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NHL meltdown puts freeze on Whaler cash



Plymouth goalie Ryan Nie and his Whalers teammates could feel the pinch of the cancellation of the NHL season

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Wednesday's not-too-surprising announcement that the National Hockey League finally canceled its season hit the Plymouth Whalers hard in the pocketbook

We're out about \$100,000 because we're not getting money from the NHL, said Mike Vellucci, president, general manager and coach of the Ontario Hockey League team. There currently is no agreement between the NHL and Canadian Hockey League, so until the player agreement is settled we will continue to be out that money. That money relates to one-

tenth of the Whalers more than \$1 million budget

The Whalers consist of players ranging in age from 16 to 21. Because the OHL is a developmental league, without the NHL there is no money coming from the big league for developing players. And, it doesn't help the Whalers players, who Vellucci said get paid \$50 a week, to go along with housing and schooling. Our players are trying to get drafted by the NHL, and we've got two guys who are rated for the top round this year, said Vellucci. It's not good if it extends for too long. But, eventually this will be settled, he said. I have to imagine

that it won't be too detrimental to our organization.

John Folino, founder and former player of the American Transmissions Rhinos in Plymouth, said the cancellation of the NHL season is disappointing

It's a classic example of very passionate parties refusing to budge until it's too late, said Folino, who played recreational hockey on the Rhinos for nearly 20 years. It will come back in Detroit, eventually, but a lot of goodwill has been lost.

The players should realize they had it pretty good the past seven years with the last collective bargaining agreement, he said. Without the NHL and Detroit

Red Wings around, the Plymouth Whalers have seen a jump in attendance. According to Pete Krupsky, director of communications for the Whalers, the team is average 3,200 fans per game, which is up about 100 from last year.

Traditionally, in the past, we did not draw well in the fall, but this year the interest started from the beginning of the season, said Krupsky. The NHL lockout has helped us, but not to the extent people seem to feel.

We're selling our product as family-oriented entertainment, and I think the public has really taken to it, he said.

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County: City still on hook for underpass bills

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As Plymouth city commissioners lean toward rescinding earlier resolutions to spend \$503,250 as the city's share of the \$12 million Sheldon Road underpass project, it still may cost a bundle of cash to get out.

Wayne County officials plan to be at Monday's city commission meeting to give an update on the project, which has been nearly six years in the making, but without a shovel in the ground.

The county's Director of Engineering, Hassan Saab, said Plymouth has a right to pull its financial

PLEASE SEE UNDERPASS, A2

Foundation hosts March fund-raiser

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 200 Plymouth-Canton performing arts students will perform for An Evening of Excellence, a Plymouth-Canton Schools fund-raiser by the district's Educational Excellence Foundation.

The March 4 event at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Township will feature two middle school groups and eight others from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

It's going to be a showcase of the excellence that's in our school district, said Carole Kody, EEF executive director. The EEF will be making a \$500 donation to each of the 10 performing groups.

The entire event is the showcase of the excellence in our schools, and our way of giving back to the

performing arts in our district, added Kody. It's a chance to get dressed up (cocktail attire) and show our support.

Kody said the sale of \$100 tickets will be limited to 250, and will include a strolling dinner, performance by the ten groups and a champagne reception afterwards. The EEF is also selling \$50 tickets for those who want to view the performances and attend the afterglow. Only 400 total tickets for the event will be sold.

My initial goal is to make \$10,000, said Kody. It's our first time, so we're hoping for a sell-out.

Superintendent Jim Ryan will be the master of ceremonies.

People always say prove that you're doing good things in the

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Ron Baase, rink manager at the Plymouth Cultural Center, runs the Zamboni along the rink resurfacing the ice for the next round of activities scheduled at the rink.

Smoothing' out the rough spots

Zamboni driver keeps skaters off thin ice

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Ron Baase has never laced up a pair of ice skates, but he calls the Plymouth Cultural Center ice rink his home.

For the past seven years, Baase has been a fixture driving the Zamboni around the Cultural Center rink for 10 minutes each hour, after skating practice, hockey games and open skating.

I don't skate, and never had before in my life, said Baase, recognizing the irony. I still don't skate, and don't get out and try.

However, Baase said he does enjoy getting out on the Zamboni, cleaning and resurfacing the ice at the Cultural Center.



Ron Baase talks about his time maintaining the ice at the Plymouth Cultural Center and how after all the years, he still doesn't skate.

It started as a part-time second job to earn extra money. But, several years later Baase gave up his trade as an automotive technician to become a full-time rink manager.

It's a blast, I love it, said Baase, who lives in Garden City.

After the first few months it got tiring. But, when we started giving the Zamboni rides to kids, it got me excited again. Putting the little kids on your lap and letting them steer. That put the fun back in it.

While it looks quite easy, Baase

said driving the Zamboni is a tough job.

It's got studded tires, but it still slides, said Baase. And, while you're driving you have to turn on the water that cleans the ice, and making sure you're laying the right amount of ice-making water so it doesn't puddle. You need to make sure it's smooth so the puck doesn't go flying or a figure skater doesn't trip in the ruts, he added.

The Zamboni carries up to 250 gallons of water, and Baase has to determine how much to lay on the ice, depending on the temperature and condition of the ice. At most times, Baase is shaving off an eighth of an inch of ice surface and replacing it with fresh water that will freeze as a new top layer.

You get 10 minutes, and they expect the ice to be instant, said Baase.

Compared to a car, looking over the front of the Zamboni

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Art of war exhibit and film series at Cranbrook Art Museum see Iraq through the artist's eyes



Poms contest celebrates teamwork

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

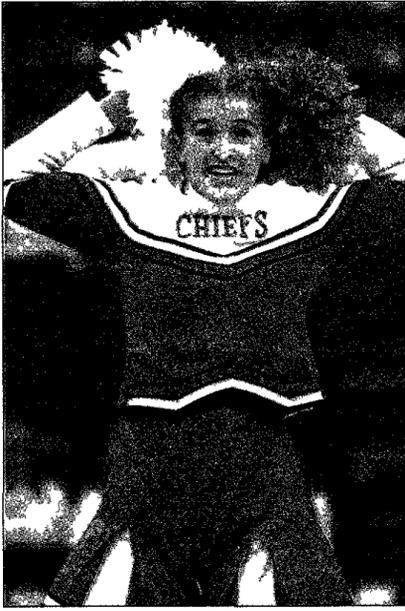
Precision, energy, teamwork and bright smiles defined the Mid American Pompon State Competition on Sunday at Eastern Michigan University.

It wasn't just about winning - it was about coming together to perform with the best pompon squads in the state.

"You're all champions," said Karen Blazartis, owner of the Farmington Hills-based Mid American Studio, following the performances in the EMU Convocation Center.

For the girls on the 27-member Garden City High School varsity pompon squad, it was about celebrating a second-place finish in the Class A division.

With a large contingency cheering the girls on from the stands, the reigning state champion team impressed the judges with an exciting routine. "We really became close as a



Canton's Katelyn Wade and the rest of her teammates worked through their routine at the Mid-American State Pompon competition Sunday at Eastern Michigan University.

Livonia Franklin High School's pompon squad, said the state competition is special.

"You get to perform with your team for your family and friends after working so hard," she said, noting the girls practice six days a week before competitions.

The Farmington High School squad didn't take home a trophy, the girls on the team know they accomplished many victories this season. Even before the school year began, the squad was in turmoil. The girls were not getting along as a team, they lost their coach and some members.

Coach Loni Watkins took over and began to rebuild the squad's morale and skills.

"She knows what to say to bring us together," said Courtney Green.

And, it really worked. The 19-member squad competed in a Feb. 5 regional competition held at Churchill High School in Livonia and qualified to compete in the



Plymouth's Amanda Baldwin keeps her smile as she and her teammates work through their routine at the Mid-American State Pompon competition.

Class A category at the state competition - a first for the Farmington High School varsity poms in about five years.

I would have never thought we would have been here, said Janna Turk, captain of the FHS varsity poms. It's totally overwhelming. It feels like a dream and it's all because of Loni.

Co-captain Ashley Ellis said the squad came a long way and learned that teamwork was everything.

"We set a goal for ourselves and we accomplished that

goal," she said. "We finally figured out that we had to work as a team to get what we want."

The following squads placed in Division II: Thurston High School, seventh; North Farmington High School, sixth; Mercy High School, fifth; Grand Ledge High School, fourth; Harrison High School, third; Waterford Kettering High School, second; and Northville High School, first.

Class A pompon squads that placed were Okemos High

School, eighth; South Lyon High School, seventh; Crestwood High School, sixth; Franklin High School, fifth; Churchill High School, fourth; Novi High School, third; Garden City High School, second; and the Saginaw-area Heritage High School, first. Schools that participated but did not place were Midland, Lakeland, Bay City Western, Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth and Canton high schools.

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Book club members get the author's ear

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When most book groups get together, they discuss the details of their chosen book, then try to figure out what the author was trying to say.

With the First Page/Caribou Book Club, members won't have to wonder. They'll have the author right there to ask.

The group is sponsored by First Page Publications of Livonia and Caribou Coffee, the coffee house at Sheldon and Five Mile in Plymouth Township. It meets to discuss *The Boys' Club* by Diane Dignan from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday. "What is so unique is that not only do participants read the book, but then the author does the book discussion with them," said Marian Nelson, marketing director for First Page Publications. "That makes it interesting because you get the author's perspective about the book they wrote."

First Page is providing the books, and Caribou will sell the coffee and provide the space for the club, which will meet monthly.

The club will talk mostly about books published by First Page, which focuses on lesser-known, frequently local authors who would have a hard time being published by larger publishing houses. According to Nelson, houses like Simon & Schuster and Random House are publishing only celebrities like Donald Trump, and the lesser-knowns can't even get a sniff.

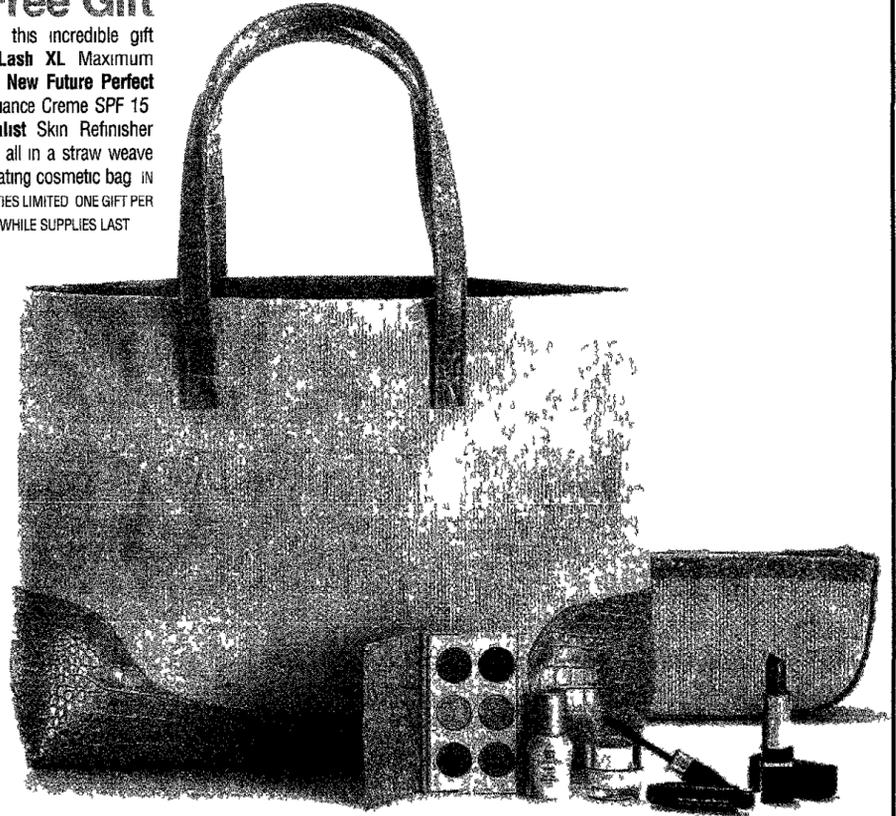
Next month's selection, for instance, is *The Salem Syndrome*, written by Dr. Robert Bartlett, a surgeon at the University of Michigan. "They wouldn't ordinarily get looked at from bigger publishing houses because of the risk factor," Nelson said. "The bigger houses are publishing celebrities now, and these people couldn't get published if they begged. We provide all the services any commercial publisher can offer."

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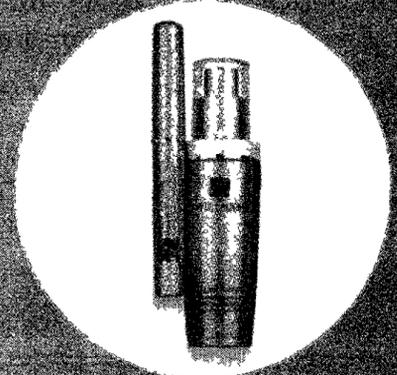
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DEATHS

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Mildred "Millie" Adams, of Farmington, died Feb 13
John A Augspurger, 39 of Hopewell Junction, NY died Feb 11

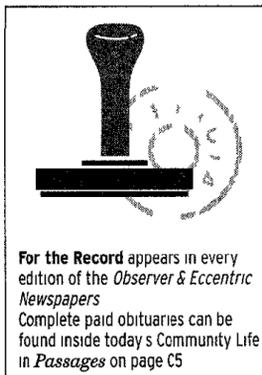
B
Mary Elizabeth Baldie (nee Roshirt), of Livonia, died Feb 6
Arlene J Balog-Gould-Tylutki, 54, of Monroe, died Feb 17
Martha Louise Berels, 48, of Bloomfield Township died Feb 13

C
Robert L Coffey, 85, of Southfield died Feb 15
Nathan Stephen Cooper 57 of Redford, died Feb 3

D
Luciana Dettling 77 of Canton, died Feb 15

G
Phyllis E Gaylord 82, of Monroe died Feb 14
Mike Grabis, 89, died Feb 5

H
Richard D House, 50, of Troy, died Feb 8



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J
Daniel Lee Johnson 82, of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb 12

K
Nelson Karney 79 died Feb 13

L
Marion T Lamb, 85 of Plymouth Township died Feb 15
Robert E. Lindsay, 90, died Feb. 9
Amy L. Lyzenga (Nichols) 39, died Feb 13

M
Sister Mary Jarlath Madigan 88 of Farmington Hills, died Feb 16
Thomas L. Matheson, 52, of Redford died Feb 11
Grace E. McQueen 90 of Birmingham died Feb 11
Emmett West Mills of Bingham Farms and Beverly Hills died Feb 11

N
Marie Nichols 86 of Marcelona, died Feb 11

P
Donald N Paddon 83 died Feb 17
Winifred E. Polk, 91 of Bloomfield Hills died Feb 12

R
Robert V Radway 77 died Feb 11
Marion Reimann 88, died Feb 15

S
Betty J Stanford 78, of Northville died Feb 18
Archie M Sturdy, 79 died Feb 6
Ann M. Svallya of Locketford Calif died Feb 11

T
Arbie Otto Thalacker 98, of Birmingham/Bloomfield died Feb 14

V
Gary Edward Vignary 56 of Livonia died Feb 16

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Feb 9-15

■ Tuesday Feb 15 - Commercial rescue run on Haggerty residential rescue runs on Mayflower on Sheldon on Northview, on North, on Franklin on Shadywood and on Sheridan industrial rescue run on Port

■ Monday, Feb 14 - Industrial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue runs on Pinetree, on Adams and on Waverly commercial rescue run on Haggerty

■ Sunday Feb 13 - Residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail, on Pinecrest and on Risman industrial rescue run on Haggerty rescue run on North vehicle accidents on eastbound M 14 at Sheldon on east-

bound M-14 west of N Territorial on westbound M-14 east of Napier on westbound M-14 east of N Territorial and on eastbound M 14 at Beck

■ Saturday, Feb 12 - Carbon monoxide detector run on Ann Arbor Trail residential rescue runs on Arrowhead, on Sheldon and on Mayflower, commercial rescue run on Church

■ Friday Feb 11 - Industrial rescue run on Concept rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road residential rescue runs on Sheridan and on Hamilton fire on Penniman

■ Thursday, Feb 10 - Residential rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, vehicle accident on Ann Arbor Road at Massey

■ Wednesday, Feb 9 - Residential rescue runs on Arboretum Circle, on Haggerty, on Ann Arbor Road on Mill and on Fairground, vehicle accidents at Heritage and N Territorial, on Beck north of N Territorial and at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty,

rescue run on Penniman

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schools, Ryan said. I don't think, for us, that's hard. Many of these groups already compete on local, state and national levels.

Many of our athletic teams do so well, and our students compete at the top levels academically," he said.

The EEF funded more than \$28,000 in grants to teachers

during 2004, in addition to providing financial support to the Summer Elementary Academy and Middle School Academy.

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Globetrotter with a cause

Volunteer will travel the world to help less fortunate

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
CORRESPONDENT

Tammy Fisher is a globetrotter.

Not the seven-foot tall kind with a basketball, but one with a forty-pound backpack and a well-worn passport.

The 27-year-old is on the verge of leaving for a 12-month trip abroad that will undoubtedly change her life – and the lives of the people she'll meet along the way – forever.

A 1995 Plymouth Salem High School graduate, Fisher has essentially sold everything she owns to pay for 10 months of volunteer work through an international organization called 1-to-1.

She was hoping to raise more money this weekend at two fund-raisers she hosted in her hometown.

Fisher's year-long adventure will include working with orphaned and terminally ill children suffering from the HIV virus in Cape Town, South Africa, conservation work with wild animals at the Vervet Rehabilitation Center near Johannesburg, schooling mildly impaired children in China, and teaching English to students in rural regions of Thailand.

"I used to work all the time but since I've traveled abroad I have so much more respect for life. My humility has really grown and I now know I don't have to get paid to do what I love," said Fisher, an Eastern Michigan University student majoring in cognitively unpaired elementary special education.

DESTINATION UNKNOWN

Fisher said when she was 22 she planned a trip to Australia with a friend. At the very last minute her acquaintance called off the trip.

I started thinking about how people were always telling me I should travel and see the world while I was young so I decided to go alone.

Before departing she canceled their hotel reservations and other extravagances the two had planned and left indefinitely with a 70-pound backpack chock full of naivete.

"I've learned so much since that trip," admits Fisher who recalls struggling with the language the first night she arrived in Greece. "I basically couldn't read anything that was written and when I tried to ask if anyone knew English they couldn't understand me. I was really scared. I got an expensive hotel room and cried all night."

She pulled herself together and spent a total of seven months backpacking through more than a dozen countries including Fiji, Australia, Switzerland, Poland, Scotland and Ecuador. She pitched a tent on the edge of a 150-foot waterfall, went scuba diving in the Great Barrier Reef and trekked in astonishment through the Amazon rain forest.

Fisher's parents, Jim and Diane Fisher, undoubtedly have concerns about their daughter traveling abroad but it's obvious when you talk to the 27-year-old that her zeal for life and her desire to volunteer have thwarted any attempts the couple may have made to talk her out of her plans.

"I'm really looking forward to working with children and to spread America's hospitality as a role model," she said.

What makes this upcoming trip so different from previous excursions is Fisher's agenda. She has planned her itinerary around volunteer opportunities in several underdeveloped countries to work with both children and animals – two of her biggest passions.

"People have a misconception that volunteering doesn't cost anything. I'm going abroad to help people who can't afford to even feed me and work in places without electricity or running water. I'm paying for this trip myself and with funds I'm able to



Salem High School graduate Tammy Fisher during a recent backpacking trip to Tanzania. She is preparing for a 12 month trip that will take her around the world to volunteer for a number of causes.

A LITTLE HELP FROM FRIENDS

Two of her first fund raising endeavors will begin today (Sunday) with a bowl a thon at Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton from 2-4 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person and includes pizza, three games of 9 pin no tap and shoes. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, lucky strike and mystery games for participants.

Following the Bowl a thon Fisher's friends and family will join her for a silent auction from 5-7 p.m. at 4 Friends on Warren Road east of Sheldon. Anyone is welcome to come out and show their support.

Tammy is such a beautiful and enlightened person," said 4 Friends owner Deana Brotherton. This trip is so Tammy. She has been a very good and loyal employee and we're glad to be able to sponsor this fund-raiser to help her.

Fisher has worked at 4 Friends for more than four years as a bartender. Her colleagues have been promoting her silent auction for weeks in hopes of making their coworker's dream a reality. Silent auction items include gift certificates from local restaurants/businesses, a prelit Christmas tree and wreath, digital camera, collector dolls, artwork, pottery, a bread maker, hot air balloon ride,

VCR and more. There will also be a raffle and door prizes.

Fisher's goal is to raise \$18,000.

What will the donations she hopes to receive pay for?

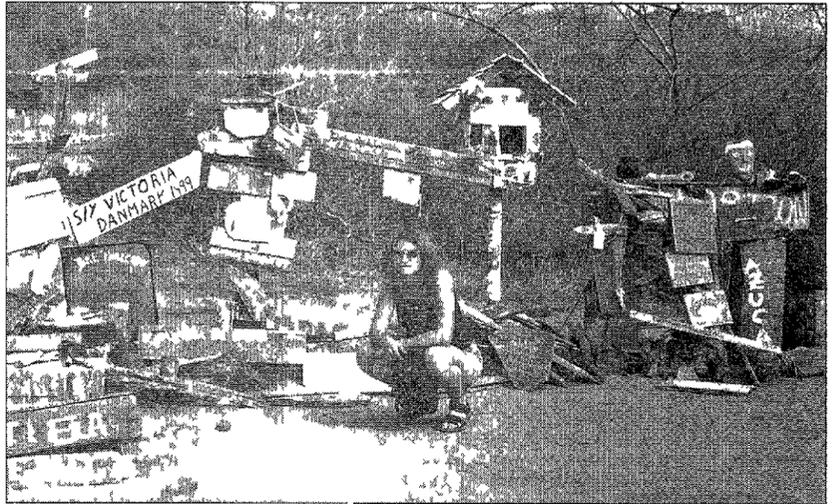
According to Fisher, who has spent months researching and planning her trip through 1-to-1, she'll need \$12,600 for 10 months of volunteer work, very basic housing, medical coverage and meals, \$3,000 for round trip airfare and \$2,100 for all the vaccinations/medications she'll need before and during the trip to safeguard her health against disease.

She has a two month break planned from her volunteer commitments for which none of her fund-raising money will be spent. She intends on camping for 56 days up the east coast of Africa where she'll travel to Victoria Falls, then climb Mt. Kilimanjaro before heading to Uganda for two weeks to see the home of half the remaining 700 gorillas in the world.

I'll be updating my Web site with digital pictures from my trip so people can follow where I've been and what I'm doing," said Fisher.

Although Fisher's around the world ticket and her volunteer plans are set to conclude in May 2006, it would be her dream to live and work in an area of the world that needs her talents and passion the most.

A lot of people have asked



Tammy Fisher, 27, has already seen much of the world, including this trip to Ecuador.

me why I don't stay in the United States and volunteer. There is an extraordinary world right before our eyes. It is one big university, a hands-on library, a social gathering, an ocean full of resources and a continent's worth of poverty. Other countries and people are not as fortunate as Americans to have people, resources and education at their fingertips. So I for one am going to them," stated Fisher.

She says she's not sure what lies ahead for her. She has done much volunteer work in southeastern Michigan, including being a Big Sister, a tutor, a volunteer with the Rouge River Education Project and this year as a mentor with the Si Se Puede program for Latino girls in Detroit.

I do want to return to get my degree but beyond that I can't say for sure what's going to happen. I just know working with the children of this world who are less fortunate is the best education and experience I could ask for.

Super Bowl is at 45100 Ford Road across from Meijer and 4 Friends is at 44282 Warren Road in Canton. Fisher is encouraging anyone to come out and have fun. To make a donation online, learn more about her itinerary or follow the Canton resident as she travels around the world, visit her Web site at <http://passionatetraveler150m.com>.

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GOP still searching for right Senate candidate

Here's what you can say about Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard's race for the U.S. Senate. It was short. It was sweet. It drew rave reviews. Nobody ever laid a glove on him. And then it was over.

Earlier this week, eight days after announcing that he would mount a major challenge to freshman Democrat U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, the Oakland County sheriff announced he was, ahem, dropping out, due to mysterious and unspecified health problems, which he said were not life-threatening.

"I am extremely disappointed at this unforeseen development," the 48-year-old Republican said in a statement after a series of medical tests.

Though nobody doubts his word, some wicked gossips were wondering whether part of Bouchard's problems might be a sudden case of cold feet.

And though Saul Anuzis, the new GOP state chairman, is talking as though he expects a large group of heavyweight contenders for the state's top jobs next year, the truth may turn out to be something else again.

The main problem for Michigan Republicans is the U.S. Senate, where in recent years, they have done about as well as the Prohibition Party. Democrats have won nine of the last 10 U.S. Senate races.

Two years ago, Republicans couldn't even find a candidate to run against U.S. Sen. Carl Levin. In the end, an unknown state legislator named "Rocky" Raczkowski ran and was creamed.

Five years ago, Stabenow, now 54, narrowly defeated then-U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, who had been elected in the Republican landslide of 1994, even though she was outspent by almost two to one.

Traditionally, Michigan voters either toss their senators out after a term, or embrace them 'til they decide to leave or their teeth fall out.

In some respects, Stabenow ought to be vulnerable. No major legislation has been linked to her name, though her supporters say that there is little she could accomplish as a freshman member of the minority party.

