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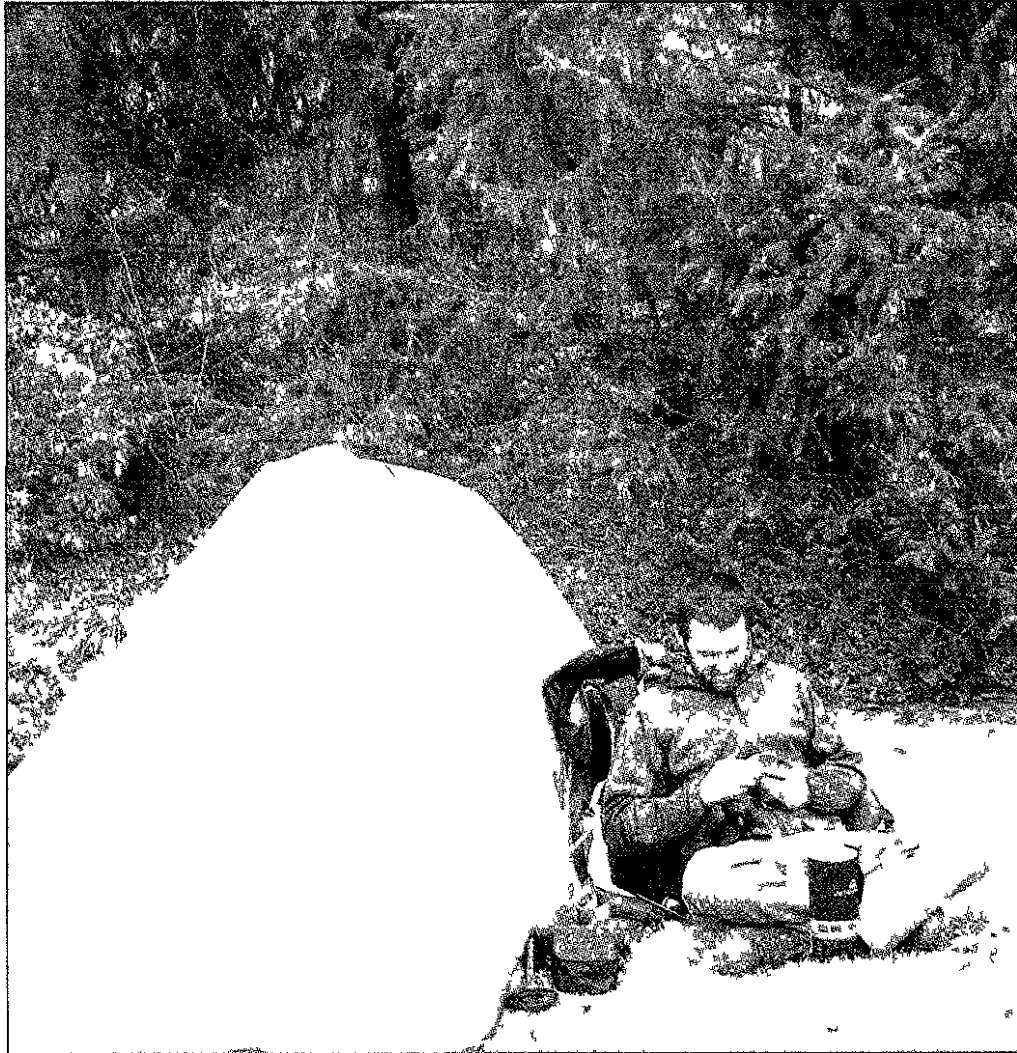
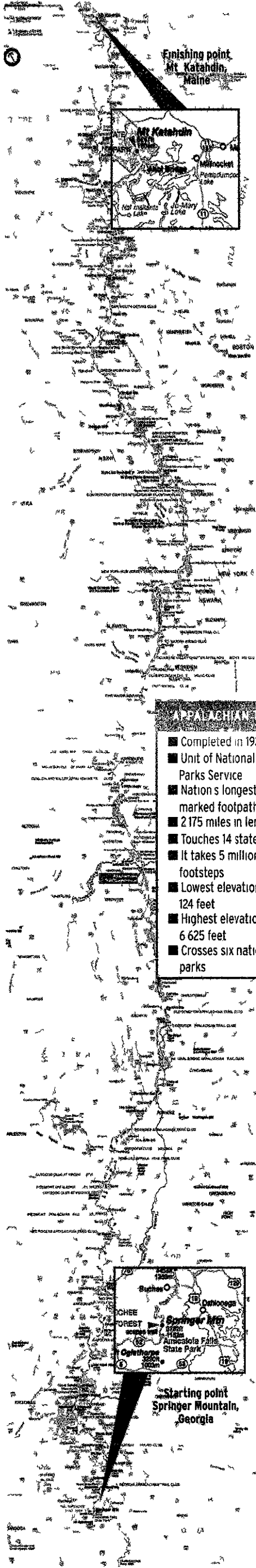
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Plymouth's Ryan Cosens, shown here on a previous hiking trip, is one of four friends who will set out on the Appalachian Trail this week.

## Local men leaving for 5-month hike on the

# Appalachian Trail

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Sometime this afternoon, four longtime friends will board a plane bound for Atlanta, Ga. You might say the flight will be the easiest leg of their planned five-month journey. Once they touch down, they will rely solely on their feet the rest of the way, as they attempt to hike along America's oldest and most famous trail — the Appalachian Trail.

On Wednesday, the group will travel to Georgia's

Springer Mountain, the trail's southern terminus in Chattahoochee National Forest, and begin the first of the approximate 5 million steps it will take to reach the northern end of the trail, at Mt. Katahdin in central Maine.

In between those two points on the map, Ben Wielechowski, 22, of Canton, Ryan Cosens, 23, of Plymouth (both graduates of Salem High), Mike Murphy, 24, of Livonia, and a friend from the Upper Peninsula expect to see some of America's most beautiful vis-

PLEASE SEE TRAIL, A8

### LOOK FOR HIKER'S UPDATES

Canton resident Ben Wielechowski, 22, plans to stay in touch with the Observer during his trip along the Appalachian Trail. Look for his updates as he visits towns along the 2,100-plus-mile long trail that runs from Georgia to Maine.

At the conclusion of the hike, Wielechowski plans to write a column about his experiences along America's oldest and most famous trail. Look for it this fall.



Benjamin Wielechowski of Canton talks about his strategy of packing foods that he is shipping to different cities along the Appalachian Trail so he can resupply during his five-month hiking adventure.

# Problems arise with proposed grad standards

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools will be faced with budget considerations, staffing issues, fewer elective choices for high school students and possibly a higher dropout rate if state officials approve tougher high school graduation requirements they are considering.

As the state House and Senate meet in conference committee concerning legislation expected to be signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Plymouth-Canton educators met Thursday to consider the ramifications of the expected mandated standards on all curriculums, which will cut down on the number of electives students can take.

PLEASE SEE STANDARDS, A8



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's newest police officer Tom Koval is sworn in by city clerk Linda Langmesser.

# Newest Plymouth cop lives a dream

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Tom Koval has been waiting nearly a year to become a member of the Plymouth Police Department.

Koval's dream came true Monday when he was given Badge 536 and sworn in as the 15th member of the department in a brief — but for Koval — memorable ceremony at Plymouth City Hall.

"This is a job I really wanted," said Koval, 26, who noted he applied for a similar position last year. "I grew up in a small area of St. Clair County, and Plymouth is much the same. It's in a metropolitan area, but still has a small town feel to it."

"I'm glad I landed in a place like this, instead of a large department," added Koval. "The department has a nice feel to it, and I think it will be a fun place to work. Community policing has a lot more interaction with people than in a larger city, where maybe you're stuck in a patrol car."

With the hiring of Koval, the Plymouth Police Department is at full strength, by today's standards. However, that's down from pre-budget-crunch days when the department once had 21 officers.

Police Chief Wayne Carroll said Koval will train with officers the next four months, and will complete his yearlong probationary period by going solo the final eight months.

"We're basically taking a civilian and turning him into a policeman," Carroll said. "In the academy, they're taught the basics of law and procedures. Now, he'll be fine-tuned in how Plymouth does things."

In his five years as chief, Carroll has hired 10 of the current officers, making it a much younger staff than in earlier years.

"I think it brings a freshness to the department," said Carroll. "We have guys who are hard-charging and doing a good job of taking care of our citizens."

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Coming Thursday in Filter

The Detroit Tigers begin the season April 3 and the home opener is April 10. See Filter for what's new at Comerica Park.

**Choir winners**

PCEP Choirs Allegro, Dulcissima, Chamber Choir Madrigal Singers and Park Singers participated in MSVMA's recent District Choral Festival at Chelsea High School under the direction of Jennifer Kopp, on Friday, March 10, at Chelsea High School. Dulcissima and Festival Singers (a combined group of Chamber and Madrigal) will be performing at State Choral Festival in Jackson April 28. The choirs received an excellent rating (1) at the district festival, where the Festival Singers were referred to as "one of the top three choirs in the state," choir representatives said.

**Housing committee**

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Housing Committee has scheduled an additional meeting for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28.

This meeting will be held in the Smith School Media Center because West Middle School (the committee's normal meeting place) has an activity that evening. The regularly scheduled April 4 Housing Committee meeting will still take place at West Middle School.

Smith Elementary School is located at 1298 McKinley in Plymouth.

**Curbside compost**

Plymouth Township starts its curbside compost collection Monday April 3.

Yard waste, including leaves, grass clippings, vegetative pruning, garden waste, wood debris and brush can be set out to the curb by 7 a.m. on regular collection days, but no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before.

Brush and branches up to six inches in diameter must be tied with string or twine in bundles no longer than three feet in length, no wire or plastic ties. Leaves and grass clippings can be put into paper yard waste bags available from various retailers, or in a 35-gallon (maximum size) container identified with a compost sticker or marked clearly with two large "Xs" or "Cs" on



**Veteran assistance**

Plymouth Elks Richard Strasser (left) and Stew Israel prepared the steaks as the Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780 joined with Passage-Gayde Post 391-Plymouth to cook and serve 77 steaks for 43 veterans from the Michigan Veterans Foundation for Homeless Veterans Shelter in Detroit. The facility provides counseling for veterans with substance addiction, mental health concerns, provide job support and acclimate them to move back into their community. Plans are in the works for a similar event in the fall.

the container. Yard waste stickers are available at township offices. Filled containers should not weigh more than 50 pounds. For more information, call the solid waste department, (734) 453-8131, Ext. 33.

**Casino night**

Cross Bridge Academy, the Plymouth school for autistic children, presents a Casino Night 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Compass Cafe in Plymouth.

The event is a Texas Hold'em tournament with a first-place prize of \$500. It includes blackjack and roulette along with raffles, along with food and refreshments. Proceeds benefit Cross Bridge Academy.

Reservations can be made at the Compass Cafe, 306 S. Main (corner of Penniman), or by calling (734) 455-5100.

**New Morning auction**

New Morning School in Plymouth Township holds its 30th-annual auction, 'Big Game Safari,' 5 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 1, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Last year's auction brought some 600 guests and some \$140,000 to benefit the school's general fund and school enrichment funds. The money was used to build a play structure in the school's pre-school/primary playground and provide technology upgrades. Tickets cost \$70, which

includes a traveling dinner, silent and live auctions and a gaming room. Advance reservations are required.

For more information, call (734) 420-3331.

**DAR meets**

Daughters of the American Revolution-DAR meet at noon Monday, April 17, at the Mill Race in Northville.

The sandwich luncheon will feature a program on antique buttons.

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

**Alumni social**

Eastern Michigan University Graduates of the Last Decade are invited to attend a young alumni social hosted by the office for Alumni Relations Friday, March 31, at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

The evening begins with a reception from 9-9:45 p.m., followed by "cosmic bowling" from 10-11:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and includes two games of bowling, shoe rental and late-night pizza.

Register to attend by contacting the Office for Alumni Relations by e-mail at alumni\_relations@emich.edu or call (734) 487-0250.

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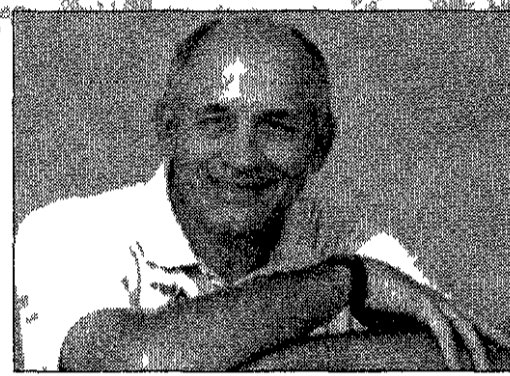
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This month marks the one year anniversary of Performax Physical Therapy of Livonia. Performax Physical Therapy is an innovative and cutting edge physical therapy center located at 19809 Farmington Road.

Performax Physical Therapy is pleased with their first year in business celebrating new patients, doctor referrals and public awareness of their new Livonia office. The mission statement of the staff is to treat patients like family. This philosophy means that new and existing patients can expect extra care from the staff and a feeling of belonging.

The Clinical Director, Vincent Baylerian, PT, DPT brings experience and a Doctorate degree to Performax Physical Therapy. His expertise and education in the Physical Therapy field is a vital component of the success this year. Under his direction the staff at Performax Physical Therapy is held to high standards in the area of current therapies and excellent customer service.

Michelle Krings, MS, PT, ATC has 18 years of experience in the area of orthopedic and musculoskeletal conditions.

Gretchen Lang, MOT, OTR a nine year veteran with a Masters in Occupational Therapy specializes in hand, wrist and elbow conditions.

Betsy Pollock, PTA, CSCS is also a nine year veteran in physical therapy with extensive patient care and experience in the field.

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# Keeping the streak alive

## Unbeaten Winterguard team hits regionals

BY ADELE ARMBRUSTER  
CORRESPONDENT

What do Plymouth Canton Educational Park students who just love the competitive spirit and pageantry of marching band do during the winter months?

It's called Winter Guard and Winter Drumline, and to capture the flavor of the sport of the arts, the public is invited to attend a community performance featuring approximately 70 P CEP Winter Guard and Winter Drumline students in the Central Middle School Gym in downtown Plymouth 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 29. Admission is free.

The program has grown dramatically since the Winter 2004 season when 20 students coached by Jennifer Leseth represented Plymouth-Canton Winter 2005 saw the addition of a high school junior varsity team and also a middle school junior guard.

Now in 2006 a Winter Drumline also proudly represents the P CEP in state regional and national Michigan Color Guard Circuit and Winter Guard International competitions. Leseth continues as the Winter Guard coach and Jonathan Ovalle directs Winter Drumline with assistance from Andy Ebert and Brian Williams.

Both Winter Guard and Winter Drumline create a musical program designed to be both competitive and entertaining. And both hone the skills required in the P CEP



The P CEP varsity Winterguard captured second place in the WGI Dayton Regional, competed this weekend in the WGI Nashville Regional and will be in the April 5-9 WGI World Championship in Dayton, Ohio.

Marching Band Color Guard and Percussion sections.

Winter Guard is a combination of music and dance incorporating the spinning, tossing and twirling of flags, rifles and sabres. Winter Drumline is indoor percussion.

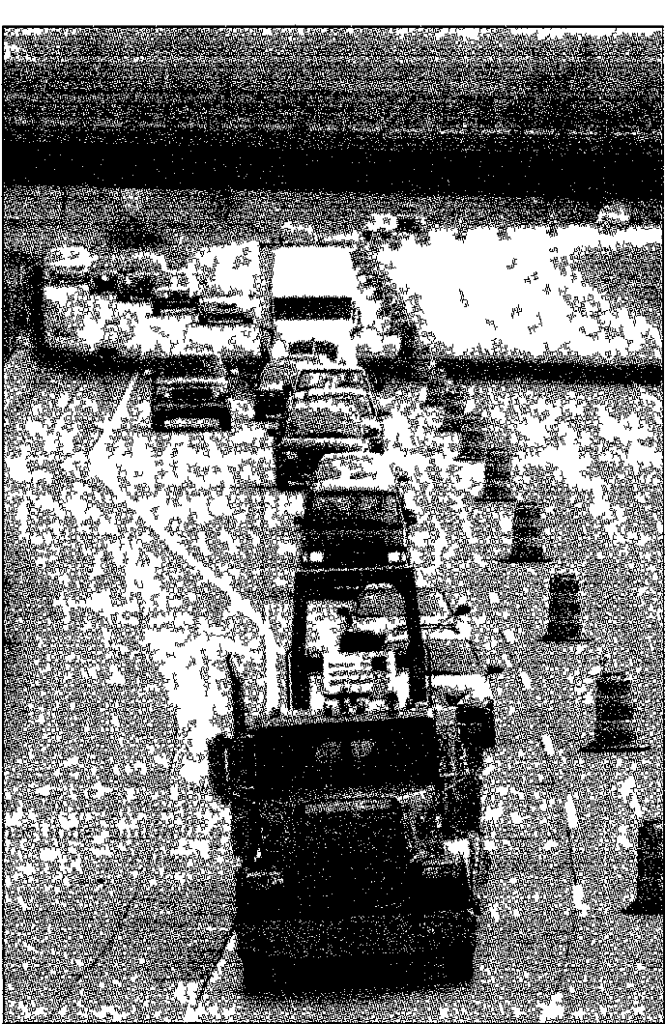
The varsity and junior varsity Winter Guard teams are undefeated in the state of Michigan for the 2006 season.

the varsity guard captured second place in the WGI Dayton Regional. Varsity guard also competed this weekend in the WGI Nashville Regional, and will be in the April 5-9 WGI World Championship in Dayton, Ohio.

Both Winter Guard teams and the Winter Drumline are looking forward to the April 1-2 MCGC State Championship

in Saginaw.

E-mail [pcmbguard@aol.com](mailto:pcmbguard@aol.com) for additional information regarding the P-CEP Winter Guard or Fall Color Guard, e-mail [pcepbandman@gmail.com](mailto:pcepbandman@gmail.com) with questions about Winter Drumline or Marching Band. Questions about all programs can also be answered by calling (734) 582-5666.



By L. Bresler | Staff Photographer

### Traffic jammin'

It's going to be a long summer for those used to driving on M 14 through Plymouth Township. The westbound lanes are reduced to one lane from 1-275 west. Eastbound lanes will be reduced to one lane soon. The extensive rebuilding project is expected to last through November. One potential detour: Ann Arbor Road to Ford Road or North Territorial all the way to M-23.

## City, township sponsor household waste day

Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth will once again team up to offer a Household Hazardous Waste Day.

The event takes place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday April 29 at the Compuware Sports Arena on Beck Road just north of the M 14 expressway. The event is open to Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents only and a driver's license will be required to take part.

Some acceptable wastes include paints and stains, automotive fluids, batteries, computer equipment, propane cylinders,

fertilizers and pesticides. Some unacceptable items include smoke detectors, tires, radioactive materials, PCBs, ammunition, fireworks and medical waste.

A full list of acceptable items can be found on the Web at [www.plymouthtpw.org/Community/SpecialEvents/HHWD/2.htm](http://www.plymouthtpw.org/Community/SpecialEvents/HHWD/2.htm).

For more information, township residents can call the townships municipal services department (734) 433-3331. Ext. 33. City residents can call (734) 453-7737 Ext. 108.

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It is expected that members will soon receive a packet of disclosure information with a ballot from DFCU Financial. **I urge you to read all disclosure information very carefully before you vote.** Your vote is important. In a credit union, it's one member/one vote. This conversion will be successful if passed by only a simple majority of those who vote.

Again, your individual vote can determine the outcome of whether DFCU Financial continues to be a not-for-profit CREDIT UNION serving YOU, the member-owners.

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A

**David P. Alton Sr.**  
Alton 78 of Warren died March 16  
**Ruford Ray Armstrong**  
Armstrong 74 of Farmington Hills died March 22

B

**Joyce Alice Bramble**  
Bramble 65 of Leesburg Fla died March 4

C

**Sean Mackenzie Clark**  
Clark 8 died March 11

E

**Warren H. (Pete) Eierman**  
Eierman 83 formerly of Bloomfield Hills died March 14

F

**Bernice Fountain**  
Fountain 94 of Plymouth died March 19

**Anne Fracassa**  
Fracassa 47 died March 13

G

**Ann C. Geis**  
Geis 88 of Dandridge Tenn formerly of Rochester died March 12

**Violet D. Gilligan**  
Gilligan 93 of Rochester Hills died March 21

**Bernard Goldman**  
Goldman 83 died March 22

H

**Thomas Michael Herlihy**  
Herlihy 69 of Canton died March 21

**Andrew Paul Holmlund**  
Holmlund 9 died March 20

J

**Stephen G. Jewell**  
Jewell 67 of Addison died March 21

K

**Helen B. Kelly**  
Kelly 82 of Plymouth died March 21

L

**Fredrick R. Lukanchoff Sr.**  
Lukanchoff 58 of Livonia died March 16

M

**Marilyn L. Mosser**  
Mosser died March 18

N

**Pearl Nyovich**  
Nyovich 88 of Sterling Heights died March 19

P

**Mary Baumkratz Prebis**  
Prebis 96 of Gaylord died March 11

R

**Bruce "HB" Richard**  
Richard 86 of Plymouth died March 18

S

**Mary Bard Miller Simon**  
Simon 46 died March 18

**Rev. Charles A. "Chuck" Sommers**  
Sommers 84 of Birmingham died March 23

**James Gregory Swider**  
Swider of Canton died March 21

T

**Barbara Jean Thompson (nee Fouracre)**  
Thompson 83 formerly of Birmingham died March 2

W

**Milton Dean West**  
West of Livonia died March 20

**Patricia A. Weyer**  
Weyer 64 of Rochester Hills died March 13

**Jean E. Willsey**  
Willsey 84 of Rochester died March 19

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C4

Air Force grads

■ **Air Force Airman Nicholas W. Barker** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force

Barker is the son of David and Kathy Barker of Plymouth

■ **Air Force Airman Marko G. Boryszczuk** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force

Boryszczuk is the son of

George Boryszczuk of Canton and Diane Bierron of Dearborn Heights. He is a 2003 graduate of Dearborn High School

New Marines

■ **Marine Corps Pfc Michael G. Jacobs**, son of Janice N. Jacobs of Plymouth and Gregory J. Jacobs of Canton, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally

Jacobs and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Jacobs spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training

Jacobs and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct

Jacobs and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which

recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as Marines for the first time in their careers

■ **Marine Corps Pvt. Jamie R. Wilson**, son of Michelle Wilson of Livonia and Jerry E. Wilson of Plymouth, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally

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# Center's reopening gives parents respite

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Susan Radke had only made it to the playroom, but she was already excited by what she saw.

"Yes, this is something I'd be interested in," she said, sitting on a swing with her 14-year-old son Ian. It's beautiful.

Radke and her son were among families who were at the Rose F. Kennedy Respite Center in Westland Thursday afternoon to find out more about the one-of-a-kind facility in Wayne County which will open its doors next month.

Operated by the Judson Center, the center is designed to give caregivers temporary relief from the day-to-day care of developmentally disabled children ages 6-17.

It can accommodate up to six children and offers a fenced-in back yard with a playscape to come, an indoor playroom, arts and crafts and a van to take the children to different activities in the community.

"We're excited because this is our first venture in Wayne County," said Nancy Cormier, Judson program manager.

This is Judson's fourth respite center. It has had a facility in Beverly Hills for 20 years, one in New Baltimore for five years and opened one in Waterford in November 2005.

The Westland center, built in 1972, is owned by the Wayne Westland Community Schools and leased by ConsumerLink Network which asked Judson to step in and operate the facility after its contract provider, Family Neighborhood Services, went out of business last year.

I received a letter in June 2005 that Family Neighborhood Services could no longer provide the service and literally the next call I made was to the Judson



Susan Radke and her son Ian try out the swing in the playroom at the refurbished Rose F. Kennedy Respite Center in Westland. They were among families with developmentally disabled children who were invited to the center which will open next month.

Center, said David Pankotai, ConsumerLink executive director. "I was very much aware of Judson Center's experience in respite care."

The walls have been painted and there's new carpeting throughout the entire facility including a second wing that hopefully will be open for adult respite care this summer, said Cormier. That, too, would be a first for Judson, she added.

Alarms also have been replaced and the heating and cooling repaired as part of the fix-up. By doing the work throughout the building, opening the adult side will be a quicker process, Cormier said.

The children's respite wing will be staffed with two employees each on three shifts, according to home manager Misty Fae. They will cook and clean the facility and do all of the direct care for the youngsters.

"This is like a house and we want them to feel they can do anything here that they can do in their house," she said.

Fae started working with the developmentally disabled when she was age 16. She worked with children and

adults in group homes and even did some social work with teen-aged girls before returning to respite care.

"A lot of times in a career you do things people don't want you to do, but with respite care, people want it," she said. "And there's such a wealth of smiling innocence. No matter how difficult the work is, you can go home feeling good about it."

The center's opening is good news for Radke. The family has her soon-to-be ex-husband's parents to come from Pittsburgh to watch Ian, who is autistic.

"We had no family in the area - my family is in Montana - so we had to be selective about our time away," she said.

Radke happened to be at the Judson Center in Royal Oak and saw a flier about Thursday's open house. An employee of JARC, which provides residential care and services to families with developmentally disabled children, she has had no problem getting an evening baby-sitter.

"Now that I'll be a single mom, this will be more conducive," she said.

The Radke family had lived



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Brightly colored murals decorate the walls of the main room of the center which will be managed by Misty Fae (right). Joining her is Nancy Cormier, program manager for Judson Center, which is operating the facility.

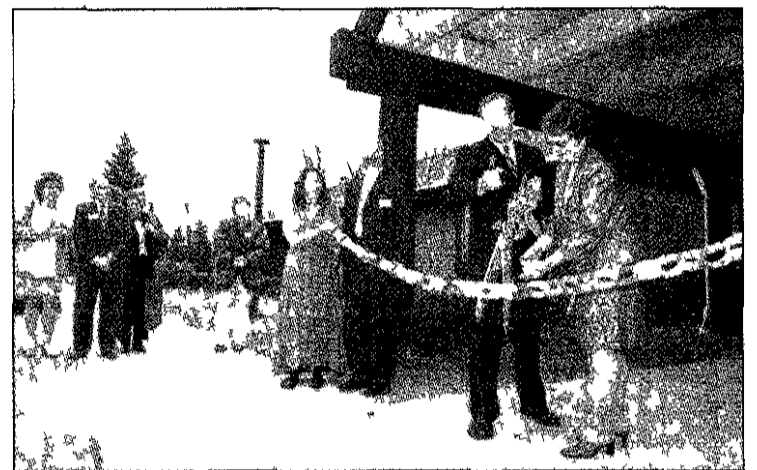
in Capac but moved to Dearborn when Ian was 4. They did it for a very specific reason - to enroll Ian in the Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City.

"We took a tour of the place and decided that was where he had to be, hands down," she said.

While Radke checked out the bedrooms, representatives of ConsumerLink and the Judson Center gathered out front of the facility for a ceremonial ribbon cutting. There was no ribbon, just a colorful paper chain that came apart in one snip by Pankotai and Marn Myers, president of the Judson Center.

ConsumerLink stood up and said we can't let respite services go away," said Myers. "Wayne-Westland worked with us to get it back up and operating, and the parents have stuck with us and said this is needed."

With the festivities out of the way, only thing left before the first family walks through the



Cutting a paper chain held on one end by home manager Misty Fae, to celebrate the re-opening of the facility was David Pankotai, ConsumerLink executive director and Marn Myers, president of the Judson Center. Beside Fae is David Schmehl of Behavior Health Professionals Inc.

door is the state licenses Cormier had hoped to have them by the end of March, but now expects them sometime in April.


"We're very excited and will be so glad when the day comes that we can open our doors," she said. "Hopefully it'll be soon."

The Rose F. Kennedy Respite Center is located in the Wayne Westland Community Schools administrative complex on Marquette east of Newburgh. For more information call home manager Misty Fae at (734) 721-9072.

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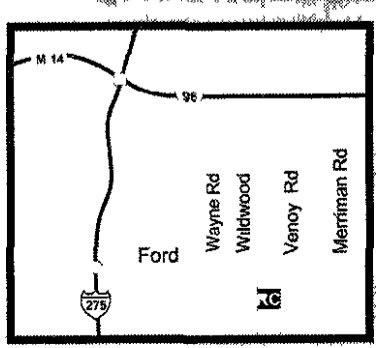
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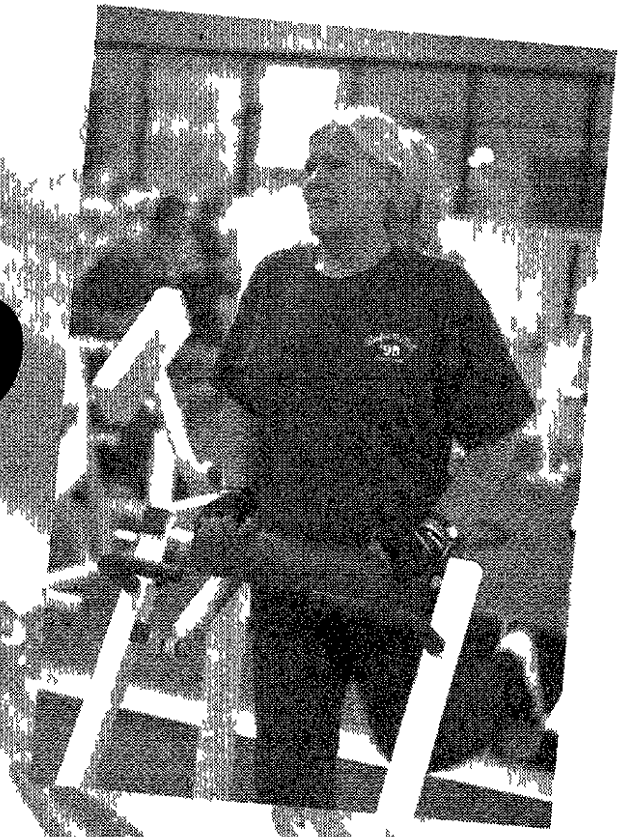
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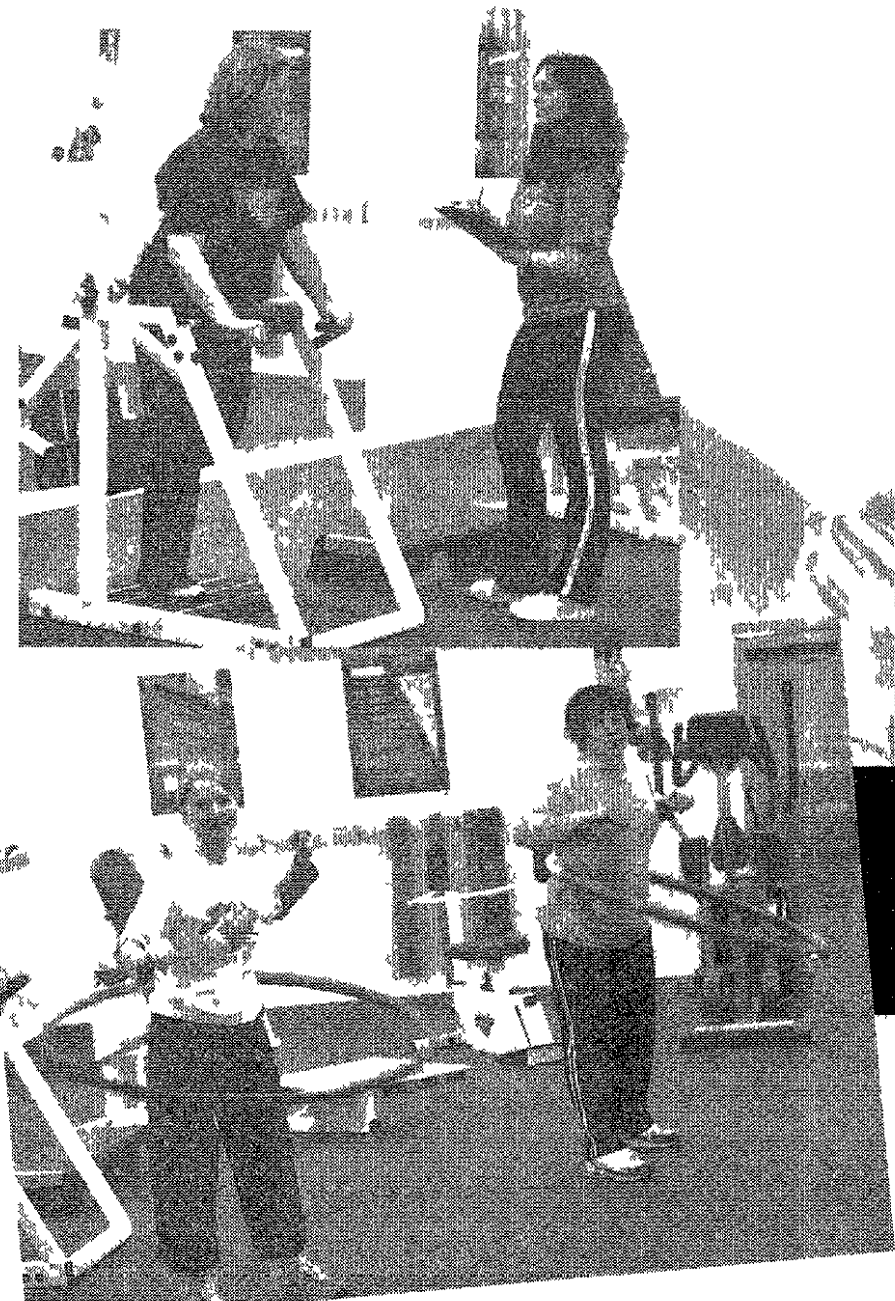
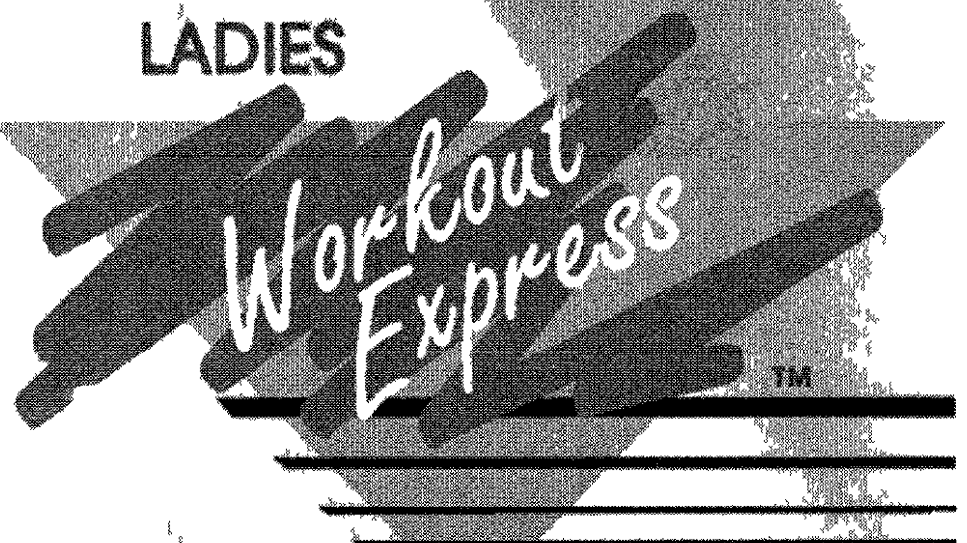
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**TRAIL**

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tas The A.P., as it is known by hikers, will take them through six national parks, eight national forests and 14 different states.

But this is more than a sight-seeing trip. Each of the men also expect to learn a little more about themselves — whether they have the stamina to walk the trail's 2,100-plus miles. And maybe even some answers about who they are and what they want to do with the rest of their lives.

For Wielechowski, who says he has always had a 'lust for the woods,' hiking the trail is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity

for him. He recently graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in zoology from Northern Michigan University, and he is planning to do graduate work in the future.

"I want to do this before I turn into a real human being, with a job and responsibilities. It's the best thing I can think of to help myself figure out who I really am," he said.

While the actual trip itself will take five months, Wielechowski said its preparation has actually taken several years. In fact, the group has taken several practice hikes, in the Porcupine Mountains, and along Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, both in the Upper Peninsula.

They have also done much research, and even have the

trip broken down day by day — how many miles to travel, where to sleep, and what towns they will stop at to re-supply and visit libraries so they can communicate with friends and family via e-mail. Wielechowski has even sent boxes of food to Post Office boxes in towns along the trail. He said each man is also being very meticulous about what goes in their backpacks, which will be their lifeline for five months, yet still keep them under 50 pounds.

But now the planning is just about over, and the group is ready to hit the trail.

"I'm feeling a wide range of emotions. It will be different than anything I've ever done. But there is more excitement than anything," said Cosens. "It

will be interesting to see how I hold up physically and mentally, doing the same thing every day for five months. If we finish it, it will be a huge accomplishment. There are thousands of people who set off to complete the trail every year, and only about 10-15 percent do it.

I'm going in thinking the only way out is through Maine.

Of course, five months is a long time when you are exposed to the elements, as well as the physical and psychological hardships that will surely be endured along the trail. As such, Murphy, who is Wielechowski's cousin, said it will be interesting to see how the four men bond during the trip. Will they still be as close

as when they get off the plane in Atlanta?

