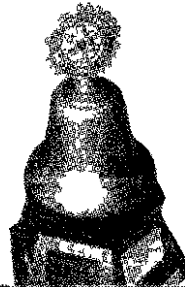


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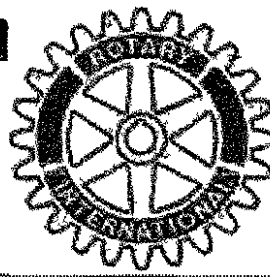
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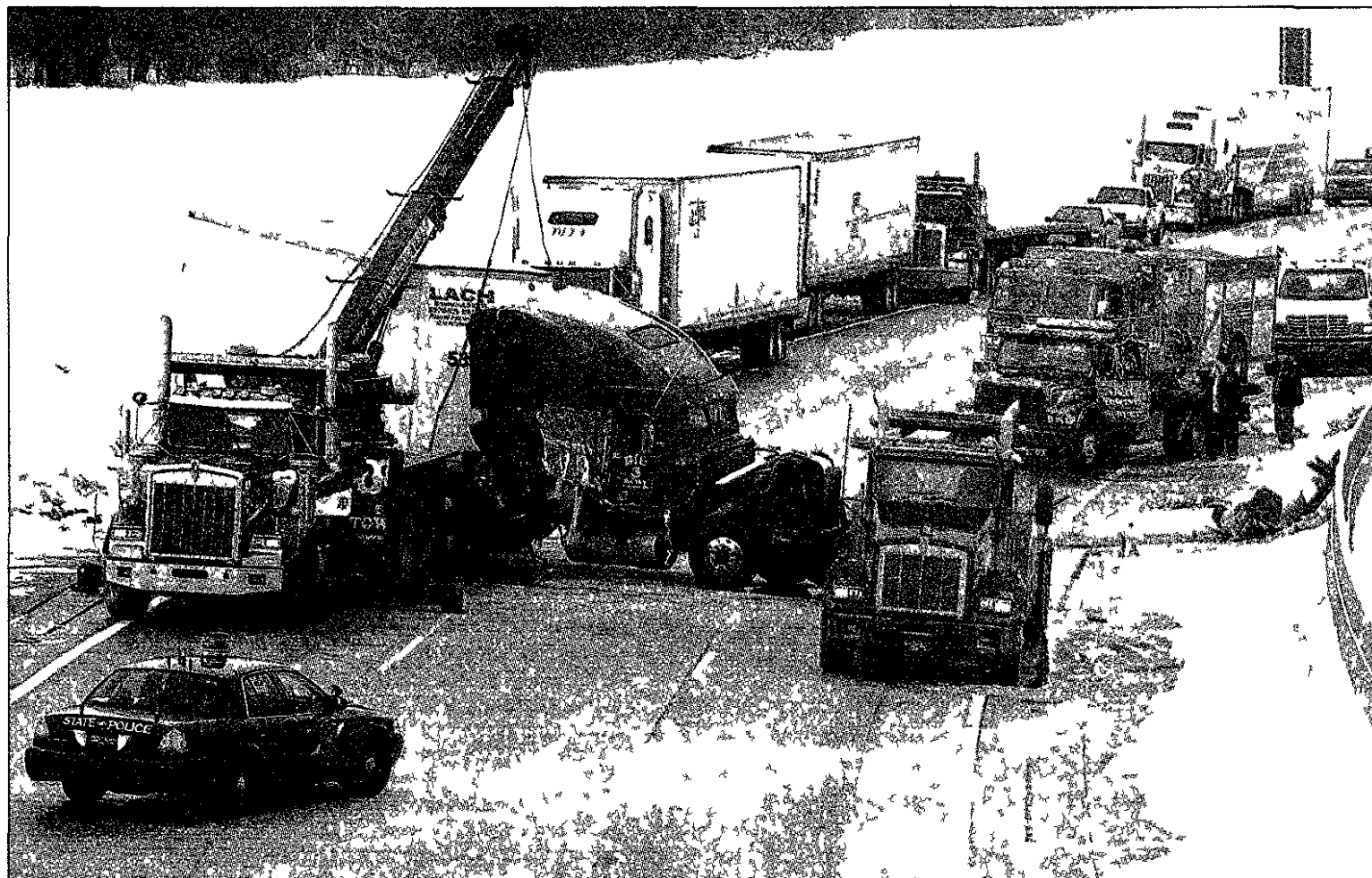
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Traffic report

Police shut down eastbound M-14 for a couple of hours after a car rammed the rear of a semi and caused the truck to jackknife. No serious injuries were reported in the accident, which forced police to shuttle traffic off of M-14 at Sheldon. In some cases, eastbound cars were turned around in order to exit.



Returning soldier Tom Piotrowski of Plymouth gets a welcome-home kiss from his wife, Rene, after completing a six-month tour of duty in Iraq.

Returning soldier glad to be home

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After spending the last six months in Iraq, Marine Sgt. Tom Piotrowski of Plymouth says he just wants to get reacclimated to life in the United States and settle down.

"I served my time, and I'm glad I did it," said Piotrowski, 25. "But, I'm glad I'm done and all I want to do is get back to having full control of my life and return to being a police officer."

Piotrowski was less than a year from completing his six-year commitment to the Marine reserves and only recently had begun his job on the Wayne State University police force, when he got the call in May his Bridge Company Alpha unit was headed back to Iraq.

Piotrowski, married only seven months to his bride, Rene, landed Aug. 22 in Kuwait in temperatures that reached nearly 130 degrees, before heading to a base about 50 miles south of Nasaria in southern Iraq.

"We were in charge of any bridge problems from the southern half of Baghdad to Basra, in the southern half of Iraq," said Piotrowski. "We built two bridges, took three apart and inspected others and did routine maintenance."

Piotrowski said he was fortunate to be stationed in the southern section of the war-torn country.

"It's pretty quiet, people either don't care we're there, or they would like us to leave, only because we

PLEASE SEE SOLDIER, A5

Educators: Stripping MEAP money 'a mistake'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

West Middle School Principal Ellison Franklin said Gov. Jennifer Granholm's decision to scrap college grants of up to \$500 for high school seniors who did well on the state MEAP tests in middle school is a mistake, and a poor civics lesson for young students.

Franklin, who encouraged students to do well on the middle school MEAPs with a "Learn and Earn" program she developed while principal at East Middle School, said saving of \$9 million for the state's financially challenged budget is not a good enough reason to cut the financial aid.

"I think the bigger picture is

'We work really hard in civics education to promote positive citizenship and participating to vote, and then we have the experience of government giving and then taking away.'

Ellison Franklin
West Middle School principal

the distrust of government," said Franklin. "We work really hard in civics education to promote positive citizenship and participating to vote, and then we have the experience of government giving and then taking away."

When former Gov. John Engler began the MEAP award program for middle school students, Franklin promoted the idea to students and parents in an attempt to help students do well on the state achievement tests, thereby earning the monetary reward.

"In the booklet, I gave a list of suggestions for students on how to be successful and a list for parents on how to support children in being successful on the tests, like eating a good breakfast, getting plenty of rest, wear comfortable clothing," said Franklin. "I also focused on how doing well on the MEAPs helps to support your school, represents themselves in a positive way and is an opportunity to earn scholarship money."

Franklin said it's very disappointing that this year's graduating seniors—the first who would have received the money—are now losing out. The \$500, combined with an additional \$2,500 for passing the high school MEAPs, can mean an entire year of tuition for many attending a junior college.

For students like Jen David of Plymouth Township, who will graduate from Canton High School this year, accumulating enough scholarships to pay for tuition at places like the University of Michigan is hard work.

"A lot of the scholarships I've applied for are for \$500," she said. "Every little bit helps."

PLEASE SEE MEAP, A6

Driver escapes injury in Wilcox Lake crash

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Detective Lt. Ed Ochal said it was a nothing short of a miracle the two occupants in a 2005 Chevy Silverado escaped serious injury after plunging nearly 50 feet into a wooded area near Wilcox Lake.

"The truck just scraped by a utility pole, nearly hitting it head on," said Ochal. "It's a miracle no one was seriously hurt after it crashed."

Ochal said a radar gun clocked the truck traveling 67 mph northbound on Main Street at Theodore, a 25 mph speed zone, about 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19.

The driver then reportedly ran a red light while making a left turn onto Mill Street.

"The driver failed to negotiate the corner where Mill and Starkweather come together," said Ochal. "He crashed into the woods and down the embankment."

The driver, Jason Koloski, 28, of Livonia, was treated at St. Mary Mercy Hospital with a dislocated elbow. His passenger, Michelle Dillworth, 38, of Northville, was discharged with minor injuries.

"Alcohol may have been a factor in the accident," said Ochal. "The driver was released, pending further investigation."

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Police said passengers in this vehicle were lucky to walk away after the car crashed near Wilcox Lake.

City fixes identity problem

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Everyone has heard about the increasing number of personal identity theft cases that can cause problems for years and jeopardize one's credit rating. But, what happens when the identity of an entire city is stolen?

That was somewhat the case after Home Depot began billing Plymouth, Mich., for credit card purchases by the city of Plymouth, Minn.

"It started over a year ago, and we've been fighting with them ever since to straighten this out," said Trish Bridges, accounts payable clerk for Plymouth, Mich. "Finally, we got a letter from Citibank telling us we were right, that they've completed their investigation and they will credit our account accordingly."

It appears that when city workers in Plymouth, Minn., would tell cashiers they wanted to charge items, store

clerks would punch up Plymouth on the computerized cash registers, with Michigan coming before Minnesota. Since September 2003, Plymouth, Mich., has been billed for items sold in Plymouth, Minn., to the tune of about \$1,500. Bridges said that includes finance charges and late payment fees.

"One person at Home Depot said it happened so long ago she didn't think she could help us," said Bridges. "But, we started this process a long time ago and I told her we shouldn't have to pay them."

Finally, on Feb. 17, Citibank sent a letter to Plymouth, Mich., exonerating the city of all the charges.

"We pay everything in full each month when we charge," said Bridges. "We canceled our Home Depot credit cards and had new cards reissued, so hopefully this won't happen again."

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Who is Cinderella really?

21st-century take on the fairy tale going up at Detroit Opera House explores the question



Beach party

Plymouth High School hosts its second-annual fund-raiser to benefit all Plymouth High School sports. The theme for this year's event, set for 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 12, is "Wildcat Beach Party."

The evening includes great food, music, a silent auction, 50-50 raffle and a reverse draw down with numerous community donated prizes and the grand prize of \$1,000. Winner need not be present.

Tickets for the event, which takes place at the VFW Hall in Plymouth, cost \$35. For tickets or more information, e-mail Katy Mihelick at mihelick@comcast.net or call (734) 637-6746.

Showcase Plymouth

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual "Showcase Plymouth-Taste of Plymouth" event from 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center. The annual event is a chance for local businesses and restaurants to showcase themselves. Cost to chamber members is \$100 plus a \$15 door prize, or \$125 plus the \$15 door prize to be located in the Atrium. Prices double for non-chamber members. For reservations or more information, call the chamber office, (734) 453-1540.

Taking Life in Stride

The third program in the four-part series, Taking Life

in Stride @ Plymouth District Library, takes place from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 30.

The program, Mind, Body and Spirit: Age and Emotion will be conducted by Dr. Susan Maixner, assistant professor of geriatric psychiatry of the University of Michigan Health Center, and social worker Karyn Schoen of the Ann Arbor Veteran's Administration.

The program, designed for men and women over the age of 50, will address the differences between "feeling blue, grieving and clinical depression and where to get accurate diagnosis and treatment."

Program registration is requested and can be made by calling the library at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

Good Citizens

Agape Christian Academy student Lindsey E. Kittl was named the winner of the Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, and her winning essay has been forwarded to the state society for consideration.

The contest is designed to "locate the very best of our dependable leaders and patriots among our senior high school students," DAR officials said. "We consider honoring these students one of our most worthwhile projects."

The scholarship contest consisted of two parts: a series of questions asking students to describe their high school activities, community service, extra-curriculars and future



Merit finalists

Eleven students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (P-CEP) were named National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists. The students - (back row) Suellen Yin, Gulrez Mahmood, Walter Graf and Sarah Poon, (front row) Jennifer David, Clare Selden, Stephanie Leiting, Adriana Blazeki (not pictured), Jason Phelps, David Xia, and Han Zhu - rank in the top 1 percent of their peers across the nation. These seniors now have an opportunity to advance in the competition for 8200 Merit Scholarship awards (about \$32 million) to be offered next month. Students entered the National Merit and Achievement competitions by taking the 2003 PSAT/NMSQT. Students must fulfill several requirements to become a Finalist: record of very high academic performance in college prep course work, SAT scores that confirm the PSAT/NMSQT performance, detailed scholarship information about extracurricular activities and leadership positions, self-descriptive essays and full endorsement of the high school principal.

plans, and a 500-word essay administered under the supervision of a faculty member.

Judges this year included Maryann Sumpter, Linda Garrett and Beth Stewart. Winners from individual high schools included Keri Ann Koch of Huron Valley High School, Brooke Raven of Livonia Franklin High School, Stehame Leiting of Canton High School, Jennifer Ann Howard of Churchill High School, Karen Boore of Ladywood High School, and Laura Whitbeck of Northville High School.

Library blood drive

The American Red Cross

will conduct a blood drive at the Plymouth District Library on Friday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Appointment sign-up sheets can be found in the library's lobby, but walk-in donors are welcome, too. For more information, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242.

Hollywood in Plymouth

Hollywood hairstylist and makeup artist Dean Sadler has set up shop as the newest stylist at Salon Awesome in downtown Plymouth.

An award-winning hair and makeup artist, Sadler boasts a portfolio of work that includes

84 films, such as *The Birdcage*, *Beverly Hills Cop III* and *Mars Attacks*. His television credits have included work on the series, *Cybil*. Sadler has also worked with celebrities such as Judge Reinhold, Cher, Jada Pinkett, Anne Heche, Nicolas Cage and Cheryl Ladd.

"Having someone of Dean's caliber come on board at Salon Awesome lends itself to the direction we are moving toward," Salon Awesome owner Rachelle Frydell said.

"His added expertise will allow us to offer a more unique experience for current and future clients." Salon Awesome is a full-service beauty salon specializing in hair, makeup, facial waxing treatments, manicures and pedicures. Clients are welcome on an appointment and walk-in basis. Appointments are encouraged.

Salon Awesome is located at 290 S. Main Street in Plymouth. For more information or to make an appointment call (734) 927-0800.

Author visits

Detroiter Kathe Koja, award-winning author of young adult novels *Straydog*, *Buddha Boy* and *The Blue Merrow* 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 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 VisiTech 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 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.

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.

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Plymouth residents Kaan Gunel, wife ester, and son Gokhan, 4, all visit Mettetal Airport for the Chili Fly-in held in The EAA113 hangar

Flight of fancy

Pilots take to the air for Mettetal Fly-in

For a mid-February day, the weather ended up being perfect for the first fly-in of the year held by the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 113 at Mettetal Airport in Canton last weekend.

The activities took place at the chapter's new aviation center, where chili, bratwursts, sauerkraut and hot dogs were served to guests.

But the real stars of the event were the many planes and pilots that "flew in" for a couple hours of socializing and showing off their airplanes. Many of the planes were experimental aircraft, some of which were built by their owners.

According to EAA member Mike Scovel, many members of the public showed up for the event. He said the pilots took up more than 25 children for brief flights. The children expressed an interest in joining the group's Young Eagles Program, which is open to youths between the ages of 8 and 17.



Dion Zammit, a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 113 based out of Mettetal Airport, makes his final approach in a Cessna 152 Trainer during the EAA Chapter 113 Chili Fly-in. Zammit has been flying since 1992 when his interest in aircraft began while working at Metro Airport.

Scovel said the event also attracted a fair number of pilots from all over Southeast Michigan, and as far away as Indiana.

"It was a great turnout. Much better than we expected. The kids just had a great time. We took up 27 Young Eagles," Scovel said.

The EEA's main focus is to provide an active local organization for anyone interested in aviation. They have monthly meetings, provide hands-on training work shops, and organize several youth programs, most notably the Young Eagles Program.

For more information about the event or the Experimental Aircraft Association, visit the chapter's Web site at www.eaa113.org.

'Scrappy' T-shirt raises funds for officer

His friends at the Wayne County Airport Police called him Scrappy, so when they were looking for a way to honor Sgt. Michael Scarbrough they created a T-shirt with the popular Hanna Barbera dog with attitude and fists at the ready.

He is dressed appropriately, as a police sergeant.

Scarbrough, 42, of Southgate was killed Feb. 9 in an automobile accident, when the patrol car in which he was a passenger hit a patch of ice and slammed into a pole. Sgt. Mark Bonza, who was driving, was seriously injured and hospitalized.

The T-shirt is being used to raise funds for Scarbrough's widow, Denise, and his three children, daughter Kelsey, 13, and twin sons, Josh and Mark, 10.

He was such a scrapper, said Officer John Chamme. "He was five, nine but stocky. That's where the name came from. But the Marines started it before us and they had a little different origin to it, but that's what it was to us."

Officer Clay Monte said the officer's nickname suggested the design for the T-shirt. The shirt was prepared by Advertising Accents in Redford.

"Mike was an excellent officer, an excellent field training officer. You could go to him and ask a question and he wouldn't make you look stupid," Monte said. He was fair, equal, educating, a perfect sergeant.



The pugnacious Scrappy Doo honors Wayne County Airport Police Sgt. Michael Scarbrough.

Scarbrough was a 17-year veteran with the Wayne County Airport Authority Police who had worked as the head of the K-9 division, SWAT, the bicycle unit and bomb squad. He was also a trainer of other officers.

The T-shirts cost \$20 and are available at Advertising Accents, 25917 Plymouth Road, Redford, Little John's Trophies, 25886 W. Six Mile, Redford, Metropolitan Uniform, 1900 N. Wayne, Westland, and the Wayne County Sheriff and Airport Police Local 502 Union Hall, 34900 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

In addition to the T-shirt, friends are also sponsoring a fund-raising hockey game between the Southgate Police and Taylor Police 7 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Southgate Ice Arena, 14700 Reaume Parkway, Southgate. Tickets are \$2. For information, call (734) 258-3035. Contributions may also be made to the Michael Scarbrough Family Trust Fund, Wyandotte Federal Credit Union, 4500 Biddle Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192.

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Hearing postponed for woman accused of having sex with boy

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The preliminary examination for a Canton woman accused of having sexual intercourse with a 14-year-old boy was adjourned until March 18. Susanne Eble, 35, appeared in 35th District Court Friday for the scheduled examination, but her attorney requested the hearing be postponed, which was granted by Judge John MacDonald. Eble remained silent throughout the brief appearance. MacDonald ordered Eble not to have any contact with the victim, who lives in the same

Canton neighborhood. In addition, Eble is not allowed to be at her home on the weekends or between 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. She had been ordered to move out of her home by March 1. Eble was arrested and arraigned Feb. 14 on three counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree. Each felony count carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in jail. She also was charged with fourth degree criminal sexual conduct, which is a misdemeanor. She is out on a \$1,000 bond. According to police reports, Eble has no prior criminal record, and the relationship

with the boy was consensual. The boy has refused to cooperate with police investigators, according to the reports. However, according to Michigan law, sexual intercourse between an adult and a 14-year-old is illegal, regardless if there was consent or not. According to police reports, there were at least six sexual encounters between Eble and the victim, which began last August. The last encounter allegedly occurred Jan. 19, when the victim's mother came home to find a woman's shoes and coat on the living room couch.



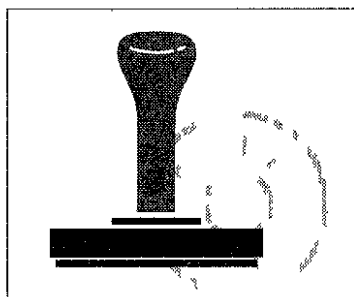
JOSEPH FARAO

Charlotte Tripp prepares her daughter Amanda Tripp, 10, for the inaugural graduation ceremony for the Young Marines of Canton, which was held last week at Canton's Summit on the Park. Amanda was one of two females to graduate from the program.

FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

- A**
John Paul Andree Sr., 86, died
- C**
Michael Frederick Childress, 32, of Fowlerville, died Feb. 17
- F**
Florence Fraser died Feb. 22
- G**
Elizabeth Gates, 90, of Crestwood, Ky., died Feb. 20
- H**
Rosetta Mae Heath, 88, of Farmington, died Feb. 20
James Huffman Hisey, 85, of Charlevoix, died Feb. 19
George W. Hoenicke, of Westland, died Feb. 22
- L**
William F. Lamers, 53, of Clarkston, died Feb. 19
- M**
Elizabeth McGuffie, 76, of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 19
Fred Morantes, 83, of Wayne, died Feb. 22
Mildred C. Murdoch, 89, of Plymouth, died Feb. 18
Renita R. Murray, of Westland, died Feb. 16
- N**
Gail Ann Napier, 70, died Jan. 31
- R**



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Community Life in Passages on page C5.

Joseph Rowe, 104, of Chatham III, formerly of Garden City, died Feb. 23

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Herman Weiss, 94, died Feb. 22
John Charles Wright Jr., 90, of Williamsburg, Va., died Feb. 15

FIRE CALLS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Feb. 16-22:
■ Tuesday, Feb. 22 - Investigation

on N. Mill, residential rescue runs on Burroughs and on Sheldon.
■ Monday, Feb. 21 - Vehicle accident on westbound M-14 west of I-275, vehicle fire on westbound M-14 at Sheldon, residential rescue runs on Old Pond and on Princeton.
■ Sunday, Feb. 20 - Residential rescue runs on Strathmore on Sheridan on Shearson on Ann Arbor Trail on Princeton on Grant on Ann Arbor Road on Northville Road on E Drive and on Haggerty vehicle accidents on N. Territorial west of Beck and on westbound M-14 at Sheldon, rescue runs on northbound I-275 north of Ann Arbor Road on southbound I-275 at M-14 and on the westbound I-96 ramp to northbound I-275.
■ Saturday, Feb. 19 - Commercial rescue runs on 5 Mile and on Mill, residential rescue runs on Franklin on Shadywood on Brownell and on Pinetree.
■ Friday, Feb. 18 - Vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon on eastbound M-14 (with wash-down) at Northville Road and at Northville Road and Mill, residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail on Ann Arbor Road, on Elmhurst and on Northville Road, rescue run on Penniman.

Hoo-ah!

Young Marine recruits learn importance of 'Corps' values

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The very first graduation ceremony of the Canton Young Marines, which took place Monday at Summit on the Park, featured all the pageantry you might expect from a military event. There was a color guard, a bagpipe player, and plenty of reverence for the American flag. None of that was lost on the 10 pint-sized graduating recruits that were being honored in front of a large group of family and friends. The event marked the culmination of 26 hours of drill instruction over the course of 13 weeks, in which they performed some physical training, but mostly learned about the history of the U.S. Marine Corps and the importance of inner values and respecting others. The Young Marines is a national organization sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps. It is open to children from age 8 to high school seniors. The only requirement is that the recruits be in good standing at school. According to Commander

Charles Volker, a retired Marine who helped organize the unit, the Young Marines is not a recruiting tool for the Marine Corps. Rather, he said, it teaches kids to be respectful of others and to have confidence in themselves. It also teaches them to lead a drug-free lifestyle, he said. "This program gives the kids confidence. It builds up their morale," said Volker, one of five former Marines who acted as drill instructors for the group. "We make them go home and clean the dishes for their moms, and make sure they say sir and ma'am when talking to adults. It's a great program. We're really proud of this group." John Santomauro, Canton Township's director of public safety, said he was honored to be the guest speaker at the graduation ceremony. He served as a platoon sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He said the Young Marines is a great organization because the graduates learn the same kind of values taught in the real Marines.

"The defining moment of my life was my time in the Marine Corps. Maybe all these kids won't go on to become Marines, but they have developed core values, which carry with you all your life," he said. Canton resident Michael Murray, a Marine who is currently on active duty, also attended the ceremony and was impressed by the dedication and commitment shown by kids who graduated. They have learned the importance of courage, honor and commitment. The important step is for them to take it out of this arena and practice it in the schools and at home, he said. That is already happening with at least one of the Young Marines - Daniel Wetter - according to his mother, Carolyn Wetter. She said she has seen a big difference in her 14-year-old son, who is an eighth-grader at All Saints Catholic School in Canton, since he began the program. "He has been more confident in himself and more respectful to us. And his teachers have even noticed it," she said.

