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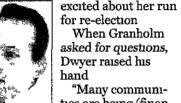
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Mayor prods governor for Proposal A fix

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer is anxiously awaiting an important telephone call from Lansing, which could allow him to have some say in how to save financially struggling communities – like Plymouth – from receivership

Dwyer was among 75 community leaders invited to a meet-and-greet last week with Gov Jennifer Granholm at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia After mingling with supporters, the governor delivered remarks designed to get everyone



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"Many communities are being (financially) hurt by Proposal A and the

Headlee Amendment,' Dwyer told the governor "Anything you can'do in your next term to alleviate that pressure would be greatly appreciated

The thought of tweaking" Proposal A or the Headlee Amendment – both of which have meant fewer state dollars going to municipalities and school districts – generally results in lawmakers nodding their heads "yes," but taking no action

Granholm didn't hesitate "I think we are seeing the unintended consequences of Proposal A," said Granholm "I know there are a lot of stories about what Proposal A has done both in terms of funding communities and schools, and I think it's really important to readdress and look at it again

'I would be happy to have you as part of a task force to look at that,"

she said

This time, it was Dwyer who didn't hesitate

"I would be there in a minute," he said

After photo opportunities with many of her supporters, Granholm said she wants to 'revisit' Proposal A

'Not to throw it out, because you want to make sure schools are not funded totally by property taxes, because then you would revisit the disparities that had existed," Granholm said But, we do know there are some school districts that have been hurt by Proposal A, and we know there are some communities that have been hurt. I think we need to continually improve, and not hold the line if it doesn't make sense anymore"

Dwyer said he's anxious to get started "Because it's killing the city of Plymouth, more than any other issue," he said "We could weather the storm if we had the state-shared revenue we once did, but put those two together and the finance model is broken I'm not going to sit and watch the city go under"

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Turning lives around Growth Works students spin inspirational stories

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Kristen Persh of Westland came to Growth Works with an Alcoholics Anonymous schedule, and a determination to turn her life around She was praised for her efforts to help other young women at Growth Works, which offers services in such areas as

chemical dependency



Background checks turn up misdemeanors



The Plymouth-Canton school district will have to decide the fate of 11 employees whose criminal background checks indicate they've been charged with misdemeanor crimes

The district received the information Thursday as part of the Student Safety Initiative passed by the state Legislature, designed to protect kids from sex offendoom The state police cross-checked its data base of known criminals with a school employee list from the Department of Education Plymouth-Canton Schools received a list of 18 employees who have police records Five no longer work for the district, and two were incorrect, leaving the district with 11 people on the list. The administration will. recommend to the Board of Education whether those with misdemeanor offenses will be dismissed "I was pleased to see there were no sexual offenders, who would have had to been dismissed immediately according to state law," said Superintendent Jim Ryan 'We didn't have anyone with felonies on the list "The good news, to me, is that many of the misdemeanors dated back to the 1970s and '80s, and aren't a worry to the safety of our kids or quality of work," he said "We will be talking with our general counsel and set up a process, because we are going to review every misdemeanor on the list" Ryan said the misdemeanors included driver's license infractions, speeding tickets, operating under the influence of liquor and failure to pay child support. He said the names on the hst, which the district hasn't released, included teachers, custodians and bus drivers On advice of counsel, the district wouldn't release the names The Observer then submitted a request under the Freedom of Information Act The district has 10 business days to respond Ryan said when checking the list, there was a Plymouth-Canton teacher listed as a prison escapee. However, after cross-referencing the Social Security number of the teacher with the name on the list, they were able to determine it was a teacher from another district with the same name According to the law, there is a specific list of misdemeanors that could affect the employment of school workers Plymouth-Canton Education Association President Chuck Portelli said he's against releasing the names of those on the list and their alleged crimes "We shouldn't be releasing every misdemeanor someone could have possibly gotten if it's not in the law," said Portelli Do we want to fire someone who committed a crime when they were 18 or 19 and have been a model employee for 25 years? We could be running lives 'I understand the need to keep sexual predators out of schools, but we also should be checking the backgrounds of everyone that comes into the buildings, like UPS drivers, postal workers and food delivery employees," he said

of you," Persh said Feb 2 during the Plymouth-based agency's 16th annual recognition award dinner "T've come really far My sobriety is thanks to half the people in this audience

I was very selfish when I first got into Growth Works My dad couldn't even handle me," she added

Persh said shes glad to be a part of the program, and can now look people squarely in the eye without judgment of self or others

Another youth praised that evening at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is Danny Daniels of Plymouth, who now carries a 3 89 grade-point aver-

PLEASE SEE GROWTH WORKS, A6

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Growth Works dinner drew a number of young people, including Kenneth Kolver, John Maus Brandon Lampley, Justin Marion, Danny Daniels, Stacey Hewitt, James Cobb and Stephen Grossman

Publisher turns final page on book promise

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Patrick Olson heard about a plan in the winter of 2004 to provide at least 100 new books for every K-5 classroom in the Plymouth-Canton School district, he didn't hesitate in sponsoring the program to acquire 35,000 books

Ölson, the founder of Hayden-McNeil Publishing, Inc, in Plymouth, which publishes textbooks for colleges, involved his Patrick and Patricia Olson Foundation by first collecting books from the community, and then supplementing those with books donated by his publishing connections

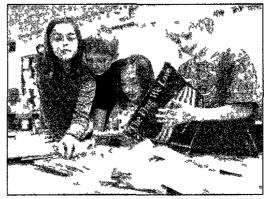
This week, Olson delivered on his promise, as all 15 elementary schools in the district received their collection of new books Third-grade teacher Julie Dillon at Isbister Elementary was thrilled to get her new room library

'This class is a group of readers, and to have 100 new books to choose from broadens their understanding,' said Dillon, who taught Olson's two children A lot of the books that are here today are ones that connect with our curriculum, such as biographies, insects and science You can never have enough books" Madeline Klozik, 9, of Plymouth, took a

moment from reading *The Rough Face Girl*, one of the new books in the collection 'I like to read, Harry Potter is my favorite,"

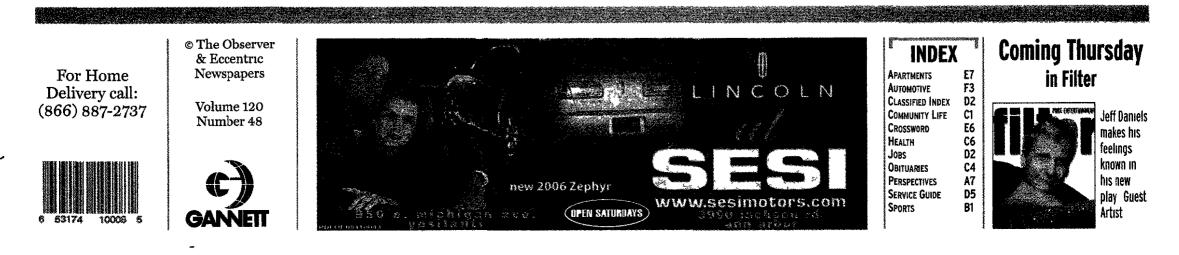
said Madeline 'I've read them all, and I'm

PLEASE SEE BOOKS, A5



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Hannah Sharrer, Christian Scheske Liz Kady and Bailey Riegal look through the new books delivered by the Patrick and Patricia Olson Foundation



Cox hours

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox conducts office hours Thursday, Feb 9, at the Northville District Library, 212 W Cady in Northville

Cox will meet with constituents 10 a m to noon She represents the communities of Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township

For more information, please contact Carrie Ryckman in Cox's office, (313) 224-0946 Civil War roundtable

On Thursday, Feb 16, the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table presents Martin Brosnan giving an informational and entertaining presentation titled Histories Mysternes

Brosnan, a retired educator and administrator, is a member of the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table and the Michigan Regimental Round Table He is a well-known lecturer for the Detroit Historical Department and a contributor to Smithsonian magazine

He is also known for his tours of historic Detroit areas such as Elmwood Cemetery His areas of expertise include Detroit history, First Ladies, the death of Abraham Lincoln and, of course, the Civil War

The meeting begins at 8 p m at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S Main St in



Symphonic sounds

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents the fourth concert of their 60th anniversary season, 'Beethoven & Friends,' 8 p m Saturday Feb 11, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, on the corner of North Territorial and Beck in Plymouth Jeffery Zook, DSO piccoloist and PSO Youth Artist Competition winner (1984) takes center stage in attending composer's Lowell Liebermann's Concerto for Piccolo Prior to the performance patrons are invited to hear a special onstage talk at 7 15 p m featuring conductor Nan Washburn and guest composer Lowell Liebermann (above)

downtown Plymouth The public is invited Admission is free For more information call (734) 459-7324

Presidential visit

Sandy Germany of Alabama, the national president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, makes a stop in metro Detroit Feb 21-23

Germany, who will stay in Plymouth during her visit, will be met at the airport by National Big Ten Chairman Edna Kiviniemi, Department of Michigan President Linda Burton of Northville and other department officers and chairmen

While in the area, Germany will visit VFW posts in Center Line, Hamburg, Fenton and Dearborn Heights

Chorus auditions

For 33 years the Plymouth Community Chorus has brought excellent choral music to Plymouth and the surroundıng area

The PCC holds open audıtions for the spring season 7 pm Feb 7 at Hillside Middle School, 775 N Center (on the northwest corner of Eight Mile) in Northville

For an appointment, contact the chorus at (734) 416-9885 Booklet signing

Award-winning poet Cheryl A Vatcher-Martin holds a book signing 2-4 p m Saturday, Feb 11 at the Book Cellar & Cafe in downtown Plymouth, across from Starbucks on Ann Arbor Trail

Vatcher-Martin's book has

more than 50 Haiku that give readers an opportunity to reflect on their meaning, and enjoy the simplicity of the poem's structure She'll have some other poetry gifts for sale, as well

She is profiled on Thedetroiter com s literary section for January 2006 Her award-winning poem "Woman Reclining," which received The Award of Distinction in Literary Arts through Artists Among Us in November, is showcased on this site Vatcher-Martin's poetry,

writing, and photographs have appeared in many publications in metro Detroit and nationally She can be reached at e-mail at Peroinc5@comcast net or by phone at (734) 397-1626

The Music Lady

A perennial favorite at Plymouth's "Music in the Park" concert series, Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," performs as part of the Plymouth Community Arts Council s "First Friday" series 7 p m Friday, March 3, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N Sheldon Rd, Plymouth

Meyer will provide an interactive performance full of fun and audience participation opportunities for the whole family

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$20 per family and are available at the PCAC or by calling (734) 416-4278

YMCA programs

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its Winter II youth sports classes Programs are filled on a first come, first-served basis Programs include

■ Y-Hoops, an instructional basketball program for 4- and 5-year-olds, 6 p m Tuesdays, March 7-April 11 at New Morning School, cost \$55

A basketball clinic that focuses on teaching kids fundamentals and fun as well as fine tuning skills, 7 p m Tuesdays, March 7–April 11 at New Morning School, \$55

Y-Pucks, a floor hockey program for 4- to 6-year-olds that focuses on teaching fundamentals and fun, 6 30 p m Thursdays, March 9-April 13 at First Baptist Church, \$55 Bumble Soccer, an

instructional class for 3- to 5year-olds, 6 p m Wednesdays, March 8-April 12 at Isbister Elementary School or 6 p m Fridays, March 10-April 14 at New Morning School, \$55.

Soccer Clime 5- to 7-yearolds trying to improve their soccer skills, 7 p m Wednesdays, March 8-April 12 at Isbister Elementary or 7 p m Fridays, March 10-April 14 at New Morning School, \$55

🔳 Gırls Volleyball program teaches players how to play the game of volleyball in a safe and recreational environment, First Baptist Church, 6 p m Mondays for beginners, 7 p m for advanced players, March 6-April 10, \$55 All players need to show up at 6 p m March 6 For more information,

please contact 734-453-2903 Basement remodeling

Plymouth-Canton **Community Education offers** an eight-hour seminar on basement remodeling 6-10 p m Tuesday and Thursday, March 7 and March 9 at Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road

The seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling The instructor will explain facets of remodeling including space planning, meeting building codes, insurance, permits, estimating materials as well as the basics of construction

Cost 1s \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials Pre-registration with payment is required by Friday, March 3 To register or for more information, call (734) 416-2937

efit the programs of the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club Projects planned include donating dictionaries to all third-graders in Plymouth-Canton schools, scholarship for a graduating senior and support for First Step, Angel Tree Prison Ministries and Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family programs

For more information, email Deborah Torzy at dtorzy@hotmail com or call (734) 453-9904

Valentine concert

The Plymouth Community Chorus presents "In the Name of Love," a Valentine Concert featuring a selection of popular love songs from famous artists such as Cole Porter, Andrew Lloyd Weber, Rogers and Hart and the Righteous Brothers

A small ensemble directed by Michael Gross will perform for one concert only 4 p m Sunday, Feb 12 at the Village Theater on the northeast corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill in Canton

Tickets can be purchased via credit card by calling the Ticket Hot Line at (866) 924-42768 a.m to 8 p m Monday-Friday and 9 a m to 5 p m Saturday They can also be purchased by printing and mailing the order form available on the PCC Web site at Plycommunitychorus org Tickets are \$12 each Seating is limited

Blood drive

St John's Episcopal Church hosts an American Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p m Monday, Feb 20

Appointments can be made. but walk-ins are also welcome For an appointment or more information, call Carolyn Liebau, (734) 455-5395

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution meet for a Good Citizen Reception 10 30 a.m Monday, Feb 20, at the Plymouth District Library

Bob Zaetta will present the program, "The 24th Michigan in the Civil War" The library is located at 223 S Main in downtown Plymouth

For more information, call (734) 459-4764

Evening of Excellence

Groups showcasing the finest talent in Plymouth-**Canton Community Schools** will perform at a fund-raiser supporting performing arts in the school district 7 p m Friday, Feb 17 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill







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Basketball raffle

The Plymouth-Canton Kıwanıs Breakfast Club ıs raffling off two tickets for the first and second rounds of the NCAA Basketball tournament to be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills

The tickets will be good for all games played March 17 and March 19 and are valued at \$360 Raffle tickets are being sold for \$10 each and only 250 tickets will be sold The drawing takes place 8 a m March 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, you don't have to be present to win Proceeds from the raffle ben-

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Musical entertainment will be provided by the P-CEP Wind Ensemble, Orchestra Strings, Chamber Choir and Madrigal Singers, a taste of the Dramatic Arts from the Park Players and the Second Stage Players, and a surprise performance or two School superintendent Jim Ryan will

emcee Cost 1s \$50 for the performance only or \$100 for food and the private reception Proceeds will support performing arts in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

To order tickets, call (734) 416-271

CORRECTION

School board candidates need to file a nominating petition or \$100 fee at their city or township clerk's office, not the Wayne County Clerk's office



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Made in China

Trip helps teacher connect with children

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Laura Stewart 15 missing the Chinese New Year celebration this year, but its worth it to be home seeing family and friends

Stewart, 23, 1s a Western Michigan University 2005 graduate with a bachelors degree in early childhood education Shes spending this school year teaching kindergarten in Shanghai, China

"Just 10 students," the Plymouth Township resident said of her class, which has more girls than boys "This is the first year for my school so it's still building and growing She doesn t speak

Mandarın beyond a few phrases, so has to communicate clearly when teaching her young pupils English and rely on visuals She finds the families, with many parents who have studied at US universities, are eager for children to learn

"They really want their kids to be able to learn English' It's exciting for her to see how fast the children learn 'It has helped my teaching skills tremendously'

Stewart had wanted an overseas experience She played softball in college and couldn't be away long Her early childhood mentor/teacher had done the

same program in China, and she decided to apply

The 2000 Canton High School graduate was placed by an agency at the private school, where parents pay tuition One colleague from the US at her school has decided to leave, and there's another American who handles preschool duties

The school year runs Sept 1 through June 30, plus a sum-mer program "Most of my kids went through the summer, she said 'It s a little more laid back

Some of the parents she meets have studied at the University of Michigan, and



Laura Stewart (top right) was joined by mom Beth and sister Sarah in China during a recent visit Laura Stewart is teaching kindergarten in Shanghai. China, this school year

'They really want their kids to be able to learn English. It has helped my teaching skills tremendously."

Laura Stewart

Plymouth Township resident and Western Michigan University graduate

her principal's a U-M grad with a Harvard master's Shes enjoying living with her college roommate, assigned to another school, in Chinas second largest city

Stewart has done some traveling and sightseeing, including Beijing She likes Shanghai but it took some getting used to

"There are a lot of people A lot of people and a lot of traffic " She travels by taxi, and carries a cell phone with text messaging to get her out of language barrier tough spots "It has been an adjustment,

she said of Chinese food, not like what we re used to here Fish are served with the head

Spa's 'Super' party draws big names

and scales I have been very adventurous and said I will try everything

Her new community has Pizza Hut and other American chain restaurants, which are close to the U S version 'But I can go to the store and buy Oreos and peanut butter It keeps me going

Shes found the Chinese helpful and eager to practice their English, 'which is very nice They're interested in American business and lifestyles and Stewart has taught her class such songs as YMCA and Take Me Out to the Ballgame

She ll come home July 1 to

parents John and Beth and sister Sarah, a student at Grand Valley State University Laura Stewart plans to look for a teaching job closer to home

She hopes Americans real 1ze that Chinese cities are a few hours and see a much more rural country Both city and country dweller like that of city life

Her mom and sister visited in late December and early January The family keeps in touch via e-mail and Internet, and phone cards although the time difference is a factor

Communication is not really as difficult as you think, Beth Stewart said The couple initially worried about their daughter traveling so far to teach

We are all learning more about it she said Its not as foreign I guess as we think



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Gary Martin (left) waited four years to receive his Super Bowl tickets from the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitor's Bureau Michael O'Callaghan delivered the tickets to Martin's Canton home on Friday

XL ticket winner eager for big game

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

For more than four years, Gary Martin knew what hed be doing this weekend Its not that hes all that rigid in his scheduling Its just that his plans were pretty super Martin, a Canton resi dent, won two tickets to Sundays Super Bowl game

in Detroit I m counting down the

days now,' he said earlier this week As the day gets closer and reality sets in, I m getting more excited When he first found out he had won the tickets in a contest sponsored by the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau, he thought it was a hoax For starters, he found out on one of the worst days in recent memory - Sept 11, 2001 He also thought he was being duped because the bureau had sent him some paperwork to complete, and asked for his Social Security number I said No way I m not

giving you that information, Martin said It wasn t until he'd done a httle investigating that he realized he was indeed the



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big winner And right away, he knew who would hold the second ticket - his wife, Mary Ann

Mary Ann 1sn't a football fan, but she was excited about the Rolling Stones playing during the halftime show, Martin said

Martin hadn't picked his favorite to win when the Seattle Seahawks and the Pittsburgh Steelers hit the turf.

"I like both teams If I had to tip the scale I would probably say Pittsburgh, but I won t be disappointed either way,' Martin said

Martin is a 29-year veteran of Ford Motor Co He works at the Ford Livonia Transmission Plant He and his wife have two daughter attending Plymouth Salem High School, Megan, 17 and Kım, 15

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modern and yet you can drive life It is fast-paced she said

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Spa Julianna in the Mayflower Centre in downtown Plymouth is fairly busy on weekends, so when owner Julie Van Ameyde received calls from groups wanting private parties during Super Bowl week, she said 'thanks, but no thanks

We shied away from Super Bowl parties because I thought they'd be a little wild,' said Van Amevde

But, then came the one call that changed Van Ameydes mind

"We got a call from a group that wanted the spa, and it seemed like the right kind of folks, she said earlier in the week 'These are high-end executives, so we're going to close down the spa on Friday and Saturday

The private parties were so private Ameyde put what she calls her "cut and paste decorations" - otherwise known as paper - on the windows so no one could see inside

"We had VIPs coming in on Friday," said Van Ameyde, who wouldn't disclose names "The event on Saturday was paid for by Coca-Cola and Evian, and there were executives and celebrities

When pressed further for information, Van Ameyde said, "I'm sorry, I signed a non-disclosure (contract) Not even my staff knows

Van Ameyde and her staff put in 10-hour days for the Super Bowl parties

'We'll be doing massages, facials, manicures and pedi cures," she said "And, we opened space for a banquet hall They wanted some very specific table cloths, certain floral colors and stems I turned into a wedding planner overnight

The food for Saturday's bash

was catered by E G Nicks in downtown Plymouth

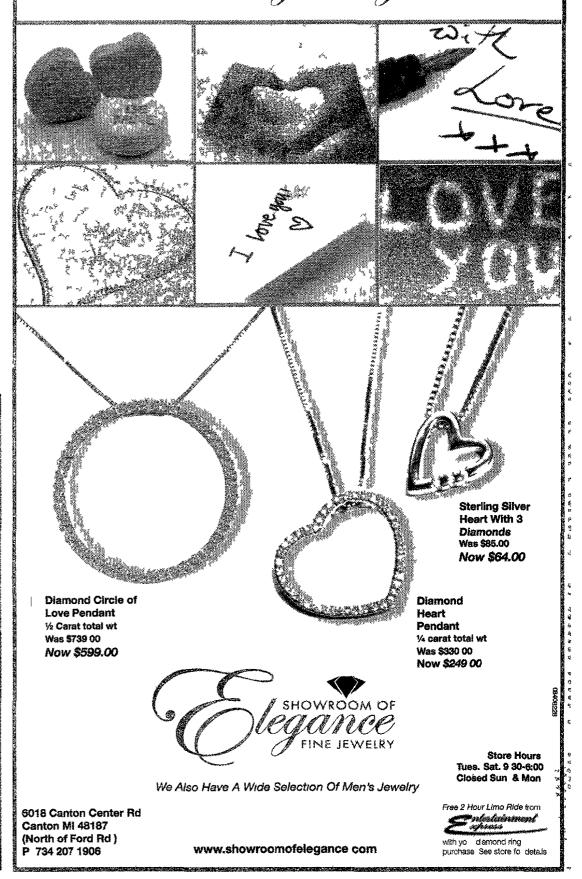
'We ll be serving five different kinds of salads, cheese platters, smoked salmon chicken spanakopita, roasted red pepper ravioli, a cold seafood platter with crab and shrimp," owner Frank Agastini said before the party The only thing I know is that Coca Cola and Evian are throwing a party for women that are vice presidents of companies that buy Coca-Cola products

Spa Julianna was recently named Best Day Spa by Allure Magazine, and Van Ameyde said it's not the first time celebrities have been in and out of her Plymouth spa

'We get celebrities on a regular basis," she said 'We have underground parking and a private elevator to the back door, so no one ever really knows"

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Police make arrests in Metro West break-in

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Two Detroit men were arraigned in 35th District Court Friday, charged with breaking-and-entering offenses Plymouth Township police say are very similar to a rash of break-ins in the last month in the townships Metro West industrial complex

Melvin Matsey and Michael Ward were arraigned before Magistrate Eric Colthurst

Friday afternoon, each facing 10 years if convicted Matsey also faces additional charges as a habitual offender, bail was set for him at \$10,000 Ward's bail was set at \$5,000 or 10percent

According to Detective Dennis Wilson, an alarm at an industrial park business was triggered Thursday evening when a brick was thrown through a window A witness in the area gave police a description of a vehi-

cle seen fleeing the area That vehicle was later pulled over by Livonia police Laptop computers determined to have been stolen from the Plymouth Township business were found in the car, Wilson said

It was good work by our officers and the guys in Livonia, Wilson said Township police believe the arrests of Matsey and Ward solve at least a few of some 8-10 break-ins that have taken place in the industrial park the last month or so

"The ones that occurred (Thursday) are very similar to the other incidents, Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said "We had officers and members of our Community Response Team in the area and were able to take them into custodv Matsey and Ward face a pre-

liminary exam in 35th District Court Feb 17

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to a public building/school on Beck, investigation on Main

🖩 Wednesday, Jan 25 — Commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue runs on Shadywood, on Northview, on Starkweather, Risman and on Postiff, vehicle accident on General Drive north of Joy

John Michael Breen Breen 81 died Jan 28 c

Dora M. Cairns Cairns 91 of Oxford formerly of Farmington Hills died Jan 26 D

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Pauline DeNise

DeNise 86 of Rochester Hills died Jan 29 Ĝ

Evelyn M Gilhooly Gilhooly 100 died Feb 2

Emma Ruth Hedeman Hedeman 95 formerly of Clarkston

died Jan 25 Nancy Hildebrandt Hildebrandt 73 of Bloomfield Hills died

Peter J Loch Loch 77 of Bloomfield Hills died Feb

Shirley M. Long Long 74 of Livonia died Feb 1 М

Lillian Manski

Manski 95 of Troy died Jan 27 William "Mike" McNeil

McNeil 54 of Romulus died Jan 30

J Edward Michalak

Michalak 48 of Auburn Hills died Jan 26

James D. "Don" Mix Mix 82 formerly of Canton and Westland died Jan 28

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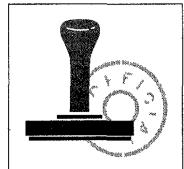
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Anthony Pietrzak

Pietrzak of Livonia died Jan 11

Jane L Ruthenberg Ruthenberg 85 of Birmingham died Jan 31

Lawrence Stock

Stock 74 of Fort Lauderdale formerly of Farmington died Jan 14 Cheryl St Onge

St Onge 51 of Auburn Hills died Jan 27

Vic V Tomei Tomei 57 of Plymouth died Jan 29

Raiph Wallot Jr Wallot 49 of Waterford died Jan 28

Robert "Bob" Warren Warren 56 died Jan 29 Z

Mary M. Zumwalt Zumwalt 84 of Rochester Hills died Jan 29

6 Mile Road

5 Mile Road

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The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following incidents during the period Jan 25-31

🔳 Tuesday, Jan 31 — Hazardous materials run on Port, residential rescue runs on Newporte, on Maple, on Wilcox, on Greenbrook, on Woodland, on Woodleigh Way and on Brentwood, rescue run to a public building/school on McKinley, vehicle accident at 5 Mile and Beck

Monday, Jan 30 – Washdown on Main, residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Joy, on Newport and on Ann Arbor

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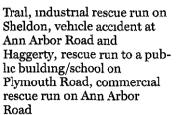
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Sunday, Jan 29 - Vehicle accidents on northbound I-275 at M-14 and on southbound I-275 at M 14, residential rescue runs on Timberline, on Northville Road, on Evergreen, on High Meadow and on Gregory, rescue run on west bound M-14 at Beck, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor

Road, carbon monoxide detector run on Ridgewood Saturday, Jan 28 —

Residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Sheldon, on Waterstone, on Newport, on Manton and on Greenview Place, fire on Litchfield, mutual-aid run on 6 Mile, commercial rescue run on Plymouth Road, single-family fire on Amesbury

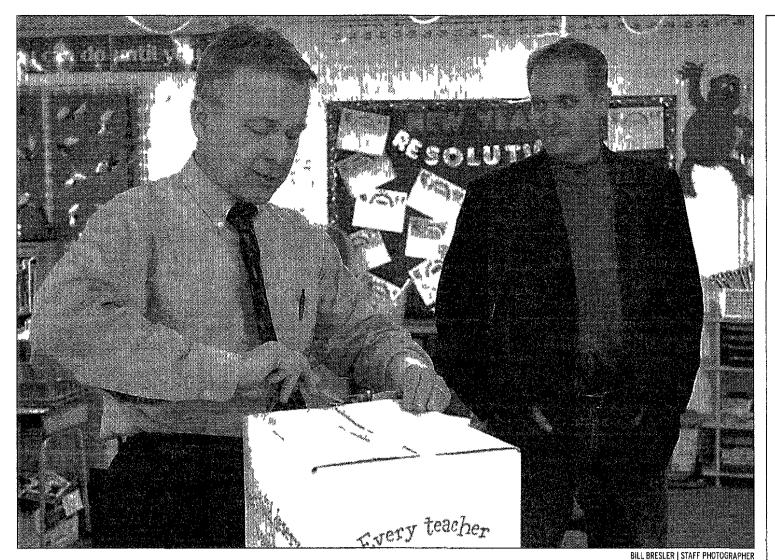
■ Friday, Jan 27 -Commercial rescue runs on Main and on Sheldon, residential rescue runs on Hollywood, on Northville Road, on F Drive and on Normandy, rescue run

🔳 Thursday, Jan 26 — Residential rescue runs on Albert, on Northville Road, on Northview, on Auburn and on Driftwood, investigation on Main, commercial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks

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Isbister Principal Lee Harrison opens a carton of new books provided by Patrick Olson

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BOOKS

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waiting for the seventh book to come out

"I like books because they describe anything, she said Even if it's a book with no pictures, they can describe it and you can really see it

Carter Schenk was deep into The Magic Tree House which spurred his imagination

"It's an imagination tree, you can wish yourself anywhere,

said Carter, 9, who lives in Canton "That seems really cool

Olson said he still has about 5,000 books collected from the community to distribute to the schools

What Olson won't say is how much the program cost him Despite his connections with publishing companies, they didn't come through with the remainder of the books, which means Olson purchased them out of his own pocket

"I was expecting to get a substantial number of publisher

donations, but that didn't happen,' said Olson "Hurricane" Katrına hıt, and I had a very difficult time convincing them we were anywhere as needy as they were in Louisiana, where whole schools were washed awav

"To honor my commitment I was able to get a deal with Scholastic Books to provide 100 books per classroom, he said 'Well end up with about 40,000 books"

Olson, a 1979 graduate of Canton High School, spent only one year in the PlymouthCanton school district after moving from Minnesota However, that one year made a great impact on him

'A lot of people complain about the scale of the high schools, but for a new kid moving in from Minnesota, the size of the school allowed me to find friends right away because the population was so much bigger," Olson said "I had a couple of really powerful teachers who changed my thinking a lot "

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Soccer club raises \$12,000 for leukemia

During the Fall 2005 season, the Plymouth Soccer Club focused its fund-raising efforts on the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Soccer Kicks for Cancer

With the final numbers in from the national office of LLS, the Plymouth Soccer Club topped the state as well as showed its influence at a national level Just over \$200,000 raised by 300 teams nationwide, 6% being accounted for by Plymouth's \$12,585 08 raised by 13 teams

Within the club, coach Rick Sirois' Kicks 95 Gold team raised \$3,505, while three players earned coveted US Men's National Team signed soccer balls The strong effort was in response to the successes of the Plymouth Kicks '95 team, which earned a clinic by professional goalkeeper Jonny Walker in September

The team had raised \$2,865, leading the state of Michigan in the program To date, Plymouth has raised a total of \$15,390 for Soccer Kicks for Cancer!

