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Field trips face ax
Bus cuts part of district's budget

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Allen Elementary fifth-grade teacher Deb Cortellini enjoys taking her students on field trips to enhance the instruction she gives in the classroom.

"When we go places like the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Detroit Institute of Arts and 35th District Court, it shows them firsthand the things we talk about," said Cortellini. "It's also important for the kids who may never have the opportunity to go to those places."

Field trips like those could soon be a thing of the past in the Plymouth-Canton school district, though, if the Board of Education goes along with a recommendation by Superintendent Jim Ryan to eliminate the use of district buses for extracurricular trips.

Deleting transportation for field trips would save the district \$70,000, and is one of several line items being suggested to cut \$516,000 in the 2005-06 budget.

"If we won't be able to go, that's depressing," said Cortellini. "The extracurricular trips we make add to our curriculum. Now, it will be too cost-prohibitive."

Currently, the district allows the use of its buses for field trips only if they return in time to run the regular routes at the end of the school day. In addition, classrooms have to pay for use of the buses, which are generally paid for with grants, donations from PTOs and small stipends paid by students.

"We're going to find the fine line between what we really have to transport and what is extracurricular in nature," said Ryan. "The argument can be made that everything is connected to the classroom."

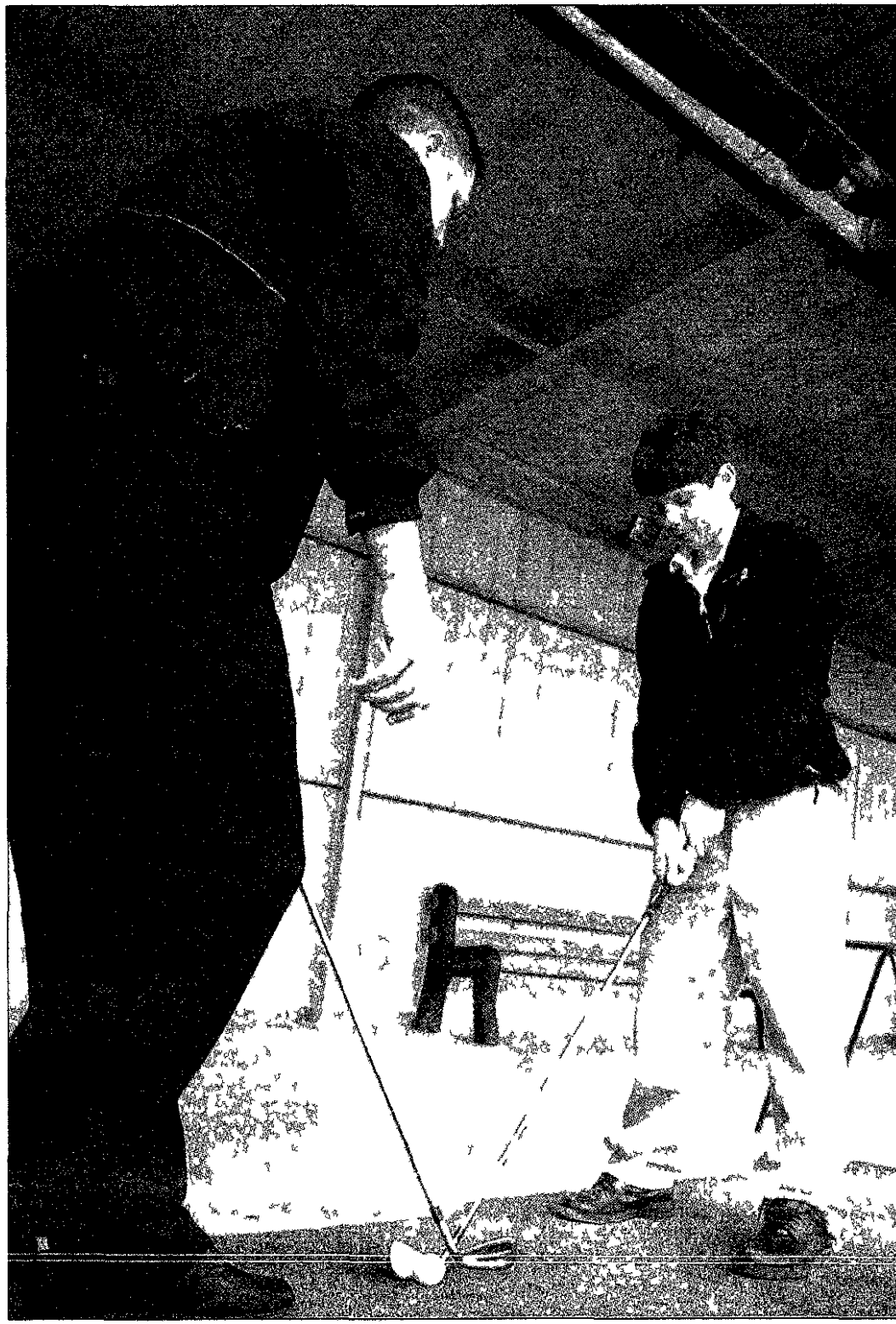
"The less we use our buses, the less we have to pay substitute drivers and the less wear and tear on our buses," he said. "This one caused some real angst with our principals, but I'm kind of out of ideas."

Eriksson Elementary Principal Jim Burt is hopeful the board can find other ways to save money.

"If you're a fourth-grader studying Michigan government, there isn't any better way to learn than going to Lansing and visiting the state Capitol," said Burt. "When we go on field trips, it's directly related to curriculum. It's an experience that can't be provided in the classroom."

Other major cuts proposed by Ryan include \$50,000 from the athletic budgets of the three high schools in the form of gate receipts, totaling \$150,000.

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Fox Hills assistant golf pro Mark Runchey works with Nick Mily, 14 of Plymouth, at the heated driving range at Fox Hills par-3 course.

Fox Hills aces national honor
Golf club tees up development award

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When he was old enough, Sandy Mily started playing golf with her son, Nick. Mily, who grew up in the game, could obviously outplay her young son, and the boy often got frustrated, asking Mom to return to the shorter holes because they were easier.

Of course, to a golf whiz like Mily, who with her sister Kathy Aznavorian has owned Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center for some 30 years, Nick's pleadings quickly helped forge an idea, and the par-3 course at Fox Hills was born.

"We thought maybe this was an idea we could work off of with the kids," said Mily,

whose parents bought Fox Hills in 1974. "We built the new clubhouse and the par-3 with the idea it's a beginning for them."

The idea, one of many cutting-edge propositions out at Fox Hills, helped earn Mily and Aznavorian the 2005 Player Development Award.

PLEASE SEE GOLF, A5

Money back to support senior buses

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Jackie Fink of Plymouth became aware last month of the federal funding problems for the Plymouth Community Council on Aging senior bus program, she took action.

Fink, along with several others, took charge in obtaining petition signatures and encouraging others to write letters voicing their concerns to relay to Michigan's congressional delegation.

"I will fight for anything that's right, and this is right," said Fink, 64, who collected several hundred signatures. "I'm not doing this just for myself, but for my friends on the van, and the nice people I've met in the community who are worried about what's going to happen to them."

Fink received some good news this week. The city of Plymouth has been told it can put the senior bus program back into its \$72,000 Community Development Block Grant application.

"If it's true, I'm happy," said Fink, who rides the bus a minimum of three days a week.

But, we want to get written documentation. City Manager Paul Sincock said he received confirmation of the change last week from the office of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

The problem came to light last month when Sincock was told by Wayne County officials who disperse the block grant funds they would be following strict guidelines by allowing only 10 percent of the federal money for services. As a result, instead of being able to allocate \$60,600 to the senior bus program, it would only get \$10,800.

That's not nearly enough to pay the city's share of the \$130,000 annual transportation budget, which is about 60 percent, or \$85,000, according to Sincock. Plymouth Township paid the remaining 45 percent, or \$45,000. The figures are based on ridership in each community.

Congressman McCotter's office was talking with the folks at Housing and Urban Development as well as Wayne County," said Sincock. "We are going to reprogram the money Monday night."

The city commission will amend its earlier application to reallocate the majority of the grant to the senior bus program.

"There are a lot of stakeholders in this," said Marsha Koet, Plymouth Community Council on Aging program director. "That includes people in assisted living who use the service, as well as those who live on their own."

The latter includes Fink, who at 64 has

PLEASE SEE BUSES, A6

United Way merger won't affect Plymouth funds

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Community United Way officials say it will be business as usual for the local non-profit group, even as the boards of the United Way Community Services of Detroit and the United Way of Oakland County announced they will create a new organization called the United Way of Southeastern Michigan.

The United Way for Southeastern Michigan will be the main fund-raising instrument

for 155 community organizations in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, except for Plymouth, which will remain the only independent United Way agency in the tri-county area.

PCUW President Marie Morrow said the Plymouth organization was made aware of the impending change last month.

"The Plymouth Community United Way, along with other United Ways in southeast Michigan, were briefed on their plans," said Morrow. "We were

not approached to participate in the new group.

"We respect their leadership for addressing the difficulties their organizations faced," she said. "We will certainly watch the development of the new organization."

PCUW board chairman Harry Crespy said he doesn't envision any changes in the way Plymouth conducts fund raising, as a result of the merger.

"Our mission remains focused."

PLEASE SEE UNITED WAY, A4



Irish eyes

Members of the PCEP choir, including (from left) Kristen Broome, Maggie Burr, Laura Besh, Breanna Miller and Molly Gobecki, performed at Bennigan's on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township in honor of St. Patrick's Day Thursday. Members of the Dulcissima choir were invited to sing 'The Irish Blessing' for St. Patrick's day patrons. Students and patrons had a great time, and the festive servers joined in the fun.

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Higher-ed testimony

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University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman, Michigan State University President Lou Anna Simon, Wayne State University President Irvin D. Reid, former Senate Higher Education Appropriations chairman and now Congressman Joe Schwarz and HomeTown Communications chairman Phil Power will present to the committee.

"The committee will hear from every university president so we can make adequate assessments on each university budget," said Stewart. "In these ever-changing times a college degree is becoming more and more important for career success and we are working to ensure Michigan residents have that opportunity."

Home with a book

Community Financial will host Dana Masucci, on-air radio personality with Oldies 104.3, at a special storytime at the Plymouth Library at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 22.

Those in attendance will have a chance to win a two-night stay for up to four people at northern Michigan's newest luxury hotel, the Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa, and tickets to Michigan's largest indoor waterpark, Avalanche Bay at Boyne Mountain.

Tai chi classes

Tai Chi beginner classes for

health improvement are offered by the Taoist Tai Chi society of Michigan, a non-profit charitable organization, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road (one mile East of I-275) at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Classes are also available in Bloomfield Hills, Garden City and Detroit. All beginner classes start the week of April 4. Morning and afternoon classes are also available. Registration is \$20 and monthly dues are \$30.

Pre-registration is not required. For further information, visit the Web site at www.taotaichi.org or call (248) 332-1281.

Spring renewal

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts the first Spring Renewal, a special evening for couples, from 7-9 p.m. Friday, April 1.

The evening includes appetizers, desserts and beverages, wellness strategies and nutritional tips from Betty Maliska at First Fitness, 10-minute couples massage plus tips to use at home from certified massage therapist Rachel McKolay, rejuvenating hand treatment for men and women from Crista Bekker of Clearly You, men's fitness instruction from Paul Seymour of The Blitz, mini-makeovers for men and women from Salon Awesome, treats compliments of Bennigan's, prizes and giveaways.

Proceeds will pay for shipping care packages to tsunami

victims. Tickets cost \$15 per couple in advance, \$17 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Clearly You, 261 S. Main, Bennigan's and The Blitz.

For reservations or more information, call (734) 453-7475 or (734) 414-0609.

Bunny pictures

Youngsters hoping to get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny are going to get their chance, courtesy of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club.

The club sponsors photos with the Easter Bunny from noon to 3 p.m. March 20 at Westchester Square Mall in downtown Plymouth. Cost for the photos is \$5.

For more information, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540.

Library series

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 Maxner, assistant professor of geriatric psychiatry of the University of Michigan Health Center and Karyn Schoen, M.S.W., geriatric social worker, 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 depres-

sion 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 Friday Concert

As a part of its popular concert series, the music ministry of the Plymouth First United Methodist Church presents the Schubert Mass in G Major and the Mozart Piano Concerto in A Major at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 25.

The lyrical Schubert Mass features an ensemble of 50 voices, an orchestra of 22 musicians, and guest soloists Pianist Clinton Smith, graduate student at University of Michigan's School of Music, will perform the three movements of the Mozart Piano Concerto in A Major.

Throughout the year, the concert series presents local artists, nationally known ensembles, and international solo concert artists for the enjoyment of music lovers in the southeastern Michigan locale. The much sought after venue, with its superb acoustics, is located at 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

For directions visit www.pfumc.org. Admission to the concert is free, presented in honor of Holy Week.

Thriving, surviving

"Thriving and surviving on our own" is the theme of the fourth-annual retreat for widowed men and women of all ages offered by Widowed Friends April 22-24 at the St. John Golf & Conference Center.

The weekend is designed to feature spiritual enrichment, healing services, group discussions and fellowship. Guest speakers include Marilyn Gilbert, a psychologist specializing in grief counseling, spiritual director of the Rev. Dick Mevissen, and Ron Gries, a widower author and hospice volunteer.

The fee for the event, including two nights' lodging and all meals, is \$130-\$150. Registration must be received by April 18. Call Fran at (248) 851-4031 or Sue at (248) 851-4508.

Museum events

The Plymouth Historical Museum marks 160 years since the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln with a program, "April 14, 1865" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14.

Historians will share stories of that fateful day during the presentation at the museum, located at Main and Church in downtown Plymouth.

Weldon Petz speaks about "The Big Bands of the 1940s" during a presentation Thursday, May 5. Petz played with the Jimmy Dorsey Band and his own Tommy Weldon Band and Orchestra during World War II.

The program is part of a series leading up to the 60th Anniversary of VE Day, May 8. The museum and the Yankee Air Force will co-host a fundraiser Saturday, May 7, to celebrate VE Day at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Visit www.plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 455-8940 for details.

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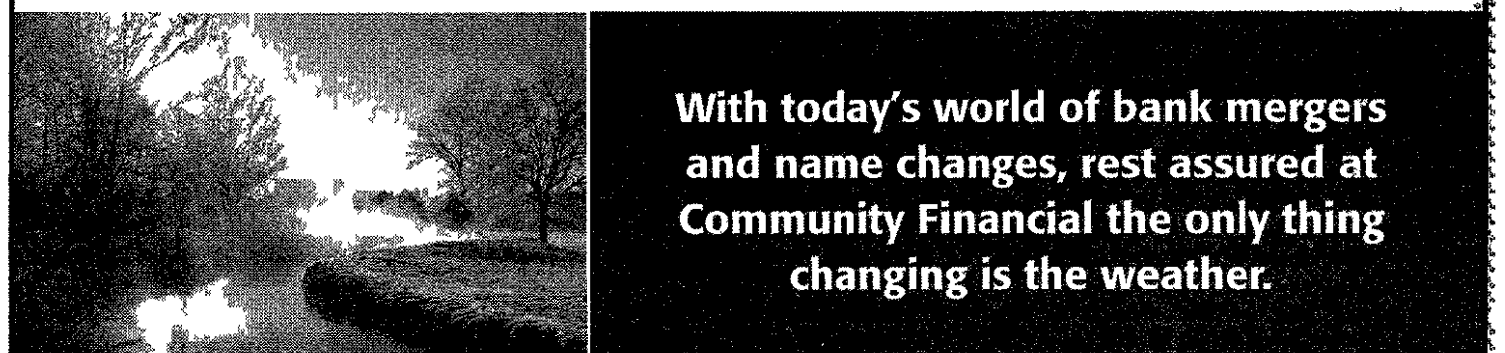
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Leaky line dumps waste into Middle Rouge River

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A leaky sewer line sent untreated wastewater into the Middle Rouge River last week-end.

On March 11, contractors working for the Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) discovered an apparent wastewater discharge into the river.

"Basically we found a broken sewer line," said Aaron Sprague, WTUA director of operations. "We have no way of knowing what the duration or quantity of the discharge was. We check that line on a regular basis."

Most sewer lines are checked by WTUA every five years, but the line that broke last week has been checked every two years due to its age — it was built in the 1930s — and the presence of roots in the line,

Sprague said.

The discharge occurred just east of Hines Drive, south of Wilcox Road. Upon discovery of the discharge, WTUA immediately removed all flow from the sanitary sewer interceptor causing the discharge by diverting it to a parallel pipe also under WTUA jurisdiction.

Though WTUA could face Michigan Department of Environmental Quality fines as a result of the leak, Sprague said it's not likely, since the incident was not as a result of negligence.

WTUA has in the past several years spent a significant amount of money — \$350,000 last year and \$500,000 this year — on a comprehensive sewer lining project. The portion of line that failed last week was scheduled to be lined next year. If the budget permits, WTUA will line it with plastic this year, Sprague said.

Unemployed invited to job fair Wednesday at Livonia's Michigan Works center

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Businesses looking for

employees at the job fair include Comcast, Waste Management of Michigan, Orkin Pest Control, Iron Mountain, Speedway Super America, L.L.C., Scott's Lawn Service, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, AFLAC, Riteway Marketing (Direct TV), At-Home-Services (Home Depot), Bartech Staffing Group, Corporate Employee Services, Inc., Platinum Professional Services, Kelly Services, HCR Manor Care, and Tender Care Inc.-Wayne Total Living Center.

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Student Improv Club debuts at Village Theater

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Individually, the five young actors say they're as useless as half an Oreo cookie. Without the cream center. But together, they are a comic powerhouse called Fancy Schmancy. Fancy Schmancy took to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill stage Tuesday night in their first sketch comedy performance. The group of high school students are part of the PCEP Improv Club, a group of some 45 high school students, which gathers every Monday to hone their writing and acting skills. And even though it's hard work sometimes, improv has addictive qualities to those who get hooked.

"It was about three years ago, I was walking past a little theater in the school," said Canton High School senior Jon Sandberg. "I asked someone what was going on and they told me it was the Improv Club. I haven't missed a Monday since."

But it's not just about the fun, Sandberg said. Improv has helped him become quick on his feet in most situations and has helped him grow as a person, he said.

Up until this week, the group had worked on improvisational pieces, but when they got the opportunity to perform at the township's new theater, Improv Club advisors Jordan Brun and Evin Green



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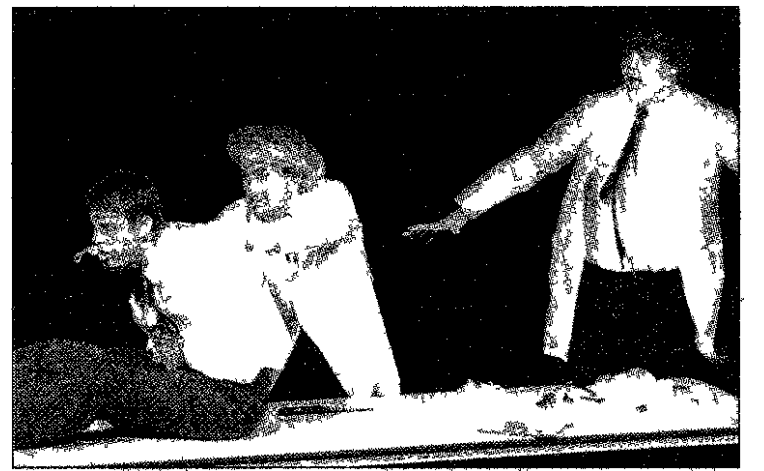
(From left) Travis Peltó, Tim Majzlik, Collin Howder and Joe Hingelberg, students at Salem and Canton High Schools and members of Fancy Schmancy performed an improv show at the Village Theater Tuesday evening.

saw the opportunity for the students to try something new.

The students in Fancy Schmancy — Travis Peltó, Collin Howder, Joe Hingelberg, Jon Sandberg and Tim Majzlik — have practiced on weekends and after school for the past 10 weeks, preparing for the show.

Also performing in a couple of the skits was Elise Cassista. The students wrote, edited and promoted the hourlong program themselves, Brun said.

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(From Left) Collin Howder, Joe Hingelberg and Travis Peltó, members of the PCEP Improv Club perform a sketch called 'The Surgeons' Tuesday night at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

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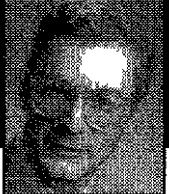
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Another confounder of hip pain is sciatic nerve impingement. If you read the textbooks you will learn that doctors identify sciatica by its characteristic radiation from the back down the buttock area to the lower leg and into the foot. The pain is like an electric shock often with a component of numbness or tingling.

In reality sciatica can vary greatly from this description, causing problems for physicians. At times radiation of pain is just to the knee. At other times areas around the groin experience simulate hip arthritis as the discomfort is sufficient to stop you from moving the hip joint.

Remember that you can have two conditions at the same time. A combination of trochanteric bursitis and sciatic could well look like a single diagnosis of hip arthritis. Thus do not be surprised if on seeing your doctor for hip pain you receive an entirely different evaluation.

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Canton woman accused of having sex with boy headed to circuit court

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A 35-year-old Canton woman accused of having sex with a 14-year-old neighbor will face a judge in circuit court. Susanne Eble was charged with three counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct. She appeared Friday in 35th District Court in Plymouth, with her husband at her side, and waived her right to a preliminary examination, the case will be heard in Detroit.

Eble was charged on Valentine's Day after the 14-year-old's mother called police to report her suspicions about her son and Eble's relationship. According to police reports, Eble confessed to having sexual contact — oral sex and intercourse — with the teen on five occasions between August and December of last year. In January, Eble told police she had been at the boy's home, but there was no sexual contact because his mother came home. Until January, Eble had worked at Fiegel Elementary School as a teacher's aide, but

according to police, there was no contact between Eble and the teen at any school. Eble is married and has two children, according to police. Though Eble confessed to police and said the sexual contact between her and the boy was consensual, it is illegal in Michigan to have sex with a 14-year-old. She pled not guilty when she was arraigned, and is free on a \$1,000 bond. If found guilty, she will face up to 15 years for each of the third-degree felony charges and up to two years on a fourth-degree charge.

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Marie (Wadkins) Boughton, 81, of Farmington Hills died March 14.
Mary Louise Bryant, 82, died March 15.

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William C. 'Charlie' Dennis Jr., 52, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 26.

E
Gerald E. Elston, 83, died March 15.

F
Carl Lee Fox Sr., 89, of Farmington Hills, died March 17.

G
Roger Royall Gay, 72, died March 18.
Erma F. Gray, 93, of Frankenmuth, died March 12.

H
Tracy Y. Halsey, of Davisburg, died March 16.

L
Howard Angell Ladue, 83, died March 16.
Beatrice M. Lamet, 86, of Birmingham, died March 14.
William Ervine Lovell, 94, died March 12.

M
Flossie B. MacDonald, 82, of Farmington Hills, died March 17.
Carolyn J. McCloud, 69, of Westland, died March 15.
Edna "Juaneil" LaLonde Moore, 74, of Waterford, died March 16.
Maxine W. Mormse, 84, died March 15.

S
Melek Samarian, 82, of Bloomfield Hills, died March 14.

T
Catherine T. Theisen, 76, of Plymouth, died March 16.

U
Myrtle E. Umbaugh, 92, of Lady Lakes, Fla., formerly of Canton, died March 18.

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 C9.

Z
Harry Zerbo, 88, of Livonia, died March 15.

POLICE BLOTTER

A man told Plymouth Township Police he went to the Bally's on Ann Arbor Road last week and while he was working out, someone broke into his locker and stole a black leather wallet. The wallet contained an unspecified amount of cash, the man's driver's license and birth certificate and several credit cards.

Fire Runs
The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period between March 9-15:
■ Tuesday, March 15 – Residential rescue runs on Sheridan on Spring on Haggerty on Northville Road, on Mill and on Ann Arbor Trail.
■ Monday, March 14 – Residential rescue runs on Plymouth Way and on Francis.
■ Sunday, March 13 – Rescue run to a public building/school on Haggerty residential rescue runs on Canton Center, on Mill and on Carol.
■ Saturday, March 12 – Residential

rescue runs on Oakcliffe on Jener on Linden and on Princeton special run on Rismar.
■ Friday, March 11 – Residential rescue runs on Sheldon, on Linden on Haggerty and on Lilley commercial rescue run on Beck vehicle accident on southbound I-275 at Plymouth Road.
■ Thursday, March 10 – Rescue runs at Liberty and Starkweather and on Halyard, residential rescue runs on Northville Road on Robinwood and on Pinehurst, downed wires on Wilcox and on Ann Arbor Trail rescue runs to public buildings/schools on Mill and on Ann Arbor Road.
■ Wednesday, March 9 – Residential rescue runs on Marlowe, on Margurite and on Newporte industrial rescue run on Galleon, vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

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UNITED WAY

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on the needs of the Plymouth and Canton communities," said Crespy. "We continue to receive tremendous support from our donors, and have continually met or exceeded our fund-raising goals. Our supporters contributed \$1.3 million in 2004." Crespy said he's not concerned about a larger United Way for Southeastern Michigan encroaching on

Plymouth's fund-raising domain.

"The United Way of America has established guidelines related to fund raising and service territories," he said.

One person who has doubts about the new organization is Dale Yagiela of Growth Works, which helps troubled teens in Plymouth and Canton. Growth Works receives \$130,000 from the Plymouth Community United Way and \$50,000 from United Way Community Services of Detroit. "I've never felt the United

Way Community Services has understood the regional needs and how they differ, and greater regionalization doesn't solve that problem," said Yagiela. "I'm not that optimistic it will solve issues in the 17 western Wayne county communities I serve."

"One of the benefits I've always seen in the Plymouth Community United Way is that they're tapped into the needs of the local community," he said.

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from the National Golf Course Owners Association and a similar award from the Michigan Golf Course Owners Association

The NGCOA presents the award to golf courses which have implemented effective player development programs that encourage non-golfers to visit the facility to learn about the game, and enable beginners to increase their frequency of play

"Not only is it important to bring new golfers to the game, but also having a high retention rate for the new and beginning golfers is crucial for a prosperous future for this great game," the NGCOA said in its commendation. "Fox Hills displayed a strong commitment to growth of the game."

The par-3 course is just one aspect of Fox Hills' efforts to do just that. Mily and Aznavorian recognized frustration is the driving emotion when a golfer gives up the game, and they believe the frustration mounts because golfers frequently aren't taught properly.

In addition to the par-3 course, Fox Hills has also hooked up with Crystal Mountain Golf Schools to provide PGA instructors. And, when those lessons start paying off, of course, golfers can move off the par-3 and onto any of Fox Hills' other 63 championship-caliber holes.

"There are so many golfers who leave because they haven't been taught properly and get discouraged we want to teach them properly," Mily said. "Then we have all these other facilities where they can move up" as their play improves.

And it all started pretty



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sandy Mily, general manager of Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, and her co-owner/sister, Kathy Aznavorian, were recently honored with the 2005 Player Development Award by the National Golf Course Owners Association.

much from nothing. Mily's parents bought Fox Hills in 1974 when it was 18 holes nobody knew about 'because it was out in the boones, Mily said. It had been a private club, with no clientele to speak of.

Golfers started coming, and soon there were 45-minute waits to tee off. The sisters convinced their dad to add nine holes, but that brought only temporary relief as Fox Hills popularity climbed. The Golden Fox was added in 1989, and Fox Hills now features the Strategic Fox, the Fox classic and the Golden Fox, plus the par-3.

There really weren't many links-style courses down here when we opened the Golden Fox, said Mily, the course's general manager. "We had a whole new clientele drawn by a whole different circumstance."

In addition to the 63 holes, Fox Hills organizes golf leagues, clinics and camps, and offers junior golf membership specials. That kind of commitment to the game, especially

for the young people, is ultimately great for the game, according to Fox Hills staffers.

"I've grown up with most of the juniors I catch them when they're young, and then it's neat to watch them making their high school teams, said Mark Runchey, the assistant pro who's been at Fox Hills 11 years. "It's real good for the game if you learn young, it's a game you can play pretty much the rest of your life."

It's a game that Mily and Aznavorian, president of Fox Hills, have been around most of their lives. That's what makes awards like the NGCOA honor special.

Sandy and I grew up with golf in our lives and that experience has proven to be immeasurably rewarding, Aznavorian said. "It gives us great joy to be able to welcome as many people into the tent as we can. We want families to have the same kind of wonderful memories golf has given us."

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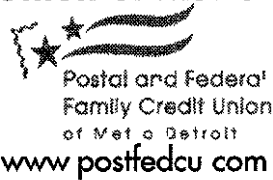
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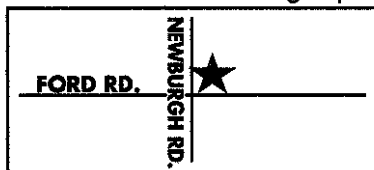
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BUSES

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arthritis and has trouble walking. "Everybody I talked to signed the petitions, even the younger people," said Fink. "They have parents and grandparents looking forward to riding the van. Many seniors don't have families that will take them

places," she said. Their children are out of state and grandchildren aren't old enough to drive, yet. Last year, the Plymouth senior bus program - in existence for 28 years - provided more than 15,000 one-way trips to seniors, which is up more than 4,000 rides in two years. Sincock said even with the funding restored, there will be some changes in the senior bus

program as costs continue to climb. "Especially with the price of fuel, we're just not able to do quite what we're doing today," Sincock said. "We'll make the necessary changes and hold the line on costs. But, we'll try to do it so as to maintain the level of service we currently have."

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SCHOOLS

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"The athletic departments will have less flexibility as far as buying uniforms or other needs of the program," said Ryan. "Unfortunately, they'll fall back more on the booster groups." Ryan is also proposing a \$65,000 cut in professional development funds, which concerns trustee Barry Simescu. "We have to maintain professional development because there are new rules and techniques that teachers need to be kept abreast of," Simescu said.

The Board of Education is also considering raising the student parking fee at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park from \$60 to \$70, which would generate an additional \$10,000. There has already been discussion on increasing middle school pay-to-participate fees. Currently it costs \$50 to participate in any number of sports. The recommendation includes an additional \$50 to participate in more than one sport. The projected 2005-06 budget shows a \$6.1 million deficit. If the board goes along with

Ryan's cuts, the remainder of the deficit will be eliminated by using a portion of the district's nearly \$14 million in fund equity. The budget must be finalized by June 30. "Some of the cuts we've made before were so innocuous that a lot of people didn't notice we were in this much financial difficulty because they haven't really made a big impact on the community," said Joanne Lamar, board secretary. "People don't realize the troubled environment we're in."

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Staff writer Stacy Jenkins contributed to this report.

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Critics unload about transportation

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

How would you fix Michigan's roads?

Citizens and interest group advocates told state legislators gathered last week in Canton how to improve transportation in Michigan - with solutions ranging from European-style deep concrete road beds to prohibiting heavy trucks, and having more of a focus on mass transit.

But Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials maintained they're doing their best with the money that's available.

"What's happening here is happening in 49 other states," said Kirk Steudle, MDOT chief deputy director. But some on hand for the hearing said roads in Indiana and Ohio are superior.

"It's going to be a tough job to fight the trucking industry, but you're going to have to do it," said Robert McCausland of Canton, adding that Michigan allows heavier trucks than are allowed in most states, and these trucks damage the roads.

"It's just physics. You got to beat the lobbyists back, because it's a safety issue also," he said.

"The state took the money for the truck plates, where did it go?" asked Dan McCausland of Canton. "There's all these fines and fees and permits and where is this money at?"