"I've never spent that much time with the same group of people, where we're together all the time. I hope we still talk to each other when we're done," said Murphy, who graduated from Clarenceville in 2000.

According to some hiking groups, since the Appalachian Trail was completed in 1937, only about 8,000 people have claimed to have completed it during a single trip. Even though he is well aware of the pitfalls the group may encounter along the way, Wielechowski is hoping they are up to the challenge and four more names will be added to that list come the end of August (they plan on finishing Aug. 24).

"I think the biggest challenge will be mental, dealing with the weather and the physical pain," Wielechowski said. "We made a pact that the only way we're going to leave the trail is if something physically debilitating happens. But you can say that all you want. After a couple months on the trail



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Wielechowski said he will bring as much gear and supplies as possible, though he wants his backpack no heavier than 50 pounds.

He paused for a moment, deep in thought. "We'll just have to see what happens. No matter what happens, though, it will be interesting."

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**STANDARDS**

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One of the biggest changes will be in math. Students currently take three credits, which can include classes not as rigorous as the state standards, which include Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II. "Our minimum requirement does not even meet the proposed Algebra I requirement the state is looking for," said math teacher Jan Way. "We are going to have to do something for our very lowest math students to get them through that."

In science, students will be forced to take chemistry or physics. It will increase the rigor, which could increase the level of frustration, said science teacher Mary McGrath. Sometimes kids get frustrated because of the math component.

And, in social studies, the state will mandate all three credits students will need to take.

It would have a significant impact on the ability of kids to take accelerated social science courses, said David

Sutherland, social studies teacher. "Students that are interested in anthropology, psychology and foreign policy won't be able to take those opportunities before they get to college, and explore the disciplines of the social sciences."

Math teacher Tom Patrick admits the new standards will be tougher, but he doesn't consider them unreasonable. "My thought is it's not that hard, but maybe there aren't enough kids to work as hard as may be necessary to be able to do it, and that's a real concern," said Patrick.

Sarah Yu, a Plymouth High School sophomore, said she welcomes the new state standards.

"I know that other developing countries have math and science test scores higher than ours," said Yu, of Canton. "High school is to catch you up on all the basic knowledge, and college is for specific areas of study."

High school Assistant Principal Sharon Streat said it will be a challenge to develop a core curriculum that still allows for individuality through electives.

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# 'Myth' of global warming may have real consequences

I don't care, I'm cold. I've been cold since the second week of November (give or take a few days in January).

I am cold at my desk at work, where we have some demented heating system that sends out a rush of cold air before it sends out a trickle of heat. I am cold at home, where the builder must have saved thousands by not using insulation coupled with the shock of the monthly gas bill that keeps the thermostat in the low 60s. I wear a fleece and envy my cat's thick fur.

So I could be skeptical about all this global warming. Maybe a little local warming wouldn't be such a bad thing. Hey, they're only talking about 3 to 9 degrees warmer by the end of the century. Didn't the century just begin?



Hugh Gallagher

On Wednesday, Clear the Air and the Michigan Environmental Council released a report on the impact of global warming on Michigan's seasons, *Season Creep: Warming Climate Leads to Shifting Michigan Seasons*. The prospects for our environment (and our economic health) are seriously jeopardized by global warming according to the scientists.

"The science is clear: global warming isn't off in the distant future or happening somewhere else, it's happening right here in Michigan and it's happening now," Vicki Levenson, Michigan representative to the National Environmental Trust, said in a statement.

Of course, global warming is a hotly (really it's the only word I could think of) contested issue. If you use your Google to look up global warming, you'll find an array of sites spelling out the consequences of even a minute change in average Earth temperature. But you'll also find sites dedicated to debunking the myth of global warming.

One of these sites is operated by a consumers group dedicated to the proposition that consumers have a right to buy whatever they like without governmental interference or scientific 'nonsense'.

I used to receive an "environmental" newsletter masquerading as an Earth-friendly green sheet full of news about how business is working to help the ecosystem and we shouldn't worry about global warming. In fine print is the information that the newsletter was sponsored by the energy and petroleum industries.

In Michigan this is a very touchy issue. We are the Motor City and all those internal combustion engines have long been a leading suspect in global warming. Debates over CAFE standards and gasoline-loving SUVs have pitted our environmental concerns against our economic interests. (In the interest of full disclosure, I drive a Jeep Cherokee and drive more than 20 miles one way to work, so I am part of the problem.)

Like everything, the answer is both personal and political. President Bush and others have been reluctant to stall the short-term economy for the long-term environment. He suggests nuclear power as an alternative to coal power plants (though he was a firm advocate for coal power). Others see alternatives in wind and solar power and stricter emission standards.

And it is a problem. Even President George W. Bush, who kept the United States from signing the Kyoto Treaty, has admitted that we may just have a problem here.

On Wednesday scientists outlined what all this means to Michigan. Jim Nugent, horticulturalist with Michigan State University Extension, reported that global warming has dramatically decreased ice cover on Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay. For 130 years the bay froze over in 85 percent of winters but has frozen only three winters from 1991 to 2000 and only once since 2001.

Jeff Andresen, MSU associate professor and climatologist, reports that temperatures have increased about 2 degrees since 1980 but 4 to 5 degrees during winter months because of the lack of ice cover.

So what? Cherries are blooming earlier and are more susceptible to cold injury. But that's just one of a series of subtle and dramatic changes in the way nature responds from changing bird migrations to an earlier maple syrup season.

But more dire consequences are also foreseen. Melting glaciers in the Arctic may lead to droughts and a dramatic water shortage in the western United States. Rising sea levels will lead to coastal flooding. Warming temperatures may contribute to more severe hurricanes.

Like everything, the answer is both personal and political. President Bush and others have been reluctant to stall the short-term economy for the long-term environment. He suggests nuclear power as an alternative to coal power plants (though he was a firm advocate for coal power). Others see alternatives in wind and solar power and stricter emission standards.

There is much to debate on how we deal with global warming once we get past the myth that there isn't any global warming.

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# We must engage with China, not blame them for our woes

I have just returned from a trade mission to China. I visited five cities in 10 days: Beijing, the nation's capital; Chongqing, the auto capital of China; Chengdu, the home of the lovable giant Panda; Mianyang, a tech city which mass produces many of the TVs watched in America; and Shanghai, the financial capital of this country with a booming global economy.

As a student of China since a great teacher opened my eyes to the country in grade school, I have traveled to China six times since my first trip in 1989. I was with the hundreds of thousands of students in Tiananmen Square just prior to the June 4 massacre.



Tom Watkins

I will never forget a young Chinese student asking me as I stood in Tiananmen Square to describe democracy. I described freedom. While I answered with my best civic lesson ringing in my ear, I felt inadequate explaining what many of us take for granted. It was like attempting to tell someone how you get up and start to

breathe in the morning — it is just so natural and instinctive for Americans.

On this return trip, I was reminded that it is through cultural, academic, scientific, business and professional exchanges that ideas and commerce have flourished since the doors of China opened. As a Chinese student told me in Tiananmen Square in 1989, "When you open the window — all the flies can come in."

Today, with the transformational sea change in global economies that is taking place in the world and drastically impacting numerous Michigan families, many fear Chinese competition and blame China for our current economic woes.

Our nation's history is littered with this same reaction. The Chinese Exclusionary Act prohibited Chinese laborers from coming to this country for 10 years (1882-92) and was later renewed in 1892, made permanent in 1902 because it endangers the good order of certain localities. Chinese were treated as heathen and subjected to widespread discrimination, persecution and violence. The law was finally eliminated in 1943.

Fast forward to 1982 and here in Michigan Vincent Chin, a Chinese American, at his bachelor party celebration, was beaten to death by two angry autoworkers. One of the men had been recently laid off and both blamed the Japanese — and killed Vincent Chin — for their loss.

He paid the ultimate price for their ignorance.

Most recently, on the University of Michigan campus, a Chinese student had insults hurled at him and then was urinated on for the crime of being Chinese. Fortunately, Mary Sue Coleman, the U-M president, quickly and forcibly denounced this behavior.

Yet with xenophobia running high, I fear that further incidents of violence against Asians will take place as our economy continues to sour. We need pre-emptive action by Michigan leaders to speak out against such behavior and turn down the political rhetoric that seeks to blame the Chinese for our current economic ills. I fear the tone currently being set will provide the ignorant with license to insult, intimidate or, worse yet, harm Asian Americans out of fear and stupidity.

I suspect as the political season heats up, we will see many attempting to exploit the current economic fear of China for short-term political gain. This strategy reminds me of a CEO only looking at the next quarterly report rather than the long-term vitality of the business. China's leadership has the opposite view of the world and their economic prosperity.

China's economy is expanding at double-digit rates and they are sitting on hundreds of billions of dollars in cash, looking for places to invest. It should be the goal of our leaders to make Michigan the place for China's investment, to help put our people to work.

Michigan has much to sell the Chinese, from our manufacturing know-how to the agricultural products we produce. At every stop, I heard government officials eager to have two-way trade with Michigan.

Wayne and Oakland County executives Bob Ficano and L. Brooks Patterson realize this potential and have sent trade missions to China that have produced economic opportunities benefiting their citizens.

We must fight for fair trade and do our best to protect Michigan workers from the global transformation that is stripping many workers of both hope and their jobs. We also must stay engaged with the people of China, so the young man who asked me to "describe democracy, describe freedom" will someday have his question answered.

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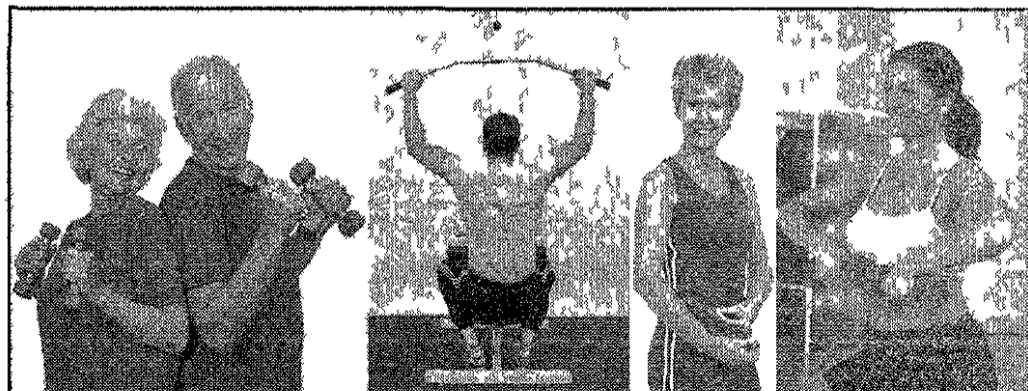
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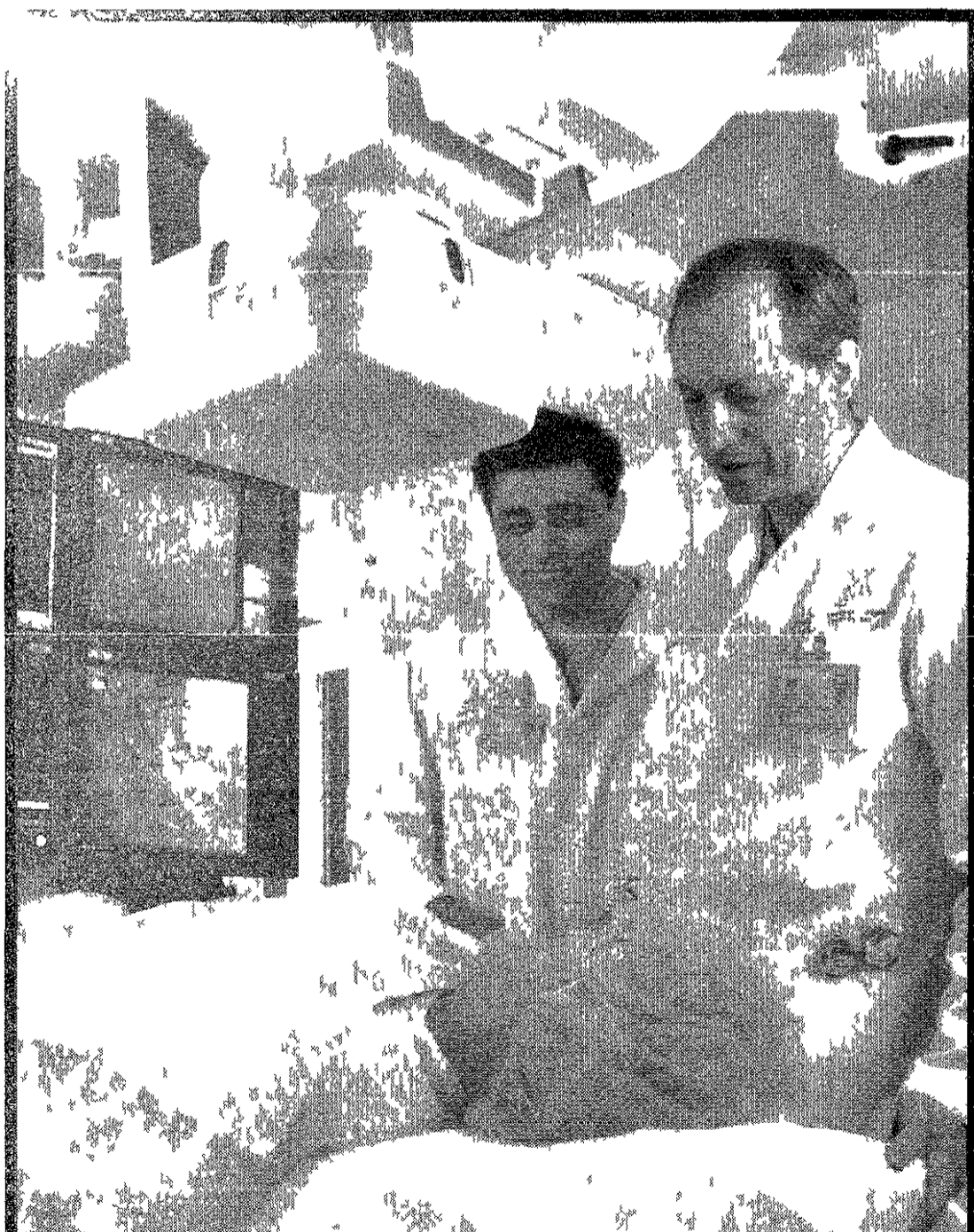


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## Schoolcraft names new vice president

Camille L. Colatosti is Schoolcraft College's new vice president and chief academic officer. The former dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Davenport University stepped into her new post March 13.

"We are delighted to have an educator of Dr. Colatosti's experience join Schoolcraft College," said President Conway A. Jeffress. "What distinguishes her is not only the extensive knowledge she has of Schoolcraft, but also her experience directly related to several initiatives that align with our long-term objectives."

Colatosti said she was attracted to the Schoolcraft post because of the college's reputation as an innovator and a well managed institution, and because it is an opportunity for her to work professionally and take on added responsibility.

At Schoolcraft, she will oversee everything relating to students, including curriculum, instruction and student services, and will serve on the President's Cabinet.

Her goals are to look for opportunities to develop new courses, evaluate the transfer process, and raise the rates of enrollment, retention and graduation. She said she wants to be sure the college is positioned to offer a bachelor's degree, if the state changes its policy and allows community colleges to offer



Colatosti

four-year programs. At Davenport, she managed a team of five division chairs, 52 full-time faculty

members and more than 300 adjunct instructors. She directed all undergraduate arts and sciences education, led all assessment issues and supervised the library.

She served as director of literacy, basic skills and the computer learning center for Operation A.B.L.E. of Michigan, was an adjunct faculty member at Wayne State University and Henry Ford Community College and was a research associate for the Labor, Education and Research Project, Detroit.

She is the author of numerous scholarly articles and the book *Stopping Sexual Harassment: A Handbook for Union and Workplace Activists*. A member of the Hamtramck Board of Education from 2000-2004, she is founder and past president of Preserve Our Parks in Hamtramck.

Colatosti holds a doctorate and master's degree in English literature from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's in English from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

## County concerned about bill to reduce parking tax

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

A state House bill to reduce a tax on airport parking from 27 percent to 15 percent could cost Wayne County \$8 million a year for state-mandated indigent health care.

Alan Helmkamp, assistant Wayne County executive, said the bill introduced by state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, would reduce indigent medical care for the benefit of private parking lot owners.

"Airport operators don't pay the tax, they collect the tax from customers and pass it on to the state," Helmkamp said. "There is no method to roll back the tax and pass the savings on to customers."

Helmkamp said the House bill, 5536, does not require parking lot owners to reduce their rates. The airport parking tax affects two off-site private operators, Group 10 and Park & Fly, and parking facilities owned by the Detroit Wayne County Airport Authority.

Helmkamp said LaJoy sponsored the bill to benefit Mike Koza, one of the owners of Group 10 and a constituent. He said the private owners have testified in support of the proposal but the Airport Authority hasn't publicly supported the proposal, although they could also benefit from its passage.



Helmkamp



LaJoy

### BILL MOVES ALONG

House Bill 5536 was approved by the Transportation Committee, chaired by LaJoy, by 9-8 vote and is expected to go to the House floor by early this week.

LaJoy said he met Friday morning with a representative from Wayne County to try to work out a compromise.

"There is no way that we will do anything unless we plug the hole in indigent health care," LaJoy said. "We wanted to get something on the table so that we get something done on this."

The airport parking tax was first imposed in 1987.

"Wayne County was in terrible financial straits, occasioned by deficits in state mandated indigent health care," Helmkamp said. "A bipartisan package was passed to assist Wayne County."

The original tax was 30 percent without a fixed amount allocated for indigent health care. All of the tax revenue from on premises parking went to Wayne County, 80 per-

cent of off-premises revenue went to the county and 20 percent to the city of Romulus.

In 2002 then-state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, proposed reducing the tax to 15 percent. A compromise was reached reducing the tax to 27 percent with \$6 million allocated to airport security, \$15 million to the city of Romulus and the rest to Wayne County to be used exclusively for state-mandated indigent health care. For fiscal year 2004-05 Wayne County received \$10,170,273. In addition, the county received \$6,355,138 from tobacco tax revenue. In the previous fiscal year the tax generated \$7,227,758 for the county.

LaJoy said two months after the original tax was reduced to 27 percent, the Airport Authority imposed a \$360 per vehicle user fee on off-site parking owners.

"It's unfair competition," LaJoy said.

Under LaJoy's bill, the reduction in revenue would apply only to the portion of the tax revenue designated for Wayne County. A House analysis of the bill reports that the proposal would reduce total airport parking tax revenue from an estimated \$18.1 million to \$10.1 million for a reduction of \$8 million.

"Our ability to fund the mandate is removed from us by taking away \$8 million a year,"

Helmkamp said.

In the 1980s, then-County Executive William Lucas filed a lawsuit against the state of Michigan arguing that more than \$30 million in county deficits were due to the state mandates for indigent health care in violation of the Headlee Amendment. The amendment requires that the state must fund mandated programs. In arguing against the 2002 reduction, Lucas' successor Edward McNamara argued that the county dropped the suit because of the 1987 deal that included raising the airport parking tax to fund indigent health care.

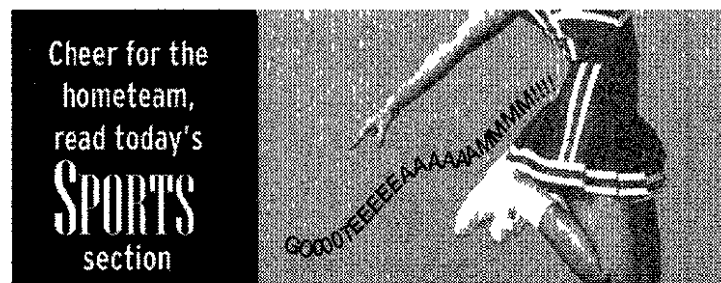
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Helmkamp said the proposal would also jeopardize federal matching grants for distribution to hospitals. Currently Wayne County sends back to the state \$15 million which generates a match from the federal government.

Wayne County's indigent health care funding is distributed to four health care providers.

On March 16, the Wayne County Commission voted unanimously to oppose the House bill.

LaJoy said Friday he wasn't sure when the bill was scheduled for a full House vote. He said the bill is still a work in progress and that he hopes to get a resolution soon.



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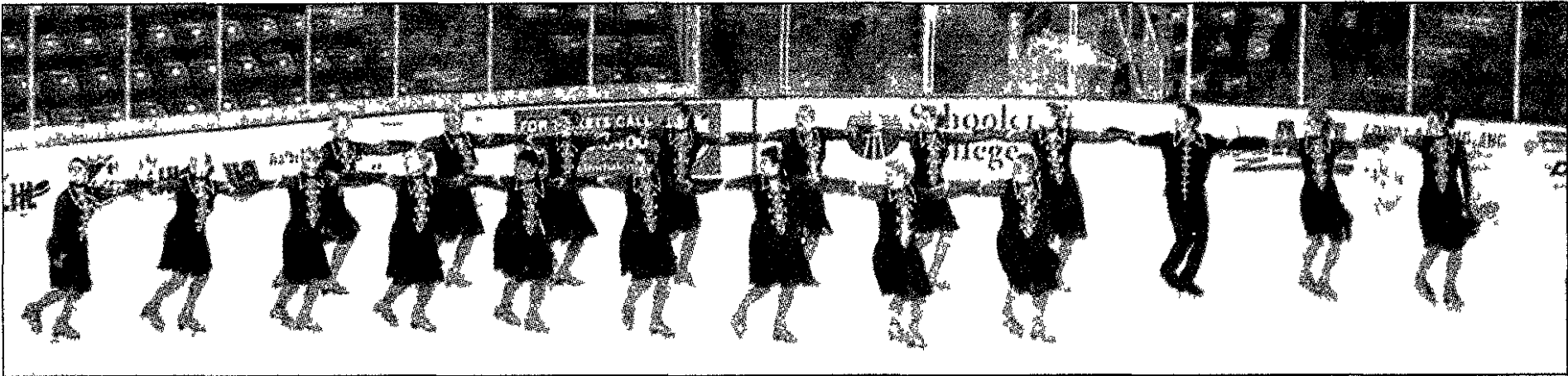
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The Gems on Ice Masters synchronized figure skating team earned a gold medal in the Masters Division at the national tournament earlier this month in Grand Rapids. The Gems, who practice at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township, are made up of 22 skaters, 21 females and one male.

## Sidelines

### Plymouth boosters

The next meeting of the Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, in Room 401 of Plymouth High School.

The club will be awarding two \$500 scholarships, applications for which can be downloaded from [www.football.plymouthwildcats.com](http://www.football.plymouthwildcats.com). The deadline for applying for the scholarships is Monday, April 24. The completed applications must be mailed or delivered to: Counseling Office of Scholarships, Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

### Gym stars

A pair of Plymouth residents performed well March 18-19 at the USA Gymnastics Michigan State Championships held in Hartland. Jamison (Charlie) Dillon placed first in the Level 5, 9-year-old division, and Brendan Wellman placed second in the Level 5, 8-year-old competition. Both Dillon and Wellman earned 10's on the parallel bars.

### Gems news

The Plymouth-based Gems on Ice synchronized ice-skating team will be holding clinics and tryouts beginning April 2 at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. The clinic schedule is as follows:  
 ■ April 2 and April 9, 4:40-5:30 p.m. – juvenile, preliminary and pre-juvenile;  
 ■ April 6 and April 13, 6:10-7 p.m. – intermediate/novice and juniors;  
 ■ April 20, 6:10-7 p.m. – skills session for all levels, and  
 ■ May 11 and May 18, 6:10-7 p.m. – masters clinic.

Everyone who is planning on trying out for the 2006-07 Gems on Ice teams must attend at least one clinic, which will cost \$20 each.

Tryouts for the club are:  
 ■ Preliminary/Pre-Juvenile (skaters must be 12 and under as of July 1, 2006 and should have passed FS 2 and at the beginning test levels for moves in the field) – May 4, 6:10-7 p.m., and May 7, 4:40-5:30 p.m.  
 ■ Juveniles (must be 12 and under as of July 1, 2006, and passed preliminary moves in the field) – April 23 and April 30, 4:40-5:30 p.m.,  
 ■ Intermediate/Novice (must be between the ages of 11 and 15 as of July 1, 2006, and have passed pre-juvenile moves in the field) – April 23 and April 27, 4:40-5:30 p.m.,  
 ■ Juniors (must be 12 years old and older as of July 1, 2006 and have passed intermediate moves in the field) – April 27 and April 30, 4:40-5:30 p.m., and  
 ■ Masters (25 years old and older) – June 4 and June 11, 7:30-9 p.m.

Rosters for all the teams (except Masters) will be announced in early May. The Masters roster will be announced in June. The tryout fee is \$50 per skater.

## All together now

### Gems on Ice synchronized skaters win gold at national competition

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Move over Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto and make room on the figure-skating medal stand for the 'Gems on Ice.'

The Gems, a 4-year-old Plymouth-based Masters Division synchronized figure-skating team, earned a gold medal at the United States Figure Skating Association's Nationals competition March 4-5 in Grand Rapids, less than a month after the Canton-based ice-dancing duo of Belbin and Agosto won a silver medal at the 2006 Winter Olympics.

The 22-member team, whose members range in age from the mid-20s to the mid-50s and reside in communities throughout the metropolitan-Detroit area, practices from August through February at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Seventy-five percent of Masters Division synchronized squads must consist of skaters over the age of 35.

In Grand Rapids, the Gems outskated 11 other teams from across the country including defending champion

Esprit de corps, which is based on the East Coast. Prior to reaching the pinnacle this season, the Gems captured one bronze and two silver medals at the Nationals during their first three years of existence.

"It can be hard work, but it's wonderful exercise and we have a lot of fun," said Plymouth resident Lucy French, who has skated competitively off and on since 1956. "One of the best things about this for me has been the opportunity to meet fabulous people. I'm 50-something, and before I got involved in the Gems, I never had an opportunity to even think about competing for a national championship."

The Gems are judged at competitions on three-minute-long, choreographed performances with a musical background and theme. Sometimes, all 22 skaters are in a single line. They can also break into small groups.

"To be successful at the national level, you have to be dedicated and disciplined, which this group is," French said. "Thanks to a mental-fitness program we use called Brain Gym, we all

PLEASE SEE GEMS, B3



Members of the Gems on Ice are pictured with the gold medals they won at the national synchronized figure skating tournament earlier this month.

### GOLDEN GEMS

■ **What:** The Gems on Ice Masters synchronized figure-skating team is made up of 22 skaters ranging in age from 25 to 55. The team's members are made up of residents of several metropolitan Detroit communities, including three from Plymouth and Canton.

■ **Where:** During its season, which runs from August through early March, the Gems practice one night a week at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. They captured first place in the 2006 United States Figure Skating Association Nationals March 4 in Grand Rapids.

■ **When:** The team was formed four years ago.

■ **What's next:** The Gems will be holding tryouts and clinics throughout April and May.

## Paye day: Canton hoop coach is honored

See All Area boys basketball team on Page B2

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton basketball coach Charlie Paye first sensed his 2005-06 team may be something special on a steamy, hot day last summer — eight full months before the Chiefs would advance all the way to the Class A Regional final before falling to Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

"It was the middle of July and the seniors had organized a two-mile run for all the players," Paye remembered. "Well, the day of the run, it was extremely hot, prob-



Paye leadership.

Dedicated and successful. The Chiefs finished 18-7 under the direction of Paye, who has been named All-Observerland Co-Coach of the Year along with Livonia Clarenceville coach Kevin Murphy. Since taking over the reins of the pro-

gram prior to the 2003-04 season, Paye has racked up a 47-22 record and molded Canton into one of the area's most-feared teams. After getting knocked out in the first round of the Class A District tournament in 2004, the Chiefs advanced to the District final last season before getting edged by South Lyon on a last-second shot.

This year's run was impressive considering the Chiefs graduated five key seniors from last year's squad.

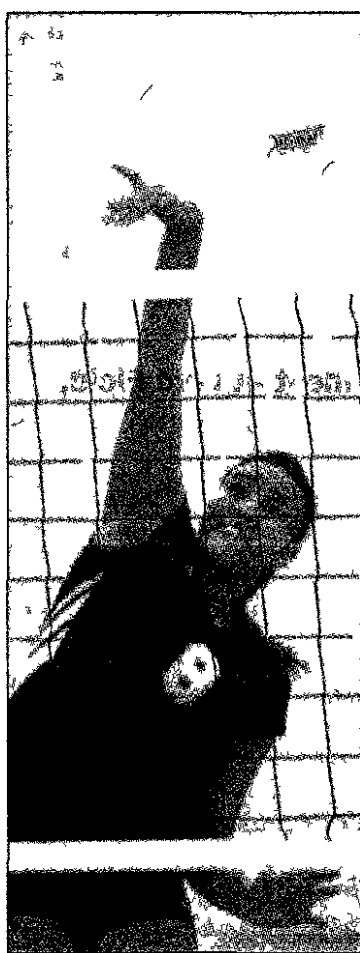
"When I was hired, my No. 1 goal was to turn this program into one that other teams would want to play against," Paye said. "I think we're getting there. The key this year was that we had a group of nine

or 10 kids who played together pretty much year-round. We played 35 games over the summer and when the summer schedule ended, they kept working out together."

Paye, who served as a freshmen, varsity assistant and interim head coach at Canton from 1988-92, is an elementary school physical education instructor by day.

"It's the best of both worlds," he said, referring to his employment and his coaching duties. "I get to work with the little kids during the day, then at 3:30 I get to work with the older guys. I really enjoy teaching and coaching."

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Plymouth's Jeannie Moise enjoyed a stellar career both on the volleyball and basketball courts.

## These great feats deserve fist-to-fist salute

Who remembers the high-five? You know, the over-the-head, palm-slapping exchange of emotions that athletes executed to celebrate unforgettable plays with their teammates.

Sadly, it's history, having gone the way of \$1.50-a-gallon gas, "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?" and Joey Harrington. Succeeding the high-five was the more physically demanding chest-bump, which required teammates to jump high into the air and bump chests following "You 'da man!"-type plays.

Unfortunately, that maneuver met a quick demise because on way too many occasions 240-pound power forwards knocked the wind right out of their 155-pound point guards after exalting over successful alley-oop dunks.

FISTS OF GOLD



The chest-bump's exit opened the door for today's No. 1 form of teammate-to-teammate celebrating: the knuckle-knock, a fist-to-fist connection that is more subtle than its predecessors, but just as effective. Unless you're a boxer or you're in the middle of a bar fight, don't flinch when you see a fist coming at you these days. Instead, make your own fist and meet the other person half-way. It's today's silent way of saying, "Nice job."

Following are the recipients of the inaugural Plymouth/Canton Observer "Knuckle-knock Awards," which I will distribute after every high



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school sports season to athletes, coaches and fans who have accomplished something that is deserving of a knuckle-knock.

So, if you see your name listed below, make a fist, extend your arm, and meet me half-way. **ANDRE BRIDGES, Canton basketball:** Here's the most amazing thing about the final quarter of

Bridges' 37-point night in the Chiefs' Regional final loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's last week. Everybody within a one-mile radius of Troy Athens High School knew Bridges was going to shoot the ball during the four-minute crunch-time.

PLEASE SEE SALUTE, B5

# Standout cagers net All-Area honors

**FIRST TEAM**  
**Durrell Summers, 6-4 Jr. G, Red. Covenant:** Summers showed why he was so coveted by major universities averaging 28 points and 15 rebounds per contest and dominating play at both ends of the court. He could be named to the all-state team.

The wing guard announced in late January that he will play basketball at Michigan State University and then promptly led the Spartans to a 19-5 record and a Class D district championship.

The potential is unlimited. He's scary athletically, said Covenant head coach Durand Shepherd. "Who knows what might happen as long as he keeps improving, keeps getting his body stronger and continues learning the game."

**Donnie Carson, 6-2 Sr. G, Liv. Clarenceville:** The 6-2 guard will go down as one of the school's all-time greats.

As a senior, he led the Trojans to their first Class B district title in over four decades and a 17-7 record.

Carson averaged 26.1 points, 11 rebounds, 2.6 assists, 2.7 steals and 3.5 blocks per game. He shot 47 percent from the field (31 percent beyond the arc) and 59 percent from the foul line.

As good as he is offensively, he's even better defensively, Clarenceville coach Kevin Murphy said. A lot of times we would put him on the best player and he could totally take them out of the game. And other times we would put him on the worst player so he could be in help side and help all of his teammates. He blocked a lot of shots and altered a lot of others.

Carson, who possesses a 40-inch vertical jump, is being courted by Central Connecticut State University of Detroit Mercy, Bowling Green and Grand Valley State.

"Many times when we would need a spark in a game, we would run a play to get him the alley oop, Murphy said of the Metro Conference MVP. Our guards just need to get the ball somewhere close to the rim and with his long arms, he would go get it and throw it down."

He is only going to continue to get better practicing and playing against better talent every day in college. Since Donnie has come to Clarenceville (as a sophomore), he has grown a lot as a player

**2005-06 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BASKETBALL**  
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**Brandon Craft, 6-4 Sr. F, Garden City:** The heart and soul of Garden City's Mega Blue champions averaged 18 points and eight rebounds per contest, helping the Cougars compile a 15-6 record. His buzzer-beating trey helped the Cougars defeat Dearborn and he scored 41 points against Southgate Anderson.

Craft, the team captain, was named Garden City's most valuable player and earned selection for a second consecutive year to the all-conference first team.

His coach, Greg Williamson, described Craft as an exceptional player and even better person. "He has a special place in my heart. He's the kind of kid that gets it. He's going to go far in life no matter what he does."

**Luke Knochel, 5-9 Jr. G, Liv. Stevenson:** The junior point-guard parlayed an All State soccer season with a stellar basketball season averaging 16.8 points, 4.1 steals and 2.5 assists for the 12-10 Spartans.

Knochel scored in double figures 18 of 22 games, including a season-high 31 against Wayne and 23 against No. 1 Detroit Redford. Knochel scored 15 or more points 16 times and shot 84 percent from the foul line.

The All-Lakes Division pick recorded six steals in a game six times in a game with a season-best seven vs Farmington. He also had a personal best seven assists in a game. Even more remarkable is that he averaged one turnover or less in 13 games.

Luke made a number of incredible plays this year, Stevenson coach Bill Dyer said. He's just a special kid to coach. He commands a lot of respect on the floor. His size doesn't limit his ability, his will to win, or making special plays.

**Tony Lenardon, 6-0 Sr. G, Liv. Stevenson:** Before the senior guard was sidelined in the state tournament by mononucleosis, the senior guard averaged 18.6 points per game.

Lenardon recorded eight games of 20 points or better, including a high of 29 versus Franklin in the WLAA quarterfinals and 28 both against Dearborn-Fordson and regional runner-up Canton.

The All-WLAA pick went to the foul line 157 times, hitting at a 73 percent clip.

Over the last three years, Tony made some significant improvement, Dyer said. He made him

and as a person.

**Andre Bridges, 6-3 Sr. G, Canton:** Bridges pulled off a rare statistical feat this past season when he led the Chiefs in scoring and assists. The senior guard played solid all year but especially in his team's five post-season games when he averaged 25 points a contest. He finished off his brilliant high school career with a 37-point effort against Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the Class A Regional final.

Andre led us in scoring and was our leading assist guy which is a pretty impressive combination, said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "He was strong all year, but he carried us in the state tournament. He had to be tired in that last game, but he still played extremely well. It's the kind of player



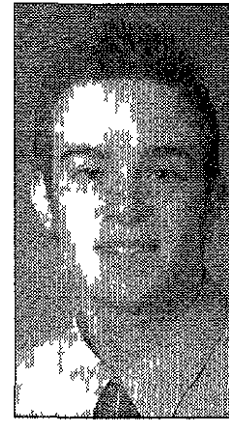
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self better in all phases - his ball handling, his shooting and his defense. The number of free throws (157) he shot points to how tough a player he was.

**Andre Bell, 6-3 Sr. F, Liv. Franklin:** The senior forward overcame a slow start this season to earn second-team All Observer honors for the second straight year.

Bell averaged 19.5 points including a season-high 33 against Plymouth. He scored in double figures in 19 of 21 games. He shot 58 percent from the floor (48 percent beyond the arc) and 65 percent from the foul line. The All-WLAA pick also average 5.5 rebounds and 3.5 steals per game.

Andre made an attempt this season to improve his on the ball defense. He has quick hands, Franklin coach Russ Keberly said. He's very talented offensively. When Andre was on he was an energy source for our team.

And when he was in a groove offensively, he had a positive impact on our team chemistry.

**Joel Hall, 5-11 Sr. G, Liv. Churchill:** The senior guard averaged 18 points per game, hitting 35 percent from three-point range (40-of-114) and 46.6 percent from the field overall (134-of-187).

The All-Western Division pick scored 25 points or more five times, including 21 in a district loss to No. 1 ranked Detroit Redford. He also shot an impressive 80 percent (60-of-75) from the foul line.

Joel was Mr. Everything for us, Churchill coach Jim Solak said. He was everyone's focal point to stop. He came up big in every big game. He's a well-rounded player who did more than shoot the ball. He's a great kid to have around and a hard worker.

