

Running on Empty

Local woman chronicles recovery from anorexia.

HEALTH, PAGE C6

Domestic violence survivors move ahead with lives.

OBSERVER LIFE, SECTION C

Roses are red ...

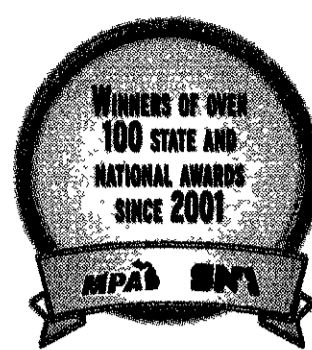
Top Valentine's Day date ideas.

INSERTED SECTION



Your hometown newspaper serving Canton for 30 years

CANTON Observer



SUNDAY

January 30, 2005

75 cents

VOLUME 30 NUMBER 61

www.hometownlife.com

©2005 HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK



Parents and children explore their way through the human body exhibits during the open house for the fifth birthday party celebration of the Exploration Station at the St. Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton.

Happy birthday to good health

Exploration Station celebrates 5th anniversary with healthy party

Saint Joseph Mercy's Exploration Station celebrated its fifth anniversary this week, and marked the occasion with a birthday-style party on Thursday. More than 50 children helped the museum celebrate the occasion, which featured cake and other refreshments.

Located in the Saint Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton, the Exploration Station is a popular site for school field trips, and features educational displays, including a larger-than-life human body, which children can walk, crawl and slide through. Other displays allow children to hear their own heart beat, test their muscle strength, and see how germs grow.

It's all part of teaching children how to live healthy, according to Cheryl Phillips, who coordinates the museum's programs.

"Everything is related to human

'We teach about prevention, so we can give children the knowledge they need to grow up and become healthy adults.'

Cheryl Phillips
Museum program coordinator

health," she said. "We teach about prevention, so we can give children the knowledge they need to grow up and become healthy adults."

Saint Joseph Mercy Health Center is located at 1600 S. Canton Center. For more information about the Exploration Station, visit www.healthexplorationstation.com.



Justin Miller, 3½, and his mother, Elissa, watch the heart above them light up with Justin's heartbeat.

District requires MEAPs

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton 11th-graders will be required to take the MEAP tests in order to graduate and receive their high school diplomas.

The Board of Education passed the new policy Tuesday night in order to comply with state Adequate Yearly Progress regulations and the federal No Child Left Behind Act, designed to make schools more accountable for improved test scores.

The new policy was necessary after the district failed to meet AYP at Canton High School because the district failed to get 95 percent of the students to participate in the MEAP test. School officials said Canton's participation was above 94 percent, but not high enough to keep from getting flagged for non-compliance.

"It all goes back to the years when parents and students began to exempt themselves from testing, particularly at the high school level," said Barbara Church, assistant superintendent of instructional services. "Students stopped taking the tests because they felt it wasn't relevant."

PLEASE SEE MEAP, A5

Mom headed to prison for infant son's death

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Avery of Canton was sentenced to 17 to 30 years in prison in connection with the drowning death of her 11-month-old son, Bryan.

Wayne Circuit Judge Diane Hathaway sentenced Avery Jan. 25 in Wayne County Circuit Court. The first 17 years of the sentence are mandatory.

Avery pleaded guilty last year to second-degree murder in her son's drowning death.

The infant died in October, 2003. Avery was arrested after making a 9-1-1 call to Canton Police and telling them that her son had slipped in the bathtub and was not breathing. He was transported to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

She confessed to the intentional drowning while being interviewed by police.

Because of concerns about Avery's mental health, she was evaluated for mental competency at the Ypsilanti Forensics Center, and later at another mental health center. Both examiners deemed her fit to stand trial.

Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said that murder cases involving children are tough on both family members and police. Police officers must try their best to detach themselves emotionally so they can focus on the facts.

Certain factors make investigating children's deaths particularly urgent, he said.

"Whenever there's a death of anybody, timeliness is an issue," Pomorski said. "With a child, (investigation) should be even more expedient."

Some factors unique in children's deaths include their quicker healing time, losing body temperature more quickly and last but not least, their defenselessness, according to Pomorski.

Talking to witnesses is just one thing an investigator should do when probing a child's death.

"Sometimes we can't rely on witnesses - we have to rely on the facts of the case," Pomorski said.

Talent show lets students shine on stage

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

It's just what Brad and Stephanie Naberhaus needed as the morning of their first talent show dawned - a storm that would eventually drop about a foot of snow on the area.

Nobody could have blamed the Naberhauses, who now run Speech, Language & Sensory-Motor Systems, Inc. in Plymouth Township, for being nervous about how the day would go.

They didn't have worried. The sixth annual "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars" talent show, which features all the talents of the clinic's special-needs students, went off with nary a hitch,

despite the best efforts of Mother Nature.

"We were so nervous, because people were starting to call to ask if we were still having it," Stephanie Naberhaus said. "Everyone puts in so much time, makes plans, and grandparents were coming. We had to have it on that day, because it would have been too difficult to reschedule. We decided to have it, because everyone looks forward to it."

For the first five years, the show was run by Stephanie's parents, former clinic directors Lorraine and Don Zaksek. The idea, of course, is to allow the kids to shine and to show they can go on to



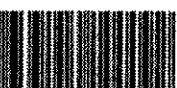
JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Barbara Wilson's 6-year-old daughter, Kira, runs to her with a gift of a rose at the 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' talent show.

PLEASE SEE TALENT, A5

CONTACT US

Newroom (734) 459-2700
Circulation 1-866-887-2737
Classified 1-800-579-7355



INDEX

Apartments E4
Automotive F5
Classified Index D2
Crossword Puzzle D5
For the Record A4
Community Life C1
Health C6
Jobs E6
Obituaries C5
New Homes D1
Service Guide E5
Sports B1

The Movies are on us!

We'll send you two tickets to the Star Theatres when you subscribe to an Observer or Eccentric newspaper!

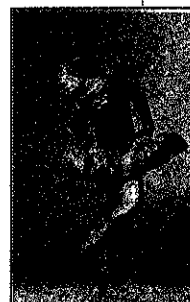
Call 866-887-2737

Carrier delivery only. Offer expires 3/1/05. Must not have subscribed in the last 30 days.

Coming Thursday in Filter

Partners in dance

Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, The Philadelphia Dance Company and Alonzo King's LINES Ballet celebrate contemporary African-American dance.



PCA preview night

Plymouth Christian Academy will be holding a special evening for parents of prospective students to come learn about what the school has to offer. The event will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday February 7.

PCA, which is located at 43065 Joy Road just south of Calvary Baptist Church in Canton, is a nondenominational Christian school serving students in preschool through 12th grade.

The school offers a college preparatory program, athletics, and fine arts. Historically, 99 percent of its graduates attend college.

For more information about the event, call (734) 459-3505, or visit www.plymouthchristian.org.

Spotlight Players

The Spotlight Players will be performing *The Man Who Came to Dinner* at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, through Feb. 5. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for children, and \$15 per person in groups of 15 or more. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill. For more information, call (734) 394-5300. The Spotlight Players is also holding auditions for *Bye Bye Birdie* at the Village Theater. They are looking for 10 lead roles, 15 adult roles and 15 teens to be chorus members. Participants should bring a recent photo. The show will play in April.

Call (734) 394-5300, or visit www.spotlightplayers.net.

tional consultant for more than 24 years, and has led more than 30 parenting sessions. She is also on the executive board of the Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education.

For more information, or to register for the class, call Brucker at (810) 227-5379, or via e-mail at m.brucker@comcast.net

Mom-to-mom sale

Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples will hold their Spring/Summer Sale from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill, North of Ann Arbor Road.

The event features department-style shopping with baby and children's clothing from newborn to size 7, maternity clothing, toys and baby gear. There will also be a bake sale.

Admission is \$1 for adults, no strollers please.

Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is looking for businesses to participate in the twice-annual Consumer Expo (formerly known as the Business Expo), to take place Feb. 24 at the Summit on the Park.

The Expo will feature nearly 50 local businesses that will demonstrate their products and services to each other and to the general public. The event is a great way to let the community know what your business offers, as well as a great opportunity to network. Businesses are invited to participate by renting booth space.

For more information and applications for booth space, call

the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Blues artist performs

Native Detroitier Thornetta Davis will sing the blues at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill on February 12, 2005 at 8 p.m. The multi-talented Davis, who is a singer, songwriter and recording artist, typically plays more than 200 shows a year, and has received many accolades. Her credits include everything from the MGM Casino to The VHI Fashion Awards in New York's Madison Square Garden with Kid Rock, and Pine Knob's 1999 Lillith Fair, hosted by Sarah McLachlin.



Davis

Tickets are on sale for \$20, and can be purchased at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, and the Village Theater ticket office located at 50400 Cherry Hill Rd. For more information please call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Practice reflexology

Learn the basic techniques of reflexology at the Canton Public Library on February 3 at 7 p.m. Deanna Proske, certified reflexologist, will discuss this ancient art and demonstrate how pressure applied to specific areas of the hands and feet can relax tension throughout the body, relieving back pain, migraines and stress.

Reflexology is a complementary therapy that connects reflex areas in the feet and hands with glands, organs and parts of the body. This popular form of preventative therapy addresses health problems in a natural way by improving nerve and blood supply, and helping the body find balance. Only the hands are used, making it a safe, simple, yet effective method of releasing tension.

This program is part of the library's Learn to... With Friends series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library. These free events feature presentations, discussions and demonstrations that highlight unique skills or talents that can influence our everyday lives.

The library is located at 1200 South Canton Center Road. Registration for this program begins on January 27 by calling (734) 397-0999 or in person at the library.

Bible class

In an effort to attract new members, Power Of The Word Center Of Canton will be holding Bible teachings on Sunday afternoons beginning at 1 p.m. at Walker-Winter Elementary School, which is located at 39932 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

Call (313) 935-7729 or (313) 657-8441.

Festival of cultures

Students, teachers and parents from Bentley Elementary School will host the third annual Festival of Cultures on Feb. 1 with a musical performance at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. The theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill. Call the school at (734) 397-6361 or the theater at (734) 394-5300.

Battle of the bands

Canton Leisure Services will sponsor the Battle of the Bands from 5:30 p.m. to midnight Jan.

28 at the Summit on the Park. Winners of the event will play at this summer's Liberty Fest.

Bands will perform on multiple stages throughout the night. Doors open at 5 p.m. Call (734) 394-5460.

Retiree luncheon

Telephone retirees from SBC, Ameritech & Michigan Bell are invited to a February luncheon at Archie's Fine Dining at 30471 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Livonia.

The luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 14. Participants will meet in the Sun Room.

Call (586) 268-1613.

Super camp set

The 16th annual Super Summer for Kids: A Camp & Activities Fair offering one-stop shopping for interesting and stimulating camps is set for Sunday, Feb. 27, in the Birmingham Public Schools Corporate Training and Conference Center, 31301 Evergreen, Beverly Hills (behind Groves High School).

More than 70 U.S. and Canadian Camps, both day and overnight, will be showcased at the event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many new camps will attend this year, according to Elaine Sturnam, camp fair organizer. In addition, new programs for older children that include overnight travel programs, computer camps, sports camps, and programs that have a community service component will be represented. Admission is free.

In addition, high school and college students interested in summer employment will also have the opportunity to obtain valuable information.

The camp fair is presented by Elaine S. Events and co-sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and *Metro Parent Magazine*.

Mystery Zone

Eighth-grade students at Pioneer Middle School host the second-annual Mystery Zone Thursday, Feb. 10.

This dessert theatre will showcase the acting, dancing, singing and writing talents of the Pioneer eighth-graders. In addition to being a culminating activity for their mystery unit, students hope to raise money to refurbish Pioneer's 30-year-old stage.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8 at Pioneer Middle School. A silent auction featuring donations from local businesses and parents will also be held.

The Educational Excellence Foundation will handle the money raised from the Mystery Zone until there is enough to begin refurbishing the stage.

Parenting help

Parents looking for help to better understand their children are invited to attend a class called "Nurturing the Clever Child" to be held 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 1 at the Miller Elementary media center. The school is located at 43721 Hanford Road in Canton.

Discussions are hands-on in a very supportive environment. Topics include identification, motivation, discipline, communication, perfectionism, stress management, peer relationships, and more. Parents will enhance their ability to connect with their children and support them socially and emotionally.

This is a seven-week guided discussion. Marie Brucker will be the lead facilitator of the class. She has been an educa-

Observer
WHERE HOMETOWN STORIES UNFOLD
HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

HOW TO REACH US

Newsroom(734) 459-2700 Fax(734) 459-4224
Sports Nightline(734) 953-2104
Circulation/Customer Service1-866-88-PAPER (866-887-2737)
Classified Advertising1-800- 579-SELL (7355)
Display Advertising(734) 953-2153

POSTAL PERIODICAL REQUIREMENTS
The Canton Observer - Publication NO. USPS 663-670 Published every Thursday and Sunday.
Periodical postage is paid at Livonia, Michigan 48150.
A HomeTown Communications Network publication
36251 Schooldcraft, Livonia, MI 48150

TSUNAMI RELIEF BENEFIT
Monday, January 31 4:00 - 8:00 P.M.
The Cutting Quarters Salon
In effort to raise funds for the tsunami victims, our stylists will be providing all salon services to the community. Proceeds from the benefit will be donated to the **AMERICAN RED CROSS.**
Share the news with your friends and family, together we can all make a difference!
The Cutting Quarters Salon
328 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170
734-459-0640
We welcome all walk-ins and appointments

TAX PROBLEMS?
Never Talk to The IRS!
Talk to Tax Resolution Specialists of Michigan
We Can Help!
• Offer in Compromise • Remove Liens/Levies
• Penalty Abatement • Audit Representation
• File Old Returns • Innocent Spouse Relief
• Installment Payments • Payroll/Sales Tax Relief
Call (248) 985-HELP (4357) for a FREE consultation
Tax Resolution Specialists of Michigan
Member of American Society of IRS Problem Solvers

How To Throw 27 Million Fat Cells Into A Total Panic.

Contours Express

"New-Year-New-You" Package!

- Think Light weight management program
- CD ROM with 8-week "slow carb," low fat eating program
- Menus, recipes & grocery lists
- Weekly web & email support
- Three personal training sessions
- Weight & measurement tracking (must commit to 3 workouts per week)

\$99 Enrollment Special with 1 year membership

8014 Sheldon Center • Canton (between Warren & Joy Roads in Sheldon Center Plaza, by Central City Dance)
Call TODAY to Schedule Your FREE Introductory Appointment!
734.416.9350

Contours Express
Ladies Only WEIGHT BASED Fitness Studio

2.5% 3.0% 3.5% 4.0%

Rising Star!

Catch a Rising Star CD with interest rates that rise!*

New Liberty Bank

Now you can invest up to two years with increasing interest rates...guaranteed. A two-year CD with four six-month intervals allows you the option to withdraw your funds at the end of each interval—without penalty. Or you can keep your investment right where it is and watch your Rising Star CD* grow at a higher rate of interest.

New Liberty Bank
1333 W. Ann Arbor Rd • Plymouth
(734) 455-1511 • www.newlibertybank.com

Member FDIC

*No public funds, 2-year term. Early withdrawal penalty will be imposed unless withdrawal is made within 10 calendar days after the end of any interval. \$500 minimum deposit is required to open the account. No additional deposits can be made to the account. Initial interest rate is 2.50% for the first six-month interval. The interest rate for the second six-month interval is 3.00%. The interest rate for the third six-month interval is 3.50%. The interest rate for the final six-month interval is 4.00%. These interest rates result in a composite annual percentage yield (APY) of 3.30% for the two-year term. This offer may change without notice.

Out of band's shadow

Winter Guard team building a reputation all its own

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Mention the words "winter guard" to most people and they don't know what you're talking about.

But if the Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard program continues to grow at this rate, it won't be long before the perception changes.

The PCEP Winter Guard, the flag-waving, rifle-totin' winterized arm of the PCEP marching band, has nearly doubled in size in the two years since Jennifer Leseth took over.

"People don't know what it is, but when they see it, they like it," said Leseth, hired two years ago to coach the team. "I think we've done a good job recruiting."

She's got a right to think so. Two years ago, in Leseth's first season, the Winter Guard fielded one group of performers featuring just 20 students.

This year, Leseth is balancing two groups with nearly 40 total students. She attributes the increased participation to the group's education of the public and its efforts to bring in mid-

dle schoolers.

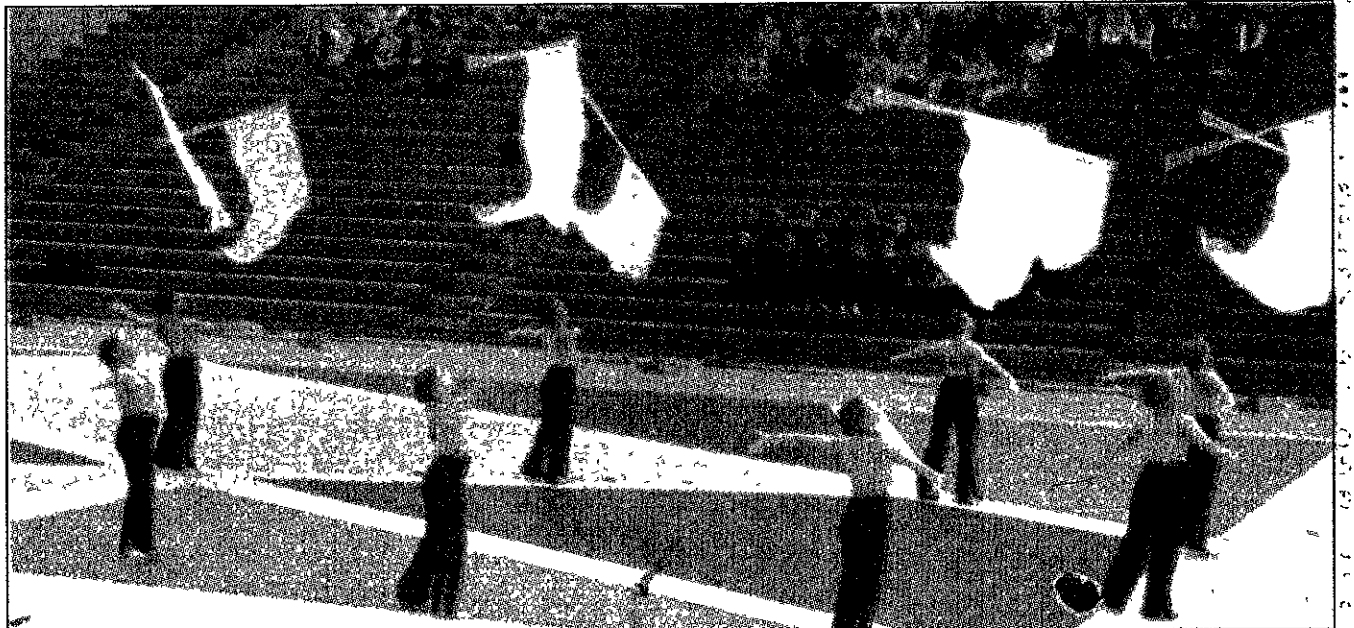
"We tried to get into the middle schools to expand our student base," Leseth said. "We also did a community performance, which we'll do again."

Winter Guard is the winter version of the fall's color guard. Team members twirl flags, rifles and sabres. The group performs to recorded music, incorporating dance and music into a choreographed routine.

Last year, the team captured gold in the Michigan Color Guard Circuit State Championship and finished third in the Winter Guard International Regional Competition in Chesterton, Ind.

Unlike the color guard, which is an integral part of the marching band's success, Winter Guard performs indoors at various competitions between January and April.

"The big difference is color guard is more about pageantry, but Winter Guard is more about difficulty," Leseth said. "It gives kids a different experience from color guard and marching band. It's year-round training, and gives them more to do."



Flags played a prominent role in the performance by the Plymouth Canton Winter Guard at the national championships last year. The Winter Guard has grown from 20 to 37 members this year.

Winter Guard will perform in four local competitions, plus national performances in New York and Ohio.

To get ready for the competitions, Winter Guard members practice twice a week for three hours and for some six or seven hours every weekend. The payoff for all that practice is the competition, which Leseth said is "an opportunity for the kids to perform in front of people."

"They work for months on the show, and you don't get that many chances" to perform it, Leseth said. "For the kids, it's about performing, but they're passionate about what they do. I think most of them would do it even if they never performed. "The performance is icing on the cake," she added.

Salem High School senior Brittany Weiss is in her third year on Winter Guard. She did it as a freshman, but there was no team her sophomore season. She's worked under Leseth the last two seasons.

She said the work ethic team members have established will take them a long way, not only in competition, but in life.

"You get to meet a lot of people," said Weiss, a Canton resident. "You learn time management, you learn to be organized. It teaches you a lot of lessons."

bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700



The Plymouth Canton Winter Guard includes students from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

Talent show, clinic top events

The Plymouth Canton Music Boosters (PCMB), the parent organization for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (P-CEP) Marching Band and Winter Guard are eagerly awaiting the weekend of Feb. 4-5.

That's when they invite the Plymouth-Canton community to join them in what they say is shaping up to be a fun weekend and a great kick-off to next fall's band programs and marching band season.

"Variety Is," P-CEP's talent show of the year, features students gifted in all areas of the performing arts. The show, organized and directed by band students, starts at 7:30 p.m. in Salem High School's Logan Auditorium Friday and Saturday.

In conjunction with the Saturday performance, the band holds its 2005 "Sport of the Arts Auction," to benefit the PCMB programs, particularly the PCEP Winter Guard. The auction preview and bidding begins at 6 p.m. Over 50 local merchants, restaurants, golf courses, hotels and the PCMB have shown their support by donating more than 65 very wonderful items.

Also on Saturday, Winter Guard

hosts a free clinic in the Salem High School Gym from 2:30-5 p.m. All male and female middle school and high school students in grades 7, 8, and 9 are invited to attend. A junior guard will be formed for anyone interested in participating.

"We want to get people used to what winter guard is," said coach Jennifer Leseth. "We're trying to get into the middle school, get kids interested. We did a community performance last year, and we'd like to do one again."

The junior guard will practice one evening per week during February and March and have one performance for parents. In April, junior guard students will be ready to participate in the P-CEP fall color guard workshops and auditions.

Anyone interested in attending the Feb. 5 clinic should obtain a form from their middle school office or information rack or any of the high school offices or media centers. The form is also available at the PCMB Web site www.pcmb.net. Students may also indicate their interest by sending an e-mail to pcmbguard@aol.com or calling (734) 582-5666.

now check us out on the web
www.scrubsandbeyond.com

scrubs & beyond

...And You Thought scrubs Were Only for Hospital Employees?

GREAT FOR

- Lounging
- Dormitories
- School Groups
- Bar Mitzvah Gifts
- Traveling
- Exercise and Workout
- Scrubs For The Whole Family!

2 New Locations!

Westridge Plaza
35695 Warren Rd.
Westland, MI 48185
734-326-5333

Cambridge Crossing
1973 West Maple Rd.
Troy, MI 48084
248-288-7514

\$5.00

Must be presented at time of purchase. For in-store purchase only. Limit one coupon per customer. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 2/28/05. ObEc-MI

\$10.00

Must be presented at time of purchase. For in-store purchase only. Limit one coupon per customer. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 2/28/05. ObEc-MI

Filter PURE ENTERTAINMENT

Let us entertain you! Every Thursday!

WINTER PLUMBING SPECIALS:

SAVE \$100 NOW on whole-house re-pipes
or
FREE SERVICE CALL with this ad (a \$49 value)
or
Trade-in your old hot water heater for \$75 OFF a NEW ONE
Offers may not be combined.
Expires 2-28-05

BURTON & SONS INC.
PLUMBING & HEATING

Serving our community for 25 years with

- FRIENDLY SERVICE • INTEGRITY •
- SUPERIOR QUALITY • HONESTY •

Try Our "Gold Star Service"
24-Hour Emergency Service!
734-427-3070
32900 Manor Park • Garden City
We appreciate your business!

12-17 Month Certificate of Deposit.

3.35%
Annual Percentage Yield*

	12-17 Months
Flagstar Bank	3.35% APY
Fifth Third Bank	2.60% APY
Comerica Bank	2.50% APY
National City	2.50% APY
Bank One	2.25% APY

APY's are effective as of 1/25/05. APY information provided by Informa Research Services. Competitors' minimum deposits and terms may vary.

Ask about Flagstar's Best Rate Guarantee**

Flagstar gives you the Freedom.

*Certificates of Deposit: Annual Percentage Yield (APY) of 3.35% is effective as of 1/25/05 on a 12-17 month certificate of deposit. Minimum opening balance requirement is \$500 and maximum deposit is \$100,000. Deposits are allowed only on the maturity date or during the grace period. Penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal. Interest compounded quarterly. Rates are effective for a limited time only and subject to change without notice. Not available for public units. **Customer must have an active checking account to qualify for the Best Rate Guarantee. Flagstar will guarantee qualified customers the best rate published at any FDIC insured institution in the county in which their Flagstar retail bank is located. Customer must provide evidence of the best rate prior to CD account opening. Certain restrictions may apply.

Drive-up banking open 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
In-Store branches open 7 days a week.

For a banking center near you and banking hours, call
(800) 642-0039

We'll meet you anywhere, anytime for a home loan.
(888) LOAN FSB

Member FDIC www.flagstar.com **FLAGSTAR BANK**

FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

A
John W. Andrews, 73, died Jan. 24.
Martha L. Armstrong, 92, of Livonia, died Jan. 17.
Catherine Maxine Arnold, 80, of Clarkston, died Jan. 25.

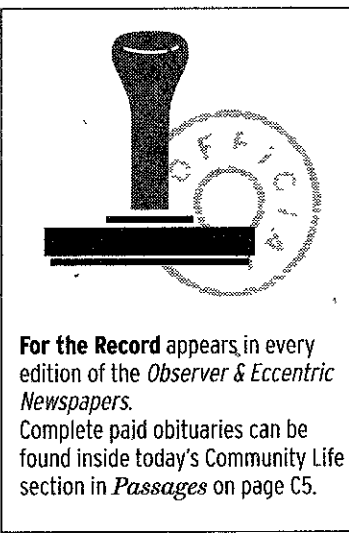
B
Martha M. Brown, 87, of Bloomfield Hills, died Dec. 31.
Wallace H. Brown, 92, of Auburn Hills, died Jan. 6.

C
James Smith Clark III, 42, of Canton, died Jan. 24.
Muriel Clayton died Jan. 24.

F
Donald G. Ferguson, 84, of Auburn Hills, died Jan. 14.

G
Patricia Ann Gibbs, 79, of Lake Orion, formerly of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 22.
James A. Gilmore, 91, of Bloomfield Township, died Jan. 19.
Eldon Gregory, 90, of Livonia, formerly of Plymouth and Northville, died Jan. 23.

H
Donna J. Harless, 75, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 23.
Edna L. Harp, 75, of Auburn Hills, died Jan. 15.
Doug L. Humer, 57, of Auburn Hills, died Dec. 28.



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

J
Jerry D. Johnson, 65, of Winter Haven, Fla., died Dec. 28.

L
Grace R. Lemerise, 83, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 3.
Kay W. Libke, 69, of Plymouth, died Jan. 27.

M
Ronald L. McCandless, 66, of Livonia, died Jan. 21.
Helen D. MacDonald, 78, of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 25.

N
Robert Thomas Nichols died Jan. 15.

P
Harold E. Paulus, 90, of Troy, died Jan. 11.

R
Floyd E. Ramsey, 81, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 6.
Frederick Rozich died Jan. 23.
King Ruhly, 86, of Birmingham, died Jan. 22.

S
John R. Schettenhelm, 85, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 23.
Margaret E. Stallard, 79, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 18.
Donald E. Stapleton, 77, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 10.
Alice M. Story, 86, of Livonia, died Jan. 26.

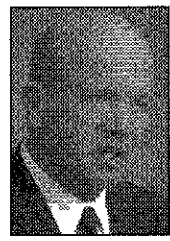
V
Mable Vincent, 93, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 5.

W
Madlyne R. Walter, 91, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 14.
James H. Woodall, 82, of Rochester, died Jan. 2.

Z
Walter B. Zetterlund, 75, of West Bloomfield, died Jan. 15.
Atsuko Zmich, 59, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 23.

Local lawmakers to chair State House committees

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER



LaJoy



Stewart

Local state representatives Phil LaJoy and John Stewart are hoping to exert a little more clout in Lansing during the new legislative session. Both men were appointed chairs of important State House committees last week by new House Speaker Craig DeRoche, R- Novi.

LaJoy, R-Canton, who is in his second term, will head the Transportation Committee, a position he says he sought out because of traffic issues facing his hometown, particularly along Ford Road.

Stewart, R-Plymouth, was appointed chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. Stewart, who will also be vice chair of the Judiciary Subcommittee of Appropriations, was elected to the House in 2000, and was re-elected in 2002 and 2004. His district includes Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and part of Canton Township east of I-275.

'I personally think we need to fix roads where people are, not build new roads in undeveloped areas.'

Phil LaJoy
state representative

LaJoy said he will try to use his appointment to help Canton work with the Michigan Department of Transportation on issues facing Ford Road and I-275, especially now that retail giant IKEA is coming to town. He said one of his goals is to see some of the recommendations made by MDOT's Ford Road Task Force come to fruition.

"The fact that IKEA will be on Ford Road is definitely a challenge," he said. "We really need to give it a lot of thought. I want to sit down with the Canton Township folks and MDOT to see what we can do and what we can't do. We need to prioritize what we need along Ford Road."

But Canton won't be LaJoy's only focus, he said. He understands the committee represents the entire state.

To that end, he said his focus will be to fix the roads that need fixing, not on building new roads in outlying areas.

"I personally think we need to fix roads where people are, not build new roads in undeveloped areas," LaJoy said.

Stewart said the goal for his committee, which has some six members of both parties, is to re-establish the value of higher education. The legislators will determine appropriations for the state's 15 major public universities, as well as appropriations and scholarships for such smaller schools as Madonna University.

"It's been disheartening," Stewart said of the recent budget cuts in higher education. "We have taken a hit of 15 to 16 percent in the last two years," and are now cutting the substance of education.

"We're more aware than ever that universities can and should generate jobs," Stewart said, citing research and development for the auto industry and other fields.

Retention and student graduation are key issues for Stewart, as is holding the line on tuition.

"We go over each university budget with a fine-toothed comb. We're not empire building," he said, adding the emphasis should be on students and their instruction.

Tuition control will require cooperation among Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Stewart's Senate counterpart and himself, he said.

Stewart noted his district is close to four major universities, the Dearborn and Ann Arbor campuses of the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and EMU. His district has a high percentage of high school graduates going on to those schools.

He hopes to bring in Ford Motor Co. President James Padilla to testify as to what skills college graduates will need for the coming decades. "We need to train and educate our students differently, to be leaner and more agile," Stewart said.

Stewart also hopes to bring in Philip Power, chairman of HomeTown Communications Network, which owns the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Stewart also plans to ask his uncle, Jack Shingleton, a former Michigan State University trustee and placement official, to testify, along with former Michigan Gov. William Milliken and others.

His major goal is to make people aware "about the wonderful experience one can have getting a well-rounded undergraduate education in Michigan. We have a little bit of everything here."

Stewart will also work with Lt. Gov. John Cherry, whose commission recently released its report on higher education and economic growth.

"I welcome it, I support it," Stewart said of the report.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this story.

Buffalo Wild Wings coming to town, expects to capitalize from IKEA

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Yet another party is hailing the coming of IKEA.

The fact that the Swedish furniture retailer is coming to town is one of the main reasons Buffalo Wild Wings will open on Ford Road this spring.

Franchise operator Kent Ward, who owns 14 Buffalo Wild Wings franchises in Chicago, Louisiana and Michigan, said he feels the coming of IKEA will only help his business. He said his newest venture is tentatively set to open in May.

"We're just looking forward to coming to Canton," Ward said.

The IKEA store, which is expected to be a regional draw, may entice people to come to

Buffalo Wild Wings, too.

"I think (IKEA) is going to bring a lot of people to the area from a wide range," Ward said.

Founded in 1982 in New York with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn., Buffalo Wild Wings has more than 300 locations in 31 states. Two new Michigan locations - Ferndale and Bay City - are expected to open in March.

Locally, Buffalo Wild Wings sites are in Westland, Novi, Howell, Southgate, Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.

The restaurant's specialty is chicken wings, hence the name. The wings are served with a variety of sauces, ranging from mild to spicy.

"The main reason people come is for the dining experience - good, reasonably priced

food in a fun setting," Ward said.


Other reasons people visit include sports viewing.

The Canton location will have seven big-screen televisions (three of which will be high-definition) and 35 27-inch televisions.

Buffalo Wild Wings will open in the vacated Cooker store on the north side of Ford between Haggerty and Lilley, within the same mile as the IKEA store. Of the 9,000 square feet, 7,800 has been leased by Buffalo Wild Wings, and the remaining 1,200 feet will be leased to Carvel Ice Cream, according to Ward.

Another Wings location that took over a closed restaurant's spot is Westland's, which opened in the former Fire Academy brewpub's spot on Wayne south of Warren.

AAA Diamond Vacations - 2005 Alaska!



<p>Alaskan Explorer Cruise aboard the ms Amsterdam May 29 & July 17 7 days from \$1,045*</p>	<p>Hubbard Glacier Discovery Cruise Aboard the ms Statendam June 3 7 days from \$996*</p>	<p>Glacier Discovery and Double Denali CruiseTour aboard the ms Statendam June 3 12 days from \$1,830*</p>
--	---	--

Ask about member benefits and other exciting destinations from Holland America Line!

Visit your local AAA Travel, call 800-AAA-MICH or click aaa.com/travel

Canton • 2017 N. Canton Center • 734-844-0146

*Restrictions apply. Offers subject to change without notice. Prices are cruise or cruisetour only, based on double occupancy. Air add-ons available. Ships' Registry: Netherlands, Bahamas.

Dr. Toni Trate

Is pleased to announce her new Family Practice Office located at 30880 Beck Road Novi, Michigan 248-926-8970



Call Today to Schedule Your Appointment!



30880 Beck Rd. • Novi, MI • 248-926-8970

SUPERBOWL SPECIALS!

Picnic Basket MARKET PLACE
49471 Ann Arbor Road (W. of Ridge Road)
(734) 459-2227

Your Superbowl Party Experts

Prices Effective Thru Jan. 31-Feb. 6, 2005 • Blue Card & All Major Credit Cards Accepted

<p>U.S.D.A. Angus NY Strip \$7.49 LB</p>	<p>U.S.D.A. Boneless Choice Angus Sirloin Tip Roast \$2.99 LB</p>	<p>Homemade Fresh Polish Sausage \$1.79 LB</p>
<p>Ground Chuck \$1.79 LB <small>5 lbs or More</small></p>	<p>Baby Back Spare Ribs \$3.99 LB <small>Only</small></p>	<p>Grade A Chicken Wings \$1.79 LB</p>
<p>WORLD'S BEST PARTY SUBS • CATERING • PARTY TRAYS • TOP QUALITY PIZZAS</p>		
<p>Cooked Shrimp \$5.99 LB. <small>31-40 CT.</small> <small>Only</small></p>	<p>Red Skin & Mustard Potato Salad \$2.99 LB. <small>Only</small></p>	<p>24 Pack Cubes Miller Lite & MGD \$15.49 <small>+tax & deposit</small></p>
<p>Kowalski Polish Ham \$3.99 LB. <small>Only</small></p>	<p>Kowalski Hard Salami \$3.99 LB. <small>Only</small></p>	<p>Lipari Yellow & White American Cheese \$3.49 LB. <small>Only</small></p>
<p>Lipari Roast Beef \$4.49 LB. <small>Only</small></p>	<p>U-Bake • Pepperoni Only Pizza \$4.99 <small>1/2 Size • Expires 2-28-05</small></p>	<p>Superbowl Special 4 ft. Sub \$39.95 Only</p>

Laird's Auto Accessories

Your Automotive Toy Store

- Remote Starters
- Stereo Systems
- Spoilers
- Custom Grills
- Body Kits
- Auto Alarms

- Running Boards
- TV Systems
- Bedliners
- Taneau Covers
- Neon Light Kits
- and more!

Remote Starters **\$98.99**
STARTING AT
With this ad • Expires 2-28-05

Auto Alarms **\$98.99**
STARTING AT
With this ad • Expires 2-28-05

200 W. Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth 734-459-4441

TALENT

FROM PAGE A1

lead successful lives.

That's pretty much the gist of the talent show, hosted by Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. Some two dozen students danced, sang or told jokes to entertain a thrilled audience of parents, family members and friends.

The show also featured dancing and tumbling, choreographed for the fifth straight year by Joanne Zavisla and volunteers from her Canton dance school, Joanne's Dance Extension. Her students have made helping the SLSMS a priority.

"When they sign up every August the first thing they ask is, 'Are we doing the talent show?'" Zavisla said of her students, who spent some 30 hours working on the show. "They would be upset if we didn't come back. They love what they do."

Naberhaus was also quick to point out the show couldn't go on without the help of businesses such as Kroger, C&M Printing, Screened Images, Vanessa's Flowers and the Gap Kids, which provides the clothing to be modeled in the event's fashion show.

That kind of support is integral to the show's success, according to the Naberhauses.

"It's nice because it's become a community effort," Stephanie Naberhaus said. "Everybody makes the donations, and it helps us make the day special for everybody."

bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net
(734) 459-2700

MEAP

FROM PAGE A1

During the time when we didn't have to show that 95 percent of the students took the test, it wasn't a problem."

"In essence the policy states that in order to graduate, a student must attempt all portions of the MEAP," said Church.

Juniors at all three high schools - Canton, Salem and Plymouth - will be taking the MEAP tests during a two-week period beginning March 14.

"We had a high percentage of kids already participating, but the board making it a graduation requirement will help us exceed 95 percent," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education.

While waiting to pick up her daughter, Sarah, at Salem Friday afternoon, Elizabeth Bugosh of Canton Township said there's really no harm in requiring the MEAP tests for students.

"I don't see anything wrong in students taking the test because many of them are preparing for college or some kind of technical school, and it helps them be more prepared," said Bugosh.

Jason Bagley, 18 and a senior at Salem, has already taken the MEAP tests. He favors the idea of requiring the MEAPs for graduation.

"I have friends who skipped the MEAP and ACT and SAT, and when they went to college they would flunk out because they had no idea what they were doing," said Bagley, who lives in Canton Township. "I think they make kids more ready for college because it helps you find out about subjects you don't know as well and then you can take classes to help."

The Michigan Department of Education plans to eliminate the MEAP tests next year in favor of the ACT. School officials said when that happens, the ACT will be required for all seniors to graduate.

tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net
(734) 459-2700



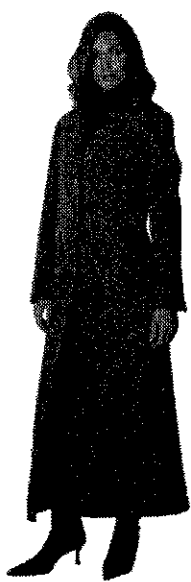
JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Children attempt to spell out, 'Thanks, Moms and Dads' during the talent show at Geneva Presbyterian Church last weekend.

EARLY CLOSING 4:30 PM - TODAY FOR PARISIAN THE VILLAGE OF ROCHESTER HILLS

take an **EXTRA 60% off** **GOING ON NOW**

ENTIRE STOCK ladies' red-lined clearance

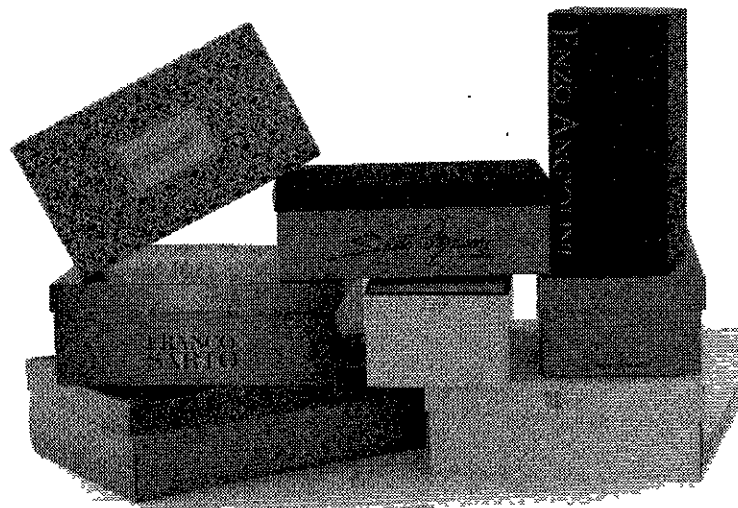


ladies' outerwear clearance

Extra 60% off Entire stock of red-lined ladies' outerwear.
Orig. 100.00-650.00, sale 75.00-521.25, **now 30.00-208.50**. IN COATS. SELECTION VARIES BY STORE. EXCLUDES ST. JOHN.

semiannual ladies' apparel clearance

Extra 60% off ENTIRE STOCK of red-lined ladies', petites' and Parisian Woman apparel. Orig. 26.00-198.00, sale 19.99-149.99, **now 7.99-59.99**. IN LADIES' SPORTSWEAR.



semiannual ladies' shoe clearance

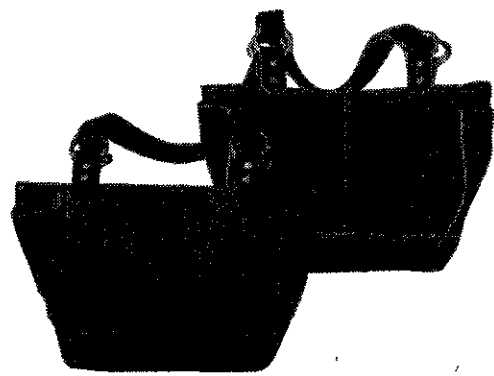
Extra 60% off for total savings of 70-80%

Choose from your favorite shoe designers including A. Marinelli, Nine West, Enzo, Bandolino and more. Orig. 49.00-165.00, sale 29.99-99.99, **now 11.99-39.99**. IN WOMEN'S SHOES. SAVINGS OFF ORIGINAL PRICES. INTERIM MARKDOWNS MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN. SELECTION VARIES BY STORE.

semiannual handbag clearance

Extra 60% off for total savings of 70%
Entire stock of red-lined handbags from The Sak, Rolf's, Stone Mountain, Fossil and more.

Orig. 28.00-250.00, sale 19.99-186.99, **now 7.99-74.79**. IN HANDBAGS. SAVINGS OFF ORIGINAL PRICES. INTERIM MARKDOWNS MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN. SELECTION VARIES BY STORE. EXCLUDES KATE SPADE, DOONEY & BOURKE, COACH AND BRIGHTON.



YOU'RE SOMEBODY SPECIAL

PARISIAN

save an extra 10% when you open a Parisian account - no exclusions

VALID ON YOUR FIRST DAY'S PARISIAN CHARGE PURCHASES. SUBJECT TO CREDIT APPROVAL AND ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS. SEE AN ASSOCIATE FOR DETAILS.

TO ORDER ANYTIME, CALL 1-800-424-8185: MONDAY THRU SATURDAY, 10:00 AM TO 10:00 PM EST, AND SUNDAY, 11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM EST. American Express not accepted with phone orders. STORE HOURS: The Village of Rochester Hills (248) 278-8705 and Laurel Park Place (734) 953-7500 open Sun 12-6, Mon-Sat 10-9. CHARGE IT: Parisian Credit Card, MasterCard, Visa, the American Express® Card or Discover®. LOCATED AT THE VILLAGE OF ROCHESTER HILLS, CORNER OF NORTH ADAMS ROAD AND WALTON STREET; AND LAUREL PARK PLACE IN LIVONIA, CORNER OF NEWBURGH ROAD AND SIX MILE ROAD. Percentages off regular prices or original prices, as shown. Actual savings may exceed stated percentage off. "Regular" and "Original" prices reflect offering prices which may not have resulted in actual sales. Merchandise selection may vary from one store to another.

THINKING ABOUT
A NEW FURNACE
LENOX
FREE ESTIMATES
(734) 525-1930
Our 30th Year!
UNITED TEMPERATURE
8919 MIDDLEBELT • LIVONIA
0E082880

0E0828274

Apathy about Detroit's crisis can't last forever

The one thing on which virtually everyone in Michigan agrees is that the state's largest and most famous city is in an appalling mess.

But what they disagree violently on is who is to blame. They argue over who can fix it, how to fix it or even whether the city can be saved at all.

For many, the state of Detroit was symbolized perfectly by what happened last weekend when Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, a very large 34-year-old man with a large diamond in his left ear, appeared before the cameras to confirm what he had been denying for days. Yes, the luxury Lincoln Navigator the city had leased for \$24,995 a year had been meant for his wife and children.

However, he claimed he decided it was too extravagant and had intended to send it back. He had never

lied about it, he said, even though he had spent several days lying about it, as had other city officials. When one TV reporter followed the mayor to Washington to ask about it, a security guard acted like a thug and smashed his face into the wall, live on television.

Washington police then said they would no longer protect the mayor on his visits because of his incessant nonstop nightclub hopping into the wee hours, something the mayor denied, saying he never went "clubbing" at all.

All that would have been embarrassing had it happened to the mayor of Palm Beach during an economic boom. But Detroit is in dreadful shape, with unemployment rising past 14 percent and a budget deficit spiraling out of control.

Earlier this month, the mayor had announced that nearly a thousand jobs were being eliminated, and the already inadequate bus service was being cut back.

Now, those who need to a bus to get to work in the wee hours are out of luck. That's no minor inconvenience in the once-mighty Motor City, where, ironically, something like a third of the residents have no access to cars. And that's just the tip of the rusting ruin.

Fifty years ago, Detroit was a bustling industrial metropolis with two million people. Now, it has barely 910,000, and is shrinking fast.

The public schools are in even more appalling shape - the mayor himself refuses to put his kids in them - and they are likely to get worse now that further reform efforts have been rejected by the voters.

Legally, the city has to balance its budget.

But with this year's deficit running anywhere from \$230 million to \$380 million, even the draconian cuts he announced may not be enough. Legislators and others are beginning to whisper the dreaded word receivership. Some think the state could end up having to take over the city within the next few years, and send in a special master to run it. Highland Park, a desperately impoverished enclave city surrounded by Detroit, lost control of its own affairs years ago.

Even more startling, many - perhaps millions - of Michiganders don't care. That includes many who live in Hillsdale or Traverse City, but also well-off suburbanites who live a short hop from the city's famous border, Eight Mile Road.

Many say the city brought its problems on itself (by which they usually mean, the blacks destroyed it after the whites moved out) and actually believe that what happens in Detroit is totally irrelevant to them and their lives.

For many, Detroit's problems are easy to ignore. Fewer people live in the city than at any time since World War I. Detroit is now home to only 9 percent of the state's population. Most of those who live there are black; most who don't are white. The state and the city exist in almost separate worlds.

But those who say the city doesn't matter, or who think they can get by ignoring it, are dead wrong, said Preman Hendrix, who is attempting to unseat Mayor Kilpatrick in this fall's election. "How can the rest of the state feel secure if their major city isn't functioning?" said Hendrix, a financial expert and a former deputy mayor under the business-oriented Dennis Archer.

It is hard to see how anyone can think Michigan can continue to be economically competitive if its main city, its sports and entertainment capital, looks like something out of the Third World, with desperate poverty and services and gated communities only for the rich.

Sooner or later, Michigan - and Detroiters themselves - will have to face some tough decisions about what kind of state, city and society they want to be. Urban experts like David Rusk think the solution for Detroit is obvious; some form of metropolitan government with the surrounding suburbs it gave birth to.

So far, neither the city nor the suburbs have been willing to consider that, preferring to bash each other instead. It would be nice if a statesman with a vision emerged sometime soon. There may not be that much time left.

Jack Lessenberry is editorial vice president of HomeTown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901-2561 or by e-mail at jlessenberry@homecomm.net.



Jack Lessenberry

State needs to look at school financing, educational reform

I was very pleased to read Philip Power's column in the *Farmington Observer* on Jan. 13. I'm encouraged to see that people outside the educational community are finally catching on to the need to reform school financing.

As a parent of two kids in Farmington Public Schools, I have become acutely aware of the lack of funding in a very well-run district. Late last summer, the district and a few parents formed the Parent

Legislative Advocacy Network (PLAN). We had not even had our first meeting when the state Legislature announced that they would be cutting the 20J funding to our district and

others. We wrote letters, spread the word, and went to Lansing. As you know, the Legislature decided not to take away 20J funding.

Since that time, our core group has met on a regular basis and on Jan. 12 we hosted a forum in conjunction with Farmington Public Schools. The theme was making it through the maze of school funding, to educate the citizens on school funding and its terminology.

As I have become much more informed about how schools are funded, I have come to realize that most people in this area do not realize that they are living in a donor district in a donor county. People think that their taxes stay locally and do not realize that, aside from our hold harmless funds, our property taxes go to Lansing and into the School Aid Fund.

People also do not realize that the Headlee Amendment, in conjunction with Proposal A, limits the total amount of funds that can be collected from property taxes. People assume that as property is sold and the cap comes off the taxable value, the

district or city is collecting more taxes. This is not the case. While I do believe that living in Oakland County we have the responsibility to help fund other districts in the state, I do not think that it should come at the expense of our kids' education.

When Proposal A was passed 11 years ago, most people only looked at it as property tax relief and did not realize the extent it would change the way schools are funded. Now, the state controls the revenue and the local districts can only control the expenditures. And, to some extent, the districts do not even have control of all their expenditures. They must fund the ever growing and out of control pension and health care costs.

I read Tom Watkins' "Structural Issues Surrounding Michigan School Funding in the 21st Century" in December. While it does raise a number of good questions with hard answers, I have to ask: do fewer, but larger, districts make sense?

Detroit is an example of a district that is too large with too many layers of administrators. Educators there can "pass the buck" up or down the ladder and not take responsibility. It would make more sense to me to break this district apart into several districts with 15,000 students per district. You could still keep several of the district services consolidated, such as transportation, purchasing or payroll, to save on costs. They could also keep services like special education and vocational programs consolidated that other current intermediate school districts provide.

