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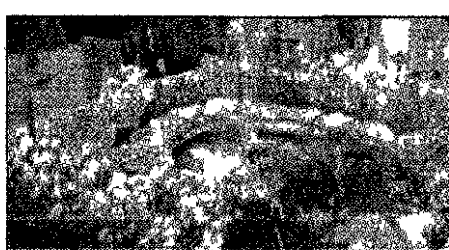
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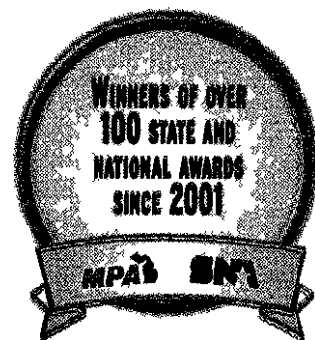
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## Easement hastens plans for 2nd tower

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

With what Plymouth Township officials say was a big boost from state Sen. Bruce Patterson and the Michigan Office of Management and Budget, water may soon be flowing more freely, particularly to the west side of the township.

State OMB Director Mitch Irwin, appearing at Tuesday's township board meeting, told trustees the process is nearly complete to give the township an easement on state-owned land that would allow the township to build a second water tower near Five Mile and Beck.

The property, which until December housed the Western Wayne Correctional Facility, has been deemed surplus land by the state. The tower would sit on property that is at the highest elevation in the township, according to Michael Bailey of Dietrich & Bailey, the township's engineer.

"It's one of the highest locations in the township, which makes it a prime location for an elevated tower," Bailey told board members Tuesday.

The easement is necessary because the state still owns the property. Township officials called on Patterson, R-Canton, for help, and Patterson worked with OMB officials to obtain the easement. According to trustee Steve Mann, who was the supervisor when discussions about a second water tower got serious in 2000, Patterson's help was instrumental.

"We were working with the state on this before the

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Bryan Pritchard, development manager for Joseph Freed and Associates, LLC, watches as Plymouth Mayor Stella Greene breaks ground on the Daisy Square development at the site of the old Daisy Air Rifle factory. City commissioners Michele Potter and Phil Pursell also took part in the ceremony.

## Daisy project shoots ahead

### Sales strong for downtown condo development

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Daisy Square project held its second ceremonial groundbreaking last Thursday, this time for the loft portion of the housing project.

The loft building is a 56-unit condominium building which we've just broken ground on in the past few weeks," said Bryan Pritchard, development manager for Joseph Freed and Associates of Wheeling, Ill. "We hope to have the last residents moved in by the end of the year, so you'll really see some big progress in April when

it starts to shoot out of the ground. The condos will range from 900 to 1,400 square feet, and be priced from the low \$200,000 to high \$300,000 range, according to Pritchard.

Daisy Square, an upscale residential community, is being developed at the site of the former Windmill Building and Daisy Air Rifle factory which produced the famous Red Ryder BB gun for decades until the factory closed in the 1950s and moved to Rogers, Ark.

Construction of the \$35 million, 159-unit housing project began in November 2003 with the construction of one-, two- and three-bedroom townhouses.

"Thus far we've sold 29 of the 129 units," said Pritchard. The price range is from \$225,000 to \$400,000.

Soon to come is the Windmill Residence at the Union Street entrance of the development.

"It will be the cornerstone and marquee building," said Pritchard. "It will have the original Windmill factory facade, as we wanted to maintain a sense of the history of the Daisy Square site and where the Daisy air rifle was constructed."

Pritchard said the four units in the Windmill Residence will sell in the high \$300,000 range.

"The community has really opened its arms to us," Pritchard said at the groundbreaking. "We really couldn't feel more invited to be here."

Mayor Stella Greene said the Daisy Square project represents what Plymouth is all about.

"We embrace this kind of advancement for the city," she said. "It creates a rich and healthy environment, and the sensitivity they've shown to the historical aspects of this community, that we value and pride ourselves on, is to really be commended."

PLEASE SEE HALL, A7

## District eyes middle school sports hike

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Middle school athletes who participate in two or more sports may be required to pay double the current \$50 fee in an effort to balance the middle school athletic budget and replace tattered uniforms, which in some cases are decades old.

Roche LaVictor, Discovery Middle School principal and middle school athletic director, said that a recommendation which could make its way to the desk of Superintendent Jim Ryan this spring.

"It's not in concrete, but it seems to be the way to go,"

said LaVictor, who has had discussions with co-athletic director Clint Smuley, an assistant principal at Discovery, and athletic liaisons at the other four middle schools in the district. "We're looking at a greater need to help defray middle school athletic expenses, which aren't a lot

"And, we are in dire need of uniforms for the schools," he said. "The uniforms at some of the schools are so mismatched it's not funny. We don't have a (budget) line item for new uniforms."

Students are well aware of the uniform problem. Discovery, which is five years old, has the newest compared to the other four

middle schools.

"We have the nicest uniforms compared to the other schools," admitted Jill Behrman, 13, a Discovery eighth grader who participates in volleyball and basketball. "The others are more ragged, and the colors aren't very good. You can tell they've been worn and washed for a long time."

Discovery eighth-grader Taylor McPhail, who also plays basketball and volleyball, said she'd willingly pay the additional \$50 to participate in two sports.

"I have fun playing with friends, it's exercise and I stay in shape. It's worth it," said McPhail. "The other schools have uniforms that

are faded, and not very comfortable, so they should get new ones."

At East Middle School, athletic liaison Kaylene Shureb said uniforms for all middle schools need to become a priority.

"In some sports, we have shorts the kids can use, but most choose to buy their own, and the tops don't match," she said. "Some of the other sports teams just have a T-shirt, which definitely looks like they've been around the block."

"The uniforms represent the schools, and we want student athletes to be proud of where they came from,"

PLEASE SEE SPORTS, A2



### Feeding time

Molly Wallace of Plymouth takes time to feed the rabbit that plays her pet "Pogo" in the play, Rain in the Hollows, by Sean O'Leary. Wallace plays the role of Kit Hukill in the play Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton. Tickets are \$12 for the evening performances, \$10 for the Sunday matinee. Call (734) 394-5460 for tickets.

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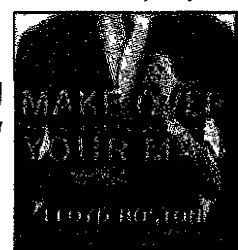
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Dressing Your Guy





**Author visits**

Detroit's Kathe Koja, award-winning author of young adult novels *Straydog*, *Buddha Boy* and *The Blue Mirror* will share the insights of her career and her stories during a visit to the Plymouth District Library at 7 p.m. March 2.

Stressing the importance of reading in all aspects of young life, Koja recently spoke at the annual convention of the National Council for Teachers of English on 'Young Adult Literature: the Best Anti-Bullying Program Around'. She has received such awards as the Children's Book Award, the Chicago Public Library's Best of the Best Award and Booklist's Top Ten Religious Books for Youth. Her next book for teens, *Talk*, will be released March 10.

Students at East Middle School, Salem High School, Canton High School and Starkweather Education Center will all attend an in-school talk by Ms. Koja. The Friends of the Plymouth District Library will sponsor the March 2 event at the Plymouth District Library.

For more information on Kathe Koja, go to <http://www.kathekoja.com>

**PCAC auction**

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

As the only major fund-raiser for the PCAC each year, the goal for the dinner auction is \$50,000 with proceeds going toward the council's many and varied educational and community arts programs.

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

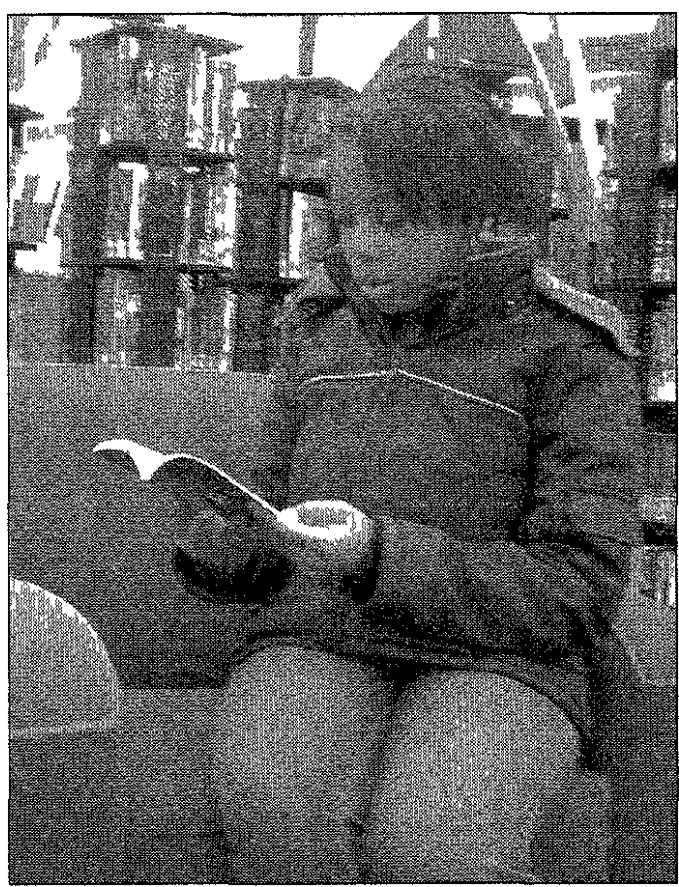
Advance tickets are \$85 per person and are available by calling the PCAC at 734-416-4278. Those who would like to donate items for the auction can call the same number.

**Water board**

Darwin Watts of Plymouth has been named to the Water Quality Association Board of Directors for a three-year term. Watts has served on the WQA Market Development Committee as well as the Educational Services, Member Services and Public Relations Task Forces.

He will assume office on March 30 at the WQA Aquatech USA 2005 International Exhibition and Educational Conference in Las Vegas. Watts is president of American Aqua, Inc., which serves commercial and residential customers throughout southeastern Michigan from three locations. In addition to water treatment, American Aqua is a state-licensed bottler.

Watts has been a business owner and has held executive positions in the water treatment industry for 28 years. In 2004, he served in a consulting role as



**A closer look**

Salem High School junior Mia Braxton takes a closer look at "Buddha Boy" by Kathe Koja. It was designated as one of Booklist's Top Ten Religious Books for Youth.

National Business Management Training Advisor to Ecowater Systems of Woodbury, Minnesota, and continues in an active role in helping water treatment industry companies refine operational and financial management. Watts is also active within his community and is a former president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Board of Education.

**Red Hat event**

Independence Village of Plymouth hosts a luncheon and entertainment in honor of the ladies of the Red Hat Society at noon Wednesday, March 30. Independence Village is located at 14707 Northville Road. RSVP by March 25 by calling (734) 453-2600.

**Family History**

The Family History Center in Westland celebrates its 33rd anniversary from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Participants can register for mini-classes to be taught throughout the year, and the event features presentations on resources available at the FHC (electronic and print), how to restore old photographs, the capabilities of Personal Ancestral Files and scrapbooking ideas.

The church is located at 7575 Hix in Westland.

**Charlie Brown**

The DuBois Little Theatre presents "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," March 10-11 at 8 p.m. and March 12 at 2:30 and 8 p.m. in the Canton High School theater. This delightful, energetic musical is based on the popular Charles M. Schulz comic strip "Peanuts."

Tickets are \$8 each and are available in the theater after school to 6 p.m. and just outside the theater during the high school lunch period. They also can be purchased through members of the cast and crew. For information on special rates for groups of 20 or more, call 734-416-7514.

**Little Lambs**

Preschool registration for classes in the 2005-2006 school year at Little Lambs Christian Preschool takes place at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. Located inside First Baptist Church on N. Territorial between Sheldon and Beck, the school offers hands-on

learning in a theme-based, kindergarten readiness program with a low student/degreed teacher ratio. Emphasizing social skills, problem solving, fine motor skills, pre-reading, writing and math skills and listening, extra amenities include field trips, a Christmas program, student evaluations, parent conferences and an end-of-the-year picnic.

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

**Patterson hours**

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, (R-Canton Township) will hold office hours for all constituents of State Senate District 7 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28 in the community room at the Canton Library.

All are welcome. For more information, call toll-free (866) 262-7307.

**Kiwanis Euchre party**

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

Prizes will be awarded, refreshments will be served and the evening includes a 50/50 raffle. There's a \$10 entry fee, and space is limited to the first 100 people. Reservations can be made via e-mail at [dtorzy@hotmail.com](mailto:dtorzy@hotmail.com) or by calling (734) 453-9904 during the day or (734) 282-2340 in the evenings.

**SPORTS**

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added Shureb. "It leaves an immediate impression on the program."

The current \$50 fee to participate in any or all of the five middle school sports — slow pitch softball, volleyball, basketball, swimming and track — was initiated last year to avoid cutting the sports budget by 20 percent. That probably would have meant the elimination of one sport.

Despite the participation fee, we did not see a drop-off in sports participation from softball, volleyball and basketball this year," said LaVictor. "We won't have a real handle on it until we get through the swimming and track seasons. We'll look at the patterns at the end of the year."

LaVictor said there is also talk of revamping the middle school sports program, beginning next year. "We're thinking of trading

boys slow pitch softball for boys and girls cross country," LaVictor said. "The following year, we can trade boys volleyball for a boys wrestling program."

"For 30 years it's been a glorified intramural program," he said. "We're working hard to make it a quality athletic program that's not only beneficial to the kids at the middle school level, but also prepares them to participate in high school."

Kathy Mineau, the athletic liaison at West Middle School, believes the switch to no-cut sports would be beneficial.

"I think changes are good as long as they benefit the most number of students," said Mineau. "Wrestling will be pretty expensive to start because of the mats and uniforms. But, it's a no-cut sport and would encourage more boys to get involved, and would be available at the next level."

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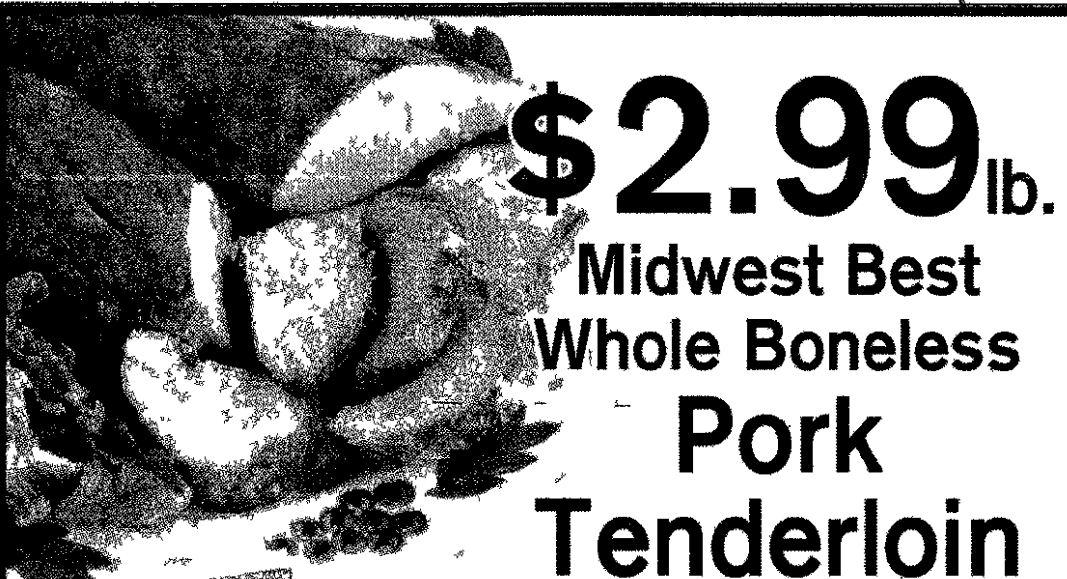
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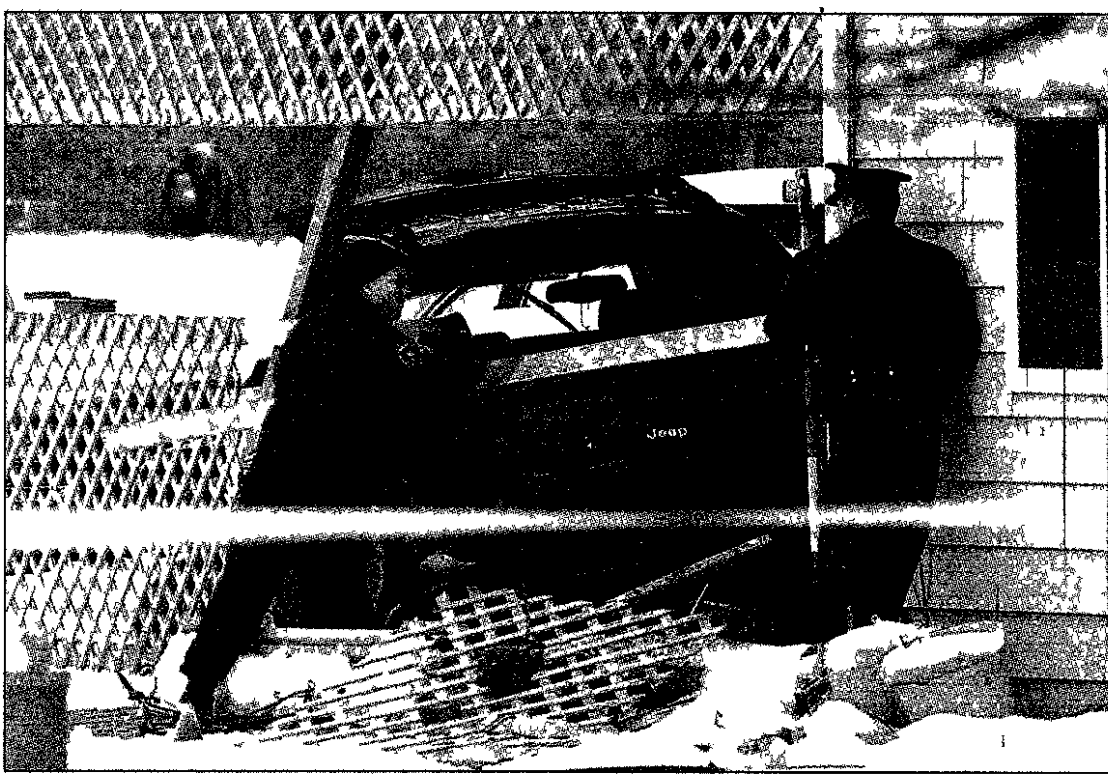
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**MSP, Canton investigations to follow fatal shooting**

BY KEVIN BROWN  
 STAFF WRITER

A man fleeing in his truck from police Monday morning was shot and killed as he tried to run over an armed Canton police officer.

According to Michigan State Police officials, Christopher Slay, 42, of Ypsilanti stopped to take a hit off a crack pipe from behind the wheel of his Jeep Grand Cherokee before trying to run down a police officer in a snow-covered yard north of Ford Road and east of Beck.

"That's when the gunfire started," said MSP Lt. Harold Love.

Five police officers — two from Canton, two state police troopers and one Wayne County sheriff's deputy — fired at Slay as he drove the moving truck.

"The officers were able to get out of the way," Love said. "He drove through the yard striking another vehicle. He made a small circle and ran into a fence and building. Officers approached the vehicle and saw he had been shot."

Slay was pronounced dead a short time later at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"My brother was working in his garage (on Ford Road) when it all happened," said Jeff Rosa, gesturing west down Ford where it intersects with Beck Road, roughly an hour after the shooting.

He and other bystanders were kept several hundred yards from the shooting scene Monday by yellow police tape stretched across the roadway, contrasting with white snow that covered nearby fields. A Wayne County Sheriff's Department patrol officer used his marked patrol car to block westbound Ford at Beck, directing traffic away from the shooting scene.

**THE PURSUIT BEGINS**

The incident started at about 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of Wayne and Warren roads in Westland. There, Slay made an illegal right turn while the traffic light was red, police said.

Rather than stopping for police, he eluded them for miles, driving east on Warren, north on Farmington, east on Cowan, south on Venoy, east on Warren again, south on Merriman, west on Ford, north on Newburgh, east on Warren yet again, and north on Central City Parkway to Wayne Road, where he continued north until he left the Westland city limits at Joy Road.

His fastest speed in Westland was about 70 mph on Ford Road, police said.

Westland police put out an area broadcast describing the suspect. He was next spotted by patrol officers with the Wayne County sheriff's department and the Michigan State Police, driving west on M-14. Police continued on a chase that reached speeds of more than 100 mph.

Love said police pursued Slay to U.S. 23 in Washtenaw County, before he changed direction and headed east along Ford Road back to Canton.

"He (Slay) sees a police car at the intersection of Ford and Beck. He turned around to come back westbound on Ford Road and drove off the roadway, across several yards on north side of the road," Love said.

Trying to elude police patrol cars, Slay backed into a blue state police car. When he tried to drive the Jeep into an officer on foot, five officers fired the shots that killed him.

"None of the shots hit any homes," Love said.

Each department will conduct separate investigations of the shootings to determine if the officers followed proper

policy. But both Love and Canton Director of Public Safety John Santomauro agreed the decision to shoot appeared justified.

"He was attempting to run over an officer on foot," Love said. "If that is the case, they're justified within the guidelines."

"The preliminary reports I received stated that the initial volley of rounds that were fired were the result of officers feeling their safety was in jeopardy or threatened," Santomauro said. "The person made eye contact with police personnel and demonstrated the intent of running the officer over. That would certainly indicate the first volley of rounds that were fired were justified."

Following standard procedure after a shooting, Santomauro said the state police would investigate the actions of the Canton officers.

Also in following procedure after a shooting, both Canton officers have been placed on leave and have been given options for counseling. They can be returned to active or limited duty, pending the completion of investigations.


**'SUICIDE BY COP'**

Santomauro said Tuesday he is aware of the notion in popular media that some suspects shot and killed by police are in effect seeking to commit "suicide by cop." Was that the case here? "I don't really know," Santomauro said. "I do know the driver from the onset of the traffic stop was exhibiting some really bizarre behavior. Whether or not that plays into that theory, I don't know."

"He had an extensive record of auto theft, breaking and entering, fleeing police, assault, and drug charges," Love said.

Staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this report.


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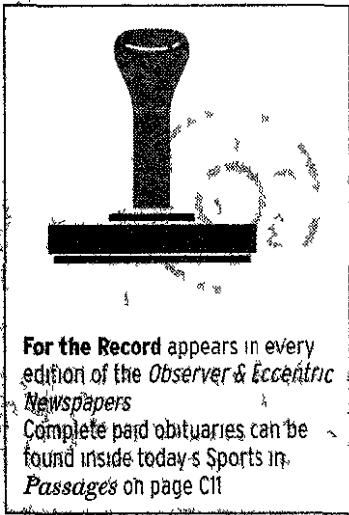
**D**  
Thomas R Durkin, 62, formerly of Northville, died Feb 18

**H**  
Betty (nee Quattron) Hoard, 90 of Birmingham, died Feb 19

**R**  
Dorothy Ruth Howard, 87, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb 18.

**M**  
Mildred C Murdoch, 89 of Plymouth, died Feb 18

**O**  
Patricia L Owens, 47, of Wayne, died Feb 20



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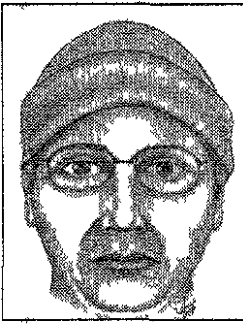
Edmund "Bud" E Peltz Jr, 77 of Bingham Farms died Feb 17

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Donna L Wyland 85, of Southfield died Feb 15

**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Pizza robbery**

No one was injured but an undisclosed amount of cash was taken when a white male entered the Little Caesar's pizza restaurant on Sheldon Road Saturday and demanded money out from the employees. The suspect, a white male described as in his mid-40s to early-50s, 5-foot-8 to 5-foot-10 and from 210-250 pounds entered the restaurant around 11:45 p.m. and asked for money. He opened the blue trench coat he was wearing to



Michigan State Police drew this sketch of the suspect in the armed robbery at Little Caesar's on Sheldon Road Saturday.

Officers then walked the workers to a shelving unit located in the back of the store," said Plymouth Township Police Detective Sgt Dennis

show the two employees a shotgun he was carrying according to police reports. He gathered the money from the registers.

Wilson "He tied the two workers to the unit using plastic ties." The employees were able to free themselves and call police. A Michigan State Police sketch artist drew a composite of the suspect. The suspect is described as wearing the trench coat, a blue knit hat, eyeglasses and dark pants. A gray or silver Jeep Liberty or Jeep Grand Cherokee was seen departing the premises. Police currently have no suspects. Anyone with information on the incident can call Wilson at (734) 354-3241.

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**Nielson visits Joe's Produce**

Health and fitness expert Peter Nielson will answer questions on nutrition and exercise 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Joe's Produce in Livonia. Nielson is the host of "Peter's Principles" which airs on Channel 4 WDIV TV and WWJ News Radio. Nielson will pose for pictures with customers and sign autographs in addition to answering health and exercise questions. Joe's Produce will also feature a "Sweet and Crunchy Spinach Salad" demonstration and sampling from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Joe's Produce is at 33152 W Seven Mile, two blocks east of Farmington Road, Livonia.

**TOWER**

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announcement of the prison closure, and that process delayed acquiring the easement," Mann said. "(Patterson's) involvement was key, because he was instrumental in moving the process forward at the state level. Now we're a matter of weeks away from having the agreement in place granting the easement so we can move forward with the construction." According to Mann, township officials looked at several possible sites for the second tower, but the only other site that got serious consideration was property owned by Compuware Arena. When that didn't work out, the township settled on the prison property. "We're limited to that general area (Five Mile and Beck) because of the needs of the water system," Mann said. "This being a state-owned site, with an already existing utility easement right on the eastern border where we're proposing the tank, this made more sense." OMB spokeswoman Terri Fitzpatrick told board members Tuesday the paperwork "was just about complete" and the easement should be ready soon.

"It has to go to the state administrative board for approval, and the paperwork is nearly done," Fitzpatrick said. "We hope to submit it in March, and the approval process typically takes six-eight weeks." The second tower would complement the existing tower near the Lake Pointe subdivision and would provide better water pressure to the western side of the township, where residents have for years complained about the pressure.

Bailey said the township should be able to move forward quickly once the easement is obtained. "We're in a position to do the bid award in August, with the anticipation of having the tank in September 2006," Bailey said.

Irwin said he hopes getting the easement helps the state "start a dialogue" with township officials about how best to use the 127-acre prison site in the future.

"We'd like to discuss what the land-use plan calls for, what the zoning is and any ideas they have on how that ought to be put to re-use," Irwin said. "The state sees no use for that land, so we'd like to see it put back out as a tax-producing property."

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# Resale shopping grows in Livonia as Plymouth welcomes new boutique

## RESALE AND RESTORE

Talk about expansion Canton-based resale store, Consignment Outlet, has swapped its former Plymouth location for a mammoth space in Livonia

Owners Todd and Michelle Schiffrer have purchased the former home of Ethan Allen at 15700 Middlebelt in Livonia, which encompasses 18,000 square feet

"We opened the Plymouth store two years ago, he said 'It was only 1,800 square feet We closed that store to purchase the Livonia store'"

The new space accommodates more than 1,500 consignors who work with Schiffrer to sell everything from home furnishings, furniture, and jewelry, to clothing, tools, antiques and electronics While much of the merchandise is gently used, the store also offers new, closeout items from area big box stores, and from liquidation sales

Since it opened four weeks ago, two showrooms worth of furniture has been sold

Our motto is 'Resale beats retail,' said Schiffrer

He said he tells friends and relatives not to buy anything without coming to Consignment Outlet first Store hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through



Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in Livonia and at 44125 Ford Road in Canton Call (734) 261-9423 in Livonia or (734) 844-9423 in Canton

## TIMES TWO

The fashion forward will head to downtown Plymouth this Saturday, Feb. 26, to check out the newest area boutique - Dueto Owners Nicole Jaskulka and Alexandra Papasifakis have been talking about opening their own clothing store since childhood Both Troy residents, they've worked in retail since age 16

Despite bachelor's degrees in elementary education and premedicine respectively, the longtime friends made their move four months ago They took over the lease at 470 Forest Place, Suite 2

The name Dueto represents not only their longtime friendship, but also the fact that the store offers clothing for both

men and women Much of the merchandise is denim-based, but includes day and evening attire, and accessories - all featuring up and coming designers, said Jaskulka

She'll be selling her own line of original jewelry, as well as designer handbags and - coming this spring - mens and womens shoes Prices range from about \$40 to \$200

Dueto will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday Call (734) 454-4700

## NEW DELI

Livonia's latest addition for the lunch crowd, simply called The Deli, held its grand opening Tuesday Owner Paul Muonio made the easy decision to bring this latest restaurant venture straight to his hometown

"I grew up here," he said "I went to school at Stevenson It's a good community

Topping the menu is the hot corned beef sandwich, Muonio said, but The Deli offers everything from fresh lunchmeats, salads, soups and fresh bread baked daily But above all, he hopes new customers will notice the consistently excellent service"

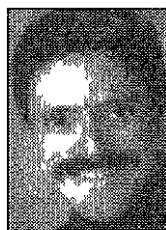
The Deli isn't a pricey choice, either, as most sandwiches cost \$4.99 each And a wide array of candies will satisfy any sweet tooth "You'll always be tempted," Muonio said

The Deli at 20235 Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile, is currently open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday Call (248) 442-7827

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers E-mail tips on your new favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@oehomecomm.net or call (734) 953-2054

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, presents its March concert, Sacred Sounds featuring music for Easter, at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 12 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on the corner of North Territorial and Beck in Plymouth Chorus from Madonna University (David Wagner, Director) and Schoolcraft College (Gerald Custer, Director) will join the Plymouth Symphony in this program Rimsky-Korsakov's Russian Easter Overture, which orchestrally depicts the exotic chants of the Russian Orthodox liturgy, is contrasted with Armenian-American composer Alan Hovhannes evocative score And God Created Great Whales with its free rhythmless vibrational passages accompanying actual recorded whale songs

The second half of the program will be the Michigan premiere of a rarely performed work by composer Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel, older sister to composer Felix



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Mendelssohn Her oratorio Stories from the Bible for full orchestra, chorus and vocal soloists was written in 1831 The vocal soloists for this concert are Martha Sheil, soprano, Deanna Relyea, mezzo soprano, Michael Ryan, tenor, and Donald Hartmann, baritone

The Plymouth Symphony's 2005 Youth Artist Competition winners will be announced at this concert The Youth Artist Competition is one of the many education programs sponsored by the symphony

Prior to the performance, patrons are invited to hear a special on-stage talk at 7:15 p.m. featuring Music Director Nan Washburn This is a special introduction and a chance to ask questions about the

evening's musical program

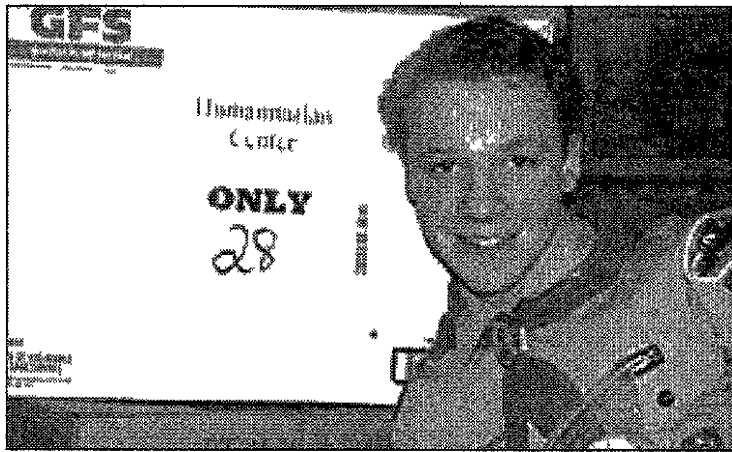
Following the performance patrons are welcome to stay for the Afterglow reception This concert is sponsored by Standard Federal and is supported by the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts

Tickets for the performance are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors Students up to 12th grade are admitted free to all subscription concerts Groups of 10 or more receive a 10-percent discount For tickets or more information, please contact the PSO at info@plymouthsymphony.org or call (734) 451-2112

# Salem freshman collects for a cause

Late last month, Neil Murray delivered what took more than 100 hours to prepare and coordinate The 14-year-old Salem High freshman collected and packed up hygiene kits that were sent to Southeast Asia to help the victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami tragedy Each hygiene kit contained two hand-towels, four toothbrushes, two combs, two soap bars, and one tube of toothpaste in a large plastic bag The kits will serve four people, with the goal of helping keep them clean and free from disease Murray, whose goal was to make 300 kits, collected 354, which will benefit a total of 1,416 individuals

Murray's inspiration for the project came from his years of service in the Boy Scouts As his Eagle Scout project,



Neil Murray helped collect hygiene kits for Tsunami victims

Murray decided to coordinate his project, Hygiene Kits for Tsunami Victims He approached local businesses, friends, and family for help "When I saw the news about the Tsunami I wanted to do

something," says Murray "I thought of how some of the kids lost their parents I don't know what I'd do in that situation I know this will only reach a handful of people but I wanted to help"

# Speaker to focus on Arab contributions

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Ireland's a ways from the Middle East, but the two will have something in common when the Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women, meets March 17

Corned beef and cabbage will be on the dinner menu that St. Patrick's evening, and AAUW will host a speaker from the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, or ACCESS, based in Dearborn

"People have a lot of misconceptions and stereotyping," said Celine Tamman, supervisor of educational outreach for ACCESS The Livonia resident, 26, was born in Jordan of Armenian ancestry and came here two years ago

The AAUW meeting (6:30 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program) will be Thursday, March 17, at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill,

Cherry Hill and Lilley roads in Canton Non members, including men, are welcome and should call Pam Dean at (734) 455-3662 or Marly Birchmeier at (734) 459-3594 for dinner reservations

Tamman will talk about the Arab world, including religions Islam is the dominant faith, but some Arabs are Christian and even Jewish

"Then we talk about the Arab-American world in Michigan and in the United States," Tamman said She'll answer questions such as why women wear head scarves

Tamman will also discuss the Arab-American National Museum, at Michigan and Schaefer in Dearborn, slated to open May 5 of this year The museum, which strives to document and inform on the contributions of Arab-Americans, will have a series of opening events beginning April 23 and continuing through the May 5 ribbon cutting at 5 p.m.

That museum's been in the works for three years, she said ACCESS is 34 years old and is a nonprofit social service agency that helps immigrants and others with jobs and other needs Students whose parents don't know English or American culture receive help from ACCESS There's a health clinic which includes mental health treatment, including for victims of torture

Tamman does a great deal of speaking to groups such as AAUW, spreading knowledge of Arab and Arab-American culture and trying to help people understand

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# Ficano: Pinnacle on track for this year

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

The long-awaited Pinnacle Aeropark development south of Metro Airport will break ground this year. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano declared "the time for talk is over" in his annual State of the County Address Feb. 16 at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. Pinnacle was one of several initiatives proposed to deal with the county's lingering economic problems.

Ficano said \$7 million will be invested in new roads and sewers to develop the first 150 acres for business development at the county-owned Pinnacle site.

"Jobs are leaving. Revenue is declining. State and federal programs are being eliminated," Ficano said. "As county executive, I must manage the downsizing of government while growing the economy and enhancing the quality of life for all citizens. We are in rough waters. However, I assure you - together we will weather the storm and restore hope, opportunity and prosperity."

## GROWTH SOUGHT

Ficano proposed several pro-

grams to encourage housing and small business development. He said the county is committed to granting about \$3 million to support housing development in economically distressed communities of Hamtramck, Highland Park, Inkster, River Rouge, Ecorse and Melvindale.

Ficano and County Treasurer Ray Wojtowicz are proposing creation of a Land Bank Authority which would enable the county to market abandoned properties with tax incentives.

A plan to provide financial incentives for new construction or rehabilitation programs has been labeled TURBO for transforming underdeveloped residential and business opportunities.

Under the program, Wayne County would provide a year of no property taxes on undeveloped parcels. In future years, the county would give back up to 50 percent on property tax payments to offset investment.

"I see TURBO serving as a catalyst for new family restaurants opening in Detroit, for job growth by attracting new retail businesses in East Dearborn and for housing in our core communities such as Trenton, Highland Park and Harper Woods," Ficano said. Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson said he is encouraged by Ficano's optimism and sees opportunities with in the Land Bank and TURBO proposals.

"His new TURBO program

is something that is an outstanding opportunity for the county and local units of government to refurbish businesses and homes," Engebretson said.

The details still need to be examined, but Engebretson said he believes there are properties in Livonia that would benefit from the county program.

## CANTON VIEW

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he didn't hear Ficano's speech but was given a heads up on the development proposals.

"I think most of those techniques are designed to help communities that are struggling economically and will have little impact on us," he said.

On the other hand, Yack said the county and Ficano have been very helpful in negotiations with IKEA, the Swedish furniture store that recently withdrew from a deal to build a giant store in Canton.

Yack said Canton and the whole area around the airport will benefit from the Pinnacle development.

He said the economy continues to be sluggish with rents lower than they should be. He said two auto related companies recently moved operations to Canton, but he hasn't seen any real diversity in the kinds of business coming to the area. He said the Pinnacle project has taken a long time to get started.

"You would think that the area around the airport would be ripe for development," he said. Yack said it was common to see research development parks and warehousing around major airports but they just haven't developed around Metro.

Ficano said that in addition to the TURBO proposal there are other investment initiatives. He said Wayne County is taking advantage of a federal new market tax credit program to use \$27 million in federal tax dollars to encourage private investment in older communities. He said the federal money will result in \$150 million in new private investment.

The county executive said he continues to "strongly support" the efforts of the Magna Entertainment Corp. to build a horse racing track and automotive research facility in Romulus.

"They have made their investment to this region by spending \$28 million to buy the land," he said. "It is time for the state to issue the license and create thousands of much-needed jobs."

On other issues, Ficano proposed eliminating the Detroit Health Department to avoid duplication with the Wayne County Health Department. He proposed finding jobs for Detroit Health Department employees at area health facilities.

He continued to argue for the Jobs Tunnel, a new tunnel between Detroit and Windsor to handle truck traffic.



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George Tomasso, a resident of the Franklin-Palmer apartment complex, looks over his soaked belongings. He described himself as the "luckiest" resident of the building since his unit only suffered water and smoke damage.

# Fire in apartment building forces evacuations

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

A fire caused by a ceiling fan forced residents to flee 16 Canton apartment units in the dark Monday, but no one was injured.

The fire reported at 9 p.m. severely damaged one building at the Franklin Palmer Apartments at the northwest corner of Morton Taylor and Palmer.

"The company that owns the complex is trying to relocate people," said Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher on Tuesday. "Some people stayed with friends."

Marty Moran, director of properties for apartments owner Consolidated Management Inc., said Tuesday, "What we're attempting to do is put them in another property."

There are 120 apartments in several buildings at the complex.

George Tomasso, a Plymouth Canton High School soccer coach, was in his downstairs apartment when firefighters arrived.

"I was the luckiest - I just had water damage," he said Tuesday while sorting through wet belongings including electronic equipment.

Firefighters responded to a

9 p.m. call from someone on the second floor of the two-story building, saying their ceiling felt warm.

Canton Fire Marshal Frank Barrett said maintenance workers were called at about 4 p.m. to tend to a bathroom ceiling vent fan that had burned. They removed it and left the apartment, planning to replace the fan the next day.

But Barrett said flaming debris remained in the ceiling undetected by maintenance staff. He said the debris smoldered for several hours before catching fire.

Firefighters arrived to see smoke pouring from the roof. Four fire engines, 20 firefighters and three rescue squads were called.

"After we opened it up, we saw the fire in the attic," Rorabacher said. Firefighters went door to door to alert and evacuate residents. Some were sleeping and had to be wakened. All were given time to bring out suitable clothing, as the temperature outside was around freezing.

By the time the fire was extinguished, four units were extensively damaged and other units sustained smoke and water damage.

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plan to begin with."

Most of the cuts came in the police and fire departments. The fire station will lose some 2,200 square feet out of its administrative and living quarters, but will keep the three apparatus bays. Fire Chief Randy Maycock had wanted the redesign of the station will save the project some \$300,000.

The police station loses 882 square feet of space, although it will gain about 900 square

feet back when architects move a multipurpose room that had been slated for the township hall portion of the building.

Police also lose a sally port, the secure entrance area to the department where officers can bring and release prisoners apart from the general public.

However, officials said that sally port, with an estimated cost of \$150,000, will be the first thing that gets put back in if cost efficiencies allow.

"Health, safety and welfare is always a concern," township Supervisor Richard Reaume said of the sally port. "When we bid this out, we'll have to look at a shelter of some sort there."

Board members also took out \$150,000 for a communications antenna for the police department, because the department has found other ways to pay for it. They also removed \$200,000 from the budget for furniture, \$50,000 for new audio/visual equipment and \$10,000 from the appliance budget.

Gary Roberts of DeMattia, the construction manager for the project, said the board's decisions should allow the project to finally get started.

By them making a decision here, it allows us to expedite things, Roberts said. "We want to be breaking ground

in April and putting the finishing touches in next March."

The square footage cuts mean architects from A3C, the Ann Arbor firm hired to design the building, will have to go back to the drawing board, particularly for the police and fire stations.

"We're happy to do whatever the township needs to meet the demands of the budget," said Dan Jacobs of A3C. "Both (police and fire) chiefs are good people to work with, and I think we'll be able to accommodate what they want."

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**Albion College**

Several local students were named to the Albion College Dean's List at the completion of the fall 2004 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed during the semester.

**Audrey K. Coleman** is a junior majoring in theatre. She is the daughter of Ronald Coleman and Patricia Coleman, both of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

**Candace R. Bean** is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Michael Bean of Detroit and Cathy Crowley of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

**Brandon L. Hill** is a sophomore majoring in biology and minoring in French. He is the son of James Hill and Merilyn Hill of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

**Ryan C. Johnson** is a sophomore majoring in economics and management and minoring in history. He is the son of Carlton Johnson and Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth and a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

**Andrew J. Lulek** is a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of James Lulek and Jancie Lulek of Canton and a graduate of Catholic Central High School.

**Carrie L. Oleszkowicz** is a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Mark Oleszkowicz and Cynthia Oleszkowicz of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

**Sarah S. Paciocco** is a sophomore at Albion College. She is the daughter of Tarcisio Paciocco and Jennifer Paciocco of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

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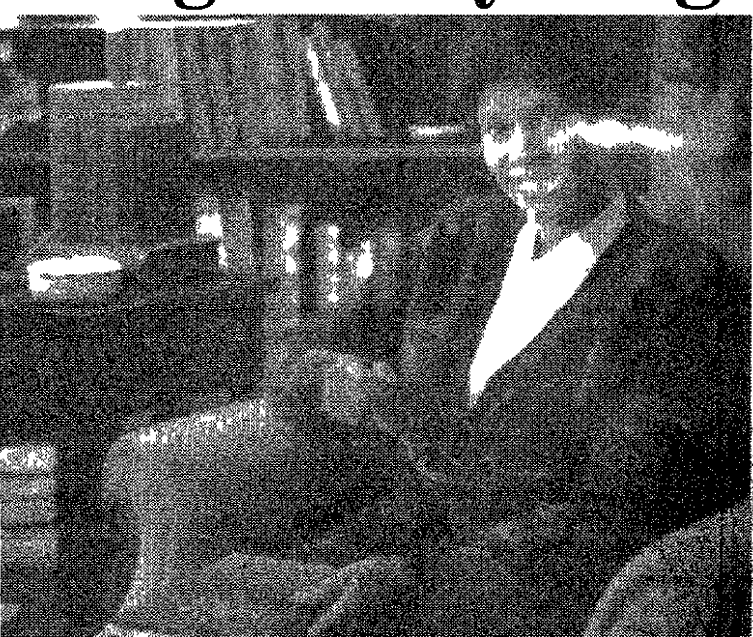

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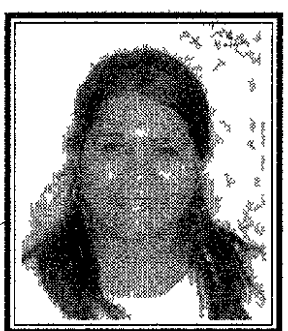


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# Mental health authority may still be an option

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER



Visingardi

The proposal to replace the Detroit-Wayne Community Mental Health Agency county board with an independent authority is still a possibility, according to the agency's new 'transitional director'.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed legislation in December to replace Wayne County oversight and the agency's 12-member board with an independent authority. Under the legislation, the county executive and the mayor of Detroit would still appoint six members each to an authority board, but funding would go directly through the authority rather than through Wayne County.

Richard Visingardi, 49, the new transitional director, said last week examining the pros and cons of the two management models is one of six goals that the board has set for his

limited 18-month appointment. Visingardi began his new position in January. He was director of North Carolina's

Department of Health and Human Services Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse. He is originally from Michigan and has a doctorate from Michigan State University and two master's degrees from MSU and Wayne State.

There is an ongoing issue about whether the agency should be under the auspices of the county or a free-standing authority, Visingardi said. 'I have a couple of experts coming in who have no stakes or interest but are experts in county models and authority models.'

Proponents of the independ-

ent authority, led by state Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, argued that continued management by the county might jeopardize federal Medicaid funding for Detroit-Wayne and the rest of the state. County Executive Robert Ficano argued that he has made progress in correcting reporting problems within the agency and that control should remain with the county. He proposed that the board be increased to 13 members to give the county executive an extra appointee.

