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## Pipeline

### Museum money

The Wilcox Foundation of Plymouth has presented the Plymouth Historical Museum with a \$20,000 check to help fund the museum's current major exhibit, "In the Presence of Lincoln."



GARY STONE

Museum director Elizabeth Kerstens and Plymouth Historical Society president Beatrice Friedlander accept the check from Wilcox Foundation board member Dan Herriman.

During the presentation ceremony, Wilcox Foundation board member Daniel Herriman said, "Upon his demise in 2000, Jack (Wilcox) left his entire estate to the Plymouth community. His philosophy was that his assets should be used to build a better future. And of course essential to building a better future is more fully understanding the past."

The Plymouth Historical Museum's Lincoln exhibit honors the 16th president during the 200th anniversary of his birth. The exhibit highlights parts of the museum's Weldon Petz Lincoln Collection that are not normally on exhibit, as well as original furniture from Lincoln's home in Springfield, Ill. The exhibit runs through Nov. 4.

Admission to the family-friendly museum is still only \$10 for a family, \$5 for an individual, and \$2 for children ages 6-17.

## Show me

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia, chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, announced the kick-off of the Transparency in Wayne County Government Task Force. "The purpose of the task force is to position county government to have our revenue streams, program priorities and all spending available for public viewing 24 hours a day, seven days a week in real time on the Internet," Cox said.

Cox will chair the Task Force and commissioners Kevin McNamara, D-Canton, and Iona Varga, D-Livonia, will serve as members.

Cox also will be celebrating Sunshine Week by holding a public hearing on the issue of Transparency in Wayne County Government, Monday, March 16, at 1 p.m. at the Livonia City Hall auditorium, 33000 Civic Center Drive, near Five Mile and Farmington roads.

For more information, contact Cox at (313) 224-0946 or [lcx@co.wayne.mi.us](mailto:lcx@co.wayne.mi.us).



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Bob Lemon's 1965 Plymouth takes him back to his first new car, sold when he shipped out to Vietnam.

## Back in orbit

Local man puts '65 Satellite back on the road with Autorama visit

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When he was 21, Bob Lemon walked into a showroom and bought a Plymouth Satellite, a new, one-of-a-kind model from Chrysler.

It was 1965, and Detroit muscle cars were in their heyday.

"I went out and got tickets and had fun with it," said Lemon, of Plymouth Township.

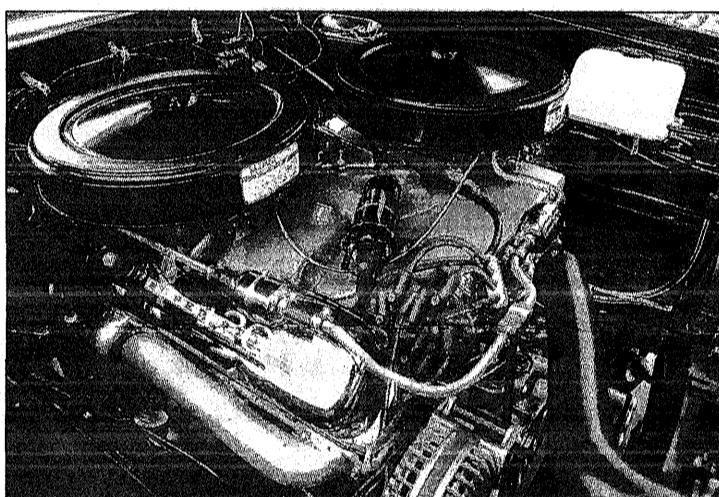
An Allen Park kid, Lemon cruised Woodward and cruised Telegraph, occasionally racing other drivers — an extremely dangerous practice, he now realizes.

The following year, Lemon was drafted. The Satellite was sold.

Lemon picked up where he left off after two years in the U.S. Army, getting married and raising two children with his wife, Bianca. He even had another Satellite for a few years.

But he never forgot that first car.

"I kept saying to my wife, 'One day, I'd like to get another,'" he said.



The 440 cubic inch engine, fueled by dual four-barrel carbs, replaced the original anemic 318 cubic inch V8.

"It was like a mantra," said Bianca Lemon.

The wish became a reality in summer 2001, when his wife surprised him by buying a '65 Satellite Lemon had spotted but talked himself out of buying.

"The phone number was lying around, so I called the guy and wrote a check and that was it," Bianca Lemon said.

Nearly eight years later,

Lemon, with the help of two auto specialty shops, has stripped the Satellite, replaced, rebuilt or replated every part on it, and put it back together — in time to display it in the 2009 Murray's Autorama, which opens Friday at Cobo Center. "I wanted it to look like it came from Chrysler this way,"

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## Other Plymouth 'gearheads' boast Autorama show cars

Bob Lemon's 1965 Plymouth Satellite is one of the more than 1,000 cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles that will be on display at downtown Detroit's Cobo Center during the annual Murray's Autorama, which opens Friday.

Many area residents will also have vehicles on display, includ-

ing, from the Plymouth area, Paul Endres, who will be showing off a 1955 Chevrolet pickup and a 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle, and Jeff Kainz, who has a 1968 Chevrolet Camaro.

Autorama hours are noon to 10 p.m. Friday, March 6; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 7; and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 8.

Admission at the door is \$18 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6 to 12. Children 5 and under are free. Discount tickets (\$15 adults, \$4 ages 6 to 12) are available at area Murray's auto parts stores.

For more information, call (248) 373-1700, or visit the Web site [www.autorama.com](http://www.autorama.com).

## Judge bans public, victim's family from beheading hearing

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Birmingham psychiatrist Gary Shiener testified Friday at a hearing to determine whether convicted killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz should get a new trial, not many people were around to hear it.

Including the parents of Orlewicz's victim. Third Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow banned the public and the media from attending the hearing for Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teenager convicted last spring in the stabbing and beheading death of Daniel Sorenson, a 25-year-old from River Rouge.

While it was unclear what Shiener was saying Friday, he did interview Orlewicz once in jail prior to his trial last spring.

However, Judge Annette Berry, who presided over Orlewicz's trial, ruled in a pretrial hearing March 31 that Shiener wouldn't be allowed to testify. Shiener had said at the time he thought a second interview was necessary, but it never happened.

The victim's parents, Jim and Kim Sorenson of Westland, said they understood the judge's desire to protect the families, but they were disappointed at his decision.

"This young man murdered our son," Jim Sorenson said. "We understand (Morrow) did it out of respect for the Orlewicz family and any sensitive issues that may have been raised. But we should have been in there."

The closed hearing was requested by Orlewicz's attorney, Elizabeth Jacobs, who said afterward Shiener's testimony may not be heard in a potential new trial.

"There's no reason to taint a jury panel, which is what happened the first time," she said.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said she did not want the courtroom closed.

"The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is at a loss to understand why the Sorenson family, the public and the press were excluded from the courtroom today," Worthy said in a statement. "There was no reason given by the court for this action. It is my firm belief that court proceedings should be an open and transparent process."

Jurors convicted Orlewicz of killing Sorenson at his grandfather's Canton home Nov. 7, 2007. He then beheaded Sorenson with a hacksaw and burned his fingertips with a blowtorch.

Orlewicz is serving a mandatory life sentence for first-degree murder. Accomplice Alexander Letkemann pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in exchange for his testimony against Orlewicz. Letkemann is serving a sentence of 20-30 years.

The hearing was adjourned Friday and is expected to continue April 24.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township was back in court Friday, seeking a new trial following his conviction for killing and beheading Daniel Sorenson of River Rouge.

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## City home values down 11 percent

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A continuing decline in the housing market means nearly half of Plymouth's homeowners are seeing a drop in the taxable value of their homes, but the anticipated hit to the city's coffers is relatively small.

An estimated 48 percent of city homeowners are seeing the state-equalized value of their property drop below the taxable value, which means the taxable value is reset to equal the SEV, said Finance Director Mark Christiansen. That will translate into lower taxes when the reduced taxable values are applied to the city's millage rate on property tax bills that will go out this summer.

Overall, home values in the city declined by 11 percent on

average, said Aaron Powers of Wayne County Appraisals, a firm that does Plymouth's assessment work. In specific neighborhoods, the decline ranged from about 7 percent to about 20 percent, Powers said. The average market value of a home in the city is now just under \$200,000.

Commercial property values were down an average of 7.5 percent, and industrial property off by about 2 percent, Powers said.

Christiansen said he expects the city's total taxable value of roughly \$483 million to drop by between \$4 million and \$5 million. A \$5 million loss would translate into a loss of just under \$57,000 to the city's general fund, which brings in roughly \$5.5 million a year in tax revenue.

Christiansen is budgeting for an additional loss of about

\$57,000 because of an expected increase in appeals. The city's new fiscal year begins in July.

He said appeals should be up because some homeowners, more than half in Plymouth's case, are seeing taxable value increases even as the SEVs fall. Such increases, which typically occur when properties have had taxable values capped for many years under Proposal A, are limited to the rate of inflation, now 4.4 percent.

"The public certainly has much to be frustrated with a tax system that gives them a 4.4-percent increase" during a time of housing market declines, Christiansen said.

Plymouth's Board of Review will convene later this week to begin hearing assessment appeals. Appeals can also be submitted in writing. For information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 252 or Ext. 253.

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**Football boosters**

The Plymouth Wildcats football booster board will host a meet and greet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3 at Plymouth High School, Room #701. All parents of incoming Plymouth freshman and parents of current Plymouth football players are invited to attend. Refreshments and desserts will be served. The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. All Plymouth football parents are encouraged to attend.

**Talented artists**

In keeping with its dedication to promoting the work of local artists, Lotus Arts Gallery announced the Second Annual Local Artist Exhibit.

This exhibition will showcase the extraordinary work of some of Michigan's talented artists. Fifteen exciting artists will be displaying their work. Their styles are as unique and diverse as their chosen media. This eclectic array of artwork includes paintings in oils and acrylics, pen and ink renderings, works on paper, ceramic pieces, photography and mixed media on paper and canvas.

Designed to feature local artistic endeavors, this exhibition encourages public dialogue, understanding, and enjoyment of visual art.

The public can preview the exhibition and meet the artists at the opening reception on Friday, March 6, 2009 from 6 to 9 p.m. Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail (corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey Street) in downtown Plymouth. Please join us in celebrating this very special evening. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and conversations with the artists.

The exhibition will be on display March 6-27. The public is welcome to view the exhibit during gallery hours between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.,

Tuesday through Saturday. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact the gallery toll free at (888) 889-4ART or at (734) 453-5400.

**Pet sitters week**

Platinum Pet Service, LLC, of Plymouth is encouraging pet owners and pet lovers alike to celebrate Professional Pet Sitters Week March 1-7. This international campaign seeks to educate pet owners about the advantages of in-home pet care, as well as to encourage the public to explore professional pet sitting as a viable and rewarding career opportunity.

Professional Pet Sitters Week was introduced by Pet Sitters International (PSI) in 1995. PSI is the world's largest educational association for professional pet sitters.

Despite a slowing economy, demand for professional pet-care services remains high. Since 1994 PSI's membership has grown to more than 8,000 independent professional pet-sitting businesses with an average of 191 clients each.

Professional pet-sitting services often offer dog walking, care of special needs pets, pet transportation services and pooper-scooper services, in addition to basic pet care.

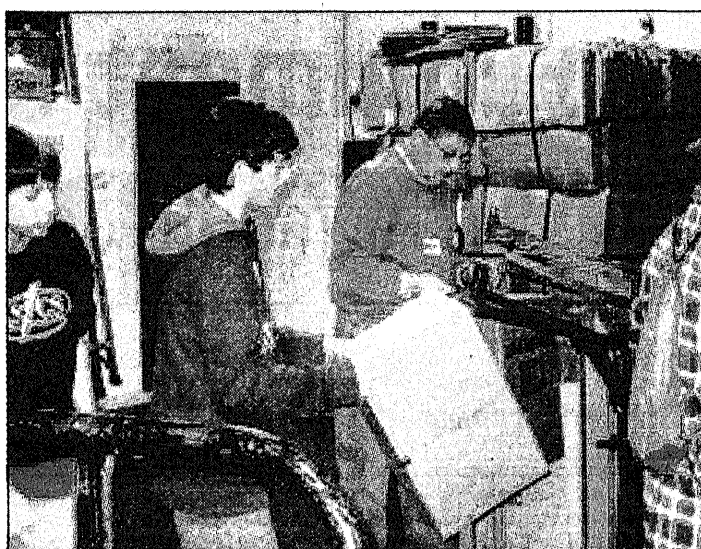
To learn more about PPSW and how you can participate, visit the PSI Web site, www.petsit.com

**Tea time togs**

Come out of the cold and enjoy a spot of tea and a Victorian-era fashion show at the Plymouth Historical Museum on Sunday, March 8, during "Tea Time Togs."

The event features a traditional high tea along with a display of popular tea garb from 1830 to 1910. Pam Yockey, a textile historian, will have a team of models wearing nineteenth-century attire from her personal collection.

The tea begins at 2 p.m. and will be over by 5 p.m. and is being catered by Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth. Tickets (\$20 per person) and reservations are required in advance and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours, or on its Web site at <http://www.plymouth-history.org/Events.html> using PayPal. The Museum opens at 1 p.m. that day, so those holding tickets are welcome to browse the Museum's major exhibit "In the Presence of Lincoln" before the tea begins (the Museum will be closed when the tea is over). The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, a block north of downtown Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1-4 p.m. For further information, call (734) 455-8940.



**Pounds and pounds of food**

Seventh- and eighth-grade National Junior Honor Society members from All Saints Catholic School in Canton spent a recent Saturday packaging some 4,536 pounds of food at Gleaner's Food Bank in downtown Detroit. Students toured the warehouse, sorted donated goods, and packaged boxes to be delivered to needy families. As always, the NJHS members did an outstanding job representing the school.

history.org/Events.html using PayPal. The Museum opens at 1 p.m. that day, so those holding tickets are welcome to browse the Museum's major exhibit "In the Presence of Lincoln" before the tea begins (the Museum will be closed when the tea is over). The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, a block north of downtown Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1-4 p.m. For further information, call (734) 455-8940.

**Crafters wanted**

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host their annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble Saturday, March 14.

Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit [www.pcmb.net/artcraft](http://www.pcmb.net/artcraft) to download an application and submit with photos by early February or contact Carol Rosati at (734) 455-

0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this event.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 14. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

**New band members**

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, a 22-time Bands of America Finalist at Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, hosts a series of informational meetings for students and parents who are interested in joining the 2009 Marching Band program.

The meeting is designed for existing eighth graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers, while parents listen to a presentation by the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how eighth-graders can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2009 summer/fall season.

Parents and students are asked to attend one of the scheduled Open House meetings Tuesday, March 10, Wednesday, April 22,

Thursday, May 7 or Monday, June 15.

All meetings begin at 7:00 pm in the Plymouth High School band room (enter near the big yellow truck). For more information, call Barb Hawkins, New Member Representative, PCMB, 734-420-5355.

**Saturdays at Penn**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society are presenting a series of family variety shows in downtown Plymouth. These shows are offered at noon on the first Saturday of each month at the Penn Theater. Cost is \$3 per person.

The next performance on March 7 will feature special musical host Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express with special guest performers Nan Washburn, conductor of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, and acts to be announced. The announcer for this performance is Timothy Thompson.

The Penn Theater is located at 760 Penniman in Plymouth. Tickets may be purchased the day of the show. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. These shows are sponsored by a grant from the Wilcox Foundation, as well as by several local businesses and individuals: Travel Leaders, Quixworks, Signature Audio, Plymouth Rotary AM and Steve and Renee Alexandrowski.

**Penn classics**

March is "Hitchcock Month" at the Penn Theatre, with Alfred Hitchcock classics being featured each Thursday.

The schedule: March 5, "Marnie;" March 12, "Shadow of a Doubt;" March 19, "Saboteur;" and March 26, "To Catch a Thief."

Box office opens at 6:30; screenings start at 7 p.m. All seats are \$3. The movies are sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. Free passes available (while supplies last) at Haven, Michigan Made & More, Sean O'Callaghan's Irish Public House, Three Dog Bakery. For more information visit the Penn's Web site at [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com) or call (734) 453-0870.

**Helping homeless pets**

Three Dog Bakery and Jill Andra Young Photo in Plymouth are teaming up to help fill items on the "Wish List" of the Humane Society of

Huron Valley.

Both downtown businesses are teaming up to be drop-off points for items to be donated to the Humane Society. Among the items most in demand are FELIWAY and refills, cheap canned chicken, Yesterday's News cat litter, hand sanitizer in pump bottles and stuffed sterilized bones and sterilized bones.

Three Dog Bakery is located at 550 Forest, Suite 7 and can be reached at (734) 453-9663; Jill Andra Young Photo is located at 825 Penniman and can be reached (734) 455-7787.

**Pottery classes**

Jeff Burda will be returning to the Plymouth Community Arts Council to teach two sessions of Pottery A-Z. Burda graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts and is currently pursuing a teaching degree. He has diligently worked at the potter's wheel for eight years and brings his joy and passion of ceramics to help teach children. Classes offer children the opportunity to observe an artist at work and to sit and create at the potter's wheel themselves.

Classes are offered in six week sessions for children ages 6 to 12. The first session runs March 7 to April 11, while the second session is from April 25 to May 30. Classes meet from 9:30-11 a.m. each Saturday at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts at 774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth. The cost is \$150 per child per session. Receive a 10-percent discount on a second child enrolled in the same class.

To find out more information on this class or for information on all of the PCAC programs please visit the Web Site: [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com).

Registration forms are available on line and are taken by drop-in at the PCAC Mondays-Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also reach us by calling (734) 416-4278.

**Spaghetti dinner**

The Plymouth Council on Aging hosts a Spaghetti Dinner 1-3 p.m. Monday, March 9 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The dinner will be catered by Choice Catering and the menu will include spaghetti with or without meat sauce, bread, salad, cheese cake and beverage. Tickets are available at the PCCA Office, 201 S. Main Street. \$8 for PCCA Members and \$10 non-members. For information call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

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Results of township union election expected Monday

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The future of union representation for 27 Plymouth Township employees should be known on Monday.

That's the day the Michigan Employment Relations Commission is scheduled to open the sealed ballots cast in a Jan. 8 vote by members of the township's American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees local, said township Supervisor Richard Reaume. The union represents mostly clerical workers.

The workers voted on whether to continue being represented by AFSCME, move to the administrative division of the Police Officers Association of Michigan union, or do without union representation. MERC sealed the ballots when AFSCME complained that cutbacks three weeks before the election could have unduly affected it.

Seven AFSCME-represented township workers had their hours cut to 30 a week and lost health insurance benefits in mid-December in what township officials said was an attempt to cut costs to due an anticipated drop in revenue. AFSCME filed a grievance over the cutbacks, saying they violated its contract with the township, which has since expired.

A deal reached last week moved that grievance from a MERC administrative law judge to a March 23 hearing before an arbitrator. As part of the deal, AFSCME dropped its contention the January election had been tainted, and agreed to have the ballots opened.

# Fulfillment found

## Love of art launched Plymouth design and marketing firm

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

His love of art tempered by practical financial concerns, Bill Anderson took a cautious approach when it came to picking a career: He became a civil engineer.

But several years of working in the field left him unfulfilled. "It wasn't what I was cut out for," said Anderson one afternoon last week. "My heart was always in art and animation."

So when his daughter Jennifer was born, Anderson decided it was the right time to follow his dreams. He founded Doubletake Studios, a graphic, video and Web design firm in downtown Plymouth that will celebrate its 15th anniversary in April.

Doubletake designs Web sites, employee training programs and videos, product packaging, and marketing tools such as commercials, magazines, brochures, posters and billboards.

"It's fun work. It's different work. It's never the same thing twice," said vice president Nic Donakowski, one of Anderson's two employees.

As a small shop, Donakowski and Anderson said, Doubletake can set its prices below those of larger firms and offer a way for companies to continue marketing efforts in a tight economy.

"Everybody's cutting back," Donakowski said. "Nobody's budget is wide open." But companies can't stop advertising, he added.

Doubletake helped Bosco's Pizza Co. of Warren bring its cheese-stuffed breadsticks to retail customers, after the company found success with them in school cafeterias.

"We went from just a plain-Jane Web site to something really dynamic now," said Craig Mulhinch, Bosco's vice president of sales and marketing.

Doubletake has done other work for Bosco's too, Mulhinch



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President and founder Bill Anderson, right, and vice president Nic Donakowski of Doubletake Studios at the company's suite in downtown Plymouth.

said, including designing a retail bag for the Bosco Sticks, plus designing fliers, posters and other marketing pieces.

"I really liked the quality of their work," Mulhinch said.

Locally, Doubletake created a marketing brochure (and digital course catalog) for the Michigan Theological Seminary, designed the poster for Plymouth's first Mardi Gras celebration, which was Feb. 20, and designed the Downtown Development Authority's magazine-style shopping and events guide, which, Donakowski and Anderson said, was well-received.

"It's good to have that kind of recognition," Donakowski said. Other area clients include Johnson Controls, the Detroit Medical Center and TRW Automotive.