Hall is the nephew of former Garden City West great and former University of Kentucky player Rick Drewitz.

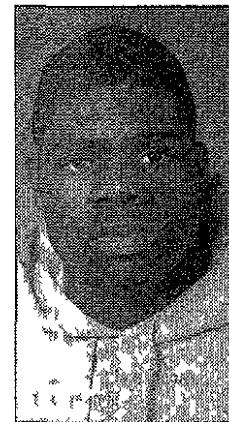
**Derrick Reynolds, 5-11 Sr. G, Red**



Luke Knochel  
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Brandon Craft  
Garden City



Andre Bell  
Franklin



Joel Hall  
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Derrick Reynolds  
Redford Thurston



Chris Brown  
Redford Union

**Thurston:** Reynolds made quite an impact in his only year with the Eagles after transferring from Detroit Crockett.

He tallied 17.2 points and nearly six assists per game and reeled in 89 steals which Thurston head coach Brian Bates said is the 18th highest season total racked up in Michigan high school basketball.

Derrick brought a positive attitude here, Bates said. He played in a (Detroit) PSL championship game, he's played in state semifinal games. And he's led these guys by example.

**Chris Brown, 6-0 Sr. G, Redford Union:**

classiest athletes, Brown averaged 16 points and 3.5 rebounds per contest for the Panthers, providing the team with a go-to guy who often came through. The team captain connected on 46 of 116 three-point tries for an average of 39 percent.

Brown also was rewarded for his efforts with selection to the Mega Conference all-star first team. After losing four starters from last year's team, Chris had to become our main offensive weapon this year, said RU head coach Brett Steele. His play continued to improve at both ends of the floor as the season evolved.

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**PREP BASEBALL**  
 Thursday, March 30  
 West Bloomfield at Canton (OH) 4 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 1  
 Plymouth at Belleville (OH) 11 a.m.

**GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
 Tuesday, March 28  
 Wolverine Inv. at U.M. 6:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 1  
 Patriot Relays at Franklin 9 a.m.

**BOYS TRACK & FIELD**  
 Saturday, April 1  
 Plymouth at Patriot Relays at Livonia Franklin 9 a.m.  
 Canton at Pioneer Indoor Invitational at Eastern Michigan University 10 a.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
 Monday, March 27  
 Novi at Canton 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, March 28  
 Plymouth at Rochester 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 1  
 Plymouth at Ann Arbor Huron 4 p.m.

**BOYS TENNIS**  
 Saturday, April 1  
 Salem and Canton at Monroe Tournament 8 a.m.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
 Sunday, March 26  
 Madonna at Spalding (Ky) 1 p.m.  
 Tuesday, March 28  
 Madonna at Ohio Dominican (2) 1 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 1  
 Madonna at Siena Heights (2) 1 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 2  
 Siena Heights vs. Madonna at Ilitch Ballpark (2) 1 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
 (all double-headers)  
 Sunday, March 26  
 Madonna at Ohio Dominican 1 p.m.  
 Thursday, March 30  
 Rochester College vs. Madonna at Ladywood H.S. 3 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 1  
 Madonna at Concordia 1 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 2  
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■ The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for its Session I adult softball leagues. Over 25 competitive and recreational mens and co-ed softball leagues will be offered this spring. Registration started March 1 and is based on a first-come, first-served basis. Leagues are offered Sundays through Fridays and will begin in early- or mid April and con-

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## GEMS

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have a very positive attitude out on the ice. We went into this year thinking, 'Why not us, why not now?'

"During the Nationals this year, our routine went so smoothly that I couldn't even feel the ice beneath my skates.

The Gems skated to the theme of Evita during their gold medal performance.

Last year we wore biker chick outfits and skated to 'Bad to the Bone' and 'Low Rider.' French said, 'The key is to have fun with it.'

Following a 20-year hiatus from competitive figure skating, Canton resident Judy Jones joined the Gems last August. Jones brought an impressive resumé to the team, having skated with the world-renowned Ice Capades for two years during the mid-80s.

"I took 20 years off to go to college and start a family," Jones said. "I kept skating at open skates throughout the years to keep up my physical fitness, but I didn't skate competitively during that time. Once you're around skating like I was when I was young, it gets in your blood, which is why I wanted to try this."

"Even though there were a lot of new members on the team this year, we seemed to all click with each other early on. It's a great group and I've already made some dear friends."


French said this year's unforgettable experience was even more special because the Gems got to skate in front of their loved ones.

"Before this year, the Nationals were always held in some other part of the country, so our family and friends didn't get to watch it live," she said. "Having it in Grand Rapids this year was nice because we had a large cheering section."

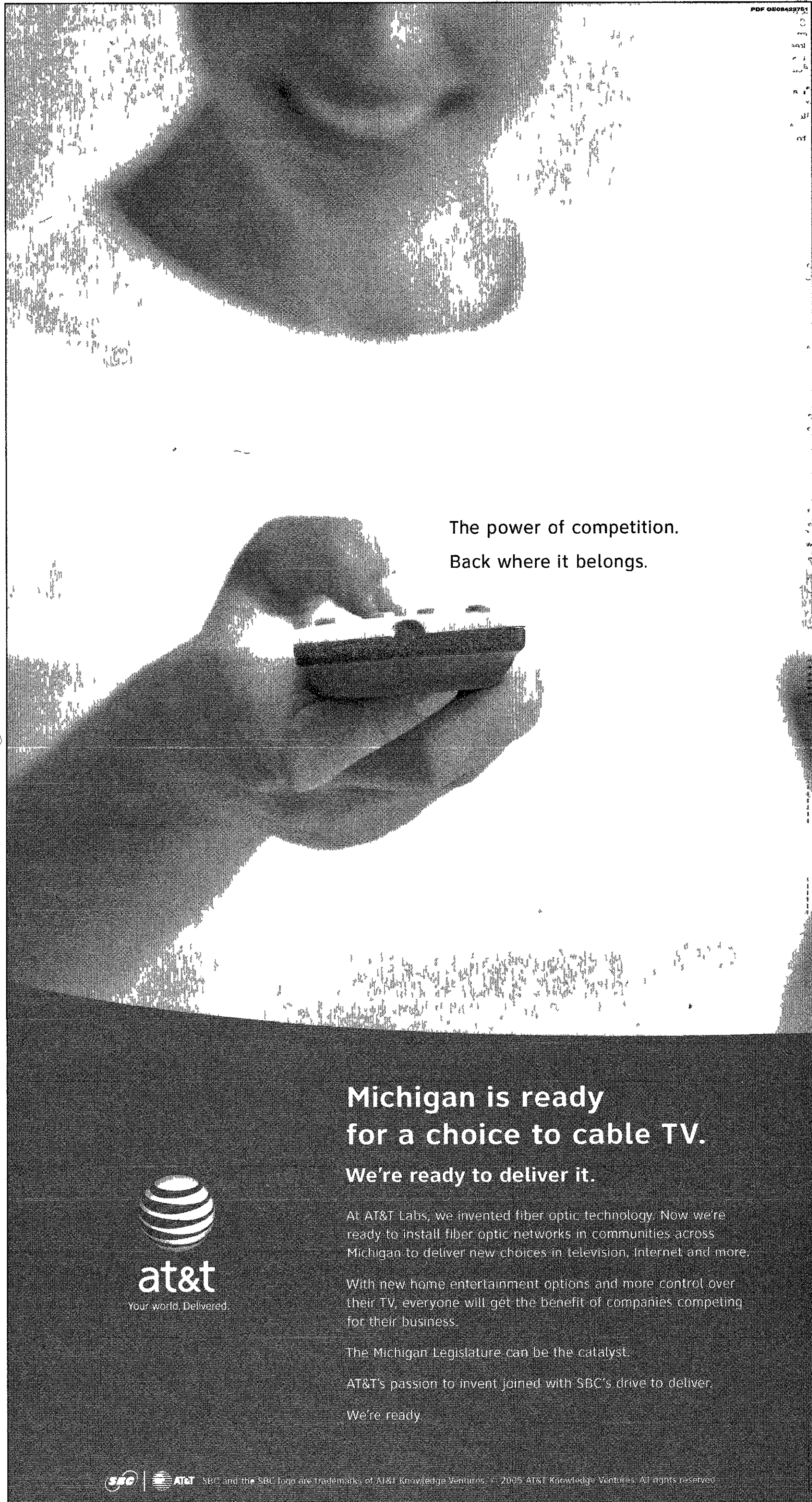
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## SALUTE

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stretch when he scored 14 points

I knew it  
The lady working at the concession stand knew it  
The Orchard Lake St. Mary's student making out with his girlfriend in the stands knew it (OK, almost everybody knew it)

Most importantly, the two Eaglets who were assigned to cover Bridges knew it but — in this case — knowing something is going to happen and stopping it from happening are two different things

With the spotlight shining on him and the pressure-cooker heating up with every tack of the fourth-quarter clock, Bridges delivered incredible shot after incredible shot, and nearly carried his team to a dramatic victory

His effort was fun to watch — and more than worthy of a knuckle-knock

**JEREMY HENDERSON, Salem wrestling:** The Rocks 189-pound state champion is obviously in good shape, otherwise he wouldn't be a state champ. However, Henderson wasn't quite as, shall we say, physically imposing as most of his muscle-bound opponents this season.

Before each of Jeremy's matches this year, if you would have lined him up side-by-side with his opponent, you would have picked the other guy to win every time, said Salem wrestling coach Greg Woochuk. "Unfortunately, for his opponents, that's what they thought, too. It was their first mistake."

Unfortunately for Henderson's opponents, they couldn't see his two biggest assets — his heart and his impeccable technique. That dynamic duo led him to 39 wins in 41 matches, a state championship gold medal and a knuckle-knock.

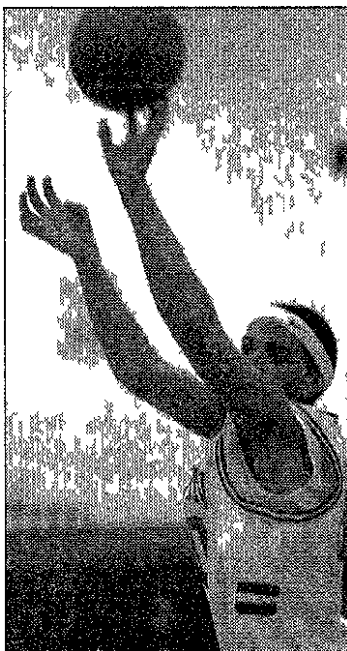
**STUDENT CHEERING SECTIONS, Several schools:** If you attended a high school basketball or volleyball game this past season that had a faces-painted, one color-dress-code student cheering section, you no doubt heard the even-syllable, often clever chants that good naturedly (for the most part) razzed the opposing teams' players and fans.

The chants ranged from AAAIR-BAAALLL! AAAIR BAAALLL! (following an opponent's poor shot) to HE'S A SOPHO MORE! HE'S A SOPHO-MORE! (following a great play by a 10th-grader from their own school).

I heard so many chants that at times this winter I found myself talking to my family in chants: DO YOUR HOMEWORK! DO YOUR HOMEWORK! (to my 16-year-old son) and WHAT'S FOR DINNER? WHAT'S FOR DINNER? (to my wife).

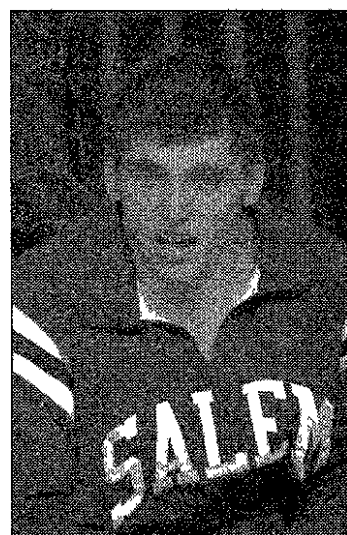
While the cheering sections can be distasteful at times, they often bring a wave of enthusiasm that is too often missing at high school sporting events.

So, to all the cheering sections that didn't get too personal or too nasty this season, here



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Andre Bridges' all-around basketball skills led Canton to a spot in the Class A 'Sweet 16' this season.



SHAWN CLANNIN

Salem wrestler Jeremy Henderson capped his high school career with a 189-pound Division 1 state individual title in early March.

comes a knuckle-knock.

**JEANINE MOISE, Plymouth volleyball and basketball:** The Wildcats' outside hitter/center was one of the best two sport senior female athletes I've watched over the past two years.

On the basketball court, she often fought through double teams and sagging zones to consistently notch double dunks. And on the volleyball court, her thunderous kills threatened to level craters in gym floors.

A member of the first graduating class of Plymouth, Moise helped develop a winning atmosphere at the 4-year-old school, and for that, she's deserving of a knuckle-knock.

Obviously, many more athletes, coaches and fans were deserving of knuckle-knocks the past three months. Unfortunately, I can't list them all.

But do me a favor: If you run into somebody I've overlooked, make a fist and slowly extend your arm in their direction.

Or, if you're feeling nostalgic, give them a good ole' chest bump.

Just make sure you don't knock the wind out of them.

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## Inexperienced Rocks ready to kick it

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Call them the "Departed Dozen" — the 12 talent-laden seniors who graduated from last season's Salem girls soccer team.

While their departure may have left the Rocks short-handed in the experience department, coach Joe Nora's 2006 squad has not been sapped of hope for the upcoming campaign.

"We have a new team this year, we're starting from scratch," said Nora, in reference to his 20-player roster that is dominated by a total of 13 sophomores and juniors. "We have a few key returnees, but we have a lot of young players, too."

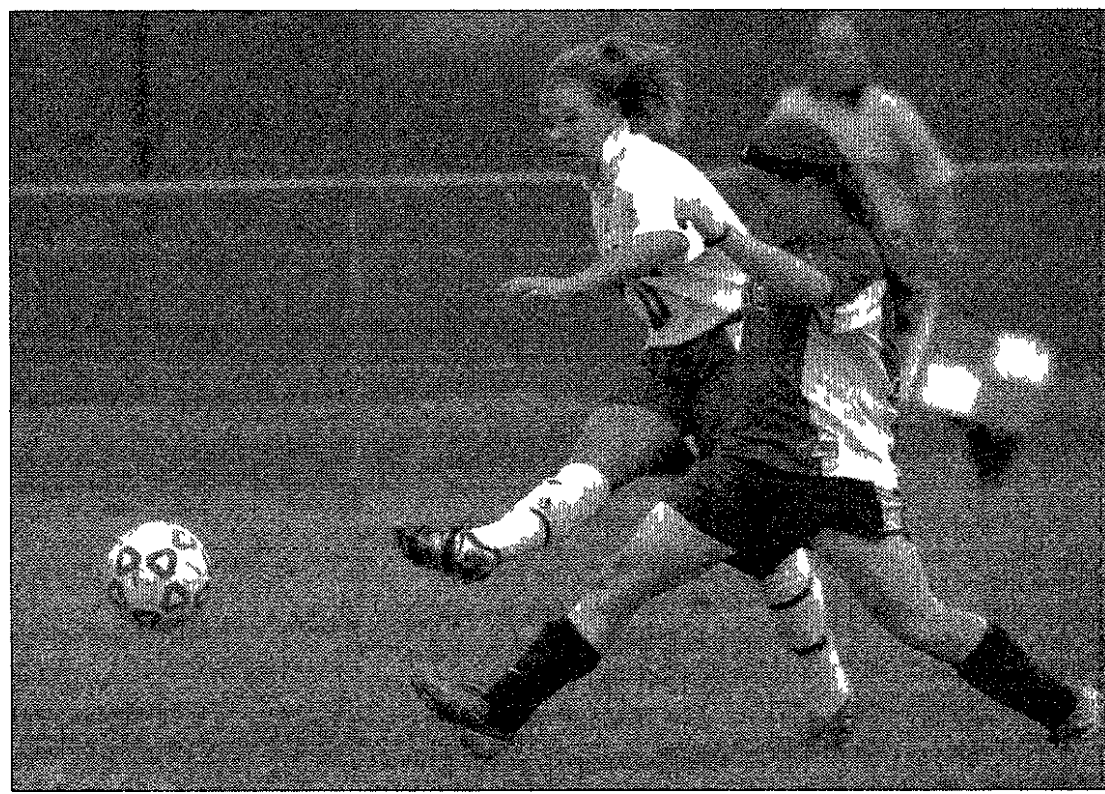
Nora said that what the team lacks in varsity playing time it more than makes up for in several intangible categories.

The girls on this team all seem eager to learn and they're very positive, said Nora, who is entering his seventh season at the helm. How we do this year will depend on how quickly we come together as a team.

Among the departed are 2005 tri-captains Kathryn Wheatley, Meghan McCarthy and Amy Gizicka, along with starting goalie Alyssa Guerin. McCarthy is currently playing for Grand Valley State while Gizicka may try to walk on at Michigan State University next season.

Leading the contingent of seven seniors on this year's squad is co-captain Kristin March, a hustling mid-fielder who started last season.

"Kristin is a great playmaker, Nora emphasized. She



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Salem's Kara Duncan (light shirt) will be counted on heavily to solidify the Rocks' defense this season.

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has really good field vision and knows how to get the open players the ball. We're going to stress ball control this year, so Kristin will be in a perfect role.

Other returning seniors who saw substantial playing time last season include forwards Kim Kilhon and Andrea Gasparotto, and defender Tara Duncan. Other seniors battling for starting spots include Kaileigh O'Neil, Colleen Burke and Ashley D'Angelo.

The Rocks' offense will be anchored by high-scoring jun-

ior Kelly Adsit, who will also serve as a co-captain.

"Kelly can flat out score goals," said Nora. "She's one of the most competitive players I've ever coached, too. She wants to have her best game ever every time she steps on the field."

Salem's other four juniors are inexperienced, yet loaded with potential. They include mid-fielders Caryn Kosteva, Miranda Evers and Megan Grady, and defender Chelsea LeBlanc, who will probably start on defense.

Both of the team's goal-tenders — Jill Slabey and Kristin Dondzila — are sophomores. Slabey earned a varsity letter

last season as Guerin's back-up while Dondzila starred for the Rocks' successful junior-varsity squad.

"We'll start out with Jill in there and see how things go," said Nora. They're both very capable players.

Rounding out the Rocks' sophomore class are defenders Maggie Huls, Amanda Krause and Dana Storey, mid-fielders Katie Shull and Rachel Gizicka, and forward Taylor Carlson.

"Our No. 1 goal right now is to work hard and get better every game," said Nora, whose team opens the season April 3 at home against South Lyon.

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## Many firsts await 'Cats during this season

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The 2006 season will be one filled with firsts for the Plymouth girls soccer team.

It will be the first year at the helm for coach Jeff Neschich, who has coached the Wildcats boys teams since the school's inception four years ago.

It will be the first year the Wildcats will be equipped with seniors.

And it will be the first year on the Plymouth roster for Division 1 college recruit Stacey Dillon, a transfer student from North Carolina who has signed a letter of intent to play at Coastal Carolina University in the fall.

It's a hard-working group and they all have good attitudes," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. From what I've seen so far, we should be strong defensively and we have everybody back from last year's team, which should help."

The Wildcats' defense will be anchored by junior goalie Brittany Warner, who is entering her third year as a starter. Warner will be backed up by Katie Hughes, who will also

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see plenty of minutes at other positions. Neschich stressed

Defensively, Plymouth will be paced by senior center back Courtney Pickard.

Courtney is a dynamite player," Neschich said. "She's very athletic and is a very hard-working kid."

Other key defenders Neschich will be counting on are junior Claire Baptist and seniors Chelsea Seesholtz, Colleen Maherty and Meghan Hill.

The Wildcats' mid-field will be stationed by senior Chelsea Quinlan, junior Brittany Hengesh and sophomore Aubrey Warner, the younger sister of the 'Cats' starting goalie.

Other key returners are junior Val Klemmer, senior Kelly Buttermore, senior Chelsea D'Agostino and senior Elizabeth Martin.

"Everybody gets along well together on this team," said Neschich, whose team opened the season Saturday at the Lake Orion Invitational. It



Plymouth High School soccer player Stacey Dillon is flanked by her parents Cheryl and Tim, on Feb. 1 as she signed a letter-of-intent to play collegiate soccer at Coastal Carolina University beginning in the fall. Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich is standing behind the Dillons, who moved to Plymouth from North Carolina last summer.

helps that they all played together for the past couple of years.

Neschich, who served as an assistant coach for the Wildcats girls team in 2004 and 2005, hasn't only seen his newest player, Dillon, practice for two weeks, but his first impressions are positive.

She's a very solid player who

has fit in nicely, he said. "She has great skills, a strong work ethic and her touch on the ball is awesome."

Neschich said the Western Lakes Activities Association should be tightly contested with Livonia Stevenson, Northville, Canton and Salem; the teams to beat.

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The U9 Canton Cardinals travel baseball team has openings for the 2006 season. GCYBSA fees already paid can be applied to team costs.

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## BASEBALL CLINIC

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

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# MU baseball team glad to be home, win pair

The cold weather didn't carry over to Madonna University's bats on Wednesday afternoon, providing a perfect opening to Ilitch Ballpark.

With temps around 37 degrees at the start of the Crusaders home-opening doubleheader against Rochester College, MU went on to pound out 25 hits and score 17 runs to earn a 9-0 and 8-7 sweep.

The non-conference wins improved the Crusaders record to 5-11-1 while Rochester dropped to 3-4.

In the first game, senior pitcher Derek Dufrane pitched six sterling innings, allowing just two to reach base (both on singles by Mike Miller) and fanned seven. Finishing up with a scoreless seventh was sophomore Andy Wojcik.

Offensively, the Crusaders scored two runs in each of the first two innings and broke it wide open with four in the fifth.

Designated hitter Dave Herrick (Lavonia Churchill) sparked the attack with three doubles in three at-bats while junior shortstop Kyle Fedorka ripped a double and a home run.

The nightcap was dicier for the home team, which trailed 7-6 after Rochester plated four runs in the sixth.

But the Crusaders - who outlast Rochester 14-8 - forced extra innings with a run in the bottom of the seventh. Senior second baseman Jason Barbeau walked and came around on a wild pitch.

That set up the game-win-

ning heroics in the Madonna eighth.

Fedorka singled sharply for his second hit of the game and moved around to third before coming in on a squeeze-bunt single by junior outfielder and Southfield High School alum Manny Alvarado (3-for-4, including a home run).

Also coming up big in the second game were junior outfielder Tony Luttmann, who belted two home runs and

drove in three, and Ben Ramsey, a senior third baseman who connected on a solo shot.

Freshman Keegan Beaton pitched the final 1 2/3 innings to collect the victory.

## Heroics by Herrick

Dave Herrick's three-run homer in the top of the 10th inning Friday enabled the Crusaders (6-11-1) to earn a 5-3 win over host Spalding (Ky)

in the opener of a three-game weekend series.

The blast followed a solo shot by Barbeau which broke a 1-1 deadlock. Barbeau starred at the plate for Madonna with four hits in five at-bats.

Greg Spanel started and pitched well, striking out eight in seven innings. Sophomore Ryan Bardon picked up the win in relief with Fedorka collecting his first save.



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Madonna University's baseball team celebrates following an extra-inning victory in the nightcap Wednesday. The Crusaders finished off a sweep over visiting Rochester at Ilitch Ballpark on a squeeze bunt single by Manny Alvarado.

## Undefeated MU slides by Spring Arbor

Following the spiked shoes of the baseball team, Madonna University's softball team opened the home portion of the 2006 season with a twinbill sweep.

The Crusaders on a two-run single by sophomore shortstop Lynzee Smith (Garden City) in the bottom of the seventh, bounced back to nip Spring Arbor 5-4 in Thursday's nightcap.

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

In game one, senior pitcher Erin Brockert hurled a six-hitter as the Crusaders won 2-1.

The victories gave MU a 12-0 record entering Friday's contest.

Madonna trailed in both games, but fought back each time.

In the opener, the Cougars took a 1-0 lead in the sixth on an unearned run. But the Crusaders plated two in their subsequent at-bat. One came in on a pinch-hit single by Alson Grant.

Brockert helped her own cause with a 3-for-3 day at the plate, including two doubles. First baseman Christina Finch also contributed two singles.

Liz Ballinger collected the win in the second game, with three innings of perfect relief and right fielder Heather Richardson paced the offense with two doubles.

Spring Arbor (4-13) carried a 4-2 lead into the bottom of the seventh when the Crusaders rallied, with Smith delivering the winning blow with two outs.

### Two more wins

Madonna improved to 14-0 with a doubleheader sweep Friday at Urbana University as the Crusaders earned 11-3 and 14-5 victories.

In the opener, Brockert earned her ninth win in as many decisions. Brockert and Richardson smacked back-to-back homers to key the rout.

Game two featured another Richardson home run, while Crystal Little (Wayne) went 3-for-4.

Earning the win on the mound was Liz Ballinger.



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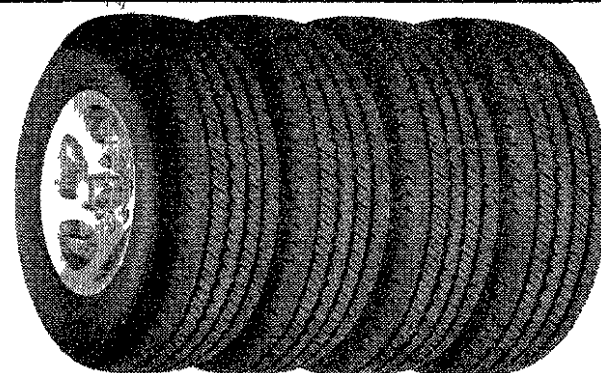
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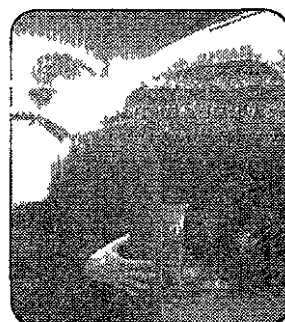
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Bobbie Jones

## Hurdles no problem for track star

Not one person in the small town of Clarksville, Tenn., would have ever imagined that the little girl who could barely walk would gain the title of fastest woman in the world, but then again little Wilma Rudolph had a lot of surprises up her sleeve

Wilma Glodean Rudolph was born June 23, 1940, in the rural segregated south and if that wasn't bad enough she was born premature and faced a number of illnesses all before the age of 7. Her mother helped little Wilma battle measles, mumps, scarlet fever and chicken pox as well as double pneumonia.

Rudolph's parents had humble roots, but they were strong in their determination to see their children overcome. Her father working as a railroad porter and handyman and her mother doing domestic work for wealthy white families kept the family on track with their fighting spirit and their willingness to succeed with whatever hand was dealt.

Rudolph was also a fighter and managed to overcome every illness she was confronted with. However, when it was discovered her left leg was not developing correctly and becoming weak, the doctors delivered the bad news that she had polio, a disease for which doctors had no cure yet.

Although life was difficult for the Rudolphs, they were undeterred and the family's willingness to persevere gave Rudolph the foundation she needed late in life.

With the constant love, care and devotion of her family Rudolph also was able to conquer polio and by the age of 12 she was able to walk without the aid of a brace or corrective shoes. By this time she was in junior high school and already in love with the game of basketball.

During high school Rudolph was hailed as an overachieving athlete, setting state records for scoring in the game of basketball, leading her team to a state championship. And it was at a basketball tournament that Ed Temple, the coach for the famous Tigerbells, the women's track team at Tennessee State University, spotted Rudolph.

The rest, as they say, was history.

Rudolph was invited to Tennessee State for a summer sports camp, where she learned what it took to become a champion. Once she discovered she was also excellent in track and field, she developed her skills and by the age of 16 attended her first Olympic Games, winning a bronze medal in the 4x4 relay in 1956.

In 1960, she returned to the Olympics in Rome and became the first American woman to win three gold medals in the Olympic Games. She won the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, and ran the anchor on the 400-meter relay team.

Because of all the acclaim she received from her track career, she took a year off from her studies to make appearances and compete in international track events. She returned to Tennessee State and received a bachelor's degree in education in 1963.

Given all the hardships she had to face, and all the hurdles life placed in her way, Wilma Rudolph ran and jumped over them all and in the end she showed the world what it meant to be a true champion.

This is the final in a series of profiles in honor of National Women's History Month by Bobbie Jones, a Belleville resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at [workhard36@aol.com](mailto:workhard36@aol.com)

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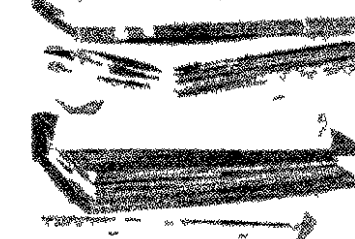
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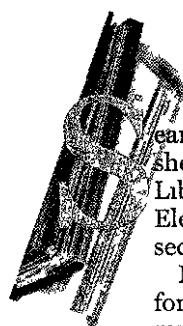
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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano reads *The Brave Little Parrot* to a group of students at Webster Elementary School in Livonia as part of a March is Reading Month program

# Raising readers



Programs encourage children's love of books



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Jean Stewart races after Claire Mueller as she walks swiftly through the Public Library of Westland. The Madison Elementary student can't wait to reach the section on snakes.

Mueller started Fabulous First Readers for curious children like Stewart. The 45 minute program introduces children to the wonderful world of libraries. Earlier Mueller, an associate children's librarian had pulled out Leo, a mouse puppet to help her teach the Madison first grade students how to care for books. Much to her delight, nearly all of their hands went up when asked who had visited the library before.

Local librarians say circulation is up for children eager to learn. Even though Stewart couldn't read, he was excited about looking at pictures of snakes. Instilling a love and respect for books in children is the first step to raising a reader.

"I encourage parents to start reading to their children when they're babies," said Mueller. "They're never too young and make it fun. Let kids ask questions and pick out books kids will enjoy."

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It's Lisa Hausman's job to know which books attract children. The director of the children's department says popular culture affects the rate at which books fly off the shelf, especially fantasy fiction like Harry Potter. Hausman can't keep Curious George on the shelves since the movie came out.

There are all kinds of books that tie into the kids shows from Nickelodeon to Disney, said Hausman, who's noted the trends over her 20 years as a librarian.

They're connecting promotional items to books. Thomas the Tank has reading material and American Girl has a whole line of books and dolls. Yes, they're still reading the classics. Colleges are expecting it. The younger kids are getting a strong push with the elementary schools working together with libraries on phenomenal reading programs.

## LOTS OF CHOICES

After touring the library, the first-grade students were turned loose to look through the shelves. Shelby Haddock, 7, chose a book on princesses. Dave and Chris Haddock read books to their daughter Shelby every night instead of watching TV. Chalsey McDonald takes her step-daughter Marisa Fitch, 7, to purchase four books at Borders.

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A group of students at Webster Elementary School listen closely to 'The Brave Little Parrot' read to them by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano as part of a March is Reading Month program

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Claire Mueller, an associate children's librarian at the Westland library, and Leo, a mouse puppet, teach Madison first-grade students how to care for books

## 'NEVER TOO YOUNG'

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# Conference spotlights wacky and dedicated bird experts



Denny Olson becomes an eccentric German professor of ornithology for a performance at the Detroit Audubon Society's conference at the Detroit Zoo's Ford Education Center on April 1

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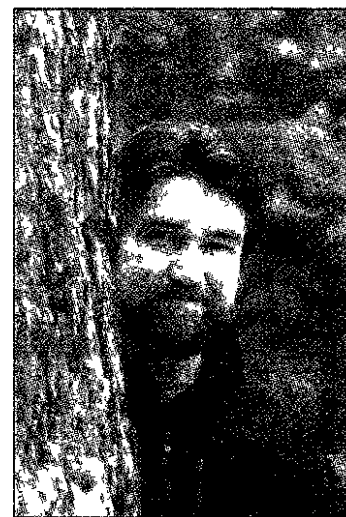
Denny Olson doesn't want to pigeon hole his performance of the eccentric Professor Avian Guano. His theatrics and mimicry of bird songs are sure to be comedic. Olson hopes the audience is laughing so hard they won't notice he's drilled a little knowledge about birds into them.

Birds just happen to be the focus of the Detroit Audubon Society's annual conference April 1 at the Detroit Zoo so Olson is taking the opportunity to educate children and adults in the audience about his feathered friends.

Professor Guano's been studying birds a little too long," said Olson, who lives in Montana and has a master's degree in zoology from the University of Minnesota. "He's taken on some of their characteristics. He let's me have a wider age range in the audience. If kids are too young for content they're still into the character. I want adults to constantly say I didn't know that."

## TRAVELING MAN

After 27 years of teaching and studying the natural world, Olson learned enough to write five books about



Denny Olson is the face behind Professor Avian Guano

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# Take signs of teen depression seriously

Adolescence is a time of great change in many areas for youth. A teenager is no longer a child and not yet an adult. Areas of noticeable change include physical development, strength, intellectual and emotional development, social and moral development.

Bram growth continues until age 22.

Teens are faced with many developmental tasks. A major task is moving away from being dependent on parents toward independence.

Many teens want less to do with their parents and are pushed by internal and external pressures toward their peers and life outside the family.

Puberty signals the beginning of adolescence and is accompanied by many changes, which are obvious. Hormonal, appearance, appetite and growth changes are but a few. Moodiness is common.

Teenagers normally traverse

the ups and downs of their teen years and move into the stage of young adulthood around age 18, relatively unscathed. However, some teens fall prey to emotional and behavioral difficulties that can impede their journey and, lacking help, even throw them dangerously off course.

A common such problem is depression. Depression is an alteration in mood. It can take the form of persistent sadness, irritability, apathy, and withdrawal. Depression can be accompanied by changes in sleep patterns and appetite, either too much or too little. Trouble with attention, concentration and feelings of hopelessness may emerge.

Depression shouldn't be mistaken for brief periods of moodiness and disinterest common in many teens. It's time to worry if the depression persists and interferes with home life, relationships and academic achievements. Typically, in serious depression, there is a loss of self-esteem and even feelings of worthlessness.

A number of issues can create a vulnerability to depression during adolescence. Three possibilities are a very unhappy

childhood, a family history of depressive illness, or a major loss. It's not uncommon for teens to develop mental health problems.

National statistics indicate that one in every five teens has some type of mental health problem in any given year. The problem often takes the form of depression. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among teens, following car accidents and homicides. Every day, 14 young people commit suicide, one every 100 minutes.

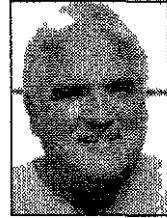
In the typical high school classroom, one boy and two girls have attempted suicide. Many studies show that adolescents who attempt suicide unsuccessfully are likely to try again.

What can be done? It's important for parents, teachers, coaches - and teens themselves - to keep this information in mind. Understanding and knowledge are key ingredients to any treatment or prevention program. Watch for persistent mood changes, prolonged withdrawal, relinquishing of friendships, lack of laughter and presence of self-criticism. Be leery of alcohol and drug use. Be available to invite teens to talk about

their emotional and health problems. Attend professional presentations in schools, church, or community groups that educate teens about depression and give resources on how/where/when to get help.

Professional speakers are readily available from local mental health clinics and school guidance and counseling offices. Consider talking with your family physician if you're concerned about a teenage family member and depression. And always take a teen's talk about suicide or comments about "I'd rather be dead" seriously. Happy kids don't joke about such matters.

Depression is serious. It can be treated successfully. Teens, be sensitive to drastic major or persistent milder mood changes in your friends. Invite a friend who is always "down in the dumps" to talk with you or go on your own and speak to a teacher or their or your own parents. Don't overlook mental health issues. When in doubt, call a professional, even if just for an opinion. Leonard J. McCulloch is a Diplomate of The American Psychotherapy Association. He can be reached at (248) 474-2763 about his writing.



Len McCulloch

## BIRDS

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cougars, deer and other animals. The eccentric German professor of ornithology is only one of the characters he uses when combining science, humor and drama to educate. Although Olson currently teaches storytelling as part of a master's program for teachers at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass., most of his time is spent traveling around the country doing presentations of the various characters.

Birds are very affected by what we human beings do, said Olson. "Even though they can just get up and fly out of here, they're more sensitive than what we think. Some are in trouble."

Martjan Lammertink, a science adviser to the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology

Ivory-billed Search Team talks about the dangers facing woodpeckers. He comes to the conference directly from Arkansas where the bird was rediscovered after it was believed to have vanished. Lammertink has been in the field on the search for the large woodpecker since November 2004.

In addition to Lammertink, Ron Kagan, director of the Detroit Zoo, will drop by with the latest news on elephants. Wanda and Winky who were relocated to a warmer climate to ease their arthritis and achy, aging bones.

Tom Schneider, the zoo's curator of birds, gives a presentation about efforts to help recover the Piping Plover in Michigan. Andy Snyder, reptiles curator, talks about the zoo's attempts to protect the endangered Massasauga Rattlesnake and the Karner Blue Butterfly.

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. and runs to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in the new Ford Education Center at the zoo in Royal Oak.

There is no charge, but donations will be accepted.

The zoo is providing wildlife craft for children in the art studio for \$5, and an award-winning exhibit of nature photography, but the fun doesn't end there. A silent auction of art and items such as behind-the-scenes feeding in the Penguinarium will raise money for DAS projects which include trying to restore funding for the endangered Kirtland warbler, and starting birding programs for urban youth and the visually impaired.