I do agree with you that there are probably too many small districts with less than 2,000 kids that have too much administrative overhead.

But those districts do not have the many layers of administrators that larger districts have. Consolidating a small district into another could add additional layers of administrators, and this would certainly bring out parents in opposition that want to keep their local control. People do not like change, and

sometimes smaller is better. It would be interesting to see how small, well-funded districts compare to others with No Child Left Behind and Education, Yes.

I hope that the state Board of Education does ask the governor and Legislature to do a thorough adequacy and equity study.

Proposal A has closed the gap in school funding, but we have to remember that, due to factors unique to each district, it does not cost the same amount of money to educate students in different areas of the state. I think that the state has to look at what exactly an "adequate education" is. Districts have an ever-expanding curriculum. Fifty years ago, most students did not go on to college. Now the expectation is that all students should continue their education with at least a two- or four-year degree.

If parents in a district want more than what the state deems as adequate, they should have the ability to raise these additional funds to cover the costs, especially at a time when funding has not kept pace with inflation for at least three years.

I became interested and involved with these issues as I realized that my school board has so little control with school funding.

I thought that class sizes in my elementary school were too big. Now to keep class sizes where they are (which is too big), many districts have to cut programs, add fees to play sports and find alternative ways to bring more funds into schools. The more I have learned about the issues, the bigger I realize the problem is.

I have only touched upon some of the issues that surround school funding. Issues such as unfunded mandates just add to the mess. I am not convinced that raising taxes is the right answer but, at the same time, not having an increase in school funding for the last three years has put even well-funded districts in peril.

Nancy Gross lives in Farmington Hills. Her children attend Farmington Public Schools.



Nancy Gross

WE'RE CELEBRATING!

Being Named by *FORTUNE* Magazine

as the **3rd** Best Company to Work For in America

15 Month
CD
3.33%
APY

\$1,000 minimum CD deposit, plus savings and/or checking account with \$10,000 combined balance. Maximum deposit amount \$250,000. Other great rates and terms are available.

STOP BY TODAY. LIMITED TIME OFFER!

AUBURN HILLS (248) 475-1650
BLOOMFIELD HILLS (248) 258-5300
CANTON (734) 453-9904
CLAWSON (248) 616-3474
COMMERCE TWP. (248) 668-1557

FARMINGTON HILLS (248) 737-0444
ROCHESTER (248) 656-4200
PLYMOUTH (734) 459-7800
SHELBY TWP. (810) 532-1745
TROY (248) 528-1223

Or call 1-800-758-0753 to find a location near you.

REPUBLIC BANK

DISTINCTIVE PERSONAL SERVICE

FORTUNE
100 BEST
COMPANIES
TO WORK FOR 2005

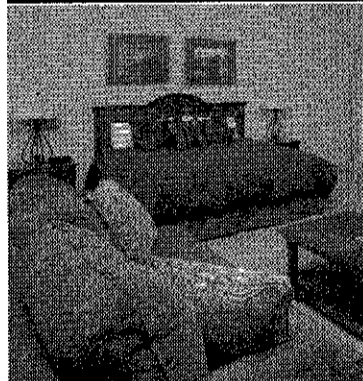
Member
F D I C

*Annual Percentage Yield (APY) as of 1/28/05. Stated APY assumes interest remains on deposit for term of the account. \$1,000 minimum deposit plus a checking and/or savings account with a \$10,000 minimum balance. Maximum deposit amount \$250,000. Substantial penalty for early withdrawal. Rate available for a limited time only and may be withdrawn at any time.

Treetops
RESORT

For the Love of the Game

Come See What's New for 2005!



Renovated Lodge Guest Rooms

Renovated Inn Guest Rooms

New Children's Adventure Center

New Indoor Golf Simulator

New Game/Arcade Room

Internet Café

Starbucks

New Spa Boutique
and Nautilus Fitness Center

Xtreme Tubing

Newly Designed Terrain Park

New Trails and Runs for
Cross Country and Down Hill Skiing

Great New Weekly Events

Rock the Mountain Weekend Ski Parties

All New!

Stay and
Ski Packages

Family \$99 Midweek

Family specials include:

- Children under 12 stay free.
- Complimentary arrival day lift tickets for two adults and up to four children under 12.
- Full American Breakfast for two adults and up to four children under 12.
- \$3 in game tokens per child.
- Lodging upgrades available, \$129 Stay and Ski Weekend Package Available, prices are per person, double occupancy and are subject to availability. Some restrictions apply.

\$69 Boarders & Skiers

- Includes:
- One Room.
 - Two adult lift tickets.
 - Taxes and gratuities.

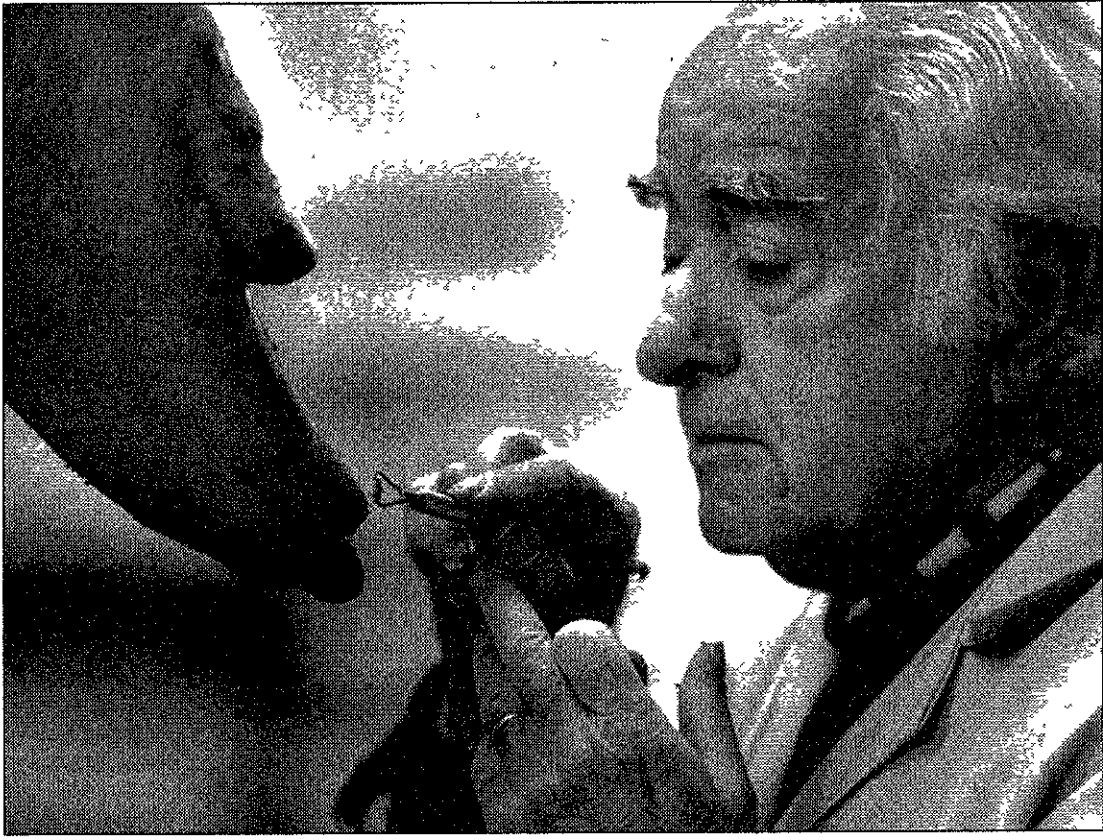
To see all of the new additions at Treetops Resort visit treetops.com.

Treetops
RESORT

is located five miles east of Gaylord, Michigan, off M-32 on Wilkinson Road.

treetops.com | 888.TREETOPS

0E08290560



Joseph DeLauro, 89 and a 37-year-Canton resident, has been a professional artist for more than 60 years. He received his bachelor of fine arts degree from Yale in 1941 - the same year the attack of Pearl Harbor rocked headlines and pushed the United States into World War II.

The hands of creation

Artist's sculptures grace library, earn national recognition

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

To describe Joseph DeLauro, a 37-year-Canton resident, as a longtime artist is an understatement.

DeLauro, 89, has been a professional artist for more than 60 years. He received his bachelor of fine arts degree from Yale in 1941 - the same year the attack of Pearl Harbor rocked headlines and pushed the United States into World War II.

Locally, people can see his work at the Canton Public Library - where sculptures entitled "Storytime" and "Storyteller" are on display. Another of his works - a plastic sculpture called "Spirit of the Lakes" - is currently on display at the National Sculpture Society's Juried Exhibition in New York City. His was one of only 52 works, out of 568 submitted, chosen for the exhibition.

Although he has worked with many materials, DeLauro's favorite medium is marble.

"The grade is fine and you get nice detail in the finish," said DeLauro, who has also worked in limestone, concrete, wood, bronze, plastic and glass.

DeLauro and his wife, Dorothy Ann, have been married for 60 years. They have three children.

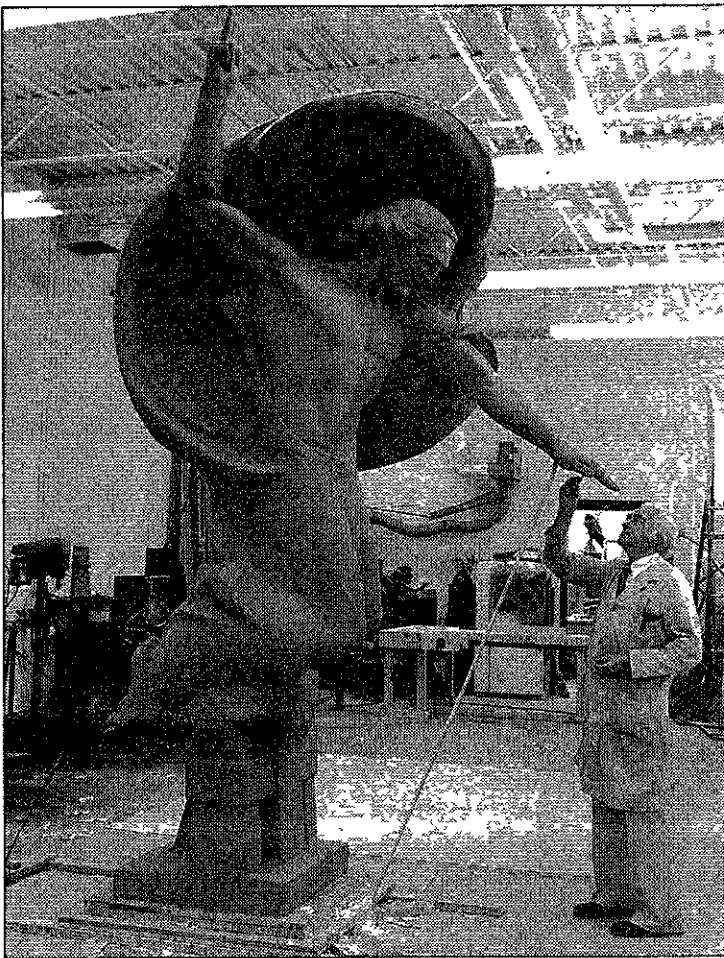
His daughter, Kathleen Kargula of Northville, said that though her father urged her to "study the masters" of art, she chose to look no farther than her own home.

"I think the master I most enjoyed studying was him," Kargula said. "He pointed out the beauty in most everything. The simplest things to the most complex - beauty in nature and God's work."

Kargula said she has always been equally impressed with his exhibition etiquette.

"When we would go to a show where his art was being exhibited, I would marvel at how gracious and at ease he was with people.

"I admired how many peo-



People can view some of the works of Canton artist Joseph DeLauro at the Canton Public Library.

ple would come up to him," she said.

The National Sculpture Society Park Avenue Atrium Exhibition runs through April 1.

In between sculpting, DeLauro also had an active career, serving as a professor of art at Marygrove College, the University of Detroit and the University of Windsor, where he also founded and headed the fine arts department.

He holds a master's of fine arts from the University of Iowa.

He has exhibited his work at the Detroit Institute of Arts, among numerous other places, since 1940.

To learn more about the show, visit www.nationalsculpture.org. To see more of DeLauro's work, visit his Web site at www.jndelauro.com.



One of DeLauro's works is currently on display at the National Sculpture Society's Juried Exhibition in New York City.

Mettetal remembered as giving, caring

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Pride remembers that while growing up in Plymouth Township, her mother - Olive Jeanne

Mettetal - was a firm disciplinarian.

"Some of my brothers and sisters tried to test her, but it didn't do any good," said



Olive Mettetal
Pride, 61, who now lives in Wayne. "Being the oldest, I learned to follow

what she said. I figured she had more years than I did, and was wiser than I was. But, she was always fair."

Olive Mettetal, known by most as Jeanne, died Jan. 10 from kidney failure. A memorial service was held last weekend at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

"She was a very caring and giving person, and was involved in helping several relatives financially so they could go to college," said Pride. "She also helped raise three grandchildren when their mother died."

Many know the Mettetal name in reference to Mettetal

Airport, at the corner of Lilley and Joy in Canton Township. Jeanne sometimes worked there with her husband, Bob, whose dad opened the facility in 1939. He eventually sold the airport to a private owner, before it was purchased by the state.

Bob was a senior at Plymouth High School when he met Jeanne, a freshman, in the library.

"The first time I ever saw her was a pair of eyes looking at me over a book," he said. "That started it for me."

The couple was married for 63 years.

tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

Mike's Marketplace

38000 Ann Arbor Rd.
Livonia (734) 464-0330

Your Meat & Deli Supermarket

OPEN
MON-SAT
9-9
SUN 9-7

"It's Time to Fill the Freezer!"
Don't Miss Mike's Giant
10 LB. MEAT SALE!

<p>10 Lbs. or more</p> <p>"NEW" Combination CHUCK PATTIES and FRESH GROUND CHUCK</p> <p>\$1.68</p> <p>Only lb.</p>	<p>10 Lb. Bag</p> <p>Fresh Grade A CHICKEN LEG QUARTERS</p> <p>39¢</p> <p>Only lb.</p>
<p>10 Lbs. or more</p> <p>U.S.D.A. Select Tender BONELESS CHUCK ROAST</p> <p>\$2.39</p> <p>Only lb.</p>	<p>10 Lbs. or more</p> <p>Lean • Meaty Bar-B-Q COUNTRY STYLE SPARE RIBS</p> <p>\$1.39</p> <p>Only lb.</p>
<p>10 Lbs. or more</p> <p>Fresh Grade A Boneless • Skinless CHICKEN BREAST</p> <p>\$1.99</p> <p>Only lb.</p>	<p>10 Lbs. or more</p> <p>Lean Sliced ASSORTED PORK CHOPS</p> <p>\$1.59</p> <p>Only lb.</p>
<p>10 Lb. Box</p> <p>All Meat Jumbo DEARBORN DINNER FRANKS</p> <p>\$2.19</p> <p>Only lb.</p>	<p>10 Lbs. or more</p> <p>Fresh Ground Beef GROUND SIRLOIN</p> <p>\$2.19</p> <p>Only lb.</p>
<p>10 Lbs. or more</p> <p>Mike's Own Delicious FRESH KIELBASA</p> <p>\$1.69</p> <p>Only lb.</p>	<p>10 Lbs. or more</p> <p>Lean • Meaty CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS</p> <p>\$2.69</p> <p>Only lb.</p>
<p>10 Lbs. or more</p> <p>U.S.D.A. Select Tender BONELESS ENGLISH CUT ROAST</p> <p>\$2.49</p> <p>Only lb.</p>	<p>10 Lbs. or more</p> <p>Fresh Grade A Split BONE-IN CHICKEN BREAST</p> <p>\$1.09</p> <p>Only lb.</p>
<p>10 Lbs. or more</p> <p>Our Own Counter LEAN SLICED BACON</p> <p>\$1.99</p> <p>Only lb.</p>	<p>10 Lbs. or more</p> <p>Fully Cooked Delicious DEARBORN SMOKED KIELBASA</p> <p>\$2.79</p> <p>Only lb.</p>

MIKE'S FRESH DELI SPECIALS!

LEAN SLICED ROAST BEEF	\$3.99
HONEY ROASTED TURKEY BREAST	
SARA LEE CHICKEN BREAST	

Only lb.

GROCERY ITEMS!

HEINZ KETCHUP.....	24 oz	99¢
HUNTS MANWICH.....	15.5 oz	99¢
BREAKSTONE SOUR CREAM.....	16 oz	2/\$3
FRITO LAY POTATO CHIPS.....	11.5 - 12 oz	2/\$3

Check Our Website for Additional Specials mikes-marketplace.com

Judge Kelly wants tougher bond recovery plan

BY RUSS HAMMOND
CORRESPONDENT

Third Circuit Court Chief Judge Mary Beth Kelly says the court needs to do a better job collecting forfeited bonds when defendants skip out on their court dates.

"The court will enforce bonds," Kelly said. "The court hasn't been very strict enforcing this in the past."

Implementation of a criminal bond forfeiture program is one of several objectives for 2005 outlined in an interview with Kelly. The chief judge also wants to see action on the Court Tower initiative for a new courthouse, an upgrade for the court's computer software, better service by the Friend of Court and pay increases for court employees.

Kelly, a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Notre Dame Law School, oversees the largest and busiest court in the State of Michigan. The 3rd Circuit has nearly 800 employees, including 66 judges. She has been a judge for six years and is entering her fourth year as chief judge.

Also known as Wayne County Circuit Court, the 3rd Circuit handles all criminal, civil and family court cases for the county. In 1997, the state legislature combined Recorders Court with the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court to create the current court.

The court is divided into three separate divisions, all in Detroit: The Family Division, the Criminal Division and the Civil Division.

The Family Division handles all matters involving juveniles,

as well as all cases pertaining to domestic relationships. The Criminal Division handles felony cases, high misdemeanor crimes and all criminal appeals from district courts throughout Wayne County. The Civil Division hears civil cases where the dollar amount of the controversy exceeds \$25,000, the largest and busiest court in the State of Michigan.

Kelly said that the county needs an effective plan to collect forfeited money.

When a defendant is released on bond, they are expected to show up for their court date. Unfortunately, some people never come back for their court appearance. This automatically forfeits the defendants bail and the money is supposed to be turned over to the court. The 3rd Judicial Circuit Court has not kept up in collecting forfeited bonds.

Kelly said that the county needs an effective plan to collect forfeited money. The plan that Wayne County will be using was modeled after a program used in Oakland County. She said that Wayne County officials have worked very closely with Oakland County to create the bond forfeiture program.

In Oakland County, the prosecutor's office maintains a weekly computer list of those who didn't show for court dates. They allow no-shows three weeks and then issue an order for forfeiture of bond. Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Edward Cibor said the program has netted the county hundreds of thousands of dollars for the county general fund over the years.



Third Circuit Court Chief Judge
Mary Beth Kelly

She added that the implementation of the plan, which began in the Criminal Division at the end of this month, will increase court revenue by an estimated \$2 million per year.

"We need to be proactive in collecting money," Kelly said.

Another matter that Kelly feels strongly about is the Court Tower initiative that is under a feasibility study by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. The study, which started nine months ago, examines the possibility of a new courthouse that would contain all divisions of the court under one roof.

Ficano's office said the county is looking at the plans, specs, financials, and the intergovernmental agreement between the county and the 3rd Circuit Court that was considered in 2001 for a location near the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit.

But at present Ficano is studying a different approach—a correctional facility that would include facilities for the

'The court will enforce bonds. The court hasn't been very strict enforcing this in the past.'

Mary Beth Kelly
Third Circuit Court chief judge

court and the prosecutor's office.

The objective is to provide a single location for detention, the courts, and prosecutors, alleviating the pressure on local outcounty lockups. A regional complex would eliminate early detention due to overcrowding and provide one location for processing. Ficano's study committee is assessing the feasibility of the plan with no new taxes.

Additionally, the site considered in 2001 is owned by the Greektown Casino and would be utilized as their permanent site.

Currently, the three divisions of the court are in three separate buildings. Only two are in downtown Detroit and are within walking distance of one another.

The Criminal Division is at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on St. Antoine and the Civil Division is in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building on Woodward Avenue. The Family Division court is split, the domestic relationship cases are heard at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building and the juvenile cases are heard at the Lincoln Hall of Justice on East Forest and the I-75 freeway.

Kelly would prefer that all of her divisions be under one roof instead of being spread through three different buildings.

"Mr. Ficano is looking into the feasibility of this," Kelly said. "This study has been done before—on and off over the last 10 years."

Along with a new courthouse, Kelly said another objective for 2005 is new software for the court's computer system. The current software does not allow the three divisions to communicate with one another.

Kelly said that the cost for the software was \$1.2 million. But she adds, "Our request is supported. There's hope."

Friend of the Court, which is the child support wing of the

Family Division, is another area that Kelly looks to improve upon. Friend of the Court handles cases involving child custody, divorce, child and spousal support and parental visitation scheduling. Recently, they opened a new call center to handle the nearly 1,200 phone calls a day that they receive.

Kelly also wants to develop a program for Friend of the Court that would establish paternity sooner. This, in turn, would speed up the child support process.

This year, Kelly would like to provide a pay hike of three percent to court employees. She said that it has been five years since the employees have received a raise in pay.




ASH TREE REMOVAL EXPERTS

Special Winter Price Discount
30% OFF ANY SERVICE
Call Today • Offer Expires 3-31-05

Residential Commercial S.B.G. Licensed and Insured
All Tree Maintenance and Removal
Specializing in:
• Tree Planting • Tree Pruning • Tree Trimming • Tree Removal
• Stump Grinding • Shrub Trimming • Dead Wooding

248-788-6224 • 248-755-0209



One Week Only!

**Chevron Patterned Mink Coat
With Fox Tuxedo**
\$1,297

7/8 Length Jacket \$997

Limited Quantities

Detroit (313) 873-8300
7373 Third Ave.
Bloomfield Hills (248) 642-3000
39515 Woodward Ave.

www.dittrichfurs.com

KEWADIN TRAVEL

FEELING LUCKY!

OVERNIGHT FUN TRIPS

- \$50 FREE Cash & Tokens
- Free Breakfast Buffet
- \$10 In Food Coupons

Sunday-Thursday Friday or Saturday

\$88 per person **\$88** per person

OR...

PREMIER PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- \$70 FREE Cash & Tokens
- 2 Nights Accommodation at Kewadin Casino Hotel
- 2 Free Breakfast Buffets
- \$10 In Food Coupons
- 1 Dinner Buffet

Sunday-Thursday Friday & Saturday

\$136 per person **\$146** per person

CALL ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY REPRESENTATIVES TO RECEIVE BUS SCHEDULES AND TO ANSWER ALL YOUR TRAVEL NEEDS.

Come On U.P.

All prices based on double occupancy and availability, standard room only. Offer good through March 31, 2005. *Not all sites offer all of the above.

www.kewadin.com **1-800-KEWADIN**
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN

There's a new bank in town. Your old bank.



Soon, you'll be able to say hello to the new Charter One.

It will be the same bank you've known all along, only a little different. Dedicated, more than ever, to making banking as pleasant as possible for you. So get ready to visit us. Our

supermarket branches will still be open seven days a week. Or give us a call. Our phone bank will stay open 24 hours a day. We promise to treat you with respect. Like a person, not just a customer. At the new Charter One.

 **Charter One**
Not your typical bank.®





Seniors lead PCA to homecoming win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP BASKETBALL

Big stages are built for big performances.

The stage for Friday night's Canton Agape-Plymouth Christian basketball game was definitely big — the multi-thousand-seat Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

The big performers turned out to be a

trio of PCA seniors and a sophomore, who led the Eagles to a hard-fought 54-46 victory in the annual PCA homecoming game played at EMU.

Seniors Aaron Ciborowski, Stephen Sumner and Mike McCord, and sophomore Matt Saagman combined for 44 points and 28 rebounds to help send the large contingent of PCA alumni home with a smile.

The win improved the Eagles' overall record to 5-7 while the Wolverines slipped to 6-5.

"It was a great team win for us tonight," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "It's always nice to win on homecoming because it's usually our biggest crowd of the year and we get to play in a Division I atmosphere here at Eastern. Agape is our sister school, so there's no animosity between the two teams. But the kids get up for them because their school is similar in size to ours so there's a natural

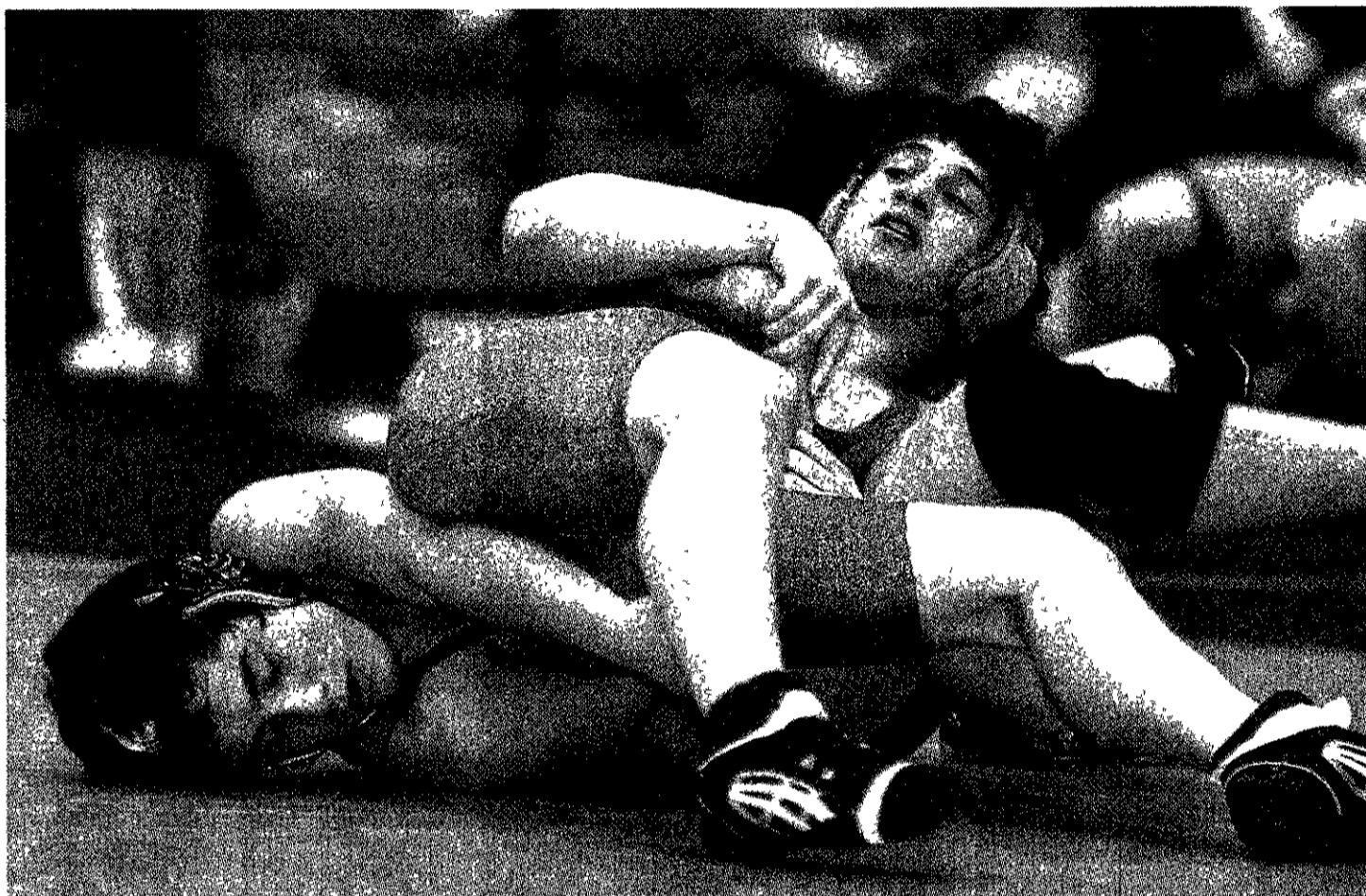
rivalry there."

Gabe Molnar and Bryan Horning had strong games for the Wolverines, netting 17 and 14 points, respectively.

It may have been the large crowd, the unfamiliar surroundings or just plain old early-game jitters — whatever the cause, both teams came out tight, combining for just 13 first-quarter points (Agape led 7-6).

Both teams' offenses got into more of a

PLEASE SEE **HOMECOMING, B4**



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton wrestler Alex Freitag gets the upper-hand over Plymouth opponent Brandon Garcia in the 152-pound match of Thursday night's cross-campus showdown. Freitag won, 21-4, to help the Chiefs to a 49-18 triumph.

Major decision Canton wrestlers pin Wildcats, 49-18

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's resurgent wrestling program flexed its muscles Thursday night and applied a full nelson to Plymouth's up-and-coming squad.

The Chiefs captured 10 of the 14 matches and upended the Wildcats, 49-18, before a loud and enthusiastic crowd in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. Canton set a new school record with its 19th victory of the season.

The dual meet was the inaugural showdown between the two P-CEP schools.

"I was excited to see the kids get the record and to beat Plymouth like we

PLEASE SEE **WRESTLERS, B3**

Salem hands Churchill 1st mat loss

See complete results on Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Not in our house.

That was the statement Salem's wrestling team made to Livonia Churchill Thursday night as the visiting Chargers were looking to add to their 13-0 dual-meet record.

The Rocks protected their home turf, upending Churchill, 33-28, to improve to 15-5 overall and 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Chargers are now 2-1 in the WLAÄ.

"Every match was important for us tonight, but there were a few that stood out," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk. "Nick Steiger won in overtime at 112. That was a very big win. Jake Bennett had a big pin at 145 and Jeremy Henderson's win over (Joe) Bargerstock at 189 was important."

Woochuk also pointed to the 130-pound match, which featured two wrestlers with flawless records: Salem's Ryan Stump, who usually wrestles at 125, and Churchill's Justin Smith. Stump won, 7-4, in a tense match that proved to be a momentum-seizer for the surging Rocks.

Fittingly, the match came down to the finale, which pitted Salem's Ryan Olson against Churchill's Dave Rush at 140. Olson won going away, 9-1, to seal the Rocks' most significant victory of the season.

"It was a nice win, but it will be even better if we can do it in February," Woochuk said, looking ahead to the Class A district tournament, where the two teams will square off again.

Salem's final dual meet of the season is set for Thursday when it travels to Walled Lake Central to take on the Vikings. The opening match is set to commence at 6:30 p.m.

Shocker: Romulus routs Tigers by 37

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
CORRESPONDENT

Romulus had an answer for everything Belleville wanted to know — and his name was Jerret Smith.

Smith did just about anything he wanted Friday night, scoring 31 points to help Romulus hand second-ranked Belleville its first loss of the season by a shocking 80-43 score in a Mega Conference battle between Red Division powers.

"I don't know who's overrated," Coach Nate Oats of the Eagles said, "but it sure as heck isn't Jerret Smith."

"I told Jerret after the game," Tigers' coach Mike Krogel said, "I think we've

seen the true Jerret Smith."

"We had absolutely no answer for him. And all their other guys were just knocking down threes like it was nothing. He was a man possessed."

"Jerret was obviously on top of his game," Oats said. "We had a little talk recently and you could see he had an attitude about him in this game. You could see he was going to get it going in practice this week. About Wednesday you could really see it."

About a minute into the game you could see it.

Smith drove right to the basket early and often to set the tone for the game. He made 11-of-14 shots and was easily responsible for another dozen Romulus

baskets. And when he didn't drive, he'd pop out for a three-point shot that usually went down.

He had nine points in the first quarter and 19 by the half. The total was 26 after three periods.

Dante Williams added 12 points for the Eagles (10-2, 5-0 Mega Red) while sophomore center Devin Searcy scored 10.

The Tigers (10-1, 4-1) were led by junior Leon Freeman's 13 points but were unable to get anyone else to double figures.

Romulus was up by 10 after the first period ended, 24-14, and swelled the

PLEASE SEE **SHOCKER, B4**

Plymouth's Haskins is 'set' for success

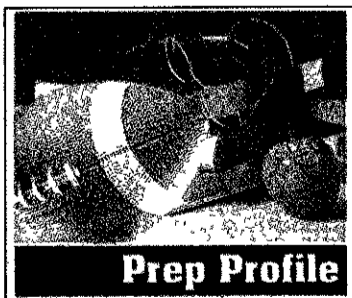
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

As the volleyball descended rapidly toward the open space on the Plymouth side of the court Monday night, the Walled Lake Western players on the opposite side of the net were in high-five mode, ready to celebrate another point in the Western Lakes Activities Association showdown that was unfolding in the Wildcats' gymnasium.

No one could have blamed the Warriors for assuming the point was theirs.

After all, the closest Plymouth player was 10 feet away and the ball was just a few feet off the ground.

Unfortunately for Western, the closest Wildcat was Sarah Haskins, who dove head-first for the spinning, white sphere. Incredibly, as Haskins slid across the floor, she managed to get her fist under the ball just before it hit the hardwood. The ball popped straight up off Haskins' fist and to a waiting



teammate who pushed it over the net.

The point — to the disbelief of all six Warriors and to the delight of Haskins' teammates — was still up for grabs.

Plymouth eventually lost the point, but Haskins — the team's junior setter and one of its captains — had won the admiration of everyone who witnessed the all-out, hustling effort.

"That was just one example of what Sarah means to this team," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "She is our quarterback on the court. In most cases, she decides where

PLEASE SEE **HASKINS, B4**



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth volleyball player Sarah Haskins serves important roles as the Wildcats' setter and as one of the team's captains.

Swimmers

Boys swim listing

The Observer sports staff plans to launch its inaugural listing for the area's best boys swim times for the Thursday, Feb. 3, edition.

Coaches from the following schools are urged to report their season individual and relay bests by 11 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31: Livonia Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Garden City, Redford Union, Redford Thurston and Redford Catholic Central.

You can fax updates to sports department at (734) 591-7279; or send a regular e-mail — no attachments please — to your area individual sports editor including: Brad Emons (Livonia-Westland): bemons@oe.homecomm.net; Ed Wright (Plymouth-Canton): ewright@oe.homecomm.net; Tim Smith (Redford-Garden City): tsmith@oe.homecomm.net.

Please list your times by the order of events.

Wildcat fund-raiser

The Plymouth High School Athletic Department invites members of the Plymouth-Canton community to participate in its second annual PHS Athletic Department Spring Fund-raiser.

All funds raised will help defray the costs for students to participate in high school athletics.

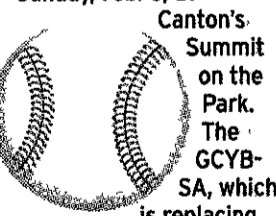
The event will be held March 12 at the VFW Hall in Plymouth.

Businesses or individuals that would like to donate gift certificates or items to be raffled off should contact Barb Swanson at (734) 454-9867 or Baswanz@aol.com.

Donations can also be mailed to: Plymouth High School, Athletic Department, 8400 Beck Rd., Canton, MI 48187.

GCYBSA sign-up

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association (GCYBSA) will hold its initial registration from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at



the dissolved Canton Community Junior Baseball/Softball Association, will offer T-Ball, baseball, and softball teams for youths between the ages of 4-18 who are residents of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton. Non-residents who attend school in the Plymouth-Canton School District are also eligible.

Interested players who cannot attend the Feb. 6 registration may register after that date at any time during regular business hours at the Summit.

They can also mail in their registration forms.

WRESTLERS

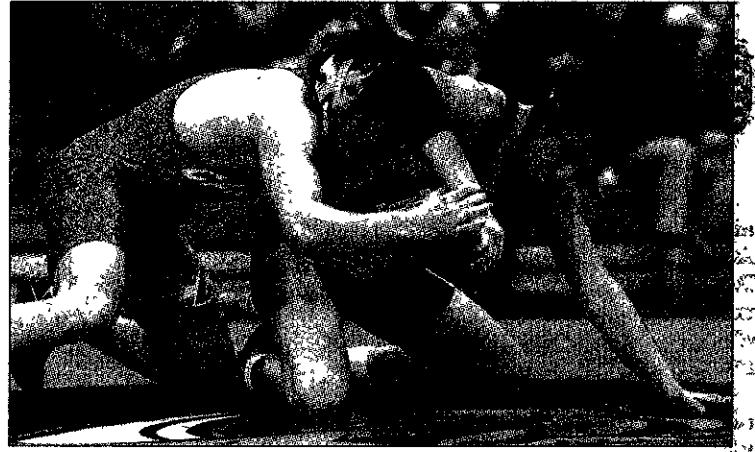
FROM PAGE B1
did," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "We weren't quite as relentless as I would like us to be, but we still did well."
Canton led 5-3 after the first two matches. Chief Jay Fleischmann opened the proceedings with a 16-1 technical fall triumph over Richard Martin at 12:5. The Wildcats bounced back in the 130-pound match when Steve Korpus edged Canton's Pete Bonneau, 8-5.
However, the Chiefs gained a strangle-hold on the match from that point on as they won the next seven contests — two

by pins, two by major decisions and one on a technical fall — to take a commanding 37-3 lead with five matches left. Corey Phillips (135), Ryan Webb (140), P.J. Caram (189), Ryan Schnettler (103) and Sam Santilli (112) recorded pins for the Chiefs.
Next week will be a busy one for the Chiefs, who host Livonia Franklin on Tuesday and Walled Lake Western on Thursday. Both matches are set to commence at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, Canton travels to the Battle Creek Central Invitational.
Plymouth returns to the mats Thursday when it hosts Livonia Franklin. The opening

match will begin at 6 p.m.

CANTON 49 PLYMOUTH 18
Thursday, Jan. 27 at Plymouth
125 pounds: Jay Fleischmann (C) won by technical fall (16-1) over Richard Martin; 130: Steve Korpus (P) decisioned Pete Bonneau, 8-5; 135: Corey Phillips (C) won by major decision over Ali Youseff; 140: Ryan Webb (C) pinned Jon Hagar in 3:49; 145: Konrad Konsitzke (C) won by technical fall over Rosiek; 152: Alex Freitag (C) won by technical fall (21-4) over Brandon Garcia; 160: Marwan Faraj (C) decisioned Ramin Pakray, 8-3; 171: Alex Amberg (C) decisioned Vincent Darolfi, 11-5; 189: P.J. Caram (C) pinned Taylor Fox in 5:14; 215: Danny Jammoul (P) decisioned Tom Bonnell, 6-4; HWT: Shawn Bailey (P) pinned Donnie Laramie in 39 seconds; 103: Ryan Schnettler (C) pinned Steve D'Annunzio in 4:54; 112: Sam Santilli (C) pinned Amir Pakray in 1:53; 119: Ben Kosmatski (P) won by injury default over Nick Poole.

SALEM 33 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 28
Jan. 27 at Salem
145 pounds: Jake Bennett (S) pinned Jameson Murray, 1:45; 152: Josh Kelly (LC) won by major decision over Val Gui, 9-1; 160: Ben Adams (LC) won by major dec. over Kevin Mylnek, 19-5; 171: Manuel Schubert (LC) won by void; 189: Jeremy Henderson (S) dec. Joe Bargerstock, 6-4; 215: Hafeez Qureshi (LC) p. Alex Smith, 0:45; 275: Pat Draheim (LC) p. Steve Kaptur, 0:39; 103: Alex Fowler (LC) dec. Jeremy Stankewitz, 5-2; 112: Nick Steiger (S) dec. Tim Hecksel, 12-10; 119: Matt Keffler (S) won by major dec. over Greg Roberts, 14-5; 125: Cory Mervyn (S) p. J.P. Gaffke, 1:03; 130: Ryan Stump (S) dec. Justin Smith, 7-4; 135: Scott Fysh (S) won by major dec. over Eric Brace, 9-0; 140: Ryan Olson won by major dec. over Dave Rush, 9-1.
Dual meet records: Salem, 15-5 overall, 3-1 Western Lakes Activities Association-Lakes Division; Churchill, 13-1 overall, 2-1 WLAALakes Division.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Marwan Faraj and Plymouth's Ramin Pakray battle for position during the early stages of Thursday night's 160-pound match. Faraj eventually won, 8-3.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP BASKETBALL**
Tuesday, Feb. 1
Canton at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Salem, 7 p.m.
Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Canton Agape at Franklin Road, 7:30 p.m.
Bethesda at Plymouth Christian, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 3
Huron Valley at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 4
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
Southfield Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
- BOYS SWIMMING**
Monday, Jan. 31
Plymouth at Redford CC at Livonia Community Center, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 3
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
- PREP HOCKEY**
Tuesday, Feb. 1
Northville at PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge Arena, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 2
Northville at Canton at Arctic Edge Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Chelsea at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 4
Canton at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8 p.m.
PCS Penguins at Regina, 9 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
- WRESTLING**
Thursday, Feb. 3
W.L. Western at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 6 p.m.
- GYMNASTICS**
Monday, Jan. 31
Salem at Livonia Consolidated, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 2
Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 5
Canton Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
- VOLLEYBALL**
Monday, Jan. 31
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 1
Plymouth Christian at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 2
W.L. Northern at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 3
Canton Agape at Inter-City, 7 p.m.
PCA at Southfield Christian, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 5
Canton at A.A. Pioneer Invite Salem at Schoolcraft Invitational
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**
Wednesday, Feb. 2
Delta College at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 5
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 3 p.m.
Aquinas College at Madonna, 3 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**
Wednesday, Feb. 2
Delta College at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Siena Heights at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 5
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 1 p.m.
Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.
- ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**
Sunday, Jan. 30
Whalers at Saginaw Spirit, 2 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 4
Whalers at Kitchener Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 5
Whalers vs. Toronto (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

THE 2005 NOVI HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW!

For more information: 248-962-1018 or www.bidders.org

Sponsored by:

Standard Federal Bank
ABN AMRO

NOVI IMPROVEMENT SHOW, featuring products, services, and technology for the home presented by the non-profit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA)

January 28 - 30, 2005
Novi Expo Center Located at I-96 & Novi Rd.

The show has over 300 exhibitors including the latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, windows, remodeling, arts and crafts, spas, electronics, heating, cooling, and more.

Featured attractions of the show include:
 • Chef J. Warren, professionally trained executive chef and former radio and TV host of "The 30 Minute Gourmet" and "SHHH! Famous Secret Restaurant Recipes," will share his art and talent of the culinary arts as he presents "The Joy of Chocolate" demonstrations from the show as seen on NBC News, HGTV, The Today Show, and Good Morning America
 • "House of Nails" contest sponsored by Wallside Windows — win up to \$10,000 of windows
 • Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes

HOURS:
Fri: 12pm - 9pm • Sat: 10am - 9pm • Sun: 10am - 6pm

ADMISSION:
Adults — \$9.00; Seniors — \$8.00; Children under 12 admitted free

Do you have an ugly bathroom? ENTER THE UGLY BATHROOM CONTEST!

Drop a photo of your "UGLY BATHROOM" at the 2005 NOVI HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW and you could win a \$10,000 BATHROOM MAKEOVER!

SPONSORED BY:
Mathison Kitchen & Bath Supply of Livonia, Canton and Garden City, OLDIES 104.3 WOMC & THE OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS

America's Premiere Mortgage

America's Premiere Mortgage
Lowest Rates Guaranteed!

Brian Bohn
Purchases • Refinances • New Construction
734. 744.0700 ext. 103

Rock financial PRESENTS PISTONS
GOIN' TO WORK EVERY NIGHT

GREAT SEATS AVAILABLE FOR THESE GAMES

vs. ATLANTA HAWKS
WED, 2/2 AT 7:30 PM
AAA members don't forget to "Show your card and save"

vs. MILWAUKEE BUCKS
MON, 2/14 AT 7:30 PM
First 5,000 ladies receive long stem roses. Ask about our Valentine's Day ticket package deals.

vs. NEW YORK KNICKS
TUE, 2/22 AT 7:30 PM
Isiah Thomas' team takes on the NBA Champion Pistons

Upcoming TV & Radio Schedule:
Tue. 2/1 vs. Wizards on WB20 @7 pm
Wed. 2/2 vs. Hawks on FSN Detroit @6:30 pm
Sat. 2/5 vs. Nets on FSN Detroit @12:30 pm
Sat. 2/5 Prime Time Pistons on WB20 @7 pm

Pistons Weekly show Sundays at midnight on WDIV4 and Tuesdays at 6:30 pm on FSN Detroit
All games can be heard on WDFN 1130 AM

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!
GO TO PISTONS.COM, THE PALACE BOX OFFICE AND ALL ticketmaster LOCATIONS, OR CALL (248) 377-0100

Prime -1% today.
And the next day.
And the next.
The Charter One Home Equity Line.

4.24% APR VAR | Prime -1% for the life of the line
Lines starting at \$100,000

HOME EQUITY LINE OF CREDIT

With a home equity line from Charter One, the rate will stay at Prime -1% for the life of the line. So now you can get money for home improvement, tuition, even a vacation. And you can pay it off today, tomorrow, or a year from now. Other great low home equity loan rates are available, too. So open one today. Call 1-877-TOP-RATE or visit us at any branch.

CHARTER ONE BANK

Variable APR based on "Prime Rate" ("Prime") as published daily in *The Wall Street Journal*. Prime -1.01% (4.24% APR as of 12/17/04) available for lines of credit of \$100,000 or more with a loan-to-value (LTV) of 89.99% or less, with a balance of \$25,000 or more at closing and Circle Checking. Rate and term may vary by property type, loan amount and LTV ratio. Maximum APR 16%. Annual fee of \$100 is waived for the first twenty-four (24) months after account activation. Ask a representative how subsequent annual fees may be waived. Offer limited to 1- to 4-family, owner-occupied residences. Credit approval is subject to our underwriting standards, available upon request. Property insurance required. Flood insurance may be required. If Line of Credit Agreement is canceled within one year of activation, a prepayment fee equal to the greater of 1% of the highest outstanding loan balance owed since inception of the agreement or \$350 will apply. Offers are subject to change without notice. Equal Housing Lender.

SHOCKER

FROM PAGE B1
margin out to 40-23 at halftime. It was 57-35 through three quarters and the Eagles were up by 22 points or better throughout the fourth period.
"There was one point in the fourth quarter, with about three minutes left," Krogel said, "where Jerret lobbed that long pass (for an easy basket by Searcy). We just stood around watching. That bothered me."
Bothered him to the point where he pulled his starters and put in the reserves, trailing 73-38.
"It was devastating. It was an eye-opener, for sure."
"We had distractions all week. People close to us know we've had (internal) problems. We deserved what we got."
"And that's not to take anything away from Romulus. Without the distractions, they probably would have still beaten us by 20."
Belleville's best quarter was the first, when it scored 14 points.
"In our last three games we'd had 28, 24 and 22 turnovers," Oats said. "I told our kids if they would take care of our turnovers and go to the rim, we'd win going away."
"Sometime late in the first half, Jerret told me, 'I'm back.'"
Smith drew a foul and scored his first point of the game on a free throw 57 seconds into the

contest. He made a driving layup with 5:54 left and added another solitary free throw a half-minute later.
He hit a triple at 5:03 and added another basket, driving to the glass for a layup, to make it 19-6 with 3:32 left in the opening period.
In the second quarter Smith made three baskets, one a three-pointer, and three free throws for 10 points.
"I'm disappointed in myself and I'm disappointed in my team," Krogel said. "But we'll get it fixed."
"I thought all along we were due for a whipping. We got one."
"If we don't learn from this, we won't learn from anything."
The teams will play again on the last game of the regular season, Feb. 25. There's a decent chance first place, or a share of first place, will be on the line for the rematch at Romulus.
"I was 1-6 versus Belleville coming into this game," Oats said. "You obviously aren't going to think it's going to be easy going against the No. 2 team in the state. But I felt as confident coming into this game as I ever have against Belleville."
Having Jerret Smith, the answer man, on your side would be enough to take care of most questions.
"I'd say," Krogel said, "that Romulus and the University of Michigan feel a whole lot better about Jerret Smith today."

HOMECOMING

FROM PAGE B1
rhythm in the second quarter thanks to some stunning outside shooting. Molnar hit a pair of mid-range jumpers and a long three for Agape and senior guard Jordan Johnston swished a pair of treys for PCA in the opening minutes of the second period to set the tone for the rest of the half, which ended in favor of Agape, 23-21. Molnar scored nine points in the quarter — all from the perimeter.
Whatever changes Taylor made at the half worked because the Eagles put together an 8-0 run to open the third quarter to grab a lead they would never relinquish. Ciborowski started the run with a strong inside move. Sumner then drained a three

and Saagman added a baseline drive and a free throw.
"We made a few adjustments at the half that seemed to help," Taylor said. "We were driving too much and not passing enough in the first half. Plus, we weren't flashing to the high point. We moved the ball better in the second half and took the ball inside more."
"Matt Saagman did a nice job of finding the seams in their match-up zone. Aaron had one of his better games this year, too. And Stephen Sumner may not have scored a lot, but he makes his presence felt in other ways."
PCA's biggest lead of the second half was 46-34 with 3:50 to go when Ciborowski converted a layup. Agape cut its deficit to 52-46 on a pair of Jack Anleitner free throws with 16.2 seconds left, but that's as close as the

Wolverines could get. Molnar rimmed out a pair of threes within a 20-second span in the final minute.
Ciborowski paced the Eagles with 17 points and 14 rebounds. Sumner added 11 points while Saagman chipped in with 10. McCord tallied six points and nine rebounds.
The Wolverines' biggest inside threat, senior Derek Leathers, scored just one point, but he pulled down a team-high nine boards. Bryan Horning had five steals for Agape and Anleitner had four swipes.
PCA hit 20-of-43 shots from the field (46.5 percent) and 11-of-19 free throws (57.8 percent). Agape connected on 16-of-49 field goals (32.6 percent) and 9-of-13 shots from the charity stripe (69 percent).

ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

Smooth skaters

The Canton Crush Squirt A hockey team won the Detroit Regional Silver Sticks Tournament Dec. 1-5 in St. Clair Shores. The tournament featured the best Squirt A teams from throughout southeastern Michigan. The Crush upended Kensington Valley, 2-1, in the title game. Team members are Jack Bergmann, Ben Crabill, Michael Curtis, Ryan Cusin, Gage Fasbender, Connor Gaffney, Brendon Kearney, Jacob Pacholski, Pearce Vance, Reede Burnett, Matt Cox, Nick Daigneau, Lucas Salinas, Nate Tustian and Brett Young. The team is coached by Ken Gaffney and Frank Vellucci.