When he founded

Doubletake, Anderson based it in Redford, where he had grown up (he's a Thurston High School graduate) and lived at the time.

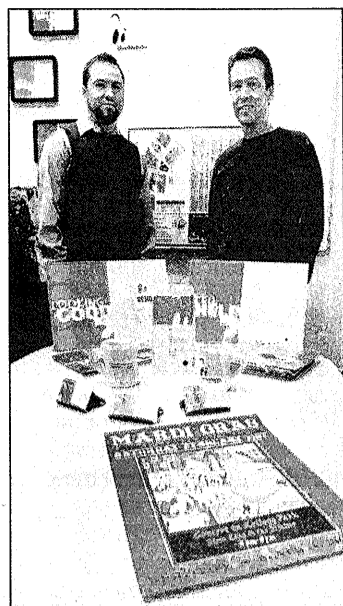
He moved the shop to Plymouth about a decade ago, and he and family live in Ann Arbor.

Anderson, in addition to getting his civil engineering degree at Lawrence Technological University, has

studied graphic design, Web design and computer programming.

Donakowski, who grew up in Alpena, studied graphics at Wayne State University. He lives in Canton Township.

For a company without a marketing plan, and no interest or skill in creating one, Doubletake can make and execute a plan starting from the ground floor, Anderson said.



Doubletake Studios' Nic Donakowski, vice president and Bill Anderson, president, pose with a few of the products they designed.

His advice is to start with a logo, as that helps build an image and plays a role in all other marketing tools. After that, he said, a presence on the Web is crucial.

But Anderson recommends a company use several different types of marketing tools to get its message across.

"I don't think there's any one silver bullet for advertising," he said. "You've got to use a few different things."

Doubletake Studios can be reached at (734) 737-0377. The company Web site is doubletakestudios.net

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# EDUCATION

## Spelling success

Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club gives word power to third-graders

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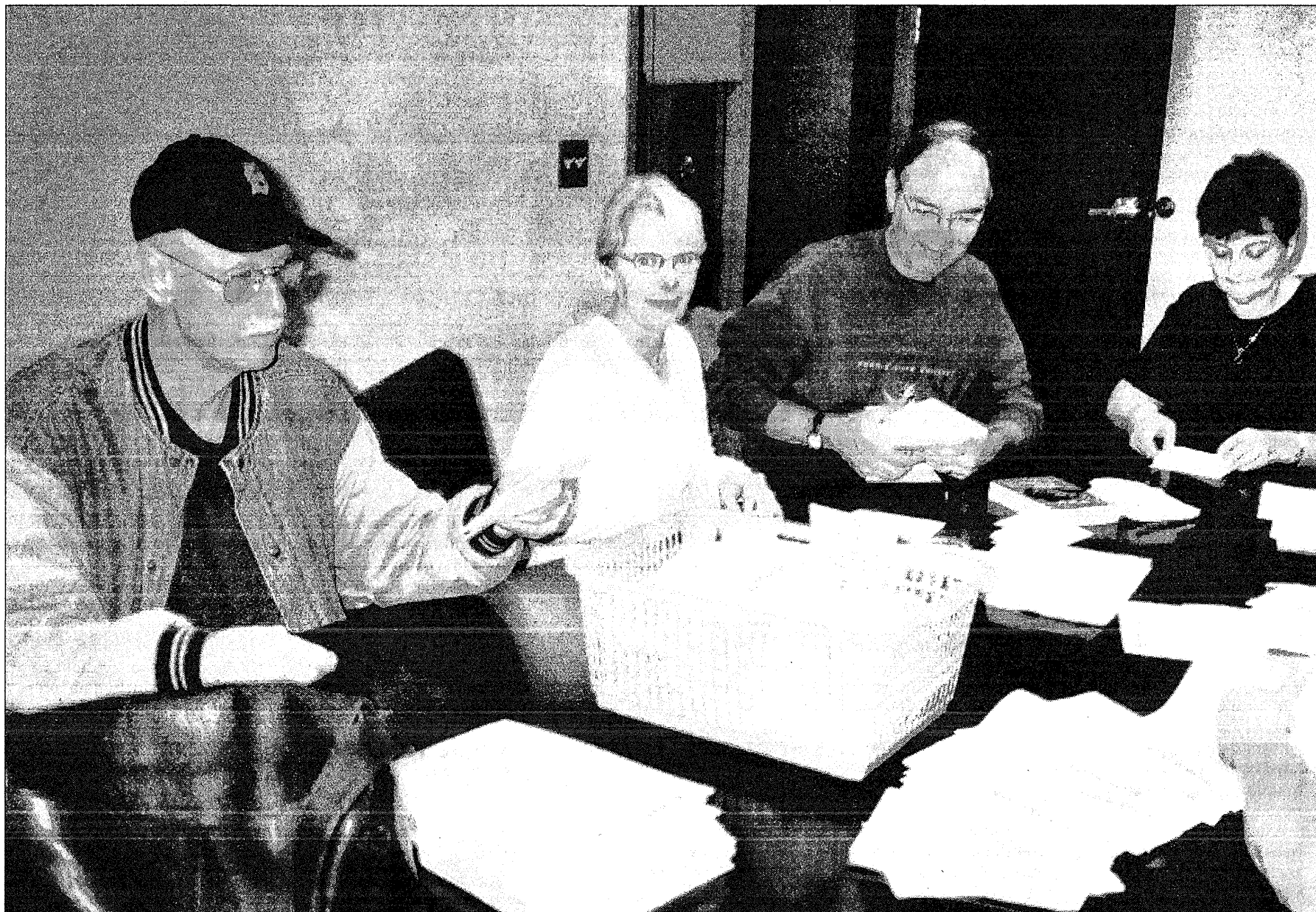
While that's not a hard question, third-graders in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools received a tool that will allow them to spell more challenging words. The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club recently distributed over 1,400 dictionaries to all the third-graders throughout the district.

The club is committed to the dictionary project and with this year's distribution the club has provided over 5,500 dictionaries in the last four years. The dictionary is the student's to keep and use throughout the school year and beyond.

"Reading and reading comprehension are key elements in a child's development," said Kiwanis spokesman Mark Ott. "By encouraging an interest on the part of students, it is hoped that they spend time reading and writing to develop those skills for the future. In addition to standard definitions, the book also includes biographies of the U.S. Presidents, the Declaration of Independence, and the Planets, just to name a few topics."

Ott said people who wonder, "Do they appreciate a dictionary in the electronic age?" need only read the fan mail the club has received over the years. Among actual quotes culled from the mail: "Thank you again for the spectacular gift. It was truly awesome;" "Thank you for the sweet dictionary. They are very cool;" and "I thank you for sooo much for the great dictionary. I needed one so badly it's not even funny."

"Parent comments via let-



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ter and e-mail expressed their appreciation for the club's efforts and that their children were fascinated by the books beyond the dictionary usage especially to sections such as

biographies of the presidents and the alphabet in 'sign language,'" Ott said.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers serving the world one child, and one

community at a time. In addition to this event, the club works with First Step, the Salvation Army, and Youth Leadership Canton. The club relies on community support

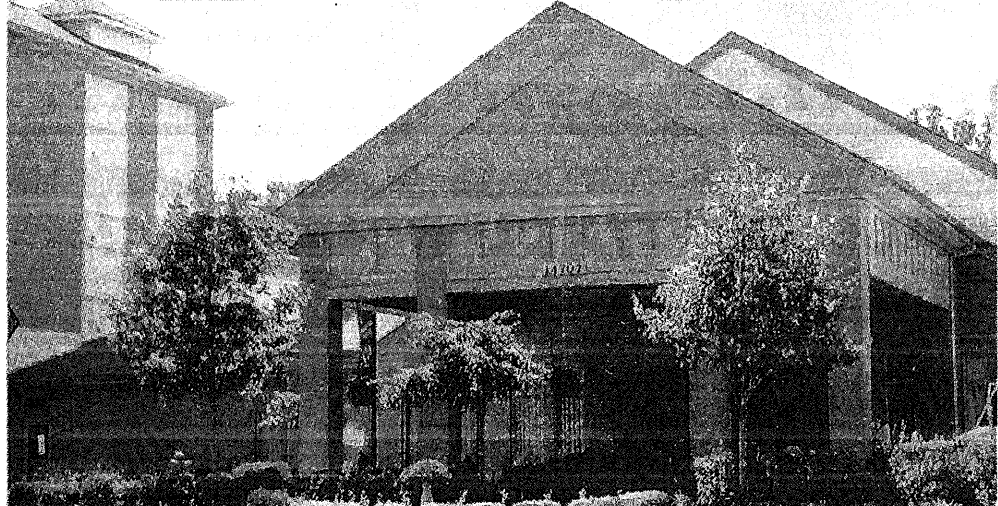
to make its programs successful, and there are many opportunities to give back to the community. The Kiwanis club is one of them.

Any questions about the

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■ Plymouth Christian Academy is also announcing flexible kindergarten scheduling, including four or five full days per week, for the 2009-2010 school year. Applications are now being accepted for all classes.

#### Central Michigan

Jordan Dix of Plymouth has been named to the President's List for the Fall 2008 semester at Central Michigan University.

Dix, a Canton High School graduate, earned the recognition by achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

#### Alma College

Three area students made the Dean's List for the Fall 2008 semester at Alma College.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are

evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List. Students include Carolyn Commissaris of Plymouth, who graduated from Salem High School; and Stephanie McGuire (John Glenn High School) and Christine Wheatley (Salem High School), both of Canton.

#### Olivet Dean's List

Christopher Gregory and Benjamin Kosmalski, both of Canton, made the Olivet College fall semester Dean's List. To make the Dean's List, a student must be full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

#### Honor Society membership

Western Michigan University student and Canton resident Daniel Matthew Nowak accepted membership and was initiated into National Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for First Year Students on Feb. 15.

Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence among first year students. Membership is open to full-time freshmen students who earn a scholastic average of 3.5 or better at a four-year college or university.

Daniel has taken an oath to continue to "maintain high scholarship and to use my education for the benefit of my community, my nation, and the world in which we live."

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said Lemon as he showed off the Satellite Thursday afternoon.

Indeed, the car looks showroom new: Lemon's Satellite is a two-door coupe with a 535-horsepower, 440-cubic-inch engine (from a 1971 Dodge Charger) and a deep red, glossy finish (the color is actually called medium red metallic). Modifications are carefully hidden. The 1965 model was the first in Plymouth's Satellite line and has no parts, other than the floorboards, in common with later models, Lemon said.

Lemon has spent thousands of dollars and thousands of hours on the Satellite, scouring eBay for parts (he even drove to Allentown, Pa., and back in one day to buy a windshield) and working in his garage most weekends for years.

The engine was rebuilt by Best Machine Racing Engines (formerly of Warren, now in Farmington Hills), and body work was done by Sullivan's Collision of Lincoln Park. Lemon did the interior work and put the entire car back together himself.

"I would work a good 16 hours each weekend for four years," he said.

The project was a lot more extensive than either Lemon or his wife had anticipated.

"It was just going to be a Sunday driver. This wasn't going to happen," Bianca Lemon said.

"I've always toyed with cars, but nothing like this," Lemon said.

Bianca Lemon said she bought the Satellite as a reward, because her husband has always worked hard and put family first. He is a sales manager for APAC Paper and Packaging Corp. in Allen Park.

The Satellite is Lemon's first Autorama exhibition;

he also plans to take it to the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise in August, an event he's attended for many years as a spectator.

The drag-racing days, however, are over. "Those were dangerous days," Lemon said. Still, he speaks fondly of putting his first Satellite up against a "legend" with a red Pontiac GTO. It was the only car, he said, he didn't outrun. "I'll never forget racing that guy. I can see it like it was yesterday."

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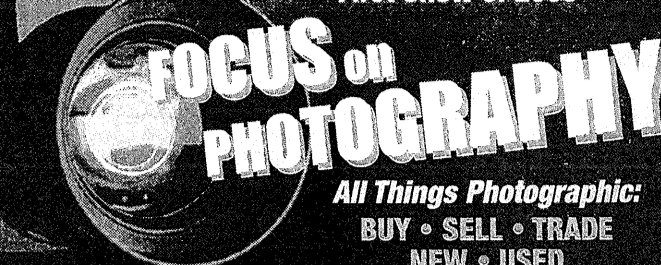


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Bob Lemon, at the wheel of his 1965 Plymouth Satellite.

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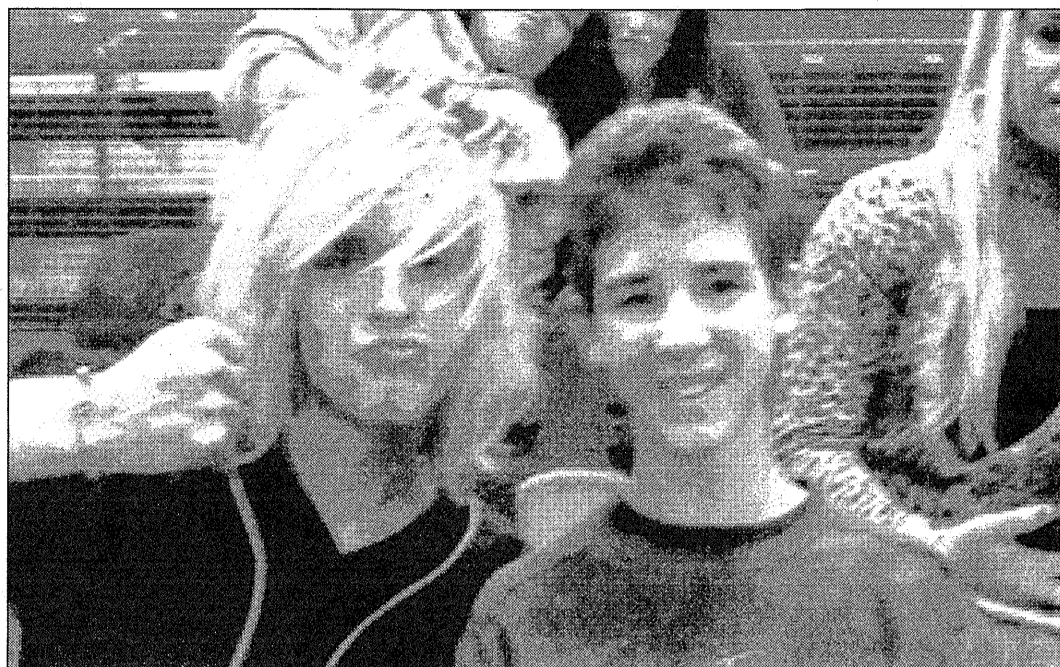
# Stage actor heads for silver screen

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Tyler Hrubik saw actor Adrian Brody on the telecast of the Oscars last week, one thought raced through his mind: "Someday, I'll be up there." And, since Tyler has already shared the screen with Brody, who knows?

Tyler, a 13-year-old West Middle School student from Plymouth Township, recently spent three days filming as a paid extra in the upcoming movie, *High School*, a comedy written and directed by John Stalberg Jr.

Tyler got the gig after a crowded casting call at the vacant Parker High School in Howell.

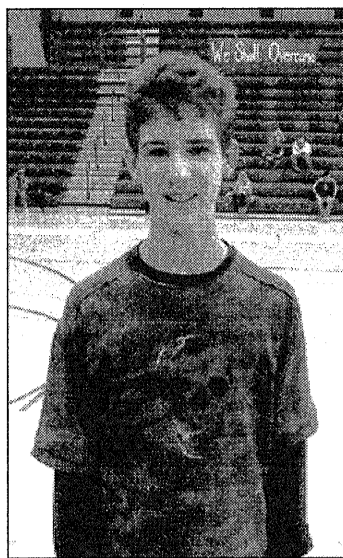


Tyler Hrubik (right) of Plymouth Township mugs for the camera with actor Matt Bush on the set of 'High School,' the movie filmed in Howell in which Tyler was cast as an extra.

seen a story on a television newscast. Most of the actors who responded were adults, many recent high school graduates. Tyler, the son of Jeff and Tracey Hrubik, was among the youngest to audition, and was among the youngest cho-

sen. Being chosen is nothing new for the youngster, though. Tyler and his brother, Jasper, are veterans of the stage at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. In fact, it was Jasper's love of and performance in

theater that got Tyler hooked. Tyler balked at trying out at first, but watching his brother changed his mind. In his first production, *After Hours*, he played a burglar who broke into a clothing store and was caught by mannequins that



Tyler Hrubik, 13, of Plymouth Township in the Howell high school gym that served as the set for 'High School.'

came to life. "After (*After Hours*), I've always wanted to be an actor," Tyler said. "I like to make people laugh. I think it's something I could do and would want to keep doing."

But *High School* will be his first movie. It stars Brody, the Academy Award-winning

star of *The Pianist*; Michael Chiklis, who played The Thing in the *Fantastic Four* franchise and starred in TV's *The Shield*; and Matt Bush, who has appeared in, among other things, AT&T commercials.

The movie revolves around a valedictorian (Matt Bush), who makes a bad decision to try an illegal substance. Chiklis plays the principal and Brody plays the drug dealer. Producers described *High School* as a film about an over-achieving student with plans for Harvard who is talked into smoking marijuana on the day before his graduation and how it ruins his life.

The film is slated to debut later this year, and Tyler and his family are obviously excited to see the finished product.

"We're anxious to see the movie, especially after seeing Adrian Brody on the Oscars," mom Tracey Hrubik said. "We could picture being 13 ourselves ... Just to see his face light up. We're just so proud of him. I think he realized not everyone gets to do that."

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Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team proudly display the pink T-shirts they wore during a special event to promote breast cancer awareness.

## Schoolcraft basketball players get in the pink zone

BY TIM SMITH  
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During the national anthem Feb. 18 at Schoolcraft College, Karen Lafata couldn't help but think of the late college coaching legend Kay Yow.

It was "Get in the WBCA Pink Zone" night in honor of Yow, the legendary North Carolina State head women's

basketball coach who recently died from breast cancer after battling the disease since 1987.

All proceeds from the women's-men's twin-bill between Schoolcraft and Oakland Community College went to the Kay Yow Women's Basketball Coaches Association Cancer Fund and Susan G. Komen For The Cure.

"I was sending my vibes to

Kay Yow up there," said Lady Ocelots' coach Lafata, following her No. 2-ranked team's 80-51 pounding of OCC in the doubleheader opener. "Just thanking her for what she's done for the game and what her inspiration is going."

The event at Schoolcraft was festive, with many in the crowd of several hundred wearing "Pink Zone" T-shirts

or other pink attire.

Even players, coaches and scorekeepers wore pink. Lafata promised that the program will become an annual event.

To do their part, Schoolcraft players went out and bought pink headbands, wristbands and socks to honor Yow and make sure the night's message continued even on the basketball court.

Lafata said breast cancer is something being dealt with in the families of two current Lady Ocelots, which only helped the evening's message connect with the team. "They know what it's about; it touches everybody."

Although the atmosphere was special, what happened on the court itself was routine. Led by 17 points from Plymouth Salem alum Tayler Langham, Schoolcraft racked up its 17th consecutive Michigan Community College Athletic Association victory of the season. Conference champion Schoolcraft (24-2, 17-0) will host a 7 p.m. Wednesday state quarterfinal game.

**TAKE THE NEXT STEP**

Fans who came out for "Get in the WBCA Pink Zone" had the chance to sign up for upcoming American Cancer Society Relay For Life events, to keep the ball of awareness rolling.

Among those welcoming spectators was Redford's Abba Garcia, a Livonia Franklin graduate with Livonia Relay For Life.

"I think it's turning out great," Garcia said. "The main reason why we're here is to support the 'pink out' event and to promote awareness about cancer — not just breast cancer but any type of cancer."

"This is a community-driven event so we are trying to invite people to join our relay, form a team and come to our kick-off."

Pamphlets and handouts were distributed about the group's upcoming kick-off party 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at Livonia's Doc's Sports Retreat and a 24-hour walk June 6-7 at Livonia Clarenceville. The walk will go from 10 a.m. to 10 a.m.

"We honor survivors, we remember those we have lost and we want to find ways to fight back," Garcia said.

Registration for the kick-off party will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Kelly Weir at (248) 663-3458 or e-mail her at Kelly.Weir@cancer.org.

Another organization at the welcoming table was Schoolcraft Rotoract, promoting another Relay For Life walk taking place 10 a.m. May 16 to 10 a.m. May 17 at Heritage Park in Canton.