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American Legion Post 32 Color Guard member Dick Merrill, of Plymouth talks with returned soldiers Staff Sergeant Michael Zdunowski and Master Sergeant Clarence Womack

Local Army reservists welcomed home

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Four US Army reservists returned home to Livonia's US Army Reserve Center this week after dedicating the past two years to service in Fort Benning, Ga.

The reservists - representing the 2nd Battalion, 330th Regiment - voluntarily stayed on duty for an extra year. They include Sgt 1st Class Daniel C. Ertle of Grand Rapids, Sgt 1st Class Scott Schultz of Ferndale, Master Sgt Clarence Womack of Detroit, and Staff Sgt Michael Zdunowski of Lansing.

While on active duty in Georgia, the reservists trained civilians to become soldiers. "We were not in a life-threatening situation," said Ertle. But they worked seven days a week.

Members of American Legion Post 32 were on hand to welcome the men home - and they brought baked goods. Diane Bush, Legion member, said she got the call and came - it was as simple as that.

"This is a good group of guys," she said. "They decided to stay an extra year. Maj Miles Davis arranged for the homecoming celebration and said there is good reason to be proud of their dedication."

"They have done a great job representing their unit," he said.

Ertle called it "very rewarding work." He saw firsthand the

'I got the opportunity to train them and get them prepared. I got the chance to see them go from civilian to soldier.'

Scott Schultz
Sgt 1st Class

progress and transformation that took shape among the civilians who entered Fort Benning. "These are young men stepping out into the world," Ertle said. "They don't know anything about life."

His role there took many shapes. He served as a teacher, a brother, a father, and a coach to those in training. "That's a lot wrapped into one," he said. "The rewards are there."

Schultz said the experience allowed him to prepare future soldiers for today's modern battlefield.

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He returned Sunday Feb. 20 and was glad to have time with his family.

For Womack, "it was the opportunity of a lifetime." As reservists, he said, they train and gain skills they sometimes don't get to use. At Fort Benning, those skills were being used daily, often for 15

hours at a time. Of course, Womack said he was looking forward to returning to his job as a firefighter in Detroit.

I love active duty, said Zdunowski. "There's nothing better than turning a civilian into a soldier. I'm glad to be home."

He was also thankful for the Army's support over the past two years, he said.

During their time at Fort Benning, the reservists had the opportunity to take classes not available to them closer to home, including airborne training and combat techniques.

It wasn't a tough decision for those who chose to stay. In fact, three of the reservists are in the process of relocating to Georgia. Only Womack plans to remain a Michigan resident.

I'm moving back down to Georgia," said Zdunowski. "Seventy-degree weather in February, you can't beat it."

Ertle will also move to Georgia, and is planning to wed. Schultz and his wife are also relocating there.

SOLDIER

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are interfering with their way of life, he said. "Once we started getting missions farther north, toward Baghdad, we'd see the attitudes of people change."

"The kids wouldn't be waving at you from the side of the road, they'd be scorning at you," Piotrowski said. "That's when we got attacked a few times."

Piotrowski remembered one attack involving an IED, or improvised explosive device, which is commonly referred to as a roadside bomb.

It split our convoy, but nobody got hurt," Piotrowski said. "We got engaged in small-arms fire, so we had to return fire. We didn't take serious casualties, and we were all amazed we ended up that way."

Piotrowski's unit was attacked another time while trying to repair a bridge that was blown apart.

"One day we took mortars pretty much all day," he said. "Fortunately, they were bad shots. But, one round scared us when it hit about 20 meters from the vehicle I was in. We repaired the bridge and punched out."

It made me kind of angry, because we weren't a grunt unit storming into people's houses," Piotrowski added. "We were trying to improve their way of life by building bridges and opening roads that had been closed down. But, it's not necessarily the Iraqi people attacking, there were insur-



Sgt Tom Piotrowski was greeted by friends and family with this 'Welcome Home' sign on the garage door at his parents' Plymouth home.

gents from other countries. Besides those incidents involving fire from the enemy, Piotrowski said he and his unit escaped serious injury when the Humvee they were traveling in crashed about 50-feet into a large crater while driving at night.

When he wasn't sleeping in a hole while on reconnaissance missions, Piotrowski said his base had fairly good living conditions.

At first we were living in tents, but then they were upgraded to trailers," he said. "There were tight quarters, but it was air conditioned and heated, and you could shower every day, if you wanted to deal with cold water."

Piotrowski admitted he didn't want to go to Iraq, at first. However, once there, he realized the mission had to be completed.

"Once we got in there, we had to stay," he said. "It would have made things 20 times worse to pull out. I think things will get better, but how long will it take, I'm not sure."

I'd say a majority of the country is glad we're there."

Before his return on Feb. 18 in Battle Creek, Piotrowski and Rene kept in touch, as much as possible, by e-mail, Webcam and telephone. But, there were long stretches when Tom was on missions that she just had to keep herself busy while waiting for her husband to come home.

I thought about the worst-case scenario as little as possible, knowing there was nothing I could do," said Rene Piotrowski. "All I knew is that he would get home sometime. I didn't care when, just that he got home safely."

Piotrowski's mother, Aurelia Piotrowski, broke into tears at the first sight of her son.

"When your son has been in harm's way, it's pure joy when you can see him and get a hug from him," she said. "I worried a lot and prayed a lot. I'm very grateful he came back safely. Not every parent has that gift."

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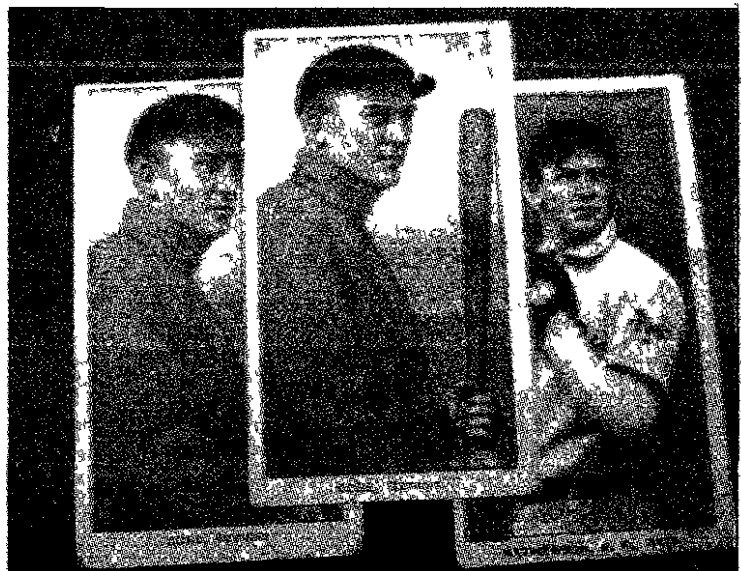
BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

It's a really good thing Harley Earl didn't find water dripping in his basement. Instead, while searching for what sounded like a water leak, the Ferndale man discovered a bluish-green, velvet box filled with about 200 rare baseball cards.

"It was quite an unexpected discovery," he said. "My wife heard water dripping in the basement, so I got a flashlight out and took a look. I didn't see any water, but there was a box up there (tucked in the rafters). I opened it up and here were all these cards, just laying loose in there."

The cards are in great condition, considering they were not protected. Harley and his wife, Barbara, live in a home that was built in 1920. Barbara's grandparents lived there and the house stayed in the family through the years. They believe the cards belonged to Barbara's grandfather, Russell Wetmore.

The stash includes 1910-era baseball cards of Ty Cobb, Christy Mathewson and the famous Chicago Cubs double play combo Joe Tinker, Johnny



Rare cards of former stars such as Tigers outfielder Ty Cobb and pitcher Christy Mathewson are among those to be auctioned.

Evers and Frank Chance, to name a few.

"We couldn't believe it when we realized how old they were," said Harley.

The cards will go on the auction block at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 5 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. The auction will be presented by Sotheby's of Farmington Hills.

"It is rather rare," said Randy Kesselring, of Sotheby's. "Especially to find something from this era and of this quantity. To find this many cards from the Ty Cobb era is quite unusual."

Harley 59, discovered the collection about a year ago and wrote letters to the Henry Ford Museum and the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The response seemed to be that they're of some value, Harley said.

He sold about 16 cards on the Internet via eBay, including a Ty Cobb card for \$1,000. The cards vary in worth,

ranging from about \$35 to several hundred dollars, Harley estimates.

"Not being a collector, we didn't have an interest in it that way," he said. "So, we decided to see what we could get for them."

Harley, who is retired, noted they may save a few cards to pass to their four children. The money they make from the auction will likely be used for a trip for he and his wife.

As far as other discoveries in the house, Harley notes they've found nothing else of such significance.

"I have checked the rest of the rafters down there for anything else," he said.

A portion of the auction proceeds will benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Call Sotheby's at (248) 761-2603 for more information on the auction.

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David said she remembers Franklin and her other teachers at East reiterating the rewards of passing the achievement tests.

"You knew there was money riding on it, so you wanted to do your best," said David. "I just thought that since they said we were going to get it, it was a given. I didn't think they

could take it away."

It makes me wonder what other things like this they can take away," she said. "The class that's graduating right now will be able to vote, so this might make us think differently about the government when we go to vote."

Though she didn't have a say in Granholm's decision, Franklin said she feels personally responsible for the bad news.

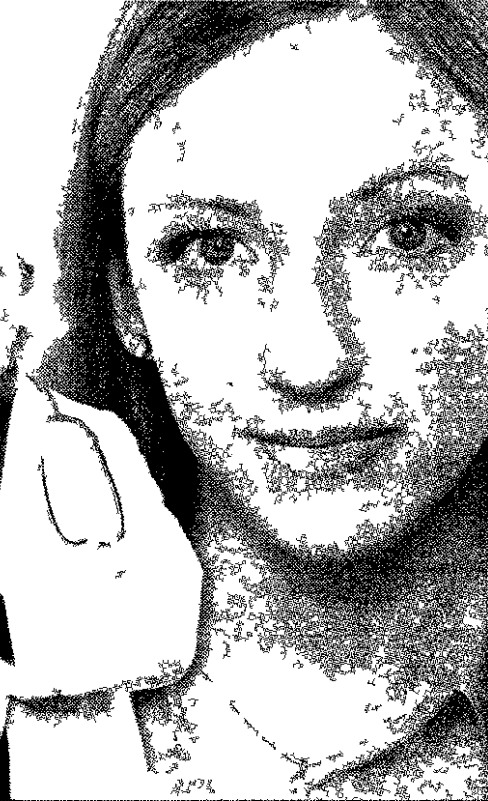
We promoted this and

promised them in good faith," said Franklin. "I feel I let them down because I was the link that communicated the information."

"Often, students don't know who is behind the real decision to take the money away," she said. "They just know Mrs. Franklin said they were getting the money and now it's being taken away."

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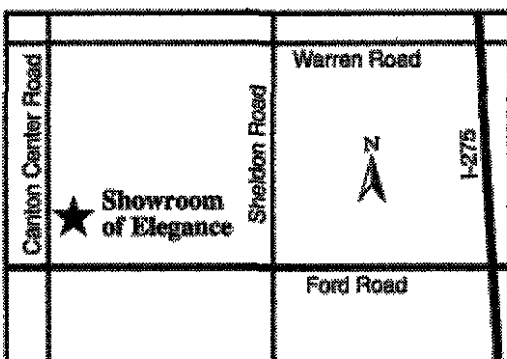
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Race is the big issue that no one wants to address

Lon Johnson, a young political organizer who has worked for Democratic candidates across the country, thinks there is something troublingly unique about the culture in Michigan.

"I've never seen anywhere where everything was so divided along racial lines," he said, adding that sooner or later, nearly every statewide issue was affected, if not decided, by some aspect of the racial divide.

That, he believes, may be Michigan's biggest challenge - greater than the transition from a manufacturing to an intellectual skills-based economy, greater than the state budget problem or the education crisis.

"We are asking the kids to be ready for a world economy. Yet, too often, they don't even know each other's cultures that are just separated by a few miles," Johnson said, as his rat terrier puppy, Jack Johnson, named for the great black

heavyweight champion, yipped furiously in the background.

His views are worth considering because of his own background. Now 33, Johnson grew up largely in working-class blue-collar Detroit suburbs before moving to Arizona for college. Afterward, he bounced around the country, working for former Vice President Al Gore in Washington and finally returning to his home state to successfully run a tough campaign for U.S. Rep. John Dingell in 2002. Now he's decided to stay put, opening an office in Royal Oak.

And he worries about the future of a state that was once seen as a national trend-setter. He knows that, thanks to the global economy, today's school kids will emerge into a world in which "they will be working with Asian, South American, African and European cultures. How will they compete?"

And can Michigan ever bridge the racial divide?

Global competition is something that has been endlessly chattered about in Michigan ever since Japanese cars began to sell in the 1970s.

Yet race has become the elephant in the living room that nobody wants to face. Every February, during Black History Month, newspapers and schoolteachers trot out stories of black pioneers, including even a sanitized Malcolm X. Yet serious political discussion tiptoes around the real issue.

Nobody is willing to tackle the continuing problem of race. For white politicians in general and for white Democrats in particular, criticizing the shortcomings of black politicians is seen as potential political suicide. Though everyone knows - for example, that one famous longtime black office holder is mentally not quite right - nobody dares mention it.

Though everyone knows that the city may be

facing receivership, Gov. Jennifer Granholm does not want to even think about the idea. She fears alienating Detroiters, and she knows she cannot be re-elected next year if the city's virtually all-black electorate turns against her.

Though the schools in the city of Detroit are worse than failures, though the government is dysfunctional and some of the office holders incompetent or openly corrupt, there is seldom a peep from the political leadership of the state.

On the other hand, there is a shameful lack of willingness in Lansing to address serious problems that are perceived as having a racial component.

The city of Detroit looks in many places like either a Third World country, or a town devastated by fighting in World War II. When East and West Germany merged in 1990, East Berlin was largely a dilapidated disaster. West Berlin was glittering, modern and affluent. Yet a united Germany immediately - and virtually without argument - set about rebuilding the run-down portions of its nation.

Yet there is no willingness on the part of Michigan to tackle the mess that is Detroit.

Nobody is willing to help the city economically or fight to reform a city charter that rewards inefficiency and prevents accountability. That is largely due to the racial divide. Experts know that Detroit's decline is rooted, not in race, but in the fact that the city could not annex surrounding territory. Starting when the expressways were built in the 1950s, people and businesses left for greener pastures, with cheaper land and less taxes. That meant the city had to begin a vicious circle of raising taxes and cutting services to those left.

Today, only those who can't afford to escape remain. Whites pretend the city's condition is the fault of shiftless blacks. Blacks blame racism. What's needed is metropolitan government. But that would cost whites money and cost blacks political power. And neither side is willing to sacrifice for the greater good.

Incredibly, perhaps, Lon Johnson sees hope. He thinks people in each generation are becoming more comfortable with diversity. "It all starts by exposure - in schools, work, social activities and churches," he says.

Yet he pauses. "In too many cities within the Detroit metro area, meaningful exposure to races and cultures other than our own is difficult because of segregation." Like it or not, Detroit is the most segregated city in the nation.

Someday, perhaps, Michigan will overcome. But if it doesn't soon, the state seriously risks becoming an economic backwater. Once, we were home to the Motor City and the Arsenal of Democracy. Today, we instead seem to be evolving into sort of a Mississippi with ice storms. And if that happens, it will be no one's fault but our own.

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One man's vision transformed Stratford into cultural jewel

Every year busloads of local school children and thousands of adults make a pilgrimage to a small town in Ontario to experience theatrical excellence of the highest order. The Stratford Festival is both a Canadian national treasure and an eagerly anticipated annual event for thousands in Metro Detroit. It is also an example of what a little vision, community spirit and hard work can accomplish, even in a remote little town that time was passing by.



Hugh Gallagher

Last week the festival's founder Tom Patterson died at the age of 84. It was Patterson's vision, enthusiasm and dogged determination that brought world-class theater to a rural town in south Ontario. Patterson was working as a trade journalist in Toronto when he got the idea of bringing Shakespearean theater to the town named after the Bard's hometown and situated along its own winding Avon River.

"The notion of trying to do what Tom was suggesting certainly must have seemed crazy for this little town in the early 1950s, and yet, he didn't give up on it," said Antoni Cimolino, the Festival's Executive Director in a press release. "His commitment and enthusiasm were infectious."

Patterson was able to convince local politicians that his "crazy idea" was good for the town's economy. He was also able to attract the renowned director Tyrone Guthrie and the great actor Alec Guinness in 1953 to perform *Richard III* and *All's Well That Ends Well* in a tent.

That tent has long since been replaced by the state-of-the-art Festival Theatre, which was recently remodeled. In addition, three other stages are also busy from early spring to late autumn with a repertory of plays that encompass the world, though always including works by the wordsmith of Avon.

In the early 1950s, Stratford was an unlikely tourist town. It was the commercial center for the local farmers and its major industry was repairing train cars. Patterson was also an unlikely impresario.

It was Guthrie who put Patterson's achievement in perspective in the book *Renown at Stratford*. Guthrie wrote, Tom Patterson "had no great influence to back him, no great reputation, no great fortune. Most of us similarly placed abandon our Great Ideas, write them off as Daydreams and settle for something less exciting and more practicable. Not so Mr. Patterson. His perseverance was indomitable."

Patterson served as the theater's general manager, founded a touring theatrical company, Canadian Players, and served on many Canadian artistic boards. He won numerous national honors including the Queen

The possibilities are all there just waiting for the right person, the right idea, the right support.

Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Medal. The festival's intimate Third Stage Theatre was renamed the Tom Patterson Theatre in his honor.

In addition to creating a world-class cultural institution, Patterson helped transform the town. Once struggling to maintain itself, Stratford bustles from May until November. It is home to restaurants, hotels, bed and breakfasts, book and curio shops for the tourists, but it is also a real town of grocers, druggists and hardware dealers. It blends the extraordinary with the everyday, the small town with the big city and the tourists with the townies.

The Festival Theatre sits on the banks of the Avon as part of a beautiful park with gardens on both ends, elegant swans, winding walkways and a grand lawn for art exhibits and baseball games.

One man made a difference. Many of our towns struggle to define themselves. Recently The Cherry Hill Theatre in Canton was opened as a performing center focused, rightly, on encouraging the artistic gifts of those in the community.

Several communities have attempted to redefine their annual events to give them a special focus that represents the community's unique identity. Some events, like the Plymouth Ice Show, struggle to keep an old idea fresh.

But the possibilities are all there just waiting for the right person, the right idea, the right support.

Tom Patterson is an inspiration. Anyone, anywhere can make a difference in their community. A good idea will not be denied.

Sadly, one of the artistic pillars of our community, saxophonist Larry Nozero died of cancer on Feb. 18. A benefit concert at Clarenceville High School Tuesday was an indication of the love and respect that the Detroit Jazz community held for Nozero as a musician, teacher and friend. A who's who of Detroit jazz musicians raised more than \$20,000 to cover Nozero's medical bills.

Midge Ellis, another pillar of the local music scene, said of Nozero, "This man was so loved. He was the sweetest. He would reach down into the bottom of his feeling and it would come out in his horn."

We do make a difference.

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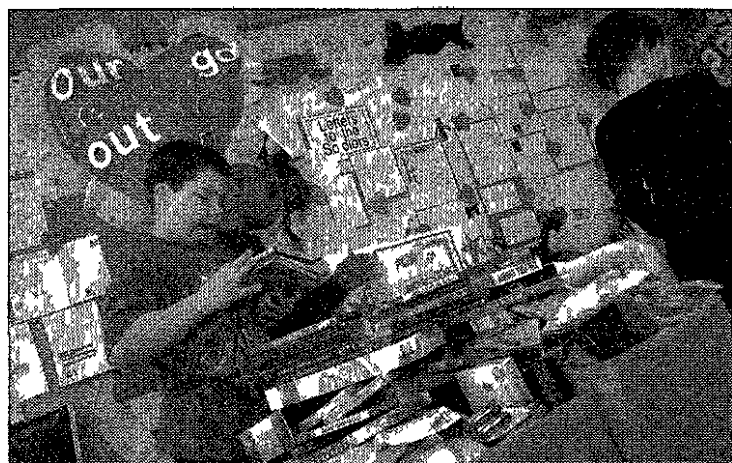
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Brad Keogh, 7 (left) of Westland looks at the DVDs that have been collected for Operation Take a Soldier to the Movies at the Burger Center for Students with Autism. Helping packing the items Brandon White (behind left) and Shawn Agee (right).

Students provide soldiers with 'ticket' to movies

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Russ Mullen is making sure he sends an e-mail to his son, Sgt. Dennis Morton, about an extra special package headed his way.

The package is full of movies, popcorn, candy snacks and a few necessities and is coming from students and staff at the Burger Center for Students with Autism.

It's one three special deliveries being made to serve personnel in Iraq or en route to the country. Morton is stationed in Mosul with the 25th Infantry's Stryker Combat Team, while the brothers of Burger staff members Cathy Amatucci and Sandy Bosker are on their way to Iraq.

"The fact that they decided to do this is wonderful," said Mullen of the two-week-long Operation Take a Soldier to the Movies. "I think it's great."

Teacher Cheryl Chaveriat came up with the idea for the collection after hearing about Operation Take a Soldier to the Movies from her hairdresser.

She asked the parents of her students to make donations and include a picture and write a note to go with the donations. When other classes heard of it, they wanted to get involved.

By Monday morning, two extra-long folding tables in the hallway of the school were piled high with everything from microwave popcorn, candy, powdered drink mixes, canned cheese ravioli and DVD and VHS tapes like *I, Robot*, the *Star Wars Trilogy*, *Anchorman* and *The Full Monty*, and Quinn Ebner's favorite, *Friday Night Lights*.

"It's about football," the Canton youngster (Quinn) said of his selection.

Quinn was the first to respond to Operation Take a Soldier to the Movies, bringing in the movie, popcorn and drink mix. He also included a letter to the troops.

"Thanks for protecting us," he wrote. "You are very brave."

"One mother even wrote that she'd be a pen pal," said Chaveriat. "She told her husband what she wanted to do and he said it was OK."

Operation Take a Soldier to the Movies was started by Wisconsin residents Bernie and Kathy Hintzke who came up with the idea to help their son, Adam, who was serving in Iraq. It soon expanded to include soldiers serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Hintzkes' "ticket" to the movies included a new or used DVD movie, two packets of microwave popcorn, two

presweetened drink mix packets, an assortment of movie theater candy and letters and photographs from contributors.

Instead of making individual packages, the Burger students created three boxes that Morton and Amatucci's and Bosker's brothers can share with their fellow soldiers.

The collection went beyond movie items when Mullen provided a list of items hard to find in Iraq, so things like the canned ravioli, disposable wet cloths, games and playing cards were included.

"It's something he told me and what I hear from other guys," said Mullen, who is a Vietnam War veteran. "It's things they can't readily get over there."

"I don't think they have the accommodations like I had in Viet Nam," he added. "I was in a barracks in Viet Nam. They're living in containers. They shipped everything over there in the containers empty, tied them out and now they're living in them."

The containers are probably the nicest thing they have to live in over there."

The boxes were packed and inventoried before they were picked up by DHL, which is covering the cost of shipping the packages.

It was Ann Marie Witkowski who got DHL to ship the boxes for free. She had connections. Her husband, Andy, works for the company. And it was her son who insisted on including the cheese ravioli in the collection.

"I started counting how much we had at one time, but it kept coming in, so I stopped," said Chaveriat. "It started with one and then another. It was kind of neat to see it grow. It's about people doing something."

Mullen figured he had some time to tell his son a special package is coming and he won't have to tell him to share. He's been doing that with the packages his parents have been sending every few weeks.

"When I was in Viet Nam, the moms would send care packages, but I never remember getting them from an organization like this," said Mullen. "It was what mom would send and what we could get from the USO."

He added that he now understands what his parents went through when he was in Viet Nam and what his grandparents went through during World War II. His father was in the Normandy landing on D-Day.

"I think it's wonderful what they're doing," he said.