This year's efforts were organized by club secretary, and Kicks coach Glenn Liguori After seeing how successful his team was the previous year, having the club participate was a more satisfying result "Not only do the players

have an opportunity to improve their ball skills but they get to experience the satisfaction of helping others," said Liguori, a veteran of over 20 years coaching youth soccer Having over 150 of the club players at Visteon in mid-September, completing their 2,000 touches was a great sight Maybe well go for a world record next year1"

The training program for Soccer Kicks For Cancer is built around players completing 2,000 touches on a soccer ball for which they collect a per-touch contribution Coaches who register teams receive an exclusive SKFC training DVD featuring US soccer legends while players are motivated by incentives such as balls and warm-up suits

In an effort to see the Soccer Kicks for Cancer program excel, the Plymouth Soccer Club will be looking to community leaders in 2006 for assistance with greater fund-raising and acquisition of playing space

For more on Soccer Kicks For Cancer visit www.soccerkicksforcancer com or call (888) HELP-LLS

For more on the Plymouth Soccer Club visit www.plymouthsoccer.net.or call Glenn Liguori at (734) 646-5581 or Denise at (734) 223~2239





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GROWTH WORKS

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age and is looking forward to graduation Hes a certified EMT with plans to attend nursing school

I m just absolutely blessed,' Daniels told the audience "I've been surrounded by people that I love and care about If it wasn t for Growth Works, I wouldn t be here today' He also praised his mom and

friends, noting his mom deserved an award

Canton residents Twila Murphy and Cynthia Whisler were recognized for their efforts in recovery, with both soon to mark one year clean and sober The women have received help in the Adult Intensive Outpatient Program Another honoree is Sgt John Hoak, who s been with the Westland Police Department more than 18 years Its always nice to receive recognition,'

Hoak said He said Growth Works, under the leadership of Executive Director Dale Yagiela, has done so much for so long with so little

"Its quite obvious what the program accomplishes, Hoak added

Other honorees are Stacey Hewitt of Livonia who has overcome chemical dependency and school issues James Cobb of Sumpter Township, recognized as part of the Western Wayne Care Management Organization and for attending Schoolcraft College

■ Kevin Vardiman of Canton for the Youth Assistance Program, who helps now to run Growth Works groups "I don t exactly know what to say, said Vardiman who thanked Growth Works, his mom, step father and sister

Tom Doetsch, for work as family court referee and advocate for youth and family Tonight it's nice to see the end product,' said Doetsch, who hoped he wasn t too mean to the young people who appeared before him

Al Wilkerson, a Romulus Community Schools administrator who works with students who have difficulty in a traditional school setting Wilkerson who will retire this June, was praised for focusing on young peoples strengths Sometimes students just need another chance," he said

GED through Schoolcraft College recipients Aaron Dugger-Barnett of Redford and John Maus of Redford Dugger Barnett thanked God, his mom and Growth Works Maus said I just want to thank everyone that's involved in the juvenile court system, thanking Growth Works and his mom

Honored for attending Schoolcraft were Joe Ross of Taylor, Stephen Grossman of South Lyon, Brandon Lampley of Westland and James Cobb

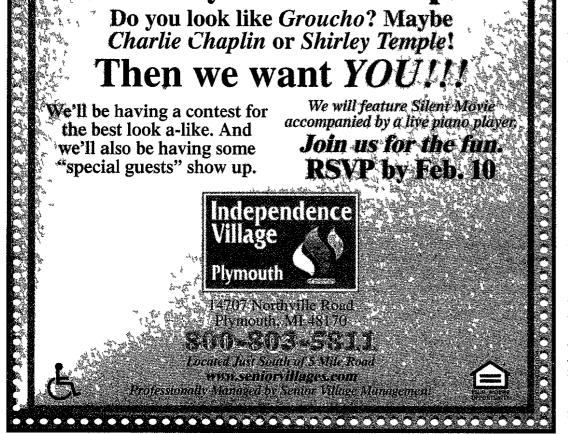
Yagiela, the agency executive director, outlined services including Youth Assistance which offers early intervention for young people referred by district courts, schools and others It does a lot of work with parents

Chemical Dependency is one of the largest programs in Michigan, serving more than 400 young people last year There's a Canton-based Adult Intensive Outpatient Program

School based programs in Inkster and South Redford offer in-school suspension, truancy help, social workers and more The CMO started in 2000 and assists young people convicted of felonies and those placed on probation

'Every year we do this, we get a bigger crowd,' said Yagiela, who was teased a bit for giving his wife the wrong location for the dinner

Everybody in this room contributes to that in one way or another, Yagiela said of the young people and adults helped through Growth Works



February 17 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Growth Works honors youths, community

Growth Works Inc held its annual recognition awards dinner Thursday, Feb 2, at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center Honorees include Sgt John Hoak, community, Westland Police Department, Tom Doetsch of the Lincoln Hall of Justice in Detroit, community, and Al Wilkerson of Romulus, community Stacey Hewitt of Livonia

Stacey Hewitt of Livonia is a youth recognized for Western Wayne Care Management Organization, as is James Cobb of Sumpter Township Youths recognized for chemical dependency improvements are Kristen Persh of Westland and Danny Daniels of Plymouth

Also lauded were Twila Murphy and Cynthia Whisler of Canton, Adult IOP (Intensive Outpatient Program) Kevin Vardiman of Canton was recognized for the Youth Assistance Program

Receiving GEDs from Schoolcraft College were Aaron Dugger-Barnett of Redford and John Maus of Redford Joe Ross of Taylor, Stephen Grossman of South Lyon, Brandon Lampley of Westland and Cobb attended Schoolcraft College and were recognized for that at the dinner

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Challengers backing away from running against Ficano

ob Ficano isn t ready to take a victory lap

'That's way too premature It's only January," he said in an interview Monday But with a campaign chest that he esti-

mates at between \$1 million and \$1 5 million and potential opponents dropping by the wayside, things are looking good for the first term Wayne County executive's re-election in November

"We've been in the mode of running hard and hoping for the best, prepare for the worst and hope for the best," he said If no challenger emerges, it will make everyone's summer easier, but we don t take it lightly Of course in Wayne County, it's the sum-



Name

Last name

mer campaign and the Aug 8 primary election that matters because Democrats hold a daunting electoral majori-Four years ago, when Ed

McNamara chose not to run again after 16 years as county executive, a train of hopefuls lined up – former Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon was regarded by many as the

front runner with County Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon, Detroit City Councilwoman Sharon McPhail and Wayne County Sheriff Bob Ficano of Livonia the other serious candidates

Ficano won handily and seems to have built a solid political base, though not without drawing criticism, particularly from allies of McNamara Ficano and McNamara often sparred when Ficano was sheriff and Ficano only won McNamara's support at the midnight hour four years ago

Two potential candidates were urged to take on Ficano but have backed away County Commissioner Phil Cavanagh of

Redford cited family obligations "My girls are teenagers in high school and

I want to be part of their lives," he said Tuesday "Being the county executive is a full-time commitment I m happy in my county commission seat and believe I'm making a difference"

Cavanagh said he doesn't see anyone in a position to challenge Ficano for the nomination

"Money is a big thing, name recognition is huge Mr Ficano was sheriff for almost 20 years and now he's CEO'

Sheriff Warren Evans, who has regularly tussled with Ficano over budget allocations, was also strongly urged to take on the CEO Evans has a long association with McNamara

"It's true that I am not running for that job or against him," Evans said Wednesday "It would be bad for the county and too confusOf course in Wayne County, it's the summer campaign and the Aug. 8 primary election that matters because Democrats hold a daunting electoral majority.

Instead Evans is weighing the possibility of seeking the Democratic nomination for attorney general at the party's fall convention

I've been looking at the job as a law enforcement job," he said "I think there are opportunities there Given the people in the race now (state Rep Alexander Lipsey of Kalamazoo and former district Judge Scott Bowen of Grand Rapids) I'm at least as qualified "

Evans said his relations with Ficano are "amicable" and that they've been working on their differences

Cavanagh said Ficano has spent "a lot of time battling" the commission on major issues "For instance the land bank. That could

have been his signature program, instead it was voted down by the commission," Cavanagh said

He also criticized the handling of lawsuits involving the Pinnacle Aeropark project and the county building

'Energy and resources could have been expended on other things," he said

But Ficano stands by his record "We came in and wanted to make sure we secured fiscal integrity We cut pay by 14 percent, denied merit raises," he said "We're the largest municipality to increase our bond rat-

ıng' He said he's also done a lot to build relations in western Wayne County

"We see what their needs are – roads, parks, whatever and meet those,' he said

He also rejected criticism that he hadn't done enough to promote development in the county

"We wanted to make sure we had the right development director in place and Dr (Mulugetta) Birru is that person," he said

He cites efforts to build international relations, pointing to his trip last year to China that resulted in a deal to bring a Century Automotive research center (and 200 jobs) to Canton He also pointed to the recent design 'charette' that gathered urban design experts together to provide 'visions" for developing an "aerotropolis" linking Metro and Willow Run airports and Ann Arbor and Detroit.

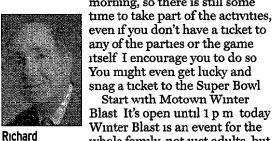
By this time four years ago, several candidates were running hard For now, it looks hke the CEO might stroll back into office

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Super Bowl offers chance to see Detroit in a new light

Winter Blast, the sighting of every known star or celebrity you've ever heard of - you probably have had your fill of the activities, hoopla and events of the past couple of weeks As my Armenian grandmother used to say, "Amam, enough already" However, if you didn t take in any of the activities, you missed out not only on a wonderful experience, but a chance to see the fantastic job the Super Bowl Host Committee and the city of Detroit have done It's also an opportunity to see the changes in downtown Detroit

You are reading this column early Sunday morning, so there is still some



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You might even get lucky and snag a ticket to the Super Bowl Start with Motown Winter Blast It's open until 1 p m today Winter Blast is an event for the whole family, not just adults, but kids, too What is Winter Blast all

about - is it just a celebration of winter in Michigan or is it more than that? I found it to be a celebration of winter with a little bit of Hawaii, compliments of Motorola, thrown

ın Winter Blast has many different activities that are either free or for a small charge Start with free ice skating provided by Ford Motor Co if you have your own skates If not, skate rental 1s \$3 per person The ice rink is 64 feet by 200 feet, slightly larger than the well-known rink at Rockefeller Center in New York City You can skip this part today if you are pressed for time because the ice skating continues after Winter Blast clos-

Move over to the 200-foot snow slide and be prepared for a short but exhilarating ride down a man-made hill It has a small \$2 per ride charge

If you want to forget winter for a short while, walk over to the Motorola tent Here you can see AVP beach volleyball being played and surfing, all inside a tent Motorola has brought a Flowrider wave machine with professional surfers to Winter Blast Who would have thunk? You can also sip mai-tais, alcohol-free Close your eyes and dream that for a moment you are in Hawan Motorola also has a display of all its new cell phones

After experiencing Hawaii, how about a ride on a Model T? Ford is providing free rides on a replica Model T car As you walk over to the Model T rides, don't forget to view the automobiles that Ford has on display

My travels have not taken me to the city in several months, so I was very pleasantly surprised to see all the changes that have taken place.

By now you're probably hungry after all the activity of the morning The Chrysler Jeep Dodge Taste of Detroit is the place to go It spans three tents featuring food from 40 metro area restaurants, marshmallow roasting, warming stations and music Restaurants such as Seldom Blues, The Palm, LaShish and Agave are just a few present There is a charge

On your way out, stop and admire The General Motors Ice Garden Here there are 32 seven-foot ice sculptures representing each NFL team's logo There is also a Detroit marketplace which is a shopping area featuring local artists and vendors such as Detroit retro-Rags, unique retro apparel, or Pop Art handbags, chic handbags, scarves and mittens

DTE Energy Comfort Zone has both cold and hot beverages provided by Big Boy to quench your thirst or just warm you up You can also purchase official Super Bowl souvenirs

As you walk around Winter Blast, take a look at the fine automobiles that Ford, Chrysler and General Motors have on display It's an easy way to shop for a new vehicle, view it at Winter Blast and stop at your local dealer Monday to make your purchase

An additional treat in going to Winter Blast is to see all the changes happening in downtown Detroit My travels have not taken me to the city in several months, so I was very pleasantly surprised to see all the changes that have taken place There is a lot of new construction, both office buildings and buildings being converted into lofts There is new retail - not a lot, but it's there — and new restaurants have opened up From reports of others, the food is very good with price points from moderate to expensive Certainly some of the older established restaurants are still there such as Opus One and Roma. Cafe in Eastern Market

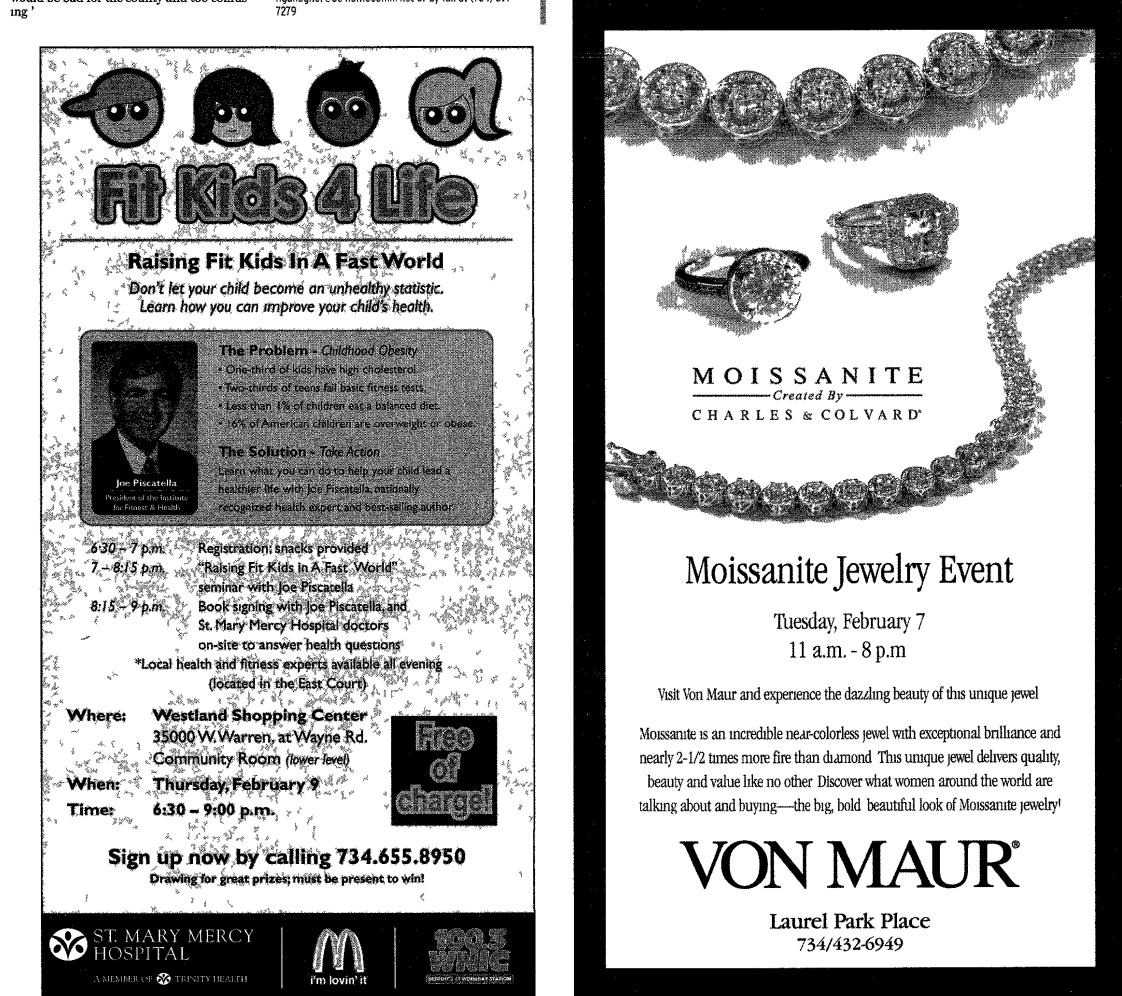
The city is clean and well-lit at night Give everyone credit for the changes made, the politicians and the private sector

I had the opportunity to hear Peter King, Sports illustrated senior writer, the other night say, "We love Detroit It's all good "

My challenge to all is to keep the momentum moving forward Its important to our region that we have a vibrant and healthy city of Detroit

Richard Aginian is president and publisher of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

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City, Oakland oceans apart on water department issues

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

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To hear Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch and Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Director Victor Mercado talk about water issues in southeast Michigan, you d think they were talking about water issues on different planets

According to McCulloch, the DWSD is a mismanaged, opaque operation run in a way that is denying suburban communities a voice in how their water is delivered and their wastewater 1s taken away

According to Mercado, DWSD is providing the services it's contracted to provide, within state and federal guide lines, in full view of public oversight at a price competitive with other cities of its size

The third player in the drama, US District Court Judge John Feikens, ruled earher this year that Detroit can be the only owner and operator of the DWSD, shooting down McCulloch's bid for a regional authority At the same time, he said the city and its customers need to have a closer, more collegial relationship

McCulloch said after 28 years of judicial oversight, its clear that the program is not working and there needs to be a new hand on the rudder at DWSD

"Theres mismanagement of the water system and problems with operational efficiency in the area of costs,' he said "Major programs have been deferred and critical capital improvements have not been done on a system with a 100 year-old infrastructure

He said rate setting assumptions for the DWSD are very complex where ones used by other cities are straightfor ward

Mercado said the city keeps full information about water rates, and how those rates are



arrived at, on its Web site and holds open meetings in whole sale customer communities On the whole, he said Detroiters and residents of communities contracting water services from the city are getting good value for their dollar

Mercado said the DWSD has kept the cost of its services down in the four years hes been on the job The total budget for the system was \$345 2 million in 2002-03 and \$349 3 million this year, an increase of only 1 2 percent He chalked the low increase up to operations, curtailing overtime through better management and moving resources to where

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they're needed The number of employees has been cut from 3,200 to 2 600 Still security and water

quality have not been compromised

We meet or exceed safe water standards Mercado said "We have five plants one is brand new Does everyone have problems with pipes in their cities? Yes All seasonal cities have issues with their water mains

The rise in the operations and maintenance costs have mostly been capital improve ments Acting in the wake of the 2003 blackout, Mercado said new auxiliary power sys tems have been added to

pumping stations that will provide a pumping capacity of 800 million gallons per day in the event of another total blackout

Another outcome of the blackout was the creation of the city's 800 MHz radio sys tem which allows police fire and other essential services to coordinate their communica tions Mercado said the system is the primary communica tions for DWSD

McCulloch has protested the water departments share of the cost saying it is way out of line with the benefits the system gets from it a point challenged by Mercado

"Detroit is 100 square miles the DWSD system is 1 000 square miles Mercado said DWSD paid for the towers generators licensing and soft ware It was \$45 million from us and the rest came from other city departments It was about \$126 million altogether McCulloch said there needs

to be a regional authority to run the DWSD and set its rates for the entire southeast Michigan region He was thinking something along the lines of the authority in Boston

"A core group of representa tives that will increase to include new customers and an advisory board he said There are 125 communities (customers) of DWSD not all would be on the core board but they could be on the advi sory board

As to claims that the city can own the system while a region al board controls it Mercado said no one would accept that in their homes so why should the city relinquish control over its watei system?

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(The city) would have all of the financial responsibilities but someone else is going to say how we re going to spend money? Mercado said "Like the judge said, that's against the Michigan Constitution You have to remember that in the 50s, Detroit was forced to put mains in the suburbs and the city is responsible for those bonds McCulloch said customer communities are already

responsible for the bonds through the rates they pay for service Money, he said, will eventually drive every decision in Detroit

'The city is going to get to a point when it has to consider selling the system to solve other issues," he said "(An agreement on DWSD) could be a model for other regional issues like transportation and Cobo Hall'



Oakland **County Drain** Commissioner John McCulloch says judicial oversight of the Detroit Water and* Sewerage Department does not work and it's time for customer communities to have an active voice in the direction the department takes.





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HOOPS – Larsen paces Canton's victory

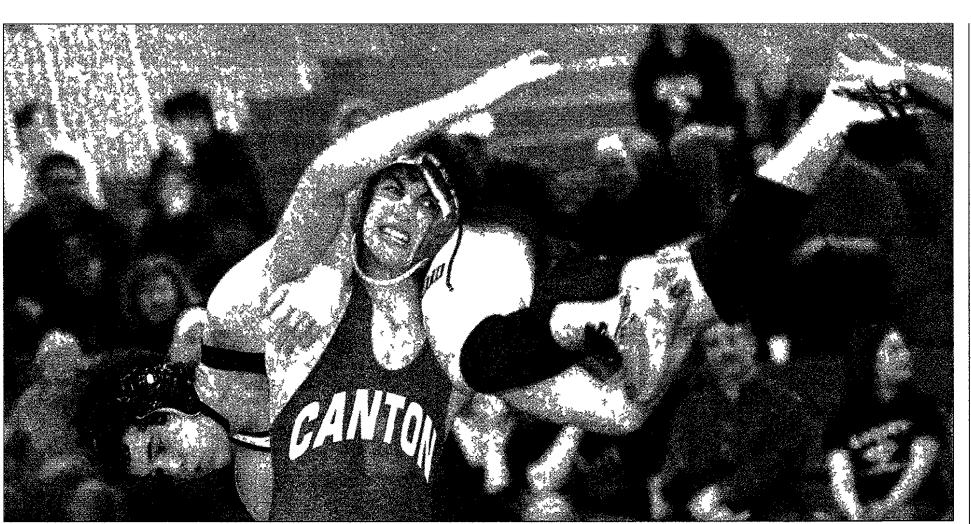
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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Ben Kosmalski (back) went air-borne during his 119-pound match with Canton's Sam Santilli during Thursday's dual meet between the two PCEP schools Kosmalski edged Santilli, 5-4, but the Chiefs won the meet 38-16

Pair of Joes lift Chief grapplers over 'Cats

Please see results on Page B2

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The Canton wrestling team's victory machines - Corey Phillips, Konrad Konsitzke, Marwan Faraj and Donnie Laramie - did what they do best Thursday night against Plymouth J They all won

But it was a couple of Joes who were ivotal in the Chiefs' 38-16 home win over the Wildcats

/ZoeWilson (140 pounds) and Joe Sanders (152) aren't marquee names for the Chiefs but they registered key triumphs on Thursday Wilson earned a four-point, 19-8, major decision victory

Sanders outpointed Jeff Schwartz, 13-6. to cushion the hosts' advantage to 20-12 The "Senior Night" win for Canton improved its dual-meet record to 23-4

The 23 wins are a school record, eclipsing the 22 victories last year's team compiled "Joe Wilson's major decision was an

awesome win for us," said Canton coach Casey Randolph "After Corey Phillips' win at 135, we needed Joe to come through and keep the momentum for us, and that's what he did

"Joe Sanders 1s kind of my sixth man He's our utility guy that we can put in a number of places Whenever he has had an opportunity to wrestle this year, he's gotten the job done I'm very thankful we have someone like him on the team"

Plymouth coach Sam Amine agreed that his team's chances of pulling out a win in the Chiefs' gym were hampered by the pair of Joes

"Those were definitely the key matches," said Amine, whose team fell to 19-5 "You expect their studs - Phillips, Konsitzke and Faraj - to do well, but we felt we had a chance to win at 40 and 52 We didn't wrestle up to our expectations in those matches and their kids did"

The first half of the match was hotly contested with the Chiefs holding a slim 14-12 lead However, Canton pulled away by winning six of the last seven showdowns

Plymouth jumped out to a 12-6 lead after five matches thanks to lower-weight wins from 112-pound Steve D'Annunzio, 119-pound Ben Kosmalski and 130-pound Andrew Saunders Mike Haar (103) and Steve Cox (125) notched early victories for the Chiefs

Phillips broke open a close match

"This was our seniors' last home match, so I'm happy we were able to send them off with a win," said Randolph "These are the kids who helped turn this program around They stuck with me from the beginning and bought into it from start to finish"

The Chiefs and Wildcats will get two more opportunities to square off in the coming weeks when they see each other at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet Feb 11 at Plymouth and at the Division 1 district team tournament on Wednesday, Feb 15, in the Wildcats' gym

"My hat is off to Canton - they stuck in there the whole way tonight," Amine said. "But we have a young program — seven of our top wrestlers are freshmen or sophomores - that is getting better We finished third in the league this year, which isn't bad for a three-year varsity program'

Crusaders favored

The Madonna University baseball team is the pick to repeat as Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champion by a recent poll of league coaches.