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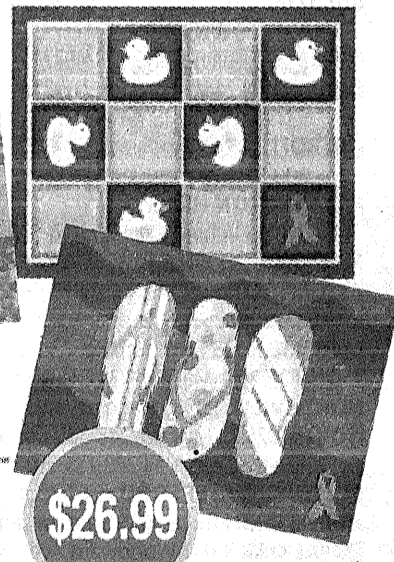
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# Bankruptcy may be an option for some situations

**Q:** Dear Rick: I'm being pulled in 101 different directions. My problem is I can't pay my bills. I have over \$35,000 in charge card debt, I haven't paid my mortgage in two months and I'm worried about my job. I have talked to a number of different people and the options are bankruptcy, working with one of the debt relief companies or basically doing nothing. A friend suggested that because of some

new law, the bank won't be able to foreclose on my home and that as long as I pay something on my charge cards, there won't be a problem. My friend also said bankruptcy won't solve my problems because my credit would be ruined. I don't know what to do.

**A:** You can talk with three different people and receive three different courses of action. All the options may solve the issue, but the key is finding one that best suits your situation.

My general rule is if there is no possibility of paying off your debt anytime soon, bankruptcy is an option you should pursue. I disagree with

your friend. Bankruptcy is a viable option to put you on the path to financial solvency. Bankruptcy laws today are not as lenient as in the past. That doesn't mean people in dire situations should not pursue bankruptcy. In the past, people could declare bankruptcy and wipe out all debt. Today it is not as easy, however, it is still possible. Bankruptcy will allow you to reduce your debt and set up a payment plan you can live with.

There is no doubt that obtaining credit is going to be difficult once you go through bankruptcy. However, non-payment of your mortgage as well as late and delinquent payments on your charge card

will also have a negative affect on your credit. The fact that your credit will be affected is not the major concern. The major concern is getting you back on the road to financial solvency.

In today's difficult economic times, more people understand why it is necessary to file for bankruptcy.

One of the great things about this country is we give people the opportunity to rebound after adversity and eventually prosper. Corporate America has no problem using the bankruptcy laws. That does not mean bankruptcy is an individual's first option, however, it should be an option. If you do pursue

bankruptcy, I recommend discussing your situation with a bankruptcy attorney.

Doing nothing and waiting to see what happens in Washington is not a viable option.

As to seeking advice from a debt relief companies, I have no problem pursuing that option. However, you do have to factor into the equation what happens if you do lose your job.

In selecting a debt relief company, be careful. Check the company out through the Better Business Bureau, find out what their fee structure is and most important what they can do to assist with your individual situation.

There is no doubt we're in very difficult financial times and many people are having difficulty meeting their financial obligations for the first time in their lives. Although, there is no particular course of action that will solve everyone's problem, doing nothing is not the way to go. Study the pros and cons of all options available then act.

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# Electronic tax filing is fast, easy and convenient

Each month, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz will answer reader questions asked about property taxes. Wojtowicz reminds taxpayers: "Always remember that your property is your most precious asset. Do not risk losing it for nonpayment of property taxes. If in doubt, ask questions."

**Q:** Is there a fee to pay my delinquent property taxes by electronic debit (ACH)?

**A:** No. The electronic debit option is at no cost to you.



Ask the Treasurer

Raymond Wojtowicz

service provider, not the Wayne County Treasurer.

**Q:** Is there a fee to pay my delinquent taxes by credit card?

**A:** Taxpayers using MasterCard or Visa will incur a service charge of 2.49 percent of the total taxes paid. The fee is paid to the service provider, not the Wayne County Treasurer.

**Q:** How will I know if my payment was received?

**A:** As soon as the process is completed, you will receive an e-mail confirmation. A receipt will be mailed to the address that you provided on the screen.

**Q:** What are the benefits of paying my delinquent taxes on the Internet?

**A:** It's fast – the payment process takes only a few minutes. It's accurate – verification steps guide you along the way, you are able to review payment information before it is sent

It's convenient – this payment option is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week without having to leave the comfort of your home.

It's easy to use – the screens are self-explanatory and help buttons are there to guide you through the process.

It's secure – Wayne County maintains a high level of security on the Internet.

Readers can e-mail questions for Ask the Wayne County Treasurer to [askabouttaxes@hometownlife.com](mailto:abouttaxes@hometownlife.com)

# Some solutions to coyote 'problem' are overkill

Frustration. That word applies equally to those who want the deer of Rochester Hills or the coyotes of Bloomfield Hills to be shot as it does for those who do not. The culling program – and culling is just a sanitized word for sanctioned, organized killing with a purpose – has many residents fully disgusted and very angry.

The culling program was officially spawned over concerns of the many deer-car crashes, yet other residents were delighted with the demise of deer for another reason: "Now they won't eat my flowers." That program has been halted. For now, the city of Bloomfield Hills' planned response to "problem" coyotes is one of selective killing, using officers to shoot coyotes that are perceived to be threats

to people or pets. As of press time, no shots have been fired. And that's well and good. For it's going to be a long stretch to sort out those coyotes that are happily munching on garden-raiding groundhogs or geese that poop proflically on palatial properties from coyotes that want your bird-stalking cat as kitty cuisine or consider the family canine a competitor. Being opportunists, coyotes do both.

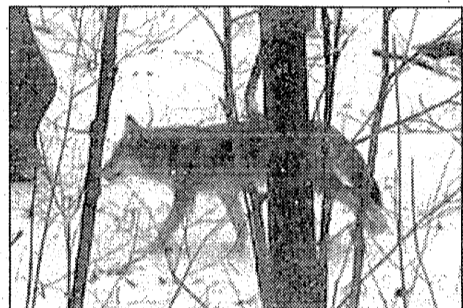
What neither kill program seems to have taken into consideration is that wildlife knows no borders: Coyotes and deer and all things wild don't care about political boundaries. They respond to habitat availability and they are evolving to our behavior far more efficiently than we are to theirs. There is no quick

fix. But there are facts that put the wildlife among us in perspective.

Fact: Coyotes do not belong up North "where they should live in the forest." Coyotes are not forest animals and they were not driven out from someplace else because of development. They are here because we give them food; abundant rodents, birds and foods associated with human behavior. Fact: Likewise deer are opportunists and everything about our landscaping practices screams Location! Location! Location!

To understand ways to reduce conflict, it is necessary to recognize the difference between biological and social carrying capacity. Biological carrying capacity is loosely defined as the number of animals that can be supported by a given habitat year after year without adversely affecting that habitat. The rotten apple in our planning process is the social carrying capacity, or how many of a species we humans tolerate in a given habitat. For some, one coyote is too many and deer "belong in zoos."

For others just the presence of wildlife rais-



Coyotes are the subject of a video produced by Bloomfield Township Police Officer Pete Matejck.

es the quality of life whether we see them or not. Another fact is clear: Local government units are under pressure by their constituents to do something, even when that something is not long-term and does not include a serious and thoughtful educational campaign.

There is no easy fix to what some see as problematic wildlife behavior. But the sooner we realize that it's our behavior that alters wildlife behavior, the better off we are and the less government will have to respond to human behavior by shooting wildlife. Kudos to Bloomfield Township and Police Officer Pete Matejck for the township's bold steps in the right direction with a much needed on-line education campaign on suburban coyotes ([www.bloomfieldtp.org/Services/Police/Coyotes.htm](http://www.bloomfieldtp.org/Services/Police/Coyotes.htm)) and the recognition that it's all about habitat and food and aversion conditioning.

Final thoughts: If you want that coyote off your property, tell it so. Keep a portable air horn handy.

Blast it and yell, wave your arms. Run towards it, yelling all the way. Run away and you send a message: You are weak and afraid. And be realistic: Drunk and distracted drivers pose far more threat to you and your pets than the coyotes of Oakland County.

Lastly, deer feeding is illegal in all of Lower Michigan. Feeding creates unnatural gatherings and provides grains for mice, rabbits, squirrels and birds. Abundant small animals in your yard attract coyotes that become less cautious of us. And that means more conflict, perceived or real.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. [oaknature@aol.com](mailto:oaknature@aol.com).

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# Canton couple gets face time in George Clooney movie

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As an extra years ago in two movies filmed in Michigan, Christine Wofford of Canton Township was part of a large crowd and hardly noticeable.

However, after filming Thursday at Metro Airport, her face time in the movie *Up in the Air* brought her a little more than just a couple of scenes with actor George Clooney.

"I didn't get paid for the other two movies," said

Wofford of her appearances in Jeff Daniels' *Super Sucker* and the movie *61* filmed at Tiger Stadium with Billy Crystal. "For this one I made \$106."

That was \$7.40 minimum wage for eight hours, with four hours of time-and-a-half overtime. Hardly enough to make a living.

"It's not about the money," said Wofford, 56. "It's a lot of fun and you get to meet a lot of people."

Wofford and her husband, Gary, both spent the day at the old international terminal at

Detroit Metro Airport with each having the opportunity to be in a couple of scenes.

"Three of us were near the snack machine and it worked out nice because I got to be next to George Clooney for a couple of seconds," Christine Wofford said. "That was a thrill. We're not allowed to make eye contact with them or speak to them, but he came to our area and said 'Good morning.' He was very nice."

Gary Wofford, 57, also had two scenes, one with Clooney at the Hertz rental car desk.

"I was waiting in line and he was right behind me," said Gary Wofford, who had never done any kind of acting before. "At first I thought 'Oh, no, I hope I don't have to speak or move.' But, we had rehearsed the scene a few times and I felt confident in what I had to do."

Gary Wofford was able to snag the rental car lease agreement signed by Clooney, in which the actor also wrote "It's nice being here." It was

also signed by actress Vera Farmiga.

The Woffords weren't in any scenes as a couple, but they walked past each other and "we would wink" said Gary Wofford.

While the Woffords aren't looking for careers in the movie industry, Christine said with more movies being filmed in Michigan she'd like to do more acting.

"I'm going to get more involved," she said. "I think I'm going to send some head shots to different agencies."

Of course, every woman wants to know what it's like being with Clooney, one of the most eligible bachelors around.

"My heart was beating ... it was extremely exciting," said Christine Wofford. "He is extremely good looking, very handsome and has a really deep voice."

But, would she ever consider leaving her husband to be with the sexy Clooney?

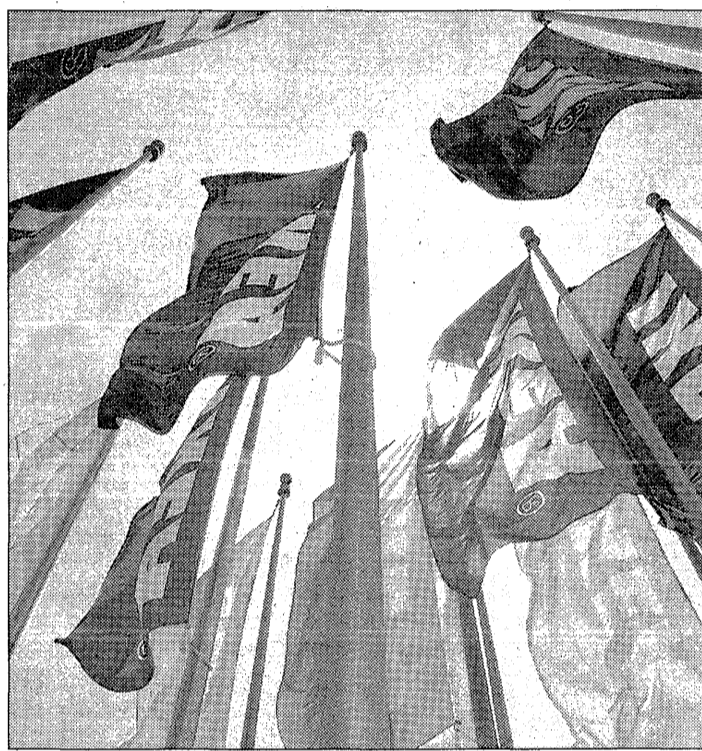
"In a heartbeat," she said.



Christine Wofford of Canton gets her make-up done before filming a scene in the George Clooney film 'Up in the Air' on Thursday at Metro Airport. She appears in two scenes as an extra.

## IKEA shuttle service to connect Canton and downtown Detroit

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



A new shuttle service to debut in March will take people back and forth from IKEA Canton to Campus Martius in downtown Detroit.

IKEA plans to begin a monthly free shuttle service from its store in Canton to Campus Martius Park in downtown Detroit beginning March 12.

One weekend a month IKEA will have at least one 40-passenger bus to take visitors to Campus Martius, and on the return trip transport passengers from downtown to the IKEA store at Ford and Haggerty.

"Public transportation is not always available where we locate our stores," said Joe Roth, IKEA spokesman. "As we start settling into shopping patterns at our stores, we may have to provide transportation service for customers. This policy for IKEA Canton is consistent with our commitment to make IKEA stores accessible."

Canton will be the second

area of the country to have the free shuttles. Roth said it's been successful in the Brooklyn, Manhattan and New Jersey area since June.

Ashli Bobo of the BERLINE public relations company in Bloomfield Hills said the year-long shuttles will run hourly from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The first shuttle will be March 12-15 in conjunction with the last weekend of ice skating at Campus Martius Park.

"We'll coordinate the shuttles with events in downtown Detroit at places like Hart Plaza, Cobo Center and Greektown and any big sales events at IKEA," Bobo said. "IKEA is looking at providing the shuttles during the popular Fourth Fridays with Ford entertainment series at Campus Martius. The shuttles will run all year long."

IKEA is expected to release more information and details about the monthly shuttles March 9.

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# Shop revives interest in slot car racing

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shawn Cummins may not like the radio station his father Paul listens to, but the Oldies music fits in well with their revival of an activity that was the rage among kids more than 20 years ago.

There's no roar of the engines, but there's plenty of racing to be had at their Slot Car Mania store on Wayne Road in Westland. From an eight-lane Ogilvie Hill Climb CrissCross track to the 1/24 scale quarter mile drag strip, racers can test their reflexes against other "drivers" or the clock for fun and excitement.

"It's really neat, every day someone comes in and says 'I remember doing this as a kid,'" said Shawn Cummins. "We can get their car back on the track, we can get those memories back."

Paul Cummins remembers going to different slot car race tracks with his sons when they were younger. But those places are all gone, so he and his son developed idea of Slot Car Mania in 2007 and opened their store last September in the shopping plaza at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland.

Located in what had been a clothing store, the two men painted it in bright colors, hung up checkered flags and moved in a variety of parts and kits from companies like Great Lakes Slot Car, Blind Designs, Koford, JK Products, Sonic and Slick 7. Work on the shop attracted attention from passers-by who stopped to see what was going in the vacant building.

"People would poke their heads in and say 'I remember that,'" said Paul Cummins. "It's word of mouth that has brought people in."

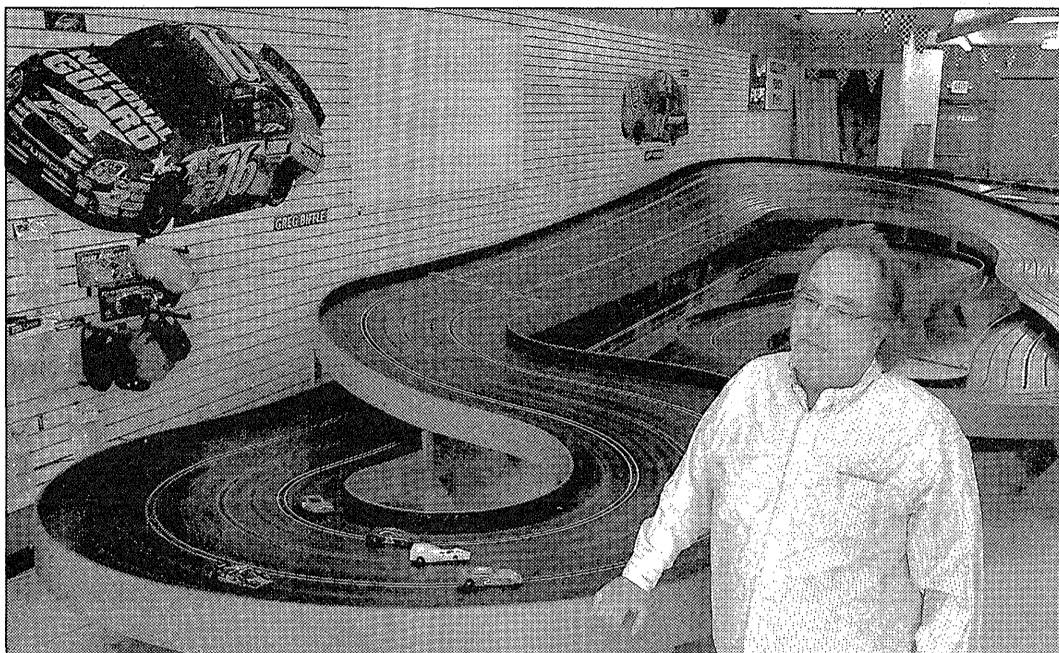
That and being one of three slot car race tracks in western Wayne County has helped build the business grow. From first-time visitors and regular racers to Scout groups and birthday parties, people are rediscovering slot car racing that was the rage in the 1960s.

The store includes the Ogilvie track and drag strip as well as 1/24 scale 1/8-mile drag strip, and six-lane oval HO Buck Track. Race time, including all tracks and a controller, is available in quarter, half and full hours and costs \$6, \$9 and \$13, respectively. Bring your own wheels and it's \$8 and hour or \$20 for a full day. For families of four, there's a \$30 deal — one hour of racing, all equipment and tracks.

There are specialty nights — \$2 bracket drag warm-ups on Wednesdays and 4-inch and 4 1/2-inch NASCAR night on Thursdays with the main drag nights on Friday. The Cumminses are looking to start a GTP and Formula 1 race night on Tuesdays.

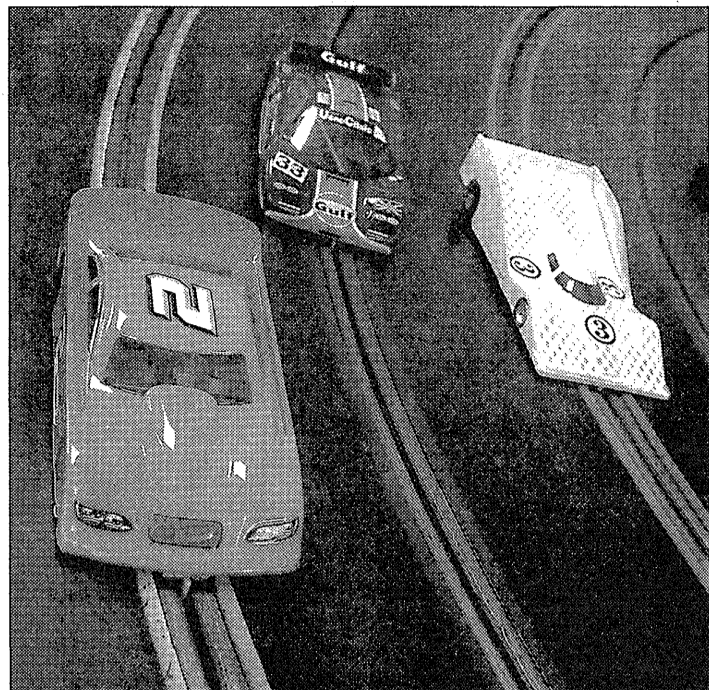
"The tracks are always open, you don't have to belong to an organized race group," Shawn Cummins said.

"We have races through the week and have a lot of fans



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Paul Cummins of Livonia shows off the eight-lane Ogilvie Hill Climb CrissCross track that dominates the floor space in the SlotCar Mania store in Westland that he owns with son Shawn Cummins of Westland.



Bring your own slot car or use one provided by the store. The choices include NASCAR and Formula 1 models.

in on weekends," added Paul Cummins. "We've gotten some good customers and some good friends."

The store is attracting people from around the area as well as some racers from Flint and "a guy who drives two hours from Ohio on a Friday night to drag race," Shawn Cummins said.

One of the racers who comes

in is Eric Lagana. The former Garden City resident sees a lot of camaraderie and a lot of fun at the store.

"I like that," he said. "I've been coming here since a week after it opened. I have a really good time here."

Lagana is one of those people who had slot cars before. He started slot car racing in 1983 and did it at Joy 500 on

Cherry Hill at Merriman until it closed. He moved over to Hot Slots on Ford in Garden City in the 1990s and raced there until it closed.

"This is filling the gap," he said. "People who raced before with groups come in and other people come in to learn from them," he said.

By the spring, the Cumminses hope to add

truck and tractor pulls to the offerings at the store. According to Paul Cummins, the pulls are just like full-sized competition. The scaled down versions can't be found anywhere in Michigan, he said.

"It would be just like you'd see on TV," he said.