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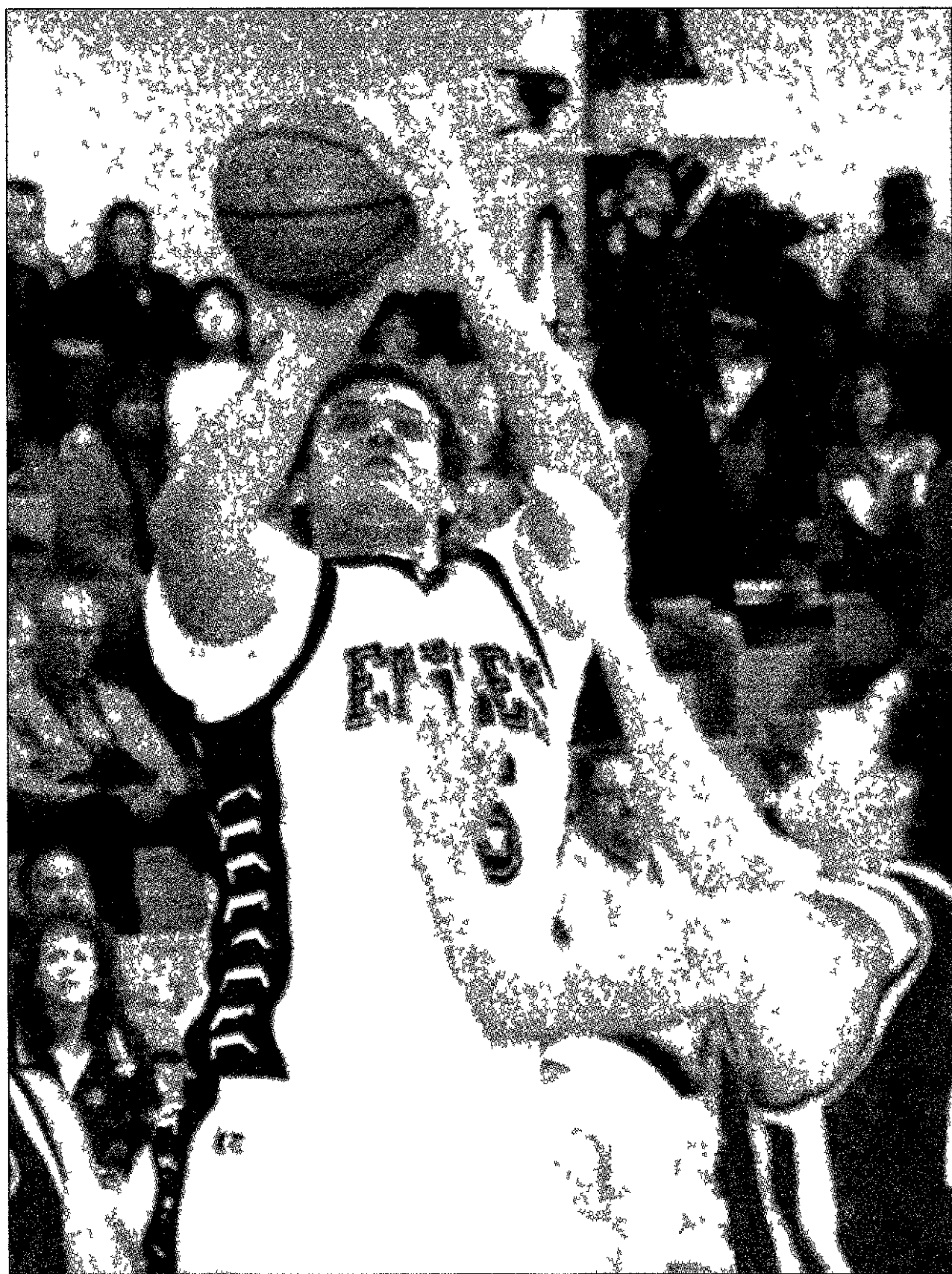
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Plymouth Christian's Aaron Ciborowski pulls up for a jump shot over Taylor Baptist Park's Hudson Hodges during the first quarter of Friday night's game. Ciborowski tallied 19 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Eagles to a 71-64 victory.

Inside job

Post players lead PCA to Senior Night victory

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy super-sized Taylor Baptist Park Friday night.

PCA, which had too much size inside for the Wildcats, muscled its way to a 73-64 triumph. The Eagles' low-post tandem of 6-foot-4 seniors Aaron Ciborowski and Mike McCord combined to score 41 points and yank down 33 rebounds.

Prior to the game, Ciborowski was honored for becoming the all-time leading rebounder at PCA. During the game, he showed why, ripping down 15 boards to go with his 19 points. McCord, Ciborowski's low-post partner, turned in his most productive game of the season, recording 22 points and 18 rebounds. "That was one of Mike's best games this year," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "In the first half, he was getting a lot of putbacks, but in the second half we were feeding him the ball in the low post and he was coming through."

"They just wouldn't go away. They're a very good shooting team and they're extremely quick."

The victory lifted the Eagles' record to 11-9 heading into next week's Class D district tournament at Detroit Urban Lutheran. The Wildcats, who nipped the Eagles 49-47 on Jan. 4, fell to 12-8.

"Their inside game was just too much for us tonight," said Baptist Park coach Andy Cook. "Tonight's game was very similar to the first game we played against them — they just made a few more shots tonight."

If you think Baptist Park's Halston Hodges has a cool name, you should see his game. The junior guard pumped in a team-high 22 points, grabbed six rebounds and nabbed seven steals. Jonathan Slaviv netted 16 and Robbie Miller 13 for the Wildcats.

"Halston has had a phenomenal year for us," said Cook. "He's nearly averaging a triple-double this year, so tonight was a pretty typical performance for him."

After Hodges scorched the Eagles for 14 points in the first half, Taylor made an effective strategic change for closing 16 minutes of action.

"We went to a box-and-one against him and I think Jon Wendt did a great job on him. (Hodges) only scored two points in the fourth quarter."

The Eagles soared to a 15-14 lead after one quarter and 30-24 halftime advantage. Miller hit a jumper

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Sidelines

'Cat fund-raiser

Plymouth High School will be hosting its second annual fund-raiser — "Wildcat Beach Party" — to benefit all Plymouth High School athletics.

The fund-raiser will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight March 12 at the VFW Hall in Plymouth. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes dinner and beverages.

Along with dinner, participants will be treated to music, a silent auction, a 50-50 raffle and a reverse draw, which will include a number of prizes donated by companies and individuals within the community. Winners do not need to be present to win. For tickets, contact Kathy Mihelick at (734) 637-6746 or e-mail her at mihelick@comcast.net.

Swim fund-raiser

The Salem girls swimming and diving team will be holding a fund-raiser at the Jimmy John's restaurant located at 41806 Ford Road between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9. The team will receive a percentage of all receipts that are taken in that evening.

Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be held Saturday, March 26, and Saturday, April 9, in the Salem High School gymnasium. Participants will receive three hours of baseball instruction with the Rocks' 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. Contact Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

Hoop winners

Several local young basketball enthusiasts walked away with honors at the Hoop Shoot and on-3 basketball tournament which were held Feb. 19 at the Summit Park in Canton.

The top three Hoop Shoot winners in each age group were:

■ Boys 8-9: 1st place — Ryan Hovermale; 2nd — Collin Hewet; 3rd — Aaron Miller

■ Boys 10-11: 1st — Joshua Maxam, 2nd — Nate Sass, 3rd — Ryan Liguori

■ Boys 12-13: 1st — Preston Currie, 2nd — Tosin Adejebi; 3rd — C.J. Mwila

■ Boys 14-15: 1st — Michael Darouie, 2nd — Aqueel Sheriff, 3rd — Jimmy Dexter.

■ Girls 8-9: 1st — Hana Cruz

■ Girls 10-11: 1st — Lindsey Dehmke

The winners of the on-3 tournaments were:

■ 3rd and 4th grade, 1st — Pistons (Devin Slominski, Nate Sass, Domicnic and Mitchell Quinlan).

■ 5th and 6th grade 1st — Canton Ballers (Luke Hager, Jaron Issac, C.J. Mwila and Harrison Michaels)

■ 7th and 8th grade 1st — East (James Dexter, Robert Wildman and Aqueel Sheriff)

Power play dominant for Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers' power play was running on all cylinders Friday night in the team's 7-2 victory over the Windsor Spitfires in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before a sellout crowd of 3,556 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The Whalers converted five-of-eight extra-player opportunities on the way to the convincing win. Plymouth led 3-1 after one period and 6-1 with 20 minutes to play.

Rookie Cory Tanaka led the Plymouth attack with two goals and was voted the game's first star. Tanaka, the team's second-round draft choice last spring, has eight goals,

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including five in the last six games. John Vigilante (20), Jonas Fiedler (16), Gino Pisellini (3), Mike Looby (7) and John Mitchell (24) also scored for the winners.

Paul MacFarland (11) and Mitch Maunu (6) scored for Windsor. Plymouth outshot Windsor, 35-28, with the line of Tanaka, Fiedler and Tim Sestito leading the way with relentless fore-checking and puck pursuit.

With the win, Plymouth (26-24-5-3) remains in second place in the OHL's West Division with 60 points, one behind first-place Sault Ste. Marie (26-24-8-1), which ousted Kitchener, 4-1, Friday night. Windsor dropped to 22-26-6-2, which is good enough for third place in the West.

Ryan Nie earned the victory in goal for the Whalers, knocking away 26 Spitfire shots.

Windsor starting goalie Kyle Knechtel stuffed 22 Whalers shots before getting yanked after the second period.

He was replaced by Brad Topping, who recorded six saves.

Mules sideline Canton wrestlers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Canton wrestling team's record-breaking season was derailed Wednesday night by one of the most storied programs in the history of Michigan high school wrestling.

The Chiefs, who won a school-record 23 dual meets this season and earned Canton's first-ever Division 1 district title, fell to Temperance-Bedford, 50-15, in a regional semi-final match held at Temperance-Bedford High School.

The Mules, who have filled more than one trophy case with state wrestling titles over the past 20 years, defeated Belleville in the regional final.

They will take a 33-3 record into the state championship tournament next

weekend. Canton finished 23-10.

"The kids wrestled hard and they weren't intimidated at all by Temperance-Bedford," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We were only down 22-15 after the 145-pound match, but then they got a pin at 152 and they won the rest."

"Temperance-Bedford has a very, very deep program. They bring three teams to every meet and they have an outstanding middle-school wrestling program. We just didn't have the depth we needed to beat them."

Randolph said he hopes Canton's program can mirror the Mules' winning ways before too long.

"That's where I want us to be someday soon," Randolph said. "We took the first steps this year by winning the dis-

trict and setting a school record for wins. If we keep working hard, we can make it happen."

The Chiefs led briefly Wednesday, 6-0, when 103-pounder Ryan Schnettler pinned Justin Smith in 2:58 in the opening match.

Following three straight losses, Canton's Corey Phillips (130) and Ryan Webb (135) earned hard-fought decisions to make things interesting. Phillips outmuscled Colin Arnold, 4-1, while Webb nipped Alex Ortman, 6-4.

However, the underdog Chiefs racked up just one more victory — Konrad Konsitzke's 2-0 triumph over Alex Wells at 145 — the rest of the night.

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Kelley vaults to gymnastics glory

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Not many high school gymnasts in the state of Michigan can match the combination of speed, strength, coordination and athleticism that makes Canton's Alyssa Kelley one of the school's all-time best vaulters.

The talented sophomore has not only come within an eyelash of equalling Katie Gilles' school record in the vault, but she is also approaching several other landmarks in the sport.

So it's ironic that Kelley's gymnastics career nearly came to a screeching halt several years ago due to her reluctance to try what she now does better than almost anyone.

"I started gymnastics when I was real little," Kelley said, "but I stopped doing it because I was scared of the vault. It's funny today when I think about it because that's my best event now."

Following a two-year hiatus from gymnastics, Kelley picked up the sport again in the third grade and has excelled ever since. Kelley's remarkable progress at the high school level can be measured by her performance at Thursday's



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Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet where she finished second in the all-around and first in the vault.

OVERCOMING PAIN

What's amazing about Kelley's accomplishments at Canton is that

1 She's only a sophomore, and
2 She's doing it all with a chronic back injury that forces her to wear a brace when competing.

While the injury can be painful — especially on the mornings following competitions — Kelley tolerates the

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton gymnast Alyssa Kelley hasn't let her sophomore status stop her from becoming one of the Western Lakes Activities Association's elite gymnasts this season. Kelley finished second in the all-around competition at Thursday's WLAA conference meet.

PCA

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for the Wildcats to cut their deficit to 30-26 seconds into the third quarter but PCA answered with an 8-2 run to extend its lead to 40-30 three minutes into the quarter
A triple by Baptist Park's Caleb Thompson two minutes later brought the visitors to within 44-39, but Eagle point guard Stephen Sumner countered with a pair of free throws to give his team a seven-point cushion with eight minutes to play
With 6:49 left and the Eagles up 48-39, Sumner recorded an assisted that was worthy of an ESPN Sportscenter Top 10 plays nomination. After diving for a ball near mid-court, the senior guard — while sitting with his back to the PCA basket — corralled the ball then flipped a no-look, over-the-shoulder pass to Jon Wendt, who laid the ball in to put PCA up 50-39
The Eagles never looked back after that, building a 15-point edge with 5:15 left on a Jordan Johnston jumper. The closest the Wildcats got the rest of the game was the final score
PCA opens the Class D district tournament Tuesday night at Detroit Urban Itheran with a 6 p.m. contest against Westland Huron Valley Lutheran. A victory will propel the Eagles into a Thursday night semi-final showdown against the winner of the Redford Bishop Borgess-Urban Lutheran clash.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian's Matt Saagman dribbles past Baptist Park's Hudson Hodges during Friday night's game at PCA.

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KELLEY

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siveness due to the passion she has acquired for gymnastics
I hurt my back two years ago," she said. "The doctors said it was probably caused by overuse. There wasn't one thing I did that caused it. At the time I got hurt, I was competing for the Novi Sports Club team, which required a lot more practicing than the high school team. The doctors told me I could still compete in gymnastics, but not at the club level. The worst part about it was that it happened right before the state regionals that year, so I had to miss it."
LOOK OUT, RECORDS
Canton coach John Cunningham said he is impressed by how Kelley com-

petes in spite of the chronic injury
Last year, Alyssa missed several meets due to her sore back, but this year she's competed in every meet, with the exception of one when she had the flu, said Cunningham
There are times she's in pain, but she just grins and bears it. She's a great competitor
Katie Gilles owns all of the records at Canton now, but Alyssa isn't far behind. She missed the vault record by just five-tenths-of-a-point earlier this year, and she's pushing the other events, too. She should eventually have all of the records by the time she graduates. She's that good.
NO REGRETS
Although Kelley thrived at the club gymnastics level prior to her injury, she insists she wouldn't trade her high school experience for anything.

'High school gymnastics is more fun than club gymnastics, she said. There's not as much pressure and I really like everyone on the team. We get along great and we're having a pretty good year (the Chiefs own a 10-2 dual-meet record)
BEAMING GRADES
Kelley epitomizes the label "student-athlete" as she has crafted a stellar 3.5 grade point average through her first year-plus at Canton. If everything works out like she hopes, Kelley will attend Michigan State University after graduating in 2007 and work toward a degree in sports medicine or physical therapy
The career choice seems ideal for Kelley, who can motivate her future patients by sharing her own inspirational experience of how she overcame physical setbacks to rise to great athletic heights.

Livonia earns gymnastics title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The machine-like precision that carried the Livonia Consolidated girls gymnastics team to an 11-0 regular-season record was on display at Thursday night's Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet
Led by the all-around performances of Andrea Pisani and Lindsey Reed, Livonia captured its second consecutive WLAA title by compiling 148.125 to edge runner-up Brighton (145.125)
"The key tonight was we did real well on the floor and beam," said Livonia coach Christa Hinderliter. "We have two more big meets coming up with the regional and state meets, so hopefully this helps us keep moving in the right direction."
Pisani was Livonia's brightest star, winning the all-around with 37.350 points. Pisani also turned in a gold-medal effort on the beam (9.350) and uneven bars (9.450). Reed finished first in the floor-exercise competition with a score of 9.750, just ahead of second-place Pisani's 9.500
Canton's Alyssa Kelley won the vault, earning a 9.450. The sophomore also finished second in

the all-around with a 36.750
'Alyssa continued to dominate the vault," said Canton coach John Cunningham, referring to Kelley's unbeaten record in the event. "Her all-around score was her best this year. To finish second against this competition is a big-time accomplishment for her."
Northville/Novi finished third with 144.500, followed by Canton (142.275), Salem (142.275), Hartland (138.875), Walled Lake and Wayne-Westland (128.150), and Plymouth (84.875)
"I wasn't displeased with our performance," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "But we had three falls on beam that cost us second place."
"I thought Mina (Pirzadeh) had an excellent all-around, finishing eighth in Division 2, and Jessie Murray's eighth-place finish in Division 1 was outstanding. She had an excellent vault. Kate Staley and Megan Chappo also did well."
Salem's Ashley Aquino earned a first-place finish in the Division 2 all-around standings, racking up 36.950 points
Plymouth's top performer was freshman Jordan Brodehl, who placed 10th in the uneven bars (8.975)

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VAULT
Division 1: 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9.450, 2 Nichole Drouillard (B) 9.375, 3 Amanda Perelli (NN) 9.300, 4 Lauren Dilullo (B) 9.200, 5 Kerry Dyer (H) 9.150, 6 (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Sam Zach (H) 9.100, 8 Andrea Pisani (LC) 9.050, 9 (tie) Alicia Fedrigo (LC) and Emily Platt (NN) 9.000
Division 2: 1 Janna Ramsey (NN) 9.250, 2 Julie Foucher (NN) 9.150, 3 (tie) Ashley Aquino (S) 9.050 and Paige Albers (LC) 9.050, 5 (tie) Alyssa Supplee (LC) and Kaitlin Pietila (B) 9.000, 7 Jacqueline Gazette (NN) 8.950, 8 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 8.900, 9 (tie) Elena Gueoruev (S) and Mina Pirzadeh (C) 8.800
UNEVEN BARS
Division 1: 1 Andrea Pisani (LC) 9.450, 2 Lindsey Reed (LC) 9.400, 3 Megan Chappo (C) 9.350, 4 Rachel Page (B) 9.325, 5 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9.300, 6 Amanda Perelli (NN) 9.225, 7 (tie) Nichole Drouillard (B) and Katie Carlson (B) 9.200, 9 Jessie Murray (C) 9.000, 10 Jordan Brodehl (P) 8.975
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Division 1: 1 Andrea Pisani (LC) 9.350, 2 Lindsey Reed (LC) 9.300, 3 Katie Carlson (B) 9.150, 4 Megan Chappo (C) 8.900, 5 Kacy Risner (LC) 8.850, 6 Rachel Page (B) 8.800, 7 (tie) Amanda Perelli (NN) Sarah Bugosh (S) and Kelly McKay (WL) 8.700, 10 Nichole Drouillard (B) 8.650
Division 2: 1 Paige Albers (LC) 9.300, 2 Ashley Aquino (S) 9.250, 3 (tie) Alyssa Supplee (LC) and Rachel Deneau (NN) 9.100, 5 Emily Sicheneder (H) 8.700, 6 Hillary Bracht (C) 8.600, 7 Kaitlin Pietila (B) 8.550, 8 Elena Gueoruev (S) 8.500, 9 Julie Aurelia (LC) 8.450, 10 Jessica Glancy (NN) 8.350
FLOOR
Division 1: 1 Lindsey Reed (LC) 9.750, 2 Andrea Pisani (LC) 9.500, 3 (tie) Nichole Drouillard (B) and Kara Ahern (C) 9.450, 5 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9.400, 6 (tie) Lauren Dilullo (B) 9.250 and Alicia Fedrigo (LC) 9.250, 8 Kerry Dyer (H) 9.225, 10 Amanda Perelli (NN) 9.100
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ALL AROUND
Division 1: 1 Andrea Pisani (LC) 37.350, 2 Alyssa Kelley (C) 36.750, 3 Nichole Drouillard (B) 36.675, 4 Lindsey Reed (LC) 36.650, 5 Katie Carlson (B) 36.375, 6 Amanda Perelli (NN) 36.325, 7 Rachel Page (B) 35.975, 8 Jessie Murray (C) 35.700, 9 Sarah Bugosh (S) 35.550, 10 Kerry Dyer (H) 35.275
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Agape cagers trounce L&L

Canton Agape Christian improved its record to 15-5 Friday night with a 66-27 victory over Taylor Light & Life
The Wolvernes rolled to a 22-5 first-quarter lead and 38-13 halftime advantage before cruising to their 14th win in 15 games
Agape, which played without sharp-shooting senior guard Gabe Molnar, was led by Bryan

Horning, who netted 21 points
The Wolvernes also received strong efforts from Jack Anleitner (16), Derek Leathers (10) and Ryan Barber (nine)
Paul Posant led Light & Life with nine points
Agape drained nine three-point shots
"This was a nice win to finish off a successful regular season," said Agape coach Keith

Anleitner, whose team will open the Class D district tournament Thursday night against the winner of the Detroit Westside Christian-Detroit City game
Thursday's opening tip at Detroit Urban Lutheran High School is set for 6 p.m.
The finals are slated for Friday at 7 p.m.

Wildcat skaters tie W.L. Northern

The Plymouth hockey team tied Walled Lake Northern, 2-2, Friday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game. The deadlock left the Wildcats with a 10-12-2 record
Nick Rosochacki opened the scoring for Plymouth with an unassisted goal at 10:44 of the first period. The Knights knotted the score at 1-1 when Kevin Nailer scored off assists from Mike Bell and Zach Zelasko with 1:27 left in the opening period
The Wildcats regained the lead, 2-1, on John Knoerl's goal early in the second period. Mark Olivier assisted John

Adams netted the game-tying marker five minutes later
"I thought it was a good game," said Plymouth coach Mike Kaput. "We played with a lot of energy and we outshot them, it just seems like all of our shots hit their goalie."
Justin Desilets and Christian Blick shared the goal-tending duties for Plymouth
The Wildcats will open the Division 1 regional tournament Monday night at 6 p.m. against Walled Lake Central at the Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livonia.
Salem 3, W.L. Western 2: Kris Brant's goal at the 9:29 mark of the third period gave the

Rocks the victory. Steven Tripp and John Peterson assisted on the winning goal
Tripp and Craigen Bauldry also scored goals for the Rocks, who got assists from Adam Gilkin and John Maurer
Salem will open the Division 1 regional tournament at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor against Ypsilanti-Willow Run
The opening face-off is set for 5:30 p.m. A win would pit the Rocks into a semi-final match-up against the winner of Monday's Jackson-Brighton game. The semis are set for Thursday at 5:30 p.m. while the finals are set for Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

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Local volleyball teams battle to end in district tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Even though the three P-CEP volleyball teams suffered season-ending losses Friday night in the Class A district tournament at Northville High School, they all have reason for optimism heading into the off-season and the 2005-06 campaign.

Of the three teams, Plymouth endured the longest, advancing to the final match before getting ousted by powerhouse Livonia Churchill, 25-18, 25-17 and 25-22. The Wildcats qualified for the finals berth by downing Salem in the semis, 25-20, 17-25, 25-20 and 25-22.

"Overall, I thought we played well against Salem," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "Our serve-receive was shaky at the beginning, but fortunately for us, Salem made a few more mistakes than we did. I thought both teams played well, though. They have a very good team."

"We knew going into the match against Churchill that they had a great team. The only thing I'm disappointed in is that we had a 20-14 lead in game three, but their best player — Kelsey Mack — went on a 10-point service run. She has a great serve with a lot of top-spin."

Janet Hanchett (15 digs), Kim

Klonowski (13 digs), Lindsay Vogelsberg (11 digs), Sarah Haskins (18 set assists) and Jeanne Moise (11 kills) all played well in the loss to the Chargers.

"Overall, I think we could have done better this season," said McCausland, whose team finished 29-14-5. "I think the way we played in this district tournament showed how good we can be. We had our ups and downs, which I think goes with the youth we have. The nice thing is we're one of the only teams who will be returning everybody next season."