According to Ron DeCook, MDOT director of governmental affairs, license and registration fees go into the Michigan Transportation Fund as required by the state constitution, and the money is then distributed to counties, cities and villages for road work. Townships are excluded because they are not responsible for road work.

The comments came at the first of six hearings scheduled around Michigan, hosted by State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, who is the new chairman of the House Transportation Committee.

The hearings are a joint effort between the House and Senate transportation committees.

Monday's hearing opened with comments from three

MDOT representatives, who said their department follows a rolling five-year plan to evaluate and maintain roads. Legislators took turns posing questions.

"We have a real problem, an enormous problem getting off I-275 (at Ford)," said Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton. He said MDOT has not supported plans for improved exit ramps at Ford Road to give better access to Haggerty.

"We need relief in Canton Township," he said, adding Michigan townships aren't getting the service that cities get.

Rep. Shelley Goodman-Taub, R-Bloomfield Hills, said a test stretch of I-75 in Metro Detroit using the longer-lasting deep concrete European construction model is "beautiful."

"I think what I'm hearing from my constituents is why don't we build it (roads), but build it right," she said.

Steudle responded, "We have to manage an entire system with the money we have."

MDOT engineer Greg Johnson added, "We can't just take all our money and invest in five percent of our system -- or even less than that."

Nancy Austin of Canton was among a handful of speakers urging more attention to mass transit. Ed McArdle of the Sierra Club with more than 6,000 Metro Detroit members said an adequate mass transit system "makes a city robust and a joy to visit."

Richard Lieberknecht of Garden City joined Ferndale City Manager Tom Barwin in criticizing sprawl, saying that building one infrastructure system then abandoning it to build another is costly.

"It just seems totally insane what we're doing," he said.

LaJoy wrapped up the meeting by saying his committee would take testimony during the series of public hearings and present a report over the next several weeks.

MDOT said \$525 million is spent annually on road and bridge preservation.

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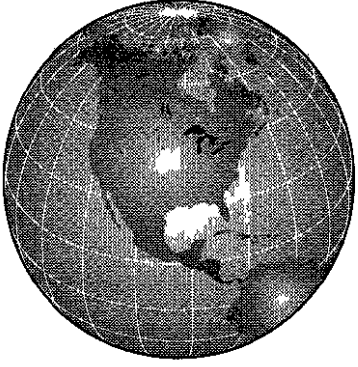
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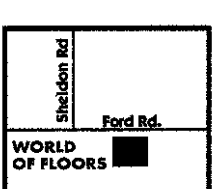
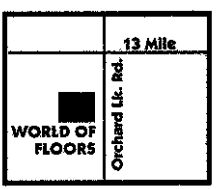
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Multicultural Fair features music, crafts, food

More than 1,200 people are expected to attend the 4th Annual Schoolcraft College Multicultural Fair on 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, in the VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College. The event features displays prepared by Schoolcraft students and attracts visitors from the campus and the surrounding community.

Performances will run continuously and feature dances, musical instruments, and poetry from an array of cultures.

Demonstrations of origami, henna painting and yoga are also included in the day's events. In addition, a language table will provide samples of writing from more than a dozen languages.

Cross-cultural snacks from a variety of ethnic cuisines will be provided free of charge by several area restaurants. Guests will be issued a "passport" at the door that they will be able to get "stamped" at each country table they visit. Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout

the Fair.

At the heart of the fair are the 24 table displays prepared by Schoolcraft students, their family members, and faculty and staff. This is an opportunity for visitors to meet someone from another culture, ask them questions, and learn firsthand about the history, geography, clothing, art and culture that make that country unique.

Besides promoting cultural sensitivity and increasing an awareness and appreciation of

other cultures, the Fair extends education beyond classroom walls by exposing students, faculty and staff to a cross-cultural experience. It creates an opportunity for students to teach others.

This event, created for students and community by students and community, is free of charge and open to the public. The Fair is funded by a Schoolcraft College Foundation Grant and is sponsored by the colleges International Institute and Student Services.

Laurel Park Parisian hosts Spring Kidfest

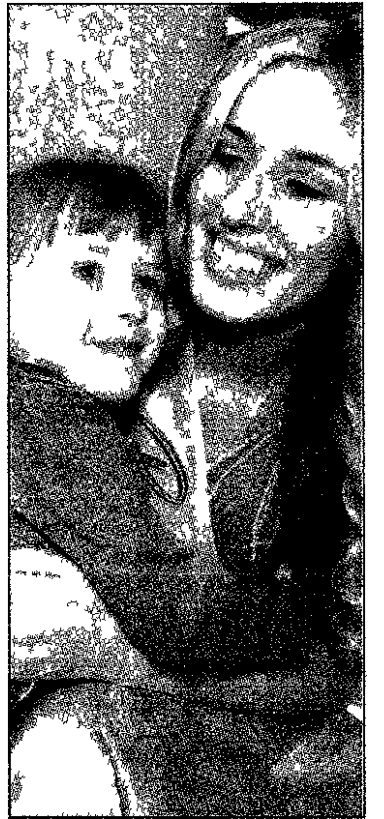
Laurel Park's Parisian store played host to a Spring Kidfest March 12 to welcome spring with seasonal fashions.

The events included Parisian's semi-annual Charity Cookie Fest, which met its goal of raising \$1,000 for The Autism Society of Wayne County and Everyday

Miracles, an autism support network.

About 100 dozen cookies were donated by local bakeries and Parisian associates sold them at \$10 a dozen.

About 65 youngsters participated in the fashion shows, according to Randy Dell, store manager. "It was great," he said.



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Georgia Mikstas, 3, of Canton gets a hug from Heather Cowan of California Cowan was playing 'Barbie' during the Spring Kidfest at Parisian.



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Restructuring Single Business Tax will create jobs, boost economy

Gov Jennifer Granholm and the Democrats in the Michigan House and Senate have a bold plan to jump start Michigan's economy and make our state a magnet for the high-tech jobs of the future. It's called the Michigan Jobs and Investment Act, which will dramatically restructure the Single Business Tax.

Michigan's SBT was created in 1975, to replace eight different taxes. It is now the only general tax on business in Michigan. One major motivating factor for the passage of the SBT was the Legislature's desire to tax all business activity fairly and comprehensively, rather than a jigsaw puzzle of taxes on various industries.

Since its inception, however, the SBT has been the subject of some controversy and concern about certain disincentives and inequities it has created. For too long, Michigan's Single Business Tax has resulted in unequal treatment of business in our state, penalizing manufacturers that are the backbone of our state's economy and giving tax breaks to certain segments of the business community so that they have not paid their fair share of business taxes.

Over the last 30 years, the Legislature made a number of minor changes to the SBT. But there has been no major updating of the tax to recognize the new economic realities facing the state. To revitalize Michigan, we need bold steps that will boost job creation and investment in Michigan. The Michigan Jobs and Investment Act, which I introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives, is that bold step.

My bill is based on common sense. It levels the playing field, so that more segments of Michigan businesses will pay more nearly the level of taxes they would pay in other states. My bill calls for those corporations that

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Rep Paul Gondino

are making the most profit to pay relatively more taxes than those who make little or no profit. It cuts taxes for 77 percent of those businesses with a Single Business Tax liability. Finally, the Michigan Jobs and Investment Act would close a number of tax loopholes, simplifying the state's business tax.

The Michigan Jobs and Investment Coalition has formed to support this sweeping change. The coalition includes a wide array of businesses, from the largest manufacturers to the smallest small businesses. It includes organizations such as the Michigan Municipal League, which recognizes the importance of major tax reform to improve the state's business climate to rejuvenate our state. It includes labor groups, who know that a fair tax system will mean more opportunity to create jobs.

The proposal is revenue neutral, building on comments by elected officials who have said our priority should be to reduce spending

to our current level of resources.

The Michigan Jobs and Investment Act will

- Cut the standard SBT rate from 1.9 percent to 1.2 percent, a 37 percent reduction

- Cut the small business SBT rate from 2.0 to 1.2 percent, a 40 percent reduction

- Create a 35 percent personal property tax credit for manufacturing and research and development property

- Increase the profit component of the SBT for corporations

- Bring taxes on insurance companies more in line with the national average

- Eliminate special tax preferences within the SBT that have given certain types of businesses unfair advantages

I invite the Republicans to join the Democrats, the Michigan Manufacturing Association, the Small Business Association, and many others in turning Michigan into an economic powerhouse, but we have to get moving. Protecting the status quo means we are left behind. The time for action is now.

State Rep Paul Gondino is a Democrat from Southfield. For more information call (517) 373-1788.

Book about golf course is really about American dream

Some men see things that never were, and ask why not as Bobby Kennedy used to say. Bill Haney is one of those. Take golf for instance. He had been in love with golf since he first started caddying.

Like most golfers, he dreamed of building his own course, one that would be just the way he wanted it. Unlike nearly all the rest, he decided to do it.

Except this made absolutely no sense. Haney, who looks faintly like Wally Cox, was then 29 years old. He had a wife and four toddlers, the oldest of whom was 6. He was hardly

wealthy. He had a pretty good job as an editor at the University of Michigan Press, but not much more than that.

Most wives would have gently threatened nuclear war. But his Marcy, who couldn't have cared less about golf, said, "If you don't do it now, you never will. So they sold their house, borrowed more money, bought a rundown popcorn farm in rural Jackson County, rolled up their sleeves and went to work. Toddlers and all.

That was in 1966. Haney not only went on to build his golf course, but eventually established a highly successful career in advertising, with offices in both Detroit and Manhattan, and founded a high-quality book publishing company in suburban Detroit (Momentum Books) when everyone said that couldn't be done. And now he has written the story of how his young family built a golf course and lived to tell about it. *Chasing Dreams in the Boondocks: A Golf Course Comes to Life* (Crofton Creek Press

\$24.95). If you are a golf nut, you'll love this book. If you don't like golf, you may even love it more.

This columnist personally loathes golf, would rather do laundry and had to be strongly persuaded to open this book. Once I started, I couldn't put it down. It is really no more about golf than the Oscar-winning movie *Milwaukee Dollar Baby* is about boxing. What it really is about is the American dream.

Someone, I wish it had been me, called this book sort of a "A Year in Provence comes to the Rust Belt." It is all that "We learned as much, or more, about ourselves as a family, and about people, as we did about building a golf course," Bill Haney told me last weekend over a platter of pancakes.

The best thing about this book is that he waited so many years to write it. "You need years of perspective to deal with some of the more painful things," he said. There are personal

tragedies, money crises, and balky equipment. There are also an assortment of rural characters, described in a manner part William Faulkner, part Laura Ingalls Wilder. The Haney's began building "The Boondocks" in the late 1960s, and opened it to the public May 2, 1970, two days before the student shootings at Kent State.

Those were the years of student protest and a nearby Woodstock-like rock concert, of massive social upheaval in Ann Arbor, where Haney went to work every morning. But he came home at night to a world right out of American Gothic, where the rhythms of life were in many ways closer to the 1860s.

There is also a suitably haunting, and totally real, darker aspect to the Haney's sojourn in rural America. There is a mystery the locals won't tell them about at first that involves a mean old man named Nate Fish, perhaps the nation's first blood transfu-

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son, and a gruesome death — all right in the front room of the house in which they lived and plotted their golf course.

In the end, they indeed built it, and the customers did come. But the thrill left. "I wanted to build a golf course. I really didn't like running one. After two years, they sold it to people who had no idea how much work a golf course really was. Today, the golf course has long since vanished, and developers will undoubtedly soon swallow up the land."

Recently, however, Haney went back and bought the ancient 1841 pole barn that stood on the place. He dismantled it. Someday, he will reassemble it — or use it to build that vacation house he has always been thinking of.

Could a young man do today what he was able — barely — to do in the 1960s? No way," he says, a bit sadly. The price of fertilizer and seed, not to mention the land, has soared far beyond inflation.

Building the Boondocks was the most intense thing he ever did — and not one he'd want to do again. Except, well, he did build a couple of holes on his place near Ortonville, and recently eyed some land until Marcy brought him up short. Look all you want, but just remember: One golf course per husband.

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No quit in DeWitt



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Salem soccer player Jane DeWitt completes a rehabilitative exercise at the MedSport training center in Ann Arbor Monday afternoon as certified athletic trainer Tony Whiren looks on. DeWitt is recovering from her third serious knee injury since the spring of 2002.

Soccer standout doesn't let knee injuries stop her from earning scholarship

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When Jane DeWitt lumped out of the hospital on the afternoon of Jan. 31, she didn't throw down her crutches, clench her fists, look up at the heavens and shout at the top of her lungs, "WHY ME?"

But she had every right to DeWitt, a standout soccer player at both the club and high school levels, had just undergone surgery that repaired a meniscus tear and removed scar tissue that had accumulated from a previous knee operation. The injury —



LIZ DEWITT

Jane DeWitt maneuvers through traffic in a game against Howell last spring.

PLEASE SEE DEWITT, B3

Knee injuries strike female athletes at alarming rate

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Why do young female athletes — particularly soccer and basketball players — suffer an inordinate number of serious knee injuries compared to their male counterparts?

Doctors aren't exactly sure, but a widespread research campaign is ongoing that medical specialists hope not only answers that question, but helps develop better ways to prevent the ailments in the first place.

Five members of the 2004 Salem girls soccer team alone have been sidelined at some point over the past 12 months due to injuries to their anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) or meniscus, a fibrous cartilage within the knee joint.

Studies conducted at the Pittsburgh Medical Center revealed that tears of the ACL are four to eight times more likely to occur in females than males.

"Statistically, over the years, females seem to be suffering knee injuries at a higher incidence rate than males," said Dr. Bruce Miller, an orthopedic surgeon who also serves as a team physician for the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University athletic programs. "Why? That is the million-dollar question. There are a number of hypotheses out there, but up to now, nothing has been proven."

Miller noted there are four factors that top the list of probable causes for the rash of female knee injuries:

- The anatomical differences

PLEASE SEE INJURIES, B3

Softball Center gets new name

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It may be a minor name change, but it reflects the substantial growth and diversity that are taking place regarding recreational sports in Canton.

The "Canton Softball Center, which is located on Michigan Avenue in Canton, will now be referred to as the 'Canton Sports Center,'" according to Jason Lombardo, a recreation sports specialist at the center.

"The softball center facility is now the hub for several sports, not just softball, so we felt a name change was in order," said Lombardo. "It was a little confusing for people if they were calling for information regarding a volleyball league and they would hear 'Canton Softball Center' when we answered the phone. We were looking for a name for the facility that was more encompassing."

No matter what you call the facility, just don't forget to call it busy. Along with softball, there will also be flag football leagues for youths and adults competing at the center this spring and summer.

"We started flag football leagues and a camp last fall and we had 120 youths registered, so it was a popular program," Lombardo said. "We've created a partnership with the Detroit Extreme Flag Football League because it's their specialty. We're looking for more adult teams this spring."

The center's primary activity will still be softball.

For more information on upcoming events and registration facts, visit csc.canton-mi.org or call (734) 483-5600.

Chiola named best wrestling coach

For the 2004-05 Observerland All Area basketball team see pages B4 and B5

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Dave Chiola used the 2004-05 wrestling season as a measuring stick.

He figured the rebuilding process was over.

"It was time to put or shut up," said the fifth-year coach from Livonia Franklin. "People told me we'd be good, but I'd get nervous at what I thought we'd do."

The Patriots blossomed this season, winning every tournament in sight including their first-ever Observerland Invitational title followed by their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament crown.

Franklin also captured the Western



Chiola

Division in the WLAA and the first-place crossover match against Salem.

After 18 straight dual-meet wins, the only blemish on the Patriots record this season was a close 39-30 first-round Division I district setback to state quarterfinalist Redford Catholic Central.

Three of his wrestlers qualified for the state meet and two placed. He has five first-team All-Observer performers this season.

"This year was a pleasant surprise," Chiola said. "It was nice." Prior to his arrival at Franklin, Chiola spent eight years coaching the varsity team at Garden City.

"I figured it would take four to five years, we were in the same shape as Garden City," he said. "It takes time. It actually took going down in numbers. We

started with 54 kids, went down to 13, and now we're back up to 38."

Chiola's formula for success is unwavering.

"Discipline, sportsmanship and education," he said. "I'd rather win with kids who follow than sacrifice my beliefs with kids who don't belong there."

A Detroit native, Chiola wrestled and also coached at Redford Bishop Borgess High. He holds degrees from both Wayne State and Madonna universities, and started out in the advertising business before moving to Franklin where he currently teaches English.

And what does the future hold for next season for Chiola's Patriots?

"If we fill in a few holes, we should be better, but there are other teams in the area who will be better, too," he said. "We'll limit our goal next season to trying to get to the (team dual) state meet. We'll put our emphasis on that more than anything else."

Whalers will open playoffs against Attack

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Historically, the Plymouth Whalers have drawn a less-than-stellar opponent for the first round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

Times have changed this year.

Owen Sound, which has compiled the OHL's second-best record this past season with two games to play, awaits the sixth-seeded Whalers when the 2005 playoffs open Friday night at Owen Sound. The third-seeded Attack (40-16-7-3) finished behind only London (58-5-2-0) in total points in the league. Plymouth carried a 29-28-6-3 mark heading into this weekend's two season-ending contests.

Owen Sound has four or five really good forwards who can score," said Plymouth head coach and general man-

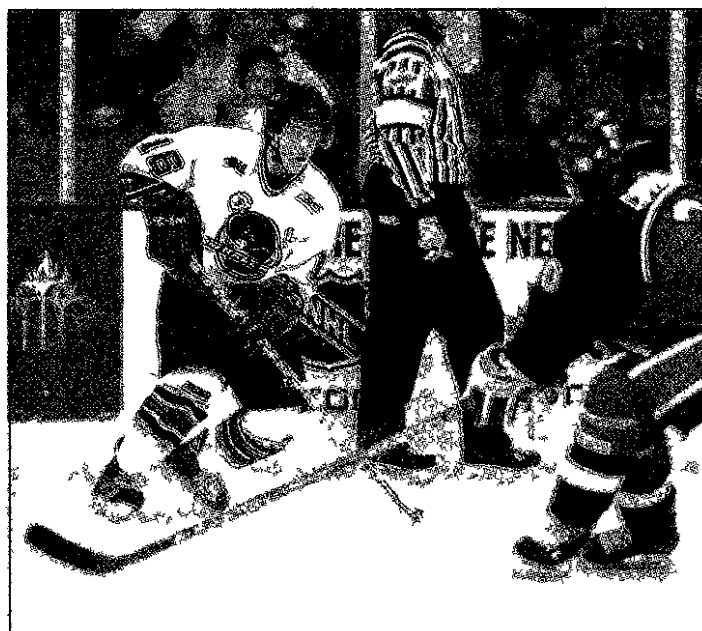
ager Mike Vellucci, as he sized up his team's first-round opponent. "We lost to them in overtime early in the season and we lost a couple times to them at home, but all of the games have been close. They have a very good team. We're going to have to shut down their forwards in order to win."

"We're definitely the underdogs going into the playoffs this season. I think the players feel good about how they've been playing lately."

The Attack has outscored its opponents 240-180 this season while Plymouth has been outscored 193-197.

A trio of Attack players are among the OHL's top 15 scorers. Brad Richardson finished as the league's third-leading scorer with 41 goals and 53 assists. Also enjoying an outstanding offensive year for

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B2



With 10 goals and 10 assists, rookie forward Cory Tanaka is one of the Plymouth Whalers' hottest offensive players heading into the first round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs which open Friday when Plymouth travels to Owen Sound.

Sidelines

Flag football

The Westland International Association of Fire Fighters, the Westland Police Officers Association and High Velocity Sports will be hosting a flag-football tournament Friday, April 8, in an effort to raise money for the Metro Detroit North District of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The tournament will begin at 7 p.m. at HVS, which is at 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The Metro Detroit North District of the MDA covers over 70 percent of Oakland County and one-third of Wayne County. Support from the community enables the MDA to offer the most comprehensive patient services to local families.

Services include a week-long summer camp for children between the ages of 6 and 21 at Camp Cavell in Lexington, Mich.; support groups; an MDA clinic at the Michigan Institute for Neurological Disorders (MIND); clinics at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan; and funding for medical equipment.

If you would like to participate in this fund-raiser, call (248) 354-0950.

Hockey boosters

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. All parents of current Canton, Plymouth and Salem varsity players are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in varsity hockey at PCEP is also welcome.

Wrestling club

Registration for the third session of the Canton Wrestling Club will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 21, March 23, March 28 and March 30 in the Canton High School wrestling room.

The club holds practices on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Canton wrestling room. The cost is \$25 per wrestler. Checks should be made payable to the Canton Wrestling Club.

Contact coach Ray Price at (734) 451-5440, coach Mike Pantaleo at (734) 354-6394, or coach Casey Randolph at (734) 697-2083.

State qualifiers

The Canton Wrestling Club had 12 state qualifiers at the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWAY) regional tournament held recently at Pinckney High School. The MYWAY state finals will be held at Michigan State University's Jenison Fieldhouse Grapplers who place high enough at the state meet will qualify for a national competition. The state qualifiers are: Sean Lee, Cameron Shaughnessy, Ben Griffin, Alec Pantaleo, Mike Karizat, Brandon Lee, Zach Smilo, Malcolm Hollingsworth, Anthony Abro, Braden Price, Jamal Sanders and Connor Johnson.

Bowling convention was historic event

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Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

Must I mention that the sun is shining and it's warm enough to stroll through the bayous in a T-shirt and shorts
There is also a bowling convention going on here It is an historic event, the first ever under the auspices of the US Bowling Association
There is also a lot of bowling in these here parts as the Greater Detroit contingent was bowling in what is considered bowling's greatest tradition, the 102nd American Bowling Congress Tournament which runs March 12 through June 25 and is the largest participatory sporting event in the world
It was held at the Baton Rouge River Center a new facility large enough to accommodate the lanes and the huge electronic scoreboard which goes with the ABC event
Wednesday was also the first day for all the delegates to reg-

ister and check in
On that evening the Greater Detroit Bowling Association enjoyed a delegates party at the Holiday Inn Select, which is where we stayed
It started at 7 30 a m Thursday with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association in the team event at 7 30 a m
We had fielded three squads, and in spite of the usual more difficult oil pattern compared to our basic house condition back home, we all bowled pretty well But the results will not be revealed until the tournament concludes The rest of Thursday was a full slate of meetings and seminars on subjects such as USBC performance standards, strategic planning, coaching, technology/wmlabs, rules and transition workshops
Newly appointed CEO Roger Dalkin introduced the USBA officers
With this new merged organization, there will be greater operating efficiency and a better way to serve the needs of over 3 million member bowlers in the future
Thursday evening was highlighted by the ABC Hall-of-Fame induction ceremonies including a procession of all present and living hall-of-famers A special moment of silence was held for the late Dick Weber, one of the greatest bowlers of all time who passed away recently
Induction of new members included our own hometown

hero, Bob Chamberlain
Friday was another early start as we had to be on the lanes at 7 a m for the singles and doubles competition
After the general meeting on Friday, we enjoyed the ABC's "Le Grand Finale" party at the Sheraton Baton Rouge Convention Center Hotel, which served as a fond farewell to ABC
There was plenty of good Cajun food, live Mardi Gras entertainment and raffles
On Saturday, there were workshops in the morning After that we checked out and took the big silver bird of American Airlines back home Next year we will be heading even further south to Corpus Christi, Texas
If you are not able to go tournament bowling in Louisiana, here is one much closer to get to It is the GDBA 92nd annual championships
You don't need an airline ticket to get to Shore Lanes in St Clair Shores where the squads go off at 9 a m and 12 30 p m each Saturday and Sunday, March 26 through April 24
The team event is handicapped 90 percent from 1,100 with doubles and singles at 90 percent from 220 per individual per event
The entry fee is \$20 per person with over half of that into the prize fund
This year's event is dedicated to past president Ken Swan

Only GDBA members are eligible and any five members can form a team just for the tournament, but not more than three players can compete together in the five-man event
This is a really good tournament with a level playing field Lower average bowlers have a chance to win some good cash prizes Entry forms are available at the counter on most local bowling centers. For additional information, call (586) 773-6350 or visit www.gdba.com
Don't miss out on a chance to bowl with most of the world's greatest bowlers, Saturday and Sunday, March 26-27, as the Pro Bowlers Tour comes to Taylor Lanes
It's the PBA World Championship event and it's also a chance to watch them bowl, perhaps get an autograph from your favorites
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See the preliminaries at Taylor Lanes followed by the TV finals at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsilanti For more information, call (734) 946-9092
Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association He can be reached at (248) 477-1839

MU volleyball team signs two recruits

The Madonna University women's volleyball program added two more weapons to an already potent lineup for next season with the signings Thursday of 6-foot-3 middle hitter Stephanie Parslow and 5-9 outside hitter Nikki Ellul
Parslow, a graduate of Macomb Dakota High School, comes to the Crusaders from Macomb Community College where she played basketball, but not volleyball A knee injury suffered late in her senior season at Dakota derailed her decision to initially attend MU
"Stephame is an extremely good athlete and it feels great to have her in the fold," MU coach Jerry Abraham said "She is a hard worker who is very coachable and possesses a lot of intangibles that coaches love"
Parslow was a four-year standout and starter at Dakota where she earned four letters in volleyball and three in basketball She captained her volleyball team in 2004 earning MVP honors and was a third-team All-Macomb County selection
The 6-3 middle hitter brings size that Abraham desperately wanted for his 2005 class "You can't teach height," he

said "Stephanie brings that to us from Day One along with tremendous athleticism and a big, strong swing"
Ellul is a four-year letter winner at Dearborn Divine Child and a four-team All-Dearborn performer
As a senior for the Falcons, Ellul was also honored as a Academic All-Region pick by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association
Abraham believes the three-time Divine Child MVP has what it takes to add to the MU legacy
"Nikki comes from a great program and is a great player," he said "She is a player I have had my eye on for quite a few years, and it feels great to know she will continue her career with us"
"As good of a player as Nikki is, she is even a greater person She comes from a great family, a strong volleyball background with great coaches that I know and respect She will fit right in with our family here"
Abraham said he expects to add three or four more recruits to the 2005 class
The Crusaders are coming off a 42-5 season and their fifth NAIA Tournament appearance as well as winning their eight consecutive Wolverine-Hoosier

SPORTS ROUNDUP

OLGC FOOTBALL

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2005 season on Thursday, April 7, at 7 p m, in the OLGC gymnasium, which is located at 1151 William St in Plymouth
OLGC offers teams for boys in grade 3rd through 8th

Families that belong to the following parishes are eligible OLGC, St Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St Mary's of Wayne, St Richard, St Thomas a Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St James (third- and fourth-graders only) and St John Neumann
Parents of interested players should attend the meeting

Program information and registration materials will be distributed For further information, contact Mike Nelson at mikenelson@ameritech.net or (734) 737-9935

SOFTBALL CLINIC

The Plymouth High School softball team will be hosting a softball clinic on Saturday,

April 9, on the high school softball field The clinic will be divided into two parts a beginners' session that will run from 9 a m to noon, and an advanced session that will run from 1 p m to 4 p m The beginners session will consist of first-time participants who have up to three years of experience and the advanced ses-

son will include all athletes who have played more than three years
The cost of the clinic is \$40, which includes a T-shirt
For more information, contact Tom Bondy at (734) 455-5242 or tbondy@comcast.net
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Sarnia Sting belts Whalers, 4-1

Float like a butterfly fall victim to the Sarnia Sting
That was the case Friday night as the Plymouth Whalers fell in an Ontario Hockey League clash to the struggling Sting before 3,680 fans in Sarnia
The loss drops the Whalers to 29-29-603, while the Sting improves to 15-41-6-5

Chad Painchaud led Sarnia with a pair of goals and two assists
Chris Chimenti's goal from from Mark Lytwyn and Painchaud gave the Sting a 1-0 first-period advantage
The Sting added two more second-period goals, including a power-play goal from Jamie Fraser and Eric Schwanz

Fraser finished with two assists The Whalers cut the deficit to 2-1 at 10:11 of the second period on Gio Piselellini's goal from from Ryan Stephenson and John Armstrong
Whalers netminder Ryan Nie made 29 saves, while Sarnia counterpart Mike Iafate had 17

WHALERS

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Owen Sound were Bobby Ryan (35 goals and 51 assists) and Patrick Jarrett (27 and 49)
John Mitchell finished as the Whalers' top offensive producer The captain racked up 25 goals and 49 assists, which placed him 18th on the OHL scoring list John Vigilante was the team's second-leading scorer with 23 goals and 37 helpers
If Plymouth has an edge, it's in front of the net where goaltender Ryan Nie finished sixth in the OHL with a 2.53 goals-

against average and .915 save percentage The Attack will counter with Mike Brown, who was acquired in a mid-season trade with Saginaw Brown has shined since the trade, going 17-9-4 while giving up just 2.42 goals per contest Overall, he is 24-27-5 this season
Following game 1 in Owen Sound on Friday night, the two teams will make the trek to the Compuware Sports Arena for game 2 on Saturday night The sites will flip-flop each game with the Attack hosting games 3, 5 and 7 (if necessary) on Tuesday, Saturday, April 2, and Tuesday, April 5, respectively
The Whalers will host games 4 (Thursday, March 31) and 6 (Sunday, April 3 - if necessary)
All games are slated to begin at 7:30 p m
The other first-round playoff match-ups will pit London against eighth-seeded Guelph, second-seeded Sault Ste Marie against seventh-seeded Windsor, and fourth-seeded Kitchener against fifth-seeded Erie
All road Whalers playoffs games will be broadcast on WSDS 1480-AM, with the pregame show starting 15 minutes before the opening face-off

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DEWITT

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DeWitt's third serious knee ailment since the spring of 2002 — would require her to complete up to six months of agonizing rehabilitation work as well as wipe out her entire senior soccer season at Salem.

Instead of drowning in self-pity, DeWitt has chosen to drown her terrible luck with the sweat that comes from months of rigorous rehab workouts.

DETERMINED TO SUCCEED

"Jane is one of the hardest-working, most-determined athletes I've worked with," said Tony Whren, an athletic trainer at the Ann Arbor-based MedSport, the training facility where DeWitt has rehabbed for all three of her surgeries. "She is ready to go to work every day she walks in. I can challenge her with anything, and she'll meet the task."

DeWitt's first twist of fate came seven games into her freshman season at Salem, when the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee was torn when she was inadvertently kicked by another player in practice.

"I was mad when it first happened," DeWitt said, recalling her initial injury. "I wasn't angry at the player who kicked me, because it was an accident. I was bummed because I used to go watch high school games since I was in sixth grade and I couldn't wait until I could play at that level. When I finally got the chance, I got hurt. It was very frustrating."

COSTLY INJURY

Because of the injury, DeWitt also missed her fall club season with the '87 Northville Premier Stung soccer club and she was unable to try out for the Olympic Development Team.

But instead of dwelling on her setbacks, DeWitt met Whren three days a week for two to three hours per day at MedSport. By the time her sophomore season rolled around, DeWitt was back to near 100 percent of her old self — at least physically.

I wasn't as aggressive as I normally was during my soph-

omore season because I was worried about getting hurt again, DeWitt said. "I don't think I played up to my potential."

What she did do was help lead the Rocks to Western Lakes Activities Association and Class A district titles.

"I'm a very competitive person," DeWitt said. "I don't like to lose. When I was in the fifth grade, there was a juggling contest at my school. I had never tried it before, so I didn't do very well. Every day after school for the next week I practiced juggling, and I ended up winning the next contest."

BUNDLE OF ENERGY

The competitive fires inside DeWitt were burning brightly for the first half of her junior season at Salem. The forward not only was one of the team's leading scorers, but her always-hustling, never-slacking style of play rubbed off on her teammates.