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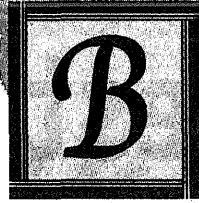
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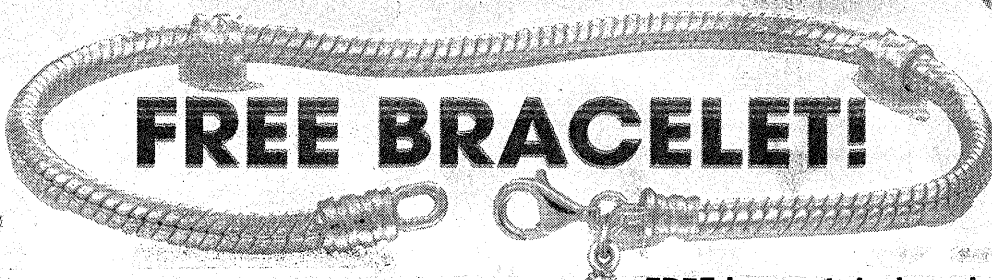
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## Stone drives Salem into KLAA winner's circle



Salem's Sara Stone, pictured during a game earlier this week, led the Rocks to the KLAA Association title Friday by scoring 23 points, including seven in overtime.

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BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Salem's Sara Stone took over in the second half and overtime to help the Rocks win the first-ever KLAA Association girls basketball title Friday night, 45-38.

A late Lakeland push sent the game into overtime and just missed pulling out the win with a late put-back, but once overtime hit, it was all Stone.

She scored seven of her game-high 23 points in the extra session. She hit for 19 points after halftime, mostly inside.

"It feels great," Stone said. "I got really used to it when I got in the post. I used to post up all the time

in seventh and eighth grade. I've played guard ever since I got to Salem, but I was really used to it."

The Rocks used the height advantage from Stone and Chelsea Davis to work almost exclusively inside all night.

Davis provided six points, but she picked up several assists working the pick and roll with Stone and others throughout the win.

"That was a really hard-fought basketball game," Salem head coach Fred Thomann said. "That was two really even teams going at it out there."

"Sara had a great game, and Chelsea Davis had a great game. I thought our guard play was good because we took their guards out of

stuff they like to do. Then it was our front line versus their front line."

Lakeland came out the aggressor in the first quarter and held a 10-4 lead heading into the second. Salem hit just one of 12 shots in the opening session, but missed several inside shots.

They started falling in the second, and the Rocks cut the lead to 16-14 by halftime.

It didn't take long to get the lead in the third quarter. Salem hit its first four shots and went on to out-score the Eagles 13-6 for a 27-22 lead heading into the fourth.

The Rocks pushed the lead to seven before Lakeland fought all the way back.

Trailing by six, Jessica Duleba hit

a three-pointer, and Amy Carlton produced a steal and a bucket to cut the lead to one.

Salem's Bret deBear hit a free throw with 1:44 left to go up 34-32. Lakeland's Katherine O'Leary responded with a shot in the lane to tie it up 11 seconds later.

Eventually, Lakeland had the ball for the final shot. Duleba forced a shot up that bounced off to Amy Carlton. With time running out, she tried to hit the putback, but it wouldn't fall as the buzzer sounded to end regulation.

"I'm very proud of them," Lakeland head coach Mike Head said. "We had two good looks. Jess

Please see SALEM, B3

### HONORING BOB BRODIE'S 25-YEAR HEAD-COACHING CAREER

## Balanced attack leads Rocks over Chargers

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On an evening highlighted by the recognition of a silver milestone, Salem's boys basketball team played like gold Thursday against visiting Livonia Churchill.

The Rocks helped put an exclamation point on a night-long celebration of Bob Brodie's 25th year as head coach by outlasting the Chargers, 73-66, in an often fast-paced contest that was anything but dull.

Salem's fourth-straight triumph improved its record to 8-10 while the entertaining Chargers slipped to 7-11.

"We played a very solid game tonight," said Brodie, who was honored at halftime in front of a crowd that included several members of his family and close to 30 of his former players. "We had five guys in double-figures, so a lot of players contributed."

"We beat a good basketball team tonight. They're better than their record indicates."

The Chargers threatened to spoil the hosts' festivities by surging to a 17-9 lead five min-

utes into the game. They also grabbed a 63-62 lead with 3:50 left on an Adam Bedell inside hoop, but Salem had an answer for every Churchill threat.

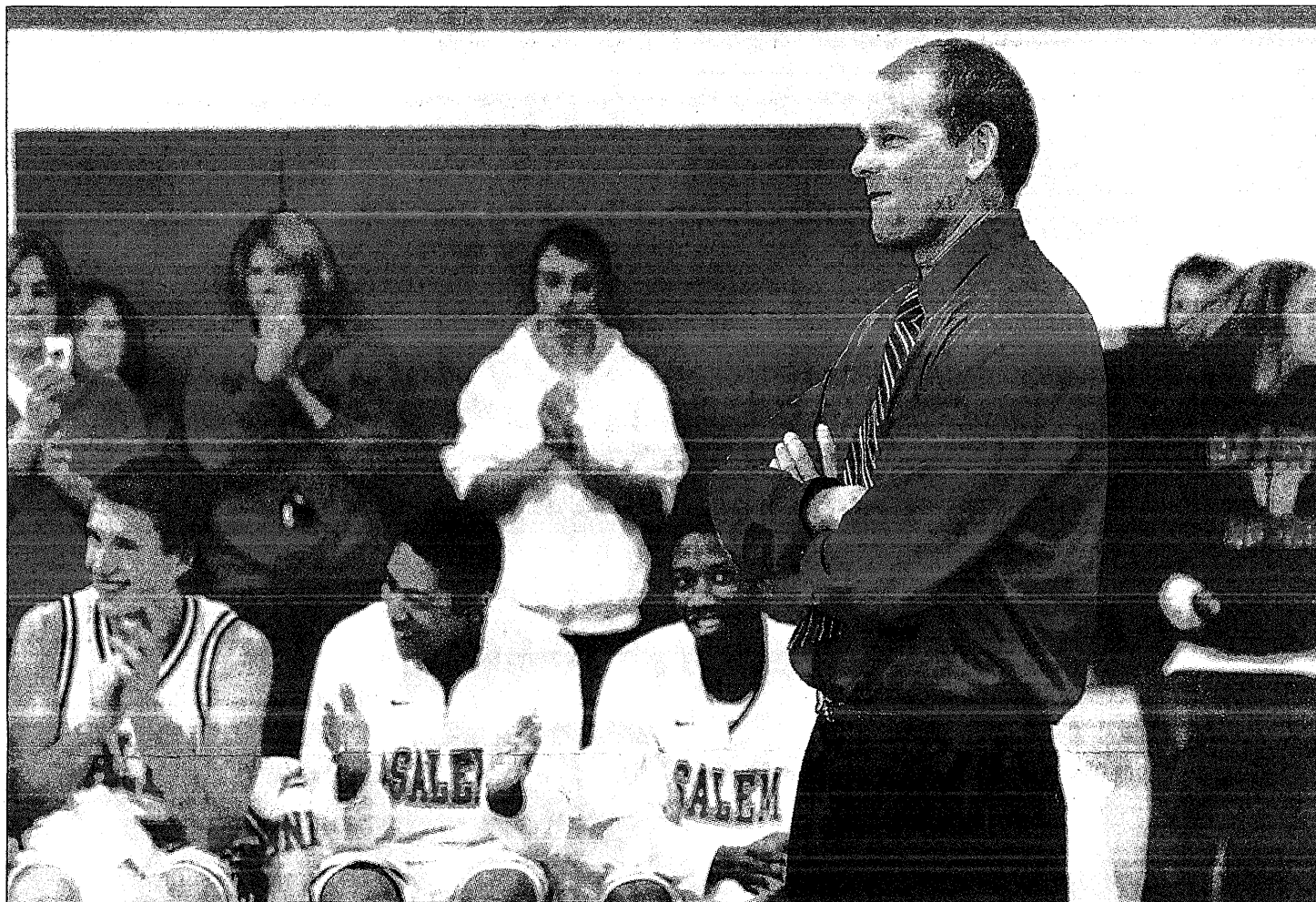
A trio of seniors did most of the damage for the winners. Forward Jim Dexter led all scorers with 18 points (to complement his team-high seven rebounds), guard Anthony Mullins added 16 and Joe Posler chipped in with 12 points and six boards.

Juniors Jake Peterson (12 points and six rebounds) and Blake Hayes (10 points off the bench) also shone for the Rocks.

Fleet-footed Ryan Woods paced the Chargers with 16 points while Scott Senczyszyn netted 14. Tony Frezzell and Bedell both poured in 13 while Cameron Norscia registered 11 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

"I thought we executed well offensively tonight," said Churchill coach Jim Solak. "We've been struggling to score lately, so that was nice to see."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie looks on as a surprise half-time celebration to honor his 25 years as the head coach of the Rocks unfolds Thursday night.

## 'He's a class act'

### Brodie's many contributions to Salem recognized

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following 25 years of choosing to operate in the shadows of his players, Bob Brodie couldn't evade the glare of the spotlight Thursday night.

During a surprise halftime ceremony that was attended by several of his family members and at least 30 former players, the widely respected Salem boys basketball coach was lauded for his quarter-century as the lead mentor of the Rocks' program.

"When I realized what was going on, I asked one of my assistant coaches, 'This isn't a retirement party, is it?'" Brodie joked, moments after his team's victory over Livonia Churchill. "Before the game, I saw a few of my former players showing up, but I see former players at a lot of games. But when they started setting up chairs along the sidelines, and more and

more players started filing in, I figured something was up."

"Like I said during my halftime speech, you can't do a job like this for as long as I've done it without being surrounded by tremendous people. It takes a great family, great players and assistant coaches, and supportive administrators."

"It was especially nice to see all the former players who showed up because they're all like family to me."

The widespread admiration for Brodie has been earned by far more than his gold-plated career won-loss record. His calm sideline demeanor and the care he shows for his players — both present and past — also drew praise Thursday night.

"First and foremost, people who know Bob see a guy who's a class act and a man with integrity," said Tom Williams, who has coached with Brodie for over 20 years. "A lot of times, in the arena of coaching,

you see guys ranting and raving on the sidelines, drawing the focus away from their players. Bob's never been about that. It's always been about the players for him. His No. 1 commitment has always been for his players — both in the gym and the classroom."

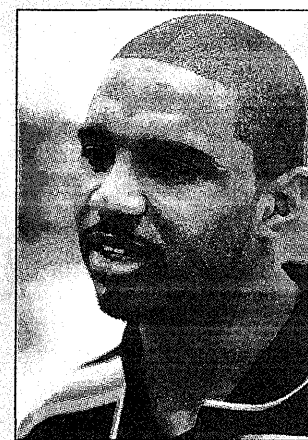
James Head, arguably the greatest Salem player in Brodie's tenure, echoed Williams' sentiments.

"You just don't find too many coaches as dedicated as coach Brodie," said Head, who excelled on the hardwood at Eastern Michigan University following his career at Salem. "He always took the time to make sure his players were doing what they needed to do to achieve their highest goals."

While watching Thursday night's game, Head noted that not a lot has changed with his former coach.

"I see he still emphasizes funda-

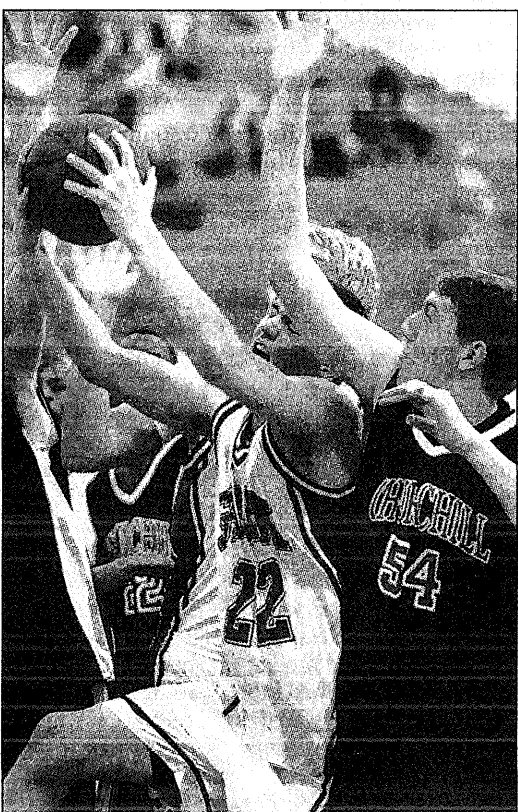
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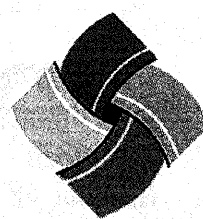
Salem's Joe Posler (22) finds the going tough during the drive to the hoop during Thursday win over Livonia Churchill. Posler had 12 points and six rebounds.



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# Criteria decides Canton grapplers' fate in regional final loss to Glenn

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The MHSAA rulebook had final jurisdiction in deciding the outcome of Wednesday night's Division 1 team wrestling regional at Westland John Glenn.

With the score deadlocked at 29-all after Glenn's Joshua Austin decided Canton's Carl Lucke, 6-3, in the last match of the evening at 119 pounds, officials Tom Arsenault and Jerome Angelo huddled with the coaches of both teams at the scorer's table to determine the tiebreaker criteria.

"We had to go through each weight class," Angelo said. "We went from A through F." The deadlock was broken on the sixth criteria — most first-points scored in each match, and the host Glenn came away the dramatic victor.

Here's now the tiebreaker criteria was broken down: unsportsmanlike points (even); matches won (7-7); pins (2-2); technical falls (1-1); major decisions (zero each); and finally initial points scored (8-6 in favor of Glenn).

The Rockets, now 25-7 overall, will be making their first trip in school history to the Elite Eight, beginning at 3:15 p.m. Friday, March 6 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

"The kids just believed," Glenn ninth-year coach Bill Polk said. "It's been a rocky year at times, we've had some ups-and-downs, and we lost four or five matches that we could have probably won. But I noticed prior to the league

meet (Kensington Lakes) that they started coming together. I think we're peaking at the right time."

It was an emotionally charged night with Glenn upsetting No. 5-ranked Temperance Bedford in one semifinal, 32-28, while No. 10 Canton needed a pin in the final match from 112-pounder Waleed Faraj to stave off Southgate Anderson in the other semifinal, 33-27.

It was the only the second time since the MHSAA team finals began in 1988 that Bedford has not won a regional.

"I've been working 12 years for this, ever since the first day I walked in the door here — that's what it's been," Polk said. "It stretches back even before my coaching career. They (Bedford) knocked us out when I was wrestling for Dearborn High, so I have my own personal reasons."

Glenn and Canton, meanwhile, fought tooth-and-nail in a match that didn't end until it was nearly 10 p.m.

When Glenn's 103-pounder Steven Wakeford pinned Dan Filippelli with 1:01 left in the third period, the Rockets took their first lead since the opening match of the night, 26-23.

Faraj then returned the favor with another pin at 112 to put the Chiefs ahead, 29-26, setting the stage for the Austin-Lucke finale.

"I told Josh after Canton had won against Southgate that 'the match was coming down to you,'" Glenn coach Bill Polk recalled. "We knew we had a shot because every match with

Josh (vs. Lucke) was either one point or overtime. We knew it could go either way. I told Josh he had to have a major decision. But we checked the score sheet, and then one of my former wrestlers, Eric Schambers, looked it up in the (rule) book and I knew one of the criteria. We knew if we win the match, we've got it."

Austin had lost his first three matches this season against Lucke — all close decisions — but captured the last meeting at the Kensington Lakes meet.

Austin jumped out to a 5-0 lead and nearly had a pin at the end of the first period as Lucke was saved by the horn. The Canton senior then rallied to within two, 5-3, but Austin was able to close out the match and force the team tiebreaker.

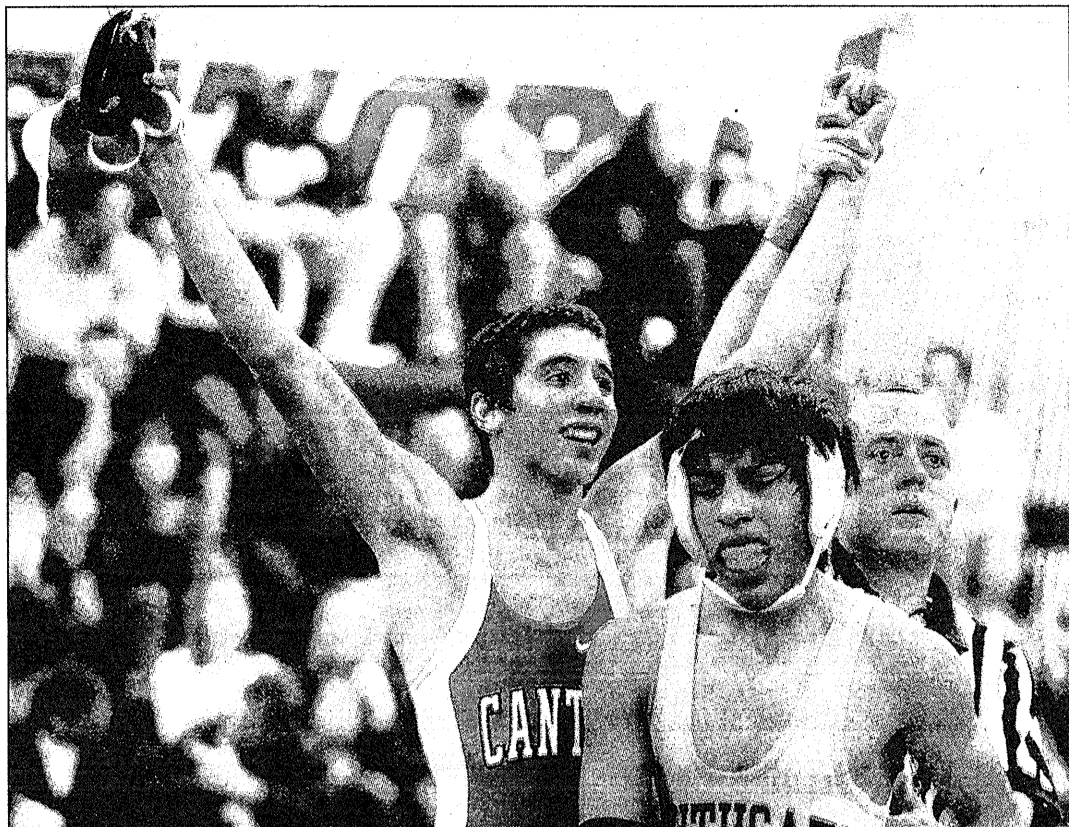
Canton, which earned a trip to last year's state finals, bows out with a 25-11 dual-match record. Canton senior Donnie Watkins (135), who had two pins on the night, recorded his 150th career victory.

"I'm proud of them, they overachieved and we were not supposed to make it this far, and we nearly made it all the way back," Canton first-year coach Cory Mancuso said.

"After (Robert) Lincoln's match (at 285) and I thought we had it won, but I knew the 119 match would be tight tonight. My guy (Lucke) had won three-of-four, but he (Austin) just got the best of us tonight."

(See a complete summary of the team regional results.)

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Canton's Waleed Faraj was all smiles after his hand is raised by referee Tom Arsenault, after pinning Southgate Anderson's Ludwing Castanada to win the 112-pound match that sealed the Chiefs' Regional semi-final team victory. Faraj also won his match in the team championship match against John Glenn.

## WRESTLING RESULTS

### MHSAA TEAM WRESTLING REGIONAL RESULTS

#### DIVISION 1

##### Feb. 25 at WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (Championship final)

##### JOHN GLENN 29, CANTON 29 (Glenn wins on sixth criteria)

125 pounds: Mark Thompson (WJG) decisioned Mitch Wolski, 6-4; 130: Jeremy Filippelli (C) dec. Anthony Pavlich, 7-5; 135: Donnie Watkins (C) won by technical fall over Jared Stephens, 15-0; 140: Jimmy Mann (WJG) pinned Ryan Terrell, 1:47; 145: Brent Winekoff (C) p. Mike Johnson, 3:03; 152: Zaid Ammari (WJG) won by tech. fall over Austin Mach, 20-4; 160: Anthony Abro (C) dec. Jeff Adkins, 11-5; 171: Keith Zech (C) dec. Zach Redden, 7-3; 189: Kameron Jones (WJG) dec. Ben Poirer, 6-4; 215: Tyler Bourcier (C) dec. Gerald Powell, 7-2; 285: Dustin Gajowiak (WJG) dec. Robert Lincoln, 7-2; 103: Steven Wakeford (WJG) p. Dan Filippelli, 4:59; 112: Waleed Faraj (C) p. Doug Wiley, 1:14; 119: Joshua Austin (WJG) dec. Carl Lucke, 6-3.

Dual match records: John Glenn, 25-7 overall; Canton, 25-11 overall.

#### (Semifinal matches)

##### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 32 TEMPERANCE BEDFORD 28

119 pounds: Joshua Austin (WJG) decision Tom Fox, 12-8; 125: Mark Thompson (WJG) won by major dec. over J.L. Stevens, 13-3; 130: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) dec. Brian Gibbs, 8-6; 135: Jared Stephens (WJG) won by major dec. over Mike Peck, 18-8; 140: Billy Osborne (TB) dec. Jimmy Mann, 4-0; 145: Mike Johnson (WJG) pinned Tanner Duvall, 5:15; 152: T.J. Romlin (TB) dec. Zaid Ammari, 8-6; 160: Aaron Jeffrey (TB) dec. Jeff Adkins, 14-12; 171: Zach Redden (WJG) won by void; 189: Nick Whitenburg (TB) won

by injury default over Kameron Jones, 215: Eric Draper (TB) won by major dec. over Gerald Powell, 15-5; 285: Mason Cole (TB) dec. Dustin Gajowiak, 7-0; 103: Steven Wakeford (WJG) won by void; 112: Mason Allison (TB) won by void.