The Rocks will also welcome back their entire roster next season, with the exception of senior defensive specialist Kelly Lepper, who missed the season due to injuries.

Salem won its quarterfinal match Friday night over the host Mustangs in five exciting games: 25-15, 25-21, 17-25, 10-25 and 15-11.

"Even though we lost the third and fourth games, the girls were still confident heading into the fifth," said Salem coach Jennifer Peterson, whose team finished with an 18-15-5 record. "I told them to go out there, play their game and relax. Sometimes, they think about things too much instead of just reacting."

Peterson praised the play of Kelly Behr, Teresa Coppiellie and

Lauren Kurtz in the win over Northville.

"Kelly did a great job of passing for us," she said. "Teresa hit extremely well, she put it down when we needed it. And Lauren had a number of key blocks."

Coppiellie netted 14 digs and 14 kills in the semi-final loss to the Wildcats. Nikki Mersch contributed nine kills while Lauren Price had eight.

"Both teams played well, I thought," Peterson said. "When you get a big rivalry game like that, anything can happen. Plymouth was very scrappy. They played great defense, but I thought we did, too."

Peterson said she will look back at her first year at Salem with mostly pleasant memories.

"I'm very happy that I made the decision to come to Salem," said Peterson, who coach at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard last season. "I'm very excited already about next year. This year was a big learning year for us. It always takes a while to get used to a new coach and for a new coach to get used to the new players. This team is young, so we can build together."

"Losing Kelly Lepper hurt a lot. She has so much wisdom for the game, which is something you can't teach. We missed her presence out on the court this year. We needed someone with Kelly's experience to tell the girls

when to calm down and when to get more serious. I got to see her play a little while before she got hurt the second time, and her skills are phenomenal. She handled the situation great. I don't think I would have handled it quite as well."

Canton had the unenviable task of facing Churchill in the first round. The Chargers won 26-24, 24-26, 25-8 and 25-17, but not before the Chiefs gave them a serious run for their money in the match's early stages.

"We were up 23-20 in the first game, but we couldn't hang on," said Canton coach Alex Perrin. "Then in the second game, we were ahead 23-19, but they came back to take the lead. Marie Martin, a freshman, stepped up and made three phenomenal plays to help us pull it out."

"We lost our focus a little bit in the third game and I was disappointed we lost by so much, but, overall, I thought we played pretty well."

Canton, which finished with a 20-19-5 record, was led by Andrea Johnson (seven kills, 12 digs, three aces), Laura McKendry (13 kills, 10 digs, three blocks and two aces), Stephanie Price (26 assists, three aces, 10 service points) and Krista Holcomb (13 digs).

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Salem's Lauren Kurtz blocks a kill attempt by Northville's Morgan Daul during Friday night's Class A district match at Northville High School.

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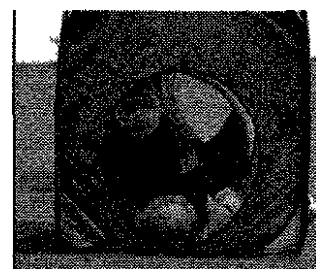
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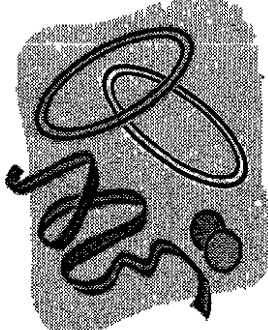
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How can I tell if I have a cold or the flu? Which symptoms belong to which disease?

Influenza has fairly predictable symptoms. In the beginning it starts off something like a cold with upper respiratory symptoms, like a runny nose, and a non-productive cough and scratchy throat but very rapidly and suddenly progresses to high fever and very prominent headache, chills, and muscle aches. The fever lasts about three days or so, and the whole thing usually only lasts about five to eight days. Colds tend to come on gradually and are usually distinguished by a runny nose and sneezing.

What can I do to ward off colds?

- Wash your hands
- Limit exposure to infected people
- Practice healthy habits such as eating a balanced diet, getting enough sleep, and exercising regularly
- Drink plenty of water and rest

What are the different cold remedies and how do I know which to take?

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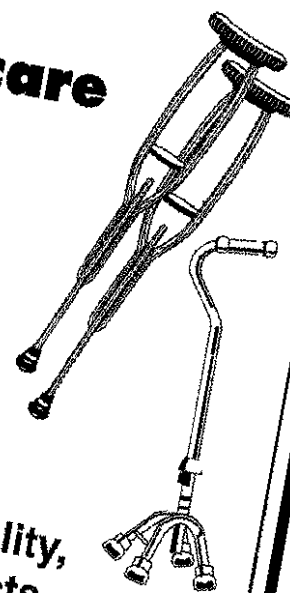
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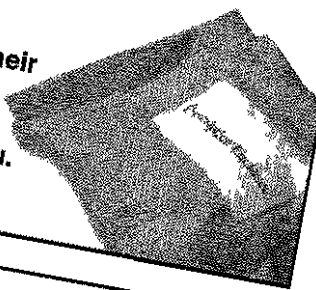
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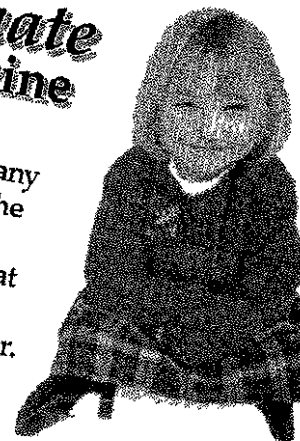
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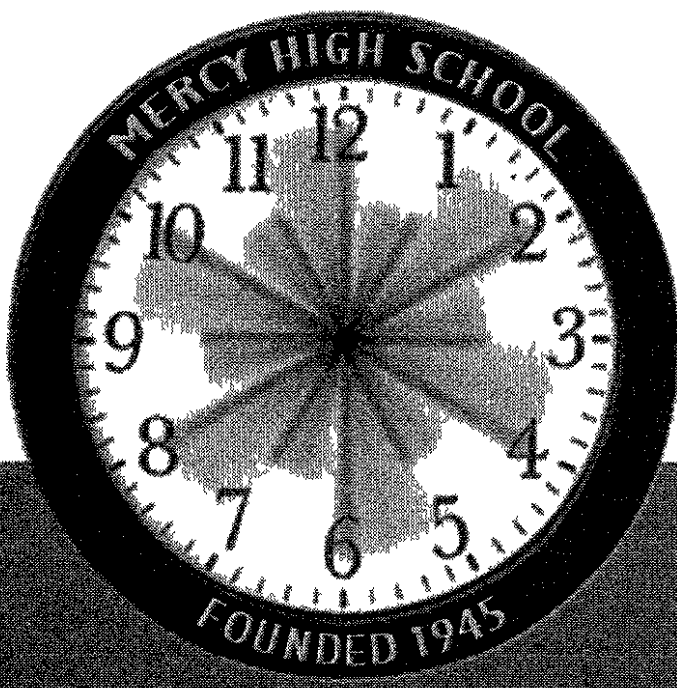


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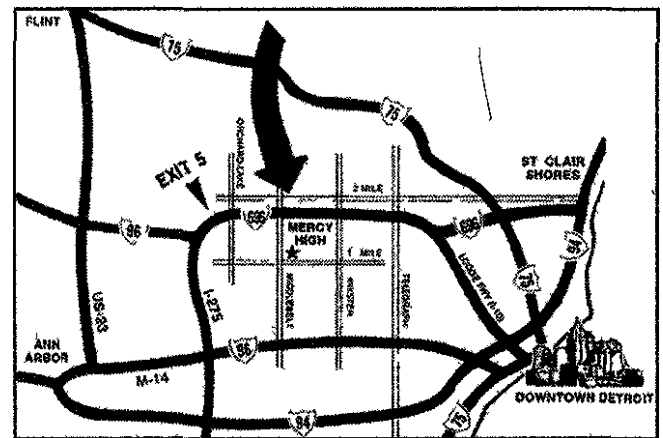
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Lady Ocelots pull off big surprise in tourney semi

The Eastern Conference got the best of the Western Conference in Friday's semifinal games of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association women's basketball tournament hosted by Schoolcraft College.

The host Lady Ocelots won the nightcap of the double-header by upsetting Kellogg Community College, 65-54, as forward Charlese Greer scored a game-high 22 points and yanked down 10 rebounds.

Guard Ashley Gibson finished with 12 points and six assists for Schoolcraft, which improved to 21-6 overall.

Audrey Graham led the Bruins with 17 points. Guard Jessie Grant added 15 rebounds, while center Lisa Hoekje pulled down 14.

Kellogg, which dropped to 25-3 overall, shot a paltry 22.5 percent from the floor (18-of-80), including 2-of-24 from three-point range.

Schoolcraft was 29-of-78 from the field (37.2) percent and won despite being outrebounded 65-54.

In the first game, Eastern Conference champ Flint Mott outlasted Lansing CC, 69-59, as Delores Hughley scored a game-high 29 points.

Hughley was 7-of-14 from the field, including 2-of-4 from three-point range. She also hit 13-of-16 free throws.

Candace Ward scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while Allyssa Riley came off the bench to score 10 points as the Bears improved to 21-4.

Jill Oaks and Sharonna Dean scored 12 and 11 points, respectively for the Stars, who fall to 15-11.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Schoolcraft and Mott met Saturday afternoon for the MCCA championship (Results will appear in Thursday's Observer).

MU men ousted

Madonna University's all-time leading scorer Noel Emenhiser scored a game-high 33 points, but it wasn't enough as the Crusaders fell short Thursday night in their upset bid against host Aquinas College, falling 76-69, in the opening round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball playoffs.

Madonna, under first-year coach Chuck Henry, bows out with a 9-21 overall record. Aquinas improves to 21-12.

The 6-foot-5 Emenhiser, a senior from Woodburn, Ind., hit 9-of-19 shots from the floor, including 5-of-8 from three-point range. He also connected on all 10 of his free throws.

But he was the only Crusader to score in double figures as guard Mike McKeever was next with nine to go along with five assists.

Forward Tom Kushikus led the Saints, who led 31-28 at halftime, with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Aaron Alsgaard added 14 points, while Damen Mayo chipped in with 10.

Aquinas outrebounded the Crusaders 42-30 and got 34 points from its bench.

MU shot just 23-of-63 from the floor (36.5 percent), while Aquinas made 25-of-53 (47.2 percent).

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name at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 27, which is Easter.

There will be prizes and gift giveaways. The cost is \$20 per couple with optional first and second game jackpots.

For more information, call (734) 522-4515.

Phil Horowitz, 66, of West Bloomfield has done it again, rolling another 300 game last Wednesday in the Mayflower Wednesday Men's Senior Classic. It was his 12th of his career, one more and we'll call it a baker's dozen.

Nice going, Phil. The 2005 American Bowling Congress (ABC) Championships began on Feb. 12 and runs through July 3 at Baton Rouge, La.

It also coincides with the inaugural U.S. Bowling Congress meeting, March 16-19 at the River Center in Baton Rouge.

The Women's International Bowling

Congress (WIBC) tournament will begin on April 9 and end June 24 in Tulsa, Okla. (The annual convention is April 22-24.)

The ABC Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will also be a part of the convention week.

Bob Chamberlain will be among the three new inductees. He was originally from the Detroit area and enjoyed a lot of success in some of our local all-star leagues and tournaments.

Many directors from the local associations will be at Baton Rouge and Tulsa to participate in the conventions and do some bowling in the tournaments while there.

Some of the local sharpshooters are burning up the lanes on the local scene.

Among the recent high scores at Woodland Lanes in Livonia:

Ford Parts League: Chuck Pickering, 299; Scott Begun, 300; Rosedale Gardens League: Rick Elliott, 300; Wednesday Trio: Dave Myers 805 (series), Norb Dominguez 300, Bob Crossland 300, Ryan Wilson 300; West Chicago League: Robb Siermanski 300/800, Grandale Ed Dudek 298, Frank Hoffman 804, Thursday Nite Men: Steve Wiczorek 800, Friday Nite Out: Joe Castile 800.

Also, at Town Country Lanes (Westland):

Tuesday Junior Classic: Jim Anthony, 258/728, Jon Doddie, 263/714, Dyck Chwalik, 256-264-215/735, J.R. Pierce, 256-248-222/735, Harley Duke, 279-269/761, Rick Wayne, 279-248-247/774, Rich Trullard, 257/711, Tony Grote, 234-279-259/772, Wayne Grieve 290/737.

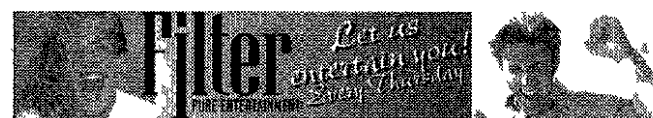
Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached directly at (248) 477-1839.



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Deb Madonna

Comforters from the heart

When Mary Crockett was a young mother, with small children, she tried quilting. She saw a pattern in the newspaper and said, "I can do that." And she did.

But she set quilting aside for a while.

When she turned 50, she thought, "No one is going to knock at the door and offer me a job." She returned to school, earned a second degree in medical technology at Schoolcraft, and worked at University of Michigan until she retired in her early 60s.

Now, at age 81, Mary is busier than ever. "I can't just sit and watch TV," she said. "I have to do something." Crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, sewing. And she's quilting again.

Mary makes four or five quilts a year, working on two projects at a time. She's made more than 70 quilts. No two are ever the same.

She has an artful eye. "The way you put colors together and use different materials will change the pattern," she said. "The Neighborhood" has rows of houses next to each other, with children all around the border. The "Cellar Jar" series shows different items in each jar.

"When you look at a quilt, you can't see everything the first time. Every time you come back, there's something new," Crockett said. "I enjoy cutting fabric into pieces and putting it back together again and finding a use for leftover pieces. I do all the piecing by machine and quilting by hand. It's important that I do my own work."

Some people take two three years to years to make one quilt. They are lovely, but people are afraid to use them. Mine are to be used.

Mary's children - Jeff, Martha, Paul and Amy - made a commemorative book about their mother's quilts. They also thought it would be fun to bring the quilts home for a visit to help Mary celebrate her 80th birthday. They retrieved 45.

Friends and family were invited to the quilt reunion at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi. The church was filled with Mary's art, draped over the balcony and pews. It was the first time everyone saw all the finished pieces.

When Mary walked into the church and saw all her quilts, "It took my breath away to see them altogether. It was a lovely thing, a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Mary has sold a few of her quilts, donated others to church auctions and given the rest to family. "The receivers of my quilts have no choice but to take them," she said. "I don't know what else to do with them."

Mary has something in common with Plymouth-Canton Interact high school students. The Interact board, Megan Bartlett, Kevin Burdette, Dan Bowden, Andrea Burdette, Amanda Kelley, Nicole Sumner and Kim Heaney, came up with a community service project idea.

And the 42 Interact club members worked together, selected fabric and made 210 polar fleece scarves. They wrapped them and gave the presents to senior citizens at the Rotary A.M. Christmas dinner.

Said Cindy Bartlett, Interact adviser, "The scarves were handmade from the heart."

Imagine what would happen if Mary Crockett and the P-C Interact kids collaborated on a project.

Deb Madonna is a Plymouth Township resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at clarron@storytellerdesign.com.

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William Morrison talks about how Plymouth fits in with the last 100 years of the Rotary club during the anniversary celebration Wednesday evening.

Century of Plymouth Rotary clubs honor accomplishments celebration

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

It's not every day that a service club turns 100, so Plymouth Rotarians were glad to get together Wednesday for their centennial celebration.

The community has two clubs - Plymouth, chartered in 1924, and Plymouth A.M. created in 1997. Members of both met for a celebration at Fox Hills Country Club to mark Rotary's 1905 founding by Chicago lawyer Paul Harris.

"There's a heritage factor that's strong for the club," said Dale Yagiela, president of the 113-member Noon Club. Members are proud they've helped to keep the Plymouth community vibrant.

The older club is well-known for its annual chicken barbecue during

Plymouth Fall Festival in September, which raises \$60,000-\$80,000. Also contributing to the community is the club's foundation, an independent body that provides an additional \$80,000-\$100,000 of support.

"We were sponsored by the Noon Club," said Robert Scoggins, retired Plymouth police chief and president of the A.M. Club with about 52 members. The senior Christmas party in December has been a key event for the younger club.

"Every year, we seem to get a little better," Scoggins said. "We're finding our own identity. The morning club has hosted five December parties for local seniors."

Both presidents embrace Rotary's Four-Way Test:

■ Is it the truth?



PHOTOS BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Dale Yagiela, president of Plymouth Rotary (right) and Robert Scoggins, president of Plymouth A.M. Rotary, man the bell that all Rotary Clubs around the world rung Wednesday night at the beginning of the 100-year anniversary celebration.

■ Is it fair to all concerned?
■ Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

■ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

That's what I think our club embodies," said Yagiela, longtime executive director of the Plymouth-based youth agency Growth Works.

His club has some six or seven sports teams at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park that help at the barbecue, now in its 50th year, and receive money.

"The Gathering was built primarily with Rotary money," Yagiela said of the downtown structure. His club has a park, plants flowers and sponsors a middle school essay/awards program on the Four-Way Test.

Both clubs also give scholarships,

some cooperatively and there's an Interact program for high schoolers that is supported by local Rotarians including the Canton club. Interact is the Rotary International program for young people.

Scoggins, whose club has sponsored a bicycle safety program and other activities, is proud that this year the first Interact students will graduate from high school. He and fellow A.M. members are always looking for recruits, both teens and adults.

"Really it's unlimited what you can do to make the world a better place to live," Scoggins said. "It's a spectacular group. I think it's phenomenal."

Both presidents are pleased that women were admitted to Rotary.

PLEASE SEE ROTARY, C2



Dave Brand (left) and Brandon Demars (right) flipped a lot of chicken for the Rotary Chicken Dinner at Plymouth's Fall Festival last year. The chicken dinner is the biggest fund-raiser that helps Rotary with its many community-minded projects.



Katie (front back), Isabel, and Maribeth Yabes were among the hundreds of people who enjoyed the fruits of the Rotary's labor during last year's Plymouth Fall Festival.

Dinner to raise scholarship money for women in transition

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

If it wasn't for her son Nathan and the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, Noelle Dragun probably would have never considered going back to school full time.

Nathan encouraged her to join him as a student. The Women's Resource Center made it possible.

Dragun had been taking one class a semester while working for a mortgage company when her job was eliminated in March 2004. One of the benefits of the job had been tuition reimbursement. Divorced and alone after a 26-years-of marriage, she turned to Nancy Swanborg and the Women's Resource Center.

On Tuesday, March 15, Dragun will showcase all she has learned in an exhibit by comput-

er graphics students at the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow to raise funds for the center.

Along with Dragun, the display highlights the accomplishments of Angelique Bugeja, Jacki Lynn Cohen and Sylvia Ryan, all students assisted by WRC.

"I was stunned after working 60 to 70 hours a week," said Dragun, a 54-year-old Farmington Hills resident. "Instead of getting angry I looked at it as an opportunity to shift gears. I started testing waters to see what would work. During that time I went to Nancy at WRC, and said 'help, please can you?'"

Dragun was able to finish the spring semester after WRC reimbursed her for tuition then guided her through the process of applying for scholarships and

grants. When summer then fall 2004 classes rolled around she was ready to learn more about Photoshop thanks to WRC and a \$1,000 scholarship from the Business Women's Network of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce.

The Athena Award is given to non-traditional students who have completed at least two terms of college classes and are in good academic standing. Dragun carries a high grade-point average and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. In May, she graduates with an associate's degree in computer graphics technology and plans to start a design business that includes photo restoration and print layout.

"My unemployment ran out last September," said Dragun. "Because of WRC, because of their willingness to help find



Women's Resource Center staff members Charlotte O'Connor (left), Marlene Kershaw, Nancy Swanborg, Sharon Common, and Cindy Kloss help women in transition to achieve success.

funds, I can go to school full time. Not having to work is helping me put education on a fast track."

Today, Dragun has designed

pamphlets and brochures for Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills. She's looking forward to

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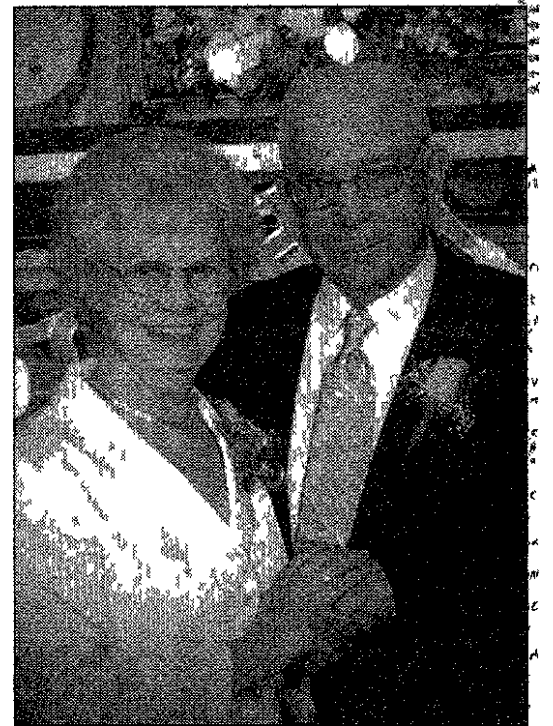


Korycki-Harrand
Victor and Christine Korycki of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Lynn, to Christopher Robert Harrand, of Owosso
Kelly earned her Bachelor's Degree the in science of nursing from Eastern Michigan University She is a registered nurse at Ingham Regional Medical Center
Her fiance, Christopher, is the son of Kathy Galvay and Bart Porter of Owosso He earned his Bachelor's Degree in business administration from Grand Valley State University He is the owner of Mid-Michigan Turf Care Christopher and Kelly are planning a September wedding in Canton

Alberts-Kovac
Leo Alberts of Middleville, Mich., and Nancy Alberts of Grand Rapids Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Trisha Margaret, of Burke, Va., to, Matthew Nicholas Kvoac, of Burke, Va.
Trisha is a graduate of Northview High School in Grand Rapids She earned her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan and her Master's from Marymount University in Arlington, Va. She is employed with a government contractor in Falls Church, Va.
Her fiance, Matthew, is the son of Nicholas and Diane Kovac of Plymouth He is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan He is employed as a mechanical engineer
Matthew and Trisha are planning a May wedding at St Alphonsus Parish in Grand Rapids



Smith
Harold and Rosemary Smith of Canton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan 15 They attended Mass at St. John Neumann Church with their family where they received a blessing from Fr. George Williams After Mass they had a family dinner at Sandtraps on 5 Banquet Room in Livonia Dinner was followed by entertainment provided by various family members They will continue their celebration by going to Hawaii in February and cruising the islands
Harold and Rosemary were married Jan 15, 1955, at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island
The couple met when she was a student nurse and he was her patient at Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit He was a young Detroit policeman who had been directing traffic and was hit by a drunk driver After a short courtship, they were married and made their home in Detroit for 25 years
Harold and Rosemary have five children, Terry, Shawn, Sandi, Shannon, and Shan, 10 granddaughters, three grandsons, and one great-granddaughter



ROTARY

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starting in the late 1980s Plymouth A.M. has had two

women presidents, Kathy Hosten and Jeanne Knopf-DeRoche
I think you have to have a balance between professionals, both male and female," said Scoggins, who praised the leadership of Hosten and Knopf-DeRoche Women offer intuitive insight, he said, and identify what men may overlook or take for granted
Yagiela agreed women's presence creates balance and a better viewpoint "I think having women in Rotary has been a

great thing," he said, adding women often work harder
The Noon Club meets 12:05 p.m. each Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer The A.M. Club meets 7 a.m. each Tuesday, also at the Cultural Center
"We always are looking for young, energetic professionals" who want to improve the world, Scoggins said "Look us up. Come visit us on Tuesday morning"
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SCHOLARSHIP

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exhibiting fine art as well as commercial work at the spaghetti dinner
I'm not nervous about showing my work, but excited," said Dragun "It's an awesome opportunity to show what we can do, to take our skills and show gratitude to Nancy and the WRC for what they have done for us"

Fund-raisers like the spaghetti dinner help women in transition to achieve their dreams
Displaced homemakers, single moms, widows and separated and divorced women explore career options and achieve success through the center, celebrating its 31st year At the dinner several recipients of WRC assistance will be honored
Noelle received money raised by the dinner," said Swanborg, WRC executive director "We wanted to highlight not just their stories but to show some of

the work
"At a time when the economy is not good the center is providing significant assistance to students because of people who come to the dinners Through the years we've averaged around 4 percent of women helped on campus"
A few tickets are still available for the Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow Tuesday, March 15 in the DiPomo Room of the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile,

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Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth for public perusal
Marilyn Massengill CMC
Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth
Publish February 13, 20, 27 & March 6, 13, 20 & 27 & April 3, 2005

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. - 12:00 p.m.
First Come First Serve (Walk in Schedule)	
Monday, March 14, 2005	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. AND 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 15, 2005	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. AND 6:00 p.m. - 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
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Publish February 24, 27 & March 3 and 6, 2004

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE 2005 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
FEBRUARY 22, 2005
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing Concerning the Community Development Block Grant Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 P.M. in the Meeting Room of the Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road on February 22, 2005.
The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the Board any proposed use of the 2005 Community Development Block Grant Funds.
Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Office of Block Grant Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program are that the estimated 2005 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately \$117,000.00.