Senior pitcher Derek® Dufrane (Belleville), who went 10-2 last year with a 158 earned run average, was tabbed as preseason Pitcher of the Year, one of five preseason selections for the team

Other preseason picks from MU included pitcher Greg Spanel (Middletown) Ohio), relief pitcher Kyle Fedorka (White Lake), catcher Justin Fabian (Brownstown) and utility player Ben Ramsey (Englewood, Ohio) MU, 40-16 last season

and 13-3 in the WHAC, garnered four of five first-place votes and is ranked No. 17 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics top-25 poll

Aquinas, picked No 2 in the coaches poll, is led by preseason Plaver of 🗟 the Year Matt Soergel (Okemos), a shortstop

Reserves lift MU

You could say it was a benchmark victory Wednesday night for the Madonna University men's basketbali

The Crusaders reserves outscored visiting Davenport's 37-14 en route to an 86-66 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win at the Activities Center, MU improves to 9-14 overall and 3-5 in the WHAC, while Davenport falls to 3-20 and 0-9.

over Ryan Valle to give the Chiefs a 14-12 lead — one they would never lose — and

against Korpus to win going away, 17-6 and secure momentum for Canton



Keith Hearns (Livonia

added seven points, while Mike Rashad (Wayne Memorial) snared 10 rebounds

Derrick Mudri was MU's top scorer with 18 points. He also grabbed eight rebounds.

Danny Peters added 1 points, while Adam seven assists

from the floor (33-of 60), including a blistering 14% of-28 from three-point \$ range.

Davenport, which got a game-high 24

I James Davis scored a game-high 28 points, \$ while Wallace Hall and 🕺 Ryan Williams added 15 apiece as the Schoolcraft College men's basketbal team struggled Wednesday against hos Delta College, 95-82, in 🖗 an MCCAA-Eastern Conference game The Ocelots are 19-4 👘

Sophomore guards



Stevenson) and Charlie Henry (Canton Agape bench to score 16 points and 11 points, respective:

Jordan Napier (Agape)

Kerfoot had a team-high MU shot 55 percent

trailed 43-38 at halftime, points from Ryan Farmer.

overall and 6-2 in the conference Delta falls to 3-14 and 1-7

Back on track Gallagher's hat trick leads Canton icers to 6-1 triumph over Salem

> BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Friday nights cross-campus clash between the struggling Canton and Salem hockey teams proved to be like Novocam for the Chiefs - it brought much-needed relief to what has been an all-too-painful season

For the Rocks, the game turned out to be comparable to root canal

The Chiefs prevailed over their arch-rivals, 6-1, in a game played at Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena. The victory upped the winners' record to 5-11-2 while the Rocks dipped to 3-15-0

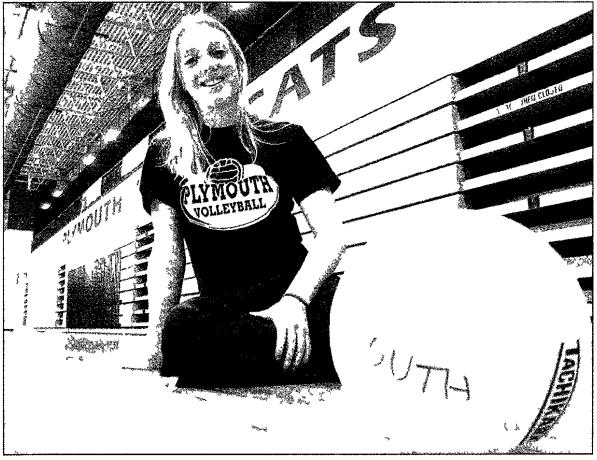
⁴ Canton was bolstered by the play of semior forward Pat

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Salem goalie Ralph Aspenwall attempts to secure the puck as Canton's Pat Gallagher looks over his shoulder during the first period of Friday night's cross-campus showdown Gallagher recorded a hat-trick to lead the Chiefs to a 6-1 victory



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Janet Hanchett is a rare three-sport athlete who excels in all three sports — volleyball, basketball and track-andfield The future Michigan State University student carries a stellar 3 7 grade-point average

Downtime rare for 3-sport ace Hanchett

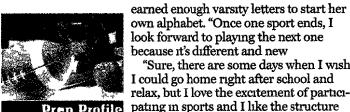
BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

When she hasn't been hammering volleyballs at her opponents' feet, locking down the other team's best shooter on the basketball court or striding past runners for Plymouth's track team the past four years, Janet Hanchett has been juggling

Juggling academics, a job and the responsibilities of serving on the Canton Youth Advisory Council

What's more impressive than Hanchett's list of accomplishments is that the Plymouth High School senior has done all these tasks successfully

"I never get burned out because each sport is a different challenge for me," said Hanchett, who has



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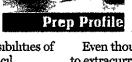
relax, but I love the excitement of participating in sports and I like the structure they give me" Even though her after-practice time is limited due

to extracurricular activities, Hanchett has still managed to compile a National Honor Society-caliber 37 grade-point average

"Janet 1s an extremely hard worker and a great

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look forward to playing the next one because it's different and new "Sure, there are some days when I wish could go home right after school and



HANCHETT

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leader who has really strong character," said Plymouth basketball coach Richelle Reilly, who has worked with Hanchett for the past four years 'She has the potential to do great things with her hfe

FIRST IMPRESSION

The seeds to Hanchett's athletic success at Plymouth were initially planted in the fall of 2002 when she earned a starting spot on the school's freshmen basketball team After plowing through their regularseason schedule, the Wildcats were invited to play in a Class C district tournament at Clinton High School

Their opening game was against Manchester, whose roster was filled with juniors and seniors

'I ll never forget that game, Hanchett recalled "It was one of those games in which everybody on the team played awesome and we really came together We were actually winning by two points with a couple minutes left

"We ended up losing, which was very disappointing, but I think that game showed us what we were capable of doing the next three seasons"

Sparked by the inside play of

Jeanine Moise and Kim Olech, and Hanchetts solid defense and perimeter shooting touch, the Wildcats became a force in the Western Lakes Activities Association the past two years

BUMP, SET, WIN

Hanchett has played a key role in the Wildcats' successful volleyball program as well Her outside-hitting responsibilities increased this season due to injuries suffered by fellow frontrow players Moise and Jackie Dorre Despite all the injuries, Plymouth is 25-7

"It's been a frustrating season with all the injuries," she said 'It seems like every time we get somebody back from an injury, someone else gets hurt"

Hanchett's best sport may be track, where she has excelled in the 400- and 800-meter events the past three years As a freshman, she qualified for the Division 3 state meet in the 800

Track is the most demanding sport for me," Hanchett said "Its the sport where I feel the most pressure to do well because it's an individual thing, unlike basketball and volleyball"

GREAT EXPERIENCE

As a member of the Canton Youth Advisory Council, one of Hanchett's responsibilities is to approve or deny the distribution of financial grants to youth groups She is currently the council s treasurer

'We meet every other Tuesday,' Hanchett said "The most recent thing we did was write a grant for a Boy Scout group that needed money for camping supplies"

Hanchett is "98 percent sure" she will be attending Michigan State University in the fall 'The only way that would

change would be if I am offered something for track from another school," she said

WHAT A DAY

The most exciting day of Hanchett's senior year unfolded on Oct 13, the day the Wildcats' basketball team was scheduled to play a game at Livonia Franklin

"On the bus rule over to the game, my mom called me and told me I had received a thick packet from Michigan State,' Hanchett said "She asked me if she should open it, and I told her definitely In the packet was a letter telling me that I had been accepted to the school" A couple hours later, Hanchett went out and buried five three-point shots to lead the Wildcats to an important victory over the Patriots

"That was a day I'll always remember," she saıd

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Boll gets offensive in Whalers' 3-2 win

Jared Bolls second goal of the game at 7 51 of the third period snapped a 2-2 tie and the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Kingston Frontenacs, 3-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 2 213 at the Kingston Memorial Centre

In winning, the Whalers shapped a five-game losing streak Plymouth is now 24-21-1-3, good for 52 points and sec ond place in the OHLs West Drusion The Whalers kept pace with the first-place Saginaw Spirit (27-21-1-0), who defeated Windsor, 7-6, in overtime on Friday night Saginaw is in first place in the OHL West with 55 points, Plymouth is second with 52 and Windsor (22-23-3-2) is third with 50 "Besides Boll — who now has 16 goals — rookie Chris Terry scored the other Plymouth goal, his sixth of the season Blake Pronk (4th) and Todd Griffith (19th) scored for Kingston

Kingston goaltender Danny Taylor stopped 38-of-41 Plymouth shots and was named the games first star Plymouth goaltender Justin Peters stopped 29-of-31 Kingston shots

Pronk gave Kingston a 1-0 lead at 8 23 of the first period when he wired a shot from the left face-off dot by Peters

Terry tied the game at 1-1 at 13 05 of the first period on a Plymouth power play when he batted home a rebound at the right wing side of the Kingston goal by Taylor Earlier in the period, Plymouth hit two goal posts The Frontenacs took a 2-1 lead at 5 06 of the second period when Griffith worked around Plymouth defenseman Wes Cunningham and beat Peters top-shelf Plymouth tied the game at 2-2 on a power play with 2 01 left in the period when Steve Ward's hard shot from the high slot was deflected by Boll in front of the Kingston goal

Boll's game-winner came on an excellent effort by Plymouth center John Armstrong, who stayed with the puck in the Kingston zone and shot the puck from the left dot Boll stationed again in front of the Kingston net — deflected the puck by Taylor

Kingston pulled Taylor with 45 seconds left, but couldn't find the equalizer

Sixth-man Larsen paces Canton's victory over Glenn

Canton senior Andy Larsen 15 adjusting to his new sixth-man role quite nicely

On Friday night, Larsen came off the bench to score a gamehigh 18 points to lead the Chiefs to a 63-43 victory over Westland John Glenn The win lifted Canton's record to 10-3 overall and 6-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association The Rockets dropped to 3-10 and 2-5, respectively

On Tuesday, the Chiefs will travel to Northville for a key WLAA match-up with the Mustangs, who will carry a 7-0 league mark into the contest Tip-off is set for 7 p m

The Chiefs led 29-21 at the half before extending their advantage to 45-31 after three quarters Larsen scored 12 of his points after the intermission Junior center Ryan

Waidmann also had a strong game for the winners, netting 14 points and eight rebounds Andre Bridges scored seven points and dished out six assists

PREP BASKETBALL

Stefan Markan and Robert Jones both scored 12 points for the Rockets

Canton sizzled from the freethrow line, canning 16-of-20 shots (80 percent) The Chiefs entered the game shooting just 57 percent from the charity stripe

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 50, PLYMOUTH

46: The Patriots nearly squandered an 18-point second-half lead Friday before holding on for a four-point win over the visiting Wildcats

Franklin is 7-6 overall and 4-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Plymouth falls to 4-9 and 2-5

Senior Andre Bell was Franklins top scorer with 20 points, while 6-foot-4 junior center Sean Sciba added 12 points and 12 rebounds D J Coleman led Plymouth

with 13 points, while Josh LeDuc added nine points and nine blocks

Franklin led 11-10 after one quarter before going on a 13-3 second-quarter run

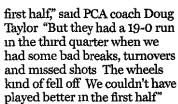
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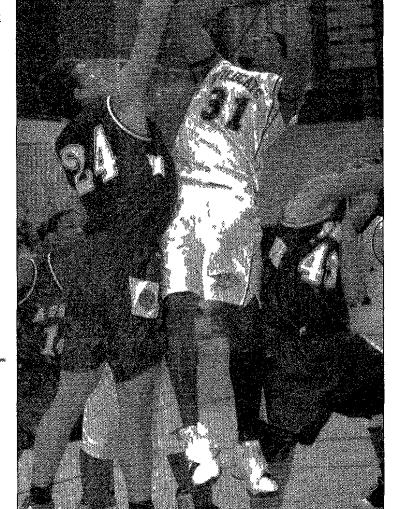
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^{*} Sophomore guard Trevor Zinn paced the Eagles with 16 points Junior forward Matt Saagman (eight points), senior forward Matt Brandt (eight) and freshman forward Justin Govan ^{*} (seven) also made solid contributions for PCA,

Senior forward Brennan Rees led the Chargers with 18 points and junior guard Daniel Doran added 16 PCA htt 9-of-14 free throws while Inter-City was 13-of-19 from the line **CANTON AGAPE 64, MACOMB** CHRISTIAN 24: The Wolverines sealed the win by outscoring Macomb 44-12 over the second and third quarters combined Deven Dobottiaux led the Wolves with 14 points Jack Anleitner added 13, Derek Leathers had eight points, four rebounds and three blocks, and Mark Mullett and Terrell Pierce both twined seven points Justin Kuhlne led Macomb with 11 points



Plymouth's Josh LeDuc, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored

nine points and blocked nine shots in Friday night's 50-46 loss to Livonia



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Observer & Eccentric Careerbuilder.com Experience Better "We're doing the same thing over and over," Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said 'We get layups and we re just not finishing And 8-of-16 from the free throw line is not what you want either

'The kids, however, played hard The bottom line is that if we ever make layups, we're going to beat somebody bad"

W.L. WESTERN 70, SALEM 54: After trailing 29-28 at the half, the host Warriors stormed back to outscored the Rocks 42-25 over the final 16 minutes Western improved to 8-5 overall and 3-4 in the WLAA while the Rocks slipped to 3-10 and 3-4,

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Thursday at Canton 103 pounds. Mike Haar (C) decisioned

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5-of-6 from the stripe

We played well in the first

half defensively, and we took

coach Bob Brodie 'But in the

second half, we rushed too many

care of the ball," said Salem

shots and had too many

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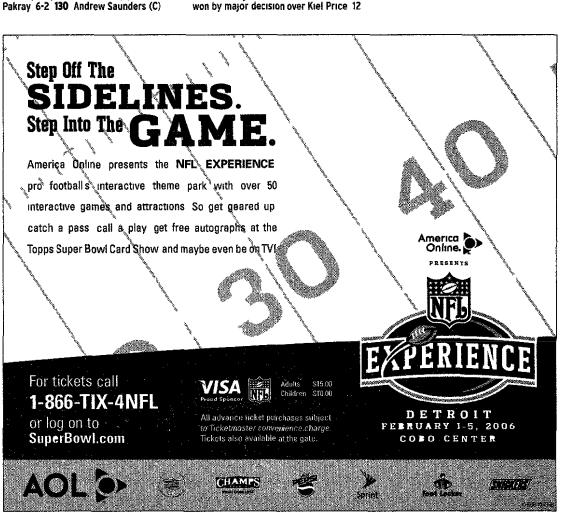
A.P. INTER-CITY 59, PCA 46: The Michigan Independent Athletic Conferences front-running Chargers used a 19-0 run in the third quarter to separate themselves from the upset-minded Eagles Friday night The loss dropped Plymouth Christian to 7-6 overall and 1-3 in the MIAC while Inter City improved to 10-3 and 5-0

PCA outscored its hosts 20-6 in the second quarter to secure a 30-21 halftime advantage The Chargers roared back with a 21-2 third quarter to regain momentum

'We played incredible in the

WRESTLING RESULTS

pinned Fawzi Zeidan in 3 36 135 Corey Phillips (C) won by major decision over Steve Korpus 17 6 140 Joe Wilson (C) won by major decision over Ryan Valle, 19 8 145: Konrad Konsitzke (C) dec Ali Youssef 8 2 152 Joe Sanders (C) dec Jeff Schwartz 13 6 160 Marwan Faraj (C) dec Jon Hagar 6 2 171 Vince Darolfi (P) won by major decision over Kiel Price 12 3 189 Alex Amberg (C) dec Danny Jammoul 5 3 215. Tom Bonnell (C) won by injury forfeit over Taylor Fox HVY: Donnie Laramie (C) p Shaun Bailey in 52 seconds DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton 23 4, Plymouth 19 5



HOCKEY

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Gallagher, who registered a hat trick, and senior goalie Nick Basel, who turned away 16 shots while making just his fifth start of the season On Thursday, Basel turned in another stellar effort in the Chiefs' 2-1 victory over Redford Unified

"It was a nice win, especially for the seniors who were playing Salem for the last time," said Canton coach Mike Behen "Our record isn't great, but the kids are improving every day, every practice We ve lost a lot of games we should have won this year, so it was nice to see our goalie play well

'We've looked like a different team the past couple of games from the one we played like earlier in the season Hopefully, we can keep improving and maybe make some noise in the regionals in a couple of weeks'

Canton built its foundation for the victory in the first period when Jesse Pletsch deflected Kevin Tollisons shot past Salem goalie Ralph

Aspenwall less than four minutes into the contest to make it 1-0 The Chiefs doubled their lead with threetenths of a second remaining in the first period when Gallagher knocked home a rebound through Aspenwall's five hole

"Their first goal kind of defined how our entire season has gone,' said Salem coach Fred Feiler 'We were right there, but they scored on a deflection We're younger and smaller than most of the teams we've played this season and most of them have gotten the jump on us right away like Canton did tonight

"The Western Lakes is a tough conference There are no weak opponents The positive thing is that our young guys are getting experience, which can only help'

Gallagher's second goal of the night, which was assisted by Sean O Connor, came 39 seconds into the second period and put the Chiefs ahead 3-0 Pletsch made it 4-0 a short time later when his off-speed shot from the point eluded Aspenwall Albers and Kyle Kowalski assisted

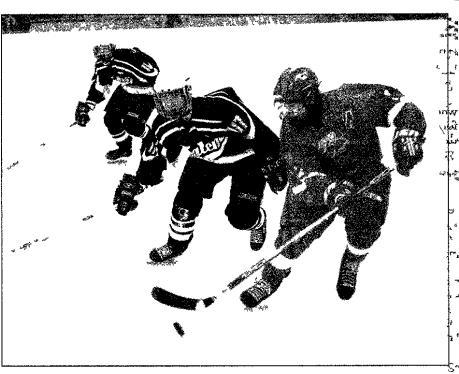
The Rocks' lone goal came with 3 46 left in the second period when Joel Cheesman scored following a slick pass from linemate Steve Heisler

Canton iced the win with thirdperiod goals from Gallagher, who punched in a rebound off a Brad Barath shot, and Ken Weir, who was assisted by Albers

A frightening scene unfolded with less than a minute left in the first period when Salem captain David Carey was struck by a puck on the back of his neck while going low to block a shot Carey managed to hob ble to the bench, but then collapsed behind the Rocks' bench

"The puck hit David just below the edge of his helmet," said Salem coach Fred Feiler "David has a high pain tolerance, so when he said he was hurting, we knew it was serious

When paramedics arrived, Carey was fitted with a neck brace, placed on a stretcher and transported to the hospital for further observation ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953 2108



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Salem's Roman Kahler (17) pursues Canton s Kyle Kowalski during the first period of Friday night's game at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena Kowalski notched an assist in the Chiefs' 6-1 victory

Canton de-ices Redford Unified

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Special teams were the difference Thursday mght as Canton nipped Redford Unified 2-1 in a non-league varsity hockey game

The Chiefs scored both of their goals on the power play and - although giving up a third period goal to Unified on a 5-on 3 advantage - killed off three penalties in the final frame to hang on at Redford Ice Arena.

Canton senior goalkeeper Nick Basel's strong play (28 saves) had a lot to do with that, stymieing Unified (5-9-2) at virtually every turn Only a slap shot by junior forward Joe Petriches on the two-man advantage, with 4 11 remaining, kept Basel from posting a shutout On the goal, Petriches (Redford Union) ripped a shot that glanced off the goalie's glove before banking in off the goal post Assisting on the tally were senior defenseman and co-captain Eric Valeri and freshman defenseman Scott LaMontagne (both RU students)

Less than two minutes earlier, with Canton still nursing a 2-0 lead, Petriches clanked a drive that rang off the post to Basels rıght.

Unified senior forward and co-captain Jason Hendrickson (Redford Union) nearly tied the score on a backhander with about three minutes left But Basel flung out his left pad just in time to stop the puck

With Unified sophomore goalkeeper Ryan Ŵagner (Redford Union) pulled for the extra attacker in a bid by assistant coach Len Weiss to tie the game, junior Jesse Pletsch slid to block LaMontagne's shot Seconds later, Basel denied LaMontagne on the doorstep to preserve the victory

"We almost gave the game back (because of penalties)," said Canton head coach Mike Behen 'But we had almost 10 blocks, which indicates how much we wanted it '

Behen added that his goalie played a strong positional game 'He was focused, he was covering the puck better and moving his feet well

Also strong for the Chiefs was

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senior forward and co-captain Brett Giacomino, who scored a first-period power-play goal and set up Cantons second tally in the middle stanza

Giacomino sent a sharp-angle shot past screened Unified's starting goalie, senior Nick Kinney (Thurston), with just 33 7 seconds left in the first period Drawing assists on the power-play goal were jumor Brad Barath and sophomore Chris Wies

At the 6 16 mark of the second, with Canton on another power play, Giacomino held the puck down low along the right boards before throwing a perfect cross-crease pass to Wies - who one-timed it past Kinney (17 saves)



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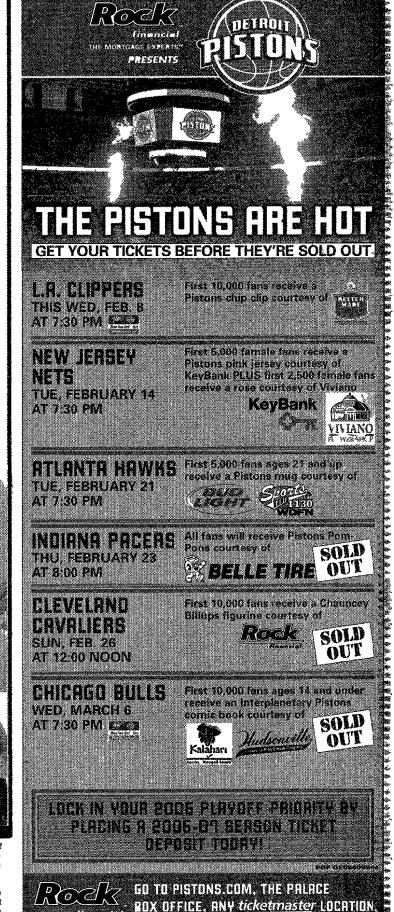
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Delta CC deals Schoolcraft women's

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

The toughest stretch of the season seemingly has no end in sight for Schoolcraft Colleges women's basket ball team

But the Lady Ocelots – in the midst of seven consec utive road games – are hanging in there despite Wednesdays 75 70 loss to Delta Community College

The defeat dropped Schoolcraft to 19 2 overall and 5 2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Account on Fastern Conference, Delta (14-6, 7, 1) took

Association Eastern Conference Delta (14-6, 7 1) took over first in the conference 'We came off that emotional win (Jan 28) against

Mott and Deltas very good, said Lady Ocelots head coach Karen Lafata All of a sudden, they're in first place with only one loss'

Lafata lamented the long stretch without home cooking

The last home game for Schoolcraft was Jan 14, the Lady Ocelots do not return until playing Henry Ford CC1pm Saturday, Feb 11

These are the dog days," Lafata said We play twice this week and three times next week"

Actually, Schoolcraft (as of Wednesday ranked No $\,2\,$ in the national polls) is tied for third place in the conference with St Clair County CC In second place with a 6-1 mark is Mott

'We can't afford another (conference) loss, she added 'We ll have to run the table

Against the Pioneers, the inability to shut down the three ball hurt Schoolcraft Delta connected 10 times from beyond the arc, with sophomore guard Kalee Mielke (14 points) hitting four of the treys Also with 14 points for Delta was freshman guard Beth Meehleder while sophomore guard Alisha Daniels and freshman swing guard Lisa Manzoni each tallied 13

For Schoolcraft, another outstanding game in the

post by the tandem of fresh (21 points, 17 rebounds) at Charlese Greer (20 points, wasn t enough to pull out t points and four assists was Hodge

Childs hero for MU

Stephanie Childs came t Wednesday night, sparking to a 56-54 victory over Dax matchup of Wolverine-Hoo teams

MU 1s 11-13 overall, while teams are 6-3 in the WHAG

The junior guard, who fi points, tallied a driving lay and converted the free thro point play along with five i



basketball team 75-70 setback

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ed with a team high 13 with six seconds left o complete the three unds and three assists Sophomore forward Martina Franklin (Redford Union) added 12 points and nine rebounds, while senior forward Sarah Thomson had nine points and 11 boards

Jennifer Rausch scored 17 points for Davenport, while Sara Haverdink had 11

Lady Ocelots lose 2

Karen Lafata said she 15 proud of the way her Schoolcraft College women's basketball team 15 battling through a tough stretch of road games

There is another reason – Schoolcraft is soldiering on despite the loss of two key players for academic reasons Both sophomore forward Renita Price (Wayne Memorial) and sophomore guard Mikki Williams were ruled academically ineligible for the

second half of the season At the beginning of the season, Lafata considered

Williams one of the key components of her teams

offensive potential

In spite of those losses, and the difficult schedule, Schoolcraft holds a 19 2 record, including 5 2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association

They didn t get it done in the classroom,' Lafata said We provide a lot of support at Schoolcraft, with the learning center and tutoring It doesn't always work for everyone Hopefully you can keep kids on track, but you always can't do it

Lafata said the remainder of her team is having no problem mixing books and basketballs Both sopho more forward Charlese Greer and sophomore guard Tracey Winkler carry 3 9 grade-point averages

