mary's 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 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. With Spring just around the corner, it's 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 Gardener, will host a workshop on organic gardening for novice to advanced gardeners. The workshop will focus on The Organic Way or WWMND (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 celebration 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. to 10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact Christina Hill, gallery curator, Madonna University art department at christinahill49@yahoo.com.

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. to 3 p.m. at 30055 Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Merriman Road) in Westland. For more information or an application, please call Carol Nelius at (734) 721-4758 or e-mail nelius@comcast.net.

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New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age-appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or visit www.newhopecenter.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. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School. It's a juried show. For more information, e-mail Diane VanDyke at dvandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

CLUBS

Rotary A M

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

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. We present speakers on child & family issues, have small group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Childcare is provided. We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month. September to May. Contact Resha at 734-207-0658 or resha@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 Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in the 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 information.

American Legion
Beasley Zalesny Post #112 meets at the 100 F Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 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.

Mothers & More

Bodyguarding for Afghan president keeps dream alive

BY KAREN SMITH
COMMUNITY EDITOR

Nick Stumpf, a bodyguard for Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai, has almost been killed twice in the past few months.

But instead of developing nightmares, the 28-year-old former Clarkston resident thanks God every night for keeping him alive and giving him his dream job.

"I make great money, and I do what I love to do," he said while visiting his mom, Lynda, last week at his childhood home on Snow Apple.

The action — including being shot at by terrorists' rockets while in a helicopter with Karzai and being rocked by an exploding car bomb — is what attracts him.

"You're trying to keep a guy alive who everyone wants to kill," he said.

Stumpf dreamed of being in the military since he was in the sixth grade at what was then Clarkston Junior High.

"I think he dressed half his life in fatigues," said Lynda, remembering how Nick would lie in the ditch in front of their home, waiting to "ambush" his older sister and her dates.

When Nick saw a photo of military divers, the avid swimmer — who spent many summer days at Deer Lake and Lake Angelus — decided he wanted to become a member of the U.S. Marine Corps Force Reconnaissance.

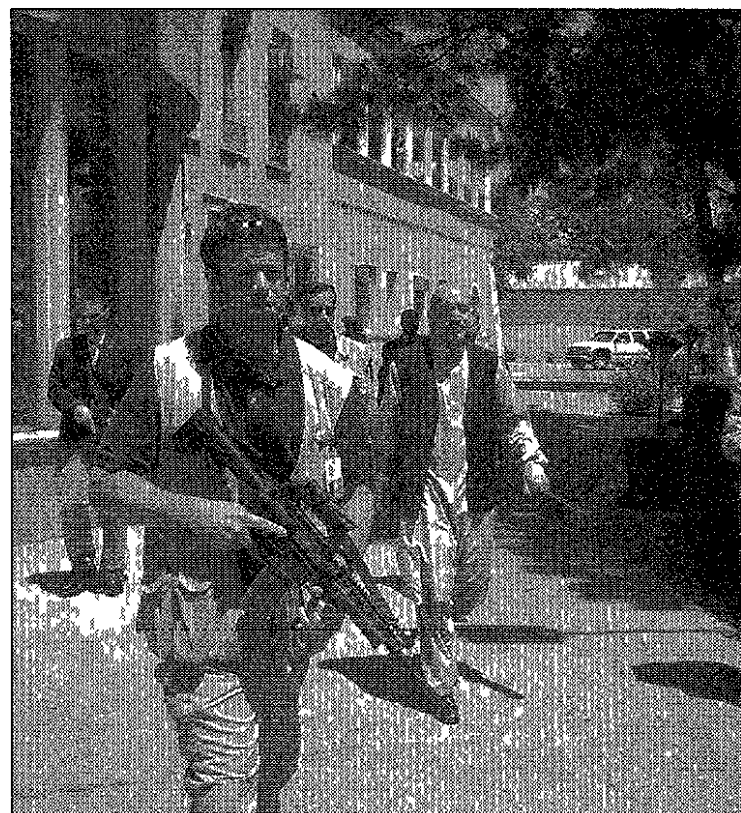
"He never veered from it," Lynda said. "He has a focus like none other."

Nick — who lived with his father, Robert, in Arizona for high school — joined the Marines after graduating in 1994. About a year and a half later, he passed the rigorous requirements — including a six-mile ocean swim — for being accepted into the Marine Recon, a special force like the Navy Seals and Green Berets.

He served in northern Kuwait and southern Iraq when the U.S. bombed Saddam Hussein for not allowing U.N. inspectors in.

With his four-year enlistment over, along with a six-month extended stay, Stumpf returned briefly to civilian life to try something new. He trained to become an underwater welder and worked on oil rigs. But the jobs were sporadic and he missed the military.

So he re-enlisted, this time in the Army, with the goal of becoming a Green Beret. However, he "blew out" his back during a parachute jump



Nick Stumpf (foreground) and other bodyguards armed with assault rifles protect President Hamid Karzai in Afghanistan.

as a member of the 18th Airborne Corp doing long-range surveillance. "I still take cortisone shots," he said of the injury, which led to a medical discharge.

He enrolled at Scottsdale Community College and Arizona State University, thinking of getting a degree so he could go into the CIA or the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Then 9/11 happened. "It was killing me," he said, of his friends in the service who were starting to deploy. "I had to get back into it. That's what really switched it around."

A friend, a Green Beret in Afghanistan, told him about the job guarding Karzai and the palace in Kabul. He applied to the U.S. firm that contracts with the State Department for that service.

The requirements included having been in the special forces, along with passing an extensive psychological evaluation and secret clearance. "Every time I took a test, they faxed it off to Washington, D.C.," he said.

He made the cut — and later successfully trained to be Karzai's bodyguard. "There were 20 of us," he said, adding seven applicants were cut. "Those were special forces guys they were cutting. Green Berets got cut."

Stumpf has been guarding Karzai since early 2004.

He said the Afghanistan president is a good guy who

loves children and has been treated unfairly by the media. But "he's stubborn," Stumpf said. "He kind of reminds me of my grandfather (Don Hayes, who owned the Clarkston Cafe)."

The helicopter attack took place just before the Oct. 9 Afghanistan election when Karzai was campaigning on the Pakistan border.

"We pretty much thought we were dead," he said, when the rockets shot at them just as the helicopter started to land. "We were 35 feet off the ground. Somehow the pilot pulled it out," he said of the "slingshot" maneuver.

"I was like, 'Holy crap.'" The only thing going through his mind, he said, was getting his seatbelt back on. "You just react. It's weird."

Stumpf also was jolted by a car bomb in September when it exploded directly behind the palace. Three of our guys were killed, he said.

While it may be her son's dream job, it sometimes keeps Lynda awake at nights. "Even my sisters (Cheri, 31, and Colleen, 25) have a really hard time with it," Stumpf said.

But Stumpf prays nightly, thanking God for keeping him safe and giving him his job. "I couldn't say I did it myself," he said of how his career has played out — and of his narrow escapes.

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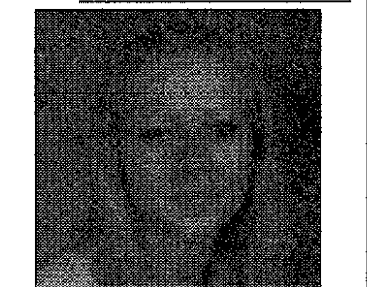
CHARLES W. HEIL

Age 67, February 10, 2005. Husband of Rose Marie for 45 1/2 years. Dad of Charles (Deborah) Heil Jr., Katherine (Mark) Tuttle, Karen (Patrick) Donahue, and Constance Colenso. Papa of Andy, Matt, and Mike. Tuttle, Ben and Sean. Colenso Charley and Robby. Heil Visitation Saturday 3:00 until 9:00 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. In state Monday 9:30 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 am. Scripture Service Sunday 5:00 pm.

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DORIS MARION HIRZEL

February 8, 2005. Dear mother of Darlene Button, Thomas Jr. Michael (Joan) and Linda Campbell. Grandmother of Heather, Tommy, Denny, Jon, Chris, Dana, and Cory. Sister of Clinton and James Chapman. Funeral Tuesday 1 p.m. from the chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Rd. (West of Lilley Rd.) Family will receive visitors Monday 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.



