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Plymouth homes still a good investment

Assessments on the rise in city, township

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Owning a home in Plymouth and Plymouth Township remains a good investment.

Figures from Wayne County indicate the average home value in Plymouth grew 3 5 percent, while in Plymouth Township values increased by an average 2 8 percent

The assessments are based on a twoyear housing sales cycle, according to Aaron Powers of Wayne County

Appraisal, which assesses properties in most Wayne County communities

Sales figures were not as much as what they were in the past, said Powers, referring to the economic recession Sales of homes were starting to slow down They're still appreciating, but just not as much

Last year Plymouth homes were up an average 4 62 percent, while in 2002 they were up 9 67 percent

In Plymouth Township, 2003 saw an increase of 3 05 percent, while the previous year the average assessment was

up 6 43 percent.

"I've never known assessments to go down in western Wayne County as long as I've been doing this,' said Powers, whose been in the business 15 years Its a pretty safe bet property values will increase year after year'

John McLenaghan, who assesses Plymouth Township, said he would attribute the annual increases to the desirability of the community He believes this years increase is also reflective of the housing market

Plymouth Townships market for more expensive homes has tapered a little bit, said McLenaghan They re selling them, but not at the rate they were a few years ago

I think it has to do with the fact the township is running out of places to build new homes," he added. If you

don't build newer and bigger homes, and get those into the equation, the average doesn't go up as fast

Assessments around western Wayne County were up, including Canton Township, with an increase of 3 4 percent, Northville Township, 3 2 percent, Northville, 4 6 percent, Van Buren Township, 2.8 percent, and Livonia, 3.8 percent

Realtor Jim Courtney of Remerica said the increases in assessments is a Catch 22 situation

The up side is your home is worth more in value, the down side is the tax increase, said Courtney "Although people say they don't want to pay more taxes, they'd complain if the value of their homes went down'

As a result of the passage of Proposal A in 1994, property taxes can only go

up by the rate of inflation, or a maxi-mum 5 percent, whichever is less This year, Plymouth Finance Director Mark Christiansen said property taxes across the state will be limited to a 2 3 percent increase

Christiansen noted the average assessment increases are for owners of property which haven t changed hands or added improvements

As long as someone hasn't put on an addition to their home, or bought a house this year, they'll have a taxable increase of 2 3 percent, he said "If you bought a house last year, the taxable value will escalate to this years assessed value, which can be very substantial After that, the cap starts all over again '

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Bookstore opens new chapter downtown



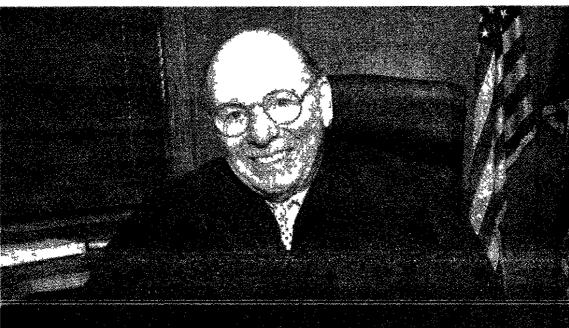
Plymouth will soon have a new place to browse through books and magazines in an atmosphere as relaxing as your living room

The Bookcellar, an affiliate of Little Professor bookstores, will be open in late May or early June in the former Plymouth Office Supply store on Ann Arbor Irall Its going to be a full-selection bookstore, with all the major titles, The New York Times best sellers and thousands of magazines,' said Bashar Salame 27, a Dearborn chiropractor who will independently own the store that will follow the business practices of Little Professor Well have seating for about 40 people, couches in seating areas, a small cafe with Internet access and a copy center Initially, I just wanted to open a cafe and serve coffees, teas, fresh juices and small sandwiches, added Salame 'But, one of my favorite places is Borders and Barnes & Noble, to sit and read a book or magazine and have a drink The size of the building will allow me to have both' The Bookcellar will be about 4,000-square-feet, the same size as the former Little Book Shoppe on the Park on Main Street, which closed its doors May 30 It was open for 20 years before being phased out after the death of long-time owner Jackie Powers in 1999 "Our inventory will be larger than the old store because we want to accommodate everybody s needs," said Salame While I like Borders and Barnes & Noble, we want to offer something a little different, and be community based Anyone who wants something, we will attempt to get it,' he said 'We want to tailor the store to the needs of Plymouth Little Professor CEO John Glazer said the former bookstore was financially successful, and he expects downtown Plymouth to welcome Salame's new bookshop 'The other store was very successful, sales were very high, said Glazer It was just winding down after the death of the owner, Jackie Powers We tried, as a corporation, to purchase that store, but they didn t want to sell it, he said It was a great location Glazer said his chain currently has 22 stores, down form 130 in the 1990s The bookstore wars, with the rise of big box superstores, wiped out the independent book sellers, he said 'The last couple of years have seen a comeback, and we re one of the survivors Salame said his initial investment will be close to

Patience, decency hallmarks of jurist's career

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Elected to the 35th District Court bench in January 1985. Chief Judge John MacDonald said he never thought a career change would result in him becoming the longest-serving judge in the court's history 'I practiced law for 23 years and enjoyed it," said MacDonald, reflecting on his 20 years at 35th District Court "I didn t plan on being a judge, but the vacancy was created when Dunbar Davis couldn't run again I had been supervisor of Northville Township, so my political appetite was whetted

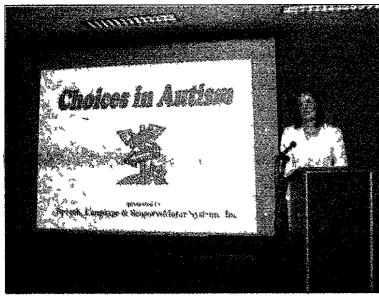




TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Judge John MacDonald recently marked 20 years as a 35th District Court jurist, after spending more than 23 years as a PLEASE SEE JURIST. A4 lawver before that

Seminar sheds new light on treatments for autism



Stephanie Naberhaus, clinical director at Speech Language & Sensory Motor Systems in Plymouth, opens the 'Choices in Autism' symposium the clinic held Saturday at Madonna University in Livonia

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

As the mother of a 3-year-old diagnosed with mild to moderate autism, Sherri Breen of Garden City is willing to try just about any treatment she believes will help her son

That's why she was at Madonna University Saturday for the seminar, 'Choices in Autism," presented by Speech, Language & Sensory-Motor Systems of Plymouth The daylong symposium was designed to enlighten parents of children diagnosed as autistic on the multitude of treatment options available

Breen's son, Gavin Baldwin, was diagnosed in May 2004 after she fought for some six months to get the correct diagnosis Breen, who sensed something wrong with her

son, at first couldn t get doctors to diagnose the autism

After seeking multiple opinions, doctors finally confirmed her suspicions Breen moved from Lincoln Park to Garden City to allow Gavin to attend the Burger Center for Students with Autism, and Gavin has made progress since the move

'I had always said there was something different about him, said Breen I didn't want to think he was autistic, but I knew he was, so I had to keep pushing

Shes tried a variety of therapies, and teachers at the Burger Center are making great progress with him Gavin, who his mother describes as non-verbal, is now "making great strides But she went to Saturdays symposium

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Coming Thursday in Filter

St. Patrick's Day roundup of events



Smith auction

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Smith Elementary School hosts its 10th annual auction at 6 30 p m Saturday, March 12. at the Plymouth Cultural Center

Admission is \$20 per person at the door, and the event features hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, coffee and tea Additional beverages can be purchased It's an adult-only event, attendees must be 21 years old or older

The Plymouth Cultural Center 1s located at 525 Farmer For more information, visit Smith's Web site at http //web pccs k12 mi us/smit h/

Chili and baskets

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts its third annual Chili Cook-Off and Basket Auction at 4 p m Saturday, March 19

The family event is open to the public and all proceeds raised will go to support Salvation Army missions in 109 countries worldwide Cooks well-known for their recipe or crafters who are creative in "basket making" can call the Plymouth Salvation Army to sign up

The Salvation Army offices, located on Main just south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, are open 8 30 a m to 4 30 p m weekdays For more information, call (734) 453-5464 and ask for Kelly

Beanie Babies

Canton High School Congress is holding a Beanie Baby drive from March 7-18 for an organization called Operation Give, which delivers care packages to children in Iraq and areas affected by the tsunamı

Canton High School's goal is to send 1,000 Beame Babies and other small stuffed animals to help the children overseas Collection boxes will be placed in the general offices of all three high schools, and community donations are gladly accepted

Cooking class

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department sponsors "Men in the Kitchen," a cooking class for widowers, caregivers or single men new to the kitchen

Students will learn to create simple, fast, nutritious meals, taught by home economist Mary Beth Hausman Two four-week sessions are available in April and May at the Plymouth Cultural Center

For more information, call the recreation department at (734) 455-6620

Road

Frog call

Donors can call Barb

Mitchell, (734) 453-6111, to

make an appointment, and

walk-ins are also welcome

Friends of the Rouge is still

looking for volunteers to sur-

vey Rouge River wetlands for

training sessions for the survey

frogs and toads The last

will be held March 9 in the

Walnut Room at Summit on

and March 12 at Bloomfield

the Park in Canton Township,

Blood drive

The Plymouth post office hosts a blood drive for the American Red Cross from 11 a m to 4 30 p m Wednesday, March 23, at the main Plymouth post office on Beck

HURON VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Reading month

Celebrate Reading Month at the Plymouth Historical Nuseum with an extensive exhibit of first editions of works by America's great humorist, Mark Twain This year marks Twain's 170th birthday and the museum hosts an exhibit of First Editions of many works by Twain from local collector Robert Nelson For over a quarter of a century, Neison had collected these His collection now holds over 150 items including all the major Twain works From this collection Nelson has chosen more than 50 works to highlight the versatility and genius of Twain For many of these books a first edition is not usually seen outside a museum or rare book room of a major library Some of the works exhibited are extremely rare The museum is open 1-4 p m Wednesday, Thursday Saturday and Sunday and also features an exhibit of 'Quilts of the Underground Railroad " For more information call (734) 455-8940

unteers need only attend one of these trainings

Volunteers need no prior experience, just a willingness to learn frog and toad calls and to visit a local wetland several times a month in the evening, March through July The survey was created in 1998 to help raise awareness about the value of wetlands within the Rouge River Watershed and to collect information about Rouge frog and toad populations

Interested volunteers must pre-register for a workshop by



calling (313) 792-9621 or emailing picoordinator@therouge org Additional information is available at www.therouge org

Waste collection

Plymouth and Plymouth Township officials join forces to allow residents to dispose of household hazardous waste when they sponsor "Household Hazardous Waste Day" from 9 am to 2 pm Saturday, May 14, in the parking lot at Compuware Arena

Identification will be required

Items to be accepted include fluorescent light bulbs, resins, solvents, wood preservatives, batteries, drain openers, driveway sealer, pesticides, aerosol cans, automotive fluids, hobby or laboratory chemicals, reactives, water treatment compounds, peroxides, elemental metal-sodium potassium, items labeled acid, flammable, caustic, poison, caution, toxic, danger or warning, lawn and garden products, computer equipment, prescription and over-thecounter medications, mercury, oil-based paint and stain products, polishes, pool chemicals, propane cylinders, adhesives, gasoline

Items not acceptable include explosives, ammunition or fireworks, latex paint, medical waste, smoke detectors, tires, radioactive materials, and PCB-containing materials

For information, call the city's Municipal Services Department, (734) 453-7737, or the townships Department of Public Services, (734) 453-

concert benefits WSDP, with tickets priced at \$6

Station officials also announced that Forever Inside Records recording artist Ettison Cho will headline the show The East Lansing-based indie rock band has made quite a name for themselves over the past five years, station officials said, and are "on the verge of much bigger things" with the release of their new CD, "This is for the Blue Collars'

Three of the band s members graduated from Plymouth-Canton schools Ettison Cho performs early in the evening due to another concert later that evening Other bands performing include The Rising Tide (formerly Sandbox Heroes), the Transfer, Which Way 1s Home, Common Misconception and Great **Basement Crusade**

The concert is sponsored by Canton Computer and Simplicity Board Sports For more information, call (734) 416-7732

DAR luncheon

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Plymouth-Northville, host a sandwich luncheon at noon Monday, March 21, at the Northville Public Library The program will focus on "History of the DAR.' All members and potential members are welcome For more information, call (734) 420-2775

Career women

Amira Tame, president of the Alzheimer Activities when the National Association monthly meeting from 11 30 am to 1 pm Tuesday, March

Lunch 1s \$18 for members, \$22 for non-members, guests are welcome To RSVP or for more information, call Linda

Therapist treats rehab

as quality of life issue

Former Agape principal headed to circuit court

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WR TER

Former Agape Christian Academy Principal Clark Sexton, who has been charged with sexually assaulting a former student, faced his accuser in an emotionally charged 35th District courtroom on Friday during his preliminary examination

Sexton, 30, of Westland was charged in early February with two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony which indicates penetration, and one count of fourthdegree criminal sexual conduct, a misdemeanor

Sextons accuser told the packed courtroom, which included large contingents of both families, and Judge Ron Lowe that an inappropriate relationship between her and Sexton first developed when she was a 14 year old ninthgrader at the school, which is located on Geddes in Canton

The woman, who is now 20, described how their friendship escalated into a sexual relationship which began when Sexton kissed her after taking her home from school one day

It is the policy of this newspaper not to name the victims of sexual assault

The woman told the court that when she was 15, she and Sexton had a number of sexual encounters, including one incident in which she performed oral sex She testified that the two had met nearly a dozen times in a parking lot near Haggerty and Michigan Avenue where they had sexual intercourse in Sextons car

She said Sexton had told her he loved her and that he wished he would have married her He was married at the time

Sadly I fell for it, and I wish I wouldn t have, because it was all hes she said

Sextons defense attorney Paul Clark spent much of his time arguing about the timeline the woman described to police in late January when she first told her parents about the relationship They went to

the police the same day Clark said there was no dispute that Sexton and the woman had a sexual relationship However, his contention is that everything occurred after the girl was the age of 16, the minimum age the state allows for a person to have con-

sensual sex Is it possible all these incidents occurred a year later? It took six years before you reported this to your parents and the police Is it possible your memory is off?" Clark asked the woman

Although the woman admitted the relationship was consensual, she refused to budge from her previous testimony about the timeline She feels she was a victim

I admired him The students in our school looked up to him And I did too I didn t know he wanted anything more, she said

'I had a crush on him I never knew he would come on to me I wish I would have told someone the first time he kissed me I wish I would have went to my parents right away Judge Lowe bound the case

over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden, who works for the Child Abuse Unit, asked Lowe to raise the bond to \$100,000, bringing up the fact that two more girls from Agape have come forward about possible inappropriate relationships with Sexton Police investigators have obtained a number of e mails from the girls, which were sub mitted in court on Friday

Lowe refused to raise the bond, however, after a long series of arguments between Weingarden and Clark

Lowe did order Sexton not to have any contact with the alleged victim or any other minors Sexton also agreed to give up his computer to investi gators

The prosecutors office subpoenaed the school last week to obtain the e-mails that the female students had sent to Sexton

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

They re getting to see Joe Long of Ypsilanti a lot lately on the therapy equipment at Plymouth Physical Therapy Long, 33, has had surgery

to reconstruct anterior cruciate ligaments in his knees three times — once on the left, twice on the right After all three surgeries — the first came in January 1998 -Long turned to the Plymouth-based clinic to get himself back into shape

I was living in Canton, and my doctor recommended this place," said Long, who first tore his ligament playing flag football 'Six months down the road, they ve been able to get me back to playing"

It's been that way since owner Jeff Sırabıan first opened his practice in Plymouth in 1994 Sirabian, who graduated the University of Michigan School of Physical Therapy in 1989, practiced in the Plymouth community for three years before opening his own shop

Sırabıans first brush with orthopedic physical therapy came during his football days at Rochester High School, where a fractured forearm topped a list of smaller injuries he suffered as an athlete

It was his first introduction to rehabilitation, and the high-schooler found it fascinating

The rest, as they say, is his tory

I like working with people, Sırabıan said 'Its rewarding when you're able to help a kid return and func tion It's nice to help people achieve a higher quality of

'We work with a lot of injured athletes, so we provide the trainers to the schools. It lets us work with more athletes."

Recovery time

Jeff Sırabıan clinic owner

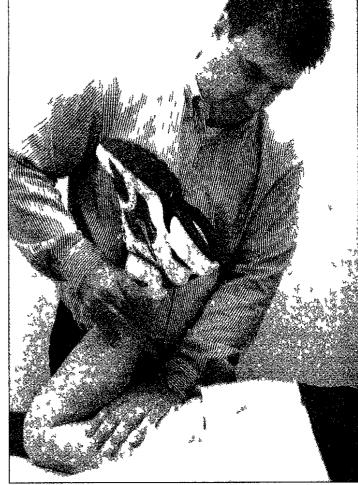
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In fact, sports has become a big part of the Plymouth Physical Therapy mission, a mission befitting a man who has Detroit Free Press frontpage replicas depicting the 1997 national football championship of the University of Michigan, the NCAA championship won by U-M in 1989, the Pistons title repeat in 1990 and the Red Wings repeat in 2002 The clinic now feeds athlet-

ic trainers to eight different high schools, including Plymouth, Canton, Detroit Catholic Central, Wayne Memorial, John Glenn and three high schools in the Walled Lake district

'We do sports medicine," Sırabıan said 'We work with a lot of injured athletes, so we provide the trainers to the schools It lets us work with more athletes That makes it a natural transition to go in and supply services to the high schools

He does so out of five clin ics, having opened shops in Livonia, Novi, Wixom and White Lake Between them, the five clinics have 15 full time therapists and a part timer (in Novi) Its a well



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Jeffrey Sirabian works with a physical therapy client at his clinic on Lilley Sirabian opened the clinic in 1994 and has since expanded to Livonia, Novi, Wixom and Walled Lake

educated staff, Sırabıan being a board-certified orthopedic clinical specialist, and all the other therapists either having attained certification or closing in on it

"We work hard to keep up with medical education, Sırabıan saıd

Between them, they try to work a schedule that accommodates the needs of their patients The clinic is open 6 a m -6 p m during the week, and also offers Saturday hours According to office manager Laura Elwell, its that accommodating spirit that keeps patients coming

People who need to make

appointments at 6 in the morning can do that,' said Elwell, whos worked 24 years in internal medicine, medical billing and as a certified medıcal assıstant 'They don't have to miss work They like that"

Sırabıan built a patient following while practicing in the area before he set up Plymouth Physical Therapy He thinks there's a reason, an attitude, that keeps patients like Joe Long coming back

"We treat every patient like they re our last one,' Sırabıan said

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Suspected 'BTK' killer's daughter barraged at home

An otherwise quiet apart ment complex in Farmington has been buzzing with media crews as the Farmington con nection to the "BTK" serial murderer case became clear

The daughter of high-profile serial murder suspect, Dennis

I just turned 50 when I took

the bench, he said 'It was a

MacDonald ran against

five others to win his first

six-year term in the court

Township, Northville and

tions, he ran unopposed

adjuster at All-State

Insurance

Northville Township In each

of the subsequent three elec-

MacDonald didn't even

start out practicing law after

that serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton

big career change

Radar, has sought the assistance of the Farmington Public Safety Department as news trucks began arriving