Her name is not yet a household word, and she has neither the looks nor charisma of Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Yet voters seem to feel comfortable with the senator, a motherly figure who put herself through Michigan State University partly by singing gentle folk ballads.

She's won favorable attention by leading a series of highly publicized bus trips taking seniors to buy cheaper medication in Canada.

So who will Republicans run against her? The two announced candidates aren't ready for prime time. Bart Baron, a perennial candidate,

and the Rev. Keith Butler, a former Detroit councilman who now lives in the suburbs. Increasingly, the party is focusing on Peter Cummings, a very, very rich real estate developer and the son-in-law of Max Fisher, the legendary Republican money man Cummings, now 57, is perhaps best known as the former chairman of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Outside Detroit, however, he isn't known at all. He has never run for anything, is uneasy with the press, and is a completely untested campaigner.

To be sure, New Jersey elected a U.S. senator a few years ago (Jon Corzine) who spent \$63 million, mostly his own money, to essentially buy the seat. But that seems unlikely to work in Michigan.

George Romney, the former head of the former American Motors Corp., did come out of the business world to be elected Michigan's governor back in the 1960s.

But he had blazed a trail just before that as leader of the state's constitutional convention, and had been a very visible corporate leader in a state where the auto industry was the culture.

Republicans, who tried to make an issue out of Granholm's Canadian birth, also would have to explain why Cummings, who is also a Canadian, didn't even bother to become a U.S. citizen 'til 1984.

Probably the strongest candidate the GOP could field is U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, a trim, handsome former FBI agent who holds Stabenow's old Lansing-based congressional seat.

Rogers, 42 this year, is a fast-rising star from Brighton who has proved adept at fund raising. Put in charge of money efforts for House Republicans in the last election cycle, he boosted the take from \$141 million to \$175 million.

This year, Speaker Dennis Hastert assigned him to the House Intelligence Committee, a clear sign of trust and favor. His seat has been restricted to make it entirely safe. Yet the U.S. Senate is a far bigger platform, Lyndon Johnson once compared the House and the Senate to the difference between chicken salad and chicken exhaust.

Should Rogers risk it all for a potential seat on the national stage? Last week, aides would only say "people were looking at it." Rogers has a considerable war chest, and might not need to make up his mind as early as some contenders. But he doesn't have all the time in the world.

Spencer Abraham spent \$16 million in losing five years ago. Expect Republicans to spend far more next year. If they don't beat Stabenow, there's the possibility Carl Levin will decide to retire in 2008, when he will be 75.

Or maybe not. At that age, after all, Strom Thurmond was just warming up.

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State needs to increase, not cut, college funding

One of the nation's first land grant colleges, Michigan State University, founded to bring higher education to the working classes, is celebrating the 150th year of providing an excellent education to students around the globe.

Michigan is grateful and proud of the many contributions made by the 15 major universities and 46 independent colleges in our great state.

As a parent of two daughters enrolled in our public universities, Western Michigan University and Grand Valley State University, I am personally aware of the financial responsibility and sacrifices that families make to put their children through college. Furthermore, I am encouraged by the challenge that Gov. Granholm has presented to us - to double the number of individuals in our state with advanced degrees in the next 10 years.

However, I am disheartened that higher education has experienced 15-16 percent cuts over the past two years and now the governor is poised to cut even more. In 1975, the state provided approximately 74 percent of the support to our institutions of higher learning, yet, in 2004 that support dwindled to 37 percent.

For example, Eastern Michigan University's state appropriations per student in 2005 is \$3,948. The Executive Order will reduce the state's appropriation per student to \$3,867, which would be the lowest since the 1995-1996 school year.

This declining public support will make our public institutions more dependent on private investment which may then dictate the mission and direction of our public universities. As chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, my primary goal is to achieve the highest level of academic excellence and intellectual integrity.

To this end, there must be an increase in funding as a result of the Cherry Commission. An economic impact study commissioned in 2002, the Michigan University Presidents Council, determined that every \$1 invested in our 15 public universities generates \$26 in positive economic impact. Furthermore, the study concluded that no other public investment in Michigan produces such a high rate of return to its citizens as post-secondary education.

There are about 1.5 million state residents with some post-secondary education. Measures which would entice them back into the classroom to complete their degrees would boost the state's economic growth and in turn create higher wages.

Our universities work diligently to prepare the workforce as they carry on vital research to improve the quality of life for every Michigan citizen.

We must diversify our economy. Our future depends on the innovation that our universities and colleges provide. Our universities can serve as the sparkplug to ignite this expansion. All across Michigan from Oakland University to Michigan Tech in Houghton, the universities are driving our state's economy and job growth, e.g. research and development for the auto industry and other fields.

The vital research being conducted in our state universities, such as the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University, is being implemented in the marketplace. In the last five years, nearly 95 companies, which are engaged in the life sciences, automotive technology and homeland security, were launched as a result of the creation of the Michigan Technological Tricorridor, a partnership between universities and private companies and research institutions.

Our universities work diligently to prepare the workforce as they carry on vital research to improve the quality of life for every Michigan citizen. Universities operate efficiently with the dollars given to them by the state and tuition paid by students. Partnerships have been created to reduce energy and purchasing costs with the goal of keeping schooling affordable.

The state must increase, not cut, funding for higher education, as well as K-12.

What I want for my own two daughters is a solid education which prepares them for personal future successes and provides them with meaningful opportunities to give back to their community. I want this for all Michigan citizens.

Finally, I thank you for the privilege and responsibility as chairman of the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee and I look forward to providing a forum for re-establishing the value of higher education in society and its role in economic expansion.

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth, represents a district that includes Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and the eastern part of Canton. On Thursday, the state Senate rejected Gov. Granholm's executive order to reduce state spending by \$227.1 million, including cuts to higher education.



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can be very difficult

"When I first got on I was scared to death," remembered Baase

"If you take your foot off the gas (propane), it just stops. When you're out driving and shaving the ice, it slides. If you're turning and hit the gas, you start swerving and lose control"

"When they told me it was a \$60,000 machine, I thought it was a Cadillac and was worried about wrecking it," he said "Now, I don't think twice about

it' On Wednesday, Baase and the Plymouth Cultural Center were hosts to the STAR (Serving the American Rinks) regional program for Zamboni drivers and rink operators. It's a nonprofit organization started by USA Hockey and the US Figure Skating Federation to bring more uniformity in training Zamboni drivers

Director Dave Wescott said there's a lot more to know than just stepping on the pedal and taking off down the ice

"It's hard to see over the front of the machine, especially when you're close to the boards on the first lap," said Wescott "The driver is looking down,

and that's why it's important that no one else be on the ice "And, there are a lot of levers to be aware of in controlling and clearing the ice," he said "While it's fun to be out there driving around, keep in mind it's a dangerous piece of equipment"

Baase, who was in charge of the ice at the Palace of Auburn Hills when the Detroit Vipers played there, said he'd love to have a chance at riding on the surface at Joe Louis Arena, where Stanley Cups have been won

"They say we have one of the best sheets of ice in Wayne County, except for the Joe, which is like God compared to

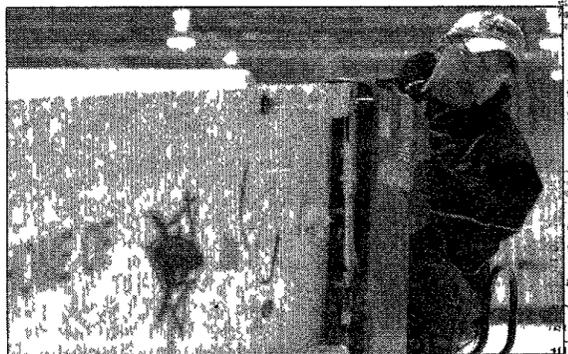
us," Baase said

But, from experience, Baase knows working the larger venues are more like grunt work, as he calls it

And, when all is said and done, Baase admits his heart remains at the Plymouth Cultural Center. And, it has nothing to do with the fact he soon will have a brand new Zamboni to drive

"Even when I was in charge of the ice at the Palace, I always loved to come back here," said Baase "I get to know our customers by name. It's like family"

"I got into this profession because it's fun, and that's the way I like it," he said



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Ron Baase, rink manager at the Plymouth Cultural Center, watches carefully as he resurfaces the ice using the center's Zamboni

Local fire department promotes pair

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Community Fire Department Assistant Chief Mark Wendel has been trying to get a training officer and emergency manager position created and filled for more than a year

Now he can quit trying. After Civil Service Commission testing, Lt. Chuck Mann has been promoted into the post

He replaces former administrative assistant to the fire chief Chuck VanVleck, who retired in September 2003. VanVleck did the emergency manager job as an additional duty, for Mann, it'll be part of his daily responsibility

"In his first week he's already taken some very positive steps in achieving the goal of that position, which is hands-on training, getting the kind of consistency on the three platoons we've never had in the past," Wendel said "That's the goal, having your firefighters all doing the same things. To that end, (Mann) is doing a great job"

Wendel started pushing for the creation of the training/emergency manager position around the time of VanVleck's retirement, and the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved it when they approved their budget last fall

Wendel said changes in attitudes and responsibilities since 9/11 have made the position more important

"(VanVleck) did a great job while he had the job," Wendel said "(But) a lot of things have changed, especially since 9/11 and with the kinds of funding that are available now that wasn't then"

"I really think it's going to benefit the entire community," Wendel said "From a training standpoint, our firefighters are going to be able to work among themselves, we won't have individual training issues. How we approach given situations will be more consistent"

Mann's promotion was one of two approved by the Civil Service Commission. Firefighter Dan Phillips was also promoted to lieutenant and was made shift lieutenant primarily stationed out of Station 3 at N. Territorial and Beck.

That position was created as a result of the promotion of Randy Maycock to chief

"I have the greatest expectations for (Phillips)," Wendel said

"I'm sure he'll fulfill them." Phillips' promotion leaves one vacancy for a firefighter in the department, Wendel said

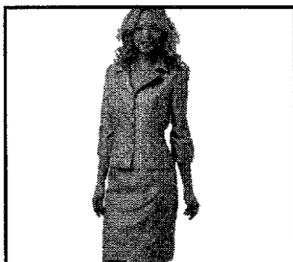
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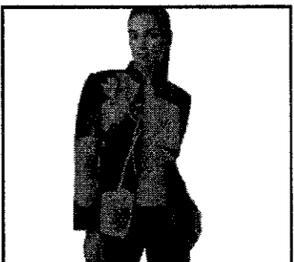
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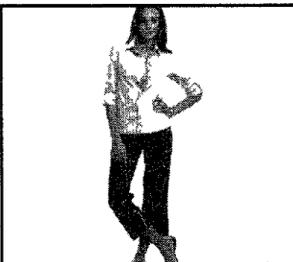
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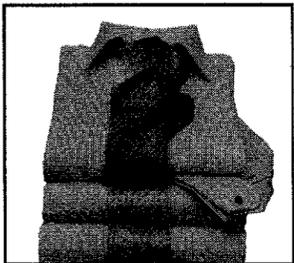
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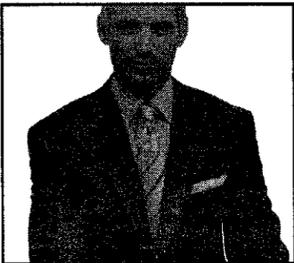
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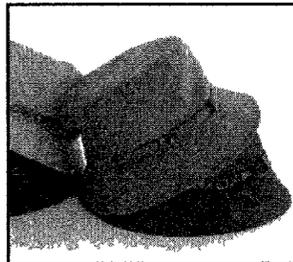
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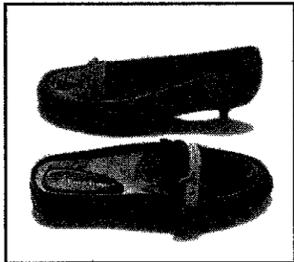
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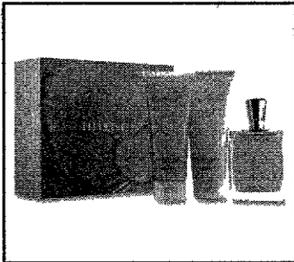
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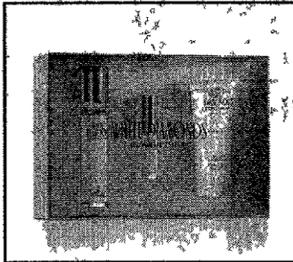
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Chiefs earn first district mat title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's wrestling team executed hundreds of successful moves during Wednesday night's Division I, District 122 team tournament in the Phase III gymnasium. But the Chiefs' most memorable hold may have been the one they collectively applied to the championship trophy minutes after their 41-22 victory over Salem in the final match. Canton (23-9) earned the school's first ever district team wrestling title in impressive fashion by upending Livonia Churchill, the sixth-ranked team in the state, and the Rocks, who had defeated the Chiefs handily earlier in the season. "I'm excited for the kids," said Canton

coach Casey Randolph, gesturing toward his team as it posed for a photo with the popular trophy. "Winning this is the result of a lot of hard work and believing in each other." "When I took over as coach three years ago, I recruited a lot of kids, including football players who had never wrestled before, and I told them how wrestling would help them for football. Well, they fell in love with wrestling and discovered what a great sport it is. This is a super group of kids. They decided before the season started that they were going to leave their own legacy at Canton. First, they set the school record for wins, and now this." Salem coach Greg Wochuk said Canton deserved the trophy more than his team.

"They work harder than us," emphasized Wochuk. "They wanted it more." Canton moves on to Wednesday's Regional event at Temperance-Bedford High School, where it will take on the host Mules (30-3) in the semis. If the Chiefs win, they will face either Belleville or Saline in the finals. The semi-final match is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. with the finals slated for 7 p.m. If an intensity-o-meter had been available for the Canton-Churchill match, it likely would have malfunctioned due to overwork. While both teams were pumped, it was the Chargers who jumped out to a 19-3 lead behind their talented line-up of upper-weight performers. After Canton's Alex Amberg gave his team a 3-0 lead with a 4-1 victory at 160 pounds, Churchill reeled off

four straight victories from defending state champion Manuel Schubert (171), Joe Bargerstock (189), Hafeez Qureshi (215) and Pat Draheim (275). Canton's Ryan Schnettler ended Churchill's run and helped the Chiefs regain the momentum with a dominating 17-1 victory at 103. Alex Fowler won at 112 for the Chargers, but Canton put a chokehold on the victory by taking the next six matches to grab a 34-22 lead. Jay Fleischmann (119), Pete Bonneau (125), Corey Phillips (130), Ryan Webb (135), Alex Freitag (140) and Konrad Konsitzke (145) all won during the streak. "I thought Corey Phillips' win at 130 was the pivotal match for us," Randolph

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Stinglines

Fund-raiser

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins, the girls hockey team that consists of players from all three P-CEP high schools, will be holding a fund-raiser at Cold Stone Creamery in Canton from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24. A percentage of the sales will go directly to the team. Cold Stone Creamery is located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Cherry Hill Village in Canton. A coupon can be picked up from any player, by e-mailing lcalahan@comcast.net, and they will be available at Cold Stone Creamery on Feb. 24, when the team's players and coaches will be serving ice cream.

Pollack excels

Brittin Pollack, a 2003 graduate of Salem High School and a current Michigan State University cheerleader, teamed up with fellow MSU cheerleader Christopher Stearns to place seventh in the Partner Stunt College Division at the USA Collegiate Nationals held Feb. 7 in Las Vegas, Nev. Pollack, who is from Canton, is a sophomore majoring in hospitality business. Stearns from Redford is a senior majoring in finance.

Junior golf

The Top 50 Jr. Tour presented by the Professional Golfers' Association Michigan Section has opened registration for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 for play during its upcoming 2005 season. The Top 50 Jr. Tour offers players tournament experiences plus the opportunity to earn funds for college. Play begins on June 11 and runs through the season-ending championship tournament on Aug. 8. Ten qualifiers and 10 tournaments comprise the 2005 schedule. The top 40 players at each qualifier will play in that qualifier's tournament for free. In addition, the top 10 finishers in each week's tournament will be exempt from qualifying in the following week's tournament and play for free. Among the tournament sites for the upcoming season are Oakland University Golf Club, Ann Arbor Country Club, Tam O'Shanter Country Club and many other prestigious courses throughout Michigan. Interested parents and players should contact the tour at (248) 321-9900 or visit www.Top50JrTour.com.

Salem clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be held Saturday, March 26, and Saturday, April 16, at the Salem High School gymnasium. Participants will receive three hours of baseball instruction with the Salem varsity baseball team's players and coaches, a T-shirt, snack and drink. The fee for the clinic, which is for players between the ages of 12 and 15, is \$25. Contact Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.



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All tied up

Salem's Nathan Werda battles Northville's Ken Papich for a loose puck during Friday night's Western Lakes Activities Association game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The Rocks scored with 19 seconds left to forge a 3-3 tie on Senior Night. Please see page B5 for the game story.

Giant-beaters

Canton cagers knock off No. 1-seeded Wayne, 65-49

Plymouth rally falls short Page B2

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
CORRESPONDENT

Somebody, it might have been Yogi Berra, once said, "A little adversity isn't always a bad thing." That seems to be what's happening at Canton these days as the Chiefs recorded their seventh straight victory, reaching the Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball finals Friday night with a 65-49

thrashing of regular season champion Wayne.

Canton is scheduled to play for the WLAA tourney championship Wednesday night at Walled Lake Central.

The Chiefs are on the verge of reaching the pinnacle of their season about a month after things looked the bleakest.

That was when starting forward Julian Smith dropped the bomb that he was leaving Canton to go to a New York prep school so he could enter Iowa on a football scholarship in the fall.

The Chiefs, 6-5 at the time, lost their next game to drop to

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Whalers calm the Storm, 3-1

Ryan Nie turned away 17 shots to lead the Plymouth Whalers to a 3-1 victory over the Guelph Storm Friday night in an Ontario Hockey League game played at the Guelph Sports and Entertainment Centre.

The victory improved the Whalers record to 24-23-5-3. The Storm, which has now lost four consecutive games this season to Plymouth, slipped to 17-27-9-1. Entering the night, the Whalers were tied with Sault Ste. Marie for first place in the OHL's West Division with Windsor just two points back.

Guelph grabbed a 1-0 lead at

the 4:48 mark of the first period when Matt D'Agostini scored off assists from Ryan Kitchen and Andy Hyvarinen.

Plymouth found the net twice in the second period when Cory Tanaka and John Vigilante both tallied short-handed goals. Tim Sestito and Mike Knight assisted on Tanaka's goal while John Mitchell picked up a helper on Vigilante's lamp-lighter.

Plymouth received an insurance goal at 5:46 of the third period when Sestito beat Storm goalie Danny Taylor. Jonas Fiedler and Tanaka assisted.

Taylor stopped 26 Plymouth shots.

Move to Michigan works out well for athletic Fox

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When Taylor Fox's family moved to Canton from the farming community of Batavia, Ill. four years ago, the seventh-grader was not a happy camper. "It was tough leaving all my good friends," said Fox, currently a junior at Plymouth High School. But Fox dealt with the life-altering transition like he handles even the slightest adversities on the football field and wrestling mat — he worked hard to turn the situation into a positive. "It was hard at first, but I learned to adjust and meet new friends," he said. "Now I love it here. I have met a lot of new friends, I love the school, and I still see my old friends at least every other month or so. Things have worked out great for me." Batavia High School's loss has turned out to be a huge gain for Plymouth, which inherited a talented two-sport performer and stellar student when Fox's



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dad received a job transfer back in 2001. Fox was a two-way starter at offensive tackle and defensive end for the Wildcats' football team last fall and he currently owns a stellar 35-8 record for the school's wrestling team, which won its second consecutive district title Wednesday night.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth High School student-athlete Taylor Fox has made a mark on the football field on the wrestling mat and in the classroom for the Wildcats. The junior has built a lofty 35-9 record so far this season for the Plymouth wrestling team and has compiled a 3.6 grade-point average.

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CANTON

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 500 before embarking on their current winning streak
 "It was a surprise," Canton coach Charlie Paye said of Smith's decision "He told us the last time we played Wayne (a 42-39 Zebras' victory on Jan 21) We really didn't expect it Nobody on the team expected it"
 But Paye told his team state officials were not going to stop this season so Canton could cope
 "The kids really didn't have time to think about it," he said "We had to play"
 And play the Chiefs have Their sharpest, most crisp basketball of the season
 Canton missed its first shot of Friday night's game — then dropped in its next five en route to a 17-15 first quarter lead The Chiefs made four three-point shots in a row in the opening period, one more in the second and three more in the second half
 Canton (13-6) held a 26-17 lead until Wayne rallied in the final three minutes of the first half, making four consecutive shots to trim the Chiefs' lead to 28-25 entering the second half
 Guard Jason Houdek opened the second half by nailing a three from the left wing and David Cahille made the first of four fast-break layups to expand Canton's lead to 33-25 — then got ready for Wayne's inevitable run
 The Zebras (12-7) got consecutive baskets from Jay Butler and Danny Walsh (a three) to pulled up to 33-30 with 4:15 left in the third quarter
 Canton closed the quarter 12-5 and Wayne never got closer



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Kevin Thornton rejects a shot attempt by Wayne Memorial's Jay Butler during the second quarter of Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association tournament semifinal game in the Zebras' gym

than six points again
 "That's two years in a row they've handed it to us — 16 points," coach Wayne Woodard of host Wayne said "They played a pretty good game
 "They deserved to win They came in here and took it to us We're no longer king of the hill"
 The Chiefs have a lot going for them right now
 "Our goals were to win our division and win the conference," Paye said, "and we didn't get either of those two Now we've got a chance to win the tournament
 "And if we play like this the rest of the year, we're going to be tough to beat A team is going to have to play really good to beat us"
 Their ball movement against the Zebras was beyond excellent They played both zone and man-to-man against Wayne and did a good job either way
 "Maybe we depended on

Julian too much," Paye said "He was good down low and maybe our kids just stood around and watched him too much Like sometimes we stand around and watch Andy (Cortellini) with the ball But we're sharing the ball more now"
 Paye starts two players with size — 6-foot-8 Kevin Thornton and 6-3 Andre Bridges He rotates sizable sophomores Ryan Wadman and Steve Paye with very little noticeable difference in efficiency
 "We've had other kids step up since Julian left," Paye said, "especially our three guards (Cahille, Houdek and Andy Cortellini)
 "We've moved Jason to the point on occasion to take some of the pressure off Andy and he's hit seven threes in the last two games Cahille has taken over and played really excellent basketball
 "We told Kevin he had to neutralize Gene Nix (on Friday night) and Kevin did a great job there"
 The 6-7 Nix had 10 points — eight in the first quarter and two in the second — while Thornton was scoring nine, including four when he rebounded and laid in two missed free throws
 Cahille led the Chiefs with 19 points, Cortellini had 17 and Houdek scored 10
 Walsh scored 18 for Wayne, while DeVaughn Hill also had 10 for the Zebras
 "This was the first game this year Rodrick Walker didn't score a point," Woodard said "And Nix outscored Thornton, 23-8, the last time we played
 Their guards played better than our guards Cortellini really makes them go He's hard to pin down

'Cats comeback bid falls short

BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

PREP BASKETBALL

With just under three minutes remaining in Friday night's Western Lakes Activities Association tournament semifinal basketball game between Plymouth and Walled Lake Central, a few fans on both sides of the court put on their coats and filed out of the Central gym with the Vikings leading by 13
 Bad decision
 What they missed were over two minutes of the wildest, most-intense basketball action to unfold in the WLAA this season
 Central survived, 48-46, but not before withstanding a frantic, last-ditch comeback effort by the Wildcats, who frustrated their hosts with an in-your-face full-court press
 The victory propelled the Vikings into Wednesday night's WLAA championship showdown against Canton, which advanced by beating Wayne Memorial, 65-49 (see related story) Plymouth will take on the Zebras in the consolation game at 5:30 p.m. Both games will be played at Central
 "The first three quarters went exactly the way we wanted them to go," said Central coach Denny Butcher, whose team clamped down on defense and led 27-17 through three "But Plymouth really came after us in the fourth quarter and they beat us a lot with dribble penetration They were very aggressive and they took it to us
 "We knew coming in this was going to be a very difficult game They beat us last week (48-47 at Plymouth) and they beat the number-two seed (Westland John Glenn) to get this far, so they're a very good team They don't do anything tricky, but they come at you