JESSICA LYNN JOHNSON

Age 22 of Plymouth died February 7, 2005. She was born October 3, 1982, in Livonia. She lived in Plymouth all of her life and worked for the Plymouth Canton School District. She was a talented artist and especially enjoyed drawing cartoons. She was a loving daughter, sister, granddaughter, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend. She is survived by her parents, Danny and Gail Johnson of Plymouth; her brother, Jason (Cheryl) Johnson of Livonia; her grandparents, Doris and Miller Johnson of Tennessee; and Evelyn Griffin of Marshall, MI; her aunts and uncles, Linda (Kalen) Bennett, Patt (Tom) Lynett, Sandra (Paul) Riley, Tina Isabella Lee Griffin, Jodi Johnson, and Steve Johnson. Two nieces, many cousins, and her best friend, Liz Brock. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 10, at Schrader Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Friends

HELEN F. MARTENS

Age 82, February 6, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth C. Martens. Loving mother of Karen L. (Robert) Cowen, Gloria Martens, and the late Kenneth C. Martens Jr. Devoted grandmother of 9 and great grandmother of 12. Visitation will be held on Sunday at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills from 2 pm until the time of the service at 4 pm. Memorials to Hospice Foundation of Martin and St. Lucie Counties, 1201 SE Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997.



Take It From Ernie

Ernie Harwell

Use kids' car seats

It wasn't all that long ago when a lot of our young kids freely roamed the car or sat in the front seat while we drove them from place to place.

While more people now recognize how important it is to use child safety seats, we still have some work to do educating folks on the proper use of child safety devices.

Last year, the U.S. Department of Transportation found that 73 percent of child safety restraints are misused. The most common errors were loose harness straps around the child and loose seat belts attached to the child restraint. They also determined that four out of five kids who've outgrown safety seats aren't in booster seats as they should be.

We all want our kids and grandkids to be safe while they're riding in the car. So let's all make a special effort to ensure we're doing everything possible to protect them.

And after you secure your little angel in a car or booster seat, make sure to strap yourself in with a seat belt. You're setting a good example and, once you make it a habit, you won't even realize you're doing it.

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

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Without words

Stroke patient learns to speak again

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Philip Gach renewed his driver's license last July. It might not seem like a major accomplishment, but for Gach it meant everything just to be able to answer the examiner's questions.

More than a year earlier, a stroke had left the 68-year-old Birmingham resident unable to communicate. Gach had been talking on the phone at work when all of a sudden he couldn't hear. A friend drove him to Henry Ford Medical Center in West Bloomfield where they transferred him to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. About a half an hour after his wife, Shirley, arrived, Gach couldn't speak.

"He looked at me with great fright in his eyes," said Shirley Gach, who was at her husband's side through 40 days in intensive care, seven surgeries and two bacterial infections. Gach finally came home in a wheelchair in Nov. 20, 2003, with a permanent shunt to relieve fluid on his brain. Gach doesn't remember anything for the seven months following his stroke and relies on his wife to tell the story of what he went through to be able to communicate again.

"More than a month after his surgery, a speech therapist evaluated him," said Shirley. He was barely responsive at that point. She was asking him to make vowel sounds without success, but he could sing. Speaking was another thing even



Philip Gach sings 'Blowin' in the Wind' with Debbie Gombert, a music therapist at the University of Michigan Residential Aphasia Program in Ann Arbor.

though he understood commands to squeeze your hand."

GETTING HELP

Shirley didn't know where to look for help for the aphasia, a language impairment caused by stroke, brain injury or cancer. A family member went on the Internet and found the University of Michigan Residential

Aphasia Program. Within a month, Gach's communication skills were being evaluated by the Ann Arbor staff.

Established in 1947 to assist World War II veterans who'd sustained brain injuries in combat, RAP designs individualized therapy programs that vary in length. Three months of speech therapy at Beaumont helped Gach to speak in sentences, read and write but he still had a long way to go. Aphasia affects patients differently depending on the severity of brain damage. Some are unable to comprehend words, others can't speak, read or write.

Four months after determining his communication level, Gach and Shirley checked into a hotel in Ann Arbor. Five days a week for six weeks, Gach attended therapy sessions. On weekends, they went home to save on costs. The program cost \$24,000 and was not covered by insurance. "It was just like going to school with individual and group therapy, music therapy. We even had homework every night,"

said Gach, who kept a journal of his challenges on computer. He hopes to eventually return to work. Two years before the stroke, he had been in Europe directing procurement operations for Lear Corp. At the time of the stroke, he was working as a purchasing manager for a Novi business.

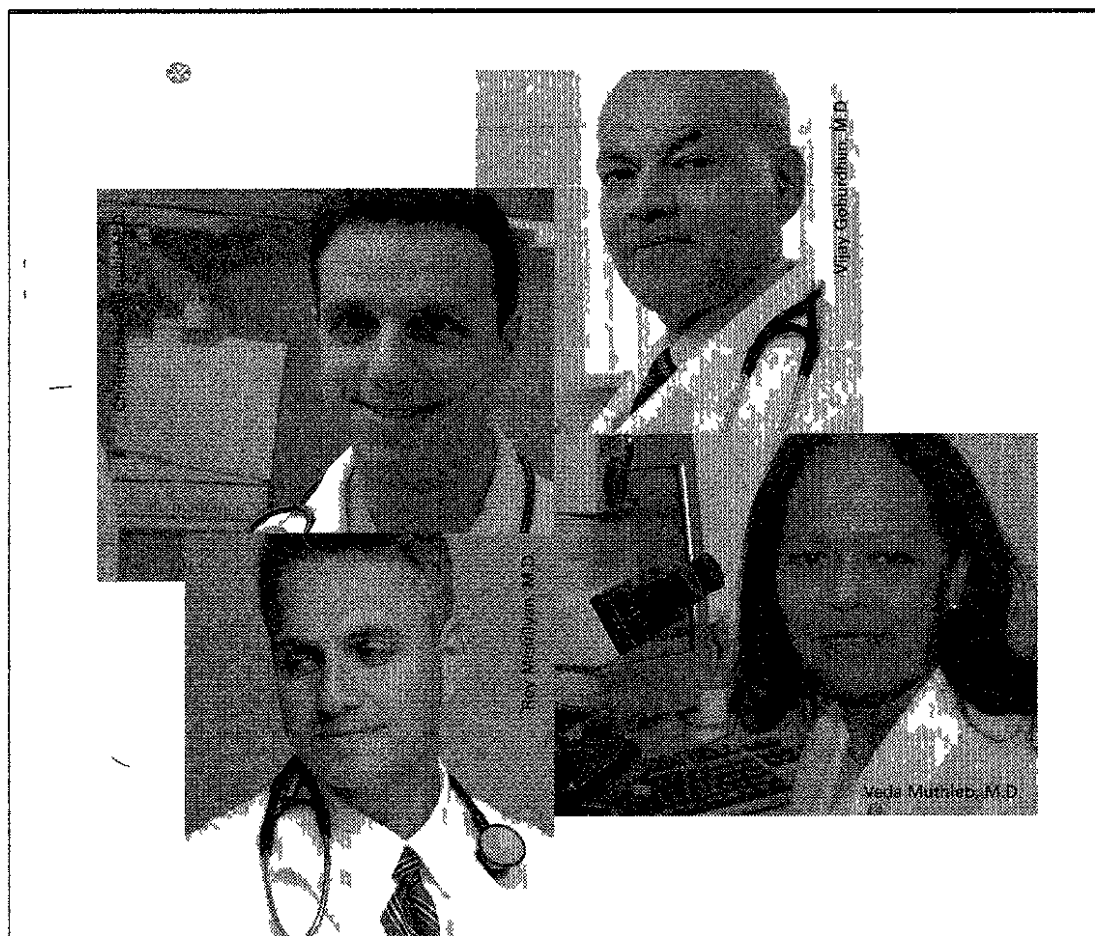
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"It's being able to find the word. The biggest part is the words won't come. You can go around," Gach gestures as he struggles to find the appropriate words. RAP programs help clients regain skills and develop new ways of communicating when necessary.