Dual match records: John Glenn, 24-7 overall; Bedford, 22-4 overall.

#### CANTON 33 SOUTHGATE ANDERSON 27

119: Carl Lucke (C) won by major decision over Chris Branoff, 19-7; 125: Nick Boone (SA) dec. Mitch Wolski, 6-3; 130: Jeremy Filippelli (C) dec. Isaac Morissette, 9-0; 135: Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Dan Jarbo, 3:31; 140: Anthony Shear (SA) dec. Sean O'Keef, 9-2; 152: Anthony Abro (C) won by major dec. over Donovan Mozzey, 16-5; 160: Keith Zech (C) dec. Devon Bronson, 9-3; 171: Anthony Golema (SA) won by technical fall over Pat Durocher, 19-4; 189: Ben Dominguez (SA) dec. Ben Poirer, 11-5; 215: Tomas Gomez (SA) dec. Tyler Bourcier, 3-1; 285: Jacob Moore (SA) p. Robert Lincoln, 3:20; 103: Chad Turner (SA) won by major dec. over Daniel Filippelli, 15-5; 112: Waleed Faraj (C) p. Ludwig Castanada, 3:09.

Dual match records: Canton, 25-10 overall; Southgate, 33-6 overall.

#### Feb. 25 at NOVI (Championship match)

##### NOVI-DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 67 GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 9

##### (Semifinal matches)

##### NOVI-DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 43 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 19

171 pounds: Garrett Hay (LF) decisioned Steve Shikora, 9-2; 189: Mike Kinville (CC) dec. Don Stratz, 3-2; 215: Cody Hay (LF) dec. Andrew Johnson, 4-3; 285: Mike Modes (LF) pinned Dave Knuth, 0-40; 103: Todd Melick (CC) p. Rian Klein, 0-41; 112: Alec

Mooradian (CC) won by technical fall over Gabe Martinez, 18-2; 119: Justin Melick (CC) p. Ryan Derry, 13-1; 125: Charlie Joseph (CC) won by tech. fall over Erik Czech, 20-5; 130: Doug Eldridge (CC) won by void; 135: Roland Neal (CC) dec. Ryan Haarala, 7-4; 140: Kevin Sullivan (CC) dec. Justin Jacobsen, 5-1; 145: Elvin Ferreira (CC) dec. Gerid Gee, 10-3; 152: Trevor O'Connor (CC) p. Matt Roos, 3:21; 160: Brandon Billiau (LF) won by major dec. over Miles Trealot, 12-2.

Dual match records: CC, 15-4 overall; Franklin, 21-9 overall.

#### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 35 LIVONIA STEVENSON 30

Stevenson's dual match record: 25-20 overall.

#### DIVISION 4

##### Feb. 25 at BLISSFIELD (Championship match)

##### MANCHESTER 72 MONROE ST. MARY CATHOLIC CENTRAL 3

##### (Semifinal matches)

##### MANCHESTER 72 LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 6

103 pounds: Ryan Abrego (M) won by void; 112: Mitchell Leamon (M) won by void; 119: Drew Fischer (M) decisioned Brad LaRose, 7-6; 125: Austin Deacons (M) dec. Laili Francis, 9-7; 130: Cevin Walker (M) p. Justin Patka, 2:34; 135: Jimmy Hamilton (M) p. Brock Crandall, 5:28; 140: Johnny Woolams (M) p. Shawn Rowe, 2:27; 145: Coyler Render (M) p. Drew Maynard, 0:35; 152: Stephen Sheier (M) p. Alex Bos, 0:50; 160: Chris Margraves (M) p. Bob Schwartz, 0:18; 171: Stephen Kemp (LW) p. Issac Miller, 4:53; 189: Will Ricker (M) won by void; 215: Brandon Schneider (M) p. Craig Kowalsky, 1:42; 285: Dylan Neff (M) won by void.

Dual match records: Manchester, 31-3 overall; Lutheran Westland, 20-10 overall.

# Glenn's 31 leads Chiefs over Stevenson, 67-51

Canton senior Marlan Glenn had a career night Thursday at Livonia Stevenson.

The sharp-shooting guard tallied 31 points to lead the Chiefs to a 67-51 victory over the Spartans.

Glenn drained six threes on the way to his offensive explosion.

"Marlan played with a lot of energy and he did a great job on the offensive and defensive ends of the court for us," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "When he's feeling confidence with his job, he's capable of nights like this."

Dietrich Lever and Kiere Daniels both netted eight points for the winners. Lever also dishd out 11 assists.

The victory improved Canton's record to 10-8.

## BOYS PREP HOOP

Stevenson slipped to 10-7.

Canton led 30-29 at the half before pulling away by outscoring their hosts 18-3 in the third quarter.

Nick Marzec led the Spartans with nine points, while Gary Cobb chipped in with eight.

**NORTHVILLE 59, PLYMOUTH 50:** On Thursday at Northville, the pin-point outside shooting of Andrew Baldwin and Tim Hasse led the Mustangs to a KLAAs cross-over victory.

Baldwin scored 19 points while Hasse added 18 as they both found the twine three times from beyond the arc.

Brennen Beyer paced the Wildcats with 15 points while

Cliff Buttermore scored 12 on four triples.

Justin Moss added 10 for the Wildcats, whose sixth straight setback dropped them to 8-10.

Northville improved to 6-12. "We played O.K. tonight, but they played really good," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "They made some key second-half threes and took the game over."

Plymouth held a narrow 23-21 halftime advantage before the Mustangs racked 19 points in both the third and fourth quarters.

Sophomore guard Bryce Groshek scored nine points for the Mustangs, all coming from three-point land.

Alontae McIlhoney played well for Plymouth, netting eight first-half points.

## BRODIE

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mentals, which a lot of coaches — even at the college level — don't do enough," added Head.

Brian Kearis, who graduated from Salem in 1987 and served as one of Brodie's first captains, said he still utilizes many of the life lessons he learned while playing high school basketball.

"To this day, I still remember how coach Brodie taught us about responsibility and accountability," said Kearis. "And no matter who you were, he treated everyone the same."

"Even now, when I'm working in the business world, I still use things I learned from coach Brodie back in the 80s. Things like keeping your nose to the grindstone and working hard no matter what."

Churchill coach Jim Solak will never forget the reception Brodie

offered him after he accepted the Chargers' head coaching job seven years ago.

"Bob had been around for a while and I was the new guy, so I didn't know what to expect," reflected Solak. "But he showed me the utmost respect from the first time I met him, which is something I'll never forget."

"He's one of the all-around good guys. He's a class act."

From the deepest roots to the highest branches, coaching basketball flourishes in the Brodie family tree. Brodie followed in the footsteps of his dad, who was a high school basketball coach. And his youngest son, Joe, is currently the freshman boys basketball coach at Belleville High School.

"I was the ball-boy for some of my dad's teams, and that kind of triggered my dream of becoming a basketball coach," Brodie said. "I was a student-teacher for one of the greatest coaches of all time

— Lofton Greene — at River Rouge, so I've had some great teachers."

"I tried to talk my kids out of going into coaching because it takes a lot of time away from your family. I know I missed a lot of my sons' games because of coaching. But Joe really enjoys it, so I think it's great."

What's been the most important element of Brodie's longevity?

"You have to keep an even keel," he said. "Don't get too high when things are going well and don't get too low when they're not."

And true to form, when the Rocks fell into an early 17-9 hole Thursday night, the veteran coach wasn't ranting.

And when they put the finishing touches on a 73-66 victory, he wasn't raving.

He was simply Bob Brodie — a class act.

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## ROCKS

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"We fought to get the lead back late in the game, but we lost the little 30-second games within the game. Give Salem credit, though. They made their shots tonight."

Salem led 39-34 at the half before a wild-and-crazy third-quarter that ended knotted at 56-56 thanks to a last-second triple from Hayes.

The junior tripled again to start the fourth quarter but Churchill retaliated with clutch shots from Frizzell, Alex Bay and Bedell to grab a 63-62 edge with 3:50 to play.

However, the Rocks — inspired by the desire to win one for their esteemed coach — ripped off a 9-0 run to put a stamp on the victory.

Brodie said he like the game's tempo, which ranged from NASCAR to tractor pull.

"We like to run, but we also

like to change things up and put the brakes on, too, like we did tonight," said Brodie. "I liked the pace tonight."

Statistically, Salem won the game at the free-throw line as they attempted 24 freebies (making 16) to Churchill's four.

Despite the game's up-tempo style, both teams took care of the ball. Salem committed 10 turnovers while the Chargers recorded just six miscues.

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# Wildcat lady cagers gain momentum SALEM

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On Friday night, the Plymouth girls basketball team earned some much-needed momentum heading into Monday's Class A District tournament with an entertaining 68-62 victory over Waterford Kettering.

Both teams finished the regular season with 8-12 records.

Several players stepped to the forefront for the triumphant Wildcats, including Shaakira Haywood, who registered 17 points and eight rebounds; Kelsi Robinson, who scored 16 points; Megan Quinlan, who scored 10 points; and Stacey Klonowski, who tallied 10 points, 13 rebounds, eight assists and five steals.

Chandler Levitt led Kettering with 19 points.

Plymouth opens District action Monday at 6 p.m. when it takes on Northville

## GIRLS PREP HOOP

at Livonia Ladywood High School. A victory would propel the Wildcats into Wednesday's 6 p.m. semifinal contest against Novi.

**CANTON 51, W.L. WESTERN 42:** On Friday at Canton, the Chiefs used a 23-8 fourth-quarter surge to rally past the visiting Warriors, who carried a 36-28 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

The Chiefs, who are ranked No. 6 in Class A, finished their regular season with an 18-2 mark. Western will take a 9-11 mark into the post-season.

Kari Schmitt led the winners with 16 points and four rebounds. Sara Schmitt added 11 points and six boards while CarolAnn Sexauer netted seven points.

Robyn Mack tallied seven

points and six boards while Alyssa Cottrell chipped in with five points.

"Defensively, I didn't think we played very good tonight," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "But I was proud of the way the girls finished with a big fourth quarter. We're going to have to get better defensively if we want to do well in next week's District tournament."

Paige Partenio led the Warriors with 14 points.

Western led 11-6 after one quarter and 24-17 at the half.

The Chiefs connected on half their free throws (19 for 38) while Western hit 7 of 11 shots from the free-throw line.

Canton opens District play Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. against the winner of Monday night's Salem-Livonia Ladywood game. Ladywood is hosting the tournament.

made a valiant effort to get the ball to the rim and maybe draw a foul. We also had an offensive board that didn't hit the mark. "We're disappointed obviously. We were climbing a mountain this week, and we have another mountain to start climbing next week."

Salem didn't panic and worked the ball back inside to Davis for a bucket, and it was all Stone after that as Salem put the game away at the line.

"It was a great end of the season, first KLAA championship game," Thomann said. "We were fortunate and prevailed. I think our kids did a great job of earning it tonight."

Salem is 13-7, but the Rocks have won 11 of their last 12 games. Lakeland is 15-5.

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## Still going strong

Canton native Allison Schmitt, pictured above on the awards podium following the 500-yard freestyle event at last week's Southeastern Conference Championships, is making an immediate splash as a member of the University of Georgia swimming team. The freshman, who graduated from Canton High School last year, was named the SEC's "Freshman Swimmer of the Year" last week after excelling in the SEC championship meet. Schmitt, a member of the 2008 U.S. Olympic team, won the 500-yard freestyle in 4:37.90, finished second in the 200 freestyle (1:43.52) and fifth in the 100 freestyle (48.48). She was also the lead swimmer on two second-place UG relays—the 400 freestyle and 800 freestyle. Schmitt set school and conference records in the 200 freestyle as part of the 800 relay team. Her time of 1:42.90 was the fastest time for the 200 freestyle in the NCAA this season. Schmitt led the Bulldogs to a third-place showing.



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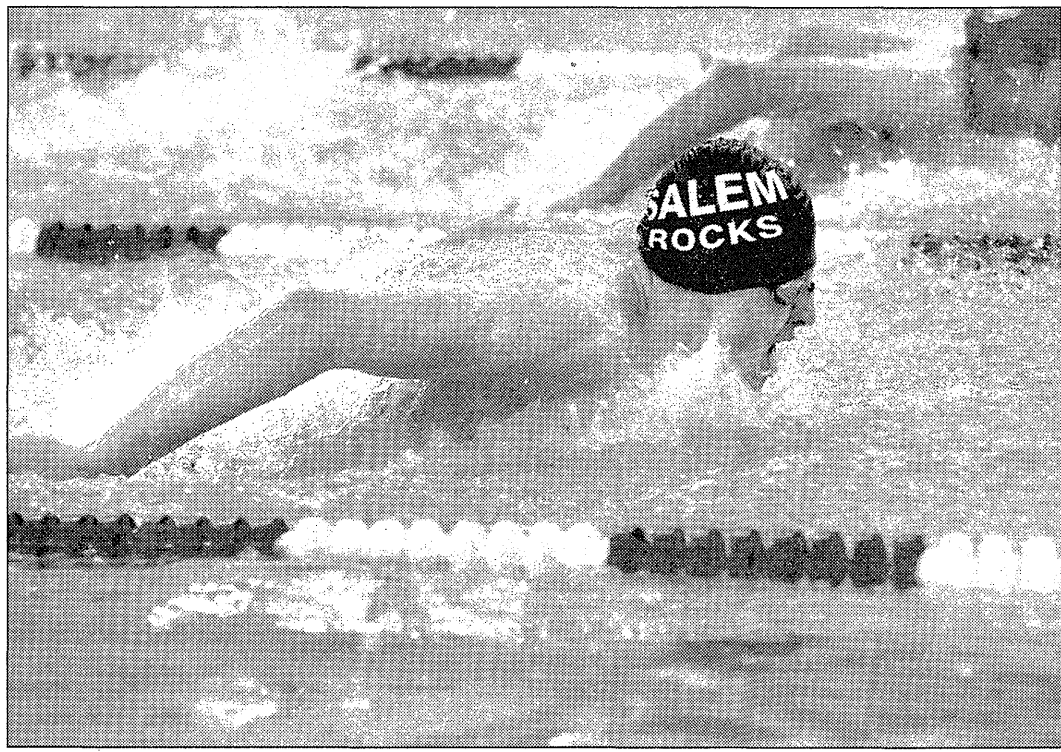
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Salem's Adam Seroka placed first in the 200 individual medley at the KLAACentral Division meet held Feb. 26 at South Lyon High School.

Canton, Stevenson win KLAAC titles

Livonia Stevenson shattered pool records in both the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays Thursday night en route to the KLAAC Kensington Conference's Central Division boys swim title at South Lyon East.

The Spartans scored a team best 681 points to finish ahead of Northville's 598. See complete meet results.

Stevenson opened the meet with a win in the 200 medley relay as Kellen Schoff, Joey Wingett, Jereme Pesta and Ryan Scott were clocked in 1:40.62.

Stevenson's Aaren Marecki, Michael Cruce, Adam Dabkowski and Pesta broke the East pool mark in the 200 freestyle relay (1:29.29).

Chris Behler, Marecki, Cruce and Schoff also established a new mark in the 400 freestyle relay (3:16.42).

Pesta was the lone individual winner with a time of 22.57 in the 50 freestyle.

Stevenson has now qualified 10 individuals heading into the Division 1 state finals.

Chiefs rule KLAAC South

Richard Zhang figured in four first to lead Canton to the KLAAC South Division championship Thursday night at Westland John Glenn.

The Chiefs scored a team-high 625 points to edge out neighbor Plymouth, which had 581.

Zhang hit the wall first in both the 100- and 200 freestyles in 50.13 and 1:49.21, respectively.

He also teamed up with Brandon Tolinski, Eddie Koelzer and Patrick Jenner to win the 200 freestyle (1:34.74).

Victor Zhang added firsts in the 100 butterfly (55.2) and 100 backstroke (55.92).

The foursome of Tolinski, Jay Jin, Victor and Richard Zhang closed out the meet by winning the 400 freestyle relay (3:26.15).

Jenner also captured the 50 freestyle (23.33).

Livonia Franklin had two individual firsts - Brandon Larkins in the 200 individual medley (2:09.08) and Scott James in the 500 freestyle (5:19.07).

Livonia Churchill's Andrew Richards was the top diver with 218.85 points, while Plymouth's Dan Stocsup emerged the winner in the 100 breaststroke (1:05.95).

Plymouth's 200 medley relay team of Adam Wing, Stocsup, Ethan Christenson and Alex Jouney won in 1:46.93.

SWIMMING AND DIVING RESULTS

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING KLAAC KENSINGTON CONFERENCE CENTRAL DIVISION MEET Feb. 26 at South Lyon

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 681 points; 2. Northville, 598; 3. South Lyon Unified, 341; 4. Salem, 301; 5. Novi, 275.

FINAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Kellen Schoff, Joey Wingett, Jereme Pesta, Ryan Scott), 1:40.62; 2. South Lyon, 1:41.45; 3. Northville, 1:42.47; 4. Novi, 1:42.78; 5. Stevenson (B), 1:43.24; 6. South Lyon (B), 1:46.77.

200 freestyle: 1. Nate Lunn (N'ville), 1:46.59; 2. Michael Cruce (LS), 1:48.57; 3. Evan Bischoff (SL), 1:48.71; 4. Matt Collingwood (Salem), 1:48.88; 5. Aaren Marecki (LS), 1:49.15; 6. Chris Lafayette (N'ville), 1:51.75.

200 individual medley: 1. Adam Seroka (Salem), 1:57.98; 2. K. Schoff (LS), 2:00.82; 3. Joon Chung (Novi), 2:02.96; 4. Charles Turlo (LS), 2:05.66; 5. Bryan Bielicki (LS), 2:05.82; 6. BoFang Zhang (N'ville), 2:06.59.

50 freestyle: 1. Pesta (LS), 22.57; 2. Chris Behler (LS), 22.73; 3. Clay Malloure (N'ville), 22.75; 4. Scott (LS), 23.11; 5. Wes Smith (Novi), 23.58; 6. Todd Truran (N'ville), 23.58.

1-meter diving: 1. Will Price (N'ville), 214.70 points; 2. Kevin Bain (N'ville), 199.50; 3. Jeff Kinsvater (LS), 188.30; 4. Dan Gironza (SL), 169.90; 5. Joseph Rudelic (Salem), 160.95; 6. Tiger Bourque (Novi), 147.75.

100 butterfly: 1. Ben Schoenek (N'ville), 53.8; 2. Cruce (LS), 53.88; 3. Pesta (LS), 55.11; 4. Lunn (N'ville), 55.14; 5. Ryan Keeney (SL), 55.71; 6. Adam Dabkowski (LS), 56.69.

100 freestyle: 1. John Lubisco (N'ville), 48.95; 2. Marecki (LS), 49.18; 3. Malloure (N'ville), 49.76; 4. Behler (LS), 49.83; 5. Collingwood (Salem), 49.93; 6. Scott (LS), 50.93.

500 freestyle: 1. Lafayette (N'ville), 4:53.61; 2. John Bickick (N'ville), 4:58.21; 3. Schoenek (N'ville), 4:59.31; 4. Bischoff (SL), 4:59.92; 5. Wingett (LS), 5:00.29; 6. Max Mills (Salem), 5:01.95.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Marecki, Cruce, Dabkowski, Pesta), 1:29.29 (pool record); 2. Stevenson (B), 1:30.87; 3. Northville, 1:32.16; South Lyon, 1:33.57; 5. Salem, 1:34.77; 6. Novi, 1:35.72.

100 backstroke: 1. Seroka (Salem), 55.06; 2. K. Schoff (LS), 55.23; 3. Lubisco (N'ville), 55.43; 4. Bielicki (LS), 56.36; 5. Alex Zabinski (Novi), 58.68; 6. Zhang (N'ville), 59.12.

100 breaststroke: 1. Chung (Novi), 1:00.5; 2. Adam Oxner (SL), 1:00.65; 3. Wingett (LS), 1:01.66; 4. Schuman (LS), 1:03.95; 5. Turlo (LS), 1:04.13; 6. Andy Stone (SL), 1:04.35.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Behler, Marecki, Cruce, K. Schoff), 3:16.42 (pool record); 2. Northville, 3:17.57; 3.

South Lyon, 3:25.22; 4. Salem, 3:25.83; 5. Northville (B), 3:26.49; 6. Stevenson (B), 3:30.65.

SOUTH DIVISION MEET Feb. 26 at Westland John Glenn

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 625 points; 2. Plymouth, 581; 3. Livonia Churchill, 318; 4. Livonia Franklin, 281; 5. Westland John Glenn, 228; 6. Wayne Memorial, 204.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Adam Wing, Dan Stocsup, Ethan Christenson, Alex Jouney), 1:46.93; 2. Canton, 1:46.98; 3. Plymouth, 1:52.69; 4. John Glenn, 1:56.57; 5. Canton, 1:57.66; 6. Wayne, 2:00.92.