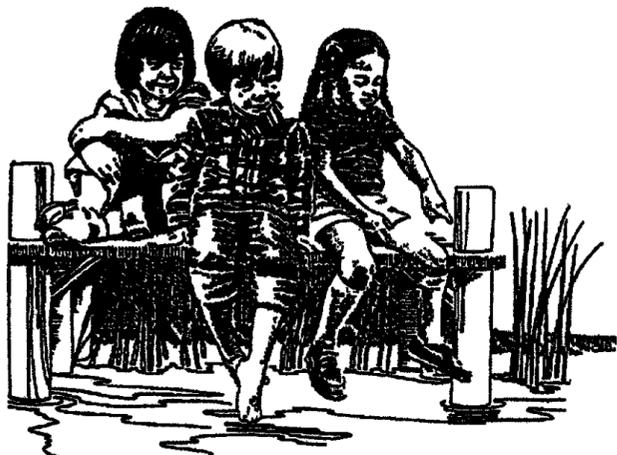
Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said he couldn't have been more proud of his players — even if they had pulled out a dramatic win
 "The kids showed a lot of character like they have all year," he said "This team never quits I'm happy with the way we came back, but at the same time I'm disappointed we're not playing in the championship game Wednesday night I think we're good enough to be there"
 Van Wagoner said he thought the Vikings played with more purpose Friday night than they did during the Wildcats' one-point win on Feb. 11
 "It looked like they played with a lot more intensity," he said "They blocked a ton of shots tonight The first time we played them, we were able to get to the basket a lot easier"
 The Vikings led 42-29 when Brad Guldan completed a three-point play with 2:51 remaining From then on it was pretty much all Plymouth, which reeled off a 10-1 run to trim its deficit to 43-39 with 1:39 to play Junior forward Jim Wilbur instigated the rally when he drained two three-point shots eight seconds apart
 Central built a 48-43 lead with 30 seconds left on a pair of Aaron Hakula free throws However, Wilbur hit 1-of-2 free throws with 21 seconds left to cut the gap to four A few seconds later, the Wildcats' vice-like, full-court press forced a turnover, which resulted in a pair of Josh Le Duc free throws to make it 48-46 with 15.4 seconds left
 On the ensuing in-bounds play, the ball bounced off the foot of a Viking player and out

of bounds, giving Plymouth one more chance with 13.3 ticks left The Wildcats got a good look with four seconds to play, but a potential game-tying shot from three feet out bounced off the rim and into the hands of Central's Brad Berkhardt
 Central's David Jackson paced the winners with 14 points Guldan finished with 11 and Berkhardt netted 10
 Wilbur (14), Le Duc (13) and D.J. Coleman (10) all hit double-figures scoring for Plymouth, which connected on just five of its first 37 shots in the contest
 "Coleman hurt us the first time we played them, so, defensively, we wanted to give him extra attention," Butcher said "Our goal was to hold him under 12 points, which we accomplished"
 Central led 8-6 after one quarter and 16-13 at the intermission After scoring just 17 points the first three quarters combined, the Wildcats put 29 on the board in the final eight minutes
 Plymouth was hampered by foul trouble all night Le Duc sat out the final 5:34 of the third quarter after getting whistled for his fourth foul, and starting forward A.J. Davey missed a large chunk of the final quarter after fouling out with just over five minutes to play
 The Vikings hit 19-of-58 field goals (32 percent) and half of their free throws (9-of-18) Plymouth connected on just 22 percent of its field goals (13-of-58), but was sold from the line (17-of-26)
 Both teams yanked down 39 rebounds Davey led the Wildcats with nine while Justin Goltz and Andrew Ueck grabbed eight boards a piece for the winners
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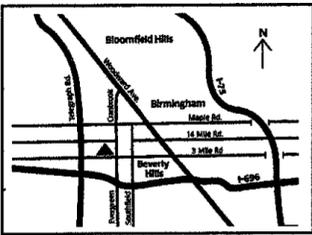
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Tigers outrun Willow Run

Friday night's basketball game between Belleville and Willow Run was not hurting for offensive fireworks
 The host Tigers ran their record to 17-1 by outrunning the Flyers, 90-72
 It was the highest offensive output for Belleville this season and the second-most points they've yielded all year
 "We gave up too many fast-break points toward the end of the game, but we had a pretty comfortable lead all night," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel
 Belleville's offensive explosion was led by Leon Freeman, who twined 21 points Also lighting up the scoreboard for

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the Tigers were Josh Samarco (20), Anre Partee (12), Tommie Clark (12) and Carlos Clark (10)
 Partee also did a nice job of distributing the ball as he finished with eight assists
 T.J. Thompson led the Flyers with 17 points Juvuan Hearn and Nate Brown both netted 13
 The Tigers surged to a 21-13 lead after one quarter and 44-23 halftime advantage Belleville owned a 68-47 lead with eight minutes left
 Belleville has a big week coming up with a home game

Tuesday against Detroit Northwestern followed by Friday's much-anticipated rematch at Romulus The Eagles handed the Tigers their lone setback this season in January
 Canton Agape 43 Ypsi Calvary Christian 32 The Wolverines improved to 13-5 with a comfortable win over Calvary Bryan Horning led the winners with 13 points eight rebounds and five steals Gabe Molnar chipped in with 10 points and Derek Leathers contributed nine points and 13 rebounds
 Harold Engle led Calvary with 16 points
 They packed their defense in on us and we didn't shoot well tonight said Agape coach Keith Anlechner We played good defense though
 Agape led 11-10 after one quarter 19-18 at the half and 30-25 with eight minutes remaining

WEEK AHEAD

- PREP BASKETBALL**
 Tuesday Feb 22
 Detroit Northwestern at Belleville 7 p.m.
 Franklin Road at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School 7 p.m.
 Zoe Christian at PCA 7 p.m.
Wednesday Feb 23
 WLAA Tournament at W.L. Central
 Plymouth vs Wayne Memorial (consolation game) 5:30 p.m.
 Canton vs W.L. Central (championship game) 7 p.m.
Friday Feb 25
 Belleville at Romulus 7 p.m.
 Taylor Baptist Park at PCA 7 p.m.
 Taylor Light & Life at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School 7:30 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday Feb 24
 WLAA prelims at Salem 2:30 p.m.
Friday Feb 25
 WLAA diving at Salem 4 p.m.
Saturday Feb 26
 WLAA finals at Salem noon
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday Feb 22
 Dakota at Canton at Arctic Edge Ice Arena 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb 25
 WLAA Cross over games TBA
WRESTLING
Wednesday Feb 23
 Canton at Division 1 Team Regional at Temperance Bedford 5:30 p.m.
 Plymouth at Division 2 Team Regional at Plymouth High School 5:30 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
Monday Feb 21
 Westland John Glenn vs Canton at Plymouth H.S. 7 p.m.
Thursday Feb 24
 WLAA Meet at Plymouth H.S. TBA
VOLLEYBALL
CLASS A DISTRICT TOURNAMENT
at NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
 First round: (A) Northville vs (B) Salem 4 p.m. (C) Livonia Churchill vs (E) Canton 4 p.m.
 Semifinals: Plymouth vs. A B winner 5:30 p.m. South Lyon vs. C D winner 5:30 p.m.
Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Tecumseh regional semifinals vs Livonia Stevenson district champion)
- CLASS D DISTRICT TOURNAMENT**
at SALINE WASHTEAW CHRISTIAN
 First round (A) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs (B) Plymouth Christian Academy 9 a.m.
 Semifinals: Canton Agape Christian vs Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner 10:30 a.m. Washtenaw Christian vs A B winner noon
Championship final 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the Adrian Lenawee Christian regional semifinals vs Taylor Light & Life district champion)
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday Feb 22
 Oakland CC at Schoolcraft 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Oakland CC at Schoolcraft 5:30 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Wednesday, Feb 23
 Whalers at Saginaw Spirit 7 p.m.
Friday Feb 25
 Whalers vs Windsor (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.
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TAYLOR-MADE LEADER

"The biggest thing with Taylor is that his leadership skills are tremendous," said Plymouth wrestling coach Sam Amine. "The other kids on the team have so much respect for him and the way he works. He's one of those kids that gives 110 percent every practice. He never takes it easy. Some kids will coast when they get a big lead, but he is never satisfied. He doesn't give in until he has a victory."

Victories have been the rule rather than the exception throughout Fox's wrestling career at Plymouth, where he compiled a 27-3 record last year at 171 pounds. This year, among the 189-pounder's accomplishments are a third-place finish at the Saginaw Heritage Tournament and a sixth-place showing at the talent-laden Observerland meet three weeks ago.

"Taylor's biggest asset is

probably his strength," said Amine. "When you combine that with his endurance and his work ethic, it's easy to see why he has been so successful." "For the past few weeks, Taylor hasn't been feeling great. We're not sure what it is, but he still comes to practice every day and works hard, no matter what."

RELUCTANT START

Fox reluctantly started wrestling in seventh grade at Batavia Middle School after being urged to try the sport by his friends.

"It just didn't look like it was very much fun," he said, reflecting on his mat beginnings. "But after I tried it and was on the team for awhile, I really enjoyed it. When we moved to Michigan at the end of my seventh-grade year, I found out they didn't have middle-school wrestling. But I got right back into it when I came to Plymouth."

"My freshman year, I knew the basics, so I actually had an edge on a lot of the kids on the

team who were wrestling for the first time. I took my share of beatings as a freshman because I was wrestling against older kids, but I won my share of matches, too."

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Fox's favorite class at Plymouth is also his most challenging.

"It's probably my advanced placement U.S. history class," he said. "It's very hard — there's a ton of reading — but it's very interesting, too."

There was no hesitation in Fox's voice when he was asked who the most influential people have been in his athletic career.

"Without a doubt, my parents, said Fox, whose sister, Kalee, is a sophomore cheerleader at Plymouth. "My parents got me into sports when I was young, and I'm glad they did. They're very supportive of everything I do and they're very involved with the boosters club."

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MAT RESULTS

Class A District #122 Meet
Wednesday at Canton H.S.

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Canton 34 Livonia Churchill 28

160 pounds Alex Amberg (C) dec John Vandenbosche 4 1 171 Manuel Schubert (LC) won by major dec over Pat McWhirter 20 11 189 Joe Bargerstock (LC) dec P.J. Caram 13 6 215 Qureshi Hafeez (LC) pinned Tom Bonnell 0 59 275 Pat Draheim (LC) pinned Donnie Laramie 0 59 103 Ryan Schnettler (C) won by technical fall over Adam Rowe 17 1 112 Alex Fowler (LC) dec Nick Poole (C) 4 1 119 Jay Fleischmann (C) won by major dec over

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said "But the most emotional win for us was Alex Freitag's at 140. Alex usually wrestles at 145, but he committed to the team that he would make 140 for tonight. He not only made weight, but he won 9-0, which was huge."

The cross-campus championship match — which started at 189 — was tight until they strung together five consecutive wins beginning with Phillips' 6-4 win over Scott Fysh at 135. Randolph strategically moved up Phillips from 130 to 135, erasing any chances of a potentially classic match between Salem's Ryan Stump and Phillips.

'Cat grapplers win district

The Plymouth High School wrestling team captured its second straight District championship Thursday night when it out-pointed Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 33-28, in the Wildcats gymnasium. Details of the match were not available at presstime. By winning the Division 2 District title, the Wildcats (18-

12) earned a berth in Wednesday's Regional competition, which they will host. Plymouth will square off against Hazel Park (13-17) in the semi-final match. If it is victorious, Plymouth will battle either Allen Park, Dearborn Divine Child or Carleton Airport (21-14) in the finals.

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To all residents and other interested parties the agenda's and minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township website www.plymouthtwp.org

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Marilyn Massengill CMC
Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment please call 354 3267, between 8 am and 4 30 pm for an appointment

Tuesday, March 8	9 am-Noon	Organizational Meeting
	2 pm-5 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Monday, March 14	2 pm-5 pm	Hearings by Appointment
	6 pm-9 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Wednesday, March 16	9 am-Noon	Hearings by Appointment
	2 pm-5 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 19	9 am-11 am	First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 19, 2005.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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TERRY G BENNETT, CLERK

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Women seeking men

ONE OF A KIND

SF 38 blonde/blue 56 mother enjoys bowling pool concerts long park walks cycling music especially Rod Stewart Seeking nice comb man to share happiness **2404691**

OUTGOING AND FUN

Very attractve SWF 31 laid back w/great personality short blonde/green blue tanned 411 150lbs childless never married smoker social drinker enjoys dining sports movies quiet evenings Seeking very attractive like minded male **24475370**

SEE FOR YOURSELF

SBF 42 52 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 **2580735**

LOYAL

SWF 43 Leo N/S blonde/blue professional chef green thumb partte enjoys cooking boating seeks compatble SWM 43 50 N/S for dating and possible relationship **2956732**

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

DWF 45 N/S has a 4 grown children enjoys theater movies dancing would like to meet SWM 40 60 for friendship romance possible LTR **2595540**

VERY ROMANTIC

45 yr old S/JPF N/smoker N/ drinker social work/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 **2559964**

MACOMB COUNTY SWEETIE

I am a 52 brunette dark eyes early 60s searching for a tall finncianly secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady **2578554**

GET TO KNOW THIS

petite attractive SBF 57 N/S enjoys music concerts dining Looking for SBF 57 63 for friendship possible LTR **2402995**

ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF

49 H/W proportionate medium build enjoys cruises concerts dining out movies traveling Seeking honest passionate SM 45 60 with similar interests for dating possibly more **2434441**

SEEKING MY OTHER HALF

WF interested in meet a WM 50 65 who likes to enjoy life and will make me happy **2598813**

NEW TO WAYNE CO AREA

SBPF 40 sh 56 nurse with children marr age mid smoker loves drama movies dancing and crossword puzzles Seeking WM 45 60 smoker who enjoys music and sports **2245545**

GAME FREE

SBF 37 59 N/S works out enjoys leisurely walks and laughter seeks man 35 60 with sense of humor and sense of fashion **2592847**

SEEKING INTELLIGENT MAN

SBF 36 Cancer N/S works full time in healthcare single mother loves to cook Seeking down to earth spontaneous SM 34 48 N/S for dating **2589409**

FOR YOUR LOVE

SBF 37 N/S likes to travel see plays and movies seeks commt ted respectful honest SBM 40 47 N/S who is interested in finding long term love **2401088**

MUST BE RESPECTFUL

Very attractive BF financially/emotionally secure looking for a laid back easygoing man 34-47 who likes travel dining out **2595277**

MUST LOVE ANIMALS

WF 53 54 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 62 with integrity and morals **2501692**

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT

SBCF grandmother N/S likes dining in/out movies plays bowling shooting pool parks traveling cooking Seeking gentleman 45+ sense of humor values knows how to treat a lady No game play ing **2479737**

SINGLE FATHER WELCOME

WF 39 54 100lbs two children enjoys cooking the outdoors beach es art museums theater movies fine dining Seeking attractive WM 37 52 who is fit and secure **2579528**

IS HE OUT THERE?

SJF 43 56 honest gentle intelligent sensitive shapely likes fine dining pool theater movies Seeking honest secure loving and reliable man to share friendship good times talks and maybe more **2601614**

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 **2450759**

ARE WE A MATCH?

SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors rollerblading biking long walks and romantic dinners Looking for SWM 25 30 for LTR **2465764**

IT'S ALL GOOD

Cool SBF 31 58 N/S likes to bowl fish skate and travel seeks SBM 19 35 N/S to share honest friendship romance quality time together **2476802**

CAN YOU CANOE?

Professional SWF 30 N/S seeks SWM 35+ independent and professional for casual dates talks possible LTR **2575003**

LOST IN MICHIGAN

SBPF 29 55 190lbs no children never married very attractive easygoing laid back loves travel Looking for sincere open minded laid back male who has his stuff together **2229089**

PRECIOUS ONE

SWF very pretty a young 39 medium dark/green works n med cal field seeks attractive SWM outgoing honest caring sensitive and creative for best friend more **2230588**

CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR

Me 26 49 155lbs brown com plected employed You 59 64 190lbs 240lbs single drama free handsome Friendship first maybe long term later **2271252**

SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE

SWPF 57 long brown hair looking for an educated man 35 55 who likes politics reading and going to movies **2529129**

LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL

in a SBM 33 50 5+ 190+ Must be honest and laid back I enjoys movies going out walks nice conversation dining more **2531635**

GET IT TOGETHER

SBF 28 55 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 **2543576**

TAKE A CHANCE

SBF 33 seeks SBM 30 35 for friendship possible LTR I enjoy movies walks dining out sports and more **2568333**

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slm attractive 57 yr old JF looking for her soulmate any sincere successful JM between the ages of 54-64 please respond **2589875**

58 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 **2592074**

VERY SPICY

BBW passionate SBF 46 honey complexion dimples seeks outgoing fun loving gentleman 35 55 N/S N/Drugs any race for movie pool dancing music and romance Dating possible LTR **25752243**

GREAT PERSONALITY

Honest caring sincere SWF 51 51 106lbs likes festivals movies and friendly drives Seeking honest caring sincere SWM 42 56 **2982309**

FULL-FIGURED BEAUTY

Light complexioned SBF 25 55 265lbs brown eyes dimples enjoys movies parks playing pool Seeking SM 18 32 who is sweet treats a woman with respect **2411292**

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 **2445371**

ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB

Financially secure independent SBCF 31 57 160lbs enjoys concerts movies dining out times and more Seeking SM 30 45 with similar interests for possible LTR **2217475**

BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE

SBF 39 45 N/W proportionate charming eyes jazz sports gospel picnics amusement parks Seeking SF 29 45 **2223080**

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 **2276032**

A LOT TO OFFER

Outgoing SBF 24 56 350lbs professional employed loves the fun and excitement of festivals enjoys new movies and concerts seeks handsome honest SM **2226633**

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 **2401088**

CALL ME

if you are a business man 60 70 SWM N/S ND homeowner in interests in homelife nature pets alternative medicine sports I'm a SWF 73 write above **2416289**

GET TO KNOW ME!

SF 38 N/S mother of two looking for working man 28 55 N/S for friendship first **2431382**

CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF mid 50s seeks attractive gentleman 50+ with similar interests I love jogging walks concerts certis quiet evenings **2574342**

SLOW DANCING ROMANCING

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 **2576279**

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 **2221725**

MAKE ME LAUGH

SBF 45 smoker wants to find friendship possibly more w/gentle man 40 60 who appreciates music travel spending time outdoors **2460269**

JOURNEY WITH ME

through life's adventure DWF 50ish slim blonde enjoys romance travel life to its fullest Seeking financially secure WM 55-65 Lets unravel life's mysteries together **2400596**

MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES

SWF 53 white 160lbs blonde hair two grown children loves animals church children sports Seeking a good Christian man 50 62 for friendship first possible LTR **2530353**

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF 54 142lbs 56" enjoys blues animals gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SM 5'10" N/S social drinker for LTR **2548938**

SOUND LIKE YOU?

SWF 18 65 blonde/hazel 150lbs sweet honest outgoing likes concerts movies hanging with friends Seeking honest attractive funny outgoing SM for casual dates fun and friendship **2582708**

EDUCATED AND POSITIVE

SWF 55 510 Polish N/S likes the outdoors movies good conversation trivia genealogy restaurants traveling dogs Seeking intellectual SWM 47 60 **2260061**

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 **2579922**

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 **2506895**

SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE

Full figured African American woman attractive 44 no children ISO African American male 32 38 to spend quiet evenings I'm carefree love laughter good times concerts plays sporting events traveling and quality time **2290167**

A PRECIOUS JEWEL

Very attractive BPF Christian 47 55 145lbs honey brown N/S enjoys outdoors movies traveling cooking Seeking romantic BPM 40 55 financially secure similar interests for LTR **2432793**

EBONY SEEKS IVORY

DBF 42 53 140lbs full figured seeks to date SWM 40 50 in the Mount Clemens area **2455323**

LOVING AND CARING

Independent active loving caring down to earth SF 46 N/S vege traner enjoys movies fine dining travel Looking for handsome SWM 45 49 HW proportionate N/WAM professional **2421896**

LIBRA

DBF 50 looks much younger enjoys music long walks quiet times Seeking W/A/HM 35 50 for friendship possible long term relationship **253857**

LONESOME

Senior WF retired 54 active honest healthy need the attention of a WM 65 75 enjoys everything easy to please 50 hurry up and call me! **2449585**

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 **2115795**

FABULOUS AND FULL-FIGURED

Cute sexy SBF 41 N/S will try anything once loves movies plays dancing holding hands cuddling Seeking attractive sexy SM 31 50 N/S with similar interests **2411224**

DARK EBONY

SBF 42 59 full figured seeks intelligent man 48 60 5 8 2 medium build or heavier set for possible relationship **2325293**

WHERE IS MY RIGHT?

SF 46 likes dancing bowling romantic evenings swimming Seeking SM 40 55 with good sense of humor **2520765**

ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?

But gentle of heart? Good looking trim SM 42 55 N/S? Very cute SBF 53 emotionally and physical ly n shape w/ eclectic interests currently accepting applications **2263684**

SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing active DWF retired ISO fun male 80+ who likes bridge tennis reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to do a tuxedo now and then **2271793**

NOT INTO GAMES

Petite WF 50s with herpes willing to give it another chance seeks one on one relationship with SM Race age unimportant **2405796**

RESCUE ME!

SBF 41 55 average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBF 43-47 professional ly employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman **2406835**

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! **2417236**

AFFECTIONATE & ATHLETIC

SBF 45 52 130lbs enjoys cooking roller skating dancing Seeking SBM 40 55 5 5 N/S N/Drugs for friendship dating possible LTR build on honesty trust respect **2425305**

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

I could be it! Attractive SWF 60 5 105lbs willing to try just about any thing with the right person! Seeking SBM 32 50 for special relationship **2418068**

SEMI RETIRED

SF 62 59 slim fit likes jazz concerts symphonies theater travel and outdoors activities Seeking intelligent honest caring humorous gentleman 55 70 with similar interests **2467917**

TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE

SBF tall medium build N/S who enjoys music traveling comedy shows seeks man 45 55 N/kids N/S outgoing affectionate stable for LTR **2444748**

ROMANTIC LADY

Beautiful voluptuous DBF 42 58 likes traveling outdoors Seeking man 45+ race unimportant to enjoy life together for friendship maybe more **2464984**

LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR

Attractive WWF 64 red/blue 5 150lbs looking for easygoing well groomed gentleman 85 70 who enjoys meeting new people **2476645**

men seeking women

NICE GENTLEMAN

SM 29 good person looking for a SB/WF 19 40 for friendship or more Call me lets talk! **2606930**

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 **2527179**

NO BAGGAGE

SWM 32 Vrgo N/S loves to travel eat watch sports and dine out Seeking WF 23 42 for friendship and dating **2582293**

DETROIT'S WEST SIDE

SBM 25 61 200lbs Leo N/S seeks conversation and friendship with a woman 23 37 How about coffee? **2560873**

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Bilingual SHM 32 good body N/S enjoys the outdoors dancing movies if you are romantic pas sionate affectionate and love life call **2560390**

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

SWM 46 82 209lbs brown/blue degeared outgoing personality enjoys outdoors workout new activities seek friendly SF age/ location open **2531308**

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 **2546509**

KNOW WHAT'S REALLY GOOD?

Spending time with this bright enthusiastic optimistic yet realistic 40s who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s **2550046**

CUTE & CUDDLY

Fun charming helpful male 56 Cancer with wit wisdom and warmth seeks a nice woman 44 62 **2478746**

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 Seeking emotionally available SWPF 28 44 who is passionate about life **2411391**

EASY ON THE EYES

Well maintained SWM 56 enjoys keeping in touch with current events heart to heart talks silly conversations Lets meet over coffee and see what develops **2470377**

SEEKING SOULMATE

SBCM 42 55 seeks special lov ing devoted Christian female 55+ slim medium build 30 44 with great sense of humor and a warm heart who enjoys movies parks romance laughter for life/love **2604659**

SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL

Good looking friendly SWM 41 5 11" 180lbs no children N/S easygoing enjoys movies music travel dining Seeking very attractive pretty SH/A/WF 28 39 friendship possible relationship **2780359**

UP FRONT

SWM 52 slim attractive passion ate good hearted financially secure honest N/S with mild herpes likes travel dining in/out and playing pool ISO W/A/HF 35 52 N/S fit attractive fun loving **2605896**

WHAT'S UP LADIES?

SWM 22 6 190lbs short hair college student N/S enjoys club bing (but not as a way of meeting women) and malls Seeking BF 18 40 large build +- N/S attractive **2605961**

A SINCERE GENTLEMAN

DWM 56 10 handsome and secure seeks honest caring S/DWF with a sense of humor who enjoys travel candlelight dinners dancing concerts boating movies for friendship possible LTR **2507073**

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 **2598136**

SEEKING ART LOVER

Good looking SM 46 5 8" 155lbs college graduate outgoing easygoing seeks slim attractive SF who enjoys concerts movies dining out art theater symphony long walks and romance **2331159**

PARTY ALL THE TIME

SWM 21 wants to find fun and excitement with a lively woman 20-40 who knows what she wants out of life Lets talk about romance **2606752**

GOOD TIMES GUARANTEED

SBM 27 61 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 **2596577**

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP

DWM

Trade surplus

Deal that brought Ward to Whalers was one-sided

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Steve Ward felt shock and elation simultaneously one afternoon last September when he was notified that his hockey career was about to switch lanes.

While at practice preparing for the season-opener a few days away against the Plymouth Whalers, Ward, then a member of the Sarnia Sting, was called off the ice and notified that he had been traded to the Whalers for forward Jordan Grant and a ninth-round pick in the 2005 Ontario Hockey League draft.

Like a bulldozing, blind-side check, the news caught the 18-year-old defenseman off guard. "A few days before I was traded to Plymouth, I had a meeting with the (Sarnia) coach, and he told me that I was going to be a big part of their plans for the upcoming season," said Ward, smiling. "I didn't get a lot of playing time the year before, so that was good news to hear. When I found out I was traded, it was shocking at first. The more I thought about it, though, I

realized that the trade was going to allow me to make a fresh start with a great organization."

It didn't take long for Ward to understand how beneficial the trade was for his career.

"Things couldn't have gone any better than they have," Ward says now, six months later. "I'm playing a ton, including on the power play, and I like my teammates, the coaches and the Plymouth area. It's been an awesome experience."

Whalers general manager and coach Mike Vellucci would second that notion — especially considering Ward has thrived on the blue line for his team.