"It's frustrating," said Gach. "You can see it but can't find it."

"It wasn't just speaking but comprehension, word retrieval," added Shirley. "Every week we went out to dinner on Wednesday night with the group so they could practice their communication skills."

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Doctor recommends celebrating Valentine's Day all year round

Chocolate, wine and romance aren't just the quickest ways to your true love's heart. A University of Michigan Health System cardiologist says these Valentine's Day traditions are also the way to a healthy heart.

The spirit of Valentine's Day with intimacy, a little wine, some chocolate, bringing home flowers or sweets is a tradition we should follow throughout the year. It's one day of celebration that we should continue on a daily basis," said Dr. Melvyn Rubenfire, director of Preventive Cardiology.

Don't feel guilty if you bring home a box of chocolates for your sweetheart as part of your Valentine's Day celebration this year.

"Chocolate has good antioxidants that are cardiac or vascular protective," said Rubenfire. These antioxidants, also known as flavonoids, are also found in fruits, vegetables, tea, and red and white wine, and they reduce the risk of blood clots and heart disease.

The amount of flavonoids in a particular chocolate depends on processing. White chocolate has the fewest flavonoids, while dark chocolate has the most. Rubenfire says it isn't clear whether milk or dark chocolate is better for you, "but there are benefits to chocolate that go beyond their good taste." Oddly, in addition to

protecting the heart, chocolate also may alleviate coughing. A recent study in England found that cocoa, the main ingredient in chocolate, contains the flavonoid theobromide, and that theobromide was nearly three times more effective in stopping persistent coughs than codeine.

While there are many potential benefits from eating chocolate there is a limit to how much we should eat. Rubenfire notes that chocolate is relatively high in fat and dark chocolate is high in saturated fat. Still, it isn't as dangerous as palm and coconut oils found in some sweets.

"Just like most foods, eating chocolate in moderation can have benefits but it's full of calories from fats and sugars so we've got to be very careful not to eat too much," said Rubenfire.

As you cozy up to your loved one with a glass of wine or champagne this Valentine's Day, take heart. Wine and other alcoholic beverages can also have benefits for your cardiovascular health.

"Wine and other spirits are actually associated with a better long-term prognosis in adults. Longevity is increased with moderate use of alcoholic beverages of all types," said Rubenfire.

In particular, wine seems a good choice because of its high

antioxidant content. Moderate use of wine is pretty well demonstrated to be healthy for us, and of course makes us feel good," he said.

Alcoholic beverages increase the amount of the "good" cholesterol, or high-density lipoproteins - HDL cholesterol - in the blood.

All alcohol produces them to a similar degree. As you raise the levels of HDL cholesterol, the risk of heart attacks and strokes can decrease, says Rubenfire.

Still, drinking alcoholic beverages should be done in moderation. To reap the benefits, limit your intake to an average of one serving per day for women and two per day for men. Drinking to excess can counteract the positive effects of alcohol and actually increase the risk of accidental deaths, alcoholism, liver disease (including cirrhosis), obesity, stroke, some cancers, high blood pressure, heart muscle disease, fetal alcohol syndrome, irregular heart beat, and even sudden death.

According to a study published by the American Heart Association, drinking an average of three or more alcoholic beverages per day over the long-term is associated with these increased risks. Alcohol use should not be viewed as a way to prevent or treat heart and vascular disease and

'It's very important to realize that support systems and social relationships are very important to our wellness.'

Dr. Melvyn Rubenfire
U-M cardiologist

should be avoided during pregnancy.

The intimacy and spiritual relationships or connections that one can have with their significant other are very important to your health - cardiovascular and otherwise. Longevity and the feeling of health and wellness are all promoted by the Valentine's Day spirit, said Rubenfire.

"It's very important to realize that support systems and social relationships are very important to our wellness. We've all heard of the married couples who are married for many, many years and when one of them dies, the other dies shortly thereafter."

Rubenfire attributes this to the fact that there is a lot of evidence that suggests people who are ill but who have a good support system through a spouse, friends or family, live longer than people who don't



Shirley Gach has been at husband Philip's side ever since he suffered a stroke in April 2003.

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"It's an extraordinary program. Phil's comprehension, sentence formulation improved. He was able to explain things better. He was having progression of thought and was able to follow directions. He was better at explaining because he was keeping a journal."

Shirley sat in on 90 percent of the sessions. Family members and caregivers are an important part of the program. The two still travel to Ann Arbor once a week to take part in the Language Enrichment Group. The ongoing program allows Gach to practice communication skills with patients from as far away as Fenton, Lansing, Jackson, and Toledo.

FAMILY MATTERS

The program is also for caregivers, said Joanne Pierson, associate director of

RAP. We want to help spouses learn new ways of communication. We do conversational coaching to understand you may need to speak more slowly, rephrase a question, give them time to respond.

We're such a verbal society. They need to learn other ways whether it's a pocket communicator to point to what they need, learning to have a pencil and paper so they can draw. We teach them to use gestures, to signal dialing a phone."

In Gach's case, singing brought much success.

"There are clients who can't say anything but can sing songs. The music helps them to get their words out," said Mimi Block, head of clinical services. Success with music therapy is common for people with aphasia. Singing enables them to say words or phrases."

For more information, call (734) 764-8440 or visit www.aphasiahelp.com. khomin@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2145.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

Chemical sensitivity support

The group for the chemically sensitive their families and friends meets 2:5 p.m. Sunday Feb. 13 at the Good Food Company West, 42615 Ford at the southwest corner of Ford and Lilley Canton. We will have a Valentine celebration bring your favorite cassettes or CDs for a free newsletter call (248) 349-4972 or (734) 973-1727.

The chemically sensitive are people who are made uncomfortable or ill by exposure to such things as perfume, pesticides, smoke, new building materials, paint, chemical fumes, etc.

Cholesterol screening

In an effort to educate community members about the importance of maintaining healthy cholesterol levels, the University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses is teaming up with Kroger to offer cholesterol screening clinics. More than 64 million Americans suffer from some form of cardiovascular disease which remains the number one killer in America according to the American Heart Association. High blood cholesterol is a major risk factor for heart

disease and stroke. A total cholesterol level higher than 240 can double a person's risk for heart disease and stroke. Clinics will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at locations including Monday, Feb. 14, 2641 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor; and Friday, Feb. 18, 3200 Carpenter Road, Ypsilanti. Cost is \$10 each and will provide Total and HDL cholesterol levels. People younger than 18 must bring parent or guardian. For more heart disease and cholesterol information visit www.americanheart.org.

Classes

Strengthen Your Bones Naturally 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 16 and 23 at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Livonia. Learn from health educator Sandy Baumann how to protect your bones by identifying various bone robbers like nicotine, inactivity, caffeine, etc. Cost is \$64, seniors \$51.20. Includes workbook. Register by calling (734) 462-4448.

Lecture

Control the aging process naturally. Learn secrets about hormones and health that every woman needs to know. Learn the causes of hormonal

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Blood drive

Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 16 at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call (800) GIVE LIFE.

Fibromyalgia workshop

Dr. Kramer will give the free workshop 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 16 at the Carl Sandburg Library on Seven Mile in Livonia. Seating is limited. To register call (248) 426-0201.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22. Gaining Financial Control of Your Divorce. Room 225 of the McDowell Center, 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile Livonia. For more information call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Meningitis immunization helps prevent disease

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, especially when it could mean the difference between life and death for graduating high school seniors bound for college. Bacterial meningitis strikes swiftly and suddenly, leaving its victims with limb amputations or dead in as little as two hours.

Annually, approximately 2,400 to 3,000 Americans fall victim to bacterial meningitis, about 10 percent die from it. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, meningitis immunizations are effective at preventing this disease that is six times more likely to plague college freshmen living in dorms. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan urges parents and high schools to book vaccinations now before students graduate.