HASKINS

FROM PAGE B1
the ball is going to go, and our success is centered around her ability to set the ball.
"Earlier in the season, I asked Sarah to become a little more vocal, and she has definitely improved on that. She's a good leader for this team."

EARLY SPIKER

It didn't take long for Haskins' volleyball skills to blossom after she was introduced to the sport seven years ago in her hometown of Franklin, Tenn. Once her mom registered the athletic fourth-grader for a volleyball club at a local recreation center, the 9-year-old's passion for the sport was born.
"I liked volleyball right away," she said. "I like the pace of the game. It's always intense. In basketball, if your team is down by more than 10 points, it's hard to come back because the other team can hold the ball. But in volleyball, you can be down a lot and still battle back and win."

Like the quarterback of the football team, volleyball setters are often the biggest difference-makers when it comes to

winning and losing. Haskins doesn't mind the extra responsibility.
"In fact, she thrives on it. "I like having the pressure on my shoulders," she said. "I don't really look at it as pressure, though. I like being able to make the decisions about who the ball is going to. My teammates and I have played together so long that they know where I'm going to set the ball just by reading the position of my body."

NO EXCUSES

Haskins said she has never used the fact that Plymouth won't have seniors until the 2005-06 school year as an excuse when the team struggles.
"To tell you the truth, I've never thought of us as not having seniors," she said. "It almost feels like I'm a senior because I've been a part of the first class to go through Plymouth. I love being a part of this first class because we're the ones who get to set the tradition, the trends and the records for the following classes to match."
Once Plymouth's season ends sometime in March, Haskins' volleyball focus turns to the Crusaders, a local AAU

travel team that is made up of several top players from the area. The team practices two to three times a week and competes in tournaments on weekends beginning in April, she said.
"We pretty much just travel around Michigan," Haskins added, "but we did go to Chicago last year for the nationals."

CLASSROOM ACE

Haskins said she finds it easier to maintain — or even improve — her shining 3.5 grade-point average during volleyball season, even though it's the time of year when her agenda is packed.
"I actually get better grades when I'm participating in sports because I know when I get home from practice I don't have much time, so I have to get my homework done," she said. "I've learned how to manage my time better because of volleyball."
She's also learned how to manage her volleyball court awareness quite nicely as well over the past three years.
There are six Walled Lake Western players who would confirm that fact.

ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

hometownlife.com Internet Directory




Put your business Online!
call 1-800-989-4614


- ACUPUNCTURE**
Acupuncture Institute of Michigan . . . www.drneedles.com
- ANIMAL REMOVAL SERVICES**
Animal Pro Inc . . . www.animalproinc.com
- APARTMENTS**
Can Be Investments . . . www.can-be.com
- ART MUSEUMS**
The Detroit Institute of Arts . . . www.dia.org
- AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIPS**
John Rogjin Buick . . . www.johnrogjin.com
- AUTOMOTIVE**
Davis Auto Care . . . www.davisautocare.com
- BAKING/COOKING**
Chelsea Milling Company . . . www.jiffymix.com
- BUILDERS**
Belanger Builders, Inc. . . www.belangerbuilders.com
Benchmark Homes . . . www.brightonbuilder.com
Mitch Harris Building Company . . www.mitchharris.net
Tony Van Oyen Builders Inc. . . www.tonyvanoyenbuilder.com
- CARDS AND GIFT SHOP**
Misty's Cards & Gifts . . . www.mistycards.com
- CERAMIC SUPPLIES**
Nee Deep In Ceramics . . . www.nee-deep-in-ceramics.com
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
Garden City Chamber . . . www.gardencity.org
Howell Chamber of Commerce . . . www.howell.org
Livonia Chamber of Commerce . . . www.livonia.org
Redford Chamber . . . www.redfordchamber.org
South Lyon Chamber . . . www.southlyonchamber.com
- CHAPELS**
Historic Village Chapel . . . www.historicvillagechapel.com
- CHILDRENS THEATRE**
Marquis Theatre . . . www.northvillemarquistheatre.com
- CLASSIFIED ADS**
HomeTown Newspapers . . . www.hometownlife.com
Observer & Eccentric Newspapers . . . www.hometownlife.com
- COMMUNITY SERVICES**
Leadership Oakland . . . www.leadershipoakland.com
- CREDIT BUREAUS**
Ann Arbor Credit Bureau . . . www.a2cb.com
- DENTISTS**
Family Dentistry . . . www.familydentist-sinards.com
Novi Dental . . . www.novidental.com
Smilemaker . . . www.smilemaker.org
- ELECTRONIC SERVICE AND REPAIR**
ABL Electronic Service, Inc. . . www.ablerv.com
- EYE CARE/LASER SURGERY**
Greenberg Laser Eye Center . . www.greenbergeye.com
Michigan Eyecare Institute . . . www.micheyecare.com
- FESTIVALS**
Michigan 50's Festival . . . www.michiganfiftiesfestival.com
- FIBERS**
Linden Lane Farms . . . www.fibersofmichigan.com
- FLOORING**
Andy's Hardwood Floors . . . www.andyshardwoodfloors.com
Dande Hardwood Flooring Company . . www.dandefloors.com
KI Enterprises, Inc. . . www.kiwoodfloors.com
- GIFT BASKETS**
Candy Cargo . . . www.candycargo.com
- HEALTH/FITNESS**
Poise Pilates . . . www.poisepilates.com
- HOME IMPROVEMENTS**
Accent Remodeling Inc. . . www.accentremodeling.com
Complete Carpet and Duct Cleaning . . www.completecarpetandduct.com
Sandstone Tile Creations Inc . . www.sandstonetile.com
- IDENTIFICATION AND LAMINATION**
Identification Lamination Products . . www.identlam.com
- INSURANCE**
J.J. O'Connell & Assoc., Inc Insurance Company . . www.oconnellinsurance.com
- INTERNET HOSTING**
HomeTown Digital . . . www.hometownlife.com
- LAND**
Oldford-Howell Development, Inc . . www.parshallvillepond.com
- LANDSCAPING/CONCRETE**
Artistic Concrete Solutions . . . www.artisticconcretesolutions.biz
- LASER HAIR REMOVAL**
Absolute Skin & Body Care . . . www.absolute-skinandbody.com

- LAWYER SERVICES**
Law Offices of Judith Blumeno . . . www.blumeno.com
- MANUFACTURER/WELDING WIRE**
Cor-met Inc. . . www.cor-met.com
- MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVES**
Electronic Sources . . . www.esirep.com
Hamlett Environmental Technologies . . . www.hamlettenvironmental.com
- MEDICAL SUPPLIES**
Innovative Laboratory Acrylics . . www.innovativelabacrylics.com
- MUSIC MEMORABILIA**
Classic Audio Repro . . . www.classicaudiorepro.com
- PAINTING SUPPLIES**
Flo-Rite Paint . . . www.flo-ritepaint.com
- PARKS**
Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority . . www.metroparks.com
- PUBLICATIONS**
Camden Publications . . . www.club50news.com
Equine Times . . . www.equinetimes.com
- REAL ESTATE**
ERA Alliance . . . www.eraalliance.com
Langard Realtors . . . www.langard.com
One Way Realty . . . www.onewayrealty.com
Sellers First Choice . . . www.sfcrealty.com
Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke . . www.weirmanuel.com
- REALTORS**
Chris Karapatsakis . . . www.chrisksellshomes.com
Clark & Fron Realtors . . . www.clarkandfron.com
Dan Klaviter . . . www.michiganfinehomes.com
Fred & Karen Ryckman . . . www.darngoodagent.com
John McCollum . . . www.jpmccollum.com
Marie Schires . . . www.marieschires.com
Marty Pouget . . . www.martypouget.com
- RECYCLING SERVICES**
Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County . . . www.rrrasoc.org
- REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**
Center for Reproductive Medicine & Surgery . . www.reproductive-medicine.com
Midwest Fertility and Sex Selection Center . . www.selectgender.com
- RESORTS**
Sandcastles on the Beach Resort . . . www.sandcastlesonthebeach.com
- RESTAURANTS**
Albans Restaurant . . . www.albans.com
Bistro 127 . . . www.bistro127.com
Italian Epicure . . . www.italianepicure.com
Pasquale's Restaurant . . www.pasqualesrestaurant.com
Stillwater Grill . . . www.stillwatergrill.com
- RESUME SERVICE**
Advantage Staffing . . . www.voiceresume.net
- RETAIL**
Hershey's Shoes . . . www.hersheysshoes.com
- RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES**
United Methodist Retirement Community . . . www.umrc.com
- SPORTS & RECREATION**
Plymouth-Canton Little League . . www.plymouthcantonlittleleague.com
- SPORTS GEAR**
Outdoor Pursuits . . . www.outdoorpursuitsinc.com
- STAFFING**
Advantage Staffing . . . www.astaff.com
- SURPLUS FOAM**
McCullough Corporation . . . www.mccofoam.com
- SURPLUS PRODUCTS**
McCullough Corporation . . . www.mccsurplus.com
- WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT**
HomeTown Digital . . . www.hometownlife.com
- WELL SERVICES**
Keller Well Drilling . . . www.kellerwelldrilling.com
- WORSHIP**
First Presbyterian Church Bhm . . www.fpcbirthingam.org
Heart of the Hills Church . . . www.heartofthehills.com
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church . . www.oursherpherd.net
Rochester First Assembly Church . . . www.rochesterfirst.org
Unity of Livonia . . . www.unityoflivonia.org
- YOUTH ATHLETICS**
Westland Youth Athletic Association . . www.wyaa.org


MEET OUR WINNING SPORTS TEAM!



Plymouth / Canton / Belleville
Ed Wright
SPORTS EDITOR
DIRECT PHONE LINE: (734) 953-2108
FAX: (734) 591-7279
E-MAIL: ewright@oe.homecomm.net
REPORT SCORES LINE: (734) 953-2108



Garden City / Redford
Tim Smith
SPORTS EDITOR
DIRECT PHONE LINE: (734) 953-2106
FAX: (734) 591-7279
E-MAIL: tsmith@oe.homecomm.net
REPORT SCORES LINE: (734) 953-2106



Livonia / Wayne / Westland
Brad Emmons
SPORTS EDITOR
DIRECT PHONE LINE: (734) 953-2123
FAX: (734) 591-7279
E-MAIL: bemonson@oe.homecomm.net
REPORT SCORES LINE: (734) 953-2123

WHERE LOCAL SPORTS UNFOLD.

THE Observer

NEWSPAPERS
WHERE HOMETOWN STORIES UNFOLD

HOME DELIVERY: 1-866-887-2737 . CLASSIFIEDS: 1-800-579-7355
HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

To advertise your Web site here, call 1-800-989-4614

Opportunistic Chief icers outlast Redford

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Opportunity knocked several times for Redford Unified's hockey team Wednesday night in its non-league game at Canton, but the Chiefs continuously slammed the door shut on their Mega Conference visitors.

The defining moment in Canton's 4-2 victory at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton came in the opening minute of the third period when a 45-second two-man advantage for Redford was snuffed out by the Chiefs' three-man penalty-killing unit. "That was the turning point of the game," said Redford coach Larry Singer, whose team trailed just 3-2 at the time. "Not only were we unable to score, but we didn't even get a shot off. That was a great opportunity to tie it up and we didn't take advantage of it."

Canton improved to 10-4-1 with the victory while Redford dropped to 6-7.

"It was a strange game for us," said Canton coach Mike Behen. "We played hard, but we played sloppy. We started off well, but then we had a couple of defensive lapses that really hurt us. Give Redford a lot of credit. They're young, but they play extremely hard and they stayed in the game against us right to the end."

The Chiefs outshot their

opponents 30-14 and seemed on the verge of breaking the game open on several occasions. However, Redford goalies Nick Kinney, who played the first half of the game, and Chris Donahue, who played the second, turned back a number of sizzling shots.

"I was impressed by Canton — they are a very skilled team," Singer said. "I thought we turned the momentum around in the second period when we played with a more physical style. We got hurt when we started playing the puck defensively, and not the body."

The way the game started, it looked as though the scoreboard may blow a fuse before the night was over. The Chiefs scored 23 seconds into the contest when Andy Barylski pounced on a rebound off the stick of Kinney and flipped it into the back of the net to make it 1-0. Reece McCabe, who fired the shot Kinney deflected towards Barylski, was credited with the assist.

Undaunted, Redford knotted the game at 1-1 48 seconds later when Tom Anderson lit the lamp after taking a pass from Justin Blalock.

Canton snatched the lead back for good five minutes into the second period when Garrett Hyman punched in a power-play goal to make it 2-1. Ben Laurin and Bryan Wioncek assisted on the go-ahead tally. Chief defenseman Mike



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Mike Kondratek looks for a passing lane during the Chiefs' 4-2 victory over Redford Unified Wednesday night. Redford's Justin Herbst is blocking Kondratek's path to the net.

Kondratek — the fastest skater on the Arctic Edge ice Wednesday night — expanded Canton's advantage to 3-1 with 5:29 left in the period when he deposited the puck into the back of the net from the doorstep. Jon Sudia assisted.

The resilient Redford squad cut its deficit in half just over a minute later when captain Brandon Baity scooped a shot past Canton goalie Tony Hylko from just outside the crease. Nick Fischback and Robert Lippe were credited with helpers on the goal.

Redford threatened to tie the game with 1:26 left in the sec-

ond period, but Hylko denied Jason Hendrickson on a shot from point-blank range.

Kondratek added an insurance goal for Canton when he wristed a shot into the net with 9:04 to play.

The third period was slowed down by eight penalties — five on Canton and three on Redford.

"I thought Bryan Wioncek, Mike Kondratek and Reece McCabe played outstanding games for us tonight," Behen said. "They all did a great job."

ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

SPORTS ROUNDUP

ROCK BOOSTERS

The Salem Rocks Football Booster Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m., in room 2703 of Salem High School. Parents of all current and new players, including class of 2009 students, are encouraged to attend.

Attendees will get an opportunity to meet the 2005 booster club officers and learn about the 2005 football season. For more information, contact Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

Tsunami Relief

United States Figure Skating ice-dance champions Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, who train at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton, are organizing a star-studded figure-skating fund-raiser that will benefit victims of the recent tsunami that struck southeast Asia.

The event will be held Friday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Tickets for adults will be \$20 while children 12 and under will get in for \$15. Premier seating tickets, which include a post-show reception with the skating stars, cost \$100.

Among the performers will be Belbin and Agosto, who won their second consecutive United State Figure Skating pairs ice-dancing championship two weeks ago in Portland, Ore.; 1992 Olympic gold medalist Victor Petrenko; 2002 Olympic and World medalist Timothy Goebel; 2005 U.S. national champion Johnny Weir; 2005 U.S. pairs champions Katie Orscher and Garrett Lucash; and five-time U.S. National Champions Liz Punsalan and Jerod Swallow.

To order tickets, call the Compuware Sports Arena Box Office at (734) 453-6400.

LITTLE LEAGUE INFO

Spring registration for the Canton Little League will be held from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Victory Park Softball Center in the Diamonds restaurant in Canton Township.

The league is open to all students who attend schools in the Plymouth-Canton School District. All players must have proof of residency with them along with a birth certificate.

The program is divided into four leagues: Minor (7-10 year olds); Major (11-12 year olds); Junior (13-14 year olds); and Senior (15-16 year olds).

For more information on the league, visit www.cantonlittleleague.net or e-mail questions to cantonlittleleague@wowway.com.

SOCCER SIGN-UP

The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for spring soccer for players 5 through 19 years of age (as of March 1). Registration forms are available online at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or at the club office, which is located at: High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Ave., Canton. Call (734) 480-7046.

CARBO BASEBALL SCHOOL

The Bernie Carbo Pro Premier Baseball School will stage individual, small group and team skill session specific to conditioning, velocity improvement, power hitting and fielding.

Mark Rutherford, former Livonia Churchill High, Eastern Michigan University and former Minor League player, will be the featured instructor. Call director Gordie Rutherford at (734) 421-4928.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, will offer pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons for ages 6-18.

Lessons are by appointment only. The cost is \$35 per half-hour or \$165 for five private lessons.

Call 248-668-0166 or e-mail totalballwixom@aol.com or visit www.total-baseball.com for more information.

Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150.

Last-minute goal gives 'Cat icers win

Plymouth's hockey team slipped by Walled Lake Central, 4-3, Friday night in a Western Lakes Activities game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 7-8 overall and 2-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Vikings dropped to 0-7 in the conference.

"It was kind of a sloppy game for us," said Wildcat

coach Mike Kaput. "We had 16 penalties and all three of their goals were on power plays. Central had 14 penalties, so the refs were blowing their whistles a lot."

"I thought Christian Blick played a good game in goal for us tonight."

Brandon Winowiecki scored the game-winner with 22 seconds left in the game when he fired a shot from the blue line past Viking net-minder Jim

Johnson. Johnson was screened on the play by a pair of Wildcat skaters who rushed towards the net just prior to Winowiecki's winner, which was assisted by Barile and John Knoerl.

Mike Barile had a stellar effort for Plymouth, tallying a goal and an assist.

Barile opened the scoring with a first-period goal that was assisted by Justin Michalek and Mike Manner.

Nick Rosochacki made it 2-0 a few minutes later when he lit the lamp. He was assisted by Billy Gauthier and Cote Brown. The Vikings surged in front, 3-2, with three unanswered goals in the second period from Anthony White, Bard Murphy and Colin Angelosante.

Jason O'Guinn knotted the score at 3-3 early in the third.

FLOOR HOCKEY

4-6 year olds

February 20th - April 17th

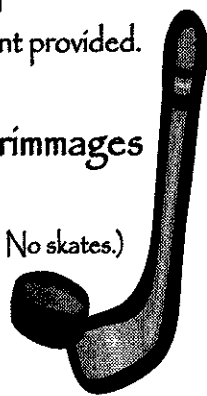
Individual Fee: \$85

Helmets required.

All other equipment provided.

9 practice/scrimmages

(Gym shoes only please. No skates.)



PLAY GROUPS

Monday-Friday, 11am-1pm

Ages: 1-5

\$5/child

Use our fields to throw and kick various balls, play t-ball, hopscotch, jump rope, or crawl through the playhuts. The rink is available to ride bikes or scooters (not provided, helmets required.)

SOCCER CLINICS

New Future Stars (18-36 months)

Motor skill enhancement using soccer as a springboard.

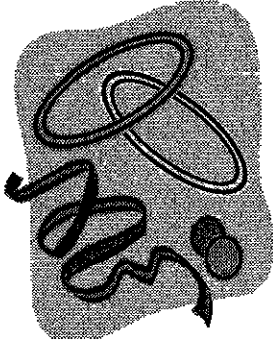
Small Stars (3-4 year olds)

Parent & toddler class. Learn basic soccer skills by playing fun games!

\$70/Child for 8 weeks

Check www.hvsports.com for a schedule or call (734) HV-SPORT.

New classes start in March.



JUMP-A-RAMA

New classes start in March for

12 months-14 years old.

(Interactive Play Programs for toddlers & Gymnastics for older kids)

Check www.hvsports.com for updated

dates and times or call

(734) 981-0990 for more info.

HIGH VELOCITY SPORTS

(734) HV-SPORT 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton www.hvsports.com

You Promised Yourself January - Now It's February!

60 Day Fitness Makeover!

COMPLETE PRICE FOR EVERYTHING

\$39

Only **Deluxe VIP Membership**
Absolutely no restrictions and no extra charges.
Limited time offer. First time visitors over 18 only.

Meredith tipped the scales at 230 pounds. After making the commitment to regular exercise at Fitness USA and sticking with a balanced, nutritious eating plan, Meredith has lost 95 pounds and now sports a size 3 figure.

Fitness USA

SUPERCENTERS

CLINTON TWP. 3557 Grant St. N. of 15 Mile	(586) 792-8700	SOUTHFIELD 30000 Telegraph N. of 12 Mile	(248) 356-6700
DEARBORN 23080 Michigan E. of Outer Dr.	(313) 563-0500	STERLING HEIGHTS 39333 Van Dyke N. of 17 Mile	(586) 939-8060
HARPER WOODS 19191 Venable Across from Eastland Mall	(313) 882-5111	TAYLOR 14400 Parson N. of Eureka Across from Southland	(734) 374-9400
LINCOLN PARK 3806 Fort St. Lincoln Park Plaza	(313) 381-4200	WESTLAND 7677 Wayne N. of Warren at Westland Mall	(734) 421-2700
ROYAL OAK 2944 Woodward Ave. N. of 12 Mile	(248) 948-3700		

© 2005 FITNESS USA SUPERCENTERS

Ocelots' Williams snares 24 rebounds in triumph

Ben Wallace, eat your heart out.

Schoolcraft College center Courtney Williams, a 6-foot-9 transfer from Oakland University, hauled down a season-high 24 rebounds as the Ocelots downed host Oakland Community College in a men's basketball game at the Highland Lakes campus gym, 70-56.

Williams and Martin Samarco also scored 15 points apiece to pace Schoolcraft, now 19-2 overall.

Marcus Moore added 14 points and nine rebounds, while Chris Gandy dished out six assists.

Julius Barnett led OCC (9-11) with 17 points, Walt Williams added 11.

Schoolcraft overcame poor shooting and 18 turnovers to pull away in the second half

after leading by just three points at intermission, 30-27.

The Ocelots were only 23-of-59 from the floor (39 percent) and 16-of-29 from the free throw line (55 percent), while OCC was 22-of-68 from the field (32 percent) and 6-of-13 from the line (46 percent).

INDIANA TECH 100, MADONNA 75: Madonna (6-16, 1-5) earned exclusive rights to last place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a loss Wednesday to WHAC foe Indiana Tech (15-6, 3-2) in Fort Wayne.

MU's Noel Emenhiser kept up his torrid scoring pace by dropping 36 points on 12-for-27 shooting and led for the lead on his team with five boards and four assists, but no other Crusader could reach double-digit points.

JuJuan Cooley led the host Warriors with 25 points and five steals, while Chris Goings added 14 points and Luke McKenna stayed atop the WHAC rebounding leaders with 14 rebounds.

The Crusaders couldn't overcome 26 percent (8-for-30) shooting in the first half and trailed at the break 43-25.

Lady Ocelots pick up easy win, 65-42

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 22, Schoolcraft College's women's basketball got derailed by a snowstorm. Wednesday, the Lady Ocelots temporarily lost power, so to speak.

"Yeah, we only scored 27 points in the first half, and that's a power outage for us," joked Schoolcraft head coach Karen Lafata.

She could laugh because the Lady Ocelots cranked it up again in the second half and easily defeated Oakland Community College 65-42. The victory improved Schoolcraft's record to 15-3 overall and 7-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. OCC dropped to 9-9 overall and 4-3 in the MCCA.

"They (Lady Raiders) slowed the tempo down on us," Lafata explained. "The game was real choppy and we couldn't get into the flow."

In the opening half, Schoolcraft connected on just

The victory improved Schoolcraft's record to 15-3 overall and 7-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. OCC dropped to 9-9 overall and 4-3 in the MCCA.

12 of 30 field-goal tries but managed to lead 27-20. Although OCC made just four of 23 attempts, the Lady Raiders hit 12 of 14 foul shots — compared to just two-of-five for the Lady Ocelots.

But the play picked up after the intermission, and Schoolcraft scored 38 points to easily clinch the win.

"That was more typical for us," said Lafata, noting that her team hit 14 of 27 field-goal attempts in the second half.

Schoolcraft's offense is averaging about 80 points per game, the coach said.

On Wednesday, despite the slow start, four players scored at least 10 points for the Lady Ocelots.

Sophomore forward Ashley Gibson led Schoolcraft with 17 points, including three triples. Gibson chipped in with four assists.

Freshman forward Charlese Greer tallied 14 points along with nine rebounds. Scoring 10 points each were freshman forward Amantha Combs (Belleville) and sophomore center Sara Tyree (Westland John Glenn).

Lafata noted strong play off the bench from freshman guard and Walled Lake Western graduate Tracey Winkler, who scored five points and contributed three steals.

MADONNA 68, INDIANA TECH 55: Proficient shooting from the floor sparked Madonna University to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Wednesday night over visiting Indiana Institute of Technology. The Lady Crusaders hit 26 of 54 field-goal

attempts for a solid .481 clip. Indiana Tech, however, shot .303 from the floor (20-66).

Madonna outscored the Lady Warriors 32-25 in the first half and built on that lead in the second half.

Top contributors for the Lady Crusaders (11-11 overall, 4-2 in the WHAC) were center Sarah Thomson (18 points, 11 rebounds), guard Jackie Pingston (15 points, six rebounds), guard Lydia Prusinowski (12 points) and forward Martina Franklin (11 points, 10 rebounds).

For Indiana Tech (10-12 overall, 4-2 in the WHAC), guard DeNisha Gray scored 18 points while forward Alicia Harrison chipped in with 11.

MADONNA 63, CONCORDIA 54: MU had to wait two days to take on — and defeat — host Concordia University, with the Jan. 22 game postponed until Jan. 24 due to heavy snow.

After a bit of a slow start last Monday, the Lady Crusaders went on to defeat the Cardinals 63-54 in a WHAC matchup.

Trailing 32-27 at halftime, Madonna simply shot better from the floor after the intermission. The Lady Crusaders connected on 11 of 26 field-goal attempts in the second half, compared to a nine-for-30 clip by Concordia (2-16, 0-6 in the WHAC).

Sparking Madonna with 17 points was Pingston while Maureen McCormick (12 points) and Prusinowski (11 points) helped the cause on the offensive end.

In the rebounding department, the Lady Crusaders received 12 boards from Franklin and 11 from Thomson.

For the Cardinals, Richel Gerstenberger tallied 13 points.

Whalers blank Saginaw as goalie Nie stands out

Plymouth Whaler All-Star goaltender Ryan Nie stopped all 33 shots he faced en route to a decisive 5-0 victory over the Saginaw Spirit in an Ontario Hockey League game Friday night at Compuware Sports Arena. Plymouth improved to 21-19-4-3 and reclaimed sole possession of first place in the OHL's West Division. John Mitchell scored his 18th and 19th goals of the season and added three assists

for a five-point night and John Vigilante added his 16th goal of the season and a trio of assists.

Steve Ward also scored two goals for the Whalers, giving him three on the season.

Nie, the only Whaler on the OHL All-Star team, earned his second shutout of the season.

Plymouth was in control throughout, striking first at 12:22 of the first period, when Vigilante split two defenders and scored.

ACAPULCO

HOT Days & Sizzling Nights!

An ideal climate with almost guaranteed sunshine beckons travelers to Acapulco's sprawling shores where watersports abound, romance flourishes and the party never ends. Forever Acapulco!

Camino Real Acapulco Diamante 6	7 nts \$888 ⁰⁰ \$799⁰⁰
FR, Feb. 18, Mar. 18	
Copacabana 3	7 nts \$1440 ⁰⁰ \$949⁰⁰
FR, Feb. 18, Mar. 18	

Inclusive!

Call: **Passageways Travel**
1-888-532-0420

MEXICO
BEYOND YOUR EXPECTATIONS

APPLE VACATIONS.com

Prices are per person including round-trip air from Detroit on USA 3000 Ryan International, Condor or scheduled carriers. "All-Inclusive" packages include all meals, drinks and watersports. "Inclusive" packages include meals and drinks. Included watersports may be "non-refundable" only. Hotel packages also include accommodations (based on double occupancy), transfers and hotel baggage handling. Hotel taxes, fuel surcharges and the services of an Apple Rep. *Prices do not include passenger facility charges, departure & immigration taxes up to \$110 & \$250 per segment September 11 security fee. For bookings within 14 days of departure, add \$10 per person. Prices subject to availability and change without notice and apply to select departure cities and durations within a specified date range. Promotional prices advertised may be available for a limited time only. Restrictions, blackout dates and surcharges may apply. Prices may be capacity controlled. See the Fair Trade Contract. ©Apple Vacations 2005

Everything For Your Backyard

See You at:

SPA, POOL & PATIO SHOW

This Weekend, January 29th & 30th
Saturday 10-7; Sunday 10-5

Meadowbrook's Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion

Oakland University



HELD OVER!



FREE LED Lighting on FST Spas

Come See the Spas Featured on

Extreme
MAKEOVER HOME EDITION

Turn Your Own Backyard into Your Personal Paradise

VACATION AT HOME!

- In-Ground/Above-Ground Pool Designs
- Hot Tubs & Spas, Hundreds of Great Ideas!
- Gazebos, Sunrooms, Saunas
- SPAS from \$1,999 or \$49 a month, 0% Financing (OAC)
- Everything for the Backyard
- WIN A \$15,000 BACKYARD MAKEOVER
- Meet Factory Reps
- DON'T MISS TAX FREE FRIDAY. Buy a spa and we pay the sales tax!
- Super Saturday — Buy Deluxe FST Spa & get a FREE Gazebo!
- Financing and Much More!
- 10 Manufacturers Competing for your Business
- Check Out the Family Fun Zone!
- SAVE THOUSANDS!

1-800-SPA-SALE

772-7253

Log on to: www.poolandspashow.com

Sponsored By:

Master Spas,
American Saunas,
Gazebo Works,
Patio Rooms, Inc.,
Havel III Flooring,
Smart Tub,
Midwest Pools, and
Leisure Time Warehouse



OAKLAND BASKETBALL

THURSDAY, FEB. 3 @6PM

MBB vs. UMKC

Televised on: **Comcast Local**


2/3
OU WELCOMES
to the 'O'rena
Providence Outreach Center
& Delta Kelly Students!

www.ougrizzlies.com

MONDAY, FEB. 7 @7PM

WBB vs. CENTENARY

GAMEDAY SPONSOR

Beyond AM, Beyond FM.  **SATELLITE RADIO**

FOR TICKETS
Call 248-370-4000



Ask Jen

Jennifer Sawalha

Don't be used by guy

Dear Jen,
My boyfriend and I have been dating for only a few months and I think he's using me. I did something with him that I regret and don't know what to do. I thought he'd like me more, but he told everyone and is now a jerk. Too much too soon in Canton, 16

You should never do something with someone for him or her to like you more. First off, you will not feel good about yourself for doing it, and secondly you set yourself up to be used. To be in a serious relationship you should both be affectionate for the right reasons. This guy doesn't sound like he deserves you, because he has violated your trust and your privacy. You need to pick your chin up, break up with him and start to heal. If he truly cares about you, he will give you time to work through your feeling and let go of the regret. If he doesn't, then move on and make sure your next boyfriend is with you for the right reasons!

Dear Jen,
My life has been really hard so far. I've gotten into drugs and alcohol and quit the sports teams that I played on for three years. Oh ... and my grades have been horrible. Is it too late for me to turn my life around? Life's too short in Redford, 17

It is never too late to turn your life around. Actually, you have already started by admitting your problems and seeking help. You should talk with your parent(s) about finding a therapist to work with you on your substance abuse problem. Once you start to feel more confident about the changes you're making, you can take up a different sport or start looking into college and university sports programs. As you feel better, I bet your grades will come back up. Just keep strong, believe in yourself and remember ... it's never too late.

Dear Jen,
I have a very weird problem. I have to always talk and can't stand the sound of silence. I've even not gone on dates because I don't think I would be able to talk the whole time. Is this normal? Silence is Golden in Livonia, 16

Well, it's normal for you ... for the meantime. It sounds as though you are dealing with some insecurity. Sometimes when people are afraid of silence they are uncomfortable with themselves in some way. There may be some issues that you are trying to ignore by keeping them bottled up. By talking all the time, you never have to think about them. You should buy a notebook and start journaling. Journaling will help you work through these problems and work on being silent. Start being conscious about silent moments when with friends and if you feel the need to just talk ... count to 10 first, silently! You can work through this, but it's going to take a conscious effort. Just remember, you don't have to always entertain people!

Jennifer Sawalha of Livonia has a master's degree in psychology from the Center for Humanistic Studies. She can be reached by e-mail at JGSKarma@aol.com.

Observer LIFE

www.hometownlife.com

Section C

Sunday, January 30, 2005

(CP)

Brad Kadrich, editor
(734) 459-2700
Fax (734) 459-4224
bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net

Taking the First Step



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Valerie Harris (right) comforts a domestic violence survivor in the Activity Room of the First Step shelter. The room provides a place where individual families can have some space and be together.

Domestic violence survivors move ahead with lives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When it rains, the roof leaks in the kitchen and several places throughout the shelter, but Patti doesn't mind because she's safe from harm. Until seeking refuge at First Step, she suffered mental and physical abuse at the hands of her partner for many years. In the last two months, she's become less anxious. She's not constantly anticipating something bad is about to happen.

"It's a big difference to be out of that and to be strong," said Patti. "It's been wonderful. When I was having down days the advocates noticed my spirits were down. They talked to me, showed me they cared. They hugged me. Those hugs meant a lot to me. They meant I'm not alone. I'm grateful this place exists."



Associate Director Amy Youngquist says First Step is helping more women and children and providing more services for each.

Although Valerie Harris provides plenty of hugs in the position as First Step after-care coordinator, her main responsibility is to see women like Patti are able to leave their abuser and establish a new life. Lately, that means helping many more women, who frequently flee in the middle of the night with their children and the clothes on their backs. Two weeks ago, a woman came in without any shoes.

"We had 38 families during the holiday," said Harris. "People are staying longer. We're trying to find safe housing, trying to establish income. It's getting harder to do because of the economy."

The phone never stops ringing at First Step. Volunteers and staff answer 400 to 500 calls a month from women in need of shelter, legal

Charity dance became event over last 15 years

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Brian Duggan can't believe it's been 15 years since he started the charity dance to raise money for First Step, a nonprofit agency providing services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. It's certainly become more work to coordinate the food including hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and pizza, a Casino Night, music by Steve King & The Dittlies, and entertainment by actors impersonating Madonna, Karen Carpenter and Cher. Nevertheless, Duggan feels it's more important now than ever to host the event 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tickets are \$35 in advance and available by calling (734) 591-1900.

"Throughout the 15 years, I've met a lot of people who have been battered and it turns my stomach when a woman or a child gets abused," said Duggan. "We've sent letters to everyone and have added a raffle, car raffle, slot car racing. Every table gets a bottle of champagne. All

PLEASE SEE LIVES, C3

PLEASE SEE DANCE, C3

Mindworks: Program targets learning problems

BY RUSS HAMMOND
CORRESPONDENT

When she was in first grade, Becky Nall noticed that her daughter, Emily, was having trouble reading. The teachers "brushed her off" and told Nall that some kids just take longer to learn to read than others.

In third grade, she was told, "Emily has a disability and just has to live with it." The school advised her that Emily would have to repeat the same grade next year. Nall would not accept this.

That's when Nall, who lives in Novi, took her daughter to Mindworks in Ann Arbor. This year, Emily is in fifth grade and got an A in reading.

Mindworks is not a tutoring program — it doesn't help kids with their schoolwork. It works to correct the underlying prob-

lem that's causing the difficulties in school.

The Mindworks program is an option to help those with dyslexia and ADD/ADHD. For people with these learning disabilities, school can be a nightmare and their future is limited unless they receive some type of specialized help.

When Emily was tested at Mindworks, she was found to have a phonological processing problem. She took in information differently than other people.

"It was a sequencing problem," Nall said. "She couldn't pull words apart and this affected her reading."

According to Terry Dunivin, CEO of Mindworks, many kids in school today are diagnosed with ADD/ADHD when they really have a different type of learning disability.

"There are 30 learning issues



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rebecca Nall watches her daughter, Emily, 11, work on some school work. Emily has improved her reading skills and is now reading at grade level after completing a special program at MindWorks for children with learning problems.

similar to ADD/ADHD," Dunivin said. "Ritalin is used too much."

Dr. Jill Robinson, coordinator of the master's program in learning disabilities at Madonna University, echoes this sentiment about using medication.

"Pills don't teach skills," Robinson said.

With proper diagnosis and treatment, many learning disabilities can be overcome without medication.

Dunivin said that the Mindworks method gets to the underlying problem of the dis-

ability, while many schools just teach kids "how to cope with it."

Robinson said that "programs such as this provide a great option above and beyond what public schools offer."

She added that "public schools have a great challenge to educate all students."

According to Robinson, the makeup of special education classrooms has changed drastically and "it's hard for special education teachers to meet the

PLEASE SEE MINDWORKS, C3

Magic Moments

Do you remember the magic that happened the first time you met that special someone? It's those moments that remain in our memory forever. Tell us about the first time you met your sweetheart and you could win our Valentine's Day package that includes a \$200 gift certificate from Murray's Jewelry in Redford, dinner for two at Antonio's Cucina Italiana in Farmington Hills or Dearborn Heights (\$60 gift certificate), a singing valentine by a quartet from the Renaissance Chorus of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, and two tickets to Phantom of the Opera at Masonic Temple on Wednesday, March 2. On Sunday, Feb. 13, the Observer Community Life section will feature readers' Magic Moments. Send yours by Friday, Feb. 4 to Hugh Gallagher, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Show your love for your teen on Feb. 14

Valentine's Day gives us a special time to think of love. Love can be expressed in many ways. This column doesn't involve suggestions for material gifts but rather includes reminders of ways you can truly express your love for your teen. Here are some ideas:

- Use plenty of positive words and phrases each day with your teen. Banish put-downs from your vocabulary.
- Make an extra effort to set a good example at home and in public. Use words like "I'm sorry," "please," and "thank you."
- Use non-violent forms of discipline. Rewards and restrictions are at the heart of adolescent discipline.
- When you ask questions, don't pry too much. Use open-ended questions like, "Is there something we should talk about?"
- Listen with your eyes: body language says a lot about how your adolescent feels.
- Acknowledge your adolescent's feelings. Help name and sort out feelings. Then move forward in figuring out an issue or problem.
- Denying how a teen feels—even if you disagree with how the feeling is expressed—is a sure way to shut down a conversation.
- Mark family game nights on your calendar so the entire family can be together. Put a different family member's name under each plate at dinner, and have that person choose which game will be played that evening. Sounds



Teens in 2005
Alice McCarthy

Your teens need your steady support and encouragement to discover their strengths. They need you to believe in them as they learn to believe in themselves.

"corny." Invite your teen's best friends. You will be surprised how much fun it is to play a game together.

- One of the best ways to familiarize your child with good food choices is to encourage cooking with you. Let him or her get involved in the entire process, from planning the menus to shopping for ingredients to the actual food preparation and its serving. This experience is important for after high school independence and college.
- Your early adolescent's health depends significantly on the care and guidance you offer during this time. By taking your teen to the doctor regularly, keeping him or her safe from accidents, providing a nutritious diet, and encourag-

ing exercise, you help protect and strengthen his or her body.

- Regardless of whether you actively try to pass on your values and beliefs to your teen, he or she is bound to absorb some of them just by living with you. Your teen will notice how disciplined you are in your work, how deeply you hold your beliefs and whether you practice what you preach.
- Mental health issues, especially depression and the warning signs of suicide, are subjects parents need to learn about and be able to discuss with teens.
- Pre-teens and teens can face tough issues like failure in school, stealing, and gang membership. Alcoholism and drug use among peers and family members, and eating disorders are also issues kids face. Risky behaviors, date rape, and sexually transmitted diseases—including HIV/AIDS—are all topics that parents need to be able to discuss openly.
- Just because your adolescent is in high school please don't think you can neglect the importance of a strong school connection. Know your teen's counselor, teachers and principal. Find a way to volunteer at school, offering your talents and ideas for all students. Your teen will be proud of your volunteerism even if you are ignored as you pass in the hall!
- Your teens need your steady support and encouragement to discover their strengths. They need you to believe in them as they learn to believe in themselves. Loving your adolescent, spending time

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness by Dr. Edward Hallowell (Ballentine, 2002, \$22.95) Dr. Hallowell is a psychiatrist who is known for his work in ADHD and dyslexia. He is also the author of Driven to Distraction and recently Delivered from Distraction. He can be contacted through his web site at www.DrHallowell.com.

with him or her, listening to and praising accomplishments are all part of this process.

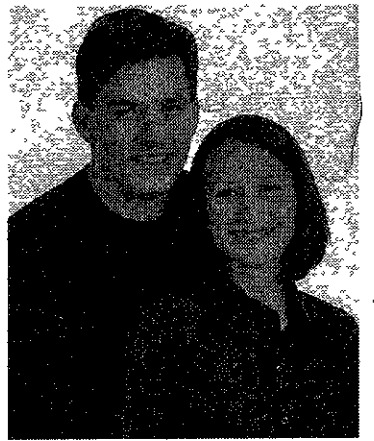
This copy was modified and extended from a set of tips supplied by the American Academy of Pediatrics (2004). We will discuss these tips more thoroughly in future columns. If you missed previously columns, you can access them at www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News.asp. Type "Alice R. McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns.

Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., the mother of five professionals, is a national consultant in the areas of parent involvement in schools, curriculum writing in health, and health publications. Write to her in care of the Observer/Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

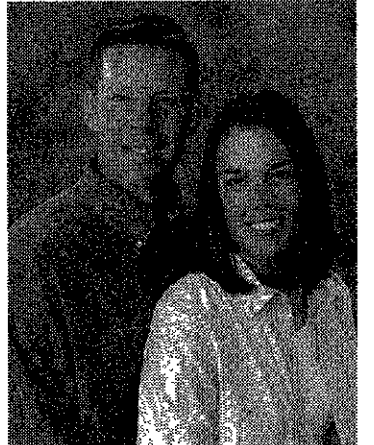
Honecker-Sample

Richard and Elaine Honecker announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Ann Honecker, to Christopher Douglas Sample, the son of John and Carol Sample of Canton. The couple will reside in Los Angeles. A Sept. 26, 2006 wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.



Stafford-Peterson

Sharon Cabreros of Canton announces the engagement of her daughter, former Canton resident Kimberly Anne Stafford of Portage, to Clark Allen Petersen of Portage, the son of Sheri and George Peterson of Champaign, Ill. The bride-to-be, the daughter of Cabreros and the late William Stafford, attended Canton High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed at The Moors Golf Club. The prospective groom, originally from Champlain, attended Centennial High School and Eastern Michigan University. He is the general manager at



The Moors Golf Club. An Oct. 8, 2005 wedding is planned at Yarrow Golf Resort in Augusta, Mich.

Brown-Mai

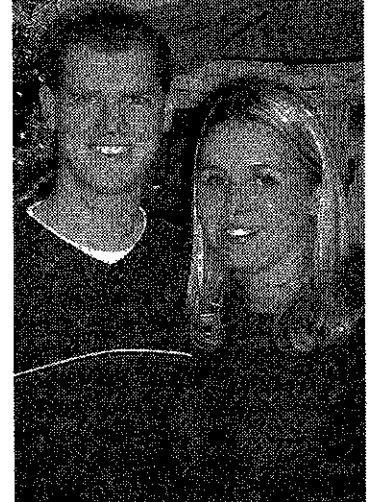
Bill Brown of Ossineke and Mickey Wiedbrack of Pensacola, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kamie Sue Brown, to Matthew Carl Mai, the son of Richard and Susan Mai of Northville. The bride-to-be was graduated from Salem High School in 1994 and from Eastern Michigan University in 2001. She works at Salon Awesome in Plymouth. The prospective groom is a 1987 graduate of Lutheran High Northwest and a 1992 graduate of Madonna University. He currently works



for Ultimate Limousine in Brighton. A Feb. 16, 2005, wedding and honeymoon are planned in Hawaii. The couple plans an August 2005 reception in Presque Isle, and will make their home in Northville.

Rzepka-Kaufman

Steven and Helen Rzepka of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Diane Rzepka, to Bryan William Kaufman, the son of William and Renee Kaufman of Canton. The bride-to-be is currently working on a bachelor's degree in health administration at Central Michigan University. The prospective groom is currently an account manager for Coca-Cola Co. and has a bachelor's degree in accounting information systems from Eastern Michigan University.



CLASS REUNIONS

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

- Class of 1955**
A 50-year reunion is being planned. For more information, call Barbara or Warner at (248) 435-4351 or email wieppi@wideopenwest.com.
- Cooley High School**
Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 17, 2005. For more information contact Penny Mertz Howley at (248) 553-2195.
- Detroit Redford**
Class of 1955
A 50-year reunion is planned for the

- January and June classes for Sept. 22-23, 2005, at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi. For more information, contact Carolyn Roberts Hartwig, 27851 Cranleigh, Farmington Hills 48336 or [RH\\$1955Reunion@aol.com](mailto:RH$1955Reunion@aol.com).
- Grosse Pointe North**
Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylor-reunions.com or e-mail: info@taylor-reunions.com.
- Highland Park**
Class of 1950

- Class of Jan./June, 1950 is planning a 55-year reunion in September 2005. For more information contact Dick McCrae at (586) 263-8179 or Fred Kашouty at (586) 294-7512.
- St. Florian School**
St. Florian School in Hamtramck is seeking all former students, teachers and staffers to join the newly created St. Florian Alumni Association. For information, call Greg Kowalski at (313) 893-5027 or e-mail gkowsalski@ameritech.net.

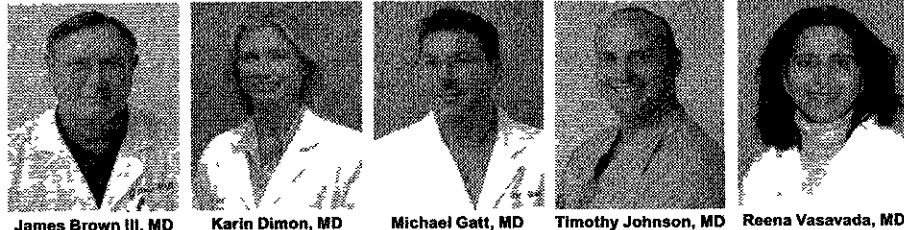
REUNIONS

Clawson High School

Westside Obstetrics and Gynecology welcomes Reena Vasavada, MD

The doctors of Westside Ob/Gyn are pleased to announce that Reena Vasavada, MD, has joined the practice.

At Westside Obstetrics and Gynecology you'll find a caring, supportive healthcare team to guide you through the stages of your life. You'll be cared for by professionals in your own community who genuinely care. We specialize in women's health, including pregnancy, perimenopause, menopause and urologic gynecology. We also offer state-of-the-art gynecologic surgery. We view our patients as partners in their care. We listen to your needs and explain treatment options in a caring compassionate manner.



Convenient Office Hours • Most Insurances Accepted
Medical Staff Members, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia
www.westside.yourmd.com

Two convenient locations to serve you...
15370 Levan Rd., Ste 1 Livonia, MI 48154 734.464.9055
5800 N. Litley Rd. Canton, MI 48187 734.981.2400

The doctors of Westside OB/GYN are on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, one of the only hospitals in southeastern Michigan with all private birthing suites. You'll also enjoy the personal touch of the Marian Women's Center for your mammography, bone density and educational needs. Just a short drive away with convenient access from I-96 and I-275.



Great doctors and nurses. In your own backyard. • www.stmarymercy.org

ANNIVERSARIES



LeBlanc
Francis and Deloris (nee Ricklefs) LeBlanc of Livonia celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 29 with a luncheon at St. Aidans Hall. They were married Jan. 29, 1945, at St. Gregory Parish in Detroit. Francis is from the Upper Peninsula and Deloris is from South Dakota. They have lived in this area 63 years.

Francis has been retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Co. 23 1/2 years and enjoys working on the computer. Deloris worked for Xcello's in 1945 and has since been a full-time homemaker. She enjoys crocheting and reading. The couple has six children, Francis of Tulsa, Okla., Bernard of Venice, Fla., Eugene of Farmington, Michael of Livonia, Marilyn of Livonia, and Joseph of Plymouth; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

HOOP CITY Grille
KEY PISTONS FANS. IT'S TIME TO GO TO EAT!
NOW OPEN!
Seven Days a Week for Lunch & Dinner
• Serving All-American Cuisine & Andiamo Specials
• Never Miss the Action - Sightlines to TVs from Every Seat in the House
• Call to Book Private Parties / VIP Meetings
• Join Us Before or After Your Movie at the Star Theatre

SUNDAY NIGHT BREW & VIEWS
FEATURING LOCAL DETROIT ATHLETES
Doors open at 6 pm. \$5 cover charge with all proceeds going to each athletes charity of choice.
Hosted by: **1270 SPORTS**

PISTONS vs LAKERS VIEWING PARTY
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10
Watch the Pistons vs. Lakers in the Studio Room. Tip-off is at 8 pm.
Hours of Operation
Mon - Wed 11 am - 11 pm
Thursday 11 am - 12 pm
Friday 11 am - 1 am
Saturday 12 pm - 1 am
Sunday 12 pm - 10 pm
Hours subject to change due to events & games.
25333 West 12 Mile Rd. - Southfield (248) 357-4667
Located on 12 Mile Rd., between Telegraph & Northwestern Hwy. in the Star Southfield Theatre Complex

<p>DEARBORN SAUSAGE Truck Load Sale Your Choice FRESH OR SMOKED POLISH SAUSAGE CAJUN SAUSAGE COOKED OR SMOKED BRATWURST Mild Hungarian German Knockwurst • Short or Skinless, 5-1 POLISH SAUSAGE \$2.00 lb. GROUND FRESH HOURLY Ground Beef From GROUND ROUND \$2.29 lb. Family Pac 5-10 lbs</p>	<p>DON'T FORGET THE DIP Better Made POTATO CHIPS 2/\$4 5 flavors 12 1/4 oz bag Single Bag \$2.19</p>	<p>USDA GRADE A Fresh Amish Whole TURKEY BREAST \$1.99 lb. Great for Deep Fryer</p>	<p>FROM OUR DELI DEPT Heat & Eat Items WING DINGS • MEATBALLS BBQ SAUSAGE BITS PARTY SUBS \$8-10 per ft. ORDER TIL FEB. 4TH Order Your Fresh PACZKIS For February 8th Early!</p>
<p>BOB'S OF CANTON Hackle High Prices 31210 W. Warren (at Merriman) Westland • 734-522-3357 HOURS: Mon-Fri, 10 am - 7 pm • Sat. 9 - 7 pm • Sun. 10 - 6 pm PRICES GOOD January 31st thru February 6th We Accept Food Stamps We Accept: Email Address: www.bobsforcanton.com Thank You!</p>			
<p>CORN FED SELECT BEEF Your Choice Center Cut Chuck Roast or Beef RUMP ROAST \$2.89 lb.</p>	<p>CORN FED SELECT BEEF NY STRIP STEAKS \$4.99 lb. Great for Tailgate Parties</p>	<p>USDA GRADE A Finger Lickin' Good BABY BACK SPARE RIBS \$3.99 lb.</p>	<p>GOVT INSPECTED BEEF Whole Beef TENDERLOINS \$5.69 lb. Sliced Free</p>

MINDWORKS

FROM PAGE C1

individual needs of each student.