### BIRDING TOUR

The programming is going to be fun, especially for the whole family, and educational, said Jim Bull of the Detroit Audubon Society. "We're going to have a birding tour with an aviary feeding before the zoo opens and after conference concludes. There'll be a feeding of meal worms in the aviary so birds come down close to where people are."

Holding the conference at the

zoo is like a homecoming for the society which managed a junior Audubon nature center in a cabin in the 1940s and 1950s. Today, the center is gone but the society's 5,000 plus members still enjoy visiting the zoo, especially the birds.

Founded in 1939, the DAS works to promote awareness and protection of the environment.

"This is our one big time of the year to get members together and invite others who haven't heard about us and don't know about the natural world so they can learn about it and protect it."

For more information about the conference, visit [www.detroitaudubon.org](http://www.detroitaudubon.org) or call (248) 545-2929. Those coming to the early morning bird hike must pre-register.

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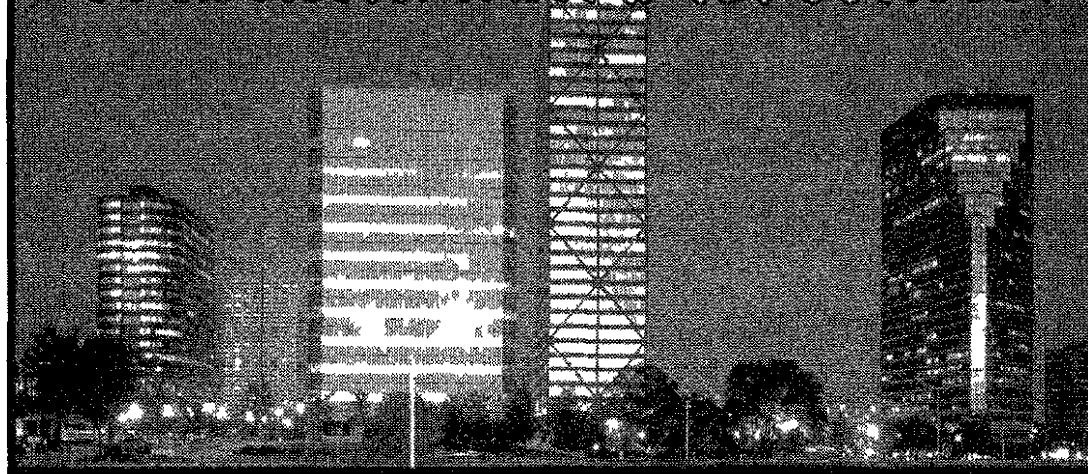
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**READ**

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at least once a month

'She's just starting to get interested,' said McDonald. 'We try to encourage reading on things she's interested in - horses, sports, dogs.'

First-grade student Kayla Johnson loves to read to her parents every night.

'I want to get smarter for when I grow up,' said Johnson. 'These guys love books,' said Madison teacher Shawn Cornelissen. March is Reading Month and every year we try to get to the library. There are so many good books out there. We're trying to get them away from video games and TV.

There are as many reasons for reading as there are books. At the Plymouth District Library, Carol Champagne says she's seen an increase in children participating in summer reading programs. In 1999, 800 kids enjoyed books, 1,200 in 2005. This year the program kicks off June 27, but kids don't have to wait until then. They can take part in a number of activities during National Library Week April 2-8. A special program for parents of babies runs 11 a.m. April 8. Spring break offers the chance to learn about flowers and vegetables, and take home a starter garden on April 18. There is no charge for the programs sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth Library. To find out more, call (734) 453-0750, press 4.

**'EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT'**

"I don't have hard and fast figures to tell if kids are reading more," said Champagne, director of youth services and a librarian for 20 years. In the last 10 years I do know kids

have gotten busy with other activities. Reading has become a treat for them and they try to load up over their breaks.

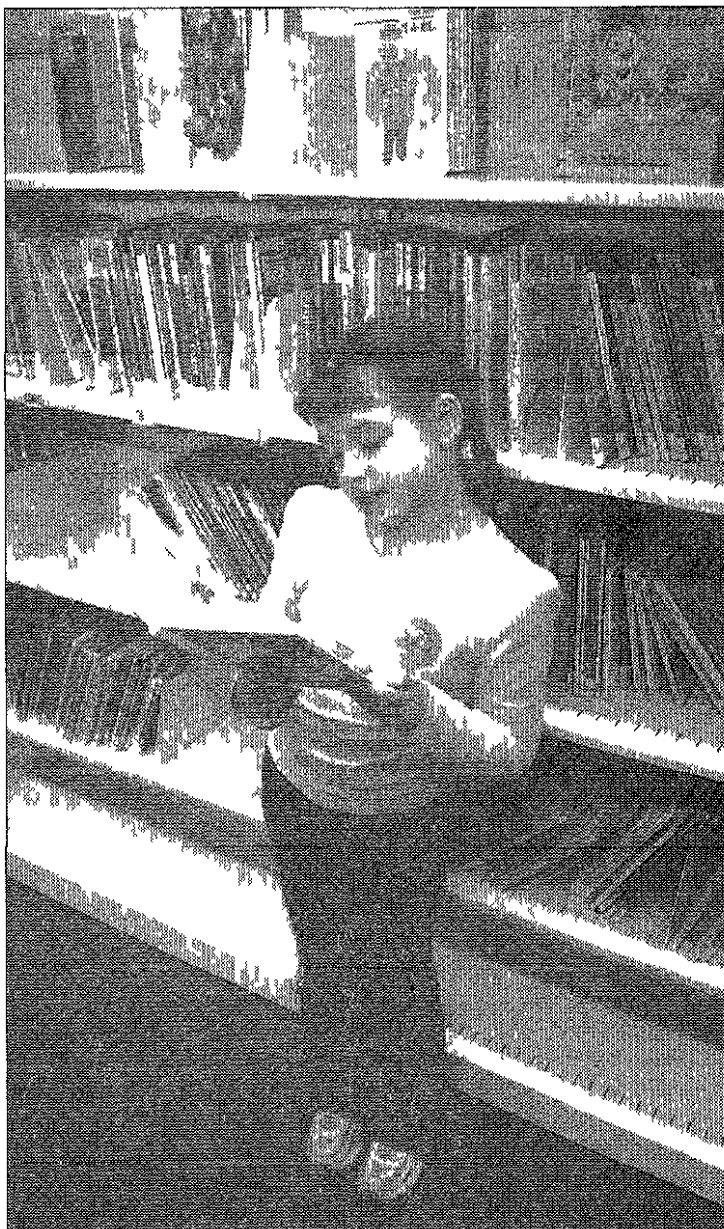
There are always new series coming out. Series are the key to children's hearts because they have an emotional involvement with these characters. The most important thing is for parents to read to and with them. It only takes 15 minutes a day and let their children see them reading. If they don't have time to read, we have books on tape and CD. When kids are involved in sports, Scouts and dance they're spending a lot of time in the car.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano hopes to instill a love of books early with his new Wayne Reads program. Ficano makes a point of regularly reading to kids in school most recently on March 21 at Webster Elementary in Livonia. He says he used to like reading to his children when they were younger and saw how important it was to their development.

It's multifaceted what we're going to be doing. We'll be utilizing and plugging into literacy groups and training volunteers for WIC centers, and we're in the process of setting up reading kits for new moms, said Ficano. "There are 30,000 babies born every year in Wayne County. We're putting a reading kit in each mother's hand."

Ficano believes the inability to read is directly related to a number of concerns including economic development.

Right now in Wayne County the percentage of those 16 and older, functioning below literacy level 3, is 60 percent, said Ficano. Looked at from an economic standpoint, even if they struggled in high school



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Madison Elementary first grader Kaitlyn Balko says she loves *Read with Dick and Jane: Who Can Help?* Kaitlyn and her classmates were visiting the Westland Library.

they were able to get a job in the plant in the auto industry.

That's no longer the case.

Reading is the basis for success in any youngster, said Ficano, who's looking for vol-

unteers to tutor. It instills self-confidence. Reading is part of the whole success for the next generation.

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Watson-Hansen

Heidi Hansen became the bride of Ken Watson during a Dec 3, 2005, wedding ceremony in Gaylord

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Jan Sorensen of Clarkston and Rod and Chris Hansen of Canton The groom is the son of Fred and Pam Watson of Newberry

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Chippewa Valley High School and Central Michigan University She is a media specialist with the office of Gov Jennifer Granholm

Her husband is a graduate of Newberry High School and Central Michigan University He is a border patrol inspector with Homeland Security

Following the wedding there was a reception at the Treetops Resort



in Gaylord after which the couple left for a trip to the Grand Bahama Islands Mr and Mrs Watson are making their home in Northville

Foster-Fong

Natalie Marie Fong and Tech Sgt Robert A. Foster were married March 9, 2006, in a private ceremony in Albuquerque, N.M. A reception will be hosted by the bride's parents at a later date Robert and Natalie took a honeymoon trip to Colorado

Natalie is the daughter of Rogelio and Alicia Fong of Albuquerque, N.M. She is a graduate of the University of New Mexico College of Nursing She is employed at Carrie Tingley Pediatrics Hospital Robert is the son of Daniel and Karen Foster of



Westland He is a 1994 graduate of John Glenn High School, Westland He is employed at the American Military University - USAF

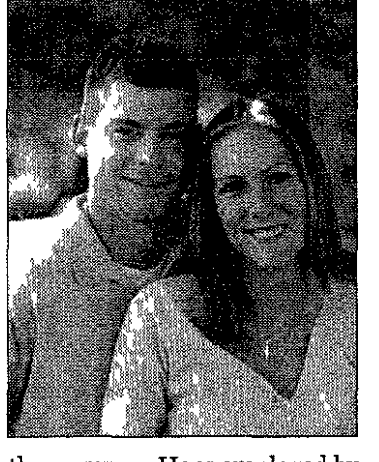
ENGAGEMENTS

Young-Kotrba

Louis and Susan Young of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Marie, to Chad Michael Kotrba of Livonia

Lindsey is a 1998 graduate of Churchill High School She received her bachelor's and master's degree in I/O Psychology and is currently working on her Ph.D. She teaches at Wayne State University and Lawrence Tech

Her fiancé, Chad is the son of Bob and Connie Kotrba of Farmington Hills He is a 1997 graduate of Farmington High School and will receive his bachelor's degree in business from Wayne State University



this summer He is employed by Ford Motor Co Chad and Lindsey are planning a June wedding at Wellers in Saline

Gable-Herald

Lyle and Deborah Gable of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Marie, to John M Herald of Ypsilanti

Elizabeth is a 1999 graduate of Canton High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University She is employed at Creative Solutions

Her fiancé, John, is the son of John and Kathy Herald of Northville He is a 1998 graduate of Canton High School and a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University He is employed with Yazaki John and Elizabeth are planning a May wedding at First



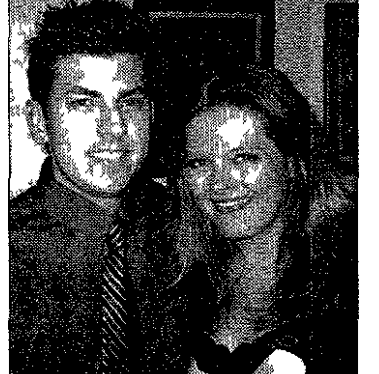
United Methodist Church in Plymouth

Novak-Curd

Chris Curd, son of Mr and Mrs John Curd is engaged to Andrea Novak, daughter of Mr and Mrs Duane Novak

Chris is a 1999 graduate of Canton High School and received his bachelor's and master's degree in communication from Eastern Michigan University in 2003 and 2005 respectively He currently is a personal banker

Andrea is a 1999 graduate of South Lyon High School and received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Saint Mary's College in 2003



She currently teaches primary grades in a Montessori school Chris and Andrea are planning a July wedding

Neher-McKelvey

Daniel and Debra Neher of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Crystal, to Jeffrey McKelvey

Crystal is a 2005 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master's degree in occupational therapy Her fiancé, Jeffrey, is the son of Mark and Joyce Feick of Plymouth and Scott and Tammy McKelvey of Canton He is a jazz musician and is currently attending business school at Eastern Michigan University Jeffrey and Crystal are planning an August wedding

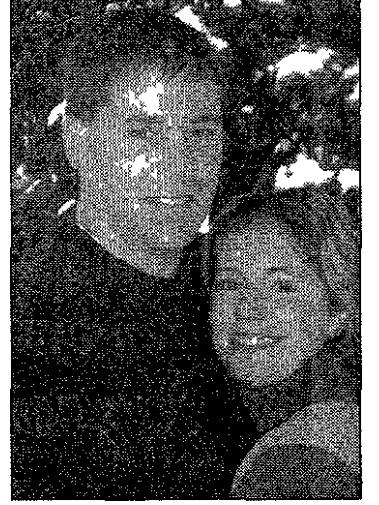


Fox-Madura

Steve and Jody Fox of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter Abigail Michelle of Grand Rapids to Johnathon Madura of Grand Rapids

Abigail is a 1998 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2004 graduate of Grand Valley State University with master's degree in physical therapy She is employed by Holland Home as a physical therapist

Her fiancé, Johnathon, is the son of Frank and Patricia Madura of Grand Rapids He is a 1997 graduate of Forest Hills Northern High School in Grand Rapids He is employed by Triangle Associates as an assistant superintendent



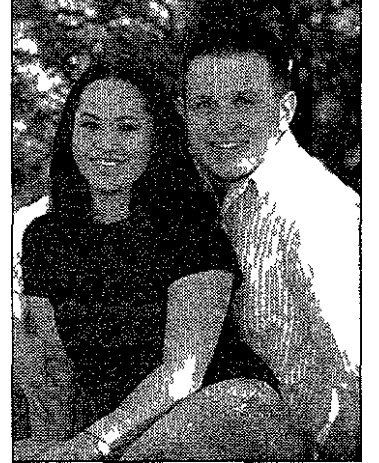
Abigail and Johnathon are planning a May 20, 2006, wedding at St Michael Lutheran Church in Canton

Minatogawa-Kufel

Stan and Teresa Minatogawa of Mesa, Ariz announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Leneé, to Timothy Michael Kufel of Mesa, Ariz

Tara is a graduate of Mesa Community College Timothy is the son of Ray and Kathleen Kufel of Livonia He is a 2000 graduate of Franklin High School, Livonia, and a 2005 graduate of Arizona State University with a business degree with honors He is an assistant manager at Sherwin Williams in Mesa, Ariz

Timothy and Tara are planning an April wedding at Christ The King Catholic Church in Mesa, Ariz A reception will be



at Superstition Springs Golf Club in Mesa, and a Michigan reception will be in June at the Inn at St John's of Plymouth

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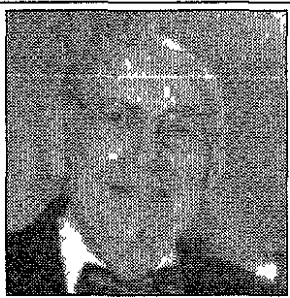


BARBARA JEAN THOMPSON (Nee FOURACRE)

Age 83, passed away March 2, 2006 Beloved wife mother and grandmother of husband Robert son Dan and wife Janie, and granddaughters Kelly & Emily Born in Wellington, England in 1922 moved to Birmingham at age 2 and lived most of her life here moving to Centennial Colorado in 1992 Services and interment will be held at the White Chapel Memorial Cemetery Chapel at 11:00 am on Friday March 31, 2006 Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 455 Sherman Street Suite 500, Denver Colorado 80203

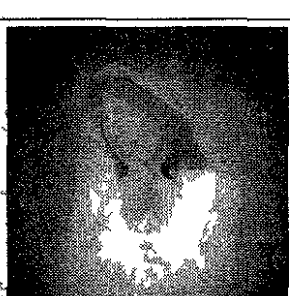
STEPHEN G. JEWELL,

Age 67 of Addison on Tuesday March 21, 2006 passed away at Bixby Medical Center in Adrian Michigan He was born on June 21, 1938 in Ann Arbor Michigan to Kenneth and Catherine (Lee) Jewell He married Myrna K Johnston on February 6, 1960 in Manistiquet Michigan and she survives Stephen lived his early life in Plymouth Michigan before moving to the Addison area in 1971 Surviving beside his wife Myrna is one daughter Robin (Kurtis) Marcum of Brooklyn two sons Stephen K (Shannen) Jewell of Addison Kevin F (Beth) Jewell of Parma seven grandchildren Funeral services 7:00 pm Sunday at Crawford Funeral Home in Escanaba MI Viewing Sunday 4-8 pm on Sunday with burial in Escanaba on Monday View this obituary and send condolences to the family at www.brownvanhemert.com



REV. CHARLES A. "CHUCK" SOMMERS

March 23, 2006 Age 84 of Birmingham Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham Beloved husband of Priscilla (nee Hughes) for 60 years Dear father of Charles E. "Chip" (Dorothy) Priscilla S. Edwards (Danny) Rev. Charlotte H. and the late John H. Grandfather of Joshua, David and step grandsons Richard and John Brother of Charlotte Wert (the late Donald) Memorial service Sunday (today) 1:00pm at First Presbyterian Church 1669 W Maple Rd, Birmingham 48009 In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham Rejoice and Renew Pipe Organ Fund For information call A J Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



ANNE FRACASSA

Age 47 March 13, 2006 of Warren Sunday auto columnist for the Observer & Eccentric papers Loving mother of Francesca Rebecca and the late Nicholas Wife of Hawke Predeceased by Guernio and Lydia Fracassa her parents Animal welfare activist Warren Animal Welfare Commission chairwoman, journalist, longtime FBI employee Last week, officials in Warren announced plans to rename a park in Warren the Anne Fracassa Memorial Dog Park Visitation was held at Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home Sterling Heights A funeral Mass was celebrated at St Malachy Catholic Church Sterling Heights Entombment Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Clinton Township Memorial donations may be made to the No Kill Animal Shelter / Animal Welfare Commission, 22931 14 Mile, Clinton Township, MI 48035 or to an education fund for the Fracassa children c/o Hawke Fracassa 29106 Palomino, Warren, MI 48093 3505



MARY BAUMKATZ PREBIS

Born March 1, 1910 died peacefully March 11, 2006 in Gaylord Michigan As a child of immigrant parents Stella (Pelopovich) and Leon Tolvajah she overcame adversity and throughout her long life she worked to improve the lives of others Mary was the mother of Marie Estelle Garvin Gillis (Pelopovich) and Leon Tolvajah (Wayne) Ramsey and Joseph Ferdinand (Pamela) Baumkatz of Michigan She was married to Joseph Baumkatz for eighteen years and managed a janitorial service in the Detroit area while raising her children For thirty three years Mary maintaining a home in Livonia She was grandmother of Marie Gillis (Ralph Caligurn) Michael Patrick Duncan Kemp Shawn (Lor Beth) Gillis of Colorado Mark Gillis Katherine and Chr. Stina Baumkatz of Michigan Beth (John) Perrill of California and Karen (Michael) Parker of North Carolina As great grandmother to Jacob Brad Margo Kemp Nova Brienne Kendall Marty Maggie James Andy and Jeff she was dear and to her extended family of step grandchildren and their children she will always be remembered Those fortunate enough to have known her will miss Mary's compassion and encouragement and will never forget her accomplishments



JOYCE ALICE BRAMBLE

Was born in Detroit, Mich on Sept 12, 1940 Our beloved wife mother grandmother sister and friend passed away on March 4, 2006 in Leesburg, Fla Joyce was preceded in death by her loving parents Robert B and Alice L Williamson She is survived by her husband Thomas L Bramble of Leesburg Florida, her brother Robert Williamson (Kay) of Phoenix Arizona children Jeffrey (April) Shelley Cates (Dann) David (Charlene) and Susan Isaacs (Robin) and grandchildren Rosemary Daniel Bran Alex Katre McKenna, Veronica, Josephine Max Gabrielle Isabel Sam and Conner Dear Aunt Jojo will be sadly missed by several nieces and nephews Joyce married her husband Tom in 1959 and they celebrated 47 years of marriage on Feb 20 Joyce was a loving mother to her four children, and thirteen grandchildren Raising her family was her career but like many women held jobs through the years where she worked hard and was appreciated by co workers and customers alike Joyce liked people and was fun loving with anyone she met Joyce remained optimistic throughout her life in all things even when dealing with a chronic and debilitating illness she was a source of strength to all who knew her There will be a memorial service on Saturday April 1, 2006 at 4 pm at Detroit World Outreach 23800 West Chicago Road in Redford MI 48239 As an expression of sympathy memorial contributions in Joyce's name may be directed to DEAF CAN 1211 Orchard Lake Road #101 Sylvan Lake MI 48320 (248) 332 3323 ty and/or Cleveland Clinic PO Box 931517 Cleveland OH 44193 1655

THOMAS MICHAEL HERLIHY

Age 69 of Canton went to heaven to live with God on March 21, 2006

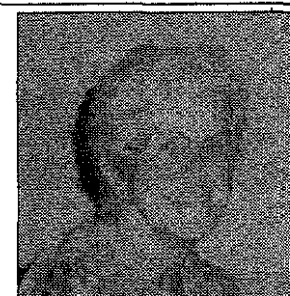
BERNARD GOLDMAN,

83 beloved husband of Norma Goldman greatly loved father of Mark and Carolyn Goldman of Fountain Hills beloved grandfather of Liam and Grace Goldman and devoted brother of Miriam Canvasser died at his Fountain Hills residence on March 22, 2006 after a two week battle with congestive heart failure and other complications in Mayo Clinic Hospital Born in Toronto Canada he emigrated to the USA as a child and was a long time resident of Bloomfield Hills near Detroit in Michigan A veteran of WWII he served for 14 months on Guam with the 21st Bomber Command in the South Pacific Prior to leaving for Guam he married his wife Norma with whom he enjoyed 61 years of marriage He was Emeritus Professor of Art History at Wayne State University in Detroit where he taught for 40 years in all fields of Art History specializing in the art of Central and Western Asia He edited the Bulletin of the Asia Institute for many years and served with distinction for ten years as director of the Wayne State University Press He is the author of The Sacred Portal Reading and Writing in the Arts and The Arts of Central and Western Asia as well as over a hundred articles on the history of art in scholarly journals He edited The Discovery of Dura Europos and was scheduled to lecture on the subject of Dura Europos in May at Wayne State University The class was closed at 75 students and was assigned to a larger classroom to accommodate the extra students still wanting to register Graveside services will be held Sunday March 26th in Mt Sinai Cemetery in Phoenix Contributions are suggested to the Michigan Humane Society 26711 Northwestern Hwy Suite #175 Southfield MI 48034



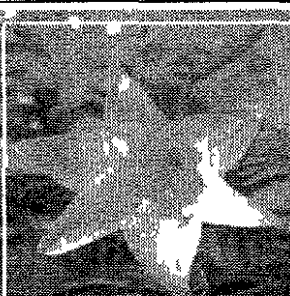
WARREN H. (PETE) EIERMAN

40 year resident of Bloomfield Hills MI Died March 14, 2006 in Naples Florida - Age 83 Former Chairman President & CEO of Community National Bank of Pontiac (which became First of America, then National City Bank Graduate of University of Maryland Graduate work in Economics at American University Washington DC Member of Beta Chi and Rodgers Forge Served as Aviation Cadet in U.S. Army Air Corps 1943-45 Began a distinguished career in banking as a National Bank Examiner then was named the youngest Trust Officer in the history of The Hanover Bank of New York (which became Manufacturers Hanover - now part of JPMorgan Chase & Co) Other career highlights Senior Vice President First National Bank of Miami, President & CEO Harbor National Bank of Boston Shortlisted for U.S. Department of the Treasury's Comptroller of the Currency position during the Reagan Administration Volunteer work included Vice Chairman St Joseph Mercy Hospital Board of Directors Pontiac Member Pontiac General Hospital Building Authority Fundraising Chair, American Red Cross W Virginia President, Economic Club of Florida An avid golfer and horseman Club affiliations included Oakland Hills Country Club Forest Lake Country Club Bloomfield Open Hunt South Miami Riding Club Milford Hunt Club (Massachusetts) Farmington Country Club (Virginia), and the Union League Club (New York) Survived by Mary his wife of 61 years five children and one grandson In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Joseph Mercy Hospital Aux 44405 Woodward Ave Pontiac MI 48341 Condolence correspondence in care of Fuller Funeral Home 1625 Pine Ridge Rd., Naples FL 34109



M. ILENE (POWERS) HERRIMAN

Passed away peacefully at her home on March 23, 2006, due to complications from Alzheimer's Disease She was born September 12, 1931 in Plymouth and was a life-long resident of Plymouth She was raised in a small farmhouse on Joy Rd which is now part of the Calvary Baptist Church property She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1949 After high school she worked for several years at Burroughs on Plymouth Rd On New Year's Day 1953 she married Patrick Herriman at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Together they raised five sons Her silk like hair turned white at an early age She worked in Barry Alford's medical practice as a receptionist for many years then worked at Lofy's Nightclub as a bookkeeper then at Plymouth (now Community) Federal Credit Union and finally as a school secretary at Miller Elementary for 15 years until she retired in 1991 Ilene enjoyed family activities Bridge square dancing, baking and travel She and Pat traveled much of the country in their Airstream travel trailer before she became ill She is survived by her loving husband of 53 years Patrick, and their five sons and daughters in law Douglas (Pamela Korte) David (Christine Nowak) Daniel (Mary Ann Prehlik) D Michael (Vicki Mitchell, partner), and Donald Also surviving are six grandchildren Douglas Jr., Dawn (Nick Hurley) Dale, Jane Nancy and Margaret two great grandchildren Chloe and Madison sister in law Gladys Powers a niece who was like a sister Janet Lanphear and many other nieces and nephews She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Mary (Gears) Powers her brother James Powers, and her sister Janet (Betty) Neuman Ilene was interred at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth Memorial contributions may be made to Community Hospice, 32932 Warren Rd Westland MI 48185 Local arrangements by The Schrader Howell Funeral Home Plymouth Michigan



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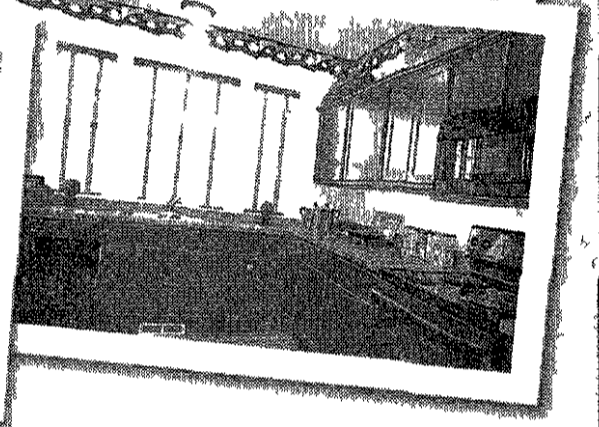
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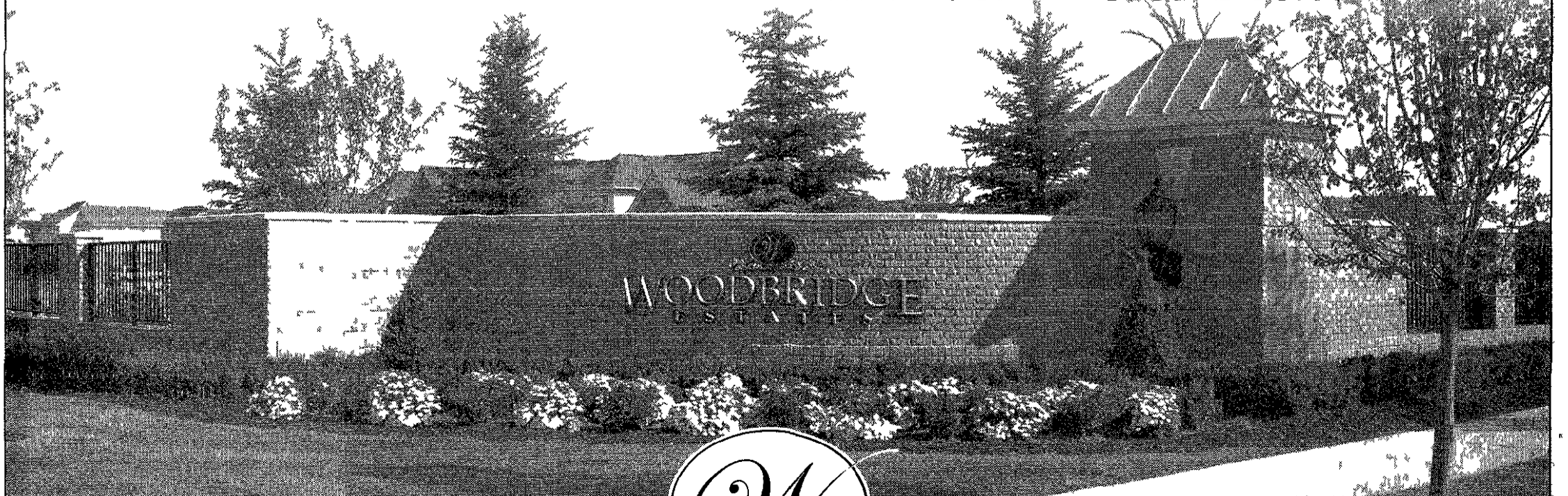


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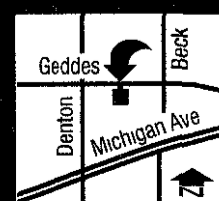
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Peter Nielsen

## Chin-ups better than pull-ups

Frank is a high school student in Romeo and is often asked in physical education classes to perform both chin-ups and pull-ups. He e-mails asking which is the better of the two.

Frank, both are actually a good workout. The main difference comes down to a matter of leverage. Doing a chin-up with an underhand grip is bio-mechanically more efficient than a pull-up with an overhand grip. It's also easier to perform. With an underhand grip, the bones in the lower arms are parallel to each other. But the same isn't true for an overhand pull-up. Bicep tendons are wrapped around the lower portion of the radius. This means less leverage comes into play. However, the same muscles are used in both chin-ups and pull-ups. Most prefer the underhand grip because it's easier to perform. That means more reps, a better burn, and a better overall final result. It just goes to show that doing things in an underhanded way can sometimes be a good thing.

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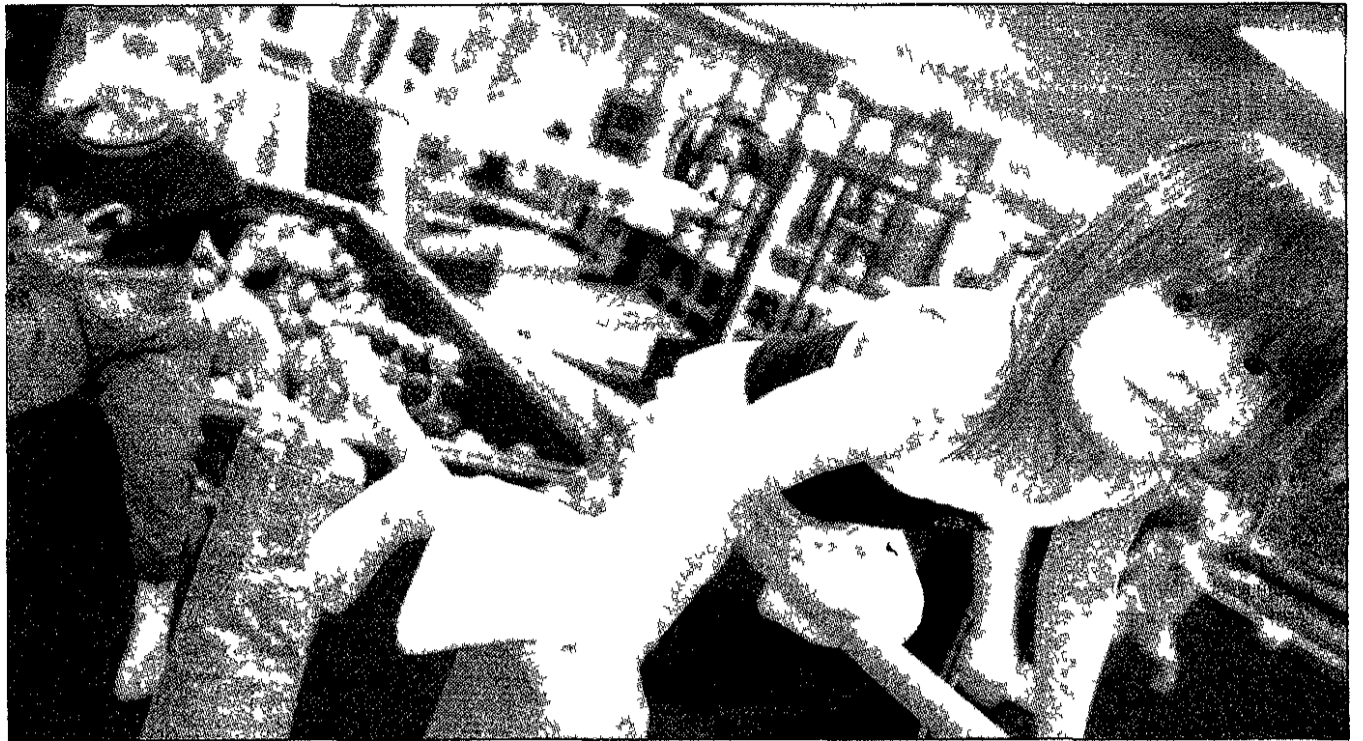
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## Cardio kids



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Five-year-old Lauren Orzechowski works her way along the parallel bars in the Mighty Mites class at My Gym in Farmington Hills.

## Coaches make fitness fun for children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Shaun Butler knows firsthand that kids aren't getting enough physical activity at school, so the Farmington father isn't taking any chances with his daughters becoming overweight. On Wednesday evening, he seemed to be having as much fun as Mackenzie, 10, and Delanie, 3, who were running and jumping through a series of exercises at My Gym Children's Fitness Center in Farmington Hills.

Over the last two decades, obesity has tripled in children and with that comes an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and depression. Parents like Butler aren't sitting still and waiting for their children to become ill. They're choosing children's fitness classes or asking schools to bring in programs such as Stretch-n-Grow which provides early childhood physical education.

"I taught phys ed 10 years," said Butler, assistant principal for Ferndale High School and athletic director for the district. "Phys ed isn't enough in our schools. Studies show that kids need 40 minutes, five days a week. Since Delanie began coming to classes, I've noticed growth in her motor skills. She can cross her legs and skip now. She has better control of her body."

Linda Kingston agrees with Butler that kids need more exercise. Daughters Carlyn, 6, and Amanda, 7,

have gym only twice a week at Kenbrook Elementary in Farmington Hills.

### 'REALLY ENJOY IT'

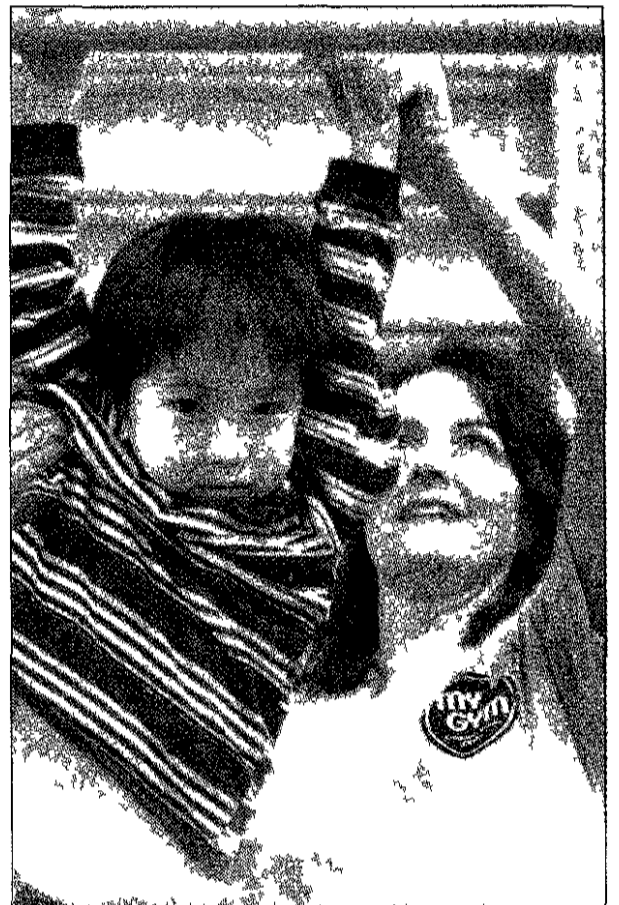
"They don't have enough exercise," said Kingston. Here, they really enjoy it. They need to work on their physical fitness.

Hailey Matanowski, 5, receives plenty of exercise rollerblading and riding her bike in her basement, but her mother, Shelley, thinks she needs a structured environment to supplement gym twice weekly at Beechview Elementary.

"This strengthens her legs," said Matanowski of Farmington Hills. Her pediatrician thinks it's great.

Christina Hughey and her coaches lead kids through exercises on equipment that is gymnastics based. The sessions start with warmup time to loosen the muscles. Before long, the 3 1/2- to 5-year olds are jumping in a circle, tipping and bending sideways and forward, then making circles with their arms to the song *Fame*. My Gym makes exercising fun for kids from ages 3 months to 13.