The State of Michigan mandates that high

schools and colleges inform students and parents about bacterial meningitis, also known as meningococcal meningitis, and the preventative vaccine.

"Awareness is key to prevention," said Kay Renny, manager of Community Programs at Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan.

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is one of a handful of locations for students to get the vaccine either by appointment at its Oak Park office, at their school or at a 'shot party' at home.

"We believe this immunization is important," said Renny. "While meningitis is rare, its effects are deadly."

To learn more, visit www.vna.org. To schedule an appointment or a clinic at your school, call (248) 967-8751.

Do you have Fibromyalgia (FMS)?

Help us better understand this disorder. Volunteer to participate in research!

The University of Michigan Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center (CPFRC) is recruiting and screening individuals diagnosed with FMS to become part of a research candidate pool. Prior to enrollment in the pool, individuals with FMS will be asked to attend a screening appointment.

Potential research candidates should be between 18-45 years of age and have been previously diagnosed with FMS.

Upon completion of a screening evaluation, eligible volunteers will be advised of upcoming studies and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of research projects to be conducted over the next 1-3 years.

Volunteers receive financial compensation for time and participation.

For more information about the research candidate pool and/or to schedule a screening appointment contact the CPFRC at: 1-866-288-0046

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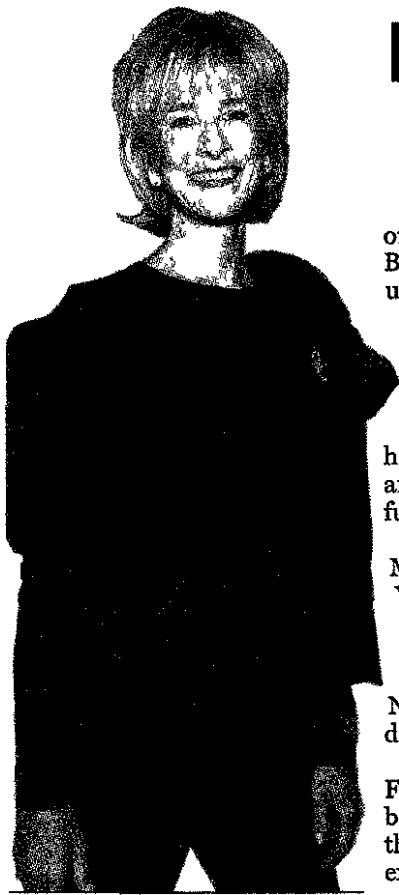
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Designer beams with passion for fashion

BY ELAINE PERLIN CROSSLEY
PINK CORRESPONDENT

With the silhouette, aura and poise of a model, fashion designer Dana Buchman is known for creating luxurious and elegant clothing full of beautifully tailored suits and dresses. Recognized for 18 years of elegant creations, Buchman emphasizes that fashion is about the "new" and the "now" — and her collections strike a perfect balance between cutting edge style and function.

The glowing blonde, born in Memphis, Tenn., now resides in New York's TriBeCa and works in the midst of 7th Avenue's hustle-bustle. Married for over 20 years, Buchman and husband, Tom, a New York judge, have two teenage daughters, Charlotte and Annie Rose. Buchman recently visited Saks Fifth Avenue for a fashion show and benefactor reception. After the event, the designer mingled with guests who experienced her charm for themselves. Everywhere she ventured, she was a breath of fresh air as she enthused, "Fashion is about the pure joy of being a woman — it's all about letting go!"

PINK had the pleasure of a "one-to-one" chat with the design diva and here's what she had to say about fashion, family and more.

How does your Southern background play into your work?
It has given me awareness of diversity — different lifestyles, attitudes and a variety of climates. For example, Troy is very different from Tennessee, which is again different from New York. Women are on the move — they travel, own businesses, do charity work — it's about living the life of the consumer and understanding her needs.

Many artists say they knew from childhood that they meant to pursue their talent. Was this the case for you?
Yes. As a child, I loved to play 'dress-up' and I loved to sew and make things. I come from an artistic family — in fact, my brother is a sculptor.

How do you strike a balance between style and function?
Designing is about function. As I design, I imagine what women want and what feels great. And fashion is about the 'new'. A blend of material, color and fabric creates excitement — tweed with denim, satin with twill, leather with silk.

In what clothing do you feel great?
I love sweaters! Knitted tops are a great foundation for someone who's active. They're so comfortable — and I'm always reaching and stretching at work.

What tips do you have for today's women leading "on the go" demanding lives?
Treat yourself to some form of luxury — something that makes you feel good or that you can simply look at and admire. We all experience some sadness in life, and nice things help to make us feel better. And mix and match with your own aesthetic sense.

Dana Buchman Days
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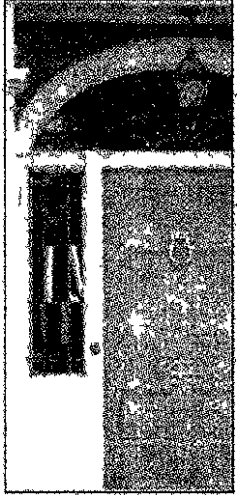
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Why vinyl siding on home? Count the ways

(MS) - Vinyl siding is fast becoming the exterior cladding of choice for homeowners across the country. This growing interest is a result of design innovation and advanced technology, according to Bob Garrett, brand manager, LP Vinyl, a major producer of vinyl siding.

"Vinyl siding gives consumers the features and benefits they want when choosing materials for their homes," said Garrett. Here he outlines the key reasons, using his company's products as example.

COLOR AND TEXTURE

A broad range of colors meets every architectural and design need. The LP Norman Rockwell Vinyl Siding Collection is one of the longest color lines on the market, with options that range from deep darks to neutrals to white. High quality pigments and new technology such as the LP ChromaLock process resist the damaging rays of the sun and provide an attractive look for years to come. Cedar-grained texture, in a solid color or a hand-stained look, replicates real wood siding.

DESIGN VERSATILITY

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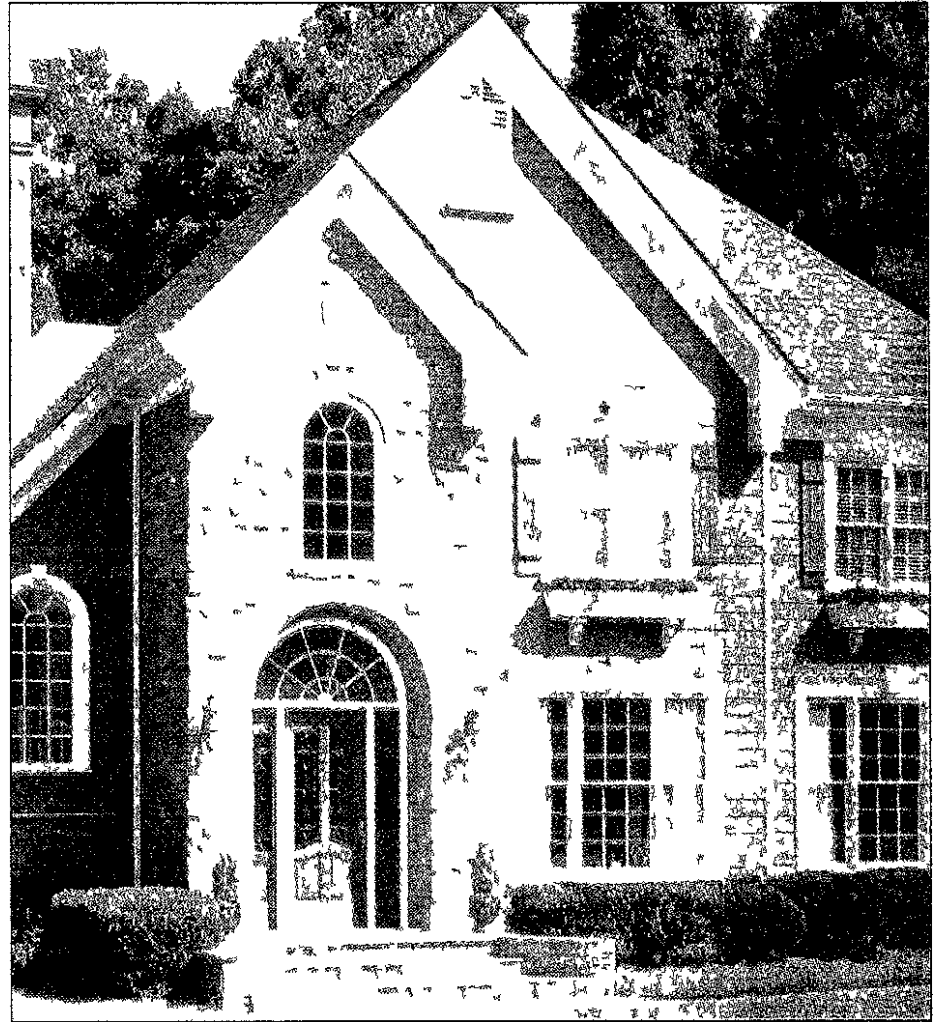
most popular is the traditional clapboard style, says Garrett, but you also have a choice of a Dutchlap look, the square format of perfection shingles, scalloped edges for accent and a board and batten like Maxim Board and Batten, new from LP. A wide selection of soffits and decorative accessories add the finishing details to each installation.