On Sunday, local media were reportedly inside the apartment building of Radars daughter, who lives in the

I never thought about being

a lawyer, nobody in my family

from college, except my moth-

er who became a nurse later in

life, he said "After I graduated

want a masters degree in polit-

from college, I thought about

another degree But, I didn't

undergraduate degree So, I

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couple of years before being

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elected to the bench

thought I d try law school, and

MacDonald hung his shingle

moved to Plymouth for the last

ical science, which is my

was a lawyer or even graduated

LIKED LAW SCHOOL

Chatham Hills Apartments off Grand River

Farmington Public Safety Director Chuck Nebus said the daughter has called his department on several occasions since Sunday, asking police to remove the barrage of media

"I ve been around to see

judges, he said If you get a

fair hearing in court and the

judge makes a decision, that's

all you can expect and the

good lawyers understand that

Some people may not like it,

but they understand they got

MacDonald many times, just

"There are a lot of judges you

can tell who are having a good

With Judge MacDonald, you

always seem to get a real pro-

approach to what s going on

him because you know what

you re going to get, and that s a

real straight shot and thorough

evaluation of the issues, a fair

know it was well thought out

shake in the end, he said

and fair

case is over

crime '

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RESPECT MATTERS

'Whatever the result, you

Watching MacDonald

administer justice from the

bench, its not unusual to hear

him address defendants as "sir

and thanking them when their

I think you can be decent to

people and still carry out your

punishment," said MacDonald

"I'm not going to be soft on

like they were treated with

dont go ahead and give the

punishment that fits the

them but I want them to feel

respect That doesn't mean you

MacDonald helped to create

and organize the juvenile pro-

gram at 35th District Court,

which also has a Teen Court

of the many success stories

derived from those programs

and Sobriety Court Hes proud

I enjoy practicing in front of

fessional demeanor and

like his dad, Joseph, before

day or bad day," said Dillon

Paul Dillon has been practic

their day in court

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ing law for 14 years in

Plymouth, and has faced

and good judges and bad

good lawyers and bad lawyers,

representatives

Nebus noted agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigations contacted his office out of courtesy Friday and informed him about their intent to interview Dennis Radar's daughter that day

We put people in alcohol and drug programs who wouldn't otherwise get that kind of help, MacDonald said Even if you send them to jail, they're not going to be there forever So, we ve got to do something to stop the activity they re involved in

If we think a person needs the experience of being in jail as a wake-up call, that's usually the last resort, he said 'Its hard to measure success, but we do have people who have come back to thank us"

Carol Richardson of Canton has worked with MacDonald for 27 years, starting in his law firm before helping the judge with his docket, jury trials and opinions

I don t think I ve ever seen him get angry on the bench, said Richardson Hesvery understanding, and treats everybody very fairly" Because of their long history

together, Richardson's relationship with MacDonald has reached past the courtroom I ve helped his kids with

homework, have gone to their high school graduations and weddings,' she said 'We ve been together for so long were just like family

Hes the same age as my mother, and I look to him as a father figure,' Richardson said 'Hes helped me make life decisions when I needed help Hes my Rock of Gıbraltar"

As a result of state law, the next four years will be MacDonald's last on the 35th District Court bench He was elected to his last six-year term at the age of 68, and can't run again after turning 70 But, that won t keep him off the bench

We can sit as visiting judges, and I plan on doing that, MacDonald said 'Im not going to just sit home MacDonald said he ll also have more time to spend with

Ann his wife of 46 years and his five grandchildren tbruscato@oe homecomm net

DEATHS

A Edward D Acord, 61 of Rochester Hills died March 1 William Johnston Adams, 70, of Detroit died Feb 27 B

David R Bobowski 50, died March 3 C

EC Conwell, 89 of Waterford died March 3 D

Pauline J Davis 83 died Feb 25 Lucille Caiani Dobbs 82, of Garden City, died Feb 28

G Viera George 72, of Clarkston died Feb 27 William B Gilles, 84, formerly of Bloomfield Hills died Feb 27 Н

Steven E Hopper 57, of West Bloomfield died Feb 28 J

Bertha L Juhl, 70 of Rochester Hills died Feb 25

Frederick Reid Keydel, 76, died Feb 26

Aaron Thomas Levi, 27, of Birmingham, died Feb 20 Richard R Lowe, died Feb 28 Robert W Lundgren, 87, of Scottsdale Ariz died Feb 23 M Elizabeth (Bette) Moe, 80, of

Leesburg, Fla, died Feb 21 Regina Marie McVey, 61, of Roscommon formerly of Wayne died Feb 23 0

George Schwenk Olmsted, 95 of Valparaiso Ind formerly of Birmingham, died Feb 18

Raymond Powning, 83 of Rochester Hills, died March 1

Donald W Shaver, 69, of Waterford, died March 2

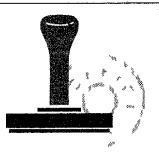
John Charles Wright Jr, 90, of Williamsburg, Va , died Feb 15 Ζ

Ralph Zimmerman Jr, of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb 25

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the fol lowing runs during the period Feb 23-March 1 Tuesday March 1 – Residential rescue runs on Main and on Plymouth Road commercial rescue run on Lilley vehicle accidents on southbound I 275 over M 14 and on eastbound M 14 east of Ridge Monday Feb 28 – Residential rescue runs on Colony Farms, on

Postiff, on Sheldon, on Haggerty, on Fox and on Wilcox investigation on



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Arbor Road vehicle accidents on Plymouth Road and on westbound M-14 west of | 275 Sunday Feb 27 – Residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road on Northville Road on Terry and on Westbury, rescue run on Mill, industrial rescue run on Sheldon Maturday, Feb 26 - Residential rescue runs on Danbridge, on Parkview, on Franklin Court on Hunt Club, on Sheidon and on Wild Wina

Friday Feb 25 - Vehicle acci dent with wash-down on eastbound M-14 at Schoolcraft, vehicle accidents on southbound I-275 over M 14 and on the ramp from eastbound M-14 to Beck residential rescue runs on Roe and on Red Maple Thursday Feb 24 - Residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Sheldon on Sheridan, on Newport and on Pineview, commercial rescue run on Haggerty, industrial rescue run on Sheldon

■ Wednesday, Feb 23 - Smoke investigation on westbound M-14 at North Territorial residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Firwood and on Northville Road

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734-453-3869 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice is hereby given that on 3/11/05 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto Transport 1179 Starkweather Rd Plymouth MI a public auction of the following 1G3CW53LXM4345629 1991 Oldsmobile 98 Accord 1HGBA5433GA165019 1986 Honda Pubhsh March 6 2005 OE0830222

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR March meeting Tuesday March 15 2005 at 7 30 pm at 223 S Main Street Plymouth Michigan 48170

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following

> Barbara Kraft Library Secretary Plymouth District Library 223 S Main Street Plymouth MI 48170 734 453 0750 X217

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graduating from Wayne State 'I thought after 23 years of practice I had a pretty good feel University Law School, for what a judge should do," said working in labor relations at Ford Motor Co and as an MacDonald "You have to be even tempered, listen to both sides

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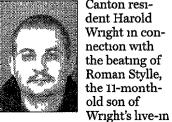


Two men arrested in separate child abuse cases

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

In a 24-hour period last week, Canton police arrested two men on charges stemming from separate child abuse incidents that left a 6-month-old baby boy dead, and another infant boy in critical condition On Tuesday, police arrested

27-year-old Canton resi-



Wright

Around 7 30 p m, Canton police and fire responded to a call from the mobile home Wright shared with Roman's mother in the area of Old Michigan and Haggerty - a call that said an infant wasn t breathing He was transported to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, and eventually taken to University of Michigan Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor The boy allegedly had bruises on his body and suffered internal bleeding in the head As of Friday, he was listed in critical condition

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Wright has been charged with two counts of child abuse in the first degree, felonies punishable by up to 15 years in prison, and one count of third degree child abuse, which is a two-year misdemeanor He was arraigned via a video feed on Friday in the 35th District Court in front of Judge Ron Lowe Lowe entered a not guilty plea on behalf of Wright,



and a \$100,000 bond was set His preliminary examination has been set for March 18

Canton Detective Sgt Rick Pomorski said Roman's mother was at work at the time, and Wright was baby-sitting

CHILD DIES

A day after Wright's arrest, police were called to a home near Cherry Hill and Haggerty around 7 pm EMS transported the 6-month-old boy to St Joseph Mercy Hospital, where he was pronounced dead According to Pomorski, emergency workers noticed bruises on the baby, and notified police Within three hours, police arrested the boy's 20year-old father, who police have yet to name because he hadn't been arraigned as of Friday afternoon

'The baby's mom was at work, and the father was at his grandfather's house baby-sitting The grandfather is the one that called the police department, Pomorski said 'Between the time the call was made and the fire department arrived, the father had fled the home

Pomorski said the man was apprehended by the Community Response Team, which includes members of the Michigan State Police and Wayne County Sheriff's Department, as well as police officers from Canton, Northville and Plymouth townships Pomorski said the man had walked about three miles to a friend's home, which is where the team arrested him without incident

Pomorski said he expected the man to be arraigned on Saturday

Car enthusiasts show off at Autorama

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Derek Fowler takes his cars pretty seriously So a show like this weekend's Autorama in Detroit is kind of like nirvana for the Canton resident of 10 vears

Fowler, 40, joined thousands of other car enthusiasts at the annual show, which is in its 53rd year and billed as 'America's Greatest Hot Rod Show He displayed his 1926 Ford Model T Coupe, which he pretty much built from scratch after acquiring its shell from a guy in Wisconsin, who he paid \$2,200 Since then, Fowler says he has put in countless hours and spent just under \$100,000 turning the car into a hot rodders dream

He has chopped the roof, making a new one from scratch, and added suicide doors He painted the car metallic purple with flames running down the side He has also incorporated some features that weren t around when

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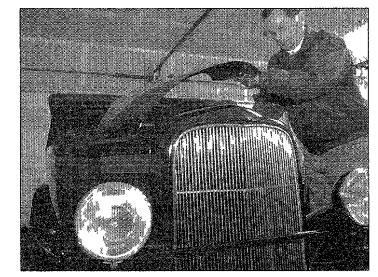
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Hot rod artists



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Jack Martin of Plymouth lifts the hood on his 1931 Ford Roadster, which will be displayed at Autorama

Henry Ford first built the car in the 1920s, including a digital dash and DVD player But what really sets the car apart, according to Fowler, is its engine A 393 supercharged hemi V-8, which alone cost him about \$35,000 to build It was the second time

Fowler, an engineer at Detroit Diesel, showed the car at Autorama In 2003, the car earned a second place in the Altered T-Coupe category He said he looks forward to

the event every year whether he is participating or just a spectator He said the cars on display continue to get better

with each passing year, largely because the available technology is starting to catch up with the creativity of the car owners

'Autorama 15 just an amazing experience It's the people you meet You really feel the passion for the automobile at this show You really get to see the artistic expression when it comes to the automobile, Fowler said

Those are sentiments echoed by Jack Martin, a Plymouth resident who displayed his 1931 Ford Roadster alongside Fowlers car in the Murray's Discount Auto booth at the show this weekend

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Martin, 65, grew up in Royal Oak, and spent many nights cruising Woodward Avenue, one of the hotbeds for hot rods His current car is the fourth Roadster he has owned He bought it from a guy in Ohio about a year and a half ago, and has totally rebuilt it He chopped the top four inches of the roof, lowered the car all the way around, and added custom leather interior The car also features a modified 350 Chevy engine

"I bought it, tore it apart, and totally modified it, right down to the frame, Martin said Everything about this car is different than the original '31 Ford

Martin said he was looking forward to the show, which is his first, because it gave him an opportunity to learn from others

I m just fascinated by cars and working on them I like going to the shows and learning all the new techniques Plus its a nice bunch of people to hang out with, he said

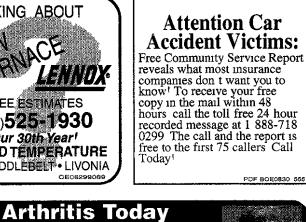
Fowler, who owns three other classic cars, admits some people don t understand why people like him spend so much time and energy on their cars But for him it makes perfect sense

I ve been building street rods since high school,' he said 'Its a passion, and a way of lıfe

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Gloria Rhodes of Redford Township is this week's Random Acts of Pizza winner

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Rhodes works at Cooke Middle School in the Northville school district where she assists special needs students at job sites She also has a second job working with semi-independent adults who have developmental disabilities It's this second job for which Heidi Dougan of Livonia nominated her friend for the Buddy's Pizza and Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Random Acts of Pizza Award

"She is a warm-hearted, caring woman who spends the majority of her life doing for others," said Dougan in her nominating e-mail

"Her most recent act of kindness was astounding She championed a complete remodel of a lady's home The woman has developmental disabilities and did not have the means or the ability to make her living situation tolerable Gloria, using her own limited funds, compiled a team of able-bodied people and three days later the condo was gorgeous

"I am in awe of Gloria and I

know she does not receive nearly enough praise or recognition for her altruistic endeavors I am blessed to call her a friend"

Rhodes credited her helpers eight or nine others (her sister, niece, neighbors and a few other friends including Heidi) who joined in the project

They sent the woman away for a weekend then stripped wallpaper, painted, cleaned car pets, repaired furniture and replaced things that needed replacing

When the woman came home she was surprised, thankful and tearful because no one had ever done something like that for her Rhodes invited her fellow

workers to enjoy the Buddy's Pizza dinner she received

Buddy's Pizza and the O&E salute Gloria Rhodes of Redford - this weeks Random Acts of Pizza winner

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AUTISM FROM PAGE A1

still seeking ways to help I would go on the Internet and get myself crazy with information, Breen said "(The symposium) was very informative for me I want to try anything that might help him as long as its not invasive

She got plenty of information Saturday More than half a dozen experts made presentations during the symposium, including Dr Richard Solomon at the Ann Arbor Center for Development and Behavioral Pediatrics

The speakers, all well-known in their respective fields around the metro area, focused on a wide range of treatment options for the approximately 100 parents who attended While the symposium was designed for all parents of autistic, it especially targeted those newly diagnosed

There are a lot of treatments available, there's not one 'right treatment for everyone, said Stephanie Naberhaus, clinical director at Speech, Language & Sensory-Motor Systems 'We wanted parents to be able to come to one place and learn We wanted to give parents good basic information so they can make an informed decision about what's right for their child '

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from about 9 30 a m to about 10 p m, maybe a little later on the weekends, said Salame If we notice people want us to be open earlier to get a morning cup of coffee and newspaper, we ll be flexible

'We truly want to go the extra step to make sure it fits the needs of the people

The symposium opened and closed with a bang Laurie Lundblad and Donna Omichinski are mothers of autistic children, and they started the day by discussing things from a parental perspective

Omichinskis son, Joey, was diagnosed autistic almost eight years ago, and he has made such progress she felt compelled to give back

'My husband and I went through a lot, because eight years ago diagnostic and assessment tools weren t as prevalent," said Omichinski, a resident of Saline 'We went through a lot trying to figure out what was wrong and how best to help him I feel it s such

a stressful time that if theres any way I can help someone to get them through that s what I wanted to do '

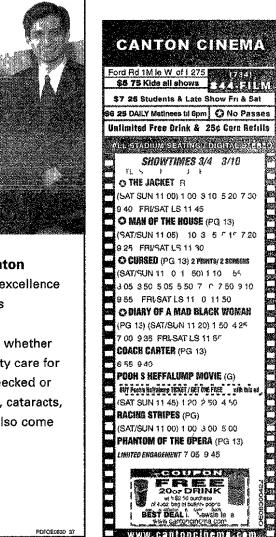
Nick Dubin, who was diagnosed with Asperger's at age 26, closed out the day talking about hving successfully with autism

That was a neat thing, Naberhaus said The moms talked about their experiences and the choices they had to make, and (Dubin) talked about the things he went through as a child Parents were really amazed hearing the personal stories at the beginning and the end of the day

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Salame currently owns a chiropractic

ed anyone who had anything to do with treating, helping or teaching autistic children would make a good audience Invitations were then sent out to area educators, who responded in kind by provid ing an estimated 25 percent

of the attendance "That wasn t initially our intended audience, Naberhaus said But once we had the lineup together, we felt anyone who works with autistic

When Naberhaus and her

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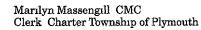
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Laurie Lundblad and Donna Omichinski talked about dealing with autism from a parental perspective during the Choices in Autism symposium at Madonna University



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Belle Isle Aquarium another sad chapter in city's history

hey've been coming to this elegant little

building for a century now, bringing their children to stare with wonder at the giant electric eel and the tiny, glowing virtually eyeless fish from the far depths of the seas

The Belle Isle Aquarium was one of the first in the nation when it opened in 1904, the year Teddy Roosevelt was elected president in a landslide Detroit was doubling its population every decade then, and thousands flocked to this island park to visit the splendid Albert Kahn building, with its faintly art nouveau entrance and seagreen Pewabic tiles

Yet for many years now, fewer and fewer have come Whites deserted the city, and the black



middle class followed People became increasingly afraid to visit Belle Isle (though it is perfectly safe in daylight) after a woman was thrown off the bridge to her death a few years ago

The city's budget is now in free-fall The zoo has had its funding cut by millions, and the aquarium is an enormous money loser A month from

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now, barring a miracle, the Belle Isle Aquarium will shut its

doors forever

"This is entirely due to city budget issues,' said a regretful Ron Kagan, the director of the Detroit Zoo, which runs the aquarium That, and a failure to generate regional cooperation and fundıng"

What has happened to the aquarium, which once attracted visitors from around the world, is nearly a perfect metaphor for what has happened to Detroit When it opened, it was a state-of-theart facility in the heart of the area's top recreation destination

Today, it is tiny (10,000 square feet) by industry standards, less than a tenth the size of most of the nations most successful aquariums It is off the beaten path, and not near nice restaurant facilities Worse, though the floors are new and the tanks well-maintained, it doesn't even have a bathroom

That s a deal-breaker for families with small children, the aquarium's biggest potential customers The facility desperately needs modernizing There is plenty of money in the suburbs, where surveys show most of those who still visit the aquarium live But too many want to share the city's benefits, but not the wealth "Two attempts to get regional funding for our cultural institutions have been turned down by Oakland County voters," Kagan said

Ten years ago, the aquarum had 113,000 visitors The zoo launched an aggressive marketing campaign, including a major promotion last year in which ticket discounts were printed on two million cans of Coca-Cola

It had no effect Attendance has declined

steadily Last year, the aquarium attracted only 56,000 visitors They provided \$104,000 in revenue Meanwhile, running the place, the zoo director said, costs "about \$700,000 without factoring in the support staff or some other expenses

Additionally, the aquarium badly needs a new roof So last month, the zoo announced that the aquarium would close There has been an outpouring of protest, mainly from suburbanites, many of whom have fond memories of coming to the aquarium as children

City council voted to keep it open three more months But the mayor's office said the resolution would have no impact Last week, Kagan's staff was already working on finding new zoos for the 1,500 fish, many from endangered species