"We had been after Steve for almost a year (prior to the trade)," Vellucci revealed. "He wasn't playing a lot in Sarnia because he didn't fit their style of defense. They like big, tough guys that like to fight, and Steve isn't that big (5-foot-11, 180 pounds) and he's more of a skills guy, which is what we like. He is a great skater with a great shot."

"I really like his offensive ability. He's been a big part of

our power play this year, and he will be next year as well. To tell you the truth, I don't think we'd be where we are right now without him."

Heading into this weekend's games, Ward had compiled five goals, nine assists and 44 penalty minutes in 53 games. The numbers aren't flashy, but they're solid — much like the dependable Ward.

"Steve has really fit in with the team nicely. Vellucci said 'He gets along with all of his teammates, he's polite and he works hard. Since he didn't play a lot last year, this is really his rookie year, too, so he's gotten a lot better as the season has gone on.'"

Ward was originally selected by Sarnia in the fourth round (70th overall) of the 2002 Ontario Hockey League Draft. After playing six games with the Sting in 2002-03, Ward netted three goals and eight assists in 43 games last season.

"I'm a puck-moving defenseman," Ward said, describing his style. "I like to think I'm the kind of player who makes smart plays and gets the puck into the offensive zone quickly. The well-spoken teenager

said he'll never take the perks that go along with his current position for granted.

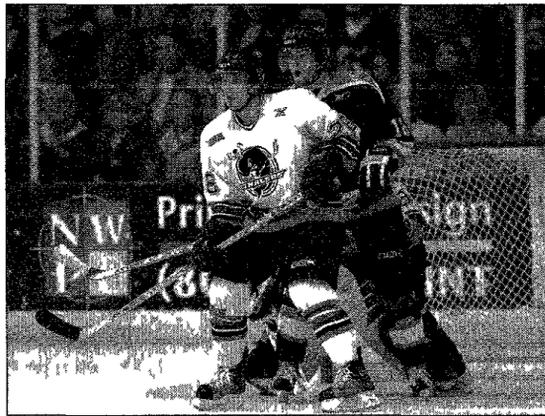
It's neat — and kind of strange in a way — when a kid asks me for my autograph because it wasn't that long ago that I was asking players for their autograph," Ward said. Even though I play and practice day in and day out, it's still very exciting for me. I realize how fortunate I am to be in the position I am."

Moving away from the comforts of home was difficult, but only temporarily, Ward said.

"It's tough moving away from your family and your friends, but you get used to it after a while, he said. "I've met a lot of new friends and I live with a great family in Plymouth, so that helps."

When I moved away from my family for the first time, I was a boy, but when I went back home for the summer, I was a man because living independently made me a much more responsible person. I can take care of myself now better than if I never would have left home to play (in the OHL)."

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Steve Ward (26) has bolstered the Plymouth Whalers' defensive corps since being acquired by the team from Sarnia in a trade last September. Ward is one of the team leaders in minutes played and he had notched five goals and nine

Rock icers earn dramatic draw

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When does a tie feel like a win?

When you're down 3-0 on Senior Night — like Salem's hockey team was Friday night — and you battle back to knot the game at 3-3 with a last-second goal.

The Rocks' final regular-season home game ended in dramatic fashion when Adam Gilkin's second goal of the night with 19 seconds left capped a tenacious rally.

The draw left Salem with a 9-11-3 record heading into Friday night's Western Lakes

Activities Association cross-over game.

"It was a good game," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "We had a nice crowd for Senior Night. Our seniors really played hard. It wasn't a win, but it felt like it after trailing 3-0. And it probably felt like a loss for Northville."

Following a scoreless first period, the Mustangs tallied a pair of second-period markers.

Dino Barnebie scored first with 13:28 left and Don McKinnon made it 2-0 just 9:55 seconds before the second intermission.

Northville's cushion grew to

3-0 with 6:52 left in the game when Joe Vitale hit the lamp, but the Rocks didn't give up.

A Craigen Bauldry shot found the back of the net with 4:45 remaining, and the comeback was on.

"That goal really got every body going," Feiler said. "Everybody on the bench got up and started to make some noise."

Salem's deficit was cut to 3-2 with 2:27 remaining on Gilkin's first goal, which was assisted by David Carey and Brooks Belhart.

"We pulled our goalie with 49 seconds left and got the puck into their zone, but they

iced it three or four times," said Feiler, describing the scenario that led to the tying goal. During the last few seconds, we put a lot of pressure on their goalie, but he made three or four nice saves. When Adam scored, he didn't have a lot of room because it was jammed up in front of the net, but he made a nice play on it."

Carey assisted on Gilkin's tying goal.

Feiler praised the effort of goalie Brandon DeMars, who made at least 40 saves. Feiler estimated

Doug Ozog played strong in net for the Mustangs.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

P-CEP ICER MEETING

The 2005 Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will be held Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Current members, and parents of Canton, Salem and Plymouth high school hockey

players are encouraged to attend.

Nominations for the Executive Board will be taken from the floor and committee selections will be available.

Anyone interested in the present and future high school hockey programs at Canton, Salem and Plymouth High Schools should plan on attending.

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U.S. Bowling Congress ready to assume command in March

The big transition is well under way as the U.S. Bowling Congress is shaping up and taking on the functions of the American Bowling Congress, the Women's



Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

International Bowling Congress, Young American Bowling Alliance and USA Bowling. The old familiar ABC Logo with an eagle atop block letters ABC is pretty much gone. It has been replaced by a red, white and blue star with an image of a bowling pin within the star and the new name right below. It's a strikingly clean design and we will see a lot of it soon.

By Aug. 1 of this year, most of the changes will have been made as the ABC, WIBC and YABA will gradually disappear. The USBC brand promise is Ensuring the integrity and protecting the future of America's biggest sport for competitive and recreational bowlers. USBC's mission statement include The U.S. Bowling Congress, the governing body, provides programs and services, protects the integrity of the sport and enhances the bowling experience. More information can be found on the Web site www.usbc.com. Roger Dalkin, former ABC executive director is now at the helm as chief executive officer of USBC. By 2006 the names of all tournaments within the USBC will be changing while the formats and traditions will remain the same. For example, the ABC Championship will become the USBC Open.

The USBC Convention will be March 13 at Baton Rouge, La. with delegates from area associations on hand (this previously was the ABC convention). It coincides with the USBC Open national tournament, which will now be under the new banner, formerly known as the ABC. It will also be tied in with the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. When the last-place team goes up against the first-place team, exactly 24 places apart in the standings, expect the unexpected. My squad was holding onto a first-place tie in the Mayflower Men's Wednesday Senior Classic. The opposing team looked like anything but a last place team as its anchorman, Steve Karakula, fired an 803 series, to lead a three-game sweep, and it was bye-bye first place. Both teams were hitting the 1-3 pocket real good, but Karakula was able to carry his

hits while everyone else was leaving the ten-pin or the seven on seemingly good hits. If you watch the pro bowlers on TV, that can often be the difference. The pros all can hit the pocket, but the winner is usually the one who can get them all to fall on just one ball. Round is the shape of a bowling ball, and that is good for a bowler, and that is something that a lot of us tend to be in our own physical shape. We can think up all kinds of excuses, like not enough time, can't get to the gym, etc. Now there's that 20-minute workout "Blitz," which is open in Livonia and Canton. It's a good way to get rid of the round and feel better at the same time. There's plenty to gain without all the pain. The Blitz features a workout circuit for men, especially appealing to the more mature among us who need it most. It is patterned after "Curves,"

which has been serving the women successfully for many years. The exercise machines are low resistance due to the hydraulic action, so a 20-minute circuit session three times per week is recommended. No sweat suits, no showers, just quick, convenient and reasonably priced. Phil Hawn of the Livonia location is offering all bowlers a one-week free trial, no obligation, just come in. He guided me through the circuit, I found it to be quite workable for myself with absolutely none of the soreness the next day. A person can go at his own pace, more resistance or less depending on how fast he goes. The benefits are good for all muscle groups and it is quite aerobic as well. Just show your sanction card and your first week is free, Phil says. Paul Seymour of the Canton

location extends the same offer to all bowlers. The health benefits of the Blitz are there for men of all ages. However, it is very suitable for the older guys since it is not stressful or physically demanding like the routines at most conventional gyms and health clubs. Observer staff writer Linda Ann Chomyn wrote all about the Blitz in the Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005 edition of the Observer. If you saved the paper, it appeared in Section C. The Canton Blitz is located at 8577 N. Lilley Road (Call 734-459-1405 for more information). Meanwhile, the Livonia Blitz is at 18760 Middlebelt Rd. (Call 248-427-9770 or visit www.tmetoblitz.com for more information.) Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

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Bowling loses an ambassador in passing of icon Dick Weber

BY AL HARRISON
CORRESPONDENT

Considered by many the greatest bowler of all time, Dick Weber passed away Sunday night at age 75 at his St. Louis, Mo., area home. Less than 36 hours earlier, Weber had gotten a standing ovation when he was introduced at the opening ceremonies of the 102nd American Bowling Congress Championships at the River Convention Center in Baton

Rouge, La. Weber captured 26 Professional Bowling Association titles over six decades. He was voted National Bowler of the year in 1961-63-65 by the Bowling Writers Association of America and was voted one of the three all-time great bowlers at the end of the 20th century. He was inducted in the ABC Hall of Fame in 1970 and the PBA Hall of Fame in 1975. Weber also established a world wide following for anchoring the famous Budweiser teams and with a half century association with the AMF bowling ball company, which sent him all around the world.

He was scheduled to compete in his 58th consecutive ABC Tournament on March 12. Beyond his stunning accomplishment on the lanes, Weber was bowling's greatest ambassador. He promoted the sport on an airplane, on a beach and through numerous appearances on the David Letterman shows. During his lengthy career, Weber set many records, some of which may never be broken. He never refused an autograph or invitation to appear at various bowling functions. In the past three years, bowling has lost three of its greatest ever — Earl Anthony, Joe Norris and now Dick Weber.

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Books help us learn to live in peace

The book caught my eye as I perused the shelves downstairs at the Plymouth District Library Robert Schoen's *What I Wish My Christian Friends Knew About Judaism* (Loyola Press, Chicago, 2004) was well worth my time the few days it took to read

The book also drew rave reviews from *Publishers Weekly* which, in its starred review, says, "Written in a breezy, conversational style and laced with humor, this primer on Judaism delivers precisely what the title indicates. What is truly remarkable about this compendium is its thoroughness and lucidity. Schoen manages to touch briefly on practically all aspects of Judaism."

Some of the book wasn't new to me. I knew a bit about keeping kosher, having worked as a high schooler in the restaurant at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Even so, Schoen's descriptions of Jewish dietary laws shed a great deal of new light for me.

Schoen's background is interesting. You might expect a rabbi to have penned such a book, but Schoen is definitely a layperson. He's both an optometrist and an accomplished musician (parts of the book deal with music used for Jewish services and the role of the cantor).

Much of my childhood knowledge of Judaism came from Sydney Taylor's stellar *All of a Kind Family* books in which five young Jewish girls, joined by a brother, grow up in a loving home in early 20th century New York.

Those books are great for teaching grade schoolers, especially girls, about Judaism. Together with books such as Schoen's there's a wealth of information for those of all ages.

Schoen's book got me to thinking about Islam and Hinduism, two other dominant world religions about which I know less than Judaism or my own faith, Christianity. I e-mailed the good librarians at the Plymouth library. Their recommendations are:

On Islam
Responses to 101 Questions on Islam by John Renard, Paulist Press, New York, 1998.

Islam, the Straight Path by John Esposito, Oxford University Press, New York, Oxford, 1998 (this author is considered an expert, says librarian Sue Patterson).

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Islam by Yahya Emerick, Alpha, Indianapolis, 2002 (donated to the library by an Islamic group).

Islam, A Short History by Karen Armstrong, Modern Library, New York, 2000 (a very well-regarded writer on religion).

On Hinduism
Responses to 101 Questions on Hinduism by John Renard, Paulist Press, New York, 1999.

Hinduism, A Very Short Introduction by Kim Knott (e-book).

Schoen's book, which includes sections on the Holocaust and Middle East conflict, ends with a plea for understanding and tolerance among those of all faiths. His excellent book concludes that we're all in this together, and need to learn to share our planet peacefully.

Certainly, learning about each other's beliefs and traditions is an important part of that. If you're unsure of where to start, why not check with your public library, just like I did?

You'll end up learning a thing or two, and enjoying yourself at the same time.

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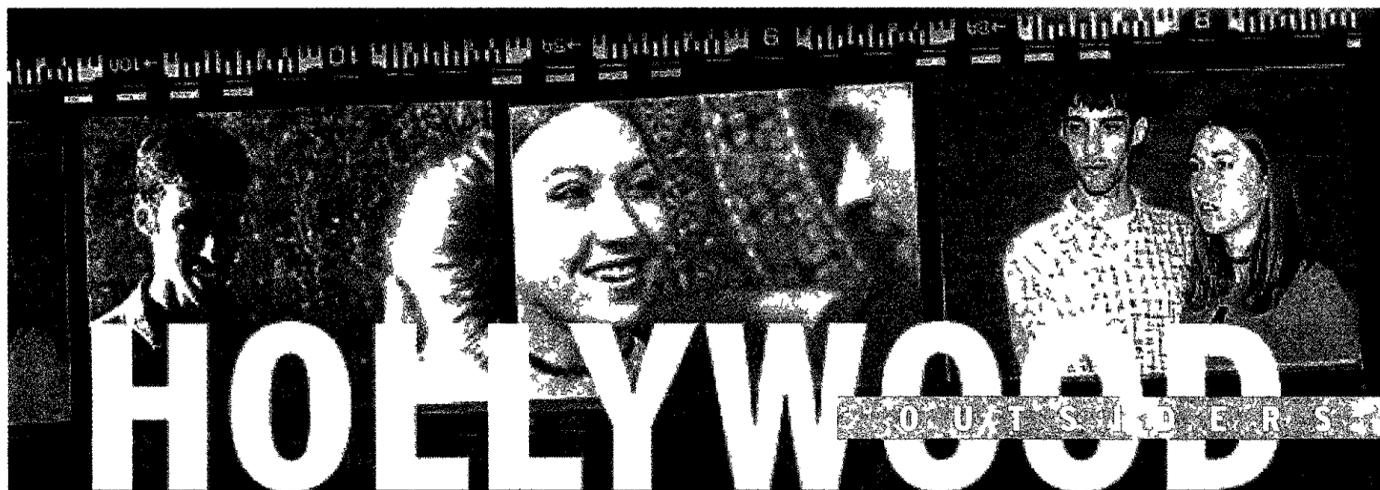
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Local movie makers sold on metro Detroit area

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Five years after graduating from Churchill High School in Livonia, Thomasita Hatfield was on her way to study special effects makeup in L.A. when former classmate Todd Brunswick called.

Three children and a name change later, Tommy Brunswick and husband Todd are preparing for the world premiere of *Mr. Jingles*, their third horror film on Feb. 24, at Emagine Theatre in Novi.

Like a growing number of filmmakers from Canton, Westland, Garden City, and West Bloomfield, the Brunswicks would like to make pictures in Hollywood someday, but for now they're inspired by sights and sounds in the community. Local filmmakers are content to write, direct, produce, and act in their love stories, comedies and horror flicks right here. *Mr. Jingles* was shot in Livonia, Canton and the Maple Grove Cemetery in Westland. For information about the premiere, call (734) 844-0300.

"We're Hollywood outsiders," said Todd Brunswick, a 35-year-old Canton resident who made his first films for a Livonia auto supplier. Both have taken odd jobs to make ends meet during nearly five years in the film industry. "It's totally unglamorous. Ninety-five percent is business. The fun part is making the movies."

Shooting *Mr. Jingles* took only eight days compared to nine months of planning, casting and securing investors for the slasher movie about a killer clown. Their first two films, *Biker Zombies* and *Lurking Terror*, taught them production shortcuts. Efficiency is an important selling point when trying to attract investors for a Crossbow 5 Entertainment film. They're hoping past connections they've made in the industry will lead to larger projects. *Mr. Jingles* cost under \$100,000 and was privately funded. Right now they're looking for investors for upcoming films *The Dumping Ground*, *Writer's Block* and *Corpse of Carnage*. The good news is the horror segment of the industry has grown 23 percent in the last year according to American Film Market statistics.

PASSION

"It's very tedious, hard work," said Tommy Brunswick. "To stick with it, it's kind of crazy. It's that passion or vision, you can't stop it."

Sam Khaleghi and Rocky Black come from different worlds yet have the same desire to bring creations to the screen. Ever since Khaleghi of West Bloomfield and Black (Westland) met at the premiere for Eminem's *8 Mile*, the two have been on the same wavelength when it comes to movie making. Both have acted in, written and produced everything from horror to the comedy *Approaching Midnight* to the romantic drama *In Love with Lust*, directed by Darren Brown of Detroit. Locations were local - LaBasha Restaurant, Harrison High School and Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills as well as homes in Bloomfield Hills and Westland.

"We're trying to expand the local community of filmmakers," said Khaleghi, a 21-year-old public relations student at University of Michigan-Dearborn. "We said let's keep it here. All the resources are here, the actors, directors."

"You're seeing more independent films made here because it's cheaper to make," added Black, who played a supporting role in *8 Mile*. "We're working on making this spot the next Hollywood. We have the big city, the forest, the river, every thing we need here."

ODD JOBS

Both realize that making Detroit the next Hollywood isn't going to happen overnight. Like the Brunswicks, they work odd jobs. Black likes to say he grew up on the wrong side of the tracks in Ypsilanti. After earning a basketball scholarship to Schoolcraft College, he had to drop out to support his first child and wife. He still works full time and on the side acts in commercials and manages a music artist.

Khaleghi took acting classes at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills after acting in musicals at West Bloomfield High School. He works in Novi at a clothing store. In the past, he's waited tables and worked as a paid intern for Paramount where he learned about marketing film.

He's also acted in commercials for DOC and Toyota.

Sara Stepnicka isn't about to quit her day job as manager of Giulio's restaurant at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Besides keeping food on the table, the position provided her and fiancé Anthony Vallone with a location for the police station scene in *The Mongol King*, a serial killer thriller. Their Mallonicka Films was going to shoot inside the Ypsilanti police department until Sept. 11 happened. It forced them to find another site in addition to Ypsilanti and the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. Vallone was studying psychology of film and Stepnicka was in the theater program at Eastern Michigan University. Before long, he was writing the film and both were playing the next targets of the killer. So far, the film was selected for the Smmash Film Festival in Minnesota last October and the Bare Bones International Film Festival in Oklahoma in April 2005. *Mongol King* qualified for Bare Bones because it was shot for less than \$8,000. The film is available for \$14 from www.themongolking.com, Amazon.com or customflicks.com.

"We wouldn't have been close to getting it done except for the hundreds of people who helped us," said Vallone, a 30-year-old Garden City resident who together with Stepnicka is giving back to the community. "We're trying to bring another film here and we're trying to start a nonprofit for underprivileged children to be involved with film making. We're finishing up the proposal now."

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Tommy Brunswick (right) and her father, Dr. Rudolph Hatfield, pause between takes of *Mr. Jingles*. The West Bloomfield physician spent two to four hours in makeup every day to become the killer clown.

Author captures tales of Cadillac assembly line workers



Lolita Hernandez writes about workers at the Cadillac Clark Street plant in her new book 'Autopsy of an Engine.'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Lolita Hernandez planned to work at the Cadillac Motor Car Co. plant on Clark Street in southwest Detroit for only a little while after earning her psychology degree at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She ended up staying 21 years until the complex completely closed in 1994.

It was a gradual demise for the Cadillac Clark Street assembly line, which was considered the most modern automobile complex in the world when operations began in 1927. Clark Street produced cars jointly with Fleetwood. At its peak in the mid-1970s, nearly 10,000 people worked in the foundry, plating operation, engineering facility, warehouse and waste treatment

center. Although she compares the factory to a black hole, it's obvious Hernandez's love for the assembly line workers is what inspired her to write *Autopsy of an Engine and Other Stories from the Cadillac Plant*.

She says there's a little bit of her and her co-workers in each of the 12 short stories. She'll read some of them, then answers questions, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at the Madonna University library in celebration of Women's History Month.

I started working in the plant out of politics. I was in a left-wing group and wanted to raise the level of consciousness," said Hernandez, who began writing in the 1970s and earned a master of fine arts degree from Vermont Writing School of Norwich University

in 1993 as the plant was in the process of closing down. "Nothing is ever all bad or good. We were a family in a sense. It was good money. Working conditions weren't always real swell, especially back then, but I try to convey how we creatively lived through all that. We had feasts at the plant at holiday time. There was so much warmth and dignity. I don't miss the work. I miss the people. You learn how to swing with the motion of the part or line."

That rhythm comes out in the book as poetic music as Hernandez triples words and creates melodies from the sounds on the line. Although she spent only five years on the line, Hernandez has worked for the auto industry for 32 years. After the line moved to Livonia in 1979, she became a

trades person at Cadillac Engineering, when it closed, she went on to her present job for the UAW-General Motors Center for Human Resources in the plant maintenance program aimed at producing a safer work environment while maintaining quality products.

Along the way she raised two children - Pedro, 27, a graduate of Princeton University who now works as a stand-up comic in Los Angeles, and Demecna Gray, her 20-year-old daughter who's now in her final year of art school at the Art Institute of Chicago.

"People don't know much about working in a factory," said Hernandez, a 57-year-old Detroit resident. "I've had people thank me for telling them

PLEASE SEE CADILLAC, C2

Youths become easily hooked on tobacco

Dr Joseph R DiFranza is a family doctor and a professor of family medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School He's been studying tobacco and youth access to tobacco for over 20 years In a 30-month study, even DiFranza was shocked at the results of his Hooked On Nicotine Checklist



Teens in 2005
Alice McCarthy

The test was given to 679 seventh grade students Here are the results

- Students who answered even one question "yes" were 29 times more likely to fail at their first attempt to quit

- Students who answered even one question "yes" were 44 times more likely to still be smoking at the end of the study

- Students who answered even one question "yes" were 58 times more likely to be smoking daily

In other words, nicotine addiction isn't defined by how

much or for how long a person smokes Nicotine is an addiction when it is hard for a person to stop

According to DiFranza, 'Youths become hooked, or dependent, on tobacco much more quickly than any one had previously imagined It also takes much less tobacco to get hooked than we had thought There does not appear to be any threshold of nicotine intake in terms of cigarettes per day for dependence to start'

DiFranza's study is important There will be more research, and more hard data on how much - actually, how little - cigarette smoking leads to nicotine addiction In

part, however, DiFranza has rediscovered what has long been known about another addiction, alcohol

Have your adolescent take the Hooked On Nicotine Checklist What you now know and what your teen will learn, could be life-saving

The Hooked On Nicotine Checklist

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- 6 Is it hard to keep from smoking in places where you are not supposed to, like school?

When you tried to stop smoking or, when you haven't used tobacco for a while did you find it hard to concentrate because you couldn't smoke? did you feel

more irritable because you couldn't smoke? did you feel a strong need or urge to smoke? did you feel nervous, restless or anxious because you couldn't smoke?