PROPOSED 2005 PROJECTS	\$117,000.00
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2. Senior Transportation Program	24,800.00
3. Administration	11,700.00
4. Multi Year Senior Center Improvements	66,600.00
TOTAL	\$117,000.00

**The multi year project was approved by the Board of Trustees on February 11, 2003.
The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth upon completion of the Public Hearing will determine the use of the 2005 Funds.
Any written comments regarding proposed use of the 2005 Funds should be directed to Susan Vignoe, Community Development Block Grant Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, MI 48170 received by February 21, 2005.
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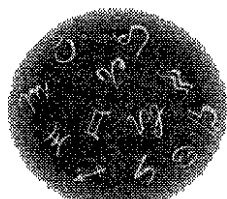
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

The edgy influence of your ruler Mars will make it easy to overreact to the opinions of colleagues and loved ones as March unfolds. To prevent minor irritations from turning into future confrontations you are advised to speak your mind now rather than later. **Rambo** Things are gettin' hot now.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Someone is being economical with the truth and you must set matters straight—starting now! Nevertheless with financial demands increasing you should be careful not to upset those whose support you need. Honesty begets great rewards this week. Stand up for your beliefs and others will believe you. **Bull**.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

There will be times over the coming days before your ruling planet Mercury changes signs when it may seem as if the whole world is against you or don't get where you're coming from. Don't feel too sorry for yourself because it's just an illusion. You're not as vulnerable as you (or others) think. **Kiddo**.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

With Venus in your element now the moment has come to make loved ones partners and colleagues aware that you've had enough of idle promises and now demand guarantees of assurance. **MoonKid** Don't back down now. Be kind to yourself and selective about your confidants for the time being.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

You seem to be torn between work and friendship and can't make up your mind which is more important to you. **Lion** According to the planets you must focus on moo-lah even if it means having to turn down social invitations and opportunities to run away. Remain centered. Think "revenue."

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

What is revealed in a rather unusual or unexpected manner soon should give you the final piece of a cosmically complex puzzle and enable you to make certain associates regret having tried to mislead you. **Virgo** Don't wear your heart on the sleeve—get out the elbow grease and put on your Thinking Cap!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

You seem to be doing a lot of things for other people of late and that trend will continue this week. Astro aspects from your ruler Venus to the outer planets will compel you to come to the aid of someone who desperately needs a helping hand. But make sure that's all it is. **Balancer!**

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Not everything attempted can be achieved. **Scorp** therefore you must stop feeling guilty about falling short of your standards. With celestial influences enabling you to see things as they really are you can now plan for the future instead of living in the past. Big changes are a comin' by your birth day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Break with routine and embark upon something different or exciting this week. **Archer** The world is full of people places and ideas that seem to have eluded you until now. There are times when innovation must replace habit—and this is one of those moments. Open up your options and your mind!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

What is the point of complaining that loved ones are being obstinate or obstructive? **Cap?** Set out finding why they can not make firm commitments. Maybe you have misinterpreted or misread their statements or worse maybe there is someone who is up to making a lot of mischief?

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Before you throw good money after bad consider what you are trying to achieve. **Kiddo** A difficult time between the planets signifies that the time is long past when you could spend your way out of hassles. What is needed now is not a fresh injection of cash but a fresh injection of ideas.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

The Sun in your sign is supposed to make you footloose and fancy free—so what happened? **Fish?** Someone brought you down to earth with a bang over money—that's what. And unfortunately you must now reevaluate your finances and not spend above your means. Trim the budget and your calories.

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

Going mobile

Lift gives Livonia woman greater independence

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Linda Hebert's life changed for the better on Dec. 8 with the installation of a lift from Project Freedom. The 49-year-old Livonia woman is still confined to a wheelchair, still unable to move her legs, but now can exercise on the floor like everyone else.

Hebert's father, Terrence Ochotny, moves her arms and legs three times a day to maintain as much range of motion as possible. Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1976 at age 19, Hebert has gone from pitching on baseball and softball teams to depending on Ochotny to care for her. Until December, he was lifting her 50 to 60 times a day without any help. Today, with the touch of a button a 12-volt battery provides the power to lift Hebert without his assistance. A manual hydraulic lift sits unused in the bedroom. Its jerky movement make it unsafe and unpleasant for patient and caregiver.

"With the lift, I can exercise on the floor instead of the bed," said Hebert. "It's more fun."

"The lift is able to take pressure off of my back. When my back gets tired and sore, I sit in the lift for 10 to 15 minutes to relieve the pressure."

Hebert doesn't let MS stop her from enjoying life. In the living room is a stack of videos including one of her favorites, *Snowdogs*. Hebert and her father enjoy watching movies, especially comedies, when at home. Lift Aid 2000 makes it easy. After transferring Hebert to her wheelchair she's off and mobile with the flick of the switch.

Independence is important to Hebert, who cared for herself until 1993. During the early years of the disease, she earned an associate's degree in accounting from Schoolcraft College and worked for Purple Heart even though she's been confined to a wheelchair since 1980.

"This is a blessing for us," said the 69-year-old Ochotny, who has arthritis in his spine. "I have to transfer her from the wheelchair to toilet or shower."

"The lift doesn't just make it easier for the caregiver. She can't slide on cloth seats in a car. One time she tore a rotator cuff trying to get in. It's important that people understand the difficulties. You don't understand until you have to deal with it every day. It's a convenience that's necessary, a safety factor for both parties."

Gilbert Rice has seen the difference the lift can make for individuals with limited mobility due to cerebral palsy, stroke, spinal cord and head injuries, Lou Gehrig's disease, Alzheimers, and various forms of dementia. Project Freedom currently has 72 lifts in service in metro Detroit. Founded in March 2001, the nonprofit organization lends lifts to individuals without \$5,000 or insurance coverage to purchase the Lift Aid 2000 made in Wixom. Once an application is approved, funding is made possible by the Hospitalers Committee of Detroit, Commandery No. 1, a Masonic organization.

"Lack of insurance, inability to pay, need are the criteria," said Rice, president of Project Freedom. "A committee of Knights Templar, a unit of Masonic Fraternity, decides who



PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Terrence Ochotny demonstrates how he transfers his daughter, Linda Hebert into bed with an automatic lift.

to help. The biggest thing is when people are done with it, it's brought back and refurbished and sent out again. We have about 25 on a waiting list.

"We're only limited by money as to how many we can help." To contribute, call (734) 240-2565 or visit the Web site at www.projectfreedom.org

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Plymouth Canton Community Schools (PCCS) **CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES AND JUST IN TIME (JIT) DELIVERY**. A mandatory pre bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. Sealed bids are due to the same address RE Custodial JIT Bid on or before 10:00 a.m., Monday March 21, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information and/or bid specifications phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

JOANNE LAMAR Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools

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INVITATION TO BID

TIME AND MATERIAL TRADES CONTRACTS

Sealed bids will be received by the Eastern Michigan University Purchasing Department 875 Ann Street Suite 122 Ypsilanti Michigan 48197 until the following deadlines at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud:

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By Rick Paffenroth
Manager of Administrative Support Services Purchasing Department
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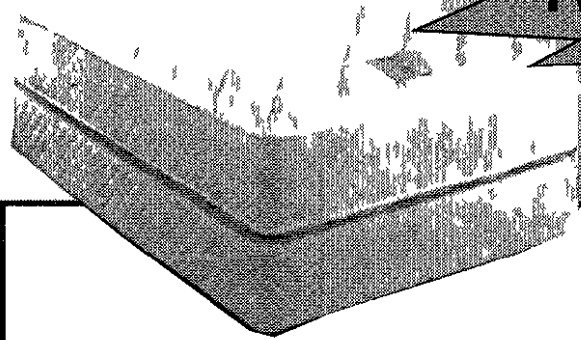
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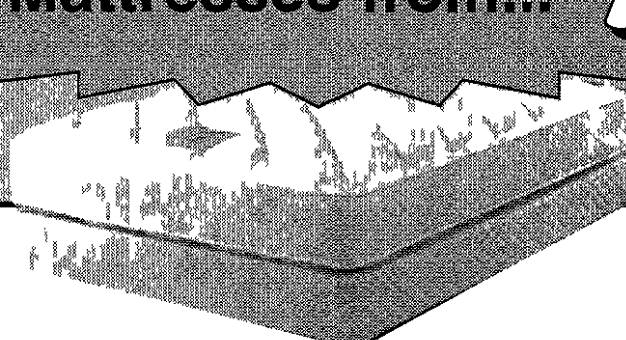
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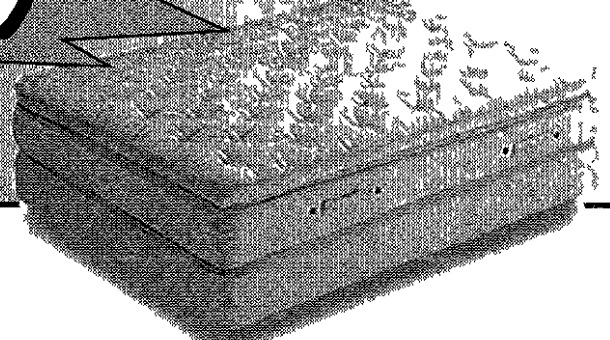
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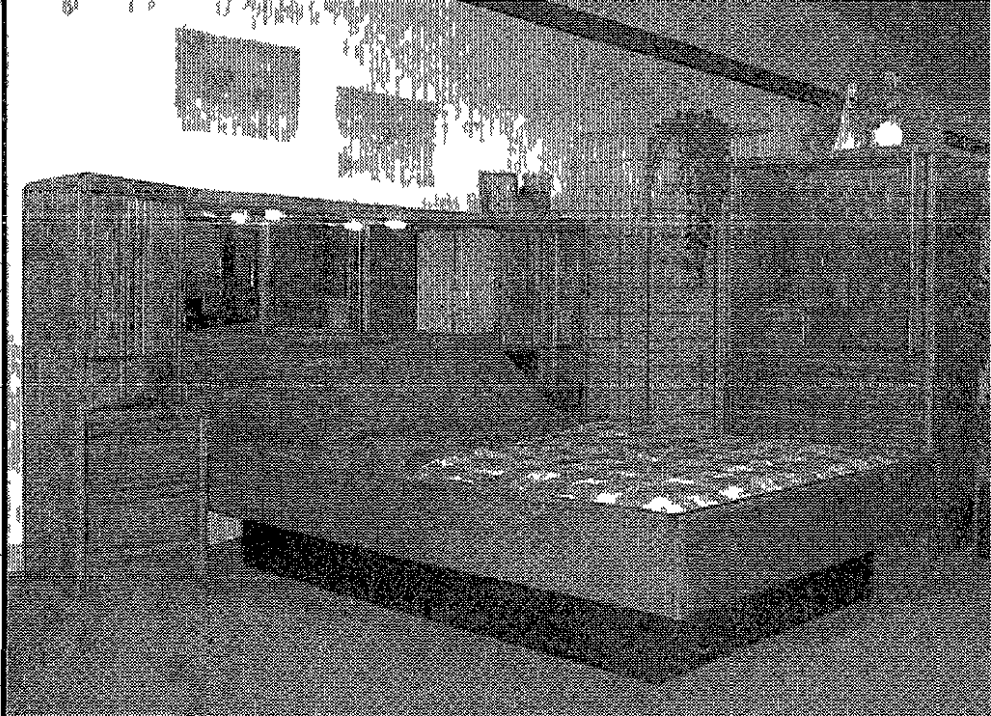
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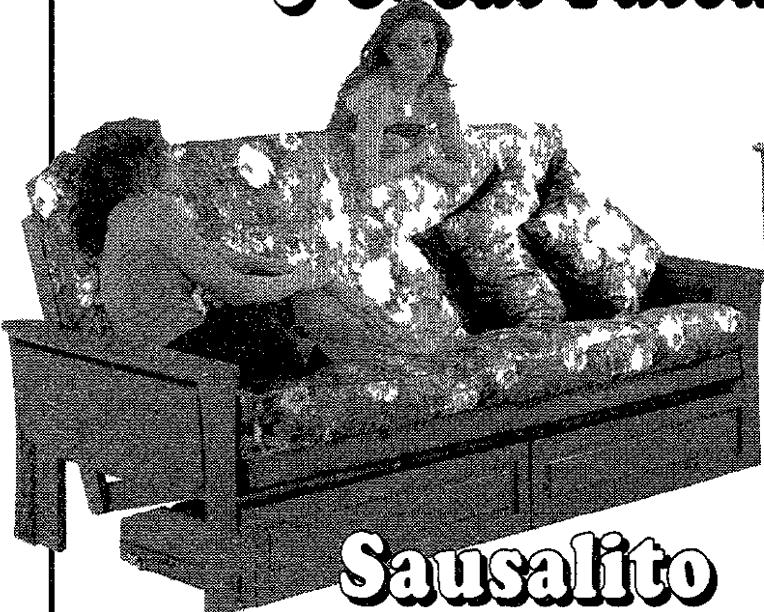
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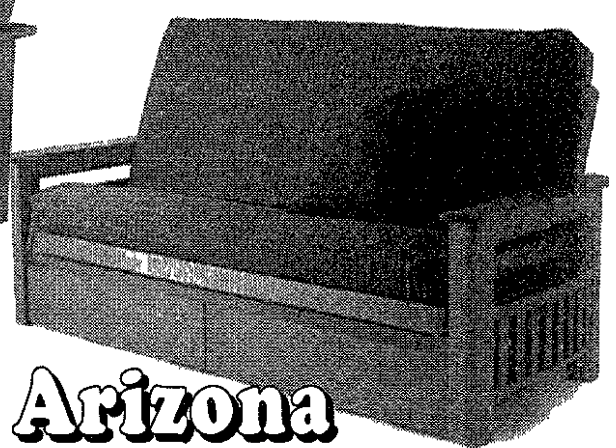
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Peter Cottontail

The musical version of the classic tale of Peter Cottontail hops its way into Northville's historic Marquis Theatre March 12 May 1 Performances are scheduled for 2 30 p.m. Saturdays March 12 and 19 and April 2 9 16 23 and 30 2 30 p.m. Sundays March 13 20 and April 3 10 17 24 and May 1 and Monday Friday 2 30 p.m. March 28 31 and April 1 Tickets for all performances are \$7.50 The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Call (248) 349 8110 for details

Grief support series

Heartland Hospice offers a six week series Living with Grief beginning Thursday March 24 through April 28 from 4 5 30 p.m. The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief The series is free and open to anyone in the community For more information or to register contact bereavement coordinator Ann Christensen (734) 973 1145 or toll free at (888) 973 1145

Lenten retreat

Madonna University will hold the 2005 Lenten Retreat from 9 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday March 5 This year's theme will be The Holy Eucharist The New and Everlasting Covenant The day long event for alumni friends students and their families will be held in the Residence Hall and Chapel on the Livonia campus (14221 Levan Road) Activities will include Morning Prayer Exposition and Benediction With the Blessed Sacrament lunch three Lenten conferences time for confessions and the Rosary and Stations of the Cross led by students and Mass The cost of the retreat which is open to the public is \$15 and includes lunch and

refreshments Students faculty and staff are \$10 Reservations are required for meal purposes For additional information contact Madonna University's Campus Ministry Office at (734) 432 5419

Italian renaissance

The Ann Arbor Art Center Paesano's Restaurant and Winebow Imports will present Southern Italian Renaissance on Wednesday March 16 Beginning at 6 30 p.m. Southern Italian Renaissance features a five course dinner and wines of southern Italy as well as guest speaker Nunzio Castaldo senior vice president for Italian wines at Winebow Imports Guest speaker Nunzio Castaldo is a native of Naples Italy and joined Winebow as a sales representative in 1986 An expert in Italian wines Castaldo is responsible for Winebow's marketing strategies and pricing for its Italian wine portfolio Southern Italian Renaissance costs \$70 per person A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center Paesano's is located at 3411 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor For ticket information please call Paesano's at 734 971 0484 or visit www.paesanosanarbor.com

Liturgical music workshop

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

Adoption seminar

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

Jewish renewal festival

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

Off the Wall Gallery

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

Men's health day

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

Genealogical meeting

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

Flea market

The Ann Arbor Women's Club hosts the 51st annual Flea Market from 9 a.m. 3 p.m. Saturday March 19 at 1830 Washtenaw Art antiques collectibles jewelry linens toys seasonal items furniture and books will be among the items available

Admission and parking are free For more information call (734) 662 3279

St. Damian craft show

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

Hospice training

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

Grief support

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

provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or visit www.newhopecenter.net

Crafters, artists wanted

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

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Rotary A M

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

Mosaic

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

Moms Club

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

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The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter

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

German/American Club of Plymouth

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

American Legion

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

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Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

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FLORENCE FRASER

February 22 2005 Dear mother of Herbert Loreen Keeth and Mary Ann Daly Dearest grandmother of six and great grandmother of seven Funeral arrangements by the Livonia Chapel Harry J Will Funeral Home

GAIL ANN NAPIER

Age 70 passed away January 31 2005 in Naples FL after a long illness Beloved wife of Carl Y Napier Dear Mother of Laura Seriguchi and Charles Napier Cherished Grandmother of Rachel Blaylock Brittany and Alex Napier An open house to celebrate her life is planned for spring at the home of Laura Seriguchi Call 248 952 5817 for details

JOSEPH ROWE

Age 104 passed away on February 23 2005 at the Regency in Springfield IL He was a resident of Chatham IL and a former resident of Garden City MI He was born on June 1 1900 in Cannonstown Cornwall England He is the son of Joseph and Lucy Jane Glasson Rowe He was married to wife May Osborne in 1926 she passed in 1927 wife Florence Osborne in 1931 she passed in 1973 wife Mildred Nichols in 1977 she passed in 1996 He is also preceded in death by son Joseph Rowe 1 grandchild and 1 step grandchild Mr Rowe served with the Royal Army in England during WWI and was a supervisor with Ford Motor Co in Dearborn Michigan retiring in 1962 after 42 years He is survived by son Donald L (wife Marilyn) of Chatham daughter in law Margaret Anne Rowe of FL & MI 4 grandchildren 13 great grandchildren step daughter Betty Nichols Rexford of Waterford MI 3 step grandchildren 6 step great grandchildren 3 step great great grandchildren 1 cousin and a niece and a nephew Cremation rites have been accorded by Cremation Services of Central Illinois 201 S Main Chatham IL 62629 A private burial will be held in Michigan at a later date Staab Polk Memorial Home 201 S Main Chatham IL is serving the Rowe family

HERMAN WEISS

Age 94 February 22 2005 Beloved husband of the late Connie Weiss Loving father of Wayne and Jerry Weiss Devoted grandfather of Randy Renay David Cathy and Ellen Great grandfather of 5 Services conducted at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church and arrangements made through McCabe Funeral Home Memorials to the American Cancer Society Please visit www.lifestorynet.com for more information

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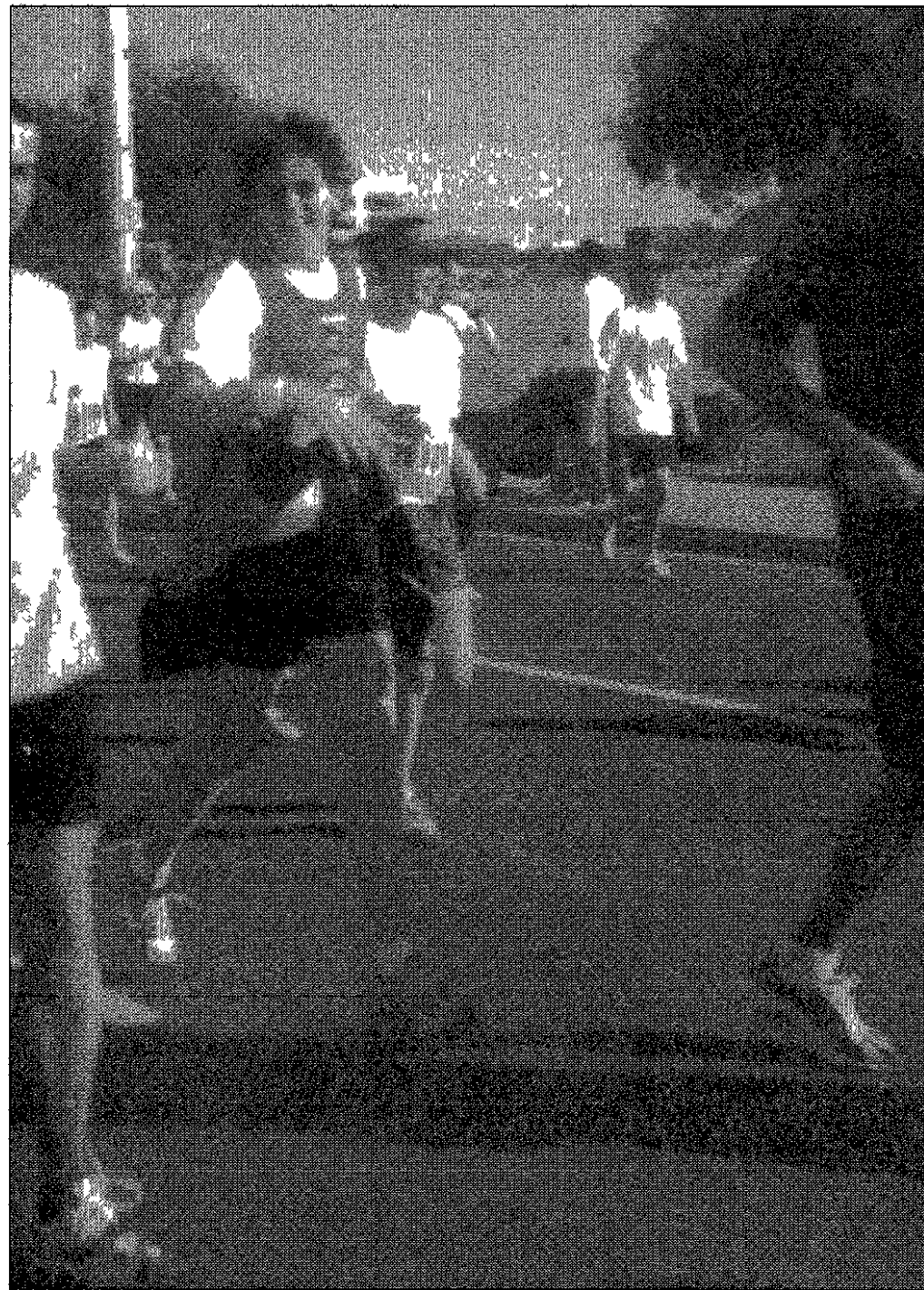
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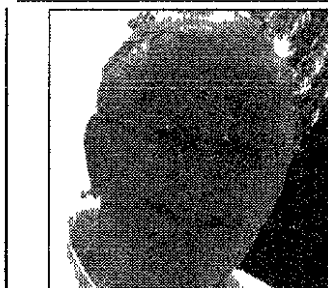
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Marathon woman

Louise Kirk of Plymouth recently participated in PF Chang's Rock 'n Roll Marathon in Arizona in support of the American Stroke Association Train To End Stroke a marathon training program offered by the American Stroke Association is designed for people of all fitness levels who want to get in shape travel and raise money for a good cause For more information call (248) 827 4214 or visit www.strokeassociation.com