200 freestyle: 1. Richard Zhang (C), 1:49.21; 2. Jason Oldani (P), 1:52.94; 3. Brandon Tolinski (C), 1:56.11; 4. Scott James (LF), 1:58.56; 5. Ethan Weiner (P), 1:58.86; 6. Eddie Koelzer (C), 1:59.89.

200 individual medley: 1. Brandon Larkins (LF), 2:09.08; 2. Jay Jin (C), 2:10.93; 3. Stocsup (P), 2:13.05; 4. Wing (P), 2:15.71; 5. Jouney (P), 2:16.5; 6. Robert Goodwin (C), 2:19.34.

50 freestyle: 1. Patrick Jenner (C), 23.33; 2. Paul Gutu (WJG), 23.68; 3. Chris Wilson (P), 23.98; 4. Nate Larsen (LC), 24.05; 5. Tyler Lee (LF), 24.18; 6. Evan Champagne (C), 24.25.

1-meter diving: 1. Andrew Richards (LC), 218.85 points; 2. Travis Holt (LC), 213.85; 3. Kyle Wilkinson (P), 198.65; 4.

Cody Roe (WJG), 196.40; 5. Matt Figlewicz (C), 185.50; 6. Nick Austin (C), 180.90.

100 butterfly: 1. Victor Zhang (C), 55.2; 2. Scott Ansteth (LF), 58.19; 3. Tolinski (C), 59.26; 4. Jacob Barnes (WM), 59.77; 5. Christenson (P), 59.97; 6. Gutu (WJG), 1:02.46.

100 freestyle: 1. R. Zhang (C), 50.13; 2. Oldani (P), 51.87; 3. Wilson (P), 52.7; 4. Steven Ogg (WM), 52.93; 5. Jenner (C), 53.26; 6. Paul Snyder (P), 54.22.

500 freestyle: 1. James (LF), 5:19.07; 2. Zach Koch (P), 5:22.43; 3. Jordan Gorzalski (C), 5:28.7; 4. Peter Burns (P), 5:31.47; 5. Christopher Krebs (C), 5:34.59; 6. Alex Lamerand (LC), 5:34.75.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (R. Zhang, Tolinski, Eddie Koelzer, Jenner), 1:34.74; 2. Plymouth, 1:35.31; 3. Franklin, 1:38.18; 4. Canton, 1:39.13; 5. John Glenn, 1:39.22; 6. Wayne, 1:39.95.

100 backstroke: 1. V. Zhang (C), 55.92; 2. Jin (C), 59.23; 3. Wing (P), 1:02.98; 4. Ansteth (L), 1:03.24; 5. Jacob Rimatzki (LC), 1:04.7; 6. Weiner (P), 1:05.36.

100 breaststroke: 1. Stocsup (P), 1:02.99; 2. Larkins (LF), 1:05.95; 3. Kyle Dull (P), 1:07.16; 4. Ryan Boes (C), 1:09.38; 5. David Vincentini (LC), 1:09.81; 6. Jouney (P), 1:10.55.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Tolinski, Jin, R. Zhang, V. Zhang), 3:26.15; 2. Plymouth, 3:29.85; 3. Canton, 3:40.65; 4. Plymouth, 3:40.67; 5. Wayne, 3:41.49; 6. Franklin, 3:42.32.

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# Grieving owner goes beyond the paw print

Losing a good friend is never easy. It's been three years since Shamrock, our Irish Wolfhound, died of cancer and I still can recall the pain I felt after his death. It was sudden and I could have used a support group like the one Micky Golden Moore is starting March 9, at Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. While many people have become understanding of losing a member of the family, others show indifference or downright callousness.

Moore lost Pablo and Nellie, the cats she lived with for 18 years just a month apart. She and husband Bud were devastated. Instead of wallowing in grief, Micky developed a program to help veterinarians care for the owners who are hurting. A series of losses had brought the Farmington Hills woman to the point of wanting to be able to help others.

Moore's father died of cancer in February 2003. During his illness the two went to support groups at the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Weisberg Center in Farmington Hills. Afterwards she began volunteering at the Institute as a patient advocate and was responsible for the success of the public speaking program she developed.

"He eventually ended up in hospice and I fell in love with the support group. Then my mother died three years later and I went into an abyss, a terrible depression," said Moore who worked in speech communication for 30 years. "I didn't know how to help myself. Then I found out about the hospice and bereavement program at Madonna University and started taking classes. The more I learned, the more I knew I wanted to help other people like myself. I was working through my grief and then



This photograph of Micky Golden Moore, Pablo (background) and Nellie was taken in happier days.

## BEYOND THE PAW PRINT

**What:** A pet loss support group  
**When:** Begins meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 9, and continues the second month of every month  
**Where:** Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, south of 14 Mile, Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 701-2345 or e-mail mgmoore@beyond-thepawprint.com

lost my two pets and there was nothing, no support group to help me, so I developed a program from what I learned through the hospice program." In the middle of the night Moore said she experienced an epiphany. All she had to hold onto after her pets' deaths were the concrete paw prints from her veterinarian. Moore needed more so she came up with idea of seeking and sharing solace through a pet loss support group. Beyond the Paw Print is meant to transform the grieving process.

"I don't want to be seen as a kook but some people laugh at you because of pet loss and grieving. We're disenfranchised, not acknowledged. What people don't understand they ignore or ridicule," said Moore who is currently serving an internship at Karmanos while finishing a master's degree in hospice studies at Madonna University in Livonia. "People are embarrassed about the emotion over a pet loss. You've got to turn your grief around. I turned it into something to help others. Talking helps grieving owners receive validation about their loss and encouragement to heal. I don't want anyone to stay in the abyss of their grief. People can't heal until they face their loss." For more information, visit [www.beyondthepawprint.com](http://www.beyondthepawprint.com).

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# Zoo offers up Frog Fun Days

The Detroit Zoo invites visitors to "spring forward" into daylight-saving time while learning about endangered amphibians at Frog Fun Days March 7 and 8.

Frog Fun Days will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Amphibian Conservation Center and will include face painting, mask-making, guessing games, zookeeper talks and a visit from the Rainforest Café tree frog mascot, Cha! Cha!. All Frog Fun Days activities are free with regular zoo admission.

The Frog Fun Days event continues the momentum from 2008's Year of the Frog, a global conservation campaign focusing on endangered

amphibians and the critical work being done by zoos and aquariums to save them.

The Frog Fun Days weekend coincides with the Detroit Zoo's Wild Winter Zoobilee March 7 and 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ford Education Center. Activities include animal arts and crafts, games, a scavenger hunt, animal enrichment, zookeeper talks and live performances by musical duo Gemini.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and

Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October. Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free.

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# Meet farmers, try foods at cholesterol seminar

Learn about lowering your cholesterol, while sampling food from local farmers and vendors at "Friday Night Live," an informational seminar, from 6-10 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Life Christian Center, 3193 Rochester Road, Troy.

Healthy Traditions Network, the Metro-Detroit chapter of the Weston A. Price Foundation, will present the event, which features psychologist Steven Fischer, PhD.

He'll talk about the latest methods for lowering cholesterol and explain why cholesterol-lowering drugs may cause more harm than good.

Cost is \$25 if pre-registered by

March 4. Cost at the door is \$35.

The first 50 people to register will receive a Health Traditions Network shopping bag.

For online pre-registration or more information, visit [www.htnetwork.org](http://www.htnetwork.org), or call (248) 828-8494.

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Healthy Traditions Network is a nonprofit organization connecting like-minded people and communities to farms and other sources

dedicated to providing nutrient-dense foods. The network strives to provide opportunities to learn about and experience foods that sustain and uplift.

The intention of this network is to support those trying to create better health through education and by improving their dietary practices according to the ancient wisdom of traditional cultures as shown by the research of Weston Price and written about in Sally Fallon's Nourishing Traditions cookbook.

As a local chapter of the Weston A. Price Foundation, the Network promotes the work of the Foundation at the local level.

# Keep kids and canines safe

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
 OGE STAFF WRITER

The economic crisis is definitely having an effect on humans seeking the companionship of animals, says Terri Bennett. In 34 years of owning Specialty Pet Supplies in Plymouth, she's never seen so many customers coming into the store in search of supplies for the newest members of the family. That's why she's offering a seminar to educate kids and parents about preventing dog bites 1 p.m. Sunday, March 8.

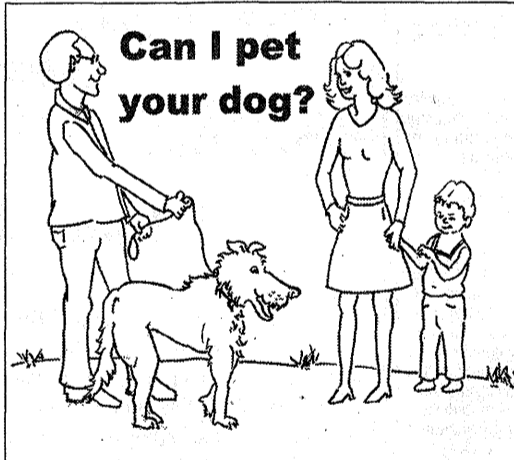
"I noticed this Christmas season as the economy got worse people were focusing on home and deciding on Susie having that kitty. They're adopting and buying. Our rescue groups say as quickly as they come in they go out. That's why education is beneficial," said Bennett. "We're making sure they have cages, toys, but with all this new interest owners need to learn about the proper care of pets."

"Common sense is not always common. Education can go a long way to make sure children keep from getting injured. I'm a big believer in prevention. It's important to pick the right temperament, size, and the more you can instill in people about what to expect, what to avoid, the better and since spring is a good time to start looking for a puppy they're hungry for information."

Bonny Wainz, master trainer and behaviorist, came up with the idea for the seminar after hearing too many stories about children traumatized for life after being bitten by dogs who were later euthanized. Kids and Canines: Keep Them Safe is an interactive presentation to teach children and adults about not approaching dogs in certain situations. A coloring book, illustrated by artist Gwen Dietrich of Canton, allows children, especially the very young, to retain the lessons. It's important that everyone learn not to approach strange dogs quickly and without the owner's permission, as well as what to do when approached by a dog they don't know on the street. Wainz talks about never bothering a dog while it's eating, sleeping or playing with a toy. And never to chase a dog around with a stick.

"It's for kids and parents because parents need to know as well," said Wainz of Alternative Canine Training. "It's kid based, kept at a kid level so they understand what they're learning. I tell them mom and dad have rules, now you have rules for dogs: how to meet a dog. I teach them Doglish or how to read dogs. How do you know when a dog is aggressive or happy? The 10 things they should never do."

Wainz is bringing her dog Eclipse to demon-



This coloring book illustration by artist Gwen Dietrich of Canton teaches the correct way to approach a strange dog. Never attempt to pet a strange dog without the permission of the owner.



There is a correct way to pet a strange dog as demonstrated in this illustration by Canton artist Gwen Dietrich. Never extend the fingers in case the dog decides to bite. Let them sniff your hand first before scratching underneath the chin never the top of the head as it is a dominant gesture.

strate. "I have them walk the dogs. One woman wanted to walk Eclipse because she was afraid of dogs," said Wainz of Royal Oak. "We'll have a bean bag toss into a dog food bowl for kids afterwards with prizes. It's for ages from about 5 on up. There's no charge but we would like them to register so we have enough coloring books."

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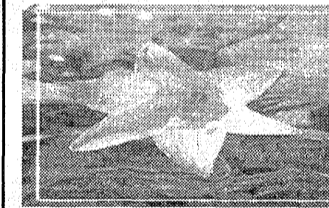
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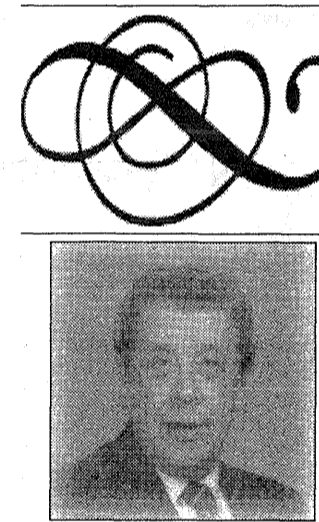
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**SHIRLEY L. ARBANAS**  
 Age 77, February 26, 2009. Beloved wife of John. Loving mother of Joan (Carter). Survived by one sister, Merry L. Scheck of California, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was active in the Women of the Moose (Chapter 1339) and American Legion Auxiliary (Unit 396). Funeral arrangements pending at Santeu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Road, Garden City (734) 427-3800. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or the U.S.O.

**WILLIAM P. BENTON**  
 Age 85, of Bloomfield Hills. Died Feb 19, 2009 of cancer. He was born Nov 4, 1923 in Laurinburg, NC. He is survived by his wife Blanche, daughters Barbara Benton, Roxanne Darling & her partner Shane Robinson, Judy Dennis & her husband Mike Dennis, Nancy Lieveois & her husband Jim Lieveois, and grandchildren Carlie, Annie, and Christina Dennis, and Jordan and Tyler Lieveois. The funeral service will be at St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI on Sat., Mar. 21, 2009 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Henry Ford Hospital, Schepens Eye Clinic, Hospice of Palm Beach County or the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Mr. Benton was a well-known and loved automotive executive. For more information please visit [www.williambenton.com](http://www.williambenton.com).



**OPAL CLARK**  
 February 27, 2009 in Scottsdale, AZ. Opal was born April 29, 1921 in Muncie, IN to Okal and Florence Carter. She lost her mother at the young age of 8; she and her brother Gerald Carter were raised by their grandmother Mata Mall in Saginaw, MI. She met and married Orrin Clark in 1938. After the war they settled in Birmingham, MI and raised two daughters. Opal worked for Mints Ice Cream on Woodward Ave. and then in 1954 she went to work at the Birmingham Post Office for 25 years. In her earlier years she loved to dance with Orrin and travel with her family during summer months. They continued to travel after their children were grown, including trips to many European countries. After retirement she wintered in Mesa, AZ and later bought a home and moved there. After Orrin's death in 1991, she continued to travel to visit her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In the past few years Opal moved to Scottsdale, AZ to be near her daughter. She was loved and will be missed by all. Wife of the late Orrin. Dear mother of Karen York and Sharon Hart (Michael). Grandmother of Kimberly Bozin and David Hart. Great-grandmother of Zackary and Nicholas Bozin and Waverly and Collin Hart. Funeral service Thursday, 11am at White Chapel Cemetery, Chapel of Flowers, 621 W. Long Lake Rd., Troy, A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



**NORMAN O. PAULSON**  
 Age 83. Of Farmington Hills, MI. Died Wednesday, February 18, 2009 in Sarasota, FL. He was born on July 11, 1925 in Rockland, MI, son of the late Oscar and Hilda (Aho) Paulson. Norman married T. Elizabeth Paulson on February 19, 1949 (deceased). After proudly serving in the United States Air Force, stationed in Boca Raton, FL, Norman came home and began working in electronics repair at S.S. Hough Company in Detroit. On April 1, 1960 he began his own business, World-Wide TV & Appliance opening his first store in Detroit. Later he opened six additional stores and the World Wide Shopping Center on Grand River Avenue in Farmington. Norman's business activities provided career opportunities for many family members and friends throughout his 34 years in business. Norman is survived by his wife Linda Lou, sons Dennis (Gerrie), Michael (Cathy) of South Carolina, Charles (Vicki); his daughter Norma (Charles) Bawtinheimer of Midland. Step-daughters Marissa (Shawn) Sayers and Collene Hawk. Norman loved his nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. And sisters, Virginia (Melvin) Ahonen, Nancy Moritas. Norman was preceded in death by his wife T. Elizabeth Paulson, his parents and two brothers Raymond Aho and Stanley Paulson and granddaughter Jennifer Elisabeth Bawtinheimer. A memorial celebration of life for Norman will be held at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI on Saturday, March 28, 2009 with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m.

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**KATHLEEN F. RAUCH**  
 February 25, 2009. Age 62. Beloved wife of Phillip. Loving mother of Julie (Jeff) Glebe and Suzanne (Phil) Walgora. Dear sister of Ralph Fader. In state Tuesday 10 am with Mass to follow 10:30 am, at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Road (south of Five Mile Rd.). Visitation Sunday 2-9 pm and Monday 2-9 pm with Scripture Service 7:00 pm, at the Neely-Turovski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile Rd. (Between Middlebelt and Merriman) Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to IHM Sisters or Angela Hospice and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. [www.neely-turovski.com](http://www.neely-turovski.com)

**MARJORIE WERTHEIMER**  
 Age 80, of Farmington Hills, MI. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Frederick W. Wertheimer. Loving mother of David (Carmen) Karen (Robert) Dickey and Eric (Cheryl). Grandmother of Michael, Laura, Austin and Andrew. Also survived by her brother Ernest (Joan) Spence. Services were entrusted to McCabe Funeral Home and were held February 28, 2009.

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# NEIGHBORS

## In transition Center changes for the better

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Stacey Stover worries the economic crisis combined with the Women's Resource Center name change could mean fewer tickets sold for the annual fundraiser March 10 at Schoolcraft College. The Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow usually sells out the DiPonio Room in the VisiTech Center. Last year 435 supporters raised \$15,000 for scholarships to help women and men displaced by divorce or loss of a job.

This year tickets are still a bargain at \$30. The name change could cause some confusion though. On Dec. 9, Schoolcraft College announced the WRC was becoming the Transitions Center. In addition to helping stay-at-home moms pursue an education, the center expanded its services to offer financial planning, volunteer income tax assistance and support for workers in transition. The Family Resources program provides recruiting information. Student Engagement not only expanded Women's History Month programming, but assists students with building their academic schedules and attracts high school age youth to the campus with its Women on the Way.

"We're adding new services, blending departments," said Stover, who was supervisor for student recruitment and activities until September when she became center director. "We still receive calls from women, domestic violence survivors, seeking housing but also from males interested in checking out the culinary arts program. We're helping with transitions in all of the areas students are experiencing transitions. We're known for working one on one and offering personalized assistance."

"The change allowed us to expand to meet growing needs. An adult student who's a displaced worker can sit down and we can walk them through the process. We serve as an ombudsman, a family resource in times of illness, accident, crisis that gives families a place to go. New is helping students with their schedules. We're excited. We have a new Web site, www.schoolcraft.edu/transitions, but the money (from the fund-raiser) still goes to scholarships for Transitions Center students."

### POSITIVE CHANGES

WRC always helped males but by leaving women out of the name they hope to attract even more. One of the key offerings has been CHIPS, a program teaching computer skills.

"We're still retaining our history, maintaining the strengths and identities in the past and expanding because of economic needs," Stover said. "For the



Stacey Stover is the new director of the Transitions Center, formerly the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.



The spaghetti dinner is just one of the highlights of the annual event that raises money for scholarships. A Basket Raffle is popular as well.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER & WINE GLOW

**What:** Schoolcraft College's Transitions Center hosts its annual dinner to raise money for scholarships.

**When:** Tuesday, March 10. The evening includes a 6 p.m. Wine Glow, 7 p.m. dinner, and 8 p.m. program.

**Where:** VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

**Tickets:** \$30, sponsorships \$75 (includes two dinners and program listing). Advertisements available for \$20 to \$100. Call (734) 462-4443.

dessert. Afterwards a video will highlight the changes. Charlotte O'Connor sees the transition as positive even though the name change has caused rumblings in the center. The word women was removed as a result of passage of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative Proposal 2 in 2006 banning affirmative action.

"It's not a secret the initiative influenced this," said O'Connor, who oversees 45 center volunteers. She's worked in the center for 5 1/2 years. "The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative says we can not use public dollars for a specific group. The message is we're still helping the same people, but trying to cast a broader net seeing a lot more people in a time of the economy crisis. The people we see — that's the story. We help people who fall between the cracks. We see older adults displaced by the economy and divorce, women who have been at home without an education and skills. We're seeing the poorest of the poor."

2006-2007 school year 80 percent of those helped by the center were employed after graduation, 75 percent employed in their field.

This year's dinner has expanded as well to include tortellini, carafes of wine on the table and tiramisu for

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Last year, 435 supporters enjoyed the Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for scholarships for the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center, now the Transitions Center. Pictured here (right of center) is Conway Jeffress, college president.

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MILESTONES

**Saatio-Tyler**  
Ellen and David Saatio of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Lynn Saatio, to Bennett William Tyler of Novi, the son of Marian and Bill Tyler of Livonia.