Robinson said that organizations like Mindworks are a "viable option for parents."

Dunivin said the difference between Mindworks and other learning systems is the method involved.

"We change the way kids learn," Dunivin said. "We strengthen learning skills."

Mindworks doesn't use schoolwork to help its students — it uses a series of activities and games that help develop the memory.

"We improve the process of learning through a series of exercises that doesn't include homework," Dunivin said. "The last thing these kids want to do is schoolwork, especially if they're having real trouble."

The program at Mindworks lasts three to four months, with many parents seeing results within weeks.

Kathy Sultana of Canton has already seen "significant" changes in her son, Tyler, even though he's been in the program only since mid-November.

"His teachers have seen a complete turnaround," Sultana said. "He actively participates in class."

Sultana said that Tyler had been having problems in school since first grade. He always had

a hard time — his mind would wander.

Luckily, Tyler managed to get good grades, but it was always a battle for him to get his homework done. His problem was reading; he couldn't stay focused long enough.

Sultana took Tyler to Mindworks for testing to see if anything could be done for him. The test results determined that he has ADD — he has sequencing problems.

At Mindworks, Sultana said that Tyler is involved with an exercise called interactive metronome. Tyler listens on headphones to a series of beeps and he has to signal every time he hears one. It works with Tyler's memory and makes him pay attention.

Sultana said, "It's so simple — it's bizarre that it works."

Mindworks programs are designed to get to the root of the problem. In Tyler's case, the program has helped his attention span so that he can move forward in school.

If students don't advance academically, they're apt to fall behind, become frustrated with the entire educational process and drop out. Dunivin said that 75 percent of kids who don't read at their grade level never will. He added that nearly half the kids with learning disabilities drop out of school.

To keep kids from reaching the point of quitting school, Dunivin stresses early intervention.

"Third, fourth and fifth grades are the most important grades for learning in school," Dunivin said. "These are the grades that count."

Mindworks not only helps kids get better grades, it also reinforces their self-esteem. Many kids who are labeled learning disabled feel ashamed of their situation.

Emily Nall felt this way.

"She felt she was dumb," her mother said. "It affected her self-esteem big time — she had a real hard time."

After 20 weeks at Mindworks, she no longer feels dumb. She's getting good grades and is talking about going to college to be a veterinarian.

Tyler is also doing well in the self-esteem department. His mother said that there has been a big change.

"Tyler plays hockey and his coach told him that he wished the kids on the team had half the confidence that he does," Sultana said.

Dunivin stresses that Mindworks isn't for everyone. "There are kids that we can't help," he said. "In these cases, we let the parents know that our program just isn't for them."

But for the kids who do attend, Dunivin says that 90 percent improve their school grades within three to four months.

For more information on Mindworks, call (734) 929-6635 or go online at www.mindworkslarning.com.

LIVES

FROM PAGE C1

information and counseling. The good news is more family members are picking up the phone. Amy Youngquist believes that's because "society is starting to recognize this is truly a crime." By the end of the year they'll have helped nearly 7,000 people.

"We're helping more people and providing more for each," said Youngquist, associate director of the nonprofit agency based in Plymouth with an outreach office in Redford. "When they're calling the shelter it's like the last resort. They have no where to stay. We accept anyone that needs to be safe, not just Wayne County."

The most dangerous time is after a woman leaves home for the shelter. It's also the most emotional. It's at this time they and their children, some as young as 2 days, need not only clothing and diapers, but counseling. First Step programs immediately begin to help them regain stability and self-esteem. For the children, play sessions and art therapy may help them express what they've gone through.

"Children are frightened, confused. We may see behavioral problems," said Harris. "Some have problems communicating their needs."

Sometimes women come in with more than four children, with six, seven, eight. It's hard to find housing for them. Landlords won't rent to large families."

Extended stays mean more people living in the building that's expanded over the 16 years First Step has owned it. A leaky roof is just one of the problems. Harris says because the building is so old "we have to turn the heat up high — that means increasing energy costs."

"Things pop up daily," said Youngquist. "We're looking for a committee to build a new building, looking for people with skills."

ADVOCACY

First Step doesn't charge for their services or programs that include sending a children's advocate into schools starting in third grade as a measure of prevention. It costs around \$2 million a year to provide meals, clothing, transportation, formulas, and counseling for the survivors of domestic violence. Federal funding as well as private donations and fund-raisers such as the Feb. 11 charity dance help women and chil-

dren move on with their lives.

"It's the support of staff and volunteers that keep us going," said Youngquist. "This is an old building. We need skilled labor and financial donations, and we always need volunteers, skilled labor to do tiling and repairs, those who can make a longer commitment, work on the crisis line four hours a week after training. There are lots of ways in which they can help. We welcome men and women, elders, foster grandparents."

"The dance brings in additional money to help. A lot of stuff we get for the holidays, clothing, shoes carry us through the year but paper products, diapers, are needed all year long. All funding is tied to something. A leaky roof is not included, that's where fund raising is so essential to us."

First Step is able to provide services because of fund-raisers like the 15th annual charity dance 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Burton Manor, Livonia. Tickets are \$35 in advance and available by calling (734) 591-1900.

To volunteer at First Step, call (734) 416-1111.

lchomin@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2145

DANCE

FROM PAGE C1

doors are opened to eliminate long lines. We have more food, nine roast beef stations, and dessert courtesy of Bright House."

Duggan expects to fill 175 tables with 10 guests at each.

Last year, the event raised \$35,000 after expenses.

"The sooner they call the better," said Duggan. "I encourage them to buy raffle tickets. It helps offset the cost of the event and they can win a two-year lease for a Chevy Cobalt or Ford 500 from Tennyson Chevrolet or Bill Brown Ford. We have to sell 500 tickets at \$20 apiece. If not, it reverts to

a cash prize. We'll also have a raffle for everything from a flat screen TV to nights on the town. It's only \$10 and on the back is a coupon for a buy one get one dinner free at E.G. Nicks, Leather Bottle or Giulio's. Out of 15 years, I don't remember someone saying they didn't have a good time."

lchomin@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2145

CANTON CINEMA advertisement listing showtimes, prices, and contact information for various movies like 'Hide and Seek' and 'Phantom of the Opera'.

Grand Opening! Self-Serve Dog Wash advertisement featuring a \$10 special, dog wash services, and contact details for Canton-Plymouth's 1st Self-Serve Dog Wash.

Plymouth Christian Academy advertisement for a Preview Night on Monday, February 7th, 2005 at 7:00 PM, including contact info and location details.

Charter Township of Canton Access to Public Meetings notice, detailing the township's commitment to providing auxiliary aids and services for individuals with disabilities.

Advertisement for bids, Notice of Request for Proposal, Charter Township of Plymouth, including a table of waste and recycling volumes from 2002 to 2004 and submission instructions.

Planning Commission Charter Township of Canton Notice of Public Hearing, including a map of the Cherry Hill Site and information regarding rezoning requests.

Young actor makes good in Hollywood

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

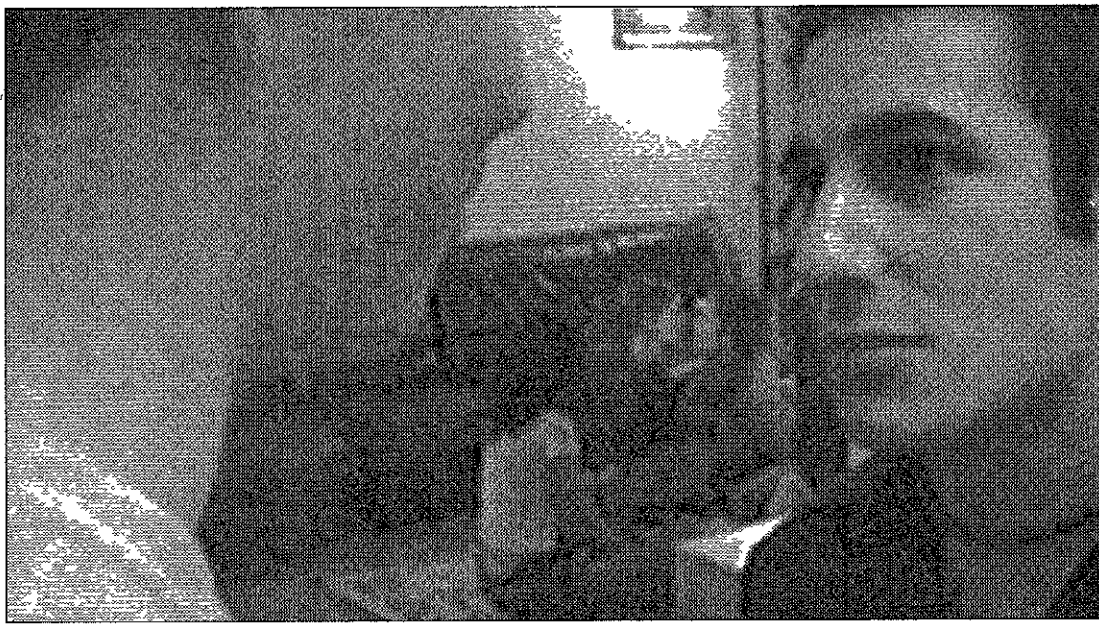
John Yono left Livonia for Los Angeles a little more than a year ago, but he already has wrapped shooting on several films including *There Can't Be Nothing*, premiered at Universal Studios in June, and *Clique*, an independent horror tale from Clarity Pictures.

Even though Yono stars in the teen slasher film and plays a supporting role in the drama about a love triangle, he's not letting success go to his head. Yono avoids late night Hollywood parties in favor of sleep. He says it's important to look good and be healthy in this city.

"It's a whole different world out there, from cars to clothes," said Yono, 23. "You rarely see a Ford there. You stop at a light and you're surrounded by BMWs, Audis, Ferraris. It's all about how you look. It's very fast. I've become immune to it."

He does occasionally have doubts about making it on the West Coast but not enough to lure him back home with his father, John, mother Cindy, four brothers and a sister. Yono loves his family but has dreamed of a career on the stage since his senior year at Churchill High School.

It was then he began thinking about becoming an actor.



This still is from the film "There Can't Be Nothing, which premiered at Universal Pictures last June. Livonia native John Yono (right) played a supporting role in the drama about a love triangle.

At the time he was playing drums in the hard core band, Elements of Aggression.

Yono didn't care for the lifestyle that included drugs. He took a theater class with James Hartman at Schoolcraft College and was hooked. For the next few years, Yono honed his acting skills in productions with the Plymouth Theatre Guild (now Spotlight Players) and the Farmington Players while saving his money for the big move. "When I was around

family and friends I always had the biggest mouth of the group," said Yono. "I was the one who wanted to entertain and make everyone laugh."

"I took acting classes at John Casablancas, a talent agency in Plymouth, and played a fan in the Billy Crystal film *67. After seeing what the set was like with thousand of lights — everyone watches you. I thought that was what I want to do. I got a lot more serious." Yono signed up with an

agent at The Talent Shop in Bingham Farms after hearing about the promoters while studying acting at Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea. It wasn't long before he landed a part in a commercial for Belle Tire, then headed off to Hollywood where actors seem to be everywhere, including serving coffee at Starbucks.

He doesn't let the competition intimidate him. Yono continues to drop off resumes and head shots to Hollywood studios in search of actors. He is presently working on a demo reel of films he's appeared in to add to his presentation.

"You've gotta do what you've gotta do," said Yono. "I prepared by working jobs in warehouses, everything to a stage hand and saved my money. My parents are very supportive."

"I live with two roommates in Glendale. When I have to, I do catering at celebrity events like the movie premiere of *The Bourne Supremacy* (Universal Pictures), MTV awards."

Side jobs keep Yono going financially so he can pursue an acting career.

"I feel so happy being on the set," said Yono, "even though it's a very long day."

lchomin@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2145



Star Struck

(Jan. 30 - Feb. 2)
By Dennis Fairchild

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

With Mercury and (soon) Venus entering your element and aspecting mighty Mars, you'll have to do something distasteful this week, something you would prefer to avoid but know you can't. Get it over with as quickly as possible, Balancer, but make sure you do a good job so that you don't have to go back and do it again.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You're surrounded by back-seat drivers who cannot understand the emotional or professional conflicts you are experiencing. Simply clear the air and make a complete break. With your ruling planet Mars changing signs next week, you'll be better off letting go rather than letting off steam, Ram.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Batten down the hatches, Bull! With your ruling planet Venus changing signs Wednesday, pay less attention to other's opinions and more to your own. The answers you seek are within reach, but you have been looking in all the wrong places recently. Let go of tunnel-vision; feed your head.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

With your ruling planet Mercury entering your element today, there may be a great deal more opposition than you expected this week, but don't even think of backing down because this is a battle that needs to be fought. Be bold and brave, Twin, and you should be the last one standing.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

There are few who have not experienced some kind of disappointment or financial loss recently, or paid dearly for counting too many chickens waay before hatch-time. Exercise your right to terminate any unsatisfactory arrangement — be it business or personal. Your best is yet to come, Crab!

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Before you throw good money after bad, consider what you are trying to achieve, Lion. The time is long past when you could spend your way out of trouble or flash that smile. What is needed now is not a fresh injection of cash and flash, but a fresh injection of class and ideas.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You know only too well that great works are achieved by perseverance rather than happenstance, Virgo. However, no amount of effort will be enough unless you open up and allow others to share the load now. You've paid your dues and done your time, Kiddo!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

With the Moon in your sign now, the worst thing you can do is fret about what you believe you ought to have done. Certain individuals have chosen to ignore your advice or have taken the law into their own hands. It's time to set about realizing your financial and professional goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Should you allow your principles to interfere with your ambitions and desires or should you ignore them? There is no easy answer to this predicament, but your instincts are likely to be correct now, Archer. By staying true to your ideals, you remain true to yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Keep your wits to ensure that new financial arrangements are not designed to give others more control or authority. Experience has taught you that the dividing line between dreams and reality is determined by self-belief. With Mars entering your sign next week, it's time to get your priorities in order!

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

There are two points to be remembered when dealing with personal matters now, WaterBearer. First, it is much easier to be critical than to be correct. Second, the only criticism that hurts is the kind that one deserves. For best results, be open-minded rather than full of yourself as Mercury enters your sign.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Home and domestic matters are highlighted now, and it'll be a wise Fish who pays attention and stays well within the perimeters that loved ones try to impose. It is difficult being detached when you feel hurt or disillusioned, but you can and must pull through.

Royal Oak astrologer **Dennis Fairchild** is author of several books on divination. For personal consultations, call (248) 546-6912 or DenFairchild@aol.com.

It's your time to **Shine**

20 Winners a Day
Get Up to \$500 in FreePlay!

FreePlay Giveaway
January 17- February 24

- 20 daily winners will receive \$250 in FreePlay, with an additional \$250 if you're a Players Club Member
- Drawings are held every Monday through Thursday at 6pm
- Treat a friend! All new Players Club Members get a \$10 FreePlay bonus just for signing up!

Tuesdays are Paydays at the Tables!
January 18 - February 22

When you play your favorite table games at MGM Grand, you could win up to \$500 instantly!

LUCKY TABLE TUESDAYS

Friday Seafood Feast

Go Overboard at Friday Seafood Feast!

Indulge with all-you-can-eat crab legs, fresh succulent seafood and more, every Friday (4pm - 11pm) at our award-winning MGM Grand Buffet.

Play Craps for Bonus Jackpots!

Play craps with your Players Club Card for your chance at progressive daily jackpots!

Plus, win an entry to the Golden Arm "Roll-Off" for your chance to win up to \$25,000!

Friday Seafood Feast

Go Overboard at Friday Seafood Feast!

Indulge with all-you-can-eat crab legs, fresh succulent seafood and more, every Friday (4pm - 11pm) at our award-winning MGM Grand Buffet.

Play Craps for Bonus Jackpots!

Play craps with your Players Club Card for your chance at progressive daily jackpots!

Plus, win an entry to the Golden Arm "Roll-Off" for your chance to win up to \$25,000!

MGM GRAND
DETROIT CASINO
Where the City Shines.

© 2005 MGM Grand Detroit Casino
MGM Grand Detroit Casino reserves the right to modify or cancel this promotion or sweepstakes at any time, for any reason without prior notice.

See Players Club for Details

For more information call 1-877-888-2121 or visit us on line at: mgmgranddetroit.com

If you bet more than you can afford to lose, you've got a problem. Call 1-800-270-7117 for confidential help.

OUR CLASSIFIED MARKETPLACE JUST GOT **BIGGER!**

20 newspapers!
35 nearby towns!
285,000 homes!
430,000 readers!

BIGGER IS BETTER! Call today

Reach more people every Thursday in suburban Detroit's finest market.

Call today for our special introductory ad rates for

- HELP WANTED
- SERVICE DIRECTORY
- AUTOMOTIVE
- MERCHANDISE

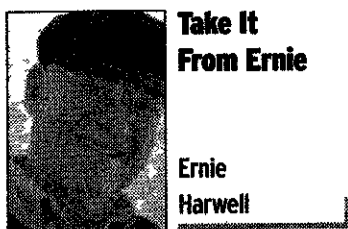
Observer & Eccentric and Mirror
NEWSPAPERS

Market Place

1-866-818-7653

Place your ad Online 24/7 at www.hometownlife.com

Source: The Media Audit, November 2004



Take It From Ernie

Ernie Harwell

Be careful shoveling

It's said that there are only two certainties in life: death and taxes. Well, I'd argue that here in Michigan, we have a third: snow.

Now there's no doubt snow can be beautiful. However, it can also pose some risks to our health.

If you have a personal or family history of heart disease or high blood pressure, if you smoke, or if you're generally an inactive person, you can be in a danger zone if you run out there to shovel the walk.

Even generally healthy people need to be careful. Here are some tips:

■ Freshly fallen snow is easier to shovel, so try to remove snow right after a storm.

■ Dress warmly and in layers.

■ Drink water to avoid dehydration.

■ Bend from the knees and tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow.

■ If the snow is too heavy to lift, push it like a snowplow.

Most importantly, take it slow and stop if you feel pain or discomfort.

The bottom line is that it's important to do what's right for your health. Your best options might be paying a youngster in the neighborhood to shovel your walk or asking someone for a helping hand. Take care of your health before it's lonnnngggg gone.

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

Observer & Eccentric HEALTH

www.hometownlife.com

Hugh Gallagher, editor
(734) 953-2149
Fax: (734) 591-7279
hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

Running on empty

New book proves recovery from anorexia is possible

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

At 85 pounds Carrie Arnold didn't think she was anorexic. Then one day everyone ordered pizza.

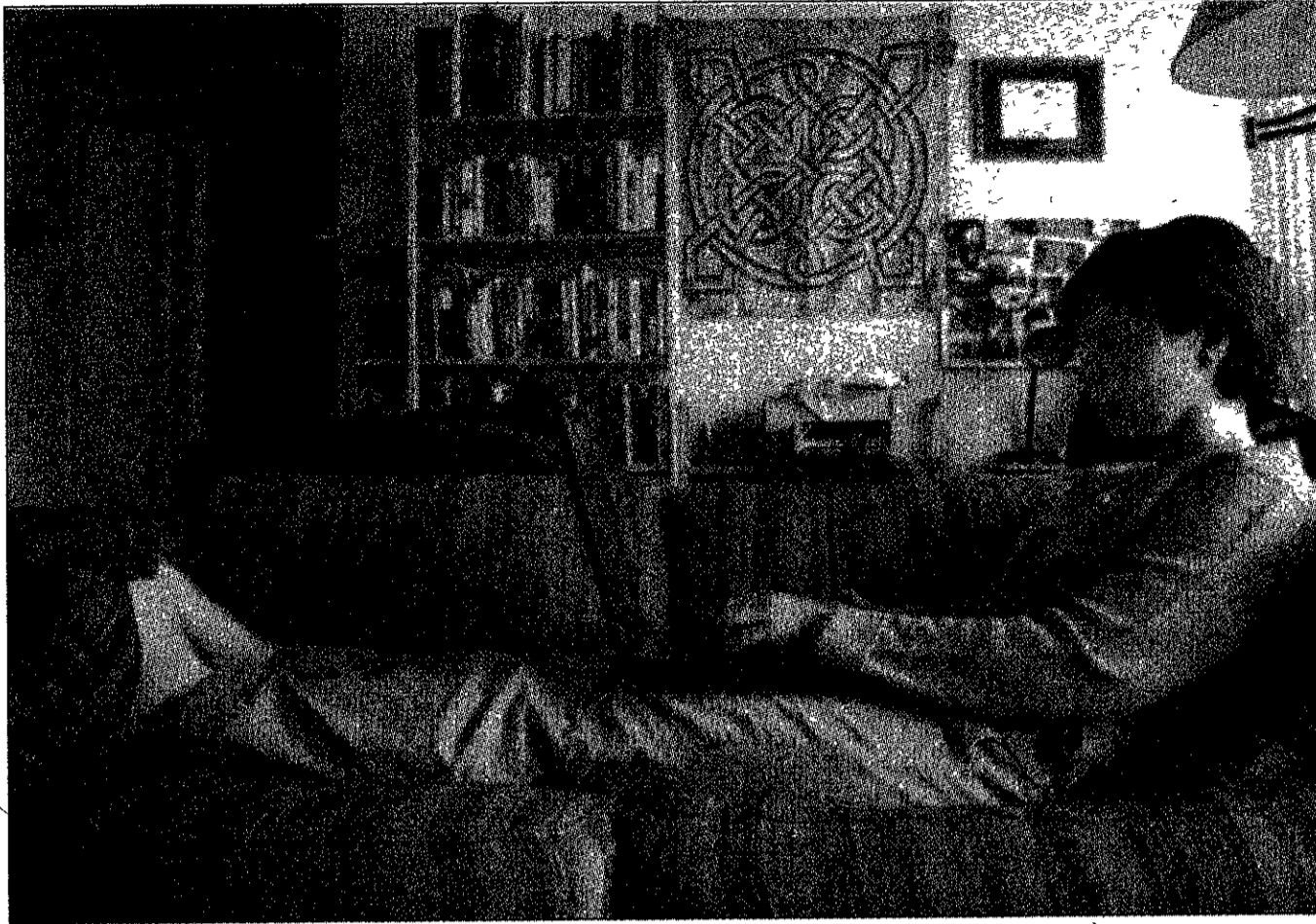
"I realized I wanted the pizza but couldn't say it and had a panic attack," said Arnold. "Then I knew I had a problem."

That was the summer of 2001. Arnold had been existing on lettuce, salsa, carrots, and mustard. Today, at age 24 she's at a healthy weight, completing graduate work at the University of Michigan and talking about anorexia.

Arnold's weight had been normal throughout high school in West Bloomfield, but began dropping during her junior year at Hope College. It was during this time she had to give up an internship at Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta because she was starving herself to death. Three hospitalizations later she is telling her story in the book "Running on Empty, a Diary of Anorexia and Recovery."

In the next several weeks she'll speak at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and West Bloomfield High School about her four-year battle with anorexia, bingeing and purging, excessive use of laxatives and over-exercising.

"It's hard to think you're anorexic because images in the media are skeletal, but that's not typical. You can be average weight and be anorexic. It's about how you feel about yourself and cope with your emotions," said Arnold.



BILL BRIESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carrie Arnold wrote much of her book stretched out on her sofa.

"An eating disorder isn't just cured when you stop behaviors. If you don't love yourself and find ways of dealing with life it's always a possibility to go back."

This fall Arnold relapsed. It was one of the scariest parts of her entire ordeal. Arnold ended up in the ER at University of Michigan Hospital where a doctor said her potassium level was so low she could have died from cardiac arrest.

Setbacks aren't necessarily a negative, according to Dr. Susan Gottlieb who wrote the forward for Arnold's

book. Gottlieb is Arnold's therapist.

"It's an opportunity to learn how to use your tools to cope," said Gottlieb who specializes in treating eating disorders in a private practice in Farmington Hills. "It's not about food. Food becomes the tool to deal with your emotions whether it be anxiety, depression, stress. It's a way not to deal with the issue."

"People can recover. It depends on how long they've had the disorder. The quicker you catch it the better the chances for a full recovery."

Arnold reached a point where she

"wanted to be better more than she wanted to be sick."

"I realized I was in recovery for sure during my third hospitalization at Beaumont," said Arnold. "I was munching on cold fish nuggets on the ninth floor and looking down at the traffic passing by on Woodward. I was eating Tater Tots, peas and fish nuggets, an anorexic's worst nightmare because of all the fat, and realized people driving by had not a clue I existed or that mean doctors made me

PLEASE SEE ANOREXIA, C7

MEMBER OF TRINITY HEALTH

DISCOVER THE MOST PRIVATE BIRTHING EXPERIENCE YOU COULD (EVER) CONCEIVE OF.

These doctors practice at the only hospital in southeastern Michigan with all private birthing suites. At St. Mary Mercy Hospital your entire stay - labor, delivery, recovery, and postpartum care (LDRP) - takes place in the same beautiful, private suite. With 24 hour neonatology and epidural anesthesia services and Jacuzzi showers in every suite, you'll enjoy comfort and peace of mind during your stay. And, because we know how important your friends and family are to you, we welcome them to stay with you - in your private suite. The only thing you'll have to worry about is what to name your baby.

Come to St. Mary Mercy Hospital and discover what being pampered is all about.

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL
BIRTHING SERVICES
Livonia, MI
Physician Referral
Call 1.888.464.WELL
www.stmarymercy.org

GREAT DOCTORS AND NURSES IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

YOU'RE INVITED!

We are planning an exciting and very special Wedding Guide!

Look for it on Thursday, February 24 right here in your hometown newspaper!

Note to our Advertisers: Our Wedding Guide is a perfect place for many of you to reach our extensive bridal/wedding market. Final deadline is Wednesday, February 9, 2005 and your advertisement will appear online for one month following publication. Call us soon!

THE Observer & Eccentric
NEWSPAPERS

WHERE HOMETOWN STORIES UNFOLD
OAKLAND COUNTY: 248-901-2500 . FAX 248-901-2553
ROCHESTER: 248-651-7575 . FAX 248-650-3501
WAYNE COUNTY: 734-953-2153 . FAX 734-953-2121
HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

OE08289404.EPS

Eating disorders damage young bodies

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Patrizia Jesue's clients are getting younger and younger, some as young as 8. They come to her Bloomfield Hills practice afraid to eat.

A registered dietitian, Jesue develops a meal plan and makes sure they see a psychologist or therapist to help them conquer their disorder before it damages their bodies. Jesue's seen young adults developing signs of kidney failure or wearing a full set of dentures because of purging, or breaking bones because of osteoporosis.

It's important to reach young girls before this happens. On March 18, she'll be at Dunkle Middle School in Farmington Hills talking with sixth- through eighth-grade students about eating disorders. Earlier in the month, she'll be at Beaumont Hospital. For information on the March 2 event, call (248) 898-9700, visit www.geocities.com/jesuepd or send e-mail to jesuepd@yahoo.com.

"It's not usually bulimia but anorexia. They're not purging or throwing up," said Jesue. "I help them gain weight and get them to understand what a healthy body weight is. I help them overcome their fear of food. They might be afraid of foods with fat. Now with the fear of carbs, they won't eat bread or pasta. They believe if they eat these foods they will get fat. They have a distorted belief about these foods."

Jesue teaches them the basics of healthy eating. She doesn't tell them not to eat potato chips or drink pop, but do it in moderation. "Low carbohydrate is a huge problem now," said Jesue. "Everybody is focused on low carb. That's really a frustrating part of my practice. There's no medical basis behind it. They need carbohydrates. They're young and growing."

So what should a parent do when they realize their child is suddenly cutting out foods they once enjoyed, counting calories and losing weight or

'Don't emphasize dieting, instead healthy eating. Allow your child to have anything they want in moderation. My advice for parents is to look at their eating behaviors as role models to their children.'

Dr. Susan Gottlieb
therapist

"Don't emphasize dieting, instead healthy eating," said Dr. Susan Gottlieb, a therapist specializing in eating disorders in a private practice in Farmington Hills. "Allow your child to have anything they want in moderation. My advice for parents is to look at their eating behaviors as role models to their children. If a child sees a parent is afraid of food themselves or

can't go a day without exercising, or constantly talking about food, those are unhealthy eating behaviors. There's no such thing as good or bad food. It's how much you have of them."

Gottlieb has one final but crucial tip for parents of children with eating disorders. "The sooner you catch this disease the better the chance of recovery," said Gottlieb. "Even if resistant to going it doesn't mean they won't get better. It's a tough road."

"Gently confront the person. Seek professional help with a person who specializes in eating disorders to evaluate the extent and rule out any disease that may present itself. Make sure there's not a physical reason for the disorder like a thyroid problem. And don't wait. It's a killer disease. Osteoporosis can't be reversed. That's why you want to catch it as quickly as possible."

ichomin@oe.homecomm.net
(734) 953-2145

ANOREXIA

FROM PAGE C6

eat. I thought, this is kind of stupid. It dawned on me how self-defeating this was."

Arnold began writing about her experiences as part of a senior project at Hope College. Her adviser came to her after and said "you need to write this whole story." She'd been keeping journals for 10 years so the process went quickly.

Writing was therapy for Arnold as was working at the Build-A-Bear Workshop and making herself a Recovery bear.

"Part of getting better is learning to have fun, giving myself permission," said Arnold.

Dr. Alexander Sackeyfio says "there's a lot of pressure on ages 6 through 60 to do better, choose the right direction, be productive." That's part of the problem along with media portrayals of thin, beautiful young women.

"They feel we have all these choices," said Sackeyfio, a psychiatrist and neurologist at Beaumont Hospital where he treated Arnold. "The brighter ones get caught up in this illness. They think, we have a host of things to be good at and people expect me to. We're setting people up for the anxiety." Sackeyfio believes Arnold's book proves recovery is possible. That's important because he's seeing younger people, more males in his private practice with Gottlieb in Farmington Hills.

"I'm almost always hopeful," said Sackeyfio. Eating disorders are treatable. Sackeyfio, a medical doctor and director of Beaumont's Eating Disorders program, and a panel of doctors, nurses, social workers and therapists will explore options during Feb. 28 and March 2 sessions at the hospitals. Arnold speaks on March 2. For information, call (248) 898-9700.

Running on Empty is available on the Amazon and Barnes & Noble Web sites, and through First Page



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carrie Arnold with her Recovery Bear. Arnold named the bear Lee Ann after Lee Ann Womack. Anytime she feels like reverting to old eating behaviors, she plays the CD with 'I Hope You Dance' to give her strength.

'The brighter ones get caught up in this illness. They think, we have a host of things to be good at and people expect me to.'

Dr. Alexander Sackeyfio
Beaumont physician

Publications in Livonia. In addition to the speaking sessions, Arnold appears at book signings 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Border's in Birmingham, and Sunday, Feb. 20, at Border's in downtown Ann Arbor. From 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, she is the featured author at Mugs Coffee Shop in Commerce Township. For more information, call First Page at (734) 525-1900 or (800) 343-3034.

ichomin@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2145

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

Menopause and heart disease

St. Mary Mercy Hospital sponsors the presentation focusing on The Change of Life and Change of Heart 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. No charge, but registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

Speakers will be St. Mary Mercy physicians Karin Dimon, M.D., obstetrician; and Roy Misirliyan, M.D., cardiologist. The presentation is also sponsored by the Go Red for Women Committee and American Heart Association to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease in women and empowering them to take charge of their health.

Balance Your Hormones

And Your Life 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2 (for ages 16 and up), at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, Hubbard and Five Mile. Deadline for registration is Jan. 31. Activity number is 1541.471. Fee is \$25 for a pass holder, \$30 resident, \$35 non-resident. For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Bio-identical natural hormone replacement

Have all of your questions answered in this interactive seminar conducted by Pamela W. Smith, M.D., a nationally known specialist on bio-identical hormone replacement and University Compounding Pharmacy 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the MSU Management Educational Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Discussion includes hormone replacement therapy, alternative treatments, osteoporosis, nutrition and other topics related to menopause. To reserve a seat or for more information, call (248) 267-5002. A \$10 registration fee will apply.

Cholesterol screening

In an effort to educate community members about the importance of maintaining healthy cholesterol levels, the University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses is teaming up with Kroger to offer cholesterol screening clinics. More than 64 million Americans suffer from some form of cardiovascular disease,

which remains the number one killer in America, according to the American Heart Association. High blood cholesterol is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. A total cholesterol level higher than 240 can double a person's risk for heart disease and stroke. Clinics will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at several locations including Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 1771 Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti; Thursday, Feb. 10, 2010 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti; Saturday, Feb. 12, 400 S. Maple Road, Ann Arbor; Monday, Feb. 14, 2641 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor; and Friday, Feb. 18, 3200 Carpenter Road, Ypsilanti. Cost is \$10 each and will provide Total and HDL cholesterol levels. People younger than 18 must bring parent or guardian. For more heart disease and cholesterol information, visit www.americanheart.org.

Boost Camp Day

A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through

wholeness that can be very beneficial to the participants, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at the Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River, Novi. Cost is \$50 per person, includes lunch and materials. Registration required. For information, call (248) 465-5455.

Autism fund-raiser

The coaches for all five of Detroit's professional sports teams will lead an all-star team 5:30-11 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, includes appetizers, auction, dinner and game, at The Palace of Auburn Hills to raise money for metro Detroit children and adults with autism. The fund-raising dinner will benefit Jack's Place for Autism, a nonprofit founded by Detroit Tigers broadcaster Jim Price and his wife, Lisa. For tickets to the event or to make a donation, call (248) 443-7427. Additional information is available at www.jacksplace-forautism.org.

Time for a test of thyroid levels

An estimated 13 million Americans have thyroid disorders, but more than half still remain undiagnosed. A few signs of an underactive thyroid are tiredness, dry coarse hair, dry skin, high cholesterol, loss of lateral eyebrow hair, puffy face and eyes, slow heartbeat, weight gain, headaches, depression, and constipation.

Some of the signs of an overactive thyroid are nervousness, difficulty sleeping, bulging eyes, rapid heartbeat, increased sweating, unexplained weight loss, fine tremor of fingers, muscle weakness, and infertility. All it takes is a few blood tests to see what levels are.

Read
Taste

Doctor Nagler's Super-Saver Injection Program
LOSE 5-10 POUNDS THIS WEEK
20 POUNDS THIS MONTH
\$199* Enrollment \$65/Week
734.422.8040
Diet Results.com 16311 Middlebelt
Bill Nagler, M.D. 734.422.8040 Livonia, MI 48154
New Topamax and Zonagran stop sweet and starch cravings.

Arthritis Today
JOSEPH J. WEISS, M.D. RHEUMATOLOGY
18829 Farmington Road
Livonia, Michigan 48152
Phone: (248) 478-7860
NEW TECHNOLOGY AND OLD ARTHRITIS
In arthritis, the best use of modern technology comes with imaging. From 1900 until the mid 1980's doctors depended on x-rays to give information that an examination could not provide. The development of CT (computed Tomography) and MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) opened up a new world in understanding what causes joint pain. For an appreciation of joint pain in the hand & wrist, shoulder, hip, knee, ankle and foot, MRI has proved particularly valuable.
The reason is because this imaging reveals the role played by tendons and ligaments in causing pain. In addition, until MRI became available, the medical community could not know how often bone swelling rather than joint inflammation was the reason for arthritis. Such swelling, not noted on x-rays, is easily seen with MRI.
These findings changed medical practices, causing it to shift to surgery and bracing rather than relying on more medications and enforced rest.
The advances in technology in joint surgery are nearly as great as in imaging. The materials and instrumentation allow smaller incisions, shorter operative time and longer life of the joint implant. Your hospital stay is less, you are walking sooner, and the risk of complications diminishes markedly.
Finally, the medicines in development now to treat arthritis are based on molecular cell principals made known only by the best applications to biology of computer and microchip technology.
www.drjweiss.yourmd.com

Do you have Fibromyalgia (FMS)?
Help us better understand this disorder.
Volunteer to participate in research!

The University of Michigan Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center (CPFRC) is recruiting and screening individuals diagnosed with FMS to become part of a research candidate pool. Prior to enrollment in the pool, individuals with FMS will be asked to attend a screening appointment.

Potential research candidates should be between 18-45 years of age and have been previously diagnosed with FMS.

Upon completion of a screening evaluation, eligible volunteers will be advised of upcoming studies and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of research projects to be conducted over the next 1-3 years.

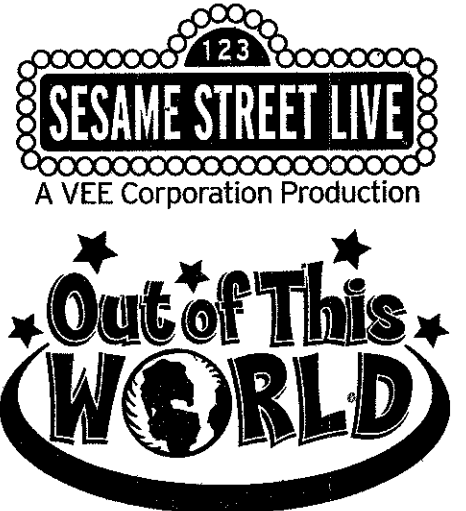
Volunteers receive financial compensation for time and participation.

For more information about the research candidate pool and/or to schedule a screening appointment contact the CPFRC at:
1-866-288-0046

IRB MED #2002-0678

Congratulations to

Jaime Swint, a kindergarten teacher at the Academy of Lathrup Village in Southfield, MI, is the lucky winner who will receive a Little Caesars pizza party for her class, including tickets to Sesame Street Live's new show, "Out of this World" at the Fox, Edy's ice cream for dessert, and a meet & greet with a Sesame Street Live character!



February 3-13

Tickets available at the Fox Theatre Box Office and through [ticketmaster](http://ticketmaster.com) 248-433-1515 ticketmaster.com

Opening Night Discounts!
All Seats \$10!
(Excluding Premium).

Thursday, February 3 at 7:00PM
Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00PM

Sponsored locally by:



Pizza courtesy of Little Caesars, ice cream courtesy of Edy's.



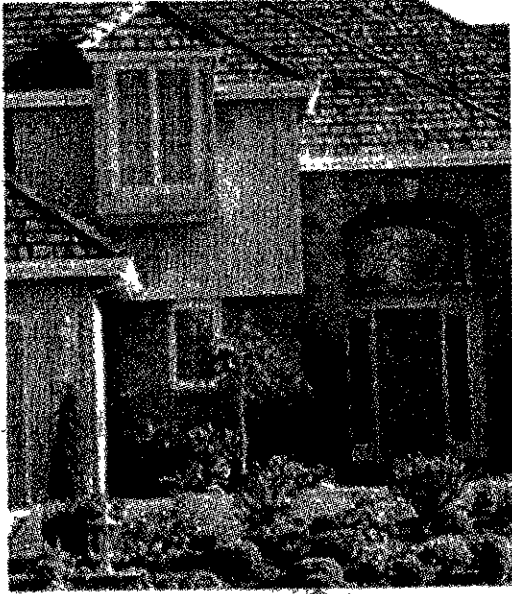
Sponsored by:



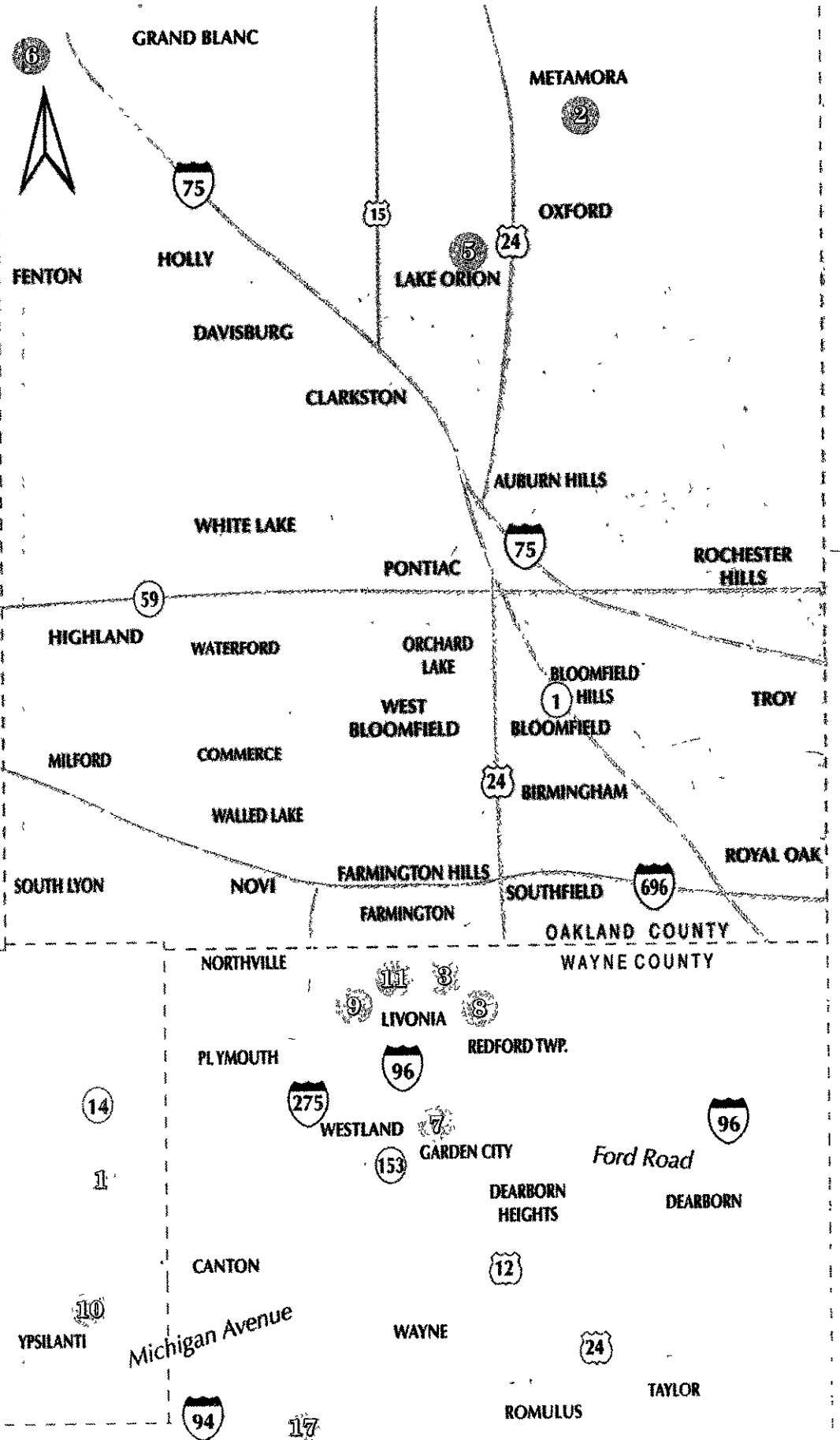
WE'VE BEEN SETTING THE STAGE FOR 25 YEARS.

TM © 2005 Sesame Workshop 169272 1/05

NEW HOME DIRECTORY



**An Area Wide
Collection of Fine
Homes
— and —
Planned
Communities
— in the —
Metro Detroit Area**



Visit Our Website
www.hometownlife.com

*Look for the
color and
number of the
new home
community you
are interested
in. We have a
location for
everyone.*

Visit These Outstanding New Homes Today!

1
**LOTS
FOR SALE**
STRATFORD PARK
TIMBERVIEW ACRES
ROLLING HILLS
See our "Ad" in Classified Section
(248) 559-7430
J.A. Bloch & Sons

4
**Hometown
Village of Marion**
neighborhood pool, fitness center,
sidewalks & park.
Howell Schools
1/4 mile S. of I-96, W. of D-19
FROM THE LOW \$200'S
517.540.1300
www.thebuilderofdreams.com

*Visit These
Outstanding
Communities
Today*

10
**Bromley
Park**
BEST VALUE IN SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP
Starting from the mid-160s
On Geddes Rd. between Ridge & Prospect
734-482-1440
OPEN DAILY 12-5, CLOSED THURSDAY

*This
Color
Spot
Can Be
Yours!*

*Check
Next
Week for
New
Listings!*

2
**Country
Club Living**
From the
low \$300's
248.969.8300
www.thebuilderofdreams.com

5
**HOMETOWN
Village of Waterstone**
Traditional neighborhood. Big front porches, white picket
fences, sidewalks throughout. Adjacent to golf course.
BUILDER CLOSE OUT
Off of Burdick Rd./Seymour Lake Rd.
1/2 mile W. of Lapeer Rd. in Oxford
248.969.3200
www.thebuilderofdreams.com

8
**BROOKSIDE
ESTATES**
Single Family Homes
from \$359,900
248-476-9960
Visit During Our Sales Hours.
Mon - 8:30pm
Closed Thursdays
or by appointment
Phoenix
Home Building Company

*For The
Latest in
Real Estate
Visit
hometownlife.com*

*Visit These
Outstanding
Communities
Today*

17
Wildbrook
Single Family Homes
Starting at \$205,990
South Side of Savage between Haggerty &
Martinsville Road, Van Buren Township
(734) 697-1555

3
Fountain Park
Ranch Townhomes
from \$159,000
734-367-0922
Visit During Our Sales Hours
Noon - 6:00pm
Closed Thursdays
or by appointment
Phoenix
Home Building Company

6
**Country
Cottage
Real Estate**
Neighborhood pool, fitness
center, and soccer fields
From the mid \$200's
810.603.2600
www.thebuilderofdreams.com

9
**BROOKSIDE
VILLAS**
Condos with First Floor Master
Bedroom from mid \$200's
248-476-3536
Visit During Our Sales Hours
11am - 6:00pm
Closed Thursdays
or by appointment
Phoenix
Home Building Company

*This
Color
Spot
Can Be
Yours!*

*For The
Latest in
Real Estate
Visit
hometownlife.com*

*Check
Next
Week for
New
Listings!*



To Place an Ad on this Page, Call 734.953.2176 **Observer & Eccentric**
www.hometownlife.com

NEW HOMES

Observer & Eccentric
NEWSPAPERS

Classifieds inside - To place an ad call toll free 1-800-579-SELL (7355)
Fax: (734) 953-2232

Section D

Sunday, January 30, 2005

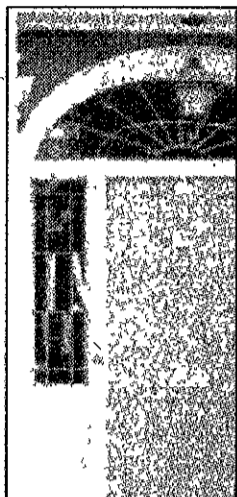
Keely Schramm, editor
(734) 953-2105
Fax: (734) 591-7279
kschramm@oe.homecomm.net

www.hometownlife.com

CLASSIFIED INDEX

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER
Real Estate For Sale	3000-3880
For Sale By City	3040-3480
For Sale By County	3520-3570
Misc. Real Estate	3580-3880
Commercial/Industrial	3900-3980
Real Estate For Rent	4000-4400

Our complete index can be found inside this section



Call Toll Free
1-800-579-SELL (7355)

Fax Your Ad: (734) 953-2232

Walk-In Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
After Hours: Call (734) 591-0900

Deadlines: To place, cancel or correct ads.

Sunday
5:30 p.m. Friday
Sunday Real Estate
5:30 p.m. Thursday
Thursday
6 p.m. Tuesday
Thursday Real Estate Display
3 p.m. Monday

View the Observer & Eccentric Real Estate Classifieds on the Web:

www.hometownlife.com

Little changes add up to large savings

(MS) - No one enjoys coming home to a dark house on a long and cold winter night.

Not only can it be dangerous - hiding slick, icy patches or potential burglars - it also doesn't project the cozy curb appeal homeowners desire.

However, keeping entryways illuminated during much of the night can prove costly - both for you and the environment.

Did you know that the wasted or expended energy and loss of heat from standard incandescent lighting emits harmful greenhouse gas emissions into the air?

Not to mention how expensive it is for you when power plants must maintain a certain level of energy to keep your home illuminated.

The truth is, you can save more than money by switching your lighting fixtures to Energy Star® labeled fixtures.

You can save money and energy by using Energy Star lighting in areas where you keep lighting on for long time periods, such as foyers, family rooms and outdoors at porches and garages.

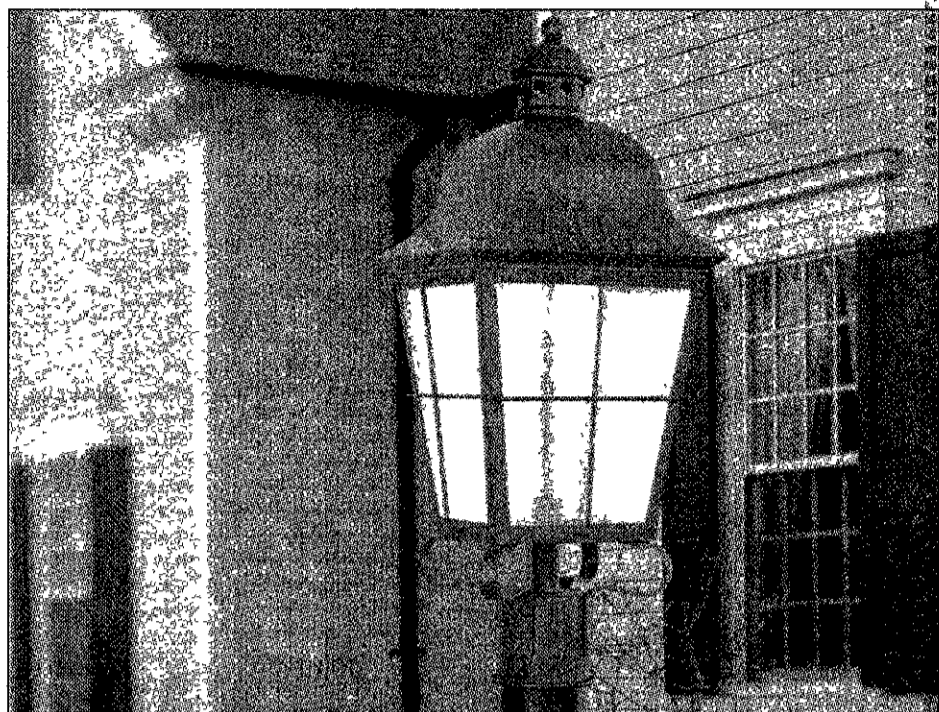
These specially designed light bulbs and fixtures meet high standards for energy efficiency and use up to 75 percent less energy without sacrificing quality. Additionally, most bulbs are tested to last at least 10,000 hours.