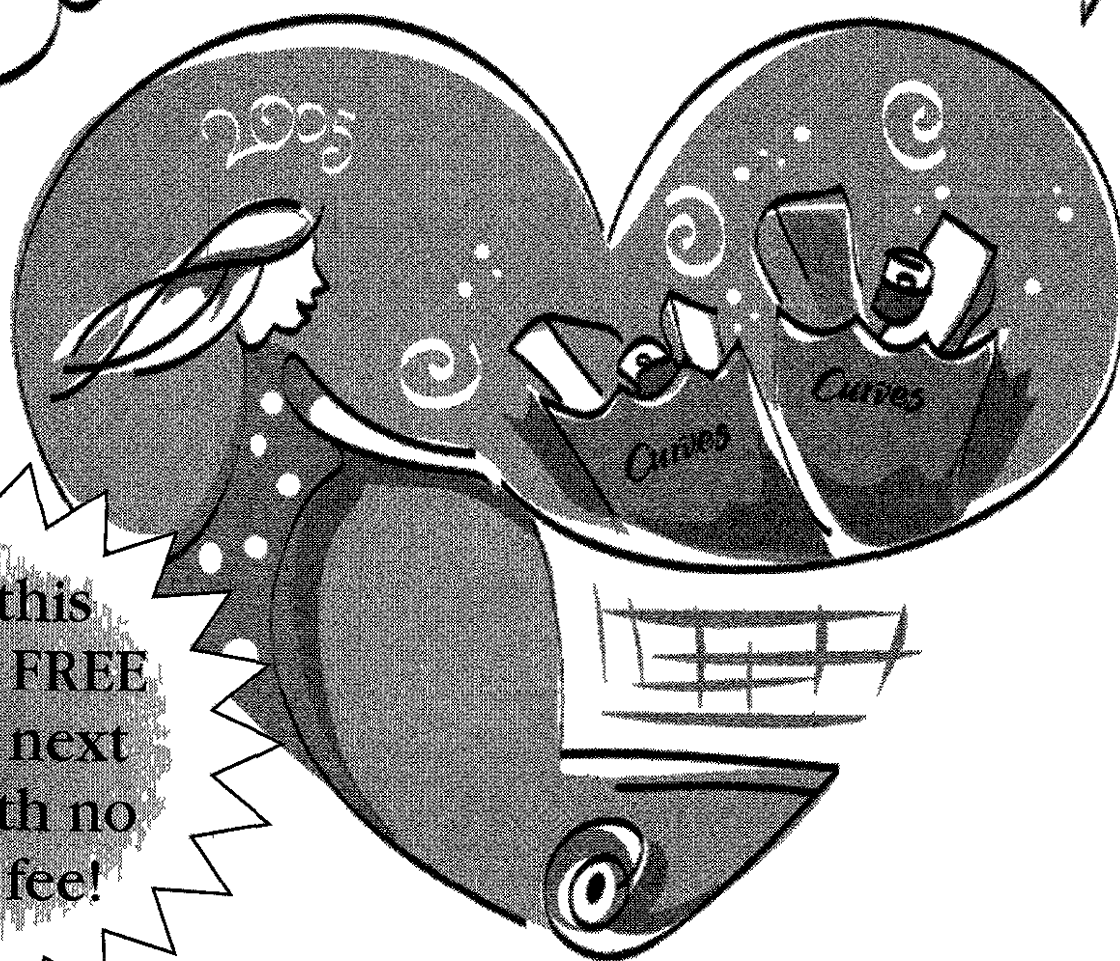


JOHN PAUL ANDREE, SR

Age 86 Beloved husband of Loretta for 65 years and loving father of 12 children Sister Louise Marie CSC of Peoria AZ Reverend John Paul Andree Jr CSSR of Chicago IL Stephen Joseph of Sagauack MI Rosemary Janet of Tallahassee FL Lawrence Ralph of Brighton MI Gerard James of Bloomfield Village MI Jeannine Marie Kring of New Albany OH Mary Jo Anne Darnall of Oak Park IL Reverend Daniel Henry Andree CSSR of Chicago IL David Peter of West Bloomfield MI Michelle Marie O Connor of Troy MI and Timothy Paul of Colts Neck, NJ He was adored by his 21 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren A resident of Farmington for 32 years Jack, as all his friends knew him was an active member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church Denia Caravan No 196 of the Alhambra and a third and fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus for 63 years A Local 25 Union Ironworker for more than 50 years working on multiple significant local architectural landmarks including the Jeffersonian the GM Tech Center the Fisher Building and the Renaissance Center Jack was known for his meticulous attention to detail his can do attitude and his unwavering commitment to getting any job done and done right In retirement Jack and Loretta traveled to Europe and Asia, and when not cheering the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame onward to victory loved to take cruises to just about anywhere Jack always had a good story at the ready for any listening ear This served him well as he stayed active throughout his retirement delivering Meals on Wheels for 5 years as well as becoming the most dependable flower delivery man in the state working for more than seven years at his son and daughter in law's florist shop Prior to moving to Farmington in 1973 Jack and Loretta raised their family in the City of Detroit first as parishioners of Holy Redeemer Church and then St. Mary's of Redford Church Married to his beloved Puddin' in 1939 Jack spent his life happily devoted to Loretta and working to provide every opportunity he could for his twelve children He worked, Loretta prayed and God did the rest Visitation will take place at Heene Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road Farmington MI on Saturday 3 00 9 00pm and Sunday 1 00 5 00pm Sunday evening prayer service and visitation will take place at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington from 7 00pm 9 00pm A funeral mass will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church on Monday February 28 at 12 30pm In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to be made in honor of his memory to the Father Solanus Guild /Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit or the Co Redemptorist Mission

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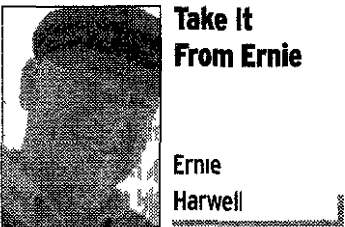
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This is the last Ernie Harwell column. Next week the Health section will feature a column on health and fitness by Peter Nielsen.

In the minds of many, a failing memory in our golden years is as inevitable as the need for a healthy stretch in the seventh inning of a baseball game. But memory loss is not an inevitable consequence of a long life. In fact, aging is only one of many factors that can weaken our ability to remember things, so can stress, depression, cardiovascular problems and a wide range of other physical and emotional factors.

However, no matter what our age, there are things each of us can do that can help boost our powers of recall. If forgetfulness seems to be increasing, the following strategies may help.

Consult your physician. Remember always get a professional medical opinion.

Stay fit. Good nutrition, cardiovascular health and regular exercise help the heart pump blood, nutrients and oxygen to the brain.

Know your prescriptions. Keep an eye on your reactions — and drug interactions — when taking new drugs or dosages. And check with your doctor.

Tranquilizers, sleeping pills, antidepressants, some heart medications and even some cold remedies, can affect your memory.

Get adequate rest. A sharp memory requires alertness. Seek new challenges. Learn a new language or how to use a computer or simply read something new and stimulating. Most of all, remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

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

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Genetic counseling may save lives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Genetic counseling may have saved Laura Mazzenga's life.

At the very least she was able to make a proactive decision to prevent hereditary cancer by undergoing prophylactic surgery to have her ovaries and remaining healthy breast removed.

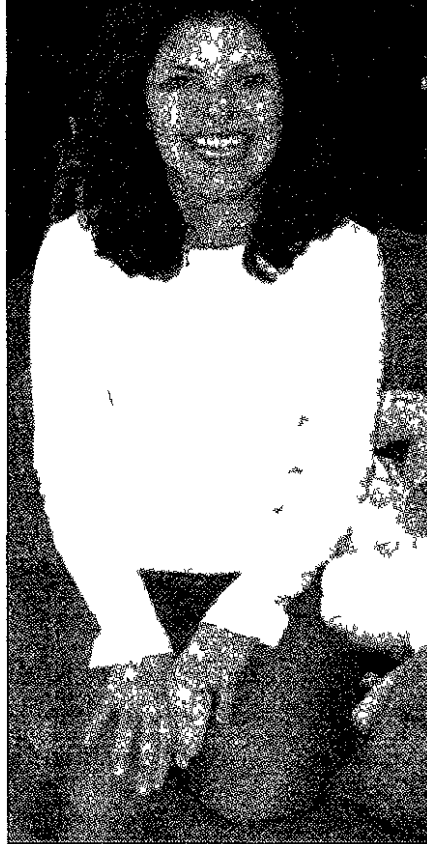
Diagnosed with breast cancer at age 34, the Troy woman went through genetic counseling then testing after physicians recommended the process because of the early onset of her disease.

A cancer diagnosis before age 50 is one of the risks genetic counselors look for when evaluating an individual.

Another is family history. Mazzenga's aunt was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, her mother with breast cancer. Her grandmother died of cancer. Genetic testing seemed a logical step after adding up her risks. Mazzenga set up an appointment with the Cancer Genetic Counseling Service at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute where blood tests revealed the genetic mutation BRCA1.

"A person with that mutation has a 80 to 90 percent chance of getting breast cancer in their life, 50 percent chance of ovarian, well above what a normal woman would be exposed," said Mazzenga. "I expected it would come out positive because of strong family history, but it was still a bit of a shock hearing that. Yet it was calming in a way to know this is where I am at and this is where I go from here."

The knowledge didn't make the removal of her ovaries and breast any less traumatic. Mazzenga and her husband, Steve, had planned to have one or two more siblings for their children Anthony, 5, and Nina, 3, to play with while growing up. Mazzenga worries about Nina possibly having the altered gene. When her daughter is older, she plans to encourage Nina to seek genetic counseling. Her 57-year-old mother, Barbara



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Laura Mazzenga was able to take proactive steps to prevent hereditary cancer thanks to genetic counseling at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Hunt, went through testing shortly after Mazzenga learned her results. Hunt survived a 1990 bout with breast cancer so she was suspicious of having BRCA1. She did. Hunt decided to have a hysterectomy and her remaining breast removed. She was taking no chances. Her sister had suffered two relapses since being diagnosed with ovarian cancer five years ago. Hunt wants to see her eight grandchildren grow up.

"I encourage anyone who has a suspicion that they may have some type of disease that can be proactively treated to go for genetic counseling," said Mazzenga. "If there is nothing you can do about it then why know

about it, but if there is it may prevent you from going through more trauma."

Nancy Petrucelli helps patients make the difficult decision to go through genetic testing after evaluating family and personal medical history at the Cancer Genetic Counseling Service at Karmanos.

Cancer genetic counseling is a process. Individuals are referred by a physician or self-referred because of concern about family cancer history. Once an appointment is made a patient is sent a packet requesting family and personal medical history. Upon return, Petrucelli uses the information to assess cancer risks.

"We do know cancer is a common disease unfortunately," said Petrucelli, a certified genetic counselor and coordinator for the Cancer Genetic Counseling Service in Detroit and Farmington Hills. "One in three North Americans will be diagnosed with cancer sometime during their life. It's not uncommon to have a family history. We do know in a subset of families it's something that can be inherited."

The good news is that only 5 to 10 percent of cancer cases are hereditary. It's Petrucelli's job to determine if genetic testing is warranted by first assessing the risks — having two or more relatives with the same or a related cancer (example: breast and ovarian), diagnosis of cancer before age 50 or family history of cancer under age 50, diagnosis of more than one cancer. Ethnic background can also be a risk. BRCA1 and BRCA2 breast cancer genes are more prevalent in men and women of Ashkenazi Jewish heritage from central Europe.

Only after evaluating risks does Petrucelli make recommendations about genetic testing at the center established in 1996.

Genetic counseling is relatively new. BRCA1 and BRCA2 were discovered in 1994 and 1995 respectively. In 1996 the center at Karmanos counseled only nine patients. In 2004, they saw close to 200.

Since only 5 to 10 percent are hereditary it doesn't make sense to test everybody, said Petrucelli, who grew up in Plymouth and now lives in Royal Oak. "Ultimately it's the patient's decision. They still may want to proceed. We want them to be able to make an informed decision."

Once the decision is made to do genetics testing, a blood test reveals if an individual is at increased risk of developing certain cancers. So far, more than 20 different cancer genes have been identified — genes related to colon, melanoma, breast and ovarian cancer.

"At this point genetic testing for cancer is based on the constellations of tumors found on a family history. If there's no colon cancer we obviously won't do a gene test," said Petrucelli. "That's one of the biggest misconceptions of testing for cancer. It's not a panel of tests."

Once risks are known it's the patient's decision whether or not to consider removing breasts, ovaries, a colon, or to increase screening for those cancers. Another option is chemoprevention. An individual at increased risk for breast cancer might take Tamoxifen to reduce her chances.

"Prophylactic surgery, the removal of healthy organs, a breast or colon is considered radical by some. Others consider it an option," said Petrucelli. "For some syndromes there are recommendations, for certain kinds of colon cancer because if you don't remove the colon the risk is 100 percent. Because ovarian cancer is difficult to screen for a woman should consider having her ovaries removed. I just counseled a woman with susceptibility to gastric cancer. The recommendation is to have your stomach removed. They actually found a small amount of cancer. It was removed. She's so thankful. We know we made a difference."

To find out more about the Cancer Genetic Counseling Service at Karmanos, call (313) 966-7780.

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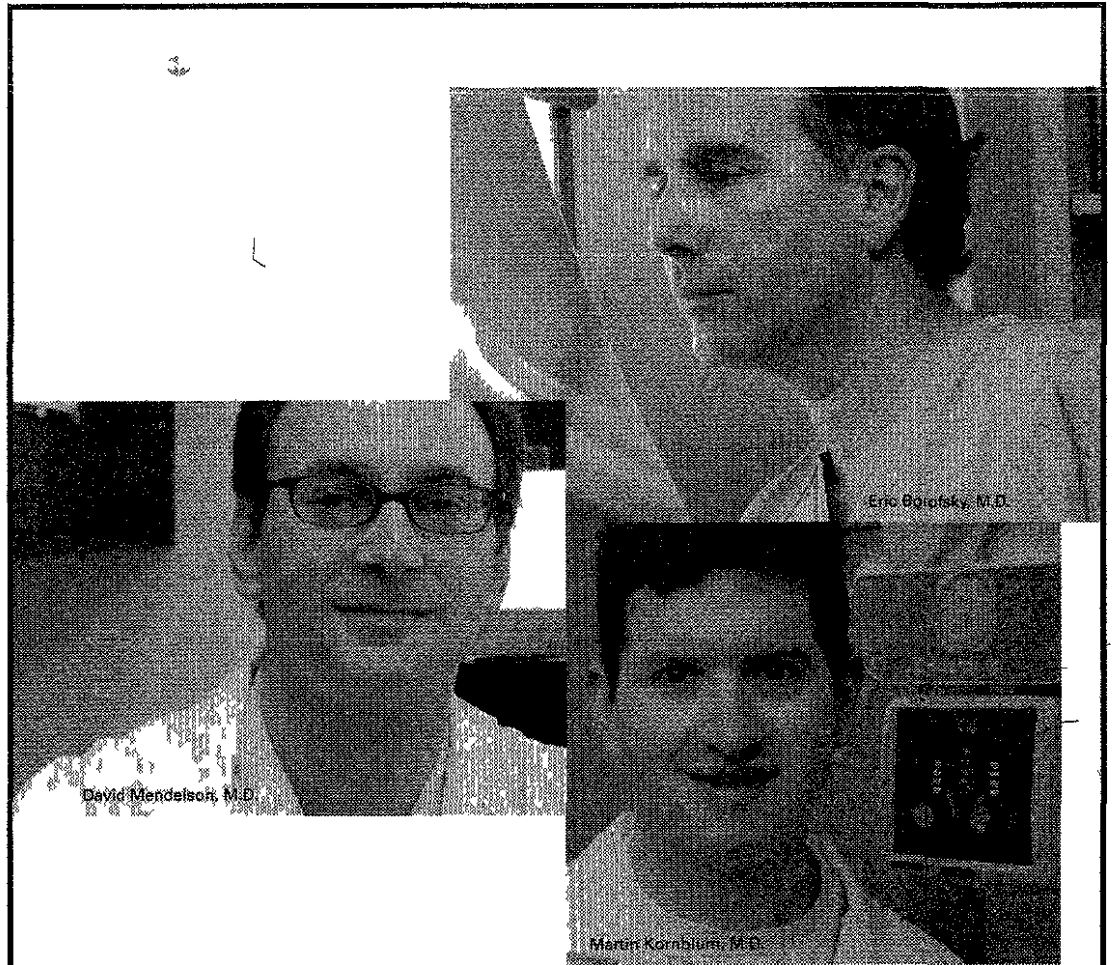
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Lupus meeting

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

Grief support workshops

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

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Tuesday March 1 at the Royal Oak Elks Club No. 1523 2401 E. 4th Street Royal Oak and March 10 at Hope Lutheran Church 39200 West 12 Mile Farmington Hills Appointments begin at 9:00 a.m. A stroke is so known as a brain attack is ranked as the third leading killer in the world and the second among women Through preventive screenings the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced Screenings are fast painless and low cost They involve the use of ultrasound technology and scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta and hardening of the arteries in the legs which are a strong predictor of heart disease Also offered for men and women is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis Costs ranging from \$109 to \$129 For more information or to schedule an appointment call (800) 697-9721 Pre registration required

Grieving parents support group

The loss of a child can be especially devastating and complicated Now parents who are struggling with the loss of a child can find support through the pediatric bereavement professionals at Angela Hospice Heartstrings will have its first meeting on Thursday March 3 but individuals may join at any time Meetings will be held at the Angela Hospice Care Center at Newburgh and I 96 in Livonia from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6:30-8:00 p.m. For more information on Angela

Hospice's community bereavement services or to register for the group call Feret at (734) 464-7810 or visit www.angelahospice.org

Prostate screening

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a Prostate Screening and Men's Health Day 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday March 5 at 36475 Five Mile Livonia A \$10 donation to the new St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center is optional Appointment... fill quickly To register call (734) 655-8963 Men can receive a prostate screening learn about medical health and fitness information nutrition and more Prostate Screening Day at St. Mary Mercy Hospital consists of a blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Total Cholesterol and HDL a prostate exam by a physician and a blood pressure check It is suggested that men 45 years and older get tested PSA results and other forms of screening allow men to access prostate cancer treatment during the early stages of their disease Whether immediate treatment is required or not symptoms can be monitored by your doctor if the condition worsens Prostate cancer is the second most prevalent cancer among men Early screening and early detection can save lives

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday March 8 in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile Livonia For more information call the WRC at (734) 462-4443

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The 24th annual benefit for Leukemia Research Life Inc. takes place 6:30 p.m. Saturday March 12 at the Laurel Manor Banquet Facility 29000 Schoolcraft Livonia The evening includes a gourmet dinner dancing silent auction open bar and music by Steve King and the Ditties Tickets are \$100 and available by calling (313) 884-0931 or online at www.lrlinc.org

Doctor needs supplies to help tsunami survivors

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Jeff Chapman is a man on a mission. Actually, two missions. One to bring medical care to survivors of the tsunami, the other to find pediatric antibiotics to take with him.

The need for medical supplies is overwhelming. Chapman expects to treat 5,000 people during his two-week stay in Chennai on the southern east coast of India. Chapman has seen it all on 40 medical relief trips to 20 countries - children with bellies distended because they were full of worms - a grief-stricken man refusing to leave the hill where his eight children were buried after a hurricane in the Dominican Republic.

The problem is a lot of money is being given to these areas but not funneling down to the lower class or caste. 10 to 15 cents worth of medicine can save a kid's life, said Chapman, an ER doctor at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

We need medicine supplies. Pediatric antibiotics are most needed. If physicians have some in their office they can send an e-mail or call. We hand carry them on so it gets to them. If you check bags you're separated from the medicine. Each of us will carry two to three 70-pound bags with medicine and supplies, short dated meds.

Any medical professions that would like to go, it costs about \$2,400 for plane fare. We're all volunteers. Several nurses want to go from the hospital but can't afford it. Tickets are the main cost or if they can't go they can donate frequent flyer miles or tickets.

Chapman credits Dr. Michael Cahce, director of emergency medicine, and St. Mary Mercy Hospital staff for collecting out-dated and soon



Dr. Jeff Chapman (left) treats a young girl's broken leg in a small jungle village along the Amazon River in Peru.

to expire supplies. It will help him treat the survivors no matter what he faces after traveling 36-hours through 11 time zones. Chapman expects to see everything from orthopedic injuries to infections. He'll be on alert for outbreaks of typhoid and malaria, dengue and hemorrhagic fever which should be easy to spot because of his training in epidemiology and tropical medicine.

Cholera, massive diarrhea, Japanese encephalitis, the concern is there's still water everywhere. I'll be in the forefront to notify the World Health Organization and ProMED, said Chapman.

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NEW FEATURES OF FIBROMYALGIA

Many of you are familiar with fibromyalgia. The features include fatigue, aching throughout the body and multiple pressure points which when palpated firmly cause pain. These sites exist in the elbows, shoulder, thighs, neck and knees. In addition, if you suffer from fibromyalgia you may experience headaches, irritable bowel, temporomandibular joint pain (TMJ) and anterior chest pain called costochondritis.

In the past year, the medical community has seen a change in the features of fibromyalgia. Beside the symptoms noted above, individuals with fibromyalgia are noting tingling in their areas that often radiates to the hands. The tingling comes and goes and can last for moments to an hour. It may present in the left or right arm, or both. Individuals with such tingling are concerned they may have multiple sclerosis or possibly a neuritis like that which occurs in diabetes. However, in fibromyalgia the tingling is fleeting and differs in pattern and duration each day. In multiple sclerosis and diabetes, the tingling will persist for days to weeks before resolving.

A second change in fibromyalgia is the appearance of low back pain. In the past, neck pain was a hallmark of the condition. The low back pain is not tied to posture or time, but may occur daily though not at a particular time and may last for a whole day or a half hour.

The third change in fibromyalgia is the appearance of painful fatigue. This is an aching and intense fatigue that not only saps your strength but also creates a deep discomfort. The cause is unclear.

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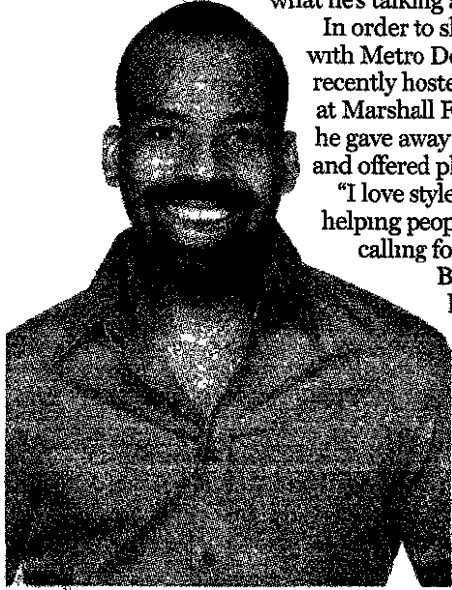
Make Over Your Man

Celebrity stylist offers tips to get your guy looking his best

BY WENDSY WHITE
PINK EDITOR

Are you dying to get your man out of that flannel and into a Thomas Pink dress shirt? Have you been trying to talk him into returning the baseball cap he's had since college — with no success?

Take some advice from Lloyd Boston, stylist to the stars. Boston's new book, *Make Over Your Man* (Broadway Books, \$29.95), is chock full of style tips for men and the women who would love to see them looking their best. As Style Contributor for the NBC Today Show and Style Network host, Boston knows what he's talking about.



Stylist and author Lloyd Boston

In order to share his knowledge with Metro Detroiters, Boston recently hosted a Fashionista party at Marshall Field's, Somerset where he gave away free copies of his book and offered plenty of style tips.

"I love style. When it comes to helping people look great, it's a calling for me," Boston said.

Before Boston greeted his fans at the Fashionista party, he met with PINK in the green room, looking fabulous in a gray wool H by Hilfiger suit with light purple pin-stripes, a Sea Island basket weave shirt in pale blue and black Gucci boots.

What inspired you to write *Make Over Your Man*?