I've spoken with Mr. Ficano, I've spoken with Mayor (Kwame) Kilpatrick and also Sen. Hammerstrom and with the department. There's been no objection to what I'm laying out of basically having two external people who understand this stuff lay out these options. I've never heard anyone say that anything is absolutely off the table," Visingardi said. "What we need to do is pull back from the pol-

itics and let that go for a minute and examine the practical realities of what would an authority look like and, if you keep the current board arrangement, what would that look like?"

Visingardi said he understands the concern about Medicaid funding, but that he believes that careful attention to the "sophistication" of Medicaid funding rules will keep the county out of trouble. He praised Hammerstrom as a "longtime supporter" of community mental health.

Her main concern is to make sure that Detroit-Wayne and every other county in the state are able to do what they have to do to meet state and federal requirements, he said.

He said the danger with the federal government is that they might want the county to move to private managed care.

You have to walk them through the value of the public system," he said.

Visingardi is also charged

with evaluating current practices in providing services for nearly 75,000 county residents with mental and developmental disabilities. The county currently works with six provider networks which in turn contract with other agencies to provide services.

"We need to evolve the community base," he said.

He is developing "evidence-based" practices. A new contract has been signed with Wayne State University to study the county's mental health programs.

"They're focused on helping us develop more evidence-based practice so we can shift from things that don't work all that well to things that work a lot better," Visingardi said.

He said the county is trying to make its access system more understandable so that people in need aren't falling through the cracks. He said the system has evolved to service the most severe cases of mental illness and developmental disability.

"The problem comes in with folks with mental health problems that might not qualify for Medicaid," he said.

Visingardi is also studying mental health programs in other communities.

A model program in Memphis focused on police officers, he said. "In the past, police officers were trained to deal with domestic calls. They come into a lot of contact with people with disabilities, with people on the street, people in neighborhoods with mental illness. The thought is providing them with a little better training so they have a better understanding of how to intervene with people."

Visingardi's other charges include helping the board develop a strategic plan, seek accreditation and help in the search for a permanent director, a position he doesn't want.

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## Musicians earn symphony scholarships

A Livonia trombonist and a bassist from Canton are among the seven winners of the 2005 Youth Artist competition sponsored by the Plymouth Symphony.

Thanks to an anonymous donor and generous gifts from the Plymouth Rotary Foundation and the Plymouth Optimist Club, some \$1,550 in scholarship money will be awarded. The competition is also supported by the Michigan Council for the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and Evola Music of Canton.

Trombonist Miranda Kalish, a 16-year-old Churchill High School junior, receives a \$500 scholarship as the first-place winner in the Senior Instrumental Division. In addition to begin an active member in the Churchill High School instrumental music programs, Kalish has attended the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp

and Interlochen Center for the Arts. She is currently first chair for the Michigan Youth Band and Orchestra.

Kirstin Thieleman of Canton is the principal bassist in the Celebration Sinfonia. She gets a \$250 first-place scholarship in the Junior Combined Division. So does John Denton of Novi, currently a seventh-grader who plays trombone in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Civic Youth Ensembles.

Northville High School sophomore Elliott Huang receives a \$250 scholarship as the second-place winner in the Senior Instrumental Division. Huang began violin study at age 4 and has played in the Dearborn Youth Orchestra, Livonia Youth Philharmonic and the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra.

Honorable-mention scholarships of \$100 are being awarded in the Senior Instrumental Division to cellist Derek

Thieleman, in the Senior Piano Division to Tiffany Pao and to pianist Chance Miller in the Junior Combined Division.

The Youth Artist Competition is held each year by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra to recognize young talent in the Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren and Wayne-Westland school districts.

The competition was open to all orchestral instruments and piano, and was hosted by Evola Music in Canton earlier this month. Winners will be recognized at the Plymouth Symphony's "Sacred Sounds" concert March 12.

Young musicians interested in participating in the 2005-2006 competition may place their names on a list now to receive information in the fall 2005. For further information e-mail the symphony office at plymouthsymphony@aol.com or call (734) 451-2112.

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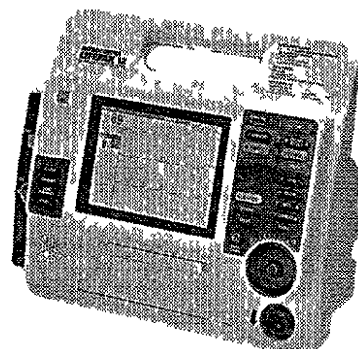
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# Hall project hits critical point

Plymouth Township officials have reached a critical juncture in their desire to build a new township hall on property they bought at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road.

With the project some \$2 million over budget and 14 months behind schedule, board members met Monday night to shave costs out of a project budget that had ballooned to more than \$14 million. That's not a good thing when the original budget was \$12 million and no shovels have even hit the dirt yet.

That's why the board was scrambling Monday to squeeze square footage out of the hall. They considered everything from scrapping the fire station portion of the project altogether to figuring out how many toilet fixtures were actually going to be needed.

Board members found themselves in need of scraping more than \$900,000 out of the floor plan in an effort to get the budget down to around \$13.2 million. That's still \$1.2 million over the cost officials put on the project when they were selling it to the public two years ago.

However, they now say back then they figured in a 10-percent cost overrun when they were figuring out how to pay for the project. We don't remember much of that discussion taking place when they were selling \$6 million in municipal bonds and planning to pay the other \$6 million out of various revenue sources.

It's really a moot point, because they're already at the 10-percent cost overrun, and that's after making nearly \$1 million in cuts to the project Monday night, mostly to the police and fire department portions.

Another problem the board could face could be the voters, who approved \$6 million in bonds. In May, the township will be asking for a renewal of the current police/fire millage, plus a slight increase. Going over-budget on the township hall may cause voters to start questioning where their money is going.

The board made the cuts at a study session Monday, then approved them at its regular meeting Tuesday. According to officials at DeMattia, the project's construction manager, the board's quick action this week will allow shovels to hit the ground by April, with about a 12-month construction timetable.

Construction costs are only going to get higher. With the project now down to what officials say is a workable budget, it's up to the board to ride herd over the construction manager and the architect to get the timetable back on track, or risk losing the support of the people who not only approved the financing for this project, but who will have to OK the police and fire millage.

# Sunshine laws serve public well

In the almost three decades since Michigan approved its so-called Sunshine laws — the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act — every community certainly has faced decisions about how information is released and how decisions are made and when meetings are held.

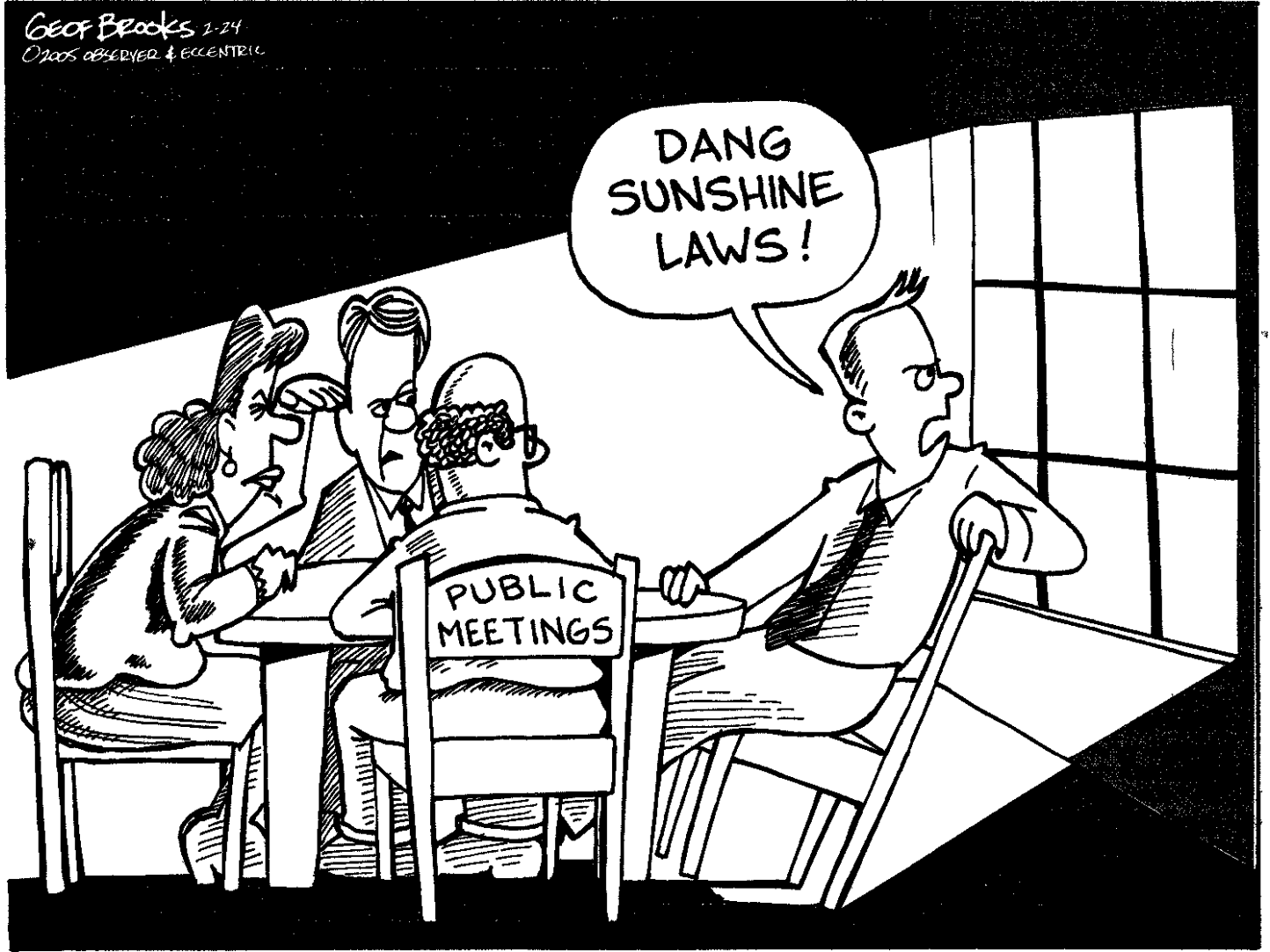
Many times our own communities have failed, knowingly or not, to uphold the intent of these laws. The intentions of the laws are clear. The FOI regulates the definition of public records by public bodies, while the OMA is to "strengthen the right of citizens to know what goes on in government by requiring public bodies to conduct nearly all business at open meetings."

During the week of March 13-19, we celebrate Sunshine Week, a reminder of just how important these laws are for the operation of our nation's particular brand of governance — for the people, by the people and of the people.

The idea for Sunshine Week comes from newspaper editors in Florida, and it's sponsored nationally by the American Society of Newspaper Editors and, in our state, by the Michigan Press Association. And, while we newspaper types may often harp about freedom of information and open meetings issues, this isn't a "press" issue — it's a citizens issue.

The light of sunshine, rather than the darkness of secrecy, ensures the scrutiny necessary for our local city councils and township boards, our boards of education and our planning and zoning commissions to operate with the necessary checks and balances. People want and need to know how those officials are spending their tax dollars and making decisions that affect them.

While he was not necessarily a fan of newspapers, Thomas Jefferson was clear in his view of open government when he wrote "No government ought to be without censors and where the press is free, no one ever will."



## Scrap the hall

Township officials have considered several options with regard to building a new hall on the outskirts of the township ("Board eyes hall woes," *Plymouth Observer*, Feb. 13).

One of the suggested options, the right one in my opinion, is scrapping the project altogether. The present complex, more conveniently located, is just fine. It is doubtful that a costly, extravagant, new hall will somehow improve efficiency or quality of services to township residents.

The times are hard. The country is at war. The state has a budgetary shortfall of nearly a billion dollars. Economy is faltering, unemployment rising, it is more than 7 percent in our state.

Schools are underfinanced. Money is getting scarce. There are many more pressing needs than building an expensive city hall which may in the end cost more than \$20 million plus interest on bonds issued for that purpose, indebting the township residents for many years to come.

The original estimate of \$12 million, and the pledge that no taxes will be used, might have been only the proverbial foot in the door. And, if the fire station is eliminated, square footage reduced or construction of some parts of the new hall delayed calling for additional financing in the future, that is not what the residents were told before the \$6 million bond issue was approved by them.

It is suggested that it will be a need to increase revenue to cover the cost overruns. Apparently this means more tax money from the residents.

Joseph Wira  
Plymouth

## Liberal bias

I'm sick of your opinion page being so biased toward liberalism. It seems that most liberal viewed letters take most of your print week after week. The last of which is the "Aggressive approach can build economy" (Feb. 17 editorial). Our liberal governor has only one objective in bringing back jobs and that's one of tax increases.

It's clearly your opinion that if the Republican-majority Legislature should go along with her plan or else these new thousands and thousands of jobs will be lost.

Anthony Cauchi  
Canton

## Granholt double take

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholt turned around and said the right thing now that she wouldn't support displaying the Ten Commandments in the Capitol Rotunda. She is calling such a display unconstitutional.

She appeared on public television's *Off the Record* program and said she didn't have a problem with having the commandments at the statehouse.

"I know that will make some people mad. But I think they are universal values," she said.

She said that while the government should not be promoting religion, the Ten Commandments promote "a universal desire for people to behave with dignity and honor God."

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for our nation's laws she spouted, "That is not promoting a particular religion. That is just recognizing some universal values."

More than 100 years ago, Robert Green Ingersoll wrote the following in *Substitute For The Bible As A Moral Guide*: "All the Ten Commandments that are good were old, were the result of experience. That commandments that were original with Jehovah were foolish. 'The worship of any other God' could not have been worse than the worship of Jehovah, and nothing could have been more absurd than the sacredness of the Sabbath."

If commandments had been given against slavery and polygamy, against wars of invasion and extermination, against religious persecution in all its forms, so that the world could be free, so that the brain might be developed and the heart civilized, then we might, with propriety, call such commandments a moral guide.

Wise words  
Alfred Brock  
Canton

## We need road builders

I cannot understand what people are thinking when they say more gas tax will help.

Gov. John Engler said the same thing a couple of years back and we raised the tax five cents a gallon and did it help? No, the roads are worse now.

We need to have accountability from our politicians and state and county road departments. There are too many bureaucrats and money misappropriated. We are not getting our bang for the buck.

Even though I feel that will improve with our new county executive, Robert Ficano, I think a lot of the "do nothing jobs" and very lucrative retirements are going to be a thing of the past.

Taxes are the only thing some politicians know. We need to hire road builders, not friends. It would be interesting to know how many graduated engineers work for the road commission.

I do not want to circumvent the system, but we need better roads which means better people that are more knowledgeable of the problem and more accountability from contractors. If you do the work, shouldn't a 25-year road last 25 years? And what recourse do we have, if it doesn't?

Wayne Mirth  
Westland

## Governor's plan

The bond plan proposed by Gov. Granholt to initiate new business operations would issue \$2 billion in bond instruments. The administration of commerce promoted by government planners seems less promising than private enterprise initiatives.

Today, though, I have questions concerning the report in a Sunday newspaper, "How jobs bond plan will affect investment in Michigan." The bond initiative suggests that the estimated annual interest will be \$10 million to \$12 million.

The \$2 billion in bonds are to be sold and distributed in lots or batches of \$200 million. If one computes the interest to be paid on the 10 annual bond

placements with the payment of the bond lots in full after the end of the 10th year, he will find that the \$10 million in interest in each of 10 years will produce an average annual return to lenders of about 1 percent. If the bonds are issued with extended due dates, the bond interest to be experienced would be appreciably less than 1 percent.

Who will be first in line to purchase, with the expectation and promise of a 1 percent return on his loan, his bond purchase? The report must be in error, the original sin that of the planners in Lansing. Some scolding of this writer or correction by the bond lenders should be forthcoming, and soon.

Neil Goodbred  
Livonia

## What's really happening?

I am extremely concerned what the privatization of Social Security would do to our citizens. It sounds well and good to allow the people to invest in Wall Street, but what happens if stocks begin to fail then what are we to do?

We know what happened during the depression and the recessions in the '80 and '90s. Millions of people lost a great deal of money in the stock market, including myself. We cannot gamble on our future financial situation.

Bush, as usual, is trying to create a crisis so he can "fix" it his way, just like he is doing with education. Before you know it even education will be privatized.

We have been told by the Social Security Committee that Social Security is safe for another 37 years. I am sure there are many other options to consider to fix the problem.

Presently, Social Security tax is exempt on salaries over \$90,000. Why not raise the ceiling on this?

Why is it that the middle class always has to take the fall? Is there a secret agenda? Is the government trying to do away with the middle class?

Why is Bush pushing privatization when there are several other ways the future Social Security problem can be handled?

We need to ask ourselves "What is really happening here?" I'm afraid the answer to that is the bigger issue and it scares the hell out of me.

Janine Smith  
Westland

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## QUOTABLE

"The last time we backed out the engineering costs were about \$80,000. I'd like to see the actual bills and numbers ... I still don't see this project ever happening."

— City Commissioner Michele Potter, on the likelihood of the Sheldon Road underpass project being completed

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# Stewart has thankless task in funding state's universities

The new chairman of the higher education subcommittee of House Appropriations, one of the most powerful and consequential committees in the state Legislature, is Rep John Stewart, R-Plymouth. He's an interesting study — part evangelist, part hopeful Boy Scout, part calculating politician.

And he's got one of the toughest jobs in the state. In case you hadn't noticed, state support for our colleges and universities — without doubt the absolute core of any plausible economic strategy for Michigan — has fallen for the past three straight years.



Phil Power

We now spend more to stockpile felons in the states prisons than we do in educating our bright young people for high-paying productive jobs. And with our elected representatives united only in being — to a person — too timid to tackle our state's \$1 billion-plus chronic structural deficit, higher education appropriations — "approps," to use the Lansing term — have become one of the most highly charged subjects in the Capitol.

Stewart is a real ranty these days. He's an unapologetic Republican moderate who admires former governors George Romney and Bill Milliken. ("We cannot let our party lose touch with the vast majority of solid, sensible people in the middle," he says.) He's an unabashed defender of our colleges and universities. ("Our great universities are the jet fuel for Michigan's economic takeoff, and we simply cannot afford to let them run on empty.")

And he believes that today's partisan poisonous atmosphere in Lansing will do nobody — least of all the citizens of Michigan — any good. ("We've got to find a way for the sensible center to work civilly together to get the public's business done.")

Not that he's all Boy Scout and no politician. "I want to reclaim the territory of higher education for the Republican Party. It's a core part of our values," he says. He recognizes that some day he and other Republicans will have to cut a deal with Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

But he wonders aloud about the governor's "magnificent hyperbole" in talking about how important it is to double the number of college graduates in Michigan in a decade even as she is presiding over the greatest slide in support for higher education in modern times. There are a few Democrats, frankly, who have been wondering the same thing.

Dazzlingly handsome at 55 and possessed of a fine baritone (he sings in Plymouth's First Presbyterian Church, where he's been a member for 21 years), Stewart has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, a master's from Wayne State and a J.D. from what then was the Detroit College of Law.

He's practiced law in Plymouth for 25 years and has been an active Kiwanian. He served as a Plymouth Township trustee for four years before being elected to the legislature in 2000. His smart and capable wife, Beth, is director of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Stewart's interest in education runs deep in his blood. Counting his mother (a Vanderveen from Holland, Mich.) and his aunts and uncles, he has seven relatives who have taught for more than 40 years in Michigan public schools. His uncles were superintendents in, respectively, South Lyon, Rochester and Mason.

All in all, he's what we used to know as a salt of the earth, Main Street Republican. Problem is Stewart's party has moved hard rightward in recent years. "Are you a tough, mean SOB enough to deal with your caucus?" I asked him. "No, but I can be hard-core. My values are unshakable," he replied. Then, no doubt to the pleasure of the GOP House caucus, he threw down the gauntlet to Granholm. "She talks the good talk about how important our universities are to the future of the state, but where's the walk?" Next, moments later, he looks forward to a time when sensible people can reason together. "I want to know what Jennifer Granholm needs politically for her to provide an increase in funding for higher education. I think education is at the core of her values, and I want to find a way that we can work together to mesh these values to help our state."

Stewart is nothing if not ambitious in his new committee assignment, undertaken with the explicit support of new House Speaker Craig DeRoche of Novi. As part of the appropriations process, he has scheduled a set of hearings on the role of higher education in Michigan. The star-studded lineup for March 23 alone is impressive: University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman, Michigan State University President Lou Anna Simon, Wayne State University President Irvin Reid and former Senate higher ed approps chairman and now Congressman Joe Schwarz. "These hearings should be a seminar for my colleagues about how vital our great universities are to the future of the state," he enthuses.

Interestingly, Stewart says he gets his complex personality from his religious persuasions. He started out as a Methodist, which he thinks gave him his social conscience and his evangelistic tendencies. But when he married Beth, he became a Presbyterian and took on the church's orientation toward flinty intellectual honesty.

Personally, I think he'll also need the grit and deviousness of a Jesuit and the patience of a Buddhist in order to survive the ghastly supercharged atmosphere of Lansing during appropriations time. But I sure admire his instincts, and wish him well in his task. As should we all. Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953 2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

# Vietnam War Memorial should be our nation's last such monument

My husband and I had one day to spend in Washington, D.C., so on a beautiful autumn day we decided to see some of the outdoor memorials. The list is very long. There are memorials honoring presidents and then there are the war memorials. There is the Marine Corps War Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, Tomb of the Unknown covering World Wars I and II and the Korean War. There are memorials for women in military service for America and one to honor women who served in Vietnam. The World War II Memorial is under construction.



Ann Abdo

Then there is the Vietnam War Memorial — the marble wall filled with the names of those who paid the ultimate price. Its understated design is so powerful. Every time I see it, I feel so sad and angry. I remember watching from my dormitory window the male students walking to a testing site at Michigan State University. The results of the test determined who stayed in college and who

got drafted. I remember looking in my world atlas to find out the location of Vietnam, and when I saw this small country thousands of miles away, I could not see how Vietnam would be a danger to us. It wasn't. All the predictions of what would happen if the entire country became communist did not happen.

As we walked by the wall, we noticed the tributes people left: flowers, a teddy bear and a set of I.D. tags. After all these years, maybe the family of the deceased had found closure, and so they left the tags as a way of saying goodbye? Then I saw a man who had placed a piece of paper over a name and with chalk or crayon, he was rubbing the name onto the paper. Was this the son, nephew, or much younger brother?

For five nights a week for about six years, the network evening news gave a body count. There were more than 58,000 U.S. casualties. Thousands more were injured physically and mentally. More than one million Vietnamese civilians were killed and more than 6.5 million were displaced war refugees. More than 200,000 Vietnamese soldiers were killed. There were very graphic pictures on television and in the print media.

What did we learn from this? What have we shown the families and friends of those whose names are engraved on the wall? I had hoped that they would be shown that we learned our lesson, and developing more

I hope for the day when our political leaders will say this is the last war memorial. From now on all our efforts will be toward creating a peaceful world. There will be a cabinet level Department of Peace that will strive to fulfill Franklin Roosevelt's wish that 'we want to end the beginnings of all war.'

sophisticated ways to kill people is not the answer. I had hoped our vast resources would be used to support more humanitarian efforts. I had hoped that our leaders would never again give us a faulty justification for sending our armed forces into combat.

On Jan. 27, 1973, the military draft ended. Our military is made up of men and women who volunteer. Each has their own reason for wanting to serve their country, but all have willingly put their life on the line for us. We owe these brave people the utmost respect, therefore, we should never put these people in harm's way unless it is absolutely necessary.

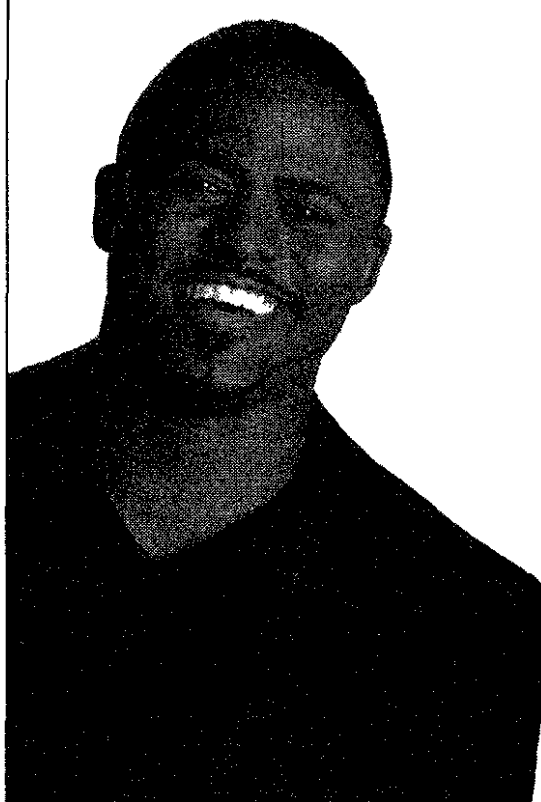
We are not shown the real horrors of the war in Iraq. With 76 percent of Iraqis living in the urban areas where the war is taking place, casualty estimates range from 50,000 to 100,000. With a volunteer army, public protest has been less effective. Also, we have been told that if we speak against the war, we are not supporting our troops. U.S. casualties are now more than 1,400 killed in action and more than 10,500 wounded. Will the brave men and women of this war have a memorial as well?

I hope for the day when our political leaders will say this is the last war memorial. From now on all our efforts will be toward creating a peaceful world. There will be a cabinet level Department of Peace that will strive to fulfill Franklin Roosevelt's wish that "we want to end the beginnings of all war."

President Bush stated in his second inaugural address that all people are entitled to enjoy the benefits of freedom and liberty. It can be done. The legislation has been written. All we need is enough sponsors in Congress to make it happen. For more information on the Department of Peace campaign, see www.dopcampaign.org.

Ann Abdo is a Livonia resident and a member of the 11th District Citizens for Peace.

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## Spring checkup



Snow still flies outside, but Ford Field will display lots of color this weekend at garden displays at the Home and Garden Show

### Ford Field show offers home improvements, garden ideas

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Dan O'Connor believes homeowners want their homes to look attractive, but they don't want to spend weekends taking care of the home's exterior once the weather warms up.

"Homeowners are looking for zero maintenance," said O'Connor, a sales consultant with Replacement Windows and Siding Co. of Redford.

That's why Replacement will display windows and siding that reflect that low maintenance feature at Detroit's Ford Field Home & Garden Show, Feb. 24-27. (See related chart.) Scores of Detroit area businesses and contractors will show what's new for 2005.

"Hundreds of home and garden exhibits feature products and services for home

improvement, remodeling and maintenance," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan Inc. of Grand Rapids. Show attendees will be welcomed to the show by spectacular gardens and landscapes with blooming annuals and perennials, waterfalls, reflecting ponds, fountains, brick walkways and patios created especially for Ford Field.

Displays will be filled with home and garden products and services for new homes, remodeling and maintenance. All the major home product categories are available from the basics of heating, cooling, kitchens, baths, windows and doors to room additions, siding, closets, log homes, vacuums, appliances, fixtures, furnishings, landscaping and decorative accessories.

In addition, seminars on building,



PLEASE SEE SHOW, B3  
Tulips brighten up the landscape

## Accents

### Launch a satellite

Now that kitchens have become the most popular room in the house, homeowners are looking for ways to expand functionality to other rooms.

A growing trend in many households, satellite kitchens are often complete kitchen setups that are compressed. They can feature a sink, stove-top burners, a mini refrigerator and cabinet space all in a compact unit. They offer the convenience of an additional kitchen space in another room of the house.

Satellite kitchens can be modular units that you group together portable pieces to be moved where needed most, or housed within a decorative armoire, perfect for the living room or dining room.

Homeowners are also applying these kitchens into their outdoor design plans, making it more convenient to prepare food and entertain while in the yard or out on the deck. (Just think of the time and number of trips you'll save not having to go in and out.)

Some satellite kitchens are even found within the main kitchen itself - acting as a butler's pantry to provide an additional work surface.

Satellite kitchens need not be a monumental expense. Many companies offer pieces to fit your budget, including IKEA. For more information on kitchen cabinetry, visit your local kitchen cabinet dealer.

### Add a shed

Thinking of a little private space to call your own? Add a garden shed, home office or workshop to your outdoor life and turn it into your personal sanctuary and source of pride.

Summerwood Products and its Web site will help you create the perfect outdoor structure for your home - one that will offer functionality to you and your family.

Here are some tips to ensure that your structure suits all your needs.

Determine the size you need, make a list of all the functions you would like your structure to serve.

If you have a variety of needs such as shed requirements and office needs, partition the structure.

When selecting a location, be aware of access to natural light, ventilation, electricity and water (in case you need a hose or you want to plumb it).

Always buy quality. Well-built structures have a longer life span. Choose options that will suit your tastes, you'll have to look at it every day.

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LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The bright, spacious kitchen features white and shades of gold and yellow

### Electric eclectic home furnished with creativity

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

It's electric eclectic.

In the West Bloomfield home of Michael and Lynn Seidman and their three children, contemporary and traditional elements are joyously juxtaposed. Whimsical and classical features are combined in delightful ways throughout the majestic contemporary house, which is almost 4,300 square feet and has 10-foot ceilings.

"I wanted to warm it up," Lynn said, smiling. Visitors on the Heart of the Home House

Tour will be able to savor the accents and the architecture of the residence.

It is among nine homes in Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Franklin and West Bloomfield featured on the event, taking place Sunday, March 13 (see related items, B3).

The tour is presented by Groves High School Senior Parents to benefit the Class of 2005 Senior Party.

### DREAM HOME

The Seidmans have lived in the house for

PLEASE SEE ECLECTIC, B3

### Search for best prices on computers, electronics



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

who consider Costco hallowed ground, you may want to stop reading right

I don't understand the obsession with Costco.

Sure, if you're looking for batteries, lox or gallon jugs of ketchup, it's the place to shop.

But for computers, electronics, software, DVDs, and other high-tech gadgetry, Costco's prices are actually on the high side.

Blasphemy, you say? No, I crunched the numbers myself. (If you're among those

here.) Now that tax season is upon us, I checked the store's price on the popular TurboTax Deluxe program \$34.99 before a \$10 mail-in rebate. CompUSA's price \$29.99 - and they offer the same rebate.

Next up the GoVideo Rave AMP256 MP3 player. Costco wanted \$94.99 for it - \$5 more than what you'd pay ordering it direct from GoVideo.

Hewlett-Packard's nifty PhotoSmart 375 printer was selling for \$179.99, a decent price. But I found the same price up the street at Best Buy. No annual fee to shop there.

As for DVDs, Costco's prices are inconsistent at best. Shrek 2 sells for \$19.99, while CircuitCity offers it for \$14.99. But *Alias: The Complete Third*

*Season* costs just \$39.99 at Costco, versus \$49.99 at Best Buy and \$69.99 at CircuitCity.

The real shocker came in the camera aisle. Costco's price on a Sony Cyber-shot DSC-W1 digital camera \$349.99. That's list, folks. The same camera sells for the same price on Sony's own Web site. (And for the record, a quick search of PriceGrabber.com found it selling for under \$300 from a plethora of Web vendors.)

Now, this was a fairly random sampling, and I did find that Costco beat the competition on at least a few items. The TiVo 80-hour Series2, for instance, was selling for \$264.99, about \$35 less than at other stores.

Buy one of those and you've just about

recouped the store's annual membership fee.

But my point here is that Costco doesn't always have the lowest prices on computers and electronics, and you shouldn't blindly assume they do.

In my experience, the best deals on such items are found online, where you're also usually exempt from paying sales tax (though shipping charges often make it a wash).

That said, there is one area where Costco stomps the competition: returns. On computers and notebooks alone, you have up to six months to return them. Most stores give you a couple weeks, and many charge restocking fees.

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HOME CALENDAR

Design/home decor

**Wildflower Painting and Faux Finish Techniques** are among the design/home decorating classes scheduled at The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. To register and for more information call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. **Wildflower Painting (Thursday Feb 24)** will teach the techniques of painting foliage stir roses backgrounds and petals which can be used on a variety of craft projects as well as furniture. You will complete a wood plaque during the class to take home. Fee is \$22 plus a \$15 materials fee paid to the instructors. Instructors Bob and Esther Kerr are experienced interior decorating professionals who own their own store and teach extensively on interior decorative finishes. Bob is a licensed builder and Esther a licensed Realtor in addition to their design background. **In Faux Finish Techniques (Monday Feb 28)** a fast paced hands on workshop you will learn approximately six techniques and tips for this decorating method and complete sample boards to take home. Fee is \$22 plus a \$15 materials fee paid to the instructors. Wear old clothes and bring plastic gloves. Instructors are Bob and Esther Kerr.

Antiques exposition

The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will take place Friday Sunday Feb 25-27 at the Southfield Municipal Complex 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 regular \$5 with any ads or listings of the event free for ages 12 and under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. Celebrating its 25th season the exposition features a diverse selection of fine American European Oriental and African antiques and fine art. Antiques merchants from across the country noted authors and nationally known experts will exhibit and sell their collections. Dining and free parking will be available. Online show previews are available at www.antiquet.com/M&M.

Glitz and Glamour

The Rochester Community House 816 Ludlow presents a variety of classes. For information call (248) 651-0622 or visit www.rochestercommhouse.org. **In Glitz and Glamour (Monday Feb 28)** learn to emboss and add glitter to your projects. Make and take home at least three completed projects. Fee is \$15 a \$10 materials fee is payable to

the teacher on class day

**Home decorating**  
The Rochester Community Schools Enrichment Department presents home decorating classes. For more information visit www.rochester.k12.mi.us and click the Enrichment tab on the left menu. The schedule includes Venetian Plaster and Stucco (Tuesday March 8 fee is \$21) and Upholstered Cornice Board (Wednesday March 9 fee is \$39). **In Venetian Plaster and Stucco** at Fancy Color Paints Store 3883 Rochester Road in Troy learn a plaster finishing system that can develop a beautiful highly polished marble like appearance. **In Upholstered Cornice Board** at Van Hoosen Middle School learn step by step how to measure construct decorate and mount this fabulous window treatment for a fraction of the cost to buy. The class will teach the tricks of the trade that the professionals use to accomplish this classic but easy window treatment.

Chair re-covey

**Haberman Fabrics** 905 S. Main in Royal Oak offers home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010 e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. **In Chair Re-covey (Sunday Feb 27)** learn how to revitalize your dining room chairs with a quick no sew transformation. Fee is \$30. **In this four hour hands on workshop** you will learn how to estimate required yardage select an appropriate fabric dismantle re-pad and re-cover your dining room chair seat. The class isn't intended for a chair seat with box shaping. Learn how to make pleated draperies a classic ever popular window treatment. **In Advanced Curtain (Thursdays March 3-24)** Create a personalized look by changing the style and spacing of the pleats or choose the more informal tab top drape. Fee is \$80.

Ornamental

**Ornamental** a show of sculptural metal wall pieces in powder coated steel by Cranbrook Academy of Art metalsmithing graduate Amy Haskins continues to March 12 at PF Galleries 213 E. 14 Mile just east of Main/Livernois in Clawson. Call (248) 989-8889. *If you have an item for the calendar please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk At Home Editor Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net*

Maytag offers legal remedy for Neptune

once owned an appliance store and sold several thousand Maytag clothes washers I knew that I was selling a customer the best washing machine available.



Appliance Doctor Joe Gagnon

a trade industry magazine, recently reported on Maytag's offer to settle a class-action lawsuit over the Neptune.

An Illinois court accepted a proposed settlement offered by Maytag in response to a class action lawsuit that alleged excessive failures among Neptune front-load washers. Barring any filing of appeals,

Maytag will begin immediately providing free repairs, cash payments or discount certificates to owners of allegedly problematic products.

How this settlement affects authorized Maytag service firms had not been decided yet. The settlement will close the books on the lawsuit Mink vs Maytag Corp., filed several years ago in the State of Illinois 20th Judicial Circuit Court in St. Clair County in East St. Louis, Ill.

The suit alleged that Neptune front-loaders experienced frequent failures of the door latch, wax motor, motor control and related circuit boards. These failures caused the machines not only to function improperly, but to leak below the tub, causing odors, mold and mildew.

In the settlement, Maytag admits no wrongdoing, but offers several remedies to owners who purchased their Neptune front-load washers between April 1, 1997 and August 9, 2004.

These remedies include the following:  
■ A reimbursement for reasonable out-of-pocket costs

related to repairs of the door latch/wax motor, motor control, related circuit boards and accumulations of mold and mildew, and their related odors.

■ Up to \$500 (subject to depreciation) of replacement costs if class-action owners have already purchased a washer to replace their Neptune front-loader prior to Aug. 9, 2004.

■ Owners of Neptune front-loaders, which Maytag has been unable to correct, can receive discount certificates good toward replacing the machine with another Maytag washer, such as the Neptune top-loading washer. The certificates can be redeemed for cash value from Maytag within 24 months after issuance, or used to purchase other Maytag non-laundry appliances.

■ Free additional attempts to repair Neptune front-loaders are offered without cost to the owner. For machines purchased prior to March 1, 2000, Maytag offers one additional repair attempt of problems before Aug. 9, 2005. Washers purchased after that date can get two additional repairs (or one if two attempts have already been

made) before Aug. 9, 2005. If the machine still cannot be corrected, Maytag offers a purchase certificate equal to the pro rata value of the machine based on age, ranging between \$1,000 and \$200. Owners can opt to waive the repairs and get the certificate immediately, which can be redeemed only on a Neptune top-loading washer.

The Web site www.maytagfrontloadsettlement.com contains full information on the settlement.

Once again this is an example of what happens when a manufacturer rushes a new product into the marketplace without testing it to prove its dependability. I know this is an expensive lesson to Maytag and I believe they have learned a big lesson. Stay tuned.

**Joe Gagnon** can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Got an appliance repair question for Joe Gagnon? Please forward it to kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. Your question may be published in a future column.

Put out the 'fire' before it happens

When I arrived at my clinic in 1994, the level of 'fire engine medicine' amazed me.

Most clients seemed to prefer taking the chance that diseases wouldn't happen to their pets, rather than trying to prevent them. That is, wait until a fire starts to put it out.

To their credit, people would often treat their ill animals, such as puppies

needing intense hospitalization for parvovirus a disease that could have been prevented by a simple vaccination.

Sometimes treatment would be too late. That's the danger of taking a risk: physical, financial, and emotional devastation.

The bane of our existence, however, was heartworm. I would receive reports showing that Michigan clinics would average about 10 positives annually. We would reach 35-40 every year. Certainly, that fire engine mentality was part of the problem, but the clinic did a poor job of stressing the dangers of heartworm. This lack of client education, plus giving preventive for too few months annually, gave us our unenviable situation of being a heartworm hotspot.

NUMBER DROP

After years of improving our clients' understanding of heartworm disease, recommending a year-round preventive and making heartworm control the first priority, in 2004 we have finally dropped below the state average in heartworm positives.

It's not perfect, as too few dogs get preventive, and too many owners still don't get their critter checked. Recently I asked a pet owner if her dog had been tested for heartworm. She said he hadn't, but wouldn't need one, as "he's usually pretty good about that stuff."

Preventing heartworm doesn't require huge demands. Annual blood tests look for the fingerprints of the heartworms in the circulation (if you make like it's a CSI thing, it seems more exciting!)

Then start a preventive and stay with it year round. Last year there were four major heartworm preventives. In 2004, multiple reports of questionable reactions took Proheart off the market, but the other three have great safety records.

Heartgard, made by Merial, has chewable cubes that dogs take monthly and tend to love. Many people tell me their dog looks forward to this monthly treat.

This medicine also prevents roundworms and hookworms, two relatively common intestinal parasites, both of which could be a risk to people (e.g. the children playing with the dog). Year round prevention helps keep pets and families

safe from these parasites.

Interceptor, by Novartis, does much the same thing as Heartgard. Flavor tablets given monthly keep pets safe from heartworm, and the intestinal parasites roundworm and whipworm. While whipworms don't affect people, they can be devastating to infected dogs, causing severe diarrhea and muscle depletion, even death. Annual fecal exams can help catch these parasites.

Interceptor tends to be a little more expensive than Heartgard, and, despite sales claims, the flavor tabs just aren't as tasty as the Heartgard cubes.

In whipworm areas, or for dogs previously found positive for whipworms, this is the best choice.

Both of these companies guarantee their products when purchased through a vet, and the manufacturers tend to be understanding and efficient should there be a claim.

You say you want a Revolution? Well, you know, Pfizer thinks you do. This topical heartworm preventive also prevents fleas, although likely not as well as Advantage or Frontline, and while heartworm preventive should be given year round, flea control might not be needed through the winter months.

Revolution has limited extra activities, treating and preventing one type of tick and mange, but has no claimed effects on canine intestinal parasites.

Still, it's an effective heartworm preventive.

WANT A REVOLUTION?

Revolution could be a god-send, however, when we look at our next great challenge, feline heartworm disease.

Few cats get tested for heartworm, and too many tested cats show up positive.

Treatment for cats remains somewhere between unlikely and impossible, and death is a common disease outcome.

Heartgard and Revolution both have heartworm preventive for cats, with cat Revolution also preventing intestinal parasites.

Cats don't seem to love the Heartgard chewy tab the way dogs do, so Revolution might be a way to keep your cats (and fingers) safe.

Which preventive you choose should be a decision between you and your vet, based on your individual situation.

The only wrong decision would be to leave your dog or cat unprotected against heartworm.

It's a fire much better to prevent than to put out.

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**MBH Garden Club**  
Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday Feb. 25 in the ballroom of Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus in Rochester.  
Scott Kunst will present a slide show Heirloom Bulbs: Four Seasons Forty Centuries.  
Guests are welcome. Non-member

donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. For more information call (248) 299-3948 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.  
Kunst is the owner of Old House Gardens, the only mail order source in the country devoted to heirloom flower bulbs. Since the founding of Old House Gardens in 1993, its unusual and endangered bulbs have been featured in

Horticulture Fine Gardening Country Living and other publications. These heirloom bulbs are also found in the gardens of such historic sites as Mount Vernon and the Hearst Castle. A landscape historian and preservationist, Kunst has taught landscape history at Eastern Michigan University and lectured to horticultural groups all across the country.

**Landscape design**  
Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty in Livonia offers gardening courses in its Continuing Education department. The schedule includes Landscape Design I, three Saturdays beginning Feb. 26. No sessions will take place during the college's spring break (Feb. 28 to March 6).  
The instructor is Merritt Wolson, a local

landscape designer and horticulturist. Register by mail, fax, Web or walk in. For more information call (734) 462-4448.

**Hardy perennials**  
Michael Saint, owner of Good Earth Landscape and Interior Design Inc. of Clarkston, will speak at a seminar on hardy perennials Sunday, Feb. 27, at La Caf  and Java, 5815 Dixie Highway in Waterford.

The program will feature registration 4:30-4:45 p.m., welcome and introduction 4:45 p.m., slide presentation and lecture 4:50-5:15 p.m., dinner 5:15-5:30 p.m., question and answer 5:30-6 p.m. Book sales by Good Earth Landscape and Interior Design Inc. will also be featured.  
Cost is \$40 per person by check or money order. Seating is limited to 25. For more information or to register call Saint at (248) 620-7188 or e-mail Goodearthlandscapeinc@juno.com. Topics to be discussed by Saint include the newest trends in landscape architecture, conserving time and resources mimicking nature in your back yard, tried and true perennials and design tips.

**Rain gardens**  
A free workshop Residential Rain Gardens for the Rouge River will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. Roger Bannerman, water resources specialist from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, will present the program. He will focus on the water cycle and ways to reduce storm water runoff through home gardens. Volunteers will describe their own experiences with planning and planting a rain garden with the Rouge River in mind. Registration and displays open at 6:30 p.m.

To register call Karen Bever of the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.  
Rain gardens planted with beneficial native wildflowers are designed to trap and filter rain water before runoff reaches storm drains. In addition to being lovely gardens, rain gardens can make a significant contribution to pollution reduction and are recommended by SOCWA and Rouge River municipalities.

**Beverly Hills Garden Club**  
The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet Tuesday, March 1, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile, Nanette Winowiecki of The Pond Place of Commerce Township will present a program on water gardens at 1 p.m. Guests welcome.

**Livonia Garden Club**  
The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at the Livonia Senior Center (Five Mile and Farmington Road). Visitors are welcome.  
Roger Sutherland, retired professor emeritus of Schoolcraft College, will present a program about nature's neatest and most efficient innovation: the flower. He will demonstrate that flowers really know how to get things done.

**Downriver Rose Society**  
The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph in Brownstown south of Sibley and north of West Roads. Tom McMillan will speak on Hybridizing and Propagation. Admission is free. The public may attend.  
For more information call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230. In his talk, McMillan will share the techniques that professional rose breeders use to develop new rose varieties. He has been a member of the American Rose Society and several local rose societies since 1974 and is active in the Rose Hybridizers Committee of the American Rose Society and serves on its board of directors.  
McMillan grows hundreds of roses and freely assists the public in his role as an ARS Consulting Rosarian. He has hybridized several well-received rose varieties including Rejoice, a salmon pink grandiflora and Affirm, a light pink hybrid tea.