If you think you have to sacrifice style or are concerned that the color of fluorescent lighting is too ugly, think again.

Today's energy-efficient lighting is so much more advanced than the old "flicker, hum and green-glow lighting" of years ago.

Manufacturers such as Sea Gull Lighting (www.seagullighting.com) are working within the strict guidelines of the EPA's Energy Star® program and offering lighting options that deliver an instant-start technology, combined with equivalent light output and color rendering and style to any standard incandescent fixture.

For more information on Energy Star® lighting products, or to find a Sea Gull Lighting dealer near you, call (800) 347-5483 or visit www.SeaGullLighting.com/energystar.



Trade in costly incandescent lighting for energy-efficient fluorescent choices that meet Energy Star guidelines.

Lawn sign lets people know you want to sell

I have nosy neighbors, what if I don't want to have a sign in my lawn?

This is a common concern. Selling your home is a big step and often a very personal one. What if you have pesky, nosy, neighbors and you don't want them to know that you are selling your house? Sometimes neighbors love nothing more than to spread gossip or come into your home to get decorating ideas. Do you tell your Realtor that you don't want to have a sign, thereby avoiding these intrusive neighbors?

There is no doubt that by having a sign you are giving up some of your anonymity. However, from the point of view of selling your home a lawn sign is critical.

Some of the reasons for this are:
■ Often more calls inquiring about your home come from the sign than from any other source.



Ask a Realtor

Michael Aldouby

■ Many times the people who end up buying your house will have done so because they have friends and family who live in your area. Therefore, from a marketing point of view, you want your neighbors, even your nosy ones, to know that your home is for sale. Good Realtors realize this and will send mailings into your area promoting that your home is for sale.
■ The law of supply and demand. What the law of supply and demand says in this case is that the more buyers that you have interested in your house, the more likely it is that

Sooner or later, your neighbors will probably figure out that you are selling your house.

you will get the offer that you want. Conversely, the fewer buyers that you have, the less likely that you will get close to your asking price. It's therefore critical that your home be exposed as much as possible to potential buyers. You need to determine what is most important to you. If you want to sell it discreetly, then you probably shouldn't have a sign. However, by selling it without a sign you are handicapping your Realtor. This means that it could take longer to sell your home, at less favorable terms and for far less money. Your home is probably your biggest

asset/investment. You want to make it as easy as possible for your Realtor to market your home and get you the maximum price. The last thing you want to do is make it tougher for your Realtor to do his or her job, which could end up costing you thousands of dollars.

Sooner or later, your neighbors will probably figure out that you are selling your house. If you have showings, and hopefully you will numerous showings, they may realize something strange is going on when they see people in suits leading couples into your home.

Michael Aldouby is a columnist and a Realtor with RE/MAX New Trend in Farmington Hills. He has an M.B.A. with a concentration in marketing. He is happy to answer any real estate questions you may have or to receive any comments about the column. Please feel free to call him at (248) 553-5050, Ext. 264, or e-mail him at michaelaldouby@remax.net.

OPEN HOUSES OF THE WEEK

Single Family Homes



Cavell Woods

Livonia's Newest Subdivision
Your key to a Beautiful Custom Home

From The Low \$270's

Featuring pre-construction pricing

(Interest Rates Are Rising)

Act now to lock in historic low rates.

- Attached garage
- All brick elevations
- Full basements
- Walk-in closets
- Fireplaces
- 1st floor laundry
- Luxurious master suites

PAUL MACERI
RE/MAX 100

cell: 734.560.8075

office: 248.348.3000

realtyrep@comcast.net

MODEL HOURS
DAILY.....1-4
CLOSED THURSDAY
SAT. & SUN.....12-5PM

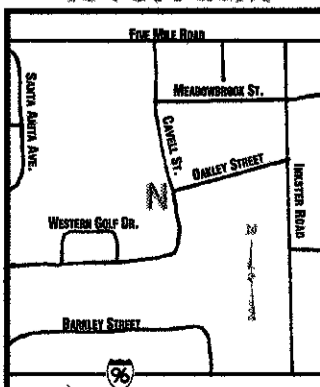
BROKERS WELCOME

SOAVE COMPANIES
DEVELOPMENT

Convenient to:

- Expressways
- Shopping districts
- Highly Accredited Livonia Schools

PATHWAY FINANCIAL, LLC
FINANCING PROVIDED BY
JERAD KINNEY
734-377-3626



Woodward Place

OF BIRMINGHAM

Quiet by Nature...

Exciting by Choice

- WALK TO EXCITING DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM
- GATED COMMUNITY
- RANCH STYLE PLANS
- GOURMET KITCHENS
- COVERED PARKING



Starting in the Low 300's

COURTYARD CONDOMINIUM HOMES ON THE RIVER

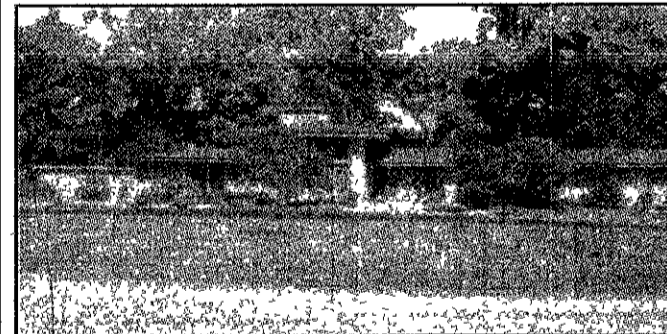
Visit our models 7 days a week.
Monday-Saturday 12-5, Sunday 12-4
or by appointment.

CONTACT OUR OFFICE:
248-594-6680



website www.woodwardplace.net

1113 NORTH OLD WOODWARD AVE.
BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN



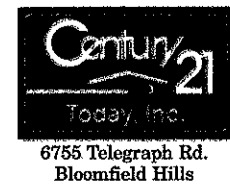
Bloomfield Hills

Perfect 1.62 Acre Ravine Setting
For Unique Ranch Style Home
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
By Appointment

This spectacular all brick contemporary ranch is situated on an absolutely gorgeous 1.62 acre parcel of land. Its beautifully landscaped grounds, with many mature trees, towering evergreens, ornamental shrubs and a multitude of perennial gardens, is a "paradise" in the City of Bloomfield Hills.

Offering 5,100 sq. ft. of living area, this magnificent residence has a unique foyer that adjoins a gallery and all other areas of the home. Its formal living room, with 19' ceiling, has a natural fireplace with cherrywood surround and massive windows that overlook the home's serene park-like setting. The formal dining room, also with a 19' ceiling, has its own quaint marble fireplace. The beautifully updated kitchen has bleached maple cabinetry with granite counters, double sinks, jetted tub, separate shower and bidet. The fabulous finished walk-out lower level, with high ceiling, has a family room with fireplace, a bonus room, 3 bedrooms with doorways to patios, full bath and a massive utility area with an abundance of storage space.

Other features of the home include maple hardwood floors through-out, central air, security system, multiple paver patios, 3 car garage with custom built-ins for storage, circular drive and in ground sprinkler system. Offered at \$1,595,000



For additional information
or to arrange for
a private showing, Call
(248) 647-8888
www.century21today.com

Contemporary Vay provides great floor plan for families

Contemporary styled Vay has 2,001 square feet of living space arranged in an innovative floor plan that centers around family life. With the sleeping quarters on opposite sides of the home, and family gathering places in the middle, privacy can be had by all while still maintaining an atmosphere of togetherness.

The recessed entry of the Vay takes you directly into the vaulted family room. Here friends can gather in the warmth of a huge fireplace and enjoy each other's company, or let the built-in entertainment center provide the fun.

Two identical vaulted rooms are on either side of the entry. One is a dining room with direct access to the kitchen. Here, on more formal occasions, dinner may be served. The other is a small living room, ideal for spending time with a good book. Both have large windows, with half rounds above, providing plenty of sunlight and an excellent view.

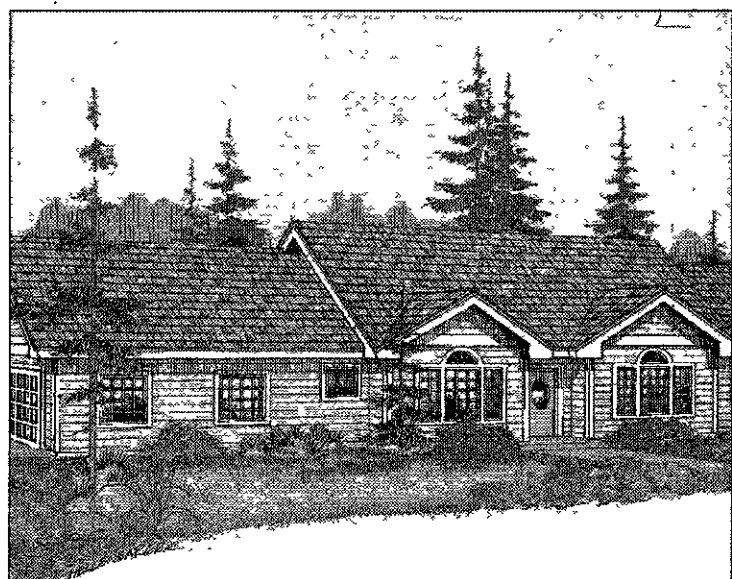
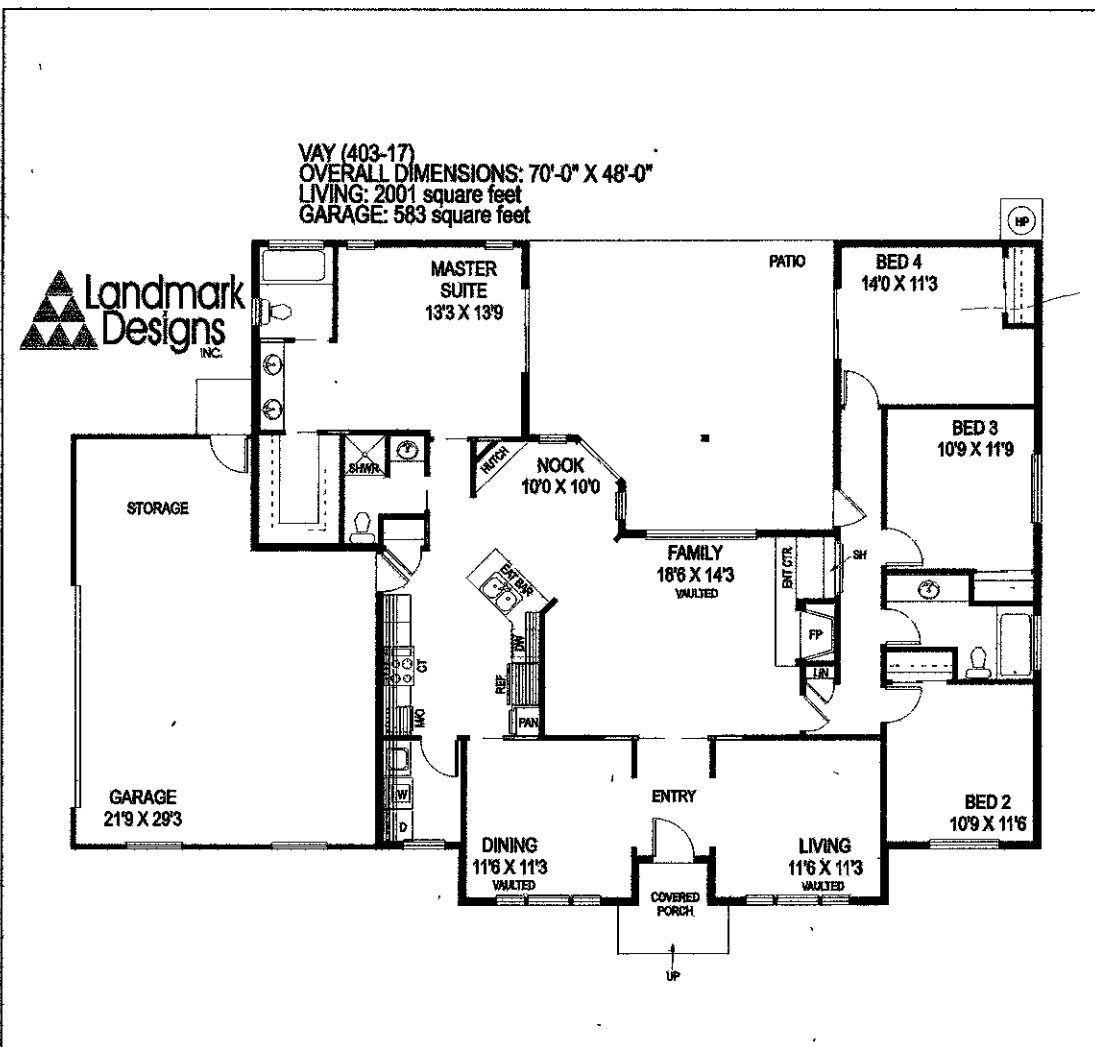
The right side of the floor plan has three bedrooms that share a long hallway. Two of them are separated from the third by a full bathroom. One of them could easily be converted for use as a home office or a sewing/music room. Extra

storage space is available in the hallway. An exceptionally large patio divides this three-bedroom wing from the isolated master suite. This patio is big enough to invite the whole clan over for a barbecue.

The roomy master suite is sure to please. Amenities here include a private bathroom, twin vanities, walk-in closet and a sliding glass door to the patio.

The location of the kitchen will be a delight for the cook in the household. Groceries can be brought in directly from the garage. No need to worry about the weather. Features include an eating bar, pantry, skylight, microwave oven and built-in desk. Informal meals can be served in the adjacent nook, which has a built-in hutch. A small utility room adjoins the kitchen.

Order or search through thousands of plans on-line at www.landmarkdesigns.com. Use the code CODE and save 15 percent on full set orders. Or call (800) 562-1151, making sure you have the discount code CODE and the plan name and number VAY (403-17). Study plans for \$24.95 are available for all plans.



Meadowbrook Townhome Condominiums

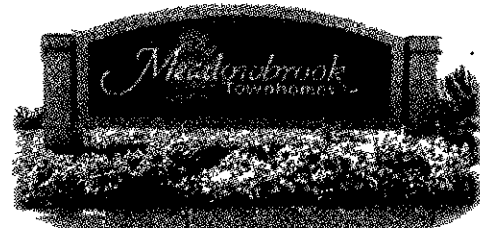
Conveniently located South of 13 Mile Road. West off Meadowbrook Road. Easy Access to M-5 and Twelve Oaks Mall.

Affordable Pricing Starting at \$234,900

Offering 12 distinct two story floor plans, some accommodating first floor master suites, two & three bedroom plans, ceramic baths, 9 ft. ceilings on main floor, first and second floor laundry rooms, full private basement with rough plumbing for bath, some daylight and walkout sites, two car garages, volume ceilings, walking paths, and low maintenance fee. Walled Lake Schools.

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- Electric Range
- 21 cu. ft. Refrigerator
- Microwave
- Dishwasher
- Disposal
- Central Air
- Rough Plumbing in Basement-3 piece



For additional information call 248-349-6900 • Brokers Welcome
Model Hours are Daily 12:00-5:00 pm. (Closed Thursday).
www.meadowbrooktownhomes.info or e-mail writetoheidir@aol.com

Please recycle this newspaper

Grand Opening!

IN CANTON

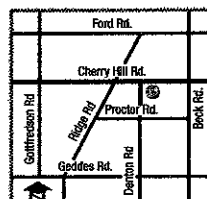
3 FURNISHED MODELS NOW OPEN!

Own A Sophisticated Condominium from the **\$200's**

INFORMATION CENTER NOW OPEN DAILY 11 AM - 5 PM

- Basements
- Attached garages
- Plymouth/Canton schools
- Fireplaces
- Gourmet kitchens with all appliances included
- Balconies or patios
- First floor laundries with washer/dryer included

734-844-7824



Located at the Southeast Corner of Cherry Hill and Denton Roads.



cherryhillgardens.com

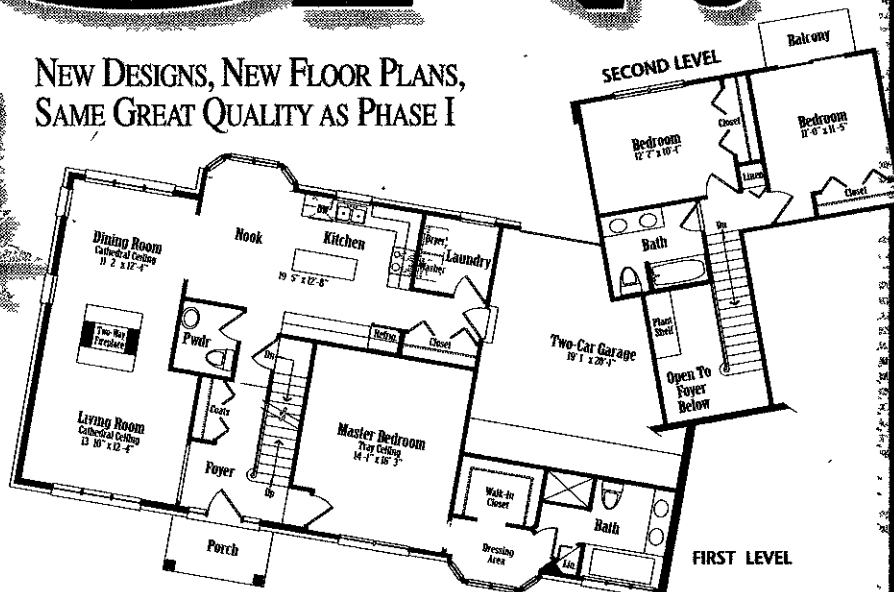
CANTON

On a golden pond with a scenic view in a classic style of charm and grace, condominium homes that prompt the singular question

WHEN CAN I MOVE IN?

SOON!

NEW DESIGNS, NEW FLOOR PLANS, SAME GREAT QUALITY AS PHASE I



- 1, 2 & 3 bedroom plans
- Full basements
- Side-by-side 2 car attached garages
- Fireplaces
- Cathedral ceilings
- All appliances

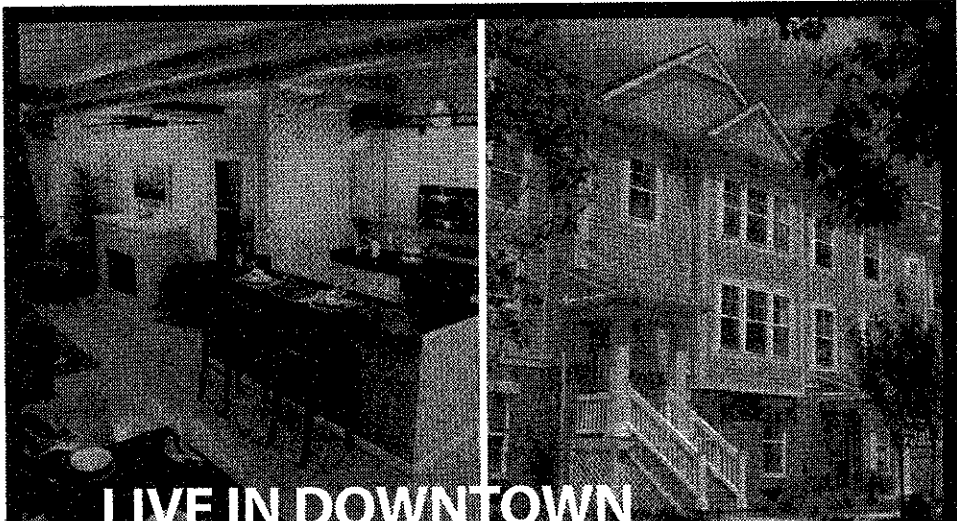
plus
• Membership in the state of the art Traditions Club
• Plymouth-Canton community schools

THE Traditions CONDOMINIUM
734-340-3131

Phase I Close-Outs From \$168,000

FIVE Furnished Models Open Daily & Weekends from Noon to 6 pm or by Appointment. Located just south of Ford Road, off the west side of Canton Center Road.

traditionsatcambridge.com



LIVE IN DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH

Stroll to bustling Kellogg Park, exciting shops, galleries and restaurants!



Luxurious Lofts starting at \$200,000

- underground heated parking w/storage, wood floors, granite kitchen counters, 10' ceilings and 9' windows, contemporary track lighting, spacious baths with ceramic tile, oversized soaking tubs

Classic Townhomes starting at \$225,000

- 1, 2 and 3-story homes, attached garages, spacious/great rooms, gourmet kitchens, 9' ceilings and vaulted ceilings, luxurious baths with soaking tubs, oversized decks

Only 4 Weeks left for Pre-Construction Prices!

101 S. Union, Plymouth MI

From I-275 exit Ann Arbor Road go west to Main Street, turn right on Main Street, then right on Penniman, then left on S. Union to sales center on the corner of Hamilton and S. Union.

Models Open Every Day: Mon. - Fri. 11-6, Sat. 10-5, and Sun. 11-5.

734.207.2300

www.DaisySquare.com

Open Houses 3030 CLASSIFIEDS THAT WORK FOR YOU! 1-800-579-SELL

W. BLOOMFIELD Large site condo in exc location. NE corner Hiller & Commerce. 3 1/2 baths, 3 lg bdrms/study & library

WAYNE OPEN TODAY 1-4. 3485 West Ridge Ct. Take Laurenwood East off John Hix to West Ridge Ct.

WEST BLOOMFIELD OPEN SUNDAY 12-5 5563 Red Cedar Ln (N of Willow, W of Lochaven)

WEST BLOOMFIELD Open Sunday, 12pm-4pm 7205 S. Pelebriecr N. of 14 Mile, E. of Middlebelt

WESTLAND Open Sun 12-5pm 2041 West Williams Cir. 1991 Bi-Level 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 2 car attached garage

YPSILANTI/Superior Twp. OPEN SUN. 1-4 10175 E. Avondale Circle Geddes to Gottfredson, left on to Avondale Circle.

Beverly Hills 3049 OPEN SUN. 1-4. Beautiful updated Colonial, Birmingham Schools. 3400 sqft on 2 acres \$619,000

Bloomfield 3055 JUST LISTED! BLOOMFIELD Custom built Contemporary Ranch Elegant great room w/cathedral ceiling, skylites, fireplace & doorwall to deck

Brighton 3080 JUST LISTED! BRANDYWINE FARMS Open 5 bdrm., 3.5 bath colonial Spacious rooms Updated kitchen opens to family room w/fireplace, deck & yard

BRIGHTON/HOWELL Builders close-out. Only 3 lots remain Your plans or ours Great location w/sewers, sidewalks - 1/2 acre lots. 1800 sq. ft. for only \$180,000 complete.

Desirable Home in family sub. 2 years old, 1852 sq. ft., 4 bdrm, city sewer & water \$285,000.

Canton 3080 ALL YOU NEED! Colonial, fully updated, 4 bdrm., 2.5 bath, appliances, Plymouth-Canton schools \$239,900.

Beautiful View Upgraded Oxford model in popular Canton sub surrounded by a 16 acre nature preserve

JUST LISTED! BUILT IN 1999 Quality 4 bdrm., 2.5 bath brick colonial Family room w/ fireplace Spacious island kit w/hardwood floor

Canton 3080 JUST LISTED! CANTON OPEN SUNDAY 30th 12 - 4 45365 Horseshoe Cir. S. of Ford rd., E. off Canton Center Rd.

CANTON 3 bdrm., 2 bath ranch is located in a lovely neighborhood on a quiet court. Living room has ceiling w/skylights & gas brick fireplace.

CANTON CHARM Plymouth Canton Schools. 4 Bed., 2.5 bath colonial w/ bsmt & 2 car attached garage over 2,000 sq.ft. of updates - Roof, windows, furnace, carpet, cherry wood kitchen, brick patio, 3 car driveway, paint, doors.

Open Sat. 1-4. 43819 Fredericksburg. 3 bdrm., 1.5 bath Colonial Fenced yard backs to commons 1500 sqft, new berber carpet, main floor professionally painted, updated bath & more.

Open Sun 12-2PM - Beautiful 3 bdrm., 1 1/2 bath colonial. Many updates. 9177 Baywood. \$269,900.

SPACIOUS RANCH Almost 1500 sq. ft 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, with 2 car attached garage, finished bsmt. Family room with fireplace, Pelia doorwall to screened-in porch

STUNNING 2 STORY Amazing! Almost 3200 sq ft w/2-story foyer, gourmet kitchen w/lg. island, hardwood floors, 4 bedrooms, 2 full, 2 half baths, 3 car garage

WHY BUY NEW? Flawless 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch with family room, basement and garage

Dearborn Hgts 3115 Open Sunday 1-4 20955 Whitlock Charming 3 bdrm., 1 1/2 bath brick ranch in popular sub 1200 sq. ft. \$155,900

Detroit 3120 Completely redone 3 bdrm home Just reduced. Only \$40,000.

Why Rent? Solid 2 bdrm., walk up attic, Bsmt. & garage Only \$49,900 Century 21 Towne Pride (734) 326-2600

Farmington 3140 RENT TO OWN Beautiful 3 bdrm., 2 bath home, 1/2 acre fenced lot, move in condition. \$1750/mo includes \$200 credit per month.

Farmington Hills 3145 JUST LISTED! BEST BUY IN AREA 4 Bdrm., 2 bath home. Lots of updates, big yard, great school district!

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 Kimberley Subdivision 26653 Westmeath. Excellent price on this 4 bdrm. 2 1/2 bath home on ravine lot w/ newer furnace, updated master bath, natural fireplace in family room & Pergo floors in kitchen \$244,500

JUST LISTED! UPDATED TO PERFECTION! Metuculous & beautifully decorated 3 bdrm., 3 bath Cape Cod Living room, dining room, 1st floor master bdrm., & 2nd level sitting room.

Homes 3900 POLICY

All advertising published in the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card. (Copies are available from the advertising department, Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 (734) 591-0900.)

Franklin 3165

10-room antique Italianate farmhouse on large lot w/mature trees. Original pumpkin pine floors, high ceilings, special moldings, all large rooms incl. 15x23 living room w/fireplace and 24x15 master bdrm, 4 bdrm, 2 bath. Fantastic walnut & stone kitchen.

For The Best Auto Deals..Check Your Classifieds!

ONE WEBSITE: ALL THE HOMES OVER 30,000 PROPERTIES www.realestateone.com

The Real Estate One Family of Companies: Real Estate One • Max Brook Realtors • Johnstone & Johnstone • John Adams Mortgage • Insurance One • Capital Title • Home Services One

Grid of real estate listings with photos and descriptions for various properties in Wayne, South Lyon, Livonia, Redford, Canton, Dearborn Hgts, Farmington Hills, Novi, Southfield, and Canton.

Builders show off products and progress during show

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

We recently attended the annual International Builders Show presented by the National Association of Home Builders.

We were among more than 100,000 attendees from around the world who converged on Orlando, Fla., for a peek at the latest in building products, technology and allied services.

Billed as the world's largest building industry event, it featured some 1,600 exhibitors who came out to showcase their wares in more than 1.5 million square feet of exhibit space.

Appliances, plumbing fixtures, lighting, cabinets, counters, decking, windows, doors, siding, roofing, fireplaces, building materials and tools are just a small sampling of the more than 300 product and service categories represented.

Chances are if it has to do with building, it could be found at this event.

Missing from this year's show, however, was the obvious leap in new product development and technology that had been featured at the exhibition event for the last several years.

As far as we are concerned, that's a good thing. We suspect that manufacturers are offer-

ing builders and consumers a bit of a breather, an opportunity to catch up with the major advancements that have been made over the last several years.

Rather than launching a new product, manufacturer focus has shifted to making a good product better. They want it to look better, last longer, be easier to install (for both the builder and consumer), and require less maintenance - all with an eye toward comfort and convenience.

HEALTH, ENERGY

No less visible this year is the emphasis toward the production of "green" building materials designed to reduce demand on natural resources and as a means of improving indoor air quality and family health.

Building products are getting better in this regard. Arsenic has been replaced by a less toxic compound as the active ingredient in pressure-treated lumber, and a leading insulation manufacturer has omitted formaldehyde from the product and in turn added a compound to prevent the growth of toxic mold.

Speaking of mold, it's no secret that it thrives on moisture - the same moisture that is produced from cooking, bathing, doing laundry or just plain breathing.

Ventilation fan manufacturers have come to the rescue with products that move more air yet make less noise. They are more attractive than ever and some models contain space heaters and energy-efficient fluorescent lighting.

To further combat indoor air quality and mold problems, comfort system manufacturers are turning out systems that "sanitize" indoor air, using electronic and ultraviolet air cleaning systems.

Dehumidification systems and central vacuum systems are gaining momentum as effective ways to improve indoor air quality.

Super energy-efficient building materials and products that reduce demand on natural resources and improve home comfort, lower utility bills and help save the Earth generated lots of interest at the show.

A new generation of expanding foam sealants, super caulks, radiant barriers, insulated foundation systems, windows, doors and insulation are contributing to the most energy-efficient homes in the history of construction.

Helping fuel the energy-efficient trend are appliances that use less water and power and that carry the Energy Star label.

AUTOMATION

Home automation systems

are hot. They control lighting, heating and air conditioning, home entertainment and security.

A couple of products that no "hip" home should be without are a combination oven-refrigerator and a refrigerator with a built-in computer.

With the refrigerator-oven combo, a meal can be prepared in the morning and placed in the refrigerated oven, which will keep it cool until the oven is activated at a predetermined time.

Change in plans? Need to work late, stuck in traffic or decide that you want to eat out? Simply log on via the Internet or dial up with your cell phone and keep things cool or change the cooking program.

Thought that your new low-profile, side-by-side fridge with ice and water in the door was as good as it gets? You apparently haven't seen the refrigerator with a built-in computer monitor.

Now, while you're waiting and filling your glass with ice and water, you can check your e-mail or surf the Net. You also can scan your groceries to create a shopping list, order online and have them delivered to your home.

SECURITY

Home safety and security products continue to be big at the builders show. They are less

complex, more affordable and easier to use.

Windows with unbreakable glass, exterior doors with multi-point locking systems, keyless door locks, and remote controlled lighting, and security-minded home automation systems are a sampling of this steadily growing category.

Home automation systems aren't just for controlling lighting and entertainment anymore.

These state-of-the-art systems now permit homeowners to control interior and exterior lighting and monitor their home by using strategically placed video cameras via the Internet from virtually anywhere in the world.

Now, in addition to notifying a contracted security monitoring company, a "smart" security system can digitally record unexpected activity and immediately fire you off an e-mail with an embedded video attachment.

Some systems will also detect smoke and fire and notify local authorities or call you on your cell phone. Still other systems will detect plumbing leaks and running water and allow you to adjust the thermostat.

MATERIALS

Composite building materials have been the rage for the last several years. What's different now is that manufacturers are perfecting the process and

For more home improvement tips and information, visit www.onthehouse.com or call us at (800) 737-2474 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. EST every Saturday.

turning out products that look more realistic, last longer and require less maintenance.

Such is the case with a new vinyl siding product that has fade-resistant properties, a wider lap profile and comes with a foam backing for a stronger, more energy-efficient installation. Even the trim is more realistic.

The same holds true for fiberglass doors. Fiberglass is more stable than wood. It won't expand, contract, twist or crack.

The new generation of fiberglass door looks every bit as real as natural wood with none of the maintenance woes. It can be stained or painted and will stand up to tough weather.

For more home improvement tips and information, visit www.onthehouse.com or call us at (800) 737-2474 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. EST every Saturday.

Customize your bathroom, make it a place for your comfort

(NUI) Today, bathrooms are just as much about style as the rest of the house. It should also be a place that expresses your individuality and sense of style for increased comfort and enjoyment. Start small and coordinate smaller items or buy one luxury item that showcases your personal style. Depending upon your budget and creativity, you can easily impact the look and feel of your bathroom in one or two simple steps.

Unique faucetry: An inexpensive place to incorporate your signature style is through faucetry. Upgrading your sink and tub faucets is an easy way to add drama. Faucets provide the exclamation point for the bathroom with styles ranging from traditional classic designs to contemporary high-arc spouts that really make a statement. Unlike traditional faucets with a small round nozzle, today's choices allow water to cascade into

your sink and tub for a luxurious accent.

Single focal point: When too many objects compete for attention in a room, the design can become confused. Select one strong element as the room's focal point and arrange the rest of your bathroom, including lighting, to enhance its best advantage. Don't be afraid to make a bold statement about your personality. For example, the Jacuzzi Morphosis tub will

convey your love of European design. Its graceful arch and chromatherapy lighting create the perfect centerpiece for a room.

Artwork: Bathrooms are among the most important rooms in the house and can easily be personalized with artwork and color. When selecting artwork for your walls, keep in mind the room's color scheme. Select artwork that you will enjoy every day, especially while lin-

gering in a nice bath. Frame pieces well to protect them against the light, water and steam present every day in a bathroom.

When it comes to customizing your bathroom, follow your design instinct rather than the current decorating trend. Incorporate elements that suit your personality and your bathroom will serve as a comfortable place that reflects who you are. For more information about which bath

When it comes to customizing your bathroom, follow your design instinct rather than the current decorating trend.

products best suit your style, visit www.jacuzzi.com.

Michigan's #1 Home Builder

Waterstone Estates of Northville—The Benchmark of Luxury Living

If you're seeking a prestigious Northville address and won't settle for anything short of the best, then your search has ended at Waterstone Estates by Pulte Homes. This charming neighborhood—located on Ridge Road, North of Six Mile—is one of the areas premier luxury home communities.

Waterstone Estates features a variety of Pulte Homes' award-winning floor plans on 1/2 acre home sites, including the highly sought after Richmond, a 3650 sq. ft. floor plan that is the benchmark of luxury living! Beautiful estate size homes in Waterstone Estates start in the mid \$500's.

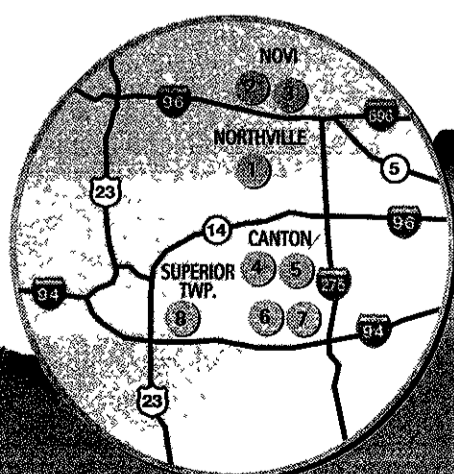
Waterstone Estates by Pulte Homes is surrounded by mature trees and offers a location that is second to none. Just two miles from charming downtown Northville, Waterstone Estates offers quaint country living with all the major conveniences close at hand.

Children at Waterstone Estates will reap the benefits of attending the highly acclaimed



Northville schools—with all schools within two miles of the entrance.

Now has never been a better time to experience what Waterstone Estates has to offer. Owning the home of your dreams can be more affordable than you think. Stop in today—homes are selling fast. For more information call 248-348-9676.



INFORMATION CENTERS OPEN DAILY 11 AM-6 PM

Pulte
Homes

THE TOWNES AT LIBERTY PARK
Townhomes from the Upper \$100s
248-348-2800

PHASE II NOW OPEN

LIBERTY PARK
Homes from the Mid \$300s
248-374-9890
North Side of 12 Mile, West of Novi Road

CANTON
ANTIQUE FOREST
Homes from the Mid \$400s
734-495-1950
Ford Road, West of Beck

HAMPTON RIDGE
Luxury Homes from the Low \$500s
734-207-0380
Ann Arbor Road, West of Ridge

HAMLET VILLAS
Townhomes from the Mid \$200s
734-844-6667
Denton Road between Geddes and Cherry Hill

HAMLET GARDENS
Homes from the Mid \$300s
734-844-6667
Denton Road between Geddes and Cherry Hill

PROSPECT POINTE
Homes from the Mid \$200s
866-68-PULTE
Southeast Corner of Geddes and Prospect

COMING SOON!



REALTORS ALWAYS WELCOME

VISIT OUR WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION
PULTE.COM/DETROIT

866-68-PULTE



HEALTH CARE OPPORTUNITIES

Enhance, Inc. needs Direct Care Givers In Wayne & Oakland County

All shifts available
Full and part-time
Good Driving Record Required
\$7-30-\$7.80 to start plus good benefits

For Jobs in Dearborn, Garden City, Westland
Call Garin--(248) 980-3309

For Jobs in Plymouth, Taylor, Westland, & Livonia
Call Patty--(248) 980-3307

For Jobs in West Bloomfield, Waterford, Clarkston, Lake Orion,
Call Janet--(248) 980-3311

For Jobs in Farmington, Northville
Call Cynthia--(248) 980-3305

08292064

DIRECT CARE:
Positions available working with people in their homes; competitive pay & benefits; all shifts; paid training; great people; meaningful work.
734-728-4201

Medical Assistant
with experience wanted. Must be highly-motivated for this busy surgical office in Southfield. Full time, immediate position with benefits.
Fax resume to: (248) 644-2864

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST
DENTAL ASSISTANT
Looking for experienced dental receptionist & assistant for Southfield based office.
Fax resume: **734-996-4974**

NURSE, RN or MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Full or part time for fast paced allergy practice. Competitive wages, exc. benefits. Last year of students in college welcome to apply. Openings in Novi, Canton, Chelsea & Ann Arbor.
Call: 734-434-3007
Fax: 734-434-6317
Email: **jblackburn@alaofaa.com**

Medical Assistant Medical Record Technician
Part Time. Experience Required, group practice, Livonia. No weekends/holidays/evenings.
Call Wendy Cook between 10am-2pm
248-476-4724

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY in OUR THRIVING PRACTICE

- Dental Assistant
- Dental Receptionist

Our growing Royal Oak practice is searching for experienced and enthusiastic individuals to join our professional team. We provide a work environment where our employees are rewarded for their level of involvement. Please email your resume to: **RESUMEDENTAL@aol.com** or fax your resume to: **248-398-2031**

Dental Assistant
Full time for Dearborn Heights office. Looking for an enthusiastic people-friendly person with dental experience to join our team. We are a fast-paced rapidly expanding dental practice and if this is the position for you,
fax resume to: (313) 274-7092

DENTAL ASSISTANT
For leading-edge specialty practice. Some dental experience necessary. High pay, full benefits.
Call: (248)357-3100

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Experienced for periodontal office in Farmington Hills. Looking for friendly motivated person to join our team. Part time. Mon., Fr., Sat. Must be X-ray certified. Call Karen.
248-851-1034

RN/LPN/CNA
Private duty. Flexible schedules. Oakland Private Duty Registry.
248-723-6978

MEDICAL POSITIONS Available Immediately!
- Biller
- Receptionist
- Caregivers
- Dental Assistants
- Optical Dispenser.
Temp to hire
Call A Career 1-877-884-AJOB
Wayne and Oakland County Areas

Medical Assistant
Busy Dermatology office in Livonia looking for part-time front office Medical Assistant. 12 - 16 hours per week. Experience not necessary for night candidate.
Please fax resume to: 248-474-5714

Ph.D & L.L.P. Psychologist
Needed for Livonia Private Clinic
Fax Vita's to **734-422-6937** or call **734-422-6333**

CAREGIVER
Adult foster care home in Farmington is seeking articulate, loving, responsible individuals. Flexible hours, pick up an application & info at: **The Ladies Home for Gentle Care** 21819 Middlebelt (just S. of 9 Mile) between 10 am and 4 pm Messages may be left at: **(248) 477-4698**

R.N.
Busy infertility/IVF Surgery center has an immediate opening for a **FULL-TIME RN** in the clinical setting. BSN and infertility experience preferred. Applicants must be self-motivated, able to multi-task and work independently.
Fax resume to Dr. Salem at **248-944-9187**

HOSPITAL BILLING EXPERIENCE NEEDED
Interested in taking your knowledge to a new level? Troy based company looking for an energetic, self-motivated individual to pursue third party claims. Experience in inpatient billing, Medicare, BCBS and Commercial preferred. Competitive salary and benefit package.
Fax resume and Salary requirements to: Mrs. Mahon • (248) 989-4201

WANTED NON-SMOKERS
FOR PARTICIPATION IN A STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN NICOTINE RESEARCH LAB
Participants must be healthy non-smokers, age 21-55, who have smoked between 1 & 20 cigarettes in their lifetime. Participation involves (4) lab visits, blood withdrawal, surveys, and nicotine nasal spray.
Participants receive \$165 upon completion.
FOR MORE INFORMATION: call: 1-800-742-2300, #6309 visit: www.nrlab.net e-mail: neversmokers@umich.edu

MEDICAL CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT
Needed for busy office. This is a part time position leading to full time. Computer skills and a flexible schedule a must. Will train the right applicant. This position will lead to the position office manager. We are a growing office with a strong desire to serve the public. If this sounds like you, let's talk!
Fax resume and wage requirements to: 734-455-2825

Angela Hospice
Compassionate care for children, adults, and family
RN's FT & Contingent
CENA's FT & Contingent
Information Systems Assistant
Part time 3 days / week
Fax (734) 779-4601
14100 Newburgh Rd • Livonia, MI 48154
or visit our website! www.angela-hospice.org

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST
MT (ASCP) tech exp. in handling ATAC 8000 and TOSOH AIA360 instruments preferred but not req.
Fax resume to Attn: Christina. **734-779-2121**

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
For established busy pediatric office in Farmington Hills. Competitive salary and benefits.
Fax resume to: 248-203-0093

WORLD CLASS HEALTH CARE IN A LOCAL HOSPITAL SETTING

You don't have to drive for miles to practice your profession....

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL

Nursing at St. Mary Mercy Hospital is for you. Here you will find an environment that supports both professional nursing practice and high quality patient care. We are improving processes daily with ongoing hospital-wide Six Sigma quality programs. Clinical ladders are on the horizon, we offer tuition reimbursement for BSN completion, and a new In-House Float Pool are only a few of the many supports in place for you to practice your profession the way you have always wanted. Please contact our recruiter or stop by for a personal tour of our facilities. We have opportunities for Nurses in the following areas:

- OR and Pre/Post
- ICU
- Medical Cardiology
- Medical and Surgical Units
- Birthing Center
- Emergency Center

BENEFITS:

- Competitive wages/salaries
- Free parking
- Great Location: near I-275 & I-96
- Outstanding benefits package
- Generous Shift Differential
- Child Care Center on campus

INTERVIEW TIMES AVAILABLE TO MEET YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE!
Call JoLynn Pulliam, RN, Clinical Recruiter, 734-655-2932
E-mail: pulliamj@trinity-health.org ** Fax 734-655-3854
St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL

Experience the true essence of nursing...

Arbor Hospice & Home Care

Since 1989, **Arbor Hospice & Home Care** has provided quality, compassionate care for the terminally ill and their families throughout southeastern Michigan. Widely recognized as a model of excellence, we offer flexible, family-friendly scheduling and competitive compensation rates.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS AVAILABLE

Now hiring case managers, on-call nurses, facility-based nurses, private duty nurses and aides.
For more information contact HR at 734-662-5999, ext. 111

Medical Transcriptionists
Well-respected Livonia transcription company needs to immediately fill full-time & part-time home positions. Hospital OR & DS account, very experienced. Lanier phone helpful. Experienced Medical Editor/Proofreader also needed. All hired must have excellent spelling & know AAMT guidelines.
Only the best fax: (734) 464-2325 or email nancykanemed@ameritech.net.

NURSE MANAGER IMMEDIATE OPENING

Seeking an LPN/RN experienced in Geriatrics to join the team as Nurse Manager for our new residential program serving individuals with memory impairments. Candidate must possess excellent nursing skills, strong people skills, leadership, flexibility, and organizational skills. Must be licensed in the State of Michigan. This leadership position also requires initiative, innovator, and the ability to multi-task. Excellent benefits and salary.

Fax or e-mail resume to: **Mary Williams RN BSN**
Director of Resident Health Svcs
Fx. (248)661-6361
mwilliams@jhas.org



HEALTH CARE OPPORTUNITIES

STOP THE NON-REWARDING PAYCHECK CHASE!
Full time position, allowing you to contribute to the well being of others. Must like working with children, have good attention to detail and planning skills. Education background OR psychology degree required. Career oriented benefits. Being personable and energetic is a must! Your personal growth dictates your compensation.
Email resume to: Kasher@SuburbanEyeCare.com
08280728

STOP AND GET HAPPY!
Wouldn't it be great to love to go to work everyday? Wanted: Front Desk Assistant to Doctor for rapidly expanding, nonsmoking, natural health clinic. Must be a highly productive, energetic, enthusiastic, cheerful & outgoing person. To qualify you must have a desire to help people, like teamwork & be willing to learn. Prefer you have 4 legs, 8 arms & the ability to do 10 things at once.
Fax resume to: **734-425-8221**
08291510

REGISTERED NURSES Hawthorn Center Northville, MI
Charge RN's needed for full time limited-term, afternoon shifts in an inpatient child/adolescent psychiatric hospital. Applicants must have current Michigan RN License Salary \$26.01/hour plus benefits.
Send or fax cover letter and resume to: **Personnel: Hawthorn Center 18471 Haggerty, Northville, MI 48167 248-349-8259 by 2/7/05**
08291510

ADMINISTRATIVE DENTAL
Our team is seeking an experienced, proactive team player with enthusiasm for your work & accountability for results. Must have computer skills "Practice Works" a plus. 4 day work week, 401K, benefits and bonus system. Plymouth Canton area Please fax resume to: **734-453-0467**
08289207

PATIENT COORDINATOR/FRONT DESK
Personable, enthusiastic individual needed for high-tech dental office. W. Bloomfield/Farmington Hills area. Dental experience helpful.
Fax resume to: **248-360-8448**
08289207

RN/LPN RECEPTIONIST
Southfield area pediatrics. Full-time. Fax resume: **248-539-1924**

CHILD/ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC SECRETARY
Part time position at pleasant Livonia clinic, twenty hours a week, flexible hours. Facilitate scheduling and generate correspondence for students and trainees. Maintain program files at site. Facilitate parent, referral source, and faculty or trainee communication within the program. Complete special projects as requested by the Medical Director or his/her designee. Coordinate and support educational rotations and program activities, providing liaison to training offices and community agencies. Need strong interpersonal and listening skills. Mastery of Microsoft Word, Excel, Access essential, additional computer skills, including database management and reporting, desirable. Minimum education requirement is an Associate's Degree or equivalent education and experience. Previous experience in a health care facility is preferred. EOE.
FAX RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO LAURA ZANCHETTA POSITION #223 AT 313-995-3997

NURSE MANAGER
Faith based nursing home seeks experienced, people-oriented RN for management position. Great benefits/wages.
Lutheran Home Livonia
28910 Plymouth Road
or fax resume: 734-425-6024 or call: 734-425-4814
08290615

NON-MEDICAL CAREGIVERS
Needed to assist elderly in their home. Experience required. Must pass background check. Please call **Visiting Angels (248) 350-8700**

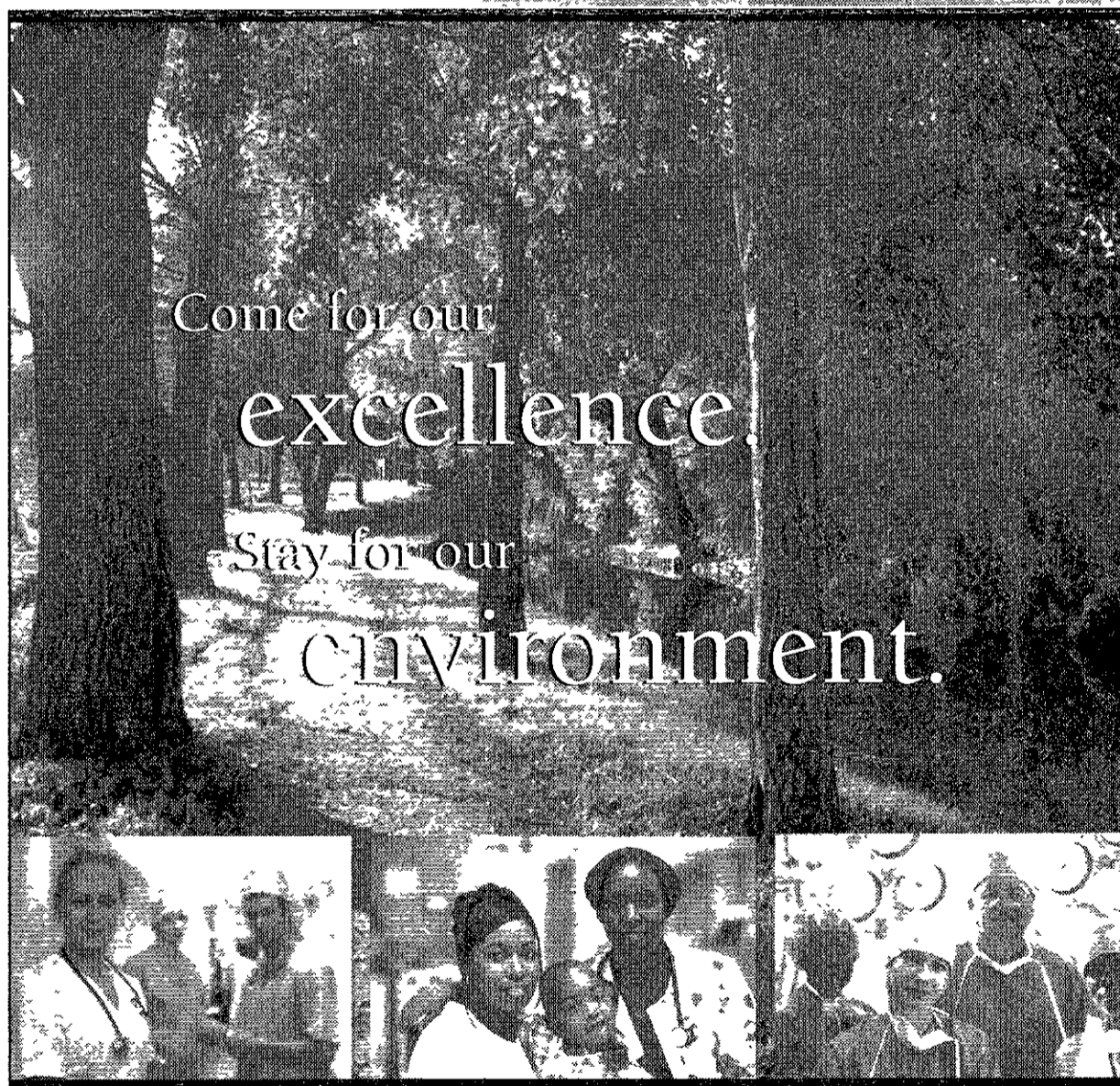
Superior Home Care
Needed Immediately!
• RNs & LPNs • PTs & PTAs • OTs & COTAs
Full- and part-time positions available for growing home care agency. Experience in home care and knowledge of Medicare required.
Please mail resume to: Superior Home Care, Inc., 17330 Northland Park Court, Suite 2A, Southfield, MI 48075 or fax resume to: (248) 559-1604.