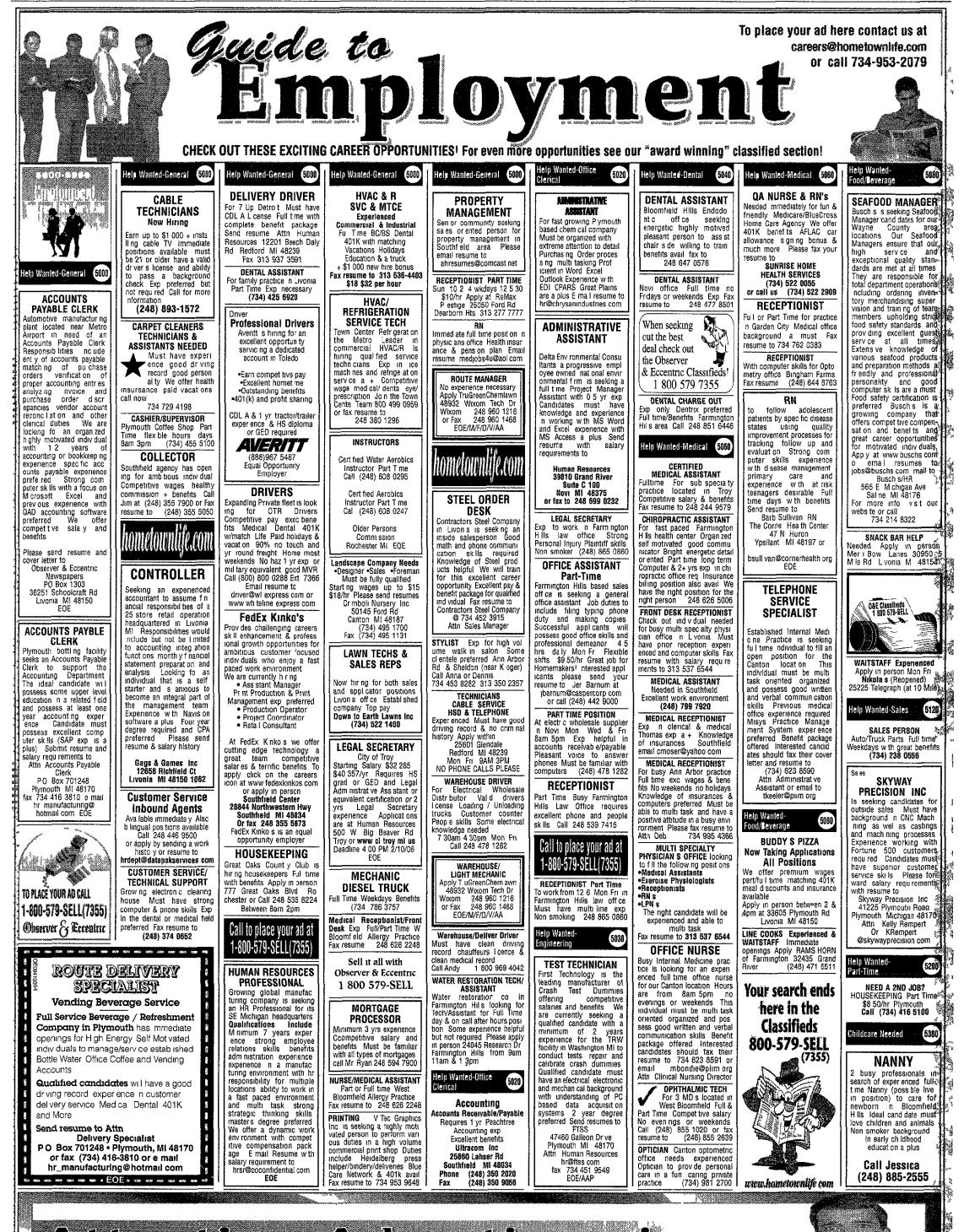
Freshman forward Maricka Seay's GPA is approximately 3 2 while others with excellent GPAs include freshman forwards Amanda Crouse, Garden City alum Alisha June and freshmen center Lauren Braun





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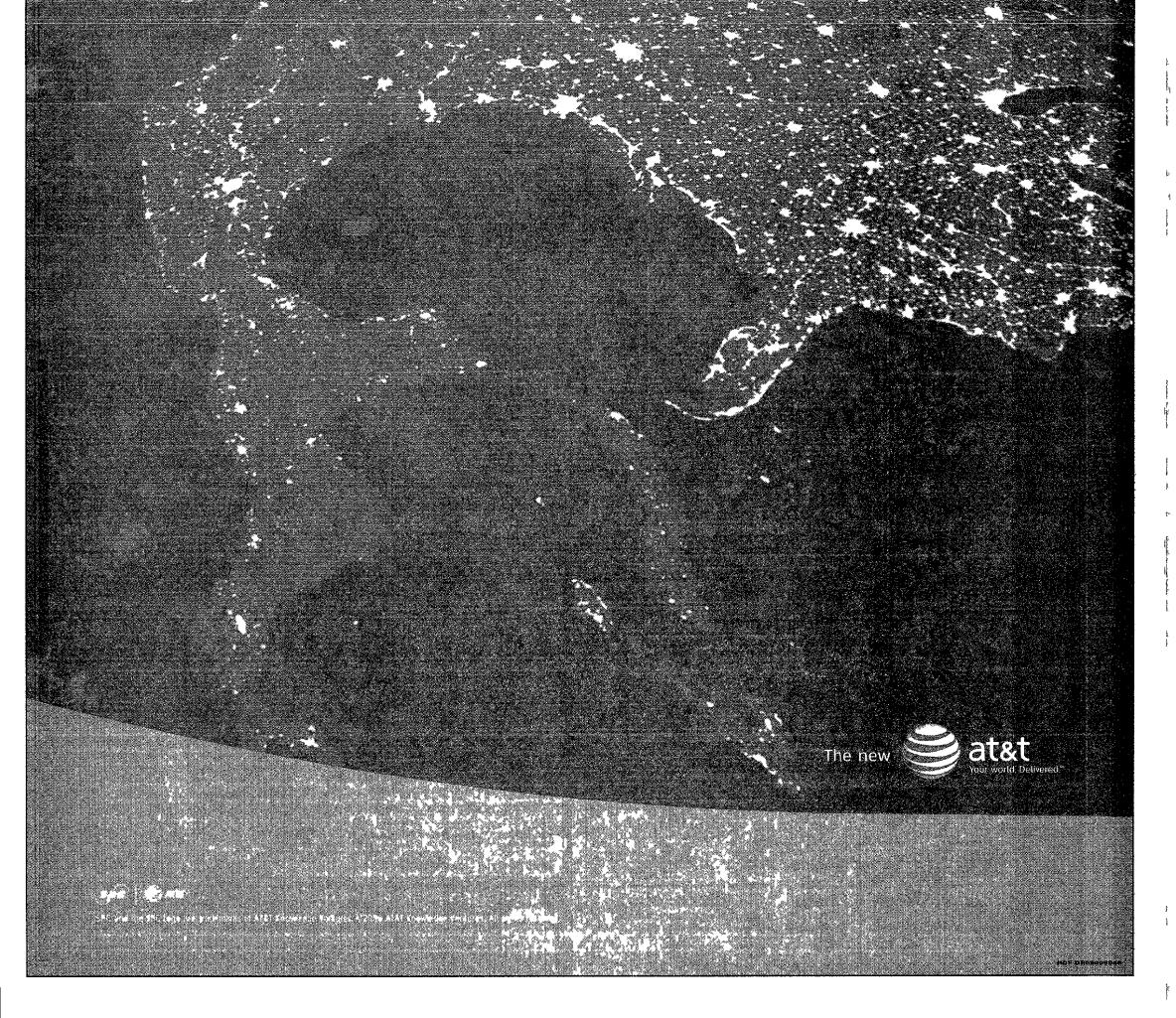
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t-meter diving 1 Jon Whitt (WJG) 222 45 points 2 Chad Phipps (WJG) 16775 3 Thorne (WJG) 144 45

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2 Matt Espy (WJG) 5515 3 Adam Clark (S) 58 29

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400 freestyle relay: 1 Salem (Stan Chen Matt Underhill, Steve Moore, Nick Leone) 3 42 32 2 Salem, 3 55 57 3 John Glenn 3 55 86

Salem's dual-meet record: 4 3

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LACROSSE MEETING

A meeting will be held at 7 p m Thursday, Feb 9, in the Canton High School cafeteria for all parents of prospective Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse players

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Canton's Matt Carlson helped the Chiefs finish first in the 200 medlev relay during Thursday night's victory over Wayne Memorial

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SABERETTE SHOW

The Plymouth Saberette pompon squad is presenting the Saberette Variety Show on at 7 p m Feb 17-18 in the Salem High School Logan Auditorium Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door

For tickets, see a Saberette or contact Mary Schulz at trix1971@hotmail com or Judy Bono at judy_b21@yahoo com

3-0N-3 HOOP

Northville Parks & Recreation is hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Saturday, March

25, and Sunday, March 26, at the Hillside Recreation Center in Northville The team fee is \$85, which includes T shirts and awards to the first place teams The tourney will be divided into four age brackets for both girls and boys 8-10, 11-13, 14-15 and 16-17 Registration forms can be picked up at the rec department office at 700 W Baseline Road in Northville

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BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Skills Chinic for players between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held March 25 and April 1 at Salem High School

Contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026, or at pcmmyers@hotmail com

Salem spikers retain first place in WLAA

Salem still has the upper hand in the Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball race

On Wednesday, the Rocks survived a stiff test from host Livonia Stevenson to take over sole possession of first place in the ŴLAA, 25 20, 26-24, 20-25, 25-20

Salem 1s now 28-3 overall and 6-0 in the WLAA, while Stevenson falls to 22-5-3 and 51

Several Rocks racked up huge numbers against the Spartans Jansan Falcuson (38 assists, three aces), Teresa Coppiellie (20 kills, 13 digs and seven blocks), Lauren Price (11 digs and 22 kills), Nikki Mersch (28 digs), Kelly Behr (four aces), Shannon Rusin (seven blocks) and Lauren Kurtz (four blocks, eight kills and two aces)

'We had a lead in the second game, we had our chances, Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said 'We had some good swings, but we struggled with our blocks We could not get touches at the net Defensively we struggled and that created a problem because we could not get enough balls to go through our middle hitters We served well, but we also made some mental mistakes'

Senior Maria Mezzadri led the Spartans with a team-high 23 kills followed by Jamie Pounders (10), Hannah Diebel (7) and Amanda Alpert (6) Setter Ashton Judis, battling a foot injury, finished with 36

assist-to-kills, while Libero Jordan Pilut had 17 digs Amber Sharp went 16-for-16 serving with two aces 'We scouted them, but

(Teresa) Coppiellie and

PREP VOLLEYBALL

(Lauren) Price hurt us." Graham said "And when they went to their other hitters, they hit well They're a good team 'But I m proud of my girls

because we never gave up and I thought we held our own PLYMOUTH 3, W L. WESTERN I

The Wildcats rebounded in a big way from Mondays threeset loss to Livonia Stevenson, by upending the Warriors, 25-17, 25-15, 22-25 and 25-22, Wednesday night

the victory improved Plymouth's record to 26-7 overall and 3-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association

'We played like a totally different team than we did on Monday,' said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland 'Offensively, we stepped it up 110 percent Our hitters were finally complementing our great passing

'We have been passing the ball very consistently, but we haven't been able to convert those passes into kills Against Western, it all came together and I was very pleased with the team's performance '

McCausland was especially pleased with the play of junior outside hitter Courtney Buttermore during some clutch situations Wednesday night Buttermore helped pick up the slack when one of the Wildcats top front-row threats, Jackie Dorre, suffered an injury Plymouth also played without its top player, Jeanine Moise

Courtney really came through for us when Jackie went down," McCausland said

She had three very important kills at the end of the fourth game to win the match for us"

Also shining for the winners were Sarah Haskins (44 assists and 26 digs), Janet Hanchett (nine kills and 15 dıgs) Chelsey Quinlan (seven kills and 17-for 17 on serves), Brandı Swyhart (21 dıgs), Lindsay Vogelsberg (14 digs) and Brittany Hengesh (nine kills, four solo blocks and seven block assists)

Plymouth returns to action Monday at home against Livonia Franklin

CANTON 3, WAYNE MEMORIAL 1: The Chiefs recorded a onesided WLAA Western Division victory over the Zebras, 25-21, 25-19, 23-25 and 25-12 Lisa Western had a strong allaround match for the Chiefs, who were also bolstered by stellar efforts from Krista Holcomb, Lauren McPartlin, Kelsey Bailey and Marie Martin

On Monday, the Chiefs dropped a three-game match to Livonia Churchill, 25-9, 25-14 and 25-15 Canton coach Kristie Drinkhahn praised the play of Heidi Herendeen, Western, Bailey and Martin

We played hard, but Churchill has some amazing hitters," Drinkhahn said

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 3, ZOE 0: The Eagles improved their record to 14-11 overall and 5-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 25-15, 26 24 and 25-11 victory over Zoe Leading the way were Kelsie Tietjen (14 kills, 21 digs and 11 service points), Bre Ruark (seven kills, 21 digs and eight assists) and Brooke Harris (20 assists, six kills and 12 digs)

Northville Roadrunners set for annual kickoff meeting

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WR TER

The Northville Roadrunners don't want your Super Bowl hangover to last very long

of Main Street and Ann Arbor

Roadrunners will stage their

annual season kickoff and

membership drive meeting

anywhere from 4- to 6-mile

loops, are held at 6 30 p m

Their group runs, ranging

each Tuesday and Thursday at

Northville High), located on

Eight Mile Road (meet inside

All levels and ages, ranging

minute mile pace, can also join

Center Street just south of

the Northville Community

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Trail in Plymouth, the

Saturday during the winter Health, fitness and competi-months at the old Northville tion has no age barrier Recreation Center, located the next to the Fire Station on Main Street (just west of

the Roadrunner's at 9 a m. each, by young and old together

The Northville Roadrunners are experiencing a revival of sorts after nearly becoming



At 7 45 p m Tuesday at the Center) Box Bar, located on the corner

During the spring, summer and fall months, the group does trail runs at 9 a m each Saturday at Maybury State Park (meet at the horse stables)

*Everyone knows the fitness value of running,' said Roadrunner member Gary Haf 'But it's the camaraderie of belonging to a group that really accentuates the value of fellow runners and help keeps the running habit' going

Also, from a social perspective, there is nothing better than the bonding of long runs to build real friendship The nice thing is that it can be done

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extinct when it was originally known as the Redford Roadrunners

We have about 50 solid members and we'd like to double that in five years," Haf said 'I'd say we've had a 20 to 25 percent increase We want people to know we re alive and well, and growing'

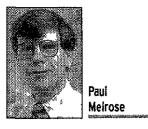
The club stages an annual banquet during the spring and last October resurrected the Roadrunner Classic, an 8-kilometer race along with a 1-mile kids fun run at Maybury Proceeds from the run benefited the Friends of Maybury"

"The read bonus is being able - with the power of our organization – to give back to the community," Haf said An annual Northville

Roadrunner membership fee is \$15

For more information, visit the clubs website at www.northvilleroadrunners.or g, or call Haf at (248) 231 6114





Learn to control your anger

ust since Christmas I have gotten several we requests and inquiries about my anger management program Anger is something we are born with, it just never goes away And, indeed, it should not Directed anger shows the passion and the strength about how one believes in someone or something and provides the energy necessary to move your life on

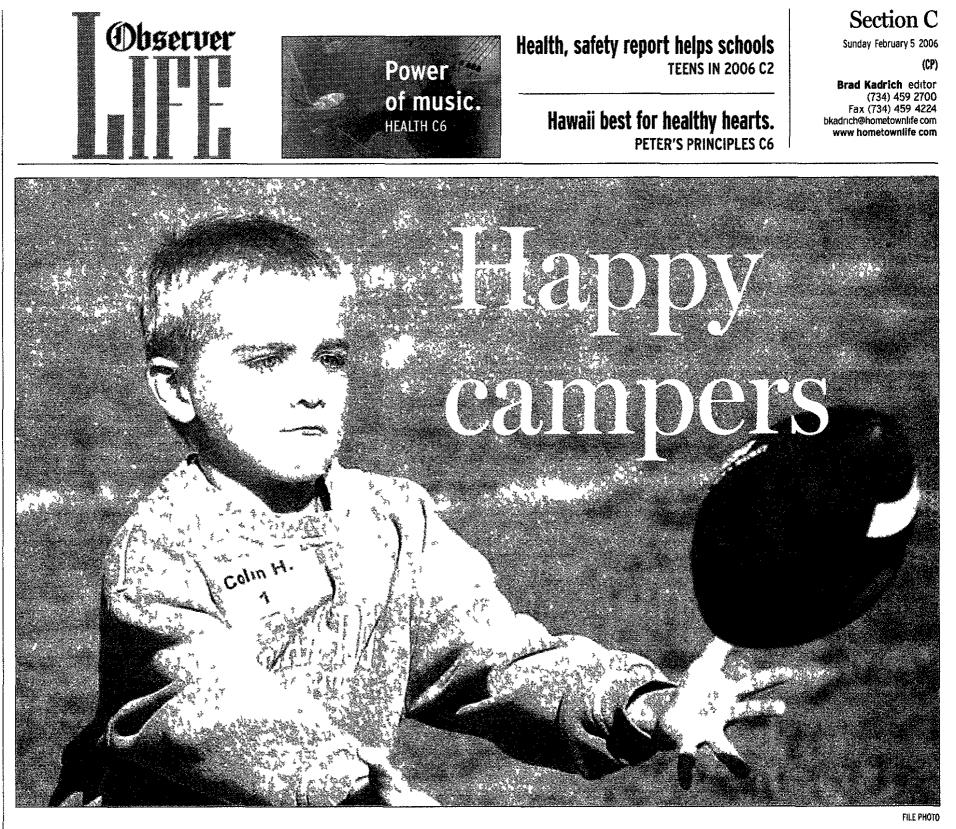
Of course there are many pitfalls with anger The bad press of anger comes from what we saw growing up by our caregivers and other adults, whether messages about behavior were consistent with what actions we observed, and whether or not we were victims of misdirected or out-of-control anger, the worst of which could be physical or sexual abuse

Part of people's frustration with working on their anger is that they want some techniques to simply make it go away But the anger is deeply inbred in us It has been and was learned over a long period of time It cannot change or go away quickly Here are some suggestions common to many anger management programs

1 Learn that anger is a feeling or emotion, it can range from mild to severe Aggression is behavior intended to cause harm or injury Hostility is the attitude or judgment that motivates aggression

2 Learn when anger becomes a problem for you and what the payoffs and consequences are The payoffs usually talk about immediate rehef Too much attention there does not allow a person to think about the long-term consequences, many with disastrous effects

3 Challenge the myths about anger Here are some Anger is inherited No Anger automatically leads to aggression No, there are other ways to manage anger You don't have to be sive to get what you want, it is OK to be assertive Venting anger is seldom, if ever desirable 4 Break the anger habit Here is where you need to learn what raises your anger level Become aware of the thoughts that influence your becoming angry And then put a plan into place to manage your anger effectively



Colin Hendrickson catches a football during a Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp in Lake Orion last year

Annual Super Summers camp fair has choices for everyone

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER STAFF WRITER

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Sturman, of Bloomfield Township, says when hearing about the offerings, she sometimes wishes she could be a young camper again "I'm telling you, I'd like to be a kid again and have Sturman these opportunities, because one camp is more exciting than the next,' she said with a laugh

A FAMILY EVENT

This year's 17th annual fair is 11 a m to 3 30 p m Sunday, Feb 12, at the Birmingham Public Schools Conference Center in Beverly Hills Some 3.000 to 4.000 people are expected to attend Admission is free The event is best attended as a family, she said, so children can participate in the choice Guests will receive brochures, see videos and have a chance to talk to camp representatives 'I give people a large plastic bag for information Afterwards, 'I recommend they do some homework 'That includes finding out facts such as camper to staff ratio, and talking to families whose children have camped there 'Every one of them will give you references Most of the camps are accredited by



Some steps in the process of breaking the anger habit are

1 Learn what events trigger anger Become aware of your physical, behavioral emotional and cognitive cues 2 Learn your aggression

cycle 3 Choose not to react but

think through your response 4 Learn time-outs and

relaxation techniques 5 Learn meditation and imagination techniques

6 Learn what event stimulates your anger, what you tell yourself about the event, how you feel after you have talked to yourself about the event, and what are your beliefs and feelings about yourself in relation to the event

7 Be assertive Decide if there is a dispute you need to resolve with another person or should you simply let it go and walk away You will notice that even letting something go is harder than it might seem

8 Recall where in your family your anger came from Decide how much you are repeating old patterns that no longer work

It is not enough just to do these things once to control your anger After you learn these or other similar approaches practice, practice, practice If it is important to you, you can make it happen

Dr. Paul J. Metrose is Director of **Clinical Services at the Samaritan** Counseling Center of SE Michigan He can be reached at www paulmel rose com or through 248 474 4701

iern Michigan each year w husband, Stephen, at a camp for University of Michigan alumni Sturman also thinks about camps with computers, camps for kids with disabilities, camps with horses and camps whose campers travel overseas

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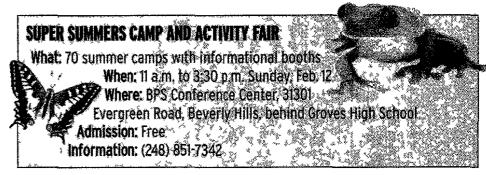
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by her organization, Elaine S Events The informational event helps parents choose the best summer program for their children

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COURTESY OF CAMP TAMARACK

A group of 'happy campers' at Camp Tamarack pose for a photo last year



Big week begins with salute to Detroit

The official opening ceremony for Super Bowl XL on Monday night was a star-studded tribute to Detroit's cars, sports and music

Athletes, politicians, corporate chiefs, community leaders and musicians all walked the red carpet into the majestic Fox Theatre for "A Detroit Salute"

Some looked over the silent auction at items like a boxing glove signed by Muhammad Ali and a guitar autographed by Kid Rock, but most socialized, comparing their plans for the week ahead

Some 800 of the nearly 5,000 guests bought the \$1,000 and \$1,500 tickets that included dinner It was served at candleht tables set on a platform constructed over the theater seats Singing waiters were an entertaining addition



All the guests had seats for the show It featured a dramatic introduction of a Cadillac, Viper and Mustang, a review of 40 shining moments in Detroit's sports history and a parade of dozens of sports legends like Barry Sanders and Al Kalıne New Motown recording artist Kem, the ageless Four Tops and the youthful Mosaic singers provided the musical excitement

For souvenirs, guests received a print of a painting by Doug West of Clinton Township According to collector Jack Krasula, West is the country's premier sports artist

By Sally Gerak

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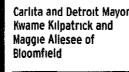
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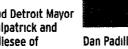




GM's Matt Cullen (left) of Grosse Pointe, Debbie Dingell of of Grosse Pointe and host committee chair Roger Penske of Birmingham at the Salute to Detroit gala to open Super Bowl XL festivities in Detroit







Dan Padilla (left) and Ford s Jim Padilla of Plymouth, Jim and Nathalie Padilla of Royal Oak enjoy the party

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CAMP FAIR

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the American Camping Association, she said

High school and college students interested in summer employment will also benefit "Almost every one has job opportunities'

THEATER TO FOOTBALL

This year's fair showcases over 70 US and Canadian camps, both day and overnight programs

New to the fair will be local programs as varied as Detroit's Mosaic Youth Theatre, Detroit Science Center, Girls Empowered and the Detroit Lions Football Camp

Area day camps will include the Stepping Stone Day Camps in Farmington Hills with offerings such as computer, dinosaur and chemistry camps, and performing arts and science camps offered by Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills

Overnight camps will be represented from as far away as California and North

Carolina in addition to Canada

One such program, Camp Kodiak in Canada, is for youth ages 6-18 with and without learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder

TOURS AND FARMS

There will also be programs involving travel

"For a few years there, after 9-11, families wanted to keep close to home Now that has passed I think nowadays famifies are realizing that their kids can broaden their horizons in such exciting ways by travel"

West Coast Connection Teen Tours and Outdoor Adventures, with travel all over the US, and Rustic Pathways, with Australia and New Zealand among the destinations, will have booths

For children who love animals, Country School Farm in Becks Mills, Ohio, offers "all kinds of farming activities"

Religious camps include Camp Sancta Maria for boys, a Catholic resident camp in Gaylord, and Camp Tamarack, a Jewish camp, part of the

Fresh Air Society in Bloomfield Township

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Lifetime Fitness will also showcase its offerings An interesting fact - some

of the for-profit camps are less expensive than the nonprofits, said Sturman

Nonprofits, however, often offer scholarship opportunities There are also a couple of family camps

They include one at the Howell Nature Center, and Camp Tamarack, which has camps for grandma and grandpa, too

For Debbie Landau, camp director of Camp Tamarack's Camp Maas in Ortonville for second to ninth-graders, the camp fair is invaluable

"It's a wonderful opportunity for us to recruit new campers, and for people to know what we have to offer," she said

Maas, her husband, Mark of West Bloomfield, and their two sons have had many fun summer days at the camp Now, her sons are staff members there, she said

Health and safety report helps schools help students

Child Health Bureau

The purpose of the HMHS-

🛚 ust how much you, my readers, want to know about the issues related to schools and their role in the health, mental health and safety for your children may be reflected in whether you urge

> or school leaders to obtain a new guide Health, Mental Health, and Safety Guidelines (HMHSGS) for

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2005, \$49 95) McCarthy Maybe it is not so much how much you want to know, but rather whether you are satisfied that your schools are doing all they can to provide health and safety for all students You can view a free, online version of this 312-page publication at www.school-

health org and www nationalguidelines org Here is why it is important to obtain the Schools are assuming an

increasingly important role in student health promotion, disease prevention, and injury prevention To help schools deal with issues that vary from violence to substance abuse and from safety to obesity, more than 300 health, mental health, safety, school health and education professionals iomed in developing the Health, Mental Health, and Safety Guidelines for Schools The project was led by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses, with funding from the Health **Resources and Services** Administration/Maternal and

GS is to help those who influence the health, mental health and safety of students and school staff while they are in school, on school grounds, on their way to or from school, or involved in school-sponsored activities The guidelines are prepared for those who play a role in the assessment, planning, or improvement of school health and safety programs, including school administrators, school board members, parents, school health professionals, educators, community leaders, legislators at all levels, professionals in government agencies, and students

This compendium of guidelines is likely to become the very first resource used by anyone who is trying to improve school health in his or her state, district or local school

Topics included are overarching school health and safety issues, health and mental health services, nutrition and food services, physical environment and transportation, staff health and safety, family and community involvement, health and safety education. physical education, and social environment

Health, mental health and safety are mextricably linked to student achievement Poor nutrition, impaired vision or hearing, dental pain, sleep deficiency, substance abuse, anxiety about home life, anxiety about relations with peers and exposure to violence are examples of health and safety issues associated with low achievement in school The public benefits from the health and safety of the population

I joined with 20 other national leaders in health education to chair one of the nine established committees

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School alumni sought for anniversary

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Gary Peltier says to look for the banners hung from lightposts on Plymouth road in Livonia. The signage is just one of the ways that St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church is trying to attract the attention of former parishioners and school alumni in time to celebrate the parish's 75th anniversary The festivities begin at noon Sunday, Feb 12, with a mass concelebrated by the archbishop of Detroit, Adam Cardinal Maida, in the church at 11441 Hubbard Former and current parishioners, school alumni and members of the community are welcome to attend Tours and an open reception in St Michael School follows the mass

The parish is older than the city It's one of the first institutions in the city," said Peltier, chairman of the 75th anniversary committee which began

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meeting in October 2004 "The school opened not too long after the parish was started so it's been an education force in the community We want to reach as many people as we can My wife grew up in the church There are former parishioners who are still around

"Mass 1s the start of many activities, a year long series of things going on There's a religious retreat in May for three days, the dedication of a peace garden in August, a family fun fest with picnic in September, and then a gala event on the anniversary date Oct 21"

Pastor William Tindall is taking the opportunity of the parish's 75th anniversary to create an alumni association He's assigned Tricia Donehue to head up the task of finding students who have attended the school since its founding in 1941 .