Have you inquired about what is being taught in your school's health classes? Share the quiz with your teen's health teacher

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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about the inner workings many workers don't talk about It's like a black hole you go in everyday and come out

I'll be at University of Michigan-Dearborn March 15, New York on March 5 Something I'm excited about is making presentations to UAW locals I was at Local 659 in Flint, home of the sit-down strikers that forced GM to recognize the UAW (in 1937) It was emotional and powerful for me to go and talk about a closing Their plant is closing now People really identified with the book

Hernandez fondly captures the stories of workers in the book Oddly enough, she's not a car buff, but loves the people who make them It shows in her writing

'It was sad when the plant was closing,' Hernandez said 'It's like seeing someone you're close to die'

Autopsy of an Engine and Other Stories from the Cadillac Plant is available at major bookstores and online at www.amazon.com for \$14

Madonna University is at 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan in Livonia For more information about Hernandez's appearance, call (734) 432 5703

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CIGARETTE SALES DROP

The Michigan Department of Treasury reports that 11.8 percent fewer cigarette packs were sold in July August and September of 2004 compared to the same period last year The Michigan Distributors and Vendors Association recently claimed that state cigarette retailers and wholesalers had experienced a 25 percent drop in the sale of cigarettes since the tax was increased by 75 cents on July first Clearly the health goals associated with the passage of the tax increase are likely to be achieved using either figure

Further support for this outlook is the fact that the Michigan Tobacco Quit Line reported over 1,000 individuals called for information on how to quit smoking during the month of October This was a 91 percent increase over the previous October The Quit Line number is (800) 480 7848 Callers with no insurance can receive nicotine replacement patches and gum if they sign up to receive assistance from Quit Coaches Prevention Network News February 2005 (800) 968 4968

Angela Hospice starts support group for parents in mourning

As anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one knows, death is not easy at any time There is no getting around grief The loss of a child can be especially devastating and complicated Now parents who are struggling with the loss of a child can find support through the pediatric bereavement professionals at Angela Hospice

When a child dies, it is often difficult for parents to find the support they need, said Leshe

Feret, a pediatric social worker from Angela Hospice 'We're hoping to provide a safe haven where parents can share their experiences and gain encouragement from others who are also grieving'

Angela Hospice begins a new grief support group called

Heartstrings for parents who have lost a child due to illness or disease Taking place the first Thursday of each month, the group will be open to individuals from the community

with a recent or past loss There is no charge

Bereavement and pediatric social workers from Angela Hospice will facilitate the group, offering support and information specific to parent and family grief

'The group will help parents by providing coping skills and discussions on the issues and feelings that they are currently experiencing,' said Feret 'We want them to know that they are not alone in what they are

going through

'Heartstrings' will have its first meeting on Thursday, March 3, but individuals may join at any time Meetings will be held at the Angela Hospice Care Center at Newburgh and I 96 in Livonia from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 6:30 8:00 p.m. For more information on Angela Hospice's community bereavement services or to register for the group, call Feret at (734) 464 7810 or visit www.angelahospice.org



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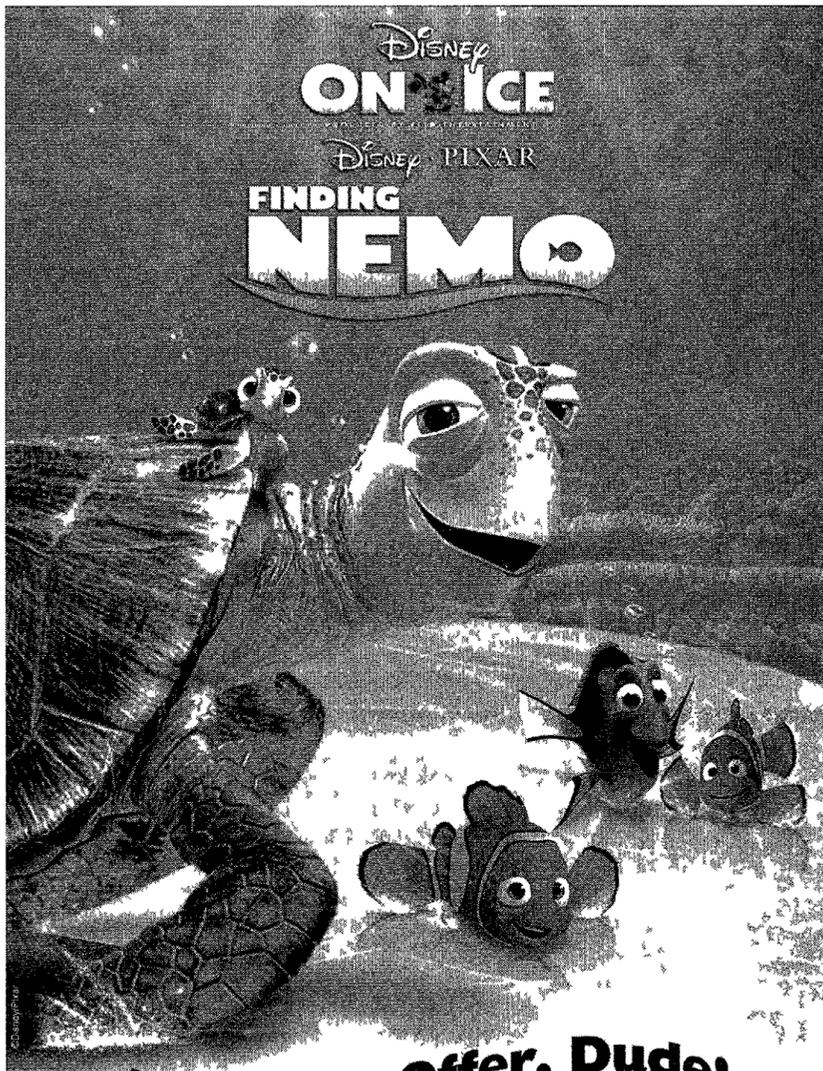
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Super fun choices

Summer fair showcases kids camps

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Nowadays, children don't necessarily spend their summer playing with other neighborhood youth.

With that reality, choosing the right camp is even more important.

That's why Elaine Sturman is proud to present the annual Super Summers for Kids A Camp and Activity Fair.

"Nowadays, children don't live close together anymore and play in the street," she said. "You have to find an environment that is safe, nurturing and fun for them in the summer."

Super Summers for Kids is set for 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Birmingham Public Schools Corporate Training and Conference Center in Beverly Hills.

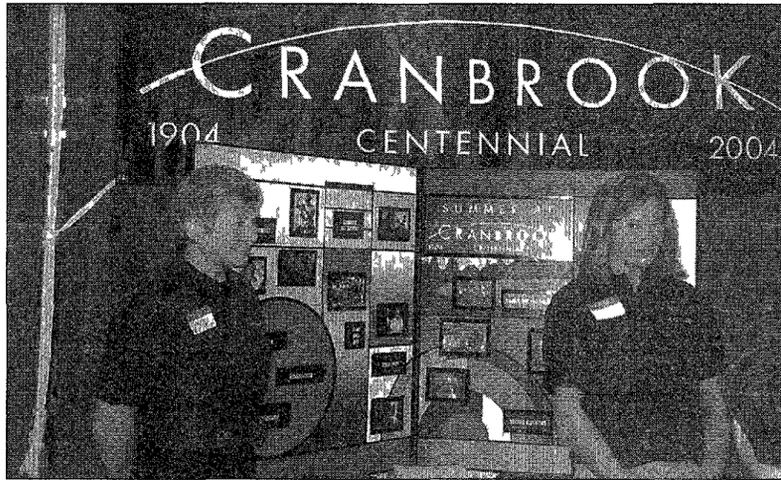
The 16th annual event, which is free, will again feature a variety of day and overnight camps from throughout southeast Michigan and Canada.

"It will showcase over 70 camps," said Sturman. "It's one-stop shopping. I provide a venue to talk to program directors, get brochures and see videos and really get a feel for what the program is."

Over 1000 families - or 3,000 to 4,000 people - attend annually, she said. It's the only camp fair in this area, and by far the biggest.

DIVERSE INTERESTS

Myrna Katz of West Bloomfield attended the camp fair last year with her daughter and son-in-law, Heidi and



Cranbrook offers many summer programs. It again will have a booth at the camp fair.

CAMP FAIR

What: More than 70 summer camps will have booths.

When: 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27.

Where: BPS Center 31301 Evergreen Road, Beverly Hills, behind Groves High.

Admission: Free.

Information: (248) 851-7342.

Chuck Freedman, and their sons, ages 8 and 9. She said she was impressed.

"The fair exceeded my expectations, because we were able to see the whole spectrum of summer activities that are available for the kids," she said. "Being a grandparent, things have changed significantly. I didn't realize there were so many specialized camps."

Her grandsons ended up with a day camp in science and computers for part of the summer,

and then attended a camp in their Walled Lake School District too. "I'm sure she will be looking around again for things for this year," she said of her daughter.

Robin Fenberg of Birmingham said the camp helped her choose the Roper day camp for her daughter, Rachel, 7. The camp offers diverse activities, with campers choosing what they want to do each day.

"She loved it," she said of how her daughter liked the camp. "It's a wonderful event," she added of the fair.

The fair is divided into day and overnight programs. Some camps, such as YMCA, offer both, Sturman noted.

Among the camps new to the event this year are those offered by Detroit Waldorf Schools Interlochen National Music Camp, which had been absent from the fair for awhile, returns but with new programs. "Now they have programs as short as two weeks."

Some camps are known to generations. They include Camp

Maplehurst, situated on 400 acres of rolling hills and wooded land on Torch Lake in northern Michigan. It is celebrating its 50th anniversary year.

Local programs include the Detroit Zoo Summer Safari and Cranbrook Art Academy, among others. Camp Kodiak in Canada has programs for youth with and without learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder.

If you need a week off from your child, Recreation Unlimited in Ohio offers a marvelous program, Sturman said of a camp for children with special needs.

The programs have a variety of price ranges. Several camps offer scholarships.

Teens interested in summer employment at a camp may also pick up applications.

Sturman recommends that parents bring their children, ages 5 to teens, so they can participate in the choice. Choosing the right camp makes all the difference.

Sturman, of Bloomfield Township, says she comes from a camping family and her three grown children always enjoyed summer camp.

"I have visited many," she added of the camps. "I have talked to all. They all have some kind of accreditation."



Star Struck

(Feb. 20 - Feb. 23)
By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

If someone in a position of authority makes you the kind of offer you can't refuse this week, it means your star is on the rise at last. However, with the approaching Full Moon aspecting your ruling planet Mars at the same time, you would be wise to get the proposal in writing. There's a bit of fog in the air for Aries now.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

The time has come to demand straight answers to some vital financial questions. Bull! You've watched from the sidelines as the situation has deteriorated, and the recent Sun sign change says it's up to you to take control. Just make sure you've left yourself an escape route, kiddo!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You know what you know and there's an end to it, but sometimes even you have to admit that the facts and figures don't add up. Such a time is now. It will reflect badly on you if you don't change your viewpoint. Think twice and twice again. Twin. Open your eyes, not your mouth.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

It's been real up and down for you since '05 began. Moon/Kid Life is like a game of Chutes and Ladders. Sometimes you get a helpful leg up, other times you get kicked down. The good news is you'll be moving up the ladder this Full Moon week. The challenging news is it may be at a colleague's expense. But don't let that stop you!

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

The Moon in your sign warns that a partner or other intimate appears to be pushing his or her luck, and it's time you spoke up. This is the moment of truth, and unless you state your case clearly and concisely, you're likely to be taken for granted - or for a ride. Stay in the driver's seat, and buckle up!

VRIGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Try not to get involved with anyone or anything outside your normal realm of understanding, kiddo. Far better to risk being considered boring than to

jeopardize your future security. Others may try to influence your decision, but this is a time to march to your own drummer. Follow your intuition, learn from the past.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Anyone who thinks you're indecisive will be obliged to think again this week. Balancer. You know what you want, you know where to get it, and you know that if you apply yourself forcefully, no power on earth can stop you! Spring augurs good income and luck for you. You know what you can do - nothing else matters.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Everything points to this being a time of amazing changes and challenges. Scorp. Now is your chance to carve a niche for yourself, demonstrating in the process that you are an expert among mere beginners. Out of every crisis comes the chance to be reborn, so don't cling to status quo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Archers are prepared to suffer many things, but fools aren't one of them. Unfortunately, this week's Full Moon means there will be a lot of them about and all around you. Therefore, the best thing you can do is to keep your distance and hope they are wise enough to keep theirs. Trust in your self and be your own best friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Your star sign is not one to mince words. Cap, and there will be a number of occasions this week when you'll have to bite your tongue if you want to avoid conflict on the home or work front. In the long run, you will get the chance to speak up, but for now it's more important to keep the peace.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Remember that even with the best will in the world, you cannot coax or convert those who choose to dwell on the past or on failures and disappointments. Therefore, don't allow anyone's negativity prevent you from enjoying yourself and believing that you were born to win!

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Take the greatest possible advantage of the peace-loving planet Venus entering your sign soon to get your life back on track again by getting rid of responsibilities that no longer serve a useful purpose. Inner peace can be yours. Fish, once you learn to let go of what is no longer needed.

Dennis Fairchild is a local astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 546-6912 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

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Super summer for kids

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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 (4221 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.

Liturgical music workshop

The Music Committee of the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will host a workshop on Orthodox liturgical music at 9 a.m. on Saturday March 19 at the Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia. Entitled "When the Saints Go Marching In," the workshop will focus on the Trisagion antiphons, troparia and other processional music sung during the Divine Services and sacraments of the Orthodox Church. The workshop is designed for choir directors, chanters and choral singers at Orthodox churches. Church musicians from other Christian traditions also are welcome. Registration for the workshop will be from 8:30 to 9 a.m. The workshop itself will be from 9 a.m. to noon, followed by lunch. The fee for the workshop is \$25. The luncheon fee is \$5. To register or obtain further information, contact Janet Damian at (313) 274-1226 or damjan@juno.com.

Adoption seminar

Adoption Associates Inc., a statewide agency, is hosting a domestic infant and international (China, Russia, Guatemala, Bulgaria and Ukraine) adoption information meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday March 9 in Farmington Hills. Adoption Associates is located at 26105 Orchard Lake Road. To RSVP or for more information, call (248) 474-0990.

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.pardeshanah.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.womenseconomclub.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.

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 will be held Saturday, Feb. 26. The event starts at 6 p.m. with a silent auction, followed by WDIV's Steve Garagiola. The live auction starts at 9 p.m. Proceeds raised from the auction will benefit Mercy's educational programs. For auction reservations or other information, call Erin Carlesimo (248) 476-8020, Ext. 1253.

Men's health day

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

Genealogical meeting

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 3 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell. The evening starts at 6 p.m. with a Genealogy Help Session hosted by society member Margaret Bow and. Public is invited, no registration is needed and admission is free. For more information, call (517) 546-6307 or (517) 223-3216.

Republican women meet

The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club takes place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 at the Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile in Livonia. Speakers include Livonia Clerk Val Vandersloot and city councilwoman Terry Godfroid Marecki. Cost is \$12. Visitors and guests always welcome. For reservations, call (248) 474-3525.

Flea market

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts the 51st annual Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at 1830 Washtenaw. Art and antique collectibles, jewelry, linens, toys, seasonal items, furniture and books will be among the items available. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call (734) 662-3279.

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 W.M.M.D. (what would mother nature do). Looking after the soil and how to improve it. Let's select and grow and a garden that everyone can safely enjoy. Admission is \$10 per person. Mia Mahalo is located at 407 S. Washington in Royal Oak. For more information, call (248) 546-1900.

Black History art exhibit

Madonna University Art Department presents the exhibit "Individual Idoms: 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.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill

patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport, patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-1145.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups

for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeast 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 djvandyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

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February 9, 2005, Age 90. Beloved husband of the late Shirley Dear father of Jill (Rick) Collins of AZ, Bobbie

Lindsay of Highland Twp. and Mary (Dino) De Angelis of Lake Orion. Grandfather of Devan, Nick, Lindsay, Hillary, Brian and Courtenay (Candelario). Great grandfather of Olivia and Amelia. Step brother of Patrick (Carol) Lindsay of New Hudson. Mr. Lindsay was a Bus Driver for the City of Detroit and was a custodian at MacGowan Elementary School in the Redford Union School District. He was a United States Navy Veteran having served in WWII Memorial Service Saturday, 11 a.m. February 26, 2005 @ St. Joseph Catholic Church (715 N. Lapeer Rd., Lake Orion). Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church Beaumont Hospice or St. Jude Children's Research Arrangements entrusted to the Lake Orion Chapel of the Sparks Griffin Funeral Home.



SISTER MARY JARLATH MADIGAN, RSM

Sister of Mercy, Nurse, Anesthetist

(Farmington Hills, MI) Sister Mary Jarlath Madigan, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 59 years who served at Mercy Hospital in Port Huron for 40 years, died on February 16, 2005 at McAuley Retirement Center. She was 88. She was born to James and Josephine (Mullaney) Madigan in Detroit on April 9, 1916 and named Josephine Marie at her baptism in St. Charles Church. She attended Mercy College of Nursing and became a registered nurse in 1937, later specializing in obstetrical nursing and earning certification as a nurse anesthetist in 1939. During World War II, she made a promise to God, "that I would devote my life to serving him in the best way I could if my brother came home safe from the war." I entered the convent when Joseph was safe. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in 1946 and became known as Sister Mary Jarlath. She made profession of perpetual vows on August 16, 1951. Sister Mary Jarlath's first assignment was at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit from 1948 to 1954 where she served as supervisor of obstetrics and of surgery. During these years she completed work on her bachelor's degree, graduating in 1951 from Mercy College of Detroit. In 1954, Sister Mary Jarlath became one of the first sisters to staff the new Mercy Hospital in Port Huron. For 40 years she served in the obstetrics, surgery and emergency departments as an anesthetist and as supervisor. Her final ten years at Mercy Hospital were spent working closely with patients and families as director of surgical patient support services. Many colleagues at the hospital expressed their sense of loss when Sister Mary Jarlath retired to McAuley Center in 1994. "No human being I've known has worked any harder for others," said Dr. Mahamoud Chafy. Year after year she has been a tireless nurse, working seven days a week and on call 24 hours a day. Except for an occasional retreat, this woman has always been there for patients and staff of this hospital. Barbara Tate Cogley who came to Mercy Hospital as a secretary and eventually became a nurse, credited Sister Mary Jarlath as a major influence and dedicated a poem about nursing to her. Dr. S. C. Walker noted that Sister Mary Jarlath's combined qualities of compassion, expertise, warmth and sense of humor made her a very special person in the lives of all with whom she worked. Sister Mary Jarlath is survived by her brother Raymond, several nieces and nephews, many friends and by the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service was held at McAuley Center on February 17, 2005 at 3 p.m. with a scripture and remembrance vigil at 7 p.m. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on February 18, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. followed by burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Southfield Arrangements are under the direction of McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1405 or to Mercy Hospital, Fund Development, 2601 Electric Avenue, Port Huron.

MARIAN REIMANN

Age 88, February 15, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Ralph Loving, mother of Sterling (Carolyn) Reimann and Lucienne (Richard) Brokowski. Also survived by four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A Funeral Service was held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Road, Garden City, on Friday at 12:00 noon. Memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurses Association.

MARY ELIZABETH BALDIE, NEE ROSHIRT

82. Passed away Sunday, February 6 at Woodhaven Nursing Home in Livonia due to complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Mary was born in Detroit to James and Carrie Roshirt and graduated from Highland Park High School and Junior College. Mary was preceded in death by her husband David, brother Clayton and half sisters Virginia and Dorothy. She is survived by sister Norma (Bill) Jarratt, sister in law Marian Roshirt and 8 nieces and nephews: Tim, Peter and Bill Jarratt, Jim and Paul Roshirt, Kathy Herring, Cynthia Forward and Virginia Allen. Mary was a long time Livonia resident, member of Rosedale Gardens Pres. Church and Rosedale Gardens Civic Association, active with the Easter Seal Society, former employee of Ford Motor Schoolcraft College and Holiday Inn Livonia. A memorial service will be held at Rosedale Gardens Pres. Church on Saturday, April 16 at 11:00 and burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit in the family plot. Donations may be made to Angela Hospice of Livonia or the Alzheimer's Society.

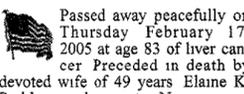
BETTY J. STANFORD

Age 78 of Northville, died February 18, 2005. She was born June 23, 1926 in Emporia, Kansas. She was a resident of Plymouth from 1991 to 2000. She then moved to Houston, Texas where she lived for two years before returning to Michigan. She earned a Master's Degree in English Literature as well as a Master's Degree in Industrial Relations, both from New School University in New York. She retired from the St. Joseph Mercy Health Care System where she worked in Human Resources. After retiring, she continued to work as a consultant. She was also active in the Living In Retirement organization through the University of Michigan. She is survived by her sisters Patricia (William) Fletcher of Cypress, TX and Jane Maroone of Buffalo, NY, many nieces and nephews and many grand nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her brothers Joseph Stanford, Edgar R. Stanford, and Jack Stanford. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Civil Liberties Fund, Arrangements entrusted to Schrader Howell Funeral Home (734) 453-3333.



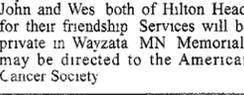
DONALD N. PADDON

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 17, 2005 at age 83 of liver cancer. Preceded in death by devoted wife of 49 years, Elaine K. Paddon and parents, Norman and Agnes Paddon of Ontario, Canada. Beloved father of sons James R. of Wayzata, MN and Paul D. of Maui, HI. Sister in law, Grace Holland and husband James of Shelby Twp., MI. Brother in law, Dr. Marvin Zulauf of Portage, MI. Nephews and friends born in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. He fought in the RCAF and Canadian Infantry. After becoming a U.S. citizen, he served in the U.S. Army as well. Mr. Paddon spent most of his life in Birmingham, Michigan. He moved back to Hilton Head, SC from Aiken, SC in 2004. Mr. Paddon was an employee of General Motors Photographic Division for more than 25 years. The family wishes to express additional thanks to friends John and Wes, both of Hilton Head, for their friendship. Services will be private in Wayzata, MN. Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.



ARLENE J. BALOG-GOULD-TYLUTKI

Age 54, February 17, 2005 of Monroe. Beloved wife of Michael Tylutki. Sister of Catherine. Also survived by two step children. Funeral Services and burial will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Roselawn Memorial Park, 13200 S. Dixie Hwy., LaSalle, MI. Under the direction of the Allure Funeral Home, Monroe.



ARBIE OTTO THALACKER

Was born on January 9, 1907 in Wautoma, Wisconsin and died February 14, 2005 in hospice at Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI. He resided in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area since 1936. Arbie began his professional career as an attorney in Marquette, MI and was then hired as in-house counsel for Detrex Corporation, Detroit, in 1937. At Detrex, he also served as Secretary General, Manager, Executive Vice President, President and Chairman of the Board before retiring at age 80 in 1987. Arbie served as a past president, treasurer and chairman of the grounds committee for the 60 plus years as a member of Orchard Lake Country Club. During the early years at Orchard Lake, he is credited with the planting of thousands of trees and starting of the tree nursery at the Club Arbie Arboretum. He was also member of the Bar Association in Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as a member of Tequesta Country Club, Michigan Senior Golf Association, the Detroit Athletic Club, Recess Club and POETS. An industrial magazine article likened Arbie to Abraham Lincoln citing his clear thinking and strong leadership abilities coupled with being a quiet gentleman. He was an avid golfer (shooting his age until he could no longer play at age 94, hole in one at age 84), fly fisherman, hunter and snow skier. Arbie was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Jeanne Emmett and his wife of 10 years, Marjorie Dickenson and one son, Donald William (Helene Heldenstein of Luxembourg, Europe). He is survived by children Arbie Robert (Deborah) of New York, Richard Emmett (Brenda) of Whitmore Lake, MI, Nancy Odom (Cal) of Brighton, Sue Welcome (C. David) of Bloomfield Hills, stepchildren Thomas Dickenson (Rose) and Lynn O'Neil, 14 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. A memorial service was planned for 12 Noon on Saturday, February 26th at Pine Hill Congregational Church, 4160 Middlebelt Rd., West Bloomfield, MI. In lieu of flowers, tributes may be made to Evans Scholars Western Golf Association, One Briar Rd., Golf Illinois, 60029 (college scholarships for golf caddies) or charity of choice.

MARY ELIZABETH BALDIE, NEE ROSHIRT

82. Passed away Sunday, February 6 at Woodhaven Nursing Home in Livonia due to complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Mary was born in Detroit to James and Carrie Roshirt and graduated from Highland Park High School and Junior College. Mary was preceded in death by her husband David, brother Clayton and half sisters Virginia and Dorothy. She is survived by sister Norma (Bill) Jarratt, sister in law Marian Roshirt and 8 nieces and nephews: Tim, Peter and Bill Jarratt, Jim and Paul Roshirt, Kathy Herring, Cynthia Forward and Virginia Allen. Mary was a long time Livonia resident, member of Rosedale Gardens Pres. Church and Rosedale Gardens Civic Association, active with the Easter Seal Society, former employee of Ford Motor Schoolcraft College and Holiday Inn Livonia. A memorial service will be held at Rosedale Gardens Pres. Church on Saturday, April 16 at 11:00 and burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit in the family plot. Donations may be made to Angela Hospice of Livonia or the Alzheimer's Society.

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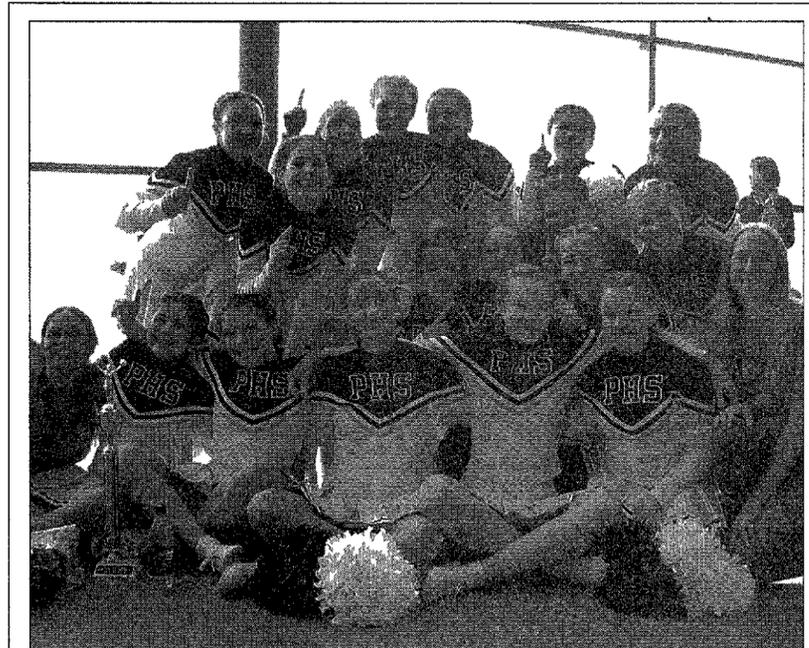
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The Plymouth Saberettes junior varsity pom squad placed first at the Mid American Pompon 2005 state-wide championship. After regional competitions, the top 12 squads were selected to attend the final event which was held at Eastern Michigan University on Sunday, Feb. 11. This is the first year Plymouth High School has had a JV pom team.



Take It From Ernie

Ernie Harwell

Think about giving the gift of life

All of us expect that if we're ever in an accident or develop a serious illness and need blood, it'll be there. Unfortunately, while there's a continuing need for donated blood, only a fraction of people who can give blood actually do.

We have the same problem when it comes to organ donation. About 80,000 people await a life-saving transplant and, sadly, 18 die every day because a donor isn't found on time.