WHO CARES?
(we do, about your career)
At St John Health, we treat our associates' careers with the same level of care and compassion they provide our patients. To recognize our RNs for their years of home health experience, our pay-per-visit rates are now based on years of home care experience in addition to a comprehensive benefits package!
We currently have opportunities in Farmington Hills for full-/part-time, contingent, and weekend only Home Care RNs and Admission Nurses
MI RN licensure and a minimum of one year of med/surg experience required
For more information or to apply online, visit us at: realmedicine.org/careers
Or call us at: (586) 723-9578.
EOE
ST JOHN HEALTH REAL MEDICINE

Radiology & Imaging Techs
Needed for Detroit area hospital. Full benefits, top salary and sign on! Perm/FT/PT/No Fees Experience Required
Please e-mail resume to: lorbarned@aol.com or fax: 248-848-1977
Lorbar Associates LLC
08291896

BILLING SPECIALIST
Medassist works for area hospitals to resolve their problematic insurance claims. We are looking for an energetic, detail oriented, self-motivated individual with verification/follow up experience with commercial carriers, MSP resolution and MI No Fault eligibility a plus. Training available. Competitive salary/benefits.
Fax your resume and salary requirements to: **Ms. Smithson (248) 989-4201**
08291896

REGISTERED NURSE PART TIME
An exciting career awaits you in our new state of the art Cat Scan Unit/ Radiology Services. Your schedule will be 2 pm - 6 pm, Monday through Friday.
You must be a graduate of an accredited school of nursing and have current licensure to practice as an RN in the State of Michigan. Excellent environment and benefits afforded to part time employees. We want to talk to you!
Please send resume to: **Botsford General Hospital 28050 Grand River Farmington Hills, MI 48336. FAX: 248-471-8454 cseccia@botsford.org**
EOE
botsford general hospital
08292644



Every Genesys health care professional – from the most recent nursing graduate to the most experienced allied health professional – has her or his special reason for joining our dedicated healthcare team. Some come for the strong teamwork and colleague support. While others say it's the pride that comes from being a part of a premier, values based health system that's a recognized Michigan healthcare leader. But whatever their reasons, here at Genesys they are able to achieve the goal they set for themselves when they decided to enter healthcare in the first place – make a definite difference in their patients' lives.
We're inviting **registered nurses, new nursing graduates, therapists, pharmacists, as well as allied health professionals** to carefully consider the many advantages a career at Genesys can offer. To learn more about our growth-focused career paths, exceptional benefits program and special education and training programs – contact Genesys today – by Mail: **1 Genesys Parkway, Grand Blanc, MI 48439; Phone: 810-606-7000; Fax: 810-606-6915; or E-mail: hireme@genesys.org.**
Equal Opportunity Employer
We are called to Service of the Poor, Reverence, Integrity, Wisdom, Creativity and Dedication
www.genesys.org
GENESYS
ASCENSION HEALTH
Intensive caring.



Automotive

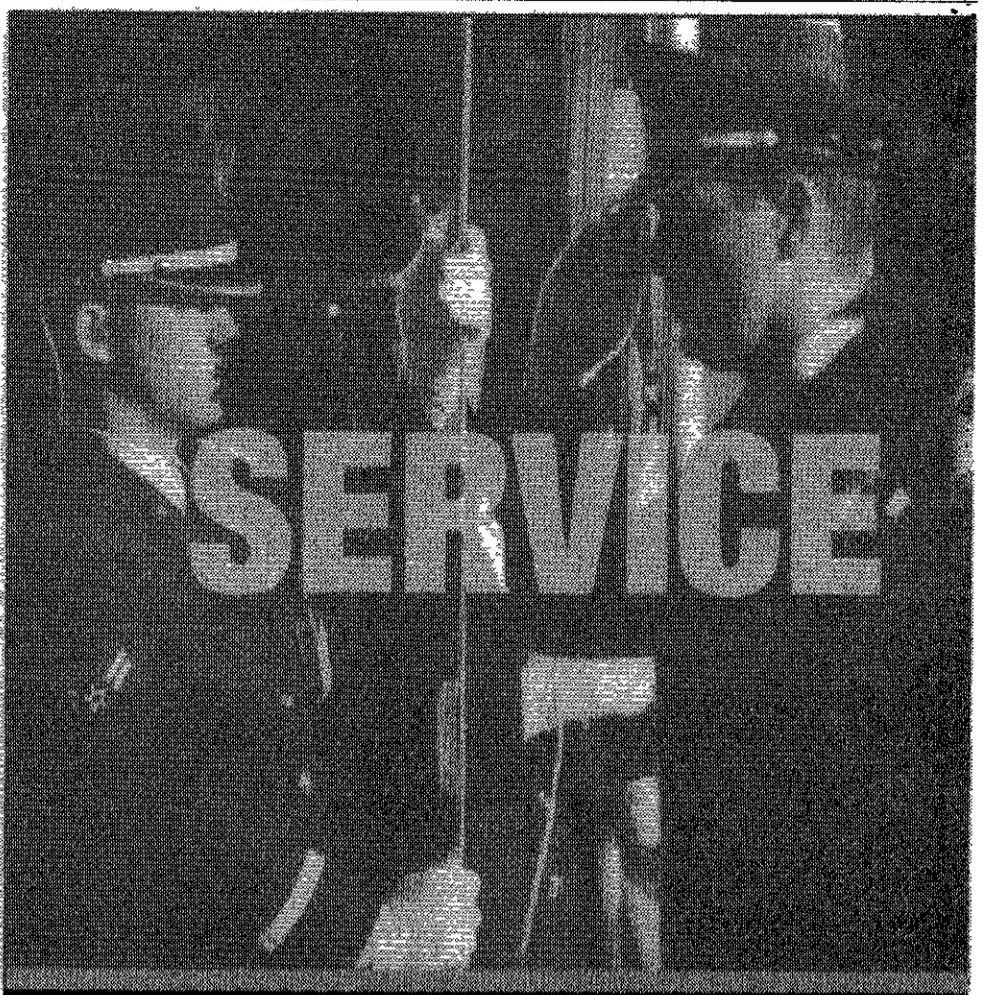
All Ads Run Online FREE! A Value Of Up To \$87.00 www.hometownlife.com

8000's Autos/RV's. Includes categories like Airplanes, Boats/Motors, and more. 1-800-579-SELL

Trucks for Sale 8220. CHEVY SILVERADO 2004 LS 1500, 2WD extended cab...

Mini-Vans 8240. WINDSTAR 2000 SE, 3.8, all power, entertainment pkg...

Sports Utility 8290. CHEVY AVALANCHE 2002-2003 4 to choose! Z66-Z71...



It's how we show commitment to our country. Air Force Reservists dedicate their lives to protecting property, saving lives, and defending freedom...

8000-8780 Automotive Recreational Vehicles

Campers/Motor Homes/Trailers 8120. 1985-2000 Class C MOTOR HOMES WANTED...

Boats/Motors 8020. CATALINA 27 Sailboat 1983...

MOTOR HOME 35" Class A, 89 EuroCoach, loaded. \$25,000 - 248-477-4294

Motorcycles/Minibikes/Go-Karts 8070. HARLEY DAVIDSON 2002 FAT BOY...

CHRYSLER 2002 TOWN & COUNTRY EX 22k miles, loaded, all power, exc cond. \$12,900. 248-593-9949

Off Road Vehicles 8090. YAMAHA 2001 ATV's, Banshee, Raptor, trailer...

CHRYSLER 2002 TOWN & COUNTRY EX 22k miles, loaded, all power, exc cond. \$12,900. 248-593-9949

Snowmobiles 8110. ARTIC CATS (2) 1991 Prowler & 1997 Cougar...

CHRYSLER 2002 TOWN & COUNTRY EX 22k miles, loaded, all power, exc cond. \$12,900. 248-593-9949

Auto Misc. 8150. BLAZER 1997 4 Dr., auto, cruise ABS, ps, air, am-fm...

CHRYSLER 2002 TOWN & COUNTRY EX 22k miles, loaded, all power, exc cond. \$12,900. 248-593-9949

Junk Cars Wanted 8200. ALL AUTOS TOP\$\$

CHRYSLER 2002 TOWN & COUNTRY EX 22k miles, loaded, all power, exc cond. \$12,900. 248-593-9949

WRECKED & JUNK CARS WANTED! 8210. (734) 282-1700

TRUCKS FOR SALE 8220. CHEVROLET 2500 4 X 4 New motor, plow, auto, tool-box...

NEED A TRUCK/SUV? 30 in stock now Call today. Save thousands. ROGIN BUICK-LIVONIA 734-525-0900

TOYOTA 1996 TACOMA - 75,600 mi., well maintained, 2 sets of tires, reliable. \$4500/best. 734-455-3245.

Mini-Vans 8240. CHEVY VENTURE 1999 - Red, good cond, newer tires, air \$5500/best 248-280-2957

Chrysler 1997 Town & Country Loaded, well maintained, 187K, leather, white. \$3500/best 248-624-7575

CHRYSLER 2002 TOWN & COUNTRY EX 22k miles, loaded, all power, exc cond. \$12,900. 248-593-9949

CHRYSLER 2002 Town & Country Limited, must see, \$15,995.

Fox Hills Chrysler-Jeep (734) 455-8740

CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY 2000 LTD 3.8L, champagne, taupe leather, heated seats...

FORD WINDSTAR 1999 Loaded. Call for 20 minute credit approval. No cosigner needed. OAC. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

OLDSMOBILE SILHOUTTE 1998 - Power doors, every option, \$4399. TYME (734) 455-5566

PONTIAC MONTANA 2000 Extended, red, ac, cassette, cd, 8 passenger, alloy wheels...

PONTIAC MONTANA 2001 Extended, 7 passenger, 95K, runs & looks great, very clean. \$6700. (248) 471-7163

SAFARI 2004 AWD LT, pewter, loaded, low miles, \$19,950. ROGIN BUICK-LIVONIA 734-525-0900

Fox Hills Chrysler-Jeep (734) 455-8740

GMC 2001 3/4 ton HD Extended Cab 4x4 w/plow, loaded! \$16,995

GMC 2001 Sierra Dually Crew Cab 4x4, red, 30K, sharp, leather. \$23,995.

GMC 2002 3/4 ton extended cab 4x4 pickup, 32K, \$20,995. BOB JEANNOTTE PONTIAC (734) 453-2500

JEEP CHEROKEE LAREDO 1989, Excellent Condition, Runs Great, 88k miles, \$2,800. 248-921-1150

JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 1997 4 Dr., air, alarm, auto, pl, ps, pw, cruise, CD, anti-lock brakes...

TOYOTA 1990 - 4 wheel drive, V6, work truck Runs exc. & mechanically excellent. Asking \$4500. (734) 522-7431

TOYOTA 2002 4-Runner 4x4, pewter, sunroof, loaded, low miles, call today! \$19,950. ROGIN BUICK-LIVONIA 734-525-0900

TRACKER 1998 4x4, cute little truck, \$3500. TYME (734) 455-5566

TRACKER 2002 LT, V-6, HT, 4x4, leather, CD, loaded, low miles, certified, \$10,950

Sports Utility 8290. BUICK 2003 Rendezvous CX, all wheel drive, full warranty, \$13,400

Fox Hills Chrysler-Jeep (734) 455-8740

CHEVY 2002 Blazer Extreme, yellow, custom wheels, loaded, low miles, \$12,950

Antique/Classic Collector Cars 8320. CADILLAC 1974 Coupe DeVille, 52k miles, Grandpas car, gotta sell! Exc. cond. \$3500/best. 313-278-0887

CAMARO 1969 Small block V8, 4 speed, 4:10 rear end, too much to list \$11,500. (248) 346-3593.

CHEVROLET CAPRICE 1975 White convertible, V8, exc cond. \$7500. 248-545-1391

ELDORADO'S 1983 2 southern cars, needs repair. \$2100/best (248) 426-9812

JANUARY COUPON ROUNDUP

Calling All Sports Fans! Valentine's Day is around the corner - chocolate puts on pounds and flowers die - give her a customized gift basket featuring Gold Canyon Candles - "The World's Finest!"

Eclipse Hair, Nails & Spa 4187 Old Canton Center Road · Canton, MI 48188 GRAND OPENING SPECIAL 20% Off Any Service* (734) 397-0013

PETS MAKE LIFE BETTER! Petland Petland Westland Across from Westland Mall (Near Michaels) 34610 Warren Road (734) 367-9906 20% OFF Any One Item Create-Your-Own-Special

MagiClys Pet Services Pet Grooming Services Pet Sitting Services Tax Service *Senior Discount \$5 off your first appointment

J & E Painting PAINTING · DRYWALL REPAIR INTERIOR · EXTERIOR Insured · Bonded Residential · Commercial 10% OFF With This Coupon

Get Ready for Spring! STREET LEGAL MOPED PRE-SEASON SPECIAL \$599 Canton Scooters of Plymouth 200 W. Ann Arbor Rd. · Plymouth 734-459-1389 · www.cantonscooter.com

GOT MOLD? Call for Free Estimates ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS, INC. 734-266-3000

BATHROOMS Granite, marble, murals, upscale art work, the kind of bathrooms you see in magazines. -Free Appraisals- 10% off with this coupon 734-522-7431

When do YOU want to move? Whether you're buying your first home, looking for something bigger or want to have less to clean, give me a call. I can help. Call Shari L. Plein at Zanglin & Associates/GMAC Realtors 2385 West Rd., Trenton 734-675-7500 or 313-318-4012

JOHN'S DRYWALL SERVICE Drywall Finishing Textures Patchwork Free Estimates. Reasonable Prices! 10% off with coupon John · 734-740-4072

To Advertise Here Please Call 866.818.7653

Automotive

Classifieds inside

To place an ad call toll free
1-800-579-SELL (7355)
Fax: (734) 953-2232

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, January 30, 2005

2005 Volvo XC90 Offers Premium Motoring

Advertising Feature

CAReport



Anne Fracassa



Avanti NewsFeatures

By Anne Fracassa
Avanti NewsFeatures

It was only a matter of time. All the automakers are doing it.

Jumping in the pool with a mid-size premium SUV.

Volvo is no different. With its introduction of the XC90 just two years ago, the potential of successful sales is just around the corner. Not much has changed for this year — just minor tweaking.

And the tweaking is good. Yes, it is. There are the new flat blade windshield wipers in front that evenly distribute the blade's edge to the front windows. And a hydrophilic surface on the side mirrors and side glass areas that virtually quickly drain the rain drops off the glass. Finally, there are new exterior colors available and the all-important new technology of a standard tire pressure warning system.

That's a very valuable tool for most people who actually take care of their cars. With the cost of a vehicle climbing higher every year, it's important for maintenance to be a priority. With the tire pressure warning system, your tires will always be properly inflated (if you pay attention, of course), which will extend the life of not only your tires, but also other major components that have to work harder when your tires aren't perfect.

Safety and value are at the core of the XC90. Volvo is one of the premier automakers that actively places new technology on its vehicles in a hurry. I'm talking about Roll Stability Control, inflatable side curtains for all three rows of seats, an integrated sliding center booster seat of kids, seat belts with pretensioners in all seating positions and a Dolby surround sound stereo system with a 305-watt Alpine amplifier and 12 speakers placed strategically around the cabin.



2005 Volvo XC90 - Vehicle class: Sport utility vehicle. Power: 2.5-liter inline 5-cylinder engine. Mileage: 15 mpg city, 20 mpg highway. Where built: Gottenburg, Sweden. Price as tested: \$45,725.

All this doesn't come cheap. Base price is \$34,840. But we're talking about a premium vehicle here. With all-wheel-drive, you'll push that up to \$41,015. It is, by the way, the largest vehicle in the Volvo lineup.

You'll be able to stick 93 cubic feet of cargo in the XC90. With the second and third rows and the front passenger seat folded flat, you'll realize almost 10 feet of cargo length. Not even a pickup can boast that fact.

There are forward-facing third-row seats available as an option on the Versatility Package, which will increase your passenger seating to seven. With the package, you'll also get separate controls for the rear air conditioning and stereo system. The third row of seats fold flat to the floor, which doesn't force you to remove a heavy seat to carry more cargo.

I mentioned the integrated child booster seat. Located in the middle of the second row of seats, it can be slid forward so the kid can actually see the road and his/her parents and talk easily to them.

The base XC90 is powered by a 2.5-liter inline five-cylinder turbo-charged engine that delivers 208 horsepower. The XC90 T6 all-wheel drive model has a 2.9-liter inline six-cylinder engine that provides 268 horsepower. Both offerings can tow up to 5,000 pounds.

With the all-wheel-drive model and under normal driving conditions, 95 percent of the engine's power is given to the front wheels. If a slippery situation is detected and the front wheels lose traction, a clutch in the rear differential switches and sends 65 percent of the power to the rear wheels. It keeps you safe without any effort on your part.

Oh, almost forgot. Standard equipment list now includes the nifty HomeLink garage door transmitter system.

Standard on the premium package are a power glass moon roof, leather seating surfaces all around, power passenger seat, six-CD in-dash changer, auto dimming rearview mirror, leather gearshift knob and a pesky cargo security cover. It just got in the way of stuff I was loading. It's a valuable tool to hide your securities, however.

The option list includes metallic paint treatment, the integrated child seat, rear seat controls, DVD-based navigation system (cool technology on this baby), cargo net, rear parking assist, Bi-Xenon headlamps (to drive oncoming traffic crazy), a wood steering wheel and an interior air quality system.

This is a neat SUV with a host of technology built in. You've got to check it out.

Write Avanti NewsFeatures editor Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

CLASSIFIED INDEX

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER
Employment	5000-5999
Announcements	6000-6900
Merchandise	7000-7540
Autos/RVs	8000-8760
Boats/Motors	8020
Motorcycles/Mini Bikes	8070
Trucks	8220



Call Toll Free

1-800-579-SELL (7355)

Fax Your Ad: (734) 953-2232

Walk-In Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
After Hours: Call (734) 591-0900

Deadlines: To place, cancel or correct ads.

Sunday
5:30 p.m. Friday
Sunday Real Estate
5:30 p.m. Thursday
Thursday
6 p.m. Tuesday
Thursday Real Estate Display
3 p.m. Monday

View the Observer & Eccentric Automotive Classifieds on the web:

www.hometownlife.com

LINCOLN MERCURY

www.APlanHeadquarters.com

YOU SAW THEM AT THE AUTO SHOW... NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR BEST DEAL!

SABLE LESSEES!

Early Bird Program available see Jack Demmer for details!

COUPON GET \$500 Extra For Your Trade!

EXPIRES 1-31-05

2005 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER

4.0 V6, automatic transmission, AM/FM CD, keyless entry, running boards. Stock #60210. WAS \$30,680

AS LOW AS \$21,501^{30*} 36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL **\$199^{99**}** A-Plan **\$1076.47** Due on Delivery

2005 LINCOLN LS

3.9L 4 valve DOHC V8, five speed automatic transmission, air, sport tuned suspension, heated/cooled front seats, leather, power moonroof, dual zone temp control. Stock #50057. WAS \$42,385

AS LOW AS \$31,187^{30*} 36 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL **\$299^{99**}** A-Plan **\$1694.67** Due on Delivery

2005 MERCURY MONTREY

4.2 EFI engine, 4 spd auto trans, heated seats, dual zone air, overhead console, dual sliding doors, AM/FM stereo CD/cass. Stock #41362. WAS \$34,240

AS LOW AS \$19,299^{25*}

2005 MERCURY MONTEGO

3.0 24 valve V6, air conditioning, six speed automatic transmission, passenger power seat, AM/FM six CD MP3 audio, adjustable pedals. Stock #50383. WAS \$25,790

AS LOW AS \$19,975^{00*} 24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL **\$199^{99**}** A-Plan **\$847.29** Due on Delivery

2005 MERCURY MARINER

2.3L engine, automatic overdrive transmission, air, AM/FM CD, fog lamps, power mirrors, roof rack, leather steering wheel. Stock #50791. WAS \$22,430

AS LOW AS \$15,299^{58*} 24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL **\$99^{99**}** A-Plan **\$1455.02** Due on Delivery

*Plus tax, title, license & destination. Rebates computed in price. **All leases are 10,500 miles/yr. (Navigator 12,000 miles/yr. With approved credit plus tax, title, acquisition fee + Trade ins '95 or newer, less than 100,000 mi. Limit 1 per customer. †† Must certify that customer is not A-Plan eligible. Must take delivery from dealer stock. Photos may not represent actual vehicle. All vehicles subject to prior sale. Expires 1/31/05.

SALES HOURS:

10:00am - 6:00pm

TOLL FREE 1-866-99-A PLAN

196 Jeffries

Michigan Ave.

Southfield

INK

FASHIONed for You!

Roses are Red...

**Top 10 dates for
Valentine's Day**

**Gift ideas for
your sweetie**

and more...

■ January 30, 2005



RAYMOND T. HAJJAR, D.O., F.A.C.O.S.
Plastic Surgery

RTH
face & body

Power Puffing

Hylaform® / Restylane®

- Smile Lines
- Lip Enhancement
- Vertical Lip Lines

\$350/\$450 per treatment
(*regularly \$450/\$500)

Call us today to schedule your appointment.

250 Martin Street
Birmingham, MI 48009
248.594.0099

29877 Telegraph Road
Southfield, MI 48034
248.356.9535

Offer Expires 2/28/05

www.drhajjar.com

KELLY'S KLICKS

Sweet Valentine's Gifts for Guys and Girls



Pink. Red. White. You probably fall into as divided categories as red and blue (re: states). Some love that chubby cherub called Cupid, while

others would like to turn that arrow right back on him, and not in a loving way. Whichever side of the Valentine's coin you're partial to, may I suggest doing away with all the pressure and expectations and just enjoy the day for what it is? A day to indulge loved ones, potential loved ones, and most of all yourself, with some much needed pampering. We could all use the break, no?

Let this guide help you find fun, sweet and thoughtful gifts without the stress of hunting down fun, sweet and thoughtful gifts. No pressure is what Kelly's Klicks is all about. Enjoy.



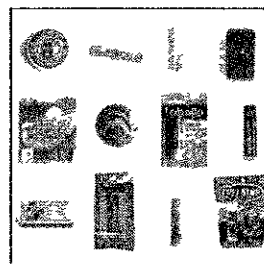
Dooney & Bourke red ostrich satchel, borrow it now @ bagborroworsteal.com

For the Ladies

Whilst we lurve the chocolates and flowers, many of us also love the fashion even more. We can't help it - it's genetic (or so I like to theorize). So for those fashionistas in your life, try an innovative gift this

holiday: A membership to the Bag Borrow or Steal handbag club at bagborroworsteal.com. Memberships start at just \$19.95/month and let that special lady borrow top designer handbags for as long as she wants. When she wants to trade in that Marc Jacobs for the latest Gucci bag, she just sends it back in and is sent her next fix. Note: Men, you will make your woman very happy with this gift. And when she's happy, you're happy, right?

Another win-win? Lip Balm of the Month club at lipmedic.com. For \$65, your one and only will be sent the latest and greatest glosses monthly. Pucker up.



Lip balm of the month club, \$65 @ lipmedic.com

Another sweet idea that's great for all ages is a Pajama Gram from pajamagram.com. Indeed, you can send her a cute pair of PJs, a sexy nightie, or a cuddly robe, and have it delivered with a free keepsake organza hatbox, lavender bath tea, a 'Do

Not Disturb' sign, and a personalized gift card. Prices start at \$39.95.

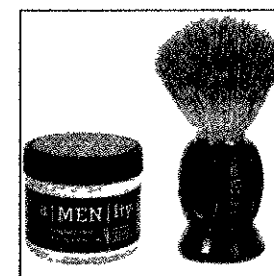


Love & Happiness Pajama Gram, \$82.95 @ pajamagram.com

For the Gents

Despite the front they sometimes put up, men like to be pampered too, metro-sexual or non-metro. A great way

to show you adore him and his fabulous face is by giving an aMENity shaving and grooming set from getamenity.com. Gift sets range from \$39-\$89 and come with a cute old-fashioned shaving brush and



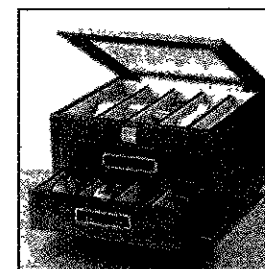
aMENity starter shaving kit, \$39 @ amenity.com

some very fresh smelling cream, lotion, after-shave, moisturizer, and cleanser. Best of all, proceeds for some products benefit Men Against Breast Cancer charity, and we can't think of anything more lov-

ing than that.

But for the man who's more cocktails than coattails, a Dirty Martini Gift Set might be right up his alley. This naughty little gift from shop.com includes four "swerve" martini glasses in your choice of clear or blue stem, a playful Position of the Day book, and a stainless steel Swank Martini shaker kit, all for \$94.

Looking for something slightly tamer? Check out redenvelope.com. From a cool red leather flask (\$25-\$35) and elegant initial cufflinks (\$90) to a sweet double locket key chain (\$30) and handsome men's accessories box (\$110), you're sure to find a heartload of wonderful gifts for the day we hate to love.



Men's accessories box, \$110 @ redenvelope.com

Looking for something slightly tamer? Check out redenvelope.com. From a cool red leather flask (\$25-\$35) and elegant initial cufflinks (\$90) to a sweet double locket key chain (\$30) and handsome men's accessories box (\$110), you're sure to find a heartload of wonderful gifts for the day we hate to love.

Kelly Lee runs the online style magazine BussBuss.com and designs fabulously fun clothing and accessories. Got an online shopping question? Ask kelly@bussbuss.com!

www.hometownlife.com

BLISS Bridal show

Plan your wedding in a day at BLISS! Bridal Fest. The event features wedding experts, the latest trends, prizes, strolling hors d'oeuvres, wine tastings, live fashion shows and more, noon-4 p.m. Jan. 30 at Kensington Court, 610 Hilton Blvd., Ann Arbor. Observer/Eccentric readers get two free tickets — mention code "PINK" when reserving by phone or enter the code on the Website. \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Call 888-BLISS-11 or visit www.blissbridalfest.com.

Bridal Boot Camp

Get in shape for your wedding with this one-day intensive workshop presented by personal trainer Jennifer Gray, 6 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Royal Park Hotel, Rochester. Brides consult with experts and get a personalized fitness evaluation, nutrition and skin care consultations, hair and makeup demos, fashion advice, dance lessons, wedding planning guidance and menu tips, along with numerous fitness classes. Leave with an easy-to-follow plan created just for you. \$500 includes all personal consultations, meals and services. For details, call 248-761-2321 or visit www.getaway4brides.com.

Brides-To-Be, Inc.

Browse hundreds of bridal exhibits and view a fabulous fashion show. Plus, enter to win more than \$100,000 in free gifts and prizes including spectacular ClubMed honeymoons and Demetrios bridal gowns, noon, Sunday, Feb. 6, Sheraton Novi. \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. Call 586-228-2700 or visit www.bridestobeshows.net.

Damsels in De-Stress

Once upon a time there was a lady who yearned to relax and unwind. Sound like your kind of fairy tale? Macomb Family Services invites you to Damsels in De-Stress, an evening of primping, pampering and indulgence. Stroll through the Best Western-Concorde Inn from 5-10 p.m. Feb. 11 and enjoy shopping, fragrances, spa services, makeovers, fashion and entertainment by Robin Smith from Born to Shop. \$50 includes dinner, chocolate fountain, valet parking and coat check, with proceeds benefitting senior programs at Macomb Family Services. Call 248-226-3440 or 586-254-5660, ext. 239 to reserve your spot.

Fashion Show Benefit

Portofino Salon & Spa will be "giving their hearts to St. Jude's" this Valentine's Day and hoping the public will do the same by attending its Spring Fashion Show Preview at the Hilton Hotel in Troy to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 7 p.m. Feb. 9

The evening will include an energy-packed Spring preview of hair colors and styles with fashion, dancing and singing, along with hors d'oeuvres, a free cocktail, after-show dancing with D.J. Joe Caradonna, and a silent auction. The latest hair care and skin care products will be available for purchase. Pick up tickets, \$60, at Portofino Salon & Spa, 2559 Livernois, Troy or online at www.salonportofino.com.

Fur Caravan

Stay warm these winter months in a stylish fur from the season's best looks, Feb. 2-8, Neiman Marcus, Somerset. Call 248-643-3300 for more information.

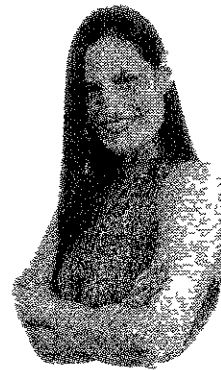
The Great Bra Giveaway

Sick of wearing uncomfortable undergarments? Squirm no more. European designer Victor Herbert has designed a brand new bra for Jockey using 3-D laser body scans of more than 5,000 women. Pick up a free sample at Marshall Field's and Jockey host The Great Bra Giveaway, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 9 at Oakland Mall, Troy; 4-7 p.m. Feb. 10 at Somerset, Troy; and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 11 at Twelve Oaks. Guests will receive a free, newly designed Jockey bra with each complimentary fitting from a Jockey professional.

Tuesday Night Beauty Bar

Indulge in martinis and manicures at the Franklin Grille/Spa's Beauty Bar 6-10 p.m. every Tuesday night. Grab your girlfriends and pick up a martini at the Franklin Grille, then hop across the street to the Franklin Spa, 32751 Franklin Rd., for a mini manicure, tweeze or chair massage. The cost is \$19 for one drink and one spa service. Reserve your spot today by calling 248-626-1772.

Post events relating to style, including trunk shows, grand openings, sales, fashion shows and gift-with-purchase promotions to The PINK List. E-mail pink@homecomm.net; fax 248-901-2553; or mail information to: Pink, The Observer Offices, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150.



Well, it's the end of January. Have you kept your resolutions? No? Well, you're not alone. PINK started out the new year announcing all our editorial plans for 2005, and already they are "so last season" due to a big change for PINK ...

You are holding in your well manicured little hands the very last weekly issue of your beloved PINK. Starting in February, PINK will transition to a monthly publication, in order to offer a more traditional, magazine-style format. The first monthly edition will appear in your Sunday Observer & Eccentric on Feb. 20, and subsequent issues will be published each month after that.

Never fear, each issue will continue to contain PINK's signature features, including **Kelly's Kicks**, (our online shopping column) PINK Picks (our style hot list) **Tried 'n' True** (beauty product and service reviews), **The PINK List**, (our guide to style events around town) and **StyleScopes**. In addition, PINK will feature fashion and retail news from Metro Detroit and beyond.

But don't fret if that's simply not enough PINK! A "PINK Page" will appear every Sunday in the Community Life section of your Observer & Eccentric, offering your weekly fix of PINK Picks, the PINK List and other fun features. So keep thinking PINK.

And as for resolutions ... there's nothing wrong with tweaking them along the way, provided you keep your eyes on the ultimate goal. In our case ... being fabulous in every way. Thanks for reading.

Wendy White,
Editor

in the pink

2 ■ **Kelly's Kicks**
Valentine gifts for him and her

3 ■ **The PINK List**
Bridal shows, Damsels in De-Stress and The Great Bra Giveaway

4 ■ **Right on Traque**
Ferndale's favorite talent agency celebrates at the bosco

5 ■ **Top 10 V-Day Dates**
Show your sweetie a good time with these suggestions from PINK

6 ■ **Auto Model**
A spokesmodel dishes about what it's like to work at NAIAS

7 ■ **PINK Picks**
Saketinis, *Seven Types of Ambiguity* and Seven's latest

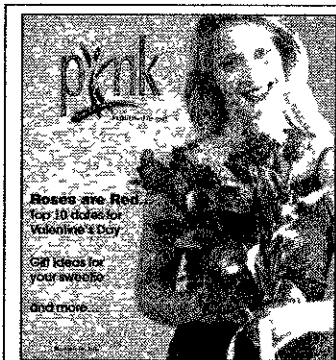
7 ■ **Tried 'n' True**
How to plan ahead for a romantic evening this Feb. 14

We welcome your comments!

Write us at
PINK

36251 Schoolcraft
Livonia, MI 48150
pink@homecomm.net

or call:
734-953-2019



On the Cover

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Make your plans for romance with a little help from PINK.

COVER DESIGNED BY GLENNY MERILLAT

Pink

Best New Fashion
Special Section in
the U.S.A., 2004

— INLAND
PRESS
ASSOCIATION

EDITOR
Wendy White
wwhite@homecomm.net
734-953-2019 ■ 734-953-2232(Fax)

FASHION & BEAUTY EDITOR
kSnyder
ksnyder@homecomm.net
734-953-2033

DESIGNERS
Glenny Merillat ■ Jacqueline Sullivan

DISPLAY ADVERTISING INFORMATION
Oakland County • 248-901-2500
Wayne County • 734-953-2153

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING INFORMATION
800-579-7355

Vol. 1 ■ Issue 36
January 30, 2005

HomeTown
COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK

Address all correspondence, including
Letters to the Editor to:
PINK

Hometown Communications Network
36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150

E-mail: PINK@homecomm.net
Click on "PINK" at
www.hometownlife.com



Jessica Perreca of Novi looks great in a dress from Shapes.



Treas Charow, a clothing designers and owner of Shapes in Royal Oak, is a big supporter of the local fashion scene. She attended the soiree in an asymmetrical blouse from her own store.

pink carpet

Right on Time

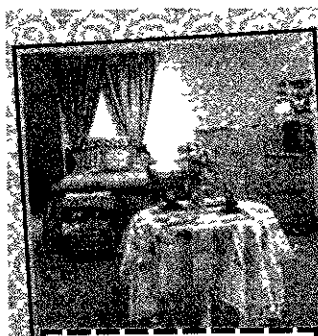
Traque Model Management in Ferndale threw their annual holiday bash at the bosco in Ferndale to celebrate another successful year booking local talent. According to Agency Director Mary Mullen, the party was a chance for everyone to relax and unwind after a busy year. Traque books print, runway, on camera and editorial models for such clients as DOC, Chrysler Jeep, Toyota, HOUR Media and, of course, PINK! The company, originally based in Toledo, will celebrate its sixth anniversary in Detroit this year. Cheers!



Brittnee Aten from Franklin sports a cute look with jeans rolled up to emphasize ruched boots from Bakers.



Sisters Susie and Andrea Bray from Saline make a pretty pair. Susie's scarf is from Gadzooks, and Andrea's dress is from Express.



Jaipur Emporium

A New Boutique Featuring:

- Unique array of soft home furnishings in vibrant colors and exquisite designs that include bed spreads, pillow covers, table cloths, curtains, placemat/napkin sets and famous handmade Jaipuri quilts
- Beautiful silver Kundan and costume jewelry
- Hand embroidered cotton blouses, beaded purses and belts
- Famous Jaipuri Blue Pottery • Shawls, scarves and more

Many items currently... **20-50% Off**

(734) 432-5095

37572 Six Mile • Laurel Park Place • Livonia
 Located just around the corner from Nine West

Extra \$5 off Any purchase of \$20 or more
Extra \$10 off Any purchase of \$50 or more
 With this coupon • Expires 5-12-05



Look good in pictures.

(Without having to suck in your stomach, turn to the side, hold out your arm, and stick out your chin.)

ONE WEEK FREE!
 No joining fee...no gimmicks...try us out all week for FREE!
 And if you like us...purchase 3 months and get an additional **ONE MONTH FREE!**

Valid for Jazzercise customers not attending since 9-1-04. Not valid with any other offer. No refunds or cash value. Limit 1 per customer. Expires 2-12-05.

Livonia Jazzercise • 34567 Seven Mile
 For more information please call:
734-762-1662
 or visit our website at: www.jazzercise.com

 Cardio
  Strength
  Stretch
jazzercise
 it shows.
OE08285856
www.hometownlife.com

10 great ways to spend V-day with your sweetie

By k & Wensdy White

Give Cupid's energy a chance to find its mark with these fresh ways to spend Valentine's Day with the one you love. Just remember, February 14th falls on a Monday this year, so you might want to plan your date the preceding weekend. Here are some of PINK's suggestions for a fun and fabulous night.

1) Take it higher

Get a new perspective on love by planning drinks and apps at Coach Insignia, the newly-opened restaurant at the top of the Ren Cen in downtown Detroit. Drink in the big city lights with a glass of bubbly, and toast your relationship to new heights. Afterwards, you just might get lucky — if you stop by Motor City Casino and take a chance on love, that is. Bet on red together, or seek out the Queen of Hearts. Just promise to put your winnings toward more romance.

2) Cross the border

Be a jet-setter and add some international flair to your date this year. If you haven't crossed the Ambassador in a while, hop over the bridge to Windsor for some Canadian fun. Start out at the Bern Fondue and Wine Bar, where you can break bread together and share an intimate meal. What's could be more romantic than ending dinner with chocolate-dipped strawberries? Then, head to one of Windsor's nightclubs. Dare to check out the Wild Orchid, which caters to couples with "modern burlesque" or, cozy up for some Latin dancing at The Zebra Room's Miami Style Saturdays.

3) Reserve decadence

If splurging on a gourmet meal is on your agenda, book your reservations early as tables all over town are bound to fill up fast. A can't-go-wrong choice for fine dining is Tribute in Farmington Hills. The restaurant is usually closed on Mondays, but will open Feb. 14 with a special menu created just for Valentine's Day. Your

sweetie will feel simply adored sitting in a cozy booth gazing into your thoughtful eyes over a delicious meal and glass of top-notch wine.

4) Hit the hills

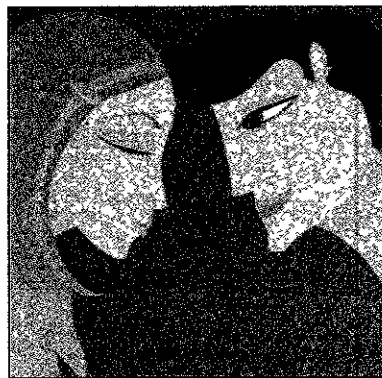
Get snow-bunny with your honey and head to one of southeastern Michigan's local hills for a slope-styled date. Mt. Holly, Pine Knob and Alpine all have night skiing hours which will get you out of the house and doing something different. Best of all, après-ski you'll get the chance to snuggle close in the lodge and warm up by the fire with an Irish coffee. Besides, how fun to shop for pink and red ski wear before you go!

5) Get Lucky

If you're a casual couple looking to celebrate the lighter side of Valentine's Day, check out Lucky's in Novi's Fountainwalk. The new funspot offers an arcade, bar and super-cool scene. Slap some money on a Lucky's card and try your skills at virtual surfing, snow boarding and dancing. Or, shoot hoops and Skee-ball and turn in your tickets for silly gifts for each other. Have a cocktail while you're playing, or wait until you're done and head over to Lucky's lounge where you can cuddle on the couches and make time to chat.

6) Chill out

Plan a date at home with the help of www.thelobsterguy.com. Order a Romantic Dinner for Two for \$169.99 (includes shipping) and turn your own dinner table in to a 5-star restaurant. Direct from the Ferry Wharf Fish Market in Rhode Island, this dinner of lobster, shrimp cocktail and soup is romantic, elegant and easy to prepare — simply open the box delivered direct to your door and set it up. The package even includes a lead crystal candle holder and candle. Call 1-866-788-0004 for details. Or, get "carried



away" locally with gourmet take-out from Cucina Leone or Papa Joe's, both in Birmingham.

7) Pamper and relax

There's no better way to indulge your sweetie — and yourself — than by booking a decadent massage for two. Many local spas offer couples massage packages, but why not make your reservations at a place named after Cupid's very own mom? Venus Day Spa at 14 and Haggerty in Commerce Twp. offers a Couples Massage for \$180, that combines Swedish and Deep Tissue techniques with scented hot towel wraps. For the month of February, couples will be greeted with a bottle of champagne.

8) Make it "Dirty"

If you're an open-minded, creative couple then you've probably already penned Detroit's annual Dirty Show at the Tangent Gallery on your calendar for Feb. 11-13. Founded by Jerry Vile, the former publisher of Detroit's Orbit Magazine, the

exhibit features erotic art from the area's most talented artists. But be forewarned, the Dirty Show is not for the faint of heart. There's no PG or PC art to be found at this edgy show.

9) Bend the rules

They say 'the couple that works out together, stays together' — right? Well, hop on the Zen bus and get ready for some asanas. Sign up for Partner Yoga at 7 p.m. on Feb. 11 at Yoga Now in Keego Harbor. You'll both feel blissful as you celebrate each other's health — and try out positions you didn't know existed. Call 248-683-0086 for more details.

10) Express your love

Write your dearest a true love letter. Better than a store-bought Valentine on the 14th, a bona-fide handwritten lettre d'amour says serious romance: Keep it sweet or light-it-up lusty — a note of love slipped into his briefcase or delivered to her office will set the tone for your next rendezvous. Or, present the letter in person with a box of chocolates, like champagne truffles from Gayle's in Royal Oak, or hand dipped heart-shaped treats from Chocolates by Renee in Northville.

VALENTINE WISH LIST

1. BARE ESSENTIALS Mineral Make Up
2. Jewelry
3. A Cute Handbag
4. Aromatherapy & Bath Products

Make sure you put your list on the TV or bathroom mirror so they will know exactly what you want for Valentine's Day!

Dip Into Beauty BOUTIQUE
730 N. Old Woodward Ave
Lower Level
Birmingham, MI 48009
248.723.5479

IT DOESN'T TAKE AN EXTREME MAKEOVER...

Just A Beautiful Smile

There's nothing extreme about the appeal of a beautiful smile. If you have been living with the pain, discomfort, and embarrassment of crooked, discolored or missing teeth, there is a simple solution. Using the latest cosmetic techniques, **DRS. Terri & Cynthia Todaro** can give you an attractive smile that leaves a great first impression. You'll have the smile you've always wanted in just a few comfortable visits.

A healthy smile will give you back your confidence and self esteem. Call today to schedule a complimentary consultation.

DRS. TERRI & CYNTHIA TODARO
COSMETIC GENERAL IMPLANT DENTALS
DR. TERRI L. TODARO
DR. CYNTHIA M. TODARO

Actual before and afters from Dr. Terri Todaro.

248-477-7905 31395 Seven Mile Rd at Merrimam Livonia, Michigan

Financing Plans Available

Observer & Eccentric pink Classified

Place your ad toll free at
1-800-579-SELL

E-Mail Us: oads@oe.homecomm.net

0001-2450 Home & Service Guide	3890-3980 Commercial Industrial Sale or Lease	6000-6980 Announcements	7110-7130 Garage & Moving Sale
3000-3890 Real Estate For Sale	4000-4980 Real Estate • Rent/Lease	7800-7980 Animal/Pets/Livestock	7000-7780 Merchandise

OBSERVER SALES OFFICE 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150

ECCENTRIC SALES OFFICE 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009

Walk-In Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Fax your ad: 734-953-2232

Published on Sunday • Classified Advertising Deadline is Tuesday at 6 p.m.

<p>3000-3890 Real Estate For Sale</p>  <p>3720</p> <p>LIVONIA - LAUREL WOODS JUST LISTED Super Sharp. Mint 2 bdrm, 2 bath ranch condo. New kitchen, all appliances, garage, pool. Close to shopping and X-ways. Only \$149,900. ESTHER BAXTER 248-981-7885 MAYFAIR REALTORS 734-522-8000 x243 hometownlife.com</p>	<p>3000-3890 Real Estate For Sale</p>  <p>4000</p> <p>APARTMENTS/Unfurnished PLYMOUTH - Spacious 1 bdrm Villa Apts. 13 x 18 living room. Quiet courtyard. Heat & water incl. all appliances \$630/mo. 1 yr lease. Non-smoking. Cable ready 734-453-0885</p> <p>When seeking out the best deal check out the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds! 1-800-579-7355</p>	<p>Homes For Rent 4050</p> <p>Western Livonia ranch 3 bdrm brick, 1.5 bath, 2 car attached garage, updated! \$1300/rent. \$194,000/buy 734-751-1319</p> <p>WESTLAND Awesome, huge 3 bdrm ranch, like new, garage, bsmt, huge porch. Great area. \$925/month (734) 425-8054</p>	<p>3000-3890 Real Estate For Sale</p>  <p>5000</p> <p>HAIR STYLIST We are looking for 1 exp professional to join our team. Elegant upscale salon. Health, dental, vision, 401(K), education & more! For confidential interview. 248-320-4999.</p> <p>Year ad is just a click away....</p> <p>www.hometownlife.com</p>
---	---	--	--

"Suits, Cars and Seminars" gives women jackets for jobs

AUBURN HILLS — Metro Detroiters showed their generosity by donating 820 articles of clothing, including 534 suits, to Jackets for Jobs Inc. as part of the Chrysler Group Women's Forum "Suits, Cars and Seminars" event at the North American International Auto Show. The Women's Forum also presented the local charity with \$25,000 to support activities that will prepare economically disadvantaged women to enter the work force.

"Hundreds of area women will get a fresh start in 2005 as a result of the generosity of the Metro Detroit community," said Chris Alaniz, Chrysler Group Director of Materials Engineering and Chair of the Chrysler Group Women's Forum.

In addition, three Jackets for Jobs clients received makeovers to complete their new look. Beauty First provided hair styling and manicures, while Parisian did the makeup and assisted with accessories. Both stores are located in the Village of Rochester Hills.

To go along with the suits and cars, the Chrysler Group Women's Forum offered seminars throughout the day Feb. 19 on topics that included new vehicle design trends, understanding vehicle financing and maintaining your vehicle.

"This has been a wonderful partner-



The Chrysler Group Women's Forum presented Jackets for Jobs, Inc., with \$25,000 during "Suits, Cars and Seminars." Pictured are (from left) Betty Henderson and Alison Vaughn of Jackets for Jobs; Chris Alaniz and Christine MacKenzie of Chrysler Group Women's Forum; and Brian Glowiak, DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund.

ship between Jackets for Jobs and the Chrysler Group Women's Forum," said Alison Vaughn, Jackets for Jobs Founder. "It's inspiring to see Chrysler Group and the community work together to help make a difference so low-income women can enter the work force."

For more information about Jackets for Jobs, visit the organization's Web site at www.jacketsforjobs.org or call 313-579-9160.

The life of an auto show model: Remonda Palmer Sheffield

By Maureen McDonald ■ PINK Correspondent

Supporting wool felt jacket, silk sweater and tweed trousers, Remonda Palmer-Sheffield stood on a rotating platform reciting the attributes of a Toyota Camry Solara.

"It's so affordable," she gushes as a group of adoring men engage her in questions about engine performance, mileage, trunk capacity and warranty. "Is there anything else you want to know?"

Palmer-Sheffield, 34, of West Bloomfield, is

one of 175 product specialists recently placed at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit by Productions Plus, a Bingham Farms talent agency specializing in car exhibitions. She worked six-hour days under bright lights, booming microphones and three-inch patent-leather shoes.

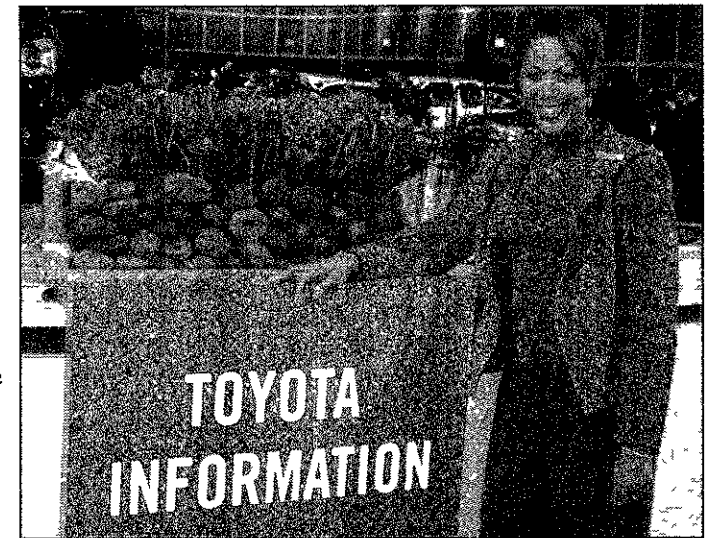
"At least I'm able to wear comfortable clothing," she says. In the past decade the auto show models have morphed from ravishing women in glittery ball gowns or svelte leather hot pants to everyday people who trumpet value and experience, not just sirens of chrome.