EASY CARE

Vinyl siding is engineered for quality and durability. A variety of thicknesses, reinforcements around the nail hem and locking systems combine to add strength. LP products are designed to resist impacts in cold temperatures and are rated to stand up to winds as high as 201 miles per hour, depending upon the product.

It's also inherently easy to care for, says Garrett. Unlike wood, vinyl siding will not peel or crack and never needs painting. A spray with the garden hose, as needed, will suffice to retain its appearance.

For more information on the various LP vinyl siding collections, call (888) 820-0325 or visit www.lpvinyl.com



This home features LP Shingle vinyl siding with the low gloss, woodgrain texture of real cedar shingles. The square format along with the second story window boxes and contrasting shutters lend the look of a country cottage to the exterior.

Sell your house before you buy a new one and save

I own a house, should I find and buy a new one or list my house first?

Many sellers are faced with this very same question. I recently had a client who was afraid to list her property until she found her ideal house. She was concerned that if she listed her condo and someone bought her place, she may not have the time to find the perfect new house for her and her husband.

What should you do? You want to move, however, you are afraid that if you sell your home before you find another one, you may be forced into a home that you may not completely like.



Ask a Realtor

Michael Aldouby

Usually selling takes a great deal more time than buying. In many parts, it takes about 90 days from the time of listing your property to the time it is sold. After it is sold, it usually takes anywhere from a month to 45 days to close. Then, in your purchase agreement, you note how long after close you will

have a right to stay at your home before you must leave. You may request 30 to 60 days occupancy.

The buying process should not take long. You can see what is out there very quickly. You can pretty much look at all that is out there that meet your criteria in one weekend. In the case of the concerned lady, her condo sold the following week end after listing it, and she bought the house two weeks later.

The problem with buying a new home before you list your property is that you would then be pressured to accept a much lower offer for your home. You

may be forced into a position where you would be paying a double mortgage or have to take out a bridge loan.

If you would like to buy a house and you still own your home, you could give a contingent offer that states that you will buy the house when your home sells. Homeowners rarely like getting contingent offers and you usually have 70 hours to pry up if someone else gives a competing offer. Buyers who lose a home that they have been become emotionally attached to are rarely happy campers.

Let's say you don't find that perfect home after you just

sold your house, and you are running out of days that you may occupy your now sold home. If worst comes to worst, you may consider renting for the interim. Moving twice is certainly not an ideal, however, it beats the risk of paying two mortgages.

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The spacious kitchen, open to the second floor, is a cook's delight. The central cooking island allows free motion whether serving meals in the dining room or more casually in the skylighted nook. Nearby is a walk-in pantry with lots of shelf space. Hot snacks can also be brought into the vaulted family room, the hub of this elegant home. Here family and friends can gather in front of the built-in entertainment center while the fireplace keeps everyone warm. When the weather brightens, take the fun out on the back deck.

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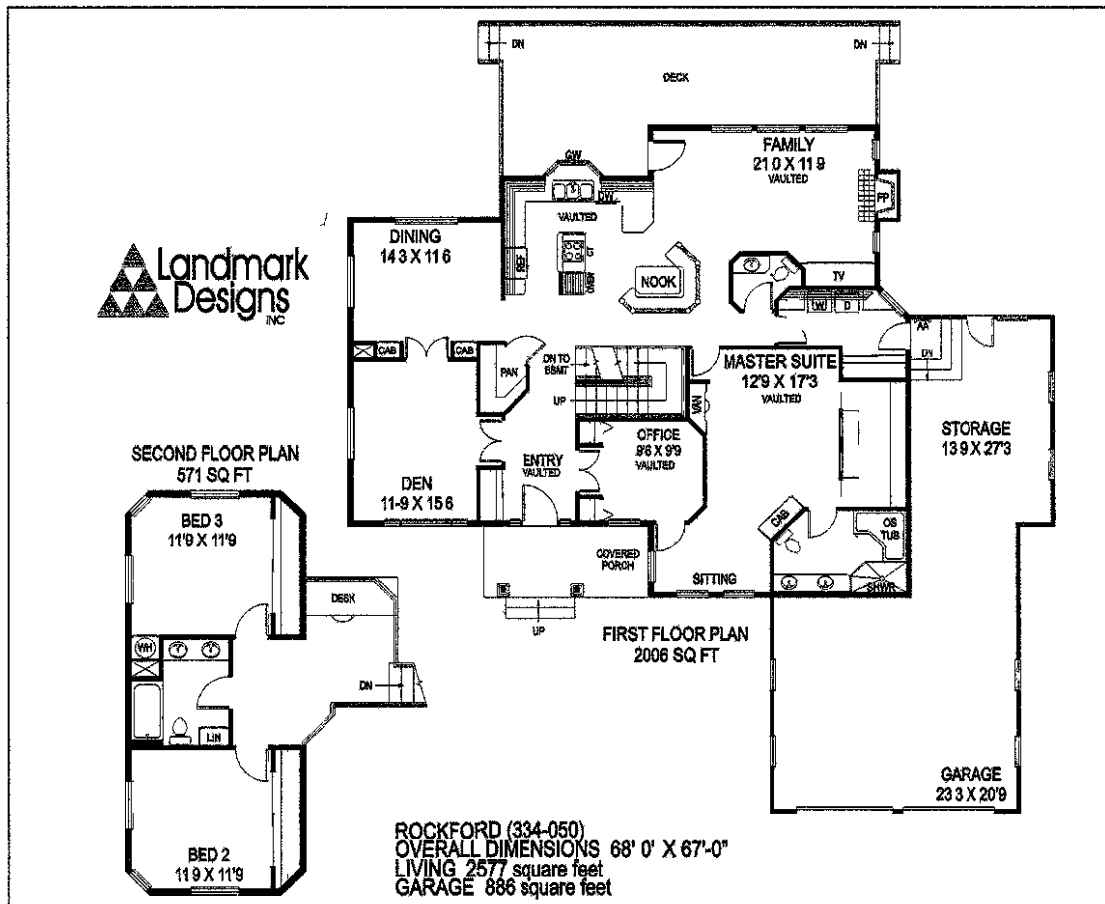