If you're an alumn of St. Michael School, Tricia would like to add your name to the

mailing list. Send e-mail with maiden/married name, address. phone number, e-mail address, and year of graduation to stmichaelalumni@yahoo com or mail to St Michael School Alumni, 9929 Auburndale St, Livonia MI 48150

"We're searching out alumni to inform them of the events taking place this year and invite them to the Oct 21, 75th Jubilee Dinner Dance at the Hellenic Center in Westland," said Tricia Donehue "We sent out fliers to Ladywood and Brother Rice high schools, Schoolcraft College, Madonna University, and Livonia Public Schools that we're looking for alumni Quite a large number of alumni send their children to St Michael, but so far we've only received about five people on the e-mail We're hoping the cardinal's mass brings in quite a few'

For more information, visit the web site at www livoniastmichael org

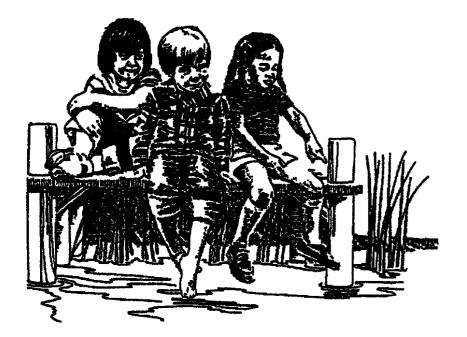
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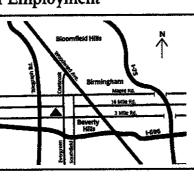
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NewDANCEfest IV

Friday, February 10, 2006 at 7:30pm (Prelude 7:00pm) Troy High School Auditorium (Troy, Michigan) Presented by the Troy School District Fine Arts Department

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 students Box office: 248.559.2095

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Grace & Glorie

Arbor Hospice & Home Care partners with Duo Damas Productions for Grace & Glorie a humorous and heart warming play by renowned playwright Tom Ziegler The opening gala will be held 6 30 p m Friday March 24 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Set in a tiny cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains Grace & Glorie is a modern day comedy which features Grace a feisty octogenarian with incurable cancer who has returned to her beloved homestead cottage to die. She is cared for by a volunteer hospice worker named Glorie a Harvard MBA graduate and sophisticated urbanite who is a recent transplant to the rural area and is the volunteer hospice worker

assigned to assist Grace Acclaimed producers Joanne W Hulce and Gloria Logan will be at the beim of the production Gloria Logan will also star as Glorie in the production Donna Adams Schulte will play the character of Grace Proceeds from the production will benefit The Arbor Hospice Foundation which supports the programs and services of Arbor Hospice & Home Care Tickets to the Opening Night Gala on Friday March 24 are \$75 each and include an open ing reception with a chance to speak with the cast at 6 30 p m and the pro duction beginning at 8 Other show times are 8 p.m. Saturday March 25 and a matinee performance 2 p m Sunday March 26 Tickets for those productions are \$40 apiece For more information or to purchase tickets contact Glenda Gordon Kime at Arbor Hospice & Home Care at (734) 662 5999 Ext 152 spe cialevents@arborhospice.org_or_visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care online at www.arborhospice.org Valentine ball

On Saturday Feb 11 the Philippine American Community Center of Michigan hosts the 23rd annual Valentine's Ball at the Sheraton Novi 2111 Haggerty Road in Novi The semi formal dinner dance reception begins at 6 30 pm Dinner will be served at 7 30 pm The speaker will be Dr Sook Wilkinson Chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Americans There will be a minimum of speeches and lots of dancing. For further infor mation to be a sponsor or patron and for tickets contact executive director Fred Porte at (248) 443 7037 not required St Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile at Levan in Livonia For more information call (734) 655 8961

Bariatric seminar

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia now offers bariatric surgery performed laparoscopically at its new Bariatric Center To learn more about this sur gery the hospital offers free educa tional seminars 6 30 p.m. Wednesday Feb 15 in the St Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium Speakers are surgeon Tallal Zeni director Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery and Paula Magid director of the Bariatric Program Call (734) 655 2692 to regis ter St Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. The Bariatric Center is located at 14555 Levan Suite 311 in the Marian Professional Building

50s-60s party

Sterling Heights Dodge is co sponsor ing the first annual March of Dimes 50s 60s Party at the Fernhill Golf & Country Club Feb 25 to raise money for the fight against birth defects premature birth and infant mortality The event will include live entertain ment by Steve King and the Dittilies and a costume contest for those who best represent fun fifties sixties style

Besides live entertainment guests will enjoy a buffet dinner and have a chance to participate in a silent auc tion and raffle with prizes throughout the evening. While there are some tickets left for the premiere of this fund raiser space is limited Tickets are \$50 per individual (\$22 tax deductible) and reservations can be made for a table of ten for \$450 Fernhill Golf & Country Club is located at 17600 Clinton River Road in Clinton Township between Garfield and Cass Roads Doors open at 6 p m and din ner will start at 7 pm. For more infor mation call Sharon Gwizdowski at (248) 359 1550

Fibromyalgia workshop

The National Wellness Foundation sponsors a free workshop on fibromyalgia 6 30 p m Wednesday Feb 8 at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia To register call (248) 426 0201 Seating is limited

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported cases of flu are continuing to increase across the nation and are listed as sporadic in Michigan The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan urges that there is still time to get a flu shot and build up immunity Walk in clinics are being offered at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road Suite 600 in Oak Park 9 a m to noon. Monday through Friday Homebound service and corporate worksite clinics are also available. Flu shots through the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan are \$22 payable by cash check Medicare HAP or Care Choices Pneumonia shots are \$35 For information call (248) 967 8751 or visit www.vna.org

Drawing into painting

Flu shots

The exhibition Drawing into Painting runs Feb 24 April 8 at the Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibition Gallery 117 West Liberty Street Ann Arbor Hours are 10 a m to 6 p m Monday through Saturday noon to 5 30 p m Sunday For more information contact Amanda Krugliak exhibitions sirector at the Ann Arbor Art Center (734) 994 8004 Ext 110

Aline exhibit

The Beili Liu installation ALINE runs through Feb 18 in the Ann Arbor Art Center s Exhibition Gallery 117 West Liberty Street in Ann Arbor Hours are 10 a m 6 p m Monday Saturday noon 5 30 p m Sunday For more information contact Amanda Krugliak Exhibitions Director at the Ann Arbor Art Center (734) 994 8004 Ext 110 **Literacy Council tutors**

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading writing and communication skills The CLC will provide training to interested volun teers Previous experience or a backe lor s degree is not required The coun cil will provide free training and mate rials and then match you with an adult student in your area Call (734) 416 4906 for more information **Grief support**



Westland, MI According to a recently released back pain rehef report most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain Some use heat, others ice From sleeping on the floor to pillows underneath the legs back pain relief techniques very But thanks to a free report local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do To get a copy of the free "Back Pain Relief Report, call toll free, **1-888-744-2225.** (Toll free, 24 hour recorded message) a Christian based pereavement out reach and resourc center located in Northville Age ap ropriate groups for widows and widow irs are provided in various locations southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their chill dren 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 vari ous 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 the office at (248) 348 0115 for further information about services. provided by New Hope Center for

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Rotary A M

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The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A M meets at 7 à m every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer New members are always welcome Contact Tim Phillips president Rotary Club of Plymouth A M via e mail at tim@phillipshq com or call (734) 451 8267 **MOPS meet**

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

meets twice monthly from September May for moms and their children newborn kindergarten at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth For more information call Crystal Johnson (734) 459 1861 **Mosaic**

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

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

tion

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 Cali Mary Ann at (734) 420 0857 for further informa tion

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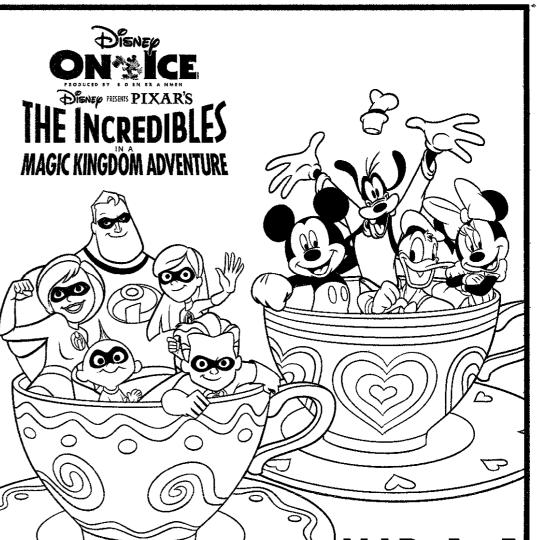
Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I 0 0 F Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7 30 p m All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible Call (734) 459 7324 Woman's Farm and Garden Club-

Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459 7478

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 information 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 mothersand more63@onebox.com



Girlstown Foundation

Girlstown Foundation is looking for foster parents to provide care to males and females from 10 to 17 years of age in need of safe and loving homes For information call (734) 697 4804

Canton BPW meeting

Women looking for leadership devel opment informative programs busi ness contacts networking opportuni ties mentor relationships friend ships community awareness profes sional growth political advocacy national state and local voice in women's issues should check out the next meeting of the Canton Business and Professional Women 6 8 30 p m Monday Feb 13 at Palermos Restaurant 44938 Ford Road in Canton Guest speaker will be local author Glenna D Livingston (How I Got By A Family Saga) in honor of Black History Month To RSVP or for more information contact June Nicholas at junenicholas@comcast net or (313) 610 2561

Diabetes seminar

The Diabetes Support Group at St Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation Your skin Keeping it All Together 7 8 30 p m Wednesday Feb 8 in the hospital s auditorium The speaker is registered nurse Donna Choma The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members There is no charge pre registration is



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PREVENTING OSTEOARTHRITIS

If physicians had the choice of an arthritic condition to prevent that choice kely would be osteoarthritis. The work and recreation time lost the pain caused and the dollars paid for care of osteoarthritis far exceeds any other arthritic condition.

The reason for this prominence of osteoarthr its is that it is the most common arthrit is people experience. Surveys indicate that nearly 40% of people over age 54 have osteoarthrit is of one or more joints and that this percentage rises to over 60% for individuals age 75 or over

The most common joint affected is the knee to lowed by the hip wrists shoulde and e bow do not include the hands for while this is a common form of osteoarthritis the joints involver rarely cause pain or impair use

The accepted belief is that osteoarthr tis is something that cannot be prevented if the statement refers to the hands that is true. Usually hand osteoarth its is hered tary from mothe to daughter father to son Arthr tis in the shoulder elbow or wrist often have its origins in njury Whether the trauma was preventable is un que to each person. Without question activities such as motorcycling playing foctball and part c pating in gymnastics puts joints at risk.

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Flute master class features Lowell Liebermann

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The Plymouth Symphony Society, in collaboration with the Southeastern Michigan Fluteplayers Association (SEMFA), 1s honored to host a flutist master class with world-renowned composer, Lowell Liebermann

The masterclass takes place 2-4 p m Saturday, Feb 11, at St John's Episcopal Church, 574 S Sheldon, Plymouth Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 children through 12th grade, free to SEMFA members

Liebermann is one of today's most widely performed and commissioned composers In addition to his long-term position as composer in residence to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra He also filled the same role for Sapporo's Pacific Music

MISC. SINGLES

Moon-dusters

Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8 30 11 p m at the Livonia **Civic Center 15218 Farmington Road** Livonia Admission guest/\$6 associ ates/\$550 members/\$5 Dress Ladies - date style clothes gentlemen jack ets and ties for more information call Joe Castrodale (248) 968 5197

Parents Without Partners

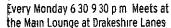
Wayne Westland Chapter of Parents Without Partners February Dance will be 8 pm to 1 am Saturday Feb 11 at the Brownstown/Dearborn Moose Center 22112 Sibley Road between Telegraph and 175 For more informa tion contact Mary Murdock (734) 722 5383 or Pat Tokar at (248) 478 8977 **Bethany Suburban West**

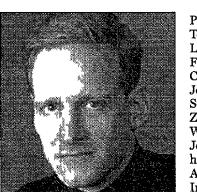
🖿 A Valentine Mardi Gras Dance will be 8 p m until midnight on Friday Feb 17 at St Robert Bellarmine Church Costumes optional refresh ments snacks pizza salad pop beer and wine Tickets are \$15 Advance tickets advisable Contact Michele (313) 996 8644

Monthly Breakfast Meeting will be Saturday Feb 18 at Leons on Ford Road in Garden City kitty corner from Kmart All separated divorced and singles welcome

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Composer Lowell Liebermann gives a flute master class Feb 11 at St John's **Episcopal Church of Plymouth**

Festival and for the Saratoga Performing Arts Center

Orchestras and artists worldwide have championed his works including the New York Philharmonic, the

Philadelphia Orchestra, the Tokyo NHK Symphony, LOrchestre National de France, James Galway, Charles Dutoit, Kurt Masur, Joshua Bell, Andrew Litton, Susan Graham, David Zınman, Paula Robison, Wolfgang Sawallisch, and Jean-Yves Thibaudet In 2001 he was awarded the first American Composers' Invitational Award by the 11th Van Cliburn **Competition** James Galway has commissioned two works from him Concerto for Flute and Orchestra, and Concerto for Flute, Harp and

Orchestra For more information, call Holly Clemans at (734) 459-1080, or the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112

SINGLES

35000 Grand River Ave just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu \$5/mem bers \$6/non members

Dances

MSP dances from 8 p m to 1 a m Top 40 DJ cash bar hors d oeuvres (8 9 30 p m) and door prizes Admission \$5/members \$9/non members unless otherwise noted. Attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes) unless otherwise noted Friday Feb 10 Sheraton Hotel Novi Eight Mile Road at 1 275 Exit 167

Bowling Party/Dinner

Bowling Party/Dinner is 7 30 p.m. on Saturday Feb 11 at Drakeshire Lanes 35000 Grand River east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills Three games no tap Three mystery games Strike Shoot Prize Money Check in at 7 30 pm Dinner at 8 pm All welcome all levels welcome Admission \$22 in advance or \$25 at door Non smoking event Ski/Party/Dance

Saturdays Feb 18 and March 4 Downhill skiing party and dance at Mt Brighton | 96 exit 145 follow the signs and turn right at Big Boy Anytime 6 p m till 2 a m Discounted singles group rate is \$20 includes an all area lift ticket admission to party and dance (8 p m to 1 a m) in. Smart Alex Top 40 D J cash bar hors d oeuvres (9 p m) and door prizes Discounted ski rental Admission to party/dance for skiers is free non skiers/\$9

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward

Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11 30 a m every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encour agement Coffee doughnuts conver sation and Christ are always present Call the SPM office at (248) 374 5920 **Bible Studies-Praver Nights**

Learner's Bible Study 7 pm Mondays in Rolom A101 PACS 7 pm 2nd and 4th Mondays in Room C309 Praying Together 7 pm Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church **Grief Workshop**

From Grief to New Hope workshop runs for eight consecutive Mondays beginning Monday Feb 6 from 7 8 45 pm Room A105 Free of charge Pre register by calling Carol Jacoby at (248) 374 5966

Divorce Recovery

Divorce Recovery Workshop winter session begins Feb 9 Thursday night from 7 9 30 p m Seven consecutive weeks ending March 23 Cost is \$30 for pre registration \$20 for return ing participants and \$35 at the door Fee includes notebook binder the book Growing Through Divorce by Jim Smoke refreshments and a clos ing night dinner

Crosstalk

Friday Feb 10 at 7 pm in Knox Hall Rev Paul Clough will be discussing an issue in a current news article from a Christian perspective in a secular world Open discussion Free child care

Classic Senior Singles

Tuesday Feb 14 at 7 pm Room C317 Tea with Mussolini movie

WILLIAM 'MIKE' MCNEIL

January 30 2006 age 54 of Romulus Beloved husband of Ruth A North McNeil Dear father of Jennifer Lynn

McNeil Brother of Nita McKenzie of

Wayne Edith Diem May of Wayne Pamela McNeil of Belleville and

Paula McNeil of Belleville Also sur

vived by aunt Mrs Paul (Eloise)

Flournoy of Georgia many nieces nephews relatives and friends Services were held at the Uht Funeral

Home Westland on Thursday February 2 2006 with Pastor Bob McDonald officiating Burial was at Arborcrest Memorial Park Cemetery,

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WEDDINGS



Karby-Baldridge

Jason E Karby and Anne Baldridge were married Oct 1, 2005, at St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church before the Rev John Martingnon A reception was held in Houghton, Mich Attending the bride, was maid of honor, Ashley

Baldridge Attending the groom was best man, John Kalalhuna Anne is the daughter of Andrea Baldridge of Houghton, and Roy and Esther Baldridge of Lima, Ohio She earned a bachelor's degree from

Michigan Technological University and a master's degree from Clark University She is a compensation analyst for Monster com

Jason 1s the son of Robert and Maureen Karby of Plymouth He earned a bachelors degree from Michigan Technological University He is a design compliance engineer for Bose Corp

The new Mr and Mrs Jason Karby spent their honeymoon in Hawaii They are making their new home in Northborough, MA



Delgreco-Piippo Lacy Lynne Puppo and Kenneth R Delgreco, Jr were united in marriage Jan 1, 2006, at Hope Lutheran

Galindo-Van Washenova

ENGAGEMENTS

Mario and Joyce Galindo of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Louise, to Dale Charles Van Washenova, Jr of South Rockwood

Andrea 1s a 1998 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and earned a bachelor's degree in logistics and marketing from Central Michigan University in 2002 She is employed at Trans-Man Logistics in Taylor

Her fiance, Dale, 1s the son of Lorna Van Washenova and the late Dale Van Washenova, Sr of South Rockwood He is a 1995 graduate of Airport High School in Carleton and earned a bachelor's degree in recreational therapy from Central Michigan University in 2001 He earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University in 2004 Dale is currently pursuing an elementary education

Luke-Mulder

Don and Annette Luke of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Marie, to Silas Lee, son of Dennis and Laurie Mulder of Kalamazoo

Jennifer is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Calvin College In April, she will graduate from Western Michigan University with a master's degree in social work

Her fiance, Silas, is a graduate of Calvin College He works at Mulder Glass, a familyowned business in Kalamazoo He is currently pursuing a master's degree in business at Western Michigan University Jennifer and Silas are plan-

Krolczyk-Dare

Vincent and MaryAnn Krolczyk of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Renée, to Kevin Dare of New Boston

Renée 1s a graduate of Central Michigan University She is a teacher at St Damian School in Westland

Her fiance, Kevin, is the son of Thomas and Beverly Dare of Belleville He attended Washtenaw Community College He is employed with Canton Township Leisure Services, Parks Department Kevin and Renee are plan-

ning a summer wedding

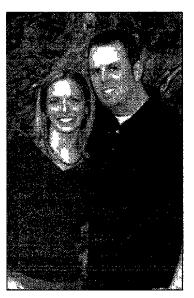


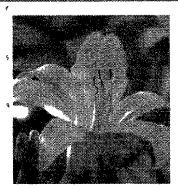
teaching position while employed at Willowbrook Rehabilitation in Brighton

Dale and Andrea are planning July wedding at the Chapel at St John's with a reception at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills After a honeymoon in the Dominican Republic, they are planning on making their new home in the Livonia Area N



ning an August wedding at Westland Free Methodist Church





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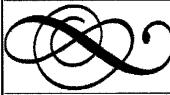
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EVELYN M GILHOOLY

Age 100, February 2 2006 Beloved wife of the late John J Dear mother of John P (Helen) and Walter B (Joan) Loving grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 22 Visitation at he O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Novi 1 248-348 1800 Sunday 2 5 & 6 8 Rosary Sunday 3 00pm In state at St Mary Church 1955 Commerce Milford Monday 9 30 until the funeral liturgy at 10 00 Donations may be made to the charity of your choice

Online sympathy message at www obriensullivanfuneralhome com

NANCY HILDEBRANDT

A memorial service for Nancy Hildebrandt MSW (73) of Bloomfield Hills will be held on Feb 12 06 at 2 00pm at the Congregational Church of Birmingham at 1000 Cranbrook Rd She is the widow of Robert and leaves daughters Leslie ODay of Detroit Lynn McClinton Maryland Donna Mott, Flordia, 8 grandsons & 2 great grandchildren



PETER J LOCH February 1, 20 Bloomfield Hills 2006 age 77 oi Retired General Motors Executive Beloved husband of Joeann T (nee Brama) for 48 years Dear father of James P (Carolyn) Theresa R Missant (Robert) and Kathryn A Grandfather of Robert Jon William Kimberly, Dylan Kırsten and Heath Brother of John (Claudette) Thomas (Christine) and the late Catherine Kosky (Gerald) Family will receive friends at A J Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Ave (btwn 13 14 Mile) Sunday 1 00 6 00pm Prayer service Sunday after noon Funeral Mass Monday 11 00am at Church of St Owen 6869 Franklin Rd Bloomfield Hills Visitation begins at church 10 30am In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to The Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Fund c/o Rose Cancer Center at Beaumont Hospital 3577 W Thirteen Mile Road Suite 101 Royal Oak MI 48073

View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



Age 74 of Livonia died February 1 2006 She was born March 21 1931 in Plymouth She is survived by her brothers Robert Long and Edward Long Jr her cousin Geraldine Javonovich and many nieces and nephews Funeral services were held Friday February 3 at Schrader Howell Funeral Home Plymouth Memorials may be made to St Paul s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia

Church in Farmington Hills The ceremony was officiated by the bride's maternal grandfather, Rev Gene C Harrison Lacy, is the daughter of

Gerald and Lynne Puppo of St Ignace Her grandparents are Rev Gene C and Vera Harrison of Rudyard and the late Andrew and late Edith Puppo of Rudyard She is a graduate of LaSalle High School in St Ignace She is a 2005 graduate of Kettering University with a degree in industrial engineering She is employed with General Motors in Romulus

Kenneth 1s the son of Kenneth and Judy Delgreco Sr of Novi His grandparents are Edward and Noreen Preczewski of Roscommon and Rudolph and Barbara Delgreco of Westland He is a graduate of Novi High School He is a 2005 graduate of Kettering University with a degree in industrial engineering He works for General Motors in Pontiac Both Ken and Lacy are officers of Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and members of the Society of Women Engineers, Institute of Industrial Engineers and Society of Manufacturing Engineers

Attending the bride was her sister, Cassandra Puppo, as maid of honor Bridesmaids were Keri Delgreco, sister of the groom, and Courtney Holder, friend Alyssa Nye, niece of the bride, served as flower girl

Attending the groom was Taher Savhwala, as best man Groomsmen and ushers included Armando Gomez, Alan MacDonald, and Mike Davis

A reception was held at Amantea's Restaurant in Garden City, a family gathering place for three generations Guests were from Germany, Ontario, California, Pennsylvania, Texas, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois and

Mıchıgan The new Mr and Mrs Kenneth Delgreco, Jr spent their honeymoon in northern California and are making their new home in Canton Township

NEW VOICES

Cadyn Andrew-Thomas Sulkowski

Laura and Andrew Sulkowski of Howell announce the birth of their son, Cadyn Andrew-Thomas Sulkowski, on Jan 2, 2006, at St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Howell He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21 inches long He was the first baby born in Livingston county in the new year

Cadyn's grandparents are Jackie and Thomas Sulkowski of Howell, and Mary Lature of Gregory

His great-grandparents are Mary Ann and Richard Wozniak of Garden City

CLASS 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 per son and a telephone number

REUNIONS

Central High

Class of 1946 A 60 year reunion is planned for June 4 2006 at Glen Oaks Country Club Both January and June classmates will celebrate over dinner and danc ing January grads contact Al Weiss (248) 737 9313 or Esther Bornstein (248) 851 6625 June grads contact Barbara Keidan (248) 646 7199 or Saul Saulson (248) 932 5177

Denby High School

Class of 1956 A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept 16 2006 at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno com or Jerry Love at (586) 739 3840

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1956 Looking for classmates A 50 year reunion is planned for October 2006 All alumni from other years welcome Contact Ted at (734) 462 2411 or Lillian at (734) 326 1324

Detroit Mackenzie

Classes Jan June and Summer 1956 A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept 16 2006 at the Novi Sheraton For more information call Harold Kappen at (734) 261 0325 or okappen@earth link net

Edsel Ford High School

A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events Final activity will be a Black and White Ball on Saturday May 20 2006 About the activities www.geoci ties com/edsel50th To contact the committee email edsel50@gmail.com

Fordson High School

Class of 1981 A 25 year reunion is planned for Saturday May 13 2006 For more infor mation contact Nancy Davis Zaleski at (734) 427 8254 or

fordsonreunion@yahoo com or go to www.geocities.com/fordsonreunion

Franklin High School

Class of 1969 Planning a reunion for 2007 Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363 5679 or e mail Kayninilu@aol.com.or.Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu core com

Garden City West

Class of 1970

A 35 year reunion is planned for April 1 2006 at Mama Mia Restaurant on Plymouth Road in Livonia Contact Gordon Adams at (586) 949 7462

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991 Call (800) 677 7800 visit www.taylor reunions com or e mail info@taylorre unions com

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969 A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007 Contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363 5679 or Email Kaynınılu@aol com

Southeastern (Detroit)

Class of 1956 Southeastern High School (Detroit) Class of 1956 50 Year Reunion is planned for Saturday Sept 16 2006 at the Northfield Hilton Contact Beverly at (586) 566 6775





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ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC Youthful easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boat-Seeking attractive SWF, ing 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly positive outlook 2642092

HAPPY DAD

Single father of three, 37, loves family outdoors, biking, barbecues, cooking and more Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with

employed, self-reliant D/Dfree, easygoing and easy to get along with enjoys biking and cooking Seeking S/DWF 40-55 200-350lbs 2597126

TRUE GENTLEMAN SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54 Someone who is worldly, nice loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest 2912726

HI, LADIES

Male 27 6 200lbs brown/ brown, Libra, N/S loves traveling to Canada Seeking marriageminded woman, 19-35, N/S, to get serious with 12893158

FRESH START Separated BM 32 N/S, occasional drinker no kids, enjoys writing poetry watching sports and having fun Seeking woman, 23-59 2897857

ACTIVE MAN Honest, sincere SWM, 29, 5'8 athletic build, Leo smoker, loves

dancing, throwing darts, movies, iong walks Seeking woman, 24-35 for LTR **29**00632 SWM DESIRES SBF Call me if you desire a nice shape, blue-eyed blonde 50year-old, 180lbs Desires one on one for friendship and defi-

nitely romance 2777324 **POSITIVE PERSONALITY** Attractive, romantic engineer, Asian American male light complexion, 54 58 148lbs, fit, financially secure caring fun-loving Seeks W/H/A/F, 40-55, for friendship maybe more 2514300

SIMPLY PUT 38, 57 145lbs N/S SBM

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC SWM, 46 62, 209lbs, brown/ SBF 37, 5 160lbs single Are you a big tall handsome blue, degreed, outgoing person mom of 2, nice smile, hard- man? DWF, 47, very attractive, ality, enjoys outdoors, workout new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open 2531308

> **NO DRAMA** SBM, 18, NS, seeking fun freaky single black female with a good head on her shoulders a906190

AFRO-AMERICAN MUSLIM SBM, 52, Pisces N/S, tired of bar scene and games, seeks WF, 33-50, N/S, Muslim a+, for sincere relationship 2908994

SEEKING SPECIAL LADY SBM 35, 6'2', enjoys sports swimming camping, walks reading etc ISO a SBF, 25-35 with similar interest 2912409

LONELY COUNTRY BOY 51-year-old SWM, looking for older SWM 50-65 I enjoy long walks, music, and just having fun If interested, give me a cali 2910900

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open 2547524

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SBM, 46, looking for that spe-DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR someone who enjoys walks movies, sporting events, cuddling at home Please be shapely, independent and know what LTR 269646 you want in life \$\$692418

MAN WITH PIZZAZ ... Sincere, affectionate SWM 40s, clear mind, fit body enjoys artsy, cultural events, outdoor activi-

ties, seeking witty pretty SWF 35-55, for friendship and possible relationship \$\overline{1517123}

GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL

Easygoing agreeable, cute SWM, 40s eager to please, willing to try new things, seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF, for dating and relating **2**210772

EASY ON THE EYES

Well-maintained SWM, 56, who enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations Let's meet over coffee and see what develops 2259844

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU Independent self-sufficient DWM 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating walks, drives, cycling cooking Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life 855207

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated I would like to meet a single female 52-62 who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR 2869189

SECURE

WM 58, tall slim good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there 2828139

LEISURE IS BEST SHARED SBM, 28, 6'2", Virgo, N/S, loves movies, bowling, and shooting pool Seeking a cool, down-to-earth BF, 23-35, N/S, to join me 2893419

TRUE GENTLEMAN DWM, 60-years-young, 5'9", 240lbs good health, N/S, N/D enjoy movies, music, dining, classic cars and just living life Seeks SWF 45-50, 125-

130lbs, 5'4'-5'6" 2886694 SEARCHING IN LAKE ORION

Im 50 years old DWM, 5'7", 170 lbs, N/S, Sagittanus, hazel eyes, likes water sports, movies, dinner Seeking pretty SWF, 45-51, 5'-5'8" N/S for LTR 2812505

A SPECIAL GUY

w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies Friendship, possible

NICE GUY

SWM, 66, 5'6" 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festi-vals Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S Shirley, please call back **a**708126

ANTIQUES LOVER

BM, 57, 6'1', HW proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, communicative, engineer, loves vegetable and flower gardening Seeking woman, 40-63 7628249

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big

crowds, enjoys art, wine tastings, charity, seeks similar-minded lady for friendship, maybe more 2548455 **NEW DREAM TEAM?**

Spend some time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s **a** 550046

MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW Open-minded, fairly articulate, somewhat intelligent SWM, 51, enjoys talks and walks, pets, reading etc Seeking SWF companion 2114862

56-68, N/S 2672174

2715711 WELL, HELLO

SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7", 180lbs, medium build,

please respond 2589875

ARE YOU ROMANTIC? SWF, 61 N/S, is looking for chemistry and compatibility with secure, emotionally available WM, 48-60 N/S who can dance (or will learn how to) **2898106**

PETITE & SEXY...