"Toyota spends a full week each year educating us on new products and service. They call it kaizen — continuous learning," Palmer-Sheffield says. Agency members travel to Paris, New York and Milan to study the latest fashions and develop wardrobes that fit the individuals and the car lines they represent. Glamour is great — as long as it doesn't outshine the autos.

"It takes a great deal of talent and stamina to work with the public for six to eight continuous hours," says Margery Krevsky, CEO and president of Productions Plus. "People want personality and competence."

Product specialists help personalize the vehicles as they move about the crowd answering questions, taming children who might become aggressive toward vehicles or fending off admirers. Specialists work as a team to help each other cope with difficult people. They are selected because they can work with a vast number of people who hail from around the Midwest.

If the image of the ditzy brained blonde with great cleavage persists, Palmer-Sheffield begs to differ. She juggles the role of a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines, mother of a three-year-old daughter and auto show model,



Remonda Sheffield was among 175 product specialists who worked at the NAIAS.

working at least six out of a possible 72 auto shows staged across the country.

Among the auto show veterans, comedian Tim Allen once worked as a product specialist for Cadillac. Katherine du Ross captured the eye of Henry Ford II as she draped herself on a Ford product in the late 1960s. She later became his wife.

Just how important is the show? David Sowerby, chief market analyst at Loomis Sayles & Company said the 800,000 visitors in 2005 represented an economic impact of \$580 million, a 5 percent gain over 2004. The black-tie charity preview was a sell-out event for 17,500 individuals who raised \$7 million for children's charities.

How does an individual become the talent that earns a place on a rotating platform? Palmer-Sheffield says several other flight attendants encouraged her to apply because their flexible hours lend themselves easily to show dates. She already had people skills, an ability to stand for long hours and weather questions with a smile.

Productions Plus maintains a data base of more than 5,000 product specialists who can work the auto show circuit, training in dealerships or presenting products at department stores. Individuals send portfolios to the website, www.productions-plus.com. Periodically the agency hosts job fairs in cities around America. A background in modeling and product presentations is helpful.

"Once you get on board, the good thing is that car companies often invite you back year after year because they like seasoned people. Some members of the team have been here 14 years," she said. What's the best perk? "A private room in a nice hotel. At the end of the day greeting thousands upon thousands of people you want to rest your feet in privacy."

tried 'n' true

By k

How to shine on Cupid Monday

With the biggest 'date-day' of the year fast approaching, let's get you ready for the big snuggle with a few tips that will make you look and feel as rosy as the dozen you expect by noon on V-Day!

Choose a lingerie set that's feminine and sexy, yet comfortable under your flowy, layered top of choice. Try the **DKNY Enticing Twinkle cami and bikini set** (\$64 at bareness.com) which is done in just-girly-enough-but-still-cool stretch lace that'll give support and a bit-o-coverage-on-ye-e-bum. Then, book a bikini wax to get tidy.

Bikini waxing several days ahead will allow for any irritation to go down, but try **Tend Skin** (\$20 at Sephora) to ensure you stay smooth afterward. A good mani/pedi is in order to keep dry, winter hands and feet out of the question. Have your toes painted in a deep berry and your fingers in a gold-spiked pink.

Choose a sweet, vibrant shade for cheeks that is sheer in texture like **Tarte Cheek Stain in Flush** (\$26 at Sephora) and balance it out with a not-too-goopy lipgloss like **Dessert's Deliciously Kissable Plumping Lip**

Fragrance Gloss (\$21 at Todd's Room) in Bunny or Sunny (the yummy flavors of Tahitian vanilla and peach will keep you delectable all evening). Balance all this sheer, juicy colour with perfectly even skin. A quick stop into **Todd's Room** in Birmingham to pick out a pair of gorgeous and supremely affordable earrings will set the look off and help you shine as you enjoy the charm and kitsch this holiday is all about.

But, before you answer the doorbell and saunter off to Tribute, you'll want to smell like the classy gal you are without permeating the whole room. Choose a fragrance that is more subtle than some of the in-your-face winter scents we covet in the deep freeze months. Try **Fresh's new Sake Eau de Parfum** (\$50 at Ruby's Balm).

The countdown to Cupid Monday is on! If, by chance, you are appalled at the date choices this year, call your gal-pals and head out for your own modern S.O.S (Securely Out Solo) evening feeling fantastic — because we ALL deserve to celebrate love!

Bring on the bubbly!

pink picks

By k

Wear It!

New Seven tri-color "A" pocket jean

DON'T Wear It!

Metallic shoes, bag and jewels with your metallic dress (pick ONE!)

Tote It!

Gucci's Spring '05 flap bags (save ALL your pennies for this slice of heaven!)



Kick It!

Cui Cui feathered thong sandal on your winter get-a-way

Travel With It!

Christofle Shopping Around the World Card at vivre.com

Face It!

Wink Double Trouble scented lip gloss and liner to benefit Tsunami Relief



See It!

The Wedding Date

DVD It!

Remembering Johnny Carson



www.hometownlife.com

Tivo It!

Wickedly Perfect

Read It!

Seven Types of Ambiguity by Elliot Perlman



Hear It!

Knuckle Down by Ani DiFranco

Drink It!

Saketinis at Crave

Eat It!

The seared big-eye app. at Northern Lakes Seafood Company

Use It!

Hold Everything's Fairfield Modular Closet furniture

Get It!

Target's Global Bazaar through February 19th

Experience It!

The Annual Winter Floral Show on Belle Isle

Everyone makes resolutions.
At Curves, you keep them.



This year, find out how over 4 million women who thought they couldn't get fit have discovered they can. At Curves, you can too. Our fun, simple workouts take just 30 minutes, three times a week. Success is right around the corner.

Curves

The power to
amaze yourself.*

curvesinternational.com

248-258-9030
633 S. Adams
Birmingham, MI 48009

248-244-9030
158 W. Maple Rd.
Troy, MI 48084

248-336-9030
2985 W. 12 Mile Rd.
Berkley, MI 48072

248-355-9030
23920 W. Nine Mile Rd.
Southfield, MI 48034



Join today and receive 50% off* the service fee and find out how to get a free Curves book.

Over 8,000 locations worldwide.

*Offer based on first visit enrollment, minimum 12 mo. c.d. program. Not valid with any other offer. Valid only at participating locations from 12/27/04-3/6/05. Three referrals required for free book.

Live Up To Your Fall Potential!

If you want different results in any area of your life or business, you must do things differently than you are doing them now. This is easier said than done for most people. Most people are simply not used to making decisions that will alter the lifestyle and routine they are comfortable with. In fact, the most psychologically uncomfortable thing for humans to do is...

CHANGE!

So, most people don't make choices. They SETTLE. They settle with the job or partner they've got. They settle for how they spend their time, etc. Isn't it about time you got more of what you want in life? Utopia Life Coaching's proven method will help you change, develop and recognize your full potential. We keep you on track! You overcome obstacles, stay motivated, become stress-free and confident with yourself living the life YOU deserve!

IMAGINE...

- Being Financially Independent
- Getting the Job YOU Want
- Achieving a More Socially Rewarding Life
- Being Stress-Free
- Losing Weight and Keeping it off
- Having Self-Confidence
- Being Able to Assert Yourself Without Guilt
- Being Remarkable!

Start Your Personal Transformation Now!
Schedule Your Consultation Session Today...Contact:

Utopia Life Coaching

Website: www.utopialifecoaching.com
Email: celeste@utopialifecoaching.com

or call us at... **734-762-1676**

the info zone

Ask the Beverly Hills Plastic Surgeon

Q Dear Dr. Youn: I'm thinking of having surgery but am afraid of anesthesia or something bad happening to me. Any comments?

- Healthy Apprehension

A Dear Healthy Apprehension, I tell all of my patients that my top priority is safety. I am a physician first and a plastic surgeon second. It's normal to be scared before surgery, as no surgery is without risks. It is important, however, for your surgeon to minimize any risks that he or she can. Although all surgeons have their own preoperative requirements, I require all my cosmetic surgery patients to undergo a complete preoperative evaluation by a family physician prior to surgery. This includes basic tests such as an EKG (to make sure your heart can tolerate anesthesia), blood counts (testing for anemia), clotting tests (testing for bleeding problems), and others. I use board certified anesthesiologists, and only perform surgery in fully accredited surgery centers.

For additional information, visit Dr. Youn's website at www.beverlyhillsbeauty.com or call (248) 650-1900.

Dr. Youn's office is located in Rochester Hills, and he can be seen on selected episodes of "Dr. 90210" on E!.



OE0826487

Laser Eye Institute

Q What is Near Vision CK (Conductive Keratoplasty)?

A Even if you have enjoyed good distance vision all of your life, or if you have achieved good vision through Lasik or other refractive procedures, all of us will experience fading near vision beginning around the age of 40. Near Vision CK uses radio-frequency energy to reshape the cornea and bring near vision back into focus. CK is performed in the office in less than 3 minutes and involves no cutting or removal of tissue. After using numbing eye drops to eliminate any possibility of discomfort, the doctor uses a tiny probe to deliver radio waves in a circular pattern around the cornea. The collagen in the treated areas shrinks, causing a tightening effect (like a belt), and steepening the cornea bringing near vision into focus. The Laser Eye Institute has the latest technology to perform this procedure, freeing our patients from frustration of reading glasses.

Daniel S. Haddad, M.D.

248-689-2020

LASER EYE INSTITUTE
Office: 248-689-2020
www.lasereyeinstitute.com

www.lasereyeinstitute.com

OE08290386

Ask the Jeweler

Q I am traveling out of the country and was told I can find a deal on diamonds. What do you think?

A This is a question people often ask and there is no firm answer. Depending on where you are traveling and how much you know about diamonds it is possible to make an informed purchase and not be taken. Those traveling to Russia, South Africa and Antwerp may be able to buy diamonds at much the same price they would pay in the states but with the memory of having made the purchase while on a significant trip. In most cases however, we recommend making this type of purchase near where you live. We see too many deals that turn out to be learning experiences because of lack of knowledge on the part of the buyer or a slick sales job by the merchant. Buying at home allows you to shop and compare at your leisure rather than being rushed into a decision you may later regret. If however you are determined to make an out of country purchase then by all means take one of our classes and learn from the experts before you travel.

Miner's Den
JEWELRY & GEMS

3417 Rochester Road
Royal Oak
248.585.6950

www.minersden.com

OE08290387



Q I am in my mid-forties and have noticed a significant increase in my menstrual flow. My doctor suggested oral contraceptive hormones or possible

hysterectomy. Are there other alternatives and are they covered by insurance?

A Yes, and usually yes.

A new technique, called endometrial ablation has been devised. Basically, an instrument is inserted through the vagina into the uterus and is connected to an energy source, which destroys the lining (endometrium) of the uterus while leaving the uterus intact. The energy source can be laser, heat or ultra cold. All of these techniques are approximately 90% successful in either reducing or totally eliminating menstrual flow without affecting the female hormones. The newest technique, using ultra cold, is relatively painless and can be done in our office with local anesthesia.

THE BIRMINGHAM MENOPAUSE INSTITUTE

Jerrold H. Weinberg, MD, FACOG

Mimi A. Kuykendall, PA-CMS

Call for an appointment

248.865.3750

www.birmingham-menopause.com

30055 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 250 (corner of Inkster Rd.) Farmington Hills, MI 48334

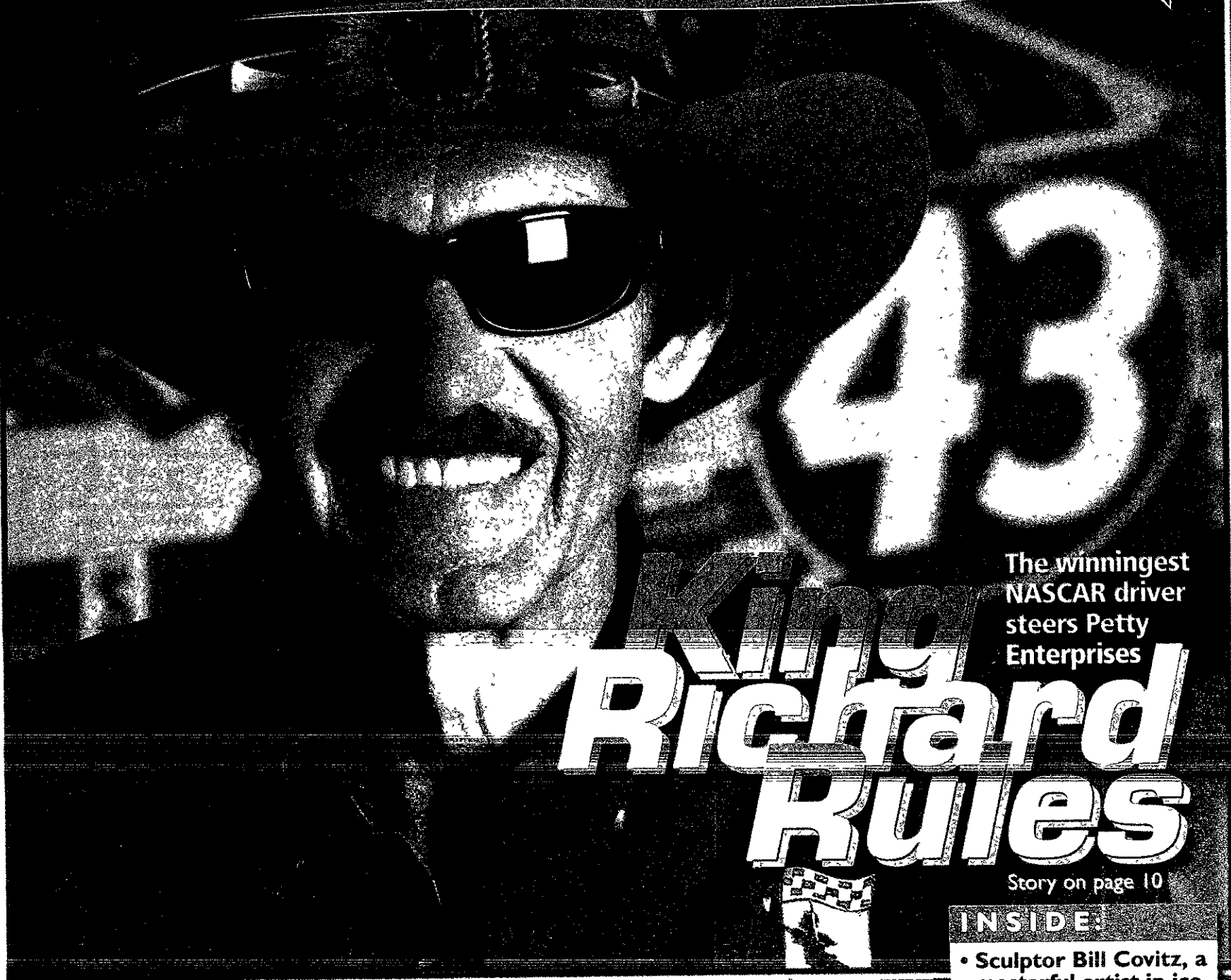
pink

Pink is a very effective advertising vehicle for your business.

Please call an area representative at 248-901-2500 for more information about advertising here.

OE08263926

American Profile



The winningest
NASCAR driver
steers Petty
Enterprises

King **Richard Petty**

Story on page 10

INSIDE:

- Sculptor Bill Covitz, a masterful artist in ice
- Pendleton Woolen Mills
- Income tax mistakes
- German chocolate pie



Reppn-Reality Good?

See Page 12

Ask American Profile

Q Can you give me a brief history of Roy Orbison's life?

—Kristi K., Colorado

Born in Vernon, Texas (pop. 11,660), on April 23, 1936, Orbison remains one of the most influential men in rock music history. During the 1960s, he celebrated a four-year run of hits, including *Crying*, *Pretty Paper*, *Blue Bayou* and *Dream Baby*, which made him the top-selling act in the nation.

His biggest hit was 1964's *Oh, Pretty Woman*. However, he found as much tragedy as fame. His first wife, Claudette, died in a motorcycle accident in 1966, and two of their three sons perished in a fire two years later. The singer died of heart failure at age 52 during a comeback with the Traveling Wilburys in 1988. Orbison is survived by his wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1969, and their sons, Roy Jr. and Alex, as well as son Wesley, whom he had with Claudette. Barbara now devotes her days to keeping the music of Orbison alive. Upcoming projects include three new DVD releases and a duets project.

Q What are the Oak Ridge Boys doing now?

—Ralph L., Kentucky

Individually the four members of The Oak Ridge Boys have their own interests: Joe Bonsall is a writer, whose most recent books are *An Inconvenient Christmas*, a children's story, and *The Oak Ridge Boys: An American Journey*, an anecdotal history of the group since the 1970s. William Lee Golden paints, while Duane Allen is a music producer. Richard Sterban is part-owner of a minor league baseball team. But as The Oak Ridge Boys, they're singing, just as they have been for decades, performing about 170 shows a year across the country. Their most recent album is called *The Journey*. "We love doing this, that's obvious," Bonsall says, explaining their longevity. "God blessed us with good health, so we're



...s are
...en, Duane
...Richard S



Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famer Roy Orbison

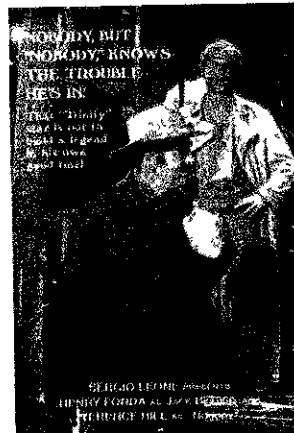
feeling good—and singing good! But we also have the opportunity to make new music, and that keeps you excited."

Q One of my favorite Western-comedy movies is 1974's *My Name Is Nobody*, starring Henry Fonda and Terence Hill. Did Terence Hill star in any other movies?

—Debbie R., New Mexico

He most certainly did. Born Mario Girotti in Venice, Italy, Hill has a slew of European-made films to his credit, in addition to two Hollywood films, *March or Die* and *Mister Billion*. He began acting at age 12 and had 25 films to his credit by 1963, when he landed a role opposite Burt Lancaster in *The Leopard*.

A few years later, the Italian-made films known as "spaghetti Westerns" became popular, and he got a role in one, *God Forgives, I Don't*. After changing his name to a more American-sounding one, Hill went on to star in *Ace High*, *Boot Hill* and the comedic Western *They Call Me Trinity* and its sequel, *Trinity Is My Name*. "Cowboys have an adventurous side to their personality," Hill says of the Western's appeal. "That's what I look for in every character I play, since the times of *Trinity*." Hill, who has a TV series in Italy and also works as a film producer, lives with his wife, Lori, in Massachusetts.



"MY NAME IS NOBODY" STARRING HENRY FONDA AND TERENCE HILL

A poster for *My Name Is Nobody*

Q Can you tell me about the great character actor J.K. Simmons of TV's *Oz*?

—Dave E., Missouri

Jonathan Kimble Simmons, born in Detroit on Jan. 9, 1955, has been lucky enough to split his career between quality television and films. Besides *Oz*, his TV series credits include *Law & Order*—his recurring character Dr. Emil Skoda has appeared on several of the series' spin-offs—and *The D.A.* He's also starred in commercials for Norelco razors and provided the voice of the yellow M&M. But his films (*Spider-Man*, *Spider-Man 2* and *The Ladykillers*) have especially distinguished him. The University of Montana graduate is married to *Oz* actress Michelle Schumacher. ✨

* Cover photo by David Mudd

We want to know what you think

Become a member of our American Profile Online Reader Advisory Panel. It's an easy way for you to tell us about features, stories and ideas to help us produce the best magazine we can.

To become a member, log on to <http://www.americanprofile.com/panel>

American Profile

Celebrating Hometown Life

PRESIDENT & CEO

Richard G. Porter

PUBLISHER

Tracey Altman

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Charlie Cox

Senior Editor: Stuart Englert

Editor: Richard McVey

Entertainment Editor: Beverly Keel

Assistant Editor: Candace Floyd

Art Director: Brenan Sharp

Photo Editor: David Mudd

Production Manager: Sam Payne

Traffic Coordinator: Susan Fisher

Manager of Internet Content: Matt Johnston

ADVERTISING SALES

New York 1-800-716-6271

Los Angeles 1-800-716-6271

Chicago 1-800-708-5669

Detroit 1-866-773-0388

Nashville 1-800-720-6323

Director of Marketing

Jeff Dunetz

Direct Response Advertising

Katherine Zito,

David Geller Associates, Inc.

1-877-543-5537

CIRCULATION SALES

Vice President/Publisher Relations: Jerry Lyles

Regional Circulation Directors:

Sandi Baylis, Stephen Dorris, Mike Gardner,

Chris Kreidel

Nashville 1-800-720-6323

CORPORATE AND EDITORIAL OFFICES

Nashville 615-468-6000

PUBLISHING GROUP OF AMERICA

President & CEO

Richard G. Porter

Chief Financial Officer & COO

Stephen C. Duggan

Vice President/Controller

Greg Coble

Network Administrator: Mike Olin

www.americanprofile.com

PUBLISHING GROUP OF AMERICA

American Profile is published by: Publishing Group of America, 341 Cool Springs Boulevard Suite 400, Franklin, Tennessee 37067 Phone: 1-800-720-6323. Mail editorial queries and contributions to Editor, American Profile, 341 Cool Springs Blvd., Suite 400, Franklin, TN 37067. Publishing Group of America, Inc. will not be responsible for unsolicited materials, and cannot guarantee the return of any materials submitted to it. ©2005 Publishing Group of America, Inc. American Profile™ is a trademark of Publishing Group of America, Inc. All rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or part of any article, photograph, or other portion of this magazine without the express written permission of Publishing Group of America, Inc. is prohibited.

A HALLMARK HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION

the Magic of Ordinary Days

Keri Russell
Skeet Ulrich

Sunday Jan 30 9/8c PG CBS



The healing purple pill has some very healing news.



Nexium[®]
(esomeprazole magnesium)

**NEXIUM[®] heals acid related damage
better than the other leading medicine.***

*Studies vs Prevacid[®] (lansoprazole) in patients with moderate to severe damage.¹

Here's big news for people suffering from acid r...

If you've treated your symptoms and changed y... persistent heartburn still comes back two or more it could be acid reflux disease. Over time, this c... erosions in your esophagus, a condition called erosi...

Only a doctor can determine if you have this da... do, ask about recent medical studies that prove heals moderate to severe acid related damage in t... better than the other leading prescription medic... right, two major medical studies prove prescription healing purple pill—heals moderate to severe aci...

For more information, visit us at purplepill.com or c...
Please read the important Product Information about NEXIUM.
Ask your doctor for information about how well NEXIUM h...

AstraZeneca 

¹Sources: *American Journal of Gastroenterology*; Data on file.
NEXIUM and the color purple as applied to the capsule are registered trademarks of...
Prevacid is a registered trademark of TAP Pharmaceuticals. © 2005 AstraZeneca LP. All rights reserved. 223514 10/04

... disease... damage to the esophagus better. Now that's news you can...

NEXIUM[®] 7-Day (esomeprazole magnesium) Free Trial Offer

If your doctor prescribes NEXIUM, you can get 7 days of free medication from your pharmacy with this offer. Here's how.

- Call or visit your doctor or health care professional to find out if NEXIUM is right for you. NEXIUM is available by prescription only.
- Present both your prescription for 7 NEXIUM capsules and this certificate to your pharmacist to receive your free trial of NEXIUM.



Terms and Conditions: Limit one 7-day free trial certificate per person for the duration of the program. Valid ONLY at retail pharmacies, no mail order. Please see eligibility restrictions and other terms and conditions on the back of this certificate.

RxBIN # 610415
RxGRP # NEX10055
Identification # 550824255
Suffix 01
This offer is good through March 31, 2005.

(esomeprazole magnesium)

Please read this summary carefully, and then ask your doctor about NEXIUM. An advertisement can provide all the information needed to prescribe a drug. This advertisement does not take the place of careful discussions with your doctor. Only your doctor has the training to weigh the risks and benefits of a prescription drug for you.

NEXIUM® (esomeprazole magnesium) 20-mg, 40-mg Delayed-Release Capsules

BRIEF SUMMARY Before prescribing NEXIUM, please see full Prescribing Information. **INDICATIONS AND USAGE** NEXIUM is indicated for the short-term treatment (4 to 8 weeks) in the healing and symptomatic resolution of diagnostically confirmed erosive esophagitis, the maintenance of symptom resolution and healing of erosive esophagitis (controlled studies do not extend beyond 8 months), and for the treatment of heartburn and other symptoms associated with GERD. **CONTRAINDICATIONS** NEXIUM is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any component of the formulation or to substituted benzimidazoles. **PRECAUTIONS** Symptomatic response to therapy with NEXIUM does not preclude the presence of gastric malignancy. Atrophic gastritis has been noted occasionally in gastric corpus biopsies from patients treated long-term with omeprazole, of which NEXIUM is an enantiomer. **Information for Patients** NEXIUM Delayed-Release Capsules should be swallowed whole and taken at least one hour before meals. For patients who have difficulty swallowing capsules, one tablespoon of applesauce can be added to an empty bowl and the NEXIUM Delayed-Release Capsule can be opened, and the pellets carefully emptied onto the applesauce. The pellets should be mixed with the applesauce and then swallowed immediately. The applesauce used should not be hot and should be soft enough to be swallowed without chewing. The pellets should not be chewed or crushed. The pellets/applesauce mixture should not be stored for future use. Antacids may be used while taking NEXIUM. **Drug Interactions** Esomeprazole is extensively metabolized in the liver by CYP2C19 and CYP3A4. *In vitro* and *in vivo* studies have shown that esomeprazole is not likely to inhibit CYPs 1A2, 2A6, 2C8, 2D6, 2E1 and 3A4. No clinically relevant interactions with drugs metabolized by these CYP enzymes would be expected. Drug interaction studies have shown that esomeprazole does not have any clinically significant interactions with phenytoin, warfarin, quinine, clarithromycin or amoxicillin. Post-marketing reports of changes in prothrombin measures have been received among patients on concomitant warfarin and esomeprazole therapy. Increases in INR and prothrombin time may lead to abnormal bleeding and even death. Patients treated with proton pump inhibitors and warfarin concomitantly may need to be monitored for increases in INR and prothrombin time. Esomeprazole may potentially interfere with CYP2C19, the major esomeprazole metabolizing enzyme. Coadministration of esomeprazole 30 mg and diazepam, a CYP2C19 substrate, resulted in a 45% decrease in clearance of diazepam. Increased plasma levels of diazepam were observed 12 hours after dosing and onwards. However, at that time, the plasma levels of diazepam were below the therapeutic interval and thus this interaction is unlikely to be of clinical relevance. Esomeprazole inhibits gastric acid secretion. Therefore, esomeprazole may interfere with the absorption of drugs where gastric pH is an important determinant of bioavailability (eg, ketoconazole, iron salts and digoxin). Coadministration of oral contraceptives (diazepam, phenytoin, or quinine) did not seem to change the pharmacokinetic profile of esomeprazole. **Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility** The carcinogenic potential of esomeprazole was assessed using omeprazole studies. In two 24-month oral carcinogenicity studies in rats, omeprazole at daily doses of 1.7, 3.4, 13.8, 44.0 and 140.8 mg/kg/day (about 0.7 to 57 times the human dose of 20 mg/day expressed on a body surface area basis) produced gastric ECL cell carcinoids in a dose-related manner in both male and female rats, the incidence of this effect was markedly higher in female rats, which had higher blood levels of omeprazole. Gastric carcinoids seldom occur in the untreated rat. In addition, ECL cell hyperplasia was present in all treated groups of both sexes. In one of these studies, female rats were treated with 13.8 mg omeprazole/kg/day (about 5.6 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) for 1 year then followed for an additional year without the drug. No carcinoids were seen in these rats. An increased incidence of treatment-related ECL cell hyperplasia was observed at the end of 1 year (94% treated vs 10% controls). By the second year the difference between treated and control rats was much smaller (46% vs 26%) but still showed more hyperplasia in the treated group. Gastric adenocarcinoma was seen in one rat (2%). No similar tumor was seen in male or female rats treated for 2 years. For this strain of rat no similar tumor has been noted historically but a finding involving only one tumor is difficult to interpret. A 78-week mouse carcinogenicity study of omeprazole did not show increased tumor occurrence, but the study was not conclusive. Esomeprazole was negative in the Ames mutation test, in the *in vivo* rat bone marrow cell chromosome aberration test, and the *in vivo* mouse micronucleus test. Esomeprazole however, was positive in the *in vitro* human lymphocyte chromosome aberration test, the *in vitro* mouse bone marrow cell chromosome aberration test, and the *in vivo* mouse micronucleus test. The potential effects of esomeprazole on fertility and reproductive performance were assessed using omeprazole studies. Omeprazole at oral doses up to 138 mg/kg/day in rats (about 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) was found to have no effect on reproductive performance of parental animals. **Pregnancy Teratogenic Effects, Pregnancy Category B** Teratology studies have been performed in rats at oral doses up to 280 mg/kg/day (about 57 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and in rabbits at oral doses up to 86 mg/kg/day (about 35 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and have revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the fetus due to esomeprazole. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, this drug should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed. Teratology studies conducted with omeprazole in rats at oral doses up to 138 mg/kg/day (about 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and in rabbits at doses up to 69 mg/kg/day (about 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) did not disclose any evidence for a teratogenic potential of omeprazole. In rabbits, omeprazole in a dose range of 6.9 to 69.1 mg/kg/day (about 5.5 to 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) produced dose-related increases in embryo-letality, fetal resorptions, and pregnancy disruptions. In rats, dose-related embryofetal toxicity and postnatal developmental toxicity were observed in offspring resulting from parents treated with omeprazole at 13.8 to 138.9 mg/kg/day (about 5.6 to 56 times the human doses on a body surface area basis). There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Sporadic reports have been received of congenital abnormalities occurring in infants born to women who have received omeprazole during pregnancy. **Nursing Mothers** The excretion of esomeprazole in milk has not been studied. However, omeprazole concentrations have been measured in breast milk of a woman following oral administration of 20 mg. Because esomeprazole is likely to be excreted in human milk, because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from esomeprazole, and because of the potential for carcinogenicity shown for omeprazole in rat carcinogenicity studies, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother. **Pediatric Use** Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established. **ADVERSE REACTIONS** The safety of NEXIUM was evaluated in over 10,000 patients (aged 18-84 years) in clinical trials worldwide including over 7,400 patients in the United States and over 2,600 patients in Europe and Canada. Over 2,900 patients were treated in long-term studies for up to 6-12 months. In general, NEXIUM was well tolerated in both short- and long-term clinical trials. The safety of the treatment of healing of erosive esophagitis was assessed in four randomized comparative clinical trials, which included 1,240 patients on NEXIUM 20 mg, 2,434 patients on NEXIUM 40 mg, and 3,038 patients on omeprazole 20 mg daily. The most frequently occurring adverse events (≥1%) in all three groups was headache (5.5, 5.0, and 3.8 respectively) and diarrhea (no difference among the three groups). Nausea, flatulence, abdominal pain, constipation, and dry mouth occurred at similar rates among patients taking NEXIUM or omeprazole. Additional adverse events that were reported as possibly or probably related to NEXIUM with an incidence < 1% are listed below by body system. **Body as a Whole:** abdomen enlarged, allergic reaction, asthenia, back pain, chest pain, chest pain substernal, facial edema, peripheral edema, hot flashes, tongue, fever, flu-like disorder, generalized edema, leg edema, malaise, pain, rigors, **Cardiovascular:** flushing, hypertension, tachycardia, **Endocrine:** gaiter, **Gastrointestinal:** bowel irregularity, constipation aggravated, dyspepsia, dysphagia, dysplasia GI, epigastric pain, eructation, esophageal disorder, frequent stools, gastroenteritis, GI hemorrhage, GI symptoms not otherwise specified, hiccup, melena, mouth disorder, pharynx disorder, rectal disorder, serum gastrin increased, tongue disorder, tongue edema, ulcerative stomatitis, vomiting, **Hemag:** sarache, tinnitus, **Hematologic:** anemia, anemia hypochromic, cervical lymphadenopathy, epistaxis, leukocytosis, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, **Hepatic:** bilirubinemia, hepatic function abnormal, SGPT increased, SGPT increased, **Metabolic/Nutritional:** glycosuria, hypernatremia, hypernatremia, hyponatremia, increased alkaline phosphatase, thirst, vitamin B12 deficiency, weight increase, weight decrease, **Musculoskeletal:** arthralgia, arthritis aggravated, arthropathy, cramps, fibromyalgia syndrome, hernia, polymyalgia rheumatica, **Nervous System/Psychiatric:** anorexia, anorexia, anorexia aggravated, anorexia sleep disorder, somnolence, tremor, vertigo, visual field defect, **Reproductive:** dysmenorrhea, menstrual disorder, vaginitis, **Respiratory:** asthma aggravated, coughing, dyspnea, larynx edema, pharyngitis, rhinitis, sinusitis, **Skin and Appendages:** acne, angioedema, dermatitis, pruritus, stings, rash, rash erythematous, rash maculopapular, skin inflammation, sweating increased, urticaria, **Senses:** taste loss, taste loss loss, **Urogenital:** abnormal urine, albuminuria, cystitis, dysuria, fungal infection, hematuria, micturition frequency, moniliae, genital moniliae, polyuria, **Visual:** conjunctivitis, vision abnormal. **Endoscopic Findings** that were reported as adverse events include: duodenitis, esophagitis, esophageal stricture, esophageal ulceration, esophageal varices, gastric ulcer, gastritis, hernia, benign polyps or nodules, Barrett's esophagus, and mucosal discoloration. Two placebo-controlled studies were conducted in 710 patients for the treatment of symptomatic gastroesophageal reflux disease. The most common adverse events that were reported as possibly or probably related to NEXIUM were diarrhea (4.3%), headache (3.8%), and abdominal pain (3.8%). **Postmarketing Reports** — There have been spontaneous reports of adverse events with postmarketing use of esomeprazole. These reports have included rare cases of anaphylactic reaction and malgria severe dermatologic reactions, including toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN, some fatal), Stevens-Johnson syndrome, and erythema multiforme and pancreatitis. Very rarely hepatitis with or without jaundice has been reported. Other adverse events not observed with NEXIUM, but occurring with omeprazole can be found in the omeprazole package insert. **ADVERSE REACTIONS** section. **OVERDOSAGE** A single oral dose of esomeprazole at 510 mg/kg (about 103 times the human dose on a body surface area basis), was lethal to rats. The major signs of acute toxicity were reduced motor activity, changes in respiratory frequency, tremor, ataxia, and intermittent tonic convulsions. There have been some reports of overdose with esomeprazole. Reports have been received of overdose with omeprazole in humans. Doses ranged up to 2,400 mg (120 times the usual recommended clinical dose). Manifestations were variable, but included confusion, drowsiness, blurred vision, tachycardia, nausea, diaphoresis, flushing, headache, dry mouth, and other adverse reactions similar to those seen in normal clinical experience (see omeprazole package insert-ADVERSE REACTIONS). No specific antidote for esomeprazole is known. Since esomeprazole is extensively protein bound, it is not expected to be removed by dialysis. In the event of overdose, treatment should be symptomatic and supportive. As with the management of any overdose, the possibility of multiple drug ingestion should be considered. For current information on treatment of any drug overdose, a certified Regional Poison Control Center should be contacted. Telephone numbers are listed in the Physicians' Desk Reference (PDR) or local telephone book. **DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION** Please see full Prescribing Information for recommended adult dosages for NEXIUM. For patients who have a nasogastric tube in place, NEXIUM Delayed-Release Capsules can be opened and the intact granules emptied into a 60 mL syringe and mixed with 50 mL of water. Replace the plunger and shake the syringe vigorously for 15 seconds. Hold the syringe with the tip up and check for granules remaining in the tip. Attach the syringe to a nasogastric tube and deliver the contents of the syringe through the nasogastric tube into the stomach. After administering the granules, the nasogastric tube should be flushed with additional water. Do not administer the pellets if they have dissolved or disintegrated. The suspensions must be used immediately after preparation. **Special Populations** — adults: no dosage adjustments are necessary based on age, gender or renal insufficiency. For patients with hepatic insufficiency, no dosage adjustment is necessary in patients with mild to moderate liver impairment (Child Pugh Classes A and B). For patients with severe liver impairment (Child Pugh Class C) a dose of 20 mg of NEXIUM should not be exceeded.

NEXIUM is a registered trademark of the AstraZeneca group of companies.
© AstraZeneca 2004. All rights reserved.
Distributed by AstraZeneca LP, Wilmington, DE 19850.
Product of France.

620514-07
Rev 04/04 222226

References:

Castell DO, Kahrilas PJ, Richter JE, et al. Esomeprazole (40 mg) compared with lansoprazole (30 mg) in the treatment of erosive esophagitis. *Am J Gastroenterol.* 2002;97:575-583.

Data on file, DA-NEX-37

AstraZeneca

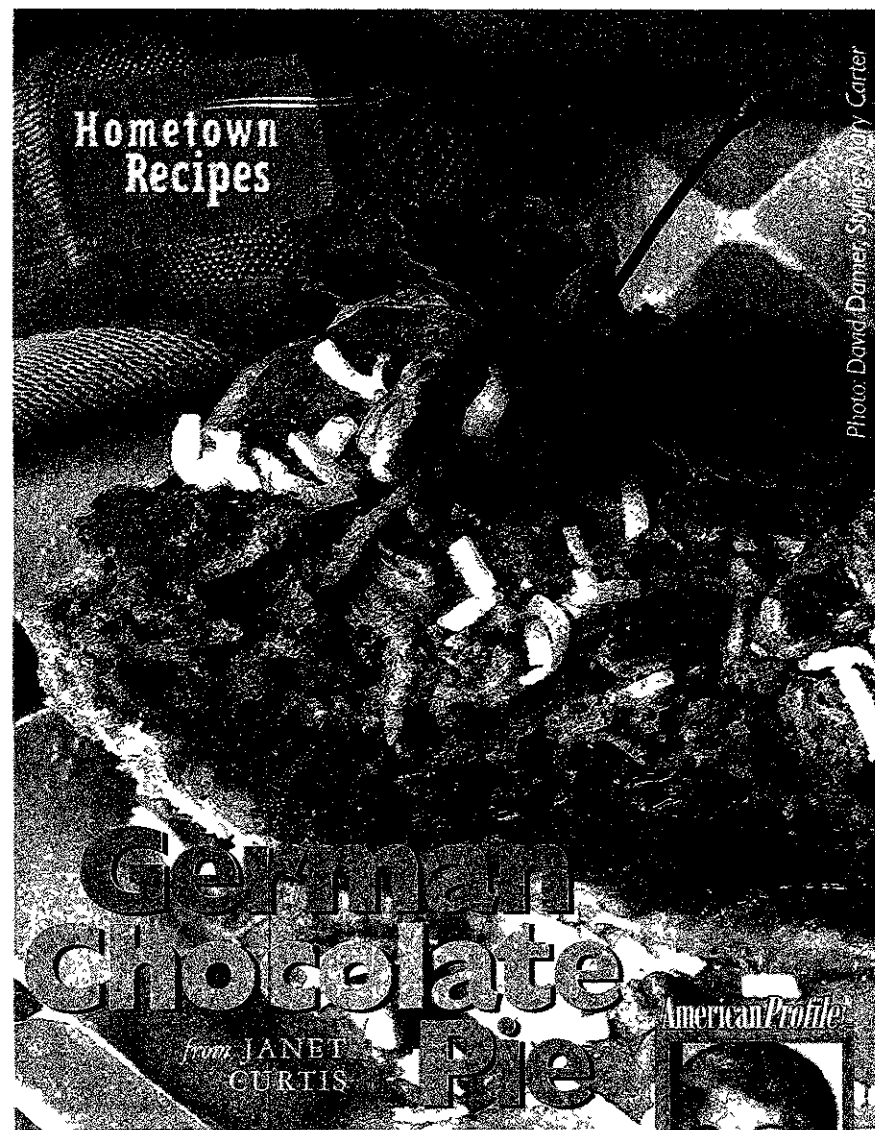


Photo: David Damer, Styling: Vay Carter

"I've made this pie for family and friends for 36 years. Many people say that they haven't heard of a German chocolate pie. Once they try it, however, they usually want the recipe."



Janet Curtis
North Platte, Neb.

German Chocolate Pie

- 4 ounces German chocolate
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 and 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 and 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 1 unbaked 10-inch pie crust

Topping:

- 1 and 1/3 cup shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In microwave, melt chocolate and butter on a low setting in a medium-size microwave-safe bowl. Stir several times during melting process to prevent burning. When chocolate is melted, stir in sugar, salt, vanilla, cornstarch and eggs until well blended. Stir in evaporated milk until smooth. Pour into pie shell. Mix coconut and pecans together. Sprinkle them evenly over the chocolate mixture. Use a knife to cut through the coconut into the chocolate mixture in several places. Bake 45 to 50 minutes, or until center is set.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

The pie center puffs slightly and the top begins to crack when it is done. If the crust becomes too brown, place a piece of foil over the top of the entire pie for the final 15 minutes of baking. A dollop of whipped cream can be added if desired.

- Shade Lovers
- Easy to Grow
- Excellent Ground Cover

Lowest
price in
years!

Hosta Blow Out!

Unsurpassed shade-loving ground cover!

Each of these Hostas has a style and grace all its own, adding texture and beauty to any landscape. Attractive leaves, compact growth and delicate flowers every summer make this an ideal ground cover choice for full to partial shade. Hostas

flourish with little care and even thrive planted directly above large roots—perfect under large shade trees! Your mix may include Blue, Gold-Edged, August Moon or White-Edged Hostas. Grow 2-3' tall in well-drained soil. Bareroot plants.

Order online at mibulb.com • Enter key no. 801578 at checkout

MICHIGAN BULB COMPANY 505
P.O. Box 4180, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025-4180

801579

Yes! Please ship my order as marked below for spring planting. I understand my order is covered by your exclusive Lifetime Guarantee

Quan.	Item	Cost
	67113 Mixed Hosta 3 for \$4.99, 6 for \$7.98 <i>Save \$2.00!</i> 12 for \$13.96 <i>Save \$6.00!</i>	
Shipping & Handling		
\$2.50 for 3, \$3.50 for 6, \$3.50 for 12		
Sales Tax:		
OH add 7%, IN add 6%, MO add 6.225%		
Please add up your Order Total		TOTAL

Covered By Our Lifetime Guarantee!

MR
MRS
MISS
MS

NAME PLEASE PRINT

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE ZIP

Payment enclosed. Bill on my credit card

VISA MasterCard

Discover/NOVIUS

Credit Card #

Exp Date

____/____

Thank You
For Your Order!

Free catalog at
mibulb.com

Tidbits

ILLINOIS—Charles R. Walgreen, born near Galesburg (pop. 33,706) in 1873, bought the Chicago drugstore where he worked as a pharmacist in 1901 and launched the Walgreens chain. As a young man, he started his career at Horton's Drugstore in Dixon (pop. 15,941) where he worked for \$4 a week.

INDIANA—Danner's Hardware in Vevay (pop. 1,735), the state's oldest business in its original location, still sells seed in bulk and nails by the pound. Opened in 1838 by Ulysses P. Schenck, the store was purchased by A. V. Danner, the current owner's grandfather, in 1897.

IOWA—One mile east of Arcadia (pop. 443) is the Missouri-Mississippi Drainage Divide, at an elevation of 1,429 feet, where water runs west to the Missouri or east to the Mississippi.

KANSAS—In 1985, Lynette Woodard of Wichita became the first female basketball player to sign with the Harlem Globetrotters.

MICHIGAN—Saginaw (pop. 61,799) dentist Val Kolpakov smiles about his toothpaste collection, one of the largest in the world. His 1,000 varieties, some dating to the late 1800s, include a Scotch whiskey-flavored paste and a Dr. West's Hopalong Cassidy paste.

MINNESOTA—Pink-and-white lady's slippers (*Cypripedium reginae*), the state flower, bloom along Highway 11, a state wildflower route between Baudette (pop. 1,104) and Greenbush (pop. 784). Located along the route, Williams (pop. 210) hosts a Wildflower Route Celebration, usually the third Saturday in June, to mark the lady's slipper blooming season from mid-June to early July.

MISSOURI—The ruins of a 1905 European-style castle overlook the Lake of the Ozarks in Ha Ha Tonka State Park near Camdenon (pop. 2,779). Built by Robert McClure Snyder and his sons, the castle was gutted by fire in 1942. The state purchased the property in 1978 and opened it as a state park.

NEBRASKA—The state's 1932 Capitol is in Lincoln, not Omaha. Thanks to our readers for catching our mistake.

NORTH DAKOTA—A seven-story observation tower at the Pembina State Museum in Pembina (pop. 642) offers 360-degree views of the Red River Valley's farms and geological features. Inside the museum, exhibits cover the region's first people, fur traders and military personnel stationed at frontier forts.

OHIO—The Lincoln Highway National Museum and Archives in Galion (pop. 11,341) charts the history of the nation's first paved coast-to-coast highway, which was planned in 1913.

SOUTH DAKOTA—A chandelier made of American Indian spears and hand-painted ceramic tiles decorates the lobby in the Hotel Alex Johnson in Rapid City (pop. 59,607). Built in 1928 by Chicago & Northwestern Railroad President Alex Carlton Johnson, the hotel blends Indian design elements with Tudor architecture.

WISCONSIN—In 1929, the state adopted the nation's first rural zoning law, which authorized county boards to determine areas for agriculture, forestry and recreation. The law was a response to mismanagement of lands by lumber companies. ✨

Did You Know...

Made in
America

Weaving for Warmth Generations

When C.M. Bishop III talks about the family business—Pendleton Woolen Mills—it isn't the vibrant wool blankets he mentions first or the soft plaid shirts. Instead, he talks about the Golden Rule that has guided the company for five generations: Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

"We live where we work," says Bishop III, 52, president of the Portland, Ore.-based company. "We are not anonymous. We are not removed."

In accordance to that rule, family ties are respected and revered, employees and suppliers are a valued part of the Pendleton team, and customers can count on quality, Bishop III says.

Those same principles have guided the woolen products and clothing manufacturer since 1909 when the third-genera-

tion Bishop brothers—Clarence, Roy and Chauncy—bought a wool-cleaning mill in Pendleton, Ore. (pop. 16,354).

Yet the fabric of the family business was literally woven decades earlier when Fannie Kay, who learned the art of weaving from her father, Oregon pioneer Thomas Kay, married retail expert C.P. Bishop in 1876. Within 20 years, the Bishops began producing the ceremonial robes and colorful Indian blankets that have since become a symbol of American culture worldwide. But it was weaver Joe Rawnsley, who captured the American Indian culture in wool

in the early 1900s and solidified Pendleton as a premier wool products manufacturer.

Rawnsley lived with native tribes in northeast Oregon and the American Southwest to learn about their traditions and rituals. He then incorporated important cultural symbols and

Pendleton mills, circa 1910



B.H. Bishop and son Charles inspect fleece at Pendleton Woolen Mill in Washougal, Wash.

colors into bold blanket designs that are still popular today. American Indians purchase 50 percent of the jacquard-pattern trade blankets sold by the company annually.

Though the blankets are a cornerstone of the family business, the Pendleton product line has expanded over the decades to include menswear, women's clothing and home products such as pillows, rugs, bed skirts and baby blankets. These products are sold online, in catalogs, and in 69 Pendleton-owned shops, affiliate stores and 1,000 specialty shops across America.

Sewn into the seams of the Pendleton blankets and other signature items is a blue and gold tag that declares that the product is "Warranted to be a Pendleton."

"We are only putting the Pendleton name on a product that is 100 percent virgin wool," says C.M. Bishop Jr., 79, the father of Bishop III, who started working for the company as a child, opening fleece-filled sacks that had arrived by rail car.

The Bishop family oversees all aspects of business operations, including the company headquarters in Portland, the mills in Pendleton and Washougal, Wash. (pop. 8,595), and three other manufacturing and distribution centers across America.

The mills are filled with wool processing, dyeing, weaving and quality-

control equipment that monitors everything from the condition of the fleece to color consistency. But it's the company's 950 employees and fine fleece producers around the world that protect the Pendleton reputation.

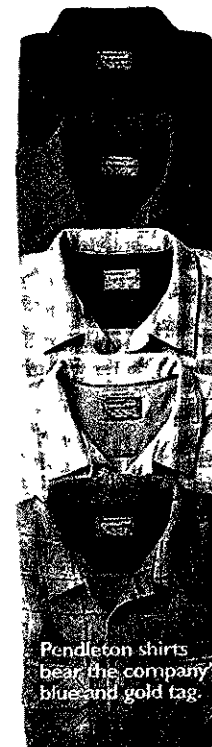
"There is no sense in producing a product if we can't do it properly," says Fred Parrish, who has worked for the company for 35 years.

Like Parrish, 15 percent of all Pendleton employees have been with the company for 25 years or more. Many had parents or grandparents who worked for the company.

Some of Pendleton's suppliers also are descended from families who sold fleece to the Bishops a century ago. And loyal customers keep coming back, too, for the woolen products woven by the Bishop family for five generations.

"There are Indian elders who remember dealing with my great-grandfather," Bishop III says with pride. "So much in this society is disposable these days. Pendleton is built to last." ☆

Polly Campbell is a freelance writer in Beaverton, Ore.



Pendleton shirts bear the company's blue and gold tag.

For more information, log on to www.pendleton-usa.com or call (800) 522-WOOL.

Rate This Story

How did you like this story? Log on to www.americanprofile.com/rate.

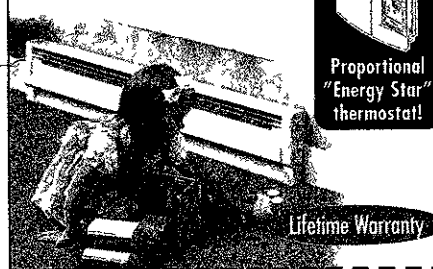
Families Have Saved Up To 50% On Heating Costs And never have to buy fuel — wood, oil, gas, kerosene — ever again!

Hydro-Sil is a unique room-by-room heating system that can **save you hundreds of dollars** in home heating costs by replacing old and inefficient heating. It can replace or supplement your electric heat, gas or oil furnace and woodstoves.