Since the closing was announced, the place has been packed on weekends Last Saturday, Nora Rhein, not quite 4, pressed her face up against the glass, fascinated by her first and perhaps last look at the seahorses

But at noon one day last week, there were only a dozen or so inside Outside, a woman in a fulllength fur coat urged patrons to fight to save the aquarium, and to make a donation at www.belleisleaquarium.com She was getting sympathy, but not much money

After several weeks, they had raised only \$14,213 There seems to be little hope, though the zoo director believes Detroit could easily support a modern aquarium

"What you need is something right on the water (the Detroit River) not near the water, and at least 10 times the old aquarium's size," said Kagan, who has had a distinguished career in zoos from Dallas to Israel "That would cost \$100 million But studies have shown there is no doubt that it would generate \$100 million in income for the local economy every year"

That may well be the case Certainly aquariums in Monterey and Baltimore and Chicago have proven immensely valuable to their cities But to build such a facility in Detroit would take cooperation, and shared resources

And for half a century, local politicians have resisted cooperating on major projects that could benefit the region So Detroit's aquarium will close, probably after the first weekend in April, and three years after an auxiliary zoo on the island also closed, for sımılar reasons

Ironically, the Detroit Zoos main campus is doing far better, perhaps because it is not in the city at all, but in relatively affluent Royal Oak and Huntington Woods, and only a tiny fraction of its patrons are from the impoverished central city, which pays many of the bills We live in odd times

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New projects put spotlight on oasis on the Rouge River

*he Edward Hines Parkway wends its way along the Middle Rouge River from

Dearborn to Northville Its an oasis in western Wayne County, a place to reconnect with nature and history

The parkway serves as flood plain, bikeway, a site for several ballparks, a nature center, a sledding hill, various kinds of wildlife It is an inspiration for many who come out each year to participate in clean up efforts on the Rouge It is also an inspiration for those who love history and nature

Former Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes is throwing her considerable energy into a project to restore and transform the Phoenix Mill in Plymouth Township into a women's museum, with a special emphasis on honoring women in industry The mill, one of many built along the river by Henry Ford in the 1920s, was a women-only factory for making auto parts



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The Bennett Arboretum stretches through Hines

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Bennett Arboretum, which

after a long period of neg-

lect is being given a new

leader for the parkway,

sponsoring bus tours to

those features is the

Park from just north of Five Mile to Seven Mile in Northville Township It was originally the creation of J Merle Bennett, first superintendent of Parks and Forestry for the Wayne County Road Commission who served from 1922 to 1943 In 1942, Bennett supervised the development of 1500 acres of park land along Hines Drive with the planting of 26,000 trees and 101,000 shrubs along the whole length of the parkway including the Arboretum

"His plan was consistent with arboretums of that time frame - an exhibit of trees from around the world to get folks out and about in the trees of the world, said Noel Mullett, Wayne County Department of Environment technical projects coordinator

Despite efforts to plant trees that would survive in Michigan's environment, many species were inappropriate for the region

About 500 trees of 50 varieties from all parts of the world were planted 63 years ago and only about 100-130 remain according to Mullett

A cooperative effort between Wayne County, the state of Michigan, Northville Township and the University of Michigan is seeking to restore the arboretum Mullett

A new Arboretum Master Plan, developed by students from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment, will be presented at a public meeting 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile. Participants will learn about the existing condition of the Arboretum and the new master plan

said it was Bankes who originally got the University of Michigan involved in the project

The new arboretum will have a different focus

'The idea is to identify what remains from the original planting, put forward a vision of how to build on what's left, what trail system to put in place, how to enhance what is existing and establish the Arboretum as a distinct feature in the park system,' Mullett said.

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The plan is re-establishment of use as an arboretum that focuses on what's supposed to be here, which is a new trend in arboretums," Mullett said "It's too expensive to maintain a tree freak show'

All this activity is a good reminder of just how special this park along the river is for our recreation, our environment and our history

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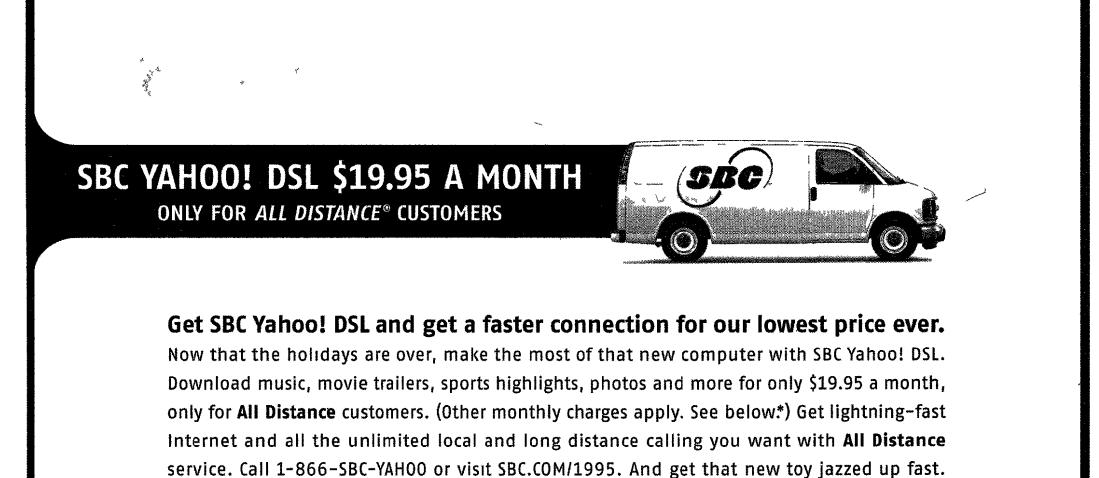
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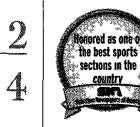
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BASKETBALL – Belleville's rally falls short

HOCKEY- Brighton derails Salem skaters



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Section B

Sunday March 6 2005

(CP)

PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Kevin Thornton scores over South Lyon's Nathan Spurgess Friday night

Chief seniors battle to the end



Cortellini Jason Houdek, Kevin Thornton and David Calille came together for the first time a little more than four years ago at tryouts for the freshmen bas ketball team at Canton High School

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the team, it was a matter of how high they were going to elevate the Chiefs' hoop program over the next four years

Very high it turned out The combination of Cortellinis quickness and on-target quick release jump shot Houdeks shoot the lights-out perimeter game and savvy court sense Thorntons dominating defensive and rebounding skills, and Calille's ability to score from just

Heartbreaker Last-second shot sends Canton to the sidelines

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton's first Class A district basketball title bid since 1996 was sacked Friday night by a 6-foot-1, 250-pound football player who goes by the nickname of "Bubba"

South Lvon senior forward Brvan 'Bubba' Thomas, who is headed to Grand Valley State in the fall with a football scholarship, banked in a sixfoot shot from directly in front of the basket as the buzzer sounded to give the Lions an improbable 45-44 victory over the Chiefs Thomas' last-second make accounted for his only two points of the game

For a while late in Friday's game, it looked as though the Chiefs would be moving on to Tuesday night's regional at Birmingham Groves High School Canton led, 44-43, with 11 4 seconds left and David Calille, an 85 percent free-throw shooter, was at the line for a one-and-one opportunity However, Calille's first attempt

rolled off the front of the rim and into the hands of South Lyon's Nathan Spurgess The Lions advanced the ball just past mid-court before calling a time-out with 4 6 seconds left

Canton's Kevin Thornton nearly stole the ensuing in-bounds pass, but the ball rolled out of bounds with 2 2 ticks left, setting up Thomas heroics

The second in-bounds pass went to senior guard Michael Rhoad, who drove to within 10 feet of the basket before a collapsing Canton defense forced him to dish the ball to Thomas, who executed a catch-andshoot as the horn sounded

As Canton's players walked slowly off the court in disbelief, the Lions cheering section rushed the court and swarmed Thomas

"I feel bad for our seniors said Canton coach Charlie Paye, whose team finished 16 7 They carried us all year I told them to keep their heads up because they had a great season It's disappointing for the entire team, but at least the sophomores and juniors have a chance to come back and give it another shot ' The Lions will take a modest 11-11



Canton's Andy Cortellini drives past South Lyon s Bryan Thomas during the second quarter of Friday night's Class A district final game at Northville High School Cortellini scored a game-high 16 points, but the Lions won on a last-second shot by Thomas

record — but an impressive two-game winning streak — into Tuesday night's regional contest against Groves The two teams South Lyon defeated in the district tournament -Novi and Canton — finished with a combined 34-11 record

'The last three seconds of the game characterized what this team has been about all year, said South Lyon coach Daren Clayton The pass that Michael Rhoad made to Bubba was very unselfish, just like this team has been all season

'We got off to a late start this year because we have a lot of football players on the team and they made it to the final four We lost to Canton and Walled Lake Central in overtime early in the year but the kids have put in an outstanding effort from day one It seemed like every player on

Rec offerings

The City of Plymouth** **Recreation Department** will be running men's and women's slow-pitch softball leagues beginning in early May All games will be played at Don Massey, Field in Plymouth

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Lightning strike The Plymouth

Lightning '94 White U-11 select girls soccer team captured the U-11 select boys Division II championship in February at the Wide World of Sports in Ann Arbor The Lightning outscored their opponents 62-22 in three games

The team consists of 🚙 Melissa Aho, Megan Birdwell Paige Brennan, Niki Gilo, Paige Goodwin, Amanda Lopez, Jessica Rich, Jackie Waite Makenzie Williams Kayla Bridges Mariah Hall Melissa Kulczycki Alison * Lenover, Jenna Smith, Katy Tavierne and **Rebecca Bubheimer The** team is coached and trained by Jim Zurawski

GCYBSA signup

Over 1 400 youngsters have registered to play baseball, softball and tee-ball in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association this summer, but it's not too* late to sign up To register, visit csc canton milorg for a registration form and mailing address, or pick up a form at the Summiton the Park, which is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton For more information,

For the athletically gift-Ed ed foursome, it wasn't a question of whether or not Wright they were going to make

about anywhere, against just about anyone, led Canton to one of its most memorable

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PLEASE SEE CANTON, B3

Penguin skaters prepared for post-season tourney

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team will be rested heading into Wednesdays opening game of the Michigan Metropolitan Girls High School Hockey League post-season tournament

The Penguins earned a first-round bye after finishing in third place in the 13-team MMGHSHL with a stellar 14-5-1 record PCS will take on the winner of Monday night's Port Huron-Northville game Wednesday at 7 45 p m at the Novi Ice Arena, which is located on Novi Rd, just west of Nine Mile Rd

"I think if the girls stay mentally strong like they have been all season we should do okay," said PCS coach Lori Callahan "Everybody is going to have to play their

best, that's for sure Both Northville and Port Huron play a physical style of hockey while we're more of a finesse team I stress skating and playing hard, so we don't get a lot of penalties

The Penguins' leading scorer heading into the playoffs is Olivia Pennebaker, who has racked up 18 goals and 12 assists Other top point-earners for PCS are Stephanie Murray (eight goals and 17 assists), Kristen Schwan (13 goals and 12 assists) and Adrienne Cercone (14 goals and seven assists)

"One of our goals heading into this season was to get a first-round bye, and we did that.' Callahan said "It's a single-elimination tournament, so we can t have any let-ups'

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Whalers tie Sudbury, 1-1

Cory Tanaka's goal at 19 37 of the third period lifted the Plymouth Whalers to a 1-1 tie with the Sudbury Wolves in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 2,778 at the **Compuware Sports Arena**

The tie - coupled with Sault Ste Marie's 2-1 win ın Sarnıa - left Plymouth (26-26-6-3) in second place in the OHL West Division, six points behind the Greyhounds (29-24-8-1)

The Whalers came within 95 seconds of playing in

their first-ever scoreless tie Sudbury had two goals waved off before Ryan Hastings scored his fifth goal of the season on a power play at 18 35 of the third period Plymouth coach Mike

Vellucci pulled goaltender Ryan Nie with just over a minute left and Tanaka scored his 10th goal of the season in the middle of a scramble in front of the Sudbury net with 23 seconds left in regulation

Sudbury pressured in the overtime, outshooting Plymouth in the extra ses-

sion, 7-3, but Nie came up big and was voted the game's second star In all, Nie stopped 27 of 28 shots Sudbury geale Kevin Beach stopped 32 shots and earned the No 1 star designation

Overall, Plymouth out-

shot Sudbury, 33-28 The draw left Sudbury with a 27-23-5-6 record, which is good for fourth place in the OHL's Central Division

The Whalers travel tonight for a game at Sault Ste Marie tonight Game time is 7



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Dynamic Boxing Club co-owner Chuck Phillips works with 13-year-old Garden City resident Jake Lopez

Boxers find new club 'Dynamic'

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Even at 66, Paul Soucy has the heart of a young lion

In his earlier years, Soucy cultivated local talent, promoted amateur and pro shows while running the Livonia Boxing Club before taking a self-imposed sabbatical

The quintuple-bypass surgery survivor is a few pounds lighter, but more determined than ever to get back in the game with the opening last month of Dynamic Boxing Club, located on 28212 Warren Road, a few blocks west of Inkster Road in Westland

Most nights you can find him in the ring, training young wannabes Hes what Mickey was to Rocky Balboa when it comes to reviving the sport of boxing in western Wayne County

"I guess I'm old enough to know better, but it's in my blood I can't

ever get rid of it," Soucy said "I'm a boxing fanatic I'm having fun with this It's like a brand new toy"

The retiree now spends 10 hours per day, five and six days per week at the new gym His training staff includes co-owners Chuck Phillips and Bob Cosnowski, along with Mark Soucy, Chad Jagullard, and Hank O'Dierna

"It was a sizable investment, but I'm happy,' said Phillips, who runs his own landscaping company, conveniently located next door to the new gym 'I'm one of Pauls old fighters going back to the (Livonia) Fire Station days He taught me a lot as a young man

'We're looking for young champions with a dream, and turn it into reality'

Cosnowski, an active investor along with Phillips, owns the 3,800-square foot facility His current business,

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An indoor archery camp will be offered at Plymouth Christian Academy March 21-24 from 6 pm to 8 pm for youths between the ages of 8 and 18

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Belleville's rally falls short Spartans' depth too much for PCA

BY BRAD EMONS

STAFF WRITER March Madness nearly went haywire Friday

night in the Class A district boys basketball final ar Romulus Before a full house, the host Eagles nearly soffandered a 10-point lead during the final minute before holding off nemesis Belleville, 76-71, in a bizarre finish between the two western

Wayne County powers It was Romulus first district title since 2000 and avenged a 59-55 setback to the Tigers just a week earlier in a battle for Mega Conference's

Ref Division crown Romulus takes its 18-5 record into Wednesday's Class A regional semifinal at

Ypsılantı Lincoln against Dearborn "It's a big monkey off our back," said thirdyear Romulus coach Nate Oats, whose Eagles had been ousted from the district the two previous years by Belleville "After beating them by 37 and then losing to them by four, what we talked about, as far as the difference in the two games, was our effort

"Our points of emphasis tonight was to get back on defense, not allow second-chance points and not allow penetration to the basket by their point-guard Anre' Partee'

Romulus used a balanced scoring attack to overcome the brilliant performance by Belleville's 6-foot-3 junior guard Leon Freeman, who finished the night with a game-high 25 points (on 11-of-20 shooting)

The Romulus bench outscored Belleville, 41-3, led by senior forward Geryn Reese's team-high 19 points Brendon Glenn added 14 along with starters Jerret Smith and Avery Stephenson Dominique Buckley also contributed eight off the bench as did starter Dante Williams

Romulus jumped out to a 22-14 first-quarter lead and led 37-32 at halftime

In the third quarter, Belleville took its only two leads of the night, 41-39 on a three-pointer by Tommie Clark with 4 50 to play and 44-43 on Freemans third triple of the night with 3 55 to go

But Romulus came storming back to lead 56-47 advantage on a steal and layup by Smith with 1:26 remaining in the third quarter, only to have Belleville point-guard Anre Partee, who was cold all night, finally answer with his first field goal attempt in 10 tries, a three-pointer with 105 to go in the period to cut the deficit to 56-

Belleville then got within two, 58-56, with 4:03 to play in the game on a pair of free throws by Josh Samarco

But once again, Romulus responded with a 13-5 run capped by a Reese steal and a layup with just 58 seconds remaining to put the Eagles ahead, 71-61

But the fans who began filing out of their seats believing the game was in hand, suddenly found themselves glued to the floor thanks a last-ditch Belleville run and a monumental **Romulus** blunder

BASKETBALL

In just 18 seconds, a basket by Clark, a threepointer by Partee and a putback by Freeman (after a pair of Romulus turnovers) pulled Belleville to within three, 71-68

With 15 3 seconds to play, officials then whistled Romulus for having six players on the floor But just prior to the discovering the technical foul, Buckley was fouled, sending him to the line for a pair of free throws

The 6-2 freshman nailed both shots, but Samarco canceled that out by hitting both of his technical free throws on the other end

"Jerret (Smith) got hurt (earlier) and was in the training room," Oats explained 'He checked back in, but forgot to tell who he's going in for I've got to take the blame I knew we had six out there and I tried to pull Dante (Williams) over to the bench

"But even though we screwed up, we were still in control if we get a 'stop' and hit our free throws '

The Tigers got the ball out-of-bounds just inside of half-court and Partee was fouled on a drive down the left lane basket with only 9 2 seconds left The senior point-guard missed the first foul shot, but hit the second to make it a one-point deficit, 72-71

Smith inbounded the ball underneath his own basket and heaved a long pass to a streaking Reese, who was intentionally fouled going to the hoop with 77 seconds left

Reese, however, got hurt on the play and Buckley was inserted at the line and calmly nailed both free throws to give Romulus a threepoint cushion, 74-71

The Eagles also got the ball out-of-bounds and Stephenson was immediately fouled The 6-3 senior put it away by hitting two more free throws with 6 6 seconds to go

Belleville ended its banner season at 22-2 overall (with both losses coming to Romulus)

"It was a good game, but tough to lose,' Belleville coach Mike Krogel said "Our kids played hard We wanted them to compete, and they competed But this one hurts

Kindell, a senior, finished with 13 points, while Clark, despite early foul trouble, added 12 Partee, a transfer from Romulus, and Samarco, both seniors, added nine apiece

'Anre had 18 against them the last time and maybe that was the difference, Krogel said We wanted him to drive hard (to the basket) and hit our shooters in the corner, but he had those open looks early and you ve got knock them down He was wide-open and you've got to take those looks The other night he was knocking them down, but not tonight"

Freeman, however, kept the Tigers within striking distance all night with his clutch baskets

'We did the number one thing we wanted to do and that was stop Anre," Oats said But we didn t stop Leon He is a big-time performer in big games

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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

How does Redford Bishop Borgess basketball coach Tony Woods know when his team's incredible depth and up-tempo style of play is starting to take a toll on the opponent?