Women. Women tapped me on the shoulder all the time asking "Can you help me get my man out of sweat pants?" They were looking for answers and solutions. I realized I couldn't help them all one at a time, so I wrote the book so they could help the men not only in their romantic lives, but in their business lives — brothers, uncles and fathers who just can't seem to get rid of those old ties.

Give us a glimpse of what's in the book.
Each chapter deals with a different topic, from shirts, pants, outerwear, accessories, grooming. It gives you the essential suits to buy first, second and third. It gives you the eight different shoes men should own starting with lace-up Oxfords, and tells you how to get them one at a time, building up year after year. I drew on my female friends for the book — Eliza Filarski (host of *The Look For Less*) made over her husband Tim Hasselbeck, Patti LaBelle did her son, Lisa Ling did her dad. Star Jones gave men much needed manicures and pedicures.

Does the book give guys the latest trends?

It's not about trends, it's about helping them become familiar with the basics, then move on to trends. Women understand style at a very early age. They use style as mile markers in their lives — they remember the hair they had when they graduated, the lip color they wore when they got married, the boots they bought for their high school dance. Men, on the other hand, are like "whatever." They think comfort first, style second. Women will wear uncomfortable shoes for eight hours and bear the pain. Men and women shop differently. Men are hunters. They know what they want and go into a store to get it. Women are gatherers. They shop, have lunch, go look at those shoes again, spend the whole day. I give women tactics to get men into the store, to get the most out of salespeople and enjoy it.

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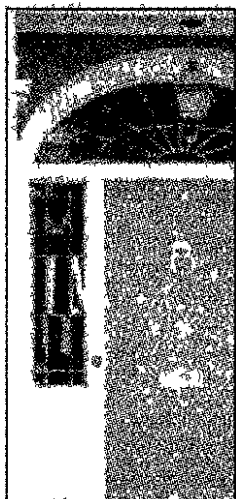
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The Remington floorplan will be offered at Elmhurst. This picture taken at Golf Highlands of Waterstone in Oxford, is similar to the model that will be built at Elmhurst.

Centex Homes builds new community in Sterling Heights

Elmhurst, a new Centex Homes Community in Sterling Heights on the west side of Saal Road, north of 19 Mile Road, offers 66 home sites. The five different floor plans range in size from 2,500 square feet to 3,150 square feet.

Each plan is complete with a kitchen designed for optimum functionality, a spacious breakfast nook, comfortable great room, and four bedrooms. Some floor plans also feature a second story loft, while one floor plan features a first floor master bedroom and bathroom.

Many features are included in the homes at Elmhurst, such as Whirlpool appliances (dish washer, stove and range hood), Moen faucets, and hardwood foyer entries. The exteriors of

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Elmhurst promises to be a great value in Sterling Heights, with pricing starting in the \$280,000s. Pre-construction pricing is available to the first visitors to the community. For more information, visit www.centexhomes.com/detroit, or call (248) 233-8327.

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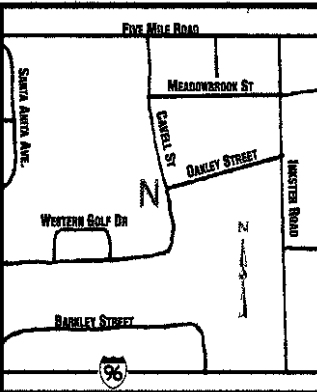
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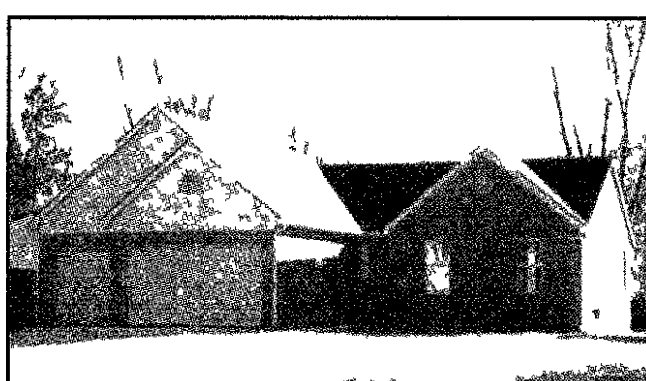
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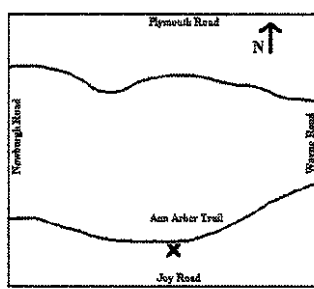
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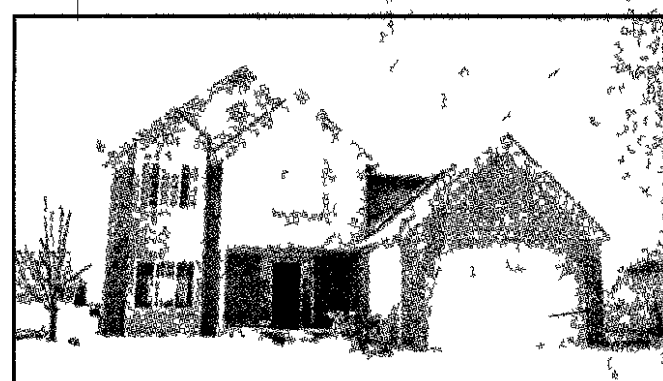
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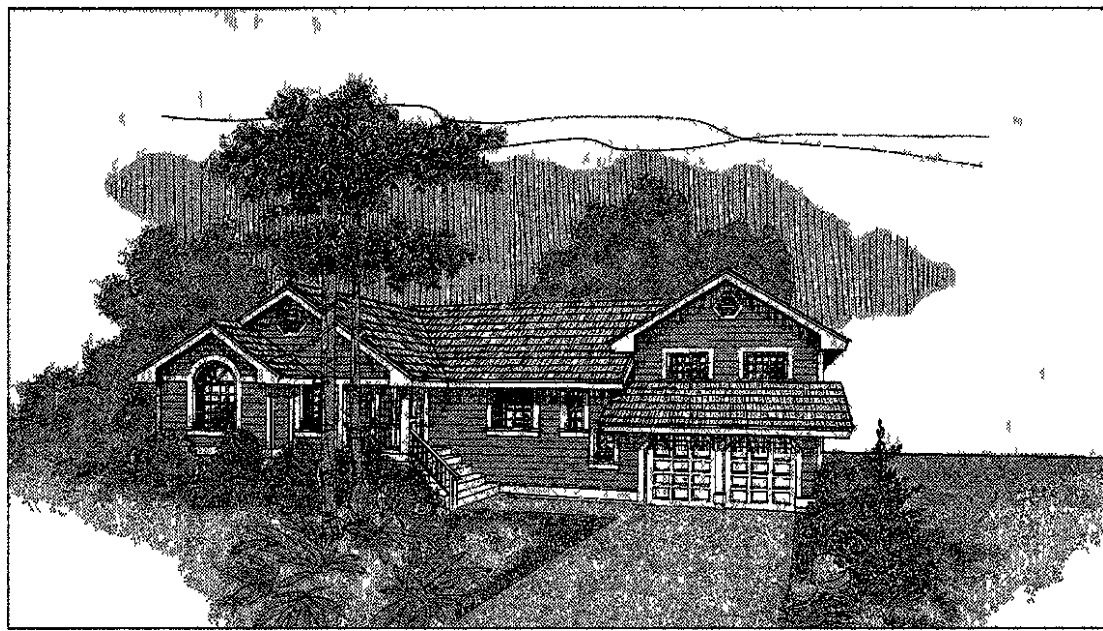
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Railed steps lead up to a covered porch on the main floor. A short hallway to the left of the entry takes you into the isolated master suite. Amenities here include a spacious walk-in closet, vaulted ceiling, private bathroom and vanity. A convenient half-bath in the hall-

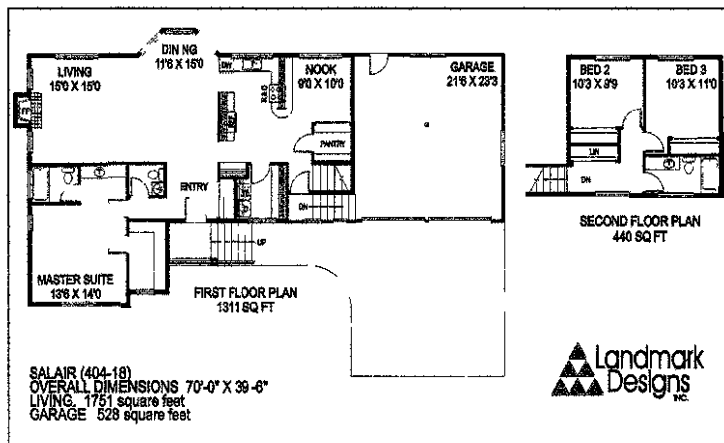
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Pricing home too high could cost time, money

I want to get the most money for my home, should I ask for a lot over the market value, so I have more room to negotiate?

This is very risky. I have run into many sellers who price their home well over the market value thinking that it will give them more room to negotiate. Their belief is that if the market value of their home is \$200,000, they should ask about \$295,000, so they have a great deal of space to negotiate.

There are several problems that may occur if you overprice your home.

You may be pricing your home out of the range that buyers are willing to spend or even look at. Most buyers have some sort of price range when they go shopping for a home. They usually tell their Realtors that range. Therefore, if the buyers' price range is up to \$250,000, and you ask \$295,000, chances are that those buyers will never see your home or even know that it's on the market. It will be hard to sell a home that no one looks at.



Ask a Realtor

Michael Aldouby

You are competing with other homes similar to yours. If buyers see other homes like yours with significantly less expensive asking prices, by pricing your home well more than your competitor's home, what you are doing is helping to sell your neighbor's house. Although, your neighbor may thank you for it, it won't help get your own house sold.

Your home may get stale. Often sellers think that they can start with a high asking price, and then gradually reduce it as time goes on. The challenge with this is that it's almost like trying to sell bread. If you go to the bakery a fresh loaf of bread could cost \$2. Two days later it may be worth \$1.50 and two days after that it may only be worth \$1. Homes too can get stale. After a while there will be

fewer buyers looking at it. And remember that the fewer buyers who see your home, the less chance of selling it for the price that you want to get.

How should the asking price be determined? Your home should be compared to similar homes sold in your area. Realtors have access to this information by using the Multiple Listing Service. You need to look at your competition and see how much they are asking for their house. You should also look at how much money other homes sold for like yours within the past six months.

Normally, you should give yourself about 5% to negotiate with. If you ask much more than that you will run into the problems that I mentioned.

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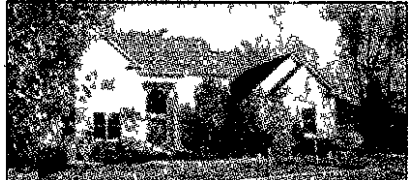
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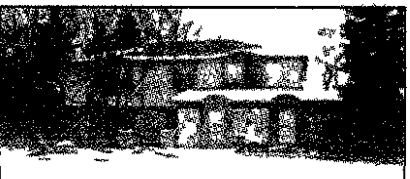
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Great oom w cathed a ceiling and gas t eplace
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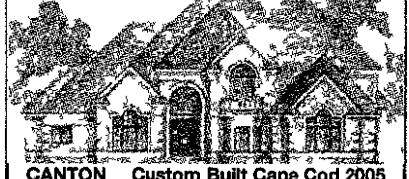
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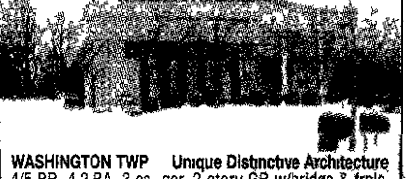
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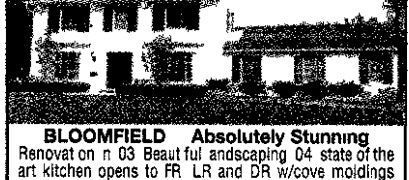
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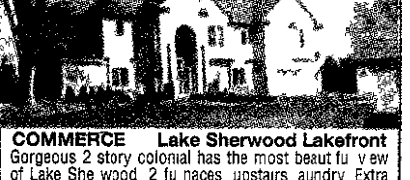
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Debate continues on insurance credit scoring

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Sherry Luckett is encouraged. Walter Grygiel feels apprehensive. Both have home and auto insurance in Michigan, and both have insurers that use credit scores to help determine their premiums. The better their credit score, the lower the rate they receive, the worse the score, the higher the rate.

In five months, at the behest of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the practice likely will come to an end.

For Luckett, a 52-year-old unemployed Detroit resident who once filed for bankruptcy, the ban can't come soon enough.

"I'm so disgusted that they're allowed to use credit history to determine if I'm going to have an accident or not," she said. "To me, it's another way of redlining."

But Grygiel is worried. The 76-year-old retired accountant from Grand Rapids felt vindicated when insurers began using credit scores in recent years because he had worked hard to build a good score.

"I'll have to pay a higher premium, he said. "I'm a safe driver, and I have to pay for the guy who doesn't pay his bills and gets in an accident? I'm going to be subsidizing someone else."

The debate was renewed this month when Granholm and state insurance Commissioner Linda Watters sent a legislative panel a set of proposed rules to reduce base rates and ban insurance credit scoring starting July 1. The rules likely will go into effect because Granholm could veto a bill that rejects or changes them.

The ban's premise comes from the belief — shared by groups like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan — that insurance credit scoring is unfair, inaccurate and illegal.

Jamce Gooley oversees homeownership counseling for the Urban League of Flint. She said using credit scores disproportionately hurts poor people, the disabled and minorities.

"Having a poor credit score is not indicative of insurance use and/or abuse," she said.

Gooley herself receives an insurance discount for maintaining good credit. But that doesn't mean she's happy about it.

Look at all the people whose rates didn't go down," she said. "They're subsidizing those of us that may have good credit scores and better rates."

CONNECTION

The Insurance Institute of Michigan

whose members write more than two-thirds of auto and homeowners policies statewide, says there is a strong connection between credit history and the likelihood of someone filing a claim. It cites research — disputed by opponents — indicating that people who use credit wisely are generally responsible in other areas of their lives.

Insurers stress they don't use age, income, ethnicity, gender and other demographics when credit scoring, which began in the state around 1999.

"If you bring a lower risk to the company, you ought to pay a lower premium," said Peter Kuhnmuensch, executive director of the insurance group.

Farmington Hills insurance agent Gary Veenstra, who sells policies from companies, welcomes the ban. He said once one insurer began using credit scores, the others followed.

"I don't blame them. It's a battle of survival."

But Veenstra was surprised that many of his longtime clients, who rarely if ever submitted claims, saw their premiums jump after the practice began.

"Did it help consumers? I don't think so."

Some lawmakers favor regulating the use of credit scores, but not banning it outright. They say the Legislature should have more control over the issue.

Sen. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, said Watters overstepped her bounds and circumvented the legislative process.

"It's such an obvious breach of the constitutional separation of powers," said Bishop, a member of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules,

which will review the proposed rules. "I'm very shocked we've gotten this far."

Andy Schor, spokesman for the state Office of Financial and Insurance Services, said Watters is just following the law, which he said clearly prohibits using credit as a factor.

So while Republicans lodge protests over the process and insurers work to meet a deadline to comply with the rules, the focus turns to consumers and their big question: Can they expect to save or lose money?

The answer depends on who is asked.

The vast majority of policyholders will see lower rates, Schor said. But the insurance industry says two-thirds of Michigan policyholders receive some kind of discount depending on their score. A majority of those people will pay higher premiums when the ban takes effect, the industry contends.

The rules require insurers to recalculate and reduce their base rate — the starting amount before discounts or hikes are plugged in based on age, sex, driving record, claims history, safety devices and other factors.

Schor said a small number of people will experience higher rates because their base rate reduction will be less than whatever discount they were receiving. The state will not have specific numbers until after the insurers file their new rates, he said.

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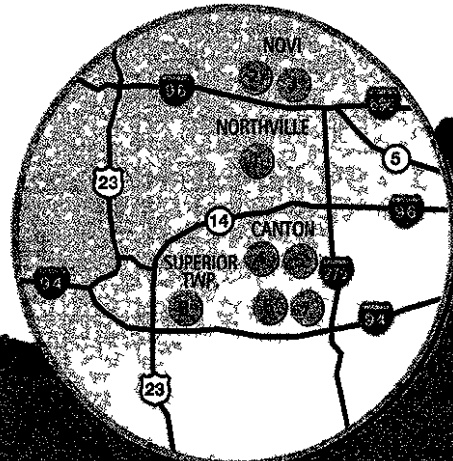
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Timing And The Recurring Flu



WORKWISE
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You may have had the flu, but the end isn't in sight, according to Dr. Susan Rehm, medical director of the National

Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) and staff physician at the Department of Infectious Disease at the Cleveland, Ohio, Clinic. What can we do to protect ourselves and our work?

Employers won't be able to predict when a season peaks or how long it will last. Generally, however, it runs between December and March. "Last year, it peaked in December," Rehm says. "This year, it seems to be quite a bit later, and the overall intensity is not as great. Rates are still rising, but not as many people are being affected by it. We haven't seen data about whether those who had shots got it (anyway)."

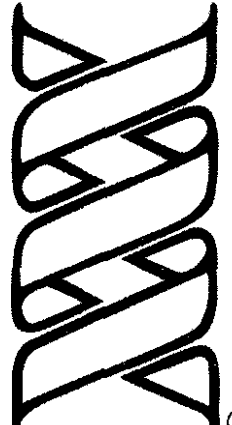
Despite the fact that most people encounter the flu directly or indirectly each year, many can't differentiate between the flu and other respiratory ailments. The flu, typically, comes upon you suddenly, with such symptoms as headache, fever, aching muscles and marked fatigue. Colds are more gradual, with "a bit more sore throat, stuffy, runny nose and sneezing," Rehm states. If you're not certain, a call to your physician should lead to rapid diagnosis. While it's obvious that many people who are coming down with something ignore it and keep on working, that doesn't do much to keep it from spreading.

What can be done to prevent the spread, other than go home yourself? Get your workplace to take the flu seriously. Don't think that annual recurrences diminish its power. Each year about 36,000 people die from it. Others are hospitalized. Rehm points to a survey indicating that 40 percent of people believe that they contract the flu at work. She thinks that the number should be higher, because people are there all day long. Just cuddling up under the covers, locked away from the workplace and the rest of the world for several days at a time may not be sufficient to help you or others in your workplace. You can take other concrete steps of greater magnitude than simply covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze.

PREVENTION AT WORK

What specifically can be done to undercut the flu at work? NFID promotes taking an annual vaccination, although you won't be protected for an entire year and it doesn't guarantee immunity. Rehm points out that if you're aware of the onslaught within the first 48 hours, you can ask your physician for an antiviral. Oseltamivir can reduce duration while minimizing some symptoms and complications, but, as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates (cdc.gov), you may have side effects, most notably nausea and vomiting. Who wants to take that to work?

"We can always do a better job," Rehm says, "making waterless hand cleansers for employees, which takes away the need to leave the desk and allows hands to be cleaned



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frequently. Doing this would drive home the message that employers care about prevention and employee health. They can also increase awareness about vaccination and the availability of treatment." More radically, she mentions that if the flu is documented in your workplace, the antiviral could be prescribed for all employees to reduce it and minimize symptoms of those who contract it.

"Timing is everything," she reminds. Unfortunately, however, she reports that employees and companies are at cross-purposes. She refers to a survey reflecting that while 75 percent of employers think workers should go home, only something over one-third of workers agree. Are they protecting themselves from becoming swamped? Rehm wants companies to let employees know that they'll be missed but that they want employees to come to work healthy. Where does this leave you? Even if you're

vaccinated, you may contract a virus of some kind. Your company may be against having sick people at work but, in some cases, powerless to stop them. Some companies probably will never develop a policy, let alone implement one.

Are you ready to take up the cause? Will you approach your employer about a flu awareness campaign and the possibility of group treatment, when people are exposed? Will you encourage co-workers to be vaccinated and to go home, if they become ill? If there's a vaccine shortage, you'll have to work doubly hard. Meanwhile, write this down: Oseltamivir.

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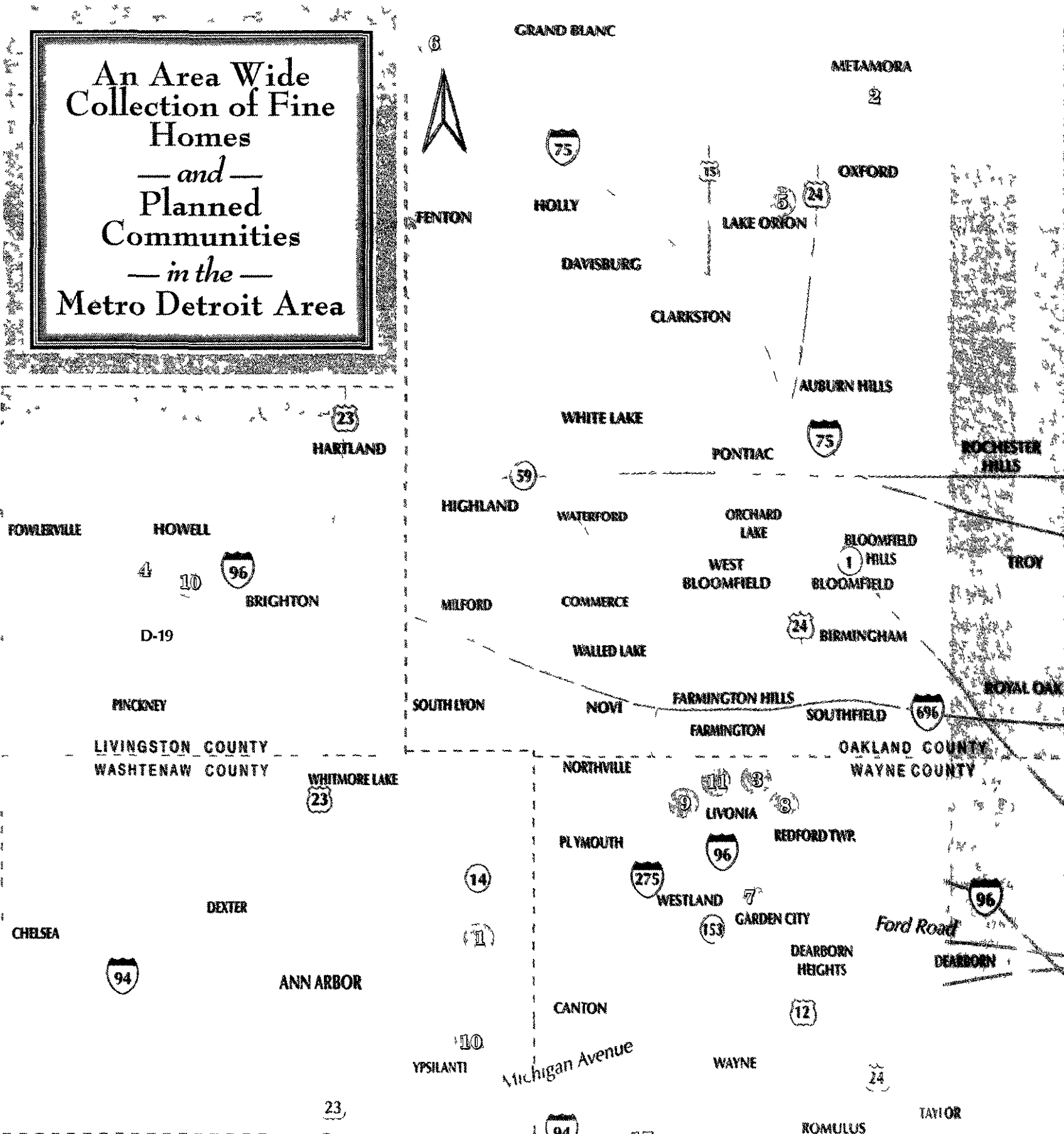


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Cadillac STS: Great Technology, Even Greater Ride

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The 2005 Cadillac STS is all-new this year and has a few technology advances that promise to make your drive in this ride very, very pleasurable. From its deep-seated roots as a true Cadillac to its solid luxury appointments and performance the STS is as sophisticated as a stately elderly gentleman.

I'm not saying it won't appeal to elderly gentlemen but the STS can appeal to just about any age group except Gen X.