If they start young then they're going to want to play a sport or whatever when they're older. It becomes part of their life," said Hughey, who co-owns My Gym with David Hamm. Hughey previously taught at Borgo School of Dance and Gymnastics in Royal Oak. Several of the students, including Mackenzie Butler, followed her to Farmington Hills.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Four-year-old Kohei Tanabe gets a little help on the bars from My Gym owner Christina Hughey as he participates in the Mighty Mites program.

### PREVENTING OBESITY

Exercise is good to prevent obesity. If you're active, you're burning fat. Nutrition is just as important. It's hard to get a child to eat right. Put an apple and a cookie in front of a 5-year-old and which will they choose?"

Hughey incorporates nutrition messages into the play. The same philosophy applies to the Cardio Kids class for ages 8-13.

"We talk about drinking enough water," said Hughey. "The first 15 minutes is warmup - running and jumping then we

put them through a series of stretching using the correct techniques."

Suddenly the space takes on the appearance of a circuit training gym. Kids go from station to station doing exercises to build strength and cardiovascular endurance. Each week, the setup changes to work the various muscles. Hughey and her staff move all of the equipment into new configurations weekly to keep kids interested.

"Cardio Kids is tailored to the students," said Hughey. "One girl is obese and can't go as long on

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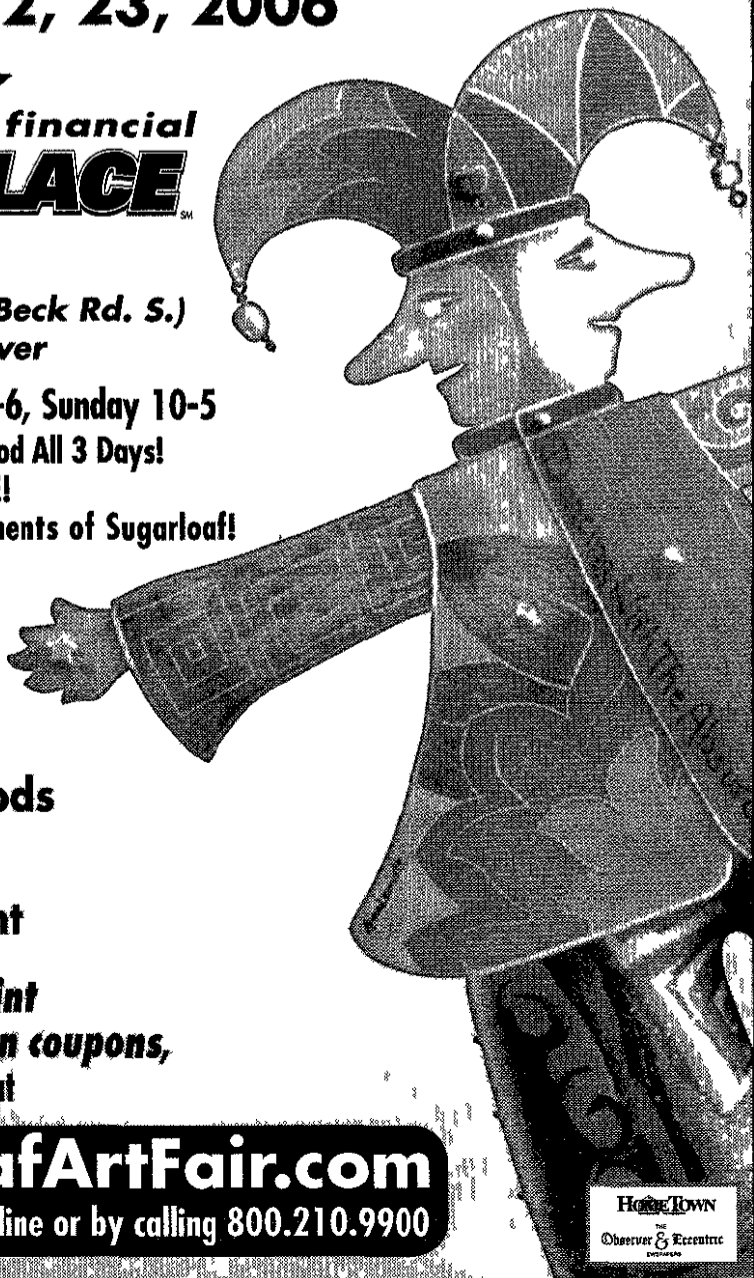
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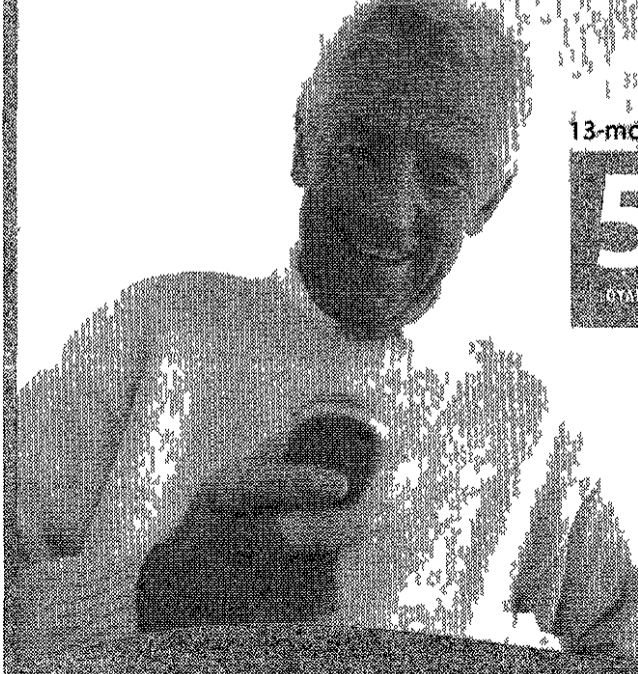
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7:30 p.m. Tuesday March 28 Pamela Laudau focuses her presentation on helping divorcing individuals develop self confidence as they face the challenge of a new life. An attorney from the firm Wolf & Wolf will be available 5:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month to discuss divorce and family issues (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day). A certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5:30 p.m. (sign in begins 4:30 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

**Stress reduction workshop**

Educational event with Dr. Michael Brackney DC 6:15 p.m. Tuesday March 28 at 8524 Canton Center Road Canton. No charge. For reservation call (734) 455-4444

**Medicare Part D**

Educational seminar on prescription drug coverage and benefits 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.) Wednesday March 29 in lower level classrooms 14 in the Allan Breake Medical Office Building at Garden City Hospital 6245 Inkster Road. At the seminar appointments will be taken for individual consultation and Medicare Part D enrollment. To attend RSVP to Doris Wilcox at (734) 458-4330 or The Senior Alliance (734) 722-2830

**Volunteers wanted**

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**Reconnect with food**

For individuals interested in exploring issues related to food, body image and emotions registered dietitian Beverly Price offers a yoga education and spiritual support program 7:30 p.m. Wednesday March 29 April 5 26 and May 3 10 17 24 at Center for Creative Living Royal Oak. Pre registration required. Cost is \$179 new participants \$149 returning. For information call (248) 390-4150 or visit www.prazmana.com

**Health/aging conference**

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday March 31 Forth Auditorium Administrative Services & Conference Center Henry Ford Community College 5101 Evergreen Dearborn. Presentations include Stay Youthful & Trim with Natural Hormones with anti-aging specialist Pamela Wartian Smith M.D. Recharge Your Energy with biochemist Sandy Baumann. Drugs that Deplete: Nutrients that Heal lecture by Dr. Mary Born N.D. and Fight Snoring and Insomnia with certified sleep specialist John Morrison D.O. from Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorder Center. RNs and LPNs who register for the nurses only section can earn five nursing contact hours. To register call (313) 317-1500 or go to www.hfcc.edu/CL2 to register online

**Art exhibit**

Artist and cancer survivor Arlene Evans displays a collection of original artwork that captures the powerful healing effects of nature through March 31 at the Nancy A. Fox Gallery

in the Assarian Cancer Center 47601 Grand River Novi. Call (248) 465-5455  
**Buddhist meditation**  
 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday to April 4 at Center for Lifelong Learning 22586 Ann Arbor Trail Dearborn Heights. Cost \$29. To register call (313) 317-1500 or go to www.hfcc.edu/CL2  
 Under the guidance of Bhanta Sanki a Buddhist monk from Sri Lanka learn gentle guided meditation as an ancient tool to relieve stress and anxiety enjoy inner peace clear your mind and heal your body. Bring a six to eight inch pillow or cushion to class. Chairs are also available

36475 Five Mile at Levan Livonia. Please use Five Mile entrance. Registration required. Fee for single is \$15 \$20 for a couple. Call (734) 655-1100  
 For groups of 15 or more a session can be customized according to your group's schedule and needs

**Health screenings**

Oakwood Community Health in cooperation with Life Line Screening is offering to test for a blocked carotid artery abdominal aortic aneurysm peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis for a nominal fee. Registration required. The dates are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday April 12 at the Wayne Senior Activity Center 35000 Sims and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday May 9 at First Baptist Church of Canton 44500 Cherry Hill. Call (800) 543-WELL or visit www.oakwood.org

**UPCOMING**

**Bocce for Bucks II**

An afternoon of indoor bocce ball play and an Italian dinner buffet 2-6 p.m. Sunday April 2 at Palazzo di Bocce 4291 S. Lapeer Road Orion Township. Soft soled shoes required for play. No heels. Demonstrations provided. Tickets \$100 per person \$50 youth free for children under age 5. Proceeds to support homecare and hospice services for the uninsured in metro Detroit. Call Nancy Kort at (248) 760-2654 or send e-mail to bocce4bucks@wowway.com

**Weight loss program**

3:30 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday April 5 at Providence Medical Center 37595 Seven Mile at Newburgh Livonia. Programs combine hypnosis with behavior modification. The first 45 minutes of each session is a free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program he or she pays a one time fee of \$69. Save \$10 by registering at easywillpower.com. No reservations required. Call (800) 848-2822

**Sharing & Caring**

Eating Right for Life Healthy Food Ideas and Store Tour 7 p.m. Thursday April 6 at Whole Foods Market 2880 W. Maple at Coolidge Troy. No reservations required. Sharing & Caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors their family and friends on Thursdays evenings. Call (248) 551-8585

**Spring into health**

Project Healthy Living provides many free and low cost screening tests 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday April 7 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital 1 William Caris Drive Commerce. For more information call (248) 937-3314

**Wellness programs**

Stop smoking 10 a.m. to noon and Lose Weight 1-3 p.m. Saturday April 8 at Cranton Hospital Medical Center 1101 W. University Drive Rochester. Main entrance second floor. Programs combine hypnosis with behavior modification. The first 45 minutes of each session is a free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program he or she pays a one time fee of \$69. Save \$10 by registering at easywillpower.com. No reservations required. Call (800) 848-2822

**Parenting with love and logic**

Classes 7:30 p.m. Wednesday April 12 elementary age and May 10 special needs at St. Mary Mercy Hospital

**ONGOING**

**Teens using drugs workshops**

Presented in two parts 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday part one is repeated every first Tuesday of the month October to June part two repeats the second Tuesday of the month October to June in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center classroom EC4 5305 Elliott Drive Ypsilanti. No charge and open to public. Parents teens and people who work with teens are all welcome. For information call (734) 973-7892 send e-mail to jessa@med.umich.edu or visit www.teenusingdrugs.org

**Hearing aid program**

Individuals with hearing problems who meet eligibility requirements of hearing loss and low income criteria will be able to obtain free hearing aids from the Lions Hearing Center Hearing Aid Program. Candidates should call (888) LHC MICH for information and eligible will be referred to a Lions Club in Oakland/Macomb County for sponsorship and an office in Southfield Bloomfield Hills or Detroit for testing and fitting. Alternately candidates may approach the local Lions Club for sponsorship and/or more information about the program

**GEMS**

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets 6:30 p.m. every Friday at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road. It is a water exercise class for MS patients and their families. Support group meeting 7:15-8:15 p.m. Call Karlyn Davis (734) 459-9715 or Mike Hickey (734) 522-0036

**Recovery Inc**

The self help mental health organization meets every Friday in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10:1/2 a.m. For more information call (734) 464-0027. Recovery also meets 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9501 Hubbard and West Chicago Livonia 7:30 p.m. Mondays at St. Matthew's Methodist Church 30900 W. Six Mile between Middlebelt and Merriman and 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays at Mt. Hope Congregational Church 30330 Schoolcraft west of Middlebelt. For location or times of other meetings call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recoveryinc.org. Recovery helps people who suffer from depression tension anger low self esteem and other feelings that interfere with effectively meeting the challenges of daily living

**CARDIO**

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cardio, so we work with her differently. If it's too hard then it's not fun.

Even though 6-year old Olivia Burns gets plenty of exercise in her ice skating, ballet and tap classes, her mother, Theresa, feels Cardio Kids offers sustained activity. "Cardio kids is wonderful," said Theresa Burns of West Bloomfield. "She gets her heart rate up and a good cardio workout. I think it's healthier and it's important to start a good habit young."

**STRETCH-N-GROW**

At Acadia Montessori in Bloomfield Hills, Carol Hall can't say enough about the Stretch-n-Grow program. The preschool's philosophy about exercise and nutrition mirrors the Stretch-n-Grow international mission to improve fitness in kids and teach them about healthy living. Founded in Texas in 1992, the program requires every instructor to be certified in youth fitness, CPR and First Aid. Gina DiFilippo of Rochester directs the north Oakland program found in schools, churches and day care centers.

"It's geared to the age of our kids ages 2-6," said Hall, Acadia administrator. "It's just like an adult working in a job. They need a little bit of a break. Her program is also educational, about bones and muscles and healthy eating. It's someone else saying what we say to them and explaining it."

As the mother of two young children, DiFilippo understands the importance of physical fitness.

"Everyone sends their kids to learn ABCs, but 85 percent of 5-year-olds cannot pass a basic physical fitness test according to the Senate Committee on Children," said DiFilippo. "We teach them about health and fitness and take them through one yoga pose, a roll down exercise and health discussion. It's similar to an adult exercise class except we sing the PBJ (peanut butter and jelly) song and jump up and down to crunch the peanuts."

In addition to exercising kids receive a coloring handout each week on the consequences

of not eating fruit or breakfast or picking up a backpack correctly.

"We do different sports skills. Motor skill development is crucial before age 5," said DiFilippo. "One of my biggest challenges is to convince people how much our children need this."

For information about My

Gym in Farmington Hills, call (248) 489-9420 or visit www.my-gym.com. To find out more about the Stretch-n-Grow, call (248) 933-1395 or visit www.stretchngrowm.com

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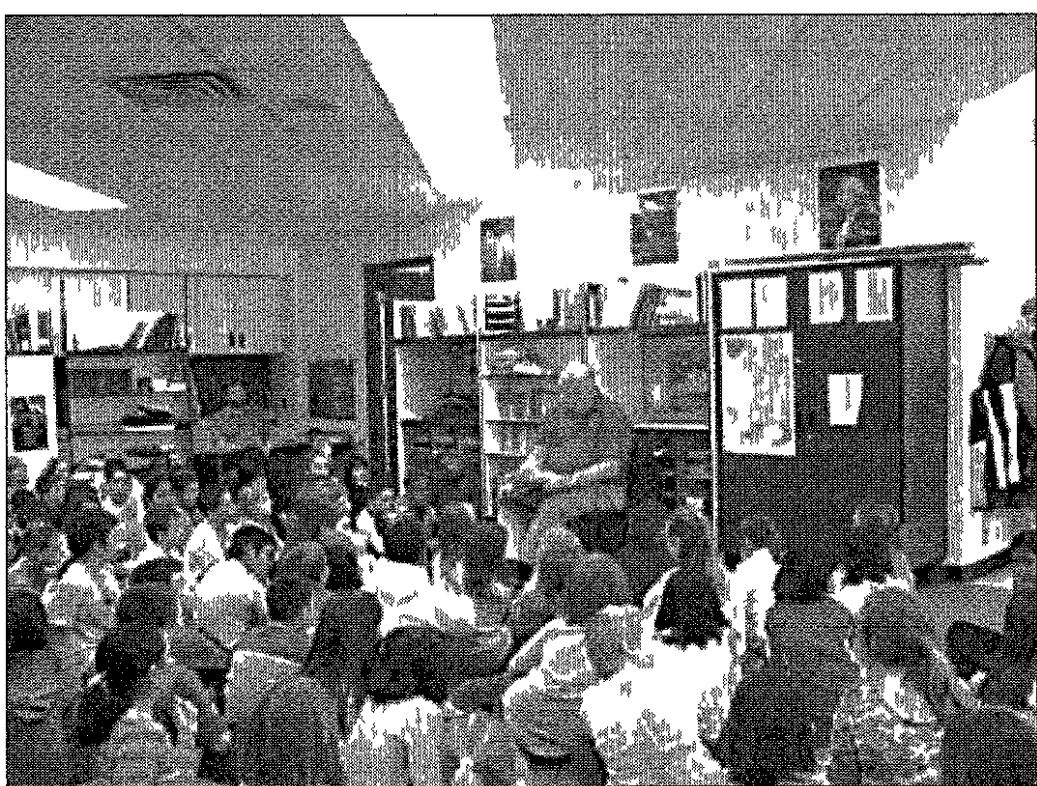
**Genealogical society**  
The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. April 6 when guest speaker Milton Charbonneau will talk about information from Land Use Records. A help session starts at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1041 Grand River in Howell. The public is invited. For details call Margaret at (810) 227-7745.

**Marshmallow drop**  
Wayne County Parks presents Marshmallow Drop 2006 Friday April 14 when kids from all over will have the chance to turn in marshmallows for a prize. More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from a heli-copter at the two county parks locations. 9 a.m. at Elizabeth Park in Trenton and 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills in Westland. Elizabeth Park is located on Jefferson east of I-75 and south of West Road in Trenton. Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For additional information call (734) 261-1990.

**CPR classes**  
St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers two free Friends and Family cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes Saturday April 8. One class runs 8-10 a.m. the other 10 a.m. noon in the Community Outreach Department Classroom 11. To register call (734) 655-8950.

**Hospice training**  
Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport, patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

**Wizard of Oz**  
Center Stage Dance Company's in-house ballet company comprised of dancers ages 9-18 presents a ballet to the much loved music of *The Wizard of Oz* 1:30 p.m. Saturday April 8 in the Northville High School Auditorium. The performance will include dancing to songs such as *Over the Rainbow*, *Ding Dong the Witch is Dead* and *Ease on Down the Road*. Tickets are available at the studio by mail, e-mail and fax. Tickets are \$8 each and \$6 each for groups of 10 or more. Center Stage Dance Company is located at 43334 W Seven Mile, Suite 250 in Northville. For



**Reading matters**

State Sen. Bruce Patterson shown here reading to fourth-grade students at Eriksson Elementary, spent St. Patrick's Day reading to students throughout the Plymouth Canton district. In addition to Eriksson, where all three of his children once attended, Patterson also visited Field and Smith elementary schools. At each stop, Senator Patterson read his favorite book, 'Stranger in the Woods' and was asked many questions by the fourth graders. He also explained his job as a state Senator and how he represents each one of the students and their families.

more information call (248) 380-1666 or e-mail csdc5678@sbcglobal.net or fax (248) 380-1597.

**Republican women**  
The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club takes place 11 a.m. Thursday March 30 at the Pick A Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile in Livonia. Guest speaker will be author Gene Scott talking about Michigan Shadow Towns, a study of Vibrant and Vanishing Villages. There is a \$12 charge for the luncheon. Visitors and guests are always welcome. For reservations call (248) 320-5473.

**Safe driving program**  
St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Association of Retired Persons offers a two-day program AARP Safe Driving 12:30-4:30 p.m. May 23-24. Attendance at both sessions is required. It's an eight-hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists age 50 and older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register call (734) 655-8950.

**Ann Arbor Women**  
The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 16th annual Tables and Tea event displaying elegant and whimsical table settings designed by club members and local retailers. The event takes place at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw (between Devonshire and Hill) 1-6 p.m. Sunday June 4. Tickets go on sale in mid-May at the Club and at some designated places around town. Tickets will be available the day of the event at the Club. For more information call Linda Atkins (734) 741-8032.

**Compassionate companions**  
St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers an orientation class 6-8 p.m. Wednesday March 29 for volunteers interested in becoming Compassionate Companions for its No One Dies Alone program. A program that provides the presence of a companion to dying patients who would otherwise be alone. No medical skills or previous experience are necessary. To register for this orientation session or for further information, e-mail Sister Mary Modesta, coordinator of supportive care at srmodest@trinityhealth.org or call (734) 655-2300. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile at Levan in Livonia.

**Run for the Roses**  
Join STARS kids for a Kentucky Derby themed evening with Club House ambiance including dinner, dancing,

open bar, prizes and a silent auction. The event takes place at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke in Sterling Heights 7 p.m. midnight Saturday April 1. Sky Box guests may arrive at 6 p.m. for a mint julep and hors d'oeuvres reception. Sky Box admission is \$140 and includes the reception and dinner party. Grandstand admission is \$70 and includes dinner party only. (Fair market value of each ticket is \$45.00; the remainder may qualify as a tax deductible contribution.) All proceeds benefit Seeking Techniques Advancing Research in Shunts (STARS kids), a 501(c)(3) public charity. Call Sherry (248) 253-0592.

**Bunny hop**  
Pull out your bobby socks & poodle skirts! Northville Parks and Recreation invites your family to our spring sock hop. The Bunny Hop! Dance to current & classic hits, make crafts, design cookies with Great Harvest Bread Company, savor some delightful treats and visit the spring bunny! It's sure to be an enjoyable evening for the whole family! The Bunny Hop will take place 4-6 p.m. Saturday April 8 at the Sen or Community Center (303 W. Main Northville). Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the Recreation Center at Hillside (700 W. Baseline Northville). For more information call (248) 349-0203 Ext. 1411.

**Home tour**

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 54th annual Home Tour beginning at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw 10 a.m. 6 p.m. May 19. Ozone House has been designated the recipient of a portion of the event's revenue. Tickets go on sale in April at the City Club and in designated places around town. Tickets will also be available the day of the event. For more information and updates call Sylvia Stetz (734) 878-9044.

**Swap Meet**

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association of Plymouth hosts a swap meet noon-5 p.m. Saturday April 15 at the WWCCA club house at 6700 Napier Road. The swap meet allows participants the opportunity to bring out items they've been wanting to sell or trade, including guns, knives, reloading equipment and supplies, fishing tackle and other items. Tables at the meet cost \$15 apiece or two for \$25. Someone will be available to handle any transactions required for firearms sales at a nominal cost. All local, state and federal firearms laws will be followed with no exceptions. The kitchen will also be open. For more information or to reserve tables call Don McLellan (734) 591-0247. A limited number of tables will be available and must be paid for in advance.

**Ray of Hope**

Organizers of the seventh annual Ray of Hope fund raiser are requesting used cell phones that are no longer in service. They should be in good working order and will be donated to an organization that provides them for temporary use by victims of domestic violence. The seventh annual Ray of Hope event, a Silent Auction, Lunch and Fashion Show with a guest speaker will be held on 9 a.m. noon Saturday April 8 at the Four Points Sheraton Inn, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor. You can enjoy a fun, relaxing and inspiring morning while lending your support to the fight against women's cancers and the equally serious task of breaking the silence of domestic violence. Proceeds from the 2006 Ray of Hope will provide a significant contribution to the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation, whose mission is their commitment to battling cancers affecting women and ending domestic violence. Since Ray of Hope's first event in Ann Arbor in 2000, they have raised more than \$60,000 locally. Their goal this year is to raise an additional \$15,000 in support of the foundation's mission. Tickets to Ray of Hope \$25 each may be purchased by contacting Ginger Winter at (734) 429-2433 or by e-mailing her at gngerw@mayakay.com. Individual tickets or small groups of tickets may be purchased.

**Cancer society scholarships**

The American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division college scholarship program is currently accepting applications for the 2006-2007 school year.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday April 18. Since 1997, the American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division Foundation has proudly supported young cancer survivors with \$1,000 scholarships as they pursue ambitious career goals. To date, more than 300 first-time scholarships and 200 renewal scholarships have been awarded to students in the Great Lakes area of Indiana and Michigan. To qualify, applicants must be a cancer survivor age 20 or younger (as of April 18, 2006), a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Indiana or Michigan, and attending or planning to attend an accredited college or university in Indiana or Michigan in Fall 2006. Those interested may download an application on line by visiting [www.cancer.org/scholarships](http://www.cancer.org/scholarships) or by calling (800) 723-0360.

**Summer internships**

Want to gain valuable knowledge through internship experience while being immersed in a vibrant creative setting? If so, the Ann Arbor Art Center is the place for you. Applications are now being accepted for internships during summer 2006 at the Ann Arbor Art Center. Internships include positions in Education Exhibitions, the Gallery Shop, marketing, graphic design, special events, development and operations. All internships at the Ann Arbor Art Center are unpaid. Additional detailed descriptions of all internships available can be found at [www.annarborartcenter.org](http://www.annarborartcenter.org). To apply for an internship, forward all resumes to [info@annarborartcenter.org](mailto:info@annarborartcenter.org) with Internship in the subject heading. Alternatively, mail a resume and cover letter to Marsha Chamberlin at the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor 48104 or fax it to 734-994-3610.

**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.

**Drawing into painting**

The exhibition Drawing into Painting runs through April 8 at the Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibition Gallery, 117 West Liberty Street, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday noon 5:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information contact Amanda Krugiak, 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 volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

To all residents and other interested parties: Agendas and Minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website [www.plymouthtwp.org](http://www.plymouthtwp.org).

Minutes and agendas are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth for public perusal.

Marilyn Massengill CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 394-5260

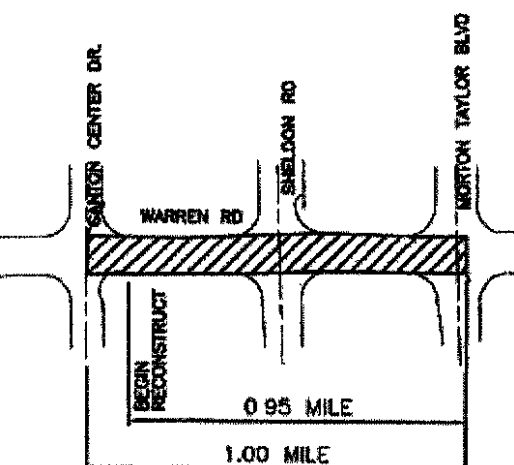
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**WAYNE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN COOPERATION WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE WARREN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (CANTON CENTER TO MORTON TAYLOR) CANTON TOWNSHIP**

March 29 2006  
6:30 p.m.  
at the  
Summit on the Park  
PDC Room, Banquet Center  
46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Township

**Project Overview**



- Construction schedule April 2006 to September 2006
- Road grading, drainage and sidewalk improvement overview
- Three stage construction explanation
- Your opportunity to get answers to your questions and concerns

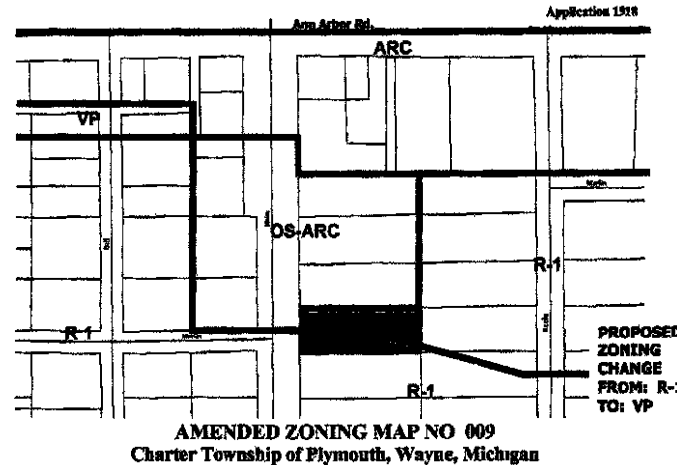
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION**

**PROPOSED ACTION:** AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP.  
**REZONE FROM:** R-1 Single Family Residential District.  
**REZONE TO:** VP Vehicular Parking.  
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday April 19 2006.  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R-78 061 01 0003 000 (property address is 9400 Main Street) from R-1, Single Family Residential District to VP Vehicular Parking District.



**AMENDED ZONING MAP NO 009 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos R-78 061 01-0003-000 (property address 9400 Main Street).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734 453 8131 ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall, which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to a use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 99.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone: 734 453 3840. TDD users: 800 849 8777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY  
PLANNING COMMISSION

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR THE TUESDAY, MAY 02, 2006, REGULAR ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth on Tuesday, May 02, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time the following will be voted on:

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

There will be elected two (2) members to the Board of Education to four (4) year terms ending June 30, 2010 and:

**TWO (2) PROPOSITIONS**

- School Improvement Bond Proposition 1
- School Improvement Bond Proposition 2

**PLEASE NOTE:** that April 03, 2006 is the last date to register for the Regular School Election to be held on Tuesday, May 02, 2006. Registration for electors within the Charter Township of Plymouth will be taken at the Office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building 3 or at any Secretary of State Office or state designated agency. The office of the Clerk is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the Clerk's Office can set up a convenient time for the resident. Phone: 734 354 3224.

Marilyn Massengill CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

- Z 06 04 309 Auburn Non Use Variance Requested. Convert Attic into Living Space above 2nd Floor. Zoned R-1 Single Family Residential. Applicant: Timothy & Elizabeth Carson.
- Z 06 05 188 N Main Non Use Variance Requested. Off Site Sign. Zoned B-3 General Business. Applicant: Daisy at Plymouth LLC.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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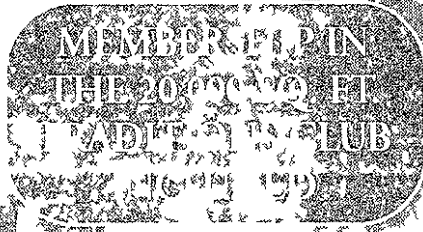
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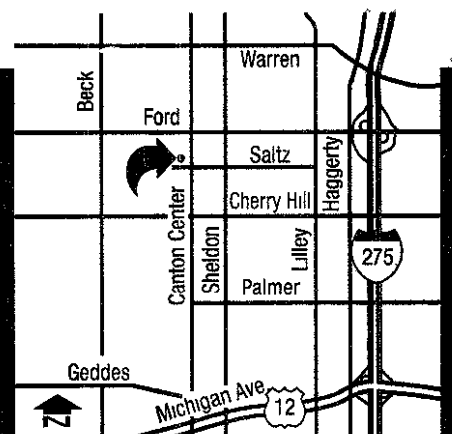
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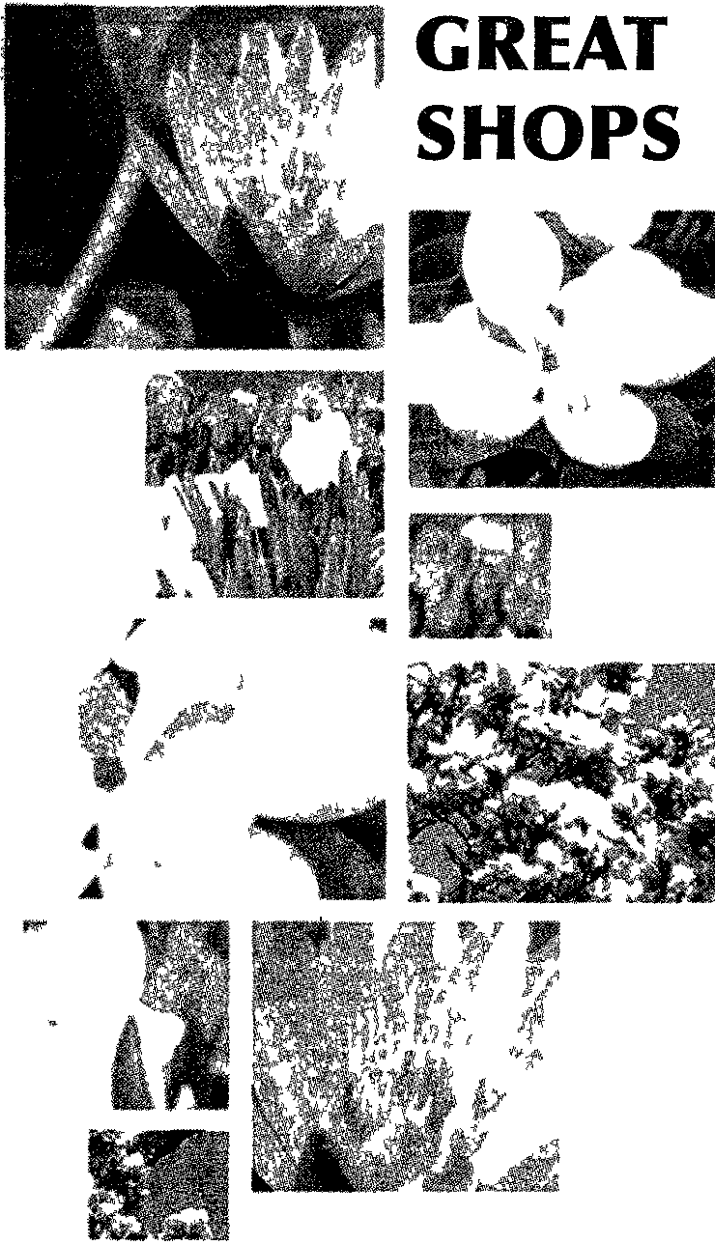
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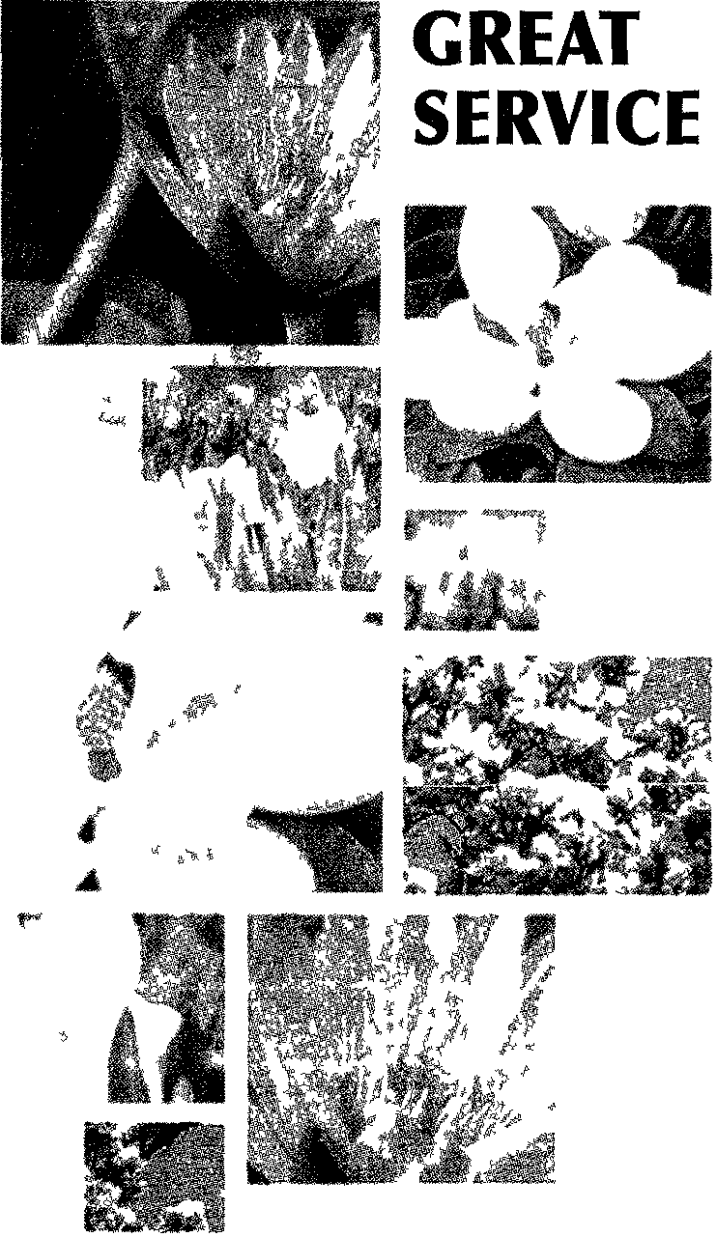


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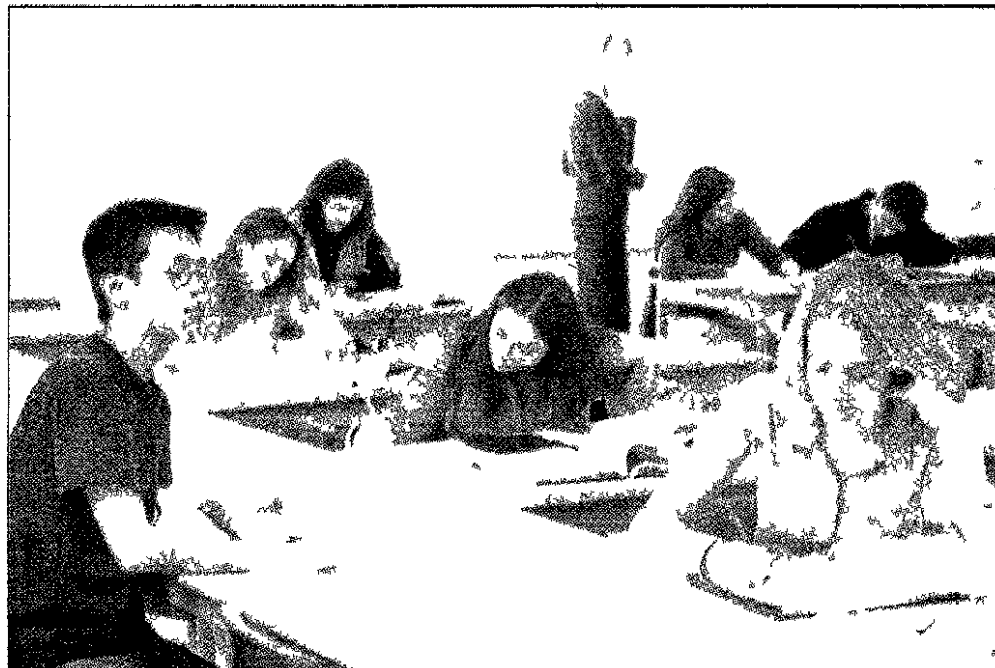
## American teens still mean business

(NAPSI) — For the fourth consecutive year, "businessperson" has been cited as the most popular career choice for American teens.