SBF sensitive, affectionate loving, 51 looks 35, 5'1". 105lbs NS Seeking healthy SBM, 510"-6'1", to work out with 2912553

LET'S ENJOY LIFE SWF, 57, N/S, seeks intelligent, kind-hearted, young-at-heart WM, 57-68, N/S, who enjoys traveling, camping, boating (Great Lakes or ocean), music book

stores, and laughter 2759907 FRIENDSHIP FIRST...

Possible relationship Single white young-looking female, 59, brown/brown Looking to meet someone with similar interest, 55-70 Must like music, art, dining, dancing family activities sports, pets N/S 2905774

LOVES LIFE

Attractive, fun-loving widowed WPF, healthy, loves classical music, quality conversation, dining, dancing, theater travel, gardening cooking Retired teacher, now tutoring Seeking understanding, kind gentle-man, 70-80, very young-at-heart **1**/175316

SEEKING COMPANION

SWF, 42, queen-sized, outgoing, enjoys walks, music, life open to new ideas Looking for SM who wants to do things together Must be employed and like pets 2909140

CUTTING TO THE CHASE SBF, 47, 5'3 smoker works in a restaurant Seeking monogamous relationship with BM, 44-50, smoker, with great sense of humor, employed, independent, self-sufficient 2899446

FRIENDS FIRST

SWF 59 pretty young-looking, professional, medium build long brown/brown, wants to SWF, 50, 56', slender intellitravel sports, classic cars fitness, fun 2890404

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

HAPPY & SECURE DCF, 68 52' long dark brown/ brown N/S N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out Seeking man, 58-75 for LTR 2669606

TRY ME! Attractive SWF, 49 I enjoy

movies, dining, skiing and skating Seeking an attractive SWM, 45-55, who enjoys most activities 2869847

A BEAUTIFUL DIAMOND Attractive SBF 5'4", 132lbs Seeks smart, emotionally/financially secure male, for a possible LTR You will not be disappointed 2912268

ISO GOOD FRIEND?

Possible relationship? Read on SWF, 47 N/S, enjoys cooking, dining out, art museums, plays reading, and traveling Seeking honest WM, 42-57, N/S 2857253

LOOKING FOR FUN SBF, 47 desires to meet independent man 50-60, for lots of fun You must know how to treat a lady All calls answered **2**807166

A GOOD & TRUE FRIEND Share with this DBCF65 N/S honest fun enjoy outgoings, breakfast, lunch dinners? conversation good, old-school, down-to-earth friendship, sincerity 2905535

ASIAN MAN WANTED Pretty, blue-eyed blonde, 55, plus-sized warm and bright seeks intelligent handsome man for dating Troy area **2827007**

FORMER MODEL

meet family-oriented man pet gence creativity passion for lover, 55-65, who appreciates music and dancing Seeks art, music dancing, dining out, partner 38-50 who is attractive and fit to share this interests and more \$\$600106

AND FULL OF LIFE

Very attractive blonde, fit energetic and happy professionally employed very youthful 60s, 5'3, trim and shapely, enjoys dining, travel dancing, theater family and friends Seeking honest, handsome fit 55+, college grad, N/S, with youthful passion for life Serious replies only 2652360

GOOD LOOKER

Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF, 53 (looks younger) N/S, not into bars enjoys jazz oldschool music, and fun times Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S for laughter, good times and LTR 8725001

KIND HEART

Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys dancing and all types of music, likes working with animals, seeks good-natured single man, 44-60 2742466

LOVING LEO

Widowed WPF 53 5'9", brown/ brown, N/S nursing home activities coordinator enjoys boating, swimming and Michigan State football games Seeking WM, 50-62, with similar interests 7759316

GREAT COMPANION SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique bright, w/many talents and interests I'm well-traveled very attractive health-conscious How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70 2633527

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER SWF, 49 5'5 full-figured brown/brown, romantic lovable, humorous, likes entertaining, traveling family time Seeking SM, 40-56, N/S, social drinker ok, who puts God first in his life, for possible LTR 2861408

HONEST/OPEN MINDED BF, 54 intelligent cute caring N/S slim, health oriented vegetarian Enjoys ethnic foods travel art, culture ISO kind considerate honest emotionally mature man 7894301

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART Attractive DWF, late 40s Cancer, N/S, seeks special no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring quality committed relationship Let's create sparks and watch them fly 2639272

down-to-earth, independent seeks WF 18-39, with similar qualities and interests, just as a friend 2909123

A GOOD MAN

SWM, 44, 5'8", 193lbs, red/ brown, Leo, N/S, loves fishing beaches, taking walks, movies watching basketball and football Seeking WF, 40-51 2909984

A GOOD MAN respectful Italian SM, 44, 5'7", 186lbs, black/brown, nice

Kind

smile dimples, likes movies, dining, weekend getaways, cultural events, fairs festivals Seeking a nice, commitment-minded, affectionate woman who appreciates the same 2902243

OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY DWM, 64, 5'11' 190lbs, selfemployed, N/S socially drinker, great SOH I am looking for the right lady to spend time with, get to know and maybe develop a lasting relationship **2**891796

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND SM, 46 N/S employed, wellgroomed, seeks sincere, respectful loving lady to share quality time with I enjoys movies, dining out, cookkng in, quiet nights at home **m**895333

HOW YOU DOIN'? Ladies, if you seek a good guy,

devoted and real to share a little romance and happiness with take a chance on me SM 23, looking for the real thing 2895867

TRY ME

SWM 47 very nice guy Scorpio N/S seeks SWF 28-50 outgoing, with heart of gold tired of being single 2900893

DINNER AND A MOVIE SBM 24 peanutbutter brown complexion 6', 219lbs, solid wavy curly hair shoulders looking to chill with SF Let's have a few drinks, shoot some pool, and see where it goes! 2904803

COULD IT BE YOU?

SWM 40s 6 175lbs N/S homeowner auto worker easygoing honest and secure enjoys hunting Harleys and the outdoors Seeking attractive slim/fit woman 30-50 N/S D/D-free comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes 2798519

NOT LIKE ALL THE REST SWPM, 5'8', brown/blue, fit, enjoys biking, jogging, being outdoors, music movies, reading, concerts, good conversation, being with friends and family Seeking emotionally avail-able SWPF 28-44, who is passionate about life 2611391

ADVENTUROUS

SWM, 41, seek SF, to become friends, maybe more Must be smart, have SOH Blend into me All I want is you to be happy If you want this, call 2595394

AIN'T 2 PROUD 2 BEG

SWM 6' self-employed, 180 lbs, handsome blond/blue Seeking intelligent, financially secure, attractive woman, who likes pool, camping, bowling, movies, dining out and traveling \$\$78998

LOOK ME UP

SBM 55, 5'10", 198lbs, medium complexion, brown eyes, enjoys fishing, movies, music sports, travel, picnics more Interested in meet an outgoing, sweet woman for friendship and possibly more 2893600

NEW TO THE AREA SBPM, mature, emotionally/ financially secure, N/S, D/D free church-oriented Seeking sincere attractive, mature SF. preferably over 40 Race open Variety of interests 2897756

BIG-HEARTED TEDDY BEAR

SWM 50 Pisces N/S N/D, loving, caring, humorous, seeks attractive WF 35-57, H/W proportionate N/S for relationship Westland 2898042

SLIM-MEDIUM BUILD

SBM, 32, 59', Taurus, N/S, who enjoys museums books good music, and having fun Seeking WF, 25-40 2900239

WORKING OUT SWM, 46, 6', brown/brown, N/S children at home, enjoys working out, playing sports bowling dining out and dancing Seeking SWF 30-55 for friendship and maybe more 2905047

LONELY & READY SWM 49 Italian, heart of gold Virgo, N/S seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build ready for LTR Serious replies only 2860305

PICK A WINNER

SWM, 50, attractive, healthy-looking youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with 2730508

GREET AND MEET

SWM, 50, looks young, fit, active enjoys fishing, picnics, water sports Seeking easygofriendly, light-hearted ına SWF, age open 2241526

LIFE'S A CABARET

Classy, romantic, intelligent* SWM, 50, well-traveled, with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady, 36-55 Let's share life romance, and laughter 2480718

CUTE & CUDDLY

Nice SWM, 50s, with wisdom, wit and warmth, can be fun, charming helpful and who knows what else would like to meet a nice lady and see what develops 2478746

SIMPLE REQUEST

WM, 59, 5'8 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time with Age open 2833911

LOOKING FOR WHAT ... I've been missing SWM, 32, 6, 195lbs brown/hazel, goodlooking, Libra, N/S, loves to keep fit Seeking woman, 18-60, N/S 2846777

WELL-BALENCED MAN

Emotionally/physically healthy SWM, 52 Sagittarius, N/S enjoys travel, weekend getaways, theater, concerts bicycle riding, and karaoke Seeking WF 38-54, N/S 2848173

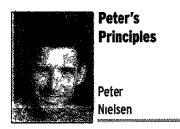
KIND, HANDSOME TEACHER

SWPM, 53, 6', 220lbs, light smoker, social drinker, looking for one good woman Please call Troy area 2864792

BRINGING US TOGETHER

Why go it alone? If you're a decent, friendly lady, I'm a nice-looking, upscale SWM, 40s, looking to connect **2**534514

SINGLES LINGO: A-Asian B-African American/Black C-Christian D-Divorced F-Female H-Hispanic J-Jewish M-Male N/S-Non-smoker N/D-Non Drinker N/Drugs P-Professional S-Single W-White LTR-Long Term Relationship



Hawaii best for healthy hearts

Bill from Rochester Hills e-mails asking which areas have the highest rate of heart attack

Bill, if you want to cut your risk of heart attack, you might want to stock up on flower print shirts A study from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention finds that Hawaii has the lowest rate of heart disease deaths in the nation, with just 482 per 100,000 Nevada, home of the party capital Las Vegas, was the only western state not among healthy heart states The unhealthiest states in the US were in the south In fact, Mississippi had nearly twice the heart attack rate of Hawan (one possible explanation could be deep-fried southern food) Florida was the only southern state in the top 30 percent coming in at number 15 And let's not forget the benefits of the laid back lifestyle and palm trees of the Hawanan Islands' It definitely helps'

Jim from Livonia e-mails for a plan to get into tip-top shape for the warm weather months.

Jim, if you want to look ripped at the beach, the time to hit the weights is now! And your biceps are the perfect place to begin

The biceps have a long head and a short head The long head supports part of the muscle - you work it by stretching it at the beginning of exercise But standing barbells don't always work because they restrict motion The best solution is to do dumbbell curls on an incline bench According to electric testing, this exercise gives the best workout To do it, sit on an incline bench with vour arms extended Hold a dumbbell in each arm, curling each slowly one at a time This workout will get you the size and definition that will be sure to turn heads at the beach!

If you have a health or fitness ques tion you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers e mail Potor at www.neternielsen.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



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Farmington Hills woman teaches the power of music

Elaine Greenberg knows a thing or two about music

Not only has music been a part of Greenbergs life since she was born, she also is a talented singer who produces her own CDs, and she heavily credits music for helping her get through one of the hardest times of

her life - her battle with ovarian cancer, which she was diagnosed with in January 2000

(Music is) wonderful therapy,' said Greenberg 'It's my life, and it has helped me in so many ways Greenberg, 70, 1s a Farmington

Hills resident who is currently cancer

free and a six-year survivor of ovarian cancer She has shared her inspirational story in many metropolitanarea publications on local television, and also on the radio

Greenberg will share her story and her views on music's incredible healing powers during Healing Power of

Music, a seminar offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning The class will be held 10-11 30 a m Saturday, Feb 11, at Dearborn's Henry Ford Village, 15101 Ford Road Cost for the class is \$13

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For more information about this and other meetmgs, call (248) 547-0400

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ety disorders 7 30 p m

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Five Mile, between

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Mental health gets boost

Recovery self-help mental health organization meets 2 30 p m Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 7 30 p m Monday at St Matthew's Methodist Church, and 1 15 p m Tuesday at Mt Hope Congregational Church All locations are in Livonia, Recovery Inc helps people

who suffer from depression, tension, anger, low self esteem and other feelings and sensations that interfere with daily living There is no charge For more information, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www recovery-inc org

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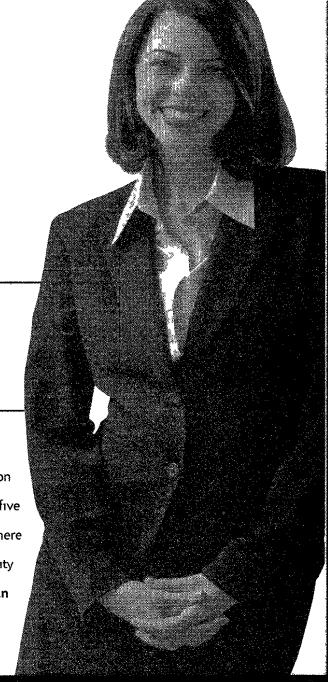
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FEBRUARY

Pet-a-pet

Volunteers with social animals needed for visits in Canton at the HCR Heartland Center on Lilley south of Warren Visits are 6 30 7 30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month For more information and pet require ments call Pat Glinski at (313) 278 4428

Yoga classes

Began in January at the Assarian Cancer Center in Novi and Providence Hospital in Southfield Times are 12 30 1 15 p m Monday Novi and 5 30 630 pm Southfield 67 pm Wednesday Novi 4 30 5 30 p m Thursday Southfield and 12 30 1 p m Friday Novi

Presented by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts the classes are \$10 walk in \$80 for 10 class card \$70 for 7 week evening session. For infor mation call (248) 465 5455

Volunteers needed

Avalon Hospice serving Oakland county is looking for a few friendly visitors to volunteer four hours per week in their own community After a few conveniently scheduled training sessions you may sit and visit with a patient provide emotional support for a patient's spouse assist with a meal or on occasion do some light housekeeping

Call Brian for more information at (248) 320 0106 or e mail him at bhansen@avalonhospice org for February/March training classes

G.E.M.S

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets 6.7 p.m. every Friday evening at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road. It is a water exercise class for MS patients and their families Support group meeting from 7 15 8 15 p m. For information call Karolyn Davis (734) 459 9715 or Mike Hickey (734) 522 0036

Recovery Inc

The group meets every Friday in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile For more information call (734) 464 0027

Go red event

Free health screenings for blood pres sure and cholesterol 10 a m to noon Saturday Feb 4 at Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel 16400 J L Hudson Drive Southfield To register call Sylvia Rose at (248) 208 7073

Half hour to health

An informative look at how the human body works and the 5 aspects of health 615 pm Tuesday Feb 7 and 21 at Canton Center Road Canton No charge To register call (734) 455 4444

Diabetes presentation

Your skin Keeping it all together 7 830 pm Wednesday Feb 8 in the St Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan (use Main Entrance on Five Mile) Livonia For information call (734) 655 8961 The speaker is Donna Choma RN The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with dia betes and family members. There is no charge Pre registration not required

children Individual consultations available For groups of 15 or more a session can be customized according to group s schedule and needs Think trim

Don't give up win the weight game an alternative to dieting will be pre sented 7.9 p.m. Thursday Feb. 9 at Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty Livonia Fee is \$31 Learn how to devel op a moderate approach to eating and exercise and acquire skills to stay motivated for a lifetime. To register call (734) 462 4448 For information on Think Trim program call (248) 828 7333 or visit www.thinktrim.com

Fit Kids St Mary Mercy Hospital and McDonald's are joining together to raise public awareness about the growing childhood obesity epidemic with a program called Fit Kids 4 Life Raising Fit Kids In A Fast World 6 30 9 pm Thursday Feb 9 in the Westland Shopping Center Community Room In addition to a presentation by Joe Piscatella president of the Institute for Fitness and Health St Mary Mercy Hospital physicians and health educa tors will be available to address spe cific questions from participants Piscatella a nationally recognized expert and best selling author pro vides information for out of time par ents along with easy to implement strategies to teach children healthy exercise and eating habits. He teaches parents how to motivate kids to be physically active how to limit televi sion and video viewing and how to make fast food a friend This free event is intended for adult audiences such as parents grandpar ents aunts uncles or guardians To register call (734) 655 8950 or visit www.stmarymercy.org

Go red event

Luncheon fashion show and talk by cardiologist Zakwan Mahjoub M D 11 30 a m Friday Feb 10 at Great Oaks Country Club Presented by Crittenton Hospital Medical Center Parisian and the American Heart Association Tickets \$25 Call (248) 652 5269 Caregiver support group Meets regularly the second Thursday

of the month at The Village of Redford 17383 Garfield Respite serv ices provided for free during the ses sion For more information call Linda Peak at (313) 843 2550 or the Redford Senior Department at (313) 387 2788

Antiques show

Visions to Remember/Eyes on Antiques a show to benefit the blind and visually impaired in southeast Michigan through Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology programs to assist and educate the visually impaired support research and help preserve vision through public and professional education Feb 10 12 in the Eleanor

and Edsel Ford House Activities Center Preview party 6 30 10 p m Friday Feb 10 (tickets \$75 \$100 and \$150 reservations required The Grosse Point Animal Adoption Society will have adoptable dogs at the party The show opens to the public 11 a m to 5 pm Saturday Sunday Feb 11 12 Cost is \$8 Dumouchelle Art Galleries offers verbal appraisals of hand car ried small items for \$5 per item on both days Call (313) 824 4710 or visit www.eyeson.org

Divorce support

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Group discussion 7 9 p m Tuesday Feb 14 attorney Patricia Kasody Coyle will also be available to answer ques tions in a private setting on a first come first served basis an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be avail able 5.7 p.m. the third Monday of each month to discuss divorce and family issues a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5.7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile Livonia Call (734) 462 4443

Reduce stress

Workshop learn seven danger signs that indicate when your body is under too much stress and how to decrease it learn trigger point therapy to relieve tight and sore muscles 615 pm Tuesday Feb 14 and 28 at Canton Center Road Canton No charge To register call (734) 455 4444

Bariatric educational seminar 6 30 p m Wednesday Feb 15 at St Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium 36475 Five Mile at Levan Livonia Speakers are Surgeon Tallal Xeni MD director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery and Paula Magid director at the hospital s new bariatric center To register for the free seminar call (734) 655 2692

ONGOING

Breastfeeding support

La Leche League of Livonia offers breastfeeding information and sup port at meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a m For more information cal Local Leaders Sarah (734) 266 0632 Jane (248) 471 4232 or Gwen (313)937 4046

Baby Signs workshop

Sign up now to learn how you and your baby can communicate with each other before words develop by using simple and functional signs. The Parent Workshop is designed for par ents to be and parents of babies from birth to 24 months Parents learn everything they need to know to about incorporating signing into

everyday life The workshop is offered 2.4 pm on the third Sunday each month

The Sign Say & Play class is a six week theme program for parents and bables ages 6 24 months A fun musi cal and play environment is used to teach and practice 6 7 new signs cor responding to different weekly themes Classes meet Friday mornings for 45 minutes The class repeats every seven weeks throughout the year Both programs are appropriate for special needs children and their parents

Pre registration required There is a materials and instructional fee Programs are taught by Ruth HaberkornHalm a speech and lan guage pathologist and certified Baby Signs instructor at The Kaufman's Children Center in West Bloomfield Call (248) 737 3430 or send e mail to rhh4962@aol com for information

Eating disorder support Meetings for those with anorexia bulimia compulsive and binge eaters male and female 7 8 30 p m Mondays at William Beaumont Hospital 3601 W 13 Mile west of Woodward use East entrance take central elevators to 10th floor classrooms A & B and 7 8 30 p m Wednesdays at Garden City Hospital 6245 Inkster between Ford and Warren use main entrance take elevators down to the auditorium on the right Family and friends support is on sec

ond Wednesday of each month parent only support is on the fourth Wednesday same time and place as the Monday night closed group For more information call (734) 324 3089

Grief support workshops

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1 p m and 6 30 p m at the Angela Hospice Care Center Loss of a Spouse meets 6 30 8 pm the first Tuesday of each month starting in February Women's grief support held each spring and fall call (734) 953 6012 for dates and times The Heartstrings group is designed to support parents and care givers coping with the loss of a child through illness or disease. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 6 30 p m Call (734) 464 2683 Children's grief support for ages 6.8 and 9 12 at 5 6 p m. Thursdays Children's spring workshop meets 57 pm Thursday May 4 One on one men and loss of an adult child sessions meet by appointment Call (734) 953 6012

HEALING FROM PAGE C6

To register, or for more information, call (877)855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2

Along with being inspired by music,

Greenberg also

is a talented

singer who

produces her

through her

organization,

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own music CDs

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Incorporated All of the proceeds from Greenberg's CD go directly to the organization, which benefits and helps people dealing with cancer

"I made a promise to my doctor that my music would play a role in my healing and I would help others do the same," said Greenberg

Greenberg has two CDs for purchase on her Web site (www.livingformusic.com), both of which feature vocal performances by Greenberg Her second CD is a live performance which also includes a motivational speech for people currently living with cancer or a life-threatening illness

Throughout her struggle with cancer, Greenberg says she enjoyed listening to "happy" music, and at times meditational music, but she knew it also was important to connect with her fears about facing cancer through music One of her favorite songs to listen to was *In My Life* by The Beatles

"Every once in a while you have to give in to the real fear," Greenberg said There are times I can't wipe out what I

Choir seeking volunteers

Therapy Choir of Broe Rehabilitation Services Inc located in Farmington Hills is opening membership to volunteers from the community The choir is comprised of men and women recovering from traumatic brain injuries

went through Sometimes you need a piece like (In My Lyfe) 🚬 🔐 to remind you of the people in your life and what they mean to you It's a necessary emotion to feel "

Greenberg also listened to the When Harry Met Sally movie soundtrack and works by Barbra Streisand, along with other musical compilations, to help her get through her battle Greenberg also says' that she used to bring CDs with her to chemotherapy to make the time go by faster

"I think music can help you forget about pain," says Greenberg "I don't think it makes pain go away, but it helps you forget about it I think you can get lost in a favorite, beautiful melody so that the real world doesn't have to involve pain or the stress that you're under"

Greenberg also is a huge proponent for informing people on the effects and symptoms of ovarian cancer

"It's time we start educating people on ovarian cancer," said Greenberg 'Too many women don't come out of it"

Greenberg will have pamphlets about ovarian cancer at her upcoming Healing Power of Music seminar in Dearborn, and she also will be selling autographed CDs She hopes , o participants will leave her class with a new-found appreciation for music

I'm hoping that I can spread 4 my love of music to (the partie- # ipants) so that they can see the benefits they'll reap from it," says Greenberg "Whether it be healing, relaxation or changing a mood

To register, or to obtain a complete list of CL2 courses, please call (877) 855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2

Volunteers with or without dis-ic abilities are welcome as singers i or helpers

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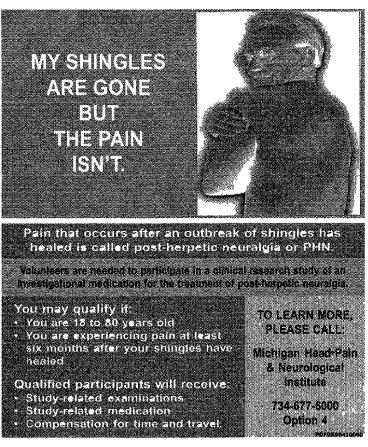
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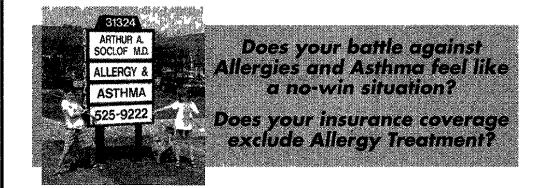


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Detroiter designs SBXL jacket

🖾 By Wensdy White

fter years of anticipation, SBXL will soon be over But long after the athletes and celebs pack up and fly home, Detroiters can continue to wear Super Bowl pride on their sleeve Rochester Hills-based Pelle Pelle has created a special jacket to commemorate SBXL in Detroit

The quilted leather was designed by Royal Oak native Marc Buchanan, who founded Pelle Pelle in 1978 Detailed embroidery depicts football players in action superimposed on symbols of Detroit including Ford Field, the Spirit of Detroit statue and the Fox Theatre

We caught up with Buchanan to talk about Pelle Pelle and the SBXL jacket

Why inspired you do the SBXL jacket?