I'm not saying that donating blood or organs is for everyone. Certainly some people have good reasons for not doing so (Religious beliefs come to mind.) But I am saying that we all need to think about how we can "pitch in" to help meet the community's health needs. And donating blood and pledging to be an organ donor are great ways to do that.

For more information about blood and organ donation, visit www.redcross.org and www.michigan.gov.

Take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone.

Ernie Harwell the voice of the Detroit Tigers for more than four decades retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today at age 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.

Creative solutions

Dietitian offers tips for healthy eating

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Are you a Standup Suzy or Sam? Eating on the run can pack on the pounds just ask registered dietitian Gail Posner. It's just one of the bad habits the registered dietitian regularly tries to curb in clients at her Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling office in West Bloomfield. Over the last 20 years, Posner's identified certain unhealthy eating patterns and problem foods again and again so she decided to name the personalities - Bag or Box Barry or Barb, Fast Frank or Fran, Patty Party. She currently is working on a book about the offenders to help them detect and reduce unnecessary calories. If you're a Stand-up Suzy those two extra crackers every day can add up to six pounds in a year. "Stand-up Suzy may be the number one bad habit," said Gail Posner. "We consume so many extra calories by grazing, walking through the kitchen, grabbing a piece of cheese, a few crackers in the cupboard."

Posner provides a creative solution to the problem after evaluating a client's eating practices during an hour-long interview on the first visit. If you're a stand-up eater, sit down. "Move the grabby-type foods - pretzels, dried cherries, a bowl of grapes to an inconvenient location," said Posner. "Keep cereal above the refrigerator. Keep grapes in a covered dish in the back of the fridge, ice cream in the basement freezer."

Don't give up the chocolate just

limit the proportions. Instead of eating a candy bar, try to curb your craving with two Hershey's kisses.

"Chocolate does have health benefits," said Posner. "It's not the enemy in the right amount. I think chocolate is part of life. It includes components that release serotonin for a calming, soothing effect but you only need 1- to 2-tablespoons of chocolate or two Hershey's kisses. Wait 20 minutes, I use the analogy of a headache, you don't take pain reliever or medication and five minutes later take another because it isn't working. It takes time. The craving should pass."

Weight loss isn't the only reason Posner's clients come to her. About 20 percent want to eat healthier, the other 40 percent have health issues such as diabetes, arthritis and high cholesterol. All can benefit from controlling portions and exercising. Posner recommends both.

"I'm seeing a more preventive approach," said Posner. "They're not waiting till they're overweight or have a health issue. People are much more aware and interested in nutrition and using a registered dietitian as a trainer. I'm seeing parents concerned with children's habits and clients who in the last couple of years have increasingly grown confused about what to eat. They say, I give up. Do I not eat fats, protein?"

Posner eats six small meals a day, everything from pasta to bread. Downsizing portions is more important than the types of food consumed. In addition, she drinks 64 ounces of



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Gail Posner, registered dietitian with Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling, helps individuals modify eating habits, such as replacing sugary drinks with vitamin water, to help them lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

water a day to stay hydrated and fill her up. Posner buys water in the 16-ounce bottle so she knows if she drinks four bottles she'll meet the requirements for the day. She says, forget fad diets that promise fast weight loss. Posner teaches clients the difference between hype and what's nutritionally sound.

Barry Howard's been following her advice since Oct. 30. The retired chief judge for Oakland County originally went to see Posner on his doctor's advice after a blood test revealed an elevated sugar count. Howard didn't want to eventually have to take medication for diabetes. Posner evaluated not only eating but exercise patterns and the fact that political and bar association events put him at high risk for overeating. Howard doesn't eat the hors d'oeuvres now because if he starts he can't stop. If he's going to have a

drink, he might start with a Bloody Mary then go non-alcoholic for the second drink.

"I've lost 20 pounds," said Howard, 56 of West Bloomfield. "It's an individualized program based on likes and lifestyle. It's easy to follow. It's adaptable. If you have a craving for pizza, you can eat pizza. You just have to limit the amount that you eat."

"I'm reorienting the eating and drinking, controlling portions. Gail gave me simple tips. If you look at the palm of the hand that is the amount of meat you should eat or cut a tennis ball in half. That would be the amount of starches you can have. With salad dressing, choose clear over cloudy. The same with soup."

Today, Howard is eating three meals a day instead of two to provide enough

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St Joseph Mercy Hospice provides a complete training program for new volunteers. Training will begin Tuesday, March 8 at the hospice, 806 Airport Boulevard in Ann Arbor. Pre-registration is required.

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Are you a Bag or Box Barry or Barbara?

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Can you spot yourself in one of the unhealthy eating personalities mentioned below? Registered dietitian Gail Posner says it's a good beginning

Once she's identified unhealthy eating patterns and problem foods in clients at Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield, the next step is easy. She develops an eating plan tailored to their lifestyle. For those who decide to go it alone, she offers the following advice:

Lemonade Larry doesn't realize the calories hidden in sugary drinks. A tall glass of lemonade (12 ounces) can contain 120 to 150 calories. One glass a day instead of water can amount to 12 pounds a year. A bottle of Sunny Delight or Snapple is 240 to 300 calories.

I encourage clients to switch to a lower sugar, healthier product such as vitamin water which has 1/3 the calories of Sunny Delight," said Posner. "The goal is to get them to switch to water."

Dehydrated Dana confuses thirst and hunger. One of the first questions Posner asks is if she's eating the recommended nine to 11 servings of fruits and vegetables each day. Fruits and vegetables are 90 percent water and in addition to supplying vitamins, hydrate the body and provide a satiated feeling.

"They think they're hungry when it's thirst," said Posner. "I train people to distinguish the difference. Before eating an extra snack try a glass of water. Wait five minutes then ask 'Am I still hungry?'"

Fast Frank (or Fran) eats so fast he doesn't realize he's full. If you don't spend at least 20 minutes eating a meal or snack, you're not leaving enough time for the brain to realize you put food in your stomach.

Chewing sends signals to the brain to indicate satiety or fullness. How many don't chew, but inhale, said Posner. "I teach fast eaters to slow down and take small bites the size of a nickel. Load meals with vegetables. There's more to chew. It will help fill you up."

Patty Party drinks too much alcohol which puts on pounds.

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Gail Posner
registered dietitian

A six ounce glass of wine contains 125 calories. A large martini is like drinking two to three drinks or 300 calories. Frozen drinks like daiquiris and margaritas are 300 to 400 calories a serving.

"During a party or long dinner some of my clients report having two to four drinks. That adds up to splurged calories."

Posner says start the evening with a non-alcoholic drink like Perrier or a Virgin Bloody Mary then have an alcohol drink. The third round go back to an alcohol-free drink.

Clean Plate Charlie always empties his plate.

"Don't treat yourself like a garbage can. Listen to your body," said Posner. "Restaurant portions are for 6-ft football players. Adjust the portion to your height."

Grab and Go Gina doesn't plan ahead. When she gets hungry, she's very hungry. The solution is to plan ahead and have vegetables or a healthy snack with you to tide you over. "You don't send your kids to school without lunch. Take as good care of your body," said Posner. "Pack dried fruit, peanut butter sticks in the trunk or glovebox."

Bag or Box Barry or Barbara takes a bag of chips or pretzels to the family room or computer, sits down and eats till they hit the bottom.

The healthy way is to take one serving. Check the label to see what that is. Put the box away, said Posner. Don't put cereal on the kitchen table. By putting it away you're more likely not to take extra helpings.

And work snackers - never eat out of a vending machine or doughnuts that appear in the employee lounge. Bring your own healthy snacks."

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FEBRUARY

Divorce support
The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 22. Gaining Financial Control of Your Divorce. Jacqueline Gold will discuss financial aspects of divorce and how to plan for your future following the divorce. In Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Infant and child immunizations
5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 23 in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium 36475 Five Mile in Livonia 48154. Please use the Five Mile Road entrance. The fee is \$10 per child. For more information call (734) 655-8950. The Infant and Child Immunization Clinic will provide all routine infant and childhood immunizations to children under age 18 administered by health care professionals at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Please bring all available immunization records to be updated. Registration is not required.

Thyroid Cancer Support Group
Our support group is free and open to any and all survivors and their families and friends. We meet monthly. The next meeting is 7-8 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 23 at 850 Stephenson Highway Suite 402 (ATI) Troy. For more information call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

Classes
Strengthen Your Bones Naturally 6-8 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 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. Then hire specific vitamins, minerals and supplements as bone builders. Gather many non-prescription strategies to strengthen bones at any age. Cost is \$64. Seniors \$51.20. Includes workbook. Register by calling (734) 462-4448.

Kick off party
The American Diabetes Association is hosting an America's Walk for Diabetes kickoff party 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday Feb. 24 in Ann Arbor. The kickoff party is a precursor to the May 14, 2005 America's Walk for Diabetes in Ann Arbor. To RSVP for the party or more information about America's Walk for Diabetes call Stephanie Rahm at (248) 433-3830. Ext. 6692.

Oscar Night benefit

Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation's Oscar Night® America Party 6:30 p.m. Sunday Feb. 27 at Star Theatres Southfield and Pistons Hoop City Grille 25333 W 12 Mile Southfield. This is Michigan's only Oscar Night® party sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Proceeds from this fun and exciting event will benefit children's programs and community outreach initiatives throughout the Oakwood Healthcare System. For tickets or more information call (313) 586-5346 or visit www.oakwood.org.

Lupus meeting
Everyone is welcome to attend a free New Connections meeting 6-7 p.m. Monday Feb. 28 at Annapolis Park Church of Christ 30355 Annapolis Westland. The meeting are designed to assist people unfamiliar with lupus and Lupus Alliance to find out how the Alliance is helping people to better understand the disease and what they can do if they or a family member is diagnosed with lupus. For more information or to pre-register contact the Alliance at (800) 705-6677 send e-mail to info@milupus.org or visit the Web site at www.milupus.org.

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

Tai Chi
Classes from the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter begin soon at four locations: Summit on the Park Canton (734) 394-5460, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia (734) 655-8947, Miss Helen's Westland Dance (734) 261-3744, and Guardian Martial Arts Garden City (734) 266-0565. All instructors have been trained and certified by the Arthritis Foundation. For more information about schedules and fees call the site nearest you. Tai Chi classes from the Arthritis Foundation are appropriate for anyone seeking a joint safe exercise program. Participants learn a series of slow, graceful, flowing movements adapted from Sun style tai chi.

Red Cross safety courses
Began in January and include CPR/first aid with AED (automated external defibrillator), Infant/Child CPR, CPR/AED review for professional rescuers, CPR review for individuals with current CPR certificates, nurse assistant training, and baby sitter training at the Livonia Service Center 36650 Five Mile call (734) 542-0442 or

visit www.semredcross.org. Costs vary. Among the offerings is nurse assistant training (\$650) that teaches 90 hours of skill and theory that will enable individuals to provide quality care for residents in long-term care facilities. The program meets State of Michigan requirements and upon completion the participant will take the Michigan Nurse Assistant Aide Competency test for state certification. For more information call (313) 576-4130.

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

Hospice volunteers needed
Heartland Hospice of Southfield is looking for caring, compassionate and dedicated individuals to provide companionship to clients in their final stage of life and support to their families and caregivers or provide office support. Heartland Hospice serves patients with a limited life expectancy and their families in the tri-county area. Any time you can give is welcomed and appreciated. To sign up for training or for more information call Mary or Brianne at (800) 770-9859/464-7810.

Divorce Recovery Workshop
Bethany Rochester began a workshop series 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday Jan. 13 for 11 weeks at St. Ignace Catholic Church 7710 Old Perch Road Rochester Hills. The workshop is open to the divorced and separated of all faiths. No charge. For more information call Mike at (248) 652-3860.

UPCOMING

Life Line screenings
Tuesday March 1 at the Royal Oak Elks Club No. 1523 2401 E. 4th Street Royal Oak. Appointments begin at 9:00 a.m. A stroke, also known as a brain attack, is ranked as the third leading killer in the world and the second among women. Through preventive screenings the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced. Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology and scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a

strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis. Costs ranging from \$109 to \$129. For more information or to schedule an appointment call (800) 697-9721. Pre-registration required.

Grieving parents support group
The loss of a child can be especially devastating and complicated. Now parents who are struggling with the loss of a child can find support through the pediatric bereavement professionals at Angela Hospice.

Heartstrings will have its first meeting on Thursday March 3 but individuals may join at any time. Meetings will be held at the Angela Hospice Care Center at Newburgh and 196 in Livonia from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6:30-8:00 p.m. For more information on Angela Hospice's community bereavement services or to register for the group call Feret at (734) 464-7810 or visit www.angelahospice.org.

Prostate screening
St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a Prostate Screening and Men's Health Day 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday March 5 at 36475 Five Mile Livonia. A \$10 donation to the new St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center is optional. Appointments fill quickly. To register call (734) 655-8963. Men can receive a prostate screening, learn about medical health and fitness information, nutrition and more.

Prostate Screening Day at St. Mary Mercy Hospital consists of a blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA), Total Cholesterol and HDL, a prostate exam by a physician and a blood pressure check. It is suggested that men 45 years and older get tested. PSA results and other forms of screening allow men to access prostate cancer treatment during the early stages of their disease. Whether immediate treatment is required or not, symptoms can be monitored by your doctor if the condition worsens. Prostate cancer is the second most prevalent cancer among men. Early screening and early detection can save lives.

Classes
Vitamins & Minerals to the Rescue 6-9 p.m. Wednesday March 16 and 23 at Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty Livonia. What mineral helps you sleep better and what vitamins reduce irritability? Learn from health educator Sandy Baumann the findings about common vitamins and minerals, food sources for each and the role that vitamins and minerals can play. Cost is \$79. Seniors \$63.20. Includes workbook. Register at (734) 762-4448.

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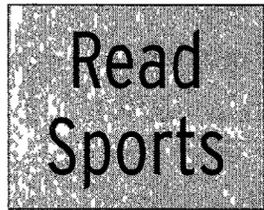
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energy to carry him through the day. He changed his lifestyle as well. He's taking a multivitamin, calcium, folic acid, B-12, and aspirin with his doctor's knowledge.

"I'm up between four and five a.m., take care of my dogs and then have quiet time to figure out what I'm going to do for the day," said Howard who then heads for the gym. "I had always exercised but reached a plateau. I used to run then went to walking. I went with a combination of weights and cardiovascular on elliptical machines, 40 minutes to an hour every day."

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The main muscle in front of the knee is the quadriceps; it anchors into the tibia, the main bone of the lower leg. In the back of the leg, the hamstring muscles anchor into the posterior tibia. The coordinated action of the quadriceps and hamstrings allow you to extend and flex the knee joint, the prime movements in walking and running.

What investigation showed is that the integrity of the tibia depends on the strength of the quadriceps and hamstrings. These muscles, when they contract, place a stress on the bone in the area that the muscle tendons anchor. This stress is the incentive for the chemical reactions that keep remodeling the bone. In turn, this constant change maintains the contours and structure of the bone itself.

This understanding of bone dynamics is important in another way. In the past, the medical community told you to wait for a knee replacement operation until you could not take any more pain. Physicians now realize that waiting this long means you have to decrease your walking substantially. Slowing down to that extent means you lose bone integrity, making the operation and rehabilitation difficult.

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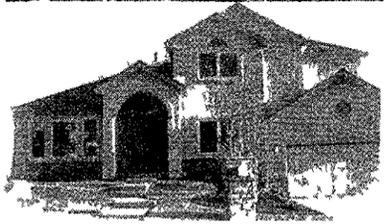
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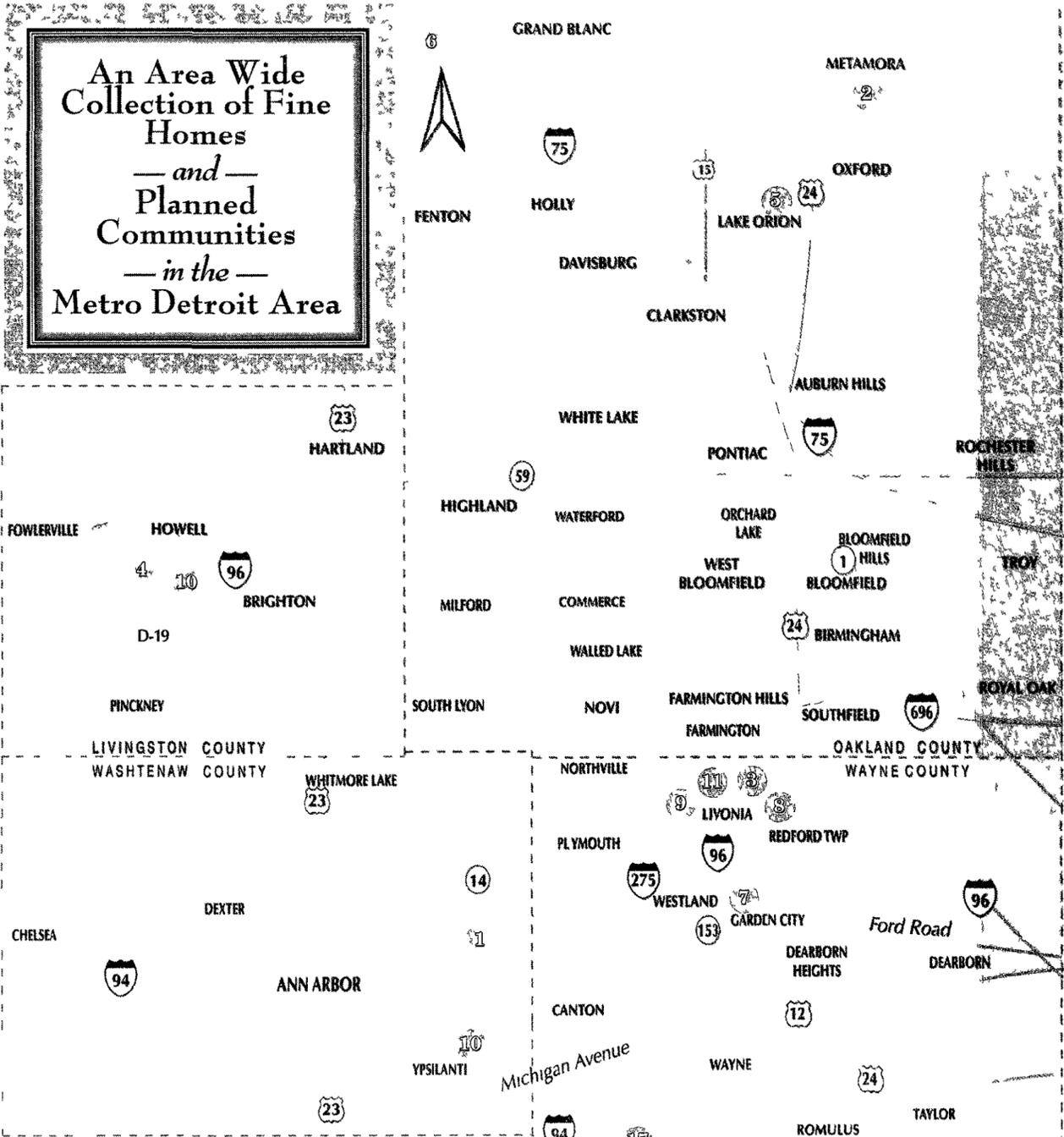


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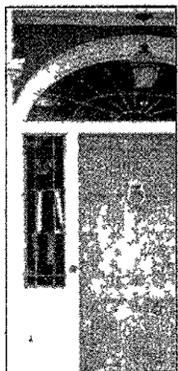


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Create the right lighting for your kitchen

(MS) - Kitchens have evolved into much more than just places to prepare and enjoy a meal. Today, they serve as the hub of the house, acting as a meeting place, study zone and even a home office. The kitchen is truly a center of family activity.

Such multi-tasking demands versatile lighting in kitchens. Gone are the days when a single 100-watt fixture centered in the kitchen's ceiling was sufficient for lighting needs.

I see people every day who are saddled with one light in the middle of the kitchen, says Dan Blitzer, consulting director of education for the American Lighting Association. This means that everywhere around the perimeter, where most of the work is done, it's done in one's own shadow. To make matters worse, the fixture is usually undersized.

Lighting experts agree that you should create a lighting recipe for your kitchen that complements the size and use of the room. You should also determine which lights will be functional and which will be decorative. A lighting professional may be able to create the right mix for your home. Here are some items to consider:

■ **Kitchen table** - The kitchen table is a family focal point. A decorative pendant fixture, operating with a dimmer control, will provide sufficient lighting for this controlled area.

■ **Sink and stove areas** - Recessed downlights assure even illumination. Install them over the stove and sink areas to create adequate task lighting for cooking and cleaning.

When you add new lights over the sink or stove, the whole area comes alive, says Barry Levett, owner and president of House of Lights in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. Those are the areas where homeowners spend lots of their time.

■ **General room lighting** - Functional fixtures will provide well-diffused general lighting perfect for moving about the room safely, peering inside drawers and cabinets and performing chores. The latest looks revolve around recessed lights and low voltage, industrial styles, often with a metal finish.

■ **Cabinets and countertops** - Placing lighting above and below cabinets can illuminate countertops for more functional task lighting. These types of lights have gone from optional to necessary with the advent of large kitchens. Available in slim, energy-efficient designs such as miniature track lights or low voltage linear systems under cabinet lighting, quickly and easily lights up countertops. Halogen is quite popular in these areas, offering consumers a whiter, more accentuating light. It adds drama to the kitchen, electrifying countertops and making food look better.

Similarly, over-cabinet lighting is also popular. It emphasizes tall ceilings and complements cabinets that don't reach the ceiling. Installing lighting fixtures within this area can give a more spacious feel to a smaller kitchen.

■ **Office space** - The kitchen office or workspace is the latest trend in need of good lighting. Sometimes these are



Your kitchen lighting scheme should complement the size and use of the room. Be sure to consider elements like the kitchen table, sink and stove areas to create the right mix for your home.

desk areas for paying bills or copying recipes. More often than not, however, they include a space for a computer. Remember that the computer itself is illuminated, so you need only light the paperwork. While your task lighting here depends upon your cabinet layout and computer location, a fluorescent fixture will work well.

Creating the best lighting design for

your kitchen is just like cooking a great meal. You have to have the right recipe and the proper ingredients. You should also plan your work in advance, and consult with lighting experts to determine the right fixtures for your needs.

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Beautiful kitchen makeovers done on a budget

(NAPSI) - Having a brighter, more beautiful kitchen doesn't have to break your budget. The following tips can provide a recipe for inexpensive, kitchen makeover success.

You can update cabinets without replacing them. The easiest update is to refinish or paint them. New knobs and hinges can help pull together a

new look. Replacing just the door is less expensive than replacing the whole cabinet. Or you can remove the doors and go for a country kitchen shelving look.

Freshen up your walls with a new coat of paint. A painted or wallpapered border can define your kitchen's look or you might want to add some mold

ing to give a bland kitchen more detail.

Not ready to replace appliances? You may be able to replace the fronts of some dishwashers and refrigerators to match your cabinets. Or you may be able to paint your appliances with appliance paint.

A color theme is an impor-

tant part of making kitchen elements seem less haphazard. If you're handy with a sewing machine, you can start by making curtains in an appealing fabric and use the same fabric to make other accessories. Keep decorative elements and cookware from your tea kettle to your tea towels in the same color theme.