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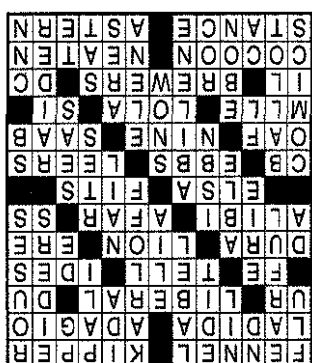
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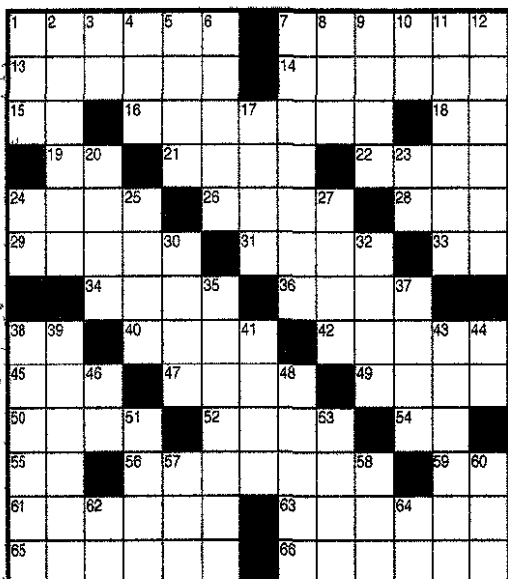
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4 BR forma model Newe carpet into o p nrt kt flr huge foys w/ hdwd flr crown molding cat ch ce ng n FR kt & master ste extra w/ doos w/ 2 doo wa s 2 decks v el bar 5 ce ng fans x deep 2 car gar
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HUNTINGTON WOODS Attention To Detail
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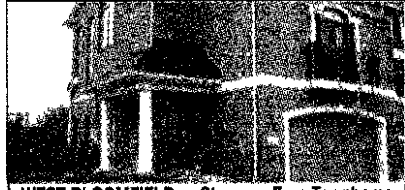
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Stunning Euro Townhome
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5 bedrooms 4 1/2 baths entertainers delight w/ th 3 frplcs gourmet kt sparring ceiling b oged uppe eye crowdndntal motl ng master ste w/ th n hors WIC sky ghts ac tub sep shower fin bsmt & 3 car gar
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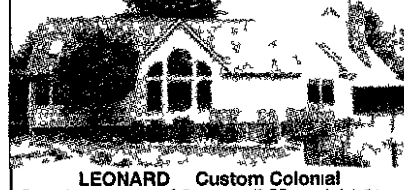
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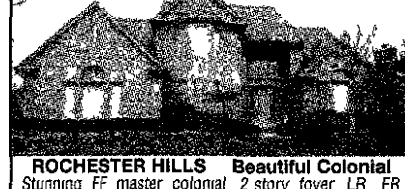
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Builders see smart homes as wise decisions for homeowners

BY DAVID BRADLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

New homes with a mind of their own may seem futuristic to homeowners but not to the nation's home builders.

According to a survey of more than 1,000 home builders, the reality of the "smart home" is here and now.

A majority of builders - nearly two in three - say they already construct homes with an eye on "smart home" technology as it exists now and how it may yet evolve. The idea of ordering your oven to preheat as you sit in an office or turning on lights and adjusting thermostats as you're stuck in traffic will be commonplace, along with dozens of other in-home possibilities.

The survey, by home center retailer

Lowe's, is a sign that high-tech homes are going mainstream in the housing sector.

According to David Steed, senior vice president of merchandising for Lowe's, that builders have warmed to creation of homes in sync with laptops or programmed for household functions is evidence that homeowners best be aware of more than bricks and mortar as they build their next home or undertake a major home renovation.

"Builders are keenly aware of how their business is changing and being driven by technology considerations," says Steed. "It's not a trend as much as it is simply the way home building is going."

Yet homeowners aren't in the dark about the enlightened possibilities. Some 51 percent of builders say their

customers ask for the technology now.

And the pace of smart home technology seems poised to rapidly gain greater steam. The majority of builders see smart homes as having already arrived or just a few years away from catching on across the housing spectrum. Only 14 percent think the concept is five or more years away from widespread acceptance.

Right now, smart home technology centers on preparing a home to accept - or be ready to accept - various technologies.

FUNCTION JUNCTION

Scott Goodelle, of Pass and Seymour, a supplier of what is described as high function junction boxes that bundle phone, broadcast and Internet technology through one spot in the house, says houses today

offer "structured wiring," meaning that builders run high-capacity cables throughout the home to link rooms, appliances and entertainment devices. He suggests builders include additional wiring capacity during construction or remodeling so the home is ready to adapt as technologies and needs change.

Just how and when those changes occur is anyone's guess. Steed of Lowe's says that while beefed-up wiring in a home seems simple, having it centralized with easy access for upgrades and adaptations is the linchpin that will allow a home to change along with technology.

Although the cost to adequately wire a home - Goodelle pegs cable costs at a nickel per foot - adds incrementally to construction costs, home-

owners would do well to take a long term view that their home will be in a state of readiness as technology becomes available. A so-called smart home can also be viewed as a plus by potential buyers during resale. One-quarter of builders say homeowner perception that the added cost isn't worth it may be a significant barrier to smart home technology.

For their part, builders think homeowners will gravitate to smart homes over time. One-third of builders say the concept will take off as consumers see smart home technology featured in show or display homes.

The survey was taken among attendees at the International Builder Show in Orlando, Fla.

Whirlpool: Nice to come home to

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Style-oriented Europeans have transformed a distinctly American invention into a work of relaxation art.

Sleek cars? Trendy handbags? Designer clothes? Nope. How about a whirlpool bath?

Bath- and spa-maker Jacuzzi has teamed with Ferrari designer Pininfarina to create a whirlpool bath that is expected to make a splash among high end tubs once it reaches the U.S. market in March.

The new appliance, dubbed Morphosis, elevates the premium whirlpool experience beyond the notion of warm water swirling in a tub.

"This will be a statement piece in a bathroom," said Betsy Sikes of Charlotte, N.C.

Sikes has sold jetted spas and tubs for more than 20 years for Hughes Kitchen and Bath Supply, and sees this as a whirlpool tub people will focus on in their bath design, not the other way around.

Today's whirlpool and spa experience is intended to be intensely personal for har-

ried, tapped-out users who see spas as an escape if not outright therapy.

Sikes uses terms such as "hydromassage" and "chromatherapy" to describe what her customers seek in upscale tubs.

Hydrotherapy in premium models such as the Morphosis involves multiple well-placed jets of water heated to a constant temperature to gently pummel aches and pains into submission.

Chromatherapy derives from a centuries-old practice that colors hold properties to soothe the stressed.

Each model of this high-tech tub uses multicolor fiber optic lights in the jets and LED lights in the arch to merge water and light into a soothing experience.

Jacuzzi president Kent Baker doesn't separate the physical functions of Morphosis from the esthetics of the Pininfarina design. Both, he says, complement each other.

"How often would you take guests into the master bathroom to show them a tub?" said Baker. "We see consumers getting emotional

about the design, and that is part of the overall spa experience."

Pininfarina is an Italian studio best known for its design of Ferrari, Alfa Romeo and Peugeot sport cars.

"Jacuzzi knows how to move water, but Pininfarina was really the best choice for design when it comes to an upscale model like this," said Baker.

The sleek acrylic design is featured in white with chrome fixtures. There are three models available in oval shapes or to fit in corners. Retail prices are expected to be in the \$19,000 to \$22,000 range.

Sikes said many customers "won't bat an eye" at the cost because many will "see this as an investment piece."

Style, she said, is more important than ever.

For others, a functional spa experience is worth it at the end of the day.

"My customers want a sanctuary, a place where they go lock the door in the bathroom and just sit in the tub and relax," said Sikes. "There is an emotional attachment." On the Web: www.jacuzzi.com

It's still a great time to buy

(NAPSI) - According to a recently released survey by the National Association of Realtors, first time homebuyers currently account for 40 percent of all homes purchased. This significant portion of home purchasers has helped fuel record levels of home sales over the past several years and economic conditions indicate future first time homebuyers will remain a substantial percentage of the overall market.

On average, first time homebuyers are relatively young and financially stable. As cited in the NAR survey, the typical homebuyer is 32, has a household income of \$52,500 and makes a down payment of 3 percent on a home costing \$139,000. With current mortgage rates still hovering at near historic low levels, those in the market for their first home will still be enticed by the advantages of home ownership.

As one might predict, the majority of first time homebuyers seek the expert guidance of real estate professionals when beginning the search process. ERA Real Estate, one of the world's largest residential real estate franchises, is one company that provides customized services to meet the needs of those purchasing a home for the first time.