**Master composter**  
The Master Composter Program for environmentally minded gardeners will begin 6:45-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3

at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois.  
The program is open to all interested area residents able to contribute some volunteer service to their community. Cost for the course is \$30, which includes the class notebook and name badge. Classes will continue Thursday evenings, March 10, 24 and 31, April 14, May 12 and Sept. 1.  
The program is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority in cooperation with the Clinton River Watershed Council and Friends of the Rouge.  
For information or to register call Karen Bever weekdays at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.  
The course includes classes in the garden demonstrations and coordinated volunteer outreach in cooperation with local garden centers.  
Among the topics covered will be making and using compost, soil health, soil nutrient testing, natural mulches, environmental lawn care, proper use of fertilizer and sustainable landscapes. Volunteer work in local communities is required.

**Hardy Plant Society**  
The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, March 7, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. George Papadellis of Telly's Greenhouse will speak on New and Underused Perennials for Shade. He will also cover other topics.  
Guest fee \$3.  
For more information call (248) 589-2286 or visit www.hardyplantsocietygreatlakes.org.


**Rochester WNF&GA**  
The Rochester Branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association will host Dale Morgan of Blossoms at its meeting Tuesday, March 8, at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow.  
Morgan will discuss fresh flower arranging and related topics. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow. Guests are welcome.  
For more information call (586) 739-5337.

The Rochester Branch has something to offer everyone, including horticulture, herbs, flower arranging, arts and crafts, community gardening, and flower planting projects and horticulture therapy. New members are always welcome.

**Troy WNF&GA**  
The Troy Garden Club, a branch of WNF&GA, will meet at noon Wednesday, March 9, at Big Beaver Methodist Church, 3753 John R. in Troy, just south of Wattles on the west side of the street.  
Mike Barger of Mike's Trees will speak about Emerald Ash Borer. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3.  
For more information call Rita at (248) 540-4249.

**Perennials**  
Learn how to combine perennials to cover seasonal dormancy and to fill in lulls in blooming periods in Doubling Up Perennials, a class taught by Pam Palechek Wednesday, March 9, at The Community House in Birmingham. Fee is \$42. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates.  
To register or for more information call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

**Gardeners conference**  
The Association of Professional Gardeners Annual Meeting and Conference will take place Sunday, March 20, at Wojo Greenhouse, 2570 Oakwood Road in Ortonville (phone (248) 627-6498).  
The conference will be an all-day program including lunch. Registration will be at 8 a.m. and the program will run until 3:30 p.m.  
For more information visit www.associationofprofessionalgardeners.org or call (248) 330-7466.  
Cost is \$60 for members, \$70 for non-members. The registration form is available at the Web site.  
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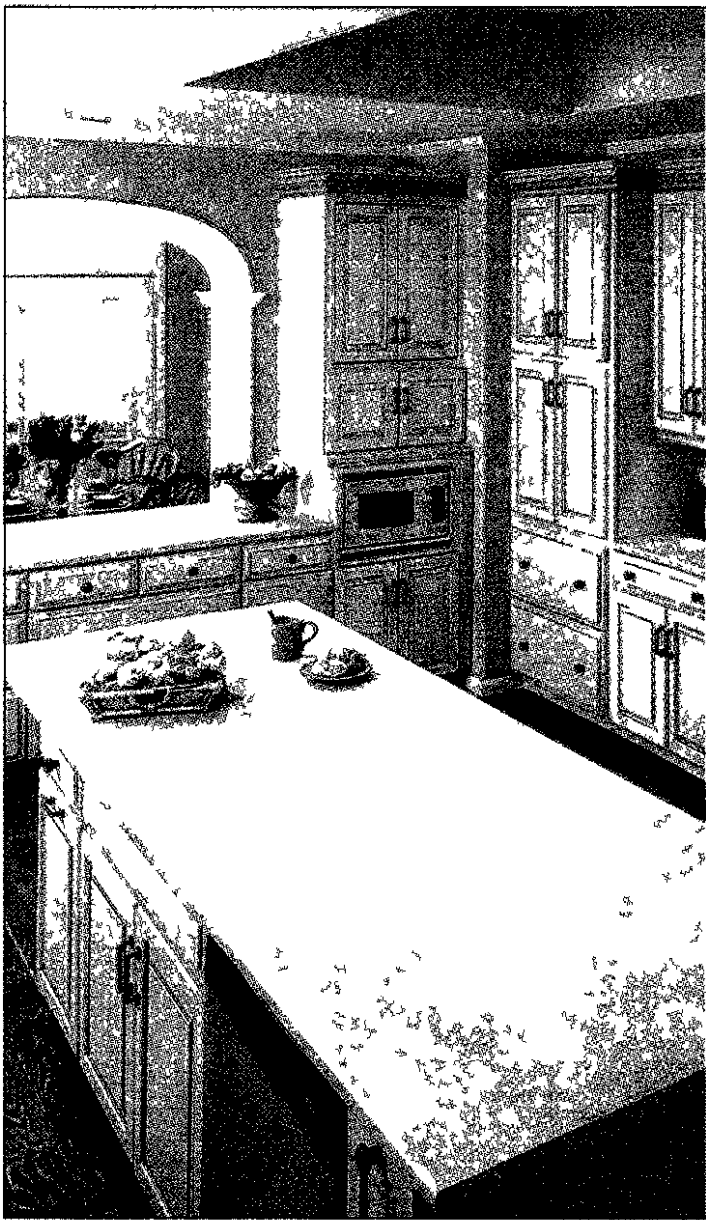
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Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books including "How to Do Everything with Musicmatch" and "101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld." He welcomes questions sent to [rick.broida@gmail.com](mailto:rick.broida@gmail.com).

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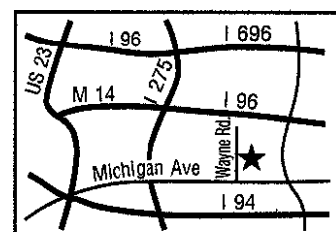
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## 'Smaczneho!'

### Polish food says 'enjoy' in welcoming way

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

**"Smaczneho"**

The word is Polish for 'enjoy your meal' Traditionally, dining companions say it to one another before they begin to eat

Polish food speaks for itself, saying 'enjoy' in a warm, welcoming way

"It's very hearty, very filling," said Maria Mackiewicz, hostess and cashier at the Wawel Restaurant in the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy "It's no-nonsense, down-to-earth type of meals that will stick with you"

"It's good, it's all homemade, it's very flavorful," said Mary Solko, who owns Jennies Pierogies in Garden City with her sister, Theresa

Remski Pierogies, stuffed dumplings, are among the most popular Polish

Featured authentic Polish recipes Page B7.

foods But a full spectrum of variety colors a Polish menu

Golabki (cabbage stuffed with pork, beef and rice), naleśniki (crepes), meatballs with mushroom gravy, and kielbasa are just some tantalizing examples

Soups, salads, breads and desserts are numerous as well

At Two Sisters restaurant in Rochester, popular dishes include city chicken - skewered and breaded cubes of veal and pork - and potato pancakes - a fried mixture of ground potato, eggs, flour and chicken base, said owner Jenny Nedanovski

Two Sisters, which has been in business at the same location for 17 years, also serves chicken dumpling soup, a farmer's omelet (sausage, bacon and ham), a Polish omelet (sauerkraut and kielbasa), and rice pudding with raisins

Crepes can be served for dinner or dessert, Nedanovski said

**SOUPS**

"We are soup eaters," said Margaret Studzinska, secretary at Polish Market in Troy, which features prepared meals

"When you eat the soup you don't feel any more hunger They're very rich"

Among Polish soups are tomato, pickle, barley, potato, cabbage, chicken noodle, bean, split pea, beet and barley Hunter stew consists of many ingredients, including meats, sauerkraut and onion

The Wawel Restaurant was named after the famed historic castle in Krakow The menu includes pyzy slaskie (a potato dumpling stuffed with meat and topped with bacon) and flaczki (tripe, well-seasoned with ginger, paprika, nutmeg and marjoram)

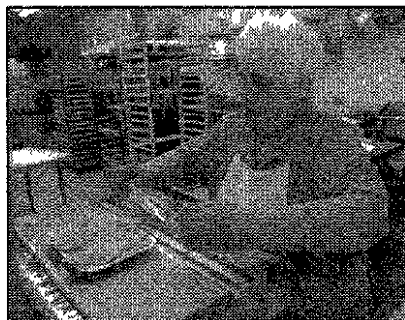
**MEATS**

Kielbasa has more garlic than



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Theresa Remski deftly handles large sheets of pierogi dough at Jennies Pierogies in Garden City Her mom, Jennie Kochan, places dough and fillings into the machine that forms the pierogi, two at a time



Shirley Lenart packages and labels a tray of pierogies

other sausages said Greg Przesmycki, owner, Joyview Meat Market in Redford It is made from pork or beef and pork

Fresh and smoked kielbasa are featured at Joyview, along with ring and flat kieszka, a breakfast sausage, ham, breaded pork chops, city chicken, and other meats

Fresh kielbasa is prepared by boiling it and then frying or baking, smoked is boiled like a hot dog, Przesmycki said

An assistant at the market shared the process for breaded pork chops and city chicken Coat with flour, shake off the excess, dip in an egg bath, roll in bread crumbs, brown for a couple of minutes on each side, then bake at 325 degrees Fahrenheit for about 1 hour 15 minutes

Bake ham with the fat side up, the assistant said Score the ham with a knife, insert cloves, and bake in pineapple or orange juice, or Vernor's ginger ale

**SALADS, SWEETS**

Polish salads include surowka (grated winter vegetables, such as cabbage, red cabbage, carrots, leeks and apples), mizeria (sliced raw cucumbers in sour cream), hot beet salad and hot carrot salad



Mary Sokol presides over steaming pots of boiling pierogi at Jennies Pierogies in Garden City

Sledz w oleju (herring in oil and onions) is served as an appetizer

Chicken feet can be used to make soup, or made into a jelly with carrots and eaten cold on bread, Studzinska said

Breads include sunny razowy, a whole-grain bread with sunflower seeds

"It's very healthy," Studzinska said Cheesecakes with such features as raisins or chocolate topping, poppyseed rolls, and coffee cakes are among Polish desserts

**PIEROGIES**

The versatile pierogi can be a main course or a side dish, served with applesauce or sour cream

It is part of the traditional meatless meal on Christmas Eve (which also includes mushroom or beet soup, fish, dried fruit compote, and

sweet bread)

Jennies Pierogies has been family owned since 1988 Jennie Kochan, the mother of Solko and Remski, started the business in the family basement The business moved to a site in Detroit, which it outgrew, and now has a second location in Warren

Kochan is one of the workers who make the pierogies in the back of the Garden City location

Here a smooth, gentle ballet unfolds Dough is flattened and cut into rectangles Two balls of filling are placed on each rectangle in a device that seals and cuts the dough into two pierogies The pierogies, resembling tiny pillows, are cooked in boiling water

Pierogies can be pan fried with

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## Side dish

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For olive recipes and information, go to www.calolive.org and for more information about 5 A Day The Color Way, visit www.5aday.org and www.aboutproduce.com

### New pizza

The pizza starts with a thin crust, covered in a creamy blended cheese sauce full of herbs and a hint of garlic A second thin crust is added and topped with the basics - tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese and choice of toppings To top it off, another blend of six cheeses is added

It's the Doublemeit Pizza, the first new pizza introduced by Domino's since it became a public company in July 2004 For more information, visit www.dominos.com

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For an easy microwave version, visit www.jollytime.com

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To find out more blueberry health information and recipes, to www.blueberry.org For a recipe leaflet, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Healthful Blueberry Treats, 2390 East Bidwell, Suite 300, Folsom, CA 95630

## Argyle leads the pack of Oregon wineries

Founded in 1987 by winemaker Rollin Soles and Australian vintner Brian Croser, Argyle, located in Dundee, Ore., was designed to make premium sparkling wines in the tradition of Champagne and still wines from chardonnay and pinot noir

Today, Argyle is owned by Leon Nathan Wine Group Basically, that's trivia (except for splendid capitalization) What's significant is that the passionate and opinionated Texan Rollin Soles directs the winemaking in a modern winery, housed in a former hazelnut processing plant

Viticulturist Allen Holstein supervises 500 acres of high-density, hillside planted, prime Oregon vineyards with an emphasis on low-yields to maximize quality Vineyards include Knudsen, Stoller and Lone Star



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From these sites, Soles makes three types of cool-climate vintage sparkling wines Brut, Blanc de Blanc and Rosé, hand riddled and disgorged to order Still wines available in Michigan include Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, crafted by traditional methods

**EVOLUTION**

Oregon's wine pioneers date back to 1970 Beginning the

Argyle project in 1987, Soles can be considered the second wave 'To make world-renowned chardonnay and pinot noir still wines at that time, required a viticultural turnaround,' Soles said "So we started with vintage-dated sparkling wines as we began our viticultural evolution"

By 1990, Soles was able to source the highly-touted new Dijon clones from France He planted them close spaced, and irrigated them because, contrary to common belief, Oregon summers are very dry

Soles also had a better handle on crop size to elevate quality When the crop was too large to ripen perfectly, a green harvest (dropping bunches) was conducted at veraison (time of berry coloring before harvest)

**WINE PICKS**

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- 2002 Alexander Valley Vineyards Two Barrel \$19 (50/50 blend of syrah and merlot)
- NV Medittrina (by Oregon's Sokol Blosser), \$19 (blend of pinot noir, syrah, and zinfandel with interesting fruit flavors)

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area If a retailer does not stock a specific wine ask that it be ordered from the distributor

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**TASTE CALENDAR**

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com

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Enjoy continuing education classes taught by culinary arts instructors in the demonstration kitchens in the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Help with Specialty Diets will be taught by Chris Tomassi, 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 (\$89).  
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Vegetarian whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie

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**OCC hosts several culinary events**

Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute has several events scheduled this spring, including a new dinner theatre. The institute will be working with the campus theatre for a dinner theatre evening at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 7 on the third floor of the J Building of OCC's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills. Food stations with international cuisines will be offered to the public, then patrons will enjoy a spring play, "The Nerd," which centers on a young architect and the man who saves his life, a hopeless nerd, who in turn overstays his welcome. Tickets are \$50 for dinner with theatre and \$45 with dinner only.  
Wine and food lovers also can enjoy the 10th Annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, also on the third floor of the J Building. Sample from a selection of over 500 wines that were judged and awarded medals throughout the day by judges. More than a dozen restaurants will prepare signature dishes to accompany the wines. A jazz band will play music. A raffle drawing will have prizes rang-

ing from Great Lakes shirts to picnic wine packages. Tickets are \$45 per person.  
OCC also hosts a Grand Culinary Buffet, 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. March 17. This event features a wide selection of unique fresh salads, vegetables, potatoes and a selection of meats and fish. A dessert table will include pastries, tarts, flans and cookies. The cost is \$8.95 per person.  
Ridgewood Cafe and Bakery continues to be open every Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. through April 20, featuring a selection of fresh sandwiches, salads and main courses. Visit the bakery for made-from-scratch breads, cookies, pies and cakes.  
Reflections Restaurant features fine dining on the fourth floor of the J Building with gourmet fare prepared by advanced culinary arts students for \$9.95, 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. Thursdays through April 21.  
The restaurants will be closed next week for mid-winter recess, Feb. 28 - March 10.  
For more information on any of these events, call (248) 522-3700 or visit OCC's dining Web site of www.oaklandcc.edu/culinary/

**FEATURED POLISH RECIPES**

**CABBAGE ROLLS (GOLABKI)**

- 1 head cabbage
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/4 pound ground pork or veal (optional)
- 1 16 ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 8 ounce can tomatoes
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 2 eggs
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons margarine
- Salt and pepper to taste

Remove the core from the cabbage. Put the cabbage in boiling water and remove the leaves as they soften. Sauté the onion in the margarine for a short time. In a bowl add the onion, meat, rice, eggs and salt and pepper, mix this well.

Place about 2 tablespoons of the meat mixture in the center of a cabbage leaf and roll. Put the meat rolls in a large pot and pour the tomato sauce onto the rolls. Then squeeze tomatoes from the can and arrange on top of the rolls. Simmer over low heat for 2 hours.

From www.globalgourmet.com

**POLISH HUNTER STEW (BIGOS)**

Traditionally served in Poland as a good-luck New Year's dish, it was originally eaten only by the Polish aristocracy (they being the only ones allowed to hunt game on their estates) and the only ones who could afford so much meat. Serve hot to six people as a filling meal, with boiled potatoes, a dish of sour cream, and lots of bread on the side.

- 1 cup chopped bacon
- 1 pound of boneless pork cut into small cubes
- 3 cloves of garlic minced
- 3 onions quartered
- 1/2 pound mushrooms quartered
- 2 cups beef stock
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 cups sauerkraut rinsed under cold water and drained
- 3 apples peeled, cored and cut into chunks
- 2 cups canned tomatoes with juice cut into pieces
- 1 cup diced cooked ham
- 1/2 cups Polish sausage cut into small chunks
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Garnish: Sour cream served on the side

Fry the bacon in a Dutch oven, to render the fat, then toss in the pork chunks, garlic, onions and mushrooms. Sauté until the meat is browned, about 5 minutes.

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margarine and sliced onions, or dipped in boiling water to warm and then browned slightly in a frying pan.

"If your dough is good you have a good product," Solko said. The pierogi menu at Jennies includes sauerkraut, potato,

Pour in the stock, tomatoes with their juice, sugar, bay leaves, sauerkraut and apples, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for about 2 hours. Stir in the ham and sausage then cover and cook on medium-low heat for about 30 more minutes.

When ready to serve, remove bay leaves and taste for seasoning. Ladle into bowls and serve with boiled potatoes, a bowl of sour cream, and thick, crusty bread.

From www.soupsong.com

**POPPY SEED OR NUT ROLL**

- 8 cups flour
- 1 package dry yeast
- 1 stick butter or margarine melted
- 5 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups warm milk
- Filling
- 1 pound poppy seed or ground nuts
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 sticks margarine or butter
- 1 cup milk hot
- 1 lemon rind

Combine all filling ingredients and beat well.

Dissolve yeast in 1/2 cup of the warm milk. Combine the flour, sugar, salt and eggs. Add remainder of the milk, butter and yeast mixture. Beat until elastic.

Sprinkle top with a little flour and cover with a cloth. Let stand in a warm place until doubled in size. Punch down. Divide the dough into 2 pieces.

Put on floured board and roll out into a rectangle. Spread cool filling and sprinkle with raisins. Roll like a jelly roll. Place in greased pan and let stand to rise again.

Brush top with margarine or butter and bake for 45 to 60 minutes in oven at 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

From www.globalgourmet.com

**CUCUMBERS IN SOUR CREAM (MIZERIA)**

Peel and thinly slice cucumbers. Sprinkle with salt, let it stand for few minutes, squeeze out liquid. Add a little bit of pepper.

Dressing: For each 1/2 cup sour cream add juice of 1/2 lemon (or less lemon juice), 1/2 teaspoon sugar and copious teaspoon of minced dill (dried dill is fine).

Mix cucumbers with dressing and place in a cool place half an hour before serving.

From www.polstore.com

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**TASTING**

Argyle makes some of the most interesting still wines from Oregon that we've tasted.

■ 2001 Argyle Chardonnay, Willamette Valley (\$12) sits among a string of very good vintages from 1998 to 2004. Its pear-like aromas complemented by cool-climate characteristics like a solid core of acidity yet creamy texture are further enhanced by a mineral structure and complex flavor components. An outstanding wine at this price.

■ 2003 Argyle Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley (\$19) showcases black cherry, plum and black raspberry aromas with mirrored flavors. A juicy fruit core leads to a lively and spirited wine with delicious balance. Intriguing coffee-chocolate notes last into the finish of this wine, aged seven months in neutral French oak.

■ 2002 Argyle Pinot Noir Reserve (\$28) was made from selected sites, farmed for specific characters. "It's

our wine with the most nuance and polish," Soles said. Cherry fruit with mushroom and dried leaf characters lead to a balanced, complex, smooth and lush wine with a lengthy finish of spice and vanilla.

"Pinot noir is the only red wine along with a Barolo, that offers fruit brightness and grabs soil influences," Soles detailed. "People want to feel grounded and attached to the earth. That's the unconscious reason people are so attracted to pinot noir."

If you like sparkling wine in a true champagne style, try either the 1998 or 1999 Argyle Brut (\$21). Because they're vintage-dated, they are slightly different but both have characteristic Argyle apple notes complemented with vanilla cream and roasted hazelnuts. From the former processing plant? Don't think so!

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To avoid long lines at the end of February, we urge you to pay your taxes near the beginning of the month. Unpaid county taxes for tax year ending 2002, are subject to foreclosure.

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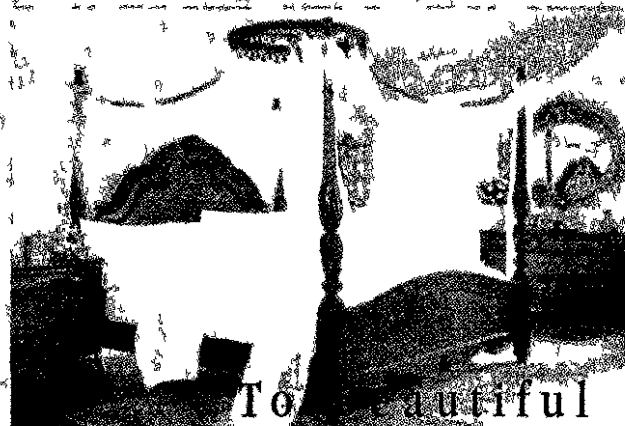
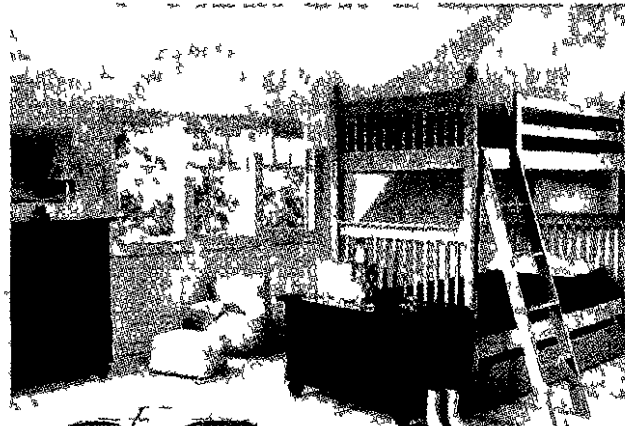
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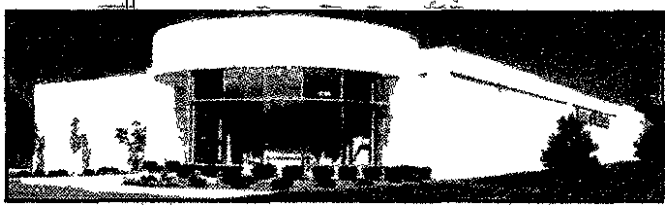
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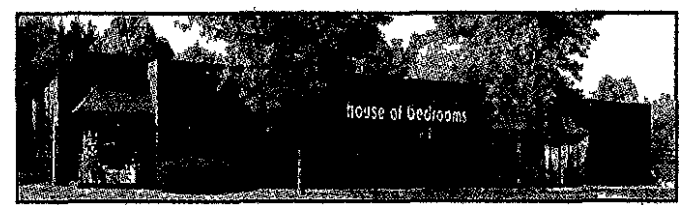
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## WLAA final: Canton falls in OT thriller

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Next week's Class A district basketball tournament may seem somewhat anticlimactic for Canton and Walled Lake Central following Wednesday night's down-to-the-wire Western Lakes Activities Association tournament final that was filled with everything except a half-court, buzzer-beating, game-winning shot.

And it nearly had one of those. The Vikings (15-5) defeated — or,

more accurately, *survived* — the Chiefs, 67-60, in an overtime nail-biter to capture the WLAA post-season title on their home court. Canton finished its regular season 13-7.

Central overcame an eight-point deficit with five minutes left to upend Canton, which was dealt a devastating blow when leading scorer Andy Cortellini was sidelined with a severely sprained ankle for the final 1:54 of regulation and the entire overtime.

The Chiefs had two shots at winning the game in the final seconds of the

fourth quarter. However, with the score tied at 57-57, senior guard Jason Houdek just missed a three-point attempt with two seconds left, and David Cahlie's desperation heave from half-court with a half-second to go hit the backboard and rim before bouncing harmlessly away.

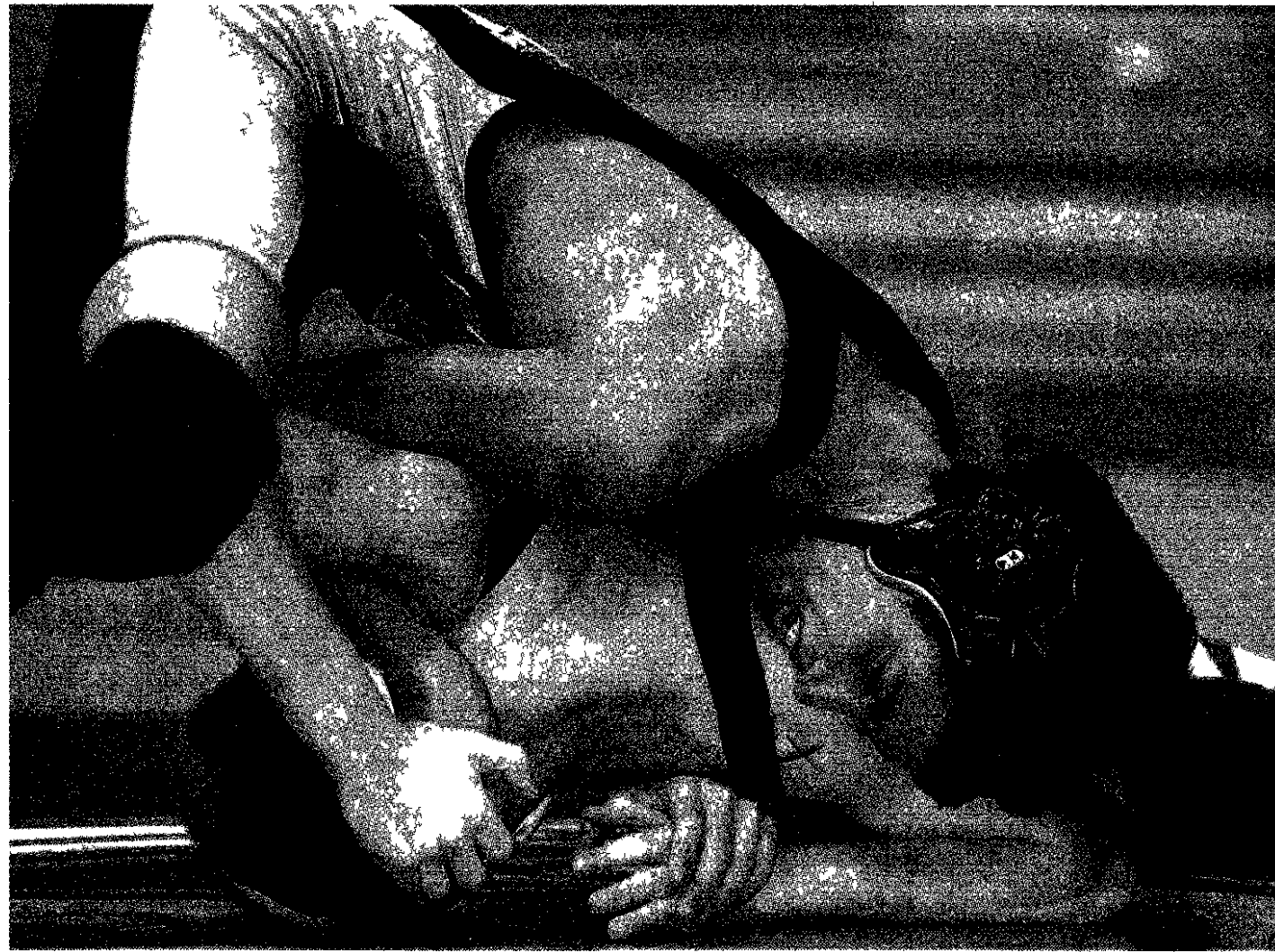
During the latter stages of the game, when the tension became so thick you could cut it with a knife, Central turned to its bread and butter — good defense and great free-throw shooting — to pull out the victory. The Vikings connected on all eight of their shots from the line in

the OT and 23-of-27 for the game.

"It's a shame either team had to lose a game like this," said Central coach Denny Butcher. "I'm very proud of the kids. They've worked hard all year, so they deserve this. We made a couple of nice stops defensively when it counted and we made our free throws."

"We weren't a great free-throw shooting team this year — I think we shot about 65 percent as a team — but we had the right kids shooting them at the

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Plymouth's Amir Pakray pinned Hazel Park's Gary Skowron in the 112-pound match of Wednesday's Division 2 regional semi-final showdown at Plymouth. The Wildcats beat the Vikings, 48-19, but lost in the finals to Riverview, 48-19.

## Plymouth wrestlers 1 win short

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth wrestling team's bid for the school's first-ever regional title fell one victory short Wednesday night.

The Wildcats ousted Hazel Park, 48-19, in a Division 2 regional semi-final match in the Plymouth gymnasium, but they were sidelined in the finals by Riverview, 48-19.

The Pirates had advanced to the finals by edging Carleton-Airport, 39-30.

The split left Plymouth with a 19-13 season-ending mark — and high praise from coach Sam Ammie.

"I was pretty satisfied with the way things went this year," said Ammie. "The kids worked extremely hard and made good progress."

"I thought we were in a pretty good position starting this tournament tonight, but Riverview is very good. I'm already looking forward to next year when we will have eight seniors in our line-up."

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## 12 P-CEP grapplers move on

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Dreams for a Division 1 individual state title are still alive for 12 Salem and Canton wrestlers, who advanced to the regional level of the postseason with strong efforts at Saturday's district meet at Salem.

Sixteen teams were represented at the meet, with the top four grapplers from each weight class qualifying for the regional meet Saturday at Monroe High School.

Seven Rocks moved on, including Ryan Stump, who finished second at 125 pounds. Stump, now 36-1, advanced to the finals by winning a 3-1 decision over teammate Cory Mervyn in the semis. The senior suffered his first loss of the season in the finals, 5-1, to Belleville's Tim Davis.

"Ryan wrestled well," Salem coach Greg Woochuk said. "Hopefully, he can keep it going and get back to the state meet again (Stump was a state qualifier as a sophomore in 2003)."

"Overall, we were hoping to get nine through, but we had a few guys fall one win short."

Also advancing for Salem were Jeremy Stankewicz (fourth at 103), Matt Keffler (third at 119), Mervyn (fourth at 125), Scott Fysh (third at 135), Jake Bennett (third at 145), and Jeremy Henderson (second at 189). Keffler will carry a 35-4 mark into Saturday's meet, while Bennett has compiled a sterling 33-7 record.

Senior Ryan Webb will lead the Chiefs' five-wrestler contingent Saturday in Monroe. The 135-pounder improved his record to 46-1.

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## Chief gymnasts vault past W-W

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to the Canton girls gymnastics team, it's hard to tell what is falling faster — school records or the Chiefs' opponents.

One opponent and three records fell Monday night at Plymouth High School when Canton (10-2) dropped Wayne-Westland, 146 25-99 45. Along with setting a new team meet record, the Chiefs also received record-setting efforts from Jessie Murray, who tied Katie Gilles' 9.65 balance-beam mark, and their balance-beam performers, whose combined total of 37.6 points set a new standard.

Three Chiefs turned in personal bests

the all-around. Murray (36.5), Mina Pirzadeh (35.2) and Kara Ahern (36.65). Also excelling was Alyssa Kelley, who remained unbeaten in the vault with a 9.45.

"We now have 18 girls qualified for the MHSAA regionals in at least one event," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "The most interesting thing about this meet and our team score was that we counted two falls (a half-point each) and Alyssa did not compete on floor because she didn't feel well. We will get better."

Megan Chappo won the bars for the Chiefs, earning a score of 9.35. Kara Ahern finished second (9.2) and Murray took third (9.0).

Ahern captured first place in the floor with a 9.4 as Murray and Katlyn Burns

finished second with 9.35.

Canton's dominance Monday night was evident on the scoresheet as just one Wayne-Westland competitor cracked the top six in all four events.

On Saturday, the Chiefs won the Traverse City Quad Meet, compiling 142.2 points.

Host Traverse City was second with 138.75. Ahern was second in the all-around with 35.70 points, Kelley was third (35.35) and Murray finished fourth (35.10).

Canton returns to action this afternoon in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet at Plymouth High School.

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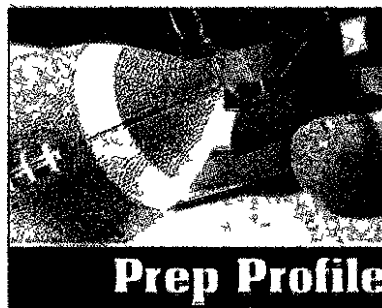
## Jurcak fine mentor for younger Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Salem boys swim team is divided into two groups during practices. The more accomplished and experienced competitors work out with the "Rock" unit while the younger athletes who are still honing their water-cutting, time-dropping skills train with the "Blue" squad.

Graduating from a "Blue" to a "Rock" swimmer at Salem is an honorable accomplishment — but one that isn't achieved without countless hours of monotonous, fatigue-inducing laps in the pool.

If you visited a Salem practice this past year, there's a good chance you saw some of the "Rock" swimmers encouraging members of the "Blue" unit as they churned through the water



Prep Profile

And there's a good chance that one of those swimmers was senior captain Matt Jurcak, who takes the time to work with the "Blue" swimmers because — not too long ago — he was one.

For the past two seasons, Jurcak has been one of Salem's top point-earners. He will also be competing in his second consecutive Division 1 state meet March 11 and 12. But

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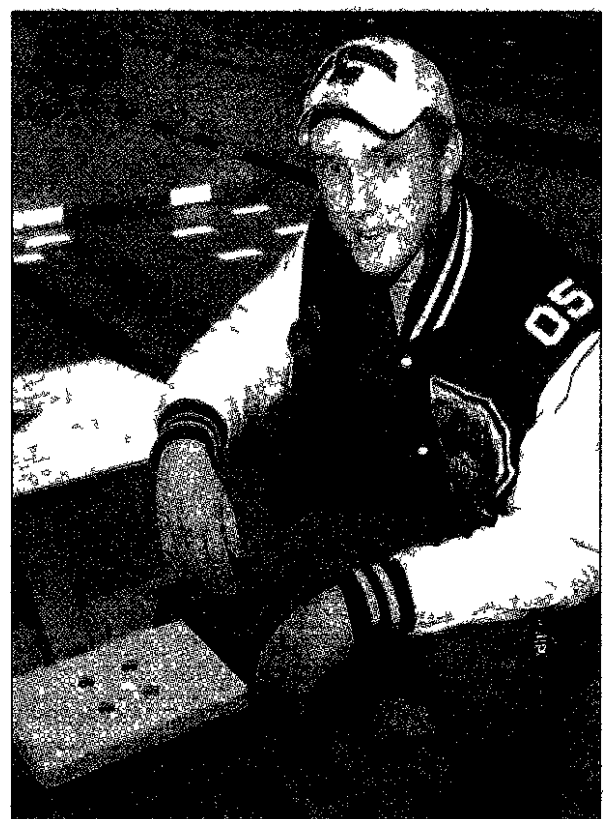


PHOTO BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

During his four years at Salem, senior swimmer Matt Jurcak has established himself as an outstanding swimmer and an even better student.

## Sidelines

### Elite tryouts

The Michigan Elite Volleyball Club will hold tryouts for its Canton, Livonia and Farmington teams on Sunday, Feb. 27, at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. Tryouts for players in grades ninth through 12th are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., while those for girls in fifth through eighth grades will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.mielitevbc.net](http://www.mielitevbc.net).

### Golf challenge

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center will serve as the metro Detroit host of the Golf Channel's 2005 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt Junior Challenge on July 20 at 3 p.m.

More than 35,000 junior golfers from across the country are expected to participate in the seventh annual event, with the top 84 finishers receiving an invitation to the national championships in Orlando, Fla. later in the year.

The event has grown from 30 locations in 1999 to more than 100 this year.

"Everyone who participates in this free, fun and friendly program leaves a winner," said Mutual of Omaha Vice President John Hildenbiddle.

At the local events, 18 prizes will be awarded in each age group (7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14), including first, second and third place for best overall performance. The first-place winners in each age group will be invited to compete in one of the 21 regional championships held throughout the country.

The program provides an opportunity for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 14 to compete in a fun, free event designed to test basic golf skills regardless of their ability level or previous exposure to golf. The events include friendly competitions in driving, chipping and putting, as well as instructional clinics, food, prizes and commemorative photos.

For further information, contact Fox Hills at (734) 453-7272.

### Cobras tryouts

The Canton Cobras, a 14-and-under travel baseball team, is looking for an additional two or three players for its 2005 roster. The team will be playing a 35-game schedule.

For more information, contact Bob Kirkendall at (734) 451-7936.

### Soccer sign-up

The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for spring soccer for players 5 through 19 years of age (as of March 1).

Registration forms are available online at [www.cantonsoccerclub.com](http://www.cantonsoccerclub.com) or at the club office, which is located at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Ave., Canton.

For more information, call (734) 480-7046.



**GRAPPLERS**

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by placing first at the district tournament Webb won all three of his matches convincingly, pinning Monroe's Joe Hess in the quarterfinals, before recording major-decision victories over Fysh (12 2) in the semis and Temperance Bedford's Colin Arnold (14 0) in the finals. Also advancing for Canton were Corey Phillips (second at 130), Konrad Konsitzke (second at 140), Alex Amberg (fourth at 160) and

**The top four wrestlers at Saturday's regional meet advance to the state finals, which are set for March 10-12.**

Pat McWhirter (third at 171) Overall, we didn't wrestle as well Saturday as we have been the past couple of weeks," Canton coach Casey Randolph

said. "But we qualified five, which is an improvement over last year (when the Chiefs sent three to the regional meet). We had five other kids get to within one win of qualifying, so it was kind of disappointing that none of them got through."

"Ryan Webb wrestled extremely well. The kid he beat in the finals is an outstanding wrestler. Alex Amberg did a great job, too. He was seeded low and his record is right around 500, but he has lost a lot of close matches this season. I was glad to see him get through. He deserves it."

The top four wrestlers at Saturday's regional meet advance to the state finals, which are set for March 10-12 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Saturday's meet is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

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Scott Fysh advanced to the regional portion of the Division 1 state individual wrestling tournament by placing third in the 135-pound weight class at Saturday's district competition at Salem.

**Busy week awaits OHL contenders**

The upcoming weekend will be highlighted by two marquee match-ups for the Plymouth Whalers, who are knotted in a second-place tie in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with Windsor. Both teams trail Sault Ste. Marie, which has racked up a 25-23-8-1 record heading into Friday night.

Plymouth (24-24-5-3) will host the arch-rival Spitfires (22-24-6-6) Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. On Saturday, the London Knights will visit Compuware looking to improve on their OHL-best 50-5-2-0 record.

Friday night's meeting will be the seventh this season between the Whalers and Spitfires. Windsor holds a 5-1 edge, however, the Whalers won the most recent showdown, 6-3, on Feb. 12. Windsor is led by John Scott Dickson (28 goals and 36 assists), David Lomas (32 and 29) and Cal O'Reilly (18 and 43). Goalies Kyle Knechtel and Brad Topping have both given the Whalers fits this season.

The Knights defeated the Whalers, 5-4, in overtime on Oct. 1, and 4-2 in London on Nov. 26. London, which has outscored its opponents, 248-108, this season, is led by OHL leading scorer Corey Perry (39 and 63), Dylan Hunter (28 and 58), Rob Schremp (33 and 42) and Dave Bolland (31 and 38). Veteran defenseman Danny Syvret leads the OHL with a +56 rating.

Leading the Whalers into the pivotal weekend will be John Mitchell (23 and 42), John Vigilante (19 and 34) and Dan Collins (21 and 17). Goalie Ryan Nie has been stellar between the pipes for Plymouth, recording a solid 2.57 goals-against average and 95.1 save percentage.

Plymouth will wrap up the weekend by visiting Erie on Sunday. The Otters are led by veteran Geoff Platt (39 and 30), who is tied with Perry and Owen Sound's Brad Richardson for the OHL lead in goals.

**WRESTLING RESULTS**

**Division 1 District 7 Individual Wrestling Meet Saturday Feb. 19 at Salem**  
(The top four finishers in each weight class advance to Saturday's regional competition in Monroe)

- Championship Results**
- 103 pounds: Zac Stevens (Monroe) dec. Alex Fowler (Churchill) 13 6
  - 3rd place: James O'Keefe (Belleville) dec. Jeremy Stanekewicz (S) 3 0
  - 112: Kris Lewis (Temperance Bedford) dec. Dustin Zak (Belleville) 5 3
  - 3rd: Steve Brighton (Temperance Bedford) dec. Ravin Mass ngill (Monroe) 3 0
  - 119: Mitch Graves (Monroe) dec. Craig Gin (Temperance Bedford) 9 6
  - 3rd: Matt Keffer (Salem) dec. Justin Keatts (Wayne) 7 4
  - 125: Tim Davis (Belleville) dec. Ryan Stump (Salem) 5 1
  - 3rd: Chris Mullins (Saline) dec. Cory Mervyn (Salem) 12 5
  - 130: Justin Smith (Churchill) dec. Corey Phillips (Canton) 5 4
  - 3rd: Nate Whitenburg (Temperance Bedford) dec. Jeff Phillips (Belleville) 4 0
  - 135: 1 Ryan Webb (Canton) won by major dec. over Col n Arnold (Temperance Bedford) 14 0
  - 3rd: Scott Fysh (Salem) dec. Hunter Duncan (Monroe) 6 0
  - 140: 1 Greg Rochon (Belleville) dec. Konrad Konsitzke (Canton) 13 6

- 3rd: Tyler Johnston (Temperance Bedford) dec. Seth Wolf (AA Pioneer) 10 4
- 145: Kyle O'Keefe (Ypsi Lincoln) dec. Josh Kelly (Churchill) 9 5
- 3rd: Jake Bennett (Salem) won by injury default over Kyle Whitted (Monroe)
- 152: Ben Adams (Churchill) won by major decision over Mike Steffen (Temperance Bedford) 12 3
- 3rd: Darin Trims (Woodhaven) dec. Nick Wallen (Saline) 3 0
- 160: Kevin Zink (Temperance Bedford) pinned Mark Myers (Monroe)
- 3 24: 3rd Kyle Lis (Stevenson) dec. Alex Amberg (Canton) 4 1
- 171: 1 Manuel Schubert (Churchill) dec. Scott Heidtman (Temperance Bedford) 7 2
- 3rd: 1 Pat McWhirter (Canton) pinned Cody Rize (Stevenson) 0 56
- 189: Jim Petoskey (AA Pioneer) won by major dec. over Jeremy Henderson (Salem) 9 0
- 3rd: Joe Bargerstock (Churchill) won by injury default over Robert Coffey (Wayne)
- 215: Hafeez Qureshi (Churchill) dec. Kyle Hawkins (Monroe) 8 2
- 3rd: David Bailey (Temperance Bedford) dec. Ryan Connors (AA Pioneer) 1 0
- 275: Pat Draheim (Churchill) pinned Jeff Maddux (Monroe) 2 52
- 3rd: Jimmy Zak (Saline) dec. Scott Golden (Belleville) 5 4

**Wildcat icers tie Canton, 2-2**

Mike Kondratek scored a power-play goal with 11 seconds left in the second period to help Canton forge a 2-2 tie with Plymouth Saturday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association hockey game played at the Compuware Sports Arena. The tie left Plymouth with a 10-12-1 record heading into Friday's WLAA cross-over game against Walled Lake

Central. It was a good game, said Plymouth coach Mike Kaput. "I think Canton outshot us, but our goalie Justin Desilets, played well. Desilets' biggest stop of the night came with just over three minutes remaining when he stymied a Chiefs three-on-zero breakaway to preserve the tie. Canton's Reece McCabe opened the scoring with 8:48 left in the opening period when he deposited a pass from Ben Laurn into the back of the net.

Plymouth's John Knoerl knotted the score at 1-1 five minutes later. He was assisted by Mike Barile and Jason O'Guinn. Plymouth's Nick Rosochacki put his team ahead 2-1 with a goal at the 2:33 mark, but Kondratek followed just over two minutes later. Ryan Stamm assisted on Rosochacki's goal. "Their goalie played extremely well, too," said Kaput, referring to Canton netminder Jon Bonham.

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# PCA wins 2nd straight at buzzer, 48-47

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Last-second victories are becoming commonplace for the Plymouth Christian Academy basketball team. Senior guard Jordan Johnston's eight-foot jumper from the baseline with less than two seconds left Tuesday night gave the Eagles a dramatic 48-47 victory over Warren. Zoe Christian. One week earlier, PCA won when Stephen Sumner canned a 37-footer at the buzzer to beat Oakland Christian.

The triumph boosted PCA's record to 10-9 overall and 3-7 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. Zoe slipped to 10-7 and 3-6. PCA clinched fourth place in the conference with the win.

"We were down one with 12 seconds left when I called a timeout," said PCA coach Doug Taylor, describing the game's final seconds. "The in-bounds pass went to Chase Van Tiem, he swung the ball over to our point guard, Stephen Sumner, who was going to penetrate. Zoe did a nice job double-teaming Stephen, so he made a great pass to Jordan, who was wide open because of the double-team on Steve."

"As soon as he got the ball, Jordan looked inside to Aaron (Ciborowski), but he was covered, so he looked up at the clock, saw there were only two seconds left, squared up and stroked a jumper. I think he jumped higher after he made the shot than he did when he shot it. Jordan had great presence of mind to look at the clock, realize how much time was left, then shoot."