Collegiate coaches were also taking notice of DeWitt's immense talent, especially Murray State's Mike Mimieli. "I wasn't just impressed by her talent when I saw her play as a junior, but also by how hard she played," Mimieli said. "Jane is a very smart player with good vision and a very high energy level."

Misfortune struck down DeWitt for the second time mid-way through the season in a game against Walled Lake Central.

"Before the Walled Lake Central game, my mom was joking around and said she would pay my phone bill if I scored three goals," DeWitt said, smiling. "Well, I scored our first two goals and we were leading 2-1 when a girl came up from behind me and took me out when I had the ball. One of my teammates — Jordan Falcusan — said she heard a pop, so I knew it was bad."

NOT AGAIN!

DeWitt's premonition was correct. This time the ACL in her left knee was torn, requiring more surgery, more rehab and more missed playing opportunities.

When she was carted off the field with four minutes left,



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Jane DeWitt uses a body blade as she works out on a Stairmaster during a rehabilitation workout Monday afternoon at MedSport in Ann Arbor.

DeWitt had no idea that she would never play another second of high school soccer.

Around Thanksgiving, DeWitt was cleared by doctors to play again. However, when she traveled to Florida to play in a tournament with the elite Michigan Nationals travel soccer club, her right knee — the one she injured initially — didn't feel right.

Doctors decided to perform arthroscopic surgery on the knee Jan. 31 to figure out if the pain was the result of scar tissue or something far worse.

"If it had been just scar tissue, Jane would have only missed a few weeks," said her mom, Liz. "It turned out to be scar tissue and a meniscus tear, which required four to six weeks on crutches and up to six months of therapy."

DOWN THE DRAIN?

Prior to the surgery, Mimieli had sent a National Letter of Intent to DeWitt. He wanted her to play at Murray State, despite her two previous bouts with knee problems.

"When we found out about Jane's third injury, we knew we had to be honest with the Murray State coach," Liz DeWitt said. "We were very worried that he may withdraw the offer. Thankfully, Mike reaffirmed his commitment and said he was in it for the long haul with Jane."

Mimieli said DeWitt wasn't the first talented player he has recruited with knee injuries, and she won't be the last.

"Every player I've had who has had similar problems to Jane's has come back stronger than ever," Mimieli said. "This is a four-year deal. I'm sure she'll be ready to go when we start practice in August, but even if she's not ready for the first game, we'll be patient with her."

MORAL SUPPORT

Even though DeWitt won't compete on the field for Salem this season, she will still be a big part of the team. Coach Joe Nora wouldn't have it any other way.

"It wouldn't be a team without Jane," Nora said. "Her name will be on the roster, she has a number and a jersey, and she'll be at every game. It will almost be like having a captain on the sidelines. For me, it will be like having a young assistant coach."

DeWitt hasn't let the physical setbacks detract from her academic career as she has earned a 3.75 grade-point average. She also volunteers several hours a week coaching Munchkin soccer at Lifetime Fitness in Canton.

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INJURIES

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between males and females, particularly their bone structures.

- Training habits,
- Strength differences between the genders, and
- Evidence that women's hormonal cycles may influence the laxity in their knee joints.

A University of Pittsburgh Medical Center study involving male and female high school basketball players revealed that female athletes bend their knees less and turn them in more than males, which could put an extra burden on the ACL.

ROAD TO RECOVERY

Once an ACL injury is diagnosed and surgery is performed, the athletes face a long and tenuous rehabilitation period. Megan McCarthy, a three-year standout for Salem's soccer program, is nearing the end of her recovery from a torn ACL and meniscus — just in time for her senior season.

"Megan tore her ACL and meniscus in August at a soccer tournament in Long Island, New York," said Tim McCarthy, Megan's father. "She had surgery about two-and-a-half to three weeks later at Henry Ford Hospital."

"They told us the full recovery period was about six months. They gave Megan a rehabilitation program that she could complete at home and she went in every four weeks for strength tests. She was jogging after eight weeks. The doctors have told her not to go 100 percent yet, but she should be ready for the season."

SOUND SURGERY

The method of ACL surgery varies, depending on the surgeon. Some doctors use a portion of the hamstring to repair the injury, while others believe using a piece of the patellar tendon is the better option.

"The patellar tendon is the gold standard right now, especially for a skeletally mature young athlete," Miller said. "But surgical techniques are always changing and evolving. The most exciting things happening now are in prevention. There are a number of programs being implemented that help reduce the risk of these injuries."

Murray State (Ky.) women's soccer coach Mike Mimieli said ACL and meniscus injuries can create a detour in a young athlete's career, but they're far from a dead end. "From my experience, players who suffer these injuries are even better players when they return than they were before they got hurt because the rehabilitation makes them stronger," Mimieli said.

OUNCE OF PREVENTION

A training program developed by the Santa Monica (Calif.) Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Group has proven to be extremely successful in reducing knee-related ailments. According to the association's Web site, the Prevent Injury, Enhance Performance (PIEP) regimen has reduced ACL injuries by up to 72 percent in Division 1 college soccer players who use the program, which consists of a 15-minute warm-up session that replaces the standard warm-up drills. For information regarding the PIEP program, visit the association's Web site at <http://www.aclprevent.com/acprevention.htm>.

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FIRST TEAM
Alex Fowler 103 Livonia Churchill. The junior finished the season 36.3 overall and has a career record to 83.30. Fowler captured the Observerland Invitational title and was MVP of the Dundee Tournament. He is also a previous state qualifier.

Alex was a true competitor never declining to wrestle any situation Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. He would go one or two weights up without complaining and he would still win. It will be fun to see just how much he can accomplish next year.

Jesse Gardocki 103 Livonia Franklin. The senior posted a 48.4 record and now holds the school record for career wins with a 114.40 mark. Gardocki won the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament and was a regional qualifier. He also won the Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest Berkley Dearborn Fordson (MVP) and Livonia Public Schools invitationals.

He was also undefeated in dual meet the last three years and earned Scholar Athlete honors four straight years.

Jesse proved what can be done with hard work. Franklin coach Dave Chiola said of the two-time All Area pick. As a freshman with only four wins, he became one of the best 103 pounders around. Jesse has shown great dedication throughout his career and I'm sure it will help him in whatever he chooses to do. Most of the area coaches will miss Jesse's sense of humor and funny comments.

Jon Roos 112 Franklin. The sophomore finished 38.14 this season en route to qualifying for the regional. He was also Garden City Novice Tournament champion for the second straight year.

Roos holds the sophomore record for most wins. He is 47.20 in two seasons.

Jon really came out of nowhere and did a great job for us this year. Chiola said.

As a JV 103 pounder last year, he was a solid performer but we didn't think he would adjust to varsity so quickly. He has great preparation for his matches and is very aggressive.

Mike Warren 119 Franklin. The junior finished 44.8 this season including firsts at the Ypsilanti Franklin and Observerland tournaments. He was MVP at both the Franklin and Observerland invitationals along with being Livonia City champ.

Warren was a regional qualifier this year after making the state meet as a sophomore. He is 86.41 in his career.

Mike has the best aspects of everything a coach would want out of a wrestler. Chiola said. He learns quickly, is a great leader, very dedicated and accepts any challenge. If the meet is on the line, Mike is the person I would want on the mat.

Ryan Stump 125 Salem. A senior Stump compiled an impressive 42.4 mark this season and 153.38 record over his four years at Salem. He chalked up six tournament titles this season and went unbeaten in dual meets in which he was bumped up a weight class to give his team a better chance to win.

Stump is a three-time All Area performer who finished second at the Division 1 state meet as a sophomore and seventh this year.

Ryan had a great dual meet and tournament season, said Salem coach Greg Woodchuk. He never failed to entertain the fans. Ryan definitely brought excitement to his matches.

Corey Phillips 130 Canton. Only a sophomore Phillips has established himself as one of the best young grapplers in Michigan the past two years working his way to a 98.17 record. Phillips who finished with a 51.7 mark this past season placed fifth in last weekend's Division 1 state individual meet. Phillips won five tournament titles, finished second at the Division 1 district tournament and first at the regional event.

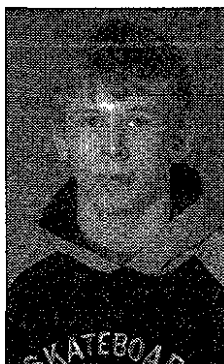
Possibly the most memorable highlight of Phillips' illustrious season was a victory over eventual state champ Chris Gruenberg at the regional tournament.

Corey is a great competitor who leads by example, said Canton coach Casey Randolph. He has established himself as one of the state's best wrestlers early in his career. I look forward to watching Corey develop even further in the future.

Justin Smith 130 Churchill. The senior posted a 44.8 record this season and is 125.38 for his career.

At the Division 1 individual state finals Smith is a two-time state placer including a seventh this season. He was also WLAA Observerland and Livonia City champion.

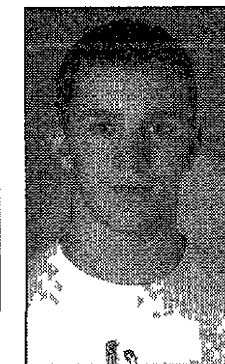
Justin leaves her a true leader and a great competitor. Altounian said. He always wanted to compete with the best. His desire ultimately made him one of the



Alex Fowler Churchill



Jesse Gardocki Franklin



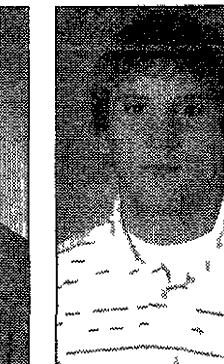
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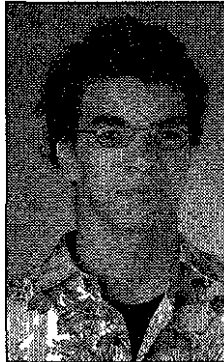
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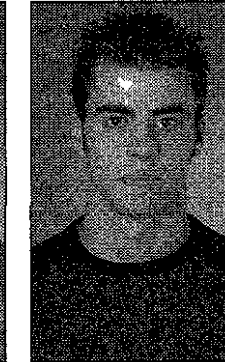
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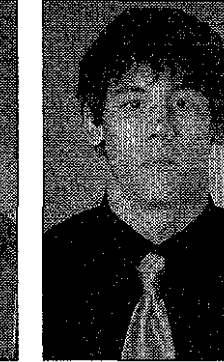
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Ryan Webb Canton



Rece Cox John Glenn



Jim Moore Redford Union



David Watkins Franklin

best. When he was out on the mat, he made it look effortless. He's a true champion.

Sean Dong 135 Redford CC. After missing the 2003-04 season, Dong bounced back in a big way going 47.3 to top his career mark to 104.6.

He won his first state individual championship last weekend and also had first place showings at Solon (Ohio) St. John's (Ohio) Catholic League and state districts. Dong took second at the state regionals.

Coach Mike Rodriguez said Dong avenged an earlier loss to Davison's Jason Whitman by defeating him and advancing to the finals.

Sean is a young man that aspires to be a state champion. Rodriguez said. It is great to have Sean on our team.

Ryan Webb 135 Canton. Webb, who was instrumental in the Chiefs earning the school's first Division 1 district team title, finished his career as the most prolific

wrestler in Canton history. The senior's 139 career wins and his 53 victories this season are both Chief records.

Webb has placed in the Division individual state meet in each of the past two seasons, finishing eighth last year and seventh at last weekend's tournament. He defeated Sean Dong, the Division 1 state champ at 135 twice this year.

Webb won nine tournament titles. Ryan developed into a great leader for our team this year and really bought into our program, said Randolph. I look forward to seeing Ryan continue his wrestling career at the next level.

Rece Cox 140 Westland John Glenn. The Division 1 state runner-up finished 52.1 as a senior and was Glenn's all-time career wins leader with a 171.24 mark. Cox is a three-time Observerland and WLAA champion as well as a three-time state placer (second as a sophomore and senior sixth as a junior).

He reached the finals of every tournament he entered both as a sophomore and senior. Cox also led Glenn to three WLAA titles and four division titles.

Rece is in a class of his own. Glenn coach Bill Polk said. He is one of the most dedicated athletes I have ever coached. He has been an example for all of our wrestlers from his freshman to senior year.

The coaching staff has built a respectable program around Rece. We look forward to watching him have a successful career in college. He is a true champ and we will miss him.

Jim Moore 140 Redford Union. Moore went 48.6 this season to finish his career with an excellent record of 138.29.

Highlights this season included taking first place at Garden City Oxford Observerland and the Mega White tournament.

ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING TEAMS

2004-05 ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING TEAMS

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ments He then placed second at the state districts third at the state regionals and fourth at the state individual finals

It was his second Observerland championship and second time to place at the finals

What a pleasure to coach (Moore) said Panthers head coach Russ Swinson He's the hardest working (athlete) I've coached What a takedown machine

Moore holds the RU career mark with 534 takedowns

David Watkins, 145, Franklin The senior earned a fifth place finish at the state meet with a season record of 48 8 (tying a school record for wins)

Watkins a two time state qualifier was district regional and Livonia City champion as well as winning tournaments at Ypsilanti Franklin and Fordson

His career record is 105 46

Dave is our team leader on and off the mat Chiola said He was a JV wrestler as a freshman and worked hard until he made himself one of the best wrestlers in the area Dave's positive attitude kept the team together through the rebuilding years and it was Dave who the team looked up to when things got tough He will be missed

Blake Karkoska, 152 Franklin The junior earned an eighth place finish at the state meet en route to a season record of 45 15

Karkoska 73 45 in his career also finished first at the Lutheran Northwest Fordson and Western Lakes tournaments

Blake has improved a tremendous amount since his freshman year Chiola said He doesn't possess the natural ability of some of his teammates but he makes up for it with hard work and intelligence Blake is very much in control when he wrestles which makes him easy to coach

Ben Adams, 152 Churchill The senior earned both Livonia City and Wyandotte tournament titles en route to a 38 8 record

A past state qualifier Adams has a career mark of 109 40

Ben was just a no nonsense type of wrestler Altounian said He had a never quest attitude that would frustrate all of his opponents He would find a way to get himself out of almost any situation that came his way

Adams also made first team All Observer in football

Trevor Stewart 160 Redford CC One of the region's best wrestlers over the past four years Stewart capped an outstanding career winning his third consecutive state individual championship last weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills

Stewart got there by winning at the state districts and regionals But he also went 54 0 this year (finishing an astounding 204 2 for his career) and won tournaments at Solon (Ohio) Plymouth Salem St John's (Ohio) Catholic Central Observerland and Catholic League

The Central Michigan bound Stewart is the first wrestler in Catholic Central history to win three titles in success on

Trevor without a doubt one of the most talented wrestlers we have had in the wrestling roster in many years said Rodriguez in an obvious understatement

It will be fun watching him take it to the next level and succeed

Brad Bartram 171 Redford CC What a year for the Shamrock co captain who compiled a 52 3 record making it all the way to the state individual finals where he took second

Notable achievements this year included finishing first at Solon (Ohio) Plymouth Salem St John's (Ohio) the Catholic Central Invitational Observerland Catholic League state district and state regional

Bartram (154 13 for his career) also received MVP honors at the CC tourney defeating previously unbeaten Jacob Wyatt of Sexton in the semifinal

Every day Brad worked hard and displayed a superior quality of a fine Christian young man said his coach Mike Rodriguez I know he will do well in Bloomsburg Pa where he will attend college

Manuel Schubert, 171, Churchill The senior had a banner career with a 141 35 mark winning the state title as a junior and finishing fourth this season

He posted a 50 6 record this season with invitational victories at Garden City Livonia Wyandotte Napoleon and the WLAA

What can you say about Manuel he's a coach's dream Altounian said He is over a 40 (grade point) in school and his his ultimate competitor on the mat He is never satisfied with himself and is always looking for ways to improve

As a junior he had 275 takedowns He had so much energy and drive in his matches that many of his opponents had trouble standing after their match

He has left Churchill wrestling with the scale for all of them to measure

Schubert was also a first team All Observer pick in football

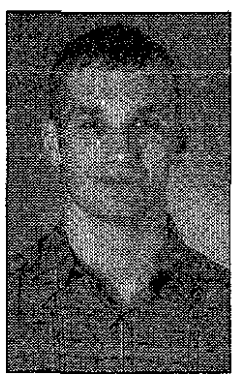
Joe Bargerstock 189 Churchill The senior finished the year fifth in the state with a final record of 44 10

Bargerstock also won the Livonia City and Western Lakes titles as well as finishing third at Observerland

Joe came to us this year (as a transfer from Livonia Stevenson) and was a pleasant surprise Altounian said He came in with a winning attitude and desire to make this team the best it could be He wrestled with such strength that opponents didn't know what to do off the mat His attitude was one that coaches love to have He will be missed from Churchill even though he was there for only a year

Jeremy Henderson 189, Salem A junior Henderson finished 35 11 this season to improve his career mark to 73 40 Henderson who finished seventh at the Division I state meet last week was undefeated in league dual meets and earned first place medals at both Salem invitational meets He was awarded MVP honors at one of the Salem invitationals

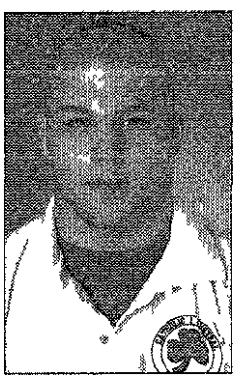
Jeremy is a young man who has worked his heart out to develop to the point he is at now Wocuch said I'm eager to see him develop as a team leader



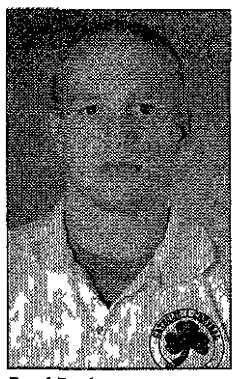
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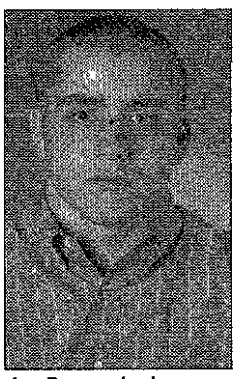
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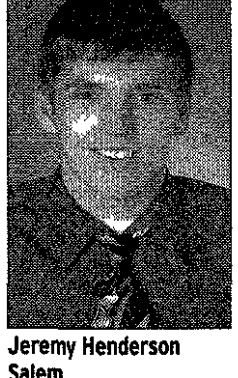
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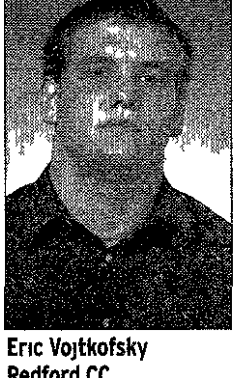
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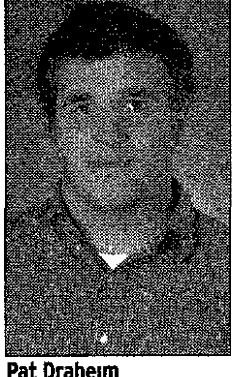
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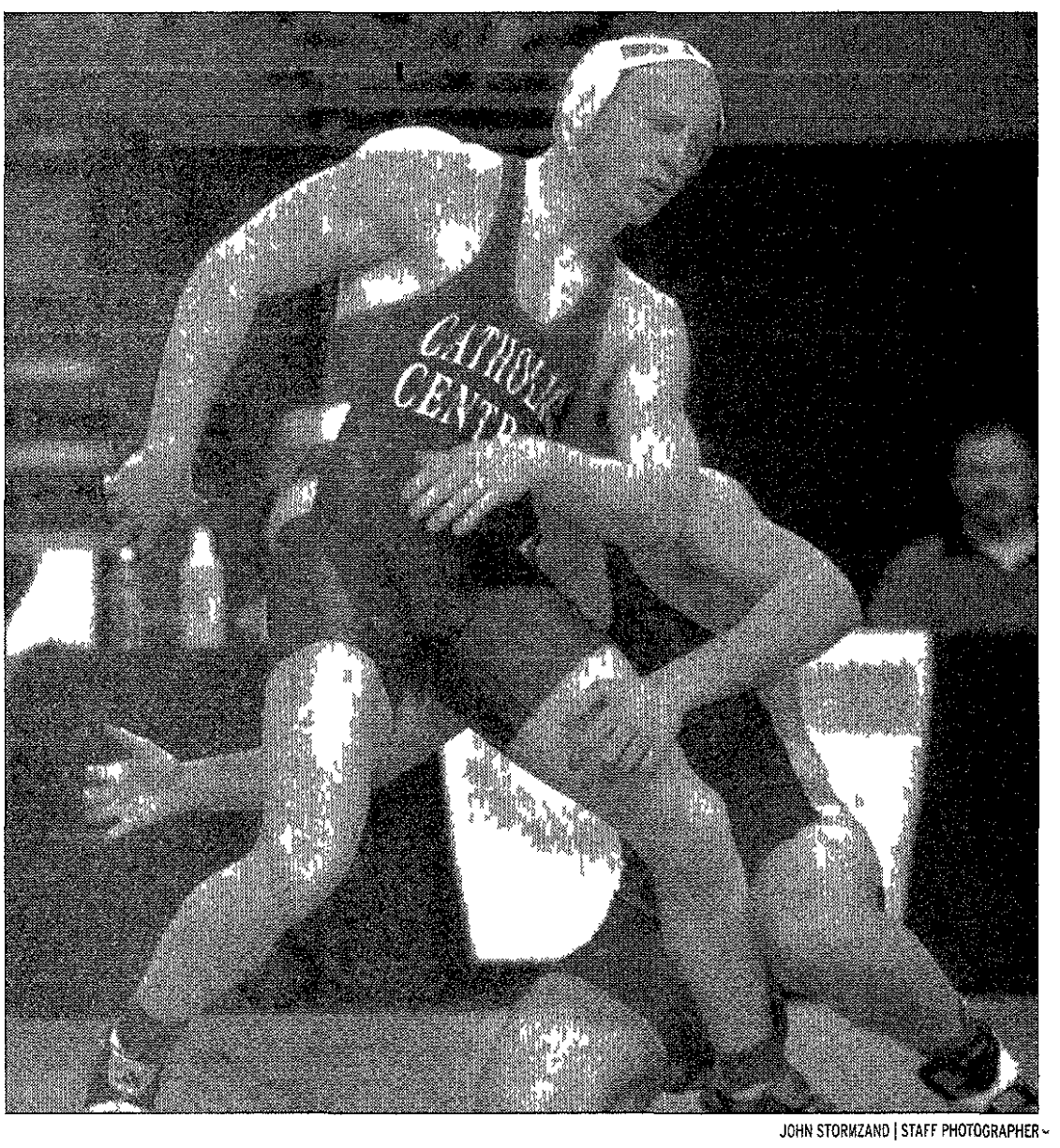


John Morasso Redford CC

where next year takes him Hafeez Qureshi 215 Churchill The newly crowned Division I state champion had a storybook year going 50 1 and winning nine titles including the regional district WLAA Observerland City Olivet Wyandotte and Napoleon

After winning just one match as a freshman the two time state qualifier finished with a career record of 110 38

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Redford Catholic Central's Brad Bartram steamrolled opponents all season He wrapped up an excellent year by finishing second at the Division I state individual finals

shed with a career record of 110 38

Hafeez is what every young man wants from his sport Altounian said He came in not knowing anything about the sport or how to accomplish anything in it He leaves his sport on top making his hard work and dedication pay off He is what desire for something and dreams for accomplishing something are all about

Eric Vojtkofsky 215 Redford CC There were many highlights this season for Vojtkofsky

He went 40 3 to finish his CC career with a 156 12 record He also took first place finishes at Plymouth Salem St John's (Ohio) the Catholic League meet state districts and state regionals before coming in second at the state individual finals

Winning the individual regionals to finally go to the big show at Auburn Hills for the first time probably was the highlight of his career said coach Rodriguez

Eric is a very talented athlete said Rodriguez adding it's been a joy to have worked with Eric in the wrestling room these past four years

Pat Draheim 275 Churchill The senior placed fourth in Division I and finished the year at 47 4 including titles at Observerland WLAA district Wyandotte Napoleon and Olivet

He had back to back 40 plus win seasons and a career mark of 130 24

Pat was a wrestler that was almost automatic when it came to winning (94 9) the past two seasons Altounian said People would think that's a great accomplishment in itself but when they find out that 84 of those wins were pins it really becomes unbelievable

He is one of the most consistent performers to come out of Churchill

John Morasso 275 Redford CC Team captain Morasso finished his stellar prep career going 40 9 this season including first place finishes at Plymouth Salem and at the St John's (Ohio) and Catholic League tournaments

That enabled him to wind up his career with a record of 117 20

His coach Mike Rodriguez said what was most rewarding for Morasso was placing at the individual state meet and helping the Shamrocks advance to the state (finals) in Battle Creek

John has outstanding work ethics in the room Rodriguez said

As one of the captains John showed a passion to succeed which will long be remembered

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Julie Brown

Zoo no longer just for the warm days

It wasn't the most typical place to spend a winter day, but I highly recommend it. Recently, my husband, a friend and I braved the winter temperatures to visit the Detroit Zoo. A quick weekday drive found us at 10 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak, where the zoo animals welcomed us.

And welcome they did. Our traditional first stop is the penguinarium, and we enjoyed watching one initially reluctant penguin eventually enter the water. The penguin then put on quite a show just for the three of us, diving and rising above the water's surface, showing remarkable energy and skill. I remember when the penguinarium opened in the late 1960s and quickly became my favorite. Today, I also enjoy the Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden, but still would probably rate the penguinarium No. 1.

Soon, it was on to the Arctic Ring of Life, a more recent zoo addition, where the polar bears were especially frisky. Summertime visits are fun, too, but you really need to go in cold weather to see the polar bears in action.

The seals were out in full force at the Arctic Ring of Life and we liked watching them in action as well. I even braved a visit to the Holden Museum of Living Reptiles, probably my least favorite, although it did give us a chance to warm up.

I got to thinking about our winter zoo visit when I noted the expanded hours start March 28, with the zoo also open Monday and Tuesday. The zoo will be open Monday, March 28, and Tuesday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As of Friday, April 1, the zoo will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.

Our recent membership purchase for the Detroit Zoo has been a great investment. We get to enjoy year-round visits, including those such as our recent one when the zoo was relatively empty of human visitors.

Information on zoo membership is available online at www.detroitzoo.org or by calling (248) 398-0903.

The Belle Isle Aquarium closing is addressed on the zoo Web site, with a note the city of Detroit, Zoological Institute and Zoological Society did not want it to close.

It's been years since I've been to Belle Isle, with my childhood memories mostly of the zoo in Royal Oak. There were birthday parties, family visits, visits with high school friends and other happy times. I feel for the city of Detroit and its residents, losing the aquarium, but like many my memories of it are overshadowed by those of visits to the zoo at Woodward and 10 Mile.

I remember the days of the chimp shows, and although they were fun it's really best that animals are now allowed to live in a better approximation of their natural habitats.

On that day, we missed Wanda and Winky, the elephants who have headed to a warmer clime. Still, we realize warmer temperatures are best for them.

The zoo's a great family destination, and not just when the mercury climbs. Spring's just about here, and I certainly wouldn't discourage a zoo visit now. Think about a visit when winter hits again, especially if the day is sunny and not too windy. You won't be disappointed. Julie Brown is presentation editor for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and a Plymouth Township resident. She can be reached at (248) 901-2565 or at jbrown@oe.homecomm.net.

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Leah's journey

Livonia family praying for a miracle

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Leah James can't wait for the mail to arrive. A bowl in the kitchen holds the latest stack of angels and butterflies which were sent by strangers after they learned about the 4-year-old Livonia girl through the Web site www.angels-for-hope.org.

Leah was diagnosed with a rare inoperable brain tumor July 21 and the prognosis is not good. Leah's parents, Karen and Phil James, are praying for a miracle. The crocheted angels and butterflies arrive with a message of hope.

"The angels and butterflies come from all over the U.S. and have notes that say our thoughts and prayers are with you. It's so nice at a time like this," said Karen James. "We would like more people praying for her. It's so frustrating to me that there's no cure."

Leah runs through the living room chasing the family cat. She looks like a healthy little girl, but looks are deceiving.

Karen and Phil never suspected a life-threatening illness the day Leah began complaining of pain in her head. She had been on the trampoline in the back yard with her 8-year-old sister, Kylie. Karen thought maybe Leah had jolted her head upon landing on her bottom. Then Leah began throwing up. Karen thought maybe it was sinus or a virus, but her mother's instinct told her something was very wrong. A brain scan showed the diffused pontine brain stem glioma.

RARE ILLNESS

Most kids only have a 1 to 5 percent chance of surviving after a year, said James. It's so rare. There are only 100 cases in the U.S. per year.

"It's not like radiation and chemotherapy can get rid of it," added Phil. "Because it's diffused, the surgeon at U of M said it's like trying to remove sand from Jell-O without hurting the Jell-O."

For five months after Leah was diagnosed, Karen spent every day on the computer searching for a cure. Phil makes regular visits on his lunch hour to pray for Leah at the Father Solanus Casey Center near his job at the Chrysler-UAW National Tramm Center. It has been difficult for Karen and Phil to watch Leah bravely endure 27 days of radiation at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. The days leading up to her quarterly MRI are filled with anxiety. This time the news was good on March 1. Leah's tumor is stabilized.

"It's almost like a ticking bomb," said Phil. "They say when they come back it's with a vengeance," added Karen. "We want to keep hope and belief that she's a miracle child."



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Leah James, 4, was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor last summer.

The Jameses are grateful for all of the support they've received since Leah's diagnosis. The kindness of family, friends and strangers like Amy Gilson is what helps to keep them positive. They had always planned to redo Leah's room but put it off because they were thinking of eventually moving to a larger house. When Gilson, a Livonia art teacher, heard about Leah, she volunteered to paint a castle on the walls. The room is fit for a princess.

KINDNESSES

Next door neighbor Anne Doulette and Kelly Tapp of Canton came up with the idea to hold silent and live auctions. Doulette and a committee took over and made the fund-raising event a success.

Make-a-Wish Foundation, based in Livonia, sent the family to Disney World for a week at Thanksgiving.

Karen's co-workers at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn held a jeans day. Phil's co-workers at Chrysler-UAW held a sweet potato pie sale. Two additional fund-raisers were held by family and friends, and Livonia Public School's Summer School Age Child Care held a car wash.

Big sister Kylie says she is donating 11 inches of her hair to help children with life-threatening illnesses during a Day of Beauty sponsored by www.allseangels.com at the end of April "because of Leah."

"Friends and neighbors have been a support system, and co-workers," said



Leah's parents, Karen and Phil, treasure each moment with their younger daughter and her sister, Kylie.

James. "It's amazing how word gets out. We still get letters from people I've never met. It's such a horrible tragic moment in our lives but good has come out of it."

Leah and Kylie especially enjoyed a visit from Livonia firefighters last September. The firefighters arrived in a fire truck and ambulance and took the girls out to lunch at McDonald's.

"It was the first week of radiation and to see a smile on her face, walking around with the fire hat on and waving to us, I'll never forget that," said James. "Every day is precious for Leah, Karen,

Kylie, and Phil. It may be as simple as going out to lunch, then visiting the mall and returning home to watch a movie together, or spending a few minutes opening envelopes and hanging the angels on a tree near the fireplace. Leah says, "the angels make her heart happy."

"We just want to create an awareness," said James, "for people to know how serious this is, and to hug their kids tonight."

For more information about Leah James, visit www.leahsjourney.com.