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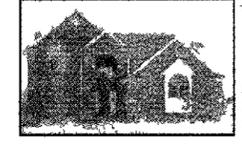
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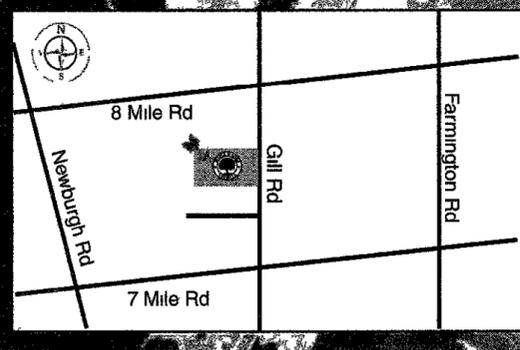
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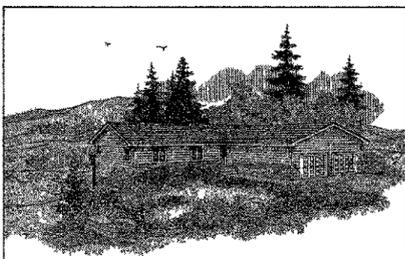
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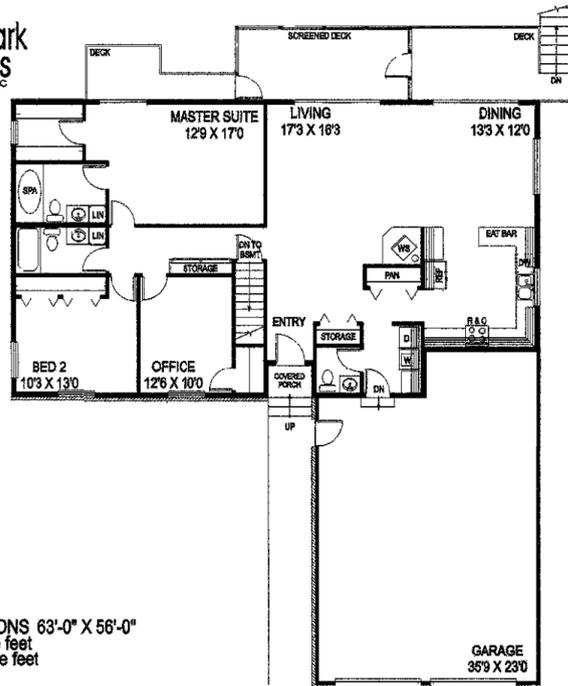
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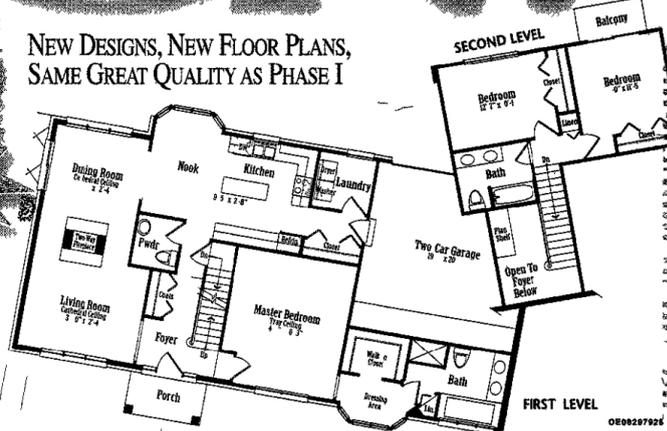
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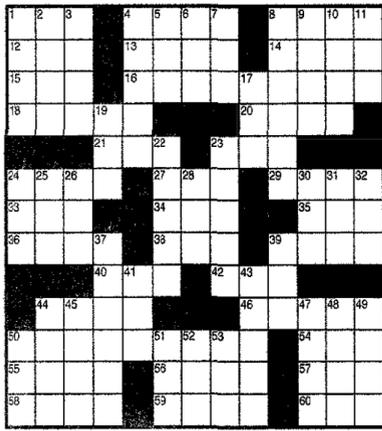
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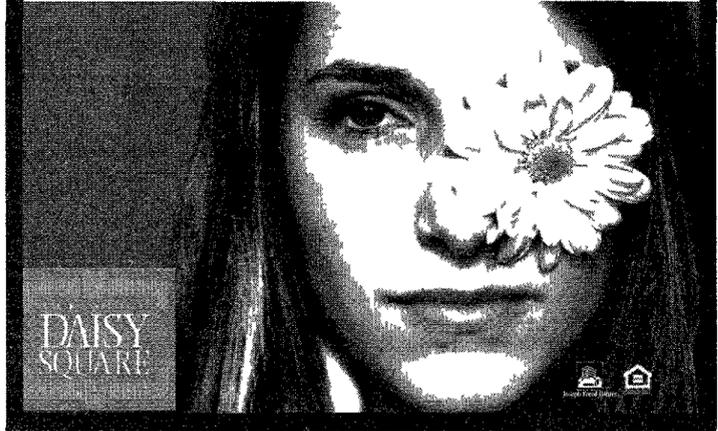
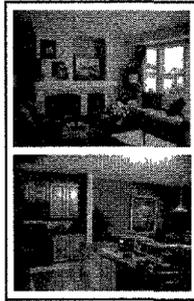
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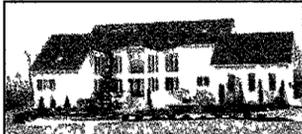
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ROCHESTER Timeless Tradition
Nestled in quiet location of Paint Creek Love y Colonial w/ many custom upgrades including gas log fireplace in bay & master a lot of hardwood and a charming garden pond. 5 decks swim and tennis community.
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FARMINGTON HILLS Backs To Golf Course & Woods
Gorgeous site. Elegant 4 BR 4 1/2 BA home features GR w/triple library newer granite in kitchen FF MBR in law/guest quarters. Full LL w/O has FR w/fridge workout room. Hardwood floors cathedral ceilings wet bar Deck.
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BIRMINGHAM Updated
3 BR 2 1/2 BA on quiet corner of In Popponet. Living room w/vaulted ceilings lib w/views of deck yard & hot tub. Updated kitchen w/Corian countertops sk ght & fam y room w/replace wine cooler & access to deck.
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CANTON Custom Built Home In 2005
New const. On approx 1 acre offers 4 BR 3 1/2 BA 4 car attached garage w/O bsmt. Foyer opens to formal DR & 1 b open staircase. Full granite kitchen w/ jetted tub granite in kitchen plus much more.
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COMMERCE Quality - Lake Sherwood
Enjoy akefront in contemporary 5 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths 2 fireplaces. First floor master w/Jacuzzi & separate shower. Finished over ave full bath wet bar & kitchenette 3+ attached car garage. City water/sewer. Huron Valley schools.
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Upper Long Lake
Breath-taking luxury custom built 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home. Beautifully maintained finished basement w/ walkout canal with access to Upper Long Lake. All sports. Tons of storage. Home shows extremely well.
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MILFORD Privacy Galore
On approx 1 1/2 lots of a luxury park like retreat. Featuring soaring cathedral ceilings hardwood floors kitchen w/island & FF laundry. Two MBR suites one up & one down plus add'l 2 BR's w/1 BA 1 LL w/O & 3 car gar.
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NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
With open floor plan 2 story foyer w/hardwood floors formal LR & DR family room w/replace professionally finished basement. Spacious master suite has a master bath 3 car garage all offered in this 4 BR 3 1/2 BA home.
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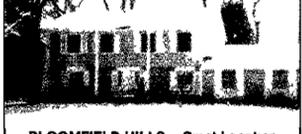
TROY New Construction
4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial on a court. Huge white kitchen formal living & dining rooms. 5 any 1st floor laundry three car garage brick pavers & walk out LL w/full bath MBR suite has Jacuzzi tub & sep shower.
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COMMERCE Lake Sherwood Lakefront
Gorgeous 2 story colonial on the lake has the most beautiful view of Lake Sherwood. Two furnaces upstairs laundry exit a garage lower level with great room and second kitchen & full bath. Sun room. This is a must see home.
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ORCHARD LAKE Totally Custom Showcase
Breath-taking luxury home features FF master bedroom w/2 dress ng suites & huge marble bath w/replace & private balcony in law quarters. Huge studo 4 BR 4 BA 2 powder rms. 6 fireplaces. Approx 1 1/2 acre site w/pond.
(B47PON) 248 626-8800 \$2 750 000



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Great Location
For this 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial. Some hardwood floors 2 fireplaces & newer kitchen w/granite & terra cotta tile floor. Recessed lighting partially finished basement & located on private lot w/newer landscap ng.
(B84TOP) 248-642-8100 \$479 000



PLYMOUTH Perfection Plus
Premier w/perfect floor plan 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage fireplace in living room open dual staircase basement huge bedrooms w/plenty of closet space elegant custom awnings.
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TROY 1994 Built
4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath colonial on a court. Huge white kitchen formal living & dining rooms. 5 any 1st floor laundry three car garage brick pavers & walk out LL w/full bath MBR suite has Jacuzzi tub & sep shower.
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COMMERCE Pond & Acreage Setting
Five bedroom 4 bath home. Set up for handicap needs. Optional first floor master w/cathedral ceiling fireplace & bath. Finished walk out second kitchen bedroom den & bath. Full access to 96 & mall Walled Lake schools.
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Magnificent Estate
Stone construction in 2001 6 BR 5 1/2 BA in private community FF MBR 2 story foyer & GR extensive use of marble & granite hardwood floors w/private w/replace & private balcony in law quarters. Huge studo 4 BR 4 BA 2 powder rms. 6 fireplaces. Approx 1 1/2 acre site w/pond.
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FARMINGTON HILLS Contemporary
4 BR 3 1/2 BA on wooded 1 1/2 acre lot (approx) Jacuzzi MBR w/balcony GR w/vaulted ceilings private wooded yard FR w/full BA on LL w/O. Marble fire newer carpet. Nat'l p/c in DR ceramic tile & indoor grill.
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NORTHVILLE TWP Elegance At Its Best
Enter into a gallery foyer leading to stately music conservatory luxurious master suite executive kitchen w/volume ceilings crown molding & granite T/O. Hardwood floors 5 bedrooms 4 1/2 baths custom LL w/O.
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ROCHESTER HILLS Elegant
4 bedroom home w/cherry cabinets granite counters T/O. Kitchen w/ceramic island stainless steel granite backsplash professional finished basement w/kitchen bath & sauna master BA w/marble floor w/ pool tub.
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OAKLAND TWP Sensational
Estate on approx 10 acres of serene setting 6 BR 6 BA gourmet kitchen open flowing floor plan staircase to 2nd level. Full LL w/O w/garage rm exercise rm BR. Gar holds 16 cars. Custom pool w/waterfall & 3 tier deck.
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PLYMOUTH This Home Is Wonderful
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ROCHESTER HILLS Fabulous
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COMMERCE Desirable Location
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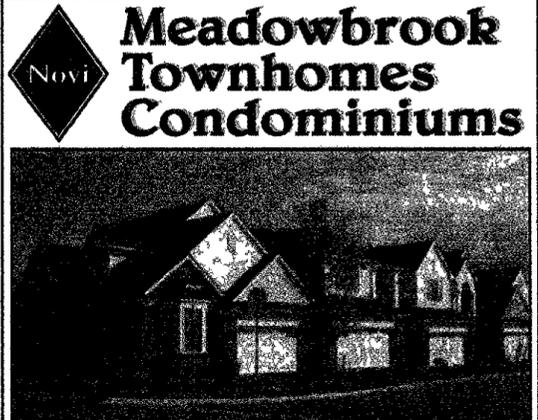
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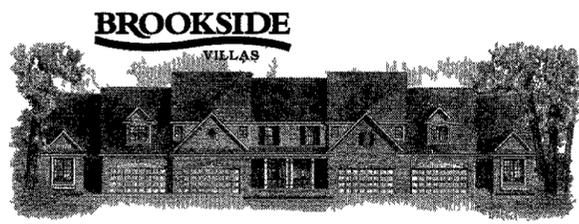
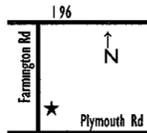
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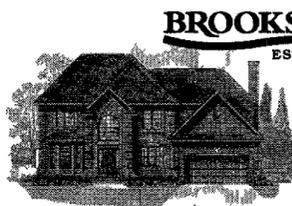
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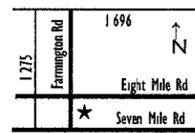
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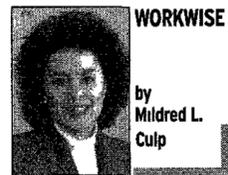
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WORKWISE
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It isn't easy to imagine what life is like for a person on active duty. Glances of television news or scenes in a movie offer not much more than

'We try to gain information from the reservists to find out who the employer is. Then we pry open the lid by calling the employer and offering him participation in programs, for managers and business owners.' He speaks of reservists who failed to notify employers and "just show up at the plant."

Bryan Zawikowski should know about these returnees as individuals. He is general manager and division director of Lucas Group's Military Division, which places more than 1,000 military veterans in corporations per year. His company has offices throughout the United States and in Berlin.

"Most returning reservists have a job that's still available -- or a similar one," Zawikowski says, "and the company is willing to take them back, but they don't necessarily want to go back."

Part of this has to do with improving economic conditions. The grass seems to be greener elsewhere. The bond with fellow employees (in some cases) is gone, so they're returning to a job as opposed to career. He indicates that an employee who left unhappy is most likely not to return. Serving on active duty can create a clean break for them.

"Then again, some can't wait to get back to their companies," he adds.

CIRCUITOUS ROUTES
There's a great deal of discussion about how

multiple jobs affect the American worker. But there's less about reservists with jagged service records caused by changing needs of the American military. Jeremy Burkes, currently of Fayetteville, N.C., is in transition, finally available to work full-time in industry this month. He's looking for a position in the central U.S. after three years with the Army Reserve, more than three years with the National Guard during college, then three years of active duty, a three-month break, National Guard for more than a year, active duty for two years, all of this by age 30. Value in his pronounced ability to adapt can't be underestimated by civilian employers, who often have to counter employees resisting change.

Wil Mitchell, currently of Denver, Colo., is a Naval Academy graduate who subsequently served in the Marine Corps, then worked in a Fortune 100 company before deployment after 9/11. He chose not to return to his previous employer, a decision totally unrelated to his feelings about the company. Mitchell was worn out, in need of a break. He'd been gone long enough to have forgotten his boss's telephone number, so he used the company Web site to find a number for HR.

HR understood his need for a rest, he recalls. "There was nothing negative. They asked me to send a letter of resignation." Mitchell took that rest and is now seeking an operations management position to capitalize upon his management experience. (At 32, he's led 60 people



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or more at a time.) He values the Marine Corps's belief that "there is nothing more important than taking care of those who work for you." Experienced with teamwork, "I can police up after myself, too," he comments. USERRA does standardize a process -- for people who can't be standardized. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp comments upon the workplace in national media. Copyright 2005 Passage Media.)

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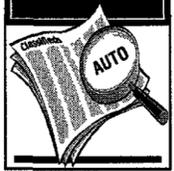
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Please mail email or fax resume with salary requirements to Attn Human Resources Trend Tool Inc 32850 Capitol Livonia Michigan 48150 Fax 734-421 9203 Email dstopper@trendtool.com

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Buick's New LaCrosse Sedan Delivers Prestige, Power, Comfort

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This all new 2005 Buick LaCrosse is a replacement for the tried and true Regal and Century sedans that graced our roads for so many years. And the replacement is fresh, new and truly refreshing.

The LaCrosse seats up to six adults and is a front wheel drive midsize sedan that has a bit of luxury built into it. It's got comfort, it's quiet as a field mouse and can handle just about any road situation you can throw at it.

Powered by a totally responsive 240 horsepower 3.6 liter V6 with variable valve timing mated to a four speed automatic transmission, the LaCrosse CXS can surprise you with its quick response. The other two models (the CX and CLX) come standard with General Motors' 3800 3.8 liter V6 with a four speed automatic transmission.

Buick calls it "Quiet Tuning." Throughout the body, powertrain and a suspension that's smooth yet agile, you can barely hear it turn over when you start it. Road noise is nearly non-existent. Handling is superb in everything from dry roads to snow covered slushy messes.

The only thing that will make you turn up the stereo is if you've got the heating and cooling on full power. Otherwise you hear nothing.

Although I immediately installed an aftermarket remote start system on my primary vehicle, I'm pleased to see more and more manufacturers starting to have factory installed remote starting systems. On LaCrosse it marks the first time a Buick has such a system. It's something that's totally invaluable, whether it's the dead of winter or the height of summer. You can start the vehicle and warm it up or cool it down before you slide into the front seat. Invaluable.

I mentioned the LaCrosse was available in three distinct trim levels: the well equipped CX elegantly appointed CXL and the performance rated CXS. They're EPA rated 20 mpg in the city and 29 mpg on the highway. Gas prices aren't a concern here.

Quiet as a field mouse, the LaCrosse is. Improvements



2005 Buick LaCrosse. Vehicle type: Midsize sedan. Power: 3.8-liter V6. Mileage: 20 mpg city/29 mpg highway. Where built: Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. Price as tested: \$32,750.

have been made obvious by rebound damper bumpers for improved cushioning, returned power steering systems for improved response, stabilizer bars that are larger and an all new aluminum engine cradle and mounting system for quieter powertrain performance.

The new four-wheel disc braking system is larger and more durable and are mounted on 16-inch wheels (17 inch wheels are on the CSX). StabiliTrak is standard giving it maximum traction control in emergency situation or low traction conditions.

It takes the worry out of driving. No matter how and why you depress the brakes, it independently applies a braking force and any corner of the vehicle which interprets your desired driving and accelerates or decelerates the vehicle. So if you're starting to fishtail, the StabiliTrak applies the outside front brake to straighten out the vehicle. If you're understeering, the rear brake is applied to help turn the vehicle. It's all computer generated and is connected to the traction control and anti lock braking systems.

The exterior of the LaCrosse is classic Buick with fine curves and the familiar Buick signature look - not sporty or flashy in the least. It is elegant, as all of Buick's vehicles. There are chrome accents everywhere and the front fascia is remarkably understated.

On the inside, however, you'll find that luxury appointments are the norm, not the exception. Everything has soft leather throughout, wood grain accenting and a feel of comfort.

The legroom on the LaCrosse is wonderfully refreshing and front and rear hip room is also premium. Five passen-

ger models have a large center armrest with a deep console and leather shifter, while the six-passenger models have steering column mounted shifter and a seatback that can be converted to a center console and armrest.

The standard equipment list is lengthy and includes remote keyless entry, power driver's seat, automatic programmable power door locks with lockout protection, power windows with express-down on the driver's side, six speaker stereo with CD player, full interior illumination with delayed entry and exit lighting and premium leather seat surfaces on the higher level models.

Stuff you can add includes heated front seats, steering wheel mounted audio and climate controls, stereo upgrades, MP3 player, and XM satellite radio. Safety issues are taken care of with the use of dual stage front air bags, safety cage structure and interior engine components that directs impact away from the passengers and driver.

OnStar is available on all models and comes with a one-year subscription. PASSLock theft deterrent system with engine immobilizer is also standard.

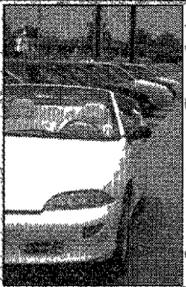
You can also opt for the side curtain air bags. The LaCrosse also has a rear parking assist system that tells you when there's an object behind the vehicle. It's extremely sensitive, too.

In one sentence, the Buick LaCrosse is a fine work of art and function.

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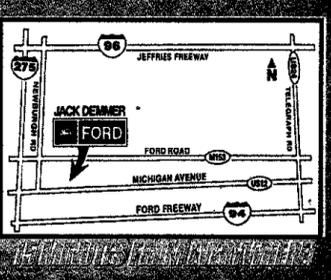
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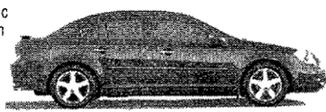
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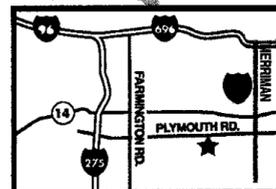
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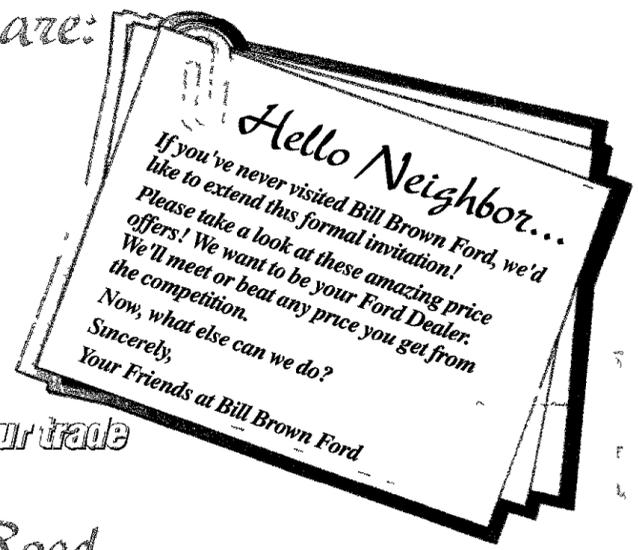
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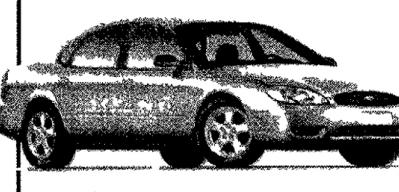
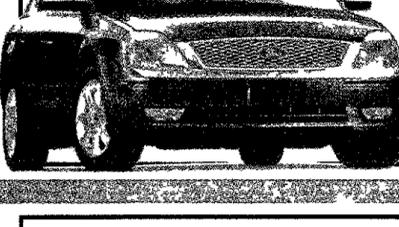
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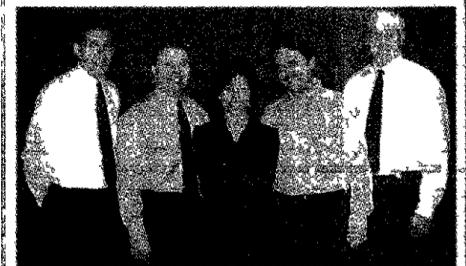
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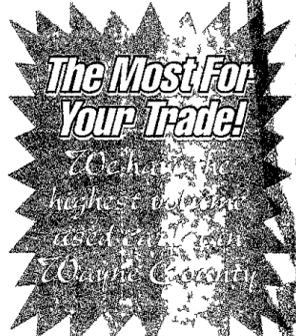
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Leann Laliberte, WSU, Winner Artrageous Outrageous



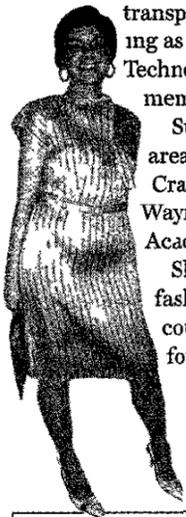
Who knew Detroit had so many budding fashion designers? I recently had the honor of sitting on a panel of judges at Detroit's first-ever student fashion show competition, and wow — was I impressed with the talent in this town. The fashion show was part of Artrageous — a huge fund raising gala for Fancub Arts Foundation held Jan 29 at the American Center Building in Southfield.

It was spearheaded by Virginia Sullivan, a transplanted New Yorker who counts working as a professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology among her long list of achievements in the fashion world.

Sullivan put out a call to schools in the area with fashion design programs — Cranbrook, College for Creative Studies, Wayne State University and International Academy of Design & Technology.

She asked them to nominate up to 20 fashion design students each, who could enter garments in up to three of four categories.

Then, Sullivan invited yours truly



Amanda Jurban WSU, Winner Artrageous Weekend

to judge the contest, along with herself and Susan Howes, Fashion Editor of HOUR Detroit.

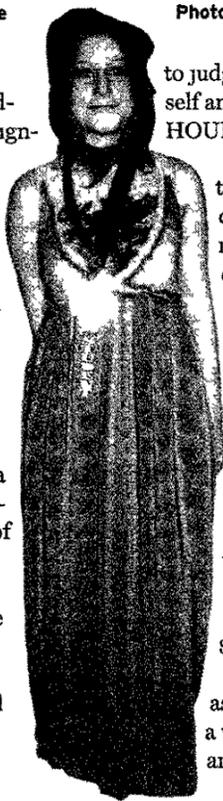
Artrageous — which brought together artists, musicians and chefs from the area's finest restaurants — was a great event, but I spent most of it backstage examining racks full of clothing.

Many of the pieces were made from custom patterns. Some featured couture detailing and were constructed from fabrics dyed by the students themselves.

The students modeled their clothing during a runway show, and four of them walked away with prizes for their work.

Winners in each category got \$250, along with a \$500 grant for their schools.

As a judge, picking the best designers wasn't easy, but as the cliché says — everyone who participated was truly a winner. All of the students got exposure for themselves and their schools, experience with a live runway show, and most of all, inspiration to enter the competition next year. Because if Virginia Sullivan has her way, the Artrageous Wearable Art Fashion Show will be around for a long time to come.



Meghan Harris CCS Winner Artrageous Evening



Tazia Wade IADT, Winner Artrageous Career

letter to the editor

Dear PINK:

What PINK has brought to the fashion/beauty followers in this community has been wonderful. I consider PINK my mini, Metro inspired InStyle magazine! I look forward to it each week — I can get the fashion/beauty products featured locally or they are just a click away! Your signature features 'Tried 'n' True' and Kellys Kicks are my favorites. I was sorry to read that PINK will be issued monthly in the

future. However, glad to read that I can get my PINK fix every week through the PINK Page.

Your magazine has really struck a cord with me and I really enjoy it. In case you are interested in who is reading PINK — I get it delivered with my West Bloomfield Eccentric and I am a West Bloomfield resident, African-American and 52 years "young"!

Please continue to keep us informed!

Gail Juarez
West Bloomfield

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This Salon Moderne gown, created in 1949, is among garments featured in "Vintage Couture: The 1920s-1960s Fashions of Elizabeth Parke Firestone" opening March 4 at The Henry Ford Museum. Firestone wore this couture gown while being photographed by Cecil Beaton for *Vogue*.

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Beyond the Aisle

Brides-to-be can view an exclusive fashion show, meet world-renowned wedding gown designer Reem Acra, and learn about all things I do at "Beyond the Aisle" on Feb 26 at Marshall Field's Somerset. The event opens at 8 a.m. and features a fashion show at 8:30 a.m. From 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. brides can view attendant, mother of the bride and groom fashions, as well as attend seminars on stationery, catering, gifts and favors, home decor and registering. Acra will conduct a trunk show throughout the day featuring her spring collection, exclusive to Marshall Field's in Michigan. \$15. Reserve your spot by calling 1-800-2IDO-IDO.