It starts with GM's signature rear-wheel drive that plants it firmly on the road and provides stable handling and superb ride characteristics.

Powered by a 255-horsepower 3.6-liter V6, the STS can go from zero to 60 in less than seven seconds. Opt for the Northstar 4.6-liter V6 and you'll see your speedometer hit 60 in less than six seconds. Both engines are mated to five-speed automatic transmissions that have driver shift control.

And it's quiet, quiet, quiet. You'll have to look down at the tachometer to make sure the engine has turned over and running. Even on the highway, there's absolute silence from under the hood.

The STS is graced with a good deal of chassis refinements like ride-tuned tires, dampers everywhere, suspension components and bushings and better engine mounts. Road impacts and other harsh driving conditions are minimized through the implementation of all these changes.

StabiliTrak is on board to assist STS in keeping where you want it to do by applying a brake force on any corner of the vehicle totally independent of your use of the brake pedal. It does this through the use of sensors that interpret exactly where you meant to go and accelerates or decelerates the vehicle.

For example, if the vehicle begins to snowplow or understeer, the StabiliTrak system will apply the inside rear brake to help turn the vehicle. Or if the STS



2005 Cadillac STS. Vehicle type: Mid-size luxury sedan. Power: 3.6-liter V6. Mileage: 17 mpg city/24 mpg highway. Where built: Lansing, Michigan. Price as tested: \$44,810

begins to fishtail or oversteer the system will apply the outside front brake to straighten the path. StabiliTrak is also mated to standard traction control and antilock brake system.

There is some really cool technology built into the STS things that were well thought out and make you a happier driver. Stuff like a keyless entry system with a push button start, and adaptive remote start system, adaptive cruise control, four color heads-up display, automatic advance crash notification through OnStar, heated and ventilated seats, heated steering wheel, and IntelliBeam.

This is neat. IntelliBeam can sense when oncoming headlights are approaching and automatically switches the headlights from high to low beam and back again.

Gotta mention the keyless access system and the push button ignition. This new technology is popping up on more and more vehicles. With your key fob in your pocket or purse, you can approach the locked vehicle, pull the door handle and open the door. It's the same way with the trunk. That means there's no need to pull out the fob or fumble with any keys. When you walk away from the vehicle, it automatically senses the fob is out of range (at 200 feet) and locks all the doors for you.

When you activate the remote start, it can sense how cold or how hot the vehicle is and adjusts and turns on the climate control on to the last settings. Starts the seat heater or ventilation and activates the front and rear window defrosters.

As for the keyless access, the STS can be started with a push of a button located on the instrument panel, so long as the fob is in the vehicle and the brake pedal is depressed.

Although I really liked the whole system, my husband disliked it tremendously. He said it would be hard to learn the new technology because it was so futuristic. It may be for the older set, but anyone under 60 should like it tremendously and would find it as refreshing as I did.

The styling of the STS is very fresh, yet there's no mistaking it's a Cadillac. From its vertically stacked headlights and LED tail lamps to its classic grille and badging, it's Cadillac through and through. Lines curve endlessly and with carefree flair.

And it's no different on the inside. There are first-class materials used throughout the interior and all leather seats are softer than a you-know-what. There are naturally grained Eucalyptus wood and aluminum trim on the steering wheel, center console, instrument panel and door armrests.

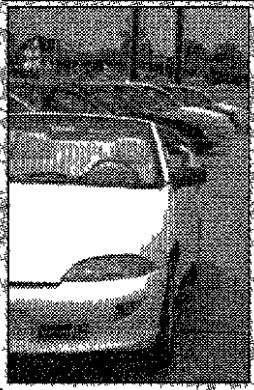
Every control, knob and gauge are logically placed and easier than ever to use and understand. The interior has a truly elegant feel.

There were no complaints during the week-long drive of the STS and it's something you should go take a look at if you're into stunning technology and a pure elegant luxury sedan.

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

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. **2475370**

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENT
SBCF grandmother N/S likes dining in/out movies plays bowling shooting pool parks traveling cooking Seeking gentle man 45+ sense of humor values knows how to treat a lady No game playing. **2479737**

ARE WE A MATCH?
SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors rollerblading biking long walks and romantic dinners Looking for SWM 25 30 for LTR. **2465764**

HEY OVER HERE
Attractive SBPF 52 5'5" 125lbs with her gas N/S feminine humorous works out Seeking SCM 47 5'8" 170lbs for possible LTR race unimportant. **2611221**

LOYAL
SWF 43 Leo N/S blonde/blue profess on a chef green thumb petite enjoys cooking boating seeks compat SBM 43 50 N/S for dating and possible relationship. **2595737**

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LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR
Attractive WWF 64 red/blue 5'10" 160lbs looking for easygoing well groomed gentleman 55 70 who enjoys meeting new people. **2476645**

GREAT PERSONALITY
Honest caring sincere SWF 51 5'10" 106lbs likes festivals movies and friendly drives Seeking honest caring sincere SWM 42 55. **259329**

SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE
Full figured African American woman attracted 44 no children ISO African American male 32 38 to spend quiet evenings I'm carefree love laughter good times concerts plays sporting events traveling and quality time. **2501617**

MAKE ME LAUGH
SBF 45 smoker wants to find friendship possibly more w/gentleman 40 60 who appreciates music travel spending time outdoors. **2480269**

VERY CARING
AF 45 53 110lbs attractive active very independent loving down to earth health conscious vegetarian enjoys movies fine dining and traveling Seeking W/M 40 50 H/W proportionate. **2609537**

SEE FOR YOURSELF
SBF 42 52 170lbs compassionate hard working enjoys 70s/80s rock dance scene drives movies fishing playing pool reading ISO active SM whos up for a little adventure once and a while. **2580735**

SEEKING INTELLIGENT MAN
SBF 36 Cancer N/S works full time in healthcare single mother loves to cook Seeking down to earth spontaneous SBM 34-48 N/S for dating. **2589409**

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

MUST BE RESPECTFUL
Very attractive BF financially/emotionally secure looking for a laid back easygoing man 34 47 who likes travel dining out more. **2595277**

VERY ROMANTIC
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LOVING & CARING
Very independent slim attractive active loving SWF 45 5'3" 110lbs N/S health conscious vegetarian enjoys movies traveling and fine dining Seeking WM 40 50 N/S H/W proportionate. **2603399**

OPEN ROAD
SWF 53 55 N/S passionate about life very sincere and hard working loves Harley's romantic getaways seeks SWM 45-55 N/S with common interests. **2609504**

GAME FREE
SBF 37 59 N/S works out enjoys leisurely walks and laughter seeks man 35 50 with sense of humor and sense of fashion. **2592847**

FOUNDATION OF FRIENDSHIP
Attractive good hearted SWF 26 N/S seeks SWM 30 36 N/S who really enjoys life and wants to be happy. **2612700**

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

FOR YOUR LOVE
SBF 37 N/S likes to travel see plays and movies seeks committed respectful honest SBM 40 47 N/S who is interested in finding long term love. **2593559**

BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE
Sports oriented BF 39 two teenage daughters physically challenged loves jazz sports gospel p concert amusement parks Seeking SF 29 45. **2523080**

LOST IN MICHIGAN
SBPF 29 55 190lbs no children never married very attractive easygoing laid back loves travel Looking for sincere open minded laid back male who has his stuff together. **2529099**

CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR
Me 26 49 155lbs brown hair completed employed 5'9" 64 190lbs 240lbs single drama free handsome Friendship first maybe long term later. **271252**

LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL
in a SBM 38 50 6' + 190+ must be honest and laid back enjoys movies going out walks nice conversation dining more. **2531635**

GET IT TOGETHER
SBF 28 55 N/S plus sized brown/brown would love to spend some time with a nice SBM 30 40 N/S who has his life together. **2543576**

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

MUST LOVE ANIMALS
WF 53 54 blonde/blue full figured likes travel fine dining shows plays animals children p onces boating swimming cooking reading fishing slow dancing Seeking good kind headed man 50 62 with integrity and morals. **2601692**

SEEKING MY OTHER HALF
WF interested in meet a WM 60 65 who likes to enjoy life and will make me happy. **2598913**

IS HE OUT THERE?
SJF 43 55 honest gentle intelligent sensitive shapely likes fine dining pool theater movies Seeking honest secure loving and reliable man to share friendship good times talks and maybe more. **2601614**

WHERE ARE YOU?
Attractive outgoing honest sexy SBF 32 ISO SM any race 31 37 for relationship I enjoy movie rollerblading comedy clubs bowling etc Serious replies only. **2455371**

ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR IR
Financially secure independent SBCF 31 57 160lbs enjoys concerts movies dining quiet times and more Seeking SCM 30-45 with similar interests for possible LTR. **2517475**

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. **230586**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT
Mature and outgoing SBF 50 years young 5'175lbs thick cut great figure intersted in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously. **272032**

A LOT TO OFFER
Outgoing SBF 24 56 350lbs professional all employed loves the fun and excitement of festivals enjoys new movies and concerts seeks handsome honest SBM. **2286833**

HONESTY REQUIRED
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 is looking for tall dark handsome SBPM who is honest and down to earth to spend time with. **2401088**

GET TO KNOW ME!
SF 38 N/S mother of two looking for working man 28 55 N/S for friendship first. **2431382**

VERY OUTGOING
Catholic DWF 59 looks much younger N/S very tall looking for gentleman 56 63 w/outbeat personality to enjoy family activities camping travel much more. **2455079**

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. **2478802**

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys come dy and romance bowling walks in the park Seeking tall dark handsome SBM 35 50. **2481289**

NASCAR & HOCKEY FAN
SWF 54 51" N/S Taurus loves to bowl and watch funny movies Seeking WM 45 55 for frndship possible romance. **2612496**

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

SLOW DANCING ROMANCING
DWF 45 N/S H/W proportionate perky brown eyed girl honest and outgoing seeks SWM 40 50 for good friendship dating and special times. **2573279**

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JOURNEY WITH ME
through life's adventure DWF 50ish slim blonde enjoys romance travel life to its fullest Seeking financially secure WM 55 65 Lets us avel fe's myster e's together. **2605996**

MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES
SWCF 51 4'11" 115lbs blonde hair two grown children loves animals church children sports Seeking a good Chr's ar man 60 62 for friendship first possible LTR. **2530353**

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS
DWF 54 142lbs 5'6" enjoys blues any ma's gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SM 5'10" + N/S social drinker for LTR. **2548938**

SOUND LIKE YOU?
SWF 18 56 blonde/hazel 150lbs sweet honest outgoing likes concerts movies hanging with friends Seeking honest attractive funny outgoing SM for casual dates fun and friendship. **2562708**

VERY SPICY
BBW passionate SBF 46 honey complexion dimples seeks outgoing fun loving gentleman 35 55 N/S N/D/Drugs any race for movies pool dancing music and romance Dealing possible LTR. **2752243**

EDUCATED AND POSITIVE
SWF 55 5'10" Polish N/S likes the out doors movies good conversation trivia genealogy restaurants traveling dogs Seeking intellectual SWM 47 60. **2260061**

EASY TO GET ALONG WITH
DWF 68 looks younger 5'2" long dark/brown N/S N/D positive attitude on life enjoys movies dining out drives watching sports holding hands Would enjoy a monogamous LTR with SWM 58 75. **2606666**

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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. **2432793**

EBONY SEEKS IVORY
DBF 42 5'3" 140lbs full figured seeks to date SWM 40 50 in the Mount Clemens area. **2456323**

LOVING AND CARING
Independent active loving caring down to earth SF 46 N/S vegetarian enjoys movies fine dining travel Looking for handsome SW/M 45 49 H/W proportionate N/S professional job. **2421896**

LIBRA
DBF 60 looks much younger enjoys music long walks quiet times Seeking W/A/H/M 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! **2495855**

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM
SWF 43 N/S would like to meet an outgoing friendly non smoking man 35 63 who likes outdoors bicycling walking family time. **2511795**

FABULOUS AND FULL FIGURED
Cute sexy SBF 41 N/S will try anything one loves movies plays dancing holding hands cuddling Seeking attractive sexy BM 31 50 N/S with similar interests. **2113224**

WHERE IS MR RIGHT?
SF 46 likes dancing bowling romantic evenings swimming Seeking SM 40-55 w/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 physically in shape with eclectic interests currently accepting applications. **2639684**

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

RESCUE ME!
SBF 41 55 average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBM 43 47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman. **2408635**

ARE YOU THE ONE
DBF 63 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! **2467217**

AFFECTIONATE & ATHLETIC
SBF 45 5'2" 130lbs enjoys cooking roller skating dancing Seeking SBM 40 55 5'5" N/S N/Drugs for friendship dating possible LTR build on honesty trust respect. **2423505**

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
I could be it! Attractive SWF 50 5'10" 105lbs willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM 32 50 for special relationship. **2418088**

SEMI RETIRED
SF 62 5'5" slim fit likes jazz concerts symphonies theater travel and outdoors activities Seeking intelligent honest caring humorous gentleman 55 70 with similar interests. **2461132**

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. **2487478**

ROMANTIC LADY
Beautiful voluptuous DBF 42 5'6" likes traveling outdoors Seeking man 45+ race important to enjoy life together for friendship maybe more. **2464964**

NO BAGGAGE
SWF 32 Virgo N/S loves to travel watch sports and dine out Seeking WF 23 42 for friendship and dating. **2568293**

TAKE IT AS IT COMES
SM 25 dark brown 6' baby face looking to meet nice intelligent funny outgoing SF who's down to earth and open minded for friendship dates talks, maybe more. **2600949**

MR PERSONALITY ISO
Miss interesting Thrill seeking fun loving SWM 33 ISO SF 18-38 beautiful inside/out for friendship good times possibly more. **2610930**

WELL CONNECTED
SWM 49 62 athletic build N/S with 2 dogs works in energy management loves art galleries Seeking woman 40-54 for friendship possible romance. **2554995**

MUST LOVE CHILDREN
SBM 41 61 220lbs in search of SF 28 45 petite under 130lbs for friendship possible LTR. **2589646**

TIME FOR A CHANGE?
SWPM 58 brown/blue fit enjoys biking jogging being outdoors music movies reading concerts good conversation being with friends and family Seeking emotionally available SWPF 28 44 who is passionate about life. **2611591**

WORTH A CALL
SM 24 58 155lbs brown/brown good looking part time student employed independent seeks someone independent cute honest and fun not about games. **2604444**

WHAT'S UP, LADIES?
SWM 22 6 190lbs short hair college student N/S enjoys clubbing (but not as a way of meeting women) and malls Seeking BF 18 40 large build a+ N/S attractive. **2605961**

WANT TO JOIN ME?
SM 68 5'10" in good shape attractive well groomed looking to meet an attractive lady who has time and love to share some one who enjoys travel talks golf and simple times. **2581601**

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. **2608752**

GOOD COMPANY
Slim SWM 46 58 N/S loves to play Squash into mountain biking bowling and golf seeks SWF 38 47 N/S who leads an active lifestyle. **2612663**

NICE GENTLEMAN
SM 29 good person looking for a SB/WF 19-40 for friendship or more Call me let's talk! **2606930**

DEARBORN AREA
SWM 35 6'1" 190lbs blond/blue Scorpio N/S with degree in psychology works in sales enjoys movies watching sports and movies Seeking WF 21 41 N/S. **2592591**

DETROIT'S WEST SIDE
SBM 25 6'1" 200lbs Leo N/S seeks conversation and friendship with a woman 23 37 How about coffee? **2606783**

TAKING IT SLOW
Recently divorced WM 32 likes bowling watching sports Looking for a WF 25 38 who likes to have fun for friendship first. **2611503**

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
SWM 46 6'2" 209lbs brown/blue de greed outgoing personality enjoys out doors workout new activities seeks friendly SF age/location open. **2531308**

COMPARE, THEN CALL
Well maintained SWM 58 who enjoys keeping in touch with current events heart to heart talks and sily conversations Lets meet over coffee and see what develops. **2596444**

MAYBE IT'S YOU!
SWM 52 Aries N/S seeks friendship first with SWF 35-48 Call now I would like to hear from you. **2546509**

KNOW WHAT'S REALLY GOOD?
Spending time with this bright enthusiastic optimistic yet realistic SWM who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. **2550046**

WANTED SEXY BLACK FEMALE
Sexy Italian SM 5'6" 170lbs fit athletic runs daily has herpes sensitive under standing good sense of humor likes come dy clubs theater dining more Seeking attractive BF 21 40 for LTR. **2130448**

GOOD TIMES GUARANTEED
SBM 27 61 160lbs enjoys dining out, movies the outdoors traveling good conversation weekend getaways laughter and more Seeking outgoing intelligent slender SBF 18 27 for friendship and more. **2596577**

EASY ON THE EYES
Well maintained SWM 56 enjoys keeping in touch with current events heart to heart talks sily conversations Lets meet over coffee and see what develops. **2470377**

WEST SIDE OF DETROIT
Very cool laid back down to earth drama free SBM 25 independent no kids N/S seeks sweet intelligent BF 20-40 N/S who wants to be treated right. **2594802**

DREAM DATE
Well spoken intelligent SBM 28 61 athletic build smoker likes to watch television and try new things seeks single woman 21 38 for potential relationship. **2596323**

WORTH YOUR TIME
Very attractive SBM 30 5'9" slim build N/S looking for sexy SBF 21 34 to spend a little time with. **2593711**

LET ME SEE YOU SMILE
SBM 39 5'9" fit build Taurus smoker looking for a female 18 55 race open who wants to share good times Possible LTR if the feeling is right. **2596664**

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP
DWM 36 6 200lbs dk brown/dark brown Italian features pass on for Harleys enjoys going out to eat on org we seek Seeking S/DWF 26 42 for friends first possible sily more. **280724**

SEEKING SOULMATE
SBCM 42 55 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. **2604659**

SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL
Good looking friendly SWM 41 5'11" 180lbs no children N/S enjoys going movies music travel dining Seeking very attractive pretty SH/A/W/F 28 39 friendship possible relationship. **2760359**

UP FRONT
SWM 52 slim attractive passionate good hearted financially secure honest N/S with mild herpes likes travel dining in/out and playing pool ISO W/A/H/F 35 52 N/S fit attractive fun loving. **2605896**

OFF THE GROUND
SBM 48 6 192lbs Gemini smoker likes an occasional party Seeking woman 27 45 who wants to get together for relationship. **2609691**

NO RACIAL LINES
SBM 22 61 hazel eye glasses, with daughter (2) West Side of Detroit smoker self employed seeks single free independent intelligent sexy woman 18-40. **2610141**

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. **2581938**

SEEK ATTRACTIVE FEMALE
Attractive WM 59 blond/blue looking for an attractive WF 18 22 for dating Call me soon. **2598861**

FRIENDS FIRST
SWM 40 6 170lbs fit attractive N/S social drinker organized likes humor exercise chess dancing campfires ISO SF 33 43 slim attractive N/S social drinker N/Drugs. **2612112**

NEED A SEXY LADY
SWM 48 average build hardworking loves to have fun looking for a sincere woman 45 50 for LTR Redford area. **2604036**

SEARCHING FOR YOU
SBM 51 11 200lbs medium build great sense of humor likes movies and going out Would like to meet a fit female 30-45 with similar interests. **2531157**

QUALITY GUY
DWM 56 5'10" handsome and secure Seeks honest S/DWF sense of humor enjoys travel candlelight dinners plays dancing concerts boating movies for friendship possible LTR. **2269646**

REGULAR GUY
Sometimes shy SWM 49 6 250lbs N/S blue eyes carpenter likes bowling movies staying in for the evening seeks SWF 28 55 N/S for meaningful romance. **2580018**

WELL HELLO
SM very young looking 50 57 180lbs medium build employed self reliant D/D free easygoing and easy to get along with, enjoys biking and cooking Seeking S/DWF 40 55 200-350lbs. **2597126**

ARE YOU MY ANGEL?
DWF 52 5'9" medium build brown/brown professionally employed N/S seeks woman 39 47 N/S who loves boating and traveling. **2597166**

TAKE A CHANCE
SWM 43 N/S likes bowling softball Piston games would like to meet SWF 40s N/S who is on the lookout for fun. **2600180**

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SEEKING SOMEONE SWEET
DWM 42 year old works hard in the construction business likes to take it easy on the weekends Looking to meet a nice lady 32 46 who has her head together. **237489**

LOOKING FOR A DREAM
SM Black/Puerto Rican/Native American 40 57 170lbs N/S no kids serious enjoys movies cooking walks Seeking full figured SF. **2654016**

PEACE
SWM 40 homeowner Pieces smoker involved in a bowling league seeks an honest Godly woman 25 45. **2595394**

WILD SENSITIVE SWEET
Tough looking quiet witted SWM 41 no children N/S decent ballroom dancer good veg dietarian cook seeks SWF 28-42 to share life's experiences possible LTR. **2608412**

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBM 30 11 185lbs 5'10" 145lbs dark brown eyes goatea nice smile dimples looking for SH/A/F 27 35 who enjoys sports pool dining long walks. **2602616**

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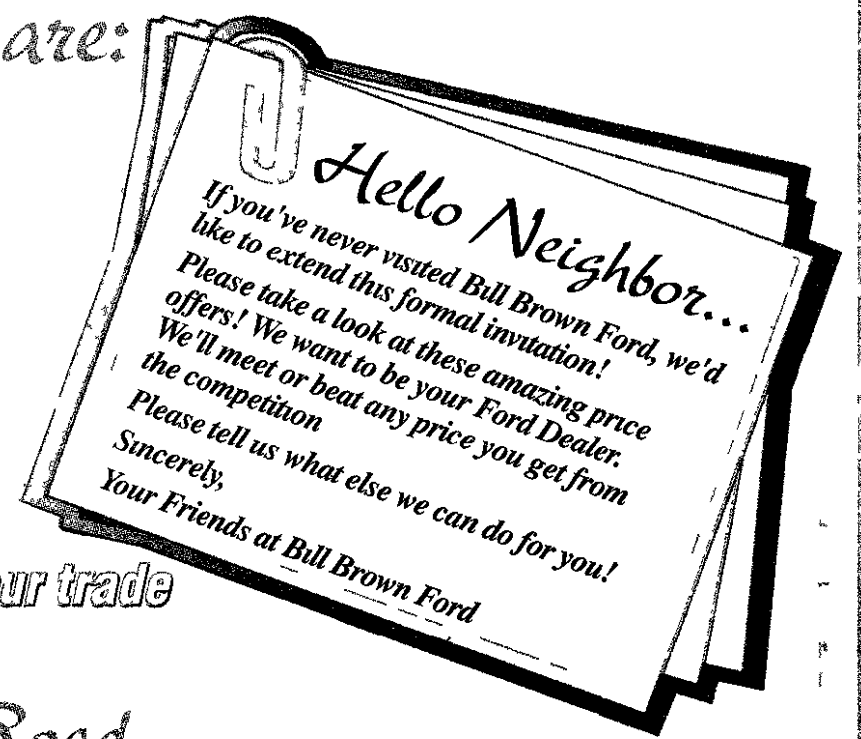
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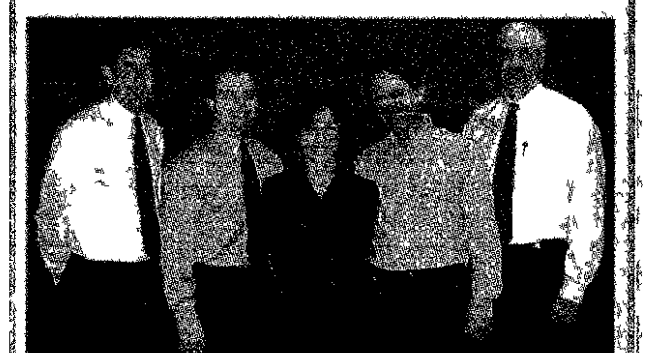
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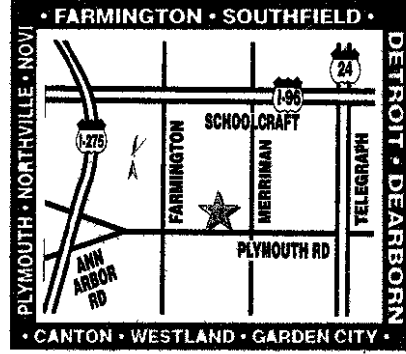
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