"When I see players on the other team bending over with their hands on their knees, Woods said Thursday night, minutes after his Spartans wore down Plymouth Christian Academy, 87-52, in a Class D district semi-final game played at Detroit Urban Lutheran High School "I started seeing it tonight in the second quarter

'The thing with us is we wear teams down with our depth If you're in shape and you have a deep bench, you have a chance against us If you're not, well

Seven Borgess players scored nine points or more against PCA. Junior forward David Davis led the balanced attack with 13, but he received ample assistance from Deangelo Seale (12) and Stephen Faulkner (11) Darryl Warthen, Joseph Jones and TR Ellis all contributed nine points a piece for the winners

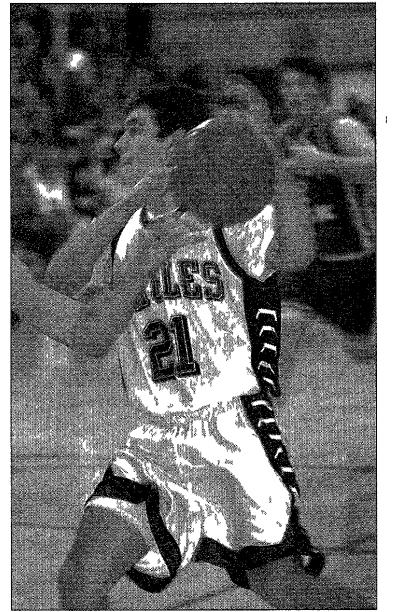
Eagle senior guard Stephen Sumner ended his high school career in style, netting a teamhigh 23 points, including 13 in the first quarter when he was nearly single-handedly responsible for PCA's 17-15 lead Sophomore forward Matt Saagman added 11 while Aaron Ciborowski netted seven points

and 10 rebounds in his final high school contest We came out with a lot of intensity and energy, and we

got the early momentum," said PCA-coach Doug Taylor, whose team finished 12-10 "We were holding them to one shot every time down and things were going well But their perimeter sion defense was really outstanding after the first quarter They were always up on us and we weren t able to get too many

good shots (after the first quar ter) 'Stephen played the same steady, hard way hes played the last three years here When the ball was in his hands we were successful He did a great

job of handling their defensive pressure" Sumner's three-point play with one second left in the first



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Plymouth Christian senior guard Stephen Sumner scored 23 points Thursday night in the Eagles' 87-52 setback to Redford Bishop Borgess in a a Class D district semi-final game played at Detroit Urban Lutheran High School

it would be the final lead the Eagles would enjoy the rest of the night

Borgess guard Jelicho Byrds fade-away jumper to open the second quarter ignited a 20-9 run for the Spartans, who led 35 26 at the intermis-

Ellis set the second-half tone early when he swished a long triple to open the third quarter A few minutes later it was 53 37 Borgess, and the games outcome was no longer in doubt The Spartans led 61 43 after three quarters and went on to score 52 secondhalf points

Warthen brought the crowd to its feet twice in the fourth quarter With four minute left. he followed a cross-over dribble with a drive down the heart lay-up Two minutes later, the 5-foot-9 sophomore lobbed a perfect alley-oop pass to Davis, who slammed it home, putting an exclamation point on the Borgess win

'If we're playing good defense and running the fastbreak, I let them have some fun,' Woods said, referring to the Spartans late-game theatrics

Borgess played without freshman standout Jon-Harold Collins, who was nursing a minor mury

He wanted to play very badly, but I wanted him to rest one more game Woods said

Davis led the winners with 10 rebounds while Seale and Antoine Hollifield pulled down six boards each Complementing Ciborowski's



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Members of Canton's "Red Zone" cheering section root on the Chiefs during Friday night s one-point loss to South Lyon in the Class A district final at Northville High School

CANTON FROM PAGE B1

advantage on us, but we ve

found a way to get it done" Senior guard Austin McMullen led the Lions with 15 points His younger brother, Chad, a freshman, contributed eight points as did Spurgess

and Rhoad Canton senior guards Andy Cortellini and Calille shined in their final high school game Cortellini netted 16 points, six rebounds and three steals while Calille finished with 15 points, five boards and a pair of thefts Thornton was imposing in the paint, recording seven points, seven rebounds and six blocks Sophomore forward Ryan Waldmann made productive use of his increased playing time by scoring six points and hauling in five boards

South Lyon scored nearly half its points in a surprisingly fast-paced first quarter that ended with the Lions ahead, 20 - 13

Calille spearheaded a second-quarter Canton rally when he tallied nine straight points during a 13-0 Chief run to put his team up 24-20 with 4 50 left in the first half Unfazed,

"S COMING!

Canton shot 45 percent from the floor (18-of-40) and 57 percent from the line (4-of-7). The Lions connected on 42 percent of their field goals (16-of-38) and a blistering 91 percent of their free throws (10-of-11).

South Lyon responded with a 7-1 streak to take a 27-25 lead into the half

Most of Canton's first-half scoring came from deep-corner three-point shots, which were open against the Lions' 1-3-1 zone defense

Cortellini sparked Canton in the third quarter when he scored 10 of the Chiefs 13 points His final two points came on a pair of free throws with 52 9 seconds left to give his team a 38-36 advantage that it would take into the fourth quarter

Canton grabbed a 42 38 lead 1 30 into the fourth quarter

when Waidmann converted a pretty pass by senior Jason Houdek However, South Lyon regained the lead, 43-42, with 3 51 to play on a Chad McMullen triple and a pair of free throws from Austin McMullen

There was no more scoring until 1 10 remained when Thornton rolled in a layup after taking a feed from Houdek.

Rhoad missed a three-pointer with 48 seconds left and Canton's Rob Eppler snared the rebound Canton then worked the clock down to the 11 4 second mark when the Lions fouled Calille

We were expecting (Austin) McMullen to take the last shot for them,' Paye said "That was a heck of a play they ran I thought we defended it well

Canton shot 45 percent from the floor (18-of-40) and 57 percent from the line (4-of-7) The Lions connected on 42 percent of their field goals (16-of-38) and a blistering 91 percent of their free throws (10-of-11)

South Lyon earned the advantage in the turnover department, committing just eight miscues compared to Cantons 13 Eleven of Cantons errors occurred in the first half ewr ght@oe homecomm net | (734) 953 2108

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basketball seasons in the past decade this season If South Lyon's Bryan Thomas hadn t banked in a shot

with a heartbeat left on the clock Friday night, the Chiefs would have moved on to their first regional game since 1996 - thanks in large part to the inspiring play of its four seniors, who planted the seeds of their potential in the winter of 2001

GREAT START

'We were 16-1 our freshmen season,' Houdek said Thursday afternoon, a few minutes before what would turn out to be his final high school basketball practice

Pioneer," Cortellini chimed in, "but we should have won that one, too'

Julian Smith, the foursome brought success to each level of high school basketball they played at, right up to this season when they erased a slow start with a scintillating run over the second half of the season

The Chiefs were jolted in pen without him?

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We were all kind of in shock at first when we found out Julian was leaving," Thornton said "I think we all knew that we were going to have to pick

things up a little with Julian

Canton lost its first game without Smith before reeling off a seven-game winning streak that eventually ended in a hardfought overtime loss to Walled Lake Central in the Western Lakes Activities Association post-season tournament championship game

Undeterred, they bounced back with big wins over Northville and Plymouth in the openings rounds of the Class A district tourney

'We've played together for so long that we know what each other is going to do on the court" Calille said

"When I drive to the basket, I know where the other guys are going to be in case I have to pass," Houdek said

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Thursday afternoon, on the eve of their first-ever Class A district final, the four seniors expressed how important it was for them to be able to add a "2005" to the basketball title argue banner that hangs in the Phase III gymnasium

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"Winning the district would be great," Houdek said "But it's not going to be easy"

"South Lyon plays hard," arre Cortellini said, as the other - 12/08/2 three nodded

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MEMORABLE MOMENTS

CLAR Each of the seniors had his ್ಷ moments Friday night

Cortellini and Calille both httm a number of clutch shots and , 107 combined for 31 points

On two occasions, Houdek drove past his defender to the basket, then dished off slick assists during the pressurepacked fourth quarter

And, as usual, Thornton was 🕰 a force in the middle, blocking shots and grabbing rebounds at key junctures

Unfortunately, the seniors fell just short of their district cham- 7 pionship goal, but they went out with style υQ

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The high school basketball careers of Canton seniors (I-r) David Calille, Kevin, the Thornton Jason Houdek and Andy Cortellini ended Friday night with a 45-44 loss to South Lyon in the Class A district final game played at Northville High 👳 gone Pick it up, they did "Our only loss was to Along with fellow freshman

January when Smith informed the team that he was leaving to attend a prep school in New York Canton was an inconsistent 6-5 at the time - and that was with Smith's powerful inside game What would hap-

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Brighton derails Salem skaters Canton icers battle

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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^{*} For the opening 13 minutes of Thursday night's Division 1 regional semi-final hockey game between Salem and Brighton, it was hard to tell which team was state-ranked and which team had the 500 record

The picture became more clear, however, over the next 32 minutes when the third-ranked Bulldogs skated off with a 7-3 victory and a berth in the regional final

The game was scoreless until Brighton's Eric Saniatek lit the lamp with 2 11 left in the first period Less than two minutes later, the Bulldogs struck again on Brad Marrett's goal

Salems Craigen Bauldry answered one minute into the second period with the first of his two goals to make it 2-1, but Brighton tallied the next five goals and coasted to the victory

'They only took six shots in the second period, but five of them went in,' lamented Salem coach Fred Feiler, whose team finished 11-12-3 'They got a couple good bounces It wasn't all the fault of our goalie

The game was scoreless until Brighton's Eric Saniatek lit the lamp with 2:11 left in the first period. Less than two minutes later, the Bulldogs struck again on Brad Marrett's goal.

'Overall, I thought our season went okay,' Feiler said "We have a lot of good, young players We just need to get everyone on the same page and keep building"

Joining Bauldry in the goal-scoring column was Adam Gillikin, who scored with just under four minutes left in the game

Tommy Cooper, Ryan Sharrow, Bauldry and John Peterson (two) picked up assists

Brandon DeMars turned away 22 shots between the pipes for the Rocks Brother Rice 7, Plymouth 1 The Warriors led 3-0 after one period and 5-1 follow-

ing the second to oust the Wildcats from the Division 2 regional tourney Plymouth finished 11-13-2 in its inaugural varsity season

The Wildcats were playing without five key players who were either sidelined by injury or illness

"Brother Rice has a very good team," said Plymouth coach Mike Kaput 'They're right up there with Northville and (Livonia) Churchill"

Kaput said he was extremely pleased with his team's effort over the course of the season

"The kids played awesome,' he said "If you would have told me before the season started that we were going to win 11 games, I would have taken the money and run Everyone is returning, and we have 12 sophomores, so I'm looking forward to the future with this team"

Josh Dillon scored the lone goal for Plymouth Thursday night He was assisted by John Knoerl and Charlie Webb Justin Desilets was in net for the first two periods before getting relieved by Christian Blick in the third stanza Plymouth was outshot, 29-9, by the

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to end, but fall 7-4

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The Canton hockey team's season ended Thursday night - but not without a fight

The Chiefs trailed Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5-2, in the third period during the Division 1 regional semi-final game at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor, but they stormed back with two quick goals to make it 5-4 with 1 30 left

The Pioneers eventually sealed the win with a pair of late goals over the no-quit Chiefs, who finished 15-7-3 in coach Mike Behen's first year at the helm

"We came out strong, but we just had too many bad penalties," Behen said "Penalties have hurt us all year and they hurt us again tonight It seemed like we were always playing short-handed "Overall, I was very satisfied

with all the kids and the team's

development I thought this season was a huge success We came up a little short on our goals, but we did some special things We just need to stay out of the (penalty) box"

Behen was injured in a freak incident that unfolded with 1 30 left in Thursday night's game A fast-moving puck hit him between the nose and his upper hp, leaving a gash that required 12 stutches Two of his front teeth were chipped as well

Despite the mishap, Behen coached the remainder of the game

Scoring goals for Canton were Mike Kondratek, Ben Laurin and Garett Hyman, who had a pair Reece McCabe, Bryan Wioncek and Laurin picked up assists

Tony Hylko played the entire game in goal for the Chiefs

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Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Terry G Bennett Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board A personal appearance is not required All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 15 2005

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor at 1150 S Canton Center Road Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall Please come prepared as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review

Saturday March 12 2005 Hearings from 9 00 a m 12 00 p m First Come First Serve (Walk in Schedule)

Monday March 14 2005 Hearings from 9 00 a m 12 00 p m AND

100 pm 500 pm (Appointments Only)

Tuesday, March 15 2005 Hearings from 1 00 p m 5 00 p m AND

600 pm 900 pm (Appointments Only)

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call Jana Shaw Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394 5111

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P-CEP ICER MEETING The 2005 Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club

will be held Tuesday at 7 p m at the Plymouth Cultural Center Current members, and parents of Canton, Salem and Plymouth high school hockey players are encouraged to attend

Nominations for the Executive Board will be taken from the floor and committee selections will be available Anyone interested in the present and future high school hockey programs at Canton, Salem and Plymouth High Schools should plan on attending

CUBS TRYOUTS

The Canton Cubs 14-andunder travel baseball team 18 looking for one or two additional players The team plays a 40 game schedule For more information about the team,

tryout dates and location, con-

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WILDCAT FUND-RAISER

tact Larry Ott at (248) 982-

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 Saturday 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

JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

Scholarship opportunities

are available for local students between the ages of 12 and 18 who participate in the third season of the Top 50 Jr Tour, which is presented by the Professional Golfers' Association Michigan Section The program is a regional golf tour offering players tournament experience plus the opportunity to earn college

scholarships Boys and girls are eligible for tour membership Players do not have to be members of their school teams to participate

The tour consists of 10 qualifying rounds and 10 tournament rounds, and is held on local private and public cours-

"The top 40 qualifiers at each qualifying round play in the tournament round for free, said tour director Dan Thomas The qualifying field for each tournament is limited to 150 players Additionally, the top 10 finishers in each weeks tournament are exempt into the following week's tournament and will play for free So a total of 50 players per week are playing free golf"

Scholarship awards are offered based on rules of golf exams, topical essays, sportsmanship and community service Scholarship awards can be increased as a student's gradepoint average increases

Play begins on June 11 and runs through the season-ending championship tournament on Aug 8 The full schedule is posted on the tours Web site at wwwTop50jrTour com Interested parents and players should contact the tour at (248) 321-000 or visit the tour Web site for a membership application

The tour is presented by the PGA Michigan Section and the National Golf Scholarship Association (NGSA)

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

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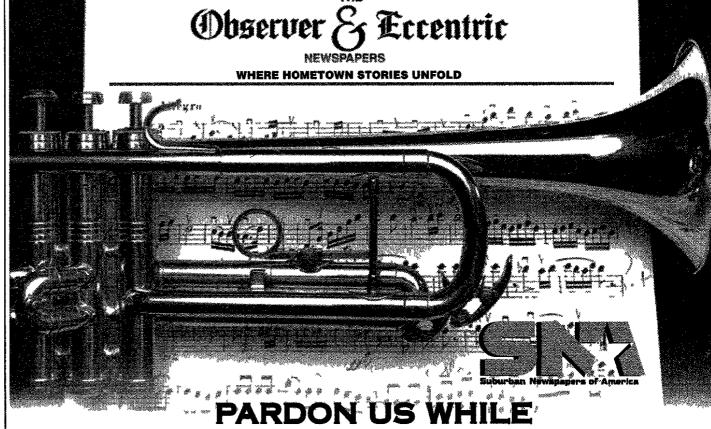
As a former title insurance underwriter for Washington Global Title Agency, Inc, First American understands that it may have obligations to certain customers of Washington Global Title Agency, Inc, by virtue of commitments or policies of title insurance issued on its behalf by Washington Global Title Agency, Inc First American wishes to assure these policyholders that it is strongly committed to prompt, fair and reasonable handling of their claims

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WE TOOT OUR OWN HORN.

We grabbed our horn because we've just received the results of the 2004 Suburban Newspapers of America's (SNA) annual competition.

Our staff received nine awards for excellence in journalism in 2004. What makes this even more exciting is that of the 2,246 entries, we brought home more awards than any other non-daily

newspaper in the state.

And here they are:

Best Lifestyle Section Susan Steinmueller - Second Place, Birmingham Eccentric

Best Entertainment Section Third Place - Filter, Keely Schramm, Nicole Stafford, Lana Mini, Stephanie Tardy, Megan Pennefather, Randy Masters, Dan Dean

Best Editorial Writing Second Place - Troy Eccentric "Stop Recall, Insure Freedom, Don't Mess With Charter"

Best Column Writing Third Place - Sandy Armbruster, Troy Eccentric

Best Editorial Page Cartoon Second Place, Geof Brooks "Budget Cartoon "

Best Opinion Column First Place - Brad Kadrich, Plymouth Community Editor

Best Sports Writing

First Place, Jim Toth, Troy/Rochester Special Editor Sports "Court Ruling"

Best Sports Writing

Second Place - Ed Wright, Plymouth/Canton Special Editor/Sports "Aluminum Bat Usage Spurs Debate "

Journalist of the Year Third Place - Kurt Kuban, Canton Community Editor

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WRESTLING DRAWS

Tall, quick Detroit City outruns Agape cagers

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Detroit City entered Thursday night's Class D district semi-final showdown against Canton Agape Christian with a less-than-stellar 6-15 record

But once the game played out, it was obvious City's poor record was due more to its brutal Detroit Public Schools League schedule than a lack of talent

The quicker, taller Bears outran the Wolvermes, 73-40, to advance to Friday night's final game against Redford Bishop Borgess The loss put the brakes on an outstanding sea-

Dynamic Automotive Inc, is

now located on south Wayne

Road (between Palmer and

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Cherry Hill roads) His compa-

The Dynamic Boxing Club,

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including treadmills, elliptical

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said "I brought the boxing ring

in from my garage and a lot of

the photos you see on the wall

ple show up We've seen some

Andrew Pack, a 5-foot-10,

185-pound junior at Garden

City High School, plays foot-

ball, runs track and plays base-

ball He is a new member with

ago," he said 'I just drove by

'It opened about three weeks

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BOXERS

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son for Agape, which finished 15-6 and won the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division

Agape grabbed a 5-3 lead two minutes into the game on a long Brian Horning threepointer But it was all uphill for the Wolvermes after that as City used a quicker-than-lightning transition game and suffocating defensive effort to build a 19-12 lead after one quarter and a 43-24 half-time advantage

"We played team ball tonight, which we haven't been doing a lot this year," said City coach Shagged Salem "Defensively, we didn't pressure the ball as much as we

The Dynamic Boxing Club,

normally do, but we got the job done We handled the ball better tonight, too, than we have been We ve been averaging about 19 turnovers a game

Three Bears scored in double figures Charles Strata, the team's leading scorer this season, twined 13, Keith Warty poured in 12 and Otiose Whitney netted 10 Fourteen of the 16 players on the team's roster scored at least one buck-

Poised sophomore guard Jack Anleitner, who handled the Bears' baseline-to-baseline pressure like a seasoned senior, finished with a team-high 15 points for the Wolverines Horning contributed 10 points

and a team-high five rebounds while Matt Molnar chipped in with nine points on 4-of-5 shooting from the field City pressured the

Wolverines into making 22 turnovers, which led to a 59-37 shot surplus in favor of the Bears