That's one of the key findings of an annual survey of teenagers on topics such as career expectations and their opinions about the world of business. The study, the 2006 Junior Achievement Worldwide Interprise Poll on Kids and Careers, also revealed that for the first time in the seven-year history of the survey, salary expectations for young women are on a par with those of young men.

Since first being measured in the 2003 poll, male salary expectations for most jobs have tended to exceed earnings anticipated by female teens. However, in this year's version, the highest earnings expectations for frequently cited careers, such as business, law, entertainment or medicine, are split fairly evenly between genders.

Over the past four years, the top-10 career selections have remained fairly constant. "Businessperson" has been the most popular career choice overall for the last four years the poll has been conducted, this year it was selected by 8.7 percent. "Teacher" was the second-



According to an annual survey, teen girls seem drawn to careers that require more education.

highest selection, chosen by 7 percent, moving past "doctor," a consistent first or second choice in previous years, which came in third with 6.2 percent, tied with "computer field."

Another difference in this year's responses is that female teens appear to be drawn to careers that require more education, and this year they are more confident than males that they can obtain their ideal careers.

The survey showed that just over three-quarters of young women polled — 78.2 percent — said they were "definitely" or "pretty sure" they would obtain their ideal job, compared to just over 65 percent of male teens.

Job shadowing is one way teens form their career expectations. Once again this year, JA Worldwide is sponsoring its yearlong Job Shadow Initiative, where students venture into the workplace for a day, hosted

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JA Worldwide is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating young people about business, economics and entrepreneurship. Today, it reaches approximately four million students in the United States, plus more than three million students worldwide.

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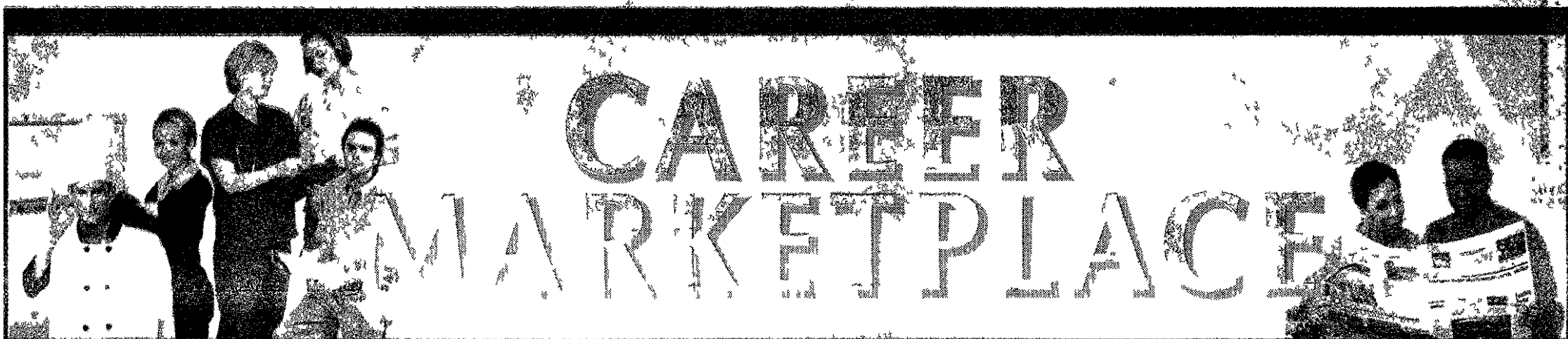
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Full time position (prefer 2 yrs experience in Real Estate). Capable of working independently. Answer phones, data entry and real estate agent support. Hourly plus bonus pay. Please email resume to dkashat@kw.com

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Part time receptionist for busy Real Estate office in the Farmington Hills area. All shifts including weekends. Excellent computer skills required. Fax resume to (248) 324 9275

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ASSOCIATE DENTIST Dental office in Southfield looking for fulltime Dental Associate. Fax resumes to 248 357 6014

CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT

Growing Royal Oak practice. Full or part time. Dental exp preferred. Competitive salary & benefits. Please forward resume dentalapps@aol.com

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Part time. Approximate 23 hours per week. Exp req. req. Please call 734 425 1070. Ask for Nancy or fax resume to 734 425 1907

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Full time. Exp req. end only. No evenings or weekends. 248 347 4250 or fax 248 347 4246

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Full time. Join our great team in our beautiful state of the art office in Plymouth. Experience preferred. Call 734 453 9260

DENTAL ASSISTANT

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SOFTWARE ENGINEERS, PROGRAMMER ANALYSTS, DBA'S, NETWORK ADMIN, PROJECT LEADERS, TECHNICAL RECRUITERS Must have Bachelor degree in Computer Science/related field or foreign equiv with min 5 yrs exp or Masters degree in Computer Science/related field. Must be willing to travel/relocate. Skill combinations needed: no MVC architecture in J2EE using STRUTS, Web Services using JAXP, operational exp in mgt of remote operations, exp in wireless research GSM, CDMA, iDEN, Teradata and Microstrategy. Also UNIX C++ C# VC++ VB VB Script Java JavaScript Java Telephony Servlets HTML/DHTML/XHTML/JSP SOAP MS NET technologies COM/COM+/.NET API Swing J2C JSP LDAP JMX MTS UML XML XSL XSLT IIS CSS W3C Forms Visio Visual Modeler Visual Interdev Front Page Visual Studio .NET Visual SourceSafe Visual Cafe Eclipse Kawa Code Warrior Dreamweaver MS Product Studio ASP ASPNET ADD ADD NET VB VB NET HTTP TCP/IP SOAP FTP UB MVC UDP ODBC MTS Webservices SDK Assemblies Perl Crystal Reports Erwin Rational ClearQuest IIS VBI RAD PVCMS MS Projects WSAD IBM VAJ B J Bu der CMVC TOAD SQL Navigator XML SPY Weblogic Websphere and ETG Dynaio application servers DB2 Oracle SQL Server Informatica Sybase Teradata and MS Access database systems. Send Resumes to HR Mgr Scott Labs Inc 32080 Schoolcraft Rd Ste 100 Livonia MI 48150

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ASSIST PHYSICAL THERAPIST

in patient care & clerical. Full/Part time. Novi private office. Fax resume to (248) 380 1620

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## Follow that brick road: Pave way to your new brick patio

(NewsUSA) - You've built your new house. Everything inside is how you want it.

But there seems to be something missing from your new dream home: Outdoor living space.

What to do? Get outside and build a new patio or sidewalk.

Many patios and sidewalks are made of poured concrete. If you'd rather have something that doesn't look worn and dirty — and doesn't need to be power washed each spring — consider laying new brick pavers directly over the old surface.

There are a number of advantages to doing it this way, says Laura Schwind, a registered landscape architect for Pine Hall Brick, the largest supplier of clay pavers in the United States. "The biggest is that the base is already there,

and you instantly improve the appearance of your property without having to dig up your old concrete and haul it away."

With concrete that's smooth and even, start by choosing the type of clay paver and a pattern. Keep in mind that there are "thinner" pavers (1 3/8-inch) for these applications, and that some patterns, like herringbone, will require more cuts than others.

Next, lay a "soldier course," which means laying a line of bricks perpendicular to the edge of the concrete to form the outside frame of your project. The secret is to use four dots of masonry adhesive on each brick, each about the size of a penny, which allows rainwater to pass underneath.

On the inside of the soldier course, cut pieces of roofing felt

to put a single layer inside the frame covering the concrete, and don't overlap the felt edges. Then lay a second layer of felt perpendicular over the top of the first layer.

Starting at one corner, begin laying the brick in place, leaving a 1/8 inch gap between the pavers for sand. Finish by sweeping concrete sand between the joints until they are full.

It's time and effort," said Schwind. But it's worth it. When you're done, you'll have the beginnings of a new outdoor room where you'll want to spend some time relaxing.

For more information on do-it-yourself home improvement projects using clay pavers, call Pine Hall Brick at (800) 334-8689 or visit [www.pinehall-brick.com](http://www.pinehall-brick.com).



## Play it safe, take security steps when you're selling your house

I am going to sell my house. What security precautions should I take to safeguard my family and my valuables?

Often when you are selling your house, you are inviting total strangers into your house. This can create some inherent security risks. Here are some tips to keep in mind to protect yourself.

■ Before having an open house, remember to hide or better yet remove your valuables



Ask the Realtor

Michael Aldouby

from your house. This includes jewelry, credit cards, furs, and other expensive items. Also, remember to remove prescrip-

tion drugs.

■ Have visitors sign a guest book. You are letting total strangers into your house and into some private places, getting some basic information about them is a good idea. You may even consider instructing your Realtor that if they don't sign the guest book to not let them into your house.

It's possible that they will give a false name, however, at least

visitors are seeing that you are aware of security risks. You can take it a step further and ask your Realtor to check identification before allowing anyone into the house.

■ If you own guns, make sure that they are either removed from the house or that they are locked securely in a safe.

■ If someone knocks or rings your doorbell because of the yard sign, don't let the person in.

Refer that person to your Realtor. You shouldn't be talking directly to potential buyers any way. The reason for this is that you may reveal your motivation that could effect negotiation if there is an offer.

■ Never leave a message on your answering machine saying that you will not be home. You are better off leaving a message stating that you are not available to take the call.

There is a possible security risk when selling your house. However, the risk can be minimized if you take some simple safety precautions.

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### BRIEFS

#### Homebuyer Seminar

Shore Mortgage and Red Carpet Kern Home Choice Inc. are presenting a free Homebuyer Seminar 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30 and April 6 at Red Carpet Kern Home Choice, 21597 W. 11 Mile, one block east of Lahser, Southfield. Reservations are required.

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#### Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes:  
■ 6:10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, March 27/29, 385 Michigan State, Builder's License Examination at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720

W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, \$199 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required at the Walled Lake Community Center, 248-837-8900.  
■ 4:00 p.m. Michigan State License Examination at Tinkham

Center 450 S. Venoy, Westland, \$190 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required no later than Friday, March 31, Wayne West and Community Center, 6:00 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, April 3/5/10/12, How To Build Your Own

Home, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, \$189 plus \$30 for two course textbooks. Pre-registration is required by Friday, March 31, Livonia Community Education, (734) 744-2602.

■ 6:10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, April 4/6/11/13, How To Build Your Own Home, Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, \$201 plus \$30 for two course textbooks. Pre-registration is required by Friday, March 31, Livonia Community Education, (734) 744-2602.

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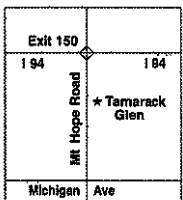
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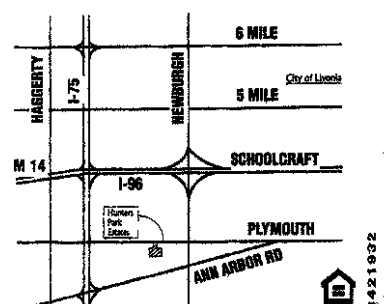
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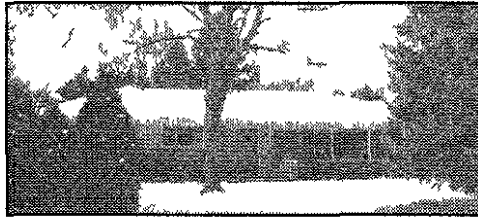


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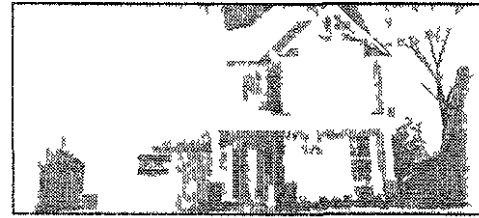
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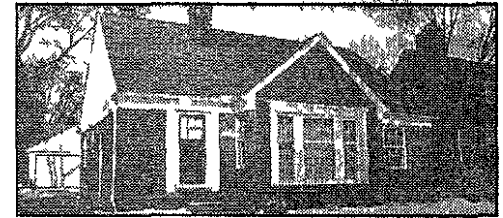
**BLOOMFIELD TWP** 800-736-0899  
**RAMBLING RANCH ON 3/4 ACRE CUL DE SAC!** Low maintenance 3 BR home freshly painted inside new windows hrdwd flrs under carpet full fin bsmt C/A & all appl 2 car side entry gar w/ storage 349 6200 (25131804) \$350 000



**ROCHESTER** 800 736 0899  
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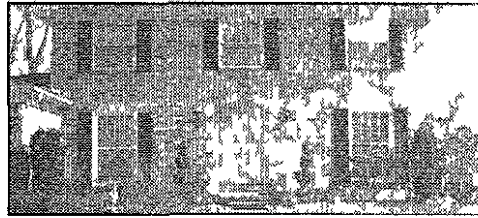
**MILFORD** 800 736-0899  
**MAGNIFICENT MILFORD** Stonewood Estates! Walk to town We even have Starbucks 3BR 2 5BA Main floor master Computer nook unfin shed bonus room over garage New builds off Commerce & Main St (26006429) \$339 900



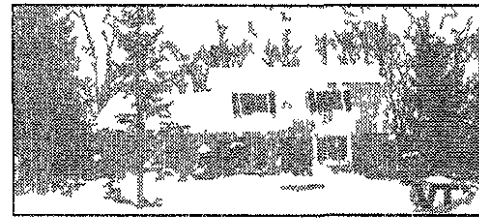
**HUNTINGTON WOODS** 800-736-0899  
**CLASSIC HUNTINGTON WOODS CHARM!** Hrdwd floors cove ceilings LR/DR combo FR off updated kitchen Large MBR w/vaulted ceiling & fab bath WIC Finished bsmt w/recessed lights Newer landscape & roof (26023022) \$325 000



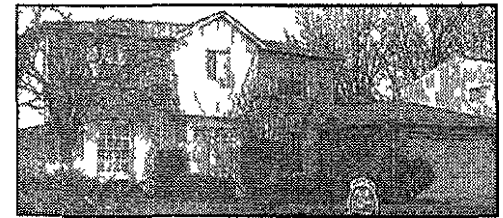
**AUBURN HILLS** 800-736-0899  
**DETACHED CONDO!** 3 bedroom 2 5 bath 1st floor master 2 636 sq ft Library Dining room living room & family room Eat in kitchen FP 2 car attached garage 1st floor laundry (26030696) \$319 900



**TROY** 800 736 0899  
Spacious floor plan foyer w/marble LR/DR large kitchen with breakfast nook Family room w/ wet bar newer roof furnace fresh paint inside & out 1st floor laundry (26030288) \$239 500



**WHITE LAKE** 800 736 0899  
**LOCATION & DETAIL** Heritage Hills Walled Lake Schools Four bedrooms 2 5 baths family room eat in kitchen dining recreation basement Enjoy (26027770) \$274 900



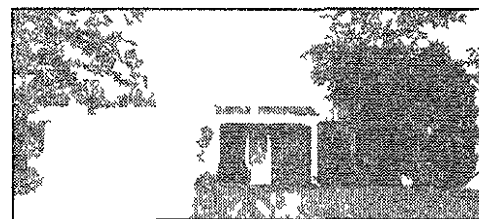
**TROY** 800-736-0899  
Prime Troy location & great curb appeal 4 BR 2 5 bath Colonial Appliances Updated kitchen w/ new counters & floor New dim roof marble/cer & newer carpet Fin bsmt Fenced yard (26019651) \$274 000



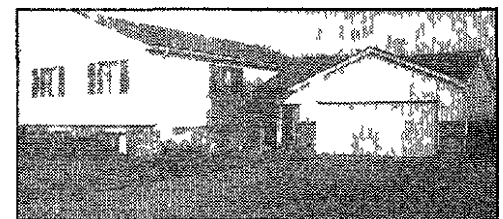
**FARMINGTON HILLS** 800-736-0899  
**NO STEPS! BEAUTIFUL RANCH CONDO!** This is the one! All neutral 1st floor master jetted tub gourmet kitchen with island Circular staircase 1st floor laundry Bank owned Just reduced! (26013431) \$271 900



**DETROIT** 800 736 0899  
**CONTEMPORARY HOME IN UNIVERSITY DISTRICT!** 5 BR 3 full BA 2 lavs 1 pdr/d kitchen w/porcelain tile floor 2 story foyer w/ marble 2nd floor laundry rm Some appl library breakfast area. Move in ready (25165364) \$ 65 000



**FARMINGTON HILLS** 800 736 0899  
**READY TO MOVE INTO** Clean updated & neutral Newer kitchen cabinets & carpeting Tonn off roof n 2000 Family room w/FP Large sunny deck central air Pride of ownership in this home (26030870) \$249 000



**ROCHESTER HILLS** 800-736-0899  
Great value! Open floor plan/4 BR/2 BA Updates oak kitchen with ceramic floor roof furnace paver patio Natural FP in FR Storage room All appliances incl (26010751) PC 390282 \$247 000



**SOUTHFIELD** 800-736-0899  
**ROOM TO ROOM TRI LEVEL** 2589 sq ft Formal LR/DR updated kitchen with all appliances to stay FP in FR attached garage Home warranty offered (25144440) \$231 500



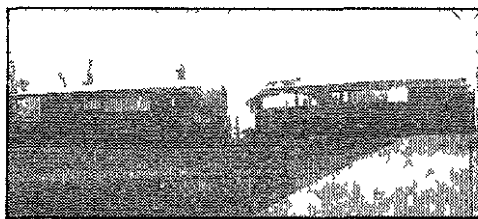
**COMMERCE** 800 736 0899  
**BUILT IN 1999** Two bedroom two full bath condo Still shows like a model Soaring ceiling fireplace deck first floor laundry and more (26022915) \$224 999



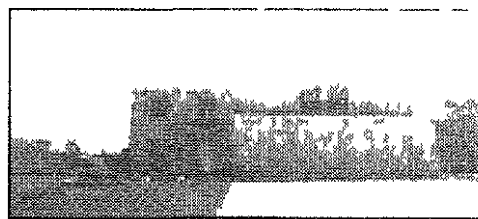
**SOUTHFIELD** 800 736 0899  
**RANCH WITH MANY UPDATES** Including Walls de Windows breaker box & sprinkler system FP in LR year round Florida room fin basement 2 car garage (26023272) \$225 000



**NOVI** 800-736-0899  
**COZY LITTLE WELL MAINTAINED HOME!** Loving pride of ownership reflected t/o this ranch home in wonderful Whispering Meadows sub Located back in the tree section Large GR w/ fireplace 349 6200 (25072285) \$221 900



**SOUTHFIELD** 800-736-0899  
**RANCH WITH BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS!** Two way FP in LR and DR Newer furnace C/A & carpet Two full baths 2 Car garage with opener Treed lot for privacy (26029369) \$219 000



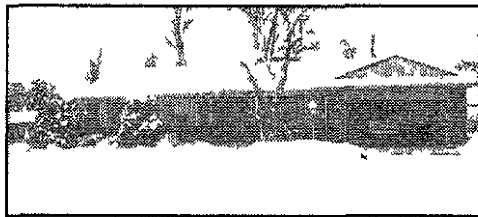
**PONTIAC** 800 736 0899  
**SPACIOUS COLONIAL OPEN FLOOR PLAN** Great room with FP hardwood foyer & powder room Cathedral ceiling & bath in master BR 1st floor laundry finished basement attached garage (25100426) \$210 000



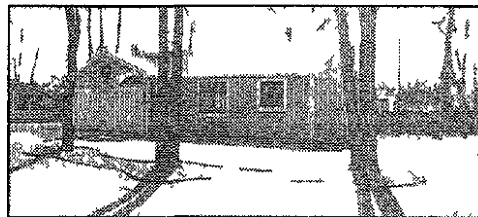
**WEST BLOOMFIELD** 800 736 0899  
**GREAT 3 BEDROOM CONDO** Master BR on 1st floor w/ full bath 2 car attached garage Great room dining kitchen w/hardwood Clubhouse pool tennis courts Move in condition (26027623) \$205 000



**WIXOM** 800-736-0899  
**WIXOM COLONIAL** featuring newer windows doors furnace C/A roof shingles carpet & decor Large deck hot tub finished basement & 2 car attached heated garage (26012645) \$199 789



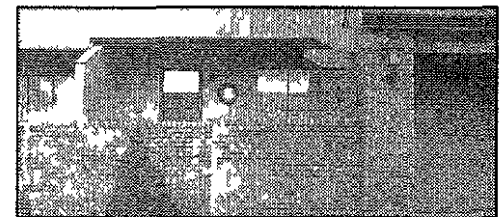
**SOUTHFIELD** 800-736-0899  
**FABULOUS RANCH IN ROSELAND WOODS SUB!** Who would not want to make this house home? 3 bedrooms 1 5 bathrooms FP DR FR Huge lot with gas BBQ & deck 2 car garage this is truly a gorgeous home! (25179771) \$195 000



**NORTHFIELD** 800 736 0899  
**Lake Living in time for 2006 Season** 3 BR 1990 built approx 1200 SQ FT Laminated wood n kitchen and dining area Large deck with big backyard Freshly painted exterior Seconds from Horseshoe Lake! (26032108) \$184 900



**WATERFORD** 800-736-0899  
**Well kept 3 bedroom 1 5 bath home** with large lot and above ground pool Attached 2 car garage newer C/A newer furnace vinyl/windows updated BA and more Seller willing to assist in buyer's closing costs (26027389) \$174 900



**SOUTH LYON** 800-736-0899  
**55+ ADULT CO OP WALKOUT BSMT W/POND VIEW** Pond view large FR 1 BR 2 full bath kitchen skylight neutral decor all appliances stay vaulted ceiling in living room 349 6200 (26024372) \$80 000

**ROCHESTER HILLS** 800 736-0899  
4 BR 2 story backing to sub park Entry with hardwood floor Island kitchen with breakfast room 2 Story GR Formal LR & DR Professionally finished LL Deck overlooks park (26029984) \$389 900

**ROYAL OAK** 800 736 0899  
Nice Royal Oak Ranch The pleasures of home Very welcoming w/hardwood flooring fireplace & volume ceilings 2BR/2BA Foyer open floor plan immediate possession (25089044) \$174 900

**SPRINGFIELD** 800 736 0899  
**STUNNING SPACIOUS SECLUDED** All sports acrefront home Gourmet kitchen w granite 2 story GR w/ skylights FP HW flrs Library master suite with jetted tub stall shower WIC Fin walkout LL 4400 SF (26016888) \$499 900

**WATERFORD** 800-736-0899  
**NEWER WATERFORD CONDO!** Not even 4 years old with upgrades galore This 2 story features 2 BR 2 5 BA 1st floor laundry attached garage + finished bsmt Bonus end unit Just like a model (26024848) \$167 900

**ROCHESTER HILLS** 800 736-0899  
Warm inviting close to everything! Floor plan perfect for entertaining Lush private backyard family friendly Cumberland Woods Sub with sidewalks Lease available (26015461) \$349 950

**ROYAL OAK** 800 736 0899  
**AFFORDABLE LOFT STYLE CONDO** New ceramic tile floors and Berber carpet (25173130) \$99 000

**STERLING HEIGHTS** 800 736 0899  
Sterling Hts Country Setting Beautiful 3 BR ranch w/ 2 car garage on large lot Cathedral ceilings fireplace finished bsmt master BR with private bath & more (30338973) \$186 900

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** 800 736-0899  
**NO STEPS BEAUTIFUL RANCH CONDO!** Enjoy views of pond river in backyard Stunning 5BR 3 1 BA Vaulted ceiling open floorplan Grmt kitchen w/sub zero Lg Mstr Ste Add 1200 SF Fin LL Walkout! (26025671) \$690 000

**ROCHESTER HILLS** 800 736-0899  
**BEAUTIFUL HOME!** Perfect home for entertaining Master suite on main level Completely finished basement additional bedroom with full bath & jetted tub (25142455) \$325 000

**SOUTH LYON** 800 736 0899  
Charming Flowing Ranch Updated & Clean Newer Kitchen with loads of cabinets & counterspace New windows & roof Spacious Family Room with natural FP 2 door walls to deck (26023958) \$184 900

**STERLING HEIGHTS** 800 736-0899  
Ve y Sharp & Clean Newer updated maple kitchen finished bsmt w/ots of storage HW floors newer carpet n living room All window treatments & appliances stay covered patio (30338095) \$168 900

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** 800-736-0899  
**BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED HOME!** Deerfield Village home in mint condition has 5 BR 3 5 BA Updated hardwood and slate floors finished basement & so much more! (26016510) \$350 000

**ROCHESTER HILLS** 800 736-0899  
Oakbrook condo 2 BR/1 5 BA Paint Creek views from deck/trail steps away Pottery Barn decor Newer furnace A/C entry doorwall carpet all appliances. (26003552) \$153 900

**SOUTHFIELD** 800 736 0899  
**BREATHTAKING HOME INSIDE & OUT** 3 bedrooms 2 5 baths fan ly rm Berber carpeting C/A natural fire appliances stay Great curb & beautiful landscaping and 2 car garage (25174260) PC 100762 \$237 000

**TROY** 800 736 0899  
**CLASSIC TUDOR ON 2 SCEN ACRES** B RM NG HAM SCHOOLS Country renovated Tudor with car age house Granite cherry cabs kitchen w stainless appliances 4 BR 3 5 baths 2 fireplaces year round Fla room & more (25103567) \$799 900

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** 800-736-0899  
**GORGEOUS RANCH** Gourmet kitchen hardwood floors Newer windows to Main & master BA newly remodeled Marble foyer Fin daylight bsmt Huge gorg lot Bloomfield Hills schools (26031533) \$339 900

**ROCHESTER HILLS** 800 736-0899  
ROCHESTER HILLS LEASE Beautiful 3 bedrooms 2 full & 2 half bath ranch on cul de sac New hardwood floors porcelain tile whirlpool tub updated kitchen C/A Very clean! (25172487) \$1 600

**SOUTHFIELD** 800 736 0899  
**TRI LEVEL CONDO READY TO MOVE IN** Updates include remodeled kitchen HW floors LR & DR have vaulted ceilings FP n FR all appliances to stay Attached garage (26011655) \$175 000

**TROY** 800 736-0899  
**FABULOUS TROY CONDO ALMOST NEW** Gorgeous & spacious light & bright This 3 bedroom 2 5 bath has tons of upgrades and is in picture perfect condition (26016504) \$275 000

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** 800-736-0899  
Spacious 4 BR 2 5 BA Located on a cul de sac within walking distance to schools & around the corner from Cass Lake Beautiful deck & backyard back to nature preserve Updated & clean (26015738) \$252 900

**ROYAL OAK** 800 736-0899  
NEW CONSTRUCTION Beverly Hills area of Royal Oak 4 BR + bonus room 3 5 BA GR w/FP kitchen with granite countertops master suite 2nd floor laundry den full basement & 2 car garage Custom upgrades t/o (25095342) \$450 000

**SOUTHFIELD** 800 736 0899  
**BETTER THAN NEW CONDO** Best location in the Metro Area! Open floor plan! Move right n (26014562) \$170 000

**TROY** 800 736-0899  
**BEAUTIFUL TROY RANCH** Sprawling ranch w/ open floor plan Nice wooded lot 3 BR 2 full baths Updated kitchen 2 sided frplc Attached oversized 2 car gar (25104269) \$195 000

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** 800-736-0899  
**CUSTOM HOME W/1ST FLOOR MASTER!** 3/4 acre lot 3 bedrooms 1st floor laundry flr to ceiling stone FP in GR w/vaulted ceiling Bedrooms w/WIC Quiet & private New C/A roof furnace & water softener & more! (26012784) \$250 000

**ROYAL OAK** 800 736-0899  
**TRULY A BEAUTIFUL HOME!** Wonderfully laid out 3 BR 1 5 bath ranch on 1/2 acre lot Tons of newer windows thru out for great views formal DR Euro Bath awesome kit opens to FR (26016979) \$339 900

**SOUTHFIELD** 800 736 0899  
**LOVELY UPPER LEVEL CONDO** Private entry unique floor plan All appliances remain FP in LR w cathedral ceiling Attached garage w/ opener (25130159) \$133 999

**WALLED LAKE** 800 736 0899  
**COZY CONDO PRIVATE ENTRY** 2 BR 1 5 BA Townhouse w/att gar F replace prv patio fab fin LL Quiet treed setting Minutes from highways Absolute move n condn on 349 6200 (25148964) \$142 000

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** 800-736-0899  
**PRETTY AS A PICTURE INSIDE & OUT!** Double glass doors open to huge foyer Large radone LR/DR White kt w/nook 1st flr laundry with built ins 4 BR 3 full BA Family room w/FP Newer windows doors more! (26036127) \$289 900

**ROYAL OAK** 800 736 0899  
**CHARMING CAPE COD** Moved in condition tasteful decor lovely lot! 3 BR updated kitchen & bath natural fireplace in LR formal DR 4 season room overlooks paver patio (26014419) \$219 731

**SOUTHFIELD** 800 736 0899  
**BEAUTIFUL SPACIOUS CONDO** Walking distance of Providence Hospital 2 BR 2 full bath 1600 SF Lots of closets & storage space Stainless steel app In unit laundry Great buy for the money (26000970) \$129 900

**WATERFORD** 800 736-0899  
**SPACIOUS BRICK RANCH** On beautiful park like lot w/Walk ns Lake priv leges 3 BR 1 5 BA newer roof furnace A/C carpet & windows Updated oak kitchen & appliances 2 FPs finished basement & 2 ca attached garage (26031332) \$177 900

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** 800-736-0899  
**OPEN FLOOR PLAN 2 BR 2 5 BA** Freshly painted neutral hardwood floors FR w/natural fireplace & vaulted ceiling master w/WIC finished bsmt mult level deck 349 6200 (26018152) \$245 000

**ROYAL OAK** 800 736 0899  
**WATERFORD** W inner 3 BR completely updated New furnace C/A Bosch d shwasher Maytag self clean oven Wood floors Custom fixtures Lg 2nd fr master 2 car garage Basement (25172131) \$177 500

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your door on Cape Lake Ramode ad Cape Cod Pottery  
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1747 Rust c Lane W Orchard Lake E/ort Cass Lake to  
Hensmen 60 F ontage 3-4 b 3.5 ja 2 MBRs Upsta rs  
frn Nev e roof n t & andscapng \$429 000  
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8975 Hu on B ofrs Dr S off M 58 W/Williams Lake 4br  
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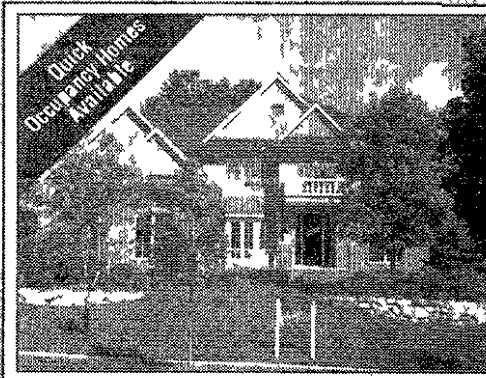


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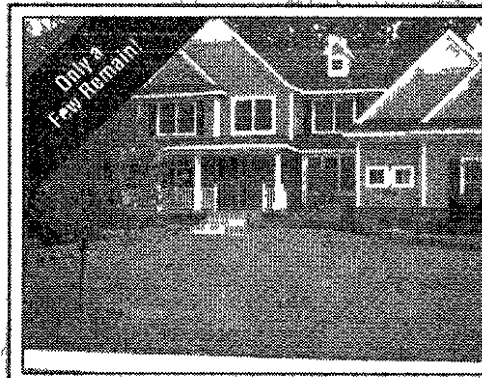


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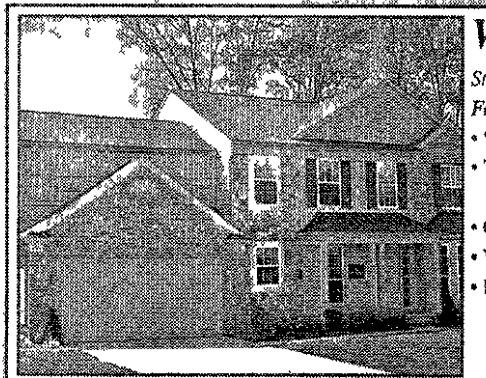
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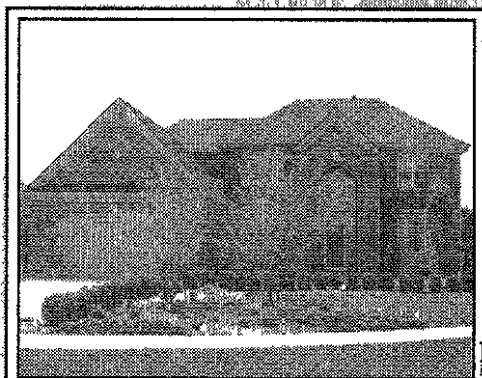
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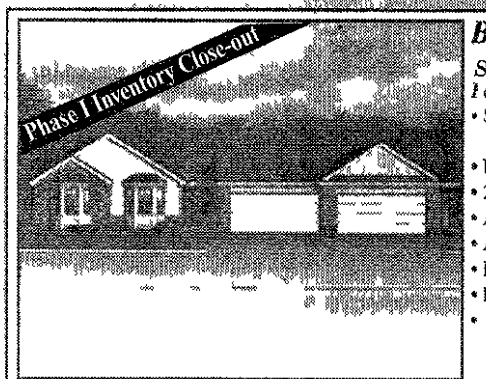
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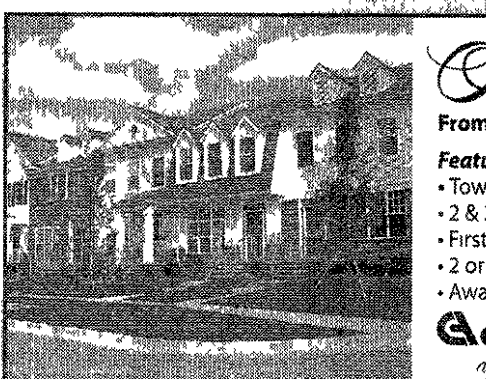
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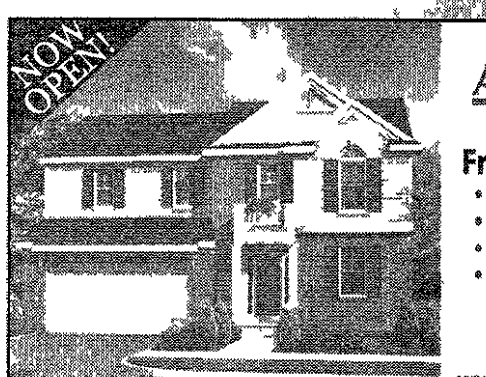
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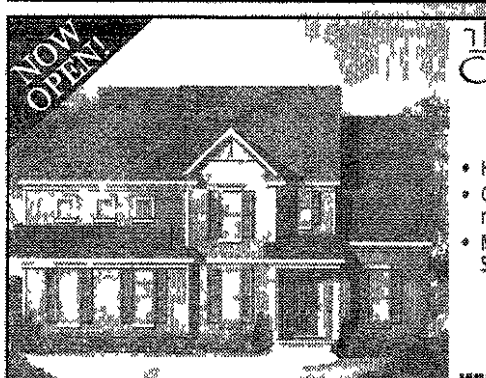
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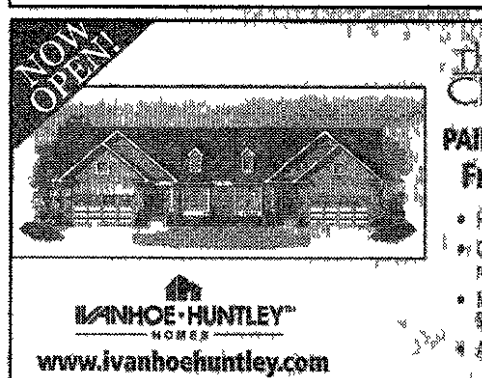
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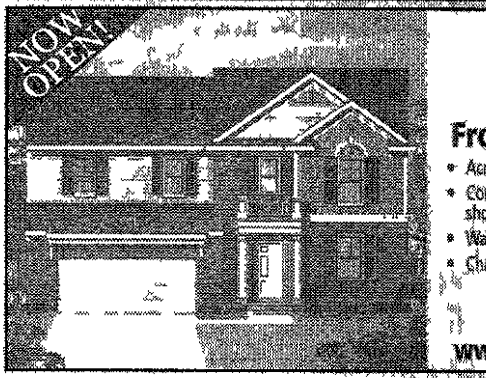
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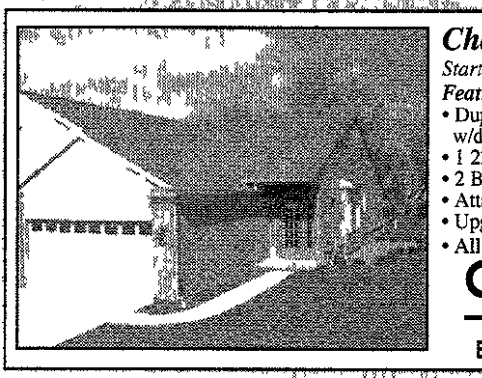
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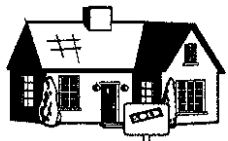
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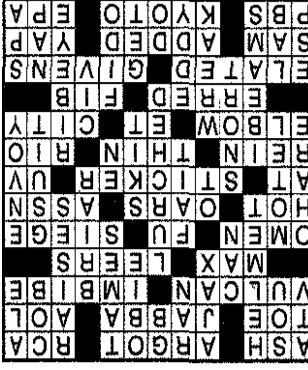


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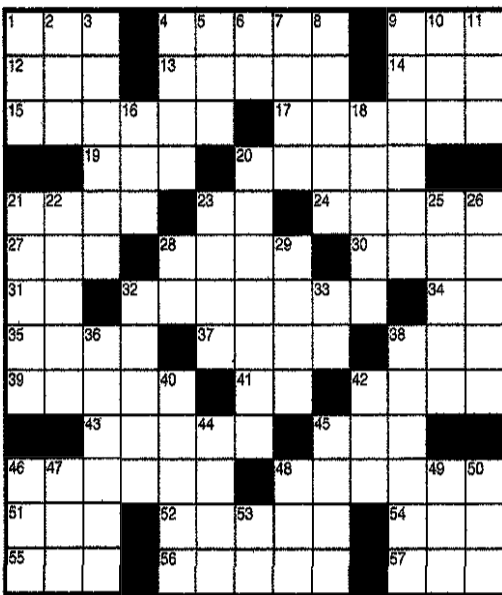
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 South off Joy between Beck and Ridge Roads  
 Luxurious detached condo in quiet private setting First floor master suite finished walkout lower level Upgrades galore and priced to sell  
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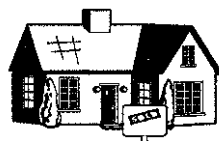
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N/7 Mile W/Farmington Windridge 4 bedroom 2 bath home is centrally located beautiful maintained w/neutral decor finished bsmt updates 2 car attached garage and too much more to list here Priced to sell \$259,900  
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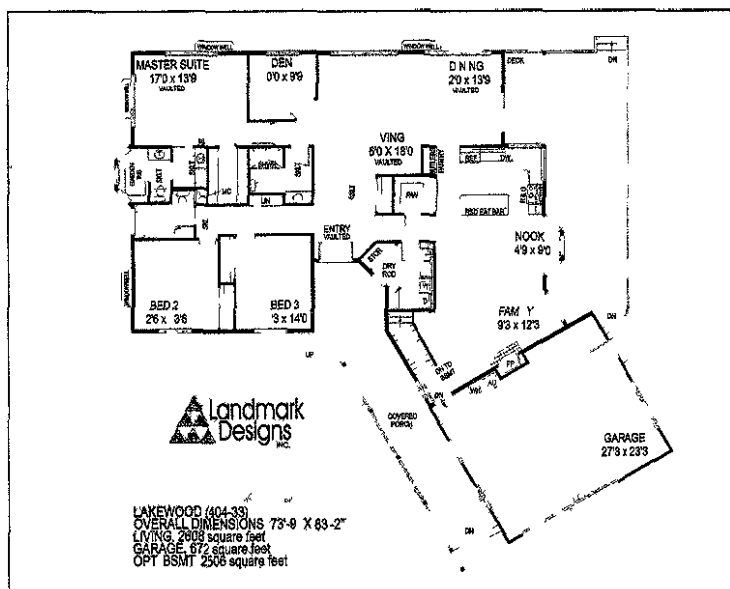
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## Lakewood is adaptable

The covered porch with a waist-high railing leads to the entry of the 2,608 square foot Lakewood (404-33). This house is versatile and adaptable to a variety of lifestyles and family sizes.