Sumner led the Eagles with 15 points and four assists. Ciborowski contributed nine points and nine rebounds, and Mike McCord netted seven points and 15 boards. Johnston's game-winner was his only hoop of the game.

Jeff True paced Zoe with 20 points. The Warriors led 13-11 after one quarter before PCA bounced back to grab a 24-22 halftime advantage. The Eagles

earned a 37-36 lead into the fourth, which was nip-and-tuck until the final buzzer. "I thought we played good defense tonight," said Taylor. "We played a 1-3-1 zone. They made five three's, but we played good perimeter defense. Our big guys did a nice job shutting them down in the paint, too."

"I was proud of Matt Saagman. He hit two big free throws with 1:42 left to tie the game."

PCA hosts Taylor Baptist Park Friday night. Tip off is set for 7:30 p.m.

**Belleville 56, Detroit Northwestern 50:** The Tigers never trailed after racing to a 17-5 first-quarter lead. The victory upped Belleville's record to 18-1 heading into Friday night's showdown at Romulus, which handed the Tigers their lone setback earlier this season.

"We wanted to play a solid team like Northwestern to prepare us for the Romulus game," Belleville coach Mike Krogel said. "We got a big lead early, then we let them back in it and it was nip-and-tuck the rest of the way. The key was our free-throw shooting in the fourth quarter (10-of-12)."

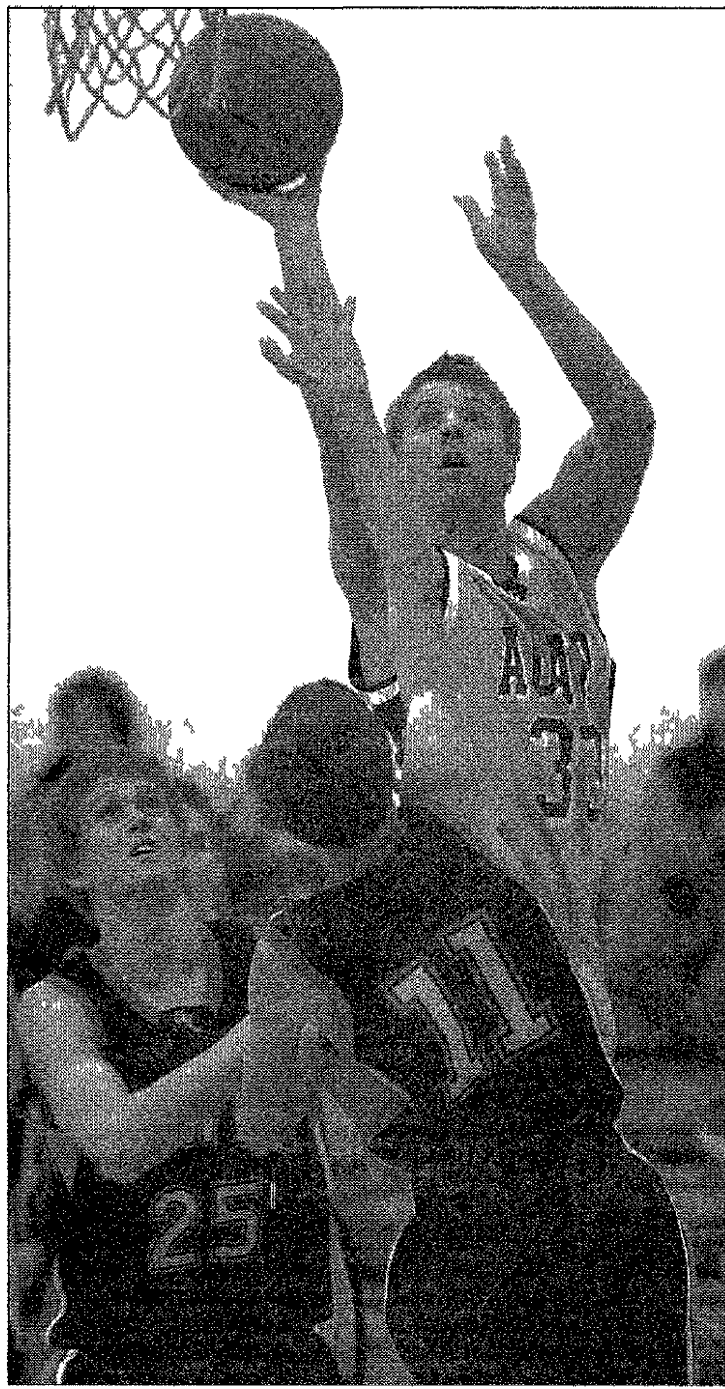
Junior guard Leon Freeman led the Tigers with 21 points and 13 rebounds. DeMarcus Boone (10 points and eight boards), Josh Samarco (nine points) and Anne Partee (nine points and nine assists) also excelled for the winners. Christopher Douglas-Roberts, who has accepted a full-ride scholarship to Memphis, led the Colts with 17 points.

Belleville led 26-20 at the half and 38-33 with eight minutes left to play.

The Tigers canned 15-of-20 free throws for the game.

**Canton Agape 71, Novi Franklin Rd 32:** The Wolverines won for the 13th time in 14 games Tuesday night thanks largely to a suffocating defensive effort that resulted in 19 steals. Agape is now 14-5 overall and 10-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Franklin Road slipped to 6-13 and 3-7.

"We came out flatter than pancakes," said Agape coach



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton Agape's Derek Leathers scored eight points and grabbed seven rebounds Tuesday night in the Wolverines' 71-32 victory over Novi Franklin Rd.

Keith Anleitner, whose team trailed, 8-7, after one quarter. "But we came out motivated and fired up in the second half and outscored them 17-2 in the third quarter."

Bryan Horning led the winners with 17 points and eight steals. Gabe Molnar and Jack Anleitner both twinned 13 for the Wolverines. Derek Leathers netted eight points

# Local boys hoop squads set for Northville district

All three P-CEP basketball teams will be competing next week in the Class A, District 25A tournament beginning Monday night at Northville High School.

In the tourney's top bracket, Salem will square off against Novi on Monday Feb. 28, at 5:30 p.m. The winner of that match-up will take on South Lyon, which drew a first-round bye, in the semis set for

Wednesday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m. In the lower bracket, Canton will battle Northville at 7 p.m. The winner of that contest will face off against Plymouth on March 2 at 7 p.m. The finals are set for Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m.

The winner of the district tournament will advance to the regional the following week at Birmingham Groves High School.

## WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASKETBALL**  
Friday Feb 25  
Belleville at Romulus 7 p.m.  
Taylor Baptist Park at PCA 7 p.m.  
Taylor Light & Life at Carlton Agape at Discovery Middle School 7:30 p.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING**  
Thursday Feb 24  
WLA A prelims at Salem 2:30 p.m.  
Friday Feb 25  
WLA A div. 1 at Salem 4 p.m.  
Saturday Feb 26  
WLA A finals at Salem noon.

**PREP HOCKEY**  
Friday Feb 25  
WLA A Cross over games TBA.

**GYMNASTICS**  
Thursday Feb 24  
WLA A Meet at Plymouth HS TBA.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
Friday Feb 25  
CLASS A DISTRICT TOURNAMENT at NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
First round: (A) Northville vs. (B) Salem 4

**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**  
Friday Feb 25  
Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday Feb 26  
Whalers vs. London (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday Feb 27  
Whalers at Erie Otters 6 p.m.

## SWIM RESULTS

**Salem 109 W.L. Central 73**  
Thursday at W.L. Central

**200 yard medley relay** 1 Salem (Matt Jurcak, Stan Chen, Nick Dixon, Matt Underhill) 1:48.5 2 Central (Brian Gurta, Ryan Booms, Blake Thomas, Geoff Robel) 3 Salem (John Kline, Dave Xia, Pat Sautural, Steve Moore) 1:56.90

**200 freestyle** 1 Jack Oliver (WLC) 1:51.23 2 Phil Watkins (WLC) 1:55.29 3 Billy Horgan (S) 2:01.84

**200 IM** 1 Penn Chou (S) 2:14.34 2 Geoff Robel (WLC) 2:15.38 3 Stan Chen (S) 2:24.79

**50 freestyle** 1 Nick Dixon (S) 24.0 2 Cory Price (S) 24.84 3 Brian Gurta (WLC) 24.98

**Diving** 1 Andrew Murawski (S) 229.25 2 Justin Terber (WLC) 141.20 3 Neil Murray (S) 132.35

**100 butterfly** 1 Phil Watkins (WLC) 55.94 2 Ryan Booms (WLC) 58.06 3 Matt Jurcak (S) 1:00.40

**100 freestyle** 1 Matt Underhill (S) 54.01 2 Pat Sautural (S) 55.09 3 Cory Price (S) 57.40

**500 freestyle** 1 Nick Leone (S) 5:42.61 2 Tory Tederington (WLC) 5:44.17 3 Steve Moore (S) 5:46.88


**200 freestyle relay** 1 Salem (Matt Jurcak, Pat Sautural, Matt Underhill, Penn Chou) 1:36.56 2 Central (Blake Thomas, Phil Watkins, Geoff Robel, Ryan Booms) 1:40.06 3 Salem (Billy Horgan, Adam Clark, Dave Olson, Salem Maryansk)

**100 backstroke** 1 Jack Oliver (WLC) 55.27 2 Nick Dixon (S) 55.41 3 Brian Gurta (WLC) 1:03.56

**100 breaststroke** 1 Ryan Booms (WLC) 1:03.14 2 Stan Chen (S) 1:07.28 3 Geoff Robel (WLC) 1:08.13

**400 freestyle relay** 1 Salem (Billy Horgan, Penn Chou, Matt Jurcak, Nick Dixon) 3:29.59 2 Central (Jack Oliver, Brian Gurta, Phil Watkins, Justin Terber) 3:45.09 3 Salem (John Kline, Chris Pavloff, Nick Leone, Matt Underhill) 3:56.90

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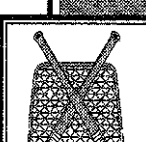


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**MAT REGIONAL**

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"We started out sluggish against Hazel Park (the Wildcats trailed 16-3), but we really turned it around at 189 and 215 with back-to-back pins from Taylor Fox and Danny Jammoul. That gave us the momentum we needed."

Following Jammoul's pin, the Wildcats received victories from Shawn Bailey (275), Steve D'Annunzio (103) and Amir Pakray (112) to grab a 27-16 lead. Following a loss at 119, Plymouth won the final three matches behind strong efforts from Steve Korpus (125), Andrew Tate (130) and Ali Youssef (135). Hazel Park voided the 140-pound match.

Jon Hagar started the Wildcats off on the right foot by winning his opening match at 145, 10-8, over Brien Gonyean.

In the finals, the Wildcats earned points from Fox (pin), Korpus (decision), Youssef (pin) and Hagar (major decision).

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Plymouth's Steve Korpus (left) pinned Hazel Park's Adam Gattis in Wednesday night's Division 2 regional semifinal match. Korpus also won his final match.

**WLAA FINAL**

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One of the "right kids" was senior guard David Jackson, who calmly drained all six of his overtime free throws. The other was junior guard Aaron Hakula, who canned a pair in the extra session.

The loss snapped a seven-game winning streak for the Chiefs.

"I'm very proud of this team," said Canton coach Charlie Payne. "I don't think too many people gave us much of a chance to get this far before the tournament. When Andy went down, we lost our number-one option on offense, but the kids hung in there. I liked the shot Jason (Houdek) got at the end of regulation. He got a good look and he's been knocking those down recently."

"I don't know what happened to us after we got up eight, but it definitely hurt us when Andy went down. Plus, they were making all of their free throws."

For most of the night, the Vikings offensive game plan had a "Guldan" tint to it. Senior guard Brad Guldan combined a lethal jump shot with several driving, off-balance lay-ups to lead Central with 19 points. Central senior post players Brad Burkhardt (15 points and four rebounds) and Justin Goltz (10 points and 12 boards) excelled around the basket for the winners.

Senior center Kevin Thornton stepped up big-time for the Chiefs in the second half, netting 12 of his 16 points after the intermission. Thornton also hauled down eight rebounds and blocked three shots.

Senior guard David Cahle finished with 15 points for the Chiefs.

Central surged to a 13-3 lead five minutes into the game, but



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Canton senior guard Andy Cortellini scored a team-high 18 points Wednesday night against Walled Lake Central before leaving the game with a severely sprained ankle.

Canton narrowed its deficit to 15-12 at the end of the first quarter, thanks largely to Cortellini, who tallied seven points.

Guldan tossed in eight points in the second quarter to lead the Vikings, who led 27-22 at the half.

The Chiefs knotted the game at 33-all with 4:25 left in the third on a jumper by Rob Eppler. Canton then went on to outscore their hosts 9-4 over

the next three minutes to build a 42-37 advantage. A Houdek triple with three ticks left on the third-quarter clock put Canton up 45-39 with eight minutes to play.

Playing with poise and momentum, Canton took a 52-44 lead with 5:02 left when Cortellini made a shot — literally — while sitting down. As he was fouled on a fast-break layup, the crafty three-year starter banked the ball in as his

tailbone hit the floor. When he converted the ensuing free throw, it looked like the WLAA trophy would be heading south down I-275.

However, Central outscored Canton 13-5 the rest of the way to force the OT.

The final two points Central points in regulation came on two clutch free throws by Goltz.

The Vikings took the air out of the ball for close to two minutes in the overtime before Guldan hit a driving lay-up while getting fouled with 2:05 left. He missed the free throw, but Central owned a lead (59-57) it would never relinquish. Thornton has one of two free throws with 1:43 to go to make it 59-58, but Hakula answered by swishing two from the charity stripe to put the Vikings up 61-58. Cahle hit a turnaround jumper to bring Canton to within 61-60, but Jackson finished the game with his six free throws to ice the win.

**Wayne Memorial 76, Plymouth 55:** Danny Walsh scored 16 points and Gene Nix netted 12 to lead the Zebras over the Wildcats in the third-place game of the WLAA tournament.

Wayne (13-7) jumped out to a 30-7 first-quarter lead and enjoyed a 46-24 halftime advantage.

Plymouth (11-9), which played without starting point guard Brent Jones, was led by Jim Wilbur's 13 points. D.J. Coleman added 11 and A.J. Davey twined 10.

The Zebras were red-hot from the floor, connecting on 58 percent of their shots (30-of-51).

The big lead allowed Wayne coach Wayne Woodward to play all 15 players on the roster. Thirteen players scored for Wayne.

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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 2 pm-5 pm	Organizational Meeting Hearings by Appointment
Monday, March 14	2 pm-5 pm 6 pm-9 pm	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
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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.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234**

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday March 3, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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## JURCAK

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less than three short years ago, Jurcak was struggling with the "Blues," which is one reason why he makes it a point to assist teammates who yearn to get from where he once was to where he now excels.

"I was with the Blue' group my entire freshman season and at the beginning of my sophomore year," Jurcak said. "I wasn't very good my first year, but I kept working at it. When I finally got moved over to the Rocks' at the beginning of my sophomore year, I was pretty proud of what I had done. It was a big boost to my confidence, too."

I like working with the younger swimmers because I know what it's like to be there. Plus, as a captain, I feel like it is one of my responsibilities to show them the right way to do things and what hard work can do. Plus, when I was a freshman, there were older guys on the team like Ben Dzialo that did the same thing for me.

## SWEAT EQUITY

Hard work has been a major ingredient in Jurcak's young life. The lanky, 6-foot-3 freestyle and backstroke specialist has paid his dues both in the pool and in the classroom, where he has chiseled an impressive 3.86 grade point average.

Jurcak's swimming career kicked into high gear during the early stages of his sophomore season when his times started to drop faster than an anchor through water.

Matt worked extremely hard as a freshman and during the summer before his sophomore year, remembered Salem coach Chuck Olson. "He just took off his sophomore year and his times really dropped. Ever since then, he has been one of our top swimmers. He's had an outstanding senior season, and he's an excellent student, too."

Olson said the time Jurcak spends with the team's younger swimmers is admirable.

"He really does a good job helping out the young guys," Olson said. "He encourages them to go faster because he was in the same position as a lot of them."

## VERY VERSATILE

Jurcak has qualified for this year's state meet in three individual events: the 200-yard freestyle (1:48.82), the 100 freestyle (49:09) and the 100 backstroke (55:67). He's also a member of the Rocks' state-qualifying 400 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay teams.

Matt has been a state qualifier for three years, which is quite an accomplishment," Olson said. "He's a great person to have on the team because he is very versatile, especially in the freestyle. I can put him anywhere from the 50 free to the 500 free and I know he'll do well."

## SKY-HIGH ASPIRATIONS

To say Jurcak has high career goals is an understatement. In fact, they're so high, they extend beyond the stratosphere.

"I want to get a degree in astronautics and eventually become an astronaut," said Jurcak, whose math skills are out of this world. "As far as college goes, I've already been accepted at the University of Michigan and Purdue, but my first choice would be the Air Force Academy. I've applied there and gone through interviews, but I won't know if I have been accepted for a few more weeks."

## THE NEXT LEVEL

Jurcak, who is a member of the National Honor Society, said he definitely wants to extend his swimming career to the collegiate level.

"I've already talked to the coaches at Purdue and Michigan," he revealed. "They can't offer me a scholarship because my times aren't low enough yet, but they said they definitely would want me to walk on. The Air Force coach also said he'd like me to be a part of their team, too."

Wherever he ends up, one thing is certain: Jurcak will not only make his mark, but he'll help others reach their potential as well.

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## Indiana Tech drops Crusader cagers, 101-87

Madonna Noel Emenhiser and Derrick Mudri combined for 47 points Saturday afternoon, but it wasn't enough for the Crusaders, who fell, 101-87, to Indiana Institute of Technology.

The loss dropped MU to 3-9 overall and 9-20 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Indiana Tech improved its record to 22-7 and 9-3.

## COLLEGE HOOP

Mudri tallied 25 and Emenhiser 22 for the Crusaders, who trailed 52-43 at the half. Mike McKeever also turned in a solid effort, netting 16.

Kendrick Cornelius paced the winners with 29 points, which included seven three-pointers.

The Crusaders shot well, converting 47 percent of their shots and 80 percent of their free throws, but they couldn't slow down Tech, which connected on 62 percent of its shots.

Mudri and Emenhiser both pulled down six rebounds to lead the Crusaders. Tech's Luke McKenna led all rebounders with nine.

On Monday, Emenhiser was

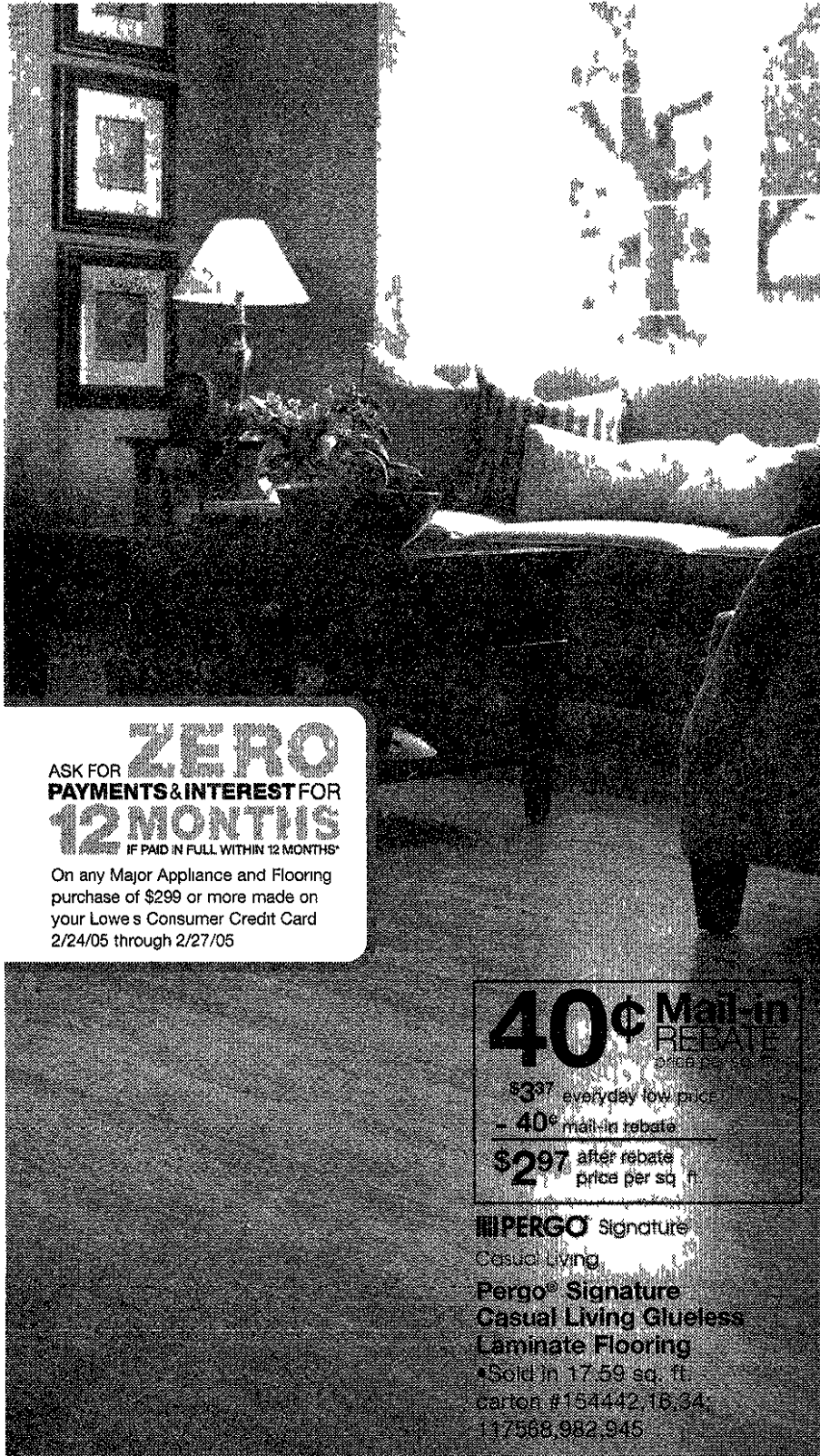
selected by league coaches to the All-WHAC first time. MU's all-time leading scorer earned similar honors last season as a junior. Joining Emenhiser on the All-Conference teams were fellow senior Joe Kofahl and freshman Mike McKeever.

Kofahl was selected to the All-Defensive team for the third time after leading the team in steals and blocks.

McKeever was chosen to the All-Newcomer unit after averaging 4.6 points and 2.4 assists as a true freshman.

The Crusaders return to action tonight when they travel to Aquinas for a first-round WHAC tournament showdown.

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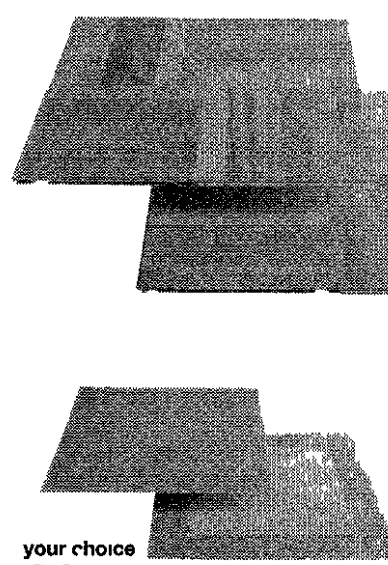
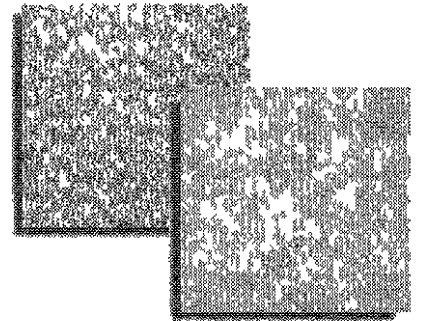
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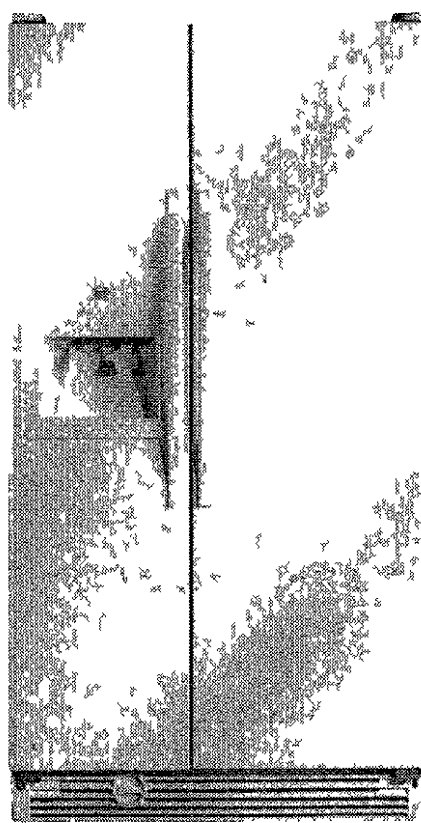
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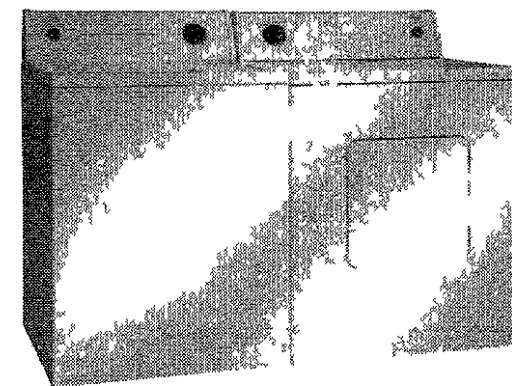
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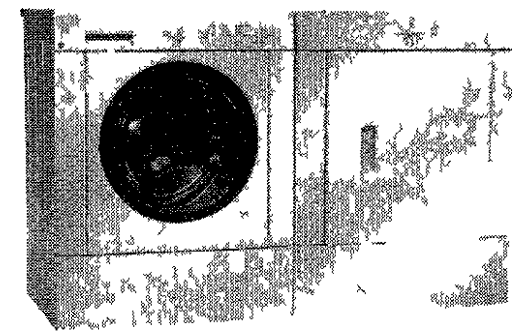
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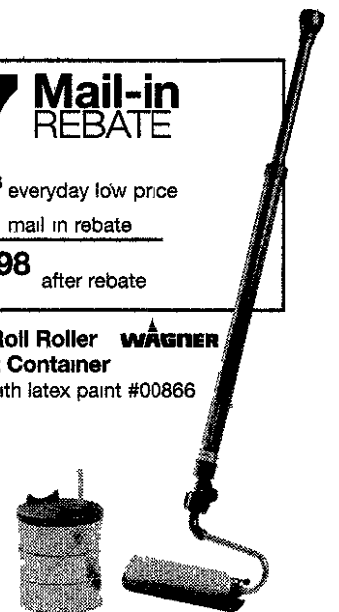


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☎578528

**IS HE OUT THERE?**  
SJF 43 5'6" 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  
☎601614

**VERY OUTGOING**  
Catholic DWF 59 looks much younger N/S very tall looking for gentleman 58 63 w/upbeat personality to enjoy family activities camping travel much more  
☎455079

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors rollerblading biking long walks and romantic dinners Looking for SWM 25 30 for LTR  
☎465764

**IT'S ALL GOOD**  
Cool SBF 31 5'8" N/S likes to bowl fish skate and travel seeks SBF 19 35 N/S to share honest friendship romance quality time together  
☎476802

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

**LOST IN MICHIGAN**  
SBFF 29 5'5" 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  
☎229059

**PRECIOUS ONE**  
SWF very pretty a young 39 medium dark/green works in medical field seeks attractive SWM outgoing honest caring sensitive and creative for best fr end more  
☎230588

### CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR

Me 26 4'9" 155lbs brown com plected employed You 5'9" 84 150lbs 240lbs single drama free handsome Friendship first maybe long term later  
☎271252

**SEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE**  
SWFF 57 long brown hair looking for an educated man 35 55 who likes politics reading and going to movies  
☎529129

**LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL**  
in a SBF 38 50 6+ 190+ Must be honest and laid back I enjoys movies going out walks nice conversation dining more  
☎531635

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

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SBF 33 seeks SBF 30 35 for friendship possible LTR I enjoy movies walks dining out sports and more  
☎588933

**SOULMATE SEARCH**  
Slim attractive 37 yr old w/looking for her soulmate any sincere successful JM between the ages of 54 64 please respond  
☎589875

**56 YEARS**  
OLD ENTREPRENEUR  
Pretty SWF successful kind com passionate lots of fun looking for her knight and shining armor any caucasian sincere successful spiritual 55 60  
☎52074

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

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

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

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

**ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB**  
Financially secure independent SBF 31 57 160lbs enjoys concerts movies dining quiet times and more Seeking SCM 30 45 with similar interests for possible LTR  
☎217475

**BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE**  
Sports oriented BF 30 two teenage daughters phys caly challenged loves jazz sports gospel picnics amusement parks Seeking SF 29-45  
☎223080

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

**A LOT TO OFFER**  
Outgoing SBF 24 5'8" 350lbs professional employed loves the fun and excitement of festivals enjoys new movies and concerts seeks handsome honest SM  
☎286633

**HONESTY REQUIRED**  
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 is looking for tall dark handsome SBF/M who is honest and down to earth to spend time with  
☎401088

**CALL ME**  
if you are a sincere man 40 70 SWM N/S N/D homeowner in terests in home life nature pets alternative medicine sports I'm a SWF 73 w/ha above  
☎416289

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

**CUTE AND CLASSY**  
SBF mid 50s seeks attractive gentleman 50+ with similar interests I love jogging walks concerts quiet evenings  
☎574342

**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  
☎578279

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
God fearing loving intelligent SBF 43 enjoys church the outdoors rollerblading dining out gospel music and more Seeking god hearing honest caring SM 40 45 for friendship first  
☎221725

**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
SBF 45 smoker wants to find friendship possibly more w/gentle man 40 60 who appreciates music travel spending time out doors  
☎460269

**JOURNEY WITH ME**  
through life's adventure DWF 50sh slim thin enjoys romance travel life to its fullest Seeking financially secure WM 55 65 Lets unravel life's mysteries together!  
☎605996

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

**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  
☎548938

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

**EDUCATED AND POSITIVE**  
SWF 55 5'10" Polish N/S likes the outdoors movies good conversation trivia genealogy restaurants traveling dogs Seeking intellectual SWM 47 80  
☎260061

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

### 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 ☎505885

**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 lighter good times concerts plays sporting events traveling and quality time  
☎290167

**A PRECIOUS JEWEL**  
Very attractive BPF Christian 47 5'5" 145lbs honey brown N/S enjoys outdoors moves traveling cooking Seeking romantic BPM 40 55 financially secure similar interests for LTR  
☎432793

**EBONY SEEKS IVORY**  
DBF 42 5'3" 140lbs full figured seeks to date SWM 40 50 from the Mount Clemens area  
☎453323

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

**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 SO hurry up and call me!  
☎495855

**RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM**  
SWF 43 N/S would like to meet an outgoing friendly non smoking man 35 53 who goes outdoors and bicycling walking family  
☎115795

**FABULOUS**  
AND FULL FIGURED  
Cute sexy SBF 41 N/S will try anything once loves movies plays dancing holding hands cuddling Seeking attractive sexy BM 31 50 N/S with similar interests  
☎13224

**DARK EBONY**  
SBF 42 5'8" full figured seeks intelligent man 46 60 5'8" 62 medium build or heavier for possible relationship  
☎232593

**WHERE IS MR RIGHT?**  
SF 46 likes dancing bowling to mantic evenings smiling Seeking SM 40 55 with good sense of humor  
☎257055

**ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?**  
But gentle of heart? Good looking trim SM 42 55 N/S? Very cute SBF 53 emotionally and phys caly in shape w/ eclectic interests currently accepting app catons  
☎25363

**SLIM AND PETITE**  
Easygoing active D/WF retired ISO fun like 60+ who likes bridge tennis reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to take a tuxedo now and then  
☎271793

**NOT INTO GAMES**  
Pette WF 50s with herpes willing to give it another chance seeks one on one relationship with SM Race age unimportant  
☎405796

**RESCUE ME!**  
SBF 41 5'5" average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBF 43-47 profess only employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman  
☎408635

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

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

### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

I could be 1 attract ve SWF 50 5 105lbs w/ing to try just about anything with the right person Seeking SM 32 50 for special relat onst p  
☎418068

**SEMI RETIRED**  
SF 62 5'9" slim 11 likes jazz concert symphonies theater travel and outdoors activities Seeking intelligent honest caring humorous gentleman 55 70 with similar interests  
☎467917

**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  
☎444748

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

**LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR**  
Attractive W/WF 64 red/blue 5' 150lbs looking for easygoing well groomed gentleman 65 70 who enjoys meeting new people  
☎476645

### men seeking women

**NICE GENTLEMAN**  
SM 29 good person looking for a SB/WF 19 40 for friendship or more Call me lets talk!  
☎606930

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

**NO BAGGAGE**  
SWM 32 Virgo N/S loves to travel watch sports and dine out Seeking WF 23 42 for friendship and dating  
☎588293

**DETROIT'S WEST SIDE**  
SBM 25 6'1" 200lbs Leo N/S seeks conversation and friendship with a woman 23 37 How about coffee?  
☎606783

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

**MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC**  
SWM 46 6'2" 209lbs brown/blue deegreed outgoing personally enjoys outdoors workout new activ as seek friendly SF age contact open  
☎531308

**MAYBE IT'S YOU**  
SWM 52 Anes N/S seeks friend ship first with SWF 35 48 Call now I would like to hear from you  
☎546509

**KNOW WHAT'S REALLY GOOD?**  
Spending time with this bright enthusiastic optimistic yet realistic SWM who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s  
☎550046

**CUTE & CUDDLY**  
Fun charming helpful male 56 Cancer with wit w edom and warmth seeks a nice woman 44 62  
☎478746

**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 SWFF 28 44 who is passionate about life  
☎611391

**EASY ON THE EYES**  
Well maintained SWM 56 enjoys keeping in touch with current events heart to heart talks silly conversations Lets meet out coffee and see what develops  
☎470377

### SEEKING SOULMATE

SBM 42 5'5" seeks special loving devoted Christian female 5'5 + slim med um build 30 44 with great sense of humor and a warm heart who enjoys movies parks romance laughter for life/love  
☎604659

**SEEKS BROWN EYED GIRL**  
Good looking friendly SWM 41 5'11" 180lbs no children N/S easygoing enjoys movies music travel d'n'g Seeking very attractive pretty B/H/A/W/F 28 39 frndshp possible relationship  
☎760359

**UP FRONT**  
SWM 52 slm 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  
☎605996

**WHAT'S UP LADIES?**  
SWM 22 190lbs short hair college graduate outgoing easygoing (but not as a way of meeting women) and mails Seeking BF 18-40 large build a+ N/S attractive  
☎605961

**A SINCERE GENTLEMAN**  
DWM 56 5'10" 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  
☎507073

**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  
☎598136

**SEEKING ART LOVER**  
Good looking SWM 48 5'8" 155lbs college graduate outgoing easygoing seeks slim attractive SF who enjoys concerts movies dining out art theater symphony long walks and romance  
☎331159

**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  
☎70752

**GOOD TIMES GUARANTEED**  
SBM 27 6'1" 180lbs enjoys dining out movies the outdoors traveling good conversation weekend getaways laughter and more Seeking outgoing intelligent slender SBF 18 27 for friendship and more  
☎596577

**SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP**  
DWM 36 6' 200lbs dark brown/dark brown Italian features passion for Harley's enjoys weight lifting exercising long walks Seeking S/DW/F 26 42 for friends first possibly more  
☎807724

**NEED A SEXY LADY**  
SWM 48 average build hard working kng loves to have fun looking for a sincere woman 45 50 for LTR Redford area  
☎604036

**WELL CONNECTED**  
SWM 49 6'2" athletic build N/S with 2 dogs works in energy management loves art galleries Seeking woman 40 54 for friendship possible romance  
☎554995

**LIFE S A CABARET**  
Classy romantic intelligent SWM 50 w/ traveled with good taste seeks a space caring friendly lady 36 55 Lets share life romance and laughter  
☎480718

**MUST LOVE CHILDREN**  
SBM 41 6'1" 220lbs in search of SF 28 45 petite under 130lbs for friendship possible LTR  
☎608072

**HOW ABOUT ME LADIES?**  
Hard working loyal SBF 33 6'1" 255lbs seeks appreciative kind hearted SWF 27 35 for quiet times together cuddling picnics BBQ's more  
☎988622

**PRECIOUS AND FEW**  
SWM 25 6'3" average build Cancer N/S seeks WF 18 28 N/S who is honest funny has a great sense of humor loves to cuddle  
☎586382



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**VOLLEYBALL RESULTS**

**WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**

**Finals** Livonia Churchill defeated Walled Lake Northern 25-19 20-25 15-13  
**Semifinals** Churchill def Westland John Glenn 25-10 25-16 W.L. Northern def Livonia Stevenson 25-21 25-23

**Quarterfinals** Churchill def Canton 25-18 25-12 W.L. Northern def Salem 25-20 25-11 John Glenn def Walled Lake Western 19-25 25-16 15-6 Stevenson def Walled Lake Central 25-18 25-19

**POOL PLAY RECORDS**

(A) 1 Churchill 6-0 (games) 2 John Glenn 4-2 3 Canton 2-5 4 Wayne 0-6  
 (B) 1 W.L. Central 6-0 2 Salem 3-3 3 Plymouth 2-4 4 Livonia Franklin 1-5  
 (C) 1 W.L. Northern 5-1 2 W.L. Western 4-2 3 Stevenson 3-3 4 Northville 0-6

**ALL-WESTERN LAKES**

**All-Conference** Kelsey Mack and Kristyna Archer Churchill Jessica Knurick W.L. Northern Maria Mezzadri Stevenson Jenny Swartz John Glenn Jeanine Moise Plymouth Erika English W.L. Central

**All-Lakes Division** Brynn Kerr and Kelly Archer Churchill Laura Robinette W.L.

Northern Mariel Little and Kelsey Rabish W.L. Central Ashton Judis Stevenson Lauren Price Salem

**All Western Division** Evonna Karchon and Diana Deaobes Northville Ashley Belrose and Laura Schmidt W.L. Western Sarah Haskins Plymouth Laura McKendry Canton Liz Dempsey Franklin

**HONORABLE MENTION LAKES**

Churchill Mia Macerati Lauren Krupsky W.L. Northern Brittany Essian Sam Matheson Stevenson Jennifer Perkins Jamie Radley Beth Prost John Glenn Amanda Campbell Erinn Phillips Devin Ross Heather Lindon Salem Teresa Coppellie W.L. Central Jessica Howard Kelsey Bruce

**HONORABLE MENTION WESTERN**

Canton Christie Daniels Stephane Price Andrea Johnson Molly Conlon Lisa Western Plymouth Brandi Swyhart Janet Hatchett Lindsay Vogelsberg W.L. Western Asilda Dhembi Kathleen Smiley Adina Walton Candice Byrne Franklin Trisha Morrill Megan Kmet Jaleece Lavine Ashley Bonsall Northville Maryan Daul Krysta Cicala Alison Perrin Krista Ehelhalt Wayne Memorial Amber Day Carrie Laubernds Olivia LaFortune Jena Trudell

# Churchill spikers reign at WLAA tourney

## 3 local teams knocked out in quarterfinals and pool play

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

With an 11-0 regular season record, Livonia Churchill was clearly the top girls volleyball team to beat in the Western Lakes Activities Association. But in Saturday's WLAA Tournament, the host Chargers found themselves on the ropes in the championship match, needing a third-game rally to upend upset-minded Walled Lake Northern, 25-19, 20-25, 15-13.

"We dodged a big one," said Churchill coach Mark Greiner, whose team improved to 33-7-3 overall. "The last time we played them (on Jan. 26) we beat them (Northern) three straight out of five. But they've certainly improved and done a nice job for themselves."

Salem, Canton and Plymouth failed to advance past the quarterfinal round of the tournament.

The Rocks, who finished with a 3-3 pool-play record, were ousted by Northern in the quarters, 25-20 and 25-11, the Chiefs, 2-5 in their pool, were knocked out by Churchill, 25-18 and 25-12, while the Wildcats failed to survive the pool-play round, finishing 2-4.

"Lauren Kurtz and Nikki Mersch were our players of the day," said Salem coach Jennifer Peterson. "Lauren was huge on offense, leading us in kills, and Mersch led us in kills. Kelly Behr and

**VOLLEYBALL**

Lauren Price played excellent defense and serve-received very well."

Canton was hampered all day by poor serving, according to coach Alex Perrin.

"Our serve percentage was 82 percent for the day, which is not very good," Perrin said. "It was only 70 percent in our loss to John Glenn, which means every third serve was out. It was kind of a contagious thing."

"I thought we played well against Churchill. The games were closer than the finals score indicate."

The Chiefs were led by Andrea Johnson (12 kills and 21 digs), Laura McKendry (11 kills and 37 digs), Kelsey Bailey (10 kills and 18 digs) and Stephanie Price (43 assists, 22 digs, 19 service points and five aces).

Plymouth was swept by Walled Lake Central in its opening match before splitting with Livonia Franklin and the Rocks.

"It was very disappointing not getting out of pool play," said Wildcat coach Kelly McCausland.

Jeanine Moise paced the Wildcats with 18 kills and 25 digs. Lindsay Vogelsberg contributed 26 digs, Janet Hanchett compiled 24 digs and Sarah Haskins chipped in with 31 set assists.

Churchill, which breezed through pool play and cruised

past both Canton and Westland John Glenn (25-10, 25-16), appeared to be on its way to a two-game sweep of Northern after breezing through the first game, 25-19.

But the momentum shifted quickly in the second game as Northern's 6-foot-2 setter Jessica Knurck began to control the middle of the court while countering the hard-hitting Kelsey Mack, a 6-1 senior standout for Churchill.

"She's tough," Greiner said of Knurck, who is headed to Oakland University on a basketball scholarship. "When you go up against a 6-2 right side with Kelsey coming from the left side, it's as big a block as you'll see. It takes awhile to adjust."

After Northern won the second, 25-20, the Knights carried that momentum into the third game jumping out to a 5-3 advantage, only to have to critical calls go against them, one ruled a four-touch and the other by a line judge off a disputed touch down the line.

Instead of a 5-3 lead, Northern found itself tied at 5-all.

"They're a good team and you expect a team to come back and play well," said Greiner after the first game win. "They (Northern) pass well and play good defense."

"We were fortunate to come out on top. The defensive effort (in the third game) was huge for us. We also got a

break and were able to capitalize and get the momentum back."

With Churchill clinging to a 14-13 lead, 5-10 junior middle hitter Carly DeClercq came through with the match-clinching block.

Mack finished with a team-high 14 kills, while Laura Robinette had eight and Knurck six for Northern.

Mack finished the day with 63 kills and 17 aces serves, while setter Kristyna Archer contributed a total of 60 assist-to-kills and 11 aces.

Other Churchill standouts included Kelly Archer, 38 digs and 10 kills, Brynn Kerr, 26 digs and 10 aces, Mia Macerati, 25 digs and 94 percent serving, Lauren Krupsky, 12 kills and six blocks, and Stacy Urbats, 41 assists and 59-of-60 serving.

Northern, the top seed in Pool A, won five of six games before eliminating Salem (25-20, 25-11) and Livonia Stevenson (25-21, 25-23).

"We had a pool where we were able to get through quickly and maybe didn't have to compete as hard as they (Northern) did," Greiner said. "But I'm happy for our kids because they work hard. They earned it. We've got some good, quality kids."

"I'm happy for our kids because they've worked hard. They earned it. We've got some good quality kids."

# Spikers converge at districts

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If one of the three local Class A high school volleyball teams is going to advance past Friday's District tournament at Northville High School, it's going to have to go through powerhouse Livonia Churchill.

The Chargers, who are coming off a championship effort in Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association tournament (see related story), are the early favorites to win the district competition. The Kelsey Mack-led team has compiled a 33-7-3 record to date.

Canton will have the first shot at the Chargers in the opener slated for 4 p.m. The Chiefs, who are 20-19-5, lost four games to Churchill in Saturday's WLAA tourney.

"Churchill is a very good team, so there's no good time to play them," said Canton coach Alex Perrin. "But if I had to choose when I was going to play them, it would probably be in the first match. Hopefully, we can get off to a good start and we can catch them before they get warmed up."

The Canton-Churchill winner will advance to play a 5:30 p.m. semi-final match against South Lyon, which drew a first-round bye.

Salem will square off against Northville in the opening round at 4 p.m. A victory would send the Rocks into a semi-final showdown against P-CEP neighbor Plymouth, which also drew a first-round bye.