Overall, Agape shot just 27 percent from the field and 64 percent (16-of-25) from the free-throw line City connected on 47 percent of its shots from the floor and 70 percent (14of-20) from the charity stripe

Led by Wartleys nine boards, the Bears outrebounded Agape, 37-12

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PREP WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL STATE TOURNEY DIVISION LEIRST ROUND DRAWS

(March 10-12 at Palace of Auburn Hills) 275 pounds Pat Draheim Livonia Churchill 46.2 vs Liam Knapp Battle Creek Central 42.2 John Morasso Redford Catholic Central 367 vs Andy Thorten Portage Central 22 20 Nick Turco Livonia Franklin 41 8 vs Mark Ruggles Walled Lake Northern 32

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215 Hafeez Qureshi Churchill 461 vs Aaron Shelton Holly 46.6 Eric Vojtkofsky Redford CC vs Baher Faik Rochester Adams

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Asbestos Abatement at Allen, Bird, & Smith Elementary Schools The project will be completed in June-July 2005 prior to building renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos flooring materials asbestos thermal system insulation asbestos transite materials, and windows with asbestos window caulk Bid documents will be available for pickup on or after March 14 2005 at HealthAir Inc, 23491 Research Drive Farmington Hills Michigan 48335 or by phoning (248) 426 0165 All bids should include 3 copies (1 original, 2 duplicates) and are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center RE School Abatement Bids 454 South Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 on or before 2 00 p m Wednesday March 30 2005 where they will be read publicly For additional information phone Dan Phillips Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416 2746 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

> Board of Education Plymouth Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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neat. clean and recently painted, has all the amenities including treadmills, elliptical trainers, free weights, stationary bikes, dumbbells,

speed bags, heavy bags, along with all the necessary boxing equipment, and locker rooms (with a shower).

and now I'm here probably four days a week about two to three hours each day You have your own trainer and it's a lot of fun

"I want to learn how to be a boxer and eventually get into tourneys Football, baseball and track are more of a team thing This is more one-onone It's something you have to do on your own I love it"

Jake Lopez, 13, attends Garden City Middle School

and plays baseball and basket ball The nearby club also piqued his curiosity and he's now hooked

Ever since I saw the movie Rocky,' I wanted to go to the gym," Lopez said I've been in a couple of fights, but not in the ring

I just hve down the street. which is sweet This place is about 250 feet from my house I saw the heavy bags and they have great equipment Paul is a great trainer"

Dynamic Boxing Club, how ever, is not just for young fighters with Rocky-like dreams "It's a good cardio workout,

Soucy said "You don't have to be a boxer We're catering to guys, like ourselves, who enjoy the sport

We also cater to cardio workouts for women We cater to anybody We've had people come in here in their mid-50s to help them get back into shape

We're also planning to do some exhibition shows here '

Soucy's up-and-coming fighters include Andre Windom, 23, of Westland, Tosh Louk, Jeffrey Smith and Brad Charken

141-pound class in the Open

Division at the Detroit-area Golden Gloves Tournament, Aprıl 15-17, at the Gıbraltar Trade Center The National Golden Gloves follow the next month in Fort Chafee, Ark "I'm high on this guy, he's

fast with great hand speed,' Soucy said of Windom Shades of the glory days in

the 1980s when Soucy trained Olympic super-heavyweight Craig Payne Its nice to see the talent

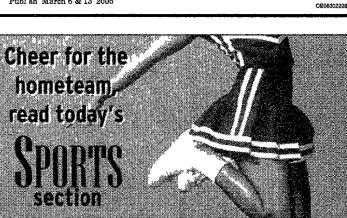
and I want to develop some champs We've had some come in here working out hard I look forward to train some pros and go all over the world.

"I m happy I'm in heaven" Hours are from 10 a m to 8 p m Monday through Friday, and 10 a m to 4 p m Saturdays It is closed on Sunday

Grand Opening club rates are \$360 for one-year (\$30 per month with a 10 percent discount on all memberships paid in full), \$240 (six months), \$55 (monthly), \$8 (daily) and \$25 per month (youth 16-and-under)

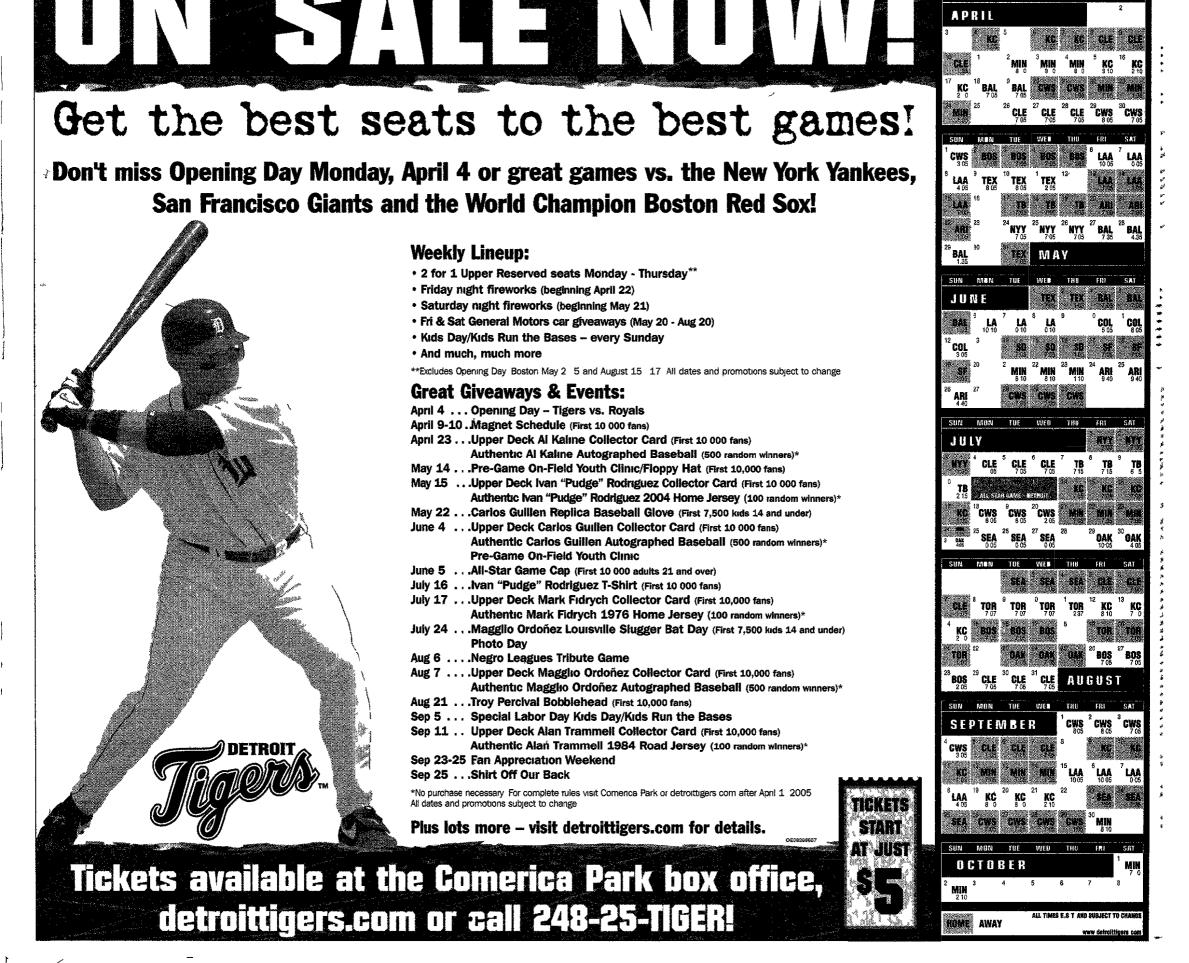
Also, there is a \$5 membership fee (includes hand wraps and T-shirt)

For more information, call (734) 422 - 3277



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Windom will compete in the



LOCAL SPORTS

State tourney good learning experience

rep bowlers bring more excitement to the lanes The season for high

school competition has been pared down to those surviving playoff teams, while vying for the state championships over the weekend at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights The most recent action took place in



the team competition and the heavily favored **Ten Pin** and No 1 seeded Clarenceville boys team Allev failed to make the cut by a mere 11 pins losing the

the Class B regionals last

Friday and Saturday at

Oak Lanes in Westland

It turned out to be an

emotional mixed bag for

Livonia Clarenceville

On Saturday it was

coach Pam Jones

fourth and final playoff Harrison spot to Marysville 3,951-3,940

Just one more spare converted might have made a big difference

Dearborn Divine Child took first (4,045) followed by Trenton High (3,971) and Richmond (3,955)

The top four teams advanced to Sunnybrook

On the girls side, Clarenceville finished first thanks to an unusual move by assistant coach Scott Jones

Watching his team in practice, Jones noticed that 15-year-old junior varsity and reserve Danielle Fecso of Redford was hitting the groove during warmups, so he told his mother, Pam, to insert her into the lineup

Danielle had eight strikes in her ten Baker System frames and rolled games of 196-231-166 for a 593 total in the conventional games, her first-ever 500-plus series as she had been averaging 141

In high school bowling, the teams roll six games of Baker System and three games in the traditional format All score are then totalled up for the

team scores For any readers who are not familiar

with the Baker System, the five players each bowl one frame one through five, then repeat six through ten

This creates more of a team effort as each individual is just a part of the scoring It is almost comparable to the batting order on a baseball team

Credit Scott Jones for having the perception to see that he had a hot hand ready to pitch in and lead the team to victory even though Danielle admitted that she was pretty nervous bowling with the varsity team

In singles action the previous day on the boys side, it was Thomas Shadik of Harper Woods Notre Dame, finishing first with 1,349 pins followed by Jeff

Brown of Clarenceville with 1,280, to earn a spot at Sunnybrook

In girls singles, Lauren Gdula from St Clair Shores Lakeview placed first with 1,185, while finishing Game No 6 with a 232 score to put her at the top rung

Lauren 1s also the granddaughter of Frank Gavie, one of the area's top supporters of bowling and the force behind the yearly John P Gavie Memorial Tournament every August marking the onset of the new bowling season

It was Frank who first showed Lauren the right way to bowl and was there at Oak Lanes cheering for her

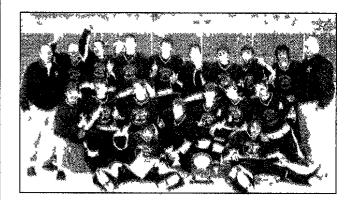
Cassidy Sublette finished fifth with 1,060 pins, the best individual effort on the Clarenceville girls team qualify her for the singles finals

High school bowling competition is great for the bowlers who participate, it is quite a spectacle for those folks to come in and watch, as the school spirit and excitement can be felt from start to finish

It is also a good foundation for the young bowlers as it teaches them sportsmanship, fellowship, team play and competition

Win or lose, they are all winners in my book

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477 1839



Penguins earn District 4 title

The Arctic Pond Penguins of Plymouth head to ice Mountain Arena near Flint March 11-13 to compete for the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association State Championship The Penguins, District 4 Bantam AA Champions, earned a third consecutive trip to the state finals by defeating the USA Eagles last month 5-1 in Farmington Hills. The 50-4-1 Penguins are coached by Britt Ponte, Dino Szajner and Kevin Longuski Team manager is Maria Pitts of Canton Township The Penguins forwards are Adam Szajner and Jon Ponte of Novi, Court Murtland and Chris Gendron of Farmington Hills, Tony Thomas of South Lvon, Lou Lemak of Brighton, Jerry Pitts of Canton Township, Caleb Hamlin of Battle Creek and D J Konfrst of Livonia The defense include Justin Mongrain, Ryan Shepard and Colin Rolfe of Canton Cody Longuski of Westland, Ian Barnaby of Plymouth and Alex Kolpacke of Livonia Bobby Smith of Canton and Joe Burgio of Redford make up the Penguins goalkeeping tandem The Penguins' other accomplishments this season include championships at Arena Maps Early-Bird Tournament in Kalamazoo (September 2004) Waterloo Memorial Tournament in Waterloo, Ontario (November 2004) and 2004 Compuware Holiday Tournament

Finding warmth in the cold of winter

t's been years since I ve worn snowshoes to hunt here in southern Michigan, but that's exactly what I found myself strapping to my boots earlier this week while headed out on a rabbit hunt

with my

friend Mike

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believe me, I

was glad to

have them

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average snow



Outdoor encountered insights was probably

> less than a foot, the Bill windy, blow-Parker ing weather southeastern

Michigans received in recent weeks has piled snow into drifts as deep as three feet Although the snowshoes gave us a bit of a workout, it was nothing compared to what we would have endured

know that still sounds cold, and I admit I questioned my sanity as I drove to Mikes house, but when you're bundled up in Long Johns, a flannel shirt, a sweatshirt, coveralls and a jacket its amazing how warm you can be Add in the rigors of snowshoeing and you can actually work up a sweat in such frigid conditions I ditched my sweatshirt after the first hour of hunting because I was too warm The conditions were less than

ideal for the dogs, too While the cold temperature didn't seem to slow them down, the light, dry, powdery snow was a distinct detriment to their ability to follow a set of tracks

Hunting behind Mike's veteran, purebred hunting dogs who know their way around the rab bit woods the beagles struggled to stay on the tracks Some dog handlers claim that when the snow is dry and powdery like it was on Wednesday the powder fills the dogs noses when they try to sniff out the rabbit scent I'm not sure if that's an old 'wives tale' or not, but it was obvious the dogs were struggling to stay on track this day, even on very fresh tracks Nonetheless, they worked hard and we persisted - the

March 31 The daily bag limit is five and the possession limit is 10 If you re in need of a little warming as winter draws to a close take a day off from your busy schedule and go chase some bunnies – but don't forget your snowshoes

If you don't have access to private land, rabbit numbers are strong on most state land in southeastern Michigan, including Bald Mountain, Metamora, Holly, Pinckney and Waterloo recreation areas

LICENSE FEES INCREASED

As of March 1, anglers and hunters are paying a little more for the opportunity to pursue their favorite pastime as license fees have been increased Most resident licenses went up \$1, non-resident fees were increased more

The increase is the result of legislation passed in 1997 that allowed for license increases in 1999 and 2001 Since the 1999 increase was not implemented until 2001, the 2001 increase

million this year Add/in the fact that overall license sales have declined slightly since 2000 and the DNR's financial woes are magnified

The \$1 increase will not mend the entire shortfall It's only expected to generate about \$2 million this year and slightly more than \$3 million next year Don't be surprised if the DNR asks for another license fee increase - probably more than $1 \neq 1$ in the not too distant future

(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the **Observer & Eccentric Newspapers** Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success Questions and comments are also encouraged Send information to Bill Parker c/o Outdoors 805 E Maple Birmingham MI 48009)

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had we tried to follow the dogs without the 'shoes

The weather man had forecast morning rush hour temperatures to be hovering right around zero, but it actually warmed up to a balmy nine degrees by the time we headed out – a little after sunrise I

stew is on the stove Rabbit season runs through

was deferred until this year The DNR is justifying the increase because of revenue shortfalls due to budget cuts Four years ago, the DNR received \$52 million from the state's General Fund, but due to cuts in the state budget, that amount has been slashed to \$28

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Informed means prepared

t 60, Elaine Bain remembers when television was a novelty The eighth-grade English teacher at East Middle School recalls reading newspapers while growing up in Pennsylvania

We were interested in the news,' the Plymouth Township resident said 'We talked about it at my house'

Her East students aren't following the news, a problem chronicled by journal-1sm professor David TZ Mindich in Tuned Out Why Americans Under 40 Don't Follow the News (Oxford University Press, 2005)

He is not the first person to be concerned about this," Bain said, paraphrasing a quote of philosopher and educator John Dewey that democracy can t flourish without an informed electorate 'It's a habit Kids are so entertained with their video games and their television programs

Many use instant messaging, some read, but focus on sports or other specialized magazines

Mindich, associate professor and chair of the Journalism and Mass Communication Department at Saint Michael's College in Vermont, talks about his own interest in news being whetted as a child watching the early 1970s In the News" segments interspersed with Saturday morning cartoons

The former CNN assignment editor recommends that every network carry news as a fixed percentage say 5 percent, of children's programming Mindichs other recommendations ınclude

Diversifying broadcast and newspaper ownership Having a separate por

tal for news organizations on computers, and requir



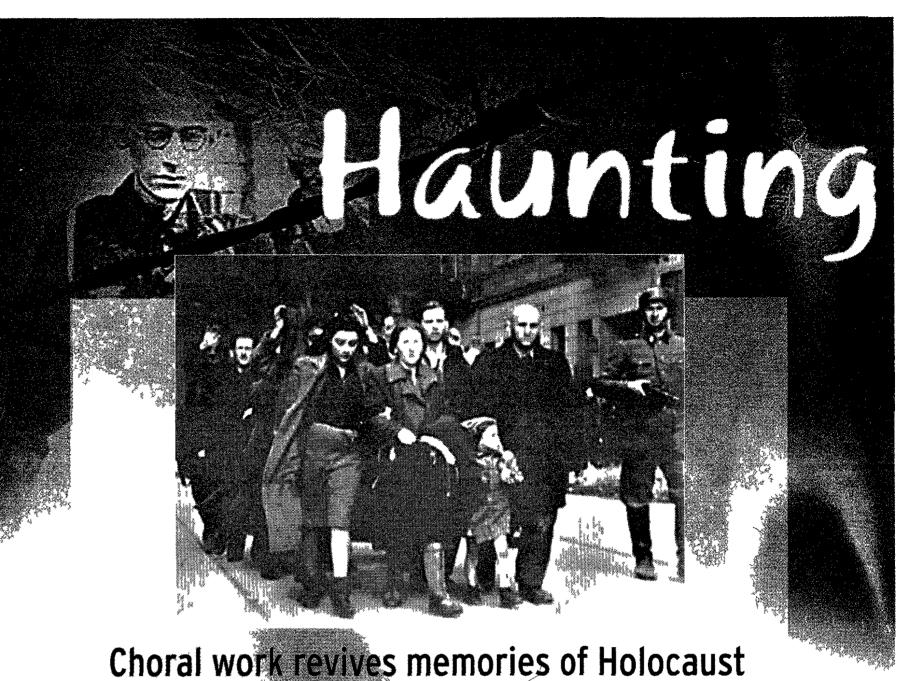
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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Memories of the camps haunt a Livonia man so vividly he cannot talk about atrocities the Nazis carried out more than 60 years ago

Ray Litt's voice quivers simply from reading a narrative about a man kicking out a bucket from under him before a commandant gives the signal to hang 12 men Every time Litt rehearses the lyrics or hears narrative from the Holocaust Cantata Songs from the *Camps* it revives memories of the six

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> > War II

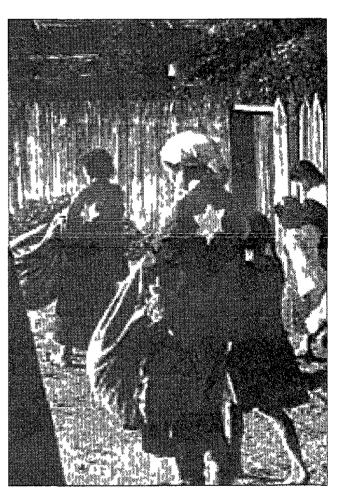
during World

Litt, a West

Guests artists are cellist Mırıam Bolkosky, Cantor Daniel Gale of Temple Israel in Bay City, and alto soloist Rosalin Contrera Guastella of Plymouth