We're a local company Our jacket has images from around Detroit that are very recognizable, along with things that relate to football

What was the design process?

This jacket was designed probably a year ago With all of our quilted leathers we just start collecting images, things we want to put together on the jacket, and think of it in an artistic manner We start putting together a montage



Pelle Pelle has created this special quilted leather jacket to commemorate SBXL in Detroit

What kind of leather is the SBXL jacket? We use one of the best quality leathers out there - burnished leather On the street people call it 'butter

Tell us how Pelle Pelle got started. I started making leather jackets myself a long long time ago to pay for school To make a long story short, the business started to grow and I ended up dropping out of school to launch the company Now, we re selling all over the world

Pelle Pelle is very influential in the urban market ...

Influential yes, but knockoffs are a big problem We just launched a lawsuit against a company who was blatantly knocking off our artistic designs

Where do you hang out when you're in Metro Detroit? I keep a really low profile

Anything you'd like to add?

I m really happy for Detroit getting the Super Bowl Detroit has really come around in the last 10 years Its an upward trend and I think this could be the start of people recognizing that Detroit is crossing the threshold as you might say I m really excited about it

Pelle Pelles SBXL jacket retails for around \$800, and is available at Donna Sacs in the Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn Call (313) 593-3377 For more information on Pelle Pelle, visit www pellepellemb com



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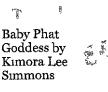
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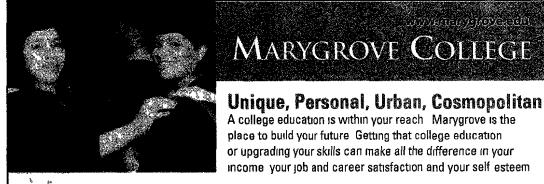


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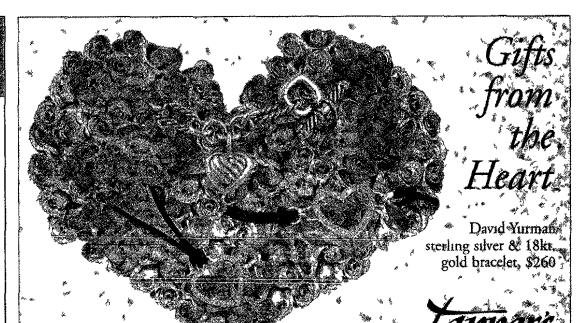
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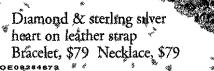


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Taking the pain out of third-party recruiting

(PRWEB) - Human resource professionals, regional sales managers and other who make hiring decisions have a love-hate relationship with third-party recruiters Employers say they are bombarded daily with cold calls, spend far too much time discussing fee structures with individual recruiters, wait too long to see candidates or never hear from recruiters again once a job order is placed However, hard as it may be to live with recruiters, employers may not be sure they want to live without them! Companies such as Mellon Financial, Baxter Healthcare, Wachovia Corp, Lockheed Martin, Cingular Wireless, Nationwide and Affymetrix have partnered with RecruitAlliance to manage their personnel recruitment needs

Recruiters do have an exten sive network of candidates, often in a particular industry A recruiter stays in touch with his or her network of candidates, even with those who may not be actively seeking a new job, but who might be receptive to an exciting career opportunity The recruiter can assess the human factors — leadership, decision-making, board-room presence — to determine if the candidate is a good fit for the employer, online job boards



Most HR professionals have resume overload, dealing with applicants from recruiters, Web site resume postings and job boards. There is often overlap and it's difficult for the HR professional to keep track of and manage referrals

and resume databases cannot Most HR professionals have resume overload, dealing with applicants from recruiters, Web site resume postings and job boards There is often overlap and it s difficult for the HR professional to keep track of and manage referrals

RecruitAlliance is a Webbased third-party recruiter management system that helps companies work more effectively and efficiently with recruiters Louis Volpe, RecruitAlliance s president, says that the company has developed an innovative solution to address the concerns of employers who work with third-part recruiters

RecruitAlliance is a members-only' Web site where employers post their job offerings to be viewed exclusively by member recruiting firms,' he said "The employers don't pay to list their postings, and they receive only pre-qualified candidates from search firms that agree to employer-set fees and terms Employers increase the number of on-target candidates, decrease time to hire and, perhaps most importantly, reduce unwanted calls from recruiters Any recruiter wishing to work with a RecruitAlliance employer is directed to the RecruitAlliance. Web site for instructions "

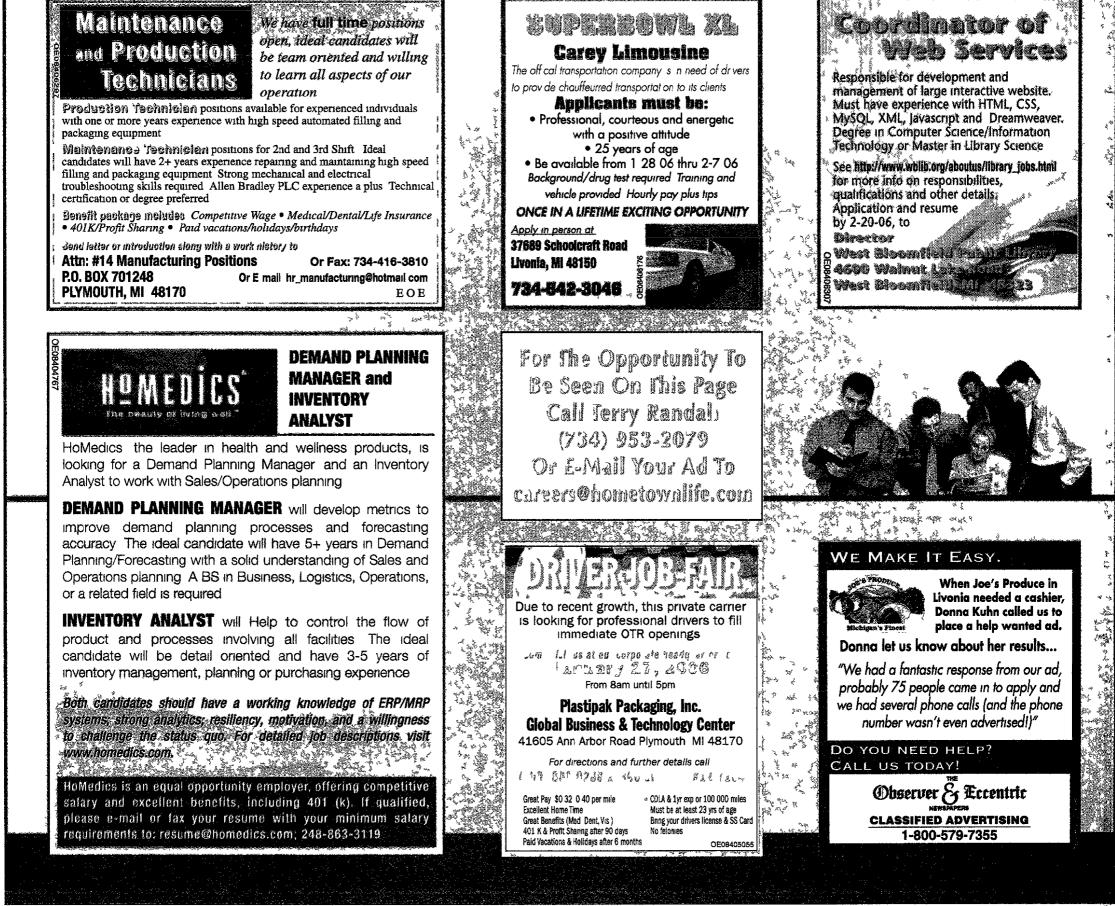
RecruitAlliance works as a gatekeeper" and as a single point of contact for corporate staffing professionals to manage their relationship with executive recruiters

'Recruiters register with RecruitAlliance and only registered recruiters have access to postings and are able to submit' candidates for referral," Volpe said "Recruiters submit candidates online and employers respond once they review the referral Cold calling is eliminated"

Stephanie Walker, human resources consultant, Mellon Financial Corp , which uses the RecruitAlhance Management System, underscores its usefulness to the HR professional

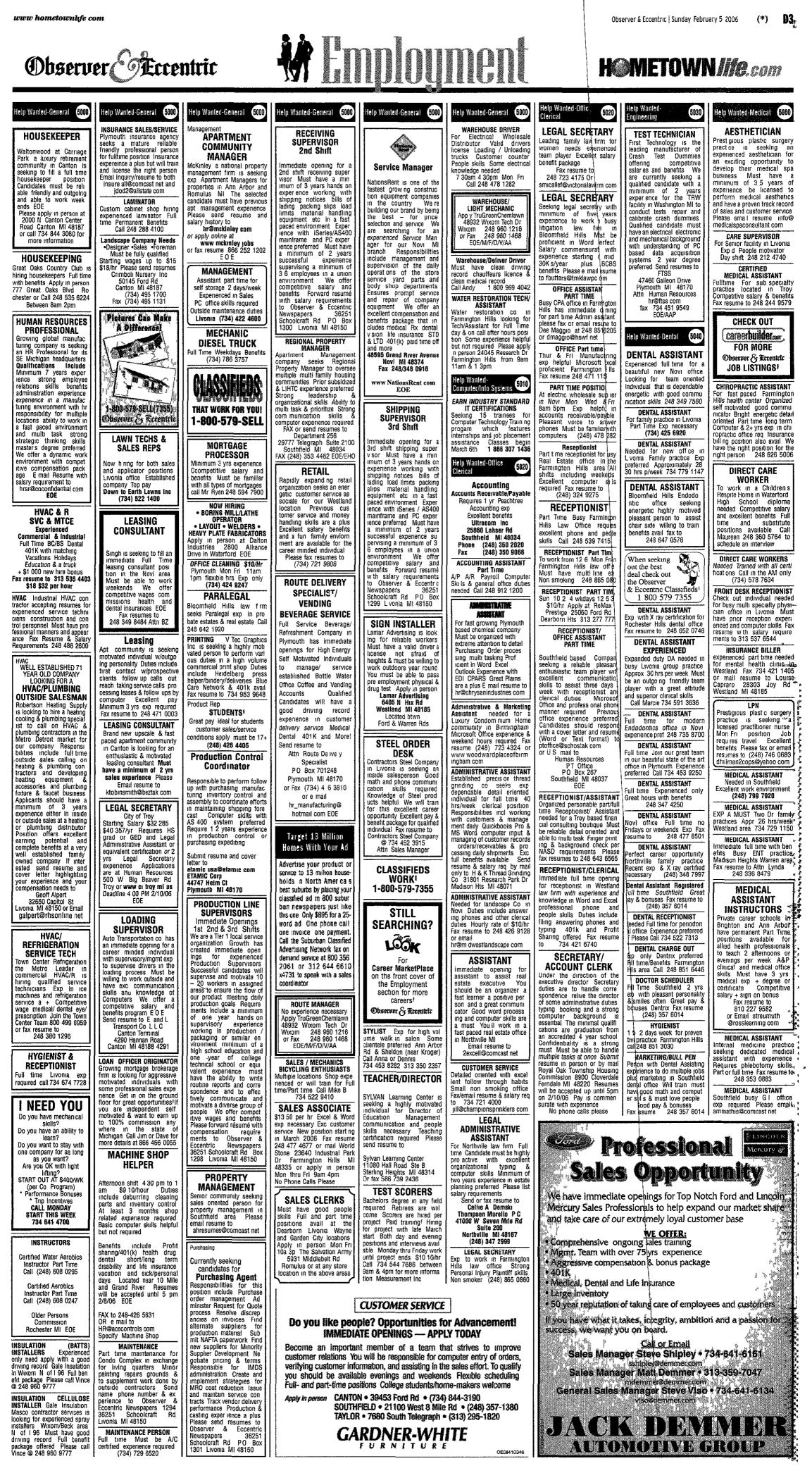
"It is an outstanding, timesaving management tool for corporate recruiters and executive search firms alike," she said





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JERSEY TRANSPLANT SWF 50 slender blonde Virgo N/S enjoys foreign travel, wine tasting, and working out Seeking WM 40-53 N/S for LTR 2885454

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LTR 2848200 COME JOIN ME SBF 58, tall full-figured enjoys church bowling movies casinos and more Looking for a tall SBM 63-67 who attends church and is honest and kindhearted, N/S 2911482

kids a+ for friendship maybe

SWEET & SINCERE WF 38 54 108lbs two children enjoys cooking the outdoors, beaches art museums theater movies fine dining Seeking attractive WM, 39-52 who is fit and secure **a**579528

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP Loving attractive SWCF 74, trim, fun, N/D, N/S, homebody type seeks lasting friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s Let's talk¹ **2**794040

SOMEONE SPECIAL Fun-loving attractive SWF 70 5'5' 135lbs blonde retired Cancer N/S seeks wellgroomed WM 65-72 N/S to share life, romance and possible relationship 2891247

SHALL WE DANCE? 1 am a SBF 58 53' 170lbs attractive intelligent creative articulate seeks SWM 57-73 who is kind-hearted articulate,

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Classy slim, young-looking, SWF, 57 with good personality and values financially/emotionally stable, ISO SWM 53-64 with same qualities for serious relationship 2867073

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SWM, 46, 6'2" 209lbs, brown/

blue degreed outgoing person

ality enjoys outdoors, workout

new activities seeks friendly SF

NO DRAMA

good head on her shoulders

AFRO-AMERICAN MUSLIM

SBM, 52, Pisces, N/S tired of

bar scene and games seeks WF, 33-50, N/S Muslim a+, for

sincere relationship 2908994

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age/location open 2531308

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Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open 2547524

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED DWM 56, 5'10", handsome and SBM 46 looking for that spe-cial persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks movies, independent and know what LTR 269646 you want in life \$\$692418

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Sincere affectionate SWM, 40s clear mind fit body enjoys artsy cultural events, outdoor activities, seeking witty pretty SWF, 35-55 for friendship and possible relationship 2517123

GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL

Easygoing, agreeable, cute SWM 40s, eager to please willing to try new things, seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF, for dating and relating **a**210772

EASY ON THE EYES

Well-maintained SWM 56 who enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations Lets meet over coffee and see what develops 259844

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62, who is understanding, loving and caring for a LTR 2869189 SECURE

SBM, 18, NS seeking fun WM, 58 tall, slim good-look-freaky single black female with a ing would like to meet a nice, sweet kind woman to go out with and see what happens. from there 2828139

> LEISURE IS BEST SHARED SBM, 28, 6'2' Virgo, N/S, loves movies, bowling, and shooting pool Seeking a cool, down-to-earth BF 23-35, N/S, to join me 2893419

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SEARCHING IN LAKE ORION

Im 50 years old DWM, 5'7', 170 lbs N/S Sagittarius, hazel eyes, likes water sports, movies, dinner. Seeking pretty SWF, 45-51, 5-5'8 N/S, for LTR 27812505

A SPECIAL GUY

secure seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, sporting events cuddling at dancing concerts, boating, and home Please be shapely, movies Friendship, possible

NICE GUY

SWM, 66, 5'6', 150lbs manu^u facturers representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals Seeking SWF, 50-65 N/S Shirley, please call back **2708126**

ANTIQUES LOVER BM, 57 6'1", H/W proportionate, brown eves beautiful smile, com municative, engineer, loves vegetable and flower gardening Seeking woman, 40-63 2628249

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY Easygoing, cute SWM 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds, enjoys art, wine tastings charity, seeks similar-minded lady for friendship, maybe more **1**548455

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brown Libra N/S, loves traveling to Canada Seeking marriageminded woman, 19-35, N/S to who enjoys dancing, walking, get serious with 2893158 traveling, movies, dining out Separated BM 32 N/S occa-

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good sense of humor friendly,

HAPPY DAD

get along with, enjoys biking

and cooking Seeking S/DWF,

TRUE GENTLEMAN

SBM 52 58 185lbs, looking

for a medium to full-figured

SBF, 46-54 Someone who is

worldly nice loves to laugh

and just enjoying life to the

HI, LADIES

Male 27, 6 200lbs, brown/

FRESH START

sional drinker no kids enjoys

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SWM DESIRES SBF

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year-old 180lbs Desires one

on one for friendship and defi-

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Attractive romantic engineer

nitely romance 2777324

35, for LTR 2900632

fullest 2912726

40-55, 200-350lbs 2597126

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share life together 2443339

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CUTTING TO THE CHASE SBF 47 53 smoker works in a restaurant Seeking monogamous relationship with BM 44humor employed independent self-sufficient 2899446

FRIENDS FIRST

SWF 59 pretty young-looking professional medium build art music dancing dining out travel sports classic cars fitness fun 2890404

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SEXY

REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS DWF 54, 142lbs, 56', enjoys blues animals, gardening, homeowner no kids Seeking SM, 5'10'+ N/S, social drinker for LTR 2548938

HAPPY & SECURE SBM 510-61 to work out DCF, 68, 52', long dark brown/ with **2**912553 DCF, 68, 52', long dark brown/ brown, N/S N/D with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives movies and dining out Seeking man, 58-75 for LTR 5669606

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ASIAN MAN WANTED 50 smoker with great sense of Pretty blue-eyed blonde 55 plus-sized warm and bright, seeks intelligent, handsome man for dating Troy area **2827007**

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AND FULL OF LIFE

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KIND HEART

Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys dancing and all types of music likes working with animals, seeks good-natured single man, 44-60 7742466

LOVING LEO Widowed WPF 53, 59' brown/ brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games Seeking WM, 50-62 with similar interests 2759316

GREAT COMPANION SF 65 looks 55, 52" unique nights at home 27895333 bright w/many talents and interests I m well-traveled, very attractive health-conscious How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart 62-70 76633527

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER SWF 49, 55 full-figured, brown/brown romantic lovable humorous likes entertaining traveling family time Seeking SM 40-56 N/S. social drinker ok who puts God first in his life, for possible LTR 2861408

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BF, 54, intelligent cute caring N/S slim health oriented vegetarian Enjoys ethnic foods, travel art culture ISO kind considerate honest emotionally mature man 2894301

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SBM 38 57, 145lbs N/S, down-to-earth, independent seeks WF, 18-39 with similar qualities and interests, just as a friend 2909123

A GOOD MAN SWM 44, 5'8', 193lbs red/ brown, Leo, N/S, loves fishing, beaches taking walks, movies watching basketball and football Seeking WF 40-51 2909984

A GOOD MAN

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OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY DWM, 64 511', 190lbs selfemployed, N/S, socially drinker great SOH I am looking for the right lady to spend time with, get to know and maybe develop a lasting relationship **2891796**

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND SM, 46, N/S employed, wellgroomed seeks sincere, respectful loving lady to share quality time with 1 enjoys movies dining out, cookkng in quiet

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TRY ME

SWM 47 very nice guy Scor-pio N/S, seeks SWF 28-50, outgoing with heart of gold tired of being single 2900893

DINNER AND A MOVIE SBM 24, peanutbutter brown complexion 6' 219lbs, solid, wavy curly hair shoulders, looking to chill with SF Let's have a few drinks, shoot some pool, and see where it goes! 2904803

COULD IT BE YOU? SWM 40s 6, 175lbs N/S, homeowner, auto worker easygoing, honest and secure enjoys hunting, Harleys and the outdoors Seeking attractive slim/fit woman 30-50 N/S ship Let's create sparks and D/D-free, comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes 2798519

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SWM 41 seek SF to become friends maybe more Must be SWM, 50, looks young fit, smart, have SOH Blend into me All I want is you to be happy If you want this, call 2595394

AIN'T 2 PROUD 2 BEG

SWM 6, self-employed, 180 lbs, handsome blond/blue Seeking intelligent, financially secure, attractive woman who likes pool, camping bowling movies, dining out and traveling 🕿878998

LOOK ME UP

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BIG-HEARTED TEDDY BEAR

SWM, 50 Pisces, N/S, N/D, loving, caring, humorous seeks attractive WF 35-57, H/W proportionate, N/S for relationship Westland 7898042

SLIM-MEDIUM BUILD SBM, 32 59", Taurus N/S, who enjoys museums books good music, and having fun Seeking WF 25-40 2900239

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SWM 46, 6', brown/brown N/S children at home, enjoys working out playing sports, bowling, dining out and dancing Seeking SWF 30-55, for friendship and maybe more 27905047

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SWM 49 Italian heart of gold, Virgo N/S seeks WF, 45-55 with a nice build, ready for LTR Serious replies only 2860305

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SWM, 50, attractive, healthy-looking youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places Seeking lady to spend time with 2730508

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CUTE & CUDDLY

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SIMPLE REQUEST

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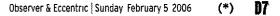
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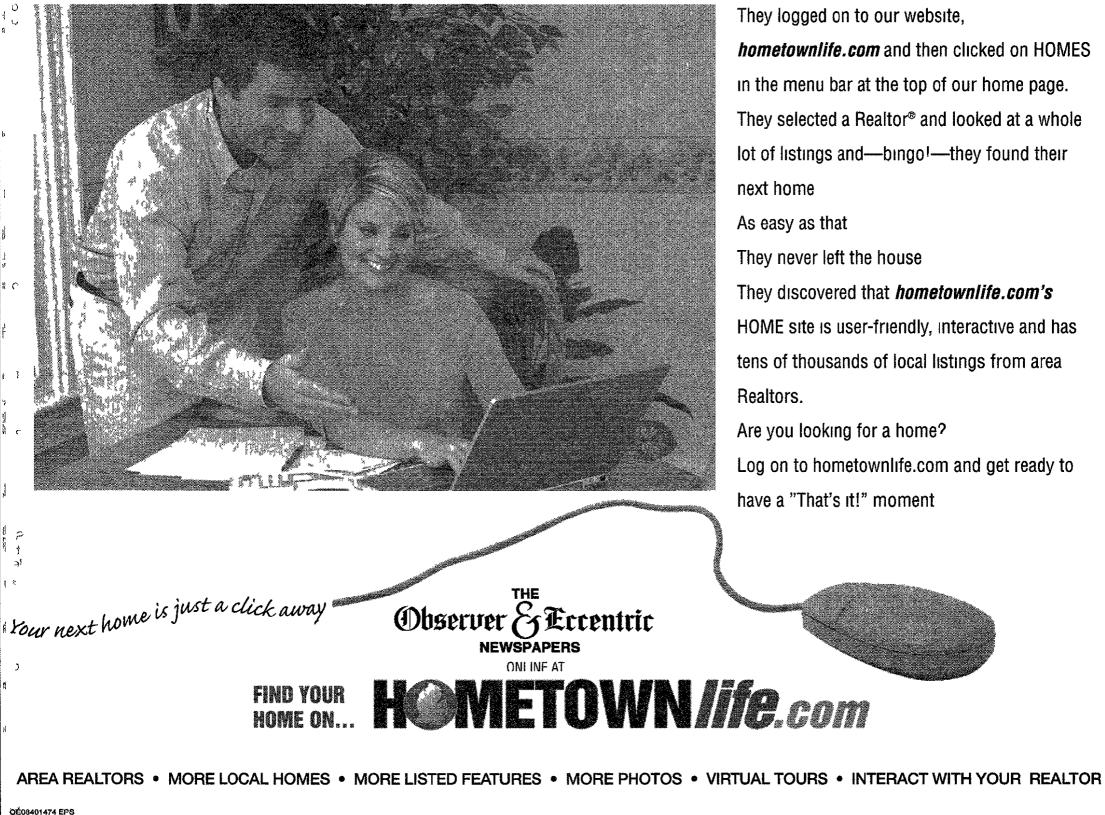
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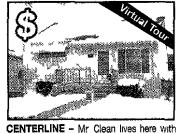
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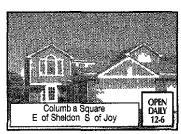
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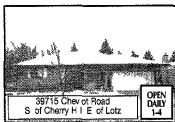
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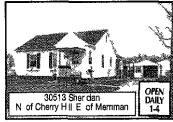
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with basement and 2 car heated garage

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REDFORD - Location quality

2 car garage Call Mike Judge

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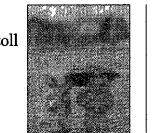
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2006 brings fresh takes on design

(News USA) What are the hottest trends in kitchen and bath design? For 2006, expect fresh takes on casual and traditional styles

For the bath, think subtle textures and soft, soothing accents

'The look is going very organic for the bath,' said Judy Riley, Moen's vice president of design 'Natural elements, including light woods and sandstone, as well as colors such as slate and rich brown, are expected to be very popular'

The idea is to design a space that eliminates any hard or obtrusive lines

'For fixtures, rounded edges and brushed finishes continue to rule the day, Riley said

Moving into the kitchen, the casual trend has a slightly differ-ent look, referred to as "Cottage Casual " But don t think of rustic barn woods and dried floral arrangements This trend is sophisticated country chic, with pieces that are clean and simple Finishes are weathered and time-tested

TRADITIONAL TAKES A LUXURIOUS TURN

When most people define traditional style they think conventional and mainstream But in 2006, traditional means glam orous, feminine and sophisticat ed Look for timeless pieces inspired by deco and nouveau styles from the 1920s and 1930s You'll be seeing flowing lines with a hint of sparkle on every thing from wall treatments to fixtures to flooring

"Stylistically, it has a very traditional, classic feel, but little details make it more luxurious," Riley said "A geometric base and curved, flowing spout pro-vide a touch of sophistication Adding to the glamour of the

trend is the use of micro-tiles in both the kitchen and bath These small, shiny gems of color create a mosaic effect on walls and



Sophisticated country chic is the trend in kitchens

backsplashes Couple this look with worn finishes like antique nickel or high-shine finishes like chrome

Purposeful design 1s also important, with space considerations given for every kitchen task This means larger sinks in

configurations that allow for everything from washing vegetables to chilling beverages to cleaning dishes

"Pullout and pull-down faucets provide a sense of style and function that is key to this trend," Riley said

And what about the details? Try vintage touches like art nouveau inspired scrolls, or leathers that reveal their natural textures and patterns These can serve as a surprising accent on cabinetry. wall treatments or accessories

Third-generation builder takes the helm of BIA

Following in his grandfather's and father's footsteps, James P Babcock will be the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) president for 2006

As president of BIA, Babcock now has the responsibility for increasing public awareness of the importance of home ownership, legislative and policy making



issues, and working to increase the affordability of home ownership in southeastern Michigan. Babcock was unanimously elected by BIA's Board of Directors at its December meeting He previously served as BIA's first vice president.