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Catholic Central trio share smiles with firefighters after crash

BY DAN WEST
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When Livonia fire Lt. Tom Kuurski first saw Tom Kempa, David and Adam Budde, they were bloodied and struggling to speak from injuries suffered in a car accident on a snowy morning two months ago.

Kuurski saw the trio of Catholic Central students again recently, but this time the situation was far more enjoyable.

The Kempa and Budde families visited fire personnel who rescued the teenagers from the Nissan Maxima mangled in the Jan. 19 car accident on Five Mile. In appreciation, the families donated money toward one of the Livonia Fire Department's children's safety programs.

"It was great that the family wanted to come in and show their appreciation, but we're just glad the boys are OK and things went well for them," Kuurski said.

David Budde, 18, his brother, Adam, 16, and Kempa, 16, were en route from their Novi homes



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Students from Catholic Central, Adam Budde (left), a sophomore, David Budde, a senior, and Thomas Kempa, a junior, shake hands with Livonia firefighters who saved them from a car accident (from back right) Matt Blazok, Gary Scheske and Tim Eskin.

to the school in Redford that morning. After a vehicle veered in front of them on eastbound Five Mile near Harrison, David Budde said he swerved the car to avoid a collision, but it skidded across the road and into a westbound lane where it was struck on the passenger side by

an oncoming vehicle. "We saw the boys were bleeding from the broken glass and Tom was the only one who was talking to us the entire time we worked on the car," Kuurski said. "The other two weren't responsive. Adam was flailing when we touched him."

Firefighters used tools to open a door and pull the boys from the wrecked car.

David Budde suffered a concussion and some bruises and Kempa had a number of cuts and bruises. Both were treated and released from St. Mary Mercy Hospital that day and back to school within a few days.

Adam Budde's injuries, however, were more serious. He was seated closest to the point of impact and suffered broken ribs and pelvis bone and a collapsed lung. The hospital called his father, Greg, who was at work as a teacher at Plymouth's Our Lady of Good Counsel School. He was told one of his sons was in critical condition. He called his wife, Anna, who was running errands.

"All we knew was one of our sons was in critical condition and we didn't know much else until we got to the hospital," she recalled. "I was horrified about the rib injuries."

The family endured uncertainty. He was transferred to

Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment, but the extent of Adam's brain, lung, rib and hip injuries were not fully known during this time since he was in and out of consciousness for two days. There was speculation he would be in the hospital for up to 10 weeks.

"When I woke up, all I knew was that I was sore," said Adam, the youngest of four Budde boys. "I didn't know where I was or what happened."

A neurosurgeon detected "appropriate responsiveness" while Adam was semiconscious. Anna Budde said that was the first positive sign of progress that started to ease the family's nerves.

"I was worried and nervous at the time," said David Budde. "But as I look back, there was really nothing else I could've done to avoid what happened."

After five nights in the hospital, Adam walked out slowly, but on his own strength. After a week of recovery at home, he returned to school.

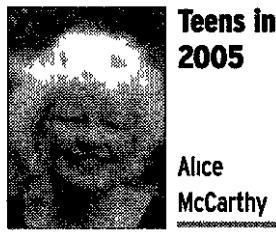
Tips for communicating with your teenager

Bringing your world in line with your teen's world – and vice versa – requires give-and-take, problem-solving, and clear expectations. Consistency is as important as flexibility.

- Set a regular time and place to talk
 - Open the discussion with uninterrupted explanations from both sides
 - Make sure both sides are absolutely clear about what the other person means
 - Now, start to brainstorm solutions to your differences, discuss options, and work toward an agreement. Sometimes a follow-up discussion or even a written agreement can help.
- Many families today are working with their teen to pre-

vent drug use. The model these families use is all-inclusive. Drug use of any kind is not acceptable. This means more than simply forbidding drug use. It also means knowing the realities of drug use among teens, the physical and emotional effects of drug use, and the effect drug use has on family relationships, school performance, and life goals.

Sexuality is another topic that parents and teens need to discuss, and earlier is better than later. Rather than dwelling on specific risk-factors for sexual behavior, parents need to start by talking about their own values. Reasoning, based on emotional, moral, social, or religious issues or beliefs, is much more likely to motivate a teen away



Teens in 2005
Alice McCarthy

from risky sexual behavior than "the talk" or a lecture.

A DIALOGUE

WHEN YOU SAY "I expect you to (be on time, call in, keep your curfew...)"
A TEEN MIGHT HEAR "Obey the rules, or else. You are still just a young child."
UNLESS You're willing to negotiate. Let a teen help set the ground rules. Match requests for more freedom

with requests for more responsibility.

WHEN YOU SAY "Why does everything I tell you end up in an argument?"

A TEEN MIGHT HEAR "Don't question, don't think for yourself, don't have opinions."
UNLESS You're willing to explain. Rules and discipline are important, but explaining your views doesn't mean changing your views. Just expect some challenges, some testing.

WHEN YOU SAY "Instead of family, you're spending all your time (with friends, on the phone, online...)"

A TEEN MIGHT HEAR "Your friends aren't important, you're wasting your time."
UNLESS You set specific expectations and plans for being involved with the family. Be clear about how important your teen is to family events and traditions. Encourage your teen to have close friends, and think of ways to get to know these friends and involve them in your family activities.

WHEN YOU SAY "You're (sulking, moody, upset, spending too much time alone...)"

A TEEN MIGHT HEAR "My feelings don't matter, I have to wear a happy-face all the time. My privacy isn't respected."
UNLESS You stay in the present and avoid big generalizations. Try adding the word today in conversations. Try some softer, less permanent labels. "You seem might work better than 'you are'."

WHEN YOU SAY "You're starting to act just like (a friend, someone you don't approve of...)"

A TEEN MIGHT HEAR "I have to be just like you. I can't be who I want to be."
UNLESS You keep in mind that teens sometime "try on roles for a short time. Know when to confront unbecoming behaviors and when to let minor matters go.

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Star Struck
(March 20 - March 23)
By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Mercury in retrograde motion signifies that as far as intensely personal and professional matters are concerned, the fine line between fantasy and reality has now become blurred. However, with a little more determination, you should be able to put all detractors to flight this week.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Your legendary patience may be exhausted and you probably feel that all the discussions held over the past few weeks have been to no avail. However, some fantastic planetary dances in the heavens now marks the end of one particular upsetting cycle – personally and professionally.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Don't waste time on wishful thinking this week because the planets indicate that if you have the courage to go after what you want, you'll enjoy great success, kiddo. Try to see things from other people's perspectives. You may be surprised to learn that if others disagree with you, it's not out of spite.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Uh huh... it's a tough astro time, MoonKid. However, let it rip and let colleagues and companions alike see that you really do mean business now! Seldom have the planets given you so much encouragement and support. Needless to say, loved ones or coworkers are likely to argue the toss.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Not everything attempted can be achieved, therefore you must stop feeling guilty about falling short of your own high standards. With celestial influences enabling you to see things as they really are, it's now time to start planning for the future instead of living in the past.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

For reasons best known to yourself or due to feelings you find too hard to explain, you appear to have decided against some kind of upheaval or move. However, if you are to enjoy the promotion, change, recognition

or acceptance you seek, you may have to make a number of concessions or adjustments now that mercury is retrograde. You'll do fine, Virgo!

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

"Concentrate on what you do best" seems to be the message this week. Balancer Libra is the sign of fairness and this is certainly no time to be rocking the boat. The Sun, Mars, Mercury and Saturn shift significances that there is more than just pride at stake now – there is also money.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

It may wind up an astrology week for Scorps if you don't watch out! Don't let anyone take you for granted this week – especially since you will be tempted to give more of yourself than you may be able to spare after Mars changes signs today. Follow your heart, but use your head as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

The Sun in your elemental sign, Aries, for the next four weeks means that your thirst for change or adventure can be successfully quenched. However, not everyone will understand your freewheeling spirit, and you must be prepared to sever ties or compromise your desires.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Partners and loved ones will demand that you put their needs first this week, and if you're wise, you won't kick up a fuss about it. The more you do for others as March comes to an end, the more they'll do for you later.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

This is no time to let doubts and fears get the best of you, WaterBearer! Not only is mighty Mars now in your sign, but this week's Saturn going direct will give you added strength of purpose, making anything possible. You don't need anyone's permission to take off in a new direction, kiddo!

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Break with routine and embark upon something different or exciting this week. Fish, the world is full of people, places and ideas that seem to have eluded you until now. There are times when innovation must replace the hum habit, and this is one of those moments.

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

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Writer to inspire a future generation of poets

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Poetry is not a dying art, especially if Cheryl Vatcher Martin has anything to say about it.

The Canton writer plans to inspire at least a few poets during her "Poetry and Prose Writing Workshop" beginning March 23, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Vatcher-Martin earned a bachelor of science degree from Madonna University and a master of arts from the University of Michigan Rackham School of Education. In addition to teaching creative writing in adult education courses at Schoolcraft College and Wayne Westland Community Schools, she has guided Davenport University and Henry Ford Community College students through the process.

Her own writing experience is extensive. Over the years she has authored hundreds of articles for local publications and runs a writing, tutoring, editing, and photography business called Pero Inc.

People are interested in poetry because it's a great way

'I feel that poetry needs to be explored by everybody not just by a person who thinks he or she can write poetry. Poetry teaches human values.'

Cheryl Vatcher-Martin
Canton writer

to express themselves, to learn more about themselves, said Vatcher Martin.

No it's not a dying art even though most people aren't aware of it. It's a matter of being exposed to arts and poetry and to actually reading it.

Vatcher-Martin will begin the course with haiku, a Japanese form of poetry written primarily about nature.

Because it's concise and short, it gives the poet a chance to express themselves in three lines. We'll also do free verse so that they're comfortable getting three words

on papers. If they want to learn more about Shakespeare couplets we can explore that, said Vatcher-Martin who began writing poetry in the ninth grade and was published by her sophomore year. A booklet of her haiku is sold in the bookstore at Schoolcraft College.

I feel that poetry needs to be explored by everybody not just by a person who thinks he or she can write poetry, said Vatcher Martin. "Poetry teaches human values. It tells us a story. If you read Shakespeare, it tells a story of life in those times. Poetry is a part of history."

To register for the Schoolcraft College poetry class, call (734) 462-4448. For information about the class, call (734) 397-1626.

For information about writing classes in the adult education program at Wayne-Westland Community Schools, call (734) 419-2426. Vatcher Martin teaches a haiku class in Westland for one evening on April 28, and a two-week class on poetry on April 7 and 21.

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Cheryl Vatcher-Martin is currently working on a poetry book about her cat Beau who died in December. She says the cat's death hit her hard and poetry helps her express her feelings.

REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print without charge announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

Livonia Churchill

Classes 1971-2005
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Northville High School

Classes of 1964-1965/1966
A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details, contact Howie Ambinder, e-mail at nancyambinder@comcast.net.

Old Plymouth High School

There will be an all-school reunion from 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005

in the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. Open to all graduates of the Plymouth High School on Main and Church in downtown Plymouth. A \$5 admission includes refreshments and a cash bar. Call Chuck VanVleck (734) 453-7377 or email emermgnt@aol.com.

Plymouth High School

Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, in the Hilton Gardens Inn, 14600 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Cocktail hour 5-7 p.m., Dinner and reunion 7 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call Chuck VanVleck (734) 453-7377 or email emermgnt@aol.com.

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Class of 1985
A 20-year reunion is planned for 6 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 1, 2005, at Roma's in Garden City. For tickets and more information, contact Sherry (Taylor) M. Fusd at Sheryllyn1967@aol.com or call (734) 612-4193.

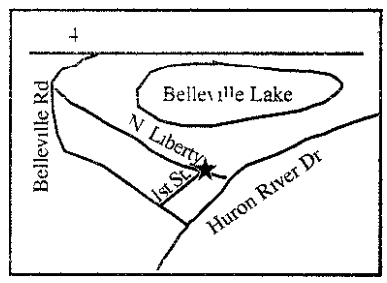
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Centered around a New York theme, guests will have the opportunity to sample an array of fine wines and bid on a wide variety of silent auction items. A live auction will follow, conducted by Auctioneer Jim Miller from Chicago, featuring crystal, fine art and jewelry, cigars, vacation getaways to Florida and the Turks and Caicos, and dinner and theater packages.

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Proceeds benefit the Madonna University Scholarship Fund and other projects. For ticket information, call Rose Kachnowski, University Advancement, at (734) 432-5421.

Seniors help seniors to enrich their lives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Gloria Sniderman doesn't like to sit still even at age 72. She believes other seniors feel the same so she's inviting them to the Art of Aging Successfully conference Thursday, March 30, at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit. Presented by Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology and the Elder Advisors to Research committee of which she is a member, the event features break-out sessions where participants discover the artist in themselves, dance the hustle, learn what baseball has to do with the aging process, and explore volunteer opportunities.

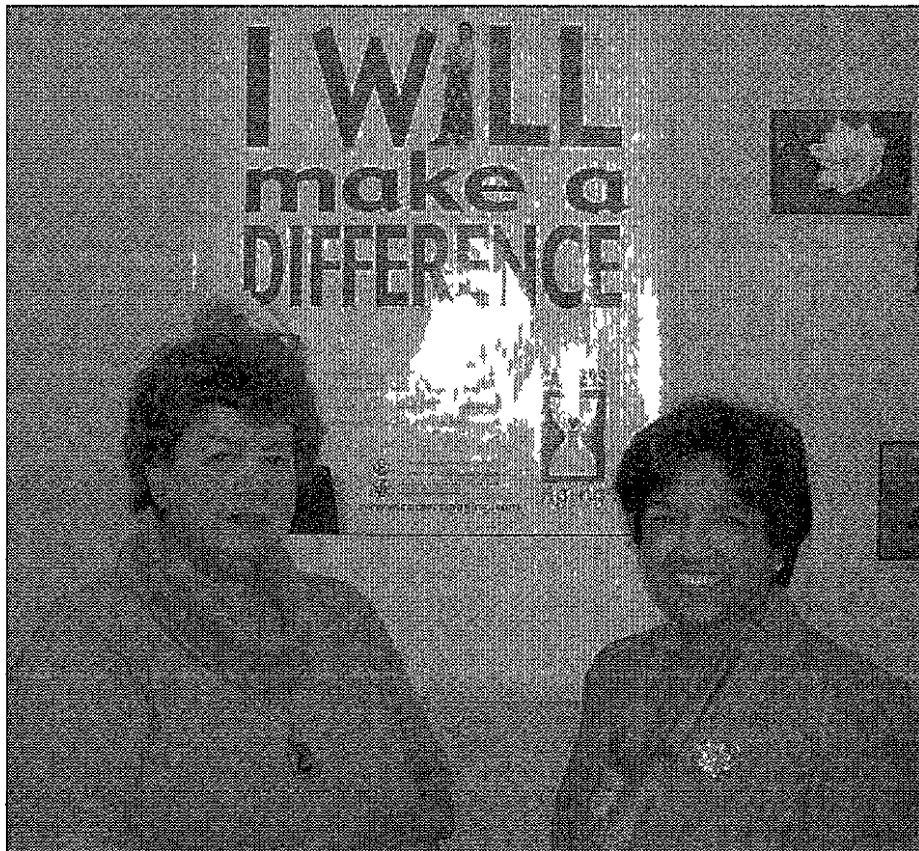
Sniderman, a Livonia resident, regularly volunteers in the archives and library at Wayne State University in addition to serving on the 40-member Elder committee. David, her husband of 35 years is just as active. Along with working part time as an electrical inspector for Plymouth Township, he serves as chief electrical judge for the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America which holds competitions in industrial arts at various high schools.

"This is for seniors of any ilk," said Sniderman, who was a librarian for 25 of the 29 years she was at Wayne State University.

"Different communities have a senior day where it's a party, but it's entertainment. We're also doing that but giving them information, asking what is enriching your life. You're there to enjoy yourself as a senior. People have brought in quilts and wood-working, things they enjoy doing."

The conference begins with participants writing about what it was in their life that made them want to continue living. It will help researchers learn more about how they can help seniors age successfully. This year the conference showcases the creative work of non-professional artists age 55 and up.

"It's not academic, but a fun day for seniors," said Sniderman. "The guest speaker sets the tone. We'll have four different break-outs including Field of Dreams about baseball with representatives from the (Detroit) Tigers. They'll learn about the creative process in another session and the Feel Good of Volunteering in another. We find a lot of seniors spend time volunteer-



Gloria Sniderman (left) and Jennifer Mendez meet to talk about the Art of Aging Successfully conference presented by Wayne State University's Institute of Gerontology.

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Gloria Sniderman
Elder committee member Livonia resident

ing. Find a couple of good things you want to do and keep up with them. It adds to your life." It's Jennifer Mendez's job to research seniors' lives and share that information with

them. Mendez is director for education and the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology in the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University.

"We do research on aging and health, Medicaid and Medicare, issues that relate to seniors' lives," said Mendez. "We decided to do the conference six years ago because it's important to have sharing of information between community folks and academia - information for people with low vision problems, health issues specific to diet because of diabetes, issues related to driving because of not being able to see stop signs, seniors looking for things to do, how do you keep engaged and vital?"

Conference hours are 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and include lunch. Pre-registration required. Call (313) 577-2297.

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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**. Sealed bids are due to the E J McClendon Educational Center located at 454 S Harvey Plymouth MI 48170, RE Custodial JIT Bid on or before 10:00 a.m. Wednesday April 6 2005 where they will be opened 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.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Rusnell-Arondoski

Gary and Virginia Rusnell of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Jo, to Raymond Walter Arondoski III of Clinton Township

Melissa is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Washtenaw Community College. She is employed at Fox Portrait Studio in Ferndale.

Her fiancé, Raymond, is the son of Mary and Raymond Arondoski II of Clinton Township. He is a graduate of Chippewa Valley High School. He is employed in Troy doing classic car restoration.

Raymond and Melissa are planning a May wedding at St Priscilla's Church in Livonia. They will be spending their



honeymoon on a Caribbean cruise and will make their new home in East Pointe

Towler-Matthews

The parents of Courtney Lynne Towler and Ryan Douglas Matthews announce the engagement of their children.

Courtney is a resident of Royal Oak and grew up in East Grand Rapids. She is employed by the 44th District Court in Royal Oak.

Her fiancé, Ryan, is a resident of Royal Oak, formerly of Livonia. He grew up in Farmington Hills. He is employed by the 44th District Court in Royal Oak.

Ryan and Courtney are planning a June wedding.



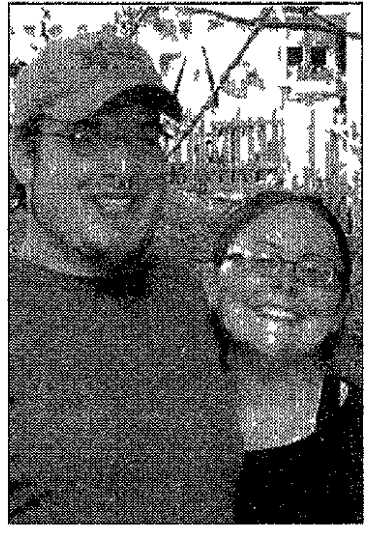
Solomon-Moore

David and Kathy Solomon of Wayne announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela, to Adam Moore of Belleville.

Angela is a 2000 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. She is an inventory control representative at Interfirst Mortgage in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, Adam, is the son of the late Barry and Beth Moore of Wayne. He is a 2000 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is a restaurant manager in Ann Arbor.

Adam and Angela are planning a June wedding on the beach in Tampa, Fla.



Sieczkowski-Combs

Curtis and Catherine Sieczkowski of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Marie, to Sean Michael Combs of Belleville.

Christina is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College with a physical therapist assistant degree. She is employed at Quantum Physical Therapy in Ypsilanti Township.

Her fiancé, Sean, is the son of Phillip and Lisa Combs of Belleville. He is a graduate of Belleville High School and is employed at Ford Motor Co.

Sean and Christina are planning a November wedding at Tankah Trés in Quamtana Roo, Mexico.



Liebau-Kramer

Donald and Nancy Liebau of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Marie, to Matthew Leonard Kramer of Fond Du Lac, Wis.

Kristen attended Central Michigan University. She is employed at Axletech International in Wisconsin as a junior buyer.

Her fiancé, Matthew, is the son of Gary and Barbara Kramer of Portage, Mich. He is a graduate of Michigan Technological University. He is employed at Kohler Company in Kohler, Wis., as an electrical project engineer.

Matthew and Kristen are



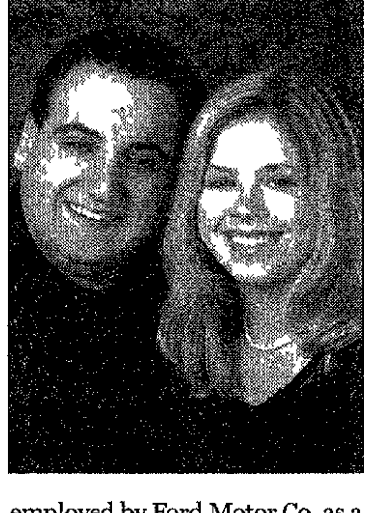
planning an October wedding at St. Mel Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights

Gill-Grabowski

Michael and Dorothy Gill of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Alexander John Grabowski of Northville.

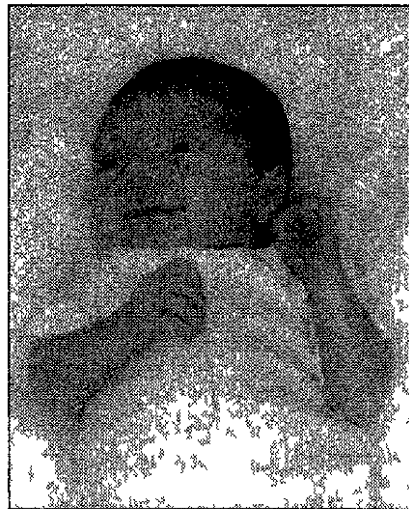
Lisa is a 1999 graduate of Ladywood High School and earned her bachelor's degree in 2003 from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Currently she is working on her master's degree at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Her fiancé, Alexander, is the son of Mrs. Alexander W. Grabowski of South Salem, N.Y. He is a 1999 graduate of John Jay High School, Cross River, N.Y. and earned his bachelor's degree in 2003 from Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y. He is



employed by Ford Motor Co. as a cost analyst. Alexander and Lisa are planning a June 2006 wedding.

NEW VOICES



Stephen and Karen Taylor of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter, Mara Jean, on Feb. 3, 2005, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

Mara's grandparents are Jean Robinson of Lansing, Kerth Smith of Laingsburg, Cindy Weebly of Bloomfield Hills and Gail Taylor of Lansing.

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 March 24, 2005
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 Easter/Communion Sunday
 Sunday, March 27, 2005
 10:00 a.m.

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 574 S Sheldon Road Plymouth
 Come Pray with Us!
 Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
 Good Friday - Noon & 7:00 p.m.
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Easter Day
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Easter Service Schedule
 March 24 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
 March 25 12:15 p.m. Community Good Friday Service
 March 27
 West Bloomfield United Methodist Church
 Easter Sunday Services
 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt!

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 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
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MAUNDY THURSDAY
 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion
GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE
 Noon
EASTER SUNDAY
 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service Greenmead
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 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Sunday School

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Easter Sunday Holy Communion at 7, 9, 11 a.m.

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 Maundy Thursday March 24 7:00 p.m.
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INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION March 15 10:30-11:30 a.m. March 17 2:00-3:30 p.m.
 March 18 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. March 22 7:30-9:00 p.m.
GROUP CELEBRATION WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION OF SINS
 Wednesday March 23 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY-TUESDAY WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK Mass at 8:30 a.m.
HOLY THURSDAY March 24 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Adoration following the Liturgy until Friday 8:00 a.m.
GOOD FRIDAY March 25th Noon Meditative Service 12:45 p.m. Rosary
 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Pass on
HOLY SATURDAY March 26th 1:00 p.m. Blessing of Food 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY March 27th 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Church & 10:30 a.m. Mass All Saints School Gym Blessing of Food after all Masses

EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE
Good Friday, March 25 12:30 & 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday, March 27 9:00 & 10:45 AM
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 Northville MI 48167
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 734-261-1360 ~ website: stpaulslivonia.org
2005 Holy Week Worship Opportunities
 Palm Sunday March 20th 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 Maundy Thursday March 24th 7:00 p.m.
 Good Friday Afternoon March 25th 1:15 p.m.
 Good Friday Tenebrae March 25th 7:00 p.m.
 Easter Egg Hunt (ages 3-8) March 26th 12:30 p.m.
 Easter Sunday March 27th 7:00 & 10:00 a.m.
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 Music of the Passion 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday March 23
 Hollywood Actor Frank Runyeon presents The Gospel of John at 7:00 p.m.
 Tickets available at (248) 882-0730
MAUNDY THURSDAY
 Communion - Tenebrae 7:30 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY
 Community Services - 12:15 p.m.
 at West Bloomfield Methodist Church
EASTER SUNDAY -
 The Celebration of the Resurrection
 7:00 a.m. Lakeside Sunrise Worship - Breakfast
 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship with Sunday School
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Easter Sunday
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 Easter Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
 Traditional Worship at 9:30 a.m.
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 The Mystery of the Tomb
 Pas or Resurrection of the Lord

Holy Week at Rosedale Gardens
PALM SUNDAY
 9:00am Contemporary Service with Praise Team
 10:30am Traditional Service - Children's Vocal and Bell Chorus
 4:00pm Lenten Concert Requiem by John Rutter sung by the Chancel Choir with orchestra
 Bell Chorus - Carillon and Campanelle Chorus
 Praise Team
 Organ Solo Sandra Main
MAUNDY THURSDAY
 7:30pm Sacrament of the Last Supper Fellowship Hall
GOOD FRIDAY
 7:30 pm Service of Shadows Chapel
EASTER SUNDAY
 9:00am Contemporary Service with Praise Team and Drama
 10:30am Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir and Bell Chorus
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church
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 (734) 422-0494 • www.rosedalegardens.org
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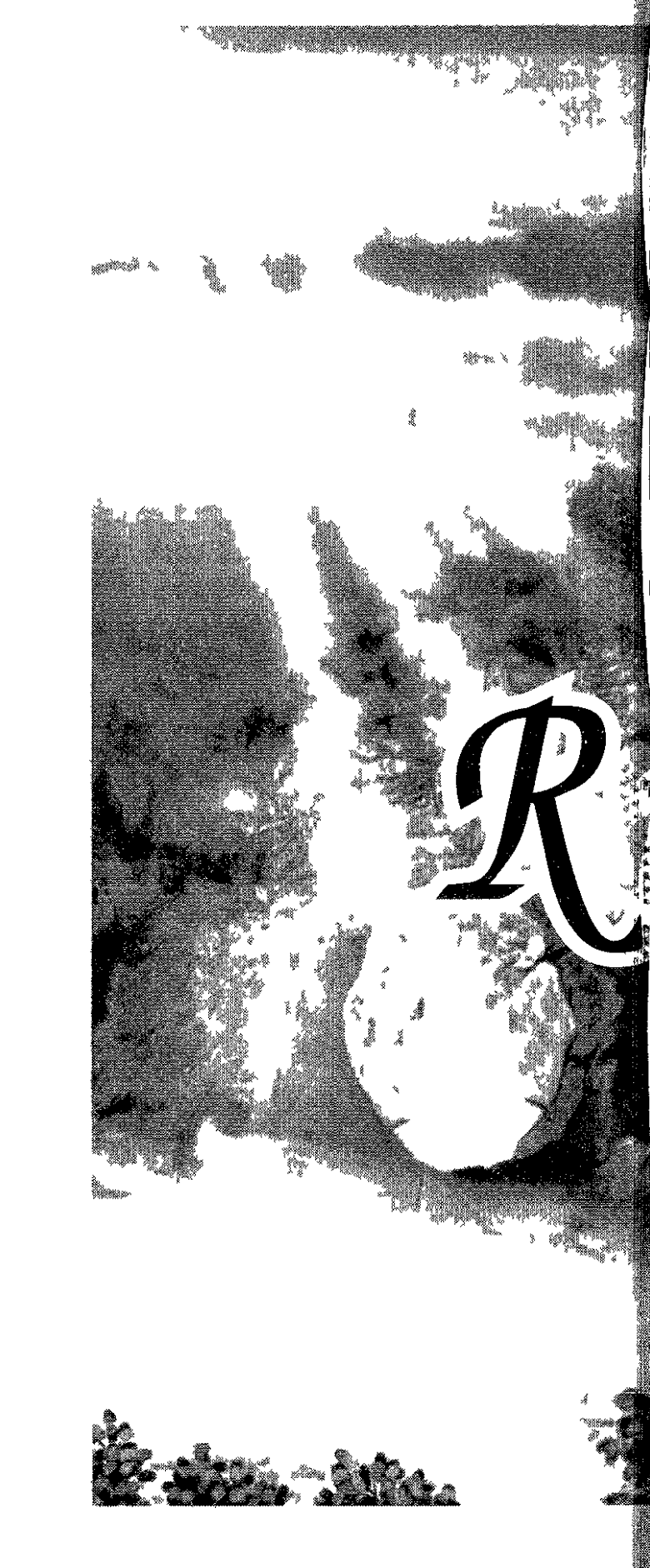
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Good Friday March 25
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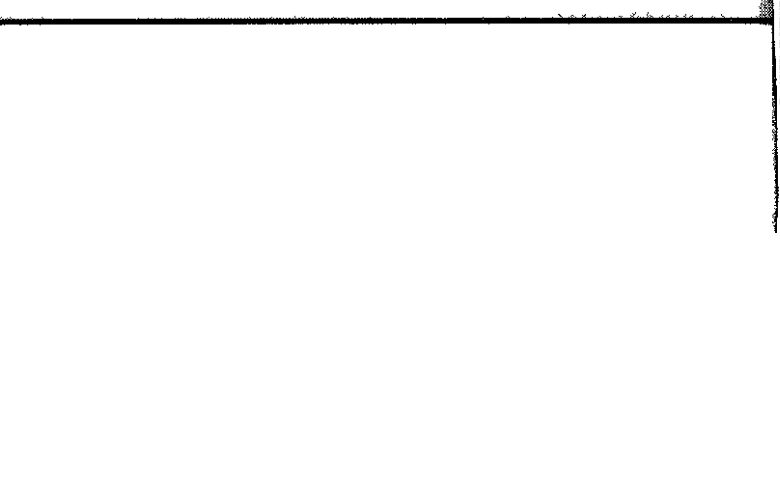
First United Methodist Church
 1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham (248) 646-1200
 www.fumcbirmingham.org
Palm Sunday 8:15, 9:15, 11:00 A.M.
 "The Second From the Last Hurray" - Dr. William A. Ritter
Palm Sunday at Sunday Night Alive 5:00 P.M.
 "Praise You With the Dance" - Rev. Jeff Nelson
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6:00 P.M.
 Holy Week Services of Worship with Guest Preachers
Maundy Thursday 7:30 P.M.
 "Hanging On While Letting Go" - Dr. William A. Ritter
Good Friday Evening Vespers 7:00 P.M.
 The Seven Last Words—A Tenebrae Service
Easter Sunrise 7:00 A.M.
 "Up, Up and Away" - Rev. Lynn Hasley
Easter Morning 8:15, 9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
 "Why Don't Things Like That Ever Happen to Anybody We Know?"
 Dr. William A. Ritter
Easter Evening Vespers 5:00 P.M.
 "It Ain't Over Till It's Over" - Rev. Jeff Nelson
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March 25 Noon
March 27
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Join us for our **Holy Week Services!**
Maundy Thursday
March 24 7:00 PM
Good Friday
March 25 1:30 PM
Easter Sunday
March 27 7:00 & 10:00 AM
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Holy Week Services at
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734 453 6464
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Maundy Thursday March 24
8:00 PM, Communion Service
Good Friday March 25
8:00 PM Tenebrae Service
EASTER SUNDAY March 27
8:00 9:30 & 11:00 AM

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Thursday March 24 6:00 p.m.
Ceder Meal
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Friday March 25 7:00 p.m.
A service of dimming light that will help us reflect on the crucifixion of Christ
Easter Sunday March 27
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service followed by a continental breakfast
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ



Join us as we remember the Lord's death and celebrate His resurrection
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Rev Mary E Budron

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22055 W 14 Mile Road (248) 642-0200
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Palm Sunday 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Palm Sunday Worship
Maundy Thursday 7 p.m.
Coffee & dessert followed by communion and cantata 'Song of the Shadows'
Easter Sunday 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Celebrate the Resurrection!

Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church 248-628-7006
33380 W 13 Mile Road e-mail antiochELCA@global.net
Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Website www.antiochELCA.org
Holy Week Services
Maundy Thursday - March 24 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday - March 25 at 7:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil - Saturday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.
The Resurrection of our Lord
Sunday, March 27
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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26425 Wellington Franklin, MI 48025
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Sunday March 20th Palm Sunday
The Rose of Calvary
Offered by our Chancel Choir
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Thursday March 24th Holy Thursday
Communion Service at 7:00 PM
Friday March 25th Good Friday
Sanctuary open from 12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday March 27th Easter Sunday
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Services

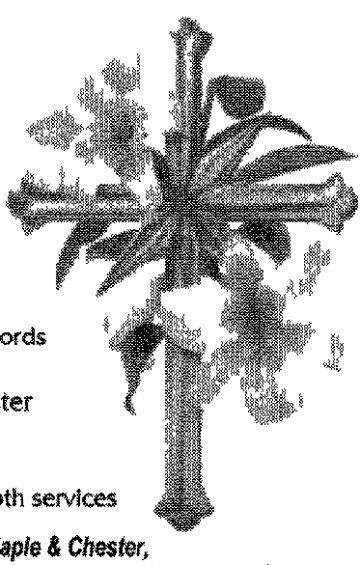
PRINCE OF PEACE
Catholic Church
4300 Walnut Lake Rd
West Bloomfield MI
COMMUNAL PENANCE
Tuesday, March 22 7:30 p.m.
HOLY THURSDAY
Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.
Adoration at 9:00 p.m.
Midnight
GOOD FRIDAY
March 25, 12:15 p.m. Stations
1 p.m. Veneration of the Cross,
7:30 p.m. Living Stations
of the Cross
HOLY SATURDAY
March 26 11 a.m. Blessing
of Food
EASTER SUNDAY
March 27 6:00 a.m. Sunrise
Mass followed by Lunch 8:00
a.m. 10:00 a.m. and 12 Noon,
Easter Sunday Masses

Come Pray with Us This Easter
St. Owen Catholic Church
6869 Franklin Rd Bloomfield Hills
Holy Thursday March 24 7:30 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday March 25
*Qu et prayer 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.
*Stations of the Cross 12:30 p.m.
*Liturgy and Cross Veneration 1:30 p.m.
*Tenebrae Service 7:30 p.m.
Easter Liturgies
Vigil Saturday March 26 8 p.m.
Sunday March 27 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

St. David's Episcopal Church
16200 W 12 Mile Rd.
(between Greenfield and Southfield)
March 25th Good Friday Service - noon -
Join us as we walk the "Stations of the Cross"
March 26th: The Great Vigil of Easter - 7 pm
March 27th: Easter Day - Holy Eucharist, 8 & 9:30 am

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES
HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24
7:30 PM COMMUNION -
LOVE ONE ANOTHER REV HALLSTROM
GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25
12:30 WORSHIP
'WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSION REV KELSEY
7:30 P.M. SERVICE OF TENEBRAE
FEATURING CHOIRS ORCHESTRA AND ORGAN
EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27
7:00 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE
7:45 A.M.-11:00 A.M. EASTER BREAKFAST HICKEY HALL
10:15 A.M. CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT
9:00 & 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP - RUNNING FOR LIFE REV REGAN
WITH CHOIRS BELLS & BRASS ENSEMBLE
NURSERY AND TODDLER CARE PROVIDED BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M.

CELEBRATE EASTER AT
St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham
www.stjamesbirmingham.org
The Reverend Fred Elwood, Rector
MONDAY & TUESDAY
7 pm - Holy Eucharist
WEDNESDAY
7 am - Holy Eucharist
7 pm - Tenebrae
(service of shadows)
MAUNDY THURSDAY
7 pm - Holy Eucharist
Stripping of the Altar
GOOD FRIDAY
Noon - 3 pm - Seven Last Words
HOLY SATURDAY
7 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter
EASTER DAY 8 & 10 am
Festival Holy Eucharist with
Brass Quintet and Choir at both services
248-644-0820 (corner of W Maple & Chester,
across from parking structure, two blocks west of Woodward)



Birmingham First Presbyterian Church
1669 W Maple
248/644-2040
www.fpcbirmingham.org
HOLY WEEK
Holy Week and Easter
Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m. - Communion and Tenebrae Service
Good Friday
Noon to 3:00 - Ecumenical Service
Come for any part of the time
Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with breakfast
8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. - Family Worship
Every Sunday
Worship at 8:30 (communion) and 10:00 a.m.
Innovative Cross Walks Sunday School
Special Needs Sunday Schools

Kirk in the Hills
1340 West Long Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 626-2515
www.kirkinthehills.org
Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 20 - Worship 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
We reflect on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as a gateway to Holy Week, which focuses on the passion of Christ toward the glory of Easter
Holy Week and Easter
Wednesday, March 23 - Service of Tenebrae
A solemn and deeply moving service remembering the details of the Holy Week story through scripture and song. As the details of our Lord's passion are recounted, lights are extinguished in the sanctuary. The deepening darkness (tenebrae) reflects the mood of events as Jesus moves toward the cross.
8:00 p.m., Sanctuary Service
Maundy Thursday, March 24 - Service of Holy Communion
It was on the Thursday of Holy Week that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, which has become the central rite of the Christian church.
7:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Service - family service
8:00 p.m., Sanctuary Service
Good Friday, March 25
On this most holy of days we mark the passion and death of Jesus with a special service of worship and remembering.
1:00 p.m., solemn Worship Service *The Victim King*
7:30 p.m., *The Passion according to St. John - Concert of Sacred Music*
The world premiere of *The Passion according to St. John* by David Briggs will be performed here at the Kirk. Plan to attend what promises to be a very powerful spiritual and musical event in the life of our congregation. Mr. Briggs will be here to conduct this performance. For information go to www.kirk-music.org
Easter Sunday, March 27 - Festival Service of the Resurrection
Celebrate with joy and gladness the central truth of our faith: "The Lord is risen, he is risen indeed."
7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary Service *The Risen Lord*
9:00 a.m., St. Andrew's Service *Signs Along the Way: Are We There Yet?*

JOIN US IN EASTER WORSHIP
at Christ Church Cranbrook
HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 25
The Great Vigil of Easter
7:30 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 26
Holy Eucharist and Sermon
7:00, 9:15, and 11:15 a.m.
Musical preludes begin 20 minutes before the 9:15 and 11:15 services.
Child care available at 9:15 and 11:15.
Compline
9:00 p.m.
470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills
(corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook)
248.644.5210

EASTER - AT THE PARK
Easter Egg Hunt for Children - Bring your own basket, no reservations necessary -- \$3 per child -- March 26 at 10:00 AM
Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service with resurrection music and readings for early Easter morning at 7:30 AM
Easter Sunday - Two spectacular worship experiences with choirs, brass, hand bells, lilies, and an Easter children's parade, children's Sunday School and childcare at 9:15 & 11:00 AM
Rev. Bohnsack preaching
The Story Yet Unwritten
www.NardinPark.org



Servant Church of St. Alexander
 27835 Shiawassee • Farmington Hills
 (between Inkster & Middlebelt • (248) 474 5748
 Rev James Wright Pastor
Communal Reconciliation Monday March 21st 7 00 PM
Holy Thursday March 24th
 7 00 PM Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday March 25th • 12 00 PM Prayer
 12 15 PM Stations of the Cross • 1 30 PM Liturgy
Holy Saturday March 26th • 1 00 PM Blessing of Food Baskets
Easter Sunday March 27th
 5 30 A M Easter Sunrise Mass • 9 00 A M and 11 A M Masses

Easter Services
 Youth Sunrise Service 8 00 AM
 Worship/Church School 9 30 AM
 Worship 10 45 AM
First United Methodist Church
 6443 Merriman Road
 Garden City MI 48135
 734 421 8628
 Sunday Worship 9 30 and 10 45 a m

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
 Join us for our **Easter Week celebration!**
Maundy Thursday - March 24 @ 7 pm
Good Friday Tre Ore - March 25 @ Noon - 3 pm
 (come anytime)
Good Friday Service of Darkness @ 7 pm
Easter
 Easter Morning - March 27 @ 8 15 am & 10 45 am
 Easter Candy Hunt/Movie - March 27 @ 9 30 am
 28000 New Market Road • Farmington Hills
248.553.3380
 (Near 12 Mile and Farmington Road Intersection)

OUR SAVIOUR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
 33333 Warren Road • Corner of Warren & Farmington
 734 427 8119
 We invite you to our **Holy Week Services**
Maundy Thursday
 March 24 7 00 p m
 The World Says It is Not Christ Says It Is
Good Friday March 25
 1 00 p m The Service of the Seven Words
 7 00 p m Solemn Service of Tenebrae
Easter Sunday March 27 10 30 a m Festival Worship

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
 5631 N Adams • Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
248-646-5041
 Senior Pastor Rev Rhilip E Hemke, D Min
Holy Thursday March 24 7 30 pm
Good Friday March 25 12 00 & 7 30 pm
Saturday March 26 Easter Vigil 5 30 pm
Easter Sunday March 27 8 00, 9 30 Traditional
 11 00 am Praise

BIG BEAVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 3753 John R Road • Troy MI 48083
(248) 689-1932
SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH **FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH**
Palm Sunday **Good Friday**
 8 30 & 11 00am Worship Services 1 00m Worship Service
 9 45 Sunday School
SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH
Easter Sunday
 7 00am Sunrise Service
 7 45 10 45 am Youth Pancake Breakfast
 8 30 & 11 00am Worship Service

HE IS RISEN!
 RISE UP EARLY AND CELEBRATE WITH US!
 Central Woodward Christian Church (DoC) will hold its annual Memorial Garden service 8 30am Easter morning before the cross on our entrance lawn with breakfast to follow
 Please join us at 10 30am for our regular morning service
CWCC, 3955 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy • 248.644.0512

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 100 Romeo Road
 Rochester, MI 48307
 248 651 6188
 PhilEpisc@aol.com
MARCH 20TH PALM SUNDAY SERVICE AT 8 00AM & 10AM
MARCH 24TH MAUNDY SUNDAY SERVICE AT 7:30PM
MARCH 25TH GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT NOON & 7:30PM
MARCH 26TH THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL AT 7 30PM
MARCH 27TH EASTER SERVICES AT 8:00AM & 10AM

Pilgrim Congregational Church
Easter Breakfast 8:30 a.m. A Congregational Christian Church
 3061 N Adams
 Bloomfield Hills
 (just north of Big Beaver)
 248 642 2290
 Rev Henry F Jack Brown Pastor
Easter Sunday Service 11 a m
 Sunday Worship Service 11 00 a m
 Sunday School for All 9 45 a m Adult Bible Study & Children's Church

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
March 25, 12:00 Noon
Plymouth Church of the Nazarene
 45801 W. Ann Arbor Rd. • Plymouth
 This service will feature special music, and all the pastors of the church will reflect on the "Seven Sayings From the Cross" At 7 00 pm we will show the motion picture, "The Passion of the Christ" Everyone is welcome Doors open at 6 30 pm
 For more information, call (734) 453 1525

Light of the World Christian Center
 Come Enjoy the Dynamic Preaching of Pastor Burwell
 Multicultural & Non-Denominational
Sunday 12 Noon-1:30 p.m.
 Join Us Easter Sunday, March 27th, 12 Noon
Bible Study 3rd Wednesday 7 pm-8 30pm
 Next Date April 20 2005
LIGHT OF THE WORLD CHRISTIAN CENTER
 Meets in Church of Our Saviour
 6655 Middlebelt Road (Just S. of Maple) West Bloomfield MI 48322
 (248) 433-3422
 www.lotwcc123.org



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154 734-421-8451
 The Rev C Allen Kannappell, Rector The Rev Alan W Brandemuhl, Jr, Deacon
Monday in Holy Week March 21 7 PM Communion Service
Tuesday in Holy Week March 22 7 PM Christ in the Passover
Wednesday in Holy Week March 23 9 30 A M Communion on Service 7 PM Communion on Service
Maundy Thursday March 24 7 PM Foot Washing Eucharist Stripping of Altar Special Music
Good Friday March 25 12 Noon 3 PM Seven Last Words Meditations by members of the parish 7 PM Good Friday Liturgy
The Great Vigil of Easter March 26 7 PM Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday March 27 7 45 and 10 A M Flowering of the Cross Eucharist Easter Egg Hunt 9 A M Child Care Available at 10 A M

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DETROIT
 21200 Southfield Road Southfield MI 48075
 (Located north of 8 Mile Road)
(248) 569-2972
SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH 11 00 a m - Palm Sunday
FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH 12:00 Noon - Good Friday Service
THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH 7 00 p m Maundy Thursday
SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH 11 00 a m Easter Sunday Worship

Northminster
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 3633 West Big Beaver • Troy
HOLY WEEK
PALM SUNDAY MARCH 20 TAIZE SERVICE 9 00 AM REGULAR SERVICE 10 30 AM
MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 24 7 00 PM WE HAVE A SHARED MEAL THEN WORSHIP W/HOLY COMMUNION* PLEASE CALL 248-644-5920 TO SIGN UP
SATURDAY MARCH 26 7 00 PM GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER* PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON DRAYTON AVE. IN FERRDALE
EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 27 10 30 AM THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD*
 *CHILD CARE PROVIDED

St. Michael Lutheran
 7000 N Sheldon • Canton
 734-459-3333
Worship Times
Maundy Thursday 7 30 PM
Good Friday 7 30 PM
Easter Saturday 5 30 PM
 Sunday 7 00 A M • 9 00 A M • 11 00 A M

† Palm Sunday March 20th - 10 00 AM
 The Seven Last Words A Sacred Cantata
 † Thursday March 24th 7 30 PM
 Maundy Thursday Service
 † Good Friday March 25th 12 Noon
 An Ecumenical Service with 1st Presbyterian Church of Farmington
 † Easter Sunday March 27th 10 00 AM
 Worship Service
Wellspring Church
 36530 W. 8 Mile Rd. • Farmington Hills, MI 48335
248/442-0412
 Rev Jane Moschenrose

Farmington First United Methodist Church
EASTER SERVICES
 7 30 AM - Sunrise Service led by our Youth
 9 30 (traditional) & 11 15 A M (casual)
****Nursery Provided****
Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. (Price: Donation)
 33112 Grand River (East of Farmington Rd)
 www.FarmingtonFUMC.org (248) 474-6573

Have Your Family Celebrate Easter With Our Family
Maundy Thursday Communion Service March 24th 7 PM
Good Friday Service March 25th - 1 PM
Good Friday Concert March 25th 7 30 PM
Easter Worship Celebration* 9 AM
Fellowship Hour 10 AM
Easter Worship Celebration* 11 AM
 "Witnessing the Unbelievable"
 Dr Klump
 * Child Care Available
Plymouth First United Methodist Church
 www.pfumc.org
 45201 N Ter to of West of Sheldon Rd.
 Plymouth MI 48170
 734 453 5280

St. Alan Church
 3077 Gloucester
 Troy MI 48064
 248-649-5510
 Rev Gary Tenney Pastor
The Paschal Triduum
March 24 Holy Thursday
 Mass at 7 00 PM
March 25 Good Friday
Tre Ore Services
 12 00 PM
Stations of the Cross
 12 45 PM
Seven Last Words
 1 45 PM
Celebration of the Passion
 2 00 PM
Holy Communion
March 26 Easter Vigil
 Mass 7 30 PM
March 27 Easter Sunday
 Masses
 8 00 AM • 10 00 AM • 12 00 Noon

ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
 IMMEMORIAL TRIDENTINE LATIN RITE MASS
 23310 Joy Road • Redford MI 48239
313-534-2121
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
3/24 HOLY THURSDAY 7 00 p m Solemn Evening Mass Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose The Stripping of the Main Altar And Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight
3/25 GOOD FRIDAY Confessions 11 00 a m 12 40 p m 3 00 p m 5 00 p m 12 45 p m Stations of The Cross 1 30 p m Solemn Afternoon Liturgy with the Latin Chant of the Passion of Christ and Solemn Adoration of The Cross
3/26 HOLY SATURDAY: Confessions 8 00 p m 9 45 p m 10 00 p m Paschal Vigil and High Mass of The Resurrection at Midnight
3/27 EASTER SUNDAY Confessions 8 00 a m 8 55 a m 9 00 a m Mass of The Resurrection

AROUND TOWN

Peter Cottontail

The musical version of the classic tale of Peter Cottontail hops its way into Northville's historic Marquis Theatre through 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.

Tai Chi classes

Tai Chi beginner classes for health improvement are offered by the Taoist Tai Chi society of Michigan a non profit charitable organization at 38121 Ann Arbor Road (one mile east of I 275) at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Classes are also available in Bloomfield Hills, Garden City and Detroit. ALL beginner classes start the week of April 4, 2005. Morning and afternoon classes are also available. Registration is \$20 and monthly dues are \$30. Pre registration is not required. For further information visit the Web site at www.taotaichi.org or call (248) 332-1281.

Fibromyalgia workshop

A local authority will appear at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia for a free workshop at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday April 13 that discusses what can be causing fibromyalgia which the expert says is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood. To register for the free workshop call (248) 426-0201.

Homeschool spring formal

Palaestra homeschooling group hosts its annual spring formal catered dinner dance for homeschooled students (14 and over) in the tri county area from 6:30-11 p.m. Saturday May 7 at Trinity Church 34500 Six Mile (just west of Stevenson High) in Livonia. Cost is \$25 per person with Christian DJ Steve Chavez and ballroom dance instructors. Reservations required. Contact Susan Weisbrod (734) 397-1225 or e-mail to curiysu918@aol.com

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 the public. For more information or to register call bereavement coordinator Ann Christensen (734) 973-1145 or toll free at (888) 973-1145.

Genealogical society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday March 21 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile Gregg King author of The Michigan Historic Cemeteries Preservation

Guide speaks on What to do to preserve tombstones in cemeteries. Meetings and classes are offered free of charge and are open to the public. For more information call Pat at (734) 425-3079.

Shakespeare performance

Henry Ford Community College presents Shakespeare's romantic comedy Twelfth Night. Fridays through Sundays April 8-May 1. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. The comedy of will and consequences is filled with song, dance, disguises and farcical fights. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and \$4 per seat for groups of 10 or more. Call (313) 845-6475 for information and reservations.

Hospice art dash

Arbor Hospice and Home Care announces Art Dash 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday May 19 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth. Proceeds from the highly anticipated event will benefit Arbor Hospice and its Northville office which cares for hundreds of patients each year throughout Wayne and Oakland counties. Doors open at 6:30 with the dash starting at 8:30 by the end of the evening each ticket holder dashes for a beautiful piece of artwork. Tickets are \$250 each which admits up to two people. St. John's Golf & Conference Center is located at 44045 Five Mile Road. To register or for further information contact Glenda Gordon Kime at (734) 662-5999 Ext 152 or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care on line at www.arborhospice.org

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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 décor. For more information

call (734) 994-8004 Ext 111.

Flea market

The Wyandotte Lions Club a non profit organization dedicated to servicing the visually hand capped sponsors its annual indoor Flea Market at the Wyandotte Yack Arena 246 Sycamore April 2-3. The market is open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 2, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. April 3. Admission is free though a \$2 donation is requested.

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 is a juried show. For more information e-mail Diane VanDyke at djvanddyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354.

CLUBS

Rotary A M

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Robert Scoggins president. Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. via email 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@uno.com

Moms Club

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

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors

who fought in 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.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

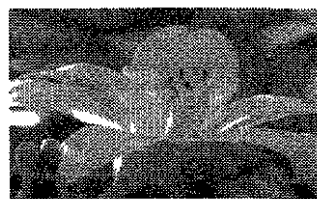
Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June excluding January. Persons interested in joining contact club president, Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140 Ext 4329 or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com



MARIE (Wadkins) BOUGHTON

Age 81 of Farmington Hills died Monday March 14, 2005. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated this Spring. A complete obituary and service times will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by McConnell Funeral Home, Fenton (810) 629-2533.

MARY LOUISE BRYANT

Age 82. Went to be with the Lord on March 15, 2005. Born July 17, 1922 in Blytheville, AK. She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbert P. Bryant. Beloved wife, mother, grand mother and homemaker, surviving are her daughter Sherry (Richard) Britton whom she lived with for 8 years, 3 grandchildren Rick, Matthew and Jenny Britton, brother Leon Gentry. Funeral services were held Saturday March 19, 1:00 PM at the Gorsline Runciman Co., Williamston Chapel, 205 E. Middle Street, Williamston with the Rev. Mike Hixson, Pastor of Graham Community Church officiating. The family did receive friends at the Chapel Friday from 6-8 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society, 1755 Abbey Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 or Ingham Visiting Nurse Hospice, 401 E. Greenlawn, Lansing, MI 48910 in memory of Mrs. Bryant.

WILLIAM C DENNIS JR "CHARLIE"

Age 52. February 26, 2005 of Hillsborough, NC formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Graduate of B.H. Lahser High School 1970 & Western MI Univ. 1974. Beloved husband of Susan (nee Halwachs), Dear father of Sefon Charles Dennis, Son of William C. Dennis Sr. and Gwendolyn Dennis. Brother of Maik Dennis, Jeff Dennis and Sandy Dennis. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13 & 14 Mile) Monday 6:00pm until memorial service 7:00pm. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Hospice at the Meadowlands, 1001 Corporate Dr., Hillsborough, NC 27278. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



GERALD E. ELSTON

March 29, 1921 to March 15, 2005. Age 83 of Four Seasons Retirement Center died at Columbus Regional Hospital at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15. He was the sixth child of 12 born to George and Elva (Timmons) Elston on March 29, 1921. He served in the Army in Sicily and North Africa from 1942 to 1945, earning a Purple Heart for Bravery. He earned a BA from Anderson University, a Masters from Eastern Michigan University and an Advanced Degree in Administration from Michigan State University. He retired from Public School Administration after 30 years with the Plymouth Michigan School system. Since retirement Mr. Elston has done missionary work in Japan and Haiti, worked at Warner Pacific College in Oregon, Warner Southern College, Warner Christian Academy in Daytona, FL and White Chapel Christian School in Florida. He attended Riverside Park Church of God in Livonia, Michigan for 30 years and Park Place Church of God in Anderson, IN for 15 years and North Christian Church in Columbus, IN. He was a 40 year member of Kiwanis International in Michigan, Oregon, Anderson and Columbus, Indiana. Survivors include his wife of 57 years Janice Hill (Bradley) Elston of Columbus, whom he married on June 29, 1947 in Charleston, WV, a daughter Sheryl Elston & husband David Hamilton of Columbus, IN and a son Mark & Rhonda Elston of LaCenter, WA. 4 grandchildren, Katie Hamilton, Davy Hamilton, Aaron Elston, Rachael Elston, 3 brothers, Dale Elston of Auburndale, FL, Harold Elston of Marshall, MI, Paul Elston of Boulder, CO, a sister Amelia Sierer of Angola, IN, several nieces and nephews. Services were held Saturday, March 19, 2005 at Rozelle Johnson Funeral Service in Anderson, IN with Dr. David Markle of Park Place Church of God officiating. Burial service followed at East Maplewood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Anderson College, ATTN: Development Office at 1100 East Fifth Street, Anderson, IN 46012, or to Park Place Church of God at 501 College Drive, Anderson, IN 46012.

MARY WANKOWICZ

March 10, 2005. Age 90 formerly of Marquette. Inurnment will take place in this summer. Gwinn Funeral Home

Massages

Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances
1-800-579-7355 ♦ fax 734-953-2232
e-mail: OEObits@oe.homecomm.net

ROGER ROYALL GAY

March 18, 2005. Age 72. Beloved husband of Elizabeth. Dear father of Roger Royall Garrett (Jane Elyse). Loving grandfather of Elyse Marie and Ashley Elizabeth. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Sunday 2:00pm. Funeral Service Monday 1pm at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins Monday at 12:30pm. Memorial tributes to American Liver Foundation, 31700 W. 12 Mile Rd., Ste 201, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 or Cranbrook Educational Community, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ERMA F. GRAY

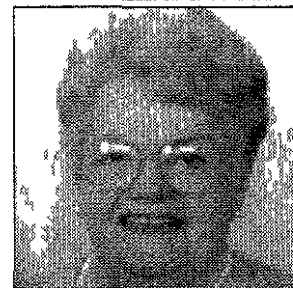
Of Frankenmuth, age 93, died Saturday, March 12, 2005 at Covenant Medical Center Cooper Cremation. Has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Independence Village of Frankenmuth or a charity of choice. Erma was born March 30, 1911 in Saginaw County, Michigan, the daughter of the late Judd and Margaret Gray. She was employed as a nurse with Mayberry Hospital in Northville for 10 years and then with Grace Hospital in Detroit for 16 years before retiring. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Erma was widely traveled and a family historian. She was a friend to all and will be greatly missed. Surviving are Nephew Dwight (Mary Ellen) Eckler of Arizona, niece Norma (Roy) Madden of Burton, many other nieces and nephews. Please sign our guest book or share an online condolence with the family at www.ogunn.com. Arrangements made by O'Gunn Family Funeral Homes, Chio Chapel, 810 686-5070.

HOWARD ANGELL LADUE

Passed on at his home Wednesday, March 16, 2005. He was born April 11, 1921. Howard met his wife Virginia while both were growing up in Royal Oak and they have been married 58 years, sharing incredible adventures over their time together. Howard is survived by his sister, Connie Fowler in Connecticut, daughter Nancy Stewart, her husband Chuck and their 4 children, Mary Malcolm, James and Anne of Provo, Utah, son Gary, his wife Diane and their children, Andrea, Samantha and Scott of Beverly Hills, Michigan. Square Howard was an exceptional athlete who earned multiple letters in football, basketball and baseball at Royal Oak High School. Thereafter he played varsity baseball as a catcher, outfielder and extraordinary hitter at Michigan State University until graduation. After the war, Howard was offered a professional baseball contract by St. Louis but decided to turn it down. During World War II, Howard was in the second class of the Scouts and Raiders special forces program which was disbanded before the second class was assigned to active combat duty so he joined Underwater Demolition Team 4. There he was the recipient of the silver star for his bravery as a frogman against the Japanese in the Pacific theater in World War II. After the service, Howard was an owner in 15 different businesses. Howard maintained his love of activity to the day of his death, relishing paddleball and golf with his friends and flying a variety of aircraft as an instrument rated multi-engine certified pilot. A gathering to honor his life and those he touched will be held at the house of Diane and Gary Ladue, 32325 Evergreen, Beverly Hills, MI from 1-3 PM on Monday, March 21, 2005. In lieu of flowers, any contribution to the American Cancer Society will be appreciated. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak (248) 541-7000.

MYRTLE E. UMBAUGH

Age 92 of Lady Lakes, Florida formerly of Wapakoneta, Ohio and Canton, Michigan died 4:40 a.m. Friday, March 18, 2005 in Lady Lake, Florida. She was born November 7, 1913. On June 30, 1933 she married Charles L. Umbaugh who died May 7, 1992. Mrs. Umbaugh was a homemaker and a member of the Wapakoneta Church of the Nazarene. Survivors include a son, D. Craig (Sharon) Umbaugh of The Villages, Florida (formerly of Canton). Funeral service will begin 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2005 in Bayliff & Son Funeral Home, 800 635-4501. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm. Monday Memorial contributions may be given to the Wapakoneta Church of the Nazarene, Benton and Court Streets, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895.

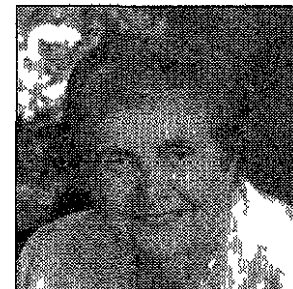


FLOSSIE B. MACDONALD

Age 82. 30 year Farmington postal clerk. March 17, 2005. Beloved wife of the late William Loving, mother of Diane Douglas (Linda) Dennis (Kathy) and David (Connie) Cherished grandmother of Susan, Megan, Margo, Stephen, Tyler, Kelsey and Carl. Great grandmother of Stephanie, Justus and Makayla. Sister of Jewell Musgrove and eleven brothers and sisters who preceded her in death. Flossie held numerous board positions for the US Postal Clerks Union representing the State of Michigan and was Past President of the Farmington Little League Baseball/Football Ladies Auxiliary. Visitation Sunday 2-8 pm at the Heeney Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btwn 9 & 10 Mile Rds. just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248) 474-5200. Closing ceremonies and interment at Eden Baptist Church and Cemetery, Strnger, Mississippi.