The ERA Answers book, for example, is a free resource guide available to first time buyers without obligation in a print version at ERA offices and online at www.ERA.com. The book addresses more than 90 of the most frequently asked questions about buying and selling a home and has been specifically designed to help consumers feel more comfortable and confident about their home buying and selling decisions. On the company's Web site: ERA.com, My

ERA.com offers first time homebuyers convenient and useful features such as My Virtual Assistant, which allows visitors to save and access their local office/agent profiles and track and record activities such as title searches and utility information. Create A Room is another feature of My ERA.com that can be used to design a virtual room layout for moving or redecorating purposes. For the especially tech-savvy homebuyer, ERA.com Mobile allows complete access to ERA.com home listings from wireless tools, including cell phones and personal digital assistants.

Through ERA Mortgage, there is a range of flexible mortgage options specifically designed to meet the needs of first time homebuyers such as 100% financing. ERA's Web site also features an "Affordability Calculator" to help those in the market for their first home determine exactly what their financing needs may be. And ERA's range of "Select Consumer Services" offers discounts on many goods and services first time buyers may need - such as insurance, security alarms, moving and home warranties.

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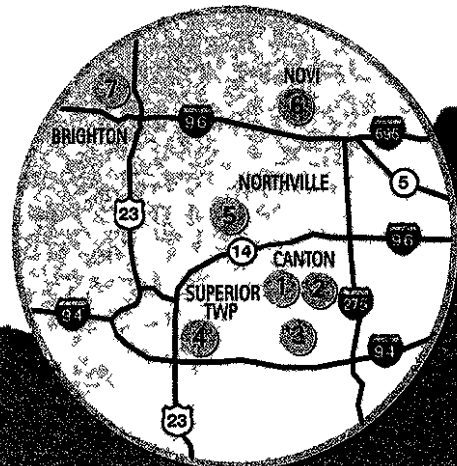
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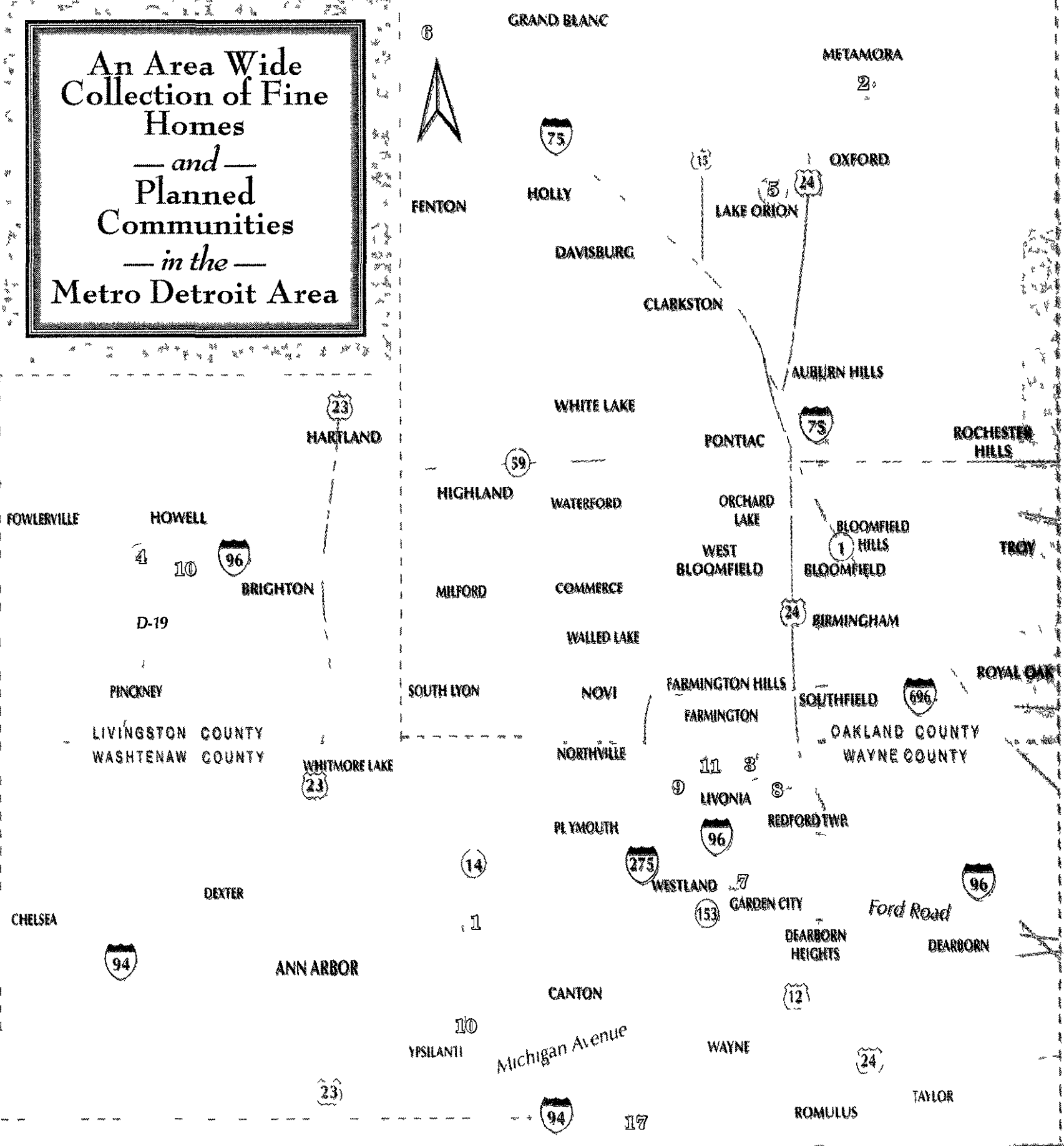


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Close to downtown Plymouth!
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• Ranch style patio
• private entrance
• washer/dryer in apt
• lots of storage!
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2 bdrm 1 bath garage shed
new carpeting freshly
painted appliances 950
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Mobile homes 1 & 2 & 3 bed
room appliances No pets
From \$400/month
3 Mile/Merriman 248 477 2080

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large room \$355/mo includes
utilities (734) 658 8823

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Bath clean furnished sleep-
ing room w/kitchenette
call \$115/wk 313 387 9694

REDFORD TWP Nice room
\$300/mo includes utilities
Kitchen washer/dryer No
deposit 248 808 0552

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A/C Jacuzzi n rooms maid
service HBO Local tv/wkly
rates

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Royal Inn 248 544 1575
Fairlane 248 347 9999

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with house privileges Nice area
must see \$400/mo includes
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1000 sq ft with 6 cubicals
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Market Rates in Southfield
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1 & 2 room windowed offices
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865 sq ft Immediate occu-
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REDFORD 2500 sq ft build-
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Designer office space in
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ter Share 1340 sq ft w/3
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studio w/amenities 24/7
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account included
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2250 sq ft all or part
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734 522 1618 313 790 0208

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5080 Help Wanted
5090 Help Wanted
5100 Help Wanted
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5120 Help Wanted
5200 Help Wanted
5240 Help Wanted
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LAW ENFORCEMENT Full time no exp Req d We train M/F age 17-34 Good pay excellent benefits educational and travel opportunities

LEASING AGENT Part/Time for Westland Apts Leasing/ Customer service exp preferred

LEASING AGENT Full time for The Kensington of Beverly Hills Customer service exp required

LEASING AGENT Wynndchase Townhomes is seeking to fill immediate FULL TIME position in Canton area

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MAILING LIST PROCESSOR Permanent part time position Mailing industry experience desired but willing to train

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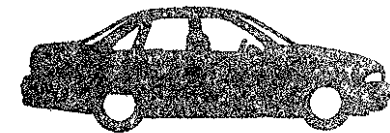
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This substantial luxury vehicle has a lot going for it comfort, styling, power, technologically savvy and has great functionality

The 2005 Cadillac Escalade ESV is extremely roomy inside and can accommodate the largest of individuals without a problem There are plenty of people-hauling and cargo-hauling capabilities as well

There are a lot of new features on this Escalade ESV this year, including the fact that's 22 inches longer than Escalade, which results in 20 more inches of interior length That gives you more room to stretch, and more room to stuff all your worldly belongings in the cargo area

The new features are just refinements, like a brand new premium instrument cluster that bring out the gauges even more through the use of bright chrome around them Instrumentation is also refined through better placement of items and larger graphics There's also new walnut trim throughout

On the outside, you'll find a bright chrome exhaust tip, touch-screen navigation with a 6 1/2 inch screen, a new cooling system that's more powerful and OnStar that can be operated hands-free There's also a new color that's named Riptide, which is teal blue metallic

The OnStar system is first rate, as usual This is the sixth generation of OnStar and now has more digitalization The hands-free recognition capabilities are a little better this year, too At one point in the week, the OnStar was engaged by accident and kept asking me questions over and over Finally, after about seven questions, it asked me if I wanted it disengaged Thankfully, I responded affirmatively Glad that was over



2005 Escalade. Vehicle class: Luxury half-ton eight passenger sport utility. Power: 6.0 liter V8. Fuel Economy: 13 mpg city/17 mpg highway.