The finals are scheduled for 7 p.m.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS**

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 15, 2005.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review

Saturday	March 12, 2005	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
First Come, First Serve (Walk in Schedule)		
Monday	March 14, 2005	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. AND 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday	March 15, 2005	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. AND 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Jana Shaw, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK  
Charter Township of Canton

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR CLIPS & CLAMPS INDUSTRIES TUESDAY, MARCH 08, 2005**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 08, 2005 during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Clips & Clamps Industries for a twelve year Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment to be installed within the facility located at 16050 Keel Street, Lots 27 and 28, metro West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m. will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, March 08, 2005, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-364-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

Published February 24, 2005

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**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - February 15, 2005**

A study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 15, 2005 at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo, Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Conklin, Director Faas, John Weyer, Brad Thompson, Kathleen Salla. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Zarbo supported by Bennett to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 1: Information Technology Reorganization**. **Item 2: Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement Policy**. **Item 3: Discussion on Request by Plymouth Canton Community Schools for Review and Inspection of School Construction Projects.** **CLOSED SESSION** - Employee Negotiations Update. Motion by Zarbo seconded by McLaughlin to move from open session to closed session for the purpose of employee negotiations update at 8:28 PM. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo, Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Dave Medley. Motion by Zarbo, seconded by Kirchgatter to return to open session and adjourn at 9:35 PM. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk.

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site [www.canton.mi.org](http://www.canton.mi.org) after Board Approval.

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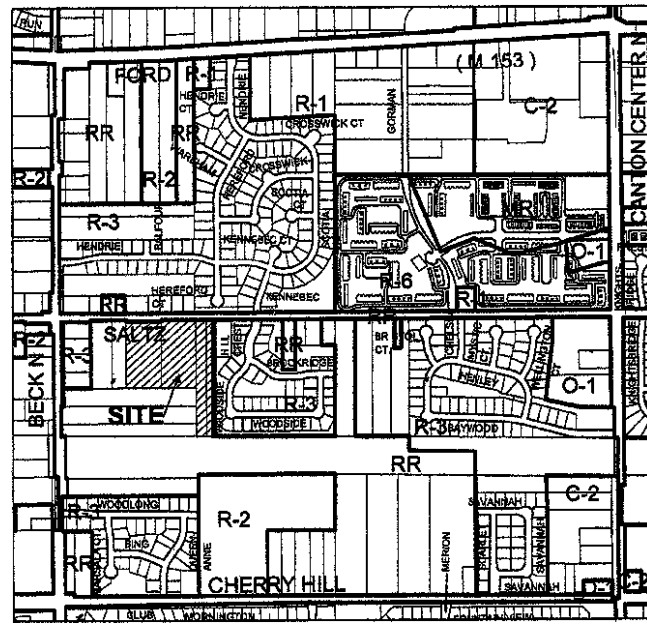
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**PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

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**LIVONIA BUILDERS REZONING** CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 063 99 0004 702, 063 99 0005 000, 063 99 0010 000 AND 063 99 0012 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Saltz and east of Beck Road.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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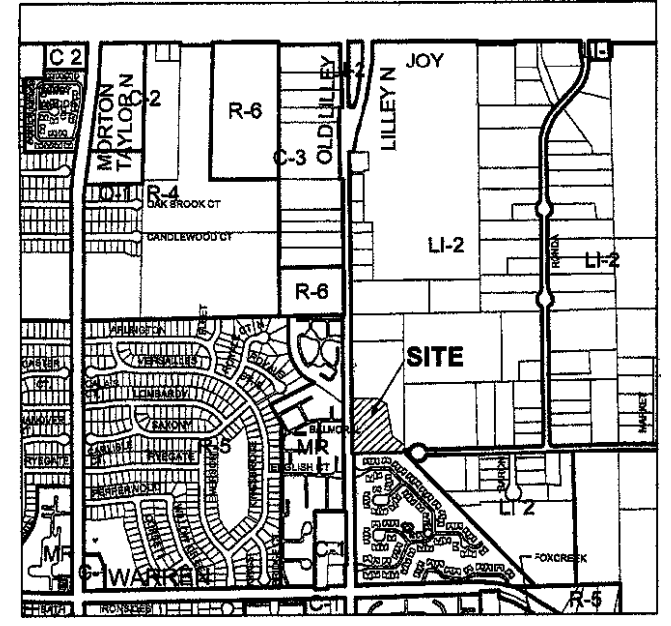
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**BLOCH REZONING** CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 008 99 0001 707 FROM LI 2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO R 6 SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located east of Haggerty and north of Warren Road.



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**MELODY'S GOURMET MARKET SPECIAL LAND USE** CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR DRIVE THROUGH RESTAURANT AND CAR WASH AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17-02B FOR PARCEL NOS 137 99 0001 000 AND 137 99 0002 001. Property is located north of Michigan and west of Haggerty Road.



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**PENGUIN FUND-RAISER**

The Plymouth-Canton Salem Penguins a girls hockey team that consists of players from all three P CEP high schools will be holding a fund raiser today at Cold Stone Creamery in Canton from 3 p m to 8 p m 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 lcallahan@comcast.net and they will be available at Cold Stone Creamery on Feb 24 when the teams players and coaches will be serving ice cream

**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

**CANTON BOOSTERS**

There will be a Canton Football Booster Club meeting at 7 p m on Tuesday March 1 at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth Parents of current Canton football players and parents of current eighth-graders who will be freshmen at Canton in the fall are encouraged to attend For more information contact Kathy Powers at KMPowers6@aol.com

**SALEM CLINIC**

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be held Saturday March 26 and Saturday, April 16 in the Salem High School gymnasium Participants will receive three hours of baseball

instruction with the Salem varsity baseball team's players and coaches a T-shirt snack and drink

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

**SALEM TENNIS**

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

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

**AAU VOLLEYBALL**

Tryouts for the Crusader Juniors AAU girls volleyball club will be from 1 30-3 p m (12s and 14s), 3 30-5 p m (15s and 16s) and 5 30-6 30 p m (17s and 18s), Sunday, March 6 and 13 at Madonna University, located I-96 and Levan road The program will run

through the end of June Practices are Tuesdays, Thursdays and designated Sundays with tournaments predominantly on Saturdays

The program fee is \$490, which covers AAU registration, uniform expenses facility rental, equipment fees, travel coaches salary and tournament entry costs

(There is an additional expense for those team players who play in USA tournaments AAU state tournaments and the USA Nationals in Chicago Ill)

**JUNIOR GOLF TOUR**

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

Boys and girls are eligible for tour membership Players do not have to be members of their school teams to participate The tour consists of 10 qualifying rounds and 10 tour

namment rounds, and is held on local private and public courses

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

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

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

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# Disinterest in WSU hockey program is puzzling

What's wrong with this picture? There are more than 200,000 Wayne State University alumni living in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties not to mention about 33,000 current students.

Metropolitan Detroit is a certified hockey hotbed. Yet, when Saturday's College Hockey America game between Wayne State and Niagara University began at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township, some sections were completely empty and in others, two or three spectators had rows and rows to themselves.

Many of those 200,000 WSU alumni will not hesitate to drive long distances to watch their "adopted" university hockey teams in Ann Arbor and East Lansing.

What's wrong with throwing an occasional bone of patronship to your own alma mater, where Division I hockey is being played for crying out

loud? Even folks who live in Observerland could enjoy a trip to Compuware for Warriors hockey because several area players play prominent roles.

### WORTH THE PRICE

Okay, I admit I'm getting on the soapbox in part because I have selfish intentions. I too am a Wayne State graduate, even though when I went there in the mid-to-late 1970s when athletes were known as 'Tartars'.

I gnash my teeth (sorry) when I see how poorly WSU men and women teams are drawing when many alumni have the means to easily fork over a fin and support their old school.

What I saw Saturday didn't make sense. There were two D-1 teams playing fast, exciting hockey, going to overtime before settling for a 2-2 tie. But only 383 paid to watch the contest, which is a hundred or so customers short of the season average, said Jeff Weiss, Wayne State director of sports information.

One of those hardy souls Steve Kovalchik Sr. of Brownstown Township, took in the contest to watch his son, also Steve, play defense (and

score a goal) for the Warnors. Kovalchik shook his head, looking out at the sparse crowd on a sunny afternoon in the middle of a "No Red Wings" winter. It's a case of missed opportunity, in his opinion.

The funny thing is, you're probably a Wayne State alumnus, you probably know a lot of people that root more for Michigan hockey than they do for Wayne State, Kovalchik lamented. They don't even know they have a team.

### LOCALS LEAD WAY

If fans from Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford and Farmington — whether or not with a connection to Wayne State stopped by for the WSU-Niagara contest they could have enjoyed fine performances from local players.

In the first minute of the game, Livonia freshman forward Adam Krug dished the puck to Jason Bloomingburg, a sophomore forward who hails from Canton.

Bloomingburg's pass went to the right point, where junior blueliner Kovalchik blasted it past Purple Eagles goalie Jeff Van Nynatten. Just like that the locals had the lead.

A couple shifts later, they could have watched some nifty

give-and-go passing between junior forward John May of Livonia and South Lyon's Mark Nebus, a sophomore forward who graduated from Livonia Stevenson.

Krug and Bloomingburg later hooked up on the play that would tie the game at 2-2 and send the teams to overtime. With just 4:42 remaining in the third, Bloomingburg battled along the right boards, extracted the puck and sent it toward the goal mouth. There, Krug tipped it behind Van Nynatten.

If not for a clutch stop by Van Nynatten in OT, Krug also would have scored the game-winning tally. Those at Compuware were being thrilled right down to the final seconds, even though their shouts were almost drowned out by the sounds of workers stringing cable to get ready for that evening's cablecast of a Plymouth Whalers Ontario Hockey League game.

### CHICKEN OR EGG

Perhaps some of the blame needs to go to the metropolitan Detroit mass media, where Wayne State games only receive a sentence or abbreviated on-air mention, if that. It's that old chicken-or-the-egg kind of thing.

Weiss insists he's tried, through various public relations efforts designed to get more coverage and entice alumni to brite the hockey bar.

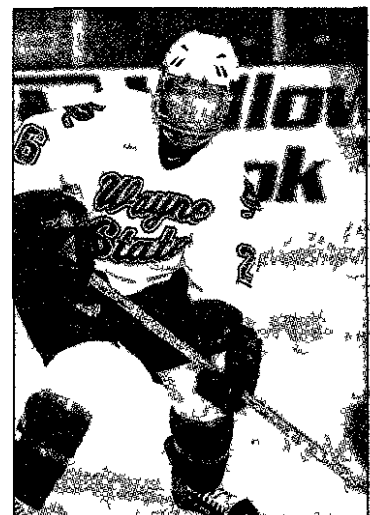
Other factors working against the hockey program taking hold include the 25-mile distance from Wayne State's campus to Compuware, the fact WSU hockey is only in its sixth year, the almost-annual shifting of venues from the Michigan State Fairgrounds to Great Lakes Sports City in Fraser to (since 2003-04) Compuware.

The women's team, meanwhile, plays home games at City Arena in Detroit, further adding confusion to the whole deal.

According to Kovalchik, the team needs to move yet again, believe it or not.

"I think they need to publicize it a little more, and I think they need a building on campus," he said. Students are 25 or 30 miles away, and that's where the fan base has to come from. There going to have to get a barn on campus somehow to attract people. Until they do that, it's going to be rough. But it's great hockey. The kids play hard.

For such a good product, perhaps more effort and risk-taking is required to at least



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Jason Bloomingburg, a native of Canton, is a high-scoring forward for the Warriors.

enhance awareness. Perhaps if efforts from Weiss and the WSU Alumni Association, for example, somehow opened up a pipeline to the dailies, to programs such as Detroit Sports Report on Fox and to the all-sports radio stations, maybe something good could be discovered.

Otherwise, Warriors hockey will continue to be played in a state-of-the-art vacuum on Beek Road.

Tim Smith is sports editor for the Redford and Garden City Observers. He can be reached at (734) 953-2106 or via e-mail at tsmith@oe.homecomm.net.

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Warmed only by their shawls, Naga women prayed and fasted for three days in a barn-like structure where walls were covered with newspapers to keep out the elements

## American Baptists inspired by religious fervor half a world away

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The longer Rev Wungreiso Valu is away from Nagaland the harder it is to endure the harsh living conditions in his homeland. But the minister of outreach at First Baptist Church of Plymouth is determined not to forget the people in northeast India. He and a group of pastors and church members from Farmington Hills, Birmingham, Troy, Warren, Detroit, and Dearborn Heights recently traveled 13,000 miles to teach at the Tangkhul Baptist Pastors Church Leaders Conference organized by Valu and endorsed by the Southeastern Area Board of American Baptist Churches of Michigan.

Cold nights in shacks warmed by heating pots left them spiritually enriched - Valu continued to be impressed by the zeal for their faith. Shortly after arriving in Imphal, the capital of Manipur, he became paralyzed from an electrolyte imbalance and had to travel seven hours by Jeep to a hospital. Several of the women from the village fasted and prayed for him and a successful conference for three days. By the fourth day he was teaching pastors how to care for their flocks in the primarily Christian region of India, Burma and China where 3.5 million Nagas live. Naga is the collective name given to tribes who trace their heritage to the northwest corner of southeast Asia.

Since American Baptist missionaries were asked to leave in the 1950s, Naga religious leaders have tried to comfort their congregations without much pastoral training to carry them through their conflict with India. The British ruled the area from the 18th century until 1947 when India took over. Ever since the Nagas have been fighting to own their land.

"They've been encouraged because they see missionaries coming back," said Valu who came to America five years ago. "They feel they're not alone in this journey. The conference will have a lifelong impact on

Tangkhul Naga pastors and leaders

The religious leaders and people affected Scott Moore as much as he did them as one of the conference facilitators. The Birmingham Mayor Pro Tem had never visited Nagaland but knew of their struggles with the India government. He and the Rev Sharon and Pastor Daniel Buttry of Warren stayed in India for a third week to meet with religious leaders, the chief minister of Nagaland and the insurgent group in an attempt to further the peace process. Pastor Buttry of International Ministries in Warren has presented conflict training and worked for peace in Nagaland since 1996.

"I was deeply touched by the isolation of the people and land from the rest of India and the rest of the world," said Scott Moore, a member of First Baptist Church of Birmingham where he will share his experiences on March 6. Moore joins the rest of the group to speak about the trip 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at First Baptist Church of Royal Oak, 309 North Main.

"It's had its effect in terms of road, electricity and water, but also people. A fourth generation of an oppressed people are being born. It was wonderful for these people who've had very little contact with the west and westerners to be able to meet together, share bread and worship together."

Even though the trip left Pastor Jane Moschenrose with bruised arms from banging around in the van over rough terrain, she came home with a warm feeling for the people as well. Before becoming pastor of Wellspring Church in Farmington Hills she had lived in southern India for four months when she was in the seminary.

"Manipur is under martial law. There were soldiers all over," said Moschenrose, "but I was surprised by how incredibly hospitable the people were. The giving was amazing. They were poor monetarily but wealthier than most people here when it came to relationships because all they have is each other. We gave them hope and encouragement. In

three days you can't do a crash seminary course but gave them some skills. Hope and encouragement will go farther in their lives." Naga religious leaders in turn gave each of the American Baptists gifts to take home to their congregations. Sharon Buttry discovered new ways to fund projects. As executive director of Friendship House, a neighborhood action program based in Hamtramck, she learned resourcefulness from the women.

"The women wanted to open a hostel for girls who come for schooling," said Sharon Buttry. "They collected a handful of rice a week and then sold the rice to pay for this. The resources you need are really at hand. They didn't go to a major corporation for funding."

In exchange for teaching leadership skills, Pastor Susan Beaumont was inspired by the people's fervor for their faith. In Troy her business, S.K. Beaumont Associates trains corporate and church leaders to resolve conflicts and work together as a team.

"Here in our culture the mainstream Christian church is struggling with relevance and zeal and passion of people for the gospel," said Beaumont, interim pastor at Cherry Hill Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights and a Troy resident. "People have become almost complacent. We traveled to Manipur, India where people have to make a conscious choice. People felt the gospel was an incredible gift to them."

"I taught pastors how to manage and resolve conflicts in their churches and deal with difficult people in their congregation, problems are not that different from problems here. There's a struggle with changing music styles and worship, trying to get volunteers working together. We were all very humbled by the efforts of the people. I had people who had walked two days on foot. This is a tribal culture so the community is more intense. We saw 5-6 year olds carrying infants on their backs."

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#### FEBRUARY

##### Lenten concerts

Organists perform music at the conclusion of Thursday Lenten Services of Holy Communion (12:10-12:30 p.m.). Kenneth Sweetman performs Pachelbel Bach and Alain Feb. 24 at Mariners Church, 170 East Jefferson at entrance to the Detroit Windsor Tunnel. Free parking in Ford Underground Garage with entrance on the median on Jefferson Avenue at Woodward. Call (313) 259-2206.

##### Open house

St. Michael School hosts an open house 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 24 at 11300 Fairfield, south of Plymouth between Merriman and Farmington Livonia. The grad school offers a full academic program with computers for grades 1-8, art, physical education and music programs that includes band sports, Quiz bowl and Science Olympiad kindergarten and extended day program. For more information call (734) 421-7360.

##### Spaghetti Supper

Good Hope Lutheran Church of Garden City hosts its annual Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction 5-7 p.m. Friday Feb. 25 at 28680 Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$6 adult, \$3.50 ages 3-11, free under age 3.

and available by calling (734) 427-3660.

##### Fish dinner

St. Aidan Catholic Church on Farmington Road north of Six Mile in Livonia hosts a Lenten Fish Dinner featuring cod and salmon pasta and more 5:30-7 p.m. Feb. 25 and March 4, 11 and 18 in the activities center. Cost is \$8 for adults, children under 10 pay \$4. The menu also includes mixed vegetables, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and coffee, tea or milk.

##### Agape Power Concert

Contemporary Christian music concert sponsored by Agape Power 7:30 p.m. Saturday Feb. 26 at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham. A freewill offering will be accepted with all proceeds going to support the Mexico House Building mission trip. 30 members of Our Shepherd will be taking in May. Nursery services available during the concert for guests with babies or young children. For more information call the church office at (248) 646-6100.

##### Concert

Music for Organ, Soprano and Tenor A Farewell Concert 4 p.m. Sunday Feb. 27 features tenor John McLaughlin, soprano Jennifer MacDonald with organist Michael Brittenback who are all leaving at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. No charge but a freewill offering will be accepted at the door to help support the series. Call (734) 453-0190 ext. 16.

##### Lenten series

Adult education series discussing the Gospel stories of Jesus' passion, death

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##### Living Stations of the Cross

8 p.m. Sunday, March 20 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23815 Power Farmington Hills. No charge. All are welcome. For more information call (248) 474-5720.

##### New schedule

Fishin' for Friends & Faith is the Wednesday program continues to March 16. Optional buffet dinner is at 6 p.m. followed by program 6:30-8 p.m. Kids travel to different stations as they learn through games, crafts, songs and mission projects. The evening's Bible message, Adults study, Wrestling with Angels, through video and discussion. Fees are dependent on attendance and costs cover food, curriculum and supplies. Pre-pay for a discount or pay as you go. Dinner and program is \$40, program only \$25. Drop in dinner and program \$5 per night, drop in program \$2.50 per night. New schedule for Sunday morning worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by classes for all ages (nursery to adult) at 10:45 a.m. at St. Matthew's, 30900 Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. For more information call (734) 422-6038.

##### Evening prayer

7 p.m. weeknights during Lent at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, 4 miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361 for details.



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#### MARY AQUARO

Died February 21, 2005 in Troy. Our deepest love and prayers to our dearest Mame. Dear sister of Carmen Torpey (the late Raymond) and the late Rita Aquaro and Anthony Videtta. Dear aunt of Mark (Linda) and Scott Torpey. Great aunt of Evan Kyle and Madison Torpey. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Family will receive friends at A J Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Wednesday 4-8 PM with Prayers Wednesday 7PM. Funeral Mass Thursday 10 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 280 E. Square Lake Road (btwn Livernois & Rochester) Troy 48085. Visitation at church begins Thursday at 9 AM. Memorial Tributes may be made to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

#### ROSETTA MAE HEATH

Age 88 February 20 2005 34 year resident of Farmington. Beloved wife of the late LeRoy Blumberg and the late Gardner Heath. Loving mother of Robert (Margaret) Blumberg and the late Jack A. Blumberg. Cherished Grandmother of Carol Blumberg Lynette (Cris) Moran Rob (Jen) Blumberg Steve Blumberg and Great grandmother of Cate Seth Casandra and Janelle Blumberg. Rosetta was a financial analyst with Ford Motor Co for 11 years retiring in 1982. Funeral Friday 11am at Thayer Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave downtown Farmington (1 blk W of Farmington Road) Visitation Thursday 4-8pm

#### BETTY (nee QARTON) HOARD

Age 90 of Birmingham February 19 2005. Beloved wife of the late Douglas H. dear aunt of Kenneth E. Stecker Jr. and great aunt to Renee Bonnie Sherry Dawn Corrine and Paul. Also survived by many cherished friends among them Nancy Kiser Patty Andrews Rita Hupka Byron & Kay Brock Hartland & Nancy Smith Max Horton Robert Whelan and her caregiver Mary Foley. Betty was active in Birmingham community a member of the University Women's Club and Garden Club. She also held membership in the D.A.R. Colonial Dames of America and Colonial Dames of the Seventh Century. She was a board member of the Oakland County Historical Society and the Franklin Cemetery Auxiliary. Selected readings were shared Monday February 21, 2005 at 12 noon at the Pukley Funeral Home Godhardt Tomlinson Chapel, Keego Harbor Interment, Franklin Cemetery followed by a reception at the Birmingham Historical Museum. Memorials to Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society are appreciated.

#### MARGARET "Punkin" CAROL BURDEN

Age 36, of Belleville passed away on February 18, 2004. She was born on September 7, 1968 in Westland, MI. She is survived by loving companion Jason Ballard. She is the dear daughter of William G. (Melinda) Burden Sr. and Sue (Shelly Burlett) Burden. Sister of Becky Debono William Bill (Erin) Burton Jr. April (Adam) Ray Robert Burden and Kathy Burden. She is also survived by her grandmothers Alice Estes and grandmother Margaret Newbell. Niece Barbara Reilly 2 nephews Hunter Ray and Davis Burden her former husband, Brian Kurzenick also her cat Mister. She is preceded in death by 2 grandfathers and her aunt Kathy Burden. She was employed by Ford Motor Co Truck Plant in Wayne for more than 15 years. Funeral services were held Wednesday February 23 2005 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Chuck Ozment officiating. Interment Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

#### MICHAEL FREDRICK CHILDRESS

Age 32 of Fowlerville formerly of Howell died unexpectedly Thursday February 17 2005 at his residence. He was born October 23 1971 in Farmington son of Ernest Fred Childress of Midland and the late Sharon (Kornek) Childress and was 1992 graduate of Howell High School. Michael was employed by Detroit Diesel in Detroit for the past seven years and enjoyed target shooting and especially video games. Surviving in addition to his father Fred, is his brother Robert Childress of Caro, his two sisters and their spouses Patricia and Dennis Nagel of Midland, and Jennifer and Scott Ingersoll of Linden and his niece and nephew Nicole Nagel and Gavin Ingersoll. Memorial services for Michael will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday February 27 2005 from the Ware Smith Woollever Funeral Chapel 1200 West Wheeler Street in Midland. Reverend Kirk Havel of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Midland will officiate. Michael's family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 11 a.m. until time of services. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Pamela Stearns Foundation for kidney replacement in care of the Ware Smith Woollever Funeral Home. You may share your thoughts and memories with the family at the funeral home or through waresmithwoollever.com



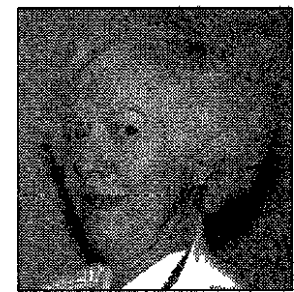
#### THOMAS R. DURKIN

Age 62, of Townsend, TN and a former long time resident of Northville died February 18, 2005. He was born November 16 1942 in Dayton, OH. He leaves behind a loving family including his wife of 18 years Patsy Hunt Durkin, his children Sara and Rob Reimer Betsy and Tom and Sheri Durkin and four grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Friday, March 11 7 pm at Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Friends may visit beginning at 6 pm. Memorials contributions may be made to Friends of the Smokies, PO Box 5650 Sevierville TN 37864.



#### ELIZABETH GATES

Elizabeth was a highly respected English teacher who taught in the Wayne Public School System for 35 years. Elizabeth was born on June 3 1914 and died at age 90 on Sunday February 20 2005 at 6:00pm at the nursing home in Crestwood, Kentucky. She is survived by her son Chuck Gates, her late daughter Beth Troia and widowed, son in law Joseph (Buzzy) Troia her grandson and his wife, Grok and Tera Gates, her brother Bill and his wife Inga and her sister Jene. There will be a short memorial service held at the Michigan Memorial Cemetery scheduled for Thursday February 24 2005 at 11:00am where she will be in urnment next to her husband John.



#### DOROTHY RUTH HOWARD

87 of Scottsdale formerly of Bloomfield Hills Michigan died February 18 2005 peacefully at home surrounded by her family. Born January 7 1918 she grew up in Detroit where she graduated from Northwestern High School. In 1938 she married William F. Howard of Grosse Pointe Michigan. They recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Dorothy was active in the Engineering Society of Detroit. Wives where she served as President in the 1970s. While living in Bloomfield Hills, she was responsible for organizing the social activities of the community Garden Club. In addition to her husband William, she is survived by three daughters, Mary Ellen Cook and her husband Roger of New Canaan, CT; Betsey Howard of Mesa, AZ; and Nancy Lindeman of Tucson, AZ and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son Charles A. Howard. A devoted wife and mother Dorothy will be greatly missed by her family and friends. To celebrate her life a memorial service and reception will be held 2:00pm Thursday February 24 2005 at Messinger Pinnacle Peak Mortuary 8555 E. Pinnacle Peak Road, Scottsdale, AZ. Contributions in remembrance of Mrs. Howard may be set to Hospice of the Southwest 4041 S. McClintock Drive Suite #312 Tempe AZ 85282.

#### PATRICIA L. OWENS

February 20 2005 Age 47 of Wayne. Beloved wife of Charles Owens. Dear mother of April and Jessica Keyosky. Daughter of Ralph Garren and Irene (Michael) McAuliffe. Grandmother of Angie Keyosky Ashley Miskell Cassandra Keyosky Anthony Keyosky Hayley Keyosky and Mariah Kirk. Sister of Bernice (Charles) Barescheer Johnny Garren and Thomas McAuliffe. Family will receive friends Thursday 12-9 PM at the Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Burial in Toccoa Baptist Cemetery, Lakewood, GA. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

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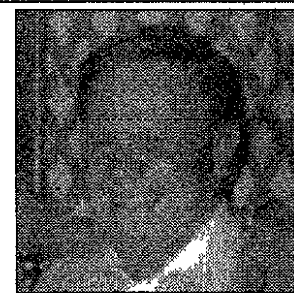
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#### ELIZABETH MCGUFFIE

February 19 2005 Age 76 of Bloomfield Hills formerly of Alpena, MI and Toronto Canada. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse at local hospitals and also volunteered at the Women's Crisis Center in Pontiac. Elizabeth was a very talented writer. Throughout her life she wrote hundreds of non-fictional manuscripts with recollections from her childhood to present full of memories and personal experiences. She was very meticulous when it came to writing as she wanted to ensure that she passed on to her children and grandchildren detailed accounts of her life and the events and culture that shaped their family. She came to North America after WWII as a young bride and wrote to her mother in Scotland almost everyday. Her writings are full of family history and their Scottish culture, a wonderful legacy to pass on to her family. Elizabeth was also an accomplished artist enjoying sketches and sculptures. She also had a love for gardening knitting sewing cooking and canning. According to her children she canned the best pickles in the world. Wife of the late A. Duncan. Mother of Elizabeth Gael McGuffie James D. McGuffie (Christine) David A. McGuffie (Karrin) Duncan C. McGuffie (Alease) Grandmother of Bryan Matthew Alexander, David, Cameron & Anna. Sister of James H. Sykes (Doreen). Family will receive friends at A J Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 32515 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak Thursday 3:00-8:00pm. Funeral service Friday 11am at Kirk in the Hills 1340 W Long Lake Rd. Bloomfield Hills Interment Pine Lake Cemetery. Memorial tributes to The Salvation Army 16130 Northland Dr. Southfield, MI 48075 or The Michigan Humane Society 26711 Northwestern Hwy Ste 175 Southfield, MI 48034. Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



#### EDMUND E. PEITZ, JR. "BUD"

Age 77, passed away on February 17 2005 in Naples FL. He was born on May 20 1927 in Detroit, MI. He was a resident of Bingham Farms MI and a winter resident of Naples FL. He graduated from Annunciation High School in Detroit. Mr. Peitz developed and owned Export Corp., in Brighton MI. He was retired. He was an avid golfer enjoying golf vacations and was a member of the Detroit Golf Club. He also loved to read, and was a great dancer. He was a US Army Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary (nee Wallace) Peitz married in 1954, sons, David Peitz and Donald Peitz (Cynthia) grandchildren, Trstan Trevor Travis Chelsea and Earl Peitz, sister Doms Lapiere (Jay) brothers Robert Peitz and Tom Peitz (Grace) Arrangements by A J Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road, Troy MI. Memorial Mass will be held on March 5 2005, at 11:00 AM at Church of St. Owen, 6869 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills with Reverend Frank Canfield officiating. Visitation at church begins at 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes in memory of Edmund E. Peitz may be made to Society for PSP, Executive Plaza III, 11350 McCormick Suite 906, Hunt Valley, MD 21031. Share memories at obitDesmondFuneralHome.com

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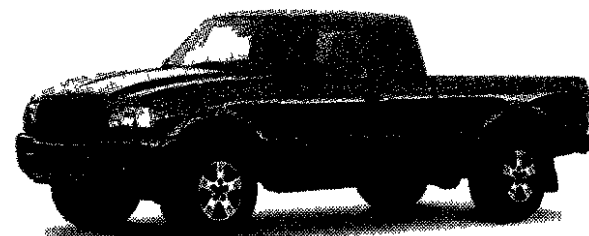
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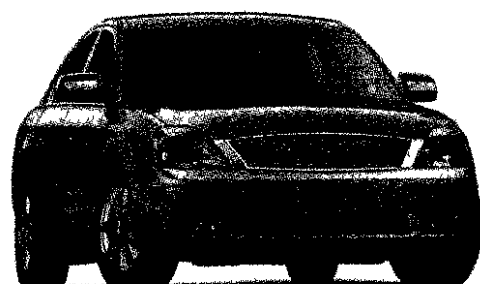
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## Contact attorney before signing

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As you probably realize, you should have gotten an experienced lawyer before you signed the purchase agreement or, in the alternative, provided for a contingency in the agreement that it would not become binding until a lawyer had adequate time to review the condominium documents, the financial condition of the Association, and whether in fact the seller was in compliance with the condominium bylaws and rules. The best you can do now is try to get a lawyer to get the information needed in order for you to make an intelligent decision and hope that you have a way out of the deal if in fact it turns out to be a bad one for you.

I am wondering what types of non-traditional condo conversions you are seeing in your practice.

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644 4433 or visit [rmeisner@meisnerassociates.com](mailto:rmeisner@meisnerassociates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Mortgage Bits



Timothy Phillips

## Market teaches rate lessons

If you have been paying attention, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has increased interest rates a few times already this year. Home equity line of credit (HELOC) owners are grumbling that their payments are about 25 percent higher than just a few months ago.

The reason? Unlike most mortgages, HELOCs are almost directly linked to a federally controlled index. For years, you have heard me say that Greenspan controls a key interest rate, but he does not control mortgage interest rates.

His changes affect the federal funds rate - the interest rate banks charge each other for overnight loans. They mean little to most of us most of the time.

The mainstream media makes mountains out of Greenspan's occasional molehill announcements. The effect of this incessant sensationalism is that listeners hear the news, but they miss the real information.

People become numb to what is news and what is junk. When mortgage rates began their downward migration a couple years ago, they did so as a result of the Fed's actions. But, there was very little correlation between his announcements and the market changes.

Here, we see it again, but in the opposite direction. Banks are being charged more expensive money by the Fed, but the rates the banks are charging for mortgage money have not yet changed much.

The lesson again as loudly as I can place in print: The free market controls mortgage interest rates, not the Fed. Listen to the market, not to Greenspan.

Yes, the mortgage rates will go up as a result of the Fed's actions - eventually. For now, mortgage rates remain exceptional. If you want to ditch your HELOC, now is the time to act.

Jump now for planned home purchases, too. Today's TIMBIT! - The ancient proverb says, "When the student is ready, the teacher appears," meaning the knowledge is out there for the mind fertile enough to receive the seed.

Remain open to the weekly information I share with you. It's not always news, but it's relevant to your life.

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# Pushing to close

## Couple giving birth to a new baby and home

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

Can you do two things at once? How about close on a house purchase and give birth to a baby?

If you need guidance in this two-step of the home-and-family dance, you might consider how Yvette Tamlin did it.

Actually, she didn't have much choice.

As last year was only a couple of days away from becoming last year, the 33-year-old mother of three boys became a homeowner and the mother of four boys.

"We had to close before the end of December," said Bruce Webb, a sales agent with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Westland. The pending new mortgage, he said, wouldn't carry over into the following month.

And there also was the pending new Tamlin, a being then of unknown gender, late in arriving and whom the doctor didn't want carrying over into the following month.

Induction of labor to deliver the child was scheduled for Dec. 28. The closing was scheduled for the 29th. Close, but workable. Ah, apparently the baby didn't get the memo.

At 9 a.m. on closing day, Webb picked up a representative from the title company and headed to Wilham Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak where the Tamlin baby was a no-show from the day before.

"There were papers Mrs. Tamlin had to sign," Webb said. She was in labor and his labor was to get her signature. The step to do that put him into the labor room with her.

Everything signed, Webb headed back to Dearborn where the expectant father, Curtis, 35, who works in construction, was to come for the 3 p.m. closing on the family's new home.

After almost 10 years in a three-bed-

'He'd never missed any of our children's births. But it was our first home purchase.'

Yvette Tamlin  
mother homeowner

room apartment in Southfield, Yvette said, the Tamlins now would have their very own four-bedroom colonial complete with back yard and driveway. The house was love at first sight, she said, after they'd looked at more than 50 houses around the metro area.

As that Wednesday slid into afternoon and the Tamlins came ever closer to the Great American Dream, the newest Tamlin still wasn't present. At least, not that anyone could see or hear. But it was time for Curtis to go to the closing.

"He'd never missed any of our children's births," Yvette said. The other Tamlin boys are 15, 5 and 3. "But it was our first home purchase." Neither Yvette nor Curtis wanted him to miss either of these wonderful milestones in their lives.

"I told him I'd call him when he was there and he'd be able to be with me on the phone while the baby was being born. Make it seem like he's in the room. But he couldn't hold the phone and sign the papers at the same time so he put me on the speakerphone."

Well, let's see now. There's Yvette in her hospital bed, attended by her mother and the med-

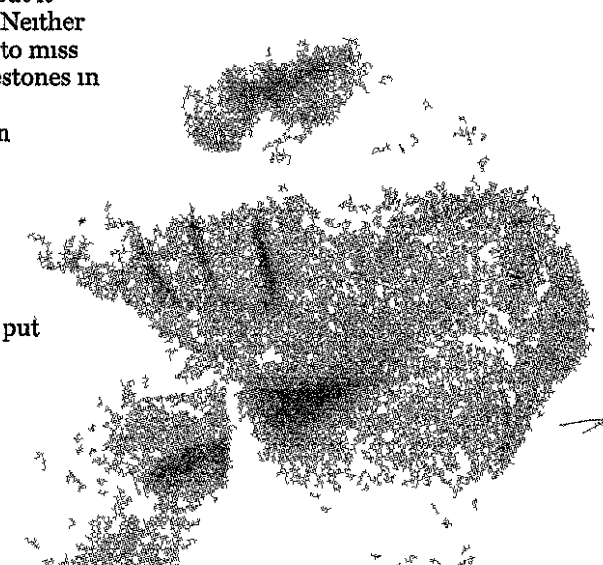
ical folks, while over in the conference room at the title company, there's Webb, along with the seller's agent, the title rep, the mortgage rep and - oh, yes - the father-in-waiting.

The scratching of Curtis' pen was almost-inaudible background to the sounds from the scene. "I didn't scream much," Yvette said.

Before Curtis finished his stack of papers, all the participants were joined by Dion D. Tamlin, who would be the eight-pound, 14-ounce resident in the new house. For the once-again mom, the day was just another example of "managing my time."

You see, she's a liberal arts graduate of a community college who's now finishing her bachelor of science degree in business at University of Phoenix. A full-time student with four children?

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# Golden years: High-end communities lure metro area seniors

Aging baby boomers who don't plan to relocate to the Sun Belt can find increasing numbers of high-end retirement communities in metropolitan Detroit.

Many of the communities operate as virtual self-contained cities, featuring restau-

rants, salons, movie theaters, banks and swimming pools. Some also offer assisted living, which provides help with things like dressing, bathing and grooming for those who don't need the skilled medical care furnished in a nursing center.

Six upscale seniors' complexes have opened in metro Detroit since last year and at least another half-dozen are being developed, putting the region in the top 10 nationwide for this type of housing, according to the American Seniors Housing Association.

Apartments can range from \$550 to more than \$2,300 a month. Some require life contracts and deposits of hundreds of thousands of dollars in addition to monthly rent payments. Most have waiting lists.

Developers of upscale seniors' housing are taking their cues from sources like an American Association of Retired Persons survey that said only one-third of all baby boomers expect to scale back their lifestyle after they've left the work force.

But the same AARP survey indicated one-quarter of today's 76 million baby boomers — those born between 1946 and 1964 — believe they will struggle to make ends meet when they retire, and 16 percent anticipate serious financial problems.

The emphasis on high-end housing might be pricing less-affluent seniors out of the market, said Jim McGuire, director of planning and advocacy for

the Detroit Area Agency on Aging.

"I worry about what is going to happen to the elderly who can't afford it," he said. "The greatest profit is in targeting the higher end. We need more independent and assisted living facilities toward the lower and middle of the market."

Seniors who sell their homes and live in an expensive facility until the money runs out, or remain in their homes until their health and finances deteriorate — and then qualify for taxpayer-funded nursing care — will need options, he said.

"That is the least efficient way to handle this," McGuire said. "We will need more independent living and assisted care facilities to be affordable."

The focus on upscale development, however, has provided comfort and flexibility to retirees like David Hague, 76. Hague sold his home in Troy after his wife, JoAnn, died in October. The retired steel company owner moved to The

Village of Rochester Hills, which opened last year.

"It was paid for, but I didn't want to keep the place up anymore. Now, I've got an extra \$350,000 in the bank, and I think I actually reduced costs by coming here," Hague said. "I don't pay for plow service, lawn service, water, sewer, house cleaning or property taxes. For \$1,600 a month, I come and go as I please."

Hague's apartment does not require a life contract.

"I can move to Florida or a different place someday if I want to," he said. "If I get to a point where I need help and can't do my own cooking, I can move into the building next to me where the apartments are nice and they provide the meals. Then, when I need a little help dressing or bathing, there are plans for assisted living."

"And, when I get to the end of the road, I can go into hospice. It's all right here on this same 22 acres."

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**Westland** — Cute and clean 3 bedroom ranch with Livonia Schools. Finished basement, open kitchen w/eat in dining room, C/A, doorwall that leads to 16x16 deck. Andersen windows, 2 car garage, lots of perennials planted all around the home. \$162,900 (39FRE)

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**Detroit door appointment**

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Gray brings with him a great deal of experience in the automatic door business and an strong reputation within the construction industry. He most recently was employed by Stanley Access Technologies for 12 years. Prior to Stanley he spent three years with Dor O Matic.

**MBA names board**

The Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association (MBA) a 14 year old state trade association that provides education and legislative support to its more than 500 members, elected its new officers and directors at the group's annual conference. Elected Director of the MBA, **Buck Drummond** joins a distinguished and experienced group of mortgage professionals to lead the 500 member organization. Drummond resides in Birmingham and is the President/Owner of Bloomfield Birmingham Mortgage Company in Birmingham. He has more than 18 years experience in the mortgage industry.

**Jensen top Realtor**

The Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors (MCAR) has named **David Jensen** of Max Broock Realtors its 2004 Realtor of the Year.

The award is given to a Realtor who exhibits high marks in six separate categories including business experience, civic affairs and participation in local, state and national associations.

Jensen has been licensed for 36 years, has been a multimillion dollar producer for 34 straight years and currently works in Birmingham where he is a broker and manager of a Max Broock Realtors branch since 1997. He has been a broker for 29 years and served on local boards for 24 years. His most recent accomplishments in the industry include completing a three year effort to develop MCAR's Standard Purchase Agreement revision. He has also worked on the Michigan Association of Realtors Professional Standards committee and is a life member of the Realtors political action committee.

**Neumann/Smith appointments**

Two new staff have joined the Architecture Planning and Interior Design team at Neumann/Smith & Associates.

**Patrick Kanary** joins Neumann/Smith as a project architect. He brings to the firm more than 10 years of professional experience in health care, educational,

multi-unit housing and commercial office industries. He earned a Bachelor of Science in architecture and a Master of Architecture with Distinction from the University of Michigan College of Architecture and Urban Planning. He and his wife and son live in Bloomfield Hills.

**Diane F. Zachary** joins Neumann/Smith as an interior designer. She brings to the firm more than 23 years of professional design experience in corporate, financial, healthcare, educational and hospitality industries. Diane earned a Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design from Michigan State University and her son lives in Walled Lake.

**Agent of the month**

Quality Service Certification Inc. selected among nearly 15,000 Realtors nationwide, **Derek Bauer** as Agent of the Month for February. Bauer is an agent with Real Estate One's Livonia branch office.