The vaulted living room and dining room are the sunniest rooms of this home. Wide multi-paned windows span most of the rear-facing wall, allowing full appreciation of a vista of landscaped yard.

The entryway also has a lofty vaulted ceiling, brightened by two skylights. Windows rim the right wall of a combination family room/kitchen, expanded by a bayed eating nook. The kitchen work area is designed to minimize steps, with a deep sink, refrigerator, range and oven placed close together. Face framing on the walk-in pantry allows direct access to some of the shelves.

Features in the utility room include a storage area, a sink, and space for the washer, and dryer.

French doors open into the spacious den that shares a bathroom with the living area. The den can be used as a home office or study area.

The vaulted master suite has a large walk-in closet and security system panel. Luxury amenities in the master bathroom include an oversized garden tub with space for tropical plants in the tub alcove, and a basin in the vanity outside the bathroom.

Two additional bedrooms share a third bathroom, with tub and shower combination. This single-story home could be adapted for wheelchair accessibility.

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## Senior housing option offers sense of security

Despite the doom and gloom economic predictions in southeastern Michigan, almost 600 residents who live at Fox Run in Novi, have found a true sense of security since moving into their apartment homes.

Recognizing that the state of the economy is of great concern for area seniors who planned to move to Fox Run, but were reluctant to commit based on fear that they would not be able to sell their home, management at the campus has developed a program to assist future residents with the often overwhelming moving process. Since its introduction in the summer of 2005, 'Moving Home' has enabled more than 50 moves to Fox Run.

'Moving Home' is designed to create solutions tailored to the individual needs of each new resident," said Sharon Baksa, relocation counselor at Fox Run. "The program removes the burdens associated with moving and provides everything to facilitate a seamless move to our community."

The varied list of services offered for participants in 'Moving Home' include visits to the new resident's current homes

in order to give them advice on selling their home, coordinating moving activities, downsizing, and even arranging custom work at their new apartment that will make it a "home" right away.

Approximately \$5 million in real estate sales were achieved by residents who participated in "Moving Home" and the average days on the market for these homes was below the current average of more than three months. Fox Run management projects that in 2006 they will assist more than 120 single residents and couples move into their new home in the community. These moves will equate to an estimated additional \$20 million in real estate sales of residents' current homes.

"My house was on the market for almost two years. Once I started with 'Moving Home' things started to change," said Jean Long, who moved to Fox Run from West Bloomfield.

Fox Run, a retirement campus in the metro area for men and women age 62-plus, is developed and managed by Erickson of Baltimore, Maryland. Erickson, who also has developed and

manages 11 other similar communities across the United States, has proven to be an innovator in providing an active lifestyle experience for the ever-growing senior population.

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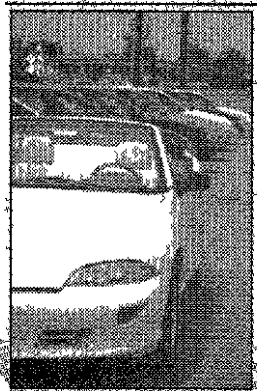
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## 2006 Range Rover Supercharged makes the grade

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What do you need in an SUV? Something to get the kids to school, maybe tow your boat, pick up some plants at the home improvement store this weekend? If that's what you need, you probably don't need the 2006 Range Rover Supercharged from Land Rover. If, on the other hand, you do all of the above, plus do some serious off-roading, and can afford the \$90,000+ price tag, (yes, \$90,000+) then take a look at the Range Rover Supercharged.

Just by looking at it you can tell it's a serious SUV. For 2006, the Range Rover gets a new front bumper design, new headlamps and tail lights, a new mesh-design front grille, revised power vents, and 20-inch alloy wheels. Some new styling, but you can still tell it's a Range Rover. Front and rear foglamps and heated side mirrors are included for those late night romps through the marshes, and you'll have no trouble seeing your way with the Bi-Xenon headlamps with power washers.

It feels and rides like a serious SUV, too. It's much more truck-like than car-like. Sitting in the cockpit, you feel the power - like you could tow a tree or climb up a canyon. The steel body with integrated chassis is built with three steel sub-frames, and features an all-independent suspension with interconnected, height adjustable air springs. The chassis also features a number of electronic traction control systems including dynamic stability control (DSC) and the hill descent control (HDC). The suspension system is a four-corner independent air suspension system with spring cross-linking. Considering this isn't really a 'city' vehicle, the ride is pretty good. Speed-proportional power-assisted steering makes the Range Rover fairly easy to maneuver, and the brakes are excellent.

Where you really feel the Range Rover's purpose is in the powertrain. The Supercharged version of



Vehicle: 2006 Range Rover Supercharged. Type: Special purpose. Where built: Solihull, Great Britain. EPA: 13/18. Base price: \$90,035. Price as tested: \$93,650

the Range Rover comes with a 4.2 liter alloy V8 engine rated at 400 hp at 5,750 rpm and 420 lb-ft of torque at 3,500 rpm. It's mated with a six-speed automatic transmission which features a two-speed chain drive transfer gearbox with electronic center differential. Even being full-time four-wheel drive, the acceleration is surprising, 0-60 in 7.1 seconds. But be ready to fill it a lot - 13/18 mpg is how it's rated.

Jump into the driver's seat and the first thing you'll notice is the sheer number of dials, gauges and buttons. The Range Rover Supercharged comes with a lot of standard features - for more than \$90,000 it darn well better - and ways to adjust the driving experience. Triple zone automatic climate control, cruise control, power-tilt steering wheel, power windows and locks, power sun roof, and trip computer are all standard. The 12-way power adjustable driver's seat (10-way adjustable for the passenger) seats are leather and are quite comfortable. Driving position is excellent and it wasn't difficult to get things properly adjusted. The seats can be heated, by the way.

There's plenty of room inside, too, almost 74 cubic feet for cargo. The rear seats are 60/40 fold down split seats and there are plenty of pockets for storage. And what SUV would be complete without

auxiliary power outlets? The standard audio system is very impressive - a Harmon/Kardon digital surround sound system that features AM/FM/six-CD changer and 14 speakers. The controls are mounted on the steering wheel, which also integrates controls for the telephone system (with Bluetooth), and auxiliary inputs. If that's not enough, the system is actually part of a system that includes a touchscreen navigation system with GPS and rear-view backup camera. It's something most car makers charge extra for. Sirius satellite radio is available as an option and you can also add a rear seat DVD system with dual headrest display.

If you're looking at the 2006 Range Rover Supercharged, you better have some extra cash. It starts at (gulp) around \$90,000. Add the rear seat DVD system and the satellite radio and you're at about \$93,000. So do you get a car loan or a mortgage?

For most of us, the Range Rover Supercharged is probably too much for the daily freeway commute. But if you've got the dough, or you really live in the middle-of-nowhere, you might want to stop in and take a look. Heck, you might want to stop in just to see what \$90,000 will buy in a vehicle these days.

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Was \$34,970

**NOW \$23,872\*\***

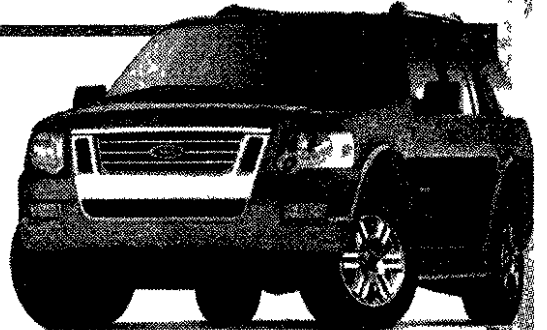
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RENEWAL**

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$185\*\***  
per mo  
\$0 Due At Signing

**ZERO DOWN**  
**\$167\*\***  
per mo  
\$440.61 Due At Signing

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per mo  
\$1456.23 Due At Signing

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Stock #60388

4.0L SOHC V-6 engine, 5 speed auto overdrive transmission, adjusting pedals with memory, air conditioning, running boards, cargo area cover, roof rail cross bars, luxury bucket seats with suede inserts, convenience group and more



Was \$31,105

**NOW \$22,809\*\***

**24 MONTH  
LEASE  
RENEWAL**

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$250\*\***  
per mo  
\$0 Due At Signing

**ZERO DOWN**  
**\$229\*\***  
per mo  
\$506.67 Due At Signing

**\$1000 DOWN**  
**\$187\*\***  
per mo  
\$1521.87 Due At Signing



**2006 FUSION SE**

Stock #62030

2.3L I4 engine, 5-speed automatic transmission, P205/60R16 all season tires, SE sport package, AM/FM/MP3 6 CDX player w/lock, aluminum wheels, 16x6.5 fog lamps, anti-lock brakes

Was \$20,395

**NOW \$16,273\*\***

**24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL**

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$232\*\***  
per mo  
\$0 Due At Signing

**ZERO DOWN**  
**\$213\*\***  
per mo  
\$429.73 Due At Signing

**\$1000 DOWN**  
**\$169\*\***  
per mo  
\$1442.66 Due At Signing



**2006 FOCUS SE**

Stock #61775

Rear spoiler, power side window, convenience group, integrated fog lamps CFC-free air conditioning, 16" alloy wheels, 2.0L DOHC engine, automatic transaxle, P205/50R16 BSW tire, safety package, anti-lock brakes, side impact air bags

Was \$17,885

**NOW \$13,322\*\***

**24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL**

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$177\*\***  
per mo  
\$0 Due At Signing

**ZERO DOWN**  
**\$162\*\***  
per mo  
\$345.52 Due At Signing

**\$500 DOWN**  
**\$141\*\***  
per mo  
\$853.11 Due At Signing



**2006 EXPLORER XLT FWD**

Stock #62020

Power 6-way driver seat, floor mats front and rear, speed control, A/C, perimeter alarm, privacy glass, Duratec 2.3L I4 engine, 4 speed auto O/D trans, P235/70R16 A/S BSW tires, power moonroof w/shade, mini-oh console w/sunglass bin, cargo conv group, rear cargo storage bin, retractable cargo cover audiophile/6-CD in dash/sat cap

Was \$24,480

**NOW \$18,623\*\***

**24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL**

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$249\*\***  
per mo  
\$0 Due At Signing

**ZERO DOWN**  
**\$230\*\***  
per mo  
\$447.72 Due At Signing

**\$1000 DOWN**  
**\$187\*\***  
per mo  
\$1462.27 Due At Signing

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**2006 MUSTANG COUPE**

Stock #61320

Driver & pass air bags, AM/FM stereo/6-CD in dash/MP3, power driver's seat, manual A/C, rear wndw defrost, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, 5-speed auto trans, V6 pony pkg, P235/55R17 A/S tire, frt floor mats Mustang logo, rear deck lid spoiler, tape strip delete, 17" alum mini spare whl/tire, anti-lock brakes, trac cntrl, 17" pntd cast alum, pony center cap, int upgrade pkg, satin alum panel, wheel locking kit

Was \$23,660

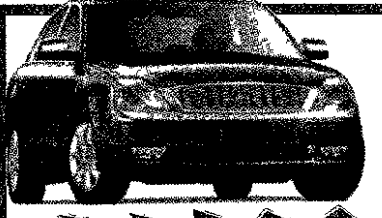
**NOW \$19,146\*\***

**24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL**

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$278\*\***  
per mo  
\$0 Due At Signing

**ZERO DOWN**  
**\$258\*\***  
per mo  
\$417.31 Due At Signing

**\$500 DOWN**  
**\$237\*\***  
per mo  
\$1431.43 Due At Signing



**2006 FIVE HUNDRED FWD SEL**

Stock #62075

Dual auto air conditioning, 17 x 7 7-spk alum w/lug nuts, fog lamps, message center, steering wheel audio controls, 3.0L 4V V6 Duratec engine, auto 6-speed transmission, P215/60R17 BSW tires, storage compartment in arm rest, leather seating, adjustable pedals

Was \$25,980

**NOW \$19,495\*\***

**24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL**

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$243\*\***  
per mo  
\$0 Due At Signing

**ZERO DOWN**  
**\$225\*\***  
per mo  
\$441.63 Due At Signing

**\$500 DOWN**  
**\$203\*\***  
per mo  
\$948.66 Due At Signing



**2006 FREESTYLE SEL FWD**

Stock #60715

AM/FM/CDX6 MP3 radio, anti-lock brakes, msge cntr, 17x7 5-spk bright alum whl, string whl audio cntrls, fog lamps, 3.0L 4V V6 Duratec engine, cont var trans, P215/65R17 BSW tires, 5.19 ratio reg axle, 50/50 3rd row split seat, frt row cmfrt pkg, pwr drvr seat recliner, pass man lumbar & pwr st recliner, dual auto A/C, 60/40 split 3-pass 2nd row

Was \$28,710

**NOW \$21,926\*\***

**24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL**

**SIGN & DRIVE**  
**\$245\*\***  
per mo  
\$0 Due At Signing

**ZERO DOWN**  
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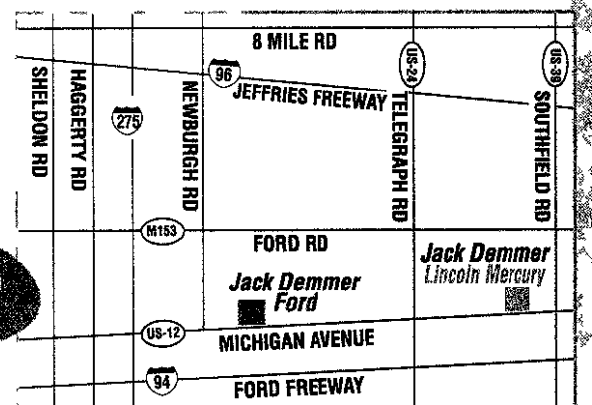
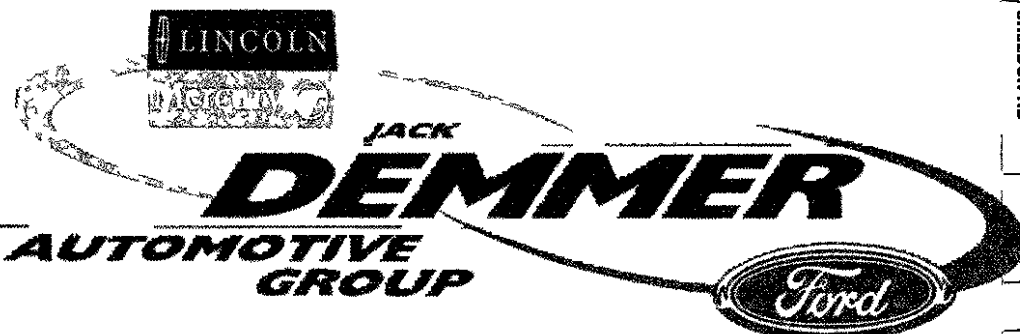
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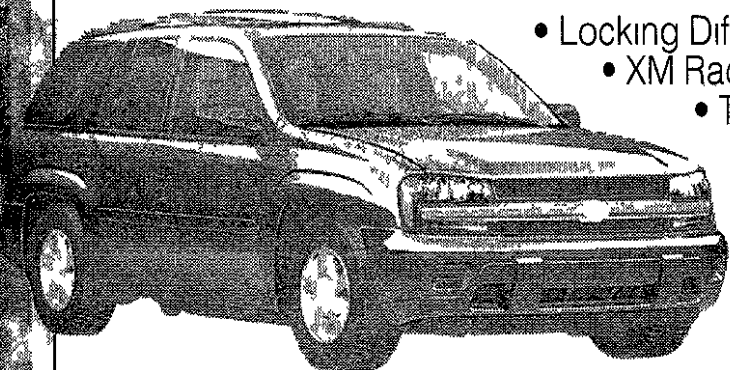
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- Stock #8469

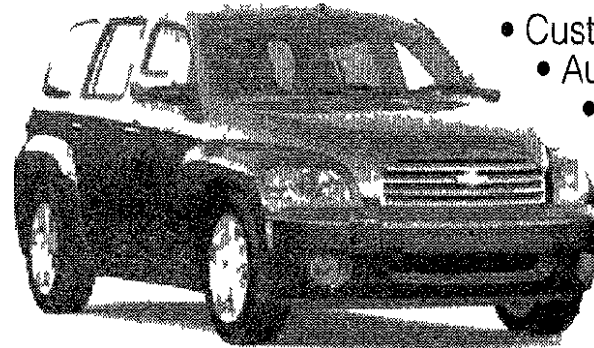
**\$215\*** LEASE PER MO.

**EVERYONE \$21,861\*\*!**

**GMS/EVERYONE**  
GMS \$0 down • \$215 1st payment • \$0 sec. dep. Total Due \$215  
Non-GMS \$700 down • \$215 1st payment • \$0 sec. dep. Total Due \$915  
22,500 miles • 27 month lease

**GM FAMILY \$20,679\***

### 2006 HHR



- Custom Splash Guards
  - Auto Overdrive
  - Power Windows
  - Power Locks
  - Stereo CD
  - Remote Start
  - Air • Tilt • Cruise
- Stock #8803

**\$224\*** LEASE PER MO.

**EVERYONE \$17,269\*\***

**GMS/EVERYONE**  
GMS \$895 down • \$244 1st payment • \$250 sec. dep. Total Due \$1389  
Non-GMS \$1665 down • \$244 1st payment • \$250 sec. dep. Total Due \$2159  
39,000 miles • 39 month lease

**GM FAMILY \$16,529\*\***

### 2006 Cobalt



- Power locks mats body mold auto air stereo CD rear spoiler
- Stock #3201

**GM FAMILY \$185\*** LEASE PER MO.  
**EVERYONE \$189\*** LEASE PER MO.

**GM FAMILY \$12,957\*\***  
**EVERYONE \$13,113\*\*!**

GMS: \$0 down • \$185 1st payment • \$0 sec. dep. Total Due \$185 Non-GMS: \$0 down • \$189 1st payment • \$0 sec. dep. Total Due \$189 • 39,000 miles • 39 mo lease

### 2006 Malibu



- Auto overdrive rear defrost tinted glass air conditioning tilt cruise power windows & locks stereo
- Stock #3424

**\$198\*** LEASE PER MO.

**GM FAMILY \$16,375\*\*!**  
**EVERYONE \$15,673\*\***

GMS: \$0 down • \$198 1st payment • \$0 sec. dep. Total Due \$198 Non-GMS: \$0 down • \$198 1st payment • \$0 sec. dep. Total Due \$198 • 22,500 miles • 27 mo lease

### 2006 Impala LT



- Power windows power locks tilt cruise rear fold down seat 3.5 V6 auto overdrive rear defrost CD stereo
- Stock #3216

**\$214\*** LEASE PER MO.

**GM FAMILY \$20,449\*\*!**  
**EVERYONE \$19,529\*\***

GMS: \$1000 down • \$214 1st payment • \$0 sec. dep. Total Due \$1214 Non-GMS: \$1425 down • \$214 1st payment • \$0 sec. dep. Total Due \$1639 • 22,500 miles • 27 mo lease

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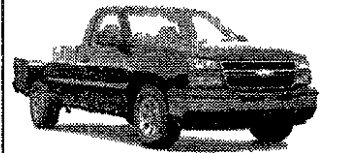
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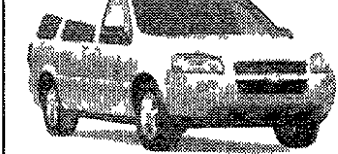
- Custom cloth seating, locking differential auto overdrive stereo CD player work truck package
- Stock #8805

**\$244\*** LEASE PER MO.

**GMS/EVERYONE \$15,036\*\*!**

GMS: \$0 down • \$244 1st payment • \$250 sec. dep. Total Due \$494  
39,000 miles • 39 mo lease

### 2006 Uplander



- Keyless entry cruise rear DVD entertainment, power windows & locks, CD stereo air deep tint glass
- Stock #8421

**\$269\*** LEASE PER MO.

**GM FAMILY \$21,350\*\***  
**EVERYONE \$20,311\*\***

GMS: \$1000 down • \$269 1st payment • \$275 sec. dep. Total Due \$1269 Non-GMS: \$2050 down • \$269 1st payment • \$275 sec. dep. Total Due \$2319

### 2006 Tahoe 4x4



- Power locks mats body mold auto air stereo CD rear spoiler

**GM FAMILY \$399\*** LEASE PER MO.  
**EVERYONE \$446\*** LEASE PER MO.

**GM FAMILY \$36,365\*\***  
**EVERYONE \$37,996\*\***

GMS: \$1995 down • \$399 1st payment • \$0 sec. dep. Total Due \$2794 Non-GMS: \$1995 down • \$446 1st payment • \$450 sec. dep. Total Due \$2891

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PER MONTH/24 MO LEASE

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BUY FOR \$22,253 4 AT THIS PRICE / 240 AVAILABLE

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2006 FREESTYLE SE!

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**\$228\***  
PER MONTH/24 MO LEASE

Leather Seating, Speed Control, COX/MP3, Power Windows, Seats & Locks, Traction Control  
BUY FOR \$17,001 25 AT THIS PRICE / 132 AVAILABLE

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**\$206\***  
PER MONTH/36 MO LEASE

Air Conditioning, Power Windows, Power Windows & Locks, Antilock & CD in Dash, Satellite Capable, Cargo Cover, Speed Control  
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PER MONTH/24 MO LEASE

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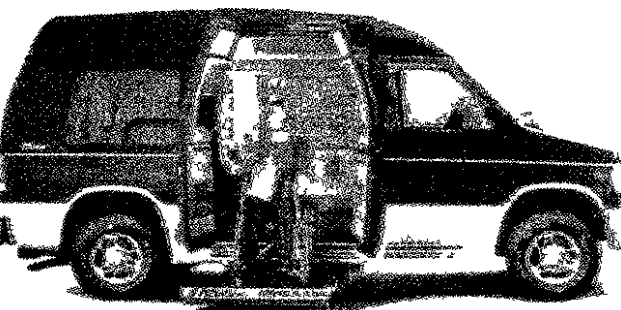
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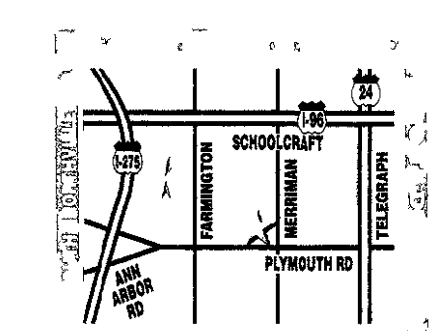
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Lori Groat,  
Livonia

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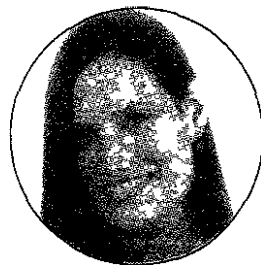
To win a deluxe box full of goodies from BeneFit Cosmetics, tucked into a cute little makeup bag printed with the words "A

Girls Good Name," readers told us how they preserve their own "Good Name"

My "good name" is synonymous with make-up and beauty. My name is Mary Kay and let me tell you, I get teased about it almost every day. Although I am younger than "the" Mary Kay, I feel that I must uphold "our" good name by being well groomed and made up at all times!

Mary Kay Smith,  
Canton

Thanks to all our readers who entered. If you didn't win, you can get your own Football Girl jersey at [www.SportGirlApparel.com](http://www.SportGirlApparel.com). Or, browse delicious beauty buys at [www.BeneFitCosmetics.com](http://www.BeneFitCosmetics.com). Keep picking up PINK for more great girlv giveaways!



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## new look!

Well, dear readers, we've taken our own advice. After months of writing about all the ways to nip, tuck, fix, finish, peel, paste, primp and redress yourself in Metro Detroit, PINK has undergone a makeover. You'll notice the changes as you flip through our humble pages this month.

Thanks to a redesign by original PINK Lady Jacqueline Sullivan, we've added a little more color (spring is coming after all), and a lot more pizzazz (it pays to keep up with the trends).

And, when it comes to our coverage, we'll be writing more about cultivating beauty within as well as without. We will feature stories on health and wellness, along with "Health Hits" and a list of events around town designed to keep you in your prime.

We're also in the process of launching a new and improved PINK Website, which will contain special features, photo outtakes and up-to-the-minute PINK news. Stay tuned to PINK for all your style



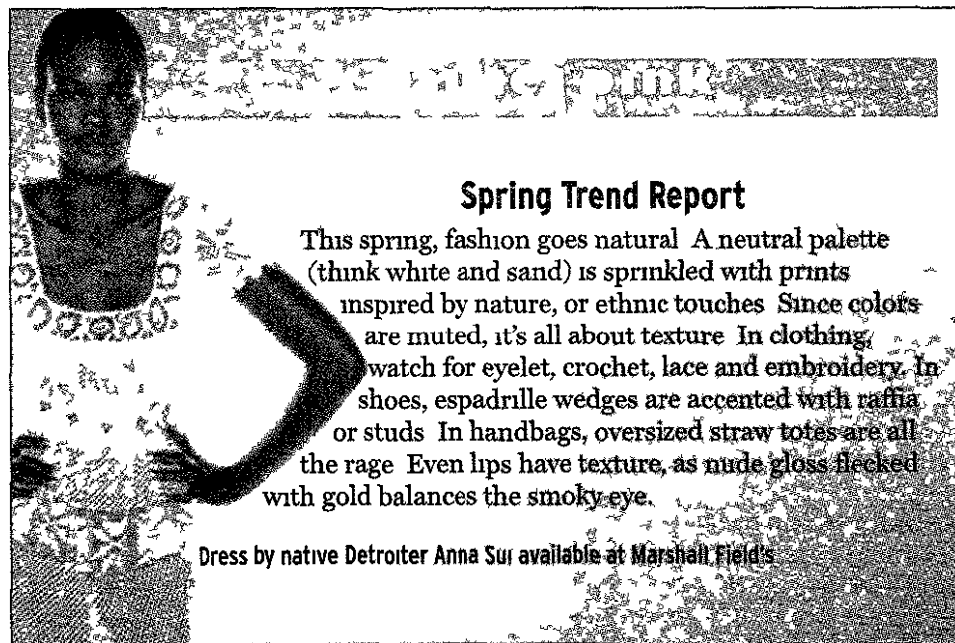
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In February, I joined forces with Style Editor Carla Schwartz (left) and HOUR Detroit Fashion Editor Susan Howes (right) to judge the FAFFAs at Artrageous. Find out who won on Page 12.

In the meantime, let us end with the Pink Lady Pledge:

To act cool,  
To look cool,  
And to be cool,  
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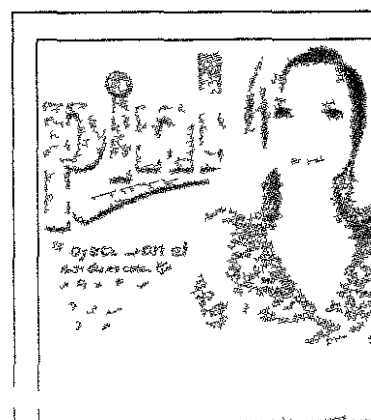
Wensdy White  
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### Spring Trend Report

This spring, fashion goes natural. A neutral palette (think white and sand) is sprinkled with prints inspired by nature, or ethnic touches. Since colors are muted, it's all about texture. In clothing, watch for eyelet, crochet, lace and embroidery. In shoes, espadrille wedges are accented with raffia or studs. In handbags, oversized straw totes are all the rage. Even lips have texture, as nude gloss flecked with gold balances the smoky eye.

Dress by native Detroiters Anna Sui available at Marshall Field's



### On the Cover

Livonia's own Nicole Forester, recently cast as Cassie Winslow on *Guiding Light*, is ready for spring with a sheer embellished top and fresh makeup. For more on Forester's career, see page 10.

Photo courtesy of CBS

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Want a stylish laptop bag? Klick in with Kelly.

### Project Runway

Michigander Daniel Vosovic recaps his role on reality show.

### Beating bra bulge

PINK helps you find the perfect fit.

### Nicole Forester

Livonia gal shines as Cassie on *Guiding Light*.

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## KELLY'S KLICKS

### geeky chic laptop bags

The numero uno style question I'm asked is where to find hip and cool laptop bags. And since it's been awhile since I last covered this topic, I figured it's time for an update! So many companies have finally jumped into the market, filling the need for stylish bags for the woman on the go. One of my all-time favorites is the California-based site [markaonline.com](http://markaonline.com). The Charlie Case, designed to fit neatly inside all of the other MARKA bags, is sophisticated enough to tote on its own (\$115-\$125), but if you love to take the whole kitchen sink wherever you go, the roomy Vincent Voyager, Sinclair Slouch or Denyn Sleeve are for you. The Charlie Case slides easily inside each of these gorgeous bags, leaving you with plenty of room for your files, purse knick-knacks, cell and even flip-flops for that after-work mani/pedi.

While browsing one of the accessories tradeshows in New York, I came across Toronto-based Melissa Beth



Denyn Sleeve, \$425 @ [arkaonline.com](http://arkaonline.com)

Designs, a young company offering vibrant laptop bags that I couldn't get enough of. The Blng Blng bag fits laptops up to 17" — and then some — and is deehsh in chocolate with gold trim. Score one for \$199 at [melissabeth.com](http://melissabeth.com).

One pioneer in the field of stylish laptop bags, Acme Made is still cranking out fabulous and functional bags. The

Designer Slim is ultra hip and can be inserted into another bag or carried on its own, with or without its removable shoulder strap.

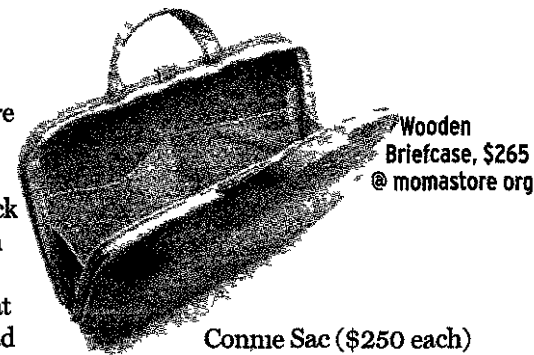
(\$149.99-\$174.99) Check out the entire collection at [acmemade.com](http://acmemade.com).

[Talenerelly.com](http://Talenerelly.com) dishes out chic laptop bags for working women, too. Check out the Cate. The linen with white trim and black floral are great for spring.

If you're searching for something that doesn't even look like a laptop bag, head to [abbinewyork.com](http://abbinewyork.com) and check out the Sabrina. Go from the boardroom to cocktails without missing a beat. The black pebble leather bag fits laptops up to 15.4" and comes with a matching wallet for \$249.95.

For something completely different that will guarantee double takes, fans of the whole wood trend must check out the wooden briefcase by Takumi Shimamura at [momastore.org](http://momastore.org). Made of ecological thinned Japanese cedar, the case is designed to accommodate laptops and features sturdy canvas edges, a handle with leather covering, double zippers and inner pockets, plus it's water repellent (\$265).

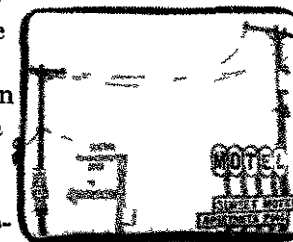
For softer options, check out the Metro bag at [verabradley.com](http://verabradley.com), which will hold your laptop in signature Vera Bradley style — think pink paisley and weekends in Nantucket (\$80). If you like soft with a little funk, [myrebe.com](http://myrebe.com) has a few darling options, including the Matilde and



Wooden Briefcase, \$265 @ [momastore.org](http://momastore.org)

Connie Sac (\$250 each)

To search a wide variety of bags (messengers, totes, briefcases, back packs, etc.) by many different designers, scope out [kolobags.com](http://kolobags.com). For hip vegan options, the bags at Brooklyn-based Plastic People Accessories By Shannon South are uber cute. Choose from solid



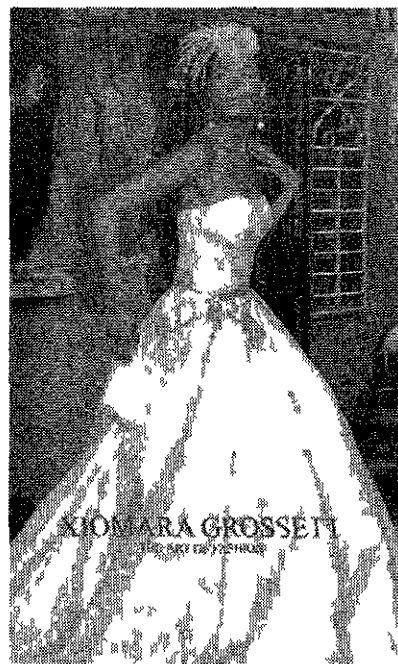
Sukie PCNB Sleeve, \$45 @ [gymspacificstore.com](http://gymspacificstore.com)

hues adorned with a heart, or the bright and fun vintage or mushroom patterns for \$180 at [shannonsouth.com](http://shannonsouth.com).