CAROLYN J. MCCLLOUD

March 15, 2005. Age 69 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Billie Dean McCloud, Dear Mother of Billie Jr. (Denise), Robert, Katherine, Bellare, Theresa (Mike) Rasmussen, James (Jack), Robin (Charissa) and Gary (Gunny). Grandmother of eleven. Great grandmother of 1. Also survived by sister in law Betty Clark and niece Michelle. Family received friends at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Memorials may be directed to the American Red Cross. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com



CATHERINE T. THEISEN

Age 76 of Plymouth, March 16, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Donald Loving, Mother of Michael (Natalie), Donald (Sue), Richard (Mary), William, Robert (Linda), Thomas (Martha), James (Kelly). Dear Grandma of Kaitlyn, Kari, Matt, Kelly, Andrea, Rob, Jeff, Erin, Andrew, Jacob, Sarah, Jessica, Kathleen, Daniel, Patrick, Mark, Mary, Kate, Adam and Ryan. Dear sister of Elizabeth, Babe, Neil and the late Ellen, Sissy, Johnson. Visitation Saturday 4-9 PM and Sunday 1-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Prayer Service Sunday 7 PM in state Monday 9:30 AM until Funeral Mass 10 AM at Church of the Divine Savior, 39375 Joy (east of I-275) Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS of Michigan, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076. To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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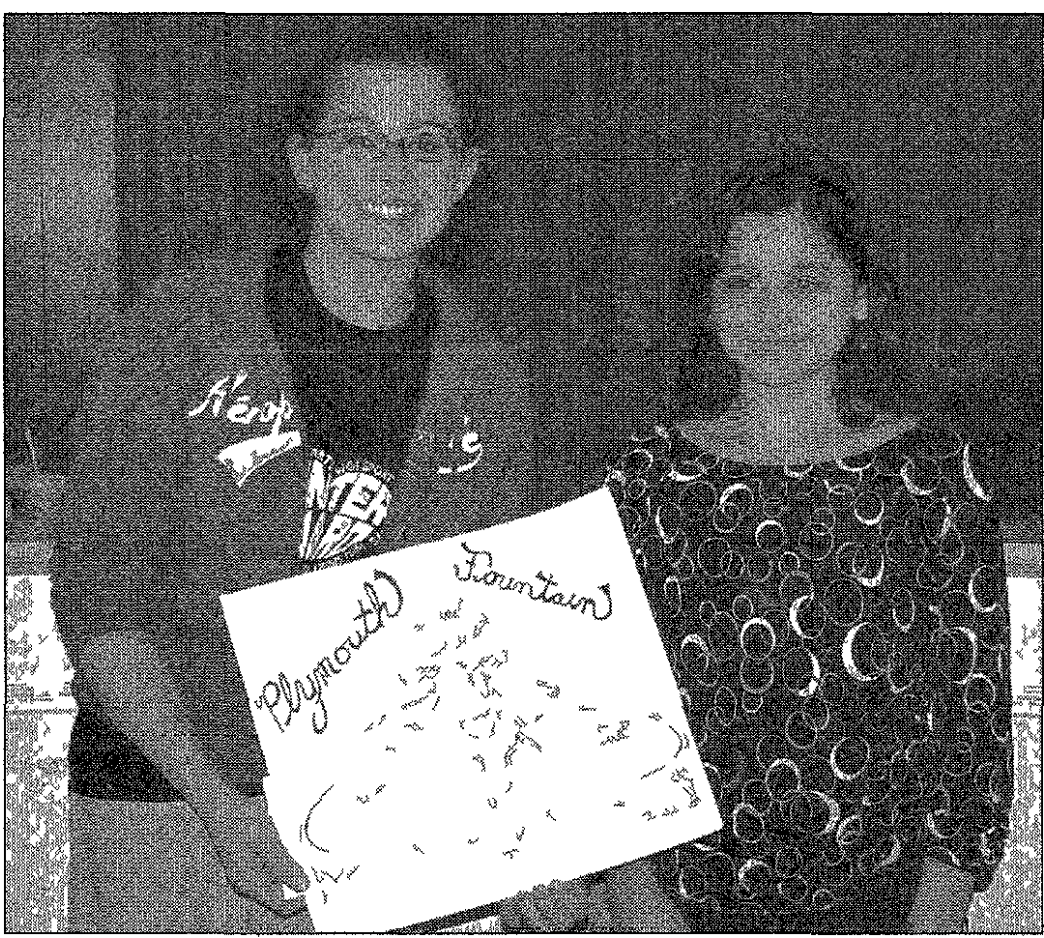
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Fountain winner

Lauren Blackley, Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission chairperson, shows the winning entry that will be the basis for a new fountain in Kellogg Park. Marina Zabowski, 11, of Canton Township received \$50 in Plymouth Chamber of Commerce gift certificates for her idea. The PCYAC held a contest to solicit designs for a fountain to replace one that fell and smashed into pieces last year. City officials are securing estimates on how

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Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Diet can help fight cancer

Question: Mitch from Millford has a family history of prostate cancer. He wants to know dietary tips on cutting his odds of getting this disease.

Answer: Changes in diet are the most important part of a pro-active prostate care strategy. Limiting fat intake from meat and dairy products is key. Cutting back on red meat itself is also a vital part of the plan. Choose only the leanest cuts and try to limit portions to no more than three ounces.

Make whole grains one of the cornerstones of your healthy diet. Try to get at least five daily servings of either fruits or vegetables. The vegetable type that seems to be the most effective at warding off the disease is cruciferous vegetables. Cruciferous vegetables three times a week have been shown to cut prostate cancer risk by as much as 41 percent. These vegetables include cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower. A high intake of lycopene found in tomato products can also help promote prostate health.

Question: Ben from Livonia is asking for the lowdown on pre-workout stretching.

Answer: Ben, some surprising new research is casting doubt on the overall benefits of stretching in advance. Most athletes stretch before intense activity, but a new study shows that there's a shortage of concrete evidence that stretching prior to activity does any real good! The research seems to show that stretching before a workout can actually hamper performance. Studies now indicate that stretching increases the perception of fatigue during some strength exercises targeting the legs. The solution is a simple one, save the stretching for after your competition or workout when performance doesn't matter. You can warm up before hand by doing a range of motion exercises specific to your sport. That way you won't stretch your way out of maximum performance. If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

HEALTH

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Dangerous drugs

Doctors caution patients taking blood thinners

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Thomas Fitch was up on a 24-foot ladder trimming trees in his Southfield yard when he fell. He didn't know it then, but he was about to become part of a study to help save lives.

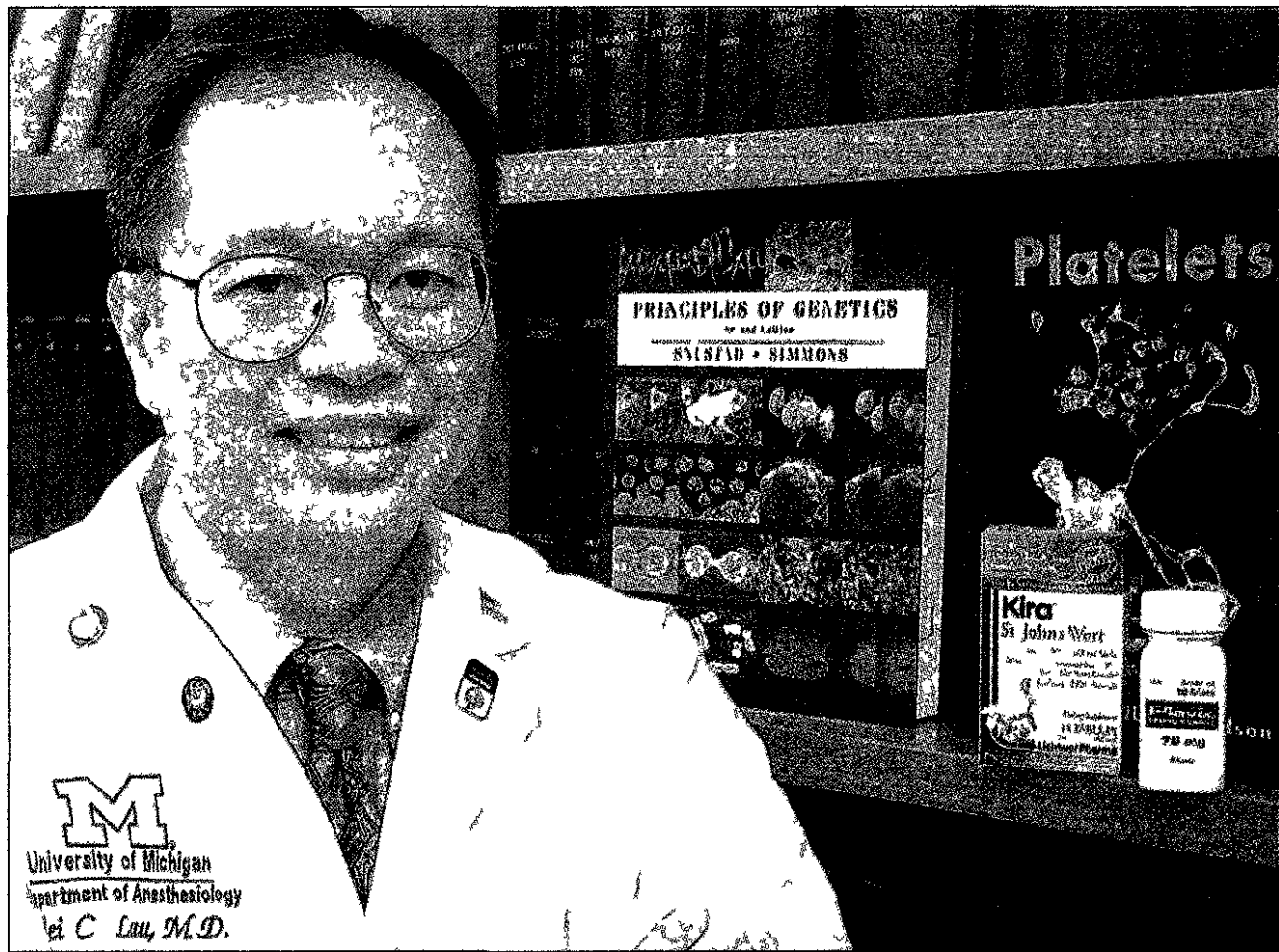
Fitch was taking Coumadin, a blood thinner. That fact has changed the way trauma doctors and nurses at William Beaumont Hospital treat patients from the moment they enter the Emergency Center. Beaumont is a Level One Trauma Center, the only level one in Oakland County, and is required to maintain statistical information on all patients for the American College of Physicians verification process.



Dr. Randy Janczyk is warning patients on blood thinners to seek immediate medical attention if they injure their head.

"Several years ago, we began to note an inordinately high number of patients who were falling and injuring their heads and having severe head injuries resulting in death," said Dr. Randy Janczyk, the trauma surgeon who led the research. "Coumadin is a blood thinner commonly used to treat strokes, irregular heartbeats, blood clots in legs and lungs. We don't want people having strokes, but if it makes your blood thinner, you're going to bleed more if you cut yourself shaving."

In cases of brain injury, blood thinners can be deadly without quick



Dr. Wei Lau warns patients not to mix the blood thinner Plavix with the herb St. John's Wort. He recently led a study on interaction between the two at the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center.

medical intervention to reverse the effect. Beaumont's statistics showed that of 750 patients coming into the Emergency Center between 1997 and 2004, patients on blood thinners who sustained injuries which caused bleeding in the brain and had standard treatment had about a 50 percent chance of dying compared to 10 percent for patients not on blood thinners. At Beaumont, staff has reduced treatment time by several hours. Instead of a 50 percent mortality, patients have no greater chance of dying than people not on blood

thinners. "We found these people were not being brought in with severe head injuries," said Janczyk, a Beverly Hills resident. "They came to the hospital and we examined them and they looked perfectly normal. The only way you could tell was by performing a CAT scan. We found, despite hospitalization, the head injury became worse."

"Just because you're on Coumadin and fall doesn't mean you have a 50 percent chance of dying. Only about 25 percent or one in four people who

are on medication and hit their head will develop brain injury with blood on the brain."

Although the study focused on Coumadin, patients taking blood thinners such as Plavix and aspirin should be cautious as well until further studies. To help Coumadin patients, the hospital is establishing a fund for donations through the Beaumont Foundation to provide literature and early warning bracelets or necklaces.

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THINNERS

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and anyone on this medication who has fallen or injured their head needs to be rapidly evaluated to exclude that injury," said Janczyk, who has been involved with five studies over the last seven years on the effect of anti-coagulants and blood thinners "If you're on a blood thinner and injure your head, get to the ER immediately. Every medication we take has side effects. If you're taking a medication that makes your blood thin, there's more time with other injuries, but not the brain."

Fitch didn't have much time when he fell and broke three vertebrae, both collar bones and suffered a closed head injury in June 2003. The retired college professor had been on Coumadin since suffering a heart attack in 1980. He is grateful to doctors who were able to make a quick diagnosis and immediately begin reversing the effects of the blood thinner with blood plasma transfusions. Today, he's back on Coumadin, but taking precautions.

"It's a very dangerous drug," Fitch said. "Vitamin K reverses the effects of Coumadin and is found in spinach. I can't eat a lot of spinach and other greens because it will dilute the effects of Coumadin, and I have to have the Coumadin level monitored every four to six weeks."

There's no doubt that medication can cause serious side effects, but so can herbs. Although studies of some herbs are showing promise, the results need to be tempered with caution. At the University of Michigan, Dr. Wei Lau recently led a study on St. John's Wort and Plavix, the brand name for clopidogrel. The herb amplifies the effects and may help patients deficient

in a liver enzyme respond to Plavix regardless of the deficiency. St. John's Wort appears to induce the CYP3A4 liver enzyme and increases the efficiency of Plavix, but could result in an increase in the risk of bleeding for those who take both substances, according to physicians from the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center, who discovered the interaction.

The recent small study was done on healthy volunteers rather than on patients who don't respond to Plavix. Lau has studied interactions between drugs before. Three years ago, the same researchers found Plavix appears to reduce the effect of the cholesterol-lowering drug Lipitor (atorvastatin).

Twenty-eight to 30 percent don't respond to Plavix," said Lau, a clinical associate professor of anesthesiology who directs adult cardiac anesthesia at University of Michigan Health System. "Our conclusion was by using St. John's Wort we were at least able to overcome resistance, but we need more evidence. With every dose increase of Plavix, there's a potential for bleeding. Herbs themselves have not been very well studied. Content is not defined. Some put talcum powder in place of active ingredients. Sometimes they don't know what they're getting."

"The warning is not to go out and do this (take Plavix and St. John's Wort together). I want to make doctors aware of all the patients taking herbal medicines. Physicians need to remember to ask what herbal medications they're on."

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MARCH

Healthy for Today

A free health seminar on being healthy and sugar free 2-4 p.m. Sunday March 20 at Cherry Hill Seventh Day Adventists Church 33144 Cherry Hill between Wayne and Venoy roads. Free samples of sugar free desserts will be provided. Because the first seminar was canceled due to bad weather this session combines Digestion and Food Combining and Healthy Sugar Free Living. Call (734) 524 0880.

Depression on college campuses

College age young adults are one of the highest risk groups for developing depression both because of their age and the many stresses they face. But while many colleges have recently increased their efforts to help depressed students, experts estimate that a majority of such students never even seek help.

The University of Michigan hosts its third annual conference on depression on college campuses Tuesday Wednesday March 22-23 for students, educators, administrators, mental health professionals and researchers. Titled Fighting Stigma with Knowledge and Understanding, the conference tackles some of the chief issues that get in the way of successful depression detection, diagnosis and treatment. For information call (734) 615 4474, send e-mail to DepConfQuestion@umich.edu or visit www.depressioncenter.org. A registration form is available online. The conference is free for students with current student ID and to physicians in training. The cost for all others is \$100 at the door. Lunch on March 22 is available at a cost of \$15 per person.

Bally HealthCheck

Bally Total Fitness and their clubs throughout Michigan and nationwide hosts the checkup an American Diabetes Association Diabetes Risk test and 5-8 p.m. a complementary fitness assessment test from a Bally personal trainer on March 22. Members and non members are encouraged to visit any Bally club and make a \$5 donation to the ADA for the healthcheck. Non members will receive a free 30 day guest pass as well as 30 days of free access to Bally's online weight management program. Members and non members alike will be able to participate in a group exercise marathon class. In honor of Diabetes Alert Day for any new member who joins Bally on March 22 an additional \$5 donation will be

made to ADA from Bally Total Fitness. The Bingham Farms office of the ADA also has Diabetes Risk Tests to distribute to individuals, businesses, church groups and others. For a copy or to get diabetes related information (in English or Spanish) visit www.diabetes.org or call (888) 342 2383.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7-9 p.m. Tuesday March 22 in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information call the WRC at (734) 462 4443.

Art exhibit

Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents The Chemo Fairies, a journey by local artist and cancer survivor Pamela Campau. The collection of artwork expresses the movement, art and emotion that Campau experienced while undergoing chemotherapy. This mixed media show includes the whimsical yet thought provoking chemo fairy series as well as additional pieces. The public is invited to an artist's reception 6-8 p.m. Tuesday March 22 at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery in the Assarian Cancer Center 47601 Grand River Novi. The show will be on display through April 30. The gallery is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call Lori Taylor at (248) 465 5455.

Prostate Cancer in Younger Men

A free supper lecture for men age 60 and younger by Dr. Jeffrey D. Forman 6 p.m. Wednesday March 23 at the

Weisberg Cancer Center Farmington Hills. Call (248) 538 6514.

Cardiology Update

The Botsford Chapter of Mended Hearts, a support group for people with heart disease and their families meets 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday March 23 in the 3 West Conference Room at Botsford General Hospital 28050 Grand River Farmington Hills. The cardiology update will be presented by Dr. Barry Franklin, a specialist in cardiac rehabilitation. Mended Hearts is a national organization affiliated with the American Heart Association in the effort to fight heart disease.

Thyroid Cancer Support Group

Meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday March 23 and is open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends at 850 Stephenson Highway Suite 402 (ATI) Troy MI. For more information call Gwynne at (248) 740 9759.

Post-Polio support group

Southeast Michigan Post Polio Support Group meets 10 a.m. to noon Saturday March 26 at First Presbyterian Church of Troy 4328 Livernois about a half mile north of Watties (17 Mile). Please park in back enter through back door. For more information call (313) 885-7855.

Hospice volunteer training

Offered by Community Hospice 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday April 7 to April 28 at the Community Hospice offices 32932 Warren Suite 100 Westland. Volunteers can choose from a variety of opportunities including providing companionship to patients working in the office and helping out on special projects. Call Penny Thomas at (734) 522 4244 to register.

Volunteers needed

Sandcastles, a grief support program

for children and teens is seeking volunteers for its sites in Rochester, Southfield, Livonia and other communities. The program is sponsored by Hospices of Henry Ford Health System. Meetings are held bi-weekly. To register for training or for more information call (313) 874 6881.

UPCOMING

Acoustic Neuroma Association

The support group meets 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday April 3 at the West Bloomfield Township Library 4600 Walnut Lake Road. Dr. Michael Seidman of Henry Ford Hospital will be speaking on treatment and management of tinnitus. To RSVP call (248) 681 0780 or (248) 683 0775.

Fit Fore Golf

7 p.m. Wednesday April 6 seminar for golfers, emphasis is on posture, flexibility and strengthening exercises and prevention of common golf injuries especially low back. At Oakland Physical Therapy, Providence Park Medical Center 47601 Grand River Suite B124 Novi. Use northeast entrance. To register call (248) 380 3550.

Impact of cancer on the family

A diagnosis of cancer in one family member affects everyone in the family. Relationships are altered, communication changes, roles are reinvented. Learn how families overcome these challenges and find answers to your individual concerns at a free community program 7 p.m. Thursday April 7 at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi across from Twelve Oaks Mall. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling (800) 742 2300 and entering category 7870.

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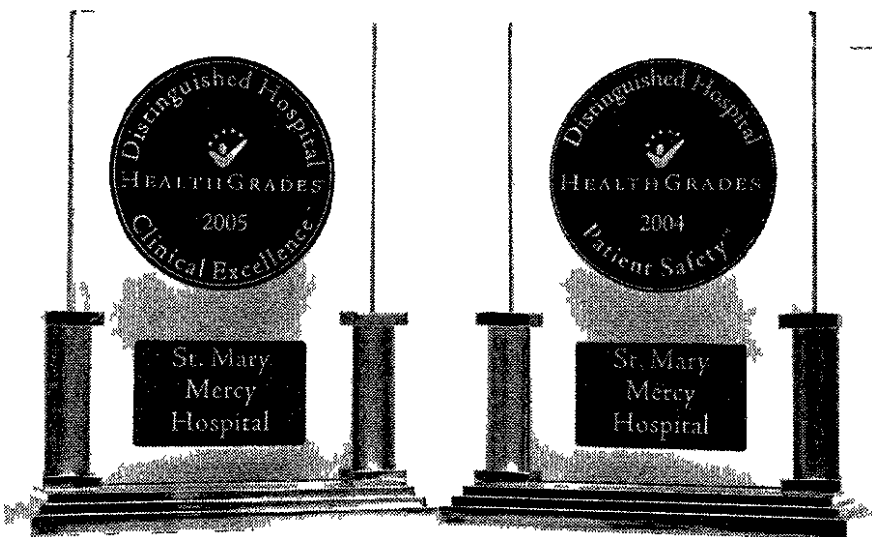
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Quality of life

Oakland balances building with rural character

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

One of the oldest communities in the state, Oakland Township, is slowly being transformed from a rural corner of the county to a burgeoning residential area. Whether one is looking for a starter condo or a palace in a gated community, there's a house that can suit any need.

Oakland Township Manager James Creech said there's been a bit of a lull in development lately. In 2003, the township handed out 326 building permits for houses and condominiums but only 117 in 2004. He said some of the lull has to do with the state of the economy but some can also be chalked up to the fact that building sites in the township are almost full.

Whatever the development in the township, from starter homes to multi-million dollar mansions, the planning department and township board have arranged events so the developers are doing well for the township as a whole.

"We have developers doing the paving on roads around their properties," Creech said. "It's a condition of their site plan approval."

Under the same agreements, developers are also charged with keeping the township green and rural in character. The Open Space Preservation Ordinance calls on developers to retain 40 percent open space in every project they undertake. Again, it's written into the site plan approval.

"We try to push development inward from the roads," Creech said. "By putting lots of buffers between the roads and the houses you keep that country feel."

Auburn Hills-based Mocerri Companies is one of the developers who have been putting up houses in Oakland Township. Since the early 1980s they've put up more than 1,200 homes in six neighborhoods around the township.

Their stock ranges broadly from starter condominiums to detached French country inspired villas to "ultra luxury estates." Their prices run from \$149,900 to \$3 million per unit.



One of the many housing options available in Oakland Township is the Claremont, a dual condominium development by Mocerri builders.

Currently, the company has five developments under construction in the township and more planned for the future.

According to partner Dominic Mocerri, you build where the people want to live, he said.

"They like it for the proximity to north Troy, Rochester, Auburn Hills, entertainment and the I-75 corridor."

He said complying with the township's green space requirements is not a problem as they serve his interests as well.

Cluster developments (where houses are arranged closer to the center of a plot of land than they are to the edges) allow a developer greater flexibility in offering styles of houses and retains the natural features homebuyers look for.

The township is doing its part too. Voters approved a .75 millage in 1999 to purchase open space. That, together with plots of land donated by residents and other parcels the township board has bonded for in the past, the township has incorporated environmental

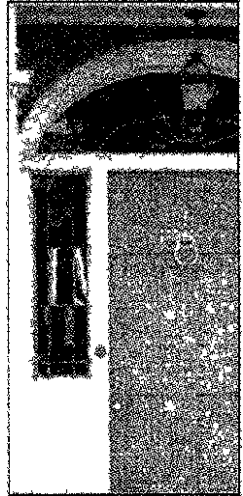
elements into its master plan and worked to coordinate those efforts with Oakland County.

Oakland Township is one of the original 25 townships that existed when the Territory of Michigan was organized in 1827. At the time of organization, the township was an area that covered three-fifths of what is Oakland County today. By the time Michigan was accepted into the union in 1837, the township was at its present size.

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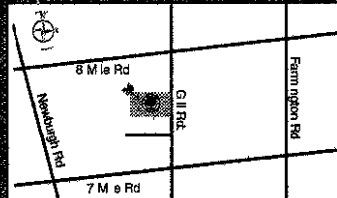
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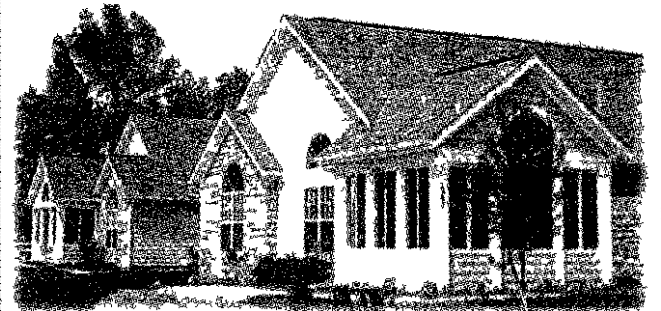


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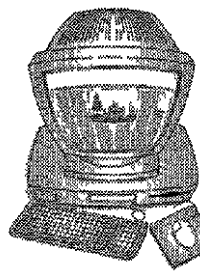
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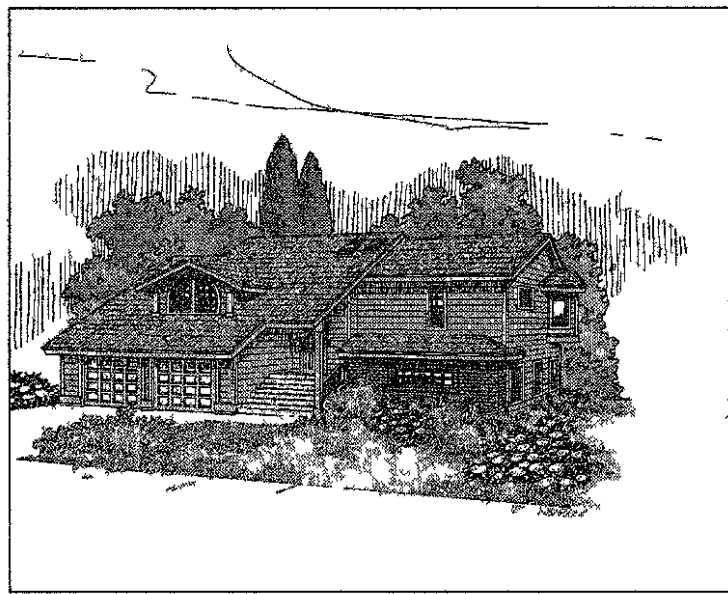
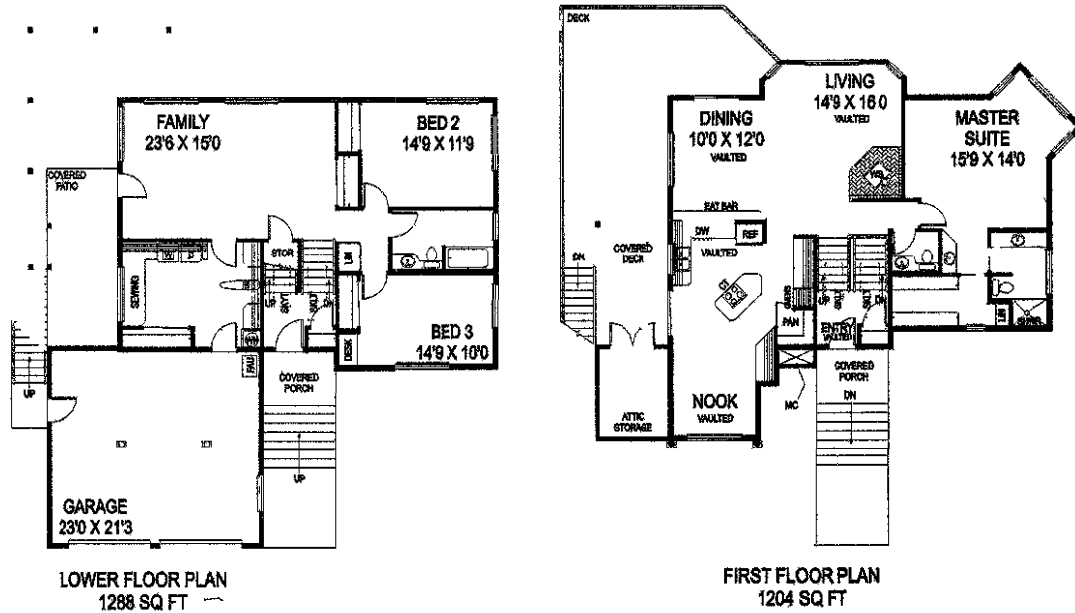
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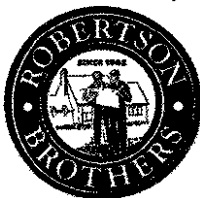
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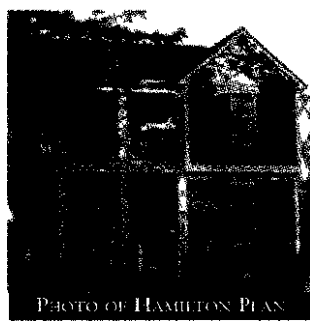
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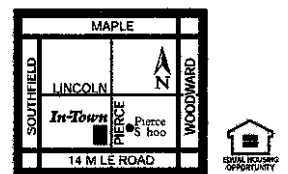


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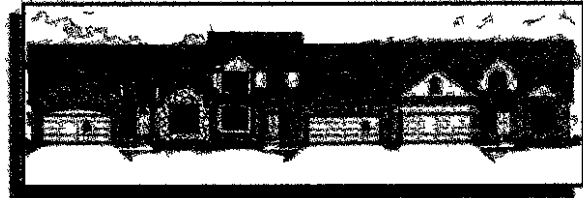
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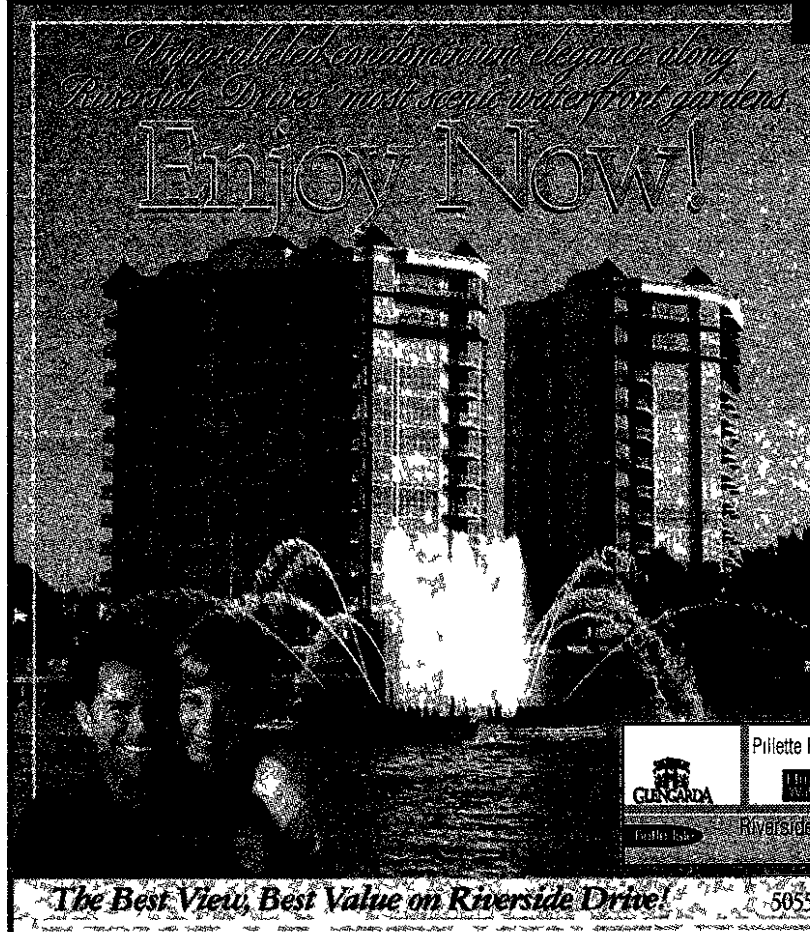
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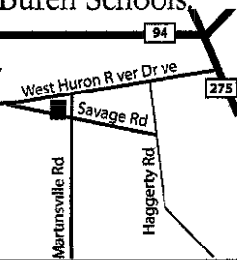
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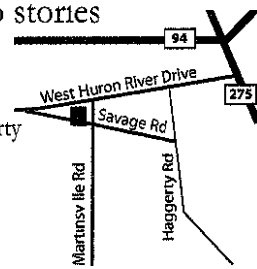
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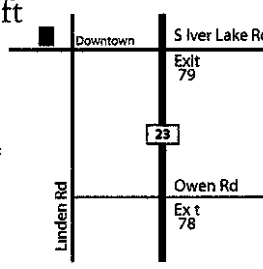
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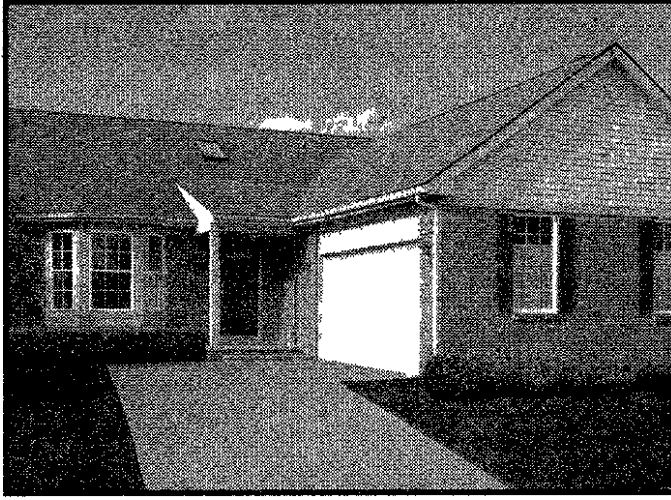
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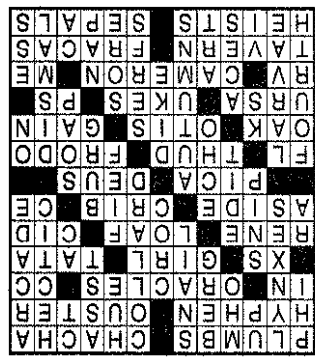




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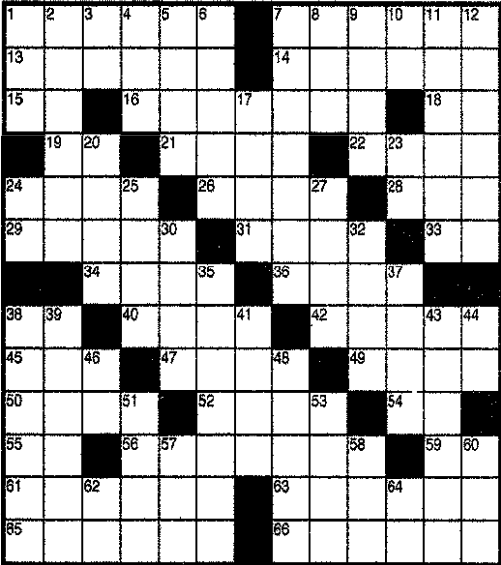
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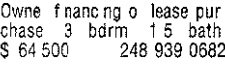
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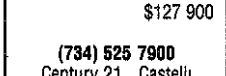
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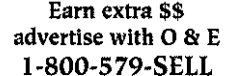
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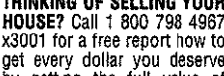
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WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Have you lost control over your vacation? (That is, if you take them) Quill Office Products of Lincolnshire,

Ill., polled 433 customers online -- executive, administrative and other -- to uncover attitudes about vacations. A large portion -- 40 percent -- have taken work with them, while 47 percent consider a vacation toast if any work intrudes. A full 21 percent take phone calls or send e-mails. Seventeen percent "never stop thinking about work."