One member said I m having trouble singing this It's really quite emotional if you relate to the words, said Litt president of the choir The message we want to convey 1s that these things should not happen They continue to go on in Darfur and Rwanda'

During her 20 years with the Michigan Opera Theatre choir Rosalin Contrera Guastella has sung emotional works such as Dead Man Walking, but never about a historical event as tragic as the Holocaust Having that kind of emotion behind it, I think it's going to be an emotional time, said Guastella The cello plays the sad songs of agony and woe It addresses the trauma, the experience of the concentration camps and pain they lived through



internet Service Providers to have a news option default with e-mail,

Putting greater emphasis on civic knowl edge for college admissions,

Creating, consuming and teaching quality journalism, including ideas, attitudes and topics of young people

Bain, a poli-sci major as a Penn State undergrad, regularly brings news articles to her classes She still reads the whole newspaper every day, but knows many, including some her age, who don't

Bain knows knowledge of the news matters and that it's the job of parents and teachers to get students to that stage She has a son who didn't care a whit about the news as a teen 'Today, hes just a new person because of his maturity level," she said

She trues to help her students understand how to read a newspaper 'They don't understand op-ed," she said "They don't understand editorial page' There's a spark of interest in issues such as the First Amendment with which students identify or that they hear their parents talk about

Mindich and Bain have common concerns, as do I Students who grow up 1gnorant of the world around them aren't ready to assume the mantle of leadership when their time comes

I recommend Mindich's book heartily Whether it's the war in Iraq or some issue on the homefront, we're all better served when we're better informed

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Bloomfield resi dent, 1s Jewish, but anyone hear ing the work created by Donald McCullough from

songs and letters Alto soloist Rosalin written by con-Contrera Guastella of centration camp Plymouth is one of the survivors can't help but feel the guest artists for two **Rackham Symphony Choir** pain Poignant songs combined performances of the Holocaust Cantata Songs with narrative document the from the Camps needling of new-

borns, the fatal administration of poison with long needles into the heart

'QUITE EMOTIONAL'

The Rackham Symphony Choir presents the work 2 p m Sunday, March 13, at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills, and 7 p m at Beth Ahm Synagogue in West Bloomfield

Like Guastella, Jeffrey Krueger 1s moved by the cantata even though hes sung many a tragedy with the MOT chorus since 1993

"It s sometimes hard to get through the songs Its going to be



Phil Abele (right) Jeff Krueger and Joe Dluzniewski of Livonia are moved every time they sing the Holocaust Cantata and hear the narrative taken from letters that were written by World War II concentration camp prisoners The cantata combines songs sung in the camps with eve-witness accounts of the torture and murder

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After the final surrender of the Warsaw Ghetto the Germans march survivors to the railroad for deportation to Treblinka or Auschwitz concentration camps in May 1943 (top photo) Germany attacked Poland on Sept 1 1939 Within three weeks Germans had indiscriminately slaughtered thousands of Polish citizens. All Jews and hostile elements were ordered to be sent to ghettos. The above photo shows Jews being rounded up for resettlement

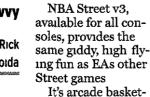
especially moving to do it in the memorial center,' said Krueger of Livonia "Theres narration in between songs that is quiet scary

PLEASE SEE HOLOCAUST, C2

Don't let snow keep you off the basketball court

ntil the snow melts (sigh someday, right?) and I can return to my driveway half-court, I have to satisfy my basketball craving indoors

In between watching the Spartans mow down most of the Big Ten, I indulge my hoop dreams with two very different, but equally entertaining, basketball games EA's NBA Street v3 and Sega's ESPN NBA 2K5





In NBA Street v3, you'll make Jordan jealous as you soar skyward for replay-worthy slam dunks

ball in the truest sense, mixing showboat offensive and defensive moves with gravity-defying dunks The new Trick Stick greatly simplifies learning and executing these moves, which you can perform while dribbling or in-flight during Street's patented Gamebreaker

dunks Other noteworthy new features include the Dunk Contest (an absolute blast), a court creator, a single-player career mode, and my favorite online play (available only in the PS2 and Xbox versions)

Personally, I tire quickly of playing against computer opponents, they're either unrealistically tough or you eventually figure out their weaknesses

Online play adds a totally new dimension to NBA Street, though for now you re limited to one human against another, you can't team up with two of your buddles or play with five strangers Offline, up to six humans can play together on a single PS2 with a multitap

Even if you already own NBA Street Vol 2, the new version packs enough features and refinements to make it well worth buying

RICK'S RATINGS On the other hand, if you haven't yet collect- ESPN NBA 2K5 ed \$50 in the game www sega com jar, consider ESPN NBA 2K5 It costs \$1999 just \$19 99, but don't let the budget price fool you This is one outstanding basketball sım Indeed, while NBA Street is all about goofy playground hunks. ESPN NBA 2K5

PS2 Xbox Ricks Rating B+ NBA Street v3 www.easports.com GC PS2 Xbox \$49 99 Ricks Rating A-

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holds court in more traditional venues and sticks to the rules of the

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Annual festival seeks performers

VSA arts of Michigan's southeast regional committee is looking for children and adults with mental or physical challenges to perform at its 15th annual festival Friday-Saturday, April 29-30, at Livonia Mall

Deadline for application is March 14 For more information, call (248) 568-0816 or send e-mail to connie5929@aol com A Celebration of Arts-Ability, the festival

features nearly 200 singers, dancers,

musicians, and actors VSA arts of Michigan Southeast Region is an affiliate of the VSA arts national organization and the John F Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

An exhibit of art by emerging artists will be on display courtesy of VSA arts of Michigan The artists, Teacher of the Year and supporters are honored Hands-on activities in art, music and movement will invite participants and mall-goers to

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One of them has to do with the groups getting together and singing after hours and trying not to get caught"

IN HIDING

Anne Frank was eight years older than Rene Lichtman when he went into hiding Born in 1937 to Polish Jews who had immigrated to France, Lichtman was 2¹/₂ when forced to live with a Christian family after Germany invaded in 1940 His father joined the French army and was killed His mother, fearing for her life, went into hiding Lichtman dıdn't see her agaın untıl 1945 In August, he ll attend the World Federation of Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust conference in Amsterdam (www.fjcsh org) The organization provides support for child survivors and keeps alive the memory of 1 5 million children who were murdered Only 10 percent of Jewish children survived the Holocaust

Lichtman, at one time an assistant to artists Robert

Motherwell and Helen Frankenthaler, has tried to capture the Holocaust in paintings over the years He says it's difficult to express the suffering and enormity of the genocide

"How do you use art to talk about the Holocaust? Its very difficult, if at all possible to express what happened, said Lichtman of West Bloomfield "I heard the CD and the cantata is very sad and moving It's done in a way that's not so scary There's a way of showing the Holocaust without gory details so people get scared It's a way of thinking of it in a more reflective way, almost a spiritual way"

Even though Phil and Maureen Abele are Catholic, the work resonates in their hearts with every choir rehearsal "The music is soul searching," said Phil Abele of Livonia, who was vice president of the Rackham board for three years and sings in the choir with wife Maureen "The emotion it stirs in us is this tremendous feeling of empathy for the people who had to endure this trial in history It captures the triumph of the human spirit

"It's not a concert you leave feeling joyful The cantata is designed to present a side of

the Holocaust people have never heard before and tells the story of how prisoners used music to carry them through this"

HAUNTING MEMORIES

More than 60 years later, survivors of the Holocaust are battling enemies of depression, loneliness and the memories of murder and destruction of their communities, according to Dr Charles Silow of Children of Holocaust Survivors Association in Michigan (CHAIM) based in Farmington Hills CHAIM, which means life in Hebrew, is an educational organization that tells the story of survivors like his mother who lived through the Auschwitz death camp, Lodz Ghetto in Poland and Bergen-Belsen, but lost her entire family As a psychologist, he is helping Holocaust survivors like his mother and their families through a Jewish Home & Aging Services program in West Bloomfield Lest they be forgotten, he's made sure 300 portraits and biographies of survivors have been taken and displayed around the communıty

Through works of art, his-

torical documents, through memory it's important that the Holocaust not be forgotten so we may become better human beings, to speak out against bigotry, anti-Semitism, prejudice in all its forms to prevent further atrocities," said Dr Charles Silow, who's encouraging everyone to attend a program on anti-Semitism 7 p m Sunday, April 17, at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield For information, call (248) 661-2999, Ext 299

"We're going to look at the state of anti-Semitic activities in the world, Jewish people being physically assaulted in France, Belgium, synagogues and cemeteries defaced There's a greater surge in anti-Semitic activities We're very concerned and want to learn more from the experts and what we can do to fight this bigotry"

Tickets for the Holocaust Cantata are \$20, \$15 for students with ID Call (313) 272-0334 The Holocaust Memorial Center is at 28123 Orchard Lake, Beth Ahm Synagogue at 5075 West Maple

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LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of Best Sellers based on the num ber of requests for titles by library patrons The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453 0750 or on line at www.ply mouthlibrary org FICTION





ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Because your ruling planet Mars is opposing stern Saturn as the week begins you cannot expect to be delighted by everything you hear The Sun approaching your birth sign urges you to blaze your own trail This month If you can dream it you can be and do it Ram! Forge ahead remain clear headed

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Financial affairs will take up an increasing amount of your time over the coming weeks and it will be a rare Bull indeed who doesn't get an oppor tunity to boost their status and earn ing power Seize the chance immedi ately and don't give others time to change their minds What emerges will be more rewarding in the long run

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You have nothing to prove either to yourself or to the world at large so don't be tempted to take silly risks simply to show what a big bad Twin you are Others are likely to be impressed if you show the caring icon cerned sharing side of your astro nature now No obstacle is insur mountable now

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Take a deep breath MoonKid You'll either gain or lose a lot this week but whichever one it is you must accept that fate has rewarded you or pun ished you with perfect fairness. The simple fact is we create our destiny and on a deeper level you're reward ing or punishing yourself

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

The little things will go screwy this week when the Moon in your element is in the area of your chart that gov erns everyday activities Don't allow yourself to get upset about delays or setbacks Lion Think of them as a test of your self control- and be sure to reward yourself when you pass!

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

It will be easy to get overexcited about something financial that hap pens this week but if you do you may make the kind of silly mistake that Virgos usually manage to avoid Don't

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take anyone or anything too seriously kiddo And that includes yourself Got it? Good! Don't abandon your princi ples

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

The decidedly odd behavior of part ners or close companions has been putting your balanced patience and loyalty to the test. However, now it is even more important to uncover what is going on behind the scenes and that you are not being used as a scapegoat or patsy kiddol Concentrate don't kvetch

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Partners or close companions ought to turn up trumps as late week's New Moon arrives- in fact they are about to be unusually supportive and under standing But in the final analysis only you can decide if one particular involvement is worth all the sweat and aggravation Scorp Is it time to house clean some friends?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Don't be surprised if colleagues or loved ones start behaving out of char acter this week. They are simply try ing to alert you to the changes occur ring in their lives Play along for the time being Archer- you can always react more assertively later Before you start asking questions be sure that you want to know the answers

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

SeaGoats don't normally like emotion al confrontations. However, it's time to alter the ground rules of a relation ship that is becoming increasingly demanding First you must determine its rightful place in your universe Then share your feelings- you may learn something about yourself in the process

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Ree lax WaterBearer! Try not to become overextended this week expecting too much of yourself can beas counterproductive as expecting too γ little Remember that responsibilities can often be shared or delegated Nobody is indispensable Right? (This means y o ul)

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

You deserve an explanation concern ing a family or business commitment and the approaching New Moon in your sign should ensure that you receive one You have shown yourself to be more than understanding now others need to know that there are limits to your patience and generosity

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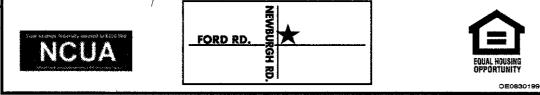
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- Patterson
- 2 "The Broker, John Grisham 3 'The DaVinci Code,' Dan
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NON-FICTION

- 1 "Juiced,' Jose Canseco
- 2 'Blink," Malcolm Gladwell
- 3 "Men in Black," Mark Levin
- 'Collapse," Jared Diamond 4 5 'America (The Book),' Jon Stewart

PARENTS' CHOICE - NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

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- Kaye Umansky 3 'Drumheller Dinosaur
- Dance," Robert Heidbreder 4 "Suddenly Allıgator," Rıck Walton 5 'Sleeping Cutie, Andrea

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game It strives for realism and achieves it, with smartly implemented post moves, rebounds and jukes Deep franchise and career modes give the game plenty of off-court flavor, while varied online-play options will keep you coming back well into the post-season It may be a more serious sim than NBA Street, but that doesn't mean rts not loads of fun

While we're on the subject of sports games, EA's Fight Night Round 2 hits stores this week I wasn't able to snag a review copy in time for this column, but my sources around town tell me it's even better than the

thing, as Fight Night 2004 is by far the best boxing game I ve ever played (Tip You can nab a used copy on eBay for around \$10)

first one That's saying some-

And speaking of older games, got a closet-full you'd like to sell or trade?

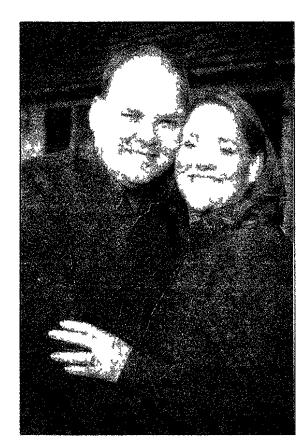
Sign up for membership at the Game Trading Zone (gametz com) I've used this site for years - and I highly recommend it

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ENGAGEMENTS



Helganz-Rovik Ann and the late Jack

Helganz of Northville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy, to Chris Rovik, of Canton

Nancy earned her bach elors degree in 1997 from the University of Detroit She is owner of Helganz Investigations, a private investigation company

Her fiance Chris, is the son of Joe and Kay Rovik of Livonia He is a 1996 graduate of University of Arizona where he earned his bachelor of science in mechanical engineering and a 1998 graduate of Embry-Riddle University, where he earned his master of science degree He is employed as an engineer at Visteon

Chris and Nancy are planning a June wedding at Kırk ın The Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills with a reception at

Pine Lake Country Club They plan a honeymoon to Hawan and will be making their new home in Canton



Gina is a graduate of

the son of Ronald and Maureen DeCaro of Willowick, Ohio He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University He is employed with the Ann Arbor Township Fire Department John and Gina are



Mueller

Kenneth D and Frances E (nee Fradette) ried March 10, 1945, at Our Savior Lutheran

Canton, Carol Spencer of Brighton and Ric







Mahrle Clarence and Blanche Mahrle, residents of Plymouth and Clearwater, Fla , celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends at Heilmans Beachcomber Restaurant on **Clearwater Beach** They were married Dec 2, 1944, at Cedar Crest Lutheran Church in Union Lake, Mich They met during World War II at the Willow **Run Bomber Plant** where both were involved in the

building of B-24s

Clarence and Blanche are both retired Ford Motor Company employees where he was a production control supervisor and she was a secretary

The couple has two children, Mary (Mike) McGrath of Plymouth and Larry (Kathy) Mahrle of Clarkston, and four grandchildren, Sam (Erin) McGrath, Paul McGrath, Matthew Mahrle, and Sarah Mahrle

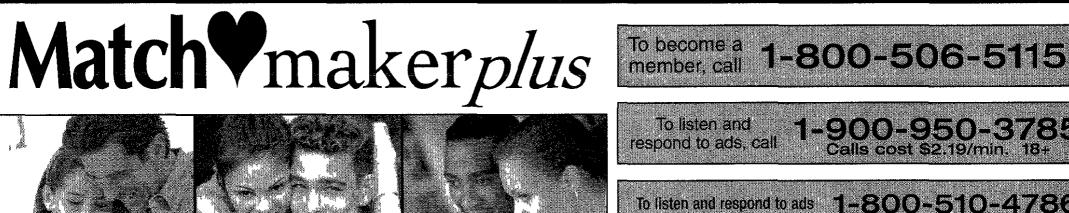


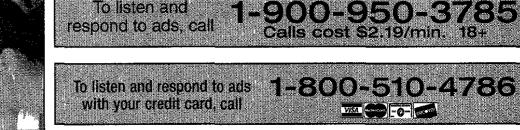
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MAKE ME LAUGH

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preciates music travel spending time out doors \$460269

CAN YOU CANOE?

Professional SWF 30 N/S seeks SWM 35+ independent and professional for casual dates talks possible LTR 2575003

SEEKING INTELLIGENT MAN SBF 36 Cancer N/S works full time in healthcare single mother loves to cook Seeking down to earth spontaneous BM

FOR YOUR LOVE

FOR YOUR LOVE SBF 37 N/S likes to travel see plays and movies seeks committed respectful hon est SBM 40 47 N/S who is interested in finding long term love 1593559

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FOUDDATION OF FRIENDSHIP Attrative good hearted SWF 26 N/S seeks SWM 30 36 N/S who really enjoys life and wants to be happy \$612700 ARE WE A MATCH?

SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors rollerblading biking long walks and romantic dinners Looking for SWM 25 30 for LTR \$\$\$465764

LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL in a SBM 38 50 6+ 190+ Must be honest

and lad back I enjoys movies going out walks nice conversation dining more

GET IT TOGETHER

SBF 28 55 N/S plus sized brown/brown

would love to spend some time with a nice

SBM 30-40 N/S who has his life together

TAKE A CHANCE

SBF 33 seeks SBM 30 35 for friendship possible LTR | enjoy movies walks dining out sports and more \$568333

SEE FOR YOURSELF

SEE FOR YOURSELF SBF 42 52 170lbs compassionate hard working enjoys 70s/80s rock/dance scenic drives movies fishing playing pool reading ISO active SM who sup for a little adventure once and a while Friendship/LTR \$\$\$80735

MUST LOVE ANIMALS

MUST LOVE ANNUMALS WF 53 54 blonde/blue full figured likes travel fine dining shows plays animals children picnics boating swimming cook ing reading fishing slow dancing Seeking good kind hearted man 50 62 with integri

EDUCATED AND POSITIVE SWF 55 5 10 Polish N/S I kes the out

doors movies good conversation trivia genealogy restaurants traveling dogs Seeking intellectual SWM: 47.60 \$\$260061

ENJOY ROMANCE Hard working SWF 45 N/S N/D D/D free th ck build attract ve seeks SBM 40-47 N/S

hard working w/values and morals 2608901

LOVING & CARING

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women seeking men

COFFEE? Very attractive SBF 39 Aries N/S seeks a very alluring BM 30 43 for dating and pos sibly more 2620453 VERY CARING

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NASCAR & HOCKEY FAN SWF 54 51° N/S Taurus loves to bowl and watch funny movies Seeking WM 45 55 for friendship possible romance 25612486

UNATTACHED UNATTACHED but very together SWF 47 56 average build Pisces legal secretary smoker loves flea mar kets dancing meditation and antiques Seeking WM 44-55 for LTR \$619246 **GENUINE HEARTED**

GENUINE HEARSED SWF 49 53 slim build Scorpio very healthy and energetic smoker seeks ener getic WM 35 55 for LTR 25620308

LOYAL SWF 43 Leo N/S blonde/blue profession al chef green thumb pet te enjoys cock ng boating seeks compatible SWM 43.50 N/S for dating and possible relationsh p **2**956732

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DWF 45 N/S has 4 grown children enjoys theater movies dancing would like to meet SWM 40 60 for friendship romance possi bia ITE #Soff540 ble LTR 2595540

ARE YOU OUT THERE? SF 45 140lbs brown/hazel mother of 3 employed enoys family time hockey (The Red Wings) bowing danc nor romantic times Seeking like minded commitment minded man interested in lasting friend ship fun and happiness 27471570

LOVELY CULTURED TRIM Warm professional who enjoys dancing theater classical and big band music movies books travel din ng out seeks tall attractive educated gentleman w/good build for LTR 63 73 2506895

SEEKING MY OTHER HALF WF interested n meet a WM 60 65 who likes to enjoy I fe and will make me happy

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RESCUE MEI SBF 41 55 average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBM 43-47 professionally employed N/S

who knows how to treat a woman \$\$408635 SEARCHING FOR YOU

SEARCHING FOR YOU Sexy attractive SBPF 34 52 160lbs Ares seeks honest outgoing SBM 38 52 for friendship quality time and possibly more 17615717 OUTGOING AND FUN Very attractive SWF 31 laid back w/great personality short blonde/green blue

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GAME FREE N/S works out enjoys BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE leisurely walks and laughter seeks man 35 50 with sense of humor and sense of fashion \$\$52847

Sports or ented BF 39 two teenage daugh ters physically challenged loves jazz sports gospel picnics amusement parks Seeking SF 29 45 \$223080

LOST IN MICHIGAN SBPF 29 55" 190lbs no children never marred very attractive easygoing lad back loves travei Looking for sincere open minded laid back male who has his stuff together 17229089 PRECIOUS ONE

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A LOT TO OFFER A LOT TO OFFER Outgoing SBF 24 56' 350lbs professional employed loves the fun and excitement of festivals enjoys new movies and concerts seeks handsome honest SBM \$286633

HONESTY REQUIRED Beautiful full fgured SBF 35 is looking for tall dark handsome SBPM who is honest down to earth to spend time with and **2**401088

GET TO KNOW MEI SF 38 N/S mother of two look ng for work ing man 28 55 N/S for friendship first

IT S ALL GOOD Cool SBF 31 58 N/S likes to bowl fish skate and travel seeks SBM 19 35 N/S to share honest friendship romance quality time together \$2476802

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED

Beaut full figured SBF 35 enjoys come dy and romance bowling walks in the park Seeking tall dark handsome SBM 33 50 **2**481293

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim attractive 57 yr old JF locking for her soulmate any sincere successful JM between the ages of 54 64 please respond **7589875**

58 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty SWF successful kind compassion ate lots of fun look ng for her knight and shining armor any caucasian sincere suc cessful spiritual 55 80 \$2592074

LIFE IS TOO SHORT Mature and outgoing SBF 50 years young 5 175ibs thick not fat great figure inter ested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously \$276032

JOURNEY WITH ME through lifes adventure DWF 50ish sim blonde enjoys romance travel ife to its fullest Seeking financially secure WM 55-65 Lets unravel lifes mysteries together

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS SEAT REDIFICATION CALL LEGS DWF 54 1421bs 56 enjoys blues animas garden ng homeowner no kids Seeking SM 5 10 + N/S social drinker for LTR 1548938

SOUND LIKE YOU? SOUND LIKE YOU? SWF 18 56 blonde/hazei 150lbs sweet honest outgoing I kes concerts movies hanging with friends Seeking honest attractive funny outgoing SM for casual dates fun and fiendship \$562708 CUTE AND CLASSY SPE in d See seeking contempo

SBF m d 50s seeks attractive gentleman 50+ with sim ar interests ove ogging walks conce ts quiet evenings 2574342

SLOW DANCING ROMANCING DWF 45 N/S H/W propo tionate perky brown eyed g rl honest and outgoing seeks SWM 40 50 for good friendship dat ing and special times \$\$576279 LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR Attractive WIWF 64 red/blue 5 150lbs looking for easygoing well groomed gentle man 65 70 who enjoys meeting new peo ple 27476645

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers WELL CONNECTED SWM 49 62" athletic build N/S with 2 A PRECIOUS JEWEL

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Independent active loving caring down to earth SF 46 N/S vegetarian enjoys movies fine dining travel Looking for hand some SW/AM 45 49 H/W proportionate N/S professional job 2421896 LIBRA

DBF 50 locks much younger enjoys music long walks quiet times Seeking W/A/HM 35 50 for friendship possible long term relationship \$253857

LONESOME Senior WF retired 54 active honest healthy Need the attent on of a WM 65 75 enjoys everything easy to please. So hurry up and call mel 2449585

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM SWF 43 N/S would like to meet an outgo

ing frendly non smoking man 35 53 who likes outdoors b cycling waking fam ly **21** 5795 FABULOUS AND FULL FIGURED Cute sexy SBF 41 N S will try anything once loves movies plays dancing holding hands cudding Seeking attractive sexy BM 31 50 N/S with smilar interests \$\pm113224

WHERE IS MR BIGHT? SF 46 likes dancing bowling romant c even ngs swimming Seek ng SM 40 55 w th good sense of humor \$257065 ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND? But gent e of heart? Good look ng trim SM 42 55 N/S? Very cute SBF 53 emotiona ly

and physically in shape with eclect c nter ests currently accepting applications \$\overline{2}263684

SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing active DWF retired ISO fun male 60+ who likes bridge tennis reading h king animals kids popcorn willing to dor a tuxedo now and then 1271793

ARE YOU THE ONE DBF 53 H/W proport onate outgoing loves the arts plays dancing movies outdoors scenic drives ISO SM D/D free w/similar interests smoker socia drinker ok No games 27417236

AFFECTIONATE & ATHLETIC SBF 45 52 130/bs enjoys cooking roller skating dancing Seeking SBM 40 55 55 + N/S N/Drugs fo friendship dating possible LTR build on honesty trust respect \$425305

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? I could be it! Attract ve SWF 50 5 105lbs willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM 32 50 for spe cial relationship 2418068

SEMI RETIRED SF 62 59 slim ft I kes jazz concerts symphonies theater travel and outdoors activities Seeking intelligent honest car ing humorous gentleman 55 70 w th similar interests 27467917

TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE SBF tall medium build N/S who en oys mus c taveling comedy shows seeks man 45 55 N kids N S outgoing affec tonate stable for LTR 20444748

ROMANTIC LADY Beautiful voluptuous DBF 42 56 kes traveling outdoors Seeking man 45+ race un mportant to enjoy life together for tradebe mute man man 64/09/1 dsh n ma

men seeking

women

SEARCHING FOR YOU

SBM 511 200lbs medium build great sense of humor likes movies and going out Would I ke to meet a ft female 3045 with

A SEXY SHORT SRE WANTED

age 37 60 4 5 5 9 tall enjoy music movies dining talks and more with SBM

61 cute face lips and hair Own home and car 27496852

TAKE IT AS IT COMES

SM 25 dark /brown 6 baby face looking to

meet nice intelligent funny outgoing SF whos down to-earth and open minded for friendship,

HOPE YOU RE OUT THERE

SM 35 62 dirty blond goatee 220lbs likes Nascar hockey walks dining out quiet times Seeking curvaceous cute to

share cudding caring romance and happ

WARRIOR FROM WITHIN SWM 42 s in search of energet c fun lov ing c ean neat female who shares his inter

cycle roling This is a man who is very romantic 127977986

EASY ON THE EYES

Well mainta ned SWM 56 enjoys keeping in touch with current events heart to heart

talks silly conversations Lets meet over

coffee and see what develops 2470377

WORTH A CALL

looking part the student employed nde pendent seeks someone independent cute honest and fun not about games

WHAT S UP LADIES?

SWM 22 6 190bs short har college stu dent N/S enjoys clubbing (but not as a way of meeting women) and mails Seeking BF 18 40 large build a+ N/S attractive meanset

WANT TO JOIN ME?

SM 68 510 in good shape attract ve well groomed looking to meet an attractive lady who has time and love to share some

one who enjoys travel talks golf and simple

INTERESTED? INTERESTED? SM 23 dirty blond 200lbs seeks easygo ing loving happy SF for sharing beach walks summer sunsh ne quiet moments and romance \$\$\mathbf{T}\$619592

WORTH A CALL

155lbs brown/brown good

n gardening home projects and motor

dates talks maybe more 2600949

ness @620933

SM 24 58

2604444

2605961

times 2591601

similar interests \$\$531157

dogs works n energy management loves art galleries Seeking woman 40 54 for fr endship possible romance \$554995 MUST LOVE CHILDREN

SBM 41 61 220ibs in search of SF 28 45 pette under 130ibs for friendship pos-sible LTR \$\$608072

HOW ABOUT ME LADIES? Hard working loyal SBM 33 61 255lbs seeks approciative kind hearted SWF 27 35 for quiet times together cuidling pic nics BBQ's more **39**88622

LIFE S A CABARET Classy romantic intelligent SWM 50 w/good taste well traveled seeks special caring fr endly lady 35 55 Lets enjoy life share laughter and romance \$\$455376

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP DWM 36 6 2001bs dark brown/dark brown Italian features passion for Harleys enjoys we ght lifting exercising long walks Seeking S/DWF 26 42 for friends first pos s bly more 2807724

DETROIT S WEST SIDE SBM 25 61 2001bs Leo N/S seeks con versation and friendship with a woman 23 37 How about coffee? \$\$\$606783

EVEL HEADED SWM 42 58 brown/blue no facial har no tattoos or piercings N/S firefighter very open m nded seeks WF 18 55 N/S just as a friend **2**617446

LOVE IS HERE

Tail intelligent SBPM 53 265lbs Libra N/S laid back easygoing personable with sense of humor seeks compassionate affectionate intelligent BF 50 60 no chil dren at home 72616402

DOWNTOWN/UPTOWN

SWM 50 64 210lbs entrepreneur Gemini N/S seeks BPF 36 52 N/S model type a+ fit for dancing and romanc ng \$\$ TAKING IT SLOW

Recently divorced WM 32 likes bowling watch ng sports Looking for a WF 25-38 who likes to have fun for friendship first \$\pi 611503\$ GOOD COMPANY

SI m SWM 46 58 N/S loves to play squash into mountain biking bowling and golf seeks SWF 38 47 N/S who leads an active lifestyle \$612663

WELL MANNERED AND SWEET Good looking SBM 23 interested in chat ting with SF 18 31 who has a healthy atti-tude about life and love 25615932

EASYGOING Laid back sociable happy DM 48 father auto mechanic likes BBQs golf outdoors hockey friends/fam ly Seeking non judge mental easygoing gal for friendship good times and possible LTR 12619317

NEED A SEXY LADY SWM 48 average build hardworking loves to have fun look ng for a sincere woman 45 50 for LTR Redford area \$\pi 604036

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC SWM 46 62 209lbs brown/blue degreed outgoing personal ty enjoys out doors workout new activities seek friendly SF age/location oper \$531308

COMPARE THEN CALL Well maintained SWM 56 who enjoys keeping in touch with cur entievents heart to heat taks and sly conve sations Lets meet ove coffee and see what develops 259844

TAKE ME OUT TONIGHT Lonely SBM 51 62 195lbs Capricorn

smoker enjoys family activities seeks SWF 35-47 who loves children and dancing **22**5

White myst cal man 39 trusting and warm hearted enjoys lifes adventures exploring and taking new chances. Seeking mysterious magnificent female companion 2230689

MAGIC IN THE MAKING

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A SPECIAL GUY DWM 56 510' handsome and secure seeks honest S/DWF w/sense of humor who enjoys travel candlelight dinners plays dancing concerts boating and movies Friendship possible LTR 2269646

EVERYONE LOVES A COOK SWM 46 professional chef eats healthy likes to get away to romantic bed and break fasts on the weekends ISO SF 35-48 for relationship 2555727

HOLY COW!

SWM 23 62 170lbs blond/blue Leo smoker no kids homeowner owns a con struct on company loves camping four wheeling and bonfires Seeking WF 20 25 2588991

REGULAR GUY

Sometimes shy SWM 49 6 250lbs N/S blue eyes carpenter ikes bowling movies staying in for the evening seeks SWF 26 55 N/S for meaningful romance 2590018 WELL HELLO

SM very young looking 50 57 160bs medium build employed self reliant D/D free easygoing and easy to get along with playe burg and easy to get along with enjoys b king and cooking Seeking S/DWF 40 55 200 350lbs 2597126

ARE YOU MY ANGEL?

SBM 52 5.9 medium build brown/brown professionally employed N/S seeks woman 39 47 N/S who loves boating and traveling 2597165

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING Optimistic outgoing SWM 46 enjoys most activities yet open to new ideas and adven tures seeks spirited spontaneous SWF age open 2547524

STRAIGHT UP LOW-KEY Easygoing cute SWM 40s not into loud noise and big crowds enjoys art wine tast ings charity seeks similar minded lady for

TAKE A CHANCE

SWM 43 N/S likes bowling softball Piston games would like to meet SWF 40s N/S who is on the lookout for fun 25600160

MAN WITH PIZZAZZ

All that jazz S ncere affectionate SWM 35 55 fit mind and body enjoys art cultural events seeking with pretty SWF 35 55 for friendsh p and possible relationship

MUST LIKE CHILDREN

WM 56 150lbs very outgoing enjoys spend a lot of time with my daughter

Looking for very attract ve female 18 24 who loves camping the outdoors and more

DO YOU BELIEVE

in thoughtfulness understanding sincerity, everyday warmth coupled with romantic

play being paramount to a long term monogamous romantic relationship? SWM

42 61 190lbs seeks slim trim romantic woman for LTR \$\$\frac{1}{2}\$38958

LOVE IS LOOKING

Sha p support ve SWM 45 good listener can make you feel spec al and apprec ated

seeks special SWF age open 278661 SEE FOR YOURSELF

Employed SWM 39 61 155lbs brown/brown attract ve and fun enjoys bik

ing the beach movies road trips more Seeking SF 20 45 for friendship and possi

CHURGOER

SBM 48 63 265lbs glasses fast food restaurant manager N/S enjoys chess checkers bowing and playing basketball Seeking woman 42 60 full figured a+ for fr endship poss ble romance **25**83282

ROCHESTER GENTLEMAN

DWM 59 61 blue eyes handsome fun loving and active but heavyset with cane

retired engineer financially secure enjoys local theater cooking and road trips Seeking S/DWF 50 60 for LTR 2533085

SEEKING SOMEONE SWEET

DWM 42 year old works hard in the con struction business likes to take it easy on

the weekends Looking to meet a nice lady 32 46 who has her head togethers

ISO SPONTANEOUS

SBM 50 6 210/bs N/S college educated homeowner recently relocated to Detroit

bly more 2573191

2237469

friendship maybe more 2548455

2517123

2532099

for community services organization N/S intellectual BM 49 60 N/S committed and faithful for ser ous relationship \$618676 CLASSY SEXY RED HEAD

SWF 54 56 142lbs enjoys blue animals gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SWM 5"+ N/S social drinker for LTR **2**415050

GREAT PERSONALITY

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Honest caring sincere SWF 51 51" 106lbs Likes testivals movies and friendly Seeking honest caring sincere drives SWM 42 56 2982309

s ncere and hard working toves Harleys romantic getaways seeks SWM 45 56 N/S with common interests 25609904 IS HE OUT THERE?

SJF 43 56 honest gentle inteligent sen sit ve shapely likes fine d ning pool theater movies Seeking honest secure loving and reliable man to share friendship good times talks and maybe more \$601614

WHERE ARE YOU? Attractive outgoing honest sexy SBF 32 ISO SM any race 31 37 for relationship I enjoy movies rollerblading comedy clubs bowling etc Ser ous replies only 22455371

visualize this

EASY TO GET ALONG WITH DWCF 68 looks younger 52 long dark/brown N/S N/D positive attitude on life enjoys movies d ning out drives watch ng sports holding hands Would enjoy a monogamous LTR with SWM 58 75 2606666

KNOW WHAT S REALLY GOOD? Spending time with this bright enthusiastic optimistic yet realistic SWM who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s 2550046

LIFE S A CABARET Classy romantic intelligent SWM 50 well traveled with good taste seeks a special caring friendly lady 36 55 Let's share life romance and laughter 2480718

CUTE & CUDDLY

Fun charming helpful male 56 Cancer with wit wisdom and warmth seeks a nice woman 44 62 12478746

LOOKING FOR A DREAM SM Black/Puerto Rican/Native American 40 57 170lbs N/S no kids serious enjoys movies cooking walks Seeking full f gured SF \$\$254016. ARE WE A MATCH?