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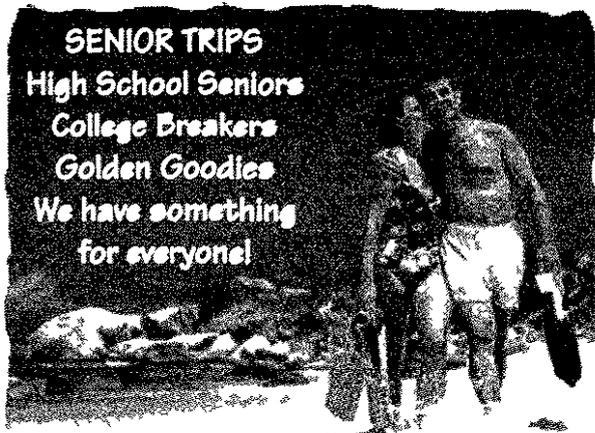
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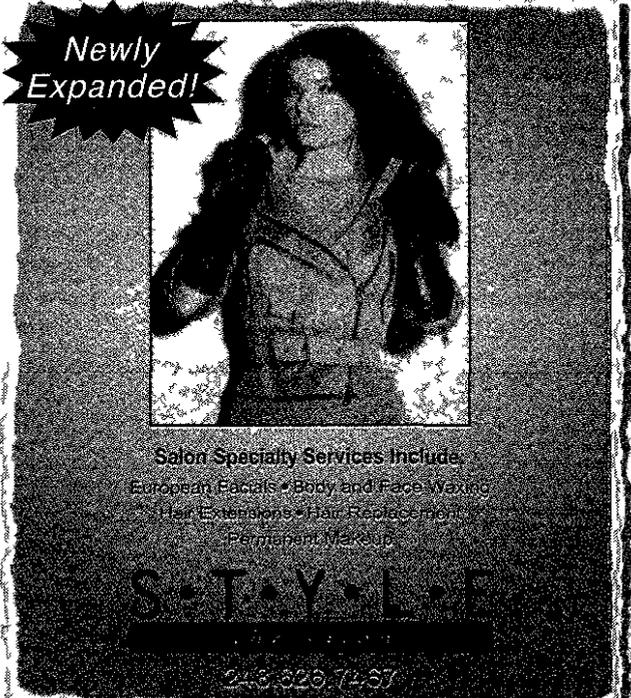
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BEYOND the WINDOW with Lainey

It was great fun launching my column in January, and as PINK rolls out its new monthly format, I hope to appear regularly. So, without further ado, here are more exciting windows to venture beyond!

The Dancing Eye Strikes a Lake Front Pose

The residents of Walled Lake are in their glory, since they've watched the Dancing Eye Gallery pirouette its way to East Walled Lake Drive.

If you've been to downtown Northville, you're probably familiar with both the Dancing Eye Gallery and its adjunct shop, Across the Street — and those two stores will stay as sweet as they are.

Opened in November, the Dancing Eye Gallery of Walled Lake combines the best of both Northville shops as it brings an arty glow to this waterfront community.

Owner Theresa Schierloh emits her own brand of sunshine with her creative spirit, spunk and sense of humor. An artist herself, she conceived the business name one

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morning sitting at the breakfast table. She laughs, 'I was looking at one of my pieces, and it resembled a dancing eye!' Hence, the inception of the Northville gallery — now celebrating 10 years in business.

With its origin as mainly a tile shop, the Northville Dancing Eye expanded its horizons in 2001, and opened a second store "Across the Street, filled with novelty tees, purses, vests, belts, ponchos, scarves, boutique line jeans and other accessories.

The galleries delight with hand made jewelry, greeting cards, candles, soaps, ceramics, journals and nightlights. Metal sculptures, mobiles and shadow charms mesmerize, along with other personal gifts and home accessories. And check out the cute tees, clothing and adornments for baby, too.

Schierloh says, 'Tiles are how people first discovered my business. It's a niche. And find fabulous tiles in many sizes, colors and themes. Aesthetically pleasing, they adorn fireplace surrounds, wood floors, brickwork, gardens, backsplashes or showers.

For gift giving, tiles make great coasters, soap dishes, paper weights, trivets, framed wall art, or personalized keepsakes — for milestones, for baby, or even etched with corporate logos.

Urban Chic Salon is Up the "Alley"

In the days of Dickens, London alleys were undesirable passageways where people fell prey to unseemly characters.

Today, developers and business owners are renovating the narrow alleys of cities and towns where trendy boutiques, coffeehouses, eateries and salons set up shop.

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Jeremy Lyle is one of

the pioneers of Willits Alley with the opening of his salon, Beauty (Salon) by J. Lyle Ltd. His brother Simon Tomkinson, an architect, helped with the cutting edge design.

An internationally trained hair stylist for over 12 years, Lyle formerly worked and trained others at Bashar Salon in Birmingham.

With metro area roots, he was born to English parents, and he and his family lived in France during part of his youth — so he learned the ways of the world early on.

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Designers at New York Fashion Week

Just as we are tiring of cool-weather clothing and trying to get a handle on spring styles, designers are thinking fall all over again. The biggest names in fashion unveiled their latest collections at New York Fashion week, Feb. 6-11. So what's on the runway for Fall 2005? Rich, sumptuous fabrics featuring metallic threads and beading, ethnic embroidery, patchwork and brocade showed up in several collections. Red, raspberry, cranberry and plum spruced up otherwise neutral fall palettes. And proportions grew — reflected in full, below-the-knee skirts. Some designers harkened back to a romantic, literary past with petticoats, camisoles and vests. It's definitely time to retire the overplayed poncho. It seems certain to be replaced by either a slouchy cardigan or a short, boxy jacket. Here's what some featured designers showed during Fashion Week.

Diane von Furstenberg

Inspired by the Russian Revolution, Diane von Furstenberg sent a mix of folkloric embroideries and military details down the runway at her show. A wool jersey peacoat was paired with a gypsy style chiffon petticoat as von Furstenberg straddled masculine tailoring with femi-

ninity and romance. The predominant prints were a graphic circle jacquard and chevron stripes. A gold pantsuit, worn with a cowl neck sweater, was a fresh evening look. Von Furstenberg also offered several new versions of her signature wrap dress.

Luca Luca

Designer Luca Orlandi used a beautiful, luxe-looking gold silk brocade for a pleated skirt. A purple embroidered silk velvet tank was the perfect complement. However, other skirts had a balloon shape, which might prove difficult for many women to wear. Orlandi also showed an olive silk brocade coat with a portrait collar that was stunning.

DKNY

Donna Karan created a cool, sophisticated 1920s scene at the lounge of The Algonquin Hotel, a historic literary hangout. Mannequins — one in a gray flannel strapless dress with green tulle underneath, another in a silver tulle ball gown — "greeted" guests at the door, while others inside were posed on couches and tabletops in soft velvet jackets, lace-trim full skirts and Art Deco-style silver tops decorated with sequins.

Tracy Reese

Tracy Reese used brocade and printed fabrics for her portrait-collar jackets. Reese's collection had a definite art deco edge, with beaded fringe hanging from the front of a camisole paired with a sweater and slim skirt. A gold collar coat with a blouson top and orchid gold film embroidered skirt also evoked the 1930s, as did the gold metallic peep toe shoes with ankle straps.



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Peggy Hoyt Ivory silk
evening dress, c. 1928

Jean Patou Ivory evening dress, c. 1922

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Timeless Elegance

Four decades of fashion on display at new exhibit

By Christy Breithaupt ■ Photos courtesy of The Henry Ford

stands the test of time — at least as far as the Henry Ford concerned. The museum will open its doors on March 4 for a feature exhibit featuring high-end clothing from the '20s to the '60s as part of the museum's much larger collection of vintage clothing, and that these pieces all belonged to one woman — Elizabeth Parke Firestone. In the late '80s Firestone's family donated over 1,000 pieces of her wardrobe to the museum after realizing that they could tell a tale of fashion for

time. "The exhibit features 50 of the finest pieces in the collection," says museum curator. "We have a really interesting range of styles. They are sumptuous, dramatic and colorful." Firestone was born in Illinois and married Harvey S. Firestone Jr., "the baron" who built the Firestone tire empire, in 1921. Her husband had four children and resided in Akron, Ohio (the headquarters). The pair also had residences in Miami, Florida and New York so Firestone had plenty of opportunities to assemble an amazing wardrobe.

"I am sure you are terribly, wonderfully stylish and Mrs. Firestone, I'm sure you're shining in them," Bryk says. "Harvey S. Firestone Jr. had a way of helping her acquire this extraordinary clothing. She could do it because she had fabulous taste and an unbelievably perfect body for these

times. She was a veritable fashion plate for her time — she was meticulous in her choices and had a good eye for design. She was so in tune with fashion that the Couture Group of the New York Dress Institute voted her one of the 100 Most Influential Women in the World. She shared this honor with such women as the Duchess of Windsor and actress Olivia De Havilland. She was the only woman to appear in *Vogue* magazine where the highly respected Cecil Beaton photographed her.

Firestone was blue-eyed, and Firestone was a beautiful woman who knew how to play up her slight frame and pale features. Firestone was very self-conscious of her natural beauty — she liked pale colors like blues and pinks and did not overshadow her fair coloring. Often Firestone would have designers make certain gowns for her or would look at design sketches to see if they suited her needs.



Some of these sketches, which more resemble works of art, will also be shown in the exhibit at the museum.

"She had a really great eye for design," Bryk says. "She just knew what she looked good in and I think that helped in creating clothing that looked just smashing on her."

Firestone had a love of French culture (acquired while she studied abroad as a teenager) and often sought out designers who dealt in French couture.

Jean Patou, Christian Dior and Cristobal Balenciaga were among the designers

who made their way into Firestone's collection and will be shown in the exhibit. But, as much as she loved the French, she also recognized American designers like Peggy Hoyt, Sally Milgram, Carrie Munn and Mainbocher.

"Peggy Hoyt was a Michigan girl from Sagnaw who made good in New York City," Bryk says. "She has fabulous clothing going into this exhibit — slinky, '20s chemises that skim the body, that have rhinestones on them, in beautiful turquoise color, peach colors — just exquisite."

Firestone also was a frequent visitor to upscale stores like Salon Moderne and Bergdorf Goodman.

"I hope they'll be blown away by the beauty of these things," Bryk says. "I'm hoping that people will understand that these really are works of art — that clothing isn't just something that you pull together or buy quickly — that couture clothing is carefully crafted and exquisitely made."

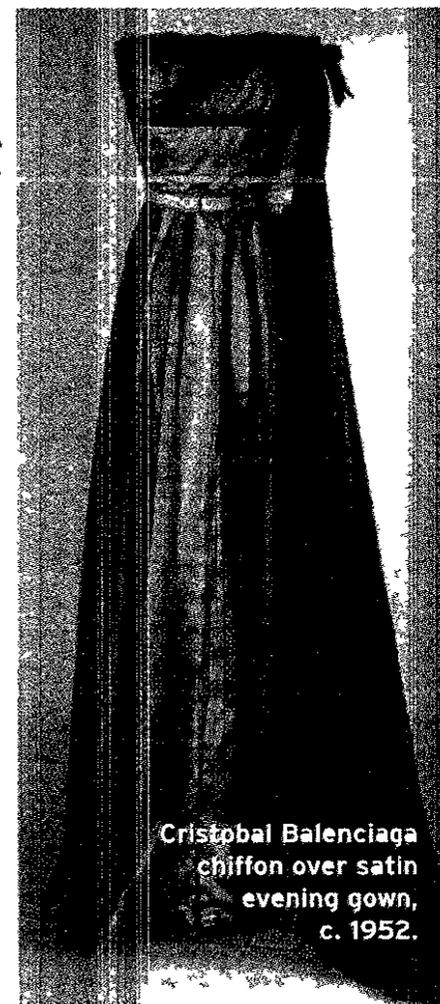
Gowns, suits and dresses of silk, flannel, satin and other sumptuous fabrics will appear in the exhibit along with 200 pairs of Firestone's shoes. She took painstaking efforts to keep up her appearances — often ordering multiple matching hats, gloves, shoes and purses in case any of them were damaged. This will be the first fashion exhibit at the Henry Ford Museum and the staff couldn't be more excited about it.

"It is, as far as I can tell, in our 75-year history, our first real clothing exhibit ever," Bryk says, although the museum always has clothing on display.

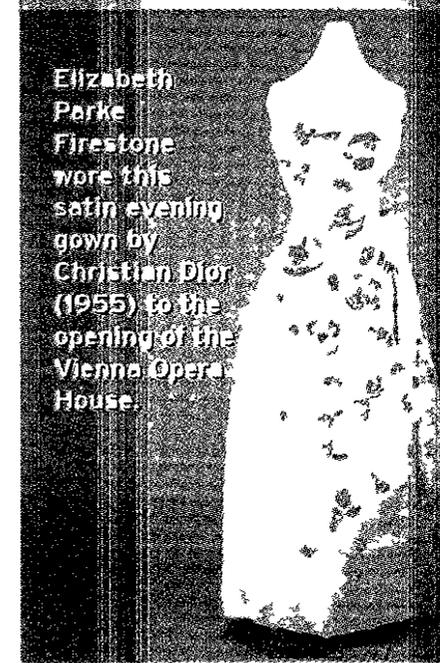
"That's the exciting thing. I don't think people think of us as having a permanent clothing collection so we're excited that (this exhibit) will bring attention to that."

While Firestone's interesting life is included in the exhibit, the real focus is on the couture.

"Really what the exhibit is showcasing are the fashions. The focus really is on these gorgeous dresses and that they are works of art created with a feel and a style and point of view in mind," Bryk says. "They were handcrafted to fit the wearer and to suit their tastes, figures and styles."



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style brief

Brunettes have more flavor

NEW YORK — On the coldest of days, do you find yourself craving coffee? As a hair color? Antonio Vitale of Boston's Studio for Hair says he is seeing a lot of brunettes in Beantown.

A dishpan brown doesn't cut it, Vitale says. Instead, he suggests a warm shade, which looks best on long or chin-length styles.

Here are Vitale's other tips on getting the best brown.

- Use a color with red or gold undertones, green or blue will result in too dark or harsh a brown for most skin tones.

- Hair color works best when it has some pigment to hold on to. Be aware that although your first coloring might look fine, it can fade quickly. The richness and depth of the shade will build in the second and third applications.

- Have your colorist apply a color sealant immediately. It will close the hair's cuticle, correct PH balance and prevent fading. You can buy sealant to use daily at home, too.

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Stylist Stacy London offers tips on achieving elegance

With her long legs and understated grace, Stacy London, host of TLC's *What Not to Wear*, has an undeniably classic style. In her newfound role as spokesperson for Longines, she has been asked to comment on a subject that suits her to a tee — elegance. The luxury watchmaker recently commissioned a survey on elegance — what it is, who's got it, and where to find it if you don't. In an exclusive interview with PINK, London shared her thoughts on the elusive subject.

I think that after reading the Longines survey, it reflected what I've always known — elegance is an attitude. London said, "It manifests itself in style. I think by attention to detail and being inventive."

PINK: What's your definition of elegance?

STACEY LONDON: There are two types of style in terms of fashion. There's the more iconic, traditional sense of elegance — black tie, tuxedos and ball gowns, but I also think that when you look at the next generation and the younger celebrities that people look at in terms of Hollywood glamour and red carpet, there's an innovative type of glamour that comes from the mix of high and low — great jeans with a diamond-studded Longines watch, long jackets, Pucci print pocket squares, and that's considered to be as elegant now as a tux is. I think elegance itself is a kind of style, and it's also knowing what's appropriate when. If the only time people could be elegant is at black tie events, I don't think that's what elegance is.

PINK: Who are some celebrities that you think are elegant?

SL: I hate to be cliché, but Renee Zellweger and Nicole Kidman are pretty fabulous. But then I love people like Christina Ricci and Scarlett Johansson. Kate Beckinsale and Selma Blair. Scarlett Johansson is like 19 years old, but she makes very smart choices when it comes to the way she presents herself — not just in a Calvin Klein gown, but in jeans and beat-up boots — that has a great deal to do with poise and presence. The way you carry yourself has a great deal to do with how you wear your clothes.

PINK: Can someone achieve elegance on a budget?

SL: You should never spend more than you have in order to achieve style. Style and elegance are attainable at any price point. If that's what you're after, I think it's attention to detail. We're lucky because here in America, our knockoffs are good. They're cut well, they fit well, and are reasonable in how much they cost. Not everyone is going to be able to afford \$3,000 for a coat, but you really do have to develop an eye for what fits you best.



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Stacy London, host of TLC's *What Not to Wear*

being realistic about your body type and dressing accordingly, the fit of the clothing to the size of the accessory. I feel very strongly about accessories matching the stature of the person. You might do a fantastic big bold dress watch on a big guy, but you would want to do a delicate diamond set watch on someone long and lean. Long chandelier earrings on a woman who's taller, rather than a woman who's petite. There are some great big fantastic clutches. If you are a larger woman, don't use something that looks like it belongs to a 9-year-old.

PINK: Can you think of any anecdotes from your show *What Not to Wear* in which you helped someone achieve elegance?

SL: One was a woman named Amanda from Nashville. She was very young, dressed very much in the Grateful Dead style. They were touring all over the place and she wanted to be at every concert possible. But she had a natural grace about her, and by the end of the program she looked like a superstar.

Belinda was a mom of three girls, in her 40s, but again ultimately possessed that type of grace and nature elegance. We fixed her hair and put her in the right type of clothes and she blossomed.

PINK: Can you offer some tips on 'what not to wear' if you want to be elegant?

SL: Nothing that doesn't fit you correctly. Trying to hide one's body is not elegant. That always will look clumsy. There are ways to camouflage body parts that you don't love, but don't hide yourself in a sack. Proportion is very important. Small women — don't go big in accessories or clothing, and if you are larger, look for accessories your size. The same goes for prints. If you are small, stick with small prints otherwise you look like you've been swallowed by them.

PINK: For the most part, do you think Americans are elegant?

SL: Yes and no. I'm of the opinion, even hosting the show that I host, that Americans do have a great sense of style. It's a matter of themselves putting time and effort into it. As a country, we're very busy people and it's very easy to let one's own style slide because it's not a priority as we're older because we have bills, marriage, our jobs. But the American sense of style is incredibly elegant. I don't think it's something you're born with, it's something you can acquire.

PINK: How do you achieve elegance in an instant?

SL: The most important thing is not who you're wearing, but how you're wearing it. Labels and designers are important, but more important are

WHAT IS ELEGANT?

Longines surveyed 1,777 people with household incomes of \$75,000 to find out what they considered elegant. Here is what they said:

■ 71 percent said elegance is an attitude, and 75 percent believe it can be acquired over time.

■ 63 percent believe that elegance in America is dying out, but three in 10 people consider themselves elegant.

■ For women, evening gowns ranked as the most elegant ensemble, with necklaces the most elegant accessory. For men, it was tuxedos and cuff links.

■ Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta-Jones were considered the most elegant celebrities.

■ Giorgio Armani scored as the most elegant designer. Older respondents also cited Christian Dior, Oscar de la Renta and Bill Blass, while younger groups favored newer brands, such as Prada, Marc Jacobs and Dolce & Gabbana.

■ Weddings, especially for women ages 24-34 along with gala fundraisers, are the most elegant events.

■ The survey showed that elegance is associated with luxury items like silk, expensive pursuits like equestrian events, and resort towns like the Hamptons.

■ The most elegant part of the body is the eyes, followed by hair, neck, hands/fingers, lips and the curve of the shoulder.

■ The Rolls Royce is considered the most elegant automobile, followed by the Bentley, Jaguar, Mercedes-Benz and Aston Martin.

■ Even though many people equated expensive things with elegance, the majority of respondents said elegance can't be bought. Neither is it subject to trends, or synonymous with style, glamour or sexiness. Instead, elegance is defined by refinement, poise, good manners and grace.

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By Stacy London

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Any type of clothing with an elastic waist band. (This should not come as a shock to you)

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A Birkin bag from Hermes (Sorry! I'm old school when it comes to bags)

Kick It!

Sea foam and silver satin peep toe stilettoes from Christian Louboutin (Go with nothing you own, but look great with everything)

Face It!

G3 Lip Gloss from Shiseido and Day Face Oil from Jurlique (Tinted lips and great skin Yum)

See It!

Closer (Dark and Stormy)



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Stylist Stacy London, host of TLC's *What Not to Wear!* picks 'em for PINK

DVD It!

Xanadu (Come on, you know you loved it)

TiVo It!

TLC's *What Not To Wear!* (Glad you already have it programmed in!)

Read It!

Your Daily Horoscope (You never know)

Hear It!

The Killers (Well, I hear they're good)

Drink It!

Jack Daniels and Ginger Ale (Don't mess with a time-honored classic)

Eat It!

Dates wrapped in Bacon (No, really, they are amazing)

Use It!

Your toothbrush ('Cause if you don't take care of your teeth, they go away)

Experience It!

The new Museum of Modern Art in NYC (Brilliant and exhilarating)

Do It!

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style brief

Fight the fashion doldrums

NEW YORK — It's the season of fashion doldrums. Fall clothes are looking a little "last season" and it's too cold to wear the spring styles stores are tempting shoppers with.

The January issue of Harper's Bazaar offers three ideas to spruce up your look: vests, petticoats, and black-and-white combinations.

The vest, according to the magazine, adds a tailored element to a casual look. It can be worn alone or over a blouse. Kate Moss is shown wearing one over a lace top paired with jeans, and Gwyneth Paltrow uses a black one — with her bra peeking out the top — as part of a sexy outfit with fitted cropped pants and a bow belt.

Petticoats give a flirtatious kick to a cocktail dress or a tailored skirt. If you don't happen to have a petticoat handy, a tulle skirt will do.

Wearing black and white together will give you a jump on the spring trend of sharp color contrasts, advise Bazaar's editors. It's also one of the easiest combinations to pull off because it can be casual, office-worthy or formal.

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Taurus: (April 21-May 20)

Reading has become a lost art in this age of "must-see-TV" and DVDs. Put down the remote and pick up a book. Intellectual Taurus would enjoy a classic novel or biography. Need more ideas? Join a book club for up-to-date reading lists you can later discuss with others.

Gemini: (May 21-June 21)

A risky venture may not have had the payoff you had hoped for. Maybe it's time to tap into other money-making resources. As the Twin sign, you've lived twice the life than most. Consider writing your adventures down and turning your

story into a novel. A future best seller is on your hands, no doubt!

Cancer: (June 22-July 23)

It's easy to get wrapped up in your own wants and needs, but perhaps it's time to put others' interests first. Go through your closet and accessories and pull the pieces you haven't worn in over a year for donations. Many non-profits will even pick up your contributions at your home.

Leo: (July 24-Aug. 23)



Tap into your creative energy this week. Explore different artistic expressions, and find one you truly enjoy. Painting is a great stress reliever you can do out of your home, at any time.

Virgo:

(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Virgo, try knitting with beginner kits like this one from Suss Oasis, \$14.99 @ barnesandnoble.com

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Sag, avoid drama, except on *Sex and the City*.

Libra: (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Show the world you are a woman of many talents and skills. Create a gourmet meal that could rival Wolfgang Puck. A day of cooking will pay off with a great dinner, and plenty of praise.

Scorpio: (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Try not to overextend yourself this week. Keep your schedule and goals realistic and simple. Take some time to relax and unwind after a busy day. A long bath may be just what the doctor ordered. Throw in some scented bath salts for added aromatherapy.

Sagittarius: (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Leave the drama to the big screen, or in this case, the small screen. Keep your relationships simple, and let the ladies of *Sex and the City* handle the scandals of dating. Curl up and enjoy the final season now available on DVD.

Capricorn:

(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Channel your inner diva, and enjoy a day of dress up. Pull out all of your fashions, and

create your own runway right at home. Toss those ideas you no longer love, and revamp old favorites. Deep in that closet might lie your next trendy treasure! Happy Hunting.

Aquarius: (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Photos, trinkets and memories deserve to be displayed properly. Take a day or two and scrapbook your past in stylish books and boxes. It's much more likely you'll enjoy looking back when it can be done in an organized fashion.

Pisces: (Feb. 20-March 20)

Home is where the heart is. That said, it's also where you channel most of your energy. Feng Shui is a fabulous way to awaken your senses and create a peaceful flow room to room. Incorporate water, or blue tones, to include your sign style as well.

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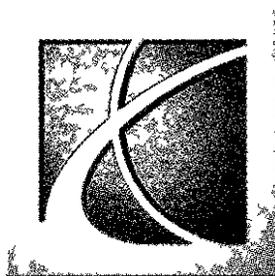
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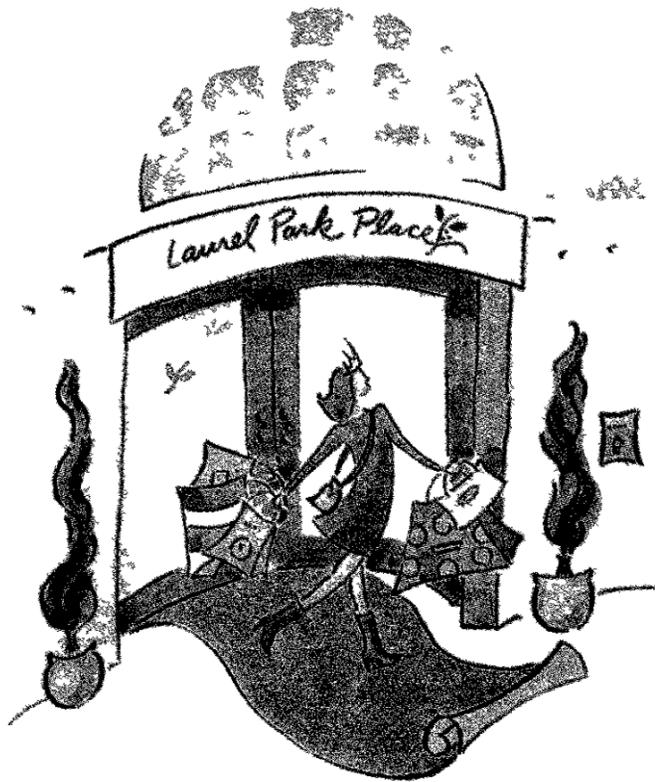
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