Are we witnessing the demise of the work/life movement or simply widespread obsession about work? While there is no single answer, one thing is clear: At the office, at least two people and, very likely, a third, must be involved in every vacation

PREPARATION

Author and speaker Dale Colie of Boone, N.C., advises beginning by maximizing your relationships on the job. Two weeks before leaving, confirm priorities with your boss, a step that could forestall a panicked late night's toil just before you leave. "Schedule with team members to pick up your workload while you're away," he says. Not the least of these is disarming the electronic stressor button. Enlist a person to cover your voice mail and e-mails.

Colie further recommends planning and scheduling during the year, during which time you're inviting your boss to note the increasing productivity. Efficiency expert and author Barbara Hemphill of the Hemphill Productivity Institute Inc., of nearby Raleigh, comments, "Clutter postpones decisions." Some of the advance preparation she recommends might feel like a job in and of itself, but during successive years with the same company, you should have far less to do.

Her theory is that you accelerate your decision-making by removing clutter throughout the year. That makes preparing for vacation much easier. Consider a physical tickler system for all 12 months, Paper Tiger software for indexing files and Enfish for computer files. Her newest book, "Taming the Paper Tiger in the Digital Age," is projected for publication by the end of the year.

CORPORATE CHALLENGE

The company benefits when you return rested from your vacation. Should it hire a temporary for your absence? Colie and Hemphill don't necessarily agree. Colie says that one is "almost mandatory if the job consists of work that must be completed to keep everything else in motion," such as those involving mail, telephone answering and order processing. He cautions that temps in less rigid jobs may require so much training and supervision that they burden people at the office, but that a lean staff might make securing a temp necessary.

Finally, some Type A personalities, he points out, may simply not want a person to do their work. Hemphill maintains that temps are "a good idea, but it depends upon your position and industry." She advocates "a clearly defined job description" setting limits on information disclosure to others.

Part of your pre-vacation preparation might include developing a vacation manual for your fill-in. Both Hemphill and Colie favor detailed vacation manuals for every employee, but Colie insightfully comments that "many people feel vulnerable if someone else knows how to do their job." Hemphill further observes that the dearth of job descriptions in many companies would constrain even the best vacation-manual writer.

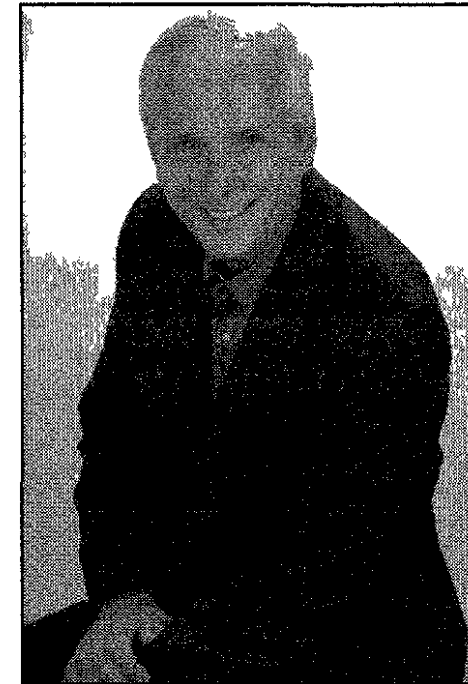
Colie wants employers to do their part, as he outlines in "Winning Under Fire: Turn Stress into Success The U.S. Army Way" (McGraw-Hill, \$16.95).

-- Postpone discussion about changes in a person's work until after the vacation. New work at the 11 (th) hour probably won't be completed, and, once on vacation, the employee may stew over the change, with no one to minimize anxiety.

-- Put yourself in the employee's shoes. Distribute some of the work so that the employee returns to an empty inbox and time to return calls and e-mails.

-- Give each employee a half- or full-day off to tie up loose ends at home the day before leaving.

-- Two weeks before, have the employee list the priorities he's set for himself in the



Dale Colie gives tips for vacation preparations for covering your workload.

office and reestablish priorities, if necessary.

-- Schedule a post-vacation catch-up meeting.

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Needed for infants & toddlers Full part time and on call Southfield area 248 355 3276

CITY OF LIVONIA

The City of Livonia is seeking qualified applicants for TEMPORARY employment. Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen or resident alien with the right to work in the U.S. and have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

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Seasonal Laborer I \$9 00 1st Season \$9 25 2nd Season
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At time of application applicants must have valid driver's license and acceptable driving record completed at least one (1) year of Civil Engineering or Construction Engineering at an accredited college or university OR completed at least two (2) semesters (30 credit hours) at an accredited college or university plus at least one (1) year of full time paid experience related to drafting surveying inspecting and/or testing of municipal public improvement projects. Applications accepted until further notice.

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New construction clean up Window washers Canton area \$9 to start 810 295 5140

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SEND OR FAX RESUME TO Pulte Homes Michigan Division ATTN Tom Hennessy 26622 Woodward Suite 110 Royal Oak MI 48067 FAX (248) 414 7049

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Needed for group homes. MUST BE TRAINED w/ valid driver's license. Afternoons Call 734 722 7880 or 734 422 4012 between 10-3

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Village Green Companies one of the nation s leading developers and managers of luxury apartment communities is seeking Property Managers for the Metro Detroit area Must have 2+ years Property Management retail or hospital by experience Minimum 2 yrs of college BA degree preferred Must have experience with supervision of staff members overseeing of day to day operations We offer outstanding benefits including Medical Dental Optical 401k bonuses exceptional training programs and numerous opportunities for advancement Please send resume with reference code DET PM to email sgiovannn@villagegreen.com or Fax 248 538 2794 EOE

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Purchase Order Assistant

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Full time commercial/industrial fat roofer Must have reliable transportation Some overhead travel Metalguard Inc Nov MI Please call 248 735 4300

ROOFING LABORER Exp hardworking dependable person for large tear off & cleanup \$11/hr Full time Own car 248 476 6984

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Minimum requirements
include a Bachelor s degree or Associate s degree with three (3) years supervisory/management experience AND two (2) years of supervisory/management experience Experience in one or more areas custodial grounds keeping and shipping and receiving preferred Experience in scheduling Experience in the use of computers and software applications Knowledge of problem solving and troubleshooting Skills in both verbal and written communication and Ability to manage multiple projects Ability to handle physical demands (ie walk the campus lift heavy objects etc) Ability to work as a team player in a multi cultural diverse working environment Experience with multi cultural students and staff preferred Detailed information is available for this position on the OCC web site at www.oaklandcc.edu/humanres

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

RECEPTIONIST/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT An Information Technology Firm in Novi servicing Fortune 500 clients and U.S. Government agencies is seeking a friendly individual with a pleasant personality to answer our multi-line phone as well as provide support as an Administrative Assistant. Potential for advancement. Must be extremely dependable, well organized and have the ability to multitask. Preferred candidate must have at least three years of office experience and be proficient in Outlook and MS Office software. Email resume to dnucicelli@innovisontech.com

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I don't like the perception of a mom who picks a vehicle just because she's got to haul kids around town. But Honda is slowly changing my mind with the 2005 Odyssey. It still looks like a minivan but inside is a whole different animal. With Odyssey, you're not sacrificing comfort or style of functionality in the face of having tons of seats for the kids. The driver's cockpit alone makes you feel like you're special and deserving of more. This isn't basic transportation to get you from point A to point B. On the outside, the Odyssey has been redesigned and improved tremendously. There are new headlamps, a restyled front end, power sliding doors with roll-down windows, power moon roof, power tailgate and parking sensors that beep when you get too close to an object. By the way, the sensors are so well hidden that I had to search for them. Wheel covers are attractive and stylish and the sleek, clean look is very well detailed. The front end is more aggressive as well. On the inside, you'll find more creature comforts than any other minivan. In fact, at the Odyssey's highest trim level, you could almost call it a luxury minivan, if the term even exists. The instrumentation is very well planned and executed. There are storage bins everywhere. Honda included a satellite-linked navigation system with voice recognition that will virtually never have you lost again. What's more is that it's one of the easiest navigation systems to use. You won't have to pull out the manual to understand it. A kid could operate it without a lot of fuss. And, of course, for the kids, there's a DVD rear entertainment system. You have control of what they watch because the DVD input slot is at the



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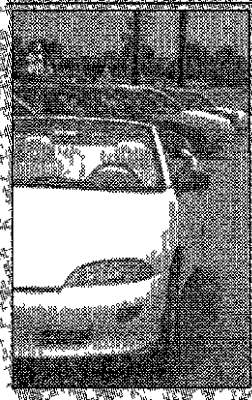
bottom of the center console. But they have control of sound level and quality and it also comes with wireless headphones. You can listen to your music offerings and the kids can still watch a movie. The stereo has XM Satellite radio capabilities, which makes me happy as a lark. From Radio Disney to all talk or full-time weather and traffic updates, XM radio comes in handy. There are steering-wheel-mounted controls too. The front seats are very comfortable and the second row seats are deeply padded. The third seat is a 60/40 split that can fold flat into the floor which makes loading your cargo easy as pie. The second row seat is also removable and it has a Lazy Susan in the floor that allows you to have even more storage options. The heating and cooling system is very sophisticated and has three zones climate control that can be manually operated or set on automatic and forgotten. You can set the precise temperature and leave it. Another innovative idea put into action is the removable second row center console that adds even more storage space capabilities. There are cupholders throughout the cabin and the power tailgate is a joy to operate when you're in a snow storm with a basket full of groceries. The tailgate pop up high and protects you from the elements

while you load your cargo. There are power adjustable gas and brake pedals and a two position memory for the driver's seat. In the rear seats there are power outlets that the kids can use for video games or anything else electronic they want to use. On the touring model on board is the Michelin PAX System, which allows you to keep on traveling at 50 mph for up to 125 miles after you puncture your tire. The run flat technology is the best I've seen yet. Under the hood, you'll find a 3.5 liter VTEC V6 engine that promises and delivers 255 horsepower. It has great acceleration capabilities and wonderful handling characteristics. Safety issues are taken care of nicely with front air bags, front side airbags and three row side curtain airbags with rollover sensors. The front end is structured to absorb crash energy to help protect occupants. What it comes down to is the fact that you don't feel like you're in a minivan until you look at it from the outside. You feel like you're more or less in a luxury vehicle instead. Go take a look. You'll be pleased with what you see.

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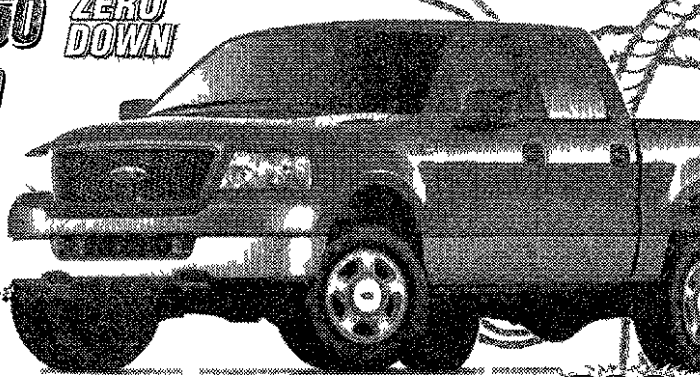
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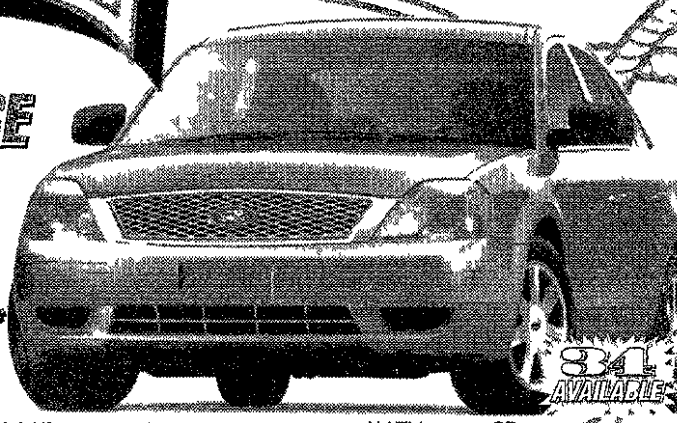


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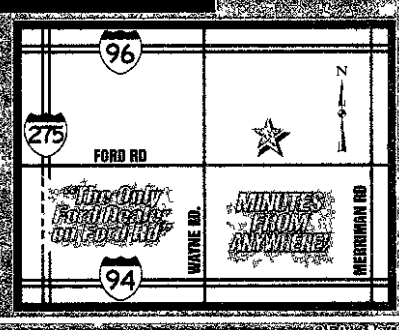


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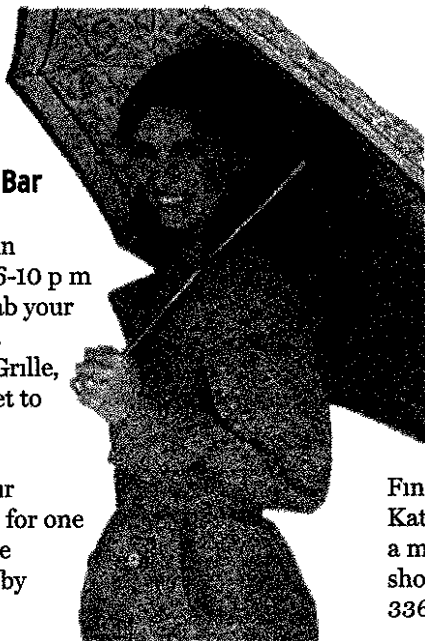
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Octane Photographic is celebrating their anniversary with an exhibition of its four members: Jeffrey Lee Matlock, Jeff White, Christopher A. Jablonski and Ken Marzorati. Distinctive photography and art will be on display through April 21. The studio is located at 22750 Woodward Ave. Ste. B-1, Ferndale. Call 248-399-2355 or visit www.octanephotographic.com

Vintage Treasures

Everything old is new again at the fifth annual Bloomfield Hills Antique Jewelry and Vintage Apparel Show. Find fabulous pieces from the past to sprinkle into your wardrobe for the hottest spring looks. The show is set for 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave. Call Larry Barnett at 248-988-0924.

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Accessories Event — From wedge shoes and colorful handbags to sexy sunglasses and exotic bangles, see what's new in the world of accessories, March 24-26, at Neiman Marcus, Somerset. Call 248-643-3300 for more information.

Saks Fifth Avenue Events

Chanel National Makeup Artist Conrad Sanchez visits from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. March 29-30, Danuta Fine Jewelry trunk show, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. March 24-26, Katy Briscoe personal appearance and trunk show, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. March 29-30, Piranesi fine jewelry trunk show, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. March 31-April 2. Call 248-614-3366 for appointments and information.

letters to the editor

DEAR PINK —

With many lives ruined by alcohol use, I believe that it is not a good thing when Stacy London promotes Jack Daniels in her "What's Hot" Celebrity PINK Picks Drink It! segment (Feb 20, 2005 issue)

*PM Zachos
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cup of tea — PINK is back! I understand that the PINK section is now just a monthly publication — if anyone is taking votes let them know that I wish it were weekly! I love PINK and am thankful that it isn't totally gone — but would be thrilled to see the separate section back on a weekly basis! Thanks for today's edition. I loved the article on "Timeless Elegance" and will have to make my way to The Henry Ford! Also had

heard something" about a new salon in the (Willets) Alley — now, I know who, where and how to contact them! Jeremy Lyle's new salon sounds very interesting! Have a great week and keep up the great work — the cover was fabulous — pink and browns are so THE colors this year! Really a nice and elegant cover this issue.

*Carolyn R. Hefner
The China Closet
Birmingham*

DEAR PINK —

Just wanted to let you know that I so enjoyed my Sunday morning



On the Cover

Nicole transitions from winter to stylish spring in a Puma track suit, CBGB T-shirt, Miss Sixty belt, and cowboy boots. Her look is topped off with a fedora. Clothing courtesy of Incognito.

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KELLY'S KLICKS

Cool products you never knew you needed



Kelly Lee

Q *I really liked your idea for travel pil-lowcases! It's one of those products that makes me go 'Why didn't I think of that?' Can you tell me about some more*

simple and cool items that solve common problems?

A Sure That's one of my absolute loves great product ideas! Below are a few products that have really caught my eye and made me think and grin lately

How annoying is it when your bra straps are constantly falling

down and you're trying to look sane and fashionable, not like a bumbling fool? Enter The Strapper, a convenient and discreet little half moon-shaped device that essentially makes any bra into a criss-cross bra. Not only can you keep those rascally straps from falling down, but you can also prevent your bra straps from showing when you're wearing sleeveless tops, tanks and even racer-back tops. Also holds bathing suit straps and workout gear in place, where it belongs. Snag a single for \$5 or a three-pack for \$12 at thestrapp.com

Getting organized is always a challenge and even more so in your purse. And

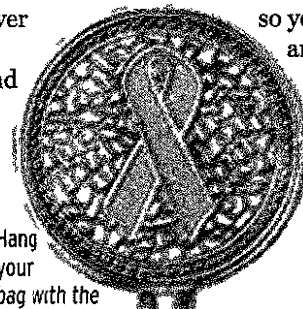


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when you want to change purses, it's always a pain to switch everything over. Well, not anymore. The Purseket is a removable, flexible panel of pockets designed to organize purses and baskets. Toss your cell in one pocket, your sunglasses in another, hang your keys on the

key post and insert into your bag. It shapes to the side of the bag and opens up space for you to toss larger items in the center of the bag, like that over-stuffed wallet of yours. Sizes range from single to large and cost \$25-\$29 each at purseket.com

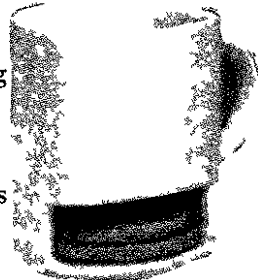
Another bag problem solved: Hate sitting your precious bag on the floor when you're at restaurants? Enter The PursePal, a mini-hanger for hand



Hang your bag with the Purse Pal \$29.99 @ pursepal.com

bags. Just place the PursePal on the table and hang your fab bag on the hook. It holds up to 10 pounds, so fear not weighed-down stylists. Each is \$29.99 (\$5 of each order goes to charity) at pursepal.com

For the truly indulgent and slightly lazy, the Dunk Mug is a sugarholic's dream come true. The dual-purpose ceramic mug has a cutout at the bottom, so you can sit your cookies inside and then dunk them in your milk-filled mug. So cute and convenient, it's available in right and left-handed versions for approximately \$27 at mochahome.com



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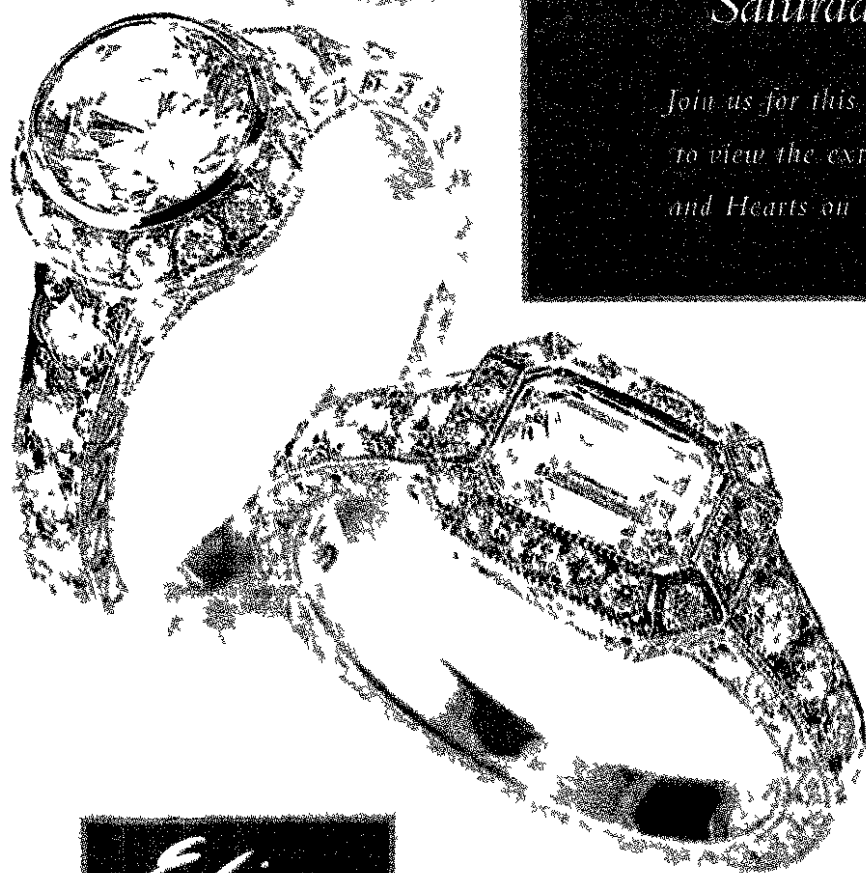
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Trunk show treasures

Birmingham shops host pageant of special events

By Elaine Perlin Crossley

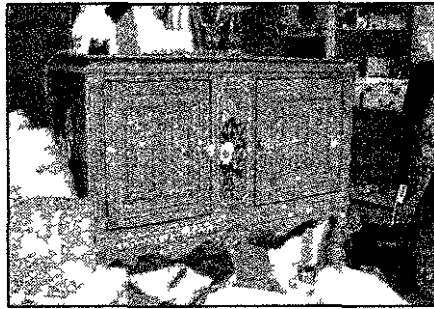
Drift back in time and imagine the days of the English aristocracy when dress designers filled trunks with the fashions of the day and transported them to the stately mansions of society ladies — only to unveil their magnificent silks, taffetas and brocades adorned with ribbon and jewels.

Circa 2005, trunk shows are still going strong, and although they have evolved, the concept is the same as designers, reps or vendors break out the latest and greatest in style trends

Everyone's invited to celebrate spring as the shops of Birmingham awe us with to a two day trunk show extravaganza on Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8

The streets of this metro area shopping Mecca will be buzzing with excitement as trunks open to reveal the hottest fashions, shoes, jewelry, accessories, home accents, art objects, beauty trends and more

Over 35 shops are on the list to "wow" us — so it might be worth arranging either a day off, an extended lunch hour or an after work plan to gather up the girls



Discover special pieces like this hand painted buffet chest by Paula Eklof at the Fuchsia Frog trunk show

or meet up with Mom for this thrilling first-time "shop til you drop" event

Variety is one of the biggest attractions of the show, said Maureen Evans, publicist for Birmingham's Principal Shopping District

"It's all over the map — there's something for everyone! A wide range of merchants will bring in new designs — and not only in women's fashions," Evans said "Art galleries, antique shops, men's stores, interior design shops and spas will also participate. And some shops will showcase the works of local artists and jewelry

designers"

Expect to be lured by cutting edge creations from Tender, intriguing eyewear and vintage accessories from Optik, couture fashion from Linda Dresner, the chic spirit of Pink Envy, arty accents from ARTLOFT, and whimsical hand-painted designs at The Fuchsia Frog

Caruso Caruso introduces a new, hip jean line as Astrein's Creative Jewelers delights with the dazzling "Hearts on Fire" baubles — and with international flair, JuJo Carroll brings on stunning one-of-a-kind Brazilian fashions, while Grinstein's Jewelry & Design boasts exotic Tahitian pearl creations

Special promotions, gifts with purchase, complimentary beauty consultations, other giveaways and themes make for added fun

Some shops may even offer a little snack to re-energize

And after a day or two of 'doing the town', a few final purchases just might suit — some comfy shoes at Ecco, a soothing massage at Avalon Salon & Spa, or a glass of wine and a repast at one of Birmingham's trendy hot spots!

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Avenue Gallery

167 N. Old Woodward
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Barbara's Paper Bag

147 Pierce
Special selections by Crane Stationery
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Caruso, Caruso

166 West Maple
Featuring hot new jeans line from Europe
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By k

Go glossing for pennies

Probably the most famous drug store cosmetic is Maybelline Great Lash. It is ALWAYS on the Best Of' lists. Honestly, after countless tubes thinking that the last one I had was dried out or a fluke, I have failed to become a fan. I suppose if your criteria is the cheapest mascara available regardless of the kind of lash it gives (I find it kind of crunchy — almost dusty in finish) then this is for you. But, the optimist in me (whatever that is during March in Michigan!) said that ALL drugstore cosmetics can't be that bad.

So I picked the lip category (because I am known for them) and started testing various drug store lip glosses.

I wish my findings were more positive, but lips have a tough time glossing in the CVS/Walgreens/RiteAid world! The REALLY cheap ones like Bonne Bell, Caboodles and Wet 'n' Wild

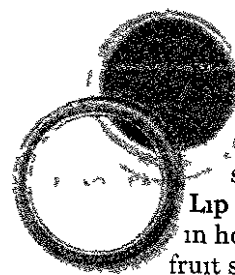
are best left to the 10-year-old set who care more about their glosses tasting like a Jolly Rancher than the fact that they turn their little pouts to sandpaper.

Don't go there — the recovery road to kissable lips is long and you'll have nightmares over giant strawberries and grapes attacking your freshly micro-dermo ed face.

Next, are the high end drug store products. These performed considerably better on all counts: Color, shine, wear, texture, and moisture. My absolute favourite being Neutrogena. I have long been a fan of the Moisture Shine Glosses — owning every color (it should be noted,

however, that my dear friend,

"DivaMommy N," vehemently disagrees using her biggest Go Smile, Addict/Glossimer grin.) They rank high



in all categories and Dizzy is a fave summer shade. But the new

Lip Nutrition Balms in honey and passion fruit should be in every

drawer of your lair. Quite simply the perfect. I'm not REALLY wearing make-up, don't I look so natural? Lips right up there with Rosebud Lip Salve, except with slightest bit more color and shine — one for the nudes and one for the bee-stung pout.

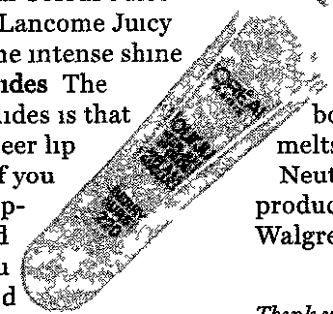
Also OK are L'Oreal Colour Juice — which are similar to Lancome Juicy Tubes, but without the intense shine — and Revlon Lip Glides. The thing with the Lip Glides is that they are more of a sheer lip stick with a sheen. If you insist on wearing a lip-stick, then this would be a good way for you to break the habit and get ready for summer and the look of today. Don't expect any juicy color or

great shine from these pens, though. Even the packaging is deceiving as to what the colour really is.

Finally, my friend, "SassyMommyX," is constantly slicking on L'Oreal's Glam Shine. They do, I admit, give good gloss. She says they are the best and she has every color — but I often wonder why she has to reapply it so often? I guess we are a chatty bunch, though!

From one lip gloss snob to you. Invest in your lips and buy the good stuff at higher end cosmetic retailers.

But, have the Neutrogena lip collection on hand all summer long to ease the pain when a tube falls overboard here and a pot of colour melts at the beach there. Neutrogena, L'Oreal and Revlon products are available at most CVS, Walgreens, Rite-Aid and Target stores.