If you already have a bag that will fit your laptop and just need a really cool sleeve to protect it, the best and most unique I've ever seen are

by Darrell Gibbs of Sukie UK (famous for their adorable illustrated journals). Score one for \$40-\$45 at [gymspacific.com](http://gymspacific.com).

For more haute finds, check out [BussBuss.com](http://BussBuss.com) — Your Guide to Totally Haute Stuff. Got a style or shopping question? Ask [Kelly@bussbuss.com](mailto:Kelly@bussbuss.com).



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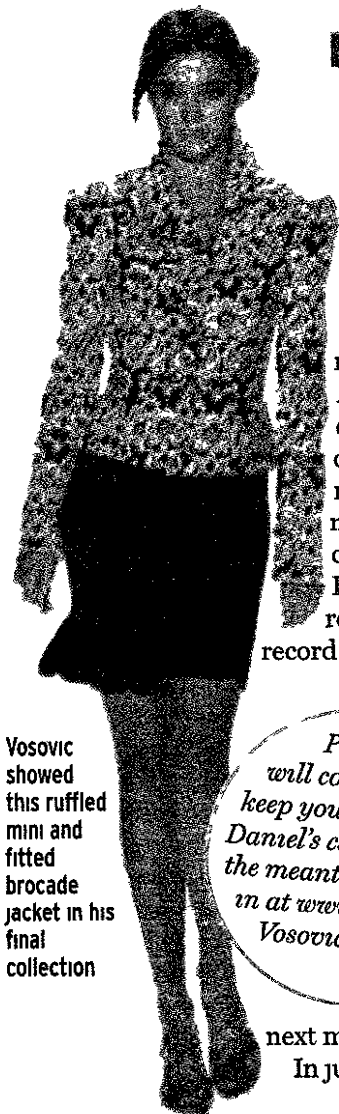
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# The final cut

*Michigan native moves on after Project Runway*

By Wendy White



Vosovic showed this ruffled mini and fitted brocade jacket in his final collection

*PINK will continue to keep you posted on Daniel's career but in the meantime, check in at www.DanielVosovic.net*

Daniel Vosovic might not have won *Project Runway*, but he got a job offer from acclaimed designer Michael Kors on national TV. And that's not the only opportunity catwalking his way. During the fashion design reality show, Vosovic won a record five challenges and made it to the final three.

Now that the show is over, the Grand Rapids native is sifting through piles of requests, deciding his next move. In just one year, Vosovic went

from sleeping on the floor of his New York apartment to brushing elbows with the stars. His fans include Mr. and Mrs. Lou Diamond Phillips, who are taking Daniel to dinner, Molly Shannon, who recently stopped him on the street, and Matthew McConaughey, who invited Vosovic to his premiere party for *Failure to Launch*.

Still, Vosovic said it stung that he lost to 33-year-old Houston boutique owner Chloe Dao.

"I guess my initial reaction was definitely disappointment and shock, but now it's been a few weeks since it's happened," he said. "There really is so much in front of me right now. I have literally hundreds of e-mails — from young girls asking to intern for me, Daisy Fuentes asking me to dress her, investors who are interested."

Vosovic was favored to win going into *Project*



Daniel Vosovic embraces Chloe Dao after she's named the winner

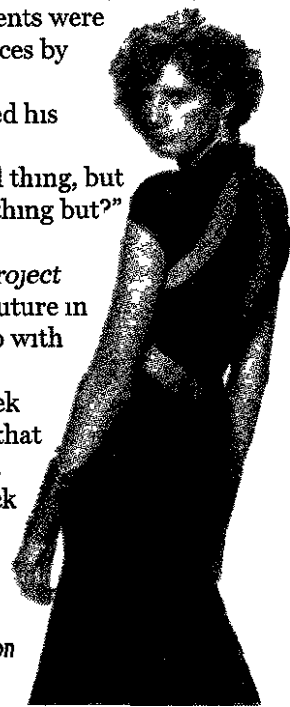
*Runway's* ultimate challenge — to create a 12-piece collection and present it at Olympus Fashion Week. At the last minute, the already frazzled final three were asked to create a 13th garment, and Daniel added a beautiful camel cashmere shirt to his impeccably tailored collection. Still, his garments were upstaged by more dramatic pieces by finalists Dao and Santino Rice.

Everyone, Vosovic said, tagged his clothing as "wearable."

"They say it like it's like a bad thing, but are clothes supposed to be anything but?" he asked.

Even though he didn't win *Project Runway*, Vosovic has a bright future in fashion. So is he taking that job with Michael Kors?

They have a meeting this week. "My dream would be to find that perfect marriage, whether it's a job or investor, and just get back to creating, get my hands back on fabric, back in design mode," Vosovic said.



A dress from Dao's collection



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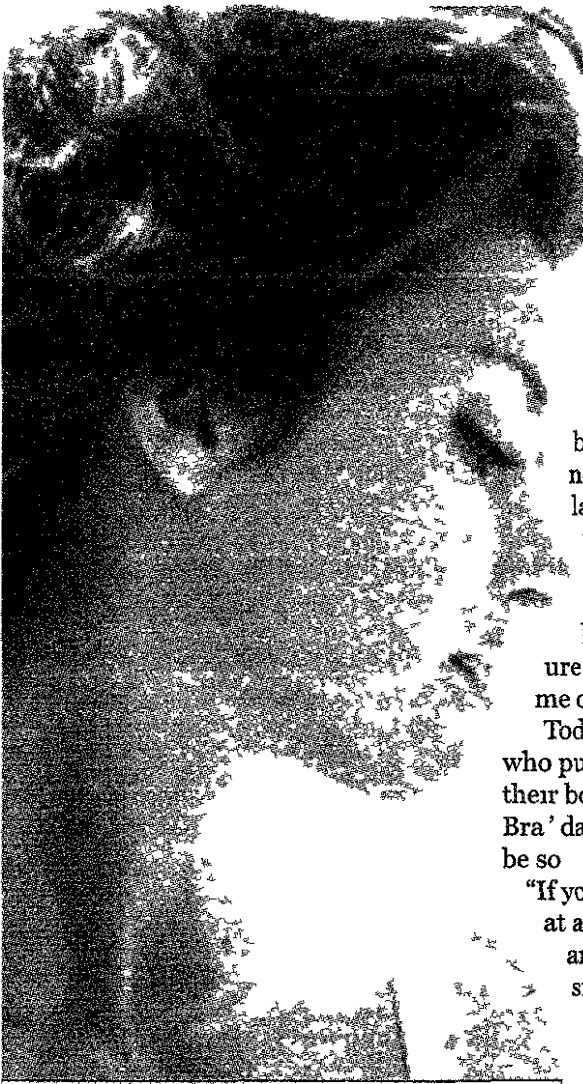
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# Size up your bra

## Tips for finding the right fit

By Diane Gale Andreassi

When I was 10, I begged my mom for a training bra, but the novelty quickly wore off and I realized the harness was more of a nuisance than it was cool. One year later, I was informed that the uncomfortable under garment was now mandatory.

My mom took me to Kresge and I had my first bra fitting. In the aisle of the store, in plain view, where I hung out with friends, a clerk produced a tape measure and very quickly, but not quickly enough, measured me over my clothes and told my mom which one might fit.

Today, I empathize with the women I see who pull at their bra straps and shimmy their bodies in the "I-Have-a-Bad-Bra" dance. But, it doesn't have to be so.

"If you think about your bra at all during the day, you are wearing the wrong size," says Lea Graves, a Parisian corporate fit specialist trainer. "Your bra should be comfortable enough that it's not the first thing you want to take off when you get home."

Keep in mind, too, that every body is different and there are a lot of different styles to accommodate different needs, according to Heather Furness, sales associate at LaCorsetiere in Northville.

"Unfortunately every company is not exactly the same, so you can't just know the size and know it will work in every bra," Furness says.

### Finding the Right Style

From padded to seamless, underwired to front fastening, choosing the right bra depends on preference and what you're wearing on that particular day.

Minimizers and push-ups do exactly what their names imply.

Maternity bras easily release the flap at the front of the cup while keeping the straps and back in place for nursing moms on the go.

Demi bras, or half cups, help you to defy gravity by gently lifting breasts. And if you're wearing a tank top consider racer back bras with straps that make an X or V shape on your back.

Maybe you want the appearance of larger breasts without going under the knife?

Try liquid and air-filled bras. Liquid bras have a small pouch of gel in each cup and air bras have small bags of air in each cup. Both can create cleavage and may even help you add a whole cup size.

The convertible bra is the queen of versatility,

because it allows you to adjust the straps to accommodate the outfit.

If necessary, the straps can be removed altogether.

Whatever style and size you choose, to get the longest use of your bras Furness suggests washing them by hand and never placing them in a dryer.

If that's too much work, put them in a wash bag.

If you don't do that, at least hook the bras so they don't catch on something else and run havoc in your washing machine.

Set the machine on gentle cycle.

### Finding the Right Fit

One of the biggest mistakes women make when choosing a bra is staying with the same size year after year even though their bodies have changed. "Be open to the sizing," says Parisian's Graves. "A lot of women come in and think they can wear the same size all their lives and they get upset. You should think more about proper fit and comfort."

"Having an expert fit you in the proper size can eliminate sagging and give a shimmer appearance," Graves says, adding that Parisian fit specialists are available daily during store hours.

It usually takes about 20 minutes to find the bra that is right for you.

Experts estimate that eight out of 10 women wear the wrong size bra, Graves says.

In fact, most women wear a bra that is too large in band width and too small in cup size.

Your band size is too large if it rides up in the back, and too small if it digs into your fat — I mean skin.

"Women think they need to go up a size so it's more comfortable, but that's definitely not always the case," explains Furness.

Just as with the body parts it holds, bras will begin to droop.

"It doesn't matter how wonderful the bra is, it's still going to stretch," Furness says. "That's the nature of the material. If it's moving up, it's too big. And if it's coming up the boobs tend to sag. We like fitting them on the loosest or middle hook. As it stretches you can move it a little tighter and the size will be working for you much longer."

One way to get your size is to measure under the bust line and straight across the back.

Take that number and add four, Furness says.

"The cup is less exact," she adds explaining that a woman in a D cup is not a D in every bra, because every manufacturer makes their sizes differently.

### How to Measure Up

- For bra size, measure under your bust line and straight across your back, then add four or five to make it an even number.
- For cup size, measure your upper bust (above your bust, under your arms) then measure your full bust and subtract the difference.

Less than 1 inch = AA

1" = A

2" = B

3" = C

4" = D

### Fit for the Cure

Wacoal will host Fit for the Cure 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 29 at Parisian at Rochester Hills and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 31 Parisian at Laurel Park Place.

Receive a free fitting in a Wacoal or DKNY bra from a fit specialist and Wacoal will donate \$2 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation plus an additional \$2 for every Wacoal bra purchased that day. Call (734) 953-7500 for more.

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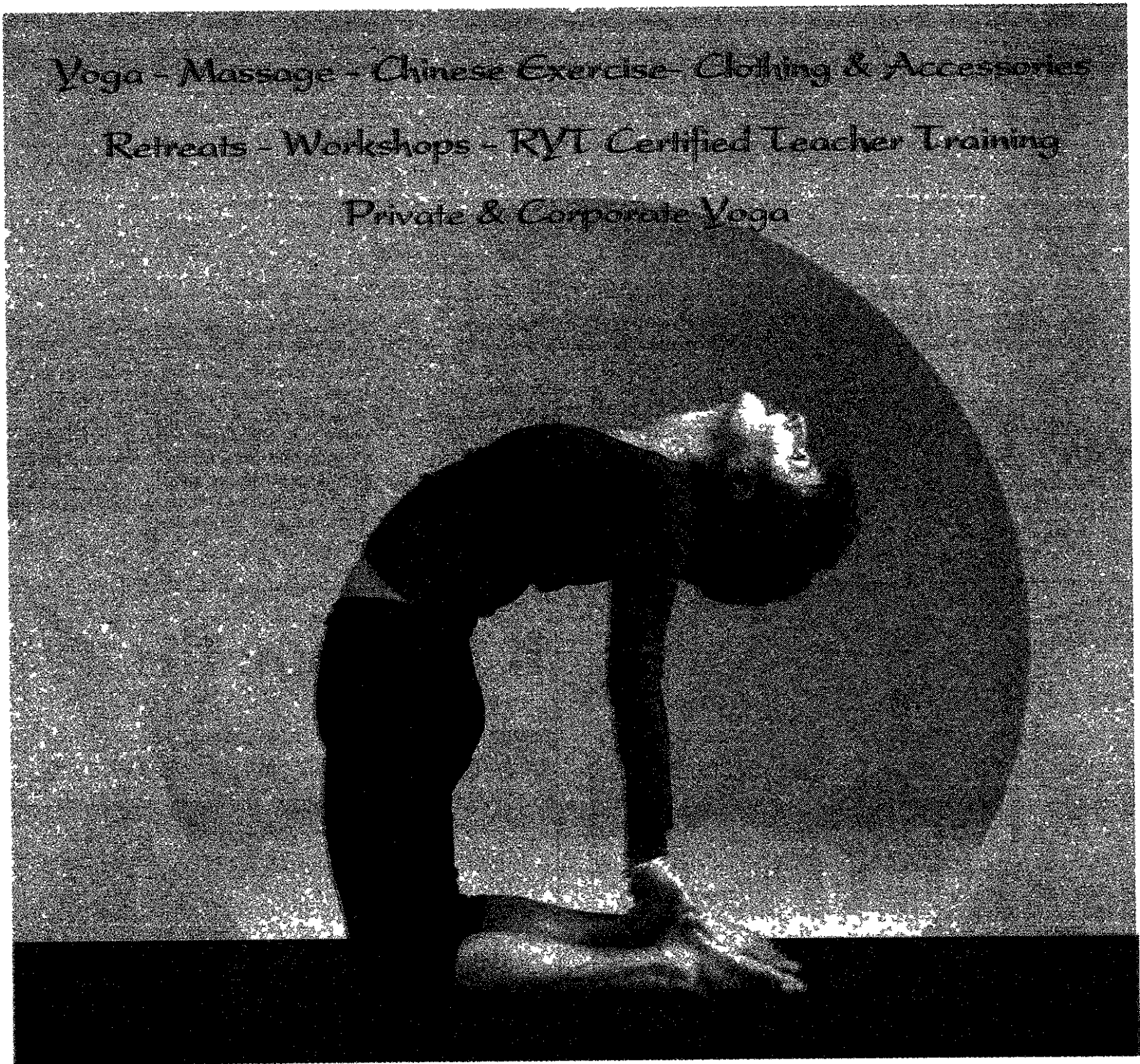
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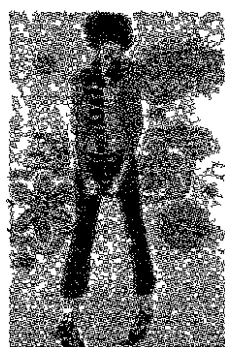
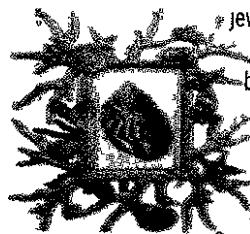
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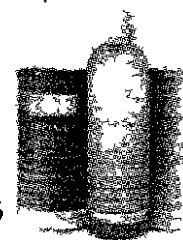
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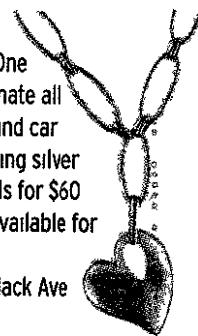
Searching for some ultra cool art to infuse your home with style? Check out Berkley artist Anna Cangialosi's work at an exhibit through April at Majestic Cafe in Detroit Cangialosi's hip paintings are full of figures that look like they've come to life out of a designer's sketchbook Check out her portfolio at [www.annacangialosi.com](http://www.annacangialosi.com) The exhibit at Majestic 4120 Woodward Ave. will open with a reception at 8 p.m. April 6 Call (313) 833 9700 or visit [www.majesticdetroit.com](http://www.majesticdetroit.com)

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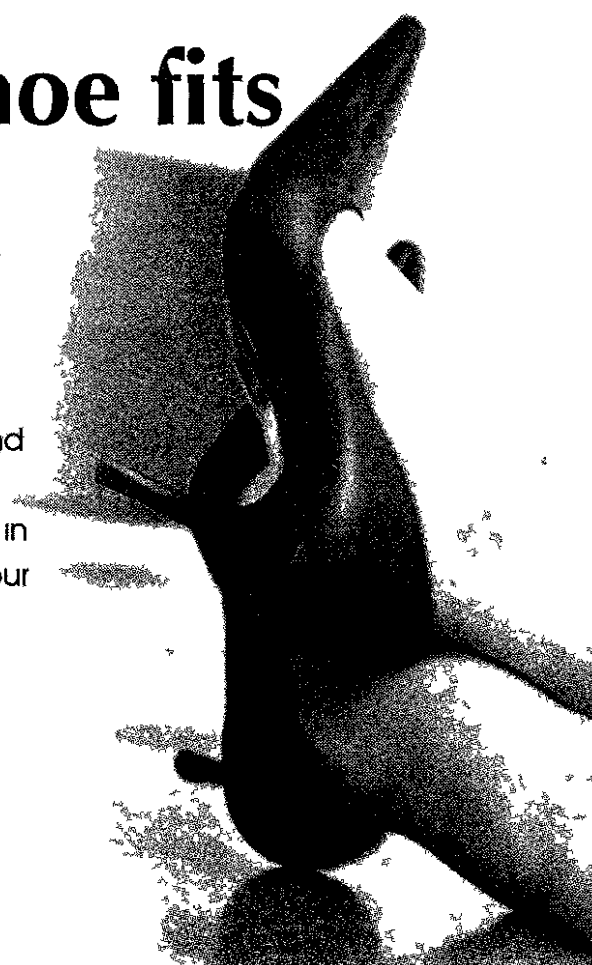
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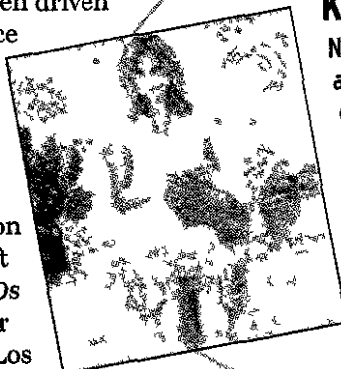
# Nicole Forester

## Hometown girl shines on Guiding Light

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Nicole Forester's  
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By Wensdy White

Nicole Forester has been driven to be an actress ever since she was a student at Livonia Stevenson, class of 1990. Now, high school friends who remember her as Nicole Schmidt can watch her on daytime TV. Forester left Michigan in the early '90s to pursue acting, and her career has taken her to Los Angeles, Hawaii and beyond. Most recently, she was cast to take over the established role of Cassie Layne Winslow on *Guiding Light* and relocated to New York to star on the show PINK caught up with Nicole to find out more.



### Nicole Knits

Nicole Forester, an avid knitter appears on the cover and inside the hip new knitting book *Greetings from Knit Cafe* by Suzan Mischer

#### Did you always know you wanted to be an actress?

Since I was a very little girl, about five or so, my first love was dance. In high school I auditioned for the Creative And Performing Arts High School at Churchill, a magnet school for the arts in the Livonia public school system. That's when I shifted from dance to acting. From about 15 or 16 I've had a one-track mind about it.

#### Are there any teachers you remember?

Gail Mack, who is now the principle of CAPA. She is definitely a life-changing force for me. She was my drama teacher and was a wonderful introduction to being a professional in the entertainment industry — as far as being on time and being responsible.

#### Did your family encourage you to pursue acting?

My parents were extremely encouraging. No one in my family is in the entertainment industry, so it was unusual and I don't know what I would have done if they hadn't been so supportive. They were excited and proud, and came to see every show. After graduating high school, I studied musical theater at Western Michigan University. My first year there my dad found a quote that said something like 'For every kid in the Midwest studying to do this, there's one in Los Angeles or New York actually doing it.' He said 'I think you should move there and be one of those kids.' So I did, halfway through my sophomore year.

#### Then what?

I continued school at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, and graduated in 1993. I managed to find an agent right before graduation, and auditioned immediately after graduation. I've been working in L.A. ever since.

#### How did your name change come about?

A photographer suggested it actually. He said Schmidt was hard to say and hard to spell. I was in a



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CBS

Nicole Forester (Cassie Winslow), on the set of *Guiding Light*, embraces Jeffrey O'Neill, her love interest on the show, played by Bradley Cole.

new town, why not start fresh with a new name? I called my parents and asked them if we had any names in the family that would work. Forester is my grandmother's maiden name (my middle name was her first name). It just felt fitting to take that name.

#### Tell us some of the highlights of your career.

There are a lot of fans of *Beverly Hills 90210*. I played a recurring character in the eighth season, the girlfriend of Steve Sanders. I did a couple different *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* and *Enterprise* episodes. I was always really happy doing commercials as well. I've had a long string of those. I did an episode of *Will & Grace*, and I was the girl who married *The Single Guy* twice in one episode. A recent highlight for me — it was a pilot and unfortunately it didn't get picked up — but it was

starring Chris Kattan and he hand-selected me to play his wife.

#### How did you get cast on *Guiding Light*?

My manager called and said he had already been in touch with the executive producer and assistant director and they had seen my demo reel and were very interested. I was in New York because I had come a couple months before to see if I wanted to live here for awhile. I read for the casting director and executive producer and they asked me to come back and screen test, which was wonderfully fun. I screen tested with Bradley Cole. He plays Jeffrey, Cassie's love interest. Shortly after that they made me an offer.

#### What is your day like?

It's very different day to day, but my experience so far is that I usually report to work at 7 a.m. You either have a half day or whole day on the set. More often than not I'm there a good 10-12 hours. I get up at 5:30 but I just got a new apartment and I'm looking forward to a shorter commute to work soon.

#### How do you get ready for each show?

We have a wonderful team of hair and makeup people. We roll in either straight out of the shower or we stick our head under the sink and wash up, and they work their magic from there.

#### What do you love about acting?

I love the collaboration with other actors. I love when you have a great moment that just works. I love it when I read something in a script that I really relate to and I can bring something to those words on the page and make it real and make it alive because I have that experience to share.

#### What are some of the perks being on *Guiding Light*?

The people who are on the show, both on camera and off. Also, getting to wear fancy clothes and having a whole wardrobe they create with me in mind.

#### What do you like to do in your spare time?

I just found an apartment and I'm very excited. Once I move in February I'm looking forward to cooking again. I really miss having all my cooking supplies at my fingertips, having my friends over for brunch and evening meals. I also love to knit and read.

#### How do you stay in shape?

So far walking around Manhattan is doing a pretty good job. I try to take a yoga class when I can find time, and in L.A. I used to salsa dance.

*Guiding Light* is the longest running drama ever, entertaining radio and television fans for 66 years. In Detroit, it airs 10 a.m. weekdays on CBS. For more information, visit [www.cbs.com/daytime/gl/](http://www.cbs.com/daytime/gl/) or [www.nicoleforester.com](http://www.nicoleforester.com).



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# A Nose for New Windows at Laurel Park Place

Some might allege I'm nose-y, but I prefer to think of myself as a person with a sense of "modest curiosity." Whenever I see a shop under construction or undergoing a makeover, I'm there — peering through the little cracks between the brown paper on the windows, aching for a view of what's inside! Let's nose beyond a few windows of some recent additions, re-locations and constant treats at Laurel Park Place



I don't just go to Laurel Park for the hot fudge cream puffs at Sanders! But they are a big draw, as are the enticing chocolates at the Godiva counter and the Cafe Carmel at the Coffee Beanery (decadently topped off with whipped cream!)

These are only a few of the reasons I love shopping at Laurel Park Place, where upscale meets comfortable. Its spotless one-level design is easy to navigate, and it offers a wide array of shops, casual eating spots and good movies for a shopping break — and, of course, the always attractive anchors, Parisian and Von Maur.

So, what's been happening there recently?

If you have a penchant for great hand-crafted objects of art, Art Is In Market features the works of about 25 Michigan artists. With great home accessories, wear-

able art and garden accents, a browse usually means a purchase!

Nine West has re-located with a new East Coast look. Sequins, stitching, studs, buckles and ornaments adorn the shoes, and check out the coats, handbags, and belts. Watch for new spring lines of sassy pumps in silky rippled fabric, hip cowboy boots with appliques, and edgy high-heeled clogs. Bohemian-inspired woven hobo bags and wide jeweled belts are way cool!

Soma Showcase, once operated out of a mall kiosk, has re-located to a full-fledged shop brimming with glittery fashion jewelry, hot purses, vintage evening bags, and other trendy trinkets. Sinuous silk scarves, shawls and capes allure, and check out the new four-way halter top for spring. Very sexy!

Opened in September 2005, Coldwater Creek is a bright, kicky one-stop shop for casual fashions, active wear, jewelry, accessories, home accents and more. The displays update with seasonal inventory, sizes run the gamut, special orders are accommodated, and customer service is top-notch.

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How about a new compact Blackberry or a phone with an MP3 player at the new

Sprint/Nextel store? Or maybe a smart phone powered by Windows Mobile for international usage?

Wicks 'n' Sticks has re-located to the south side of the mall, and sits in its very own glass house. As always, its spectrum of aromatic candles, holders and other fanciful items entice.

And though we hated to say good-bye to Casual Corner, there is a sign in front of its former location that says, 'watch for a new exciting store coming soon.' My nose is starting to twitch!

Elaine Laine 'Perlin Crossley has a nose for retail news. Call her with shopping tips at (586) 612-7177.



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Michael Delon models clothing from the local menswear line Wound, designed by Sarah Lurtz and Sarah Lapinski

And

By Wendy White

Metro Detroit fashion designers sent their garments down the runway at the second annual Fanclub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards recently, competing for scholarships and grants. The FAFFAs were staged at the Artrageous charity gala on Feb. 26 at the American Center Building, and guests were treated to an endless display of talent on the runway.

Dozens of designers from local fashion schools entered in four student categories, while a "New and Emerging Designers" category drew 6-piece collections from more seasoned veterans including Sarah Lurtz and Sarah Lapinski for Wound, Michael Delon, Kate Bennett, Samantha Bullock for DS Bullock, Sharonne, and Dana Keaton for Diva Groove.

The cutting-edge menswear line Wound won, bringing a \$500 award to the designers,

and another \$500 to the Detroit Design Lab, where they work.

In the student category, FAFFA winners were as follows:

• **Artrageous Office:** Monique Strong of Wayne State University

• **Artrageous Weekend:** Anastasia Chazka of International Academy of Design & Technology

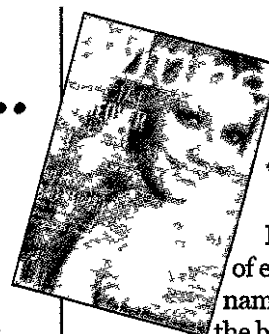
• **Artrageous Evening:** Amanda Miller of Cranbrook Academy

• **Artrageous Outrageous:** Angela McBride of IADT

Students took home \$250 scholarships, and their schools received \$500 grants. Fashion Group International also received \$500 for its contributions to the contest.

Fanclub Arts Foundation contributed a total of \$5,000 in awards.

According to organizers, the FAFFAs will be back next year better than ever.



brief

**Allure names Spa Julianna best in state**

**PLYMOUTH** — The January issue of every beauty buff's favorite magazine named Plymouth's own Spa Julianna the best in Michigan. The honor was

bestowed by Allure's readers, who nominate and elect the top spa in each state every year.

Spa Julianna, which prides itself on being a "realm of rejuvenation," offers massage, waxing, hydrotherapy, makeup artistry, facials, mani/pedis and unique services like eyelash extensions and yoga classes. Locals also can drop by for star treatment with facials developed by Hollywood's "Fairy Skin Mother" Sonya Dakar.

This month, Spa Julianna became the only locale in Michigan to offer the revolutionary Aesthera PPx painless skin and hair removal treatments.

Founded in 2001 by Julie Van Ameyde and Stephen Jones, the spa has attracted a loyal following with its tranquil atmosphere and delicious beauty boutique.

Spa Julianna has also captured "Best Of" recognition in Lucky, Hour Detroit, Observer and Eccentric newspapers, American Baby (for best prenatal massage), and New Beauty Magazine.

Spa Julianna is located in the Mayflower Centre at 444 Main Street in Plymouth. Call (734) 455-4445 or visit [www.julianna-online.com](http://www.julianna-online.com).

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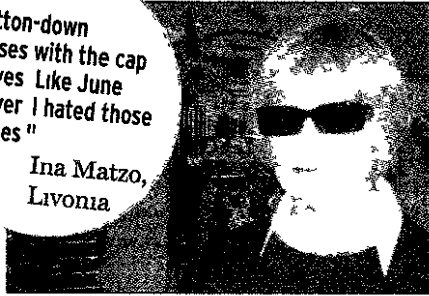


By Wendy Pierman Mitzel

Do you see the dressy and rummy weather, storefronts all around town a sign for a forecast of fashions for Spring PINK took the opportunity to stroll around Laundri Paris Park in Livonia to breathe in the signs of warmer times to come and ask some friends in the area, "What fashion trend from the past would you never want to see resurrected?"

"Button-down dresses with the cap sleeves Like June Cleaver I hated those dresses"

Ina Matzo, Livonia



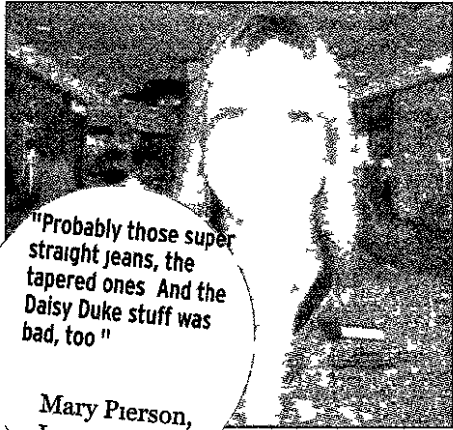
"I had an acid-washed jean jacket with leather fringe down the arms and across the back"

Crystal Callander, Farmington



"Probably those super straight jeans, the tapered ones And the Daisy Duke stuff was bad, too"

Mary Pierson, Livonia



"Girdles We don't want to see those again!"

Monica VonGerichten, Belleville



By Wendy

A Cheng classic khaki trench



Big shoulder pads — have those old suits tailored to a current silhouette

Prada metallic woven Mary Janes



Chicken Burrito Bol at Chipotle Mexican Grill in Rochester

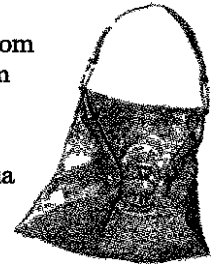
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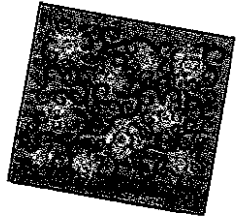
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# beating addiction

Treatment just for women

By Diane Gale Andreassi

Researchers are finding that women deal very different with addiction and recovery than men. New treatment facilities are springing up to address women's special needs, such as the Orchid Recovery Center for Women in Palm Beach, Fla. Services there sound more like a day at a spa than a treatment center for addicted women.



Julie Queler

And that's just what founder Julie Queler intended when she opened Orchid in 2004. Working in New York City's publishing industry, Queler turned to cocaine and alcohol as she struggled through 18 hour workdays. After beating her own addictions she opened a half way house for women.

"Women were coming from treatment into halfway house and I saw what was missing," Queler, 45, says. "It was a little laboratory about what they didn't get in treatment." PINK spoke with Queler about women addicts and Orchid.

What's the most common addiction among women?

Alcohol. But, it's hard to pick one.

What are some of the less common addictions?

We see a lot of women who are shopping online. They can stay at home, drink, drug and shop. It's anything to make oneself feel better and the addiction takes over. The good news is there is a way out of this. (Addiction) is a disease with its own set of symptoms. We still live in a society that believes we should be able to control the problem. We know with alcohol there is a predisposition. There are some drugs if you take one time you will be addicted, because of the way they affect your mind.

What kinds of treatments do you use?

We have a term we call inter-reliance. One of the things that happens to (addicted women) is isolation. We right away want them to become part of a community. We create community so they start to rely on each other, so they can help each other make decisions. And in a real way that's how women are in society.

We prepare our meals together. We go to the ocean, which is a natural healing agent — the sun, salt and water. We look at our treatment center as a wellness center.

The core of treatment is getting to why we use. It comes about not in a

direct way. Indirectly, we create an environment for learning and healing.

What other services do you offer?

We believe acupuncture is important three days a week. We know acupuncture works for cravings and the anxiety that comes about from just not using. Also, we have yoga three days a week. They're getting in touch with their mind, body and spirit.

It's one of the things we hear when they go into their communities that they keep up. We created a holistic approach to healing. The look of the center, aromatherapy, colors. There's no clutter. It's a truly healing environment.

What are the social stigmas attached to women addicts?

Women come in with so much shame. A lot of the women are mothers. Society punishes them for being mothers with an addiction problem. That's why women come to treatment later than men. They think, 'I can't leave my family. I feel like a bad person and a bad mother.' If this were cancer no one would be shaming them, but because it's an addiction they do.

## Are You Addicted?

If you answer yes to three of these questions, there's a good chance you have an addiction problem.

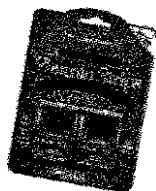
- Do you ever use alone?
- Have you ever substituted one drug for another?
- Have you ever manipulated or lied to a doctor to obtain prescription drugs?
- Have you ever tried to stop or control your using?
- Do you feel it's impossible for you to live without drugs or alcohol?
- Have you ever lied about what or how much you used?
- Do you continue to use despite negative consequences?
- Has your job or school performance ever suffered as a result of your using?

Source: Orchid Recovery Center for Women, (888) ORCHID5 or [OrchidRecoveryCenterForWomen.com](http://OrchidRecoveryCenterForWomen.com)

By Diane Andreassi

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### Try Hit!

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### Drink Hit!

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### Breathe Hit!

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### Gilda's Club Fund Raiser

Lynn Portnoy will host a fund raiser for Gilda's Club 6-9 p.m. April 25. Portnoy will donate the \$25 admission fee, along with 10 percent of profits from merchandise sold that evening to Gilda's Club, a support organization for women with cancer. The evening includes refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, sales and Portnoy's signature presentation, How to Travel with One Bag. Lynn Portnoy is located at 29260 Franklin Road in Southfield. Call (248) 353-2900.

### Bocce for Bucks II

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### MS Walk Sit Drink Talk

The third annual MS Walk Sit Drink Talk will be held 5-10 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at Fifth Avenue in Royal Oak. The fun and casual event celebrates the Birmingham MS Walk on Sunday, May 7, and 100 percent of proceeds benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan. Enjoy performances by The Katie Band with members of Free Beer, along with a silent auction, raffle and special guests. Call (248) 895-7989.

### Free Health Screenings

Greater Grace Temple Taylor and Project Healthy Living will offer free health screenings at the Temple 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at 24111 Koths in Taylor. The event is free and open to everyone 18 or older. Tests and services include blood pressure, vision, height & weight, mental health screens, glaucoma screens and more. Call (734) 397-8468.

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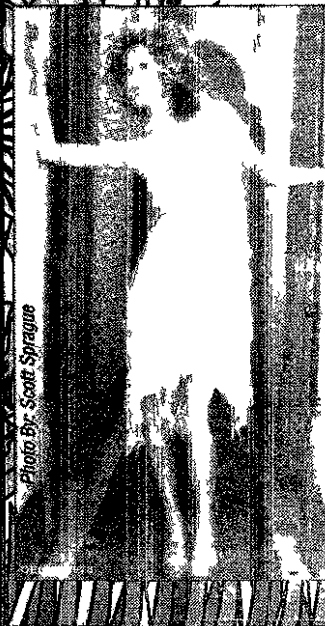
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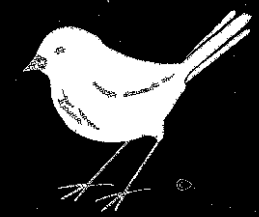


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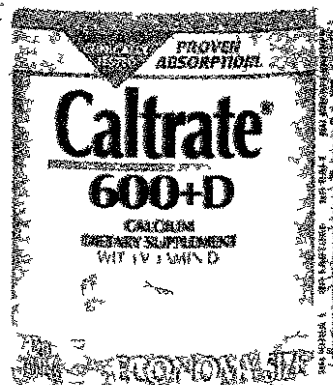
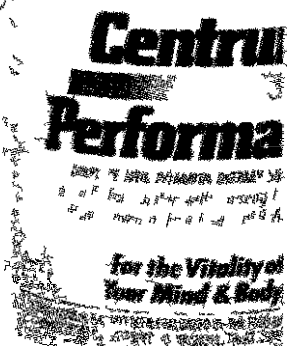
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