Hydro-Sil represents economy in heating: inside the heater case is a sealed copper tube filled with a harmless silicone fluid. **It's permanent. You'll never run out.** "Hydro-Sil Energy Star" thermostat controls a variable watt hydro element that is only being supplied a proportional amount of power on an as-needed basis. When Hydro-Sil is turned on, the silicone liquid is quickly heated, and with its heat retention qualities, continues to heat after the Hydro element shuts off. Hydro-Sil's room-by-room "Energy Star" digital control technology greatly increases energy savings and comfort.



Proportional "Energy Star" thermostat!



Lifetime Warranty

Your Benefits with Hydro-Sil:

- Slash heating cost with Energy Star tech.
- Lifetime warranty. No service contracts
- Safe, complete peace of mind
- Clean, no fumes, environmentally safe
- U.L. listed
- Preassembled — ready to use
- No furnaces, ducts, or chimneys
- Portable (110V) or permanent (220V)
- Whole house heating or single room

220 VOLT PERMANENT	Approx. Area to Heat	Discount Price	Quantity
8' 2000 watts	250-300 s.f.	\$279	
6' 1500 watts	180-250 s.f.	\$249	
5' 1250 watts	130-180 s.f.	\$229	
4' 1000 watts	100-130 s.f.	\$209	
3' 750 watts	75-100 s.f.	\$189	
2' 500 watts	50-75 s.f.	\$169	
Thermostats	Call for options & exact heater needed		
110 VOLT PORTABLES (Thermostat Included)		Discount Price	Quantity
5' Hydro-Max 750-1500 watts		\$219	
4' Convector - Dual watt		\$179	
3' 750 watts - Silicone		\$179	
\$15.00 shipping per heater		\$	
Total Amount		\$	

Order today or contact us for more info.

- Phone
- Web
- Mail

Check • MasterCard • Visa
1-800-627-9276

Visit our secure web site at
www.hydrosil.com

Hydro-Sil, P.O. Box, 662, Fort Mill, SC 29715

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
MasterCard or Visa Account Information:
Acct # _____
Expiration Date _____

Sears

Custom Replacement Windows

Improving the look of your home has never been easier.

Add beauty to your home while helping to save on energy costs.**

Sears Custom Replacement Windows come in a variety of beautiful styles and allow for more efficient heating and cooling inside your home.

And because it comes from Sears... Satisfaction Guaranteed or Your Money BackSM



We Offer:

- Quality materials and installation
- A project coordinator to stay with you every step of the way
- Installation by Sears-Authorized licensed contractors
- Flexible financing†
- Satisfaction Guaranteed or Your Money BackSM

Custom Replacement Windows:

- Feature many styles that tilt-in for easy cleaning
- Are custom-fit to your home's existing openings
- Are ENERGY STAR[®] qualified for all regions of the USA[§]
- Reduce fabric fading by up to 75% more than a regular window[§]

Call for your FREE in-home estimate. Hurry, offer ends soon! **1-800-276-0299**



Call for your free in-home estimate

1-800-276-0299

Hurry! Respond by 03/13/05

Sears
Good life. Great price.

*Offer expires 03/13/05. Not valid on prior sales or in combination with any other offer. **Energy savings may vary depending on your home and windows selected. †Applies to Energy Star[®] rated windows. Licenses held by or on behalf of Sears Home Improvement Products. AL (8529), AZ (ROC117828), CA (721379), CO (98-0088), DE (1996101502), DC (25169XXX-50003007), FL (C8C039161), GA (G16437), IA (81659-03, 360-03, 5163), LA (84194), MD (46542-05, 75908), MI (2102131369), MN (8C-20090017), MS (R05222), NE (22785), NM (58698), NC (47300), OR (11302), SC (105636), TN (2319), VA (2705084717), WA (SEARS4011LA), WV (WV025882), WY (15151) AK (Gen Contr Exc Res #575) AR (Contr #0117740403), AZ (ROC013529, ROC079987, ROC080918, ROC082564), CA (Gen Contr #25455-B HVAC #25455-C20), CT (HVAC #308530), FL (HVAC #CAC057299, Gen Contr #CBC015949), GA (Reg CN003489), HI (Classified Spec #C-4285 C-68LA), KY (HVAC #M03912), LA (Mech./Spec Contr #5528), MA (Home Imp #103483), MD (MHIC #32117 Steven Feldman HVAC #6528), Nassau County, NY (H1609170000), NV (Contr #0054530 6005643 C-1 C-2), OH (#26034), OR (Gen Contr #0001051), RI (Gen Contr #4667), Rockland County, NY (HVAC-007621 00-00), TX (HVAC Nos TACI-3020401E 019005E, 002235C 013523C, 009563C 005891C), VA (Class A Contr #2705057009), WA (Gen Contr #SEARSR-372NT), WV (Gen Bldg Spec #WV08529). Some services and installation performed by Sears associates. Other services and installation performed by Sears-Authorized licensed contractors. Additional Sears license information available upon request. ‡Subject to applicant creditworthiness.

YES Call me to arrange my FREE no obligation consultation and in-home estimate.

I want to SAVE:

\$500 off* Custom Replacement Windows

I am also interested in:

\$750 off* Premium Vinyl Siding

\$750 off* Custom Cabinet Refacing

\$150 off* Custom Entry Door Systems

Cooling Systems

Heating Systems

Best time to call me is:

Morning Afternoon Evening

Please send your request by March 13, 2005 for your FREE in-home estimate and consultation to:

Sears Home Improvement Products, Inc.
PO Box 522290, Longwood, FL 32752-2290

Offer Code: 50-B1-W1-51-AP16

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____

Work Phone () _____

E-mail Address _____

Yes, I would like to opt in to receive e-mails with special promotions and information from Sears Home Improvement Products, Inc.
WISHIP AMER013305

INDICATE QUANTITY OF SETS ORDERED UNDER SIZE										
Size	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
#131 S/S of set only										
#110 S/2 white only										
Set(s) of 3 Combo Pack @ \$8.97/set \$										
Set(s) of 2 White Pack @ \$7.97/set \$										
CA residents must add 7.25% sales tax \$										
Add \$3.95 Shipping & Handling (S&H) 1st set \$										
Add \$2.00 (S&H) for each additional set \$										
Please Print Clearly										TOTAL \$

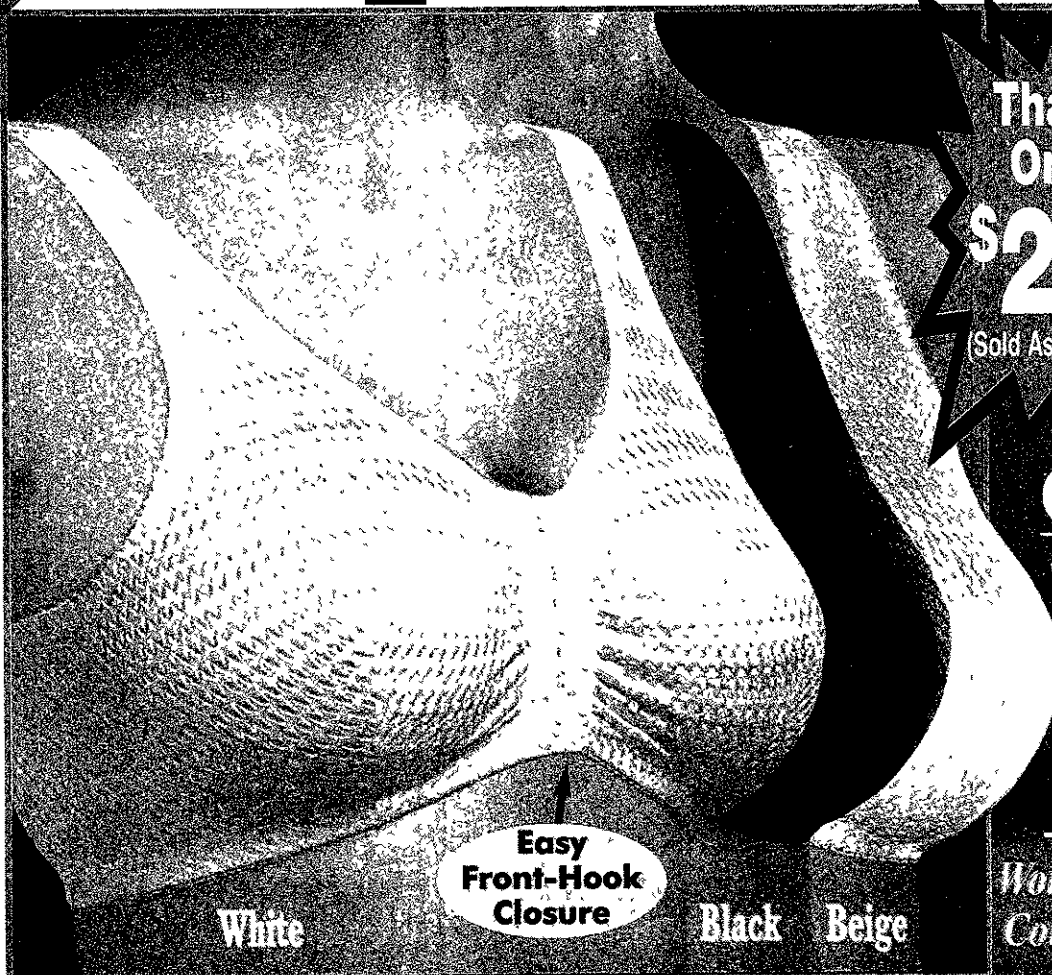
Enclosed is my check or money order **Dept. 5119**
 payable to: **Dream Products, Inc.**
 Charge my VISA MasterCard Discover@NOVUSSM Cards
 Card# _____ Exp _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
 Dream Products, Inc., 412 DREAM LANE, VAN NUYS, CA 91496
 Satisfaction Guaranteed or Return For Your Money Back

SO COMFORTABLE YOU'LL WANT TO SLEEP IN IT!
 Wear this silky feminine bra day and night for the comfort you want...and the support you need. Comfortably wide, no-strain shoulder straps provide constant support that helps prevent sagging breasts. Gently shapes, as it supports, with the silky stretch of nylon/spandex. So soft you'll forget you're wearing a bra. Fashion import, with lace trimmed easy-lift front-hook closure, is machine washable. No cup sizes. 3 pack includes one white, beige and black. (Same size per set.) Plus sizes available! Each bra stretches to fit B, C, D or DD cup. White is available as a Set of 2 (Same size per set.)

**OFFER
VALID ON
THIS AD ONLY!**

The Original "Sleep Bra" OUR LOWEST PRICE EVER!

ONLY \$2⁹⁹ each (Sold As A 3 Pack For Only \$8⁹⁷ - One Of Each Color)



**That's
Only
\$2⁹⁹
per bra**
(Sold As A 3 Pack)

OR

White Only
**Set of 2
ONLY
\$7⁹⁷**

*World's Most
Comfortable
Bra!*

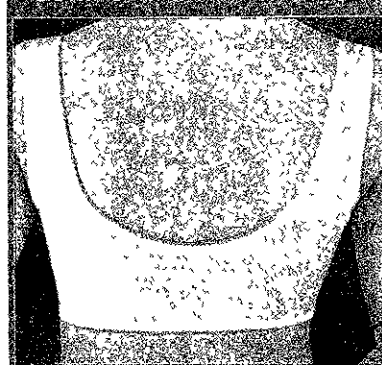
- Extra Wide Comfort Straps
- Soft & Silky Fabric
- Comfortable Stretch Cups

**Easy
Front-Hook
Closure**

White

Black Beige

COMFORTABLE WIDE BACK



**Now Available
Up To Size 52!**

**OVER 2,000,000
SOLD!**

www.DreamProductsCatalog.com (website offers may vary) Dept. 5119 © 2005 Dream Products, Inc.

Finance

by JOHN
NARDINI

Six Common Tax Mistakes

The average federal income tax refund in 2003 was \$2,000, according to the Internal Revenue Service. Yet millions of returns were delayed, not because of complicated issues, but due to simple mistakes in the filing process. Check for these common errors before completing your tax return this season:

Bad math—The IRS examines all returns for mathematical errors, so take out those calculators and double-check your arithmetic. Better yet, use tax software to do the calculations for you. And be careful when transferring figures from one schedule to another. Simple math errors can slow down your return and may lead to penalties.

Incorrect or missing Social Security Numbers—According to the U.S. government, your Social Security Number (SSN) is your identity, so carefully print your SSN at the top of each page. If there are any name changes, contact the Social Security Administration to make corrections. For more information, log on to www.ssa.gov or call (800) 772-1213.

Incorrect address—You won't get a tax return check if the government can't find you. Tens of thousands of refund checks end up back at the IRS annually because filers provide the wrong address or fail to submit a forwarding address. Avoid this issue by including your correct address on the peel-off label provided with the blank return the government sends you at the beginning of the tax season. You also can download a change-of-address form at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8822.pdf or request one by calling (800) 829-3676.

Misusing the tax tables—Be sure to find the correct column for your filing status, because tax rates are different from one status to another. To manage the small print of the tables, use a piece of paper to "underline" the correct column, and use a magnifying lens to highlight the figures.

Not signing and dating the return—In the rush for timely tax returns, many people simply forget to sign and date their return. An unsigned return won't be processed, and if you miss the April 15th submission deadline, you could trigger late penalties. If filing a joint return, both spouses must sign and date the return.

Insufficient postage—Thousands send out tax returns only to find them back in their mailbox a few days later—again, a mistake that could result in late fees. Mail your return with the right postage, and you'll save time and money.

You can't avoid taxes, but you can help your refund from being unnecessarily delayed. For more answers to tax questions, visit www.irs.gov.

John Nardini is a regular contributor to American Profile.

*An ivory china sculpture personalized
with your own crystal birthstone*

There's no doubt that LOONEY TUNES' TWEETY is everyone's favorite little bird. But now, he's all yours. For he's brought you a treat personalized with *your* birthstone.

This is *A Present from TWEETY*—an original Lenox sculpture of TWEETY offering you a cupcake. Created from original WARNER BROS. STUDIOS art and crafted of ivory china and painted by hand, this adorable work will be accented with 24 karat gold. And your crystal birthstone will be set in the middle of the cupcake!

To display or to give

This superbly crafted personalized sculpture is available direct from Lenox at just \$19.90. Each imported sculpture will bear the Lenox® and WARNER BROS. STUDIOS names in 24 karat gold, and be issued with a Certificate of Authenticity.

To order *A Present from TWEETY* for yourself—or as a fun gift for your favorite TWEETY fan—indicate the desired birthstone on the attached Order Form. Then mail the completed form promptly. No payment is due with your order. And Lenox guarantees your complete satisfaction.

Kitty Sweethearts

*Kittens share a tender moment in
an original Lenox sculpture*

Two adorable kittens cuddle and play in the garden. The black-and-white kitty holds his pretty friend close. While the tabby closes her eyes and enjoys his company—and the smell of the roses at her feet. All captured in an enchanting sculpture by the artists of Lenox.

Kitty Sweethearts portrays two snuggling kittens with delightful realism. From the kittens' innocent faces to their gracefully curved tails. They're just as cute as can be!

Both kittens are expertly sculpted and cast in bonded porcelain. Hand painting gives warmth to the kitties' silky fur and tiny pink noses.

Kitty Sweethearts is just \$24.50, payable in monthly installments. Each imported sculpture will bear the Lenox® hallmark, and be issued with a Certificate of Authenticity.


To acquire *Kitty Sweethearts*, mail the attached Order Form today.

Visit us at: www.lenox.com

© LENOX, Inc. 2005

A Present from
TWEETY

LENOX
Eyes That Celebrate Life



FREE Shipping

Sculpture shown smaller than actual size. Height: 4 1/4"

Crystal jewels shown larger than actual size.

LOONEY TUNES and all related characters and elements are trademarks of and © Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. (s05)
For more information on Looney Tunes, please visit www.looneytunes.com

APR
MAY
JUN
JUL
AUG
SEP
OCT
NOV
DEC

LENOX
Eyes That Celebrate Life



FREE Shipping

Sculpture shown actual size. Height: 3 1/4"

CRAFTED AND PAINTED BY HAND

**Order Form • Mail within 30 days
*A Present from TWEETY***

I wish to order *A Present from TWEETY*, set with the birthstone crystal for (print month abbreviation):

I need send no money now. I will be billed just \$19.90*. Free shipping. *My satisfaction is guaranteed.*

Signature _____ Tel. (_____) _____

ALL ORDERS ARE SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE

Name _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

3715406

*Your sales tax will be added.

Mail to: Lenox Collections • P.O. Box 3026 • Langhorne, PA 19047-9126

TM & © Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. (s05)

**Order Form • Mail within 30 days
*Kitty Sweethearts***

I wish to order *Kitty Sweethearts* by Lenox, to be crafted and painted by hand.

I need send no money now. I will be billed for my sculpture in two monthly installments of \$12.25* each. Free shipping. *My satisfaction is guaranteed.*

Signature _____ Tel. (_____) _____

ALL ORDERS ARE SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE

Name _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

3618543

*Your sales tax will be added.

Mail to: Lenox Collections • P.O. Box 3026 • Langhorne, PA 19047-9126



"Never let a crash dim your enthusiasm. Heck, we all have days like that."

King Richard Petty Rules

by ALAN ROSS

When Richard Petty first climbed into a racecar in the late 1950s, the weight of a dynamic, emerging American sport had not yet been thrust on his young shoulders. But fate would eventually tap him as NASCAR's winningest driver and undisputed "King."

"Our timing was right," says Petty, 67, seated in his office in Level Cross, N.C. "We were just the right people coming into the sport at the right time."

Such simple yet profound rhetoric has made Petty a folk hero and sage among devoted fans. His observations reveal a humble wisdom and no-frills, down-home philosophy. (On wrecking: "Never let a crash dim your enthusiasm. Heck, we all have days like that." And on winning a race: "I did plenty wrong, but they did wronger.")

But behind the shades, expansive grin and relaxed demeanor is a man of thought, principle and extraordinary talent—enough of the latter to reign as stock car racing's all-time champ, with 200 Grand National/Winston Cup victories and seven driver's championships.

Born to Race

The son of racing pioneer Lee Petty, a three-time NASCAR Grand National (forerunner of Winston/NEXTEL Cup series) champion, who won the inaugural Daytona 500 in 1959, Petty wasn't just handed the keys to a racecar and given the green flag.

"I started by sweeping the floors, changing oil," says Petty, a life-long resident of Level Cross. "Then I graduated to building cars, building motors, worked on 'em, took 'em to the racetrack. The only thing I hadn't done was drive the car. That was just the next step."

On the track, Petty was a natural, absorbing the art of driving by studying all the greats from his father's day.

"I'd watch Fireball (Roberts), Junior (Johnson), Buck Baker, Tim Flock,"



From left: Richard Petty commemorates the 20th anniversary of his 1984 Daytona victory, signs autographs for devoted fans, and showcases racecars and memorabilia at his namesake museum.



Photo courtesy of Petty Enterprises

"I did plenty wrong, but they did wronger."

—Richard Petty, on winning

Petty recalls. "It wasn't that I knew what to do, I knew what they did. You'd see some and say, 'I want to drive like him.' But I've seen some, where I said, 'I don't want to drive like that.' You just develop your own style, whatever the circumstances are, with the equipment you got and the ability you have."

Petty's natural ability allowed him to forge ahead on the track. He quickly perfected his own finesse-type style of driving, and he wasn't afraid to get in the thick of the action.

"My object was to win," he says. "If I had to run hard I would, if I didn't have to run hard, I didn't. Our strategy was don't see how far you can get ahead, just see if you can win the race."

And the wins came for Petty like no other driver in the history of the sport. Within 10 years after his first NASCAR race, a convertible division non-points event in Columbia, S.C., in 1958, Petty had attained 75 wins and two driver's championships. It wasn't long before he was dubbed "The King" by a team of reporters on the racing circuit.

"In '67, we just dominated," Petty says of his banner year, in which he entered Victory Lane a record 27 times, including 10 wins in a row. "We had a group of reporters who traveled together,



A youthful Petty poses with his 1967 Plymouth.

TUMS®

Always Fast, Always Calcium.

Make the Right Choice



America's #1 Choice*

Works On Contact

Nothing's Faster

Take Only When You Need It

Calcium Your Body Needs

TUMS.

TUMS.

TUMS.

TUMS.

TUMS.

*Among stomach remedy national brands based on AC Nielsen, all available markets units sold latest 52 weeks

©2005 GlaxoSmithKline. Read and follow label directions.

MANUFACTURER'S COUPON

EXPIRES 4/30/2005

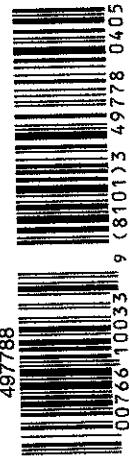
\$1.00

OFF ANY TWO
TUMS.

(72ct or Larger)



Redeemable at food, drug and mass merchandise stores. CONSUMER. Limit 1 coupon per purchase of indicated product(s). You pay any sales tax. RETAILER: GSK will reimburse you the face value of this coupon plus 12¢ Handling Fee if submitted in compliance with our Redemption Policy. Copy available upon request. Cash value 1/100 of 1¢. Coupon is void if altered, transferred, exchanged, sold, copied or if prohibited by law. Good only in USA and at APDs, FPOs. Send coupons to: GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, P.O. Box 880658, El Paso, Texas 88588-0658



497788

5 00766 10033 9 (8101)3 49778 0405

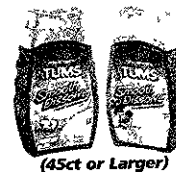
MANUFACTURER'S COUPON

EXPIRES 4/30/2005

\$1.00

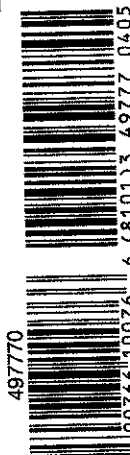
OFF ANY
TUMS.

Smooth
Dissolve



(45ct or Larger)

Redeemable at food, drug and mass merchandise stores. CONSUMER. Limit 1 coupon per purchase of indicated product(s). You pay any sales tax. RETAILER: GSK will reimburse you the face value of this coupon plus 12¢ Handling Fee if submitted in compliance with our Redemption Policy. Copy available upon request. Cash value 1/100 of 1¢. Coupon is void if altered, transferred, exchanged, sold, copied or if prohibited by law. Good only in USA and at APDs, FPOs. Send coupons to: GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, P.O. Box 880658, El Paso, Texas 88588-0658



497770

5 00766 10076 6 (8101)3 49777 0405

(Continued from page 11)



Petty (above) and son Kyle (at right) visit Victory Junction, a camp in Randleman, N.C., for seriously ill children that honors Kyle's son Adam, who died in a racing accident.

who'd go to Charlotte, Raleigh, Richmond, South Carolina. They were out one night and started giving out nicknames. (David) Pearson was 'The Silver Fox,' and then one of them said, 'Okay, Richard, you're 'King Richard.'" Once they wrote it two or three times, others just started picking it up."

Petty, the essence of feet-on-the-floor royalty, also is The King to his fans. He's credited with being the first driver to actively promote driver-fan friendliness, consistently going over to the fences after each race to sign autographs and chat with adoring admirers.

Tragedy and Victory

For the driver who has won everything NASCAR has to offer, including a record seven Daytona 500s, the sport's crown jewel, there are still new worlds to conquer.

"I'd like to win more races as an owner," says Petty, who fields two racing teams and attends most of the races in the NEXTEL Cup series. "I've won as an owner-driver, but since I've been an owner, we haven't won but three or four races. Stuff like that bothers me."

While racing's ups and downs may chafe the legendary driver, they take a backseat these days to charitable projects that Petty generously involves himself with, a major one being the Victory Junction Gang, a camp for seriously ill children in Randleman, N.C. (pop. 3,557).

Victory Junction honors Petty's grandson, Adam, the son of 24-year NASCAR racing veteran Kyle Petty, whose own commitment to charitable causes has been recognized by the racing industry. Adam, a promising young driver and the fourth generation of Pettys to race professionally, was instrumental in starting the camp. He died in a racing accident in 2000 at age 19.

"All the racing people, plus the fans, contributed over 20,000 donations, whether it was a dollar or a million dollars," Petty says proudly. "We got donations from all 50 states."

The camp has been vital in mending the Petty family in the wake of the tragic loss. "I think the camp is the healing process. I think Kyle sees it that way. If we didn't have this, if the camp wasn't there, then I think the loss would have been greater," Petty says. "Now, when we think of Adam, we think of what he helped

generate. We traded Adam for what the camp is and for the many people whose lives he brightened."

The sport that Petty grew up with and helped change, of course, continues to change. Not all of it, however, is to Petty's liking.

"Now, they look at it as show business first and, oh, by the way, there's a race," scoffs Petty. "Hey, come to the race, throw the green flag, let 'em run, throw the checkered flag, let 'em go home. That's what I came to see. I didn't come to see people jumpin' out of the sky, airplanes runnin' at each other, people shootin' at each other, people jumpin' cars."

Despite the changes, King Richard takes them all in stride from a familiar vantage point in Level Cross.

"This is home. I went to school here, I grew up with these people. I'm just one of the neighbors, and I like that," he says. "You're not special here. You move to some other place, you'd get to be special, and it would get to workin' on your mind. Dad always said, 'Don't get above your bringin' up.' It's a happy life for me here."

And for the King of NASCAR, that happiness is emphatically the highlight of his illustrious career.

"I'm still here. Still kickin', still enjoyin' most of it," Petty says. "To me, that's what it's all about. Gettin' from Turn One to Turn Two to Turn Three to the checkered flag. And I ain't got to the checkered flag yet." ↗

Alan Ross is a freelance writer from Bisbee, Ariz.

For more information on Petty Enterprises, log on to www.pettyracing.com.

Rate This Story

How did you like this story? Log on to www.americanprofile.com/rate.



Petty shares a memory with cousin and crew chief Dale Inman.

"Today's drivers are in great demand for appearances, but I'm not sure that some of them can stand up to what his standards were," says Dale Inman, Petty's cousin, longtime friend and crew chief. "Years ago, when he did spend that kind of time with the fans, he did it because he realized that the fans were what was making the sport go at that time."

Been Really Good!

Try Arletta Slocum's devilishly good Southern sweet chocolate on page 17.

1-800-851-5284

8am to 5pm CT

www.americanprofile.com/cookbook

Only \$6.95
Each Plus \$3.00 S&H

Desserts & More...

Yes!

Copies of **Desserts & More** \$6.95 ea. + \$3.00 S&H Residents of Tenn., Ill., Mich., Ark. & N.Y. add sales tax

Copies of **Hometown Recipes** \$6.95 ea. + \$3.00 S&H

Set of Both! \$13.90 set + \$4.00 S&H

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Payment Method: Check MasterCard Visa

Exp. _____ Acct# _____

Signature _____

Make checks payable to: American Profile Cookbook, 341 Cool Springs Blvd., Ste. 400, Franklin, TN 37067

Free for trying: the Oreck Hand Mixer
 You can mix, whip, beat and knead with ease because the vertical motor placement puts the weight in the bowl, not in your hand. It comes with 6 attachments including beaters, whisks, dough hooks, and storage caddy. Keep it even if you return the Purifier!

Free for buying: Oreck Refrigerator Purifier
 Generates negative ions and ozone to oxidize and remove odors. Destroys bacteria that cause food to decay, so it keeps food fresher longer. Leaves no taste, odor or flavor on foods. Yours free with purchase.

ORECK

©2005 ORECK HOLDINGS, LLC. All Rights Reserved. All word marks, logos, product configurations and registered trademarks are owned and used under the authority of Oreck Holdings, LLC.

Free 90-day Trial. Free Shipping! CR389

Call me to arrange a free 90-day trial of the Oreck Air Professional and send me a free \$130 Oreck Hand Mixer just for trying the Air Purifier. I understand I'll receive a \$50 value Refrigerator Purifier free with purchase and the shipping (a \$19.95 value) is free.

Yes, I would like more information on the amazing Oreck Air Professional, and include details of Oreck's 12-month Interest Free Payment Plan.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tel (_____) _____ e-mail _____

optional **Call 1-888-658-5743 or visit oreck.com**

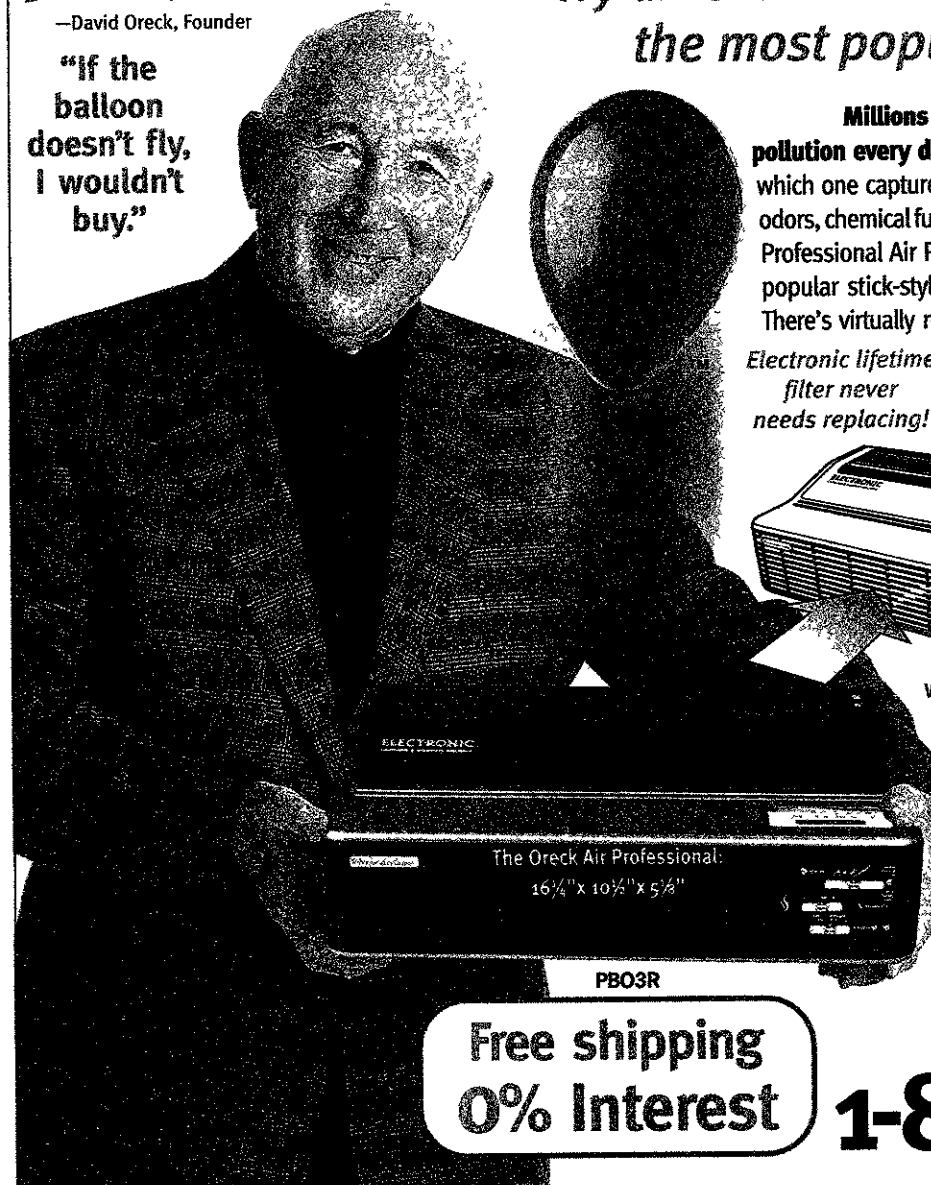
ORECK
 Nothing gets by an Oreck.®

Oreck Direct, LLC 100 Plantation Road, New Orleans, LA 70123

If you don't move the air, you can't clean the air.™ Take the balloon test! You be the judge.

David Oreck
 —David Oreck, Founder

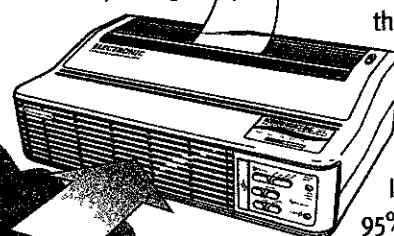
"If the balloon doesn't fly, I wouldn't buy."



Try an Oreck Air Purifier free for 90 days. Compare it to the most popular stick-style units. Then decide.

Millions of Americans are needlessly breathing unhealthy amounts of air pollution every day, right in their own homes. That's why you need an air purifier. But which one captures and destroys bacteria, mold, viruses, and fungi, and removes cooking odors, chemical fumes, pet odors, cigarette smoke and other indoor air pollutants? An Oreck Professional Air Purifier. Here's something you can try. Place a balloon above one of the popular stick-style units you see advertised and watch what happens. It falls to the floor. There's virtually no air movement at all. That's why a well-known consumer products magazine reported that the leading stick style unit was "ineffective." Now place the balloon at the top of an Oreck Air Purifier and watch what happens. The balloon floats above the purifier! That's pure, fresh air pushing it. You might even see this on television in one of our infomercials. The proof is obvious.

Electronic lifetime filter never needs replacing!



Stick Style Unit.

The Oreck Professional Air Purifier uses the same advanced technology as the U.S. submarine fleet. It renews the air in a 30'x30' room every hour. It captures 95% of air pollutants as minute as 0.1 microns. That's 1/1000th the width of a human hair. And it features Silence Technology® so it's quiet enough for use in a baby's room. For a limited time, you can try an Oreck Professional Air Purifier absolutely risk free for 90 days (we'll pay the shipping) and our \$130 Oreck Hand Mixer is yours free! Even if you return the Air Purifier. Decide to keep the purifier and you'll get a bonus gift: the Oreck Refrigerator Purifier (a \$50 value!). It removes odors and bacteria and keeps food fresher longer.

With an Oreck Air Purifier, the electronic filter never needs replacing. Just rinse it off and it's as good as new! It uses less electricity than a 75-watt light bulb. Try one absolutely free for 90 days. If you don't notice the difference, dust less and simply enjoy fresh, clean and crisp air, just send it back. It won't cost you a dime, but keep the Hand Mixer as our gift.

Free shipping
 0% Interest

1-888-658-5743 ext. CR389

Hometown
Hero

An Artist in Ice

by MARTI
ATTOUN

Wielding a roaring chain saw, sculptor Bill Covitz bites into a 300-pound slab of ice, sending chunks flying and chips spraying as he roughs out the shape of a winged dragon inside his Waterbury, Conn., workplace, a walk-in freezer chilled to 15 degrees.

As Covitz works, his breath fogs the air, and within minutes ice shavings coat his clothes and pile around him on the slick wooden floor. With painstaking precision, he slices details into the dragon's snout and back, one scale at a time, using

chisels, drills and grinders. When he's finished three hours later, Covitz uses a gas torch to clean off the shavings and give the dragon a glassy polished finish before he delivers it to a 40th birthday party celebration.

"I love the presentation and to see people's reactions," says Covitz, 35, of Cheshire, Conn. (pop. 28,543).

Covitz is no ice-sculpting amateur. In fact, he's among the nation's elite. He won the 2004 National Ice Carving Association Championship



Bill Covitz, 35, uses power tools to carve slabs of ice into shimmering sculptures.

(NICA) last February in Bensenville, Ill. (pop. 20,703), and he'll try to retain the title during this year's competition Feb. 12-13.

"Bill is always very creative and has a talent for making his carvings look like they're actually moving," says Alice Connelly, NICA's executive director.

While he's talented, Covitz's abilities are recently discovered. He trained with chef knives, not chain saws, as a 1991 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. (pop. 20,857). While working as a chef at high-end restaurants, including Cordillera Lodge near Vail, Colo. (pop. 4,531), he became fascinated with ice sculpting. Five years ago, he followed his heart and swapped chopping boards for chopping blocks and launched Ice Matters, a company that supplies ice sculptures for weddings, bar mitzvahs, corporate parties, business open houses and winter festivals.

"At first everyone doubted that I could make a living," Covitz says.

Fortunately, demand for Covitz's ice art has snowballed, and now his wife, Jennifer, handles office duties while he creates sculptures in the shapes of castles, company logos, swans, fire engines, flying monkeys and even frozen 8-foot-long serving tables and bars.

In his studio, Covitz dresses for work in ski pants, stocking cap, insulated boots and gloves before turning giant slabs of ice into elegant works of art with noisy power tools.

"The job is very physical, very backbreaking," he says. His assistant, Dan Martin, 35, of Southbury, Conn. (pop. 18,567), helps wrestle and shrinkwrap the finished carvings and transport them, bundled in moving blankets and sometimes a refrigerated truck, to locations throughout Connecticut and New York.

To avoid meltdowns during the nine-hour-long outdoor national contest, contestants work under tents as they carve individual pieces and pack them away in dry ice. When the sun goes down, they assemble the sculptures and perform the finishing touches before a crowd of awe-struck spectators.

Judges award points for attention to detail, proportion, technical skill, creativity and the overall impression of the sculpture. Last year, Connelly watched throughout the day as Covitz chiseled parts, not knowing exactly what he was creating until the 13-foot-tall statue of the Cat in the Hat—with a tipsy fishbowl on one finger, a birthday cake crowning his hat and a platter teetering on his toe—came to life.

"It was amazing—all those details and even birthday candles on the cake," she says. "That's why he won."

As for the fact that his masterpiece melted into a puddle six hours later, Covitz wasn't disheartened. He just started dreaming up a new idea, maybe one even cooler than the whimsical cat that he carved during last year's competition.

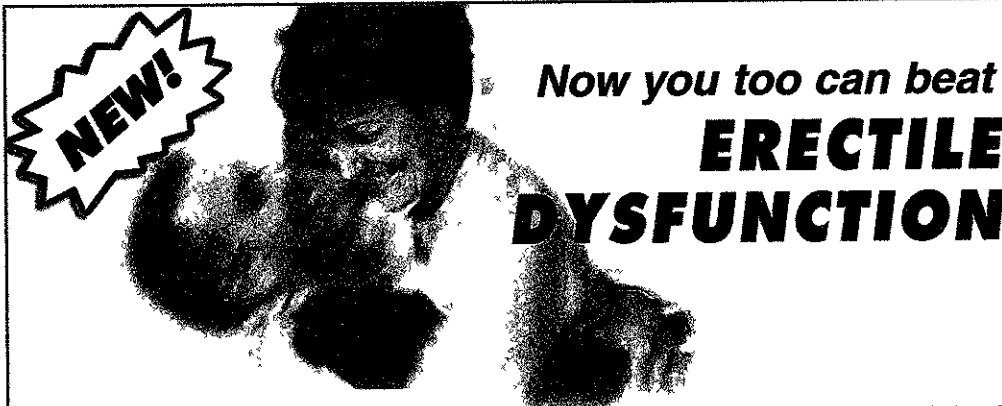
"I try to outdo myself and see how far I can push it," he says. "I compete for the love of it, the artist end of it." ✨

Marti Atoun is a frequent American Profile contributor.

For more information, log on to www.icematters.com.

Rate This Story

How did you like this story? Log on to www.americanprofile.com/rate.



Erectile Dysfunction (ED) affects about 30 million men in the USA. The causes are varied and range from psychological reasons to health conditions. But serious as it is, some men still compound the problem by not taking steps to deal with it. The result – often a complete breakdown in their most intimate relationship.

NEW!

"My diagnosis of cancer came as a shock to myself and my wife – little did we know that it would also end our intimate experiences... that was until we found the Vacucrect™ vacuum therapy system. So simple and easy to use... after several month of use I began to regain my normal function."
Mobile, AL.

Vacucrect™ was designed by a 47 year old professional engineer who was experiencing ED himself. With the assistance of urologists and sexologists, he decided to tackle the problems of bulkiness and awkward method of use inherent in traditional Vacuum Erection Device (VED) design. The breakthrough result is an extremely compact and easy to use solution.

In fact, due to its revolutionary design, the Vacucrect™ is 66% lighter and 33% less bulky than conventional VEDs!

"For the last five years, my husband and I had been using an earlier model vacuum system... it was awkward to include in our lovemaking and the rings were uncomfortable for my husband. Now the Vacucrect™ has unbelievably enhanced our intimate moments together"
Clifton, N.J.

YES, please tell me more about the revolutionary Vacucrect™.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Please Fax: (706) 210-4740, or mail completed coupon to:
BONRO Medical Inc., PO Box 211610, Martinez, GA. 30917

Additional Advantages

Control: You determine when, how long and how often.

Consistency: Vacucrect™ produces an enhanced erection every time – no waiting!

Safety: No pills, no implants, no injections and no risky drugs!

Proven Performance: No pills, no implants, no injections and no risky drugs!

Medically Approved Vacucrect™ is FDA registered and approved by Medicare and most other Secondary Insurance Companies. For your convenience, we will obtain a prescription from your physician and file all insurance claims for you.

Why wait another day?

Live your life fully – bring intimacy back into your life TODAY! Call one of our trained clinical specialists right now to learn more and to request a **FREE Patient Starter Kit** or, if you prefer, complete and send in the coupon below. Be sure to include your telephone number.

We are so confident that you will find our product beneficial, that we offer an unconditional, 30-day money back guarantee!



Call today
TOLL-FREE!
877-266-7699

BONRO Medical Inc.
3801-A Washington Rd.
Martinez, GA. 30907

Visit our website
www.bonro.com

RESOLVE TO SAVE ON FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT!

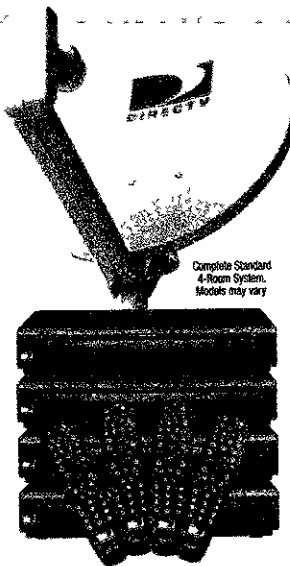


Get a DIRECTV® SYSTEM for up to

4 ROOMS FREE

INCLUDING STANDARD INSTALLATION

SHIPPING AND HANDLING FEE OF UP TO \$35.95 APPLIES. New customers only. Must activate within 30 days with annual programming commitment. Add \$4.99/mo for separate programming on 2nd and each additional TV. Hardware and programming separately. CREDIT CARD REQUIRED. Offer ends 2/28/05.



TOTAL CHOICE®
with Local Channels*
Programming Package



and many more of your favorite independent channels in select areas
INCLUDING OVER 125 TOP CHANNELS!

\$39.99
per month plus tax



*Blackout restrictions apply. Available in AL, GA, MS, TN, SC and sections of NC as determined by ZIP code. All programming and pricing subject to change.



Ask about DIRECTV®
DVR and DIRECTV®
HD equipment!

Plus **3 MONTHS
FREE**

HBO® & cinemax
10 PREMIUM MOVIE CHANNELS

Just activate HBO® and Cinemax®
with your annual commitment to
any TOTAL CHOICE® programming
package. Offer ends 2/28/05.



**DIRECTV Offers Access To Over 225 Channels
100% Digital-Quality Picture and Sound**

Pregunte como obtener
más canales en Español

CALL NOW TO ORDER
Operators are ready to assist you!



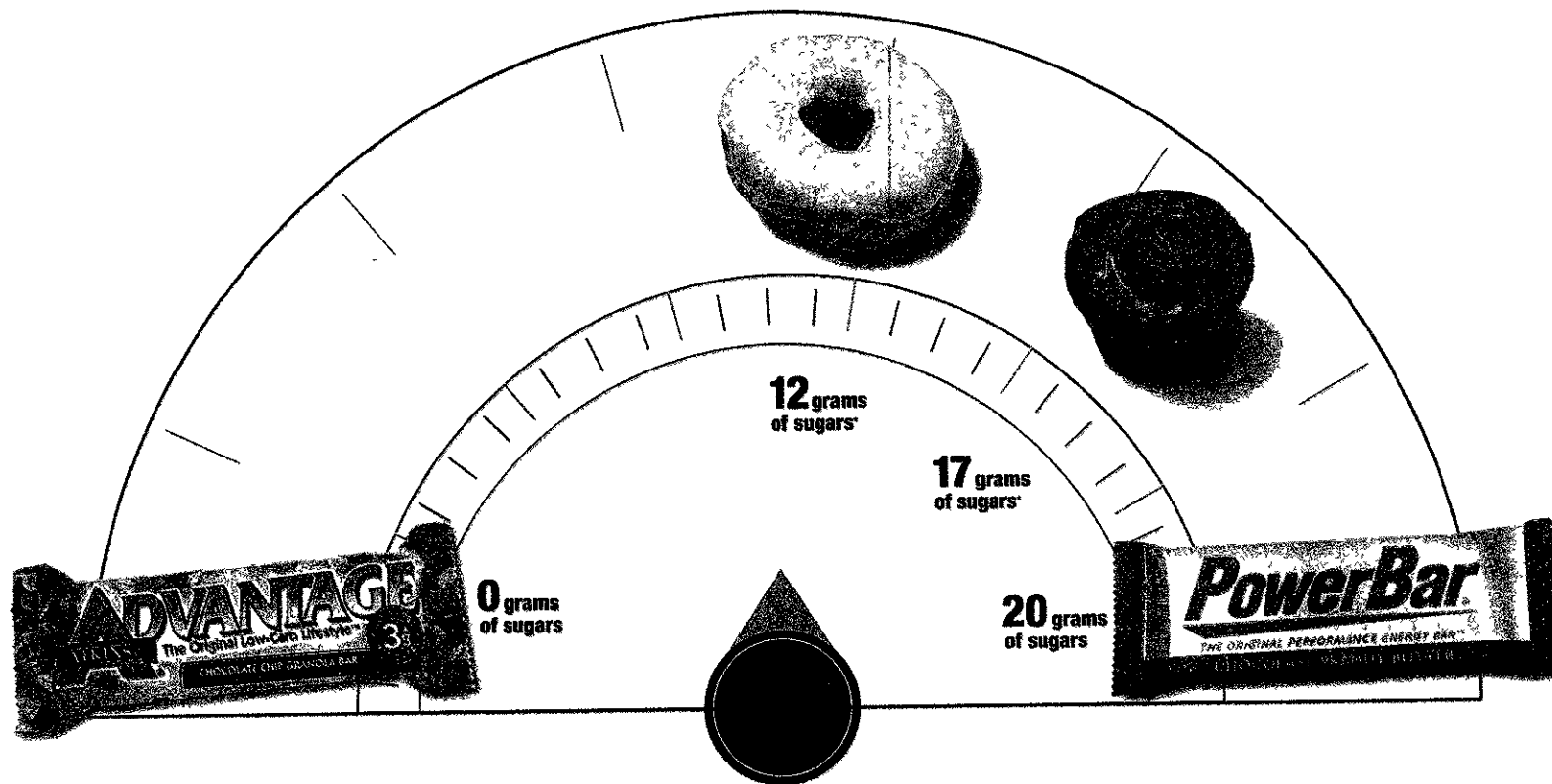
DISCOVER THE DIRECTV DIFFERENCE. BETTER ENTERTAINMENT. MORE VALUE.™

**DIRECTV
SATELLITE TV**
AN AUTHORIZED DIRECTV DEALER

1-800-272-1491

*In select markets, DIRECTV offers local channels. Eligibility based on service address. To access DIRECTV HD programming, a Triple LNB Multi-Satellite Dish, DIRECTV HD Receiver and HD television equipment required. ACTIVATION OF PROGRAMMING MAY BE SUBJECT TO CREDIT APPROVAL AND REQUIRES VALID SERVICE ADDRESS, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND/OR MAJOR CREDIT CARD DEPOSIT/PREPAYMENT MAY BE REQUIRED. Offer for new residential customers who purchase any DIRECTV System from a participating retailer between 10/31/04 and 2/28/05 who subscribe to 12 consecutive months of any TOTAL CHOICE programming package (\$36.99/mo or above) or DIRECTV PARA TODOS programming package (\$26.99/mo. or above) or qualifying international service bundles, plus activate HBO® and CINEMAX® within 30 days of equipment purchase. In the fourth month, customer's HBO® and Cinemax® services will roll to the regular payable monthly charges (\$12/mo. or less, each). The DIRECTV System has a feature which allows restricted access or blocking of entire channels. FAILURE TO ACTIVATE THE DIRECTV SYSTEM WITHIN 30 DAYS OF PURCHASE MAY RESULT IN A CHARGE OF \$150.00 U.S. DOLLARS PER DIRECTV RECEIVER NOT ACTIVATED. IF YOU FAIL TO MAINTAIN AN ANNUAL PROGRAMMING COMMITMENT, DIRECTV MAY CHARGE A PRORATED FEE OF UP TO \$150.00. IN LIEU OF PAYMENT YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO SEND YOUR DIRECTV SYSTEM EQUIPMENT TO DIRECTV VISIT DIRECTV.COM OR CALL 1-800-DIRECTV FOR DETAILS. Commercial locations require an appropriate license agreement. Programming, pricing, terms and conditions subject to change at any time. Pricing is residential. Taxes not included. Equipment specifications and programming options may vary in Alaska and Hawaii. DIRECTV services not provided outside the U.S. Receipt of DIRECTV programming is subject to the terms of the DIRECTV Customer Agreement, a copy is provided at DIRECTV.com and in your first bill. HBO® and Cinemax® are registered service marks of Home Box Office, Inc. ©2004 TiVo, Inc. All rights reserved. ©2004 DIRECTV, Inc. DIRECTV and the Cyclone Design logo, TOTAL CHOICE, DIRECTV PARA TODOS and DISCOVER THE DIRECTV DIFFERENCE. BETTER ENTERTAINMENT MORE VALUE. are trademarks of DIRECTV, Inc. All other trademarks and service marks are the property of their respective owners.

WHERE'S YOUR BAR ON THE SUGAR SCALE?



You might be surprised to know that many nutrition bars weigh in with more sugars than a glazed doughnut. Try Advantage™, a real nutrition bar loaded with protein, fiber, high quality vitamins and minerals, and not filled with added sugars which may bog you down.



* Based on USDA National Nutrient Database, 12/10/2004