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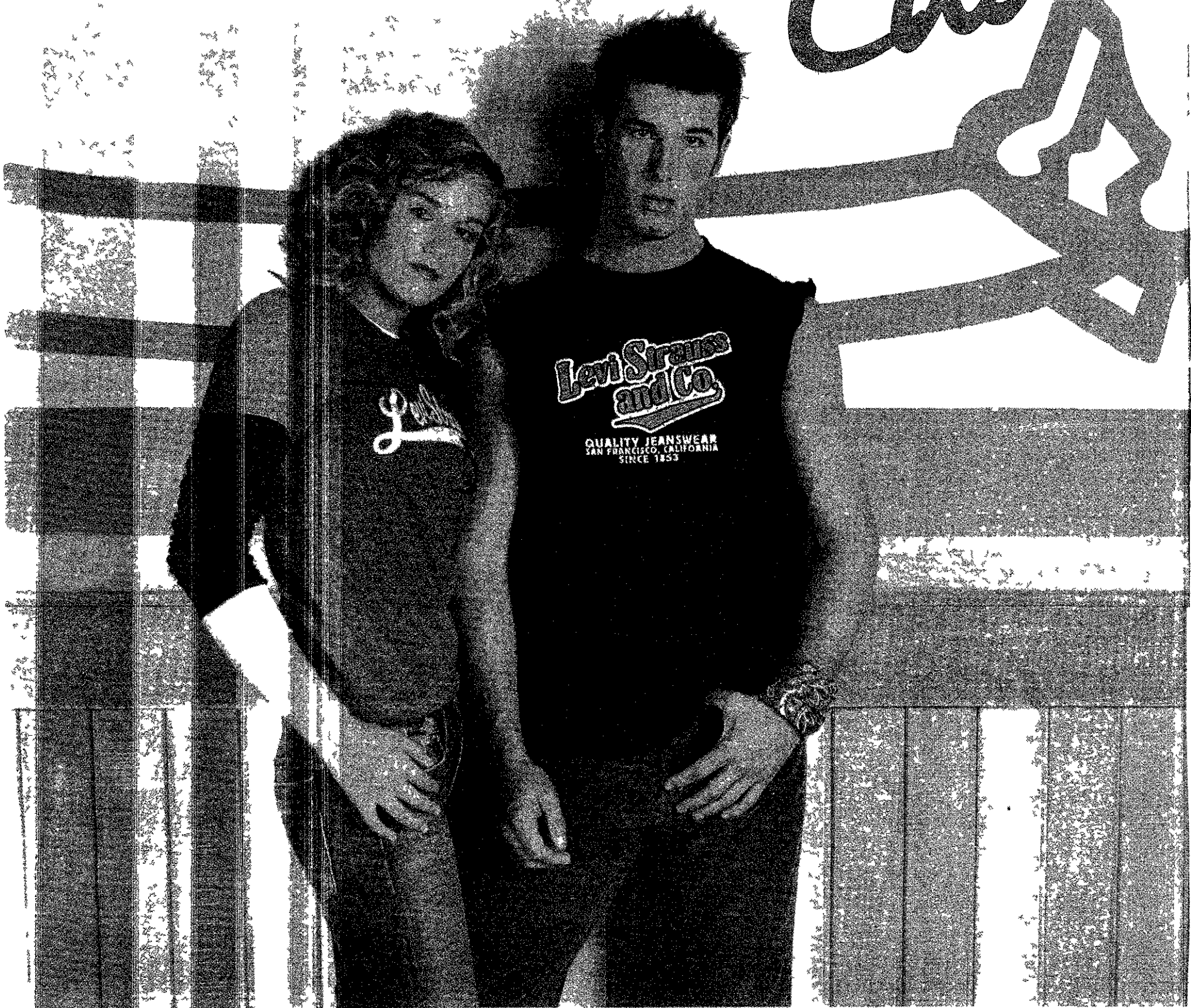
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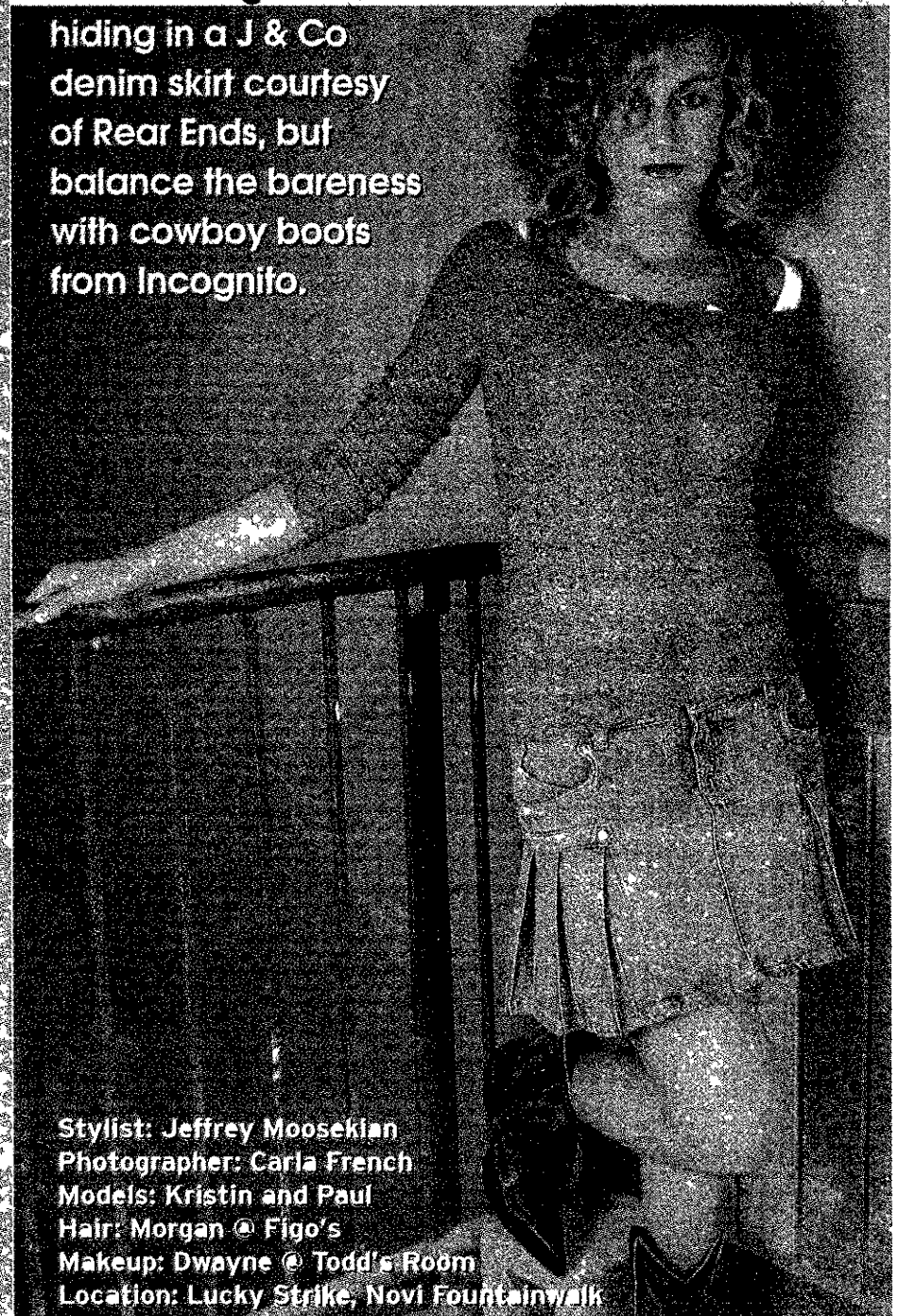


DOOL

Get ready for spring with hot looks and bright layers

Layering T-shirts is still hot, and will get you through to spring in style. Brighten up with bold colors, like this Juicy pink cashmere long sleeve shirt over Michael Stars tanks. Let those legs out of

hiding in a J & Co denim skirt courtesy of Rear Ends, but balance the bareness with cowboy boots from Incognifo.



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This season's prom dresses offer variety

By Anna Foard ■ PINK correspondent

From bright colors and plunging necklines to sexy slits and voluminous skirts, it's all about being bold and beautiful at the prom this year.

Exposing the shoulders and neckline is a must — with spaghetti straps, strapless dresses and halter tops still commodities. Be daring and try these styles sans necklace, with the hair up to show off the shoulders.

"The low cleavage is on this year, and the slit," said Harry Kasshamoun, owner of First Lady Boutique & Bridal Salon in Southfield.

Despite the seemingly endless trend to show skin, however, the fashion has moved away from the bare midriff style of a few years ago, Kasshamoun said. "Now, it's actually a little bit more conservative."



Paris Prom's line features a ball gown with center front beaded motif in coral (left) and an orange strapless sheath with beaded stretch netting. Gowns available at Day's Fashions or parisprom.com

High slits are in, but so are small trains and big skirts.

"A really, really big trend this season is volume," said Lexa Leatherdale, public relations manager of Neiman Marcus.

Layers of chiffon and continuous pleating are adding movement, femininity and a flirty style to gowns, Leatherdale said.

Laura Van Vliet, owner of Eva Bridal & Fashions in Garden City, said she has seen a lot of ruffles this year, too. "Ball gowns are still available," she added.

Look for a variety of brilliant colors at the big dance. Yellow and orange shades are hot, as well as

the oceanic palette of greens, teals and aqua blues.

"They are doing a lot of two-tone gowns," Bilie Britt, manager of Day's Fashions in Hamtramck, said. Though floor-length, A-line gowns dominate the prom dress fashion, short dresses are popular, too.

Gowns still come with a variety of floral prints, but look for graphic prints and vintage-inspired geometric prints to be added to the trendy styles.

Many dresses boast intricate beadwork, adding a slightly bohemian look. Shimmering sequins outline floral details, making dresses sparkle on the dance floor.

Want a more subtle look? All-white dresses, as well as white lace and tulle, will be sweeping the dance floors as well this season, Leatherdale said. "You're going to see a lot of the clean, crisp look with a lot of white."

Sparkling Nadri semi-precious chandelier earrings available at Nordstrom



Mock two-piece organza ball gowns with beaded organza flowers and lace up back bodice in purple/gold, orange and lime by Paris Prom

ACCENTUATING THE LOOK

Accessories add the final touch to the overall image. Chandelier earrings, with stone colors to match the dress, remain popular. Beaded handbags can add a nice touch to a simple dress. And if the air is chilly prom night, try a sheer shawl — an elegant addition to a stunning ensemble.

For those ready to hit the dance floor, but dreading the effects of high heels, you're in luck this year.

"There are some great, feminine flat shoes," Leatherdale said.

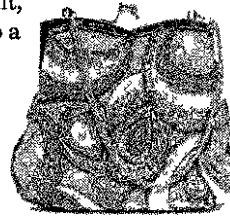
A ballet-style flat with a small, floral detail will add an interesting embellishment to what you are wearing.

When it comes to hair and makeup, think dramatic, suggest the folks at prom-dresses.com. Whether you have straight or curly hair, traditional 'dos such as a French twist are always nice. Or for a simple, elegant look, try pulling your hair back into a low ponytail. Again, details accentuate — a rhinestone headband or babies breath can add a professional look to your hairstyle.

Go glam with your makeup, but don't overdo it, the prom Web site states. If you make your eyes stand out with fake eyelashes and dramatic colors, soften your lips with pink hues.

If you opt for bold, red colors on the lips, use natural tones on the eyes.

Prom is the one night for everyone to shine. With the variety of dresses and accessories available this year, there is sure to be a look to fit everyone.



Inge Christopher glass beaded PopArt evening bag from nordstrom.com

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girl talk

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Karat dangler (n.)

A woman who flaunts her engagement/wedding ring.

Source: DailyCandy.com

Spring '05

Loose, layered and breezy

By k

The Spring 2005 look is about easy, airy and feminine cool. Designers are pouring sun washed colours into tons of prints and breezy fabrics over loose-haired girls in mostly sheer yet often punchy coloured make up. Necklines are in variations of a V' (think halter shapes) and there are days full of bare shoulders!

Thank goodness for no more belly-baring cuts, except in swimsuits, of course. Speaking of walking the beach and lounging by the pool (we ARE rubbing on self-tanner dream ing about it, aren't we?)—swimsuits have the most adorable and flirty cover-ups this year! We can finally feel tres chic sitting by the pool sipping our margarita's without our certain parts' pouring through the weave of the chair!

This season, designers are taking accessories very seriously while trying to look ultra-casual. Armfuls of bangles clutching wood handled mixed leather bags here — layers of super long beaded necklaces there. Oh, and keep

splashing metallics — especially bronze and gold— in with everything. It'll glam up the many neutral colour palettes or expertly reflect the wispy turquoises, greens and rosy tones.

A honest tip for you: Forget black. It absolutely will not be seen from now on — you must deal with it. Maybe a black and white print — especially if it is zebra — but nothing else. Even eye-liner shuns it, opting

for greens, blues and browns, if you must use eye liner at all. Ok, ok — maybe cruising around in your black convertible is permissible (honestly silver would be better!), but that is IT!

PINK Gals can get ready for Spring 2005 by toning up that figure, freshening-up that complexion, getting a polishing pedi in a nude tone and letting that mane of layers go free or loosely tied! You'll be the first fashionista on the block to get it right while your neighbors scamper to keep up!

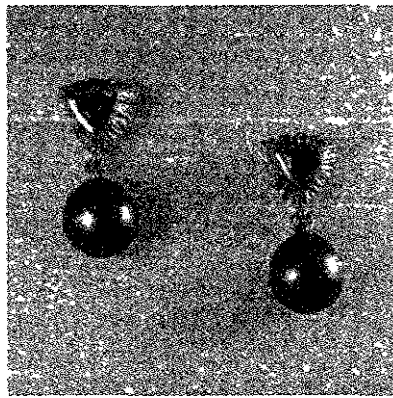
Spring shopping list

To help put your Spring wardrobe together, here are a few MUST-HAVES for your shopping lists! We left polka dots off the list because we think we will all regret it — that's just our opinion.

- embroidered tunics
- chiffon halters and blouses
- knee length or longer flowy skirts
- ankle and mid calf length capris
- long, loose straight legged trousers
- Bermuda shorts
- wooden accessories
- girly, crafty handbags mixing textures
- exotic skin clutches and shoes
- wedge and espadrille sandals
- oversized plastic framed sunglasses
- headbands (NOT the terry cloth-on-the-forehead kind!)
- belts and scarves
- apricot eyeshadow and sheer gloss (not worn together)
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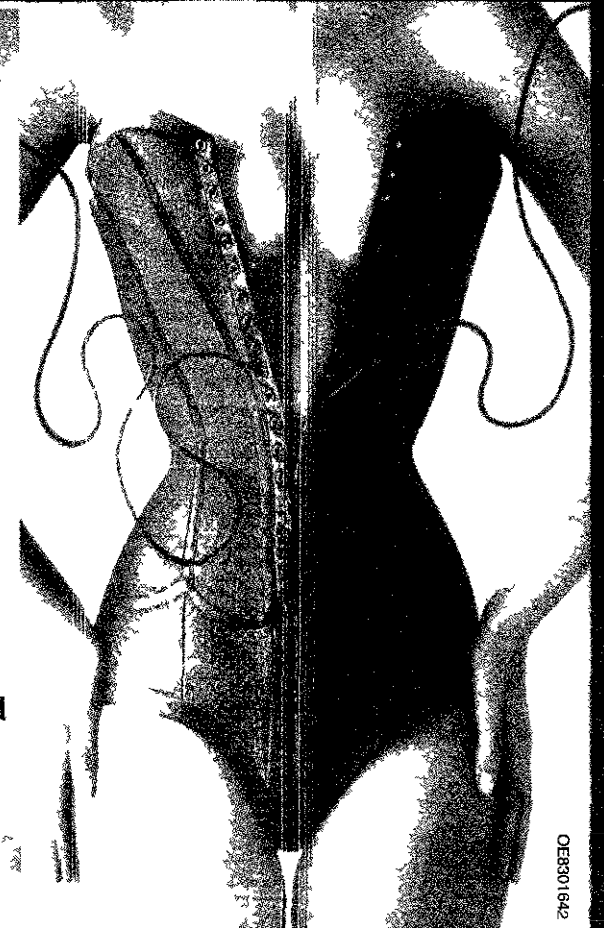
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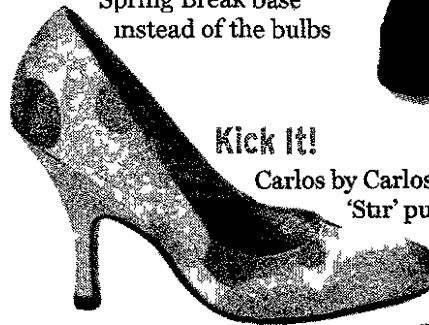


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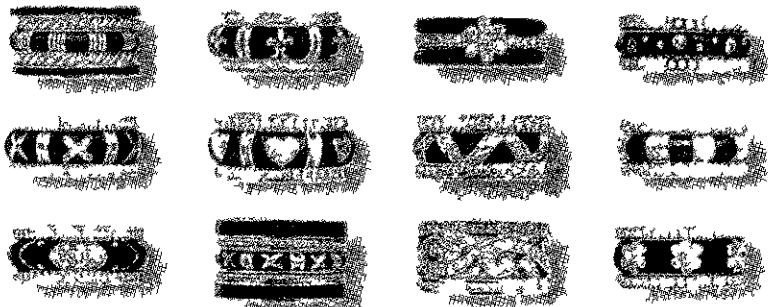
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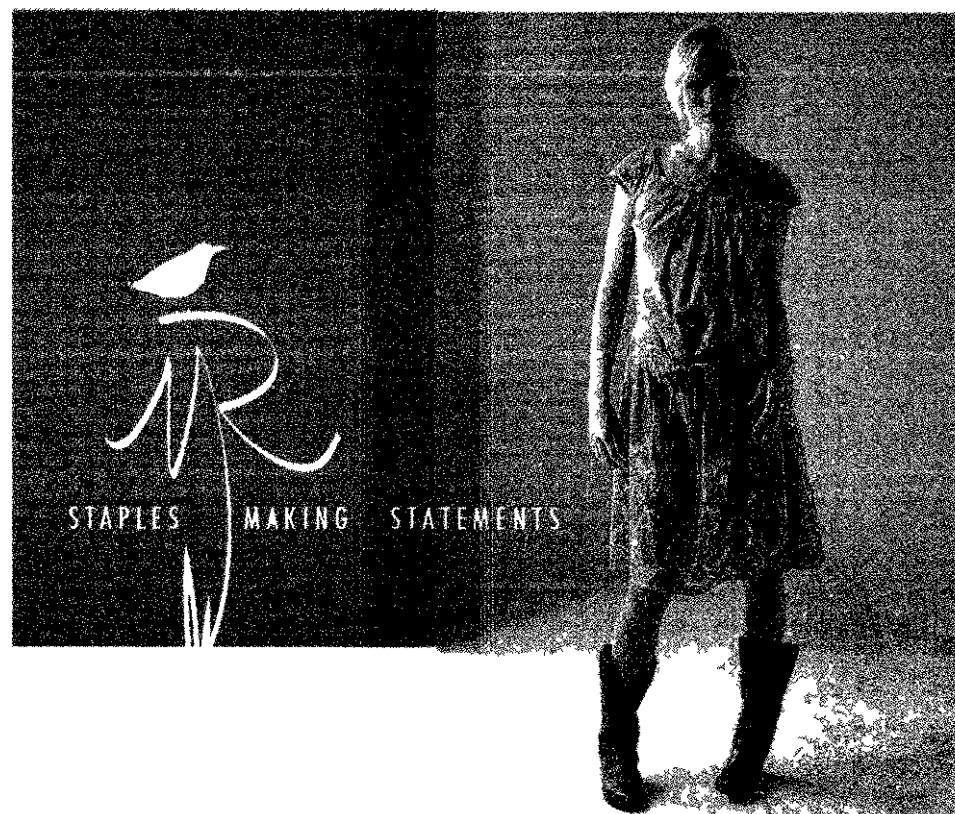
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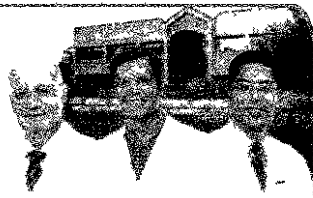
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Let the Stars Guide You to Your Ideal Spring Trend!

style scope

By Kat

Aries: (March 21-April 20)

As your energy level rises this spring, thanks to longer days and rising temperatures, you'll find yourself motivated to get in shape. Flaunt your taut and trim self in a soft floral dress sure to show off your curves and inspire others to get moving as well.

Taurus: (April 21-May 20)

As the seasons change, so does your style. Don't be afraid to take a risk, fashion or otherwise. Try working a bright piece into your style staples for a instant closet update. Shades of yellow, coral and blue are sure to be everywhere this season.

Gemini: (May 21-June 22)

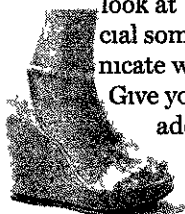
Time is valuable this month, Gemini. Organization and flexibility will be key factors in accomplishing all of your goals. A gauzy tunic will help keep you fashionable day to night, as well as comfortable while working overtime. Dress a tunic up with gold jewelry for an easy dinner-date upgrade on a spring favorite.

Cancer: (June 23-July 22)

It's time to take a break and relax. If anyone deserves a vacation, it's you, Cancer. Head south for some R&R with the rest of the spring breakers. A pair of oversized sunglasses will have you looking chic on the beach, while protecting your oh-so-delicate eyes.

Leo: (July 23-Aug 22)

Take a good look around this month, there are plenty of things worth taking a closer look at. When dealing with that special someone, it's easier to communicate while looking them in the eye. Give yourself a lift with a pair of adorable wedge heels.



Virgo: (Aug 23-Sept 22)

Clouds may roll in along with spring's showers, however these dark clouds won't be getting you down this month. Step out in practical style with a classic trench. Cute and stylish, the Gap has affordable options sure to please Virgo's fashionable side.

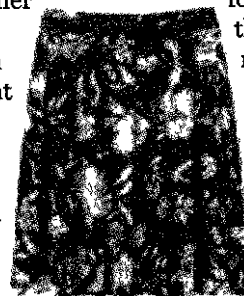


Libra: (Sept 23-Oct 23)

Smart money moves have left you with a few extra dollars to splurge on spring fashion. Ballet flats are a great investment, sure to go with all of your spring pieces. You'll look chic and comfortable while running to the bank all month long.

Scorpio: (Oct 24-Nov 21)

With the weather getting warmer by the day, you'll be more inclined to get out on the town. Whether headed out for a night dancing with the girls, or dinner with loved one, a full skirt is a fresh take on spring style. Paired with a simple top and kitten heels, you'll look as great as you feel!



Sagittarius: (Nov 22-Dec 21)

All work and no play makes Sagittarius a dull girl. That said, get out and have some fun! Take in a movie, a day of shopping, or day at the spa. Stay comfortable and fashionable in a pair of fabulous men's wear inspired pants. With a looser fit and a classic cuff, you'll be comfortable while kicking your heels up.

Capricorn: (Dec 22-Jan 19)

Your bold outlook this month deserves accessories to match. Slip on several bangles to instantly add a spark to any outfit. Whether in gold, wood or resin, they'll make you look beautiful.

Aquarius: (Jan 20-Feb 18)

Take aim at a prize you've had your eye on for while. You can accomplish anything you set your mind to this month, so why not go for it? Look polished while on the pursuit in a safari-inspired slim fit jacket, and take a confident approach.

Pisces: (Feb 19-March 20)

Keep your options open this month, you never know where life may guide you. Be prepared for anything, excitement is knocking on your door. A pair of great fitting jeans can take you day to night with ease thanks to a few spring trends. Slip into your favorite pair and get ready, Pisces!

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Let's travel beyond some windows to meet three faces of tea — an upscale hotel, a vintage tea room, and a hip, new tea lounge

Royal Park Hotel – A Regal Tea

Opened in September, 2004, this beautifully appointed Rochester hotel boasts exquisite Murano glass chandeliers, elegant marble flooring, rich wood trim and a myriad of amenities

Don't miss the hotel's top-drawer Brookshire

Royal Park Hotel
600 E. University Drive
Rochester
(248) 652-2600
www.royalparkhotel.net

Restaurant or afternoon tea in the adjoining gallery. Tea is offered Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 3-5 p.m. by reservation

A tea expert brings an intriguing box filled with vials of loose leaf tea to whiff — and don't be shy!

Relish in the heavenly aromas, then choose a variety of the "five-star" Mighty Leaf brand — such as pear caramel, orange jasmine or wild blackberry

The Bedford Tea offers freshly baked scones with clotted cream and lemon curd along with delicious finger sandwiches and petite pastries, and the Royalty Tea adds a flute of French champagne or glass of sherry

This spring, one Saturday per month will be devoted to a theme and an enhanced menu. The agenda, so far: April - Spring Tea, May - Mother and Daughter Tea, June - Bridal Tea, and July - Garden Party Tea. Sound dreamy, don't they?

Overlook Rochester's Paint Creek as you rejuvenate. It's the perfect setting for an overdue reunion with friends.

Victorian Tea Room – Tea Party Memories

Remember when we played dress-up and invited friends to chat over a table of imaginary tea, sweets and pretty china?

Childhood fantasies of the perfect tea party come alive at the Victorian

Tea Room in Wyandotte. Vintage furnishings and soft music are complemented by bone china, taste sensations and a gift shop — not to mention fur stoles and floral hats as part of the decor.

I recently covered The Victorian Tea Room for *Tea - A Magazine*. With permission from the editor, a few excerpts from my article may give you a feel for this haven and its owner.

"Afternoon Luncheon Tea includes a personal pot of tea, a scone with Devon-style cream and preserves, a cup of soup, quiche of the day, and an assortment of tea breads and pastries.

Owner Shirley Walker explains, "we nurture relationships by creating a warm feel where everything is provided, where time stands still and there is no other world. It's a joy to watch how guests react when they visit. They slow down and take time to smell the roses."

And with such varieties as Kyoto Cherry Rose Festival tea, the Victorian Tea Room allows you to do just that!

Victorian Tea Room
130 Maple Street
Wyandotte
(734) 284-8080

Afternoon Luncheon Tea
by reservation

Karma Tea + Tonics – Turn Over New Leaf

Watch for the spring opening of hip, cool Karma Tea + Tonics as it takes tea to new horizons in happening Ferndale.

Enterprising co-owners, Brad and Valerie Huyck, scouted the country to research the tea lounge concept — and voila! Their aptly named inspiration brings an urban edge to tea lovers — a place to de-stress with a neighborhood feel.

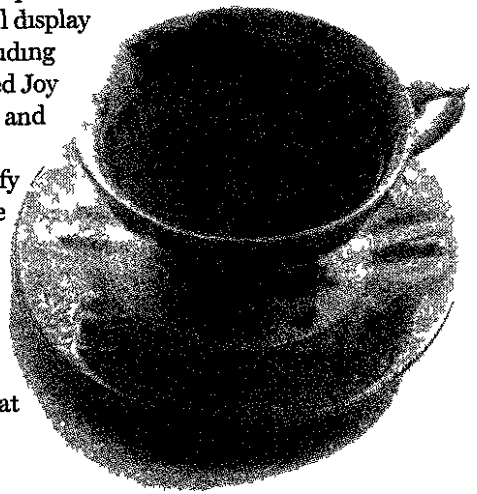
As Brad puts it, "The '90s" was a fast-paced, dot-com era, but 2005 is about finding a place to stop, breathe, relax and restore over a healthy alternative to coffee.

Karma creates a casual ambiance and promotes the restorative, healthful powers of tea — from green to black to chai and more.

Over 100 varieties of hot and cold tea brands will be offered, along with a few daily specials, including seasonal choices. Thirst quenching tonics also delight — infused with zests, like boysenberry or citrus.

The warm, rich hues of tea are reflected in the design — from spices to oranges to golds. A sculptor himself, Brad comes from a family of prominent artists. The couple will display exciting artwork, including pieces by the renowned Joy Huyck, Nancy Thayer and Russell Thayer.

Bar stools and comfy furniture enhance the trendy atmosphere, while special music nights and other events promise to maintain the good "Karma" in this upbeat community.



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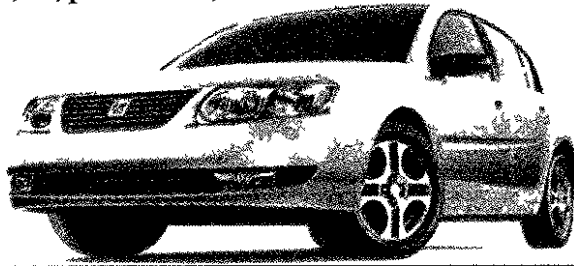
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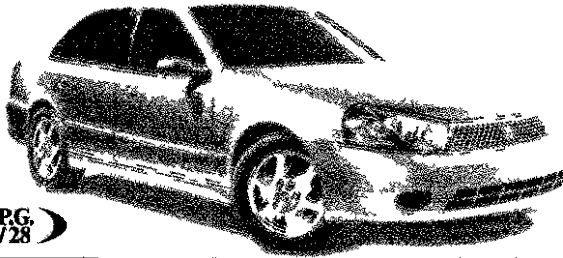
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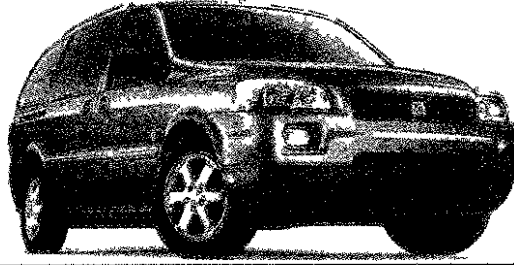
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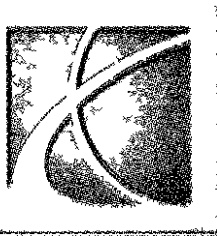
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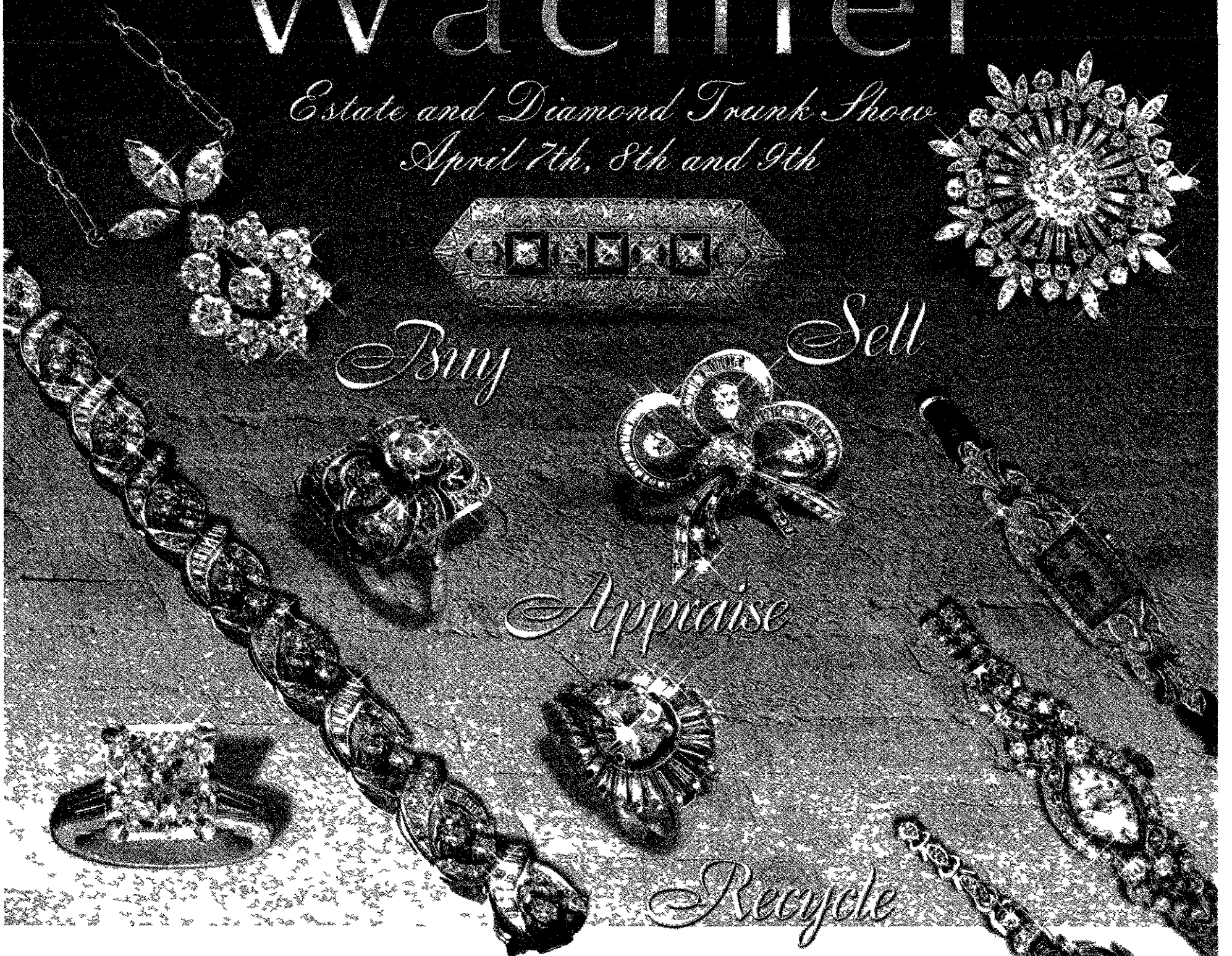
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