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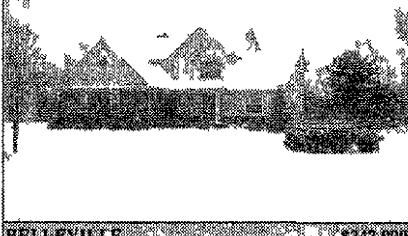
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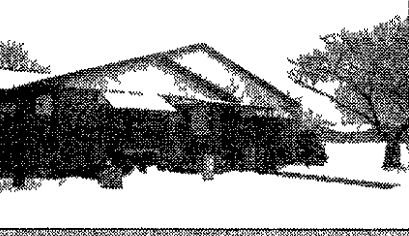
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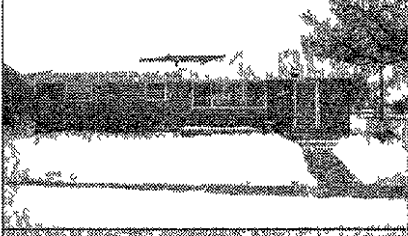
**BELLVILLE** \$247,900

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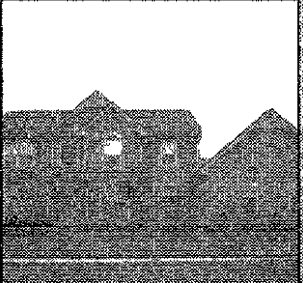
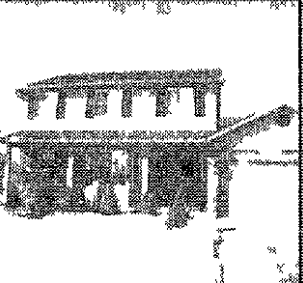



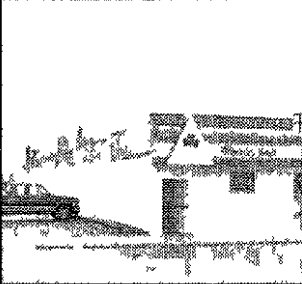


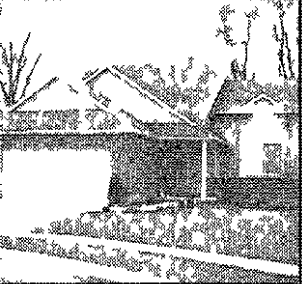




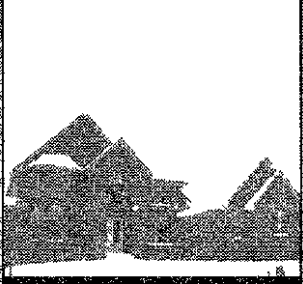


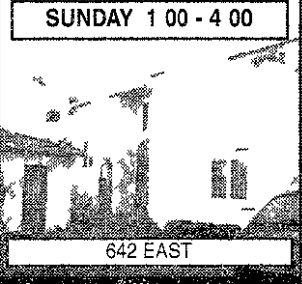



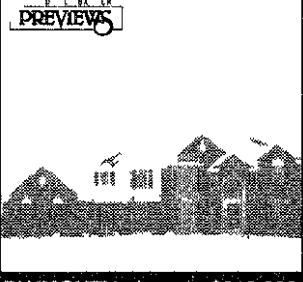







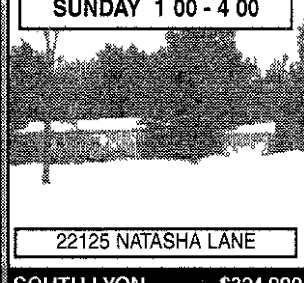









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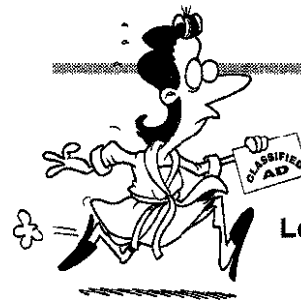


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**FARMINGTON HILLS** 3 bdrm colonial finished bsmt 2 bath appliances \$995 RENTAL PROS 248 356 RENT

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**WESTLAND** 3 bdrm garage \$750 20 homes available \$600 \$850 RENTAL PROS 734 513 RENT

**WESTLAND** 3 bdrms ca vinyl windows newer kitchen & dining room full bsmt 3/4 finished steel entry doors alarm \$1000/mo \$1000 security 734 729 5172 or 734 891 3833

### Homes For Rent 4050

**WESTLAND** 4 bedroom brick ranch finished basement galow garage pets nego table \$695 RENTAL PROS 248 356 RENT

**WESTLAND** Livonia Schools 3 bdrm ranch brand new throughout appliances fenced c/a \$900 Section 8 approved 248 588 5083

**WESTLAND** Norwayne 2 bdrm full bsmt new carpet fresh paint \$725/mo immediate occupancy 734 276 0503

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**WESTLAND** 3 bdrm brick ranch Wayne & Warren Stove & refrigerator 2 car garage \$1000 734 748 3596

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**WIXOM Amazing Home & Lot**  
Fabulous 4 BR 3 BA home on approx 5 acre wooded lot Huge country kitchen w/hearth area 2 story GR FF MBR FFL screened n porch professionally landscaped brick paver walkways sprinkler 1 yr warr  
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**CANTON Central Park South**  
Offers this stunning colonial w/4 bedrooms & 2.5 baths Breathtaking 2 story foyer hardwood floors T/O upgrades kitchen cabinets w/ island & pantry cath ceiling in BR & master + basement & 3 car attached garage  
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Charming 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage finished basement family room w/natural fireplace & cathedral ceilings Updated from top to bottom Just move right in and enjoy  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS Remodeled Home**  
4 BR 2 BA updated roomy home Large master w/WIC & full bath FF laundry Beautiful LR FR w/wood stove large deck & 2 car garage Kitchen app's stay Large pantry Fenced yard roof new 02 carpet 03 Updated  
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**CANTON Live In Elegance**  
4 BR 3.5 BA beauty Master suite has jet garden tub & WIC Tile foyer & kitchen Soaring ceilings T/O Upgraded carpet a neutral Upstairs guest suite 3 car garage Basement plumbed for bath A True beauty  
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**LIVONIA Exceptional Ranch**  
3 BR 1 BA & 2 LAV maint free brick & aluminum anch Unbeatable kitchen w/white cabinets Corian counters ceramic floor mnd b/wing Fr rec room w/frp/hdwd flrs deck 2 3 4 car gar C/A  
**(E97AUB) 248 349 5600 \$204 900**



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Spacious Brick Ranch**  
3 BR 2.5 BA w/open floor plan DR FR LR FFL hardwood 2 car gar & C/A Partially finished basement recessed lighting Large lot lots of closet space side entry garage w/open Large kitchen Needs some TLC  
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**DETROIT Impeccable Ranch**  
This 3 bedroom brick home features hardwood floors C/A & water purifier Partially finished basement 2 car garage & kitchen appliances This is real beaut fu  
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**SHELBY TWP Outstanding Open Floor Plan**  
Spacious 3 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial on a premium part wooded lot presents 2 sto y GR w/ fireplace large kit w island & 2 car attached garage part a y lin shed basement doorwall to lg deck & stamped concrete  
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**CANTON New Construction Home**  
Elegant cape cod w/4 bedrooms 3.5 baths 4 car attached 1st flr master w/bath rm lg WIC & bath w/corner garden tub cath ceiling in open foyer & great oom Kitchen w/granite tops Time to pick cabs + grand staircase  
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**LIVONIA Great Neighborhood**  
Spacious 4 bedroom 2 bath quad with lots of pr vacy Formal dining room fam room w/natural fireplace Hardwood under carpet Rec room n basement & 2 car attached garage Great opportunity  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD Morris Lake Value**  
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**ROMULUS Move Right In!**  
Spacious 3 bed oom 2 bath colonial w/many updates and wide lot Newer furnace roof w ndows carpet 2 car attached garage unfinished basement fenced yard All appliances included!  
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**PLYMOUTH This Home Is Wonderful**  
Go geous 4 bedroom 2.5 bath w/2 car attached garage basement fam room w/gas fireplace library cherry kitchen w/island & granite counters doorwall to deck 1st floor laundry & so much more  
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**MILFORD Nothing To Do But Move In**  
Remodeled from top to bottom. Cath ceilings T/O Open kitchen ove looking great room Master suite w/bath & French doors to patio formal LR w/grand staircase All n this 3 BR 2 BA home w/2 car attached garage  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS Updated Ranch**  
If you are looking for a newly updated home on a great lot you search's over 3 bedrooms 2 updated baths 2 car attached garage fireplace newer roof large utility room Tukey pond on Farmington Schools  
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**LIVONIA Most Wanted List**  
This hot new listing is located in the heart of Livonia and has just what you're looking for Great floor plan with large living room Updated kitchen FR/DR finished basement w/att deck fenced yard Att 2 car garage  
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**WESTLAND Big Bang For The Buck**  
Move right in neutral decor great updates include bath kitchen newer carpet great room fam y room has wood stove family room for projects or play room for kids Extra large 2 car gar offers great storage  
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**SOUTH LYON Great Family House**  
Charming 4 bedroom 1.5 bath b level w/open floor plan updated oak kitchen w/ceramic tile floor Family room w/att basement & 2.5 car garage  
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**WIXOM Want To Save Money?**  
Cute & cozy 2 bedroom co op ranch home Clean & move in ready Finished basement w/workshop & laundry Sun porch w/patio open floor plan walk to shops Clubhouse & pool Adult 55+  
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**LIVONIA Looking For A Ranch?**  
Ready to go! Offering 3 BR LR DR & 2 BA White eat in kitchen Finished FR in LL w/ fireplace Updates Appis stay Hardwood floors T/O Glass block w ndows large fenced rear yard garage unrelated & drywalled C/A  
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**HOWELL Peaceful W/View Of Pond**  
Near downtown Howell & Brighton 1994 built ranch w/3 BR 2 BA Huge kit w/frst rm to GR w/gas frpic Formal LR & Mstr BA has garden tub & sep shower WIC Lg 2.5 car gar Over 1 acre wooded lot  
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**DEARBORN HGTS Hurry It's Sweet!**  
Brick ranch gleaming hardwood floors 2 full baths Updates also 40 windows doors garage dining kit humidid copper plumbing bbw freshly painted landscaping very clean & awesomely decorated  
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**DETROIT Updated Home**  
What a charming home w/garage & finished basement w/home theater room Updated marble bath & updated kitchen Floor da room overlooking nice yard Once you see it you will fall in love  
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**SOUTH LYON Colonial Acres**  
Walk out ranch condo Large fam y room & patio sink/vanity n master dressing area Bright kitchen w/ skylight Clean and neutral All appliances stay Great pond view  
**(E07JEF) 248-349-5600 \$95,000**



**NORTHVILLE Location Location**  
Great family home w/room to spare Spacious LR w/vaulted ceilings & skylights Family room w/wczy fireplace Lg deck off DR Updated kitchen furn HWH windows ca pet & patio Short walk to downtown  
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**NORTHVILLE Elegant Custom Cape Cod**  
Breath-taking views from this lavish 5 acre estate FF master suite offers huge MBA w/travertine flrs 2nd flr 3 BR 2 BA bonus rm Gourmet kitchen cherry granite custom circular staircase Fin W/O w/full kit & BA  
**(E64ROB) 248 349 5600 \$799,900**



**SOUTHGATE Charming End Unit**  
This 2 bedroom ranch condo offers vinyl windows circuit breakers neutral carpet t/o & Armstrong floor in kitchen w/Mer lit cabinets & double SS sink & all appls Newer roof in 2003  
**(E50HOL) 248-112 3456 \$210,000**



**LINCOLN PARK Great Location**  
4 bedroom 2.5 bath w/leat n kitchen hardwood floors under newer carpet ceramic baths newer roof & furnace Bedrooms upstairs eq pped w sink & stove hook up Finished basement & 2 car garage  
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**NORTHVILLE The Epitome Of Elegance**  
Spoon yourse f with this 3 BR 2.5 BA condo w/1st floor master custom cabinets granite counters & island hardwood w a ne grotto walk n closets The upgrades are endless Great location  
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**REDFORD This Is A Charmer**  
2 BR ranch w/lots of updates Home boasts updated kitchen newer windows roof furnace and HWH Home is well mnta ned with neutra decor Kitchen has white cabinets No yard and overszed 2 car garage  
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**NORTHVILLE Timber Ridge Beauty**  
Spectacular brick colonial on premium lot backing to commons Lovely hardwood floors gorgeous wood paneled study great floor plan fully finished LL w/4th BR Full bath kit area sauna game room Won't last  
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**DEARBORN HGTS Beautifully Updated Ranch**  
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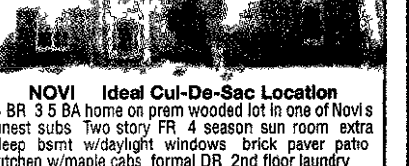
**LIVONIA Something Special**  
Updated 4 bedroom 1.5 bath colonia w/newer windows roof furnace & C/A Fresh & neutral Family room w/wood stove & 2 car attached garage  
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**PLYMOUTH Walk To Town**  
Fabulous location for this 2 bedroom 1 bath condo Neutral decor open floor plan doorwall to deck All appliances stay  
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**GARDEN CITY Mechanics Dream**  
Wonderful 3 BR ranch w/finished LL w/full bath Newer carpet windows roof & furnace 94 Copper plumbing updated electrical & glass block w ndows Close to schools All appliances stay Steel entry doors Cute  
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**NOVI Ideal Cul-De-Sac Location**  
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**WESTLAND Fabulous Yet Casual**  
3 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch w/2 car attached garage finished basement w/walk out Master bed room w/WIC open floor plan large oak kitchen w/garden window oak vanity in both baths cathedral ceilings  
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**DETROIT Warrendale Bungalow**  
Cute freshly painted brick home w/3 bedrooms 1 bath hardwood floors covered ceiling newer windows roof & finished basement & fenced yard  
**(E10BRA) 734 455-5600 \$89 900**



**NOVI Desirable End Unit Ranch Condo**  
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**NOVI Beautiful Colonial**  
Northville schools 1988 built 4 BR 2.5 BA home w huge great room w/cath ceiling & fireplace 1st floor aund y formal dining room custom cab netry in breakfast nook Master BR w/BA & WIC 2 decks more  
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**REDFORD Charming Ranch**  
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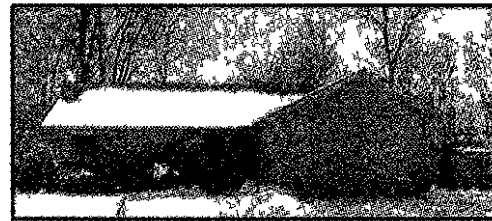
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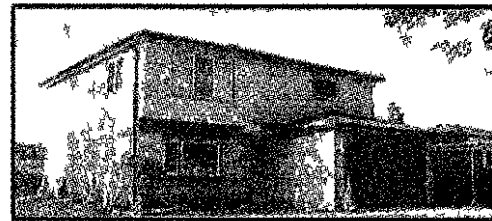
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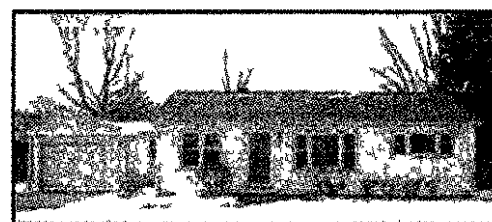
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ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! LARGEST RANCH IN SUB! Newer rf wndws furn, A/C H2O htr Berber crpt brick paver patio Huge 3 5 car gar w/storage attic. Landscaped yard 349 6200 (25014999) \$184 750



**SOUTHFIELD** 248-348-6430  
BRIGHT AND CHEERY RANCH. Neat and tidy with a white picket fence. Fplc in FR. Fin d bsmt w/tons of storage. Many updates. Excellent location. 349 6200 (24053850) \$149 900



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
EXTREMELY WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR 1 094 SF updated brick ranch. Finished basement w/wet bar & 1 5 car gar. All appliances stay. A must see! Visit www.samsellshouses.com (25012225) \$139 900



**MONROE** 734-591-9200  
PERFECT HOME for water people 3 bedroom ranch w/inground pool 1/2 mile from state park like setting on Rouge River (24106305) \$159 900



**NORTHVILLE** 734-591-9200  
2 BEDROOM 2 BATH CONDO. Great floor plan with vaulted ceilings covered balcony. Updates incl roof tilt-out wndws sinks & fixtures storm door perg in kit & entry & more (25013417) \$135 900



**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
GREAT BEGINNINGS. Clean and roomy 2 BR condo w/finished basement 2 car attached w/opener workshop storage. Appliances stay. Clubhouse pool plus Livonia schools (C374) \$134,900



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 248-348-6430  
UPDATED RANCH. Well cared for 3 BR 1 5 BA home w/natural frpic. Newer roof gutters bath oak kit cab. Refinished hdwd flrs fin bsmt w/ lav 2 5 car gar & fenced yard. 349 6200 (24155688) \$124 900



**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
GORGEOUS 3 BR. Newer roof vinyl siding windows copper pipes h/w tank furn. fencing steel doors & alarm system. A must see home. Move in condition. 349 6200 (25013218) \$120 000



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UPDATES! SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE! Newer kit bath c/a furn, roof wndws HWH copper plmbg & fresh paint. Computer room/den on 1st flr. Perfect turn-key starter home! 349 6200 (25004290) \$104,900

**BRIGHTON** 248-348-6430  
7+ SPLITTABLE ACRES-backing to Shenandoah Sub. Wooded. Great for small development. prvt estate. Convenient to Brighton Expressways! 349 6200 (24080021) \$174 900

**DEARBORN** 734-591-9200  
VINTAGE 1 421 SF brick bungalow with 3 BRs and 2 Full BAs near Oakwood Hospital. Nicely appointed upgrades include fin d bsmt (24137797) \$169 900

**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
The Arbor has an open flr plan. Fin lower lvl rec rm next to Indry & powder rm. Townhome comm will feature landscpng sprnkir sys lawn main/snow remov. Low asso fees (23A1205) \$184 900

**TAYLOR** 248-348-6430  
COMFORTABLE AND INVITING. Cozy 3 BR 1 5 BA colonial w/a newer open kit. Nat l fplc in FR. Some new wndws & doorwall! Beautifully fin d bsmt. 349 6200 (24134371) \$187 500

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
TANTALIZING TOTTENHAM! 4 BR 2 5 BA 2983 SF Hampton model. Landscp sprnkler paver patio. Huge mstr ste & BA (23G2588) 24121044 \$394 999

**DEARBORN** 734-591-9200  
Cozy 2 BR 1 BA ranch. New rf 04 Remodeled BA 00. Newer carpet since 03. Newly insulated & sided in 01. Kit updated in 99. Fresh Paint & lots more (25015185) \$107 900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
3 BR brick ranch. Additional kit space newer rf updated BA gar door glass block wndws c/a park like setting on Rouge River (24106305) \$159 900

**EASY LIVING RANCH CONDO** Quiet private setting for this well maintained 2 BR ranch unit. Spacious lower level FR. Exceptionally clean neutral decor. Lovely patio (23K22231) 24154029 \$124 000

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NOW AVAILABLE 4 BR 2 5 BA colonial backing to the commons DR LR FR 1st flr Indry fplc wet bar. All new carpet and more. Lg yard w/mature trees (23L44856) 24137397 \$239 000

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
North Dearborn Heights Condo w/2 lg BR plus a 13x10 loft 2 5 BAs vaulted ceiling in GR fin bsmt 2 car att'd gar and very low association fee. Very striking decor (24056714) \$210 000

**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
WONDERFUL HOME! Well cared for ranch! 3 BRs 2 BAs hdwd flrs fin d bsmt w/rsc rm office & BA. Newer rf gutters BA dishwasher & more 349 6200 (25007170) \$154 900

**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
WOODED SURROUNDINGS 2 BR 2 1/2 BA condo w/full bsmt fplc 2 car att gar deck 1st floor Indry & immed occup (C330) 25016114 \$189 900

**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
CONDO Better than new 3 BR 2 5 BA w/2 car gar & full bsmt. Open design w/fplc & deck that backs to commons. Clean & ready to move in! Great price. Quick Occ. 349 6200 (24156050) \$209 900

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 248-348-6430  
3 BR/2 BA UPDATED RANCH MOVE RIGHT IN! Newer BA \$6 000 n new wndws perfect hdwd flrs Kit & BA in bsmt investment potential! All appls stay 349 6200 (24133637) \$144 900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
This house has it all! Great main & upstairs floors fin d bsmt loaded w/updates 1246 SF house has a place for everyone (24120771) \$139 900

**WESTLAND** 248-348-6430  
OUTSTANDING LOCATION. Clean well kept condo. New carpet on 1st floor oak kit cabs. all appls included. Fin g bsmt Deck from doorwall 349 6200 (25001454) \$172 500

**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
Beautiful 3 BR 2 5 BA condo GR with adjoining dining area. Fin rec room w/wet bar in bsmt. New ceramic flr in foyer & kit w/doorwall to patio 1st flr Indry 2 car att gar & more (25016141) \$194 900

**DETROIT** 734-326-2000  
HUGF 2 FAMILY FL AT 3 BRs DR kit 1 R BA each floor good condition. Immediate occupancy (C446) 24156178 \$89 900

**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
CHARMING BUNGALOW. Updtd kit cab & counter tops newer wndws furn c/a newer rf copper plmbg gar door & deck. Close to park w/trails picnic & play area 349 6200 (25003712) \$135 900

**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
OPEN FLOOR PLAN RANCH. Newer wndws fresh paint and an updated BA makes this 1200 + SF ranch special. Very unique (C309) 24146418 \$99 900

**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
2 BR 2 5 BA dramatic staircase in GR. Cath ceil w/fan & fplc. MBR has 2 WIC. Bright kit has now flr & drwall to patio. appls stay 1st flr Indry 2 car gar & bsmt (25009266) \$184 900

**INKSTER** 734-326-2000  
ADORABLE BUNGALOW with a park view & extra deep yard. Quiet setting 3 BR updated rf siding paint wndws plumbing faucet BA & more. Cute kit & all appls stay (H149) 25016904 \$105 000

**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
VERY WELL MAINTAINED BUNGALOW. Great value! Newer updates wndws hdwd flrs Bsmt has been prof waterprfd. Newer furn glass block wndws in bsmt 349 6200 (25009510) \$129 500

**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
A cut above. This one stands out among the rest. Decorated in warm earth tones. Updated oak kit. This one is super sharp & very clean with full bsmt. Come see! (25012385) \$76 900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
GORGEOUS 2 BR 2 5 BA TOWNHOME close to shopping freeway access & community facilities. Neutral decor. Mstr ste has vaulted ceilings & 2 lg closets (23H45081) 25011692 \$182 997

**LINCOLN PARK** 248-348-6430  
UPDATED 3 BR COLONIAL W/LOTS OF UPDATES. Newly remolded eat in kit freshly painted fin bsmt w/Berber crpt. Nice size lot most appls stay near schools. 349 6200 (24096942) \$120 900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Sharp 1600 SF brick ranch w/gourmet oak kit FR rf (01) furn w/C/A (02) newer wndws (29) glass blk (99) 2 tier deck backs to woods. All appls & home warranty (24139431) \$199 900

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**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
LEASE FOR \$1 150/MONTH. Newer condo in Chatterton Vlg 2 BR 2 BA 1337 SF appls lq mstr ste end unit w/1 car att gar Hdwd flr in kit Balcony off DR. Call today (23E4156) 25001667 \$1 150

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SHARP 3 BR Roomy BRs large 2 car gar newer Wallside Wndws and more. All appls except stove included. Seller will help with costs (C231) 24158009 \$84 900

**SOUTHFIELD** 734-326-2000  
FABULOUS RAISED RANCH CONDO. Offers lg mstr ste w/walk in closet. Ceramic countertops. Many updates throughout. This beautiful condo is located in much sought after downtown Southfield (R202) 25016523 \$184 900

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DUPLICATE Live in one side rent the other 2 car gar for both sides bsmt 2 BRs up & lots of character. One side offers C/A. Well cared for brick bldg w/updates (23F4571) 24150506 \$192 000

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## women seeking men

**ONE OF A KIND**  
SF 38 blonde/blue 5'6" mother enjoys bowling pool concerts long park walks cycling music appreciate food Stewart Seeking Mia comb man to share happiness #404691

**OUTGOING AND FUN**  
Very attractive SWF 31 laid back w/great personality short blonde/green blue tanned 4'11" 150lbs childless never married smoker social drinker enjoys dining sports movies quiet evenings Seeking very attractive like minded male #475370

**SEE FOR YOURSELF**  
SBF 42 5'2" 170lbs compassionate art hard working enjoys 70s/80s rock/dance scenic drives movies fishing playing pool reading ISO active SM w/whos up for a little adventure once and a while friendship/LTR #580735

**LOYAL**  
SWF 43 Leo N/S blonde/blue professional chef green thumb petite enjoys cooking boating seeks compatible SWM 43 5'0" N/S for dating and possible relationship #956732

**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**  
DWF 45 N/S has 4 grown children enjoys theater movies dancing would like to meet SWM 40 6'0" for friendship romance possible LTR #595540

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

**MACOMB COUNTY SWEETIE**  
I am a 5'2" brunette dark eyes early 60s searching for a tall finan cially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady #578564

**GET TO KNOW THIS**  
petite attractive SBF 57 N/S enjoys music concerts dining Looking for SBM 57 6'3" for friend ship possible LTR #402995

**ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF**  
49 H/W proportionate medium build enjoys cruises concerts dining out movies traveling Seeking honest passionate SM 45 6'0" with similar interests for dating possibly more #134441

**SEEKING MY OTHER HALF**  
WF interested in meet a WM 60 65 who likes to enjoy life and will make me happy #598913

**NEW TO WAYNE CO AREA**  
SBPF 40ish 5'6 nurse with child ren marriage in need smoker loves drama movies dancing and crossword puzzles Seeking W/ 45 60 smoker who enjoys music and sports #245545

**GAME-FREE**  
SBF 37 5'9 N/S works out enjoys leisurely walks and laughter seeks man 35-50 with sense of humor and sense of fashion #592947

**SEEKING INTELLIGENT MAN**  
SBF 36 Cancer N/S works full time in healthcare single mother loves to cook Seeking down to earth spontaneous SWM 34 48 N/S for dating #599409

**FOR YOUR LOVE**  
SBF 37 N/S likes to travel see plays and movies seeking committed respectful honest SBM 40 47 N/S who is interested in find ing long term love #593559

**MUST BE RESPECTFUL**  
Very attractive BF financially/emotionally secure looking for a laid-back, easygoing man 34-47 who likes travel dining out #596277

**MUST LOVE ANIMALS**  
WF 53 5'4 blonde/blue full fig ured likes travel fine dining shows plays animals children prides playing swimming cooking reading fishing snow dancing Seeking good kind hearted man 50-62 with integrity and morals #601692

**SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT**  
SB/CF 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 #479737

**SINGLE FATHER WELCOME**  
WF 29 5'4 blonde two children enjoys cooking the outdoors beach es art museums theater movies fine dining Seeking attractive WM 37 52 who is fit and secure #579528

**IS HE OUT THERE?**  
SF 43 5'6 honest gentle intelli gent sensitive shapely likes fine dining pool theater movies Seeking honest secure loving and reliable man to share friendship good times talks and maybe more #601614

**VERY OUTGOING**  
Catholic DWF 59 looks much younger N/S very tall looking for gentleman 58-63 w/upbeat person ality to enjoy family activities camping travel much more #455079

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors rollerblading biking long walks and romantic dinners Looking for SWM 25 30 for LTR #465764

**IT'S ALL GOOD**  
Cool SBF 31 5'8" N/S likes to bowl fish skate and travel seeks SBM 19 35 N/S to share honest friendship romance quality time together #476802

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

**LOST IN MICHIGAN**  
SBPF 29 5'5 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 #229089

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

**CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR**  
Me 26 4'9" 155lbs brown com plected employed YW 5'9" 6'4 190lbs 240lbs single drama free handsome Friendship first maybe long term later #271252

**SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE**  
SWFP 57 long brown hair looking for an educated man 35 55 who likes politics reading and going to movies #520129

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

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

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SBF 33 seeks SBM 30 35 for friendship possible LTR I enjoys movies walks dining out sports and more #588333

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

**56 YEARS**  
**OLD ENTREPRENEUR**  
Pretty SWF successful kind com passionate lots of fun looking for her knight and shining armor any caucasian sincere successful spiritual 55 60 #592074

**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 #752243

**GREAT PERSONALITY**  
Honest caring sincere SWF 51 5'1 108lbs likes festivals movies and friendly drives Seeking honest caring sincere SWM 42 58 #982309

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

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

**ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB**  
Financially secure independent SB/CF 31 57 160lbs enjoys concerts movies din g quiet times and more Seeking SCM 30 45 with similar interests for possible LTR #2117475

**BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE**  
Sports oriented BF 39 no teen age daughters physically challenged loves jazz sports gospel picnics amusement parks Seeking SF 29 45 #223080

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

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

**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 #401088

**CALL ME**  
if you are a business man 60 70 SWM N/S ND homeowner in interests in home care pete alternative medicine sports I'm WF 73 w/the above #416289

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

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

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

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

**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
SBF 45 smoker wants to find friendship possibly more w/gentle man 40 60 who appreciates music travel spending time out doors #460269

**JOURNEY WITH ME**  
through life's adventure DWF 50ish slim blonde enjoys romance travel life to its fullest Seeking financially secure WM 55 65 Let's unravel life's mysteries together #605998

**MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES**  
SWF 18 5'9" blonde/hazel 115lbs hair two grown children loves animals church children sports Seeking a good Christian man 50 62 for friendship first possible LTR #530353

**SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS**  
DWF 54 142lbs 5'6" enjoys blues animals gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SM 5'10" N/S social drinker for LTR #543938

**SOUND LIKE YOU?**  
SWF 18 5'9" blonde/hazel 115lbs sweet honest outgoing likes com certz movies hanging with friends Seeking honest attractive funny outgoing SM for casual dates fun and friendship #562708

**EDUCATED AND POSITIVE**  
SWF 55 5'10" Polite N/S likes the outdoors movies good conversation trivia genealogy restaur ants traveling dogs Seeking intellectual SWM 47 60 #260061

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

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

**SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE**  
Full figured African American woman attractive 44 no children ISO African American male 32 38 to spend quiet evenings I'm carefree love laughter good times concerts plays sportng events travel and quality time #467917

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

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

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

**LIBRA**  
DBF 50 looks much younger enjoys music long walks quiet times Seeking W/AM 35 50 for friendship possible long term relationship #253957

**LONESOME**  
Senior WF retired 5'4" active honest healthy Need the attention of a WM 65 75 enjoys everything easy to please SO hurry up and call me! #449585

**RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM**  
SWF 43 N/S would like to meet an outgoing friendly non smoking man 35 who likes outdoors bicycling walking family #115795

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

**DARK EBONY**  
SBF 42 5'8 full figured seeks intelligent man 48 60 5'8 6'2" medium build or heavier for possible relationship #405593

**WHERE IS MR RIGHT?**  
SF 48 likes dancing bowling to mantic evenings swimming Seeking SM 40 55 with good sense of humor #257065

**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 in shape with eclectic interests currently accepting applications #226364

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

**NOT INTO GAMES**  
Petite WF 50s with herpes willing to give it another chance seeks one on one relationship with SM Race age unimportant #405796

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

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

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

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?**  
I could be it! Attractive SWF 50 5' 105lbs willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM 32 50 for special relationship #418068

**SEMI RETIRED**  
SF 62 5'9 slim fit likes jazz concert symphonies theater travel and outdoors activities Seeking intelligent honest caring humorous gentleman 55 70 with similar interests #467917

**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 #444748

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

**LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR**  
Attractive W/AF 64 redd/blue 5' 150lbs looking for easygoing well groomed gentleman 65 70 who enjoys meeting new people #476645

## men seeking women

**NICE GENTLEMAN**  
SM 29 good person looking for a SB/WF 19-40 for friendship or more Call me lets talk #608930

**EVENINGS AT HOME**  
Respectful SM 39 5'1 slim build N/S delivery man likes to watch movies eat dinner go dancing seeks SBF 23 35 N/S for LTR #527179

**DETROIT'S WEST SIDE**  
SBM 25 6'1 200lbs Leo N/S seeks conversation and friendship with a woman 23 37 How about coffee? #606783

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

**MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC**  
SWM 46 6'2 209lbs brown/blue degreed outgoing personally enjoys outdoors workout new activities seek friendly SF age/ location open #531308

**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 #546509

**KNOW WHAT'S REALLY GOOD?**  
Spending time with this bright enthusiastic optimistic yet realistic SWM who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s #550046

**CUTE & CUDDLY**  
Fun charming helpful male 56 Cancer with wit wisdom and warmth seeks a nice woman 44-62 #478746

**TIME FOR A CHANGE?**  
SWPM 5'8" brown/blue fit enjoys biking jogging being outdoors music movies reading concerts good conversation being with friends and family Seeking emotionally available SWFP 28 44 who is passionate about life #611391

**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 #470377

**SEEKING SOULMATE**  
SBCM 42 5'5 seeks special loving devoted Christian female 5'5+ slim medium build 30 44 with great sense of humor and a warm heart who enjoys movies parks romance laughter for life/love #804659

**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 frndship possible relationship #760359

**UP FRONT**  
SWM 52 slim attractive passionate good hearted financially secure honest N/S with mild herpes likes travel dining n/aut and playing pool ISO W/AF 35 52 N/S fit attractive fun loving #605896

**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 #605961

**A SINCERE GENTLEMAN**  
DWM 58 5'10" 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 #507073

**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 #609136

**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 #331159

**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 #607632

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

**SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP**  
DWM 36 6' 200lbs dark brown/ dark brown Italian features passion for Harley's enjoys weight lifting exercise long walks Seeking S/DWF 26 42 for friends first possibly more #807724

**NEED A SEXY LADY**  
SWM 48 average build hard working loves to have fun looking for a sincere woman 45 50 for LTR Redford area #604036

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

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

**MUST LOVE CHILDREN**  
SBM 41 6'1 220lbs in search of SF 28 45 petite under 130lbs for friendship possible LTR #608072

**HOW ABOUT ME LADIES?**  
Hard working loyal SBM 33 6'1 255lbs seeks appreciative kind hearted SWF 27 35 for quiet times together cuddling picnics BBQs more #986622

**PRECIOUS AND FEW**  
SWM 25 6' 3 average build Cancer N/S seeks WF 38 28 N/S who is honest funny has a great sense of humor loves to cuddle #586382

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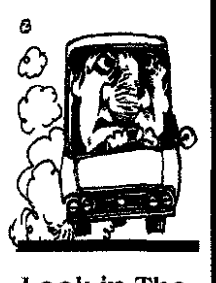
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## The Volvo V50 and Mazda 6 Sport Wagon

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### Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

One of the most welcome things about the proliferation of vehicle types over the last few years has been the return of the station wagon. Minivans arose in the Eighties and took away much of the previous purpose of the traditional wagon, proving to be superior people carriers and just as good in the cargo hold. Then, of course, came the rise of the SUV, with its high profile and boxy back end, pushing the station wagons of old further into the automotive graveyard of history – or so it seemed.

Indeed, for a while there, in the mid-Nineties and later, it seemed as if the whole selection of true station wagons for the American marketplace was down to, say, the Mercury Sable, the Chevrolet Caprice and maybe some strange European bird.

But these days, I'm happy to observe, are experiencing something of a renaissance in what can only be called the traditional station wagon. I guess that automotive designers had experimented with so many different ways of hybridizing vans, wagons, sedans and hatchbacks that they had to have had dozens of designs on their blackboard for a conventional-looking wagon, at any given time. Eventually, there was no avoiding the conclusions that – just as crossovers from the wacky Pontiac Aztek to the small but versatile Chrysler PT Cruiser to the spiffy new Ford Freestyle all have found a place in the new, highly segmented market, so, too could a blast from the past.

I recently tested a couple of this new crop of station wagons, a couple of compacts, neither by an American producer – the Volvo V50 and the Mazda 6 Sport Wagon (although both companies, of course, are affiliated with Ford Motor Co.) Happily, I can report that each car provided a satisfactory experience, although for different needs and in different ways.

Retailing for a suggested \$32,600 for the manual-transmission version I drove, the V50 seemed lit-

The all New Volvo V50 Wagon gets 22 mpg in the city and 31 mpg on the highway.



The Mazda 6 Sport Wagon is larger, and carries a nice payload. The Mazda 6 gets 20 mpg, in the city and 27 mpg on the highway.



erally to glide over the road, providing ample punch and a smooth ride whatever the situation, as well as plentiful cargo space, the larger Mazda 6 Sport Wagon was less zippy but came through admirably both in ride, interior comforts and, especially, payload, though it retails for a considerably less pricey \$24,000 for a base model.

V50 actually shares a mechanical platform with the Mazda 6's smaller sibling, the 3, but obviously what's put on the frame makes all the difference. V50 is an all-new wagon from Volvo, replacing the previous V40. But like the old V40, the V50 still stands apart from the rest of Volvo's lineup both in terms of its compact size and its affordability.

Actually, with its sleek styling including a roof that swoops down to a relatively pinched rear, V50 resembles something of a pocket rocket. And its lack of the traditional Volvo boxiness at the back clearly robs V50 of some of its stowaway space. But while staying within the broad and intriguing guidelines of Volvo's new design theme of the last several years, the V50 perhaps is the line's sportiest member.

What I really enjoyed about the V50 was the ride

The six-speed transmission that I caressed slipped gears smoothly and seamlessly, winding up a 2.5-liter, five-cylinder, 218-horsepower engine that provided plenty of punch from zero to 60 and lots in reserve when I needed a spurt to pass or switch lanes. Mileage is a more than respectable 22 mpg in the city and 31 on the highway.

Something about the power steering and overall handling of the car was magical as well. I really felt as if I were gliding over the roadways, yet always in ultimate control and in reassuring contact with the pavement. I found the ride truly worthy of any sedan's in the price segment, much less a wagon.

The Mazda 6 Sport Wagon is a different creature, built more for the mass market. But its 3.0-liter, V6 engine provided adequate thrust for all driving situations and a pleasing 20 mpg in the city and 27 on the highway. Overall, the Sport Wagon offered the space and versatility of a mid-size wagon along with fairly sporty chassis tuning – and a highly competitive price for the segment.

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Keely Schramm

company I began working for on Monday designs software for newspapers. They developed News Edit Pro, the system we use at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. My official title is Installation and Training Team Manager. You can't leave without writing a column, my

editor said. People will want to know what happened to you.

A lot has happened since I began working at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers on the copy desk in June of 1989. Never, in my wildest dreams, could I have predicted the way life would turn out.

I came to work everyday, did my job, was promoted from copy editor to Arts & Entertainment/Taste section editor to Assistant Managing Editor of Features. When I started working on the Taste and Entertainment sections there wasn't a features department. The Entertainment section was three pages, and a lot of people didn't even notice it because the pages were in the sports section. Over time, staff was added and features became a department. We developed the Arts & Entertainment and Arts & Leisure sections, which evolved into Filter.

Without a doubt I can honestly say I had the best job at the newspaper. It's been a blast. Where else can you get paid to interview and write about actors, musicians, dancers, playwrights, chefs, restaurants, business owners, vacation destinations, and cool houses? Two interviews stand out. Talking to George Burns on the eve of the opening of the former George Burns Theatre in Livonia, and Jerry Lewis who was in town to perform in *Damn Yankees*. Burns said he would die on stage, that nothing pleased him more than performing. Lewis was one of the nicest, most sincere people I've ever met.

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# BEATING THE BLUES

## WINTER HATERS CAN COMMISERATE AT MUSIC FESTIVAL



**G**ray weather inspires the blues so here's a reason to celebrate the cold:

If Detroit didn't have such depressing weather we might not have such great musical events like the upcoming Winter Blows Blues Festival and the Coldstock '05.

Both festivals are all about bringing blues musicians and its fans together for an evening of warmth. Winter Blows is on Sunday, March 6, at Herman's Old Town Grill in Plymouth. Coldstock '05 is Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25 and 26, at Hastings Street Ballroom in Detroit.

"Well we all know that winter blows, but the reason for Winter Blows is about the horns," said festival organizer Dave Danielle of the Sax Maniacs. "We're featuring bands with wind instruments. It's a fun concept to showcase newer Detroit blues musicians -- to give them a chance to be appreciated and play with some old time favorites."

One of those favorites is The Soulshakers Blues Band, whose

members performed with the famous Butler Twins blues act -- the brothers, Clarence and Curtis passed away just a year apart in 2003 and 2004, respectively.

Winter Blows benefits the Motor City Music Foundation, which hosts the Detroit Music Awards. Danielle said the festival will be recorded and a CD should be out later this year.

"Detroit has a strong blues community and we're trying to document as many events as possible to hold onto our heritage, to document it for the future."

Coldstock '05 is a two-day event featuring Denny Baran & The Bluesaholics, Jeff Grand & The Grandmasters, "Lonesome" Dave Paul and many others.

"Blues festivals are usually friendly events because everyone who comes is there for the music," Danielle said. "It's nice to see older and younger people together -- all there to appreciate the music."

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### THE WINTER BLOWS BLUES FESTIVAL

**When:** 8 p.m. Sunday March 6  
**Where:** Herman's Old Town Grill 195 W Liberty Plymouth (734) 451-1213  
**Who's playing:** the bugs Beddow Band The Sax Maniacs The Carl Henry Band The Smokin' 45s and the Soulshakers Blues Band Master of ceremonies is musician and writer Luther Badman Keith  
**Proceeds:** Benefit The Detroit Blues Society and WDET FM Radio  
**Admission:** \$5

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**When:** Doors open at 5 p.m. Friday Feb. 25 and 3:30 Saturday Feb. 26  
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STORY BY LANA MINI | STAFF WRITER



The Sax Maniacs are one of the featured acts at the Winter Blows Blues Festival. Above left, Dave Daniels of the Sax Maniacs and the Detroit Music Awards organized the festival that features an array of horn players.



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On stage



PHOTO BY RICK SMITH

Sarab Kamoo, from left, Matthew Phenix, Neil Necastro and Jerri Doll appear in *Private Lives* by Noel Coward at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester Hills

## Meadow Brook offers up a battle of the sexes

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Following Valentine's Day, what could be funnier than a good, no-holds-barred battle of the sexes?

Meadow Brook Theatre's production of Noel Coward's *Private Lives*, which continues through March 6 at the Rochester Hills venue on the campus of Oakland University, promises a good fight.

But there will be a limit on the physical fights between the characters, a divorced couple, recently remarried, who separately go on honeymoon only to encounter one another in adjacent suites.

'We're doing it in the very classic style,' said Meadow Brook Artistic Director David Regal. But I was concerned about, as described in the play, the slapping matches. This felt too edgy for me in this day and age.

So a few of the drag down fights that ensue between the characters, members of the 1930s upper-class, manifest

themselves with pillow-throwing, playful tacking and the slinging of various objects from across the room. But the source of humor – that can't-live-with-them-can't-live-without-them antagonism – remains

### ON STAGE

**What.** Meadow Brook Theatre presents Noel Coward's 'Private Lives'

**When:** Through March 6 shows at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday with some 2 p.m. matinees

**Where:** Meadow Brook Theatre, 207 Wilson Hall, on the campus of Oakland University Rochester Hills

**Tickets:** \$22-32 call Meadow Brook Theatre Box Office at (248) 377-3300 or visit [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com)

The lead characters, Elyot and Amanda, played by Meadow Brook newcomers Neil Necastro and Sarab Kamoo, ultimately ditch their respective honeymoons and steal away to Paris. The new spouses they left behind catch up to them in Amanda's Paris flat in the last act and more fireworks fly.

'It really gives us a very clear picture of the upper class of the 30s, the idle rich. We never find out what they do for a living and where they got their money,' said Regal.

But *Private Lives* eschews reality for silly, comic romance with an old-time feel, he said. 'We think it's the equivalent of

a '30s sitcom, great situations and humorous witty dialogue.'

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Mike Anthony from left as Falstaff and Chris Roady as Prince Hal in The Hilberry Theatre's production of William Shakespeare's Henry IV Part I

PHOTO BY NICOLE M. YOUNG COURTESY OF THE HILBERRY THEATRE

## Hilberry Theatre opens 'Henry IV, Part I'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Theater companies in metro Detroit don't often mount full scale productions of William Shakespeare works

Producing the Bard's plays are expensive, work intensive and a risk with mainstream audiences, so often university theater companies are left to do the job

But it's a job The Hilberry Theatre Wayne State University's graduate theater ensemble is glad to do

Their production of *Henry IV, Part I* opens Friday March 4 and continues through May 5

It's just a great niche here in Detroit because we don't have a regional theater here Blair Anderson chair of the Wayne State University Department of Theatre said of the university's commitment to Shakespearean drama

*Henry IV Part I* continues the saga of the Bolingbroke family that Shakespeare began in his play *Richard II* The story surrounds the recently crowned King Henry known as Bolingbroke in *Richard II*, and the challenges that threaten his territory and the future of the throne

### FROM THE BARD

**What** William Shakespeare's *Henry IV Part I*

**When** Opens Friday March 4 and continues in rotating repertory through May 5

**Where** The Hilberry Theatre Cass at Hancock on the campus of Wayne State University Detroit

**Tickets:** \$13.22 with student rush tickets available the day of the show for \$10 call the box office (313) 577-2972 or visit [www.theatre.wayne.edu](http://www.theatre.wayne.edu)

It's important to share Shakespeare's look at royalty and the upper classes Anderson said adding "We haven't done an historical play in quite some time"

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## Drinkology

# Take a rum run to the Caribbean

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
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# ART OF WAR

STORY BY NICOLE STAFFORD | STAFF WRITER

## CRANBROOK SEES IRAQ THROUGH THE ARTIST'S EYES



'The IED Attack on the Lead Humvee on River Road' depicts the aftermath of a land mine explosion.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

The media's daily reports on Iraq often suggest the war is a repetitious circle of events. An attack by rebel forces early in the week precedes the death of an American military soldier a few days later followed by yet another devastating bomb explosion.

No doubt the accompanying images of war are powerful and telling. But does the media's sweeping coverage paint the entire picture?

*Drawing From Life*, an exhibit of drawings depicting military and civilian life running at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills, answers the question with a

resounding "no."

"We're not starved for images of Iraq," said Gregory Wittkopp, museum director. "But what an artist brings to the story is humanity."

*Drawing From Life* continues through April 3. A film series featuring two award-winning documentaries about the war in Iraq also runs this weekend at Cranbrook.

The 40 watercolor and sepia drawings in the exhibit were created by Steve Mumford, an artist imbedded in Iraq for the on-line magazine Artnet.com. The New York-based artist made four trips to Iraq in 2003 and 2004, spending a total of

about 10 months traveling and working in the region. Mumford ultimately created hundreds of works for Artnet.com, garnering much media attention, including ABC News Person of the Week in December 2004.

Many of his works convey a quiet normalcy and less-than-dramatic day-to-day existence in Iraq: a soldier taking a nap, an Iraqi tailor doing repairs inside an American military base, another soldier practicing his golf swing outside a former Saddam palace.

Wittkopp, who co-organized the exhibit with Matthew Kolodziej, assistant professor of art, University of Akron, hopes

the arrangement gives visitors "a sense of the ebb and flow."

The viewer, for instance, might encounter a work depicting a military base with nothing taking place followed by Mumford's portrayal of a nighttime raid and then a sketch of two young Iraqi boys seeking money to run errands for American soldiers.

But several of Mumford's works capture a surreal beauty in the chaos of battle. *The IED Attack on the Lead Humvee on River Road* depicts the aftermath of a land mine explosion on an Humvee from the interior window of the vehicle directly behind it. Outside the

tanks, a melba peach light surrounds a haze of smoke near the explosion. The control panels and soldier's face inside the Humvee remain dark but glow in the artificial green light emitted by the equipment.

"It's just much more palpable — the humidity, the density of the night, the sounds, the wind in the air," Wittkopp said of the drawings. "This is what it means to view life in Iraq from the eyes of the artist."

Adam Shapiro, co-director of the documentary *About Baghdad*, which runs Friday at Cranbrook, couldn't agree

PLEASE SEE IRAQ, D10



Left to right, soldiers engage in a fire fight in a sketch by Steve Mumford, who was imbedded in Iraq for the on-line magazine Artnet.com. Mumford's war images have a surreal beauty. His drawings portray a variety of scenes in Iraq, including U.S. military forces set up in former Saddam palaces.



## Club scene

# Musician makes it eclectic at the Ground Round



Terry Jacoby doesn't limit himself to one musical era when he performs at The Ground Round in Livonia. He'll sing obscure Springsteen, popular Sarah McLaughlin, and tunes by U2 and John Mayer.

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Musician Terry Jacoby has seen Bruce Springsteen perform at least 40 times.

Watching a master songwriter like The Boss performing on stage is inspiring for Jacoby, a writer himself. It rouses him to write, sing, play guitar and harmonica with passion.

It doesn't matter if Jacoby is singing his own songs or music from others, the passion is still there. He strives to play music that people will remember.

Jacoby, of Wixom, performs every Saturday night at the Ground Round in Livonia. His nearly three-hour show isn't packed with just predictable covers tunes.