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Babcock, who is also presi-

dent of Babcock Building, Co, Inc, is the third member of his family to serve as BIA president His grandfather, Charles, W Babcock was BIA's first president in 1928-the first association in the $\hat{U}S$ dedicated to serve the interests and need of builders James P Babcock's father, James L Babcock, served as BIA president in 1972 and served on Michigan's first construction code commission

"It is an honor to serve as president for this vital and important organization as well as carry on the tradition set fourth by my father and grandfather," said Babcock. "I look forward to furthering BIA's mission of making the American dream of homeownership available to all residents of southeastern Michigan and providing housing for our area's families"

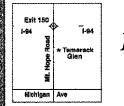
Babcock's concern for the low-income homeowner is evident in his commitment for the past 10 years to Habitat for Humanity In 1995, he and BIA Past President Janet Compo, along with other builders, created 15 new houses in Detroit in just one week This summer he will be part of another "building blitz, an initiative co-sponsored by BIA's Charitable & Educational Foundation and Habitat for Humanity that will have 14 new homes built by BIA members in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties during the week of June 5, 2006

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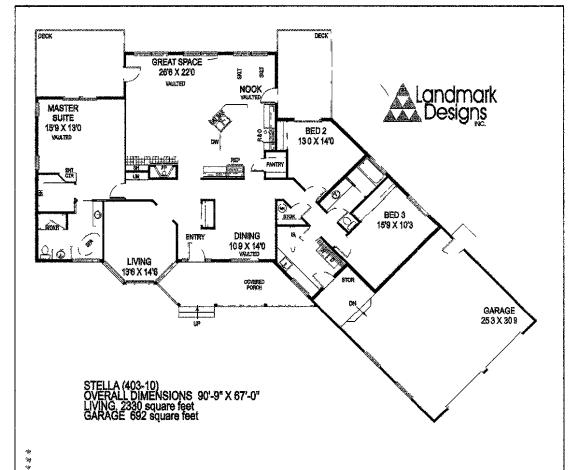
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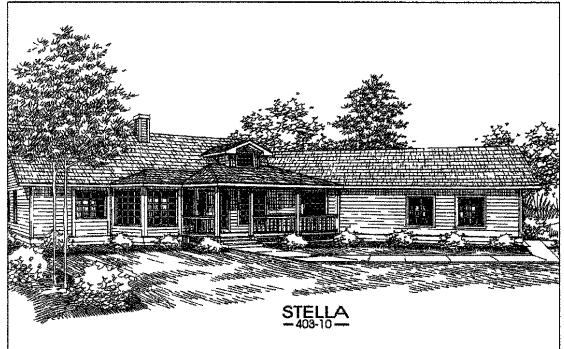
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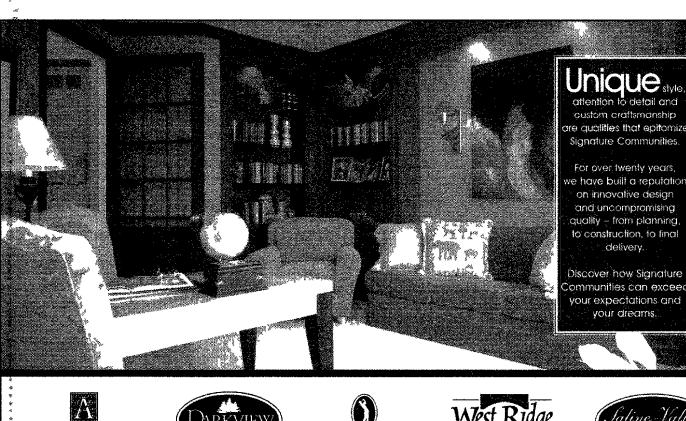




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Open floor plan a highlight of this 'Stella' design

highlighted by brick and lattice trim, creates an exterior blend that enhances the curb appeal of the graceful Stella (403-10) Featuring an angled design that requires a wide lot, the floor plan of the Stella spreads 2,330 square feet of functional living space throughout a onelevel home suited to an active lıfestyle

The central gathering spot in the Stella has been designated a great space Dividing the primary and secondary sleeping areas, the great space is perfect for casual entertaining and daily family interaction Vaulted ceilings, skylights and lots of windows combine to make this large, bright area a sure favorite Watch the latest video on the raised television. while the fireplace keeps the chill out of the air

The walk-through kitchen is separated from the main section of the room by a convenient eating bar Informal meals

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what larger and would serve nicely as guest accommodations The smaller, if not needed as sleeping quarters, can easily be converted for use as a home office

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Aging homes spur remodeling trends

(NewsUSA) – America's inventory of existing homes is getting older, and its taking a toll on homeowners

The average age of a house in the United States is 32 years and rising, according to a recent Harvard University study Residences in constant need of repair have sent remodeling spending soaring to a \$250 billion each year, with no sign of slowing

"When it comes to remodeling, today's homeowners are requesting only the best-performing products,' said Joyce Richter, communications manager for Jeld-Wen, a leading window and door manufacturer 'They want lowmaintenance materials that will look great, save money and last for many years

How will homeowners spend their remodeling dollars in 2006? Here is an overview of the hottest home remodeling trends on the horizon

Return of the classics Fashion comes and goes, but some styles endure Homeowners want products that will enhance a residence s original character and won t appear dated in a few years This has led to a revival of classic architectural styles like Victorian, Craftsman, Old World and Colonial

Low-maintenance living Retiring baby boomers often plan to remain in their current residences or own second

homes Since most boomers prize an active lifestyle, they don't have much time to spend on home maintenance They want top-quality products, like treated wood windows and doors, that don t require a lot of upkeep and are guaranteed to resist decay

Better style on a budget Even homeowners on a budget want to make stylish upgrades, especially given the potential payoffs Since window and door replacements generally offer above-average returns, Jeld-Wen helps match customers with products, hke energy-efficient vinyl windows and fiberglass doors, which offer both long-term value and lasting style

Hard-working rooms Many are adding little luxuries to hardworking spaces like laundry rooms and garages Laundry rooms are receiving luxury fittings like interior doors that reduce noise from washers and dryers Garages are getting composite doors that are both energy-efficient and make the garage as attractive as the front entry

Home paradise 'Destination" home design will be hot for 2006 Whether the look is ranch rugged," "safarı chic or 'plantation peaceful,' homeowners are getting away from it all with furnishings, textures and windows and doors that reflect their favorite vacation destinations

NEW HOMES BRIEFS

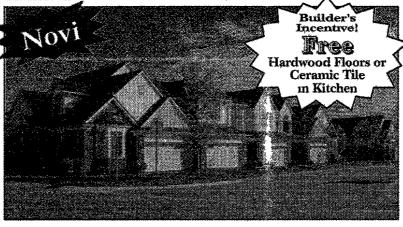
Education Seminars

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following

🔳 8 30-11 a m Tuesday, Feb 7, Effective Business Management Seminar on "Integrated Marketing," at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills Fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests

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noon to 1 30 p m Thursday, Feb 16, 'Brick Selection What Will Work Best for Your Homes?" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills Registration fees, including continental breakfast are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests (248) 862-1033 ■ 8 a m to noon, Tuesday, Feb 21, 'Planning & Scheduling" at BIA Headquarters, Arrangements were handled by Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills Registration fee is \$145 for Remodelers Council members, **BIA or Apartment Association** of Michigan members and guests (248) 862-1033 ■ 8 30-10 30 a m Tuesday, Feb 28, "So You Found the Land Now What?" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests Registration, (248) 862-1033



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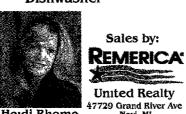
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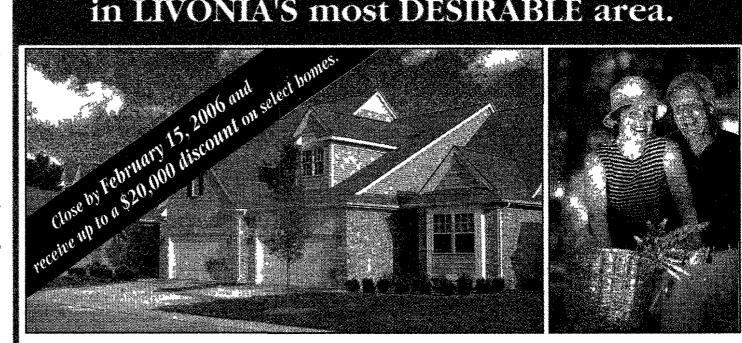


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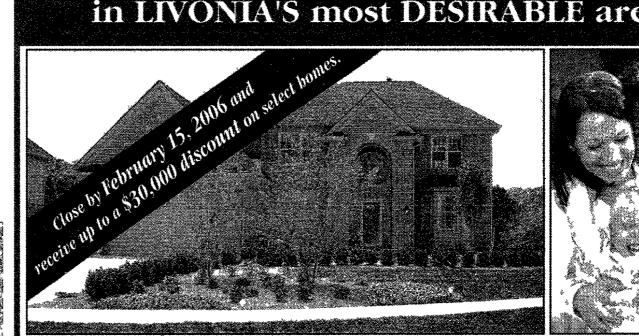
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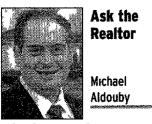


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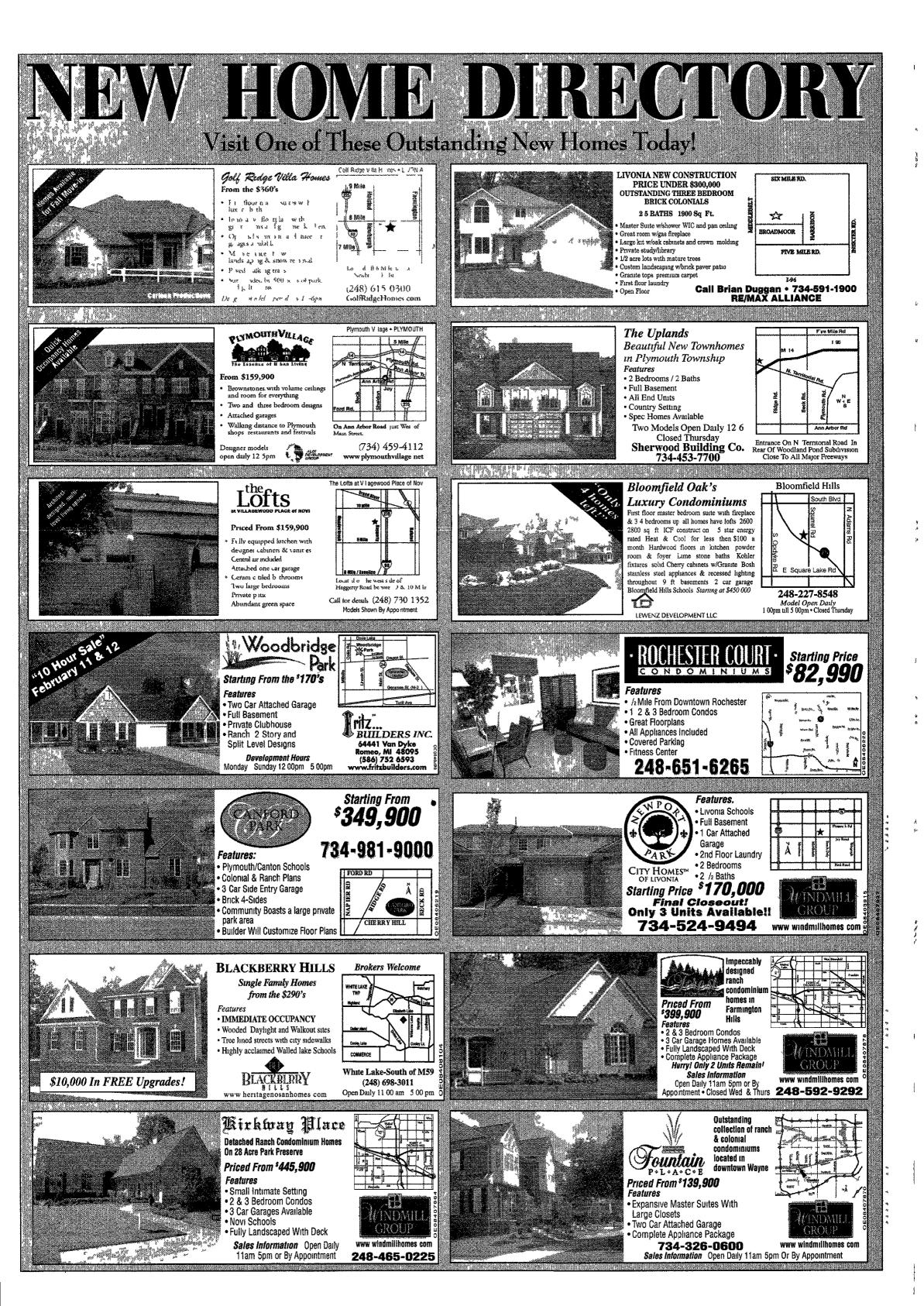
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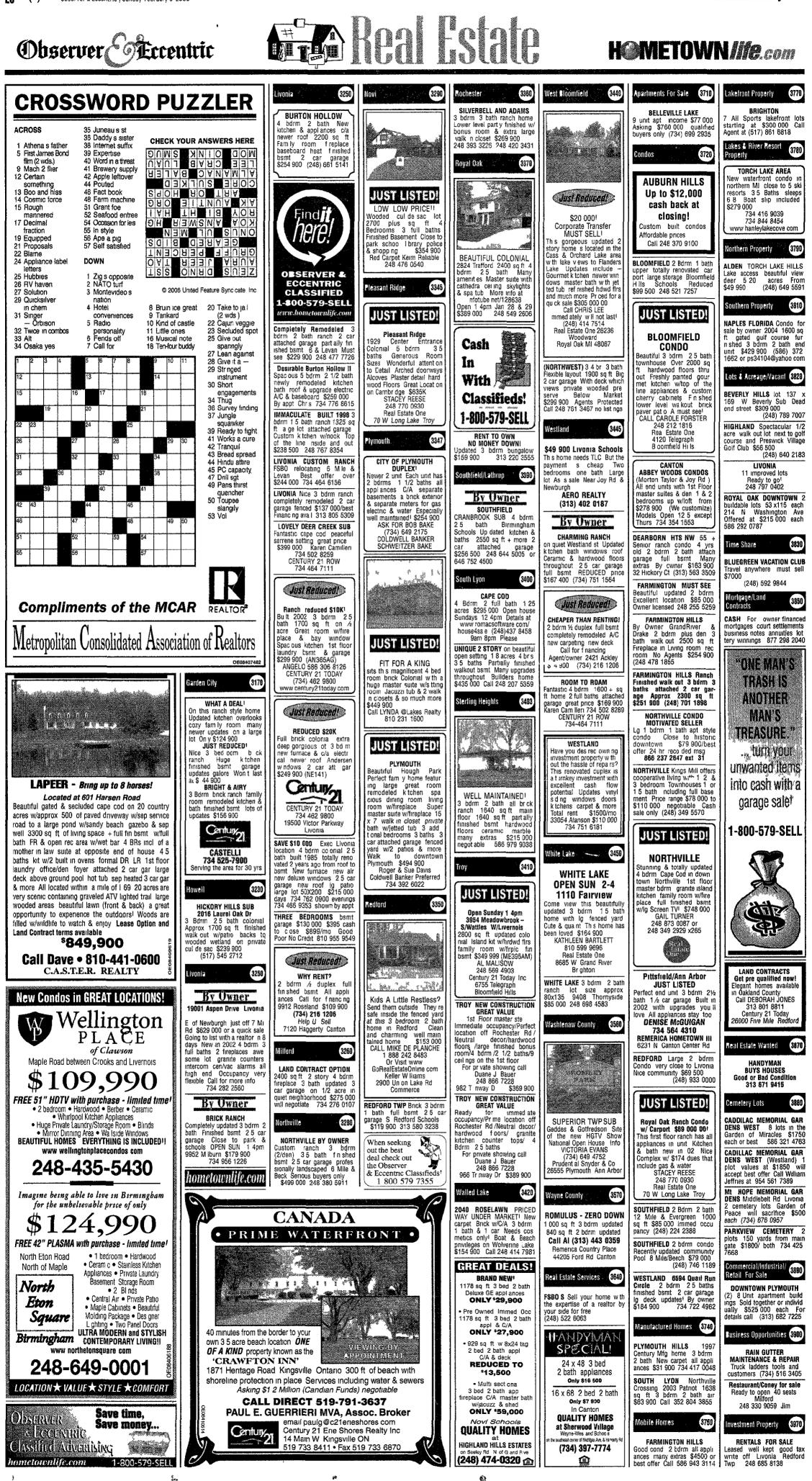
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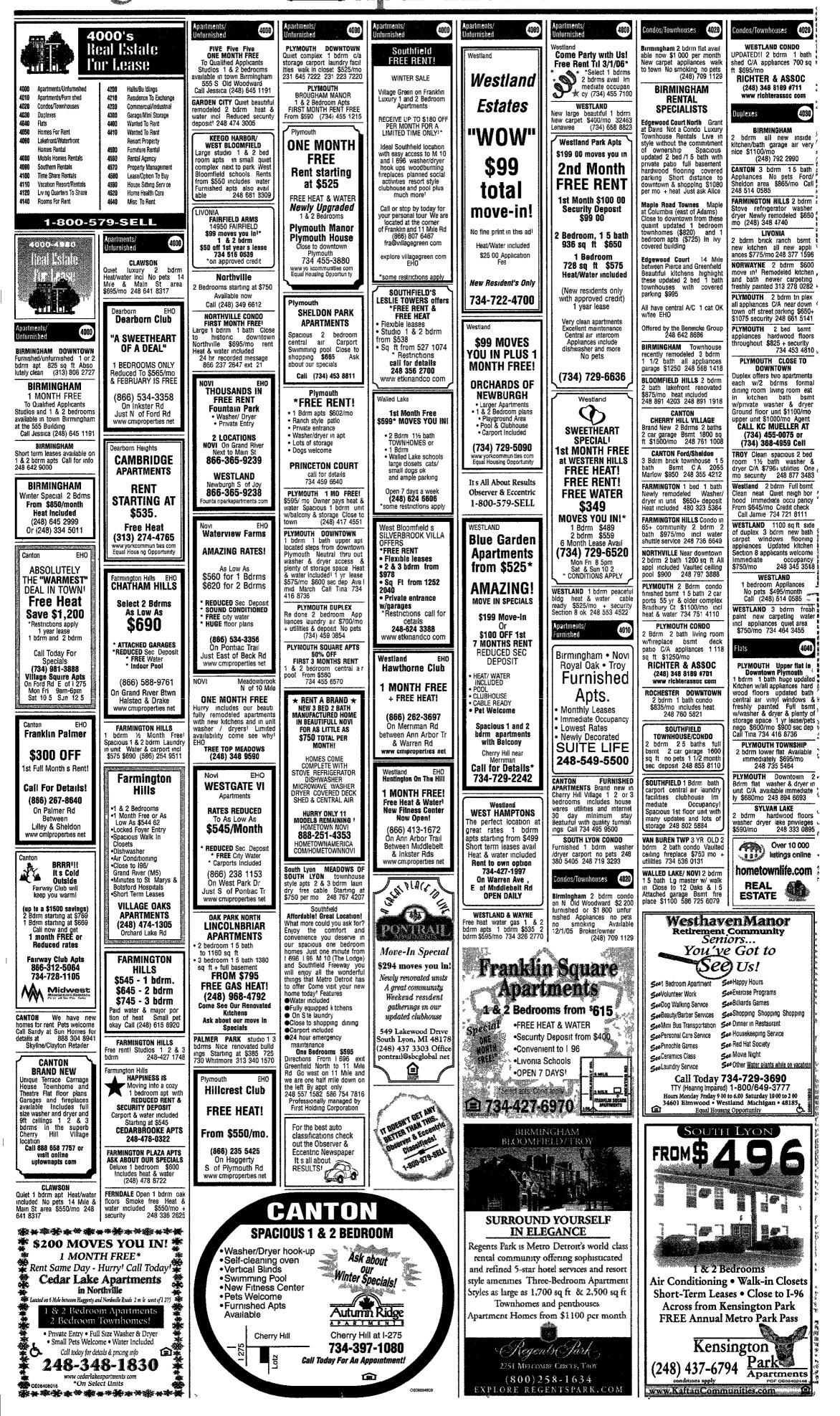
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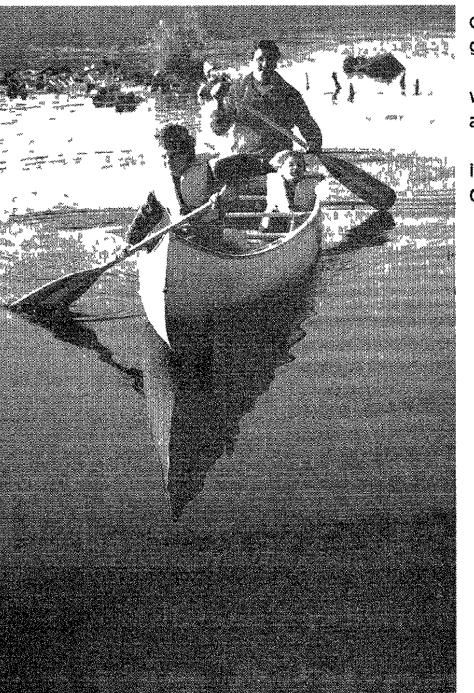


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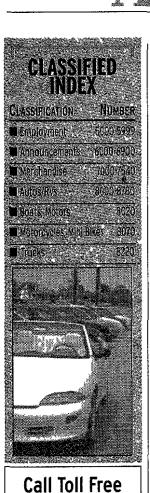




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New Volvo V70 R Wagon is better looking than ever before



By Dave Menard Avantı NewsFeatures

For years the name Volvo has been synonymous with "yuppies" and upscale soccer moms across the country When you saw one on the road, you just knew that the people inside were on their way to music lessons, playdates, or, if a man was driving alone, to the golf course Always one of the safest cars on the road, the Volvo was never looked at as a particularly fun car to drive, or something people without kids would buy

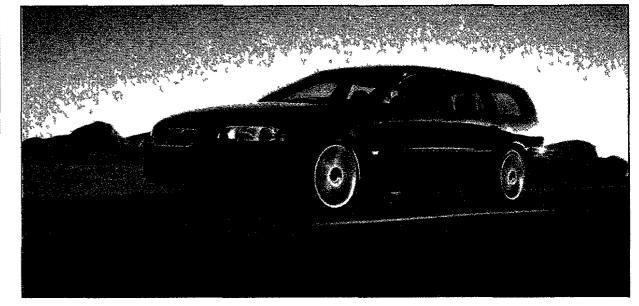
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For the last few years, the Swedish-based automaker (now owned by Ford) has been trying to change the way you look at the company's offerings, they've been redesigning the outside and putting a little more under the hood in an effort to compete with the likes of BMW, Lexus, Acura and Infiniti Even their station wagons are included in the effort, and one of the wagons Volvo is pinning its hopes on is the 2006 V70 R

The V70 R was redesigned for the 2005 model year and, while you can still tell it's a Volvo, it's sharper and better-looking than previous models The classic Volvo grille is still upfront, and the standard Xenon high-intensity headlamps are rectangular with rounded corners, they come with washers and automatic level control Heated outside mirrors, fog lamps, 17-inch alloy wheels, and a rear spoiler are also part of the package

Volvo has put a powerful engine inside this station wagon It's a 2 5-liter five-cylinder DOHC turbo with twin intercoolers It's rated at 300 hp and 295 lb ft of torque It's mated with a six-speed manual transmission and a six-speed automatic with 'autostick" is available as an option The automatic shifts smoothly and the car gets off the line quickly With the manual, you can go 0-60 in 5 6 seconds – 6 5 with the automatic It takes need premium fuel and is rated at 18/25 mpg

The V70 R is an all-wheel drive wagon, and that's a mixed blessing While its nice to have AWD when



2006 Volvo V70 R. Vehicle class: Wagon. Where built: Gent, Belgium. EPA: 18/25. Base price: \$39, 545. Price as tested: \$44, 885

you need it, the ride and handling suffer a bit, and making a U-turn is a challenge The front suspension system features MacPherson struts with asymmetrically mounted coil springs, electronic variable damping hydraulic shocks and stabilizer bar In the rear, it's a multi-link independent system with coil springs, electronic variable damping hydraulic shocks, and stabilizer bar Power-assisted, speed-sensitive rackand-pinion power steering and traction control are standard Ride and handling are good – not great, and there are three different suspension settings, none of which made a huge difference that I could feel There's a bit too much road feel for me, and, as I mentioned earlier, the wide turning circle makes Uturns a challenge (watch out for the curb)

Inside is where the V70 R really shines Its roomy, comfortable and full of standard equipment The standard heated eight-way power adjustable leather seats come with lumbar support and are easy to adjust to a comfortable position There's plenty of room for passengers and cargo The rear seats are 60/40 fold down seats and will give you more than 71 cubic feet of cargo space when they're folded down (374 cu ft when the rear seat is raised) The leatherwrapped steering wheel is adjustable, as well

Dual zone climate control is standard, as are cruise control, power windows, locks and mirrors, rear defroster, trip computer, and cupholders in both front and rear

The standard audio system in the V70 R is an AM/FM/CD system with 100 watt amplifier and six

speakers You can upgrade to a six-CD system with Dolby Pro-Logic sound and 350 watts of power It sounds great but is poorly laid out, for US customers, at least When you see a knob on the far right, you expect to use it to tune the radio, right² Not with Volvo, that knob is used to change from AM to FM to CD To tune, you have to push an unlabeled button on the upper right On the plus side, Volvo also offers an iPod attachment system You plug your iPod into the cable and it charges the iPod and plays it through the audio system Unfortunately, there's no iPod display screen built in and your iPod's screen won t display while its plugged in You have to remember what number playlist you're looking to play and select it from the radio unit A hitle awkward, but it's a nice addition for iPod owners A navigation system is also available

As you would expect with Volvo's safety reputation, the V70 R has a lot of safety features Inflatable side curtains are standard, as are a rear fog light, whiplash protection seating system, and side impact airbags

The 2006 Volvo V70 R starts at a shade under \$40,000 Add the upgraded audio system (which comes with a moon roof, for some reason), automatic transmission, the 'convenience package, which includes cargo net, power child locks, and audible park assist and you're up to almost \$45,000 That's more than a lot of family wagons but there's a lot to like in this wagon

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