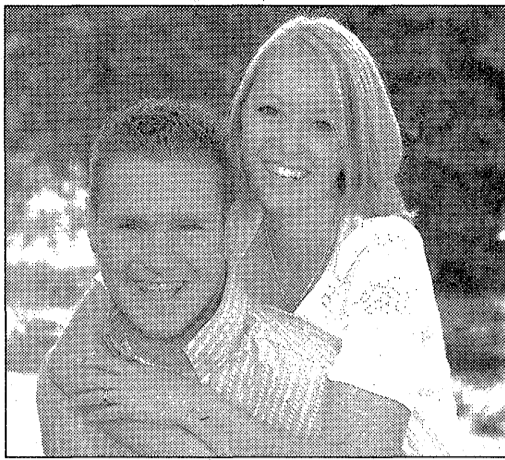


The bride-to-be earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in Elementary Education, in December 2006. She attends Madonna University, earning a master's degree in early childhood education, and works as a kindergarten teacher for West Bloomfield Public Schools.

The groom-to-be earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in elementary education, in April 2006. He attends the University of Michigan-Dearborn, earning a master's degree in public administration, and works as a fourth grade teacher for West Bloomfield Public Schools.

The couple plan to wed in July at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton Township.

**Hajduk-Guimond**  
Chris and Lisa Hajduk of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Hajduk, to Eric Guimond, son of Thomas and Barbara Guimond, of Clare. The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Salem High School and a 2008 graduate of Central Michigan University. The groom-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Clare High School and a 2008 graduate of Central Michigan University. Their wedding will take place in August in Canton.



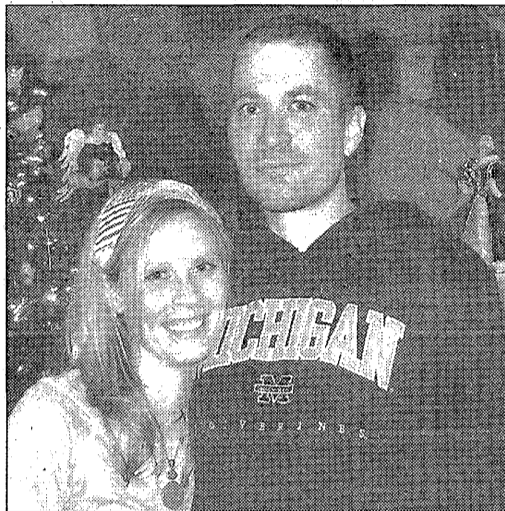
**Kleinschmidt-Felczak**

Michael and Shirley Felczak of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, Michael Felczak, Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla., to Emily Kleinschmidt of Jacksonville, formerly of Marshall, Mich.

The groom-to-be graduated from Stevenson High School in 1998 and earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Eastern Michigan University in 2002. He is employed as an accounts manager at Aaron's Rental Service in Jacksonville.

The bride-to-be graduated from Marshall High School in 2000 and earned a bachelor's degree in public relations from Western Michigan University in 2004. She is employed as a catastrophic claims representative for State Farm Insurance in Jacksonville.

The couple plan to wed in August at Mission Pointe Resort, Mackinac Island.



**Sied-Heseltine**  
Marshall and Sue Sied of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Kathryn Sied, to Adam Jeffrey Heseltine, son of Shirley Heseltine of South Lyon, and the late Jeffrey Heseltine.



The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as an account manager at Google in Ann Arbor.

The groom graduated in 1999 from Stevenson High School and earned his bachelor's degree in 2003 from Western Michigan University. He is employed as a sales account manager at Hilti Tool in Livonia.

The couple plans to wed in July at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Starfish helps kids, families

BY JULIE BROWN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Last year, Starfish Family Services helped more than 9,000 kids and families. The agency, on Hivley in Inkster with additional offices nearby, began 45 years ago to help children in foster care.

Its name and mission have changed somewhat in that time, according to Paula Brown, chief development officer.

"Our families are very much dealing with the issues of poverty," said Brown, who lives in Plymouth Township. Brown, speaking Feb. 19 to the Westland Rotary, noted 70 percent of Inkster residents receive free/reduced school lunches.

Starfish services include emergency food, along with seasonal clothing for children; a teen shelter and crisis center where youth age 10 and up can stay for up to 14 days; and mental health counseling that is offered to young people and adults through Westland and Livonia locations. Staffers focus efforts on families with children.

"Many of our parents are single moms, very young, some of them. We do everything we can to hold that family together."

The Starfish Family Resource Center in Inkster houses a gym where parents can play with their children. Staff lends a guiding hand, helping moms and moms-to-be understand that they should hold their children and read to them.

Staffers see about 700 children a day in Head Start and Early Head Start, which help children prepare for school. Starfish works with partners to avoid utility shutoff, which can lead to children being removed from the home.

The agency has an organic garden where children help food to grow. "By August, we've got eggplant like this," Brown said, holding her hands wide apart. The children take pride in their contributions to the garden.

Starfish focuses on the family life cycle from birth, to school readiness and into the teen years. They've continued some help for young people coming out of foster care due to age, who face limited options.

The agency, with a \$12 million budget, received a \$1 million Fisher Foundation grant to work with young families over three years, "as far as what poverty is doing to their lives."

By the third year, families will counsel each other, Brown said.

With help of the McGregor Fund, more families can participate.

"They are now moving toward independence and having hope for their future," she said.

David Ingham, a Rotarian and principal at Westland John Glenn High School, praised Starfish: "They do a nice job helping families," Ingham said.

For more information, call Starfish at (734) 728-3400 or visit [www.starfishonline.org](http://www.starfishonline.org).

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**MORE ON KNEE INJECTIONS**  
When a patient comes to a doctor's office with a swollen knee, the need to remove fluid from the knee and inject a steroid medication may seem evident. Aspirating the excess fluid allows the knee joint to function better, and injecting a steroid provides a means of resolving present irritation and preventing further inflammation.

Can patients expect a possible knee injection if they have knee pain but no swelling, that is, no evidence of any fluid in the knee? The answer is yes, a knee injection well may be the treatment of choice.

Before undertaking such treatment, the doctor will try to diagnose the problem. Instances where a person could have knee pain but no knee effusion include a meniscal or ligament tear, a bone bruise or bone cyst or a deposit of calcium crystals in the joint. Often knee x-rays will uncover these abnormalities, but not always.

Injecting the knee with a steroid at the time the patient presents with pain helps in several ways. First, the injection relieves pain in a timely manner. Second, a good response to the injection may last for months or more, making it unnecessary to go forward with further studies or immediate surgery. Third, a good response supports the diagnosis that the problem is not a tumor or cancer that if left alone will cause serious impairment at a later date.

The purpose of knee injections is to resolve pain. The presence of fluid gives the physician another reason to undertake the procedure. The absence of fluid does not deter him from the task.

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CITIZENS FOR PEACE FILM SERIES

Four provocative films designed to stir the conscience of the viewer will be shown weekly beginning 7 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Madonna University in Livonia. Sponsored by the Citizens for Peace, the films will be facilitated by a knowledgeable local spokesperson who will answer questions following each presentation. A donation of \$5 is requested for each viewing.

*Health for Sale* is the title of the 53-minute film for March 13. The focus is on the practices of Big Pharma that accounts for \$500 billion of world health spending which allows for maximum profits while keeping needed drugs from all but the most affluent citizens.

March 20 is *Soldiers of Conscience*, a dramatic window on the dilemma of eight U.S. Soldiers in the Iraq war including four who decide not to kill and instead become conscientious objectors. Made with the permission of the U.S. Army, the film explores the tension between spiritual values and military orders. Mark Gaffney, Michigan AFL-CIO president, leads a discussion on the impact of the Iraq War on the economy. The Detroit Area Peace with Justice Network commemorates the sixth anniversary of the start of the war with this film and discussion. The theme is: *Beyond War: A Better Economic World Is Possible.*

*Traces of the Trade: A Story of the Deep South* is scheduled March 27. It is the story of one Rhode Island family's painful but persistent confrontation with its continuing legacy of the slave trade. This 86-minute film asks what Americans can and should do to deal with what has been inherited from the country's past.

April 3 is *Made in L.A.* which traces the moving transformation of three Latina women who decide they must resist an American garment retailer and the labor conditions under which they must work by initiating a groundbreaking lawsuit and consumer boycott. This 70-minute film puts a human face, a woman's face, on labor organiz-

ing, immigrant struggles and women's rights.

For more information, call Colleen Mills at (734) 425 0079.

BIRD LECTURE

The Friends of the Livonia Library present Tim Nowicki who will talk about the seasons of Michigan by recounting the birds in our area, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15. Nowicki has been a naturalist for Oakland County Parks and Recreation for the past 20 years. He has educated hundreds of children and adults about the ways of the natural world. In addition to his work as a professional naturalist, Nowicki has written a column about nature for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, spoken about nature in our backyard on Jimmy Launce's WJR radio show, and hosted a children's cable television program that focused on nature with live animals. This is a free program.

The Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 466-2491.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION

Henry Ford Community College will hold a panel discussion on "Women's Leadership in the Michigan Economy: Reflecting on 70 years of Innovation and Change" at 11L15 a.m., Wednesday, March 18 in the Andrew A. Mazzara Administrative Services and Conference Center on HFCC's main campus at 5101 Evergreen in Dearborn. The event features prominent women of local and national acclaim speaking on ways to help improve Michigan's economy. Registration for the free event is required. Call HFCC's Vice President of Student Affairs Office at (313) 845-9610 by Wednesday, March 4.

Women who will be speaking at the event are Maggie Allese, nationally renowned choreographer, philanthropist, cultural community leader and 2007 Michigania of the Year; Debbie Dingell, vice chair of the General Motors Foundation; Haifa Fakhouri, president of the Arab American Chaldean Council; Annie L. Ford, World War II assembly worker and longtime Detroit resident; Eleanor Josaitis, co-founder of Focus:HOPE and inductee in the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame; Gail C. Mee, HFCC president, and Nancy Schlichting, president and CEO of Henry Ford Health System.

Learn to remodel, check out spas

Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers will offer a do-it-yourself clinic, "Managing Your Own Project," for homeowners, 6-8 p.m., Thursday, March 12 at all of its locations.

The clinic will guide participants through the remodeling process for a kitchen and bath, including assessing the requirements, determining a budget, choosing contractors and establishing a timeline to complete the project. They'll learn simple and easy cost-saving tips and ideas for color flexibility, product selection, scheduling, savings on full versus cabinet depth refrigerators and using licensed professionals. They'll also hear about the cost difference between cabinets from the same and different manufacturers.

Kurtis staff will be on hand to answer questions and offer assistance in selecting the right cabinets.

"Homeowners are looking for affordable remodeling options in this economy and we can provide them with the edu-

cation necessary to carrying out their projects on their own," stated Wayne Weintraub, owner of Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers.

Center locations include 28946 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 539-0700; and 12500 Merriman, Livonia, (734) 522-7600.

For more information or to register for the open house, call (888) KURTIS-1 or visit www.KurtisKitchen.com.

AAAAH...THE SPA

Homeowners will find everything they need to create their dream vacation without ever leaving home at the Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show, March 27-29, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

"You can turn your home into a vacation destination with the right pool, spa, hot tub and other backyard living amenities from our show," stated Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan, Inc. "It's a smart investment

that will pay you back with great family memories and opportunities for quality time."

Exhibits will display products and services related to pools, spas, hot tubs, swim spas, decks, patios, fencing, outdoor living spaces, patio furniture, outdoor court systems, patio enclosures, sunrooms and accessories.

The show is sponsored by the Michigan Pool & Spa Association. Hours are 3-9:30 p.m., Friday, March 27, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Saturday, March 28 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, March 29. Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Admission is \$8; \$4 for children 6-14 and free for children 5 and under. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission on Friday and Sunday are available at participating Wendy's restaurants. Parking is available on site for a fee. For more information, visit www.NoviPoolShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

At English Gardens

■ Watch a free demonstration on arranging fresh-cut flowers, 1 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at all stores.

■ The store will supply all necessary items and hands-on instruction for making a vase arrangement of spring flowers, at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at stores in Ann Arbor, Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights, Eastpointe, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield. This "make it and take it" workshop costs \$24.99. Registration is limited. Sign up in the store or online at www.englishgardens.com.

■ Learn how to maintain a green, healthy lawn at a free presentation, 1 p.m., Saturday, March 14, at all stores.

■ Find out what you can do now to prepare for the upcoming gardening season during a free presentation at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at all stores.

■ The store will provide culinary or fragrant herbs and a white ceramic planter for participants in the "make it and take it workshop," at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at all stores. They'll make their own fresh herb gardens. The cost is \$19.99. Sign up in a store or online at www.englishgardens.com.

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■ Learn about the new varieties of roses, proper care, maintenance, planting procedures, insect and disease control, pruning and fertilizing in a free presentation, 1 p.m., Saturday, March 28, in all stores.

Visit local English Gardens stores at 44850 Garfield at Hall in Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; 4901 Coolidge, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Driver in Dearborn, (313) 278-4433; and 155 Maple at Jackson, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

Heirloom bulbs

Scott Kunst, landscape historian, preservationist and owner of Old House Gardens, will present a slide lecture on the antique bulb varieties that are available to gardeners today, at the next meeting of the Village Gardeners, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 23, in the community room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of 1-696 in Lathrup Village. South Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) volunteers will be on hand with information about healthy garden practices, rain gardens, composting, mulching, biodiversity and lawn care, from 6:30-7 p.m. The presentations are free to club members. Guests are asked to donate \$5. For more information call Susan Arneson at (313) 655-1928 or Nancy Bacinski at (248) 569-6548.

Mark your calendars

The Michigan State African Violet Society will hold its annual spring display and plant sale, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 4 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro, Ann Arbor.

African Violets will be on display and available for purchase. Gesneriads will be available, along with supplies. For more information call (248) 698-3628 or e-mail to INGRIDBOWMAN07@comcast.net.

Water solutions

Beth Rowley, owner of Landscape Beauty by Design, will offer practical, water-saving advice on mowing, fertilizing and watering your lawn at 7 p.m., April 21, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. She'll also talk about creative landscaping to save water. The program is free, although registration is required. (734) 397-0999.

Yard Scraps to Garden Treasure

Advanced Master Gardeners and composers Nancy Perry and Luann Davis of the Canton Garden Club, will talk about using inexpensive vermicomposting methods to enrich soil and reduce waste, at 7 p.m., April 22, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. Register for the free program by calling (734) 397-0999.

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Notice is hereby given that on March 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., at B & B Towing, 934 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, a public auction of the following:

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At 10:00 a.m., Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for Asbestos Abatement at the District Curriculum Center and Transportation Building.** The project will be completed prior to the April 14, 2009 building renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos flooring materials, asbestos thermal system insulation, and windows with asbestos window caulk as needed. Bid documents will be available on or after Monday, February 23, 2009 by contacting Steve Roach at The healthAIR Group at 248-426-0165 or in writing at 23437 Research Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335. A Pre-Bid meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. at the PCCS Transportation Building located at 1024 South Mill Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. All submissions should include 3 bid copies (1 original, 2 duplicates) which are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center, RE: Abatement Bids, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 12, 2009 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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**REUNION CALENDAR**

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**Birmingham Groves**

**Class of 1969**  
40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or [grovesclassof69@aol.com](mailto:grovesclassof69@aol.com) for further information.

**Brighton High School**

**Class of 1989**  
Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at [email4kelley@yahoo.com](mailto:email4kelley@yahoo.com), or see [groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989).

**Class of 1959**  
50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit [www.casstech59.com](http://www.casstech59.com) or contact Marge Teramino Knable, [reunion@casstech59.com](mailto:reunion@casstech59.com); Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

**Dearborn Fordson**

**Class of 1969**  
Planning a reunion. Contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: [Kayniniilu@aol.com](mailto:Kayniniilu@aol.com) or Kathy Shoebridge @ [klivingston@nu-core.com](mailto:klivingston@nu-core.com).

**Dearborn Heights Riverside**

**Class of 1967**  
A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or [gwiati@gmail.com](mailto:gwiati@gmail.com).

**Detroit St. Brigid**

**Class of 1959**  
Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

**Detroit schools**

We are planning a mini reunion for anyone who graduated from Bagley Elementary in January 1957 or Post Junior High School in January 1960

in Detroit. If interested, call Gloria Weinman Little at (248) 352-9114 or Marlene Kutnick Yamron (e-mail) [hahatdc@yahoo.com](mailto:hahatdc@yahoo.com). The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

**Henry Ford II**

**Class of 1982**  
Looking for classmates. We are having a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek MetroPark and we're also planning a reunion in 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doemer) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, [ford21982@aol.com](mailto:ford21982@aol.com) or visit our FREE class webpage on [www.classreport.org](http://www.classreport.org).

**Detroit St. Casimir High School**

**Class of 1959**  
Planning a Sept. 13, 2009 class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at [JudyCoo@hotmail.com](mailto:JudyCoo@hotmail.com) or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at [PJcruisin@wowway.com](mailto:PJcruisin@wowway.com).

**Garden City High School East**

**Class of 1959**  
3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim Kendrick (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth (734) 522-1845.

**Garden City High School**

**Class of 1960**  
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to [GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com).

**Class of 1989**

20th reunion 6 p.m.-midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, premium open bar, dj, door prizes, picture cd and other gifts, and available for purchase at [www.gardencity89.com](http://www.gardencity89.com) or contact Paula at [gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com).

**Grosse Pointe North**

**Class of 1991**  
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**Lincoln Park High School**

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year

reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or [nc6897@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nc6897@sbcglobal.net).

**Livonia Bentley High School**

**Classes of 1968-1970**  
Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit [www.bentley686970.org](http://www.bentley686970.org) to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of '68' at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of '69' at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of '70' at (734) 455-1395.

**Livonia Franklin**

**Class of 1969**  
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: [Kayniniilu@aol.com](mailto:Kayniniilu@aol.com).

**Milford High School**

**Class of 1978**  
Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail [milford78@gmail.com](mailto:milford78@gmail.com).

**Mother Of Our Savior**

**All class reunion**  
Aug. 15, 2009 at Monahan's K of C in Livonia. For more information. Call Joe McCauley at (734) 420-2898.

**Novi Orchard Hills Elementary**  
Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Orchard Hills Elementary School, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince Drive Novi. RSVP to (248) 449-1400 or [bhurst@novi.k12.mi.us](mailto:bhurst@novi.k12.mi.us). Program includes 1-2 p.m. tours of Orchard Hills, 2 p.m. celebratory program in gymnasium, 3-4 p.m. sock hop and refreshments.

**Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School**

**Class of 1970**  
Planning a May 23, 2009 reunion at OLF Bradley Hall. Still looking for classmates that graduated with us or joined us any time during those years. E-mail Joan Barrett-Stec at [stecland@aol.com](mailto:stecland@aol.com).

**Redford Thurston High School**

**Class of 1972**  
37th Reunion/55th Birthday Bash May 2, 2009 at Mama Mia in Livonia. For more details, contact [ths72reunion@gmail.com](mailto:ths72reunion@gmail.com) or call (248) 348-9214.

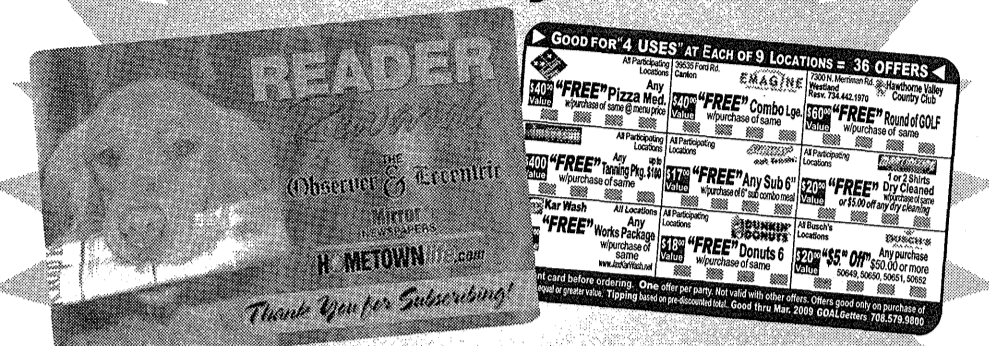
**Rochester Adams**

**Class of 1989**  
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New hospital like visiting northern Michigan

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
OSE STAFF WRITER

Patients might feel like they're going on vacation when they need medical care at the new Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Every effort has been made to combine nature with good food and relaxation to speed healing and reduce the unpleasantness associated with leaving home for treatment.

The \$360 million facility opens March 15 with 191 private rooms that not only block out noise but make it possible to have a restful night's sleep by adjusting schedules so nurses, whenever possible, aren't taking temperatures in the middle of the night.

A committee researched over 600 articles that showed design elements could reduce the stress on bodies and minds as well as shorten stays.

"Studies have shown that private rooms can reduce infection rates by 50 percent," said Dr. Michael Seidman, director of Vita, the wellness center offering complimentary therapies in the hospital.

Safety and compassionate care were major concerns when designing the 730,000-square-foot structure that blends into the existing Henry Ford Medical Center. Christine Zambricki stopped to inhale the scent of one of the elements, the towering ficus trees, as she led a tour of the new structure last Monday.