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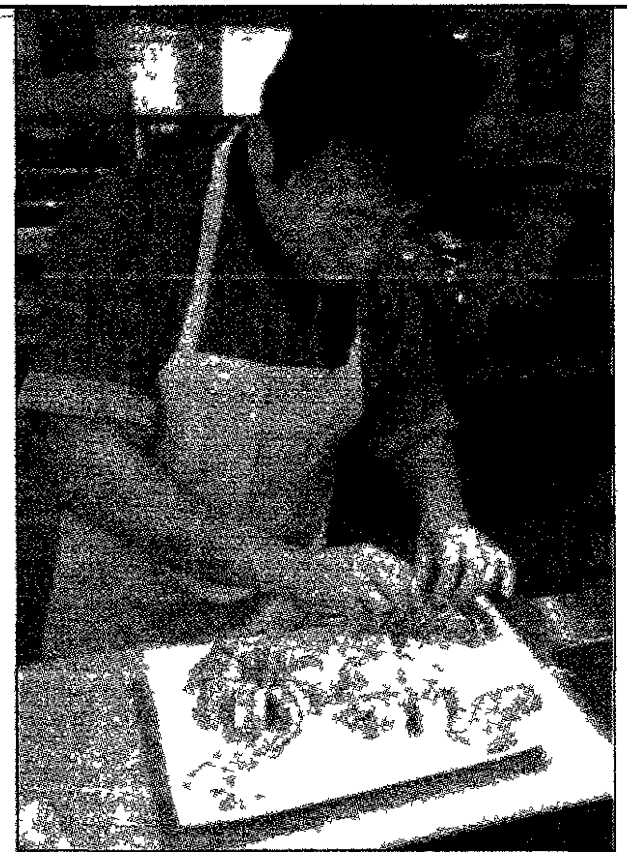
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**New Japanese eatery  
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**YOTSUBA JAPANESE RESTAURANT**

**Where:** 7365 Orchard Lake Road (north of 14 Mile) West Bloomfield (248)737-8282

**Open:** Monday-Thursday 11 30a m -10p m Until 11p m Friday and Saturday Sunday noon-9 30p m

**Food style:** Beautifully garnished authentic Japanese dishes including sushi and sashimi prepared to order

**Cost:** Nigiri sushi \$2.50-\$5.50 per piece Sushi rolls \$3-\$6 Japanese specialties average \$12 and under

**Reservations:** recommended Other location 2222 Hogback Road, Ann Arbor (734)971-5168

Yotsuba translates from Japanese as four leaf clover. "Because it's rare, Japanese people also consider the four leaf clover a symbol of good luck," said owner Ann Lin, who opened Yotsuba late last November but who acquired a full liquor license only recently. Lin is not a newcomer to Japanese restaurant ownership. In 1989, she opened Miki in Ann Arbor and sold it in 1996. She missed the business, so opened Yotsuba there in 2001.

"When I saw this West Bloomfield place (formerly a Japanese eatery that closed) I liked it immediately," Lin said. "It's large (seating 100) with a tatami room for 25 and bigger groups can be accommodated."

**CLASSY DECOR**

Yotsuba's atmosphere and decor mirrors its classy owner. A centrally placed sushi bar seats 20. Blonde wood chairs and flooring create a bright and attractive accent that is both simple and expressive of Japanese artistry.

An open ceiling gives the impression of spaciousness. Eating areas on two levels cut both noise and offer the sense of intimacy.

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Ann Lin opened Yotsuba last November

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njoy dinner at a  
ate Japanese restaurant, ordering  
kase, meaning Chef s Choice, is the  
go At Yotsuba that means allowing  
chef Toshi Iwaishi (nicknamed Rocky)  
pare about seven traditional and  
ive Japanese courses  
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Lin indicated "The difference in  
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ctions from sushi to sashimi and on  
anese specialties are broad, both at  
and dinner Two salads are musts  
agus and Avocado or King Crab Soft  
Crab, deep fried and served with  
sauce or Tuna Tataki, lightly seared,  
liced fresh tuna served with a  
te sauce are appetizers, that with  
Soup or Vegetable Gyoza Soup, make  
ous light lunch

Then there are  
Lunch Sets such as  
Teryaki or  
Tempura Kamo  
Don, tender roast  
duck served on a  
bed of rice (\$10) is  
an outstanding  
Donbun choice

Yotsuba Kaiseki  
Bento (\$13), served  
with a house salad,  
miso soup and  
white rice, offers a  
wide assortment of  
exemplary  
Japanese dishes,  
including shrimp  
and vegetable tem-  
pura

#### DINNER DELIGHTS

If you don't choose the Omekase route,  
don't miss ordering Gyoza, pan-fried  
dumplings served with a spicy dipping  
sauce and the Japanese-French fusion dish  
Komo L'Orange, pan-fried duck breast  
served with signature Grand Marnier  
orange sauce

Seafood lovers have abundant choices  
Then, there are Sets or Ochazuke (rice  
soups generally ordered after a main course  
or as a light meal) or Nabemono, cooked to  
order tableside, or Bento boxes

Leave room for dessert Passionberry  
Duo is a good choice

"Hopefully, diners, who don't know  
Japanese food and who still believe that  
sushi is all raw fish, will come to Yotsuba to  
learn that this is not true," Lin concluded  
"I hope that they will also come to try the  
wide selection of other Japanese dishes our  
chefs make"

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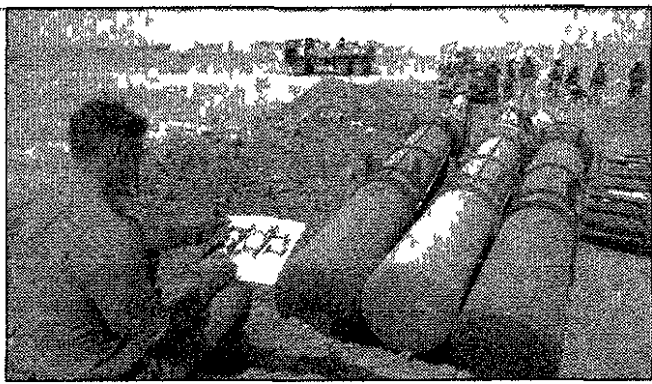


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Steve Mumford, a New York-based artist made four trips to Iraq in 2003 and 2004

## IRAQ

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more "Artists are trying to find out the spirit of things and more about what's going on in people's lives, whereas the news media is driven by headlines," said Shapiro, who went to Iraq for a month in 2003 to shoot footage for the film

*About Baghdad*, a series of interviews with Iraqi citizens, won 2004 Best Documentary at the Big Apple Film Festival in New York. *Control Room*, which shows Sunday, profiles the controversial Arab television network Al-

Jazeera and won the 2004 Grand Jury Prize for Best Film Documentary at the Sundance Film Festival

Of course artists and members of the media understandably have different goals, said Shapiro "Artists are interested in presenting what they see, and the news media is interested in presenting what its audience wants"

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## RELATED FILMS

**What:** Two award-winning documentaries about Iraq, 'About Baghdad' and 'Control Room'

**When:** 'About Baghdad,' 7 p m Friday, and 'Control Room' 2 p m Sunday

**Where:** Cranbrook Art Museum (deSalle Auditorium), 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

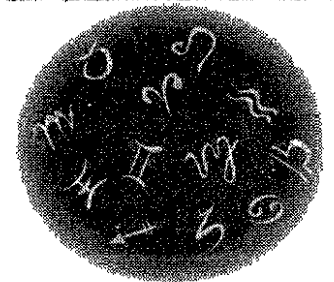
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## Star struck

(Feb 24 26)

By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Before issuing some kind of ultimatum do everything in your power to find out why partners close companions have been acting in such a strange secretive manner Chances are that the are as bewildered by recent developments as you are and therefore cannot be held completely responsible for their actions

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Your ruling planet Venus says now you have the wherewithal to transform every situation you encounter and to cease feeling trapped by situations that have lost their sparkle Determine what you want what opportunities have been overlooked and above all what personal resources are still untapped

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Although by nature you like to know all the ins and outs and the whys and wherefores the best results now will be achieved by taking a great deal more on trust - whether dealing with affairs of the heart or long term career issues Be open minded not open mouthed

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Having recently accepted an invitation challenge or taken on board certain new responsibilities you must now deliver the goods Moon Kid To do so may exhaust you and keep your nose to the grindstone a while longer but in this instance the financial rewards could be quite phenomenal

### LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

It's astro arm wrestling time Lion! Not everyone you have to deal with this week either in your personal life or at work will be as tuned in as you are so expect others to frustrate you (Sorry) But don't let your anger show That will only encourage them Purr don't growl

### VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

No one knows just how strong you are kiddo Ingenuity is the key operative word now whether your current probs be of intensely personal or financial nature You have been through the mill and put to the test The moment has come to do something just because you have an overwhelming urge to do it

### LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

There seems to be quite a lot taking place behind the scenes and so much uncertainty about career or family matters no wonder you are unable to plan ahead! However this week's planetary set up will bring light to info that will enable you to work on these matters The approaching Spring promises a dream or two coming true

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

On any journey we must find out where we are before we can plan the first step Scorpio Therefore by mid week's Full Moon you need to put your own house in order then put others the picture and place your trust in those who have stood by you through all the recent trials

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Although it would be silly to make you believe that you can't put a wrong foot forward now an extremely confusing cycle concerning cash flow is coming to an end Archer Therefore you no longer need to bow and scrape or accept any situation that goes against your principles or beliefs

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

Unusually powerful planetary influences now denote a time of far reaching changes in close personal and professional relationships However having pleaded with others to be totally honest you really cannot complain if what you're told isn't exactly flattering Cap! Don't lose sight of who you are

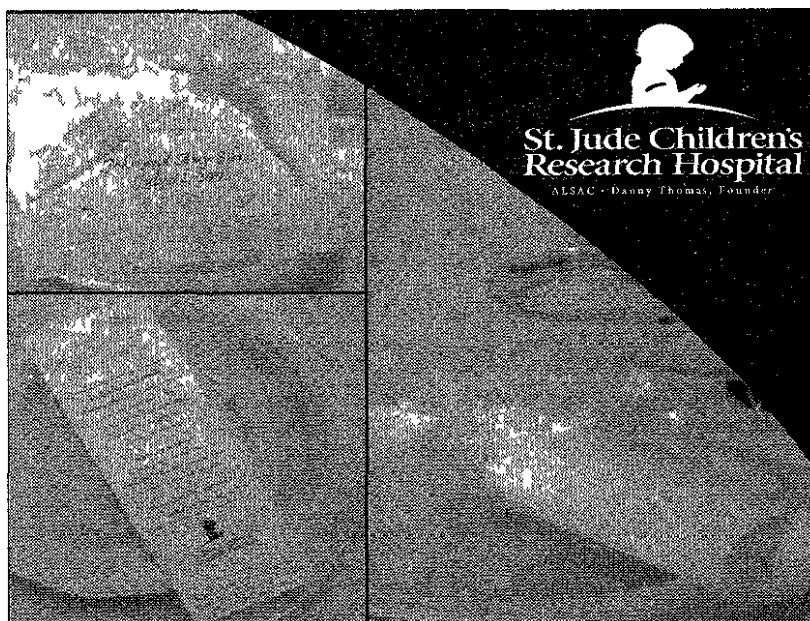
### AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

This time of year the Sun in the water element is supposed to give you the wanderlust as well as another window on the world You certainly deserve a break and a lot of praise for the way you have kept your head during a long phase of conflict and financial struggle Dance to your own tune Water Bearer

### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

At this time of year the Sun passing through your house of self esteem makes you wonder if you are being too gentle and understanding right? What is certain is a series of decisive aspects to your ruling planet Moon signify that believing in yourself is one of life's most challenging tasks

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham based astrologer and author of several books on divination For information about personal consultations phone (248) 546 6912 or e mail [DenFairchild@aol.com](mailto:DenFairchild@aol.com)



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 www.mbtheatre.com

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 30 p.m. Thursday Friday 3 p.m. & 8 30 p.m.  
 Saturday 2 p.m. & 7.30 p.m. Sunday  
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 Music Hall Center for the Performing  
 Arts 350 Madison Detroit (313) 872 0279  
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 Leroux's novel March 27 8 p.m. Tuesday  
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 p.m. Saturday Sunday Feb 26 25 E  
 Grand River Detroit \$5 children \$7  
 adults (313) 961 7777

**Open Bag Productions**  
*Alice in Wonderland* lunch noon show 1

p.m. Saturday noon lunch Sunday 2 p.m.  
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 March 19 20 Theatre Livonia in Livonia  
 Mall 29516 Seven Mile Road at  
 Middlebelt use G entrance on north  
 side of mall Lunch & show \$10 show  
 only \$7 Auditions for *Tom Sawyer* 4 8  
 p.m. Tuesday Wednesday Feb 22 23  
 ages 5 18 at Theatre Livonia (586) 344  
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## Marquise Theatre

*Peter Cottontail* a musical version of  
 the Beatrix Potter classic 2 p.m.  
 Saturdays March 12 19 and April 2 9 16  
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 1 at the Marquise Theatre 135 E. Main  
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 rates call (248)349 8110

## First Theater Guild

*The Velveteen Rabbit* adaptation of  
 Margery Williams classic story 8 p.m.  
 Friday Saturday March 11 12 and 2 p.m.  
 Sunday March 13 at the Knox Auditorium  
 at First Presbyterian Church 1669 Maple  
 Road Birmingham Tickets \$5 For ticket  
 reservations call (248)644 2087 ext 151

## 'On The Record'

New musical featuring more than 60  
 songs from Disney's most popular  
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 Theatre 3011 W Grand Blvd Detroit  
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## Community House

*Peter Pan* Musical version of J.M. Barrie's  
 famous story of the boy who wouldn't  
 grow up 10 30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday  
 March 5 and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday  
 March 6 Tickets \$8 and \$10 at the door  
 At the Sara Evelyn Smith Stage in the  
 Wallace Ballroom at The Community  
 House 380 South Bates St Birmingham  
 Call (248)644 5832

## COMMUNITY/COLLEGE THEATER

### Main Stage Theatre Guild

*No No A Million Times No* a musical  
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 Saturday 4 p.m. Sunday Feb 26 27

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 entrance on north side of mall \$12 \$6  
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## Novi Theatres

*My Fair Lady* Lerner and Loewe's musi  
 cal version of Shaw's *Pygmalion* Friday  
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## Rochester College Theatre

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 Thursday Friday 2 p.m. Sunday at the  
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## Bloomfield Players Community Theatre

*The Music Man* Meredith Willson's musi  
 cal about a lovable con artist 7 30 p.m.  
 Fridays Saturdays March 4 5 11 12 and 2  
 p.m. Sundays March 6 and 13 Tickets \$12  
 available from the Bloomfield Hills  
 Recreation Office 4200 Quarton Road  
 For group rates call (248)433 0885

## Heartland Theatre Company

*Box Step* by Seth Kramer Script reading  
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 28 on the campus of Oakland University  
 Suggested donation \$5 For information  
 call (248) 377 3300

## Flint City Theatre

*Like Mother Like Hell* Play by Rikki  
 Schwartz 7 p.m. Sunday Feb 27 at the  
 Good Beans Cafe 328 N Grand Traverse  
 Flint

## Village Players

*The Skin of Our Teeth* William Saroyan  
 Pulitzer Prize winning comedy 8 p.m.  
 March Friday Saturday 4 5 11 2 and 2  
 p.m. Sunday March 6 and 13 at the the  
 ater 34660 Woodward Birmingham  
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### Tony n' Tina's Wedding

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 ter.com

## Rogerland Productions

*Run for your Wife* by Ray Cooney 6 30  
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 Saturday through Feb 25 \$25 per per  
 son show only \$12 per person tax tip  
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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Coldstock

At the Hastings Street Ballroom 715 E  
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 Saturday Feb 26 \$30 good Friday  
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### British Isles Spectacular

Motor City Brass Band presents music  
 from England Ireland Scotland and  
 Wales featuring coronet virtuoso Amy  
 Nelson The program will open with bag  
 pipers 8 p.m. Saturday March 5 at the  
 Ford Performing Arts Center 15801  
 Michigan Ave Dearborn Tickets \$12 for  
 adults \$10 for seniors and students free  
 for children under 12 For tickets call  
 (313)943 2354

### Dinner auction

An Evening of Black Satin and Pearls is  
 planned for this year's *Artful Affair* pre  
 sented by the Plymouth Community Arts  
 Council As the only major fund raiser  
 for the Arts Council each year the goal  
 for the Dinner Auction is \$50 000 with  
 proceeds going toward their many and  
 varied educational and community arts  
 programs The VisTaTech Center at  
 Schoolcraft College in Livonia will be the  
 location for this elegant evening of fine  
 dining fun dancing to the sounds of  
 Channel 6 and wonderful live and silent  
 auction items The Saturday March 19  
 event will begin at 5 30 p.m. Advance  
 tickets are \$85 per person call (734) 416  
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### Camp & activities fair

The 16th annual Super Summer for Kids  
 A Camp & Activities Fair offering one  
 stop shopping for interesting and stimu  
 lating camps is set for Sunday Feb 27 in  
 the Birmingham Public Schools  
 Corporate Training and Conference  
 Center 31301 Evergreen Beverly Hills  
 (behind Groves High School)  
 More than 70 U.S. and Canadian Camps  
 both day and overnight will be show  
 cased at the event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Many new camps will attend this year  
 according to Elaine Sturnam camp fair  
 organizer in addition new programs for  
 older children that include overnight  
 travel programs computer camps  
 sports camps and programs that have a  
 community service component will be  
 represented Admission is free In addi  
 tion high school and college students  
 interested in summer employment will  
 also have the opportunity to obtain  
 information The camp fair is presented  
 by Elaine S. Events and co sponsored by  
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### President's Collage Concert

Henry Ford Community College musical  
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 Dearborn

### Warren Concert Band

Sounds of America featuring the music  
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 more information call (248)645 2276

### Pro Musica

Richard Kogan and George Gershwin by  
 Proxy 8 p.m. Saturday Feb 26 featuring  
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 Rhapsody in Blue and Porgy and Bess  
 Fantasy at the Music Box at the Max  
 Woodward Avenue Detroit Tickets \$40  
 call (313)576 5111

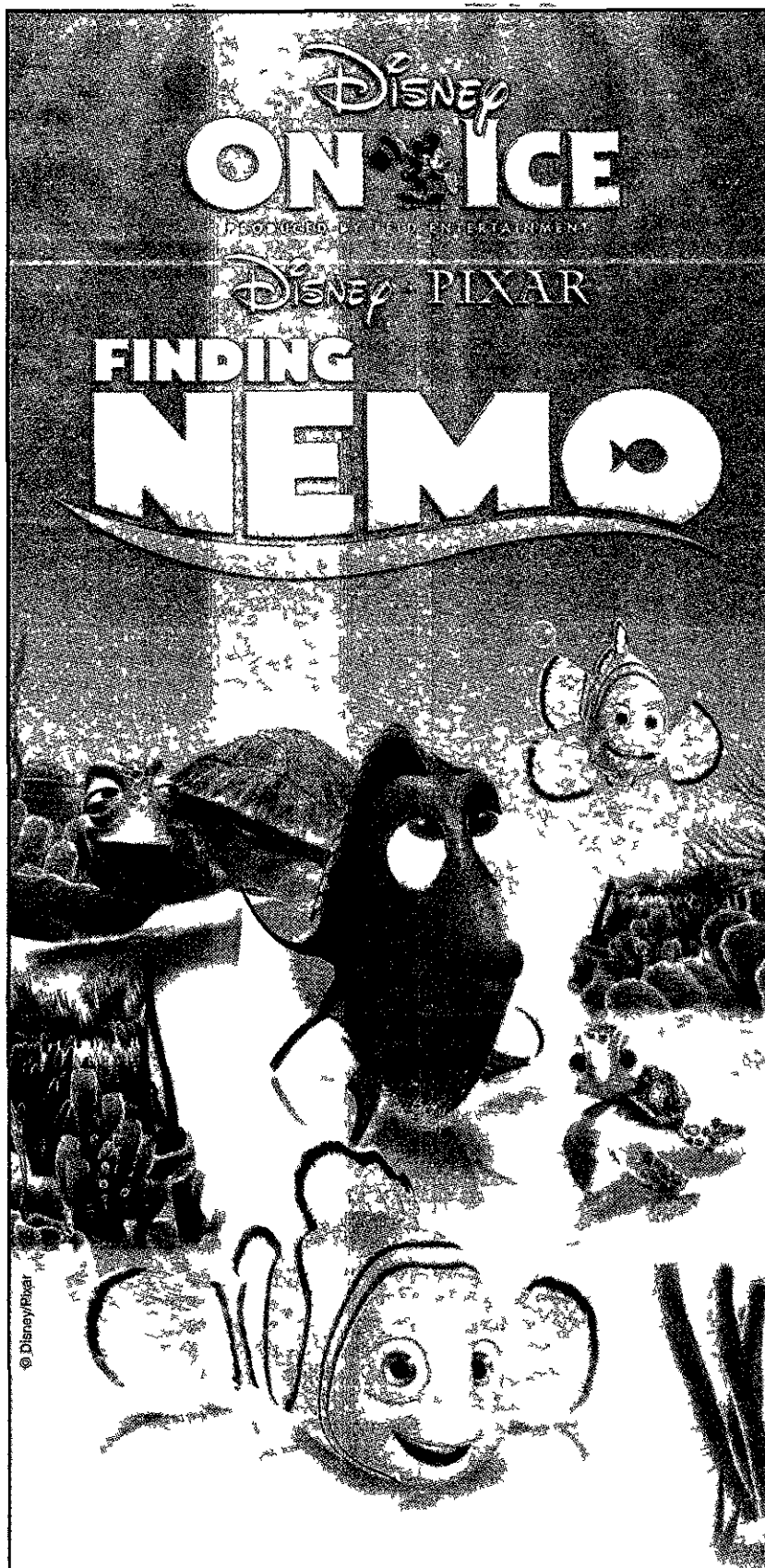
### Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings

The groups performs music by  
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 Sunday Feb 27 at the Birmingham  
 Temple 28611 W 12 Mile Road Farmington  
 Hills Tickets \$25 for adults \$22 for sen  
 iors and \$10 for students Call (248) 559  
 2095 and at 8 p.m. Thursday March 3 at  
 the Music Box at the Max Woodward  
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### A Midsummer's Night's Dream

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## Family fun Candy store hosts old- fashion carnival

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER



Fun House Candy Store carries old-fashion candy

It will be an old-fashion carnival with modern twists

Games like the floating rubber ducks and the hit-the-bell-with-the-hammer contest are among the 19 different games

### CANDY CARNIVAL

**What** An old-fashion carnival to benefit the Salvation Army

**Where** The Fun House Candy Store, 25 S Main Street Clawson

**When:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26

**Admission:** Free. Tickets to play games five for \$1. For more information (248) 307-0534

that will be featured at the Winter Carnival at the Fun House Candy Store on Saturday, Feb. 26. Near those old-style games will also be a chocolate fountain where patrons can dip breads, candies and fruits in rich milk chocolate.

There will also be fresh popcorn, cotton candy, face painting, caricature artists, clowns and more.

Everything that a carnival offers well, almost.

"The only thing we won't have are rides

and summer temperatures," said Fun House Candy Store co-owner Colin Ayres. The carnival is an event to introduce new people to the old-style store and to raise money for the Salvation Army Bazaar and Bread fund.

The idea was introduced by child customer Ayres Cahaney, 12, whose mother owns the chocolate fountain. Since he is 8 years old, Cahaney has set up the fountain at various locations and then donates proceeds from the sales to The Salvation Army.

"He's an amazing child who will bring his good work here," Ayres said. "We were so motivated by Alec that we thought we'd help him. Knowing that many people in metro-Detroit have been affected by the harsh winter and economy we wanted to do our part."

His mother, Cat, owns the carnival game company called A Step Outside of the Box, and is donating the items to the carnival.

And while candy stores and carnivals seem like they would be a place primarily for kids, Ayres said just as many adults are expected to attend.

"Baby boomers love it," Ayres said. "We've hit a niche specializing in hard-to-find candies. People love to find their old favorites here."

## FAREWELL

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orchestras fill their houses by writing about them is one of my proudest accomplishments. These volunteers contribute to the quality of life in our communities and make them better places to live and work in.

My staff — Ken Abramczyk, Mary Klemic, Lana Mini and Nicole Stafford — is excellent and committed to community journalism. They take their mission very seriously. The feature sections — At Home, Taste, Filter, Real Estate and New Homes, along with special sections like Academic All Stars and Spring Home Improvement — are reflections of their creativity and hard work.

Change is certain in life. You can't stop it, but you can change how you react to it. I try to keep a positive attitude, even when horrible things happen. Like when my husband of 18 years died Dec. 17, 2000, after a short battle with leukemia.

My coworkers rallied to support me and applauded my victories — losing over 60 pounds, earning an MBA from Walsh College and graduating cum laude, learning how to listen and be a good manager, adopting my maiden name Kaleski to rediscover "Keely," picking up the clarinet after many years and joining the Farmington and later Ann Arbor Concert Band. Going on dates in my 40s and meeting the man who would become my second husband.

Life, I've learned, is fragile, and not predictable. But when one door closes, another one opens. You just have to be brave enough to walk through it.

Here's my secret to success: Build on accomplishments to create opportunity, follow your passion, take chances, don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone, it's the only way you'll grow, and try to make a difference.

Best of luck, and thank you for letting me tell your stories and provide news you could use for nearly 16 years. It's been an honor.



# Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you

## Local Music

Combine the girl group with Detroit rock of the 70s you have **Gore Gore**. And they are everywhere lately. Just released EP *7X4* and playing a ton of shows to support it including tonight with **Riots and The Gs**. I want to know more about



The girls your mother warned you about. The Gore Gore Girls play tonight at the Blind Pig

but the **Blowout** took up all my space this week. Check the sassy ladies out in that photo though. The GG Girls will play tonight (Thursday) at the **Blind Pig** in Ann Arbor. Doors at 9:30 p.m. 18 and out \$10 for those under 21 and \$8 for those who can legally get smashed. For more on the band click [www.goregoregirls.com](http://www.goregoregirls.com)

**How** OK I have to be honest with you guys. Though I've always hyped the **Hamtramck Blowout** I've yet to actually attend anything beyond the launch party each year. We work late nights here at the O&E and pay for a wristband for the one night I'm off to see. It's like I can see all the time never seemed worth it. But this year, oh this year is different. I've got Friday off work and plan to attend the whole "relative deleted" weekend. The **Blowout Pre Party** where you can purchase a wristband for the entire weekend is Wednesday night at the **Majestic Theatre Complex** in Detroit. Starting the pre party from focusing solely on the **Majestic Theatre** will feature hip hop acts including the **Black Bottom Collective** and **So!**. The **Hamtramck Bowl** will have electronic acts such as **My Edgar** and **Team Dorkwave**. And the **Magic** will have rock acts **TANI**, **Lee Marvin**, **Computer**, **Tiny Steps** and more. As far as the rest of the weekend goes, here are acts I recommend checking out:

- Thursday, March 3:**  
Mom punk rockers **The Candy Band** @ the **Belmont**  
Quirky cult worthy bands **His Name is Alive** and **Nomo** @ **New Dodge**
- Friday, March 4:**  
Prog rockers **PAIK** @ **The Attic**  
Stop Pop and Rollers **Great Lakes Myth Society** @ **Polish Sea League**  
High energy punk band **Bang! Bang!** @ **Knights of Columbus**
- Saturday, March 5:**  
Alt country troubadours **The Wrenfields** @ **Adam's Corner Bar**  
Much talked about singer/songwriter **Ryan Elliott's DJ set** @ **Diesel**  
In case you missed him last week **Nathaniel Mayer** and **the Shanks** @ **Small's**  
Hey this is just the small part of a giant block of ice. For a complete schedule including information on where you can buy wristbands early for a discounted price check out [www.metrotimes.com/blowout](http://www.metrotimes.com/blowout)

**Album** What's more perfect after Mother Nature dumps a bunch of snow on us than an EP called *Winter Songs*? Yeah, not much. Maybe burying yourself under blankets and drinking hot chocolate. But you're going to need something to listen to while you do so, and this album of seven songs by **Matt Pond PA** is perfect. Clocking in at 20 minutes (can we discuss how some full length albums are only 25 minutes?) the record consists of three covers (can we discuss how much I love covers when they are done well?) including an excellent outside the box cover of the **Neutral Milk Hotel** tune *In the Aeroplane Over the Sea* (can we discuss how much I love NMH?).

As far as sound, MMPA's warm, upbeat melodies and sprawling lullabies are like **Treasure State** on downers. This is music that sidewinds. (Sidenote: A little internet research found **Treasure State** are still together, deeming that reference still current!)

For more on the band, check out [www.mattpondpa.com](http://www.mattpondpa.com)

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## CITY BITES

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### Escape to the Caribbean

Food festival continues through April 3 at Kruse &

Muier restaurants including locations in the Village of Rochester. **Grand Blanc** at the Grand Mall and **Lake Orion**, as well as the **Rochester Chop House** and **Kabin Kruser's Oyster Bar** in downtown Rochester. Visit [www.kruseandmuierrestaurants.com](http://www.kruseandmuierrestaurants.com) for details. Guests will enjoy a variety of traditional island recipes including **Bahamian Conch Chowder**, **Coconut Shrimp**, **Grand Cayman Grouper** and **Caribbean Mojo Steak**.

## MUSIC

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Jacoby said "It can be an Elvis hit or something more obscure like *Dear Prudence* from **The Beatles**—just good songs."

The **Ground Round** is a casual grill and bar that serves burgers, wraps, soups, salads, pastas and beers, wines and frozen drinks. On Saturday nights, **Jacoby** strives to turn it into an entertainment venue where audiences do more than dine.

"If you play guitar, come play a tune with me," **Jacoby** will ask the audience. "If you can sing, join me for a song."

And the audience often responds. **Jacoby** performs mostly covers, but will throw a few original tunes into the mix.

But I know people want to hear music they can sing too, so I'll play what they want to hear."

But that doesn't mean **Jacoby**, a journalist by day, doesn't take his own

song-writing seriously.

"Lyrics are important to me." Lately he's been busy honing his own words. The song *With Her Next Breath* is about the passing of **Jacoby's** friend and the spouse that was left behind.

"She hears footsteps like we hear thunder, feels pain like a child feels joy. Have you ever met your hero, then watch helplessly as he's destroyed."

And from a song called *Standing Again*, **Jacoby** writes,

"I was Superman who could not fly, I was a billionaire just getting by."

And as another creative outlet, **Jacoby**, a journalist by day, is also reforming his band from his Eastern Michigan University days. **Terry and the Pirates**, named after an old comic strip, was a relatively well-known name at EMU in the mid 80s. **Jacoby** hopes that band will eventually perform around metro-Detroit later this year.

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Richard Coates, TIME MAGAZINE

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# Gobble, gobble, gobble, this turkey really stinks

It is just too easy *Blood Freak* is about a guy who turns into a giant turkey will not insult turkeys by making outrageous remarks about them. This does enough to tarnish their eddy fowl reputation.

But where to begin examining this turkey, no, I'm sorry. This motion picture.

Made in 1972, *Blood Freak* is, believe it or not, a morality play, about the evils of drug abuse, food additives and the hippy way of life. It also unintentionally makes a statement about long hair, mustaches and sideburns and why they are best left as relics of that era.

Herschell is a rather large and seemingly not bright guy who meets up with a Bible-reading gal who has a hippie pot-smoker and equally bad pals who do nothing but get high, man. Like, man, are groovy. Can you dig it? It's their

Herschell simultaneously gets hooked on drugs and gets a job at a turkey farm, where he becomes the victim of an experimental drug test.

It's hard to determine what's worse, the scene of Herschell getting high or the prolonged stuffing of Herschell as he downs practically a whole turkey by himself.

Wait, I know what's worse. The acting. Not a single person here can act or even come close to acting, except for maybe Herschell, who at least gives it a try. Everyone else seems to be a relative of director, producer, writer pair of Steve Hawkes or Brad Grinter. Or maybe they worked cheap.

Whatever, after gorging himself, Herschell passes out. When he awakes, he finds that he has the head of a turkey. Herschell gobbles his way across the countryside drinking the blood of people he hangs upside-down from a ladder and whose throats he cuts.

Charming. When things look like they can't get any worse, Herschell wakes up and we discover this has all been just a dream. He walks into the sunset with his goody-good girlfriend.

And, oh yes, periodically, the camera

breaks away to Grinter sitting at a desk who babbles some nonsense about God and human nature, or something like that. In a truly bizarre turn (as if this wasn't bizarre enough) he ends his comments by choking uncontrollably as he sucks on a cigarette.

There may be a message here that drugs are bad, but smoking is OK. Remember,

this was 1972.

Or maybe there is no message at all. Maybe this is just stupid. If you must, it's at Thomas Video in Clawson.

Greg Kowalski probably should have saved this one for Thanksgiving but we might as well get it over with now. He can be reached at (248) 901 2570 or by e-mail at gkowslki@oe.homecomm.net



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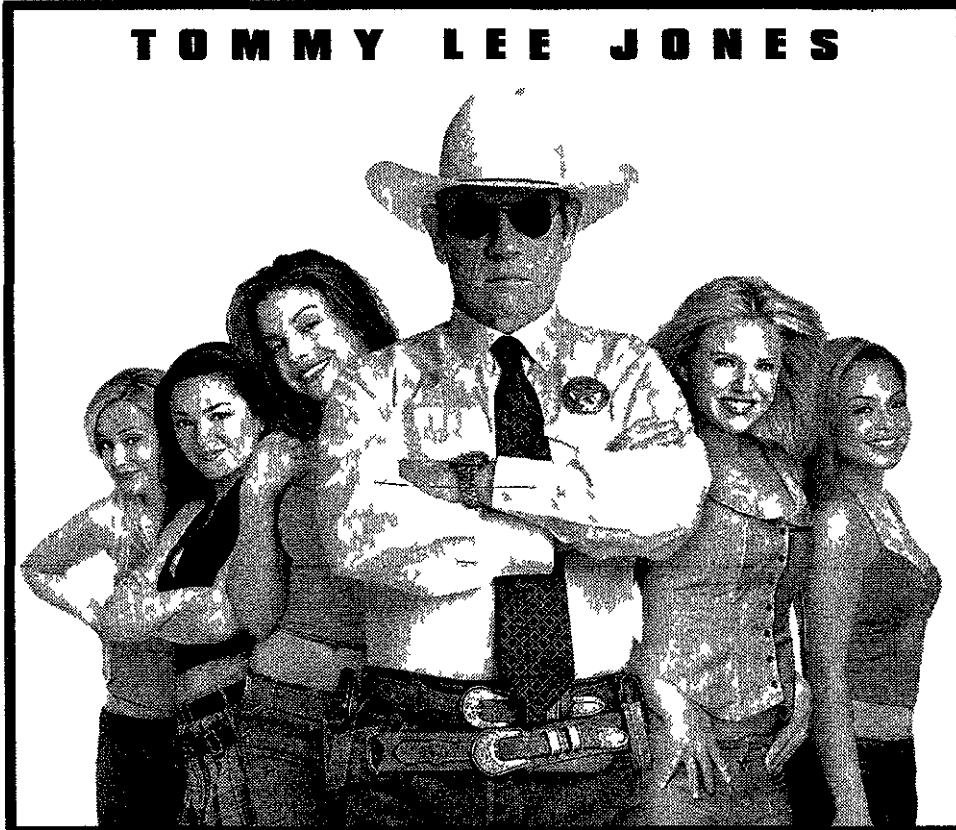
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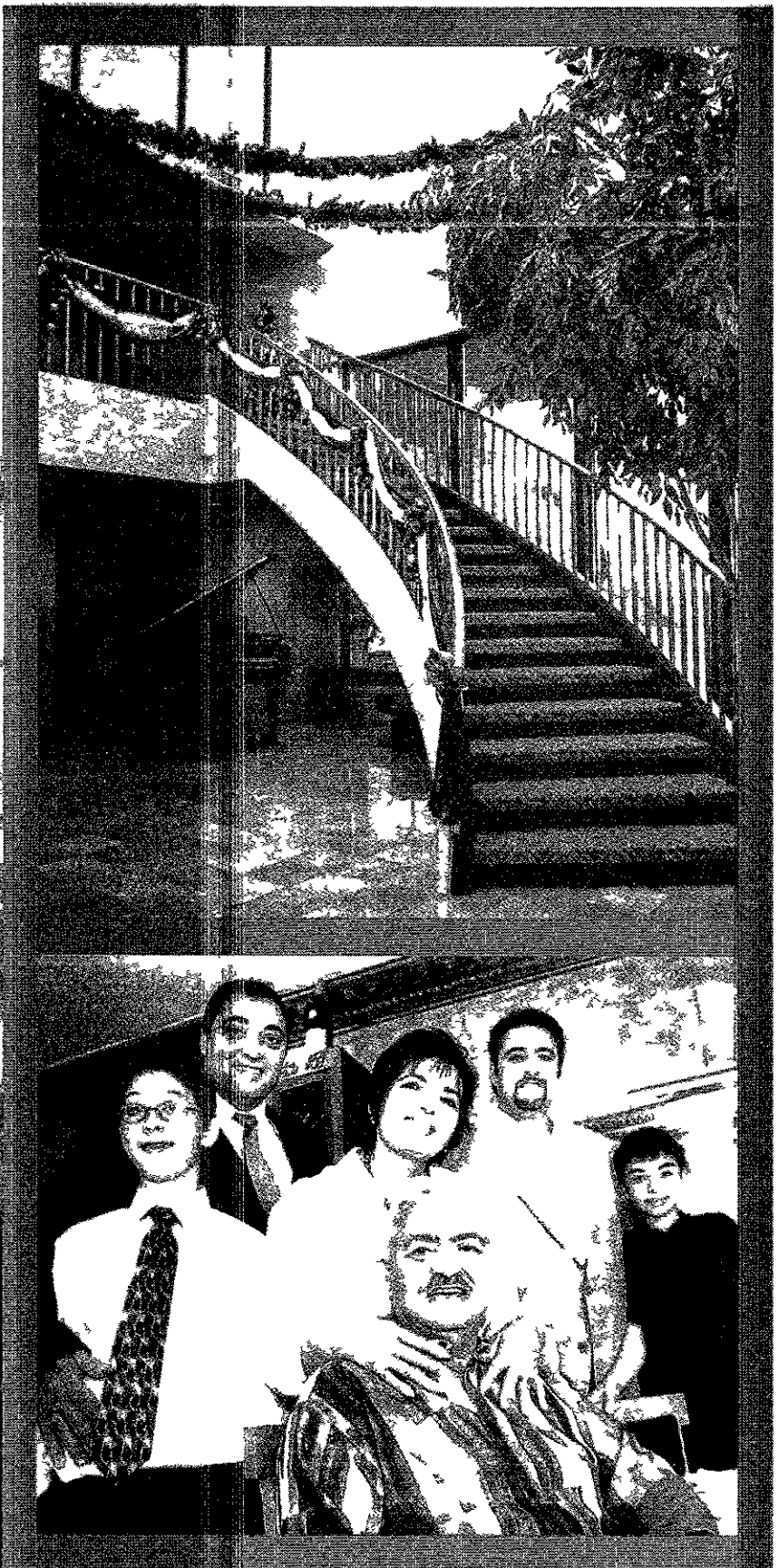
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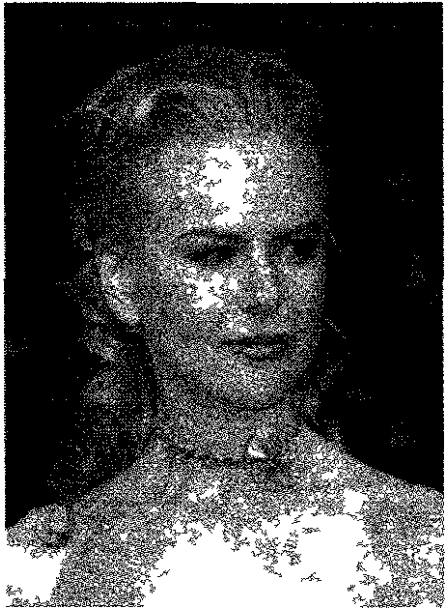
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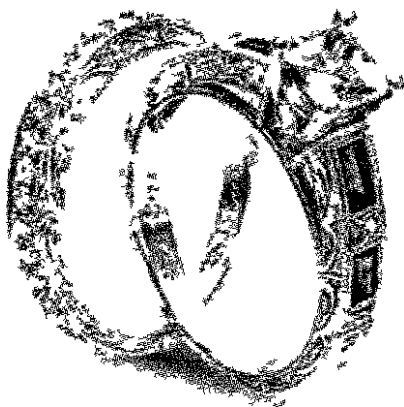
# Today's Couples Pledge

(MS) — Current wedding trends run the gamut from destination nuptials to bridesmaid gowns in deep hues to ethnic celebrations and ceremonies. However, when it comes to selecting engagement rings and wedding bands, the tried and true tradition of choosing Platinum remains stronger than ever.

## POWER OF PLATINUM

Engagement and wedding ring sets in Platinum have maintained their title as the white hot trend for couples saying 'I do.' Why does Platinum continue to dominate the wedding scene? 'It is the most precious of all metals,' explains Michael O'Connor, Jewelry and Fashion Expert and Television commentator. 'Noted for its purity, beauty and strength, Platinum has a natural white luster that enhances the sparkle of diamonds and

other gemstones. Therefore, after making the investment in a colorless



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diamond, a Platinum setting will not affect the purity of the diamond in a negative way. Similarly, after investing in

a colored gemstone, Platinum will not cast any other color into the stone and thus the stone will stay true to the radiant color intended. Jeweler to the stars Neil Lane, who designed Kate Hudson and Reese Witherspoon's Platinum wedding day rings, agrees that there is no substitute for Platinum. Platinum has a unique cache about it that appeals to celebrities, he says. Platinum symbolizes romance and beauty and has set the standard for celebrity weddings.

Platinum is a very rare metal — 30 times rarer than gold — making it the coveted treasure of discerning couples from Rodeo Drive to Main Street. 'Platinum — while more expensive than other precious metals — is well worth the investment,' says O'Connor. 'Most couples spend a tremendous amount of money for one wedding day on items that will not last, but an investment in a

Platinum engagement ring and wedding ring will celebrate their union and last a lifetime.'

Given the unique attributes of this precious metal, it is not surprising that it has come to signify emotional connections and lasting bonds, particularly among women. In fact, according to an independent research study, 76 percent of all brides-to-be agree with the statement, 'Platinum is the only metal that I would choose or the one I would choose above all others for my engagement ring.' Some of today's most popular celebrities agree that Platinum is the must-have choice for engagement and wedding rings. Recent high-profile couples that have pledged their love in Platinum include Britney Spears and Kevin Federline, Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony, and Kevin Costner and Christine Baumgartner.



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# Their Love in Platinum

## MAKING MEMORIES

Whether you're proposing or reciting vows, Platinum is the perfect accompaniment to these occasions.

**Popping the question** This year designers and marrying consumers are favoring Platinum engagement rings with intricate embellishments from Tacori, Martin Flyer and Scott Kay. Settings are enhanced with hand-carved custom designs, filigree and inset stones. Romantic details such as engraving, pave and weaving are also in vogue.

Art deco and vintage inspired Platinum engagement rings continue to remain popular choices among the fashionable crowd. Designers Kirk Kara Verragio and A. Jaffe combine antique style bands with modern touches including large cushion or princess cut center stones surrounded by micro pave

diamonds. Contemporary styles include tension set in Platinum bands from Steven Kretchmer where the stone appears to be floating, as well as several stackable engagement rings from Martin Katz or Suna Bros. with a variety of diamonds.

Whether you select a classic or contemporary style, colored stones will certainly personalize the ring. From rubies and sapphires to opals and tourmalines, bright gemstones and colored diamonds from Alan Friedman, Beaudry and Peter Norman & Co. are turning up in trend setting engagement rings. Since Platinum is one of the few naturally white metals, it allows these fabulous gems to sparkle from afar. Separating a large colored center stone with two thin bands is another option for stylish brides.

Three stone or single solitaire rings will always remain coveted items among brides who want simplicity and timeless

elegance. Precision Set Memoire and Jeff Cooper have perfected the style with complementary eternity bands.

**Bands of Love** Gone are the days when brides and grooms need to have plain, matching wedding bands. Today's couples can select from a multitude of Platinum wedding band styles and finishes to match their individual tastes. Designers Kwiat, Chris Correia and Michael Bondanza offer thin and chunky bands in matte and shiny finishes, with some styles featuring diamonds, braiding, or even rubber.

Thick and heavy Platinum bands with geometric details from Furrer, Jacot and Lieberfarb are increasingly popular among men who appreciate durability, yet want the rugged or sleek style.

## BEYOND RINGS

Platinum goes beyond the wedding

couple. It can be enjoyed by attendants and parents as well. Platinum necklaces, cufflinks, earrings, pendants, bracelets, tiaras, barrettes, combs and hairpins designed by Erica Courtney, Suzanne Felsen, and Neil Lane are hot this season for the bride and her entire bridal party. Short and long cluster earrings with diamonds or other gemstones are a new trend. Cuff bracelets with strands of diamonds as designed by Daniel K. are in vogue. Creating the layered look with Platinum pendants is hot this season. New designs run the gamut from geometric objects like circles or squares to hearts and religious symbols.

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## Do You Need a Wedding Consultant?

Long before Jennifer Lopez starred in the hit film *The Wedding Planner*, brides to be have been pondering the question of whether they should rely on the services of a wedding consultant or plan the event themselves. Frankly it all depends on what you think you can handle and if you can afford the services of a professional.