There's also an active personal calling feature that lets you receive and make hands-free, voice-activated calls This year, Cadillac lets you have the OnStar Virtual Advisor for 12 months without charge The Advisor provides three-day weather forecasts and traffic reports within your choice of five, 10 or 15 miles of your location You can also receive information on up to 10 selected stocks -- all at the touch of a button

Powered by a Vortec high-output 6.0-liter V8 that delivers 345 horsepower, the Escalade ESV has enough power to climb steep grades with ease or pull up to a two horse trailer

Stuff on the ESV you'll appreciate are all-wheel-drive, StabiliTrak with road sensing suspension, rear parking assist, XM Satellite radio, a stunning analog clock and rear seat DVD system for the kiddies -- or your bored passengers

There's no mistaking the Escalade in its styling cues From its aggressive front end with its signature Cadillac badging and high intensity headlamps to its rectangular parking lamps and turn signals in the rear, this vehicle is very, very classy

The interior appointments are all smooth and flow effortlessly around the driver and passengers Full leather seating with heated seats up front are a blessing on frigid days You can even opt for heated seats in the second row seating stations The third-row bench

seat, of course, can be flipped, folded or completely removed Second and third row seats flip down to allow you to have a flat, level surface for loading large items like a grandfather clock or something like that

There are two distinctive models to choose from in the ESV line Upgrade to the Platinum Edition and you get better interior materials including pleated door panels and walnut accenting on the steering wheel, console, door pulls, window switches and interior trim

This premium package also provides you with cooled and heated front-row and second-row seats, cooled upholders in front and embroidered floor mats for the ultimate in luxury

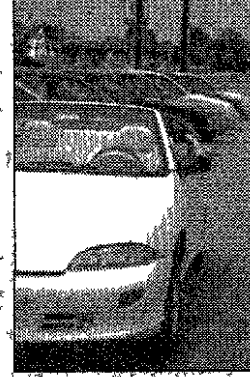
For your maximum convenience, you'll find a Bose sound system with six-CD changer and in speakers throughout the cabin, XM Satellite radio and two 7-inch DVD screens -- on in the second row and another in the third row It comes with four wireless headphones for mom and dad's pleasure The DVD-based navigation system is also standard

The Cadillac Escalade ESV is certainly a premium luxury vehicle that makes a true statement on the road

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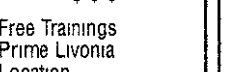
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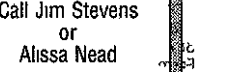
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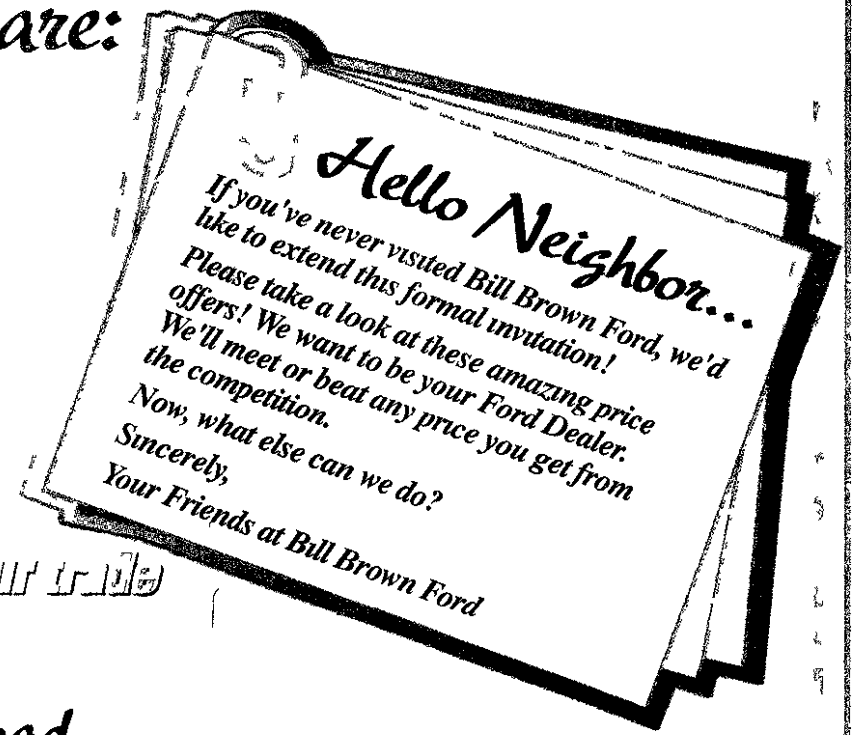
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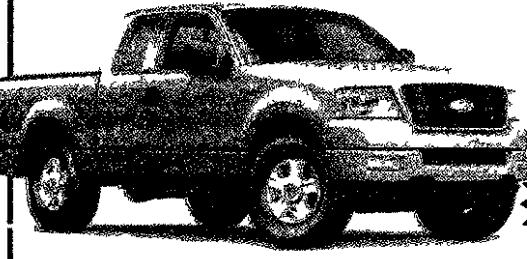
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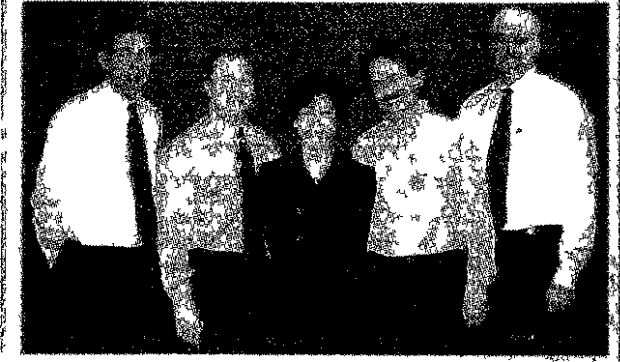
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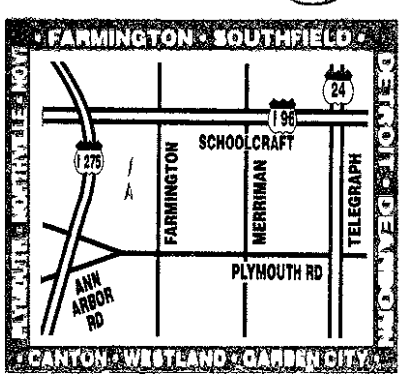
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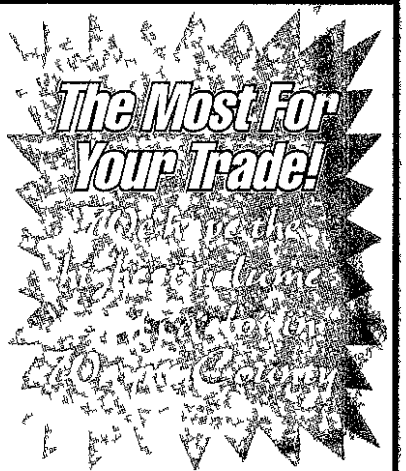
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