Dr. Michael Seidman and Christine Zambricki stand in the state-of-the-art Technology Wing at the new Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

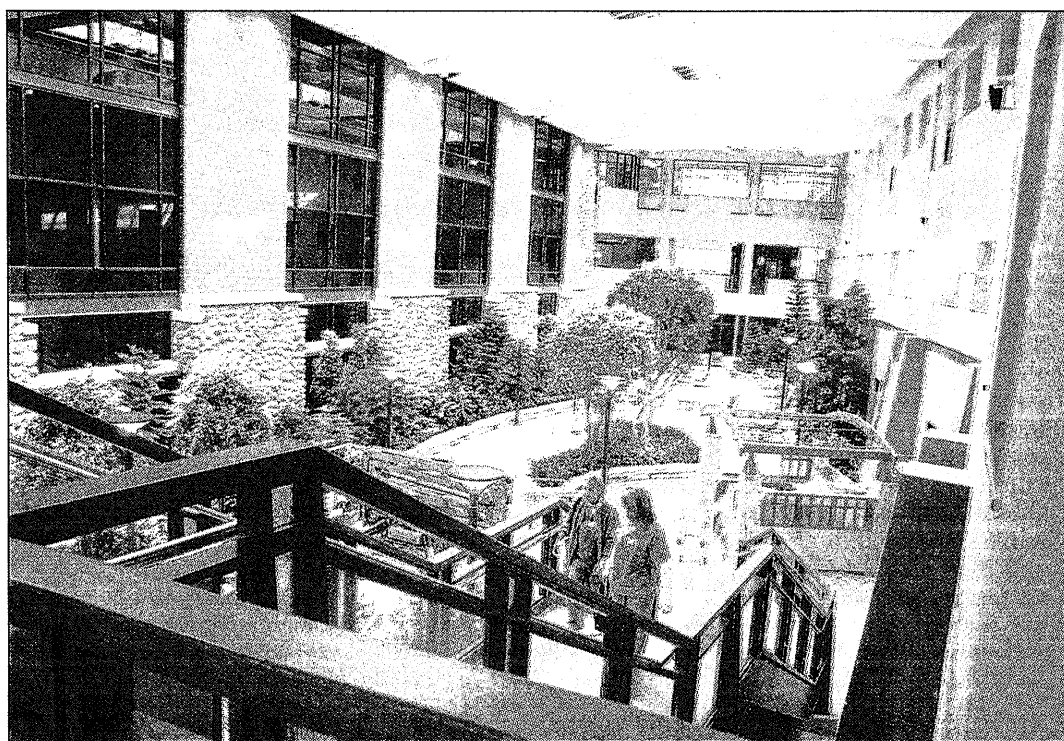
Decorative leaves on the wall sconces and winding paths in the floors add to the tranquil Northern Michigan-like environment.

"The curved walls prevent dust and dirt in corners and gives a warmer feeling," said Zambricki, chief operating and nursing officer and a Bloomfield Hills resident. "So much love went into the building. The quiet atrium is for reflection with an interfaith sanctuary and a storeroom for prayer rugs. All of the patient bedrooms look out on the atrium or outdoor pond. There are sleep sofas so families can sleep in the room and we've upgraded ceiling tiles to absorb sound. Most of the decibel level comes from the corridor which is now 15 to 20 feet from the bed and frequently

guarded by a glass door."

While patient comfort was a consideration, no expense was spared equipping the technology wing, which includes four new state-of-the-art surgical suites and the emergency room. By August, another six operating rooms will open as six old ones in the medical center close. The green lighting is meant to improve visual acuity.

"This is no ordinary community hospital. We're licensed for 300 rooms and hope to keep building," said Zambricki. "We're cutting wait time in the ER for patients 30 percent. The typical ER room has a glass door wall and is larger than an 8-by-10 so family could be together. It gives total auditory privacy so a woman losing a child can't hear a child



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Towering ficus trees welcome patients and visitors to the atrium inside Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

being born." Decontamination and trauma rooms in the ER allow staff to handle disasters. The hospital offers a range of services from critical care to pediatrics.

On the lower level Chef Matt Prentice passes out samples of the strawberry sorbet made for patients who eat the same food as served in Henry's, the cafeteria. Previously he showed off the refrigerated locker where the organic red leaf lettuce is kept.

"It's all fresh," said Seidman. "Hippocrates said, let thy food be thy medicine. If you don't put proper food into the body it doesn't function properly."

Prentice developed 600 recipes for the hospital menu and trained and hired the kitchen staff. The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group owns a

number of area restaurants including Coach Insomnia at the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit.

"I spent last summer writing a manual on healthy eating for the staff to follow," said Prentice of West Bloomfield. "I use no salt and lots of herbs."

Trained as a medical doctor, Seidman became curious about non-traditional medicine many years ago. He believes equally in prevention.

Today he's excited about Vita, which offers wellness counseling, a mind-body studio for yoga classes, skin care treatment to reverse sun damage and acne, and complementary therapies like hot stone massage, acupuncture and chiropractic care. Free wig and makeup consultation are available at no charge for cancer

patients from any hospital, not just Henry Ford.

A relaxation room with a neuroacoustic chair resonates and vibrates through the body with speakers for relaxation, which has been shown to enhance the healing process. A behavioral therapist provides services such as biofeedback and hypnotherapy.

"We use acupuncture before surgery to help heal, reduce pain, fire up the immune systems, preparing body and mind before surgery," said Seidman.

"We're also linking with Schoolcraft (College Culinary Arts program) to teach classes to cook healthy."

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Survivorship University, a community-based education program of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, offers free lectures to help cancer survivors, their families and caretakers navigate the everyday challenges of living with, through and beyond cancer. The classes encourage and support the personal empowerment and advocacy of cancer survivorship. To register for the free spring 2009 classes,

call 1-800-KARMANOS (1-800-527-6266) or visit [www.karmanos.org](http://www.karmanos.org).

■ **The Ride of Your Life: Developing a Positive Attitude** (F605) sessions are held 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the Karmanos' Weisberg Cancer Treatment Center, 31995 Northwestern Hwy., Farmington Hills; and Wednesday, March 25, at the Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center's Wahby Cancer Center, 1000

Harrington Blvd.

Author John Ricco talks about adversity. Ricco fought his way past a cancer diagnosis with treatment, support and, most importantly, an eye on the future. He found while he was writing about his ordeal, there were many other people who had been through other life-altering experiences and they came through it because of their positive attitude. This lecture is for anyone who has experi-

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#### MARCH

##### CHADD meeting

CHADD (Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder) meets Monday, March 2, at Way Elementary, 765 W. Long Lk Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. The parent group will have Kara Brooklier Ph.D. speaking on "Understanding and Building Social Competence in

Children with AD/HD and Asperger Syndrome." The adult group will have Paul Gutterman M.D. speaking on "Mood Disorders in Adults with AD/HD." Sign-in begins at 7 p.m.; meetings 7:30-9 p.m. Free, members; \$5, non-members. Call (248) 988-6716 or visit [www.chadd.net/527](http://www.chadd.net/527).

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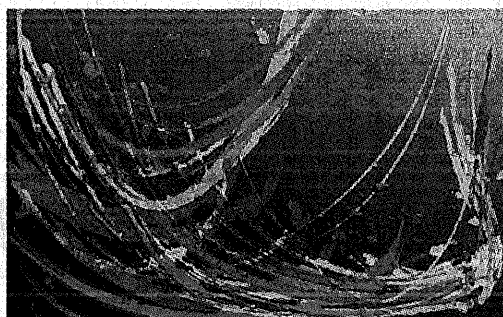
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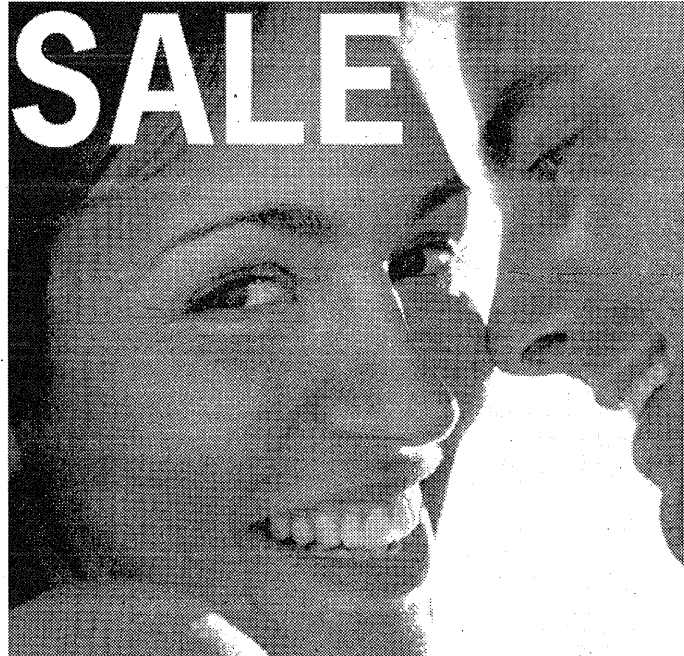
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**SEEKING A MATURE MAN**  
Attractive SBPF, 35, N/S, N/Drugs, would like to meet respectful, happy SBPM, 25-50, to enjoy life together. **☎300680**

**COULD YOU BE THE ONE?**  
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **☎300684**

**HOPING WE CLICK!**  
SBF, 23, 5'11", 105lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-68, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk! **☎307550**

**BLACK BEAUTY SEEKS...**  
White Knight, Spontaneous SBF, 35, brown eyes, in search of adventurous, honest, attractive WM, 25-50, with great sense of humor, I enjoy movies, reading, working out, more. **☎262020**

**LET'S GET TOGETHER!**  
Sexy SBF, 40, N/S, seeks fun and witty WM, 35-60, for friendship first, maybe more. **☎270132**

**LONELY VIRGO**  
SBF, 47, with a young heart, enjoys cartoons, music, dancing, good food, good fun, looking for SF, 30-65, with same interests. **☎269574**

**BEAUTIFUL**  
BIBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BIF, 25-40, race open, DD free, HW proportionate. You must be confident with who you are. **☎271860**

**HEART OF GOLD**  
SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6', smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **☎266442**

**LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!**  
Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. **☎281972**

**GREAT-LOOKING BF...**  
35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me, you won't be disappointed! **☎283172**

**BEAUTIFUL SBF...**  
37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **☎271683**

**ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT**  
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, N/S, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **☎287305**

**A POLISHED DIAMOND**  
Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **☎287057**

**ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY**  
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SSM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **☎273603**

**A NEW BEGINNING**  
SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SSM, 45-55, for friendship or more. **☎299151**

**PETTITE AND CUTE**  
SBF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SWM, 35-45, who will love me for me. **☎294943**

**THAT SPECIAL ONE**  
SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SSM, 39-45, for possible relationship. **☎292952**

**SEEKING STRONG BM**  
Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald BM, 40-62, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **☎295668**

**SINGLE DAD WELCOME**  
PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. **☎296002**

**HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. **☎295421**

**ACTIVE WOMAN**  
SBF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. **☎262181**

**VERY ATTRACTIVE**  
SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complected, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **☎282115**

**DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, similar background, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **☎279171**

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS**  
Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7" - 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **☎147056**

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SBPF, looking for SSM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. **☎306228**

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SF, 48, 5'7", 210lbs, medium brown/blue, N/D, NS, no children, enjoys drama films, shooting pool, playing darts, sporting events, long drives, more. Seeking SM, 45-55, who enjoys the same. **☎253036**

**LOOKING FOR MR RIGHT**  
Outgoing, laid-back SBF, 40, sincere and light-hearted seeks easygoing, mature, fun-loving, down-to-earth WM, 35-50, to share talks, dates, friendship and possible LTR. **☎255010**

**LET'S GET TOGETHER**  
Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'5", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. **☎296724**

**HARD WORKER SEES SAME**  
SBF, 44, N/S, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 29-49, NS, homebody, to explore all life has to offer! I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. **☎174519**

**GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?**  
WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **☎280581**

**HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME**  
SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, NS, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SSM, 39-51. **☎284568**

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, funny, fun man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **☎289947**

**ARE YOU LONELY?**  
Attractive female, 5'5", 120lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love a little of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentleman, 65-75. **☎891247**

**CURVACEOUS**  
SBF, 47, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SSM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. **☎282605**

**CALLING ALL GOLFERS!**  
WWMF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, N/S, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **☎976914**

**VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SSM, 30-43. **☎299111**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SSM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. **☎299793**

**SEARCHING FOR A MAN...**  
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **☎262117**

**SEEKING FRIEND**  
DWCF, 71, looks much younger, 5'2", long dark brown hair, brown eyes, positive attitude, seeks faithful SWM for LTR. **☎56264**

**HONESTY A MUST**  
BF, 42, 5'4", 186lbs, shapely, brown/brown, seeking an honest man, 40-50, N/Drugs, who enjoys the good things in life. I like plays, dancing, dining out, good company and working out. **☎266606**

**SEEKING SAVED MAN**  
SBF, 27, N/S, seeks one good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. **☎265509**

**HI THERE!**  
Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SWM, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! **☎268278**

**MUST LOVE WRESTLING!**  
Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys watching football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. **☎268699**

**VERY LOVING PERSON**  
Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. **☎273294**

**COUNTRY GIRL**  
Good-natured, classically attractive, fun-loving SWMF, 51, platinum/blue, 5'5", HW-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **☎759845**

**ARE YOU HERE?**  
SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, enjoying life. Seeking an LTR. **☎269770**

**TAKE A CHANCE!**  
SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. **☎263845**

**LADY IN THE WOODS**  
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **☎210247**

**CHOCOLATE TREAT**  
Refined, romantic, creative divorcee, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50+. **☎281197**

**DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome WAM, 47-66, N/S, clean-shaven, HW proportionate, for friendship first. **☎281229**

**IN SEARCH OF**  
a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", HWP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and more. **☎288866**

**ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS**  
BF, 5'5", 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. **☎284318**

**ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP**  
SBF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. **☎284371**

**SINCERE AND HONEST**  
Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere WWM, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. **☎284932**

**MATURE MAN WANTED**  
SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SSM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **☎287656**

**KEEP COOL**  
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SB/HM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **☎287598**

**WARM SMILE**  
SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! **☎287187**

**PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD**  
SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **☎292913**

**I NEED LOVE**  
Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SSM, 18-30, who shares my life for life. **☎300110**

**CLASSY LADY**  
SWF, 70 years young, 5'6", N/S, average height, brown/brown, enjoys fishing, movies, travel. Seeking honest SWM, 70-75, N/S, who is not boastful, but is well-grounded. Sense of humor a must. Life is a one-time deal and I don't have time to back up. **☎307314**

**HELLO THERE**  
Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, NS. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **☎113901**

**A WOMAN OF CLASS**  
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **☎271065**

**GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR**  
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 29-48, for companionship. **☎282578**

**LET'S GET TOGETHER**  
SBF, 54, 5'9", N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SSM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. **☎282444**

**MUSICAL GIRL**  
Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. **☎292258**

**OUTGOING**  
BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **☎292940**

**PRETTY EYES**  
SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **☎28870**

**CLASSY LADY**  
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **☎207254**

**SEEKING SBM COMPANION**  
I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/lover to enjoy things with. Preferably 55-75. Life is too short - have fun with me! **☎302311**

**SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?**  
SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, N/S, SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **☎282618**

**PLUS-SIZED LADY...**  
34, 200lbs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call me! **☎217234**

**STILL SEEKING**  
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 48-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth who wants to commit to someone special. **☎131198**

**I NEED A LOVE...**  
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **☎588059**

**GET TO KNOW ME**  
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, single, mature, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **☎363760**

**READY FOR A FRESH START?**  
DWF, 51, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman. **☎692549**

**ARE YOU SEEKING?**  
DWF, 69, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet NS WM, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **☎308068**

**GORGEOUS SMILE!**  
SBF, 26, 5'6", 130lbs, slim build, smoker, DD-free, seeks BF, 18-60, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. I enjoy movies, dining, television, cuddling. **☎257885**

**FUN & OUTGOING**  
SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. **☎257908**

**GET TO KNOW ME**  
BF, 57", full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. **☎260756**

**SEEKING SAVED MAN**  
SBF, 27, N/S, seeks one good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. **☎265509**

### MEN SEEKING WOMEN

**GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR**  
WM, late 30s, 6'3", dark/blue, enjoys sports, concerts and going to movies. Looking for an attractive Latin/Hispanic female, 25-50, for dating. **☎257496**

**FEMININE LADY WANTED**  
Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10", 190lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, long walks, holding hands, good conversation, seeking sweet, feminine lady, 30-50, for possible LTR. **☎291990**

**LET'S GET GOING!**  
SWM, 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **☎128302**

**EASYGOING**  
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/ITM SWF, for dating and fun times. **☎167614**

**LIFE IS TOO SHORT**  
Very athletic SSM, 37, 5'9", 175lbs, loves volunteer work, pets. Seeking nice-looking, fit BF, 28-36, with sweet personality. **☎274599**

**KEEP IT REAL**  
SWM, 55, 5'10", 150lbs, father of two, homeowner, wants to meet slender, average female, 25-45, who likes music, art, just hanging out. **☎292766**

**TALL AND ATHLETIC**  
SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personally, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. **☎531308**

**WAITING FOR YOUR CALL**  
SWM, 18, student, looking for SF, 16-25, for dating, maybe more. I like going out to the movies, sports, and more. **☎305372**

**WAITING FOR YOUR CALL**  
Affectionate SWM, 40, 5'9", 210lbs, dark brown/brown, easygoing, friendly, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, and waterfront talks, quiet times home. Looking for compatible lady who knows how to enjoy life. **☎238130**

**ALOT TO OFFER**  
SWM, 38, N/S, loves walking, jogging, dinner and a movie, having fun, parrying. Looking for SF, 28-70, for friendship first, maybe more. **☎278442**

**GIVE ME A CALL**  
BM, 35, 5'5", 150lbs, secure, family-oriented, looking for a SWF, 30-45, who is intelligent, mature, educated, and has passions. I enjoy life, going places and trying new things. **☎178120**

**WARM AND FRIENDLY**  
Sincere BM would like to meet a woman, friendly, sincere female, 21-55, HWP proportionate, who seeks friendship, possibly leading to more. **☎270036**

**BOATER SEEKS 1ST MATE**  
SWM, N/S, good-looking, must enjoy boating, good music, working out. Seeking very attractive SF, 28-40, race unimportant, for friendship leading to possible LTR. **☎205048**

**MUST LOVE THE LORD**  
SWM, 45, 5'6", medium build, wonderful personality, looking for special, laid-back, college-educated SF, 30-40, 5'5"-5'7", slim/medium build, outgoing, non-smoker, non-drinker. **☎280627**

**WORTH A CALL**  
Attractive SSM, 35, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed. **☎293515**

**WORTH THE CALL**  
SWM, 41, N/S, handsome, fun, nice young lady, 21-50, to spend some time together and get to know. **☎283851**

**WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL**  
SHF, 46, 5'10", average build, likes going out and having fun, movies, parties, just chilling and relaxing. Seeking a SHAF, late 30s, for possible relationship. **☎299039**

**YOU NEED ME**  
SWM, 43, slim, well-grounded, attractive, seek attractive, slim lady to get to know, for dating, maybe more. You won't be disappointed! **☎291112**

**FOR REAL**  
SBF, 56, 5'6", 180lbs, enjoys gardening, reading, beautiful woman, 18-35, who is intelligent, honest, dedication and commitment. This is my key to open the door. **☎297076**

**SEEKING LATIN LADY**  
WM, 6'3", dark/blue, with great sense of humor, likes sports, movies, concerts, dining out. Would love to meet a Hispanic female, 18-50, for dating, possibly more. **☎308881**

**SO WE MATCH?**  
SM, likes skating, music, horseback riding, going to bars and spending time at home. Would like to meet a woman, 39-48, who is nice and likes going out. **☎308942**

**Genuine Nice Guy**  
WM, 45, 6'1", N/S, social drinker, honest, caring, compassionate and a great listener, honest, kind of funny, quiet times at home, music, travel and watching the Steelers play football. Seeking female with similar qualities and values. Age, weight and race unimportant, just to be a sincere person with Christian values. **☎306313**

**COMPLETE ME**  
SWM, 32, looking for compassionate, honest SWF, late 20s-early 30s, who knows where she is going in life. I love music, travel, and more. **☎292501**








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 TOTAL DUE \$667 - 36 MO., 36,000 MILES

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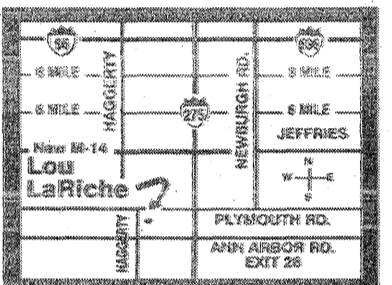


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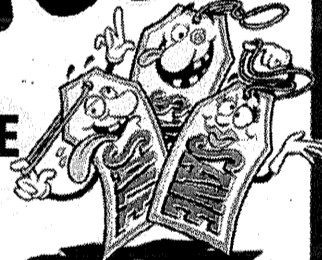
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NOW **\$21,750\*** | **\$366\*** PER MO.  
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Was \$32,700 **-OR-** LEASE FOR  
NOW **\$25,571\*** | **\$395\*** PER MO.  
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NOW **\$27,194\*** | **\$473\*** PER MO.  
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