Before you make your decision consider these truths about wedding planning:

- There are many details to consider, including invitations, vendors, dresses, tuxedos, budgets, contracts, out of town guests, accommodations and ceremony sites.
- Your budget could escalate if not properly managed.
- On your wedding day, you want to enjoy the festivities, not micromanage the details.

### WEDDING PLANNER QUIZ

Now that you have a brief understanding of what's involved in wedding planning, take this brief quiz to help you determine if a wedding consultant is the way to go for you.

- 1 Do you have time for coordinating all the wedding activities including visiting reception hall sites and sitting with vendors?
- 2 Do you have personal knowledge about the reputations of florists, photographers, disk jockies and other vendors?
- 3 Do you know what to look for in a contract to thoroughly protect your investment with vendors?
- 4 Do you know the resources available to you to help keep your budget manageable?
- 5 Do you know the proper etiquette surrounding a wedding?

6 Do you know how to budget the wedding festivities?

If you answered NO to any of these questions a wedding consultant might be the right choice for you. Here are some advantages of hiring a professional for your event:

### WEDDING-PLANNER PLUSES

- When time is of the essence a wedding planner may have many staff on call to help word invitations, assemble favors and coordinate the activities of vendors.
  - Managing your budget is critical. A professional can help you create a look that seems expensive but really isn't. In addition, he or she may have relationships with vendors and be able to obtain discounts to help stretch your dollar even further.
  - Etiquette at a wedding is more difficult to understand these days. He or she will also be a valuable resource for maintaining protocol for seating, photography and more.
  - A wedding consultant will free up more of your time so you can enjoy the months leading up to your wedding. He or she can handle the details, allowing you to relax a bit more.
  - On the day of your wedding, many things need to be executed in a timely fashion such as limousine arrival, ceremony photos and travel to your reception site. A wedding planner can manage these details, taking some of the burden off you.
- If you just cannot afford to hire a wedding planner or want to do the planning yourself, enlist the help of a few trusted friends and family members. Give them jobs you know they can handle. If a friend has good penmanship, let her address the invitations. If your brother is a marketing whiz, have him organize vendor contacts. If you know a seamstress or tailor, ask for help with your wedding wardrobe.

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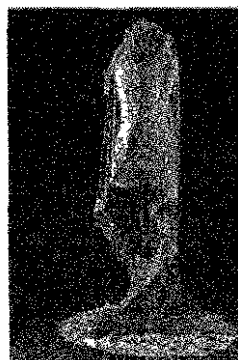
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## Worried Sick? Wedding-Day Planning Requires a Healthy Perspective

(MS) Too often, stress about invitations, cakes, bridesmaids, makeup and more overshadow the actual romance of a bride's big day. That's not without reason because planning a wedding is an involved process. In fact, The National Women's Health Information Center's Web site cites getting married as one of the most stressful events in a person's life.

Barbara North, MD, medical director for Instead Inc., a company devoted to developing better alternatives for women's health, says too much wedding-related stress can actually hinder plans for the big day.

Women will sometimes worry so much about details like favors and bridesmaid gifts that they literally worry themselves sick, says Dr. North. While it may seem necessary at the time, too much wedding stress can take its toll on both the bride and her relationship.

To avoid the wedding-day blues, Dr. North offers tips to keep brides happy and relaxed.

**Don't forget to eat.** It's not crucial to your marriage that you fit the coveted size 6 designer dress on your wedding day, but it is important for your body to be in good condition. Some women may exercise and start dieting before their weddings, which is fine if you're staying healthy. If you eat right, drink plenty of water and get enough calcium, you can ensure you'll be in better shape both physically and mentally for the big day.

Also, don't forget to eat a light meal the morning of your wedding. You'll need fuel to make it through the ceremony, pictures and up to the cocktail hour.

**Sense your cycle.** Stress can actually impact a woman's monthly cycle, affecting everything from the timing of her flow to hormones and pain. While some women plan ahead and use the

pill to schedule their periods around their weddings, you can't always ensure how your body will react. Plan instead



*Keep your health and stress in check and you'll be a beautiful blushing bride on the big day.*

by having the right tools. North recommends that her clients use the Instead Softcup, which addresses menstrual issues to avoid ruining bridal whites and the wedding night. Wearable for up to 12 hours, the Softcup can also be used to eliminate mess during sex.

**Stop thinking.** Taking a day before the event to do anything but think about the wedding can streamline planning and help you get back your focus. Worrying 24/7 can cause physical problems including muscle tension, insomnia, headaches, digestive issues, skin irritation, anger, sadness, or even decreased libido. No matter how fabulous your big day, there's nothing worse than avoiding intimacy on your wedding night because you've worried too much.

Rather than tying the knot with a knot in your stomach, Dr. North says you can de-stress by focusing on what really counts—your health and the health of your relationship.

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# Say Cheese: How to Get

Photographs are no doubt an important component of your wedding celebration. You want memories that you can share through the years as you spend your life with your spouse. Photos provide a visual reminder of the joy of your wedding day.

Many couples agonize over the perfect reception site, wardrobe and menu for their wedding, but then casually choose a photographer from a telephone book or advertisement. Beware that this methodology could leave you with substandard wedding albums and photos you wish you could forget. That's why it is important to thoroughly work with your wedding photographer to ensure you have beautiful photos that will last a lifetime.

## SCOUTING A PHOTOGRAPHER

Just as you visited several reception sites and auditioned countless bands or DJs for your event, so should you make a list of several photographers to get a feel for what services are offered. Have an idea of what types of photos you'd like, e.g. traditional portraits, photojournalistic candids, black and white or hand tinted special effects. Keep these requirements in mind when interviewing photographers. Here are other tips to heed:

- Make sure the photographer you speak with and whose work meets your standards will actually be the person shooting your wedding. Some companies farm out work to freelancers, resulting in a complete stranger knocking at your door come

the big day. Put the name of your requested photographer in your contract so you have a legal leg to stand on should a bait and switch scenario occur.

- Ask to see three complete weddings that have been shot by the photographer. It's easy to look at a compilation of the 'best shots' which may hide the many average shots that the photographer has taken. Better yet, see if raw proofs are available, so you'll be able to judge the photographer's expertise without the magic of photo retouching.

- Check to see what services are included in the photo package and what requires an additional charge. Sometimes black and white

photography or special graphic touches are an extra charge.

- Find out how much time the photographer will spend with you, namely if the fee includes all day coverage. Can you get shots taken before the ceremony at your home?
- Make sure you won't have to incur costs for the photographer's travel expenses, especially if your ceremony and reception are at different sites.
- Question their policy for emergency situations, such as if a backup camera is available if one breaks, or where they store the film before your photos are processed. You want to feel relatively safe that the large amount of money being spent will not be lost should a disaster occur.

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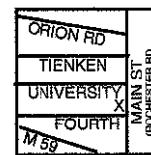
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• Find out if the photographer works alone or with an assistant. It is customary to provide a meal for your wedding vendors so you'll want to plan accordingly.

## BEFORE THE WEDDING

Consider making the photography process easy for the photographer and for you to help ensure quality photos. Schedule a decent amount of time between the ceremony and reception for a photo session. You don't want to rush your photos and end up with poor shots.

Also take the time to make a list of any important photos you would like. Most professional photographers are seasoned veterans and take a standard line up of shots. If you have a request discuss it with the photographer in

advance. Some special shots you may want to include:

- All of the bridesmaids together
- Bride with each bridesmaid
- Bride/groom with parents separately
- Combined family shots
- Photo with favorite pet
- Separate shot of siblings
- Separate shots of grandparents and extended family members
- Photos of the guests at tables
- Centerpieces, cake alone and scenery without people

Let family members know that they will be in special photos so that they are ready for the photographer's signal come wedding day.



*Work together with your photographer both before and during the wedding to achieve lasting, beautiful photos.*

## THE BIG DAY

Try to remain calm during your wedding day so you will look relaxed and happy in your photos. Make sure the wedding party is punctual and cooperates with the photographer to facilitate the process. Try to limit drinking alcoholic beverages until after the bulk of the portrait-style photos have been taken so that you don't end up with an unruly and overly gregarious wedding party who can't stand still and say cheese.

Put someone in charge of rounding up family and friends who will be participating in photos. This way, the process goes on without a hitch and you don't miss your entire wedding beneath that scenic gazebo. Similarly, tell the photographer when you feel you've had enough posing and are ready to be the life of the party.

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# Spice Up Your Wedding Festivities With a Theme

Many prospective couples want their wedding to be unique in an effort to bring even more excitement to their memorable day. Some adventurous couples have said their "I dos" underwater, decked out in full wedding regalia and a scuba tank. Others have plunged out of airplanes and committed to one another in a free fall beneath the clouds. Yet, if you want something different, but not so exotic, you could try a theme wedding.

*Brides* magazine predicted that theme weddings would be a fast growing trend in their September 2001 issue. That prediction has definitely turned out to be true. Theme weddings are limited only by your own imagination, and can run the gamut from fairy tale to western to ethnocentric. If you're considering a theme for your event, here are some ideas to get you on the right track.

## DETERMINING YOUR THEME

Discuss your collective interests with your future spouse. It will be a good jump start for determining a theme that appeals to you both. Themes can be as basic or as creative as you'd like. For example, if your wedding day is during an autumn month, a natural theme is a harvest wedding, replete with ripe pumpkins, corn husks, orange-hued decor and fresh apple cider. Or, play upon your heritage and culture. Incorporate native dances, embellishments and menu items into your ceremony and reception for a day that is not only memorable, but dear to older generations. If you've always been a fan of Disney flicks but can't make it to Walt Disney World, consider throwing a Cinderella-themed wedding instead. Ride to the ceremony in a horse-drawn carriage. Wear dainty glass slipper inspired shoes with your billowing ball gown. And ensure that your future

husband is an enchanting Prince Charming.

## EYE FOR DETAIL

Feel free to get extravagant with the details of your theme wedding. After all, the decor, wardrobe and special touches you include will help solidify the theme. Some items to consider:

- **Use coordinating accessories** Repetition of a common element is a simple way to carry out your theme. If you want a butterfly wedding, use pillar candles with butterfly accents and napkin rings adorned with butterflies, and hang delicate twinkle lights to simulate butterflies in flight.

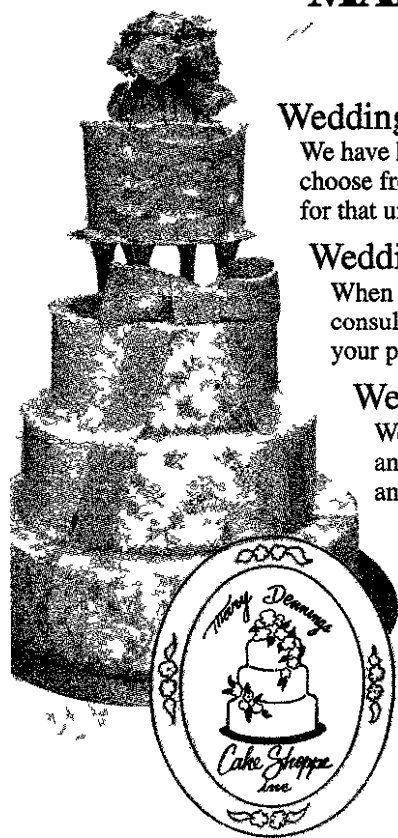
- **Involve your guests** While it's fun for you and the wedding party to be swept up in the theme, don't forget to include your guests in the festivities. A Renaissance wedding may inspire guests to dress in period clothing. Word

invitations and seating cards in Old English to keep the tone of the celebration consistent. However, remember that not all guests may want to don a corset or carry a sword to the festivities! Keep participation voluntary and everyone will be smiling.

- **Expect naysayers** Some family members or friends may not be receptive to your theme idea. Express that it is your big day and you reserve the right to have the party you desire, especially if you're paying for the event. To keep the peace, try to incorporate some traditional elements where possible.

Your theme wedding is certain to be memorable and will certainly be talked about for a while if done right. While a wedding is the beginning of a serious, life-changing event called marriage, there's no reason it shouldn't be as fun, extravagant or exotic as you'd like. So have fun with themes and get those creative juices flowing!

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# 'Spirited' Wedding Festivities

Wines are a fixture at nearly all weddings. They are used to toast the marriage of the new husband and wife and add a festive air to the celebration.

Some caterers or reception halls let you bring your own wines that will be served at your wedding, while others serve a house wine or provide the wine as part of your beverage package. If you do have the option, your wine selection should depend on various factors, such as the number of guests and their ages, the menu and service style (sit down, buffet, etc.), the time and length of the reception, and your budget.

Don't feel like you have to get fancy with your wine. For whites, Chardonnay is a drinkable wine that agrees with most palettes. For reds, a basic Merlot or Cabernet Sauvignon will fit the bill.

Don't worry that you have to spend an arm and a leg on wine. That \$15

bottle of wine is likely just as good as the \$100 bottle. Even more so, guests

likely won't care what wine they are drinking at your wedding. The purpose of the event is to celebrate your marriage. And guests should and will be happy to toast with any wine, regardless of its cost.

When deciding how much wine to purchase, remember that it's better to have too much than not enough. The average wine bottle fills four to six glasses. To avoid wasting wine, ask waiters to refill glasses only if guests request more.

If you do have full bottles after the party is over, find out if your liquor merchant will let you return them. Give them as party favors to special people at your function, like your wedding party or parents. Add them to your home's wine rack. Even better, savor the taste of your wedding by drinking the bottles on future anniversaries.

## RECEPTION LIQUOR LINGO

Your reception hall may offer different beverage packages to accommodate your cocktail hour and meal service. Here is some terminology you should familiarize yourself with as you discuss options with your event coordinator.

**Open Bar** Guests can order whatever they want and drink as much as they want (as long as they don't go overboard). You pay a flat rate per person for a certain period of time.

**Consumption Bar** Bartenders keep a running tab during the party and add it up at the end. This option works well if you have many guests who are nondrinkers. It isn't a good idea if you expect your guests to have a few glasses each.

**Limited Bar** You offer a selection of drinks, like beer, wine or mixed vodka drinks. These drinks are served at a set time, such as the cocktail hour.

**Wine and Champagne Bar** Guest can drink a range of reds, whites and champagnes. Sparkling water and juices are available as nonalcoholic offerings.

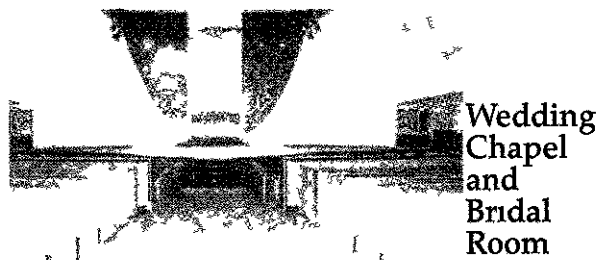
**Cash Bar** Guests pay for what they drink. Try to avoid this style at all costs.

**Dry** You don't serve any alcohol at all. The bar can serve sparkling water, soda and nonalcoholic mixed drinks.

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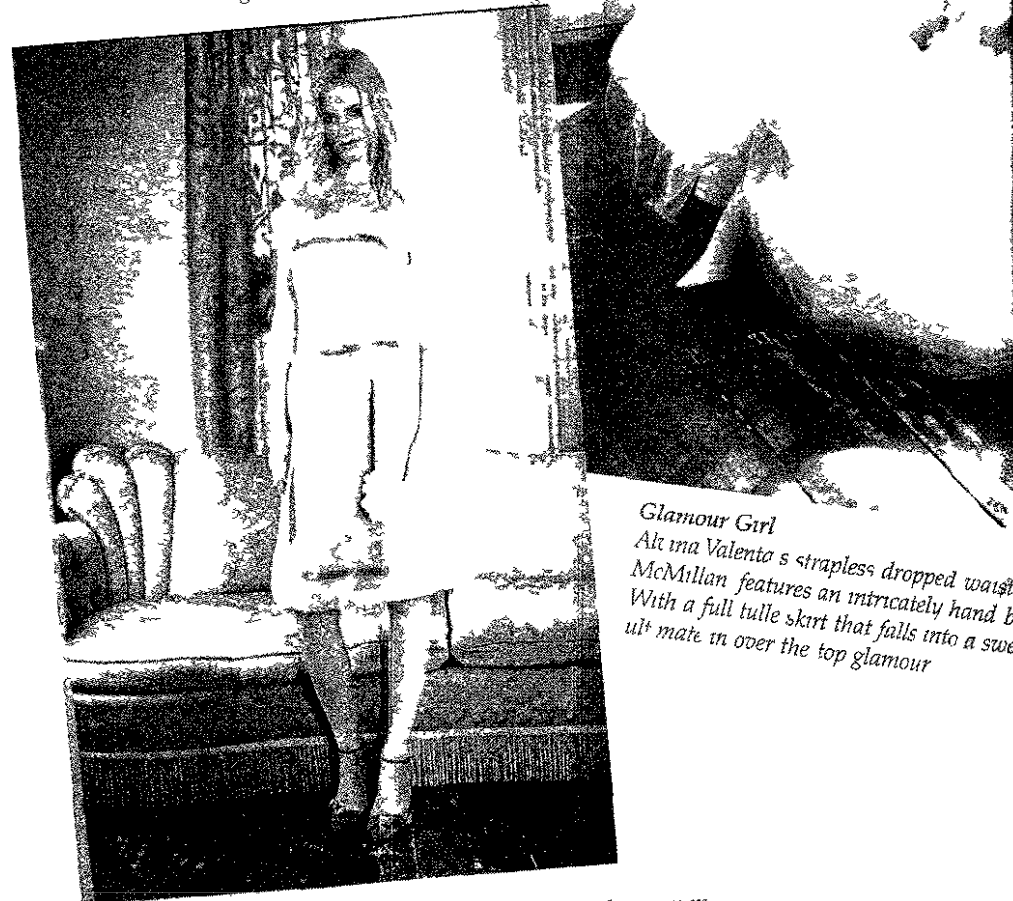
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# A Dress That Every Bridesmaid Will Love

Seafoam green with puffy sleeves and a turtleneck. This is an example of a bridesmaid dress that definitely won't be worn again! With a wealth of bridesmaid styles and colors available, there's no reason for bridal parties to be anything but stunning and smiling on the big day. Even better, you'll be the best-loved bride if you give them something that they won't mind wearing again.

Don't let the process overwhelm you. It's supposed to be fun! As the bride, you and your attendants should consider the following when choosing a dress.

**Color** You may have dreamed of dressing your girls in pastel pink since you were 2, but that hue might not look good on your redheaded sister. Choose a color you that complements the girls' complexions and hair color. Dark colors like navy, hunter green and black look good on almost everyone. Pastels look best on blondes and dark-haired girls with fair complexions but won't flatter redheads and darker complexions. If

you do want pastels, go for rose, petal pinks, light yellows and pastel blues.

Some brides pick one color that everyone will wear. Others choose a style and let their bridesmaids pick the color. Or you can pick the color (purple) and let the bridesmaid choose a different intensity (eggplant or lilac).

**Fabric** Avoid fabrics that are just plain bad, like '80s taffeta. Today's designers are using fabrics like velvet, chiffon, crepe and matte jersey that are sleek and slimming.

**Style** Do you want one-piece dresses or two-piece ensembles? Some top-skirt sets let you play mix and match, allowing girls to achieve unique looks that make them happy. So variety doesn't get out of hand, you can set guidelines, such as nothing above the knee.

If you want everyone to wear the same style, choose something that suits the largest size in the group. A-line skirts and empire waists generally look good on everyone. It's wise to consult with all your attendants before

choosing a specific style, such as strapless, to make sure everyone will feel comfortable wearing it.

**Time of the wedding and season** Use common sense. Don't under- or overdress for the season. A velvet dress will be a little out of place at an outdoor wedding in July. On the flip side, bridesmaids will freeze in a short strapless dress in the middle of December. If you must have that strapless dress in winter, plan for shawls or bolero-type jackets to be constructed in the same fabric as the gown. Then, your girls will have a way to cover up if they become chilled.

**Body types** While one maid is a size 2 and looks great in something short and tight, it might not flatter your tall, full-figured cousin who is a size 16. Also, try to draw attention away from problem areas that could be reasons for self-consciousness (hips and thighs) and focus on the flattering neckline instead.

**Price** Generally, bridesmaids pay for their own dress and alterations, so

factor in those costs when envisioning your dream gown.

Don't feel like you have to do all of this by yourself. Make a few decisions yourself and then bring a few maids shopping with you. (Don't bring more than a few girls or it will get too chaotic.) After you narrow it down, then you can get input from the rest of the crew.

Then it's time for all the bridesmaids to get measured. Measurements can be taken at the shop where you are getting the dresses, or the girls can get them done at their own tailor and give you their measurements. Order all the dresses at the same time to ensure they are from the same dye lot, or they might not all be the same exact color. Be sure to order the dresses far enough in advance so the gowns have time to be made and the girls can get them fitted.

Follow these tips and your bridesmaids will be smiling all wedding long!



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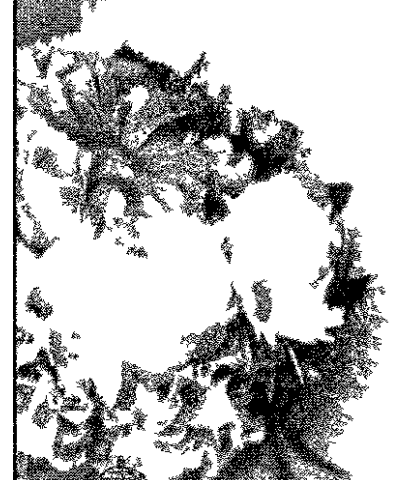
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# Be a Knockout Bride With Professional Hairstyle Tips

(MS) Every bride wants to look her best on her wedding day. That's why she'll spend endless hours searching for the perfect gown, accessories and veil. What the prepared bride knows, however, is that her finished look can come off as incomplete if she doesn't have a beautiful wedding day hairstyle.

To ensure the right style, you just might have to put your hair into the hands of a professional stylist who has the expertise to design a look to complement your gown and wedding theme. To get you started, here is some advice from Damian Carney, international artistic director of hair product manufacturer Joico, who shares his top tips for impressive wedding day tresses.

**1 What styles are good for a bride with short hair?** Keep it sexy and feminine. Add a little bit of lift and volume if it coordinates with what you're wearing. Keep it loose and free (not too fixed) because you'll feel more comfortable that way. Lighten it up and

spice it up with some color.

**2 What styles are good for a bride with long hair?**

Long hair is fascinating because you have lots of choices. Wear it sleek, tight and in a bun. Or go for volume and movement. Wear it half up, half-down. Go retro. Go modern. If you have long hair, show it off,

don't hide behind your veil too much. Let the world know your long hair is part of your look. A loose and soft movement indicates sexy and fresh.

**3 What would be a great classical look?** A ponytail with a bun and a small twist with a pin or accessory looks very classic. Sleek and smooth are great with a stronger wedding gown. Don't

make the hair too complicated if the dress is the focus or the show stopper.

**4 What would be a great modern look?** Simplicity in the movement, the flatness, the volume and taking the hair away from the face. All of those make the silhouette, and the flow of the bridal hairstyle look more

graphic, stylish and right now. Don't overdo it with hair products, and don't have it conflict with makeup. Both should seamlessly work together -- one shouldn't dominate the other.

**5 What styles would you suggest for a strapless dress?** Up and away because you want to show off that beautiful long neck and skin. Pin hair at

the nape or build hair up in the crown just keep hair away from the nape. Braid it, curl it, wave it, straighten it, and then pull it back. It's an instant face lifter and makes the body look more streamlined.

**6 What styling products would you suggest for taking the bride through the whole day without reapplication?** Joico's K-Pak Smoothing Balm smoothes and conditions the hair, giving it sexy shine. K-Pak Protective Hair Spray by Joico is light and brushable. You'll also want to choose a styling mousse, such as K-Pak Thermal Designing Foam. It's like foundation for the style. It will hold but won't be rigid.

**7 Is there any hair advice that you can suggest to the bride?** Rehearse the hairstyle before the big day. Keep it loose and soft, and don't overdo it. As long as it doesn't overpower the makeup and clothes, then it should look great. Do what you want to do. It's your day.



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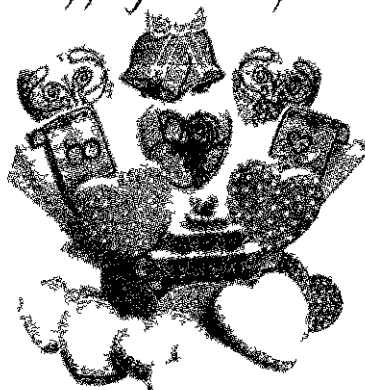
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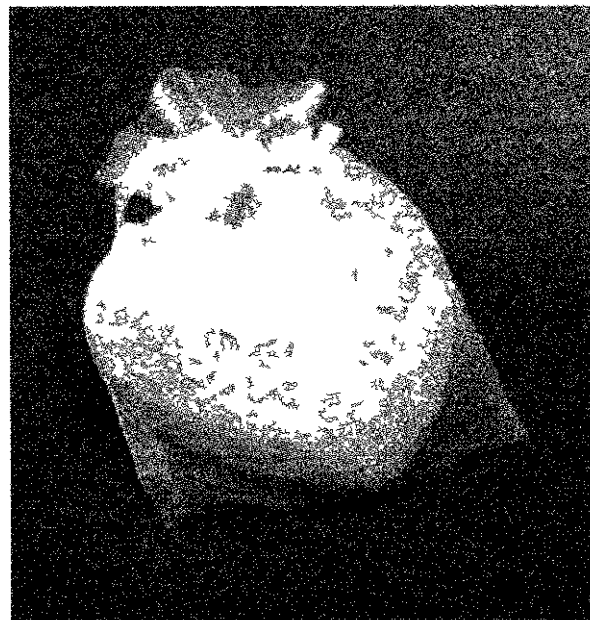
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## Good Brides Focus on Guests

(MS) — In their race to get down the aisle many brides fall victim to the pressure of having wedding day activities primarily focused on them. Sometimes they are so wrapped up in themselves that they can forget about their guests.

Gwen Willhite, founder of Cookies By Design® says it is possible for a bride to focus both on herself and her guests yet keep her day special and



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wedding, blowing your budget on your dress while making your guests (i.e. friends, family and gift givers) go hungry or feel unsatisfied does not spell happy wedding memories for everyone.

Forego that pricey extra layer of lace on your veils so your guests can have that first course and everyone will leave the wedding smiling.

**Sweeten the pot**  
Many of your close friends and attendants are

probably going to be heavily involved with every aspect of your wedding. The marathon of events — engagement party, bridesmaid luncheon, bridal shower, bachelorette party, rehearsal dinner, and wedding — is likely to wear them out physically and emotionally. To thank them for sacrificing their time and effort and to rejuvenate them, offer sweet incentives. Provide gourmet cookies in the bridesmaids' dressing room, offer to pamper them for a night, send their invitations (aka schedules) on cookies, and don't make them endure your pre-wedding diet just because they're involved. As a woman once said, "Let them eat cake."

Here are her suggestions:

**Decor-eat** You can't escape the need to dress up your reception site, but you can make it favor your guests instead of just looking like it's part of your wedding day aesthetics. Consider using hand-decorated Cookies by Design cookies as place cards. Instead of flowers, use a cookie bouquet as a centerpiece. These edible decorations are available online at [www.cookiesbydesign.com](http://www.cookiesbydesign.com). They cost the same as flowers and can actually double as favors. Your site will look great and the gifts will not just collect dust after guests have taken them home.

**Prioritize your skimping** How many people have ever gone to a wedding where the bride looked gorgeous in a designer gown but the food consisted of barely consumable items? While everyone has the right to look like a fairy tale princess for her

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Today's brides & grooms go for simplicity and elegance as well as wacky, fun and eclectic. The couples want a cake that reflects their personality and the theme of the wedding. They want a great tasting cake that their guests will really want to eat. With ideas from the internet, wedding magazines and television, the couple wants something different, something that will surprise and impress their guests. Above all they want a choice.

Some brides want simplicity and elegance. Bridal gowns are a great example of the changes in bridal selections.

Traditionally, the bridal gown was always white. Today's bride will have a gown that is champagne, taupe, ecru or embroidered with gold, silver or even black. Cake decorations have evolved with the dress. Wedding cakes decorated to

match the bridal gown are a favorite with many brides, making the cake special and unique.

Themed weddings are very popular today. Brighter colors are being used with golf themes, jungle themes and even seaside themes. Most of the couples are older and already established in their careers. They want

to step out of the typical wedding cake. Cupcake wedding cakes, donut wedding cakes and even Twinkie wedding cakes are being seen. Castle cakes, cakes that look like gifts, cakes that imitate the invitation or the couple's new house are some of the themed cakes we have made. To top the cake, couples are using framed photographs or invitations, a keepsake of glass or porcelain or fresh flowers.

But the biggest change is that the wedding cake must taste delicious. Wedding cakes are no longer just a centerpiece. Most cakes are now the dessert for the reception. Cake flavors are no longer just white cake. Cherry, Banana, Marble, Chocolate, Lemon and even Chocolate Chip are just a few of the many cake flavors available. Cheesecakes are a great alternative to the traditional wedding cake. They can be decorated and displayed the same as

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# How to Set Your Wedding to the Right Music

(MS) The secret of a great wedding is great music. The right song at the right time can evoke strong feelings and help solidify memories of the day long after the last slice of cake has been enjoyed. Yet surprisingly, many couples don't focus as much on their musical entertainment as they do on choosing a reception hall or florist. Oftentimes they leave crucial music decisions to their DJ or band.

According to Gloria Sklerov and Barbara Rothstein, professional songwriters whose specialty is wedding music, and creators of WeddingMusicCentral.com, this can be a huge mistake. While flowers, clothes and decor may make a wedding look beautiful, it's well-planned music that makes a wedding feel beautiful, says Sklerov, who has won Emmys for wedding songs featured on daytime TV soap operas and has written songs for Sinatra, Cher, and other top artists.

Think about the weddings you've attended. How did you measure the party's success? Probably by whether you had a good time. Experienced

wedding coordinators know that music is the good time quotient of a wedding. It's a good sign when guests get up and dance frequently and share in the emotions of sentimental moments like father/daughter, mother/son dances, etc. When the music is dull or constantly intrusive and there's little involvement, chances are the guests are waiting for the right time to say goodbye.

Sklerov and Rothstein realized that couples have no way of knowing what they don't know and really do need expert music planning information to plan a successful wedding program. But now, thanks to them, brides and grooms everywhere have access to expert know-how and a step-by-step planning system with their book, *How To Set Your Wedding To Music*, the complete wedding music guide and planner. Here are some of their tips for a memorable event.

## THE CEREMONY & RECEPTION

**Create a plan.** Visualize your wedding as a film, and think about the

songs that would coordinate best with the scenes that unfold. For example, imagine the processional, the unity candle ceremony, the father/daughter dance, the mother/son dance or even a special tribute to an important person in your life as you listen to sound clips of songs written especially for those moments.

**Stay organized.** Keep a notebook and jot down songs you've heard or ideas you've gathered. Then, when you finalize your choices and discuss them in detail with your band or DJ, you can consider their suggestions without feeling pressured.

**Book your DJ or band.** Once you know your date, book as soon as possible. DJs and bands have distinct advantages and disadvantages. DJs are usually less expensive, take up less space and offer playback of original songs by original artists. Bands can provide live sound and make any occasion seem elegant. Generally, however, they are costly and your songs will be interpreted by the band, not necessarily performed with the 'feel' you like or are used to.

**Go beyond the boring and basic.** Happily for the thousands of brides and grooms who have discovered Weddingmusiccentral.com, there's no reason for wedding music to be dull or ineffectual. The Web site offers an exclusive line of music CDs created especially for weddings by Grammy and Emmy-winning writers, artists and producers. The CDs feature contemporary arrangements of popular and classical wedding favorites, new songs for traditional wedding highlights such as the father/daughter and

mother/son dances, unity candle and even songs for stepparents and families of second marriages.

When writing for TV and movie scenes, says Rothstein, we had to learn how to enhance each scene with the right touch of emotion and to capture the significance of important moments in fresh new ways.

**Keep your guests in mind.** Consider the tastes of your guests. Make sure singles and older guests can enjoy the music as well. Include timeless standards and music of different eras that all guests will enjoy.

## MUSICAL EXTRAS

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- Chill the champagne for 30 to 40 minutes in a bucket of ice and water before serving.

- Serve the champagne in tall flute or tulip glasses. Pour a small quantity into each glass to allow it to settle, then fill the glasses only two-thirds full to keep it cool and fresh.

- Refill the glasses when they are almost empty, making sure they are always two-thirds full.

## Art Makes a Lasting Guest Book

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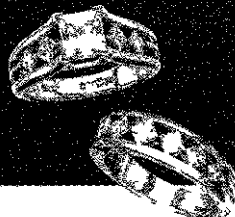
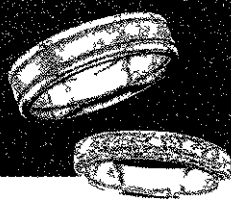


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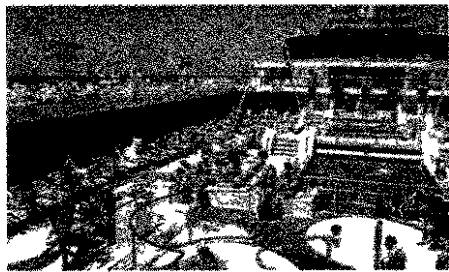
Now there is! And even better, an exclusive new online honeymoon registry allows family and friends to help make this dream vacation

possible. While silver chafing dishes and wine decanters gather dust, a honeymoon cruise creates life-long memories.

The experts at CruiseOne can help the future bride and groom select a honeymoon cruise that's just right for their budget, time and lifestyle considerations. Once the lucky couple is registered, family and friends can log on to [www.honeymoonships.com](http://www.honeymoonships.com), view

the cruise selected and contribute toward this incredible honeymoon vacation.

Voyage Credits are easily processed in convenient \$50 and \$100 increments, charged to a major credit card and applied to the honeymoon couple's cruise reservation account at



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couple will receive a beautiful souvenir photo album, compliments of CruiseOne, displaying the name of all family and friends who helped make this dream come true. The album can be displayed, as appropriate, on the gift table at the reception.

For more information or to register your honeymoon, contact Jim Rozelle at (734) 736-4095 or (toll-free) 877-287-6528 or visit [www.micruise.com](http://www.micruise.com).

## To Love, Honor, and Insure: Insurance Advice for Newlyweds

(MS) Congratulations! You've just tied the knot and are settling into your new lives as a couple. To help make married life a little more secure, all newlyweds should take steps toward financial freedom by assessing their personal insurance needs.

Let's start with the vehicles you drive. If you each have a car registered in your own name, consider putting them under one policy. Most insurance companies offer a discount for insuring multiple vehicles on one policy. Also, insurance rates are typically lower for married drivers, so be sure that your insurance agent or insurance company representative is aware of your change in marital status.

Now, let's move on to those expensive wedding gifts and the furniture you've bought for your new life together. Have you considered what would happen if any of these valuables were stolen or lost in a fire? Now is the perfect time to purchase property insurance for your home or to reassess the coverage that you currently have. Couples who rent should consider

obtaining renter's insurance to cover the value of their possessions.

As you combine households, you'll want to get one policy that protects everything. Whether you own or rent, your policy should provide liability coverage if you are sued for negligence in or out of your home.

Keep in mind that most homeowners and renter's policies place a limit on jewelry coverage (usually \$1,500), so you may need to add additional coverage called a rider or endorsement on your policy to cover expensive engagement and wedding rings.

"Assessing and addressing your insurance needs early on will help carry you over the threshold toward financial stability," said Michelle DeWine, MetLife® Auto & Home's vice president of marketing. "Determining what insurance coverage is right for you is an important step, and can save you a lot of grief in the long run." DeWine suggests that you always call your insurance carrier or local agent when you return from your honeymoon.



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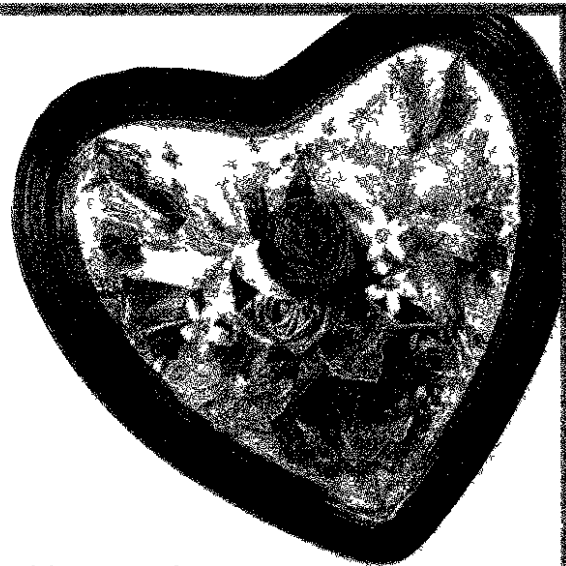
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# Honeymoon-Planning Timeline

Many couples say the best part of the wedding is the honeymoon! Just like your wedding, it will take some advanced effort to make your romantic getaway just right. Follow this plan and you'll be guaranteed to have a memorable first vacation as husband and wife.

## 6 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR

If your honeymoon is during a high travel time, select your destination. Decide on a location that you are both happy with. Book airline and hotel reservations. Make your initial deposit.

## 3 TO 6 MONTHS

Apply for a passport or renew the one you have if it's about to expire. Reserve a rental car. Obtain vaccinations or medical clearance if needed. Consider travel insurance or travel protection plans. Make sure you have the proper travel documents.



*Follow a honeymoon-planning guide and you'll be all smiles during your first vacation as husband and wife.*

## 2 TO 3 MONTHS

Make final travel payments. Write a list of items to pack. Ensure you have enough doses of your regular prescriptions. Purchase travel items like film, batteries, travel size toiletries, electrical adapters, and a hand-held translator. Book excursions, show tickets, boat tours, or side trips. Make arrangements for pets and house sitting.

## 1 MONTH BEFORE

Distribute your travel itinerary to your family. Make a list of valuables including your credit card numbers. Make sure you have your travel documents. Get foreign currency or traveler's checks. Reconfirm travel reservations.

## 2 TO 3 WEEKS BEFORE

Go over your packing list and get anything else you need. Assemble tickets, boarding passes, and all

important documents. Have any clothes altered, laundered, or dry cleaned. Begin setting out things to pack.

## 1 WEEK BEFORE

Temporarily suspend mail and newspaper delivery. Make and pack a list of addresses and stationery for thank you notes. Arrange transportation from the wedding to the airport.

## 2 TO 3 DAYS BEFORE

Reconfirm flight reservations. Clean out the refrigerator. Empty the garbage. Set light timers. Mow the lawn. Buy flight items such as magazines, books, gum, etc. Pack your luggage and carry on. Set up automatic reply on your e-mail and change the message on your voice mail. Check the weather for your destination.

## DEPARTURE DAY

Make sure you are carrying all of your travel documents, and allow enough time for airport check-in. Have fun!

## PACKING CHECKLIST

*Don't leave anything behind! This list will act as a guide so you don't forget anything. It can be modified based on your destination's weather.*

### CLOTHING

- pants/shorts
- bathing suit
- parka or coat
- socks
- undergarments
- pajamas
- shoes, dress and casual, (plus a good pair of walking shoes)
- belt
- sweater
- rain gear or umbrella

### TOILETRIES

- toothbrush, toothpaste, floss
- comb, brush
- shampoo, conditioner
- deodorant
- soap
- unbreakable mirror
- cosmetics
- nail clippers
- contact lenses and eyeglasses
- mouthwash
- vitamins and other medications

### EXTRAS

- alarm clock
- camera and film
- insect repellent
- sunblock
- contraceptives
- pain reliever
- maps, guidebooks
- calling card
- emergency phone numbers
- travel supplies
- cash, foreign currency, checks
- credit and banking cards
- traveler's checks
- passport
- driver's license
- health-insurance information



## Fall in Love With an Autumn Wedding

Once you have announced your engagement it is time to decide the date of your wedding. Many couples twist and turn over this dilemma as there are many points to consider when choosing the perfect date.

First there is the weather, followed by the travel season and its impact on your honeymoon, the availability of your reception site and finally any other events that may be taking place that you'll need to schedule around. The time of year you choose is mostly a personal preference, but one that shouldn't be considered lightly.

Late spring to early summer is by far the most popular time for weddings in most areas of the world. During this season you have the best chance for warm weather, clear skies and beautiful blooms. However, because these months are so popular, you must compete with other couples for DJs, photographers and reception sites. In turn, many vendors increase their prices at these times because they are in high demand and can get top dollar.

A viable option is to celebrate with an autumn wedding. Early fall boasts crisp weather, picturesque and colorful foliage as the leaves change their color and an inviting harvest appeal. That is why many are opting to exchange vows in September or October. Autumn weddings are also ideal when planning your honeymoon. By September, most children have returned to school, freeing up resorts for your desired retreat. Just keep in mind that this time of the month is hurricane season for some parts of the Caribbean, so plan your honeymoon accordingly. You might consider getting travel insurance just in case Mother Nature crashes your trip.

### FROCKS AND FLOWERS

The weather may be cooler this time of year, so take advantage of it by choosing a gown with sheer long sleeves or one with a matching shawl.

Depending upon where you live, roses, sunflowers, autumn foliage, gerber, daisies and hydrangeas may be in season. Ask your florist to use them for your bridal bouquets. The florist can

use trailing vines, berries and interesting filler leaves to set the harvest tone of your wedding.

• Dress the bridal party in warm, autumnal tones of burgundy, maroon, brown and cream. Bright fall flowers will contrast nicely against the deep hues of these gowns.

### PHOTO FLAIR

With rich landscapes and breathtaking color schemes, autumn will act as an ideal photographic backdrop.

• Take as many outdoor photos as the weather permits.

• If it is overcast on your wedding day, fear not. Bright sunshine can actually drown out photography and create awkward shadows. A slightly overcast day makes colors sparkle and prevents you from squinting into the camera.

### SET THE MOOD

As mentioned, autumn offers a cozy, inviting appeal. When the first leaves change color, it's the start of enjoying crisp weather and cool nights, drinking apple cider and snuggling up in front of a fire. Incorporate these elements into the theme of your wedding.

• Keep the lighting low during your reception. Adorn each table with pillar candles surrounded by lush flowers in autumn hues. Choose an earthy wicker basket to house your floral arrangements rather than a vase or candelabra. It will make your guests feel more at home.

• On the table that displays your seating cards, showcase one large floral arrangement in a hollowed-out pumpkin or other item with autumnal aura. Place potpourri with an apple cinnamon aroma to make the room smell inviting.

• Dress the tables in earth-toned linens. Creams, golds and browns will complement the oranges and russets in your centerpieces.

• Instead of numbering guests tables, name them. Choose trees, flowers or destinations that tie into your theme. Your guests will enjoy and remember that they sat at the Maple Table over Table 2 any day.

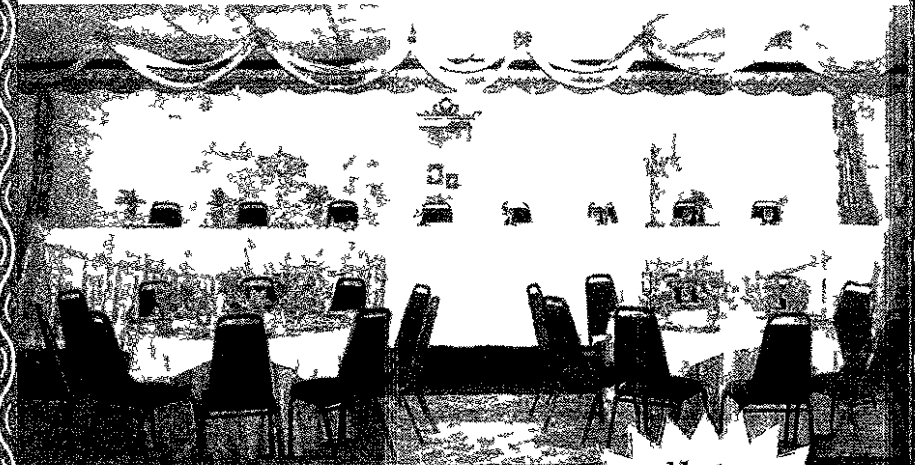
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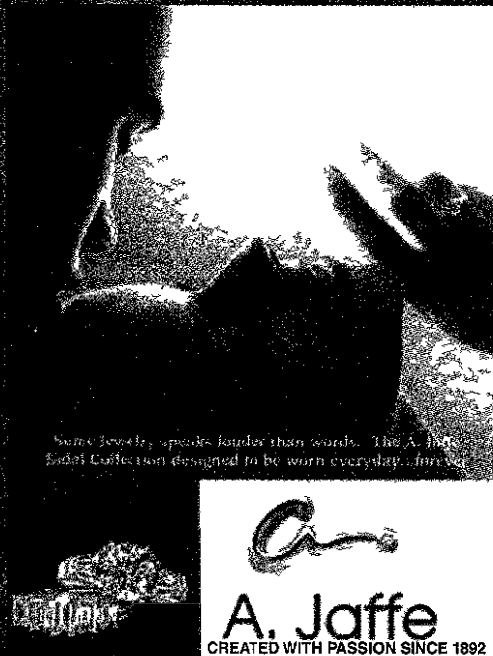
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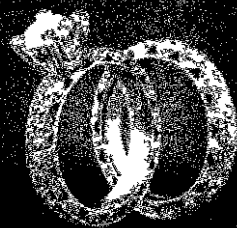
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