SBM 30 511 185lbs no kids dark brown eyes goatee nice smile dimples looking for SH/AF 27 35 who enjoys sports pool dining long walks 2502616 FIT PHYSICIAN

SWM 52 fun romantic athletic health nut seeks fit athletic toned female for fun friendship LTR 2602345

SEEKS BROWN EYED GIRL

Good looking friendly SWM 41 511 180lbs no children N/S easygoing enjoys movies music travel dining Seeking very attractive pretty SH/A/WF 28 39 friend ship possible relationship 1760359 HANDSOME ATTRACTIVE

HANDSOME ATTRACTIVE SWM 37 6 brown/hazel athletic build wide shoulders fit N/S enjoys fine dining weekend trips boating fishing swimming camping collecting artwork painting and woodcarving Seeking WF 25 38 16606736

UP FRONT SWM 52 slim attractive passionate good

hearted financially secure honest N/S with mild herpes likes travel dining n/out and play ng pool ISO W/A/HF 35 52 N/S fit attractive fun loving 25605896 OFF THE GROUND

SBM 48 6 1921bs Gemini smoker likes an occas onal party Seeking woman 27 45 who wants to get together for relation shp \$\$609691

NO RACIAL LINES SBM 22 61" hazel eyes glasses with daughter (2) West Side of Detroit smoker self-employed seeks single free independ ent intelligent sexy woman 18-40 27610141 HI! LOOK ME OVER

Ft attractive fun considerate easygoing down to earth all American SWM enjoys music reading sports and fishing Seeking SWF 35 55 2262919

MAGIC IN THE MAKING

White mystical man 39 trusting and warm hearted enjoys lifes adventures exploring and taking new chances Seeking mysterious magn ficent female companion 2234512 NO INTRO NEEDED

Very outgoing SBM 35 6 average build Leo N/S seeks same in a woman 26 46 N/S for LTR 12614398

PARTY ALL THE TIME SWM 21 wants to find fun and excitement with a lively woman 20 40 who knows what she wants out of life Lets talk about

FRIENDS FIRST

SWM 40 6 170lbs fit attract ve N/S social drinker organized likes humor exer cise chess dancing campfires ISO SF 33 43 slim attractive N/S social drinker N/Drugs 2612112

HEY IT MIGHT WORK OUT Fun charming helpful male 56 Cancer with wit wisdom and warmth seeks a nice woman, 44 62 2478811

seeks WF 42 52 H/W proportionate sane level headed 2617888 HIGH VOLTAGE OUTLET Mister Thunderbolt SWM 40 w/megawatts enjoys thunderstorms and I ghting up the sky seeks high voltage SWP age open 2482812

SUPERMAN SEEKS

super model? yeah right SWM 40s not hot but warm and fr endly seeks SWF for com panionship and to keep the fires burning **2**520317

EASYGOING GUY

SWM 51 61 210lbs college graduate financially secure homeowner bodybuilder seeks petite SWF 35 50 sexy attractive to enjoy dining out movies for LTR possible marriage 255073

HONEST AND HUMBLE Nice looking SWM 50 warm and tender enjoys concerts plays coffee shops and good conversation Seeks somewhat attractive good natured lady friend \$232195 NEW DATE UPDATE

Sentimental self assured SWM 40s enjoys family and friends can laugh and cry can cook and clean seeks fun smiley face SWF 37 53 2240388

OPEN TO MOST ANYTHING

Optimist c outgoing SWM 46 enjoys most activities is open to new ideas and adven tures Seeking spirited spontaneous SWF age unimportant \$485058

GREAT SMILE SBM 55 61 salt n pepper/brown H/W proportionate homeowner enjoys working out boating gardening antiquing travel Seek ng SF with similar interests for friend ship possible LTR 2478914

LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND SWPM 44 57 dark hair moustache father of one loves children outdoors Seeking SWF 35 46 to enjoy life together I want to know your inner soul III treat you right \$266345

GRANDFATHER

SM Grandfather of 8 still driving and work ing enjoys Judge Judy Looking for com pan onship and someone to go to garage sales with \$\mathbf{T}618930

VERY NICE GENTLEMAN

BM 56 511 240lbs black gray hair wears glasses into arts museums books plays music more Seeks full f gured edu cated employed WF 50 68 with sense of humor 2413198

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS

for this weekend? 50 year old SWM looks young fit active honest dependable friendly seeks easygoing friendly light friendly seeks easygoing friend hearted SWF age open \$241526

then, try this...

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talkl \$606930 STRAIGHTFORWARD SBM 48 N/S seeks a sincere true heart ed self aware BF 39 54 N/S who knows

NICE GENTLEMAN

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SWM 22 6 160lbs sociable active nde pendent employed likes rollerblading swimming moves snowmobling hanging w/friends Seeking easygoing honest fun SF for sharing good times 2621006 TODAY S NEWS SWM 34 5.9 dark auburn/brown Sagit tarius smoker seeks a WF 43 52 smoker for fr endship perhaps more 2616533 MR PERSONALITY ISO

ins de/out for friendship good times possi

what she wants in life \$617279

SM 29 good person looking for a SB/WF 19 40 for frendship or more Call me lets

romance 2606752

Miss nteresting Thrill seeking fun loving SWM 33 ISO SF 18 38 beautifu

AROUND TOWN

Leukemia benefit

Leukemia Research Life Inc an organization dedicated to supporting childhood cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan pres ents the 24th annual Evening of Hope It's About Time Saturday March 12 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The evening starts with a silent auction at 6 30 p.m. Live entertainment provided by Steve King and the Dittilies The event will be emceed by Cindy Canty of WMGC 1051s Jim Harper and the Magic Morning Show Tickets are \$100 each and are available on line at www.irlinc.org.or.by.calling (313) 884 0931

Caregiver symposium

Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit hosts a symposium on Caring for the Caregiver from 930 a m 330 p m Saturday March 19 Lunch will be available with music and chair mas sage therapy and a wealth of informa tion Among those available Dr Leslie Bricker oncologist nutritionist Annette LoDuca Duhaime nurse Wendy Goldberg on Caregivers Emotions life coach Fuzzy Manning Rick Cryderman on spirituality Dan Layman of Hospice of Michigan and Donna May on relaxation self hypno sis The symposium is designed to help caregivers bring the best care to their loved ones with cancer by learn ing the best ways to care for them selves Gilda's Club is located at 3517 Rochester Road in Royal Oak Call (248) 577 0800

Peter Cottontail

The musical version of the classic tale of Peter Cottontail hops its way into Northville s historic Marguis Theatre March 12 May 1 Performances are scheduled for 2 30 p.m. Saturdays March 12 and 19 and April 2 9 16 23 and 30 2 30 pm Sundays March 13 20 and April 3 10 17 24 and May 1 and Monday Friday 2 30 p.m. March 28 31 and April 1 Tickets for all performanc es are \$750 The Marguis Theatre is located at 135 E Main Call (248) 349 8110 for details

Grief support series

Heartland Hospice offers a six week series Living with Grief beginning Thursday March 24 through April 28 from 4 5 30 p m The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series is free and open to anyone in the community For more information or to register contact bereavement coordinator Ann Christensen (734) 973 1145 or toll free at (888) 973 1145

Italian renaissance

The Ann Arbor Art Center Paesano s Restaurant and Winebow Imports will present Southern Italian Renaissance on Wednesday March 16 Beginning at 6.30 p.m. 'Southern Italian Renaissance features a five course dinner and wines of southern Italy as well as guest speaker Nunzio Castaldo senior vice president for Italian wines at Winebow Imports Guest speaker Nunzio Castaldo is a native of Naples Italy and joined Winebow as a sales representative in 1986 An expert in Italian wines Castaldo is responsible for Winebow's marketing strategies and pricing for its Italian wine portfolio Southern Italian Renaissance ' costs \$70 per person A portion of the event s proceeds will benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center Paesano s is located at 3411 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor For ticket information please call Paesano s at 734 971 0484 or visit www paesanosannarbor com

Adoption seminar

Adoption Associates Inc. a statewide agency is hosting a domestic infant and international (China Russia Guatemala Bulgaria and The Ukraine) adoption information meeting from 7 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 in Farmington Hills Adoption Associates is located at 26105 Orchard Lake Road To RSVP or for more information call (248) 474 0990

Jewish renewal festival

Four nationally recognized leaders of the Jewish Renewal movement lead a day of spirituality learning and music from 8 30 a m 4 p m Sunday March 6 at the Ann Arbor Jewish Community Center 2935 Birch Hollow Registration is \$50 and includes lunch Registration deadline is March 2 More information is available on the Web at www pardeshannah org or by calling (734) 213 8374

Off the Wall Gallery

The Spring exhibit for the Ann Arbor Art Center's Off the Wall Gallery will be installed throughout downtown Ann Arbor and displayed through May 9 The spring exhibition is titled Black + White with the theme of wild and wacky silhouettes featuring an artis tic collaboration between Ann Arbor's Burns Park Elementary students and Art Center WineFest volunteers Forty eight Burn Park fourth graders will create one side of the banners the other will be painted by WineFest community volunteers. The spring exhibit offers many ways for the Art Center to connect with the communi ty and promote this year's WineFest which will be held on Saturday May 14 The banners will be on display dur ing the event with the black and white style reflected throughout this years decor For more information call (734) 994 8004 Ext 111

Flea market

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts the 51st annual Flea Market from 9 a m 3 p m Saturday March 19 at 1830 Washtenaw Art antiques col lectibles jewelry linens toys season al items furniture and books will be among the items available. Admission and parking are free. For more infor mation call (734) 662 3279

St Damian craft show

St. Damian Catholic Church is looking for crafters for its annual spring arts and crafts show that will be held on Saturday March 12 from 9 a m 3 p m at 30055 Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Merriman Road) in Westland For more information or an application please call Carol Nelius at (734) 721 4758 or e mail nel us@com cast net

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for car ing and dedicated people with an



CLUBS

Rotary A M

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A M meets at 7 a m every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer New members are always welcome Contact Robert Scoggins president Rotary Club of Plymouth A M via e mail at rscog gins@wideopenwest.com.or.call (734) 455 9565

Mosaic

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

Moms Club

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

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January July and August. A group with ancesters who fought in American Revolution Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals schools and community service Call 734 420 2775 for further informa tion



DAVID R BOBOWSKI Age 50 March 3 2005 Beloved hus band of Cathy Loving father of Mike & Mark Dearest son of Joseph and Josephine Dear brother of Larry (Connie) Tina (Rick) DeLaGarza Marianne (Alan) Zundel John Rosemary (Ed) Zobeck Joe (Debbie) & Katherine (Jim) Andrews A Memorial Rosary Service will be held Friday at R G & G R Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Rd L on a at 7 pm with v sitat on t om 6 pm. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Genevieve Catholic Church 29015 Jamison Livonia Saturday at 11 30 with visitation from 11 am In lieu of flowers memo rial contributions my be directed to the family to be distributed according to David's wishes Please sign the online guestbook at rggrharris com



ROBERT W LUNDGREN

Passed away in Scottsdale Arizona on February 231d at the age of 87 He was born in Omaha Nebraska in 1917 Robert earned scholarships to attend both Grinnell College and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology He received his Electrical engineering degree from MIT in 1940 During World War II he served as Lieutenant aboard a Naval Destroyer and later as a pre radar instructor at Harvard This is where he met Barbara Long who became his wife and the light of his life for 60 years They were married in Harvard Chapel in 1945 He contin ued on to head an electronics school at treasure Island in San Francisco teaching sonar equipment theory and repair After the war Robert was hired by Detroit Edison for whom he worked until he retired as Executive Vice President in 1982 His expertise was in fossil and nuclear fuel and he was recognized in his field for his out standing leadership in fuel procure ment and delivery He was a lifetime innovator in his field and acted as the primary link in purchasing and deliv ering western low sulfur coal to the Midwest He was also instrumental in the introduction of the first 1000 foot freighters to the Great Lakes which were essential in the delivery of west ern coal to Edison's power plants The introduction of the low sulfur coal was crucial to improving air quality and lowering the cost of fuel He was a member of President Reagan's Grace Committee where he studied and rec ommended improvements on policies and procedures for the fuel industry Robert represented the electric utility industry in shaping the Staggers Act that deregulated railroad rates testify ing before both houses of Congress After his retirement from Detroit Edison he was a consultant and expert witness on coal contracts and was a member of the National Panel of Arbiters and Mediators Bobalouie as he was affectionately known enjoyed golfing gardening music photogra

phy and travel in his spare time Bob

pursued his favorite hobby golf as a

member of Forest Lake Country Club

in the Detroit area aswell as a member

of Quail Ridge Country Club in

Boynton Beach Florida Bob and

Barb moved to Scottsdale Arizona in

2001 to be closer to their family Bob

is survived by his wife Barb his chil

dren Sherry Sandy and Sue his grandchildren Rich Erika and Reid

great grandchild Oliver brother

Richard and numerous friends and

colleagues All will miss his dry

sense of humor and gentle steady

presence in their lives

AARON THOMAS LEVI

Age 27 of Birmingham beloved son of Thomas and Mary Levi also of Birmingham passed away Sunday February 20 2005 succumbing to injuries sustained when he was struck by a car late in the evening of February 18th The family made the decision to donate his organs through the Gift of Life program Services were held on February 22nd at Hamilton Bell Chapel with the Rev Rodney F Quainton of Birmingham First United Methodist Church officiating Aaron was a graduate of Seaholm High School and obtained a B A from Bowling Green State University of Ohio He is survived by his parents his brother Mark and his wife Lisa his

Liturgical music workshop

The Music Committee of the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will host a workshop on Orthodox liturgical music at 9 a m on Saturday March 19 at the Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia Entitled When the Saints Go Marching In 1 the workshop will focus on the Trisagion antiphons troparia and other processional music sung during the Divine Services and sacraments of the Orthodox Church The workshop is designed for choir directors chanters and choral singers at Orthodox churches Church musicians from other Christian tradi tions also are welcome Registration for the workshop will be from 8 30 to 9 am The workshop itself will be from 9 a m to noon followed by lunch The fee for the workshop is \$25 The luncheon fee is \$5 To register or obtain further infor mation contact Janet Damian at (313) 274 1226 or damianj@juno.com

interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw Livingston and western Wayne counties Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting patient transport/patient outings errand running grief support and clerical services Contact Ann Christensen volunteer coordinator for more information on winter train ing classes at (888) 973 1145

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian based bereavement out reach and resource center located in Northville Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their chil dren between the ages of 4 through the teen years

Groups for parents who have lost a child adults who have lost a parent pet loss and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the vear

All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the partici pants If you are grieving or know someone who is please call our office at (248) 348 0115 for further informa tion about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or visit www.newhopecenter.net

Crafters, artists wanted

Officials of the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble The event is scheduled for 9 a m 5 p m Saturday March 19 at Canton High School It's a juried show For more information e mail Diane VanDyke at djvandyke@peoplepc.com.or.call (734) 416 3354

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road Plymouth Call Mary Ann at (734) 420 0857 for further informa tion

American Legion

Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the IOOF Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7 30 p m. All veter ans that served during any of the wars are eligible Contact (734) 459 7324 for further information

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

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

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

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

Mothers & More

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

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

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

RHS1955Reunion@aol.com

Livonia Churchill

Classes 1971 2005 Yearly Summer Bash is June 18 2005 at Waterford Bend Park For-more information go to www.ChurchillAlumni.com or e mail SummerBash@ChurchillAlumni com or call Chris or Gayle Nicholson at (734) 728 0393

Northville High School

Classes of 1964 1965 1966

A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005 Volunteers needed For details contact Howie Ambinder e mail at nancyambinder@comcast net



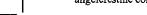
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84 formerly Age of Bloomfield Hills MI passed away on February 27 2005 in Boynton Beach FL after a brief illness Born in Bronx NY he

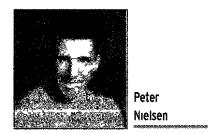
spent much of his youth in the Detroit area He attended Detroit Central High School and would have graduated with the class of 38 had his family not relo cated to the East Coast prior to his sen or year After graduating from Wayne State University he proudly served his country as a Lieutenant JG in the US Navy during WWII He was a skipper of an LCT watercraft during the D Day invasion of Normandy France After the war ended he enrolled at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Philadelphia receiving a Doctor of Optometry in 1952 While attending optometry school he earned some of his tuition costs by working as an Arthur Murray dance instructor Bill was an optometrist for 49 years (main ly in the Detroit area) Soon after receiving his optometry degree he proposed to his future wife of 52 years and brought her to Michigan where they married and lived for the next 49 years He is survived by his wife Lillian and their three children Susan Gilles of Beverly Hills MI Herbert Gilles of Dallas Texas and Andrea Briggs (Walter) of Beverly Hills MI and grandchildren Walter Briggs Jacqueline Gilles Aaron Briggs and William Briggs He was an avid tennis player even into his 84th year often defeating (or frustrating) far younger players with his determination and skill He will be remembered by everyone whose lives he touched for his strong love of family warmth dry witty sense of humor passion for his Detroit professional sports teams (par ticularly the Tigers and the Lions) and his friendly outgoing nature Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to the Hospice of Palm Beach County 5300 East Ave West Palm Beach FL 33407

sister Carrie and her husband Bill two nephews and one niece and many aunts uncles and cousins **GEORGE SCHWENK OLMSTED** Age 95 of Valparatso formerly of Birmingham MI and San Diego CA passed away Friday February 18 2005 He was a retired obstetrician and gynecologist in the Detroit area George S Olmsted was born February 11 1910 in Chicago to William and Meta (Schwenk) Olmsted Dr

Olmsted graduated from Wayne State University in 1939 and served his internship and residency at The Grace Hospital in Detroit He was a diplomat of American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology fellow of the American College of Surgeons founding fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecology fellow of the American College of Surgeons founding fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists a life member of the Wayne County Medical Society the Michigan State Medical Society the American Medical Association and the Indiana State Medical Society Dr Olmsted served in the US Navy in World War II ashore and afloat and with the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions in the pacific Theatre He achieved the rank of Commander in the Navy and served aboard the USS Hulbert AVD 6 Following his discharge in 1946 he continued his service in the US Naval Reserves He was a member of St Paul Catholic Church in Valparaiso and is survived by two children William Olmsted of Valparaiso and Carole Sipos of Marina Del Ray CA and two grandchildren Jennifer and Nicholas Olmsted He was preceded in death by his wife Lorraine in 1997 A funeral mass was held on Monday February 21 2005 in Valparaiso, IN Burial with military honors took place on February 25 2005 at El Camino Memorial Park in San Diego CA The arrangements were done by Moeller Funeral Home Valparaiso IN angelcrestinc com







Diabetics need to watch their blood pressure

Question: Debbie from Allen Park wants to know about the complications having to do with diabetes?

Answer If you have diabetes, controlling your blood sugar has become a way of life Now there is something else that you need to monitor to stay on top of the situation your blood pressure

Experts say that keeping blood pressure in check is vital for preventing complications that arise from diabetes These same experts recently lowered the blood pressure goals for patients with diabetes to 130 over 80 The bad news is that more than 75 percent of patients with high blood pressure exceed those numbers Thus, two out of every three diabetes-related deaths result from heart disease or stroke As research shows, if you have diabetes, just keeping your blood sugar in check in no longer good enough Make sure that you are monitoring your blood pressure as well

Question, Jan from Clawson suffers from arthritis She has been hearing that vitamin D can help with the disease and would like more information.

Answer Jan is referring to an article from a recent issue of Arthritis and Rheumatism' Back in the 80s researchers started examining a large number of women age 55 to 69 The women did not have arthritis when the study began Scientists tracked personal habits like eating, smoking, and weight gain Their findings were startling The women that were taking the greatest amounts of vitamin D had the lowest chances of getting arthritis

Women consuming less than 200 IU (international units) per day elevated their arthritis risk by more than 30 percent I will update you again on this important topic when more research becomes available

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers e mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com Catch Peter daily on WDIV NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950 Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield

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Peaceful journey

What to say and do for a loved one with a terminal illness

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

What do I do? What do I say? are questions Cheryl Fairbrother often hears from family members and friends of terminally ill patients at St Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia

As coordinator of cancer services and the Peaceful Journey hospice program, Fairbrother sees not only family and friends but physicians and nurses struggling to care for those in the end stages of life

After working for 24 years in oncology as an registered nurse, Fairbrother has amassed enough knowledge to write two articles for the Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing - Life's Final Journey The Oncology Nurse's Role published in February, and Light On the Path to Assist the Loss of a Loved One, coming out in April

On March 16, she shares informa tion with the public and St Mary Mercy Hospital staff and physicians in What Do I Say? What Do I Do?", a lecture on communicating with loved ones and patients with cancer and terminal illnesses

Fairbrother says the basic rule is to ask yourself how you would want to be treated if you were dying The first facial look speaks volumes No slumped shoulders or shocked looks when a patient doesn't look their best

HELP THEM

Don't say everything is going to be fine if you don't know that Most of



Barbara Nichols stays overnight while caring for her mother. Sarah Malone

all, treat a loved one or friend as you would have treated them before

Its about helping someone to be comfortable, said Fairbrother Eyes speak volumes Visitors frequently look around the room or at the person they came with instead of at the patient The patient's eyes will tell you

Be honest Someone will go and make empty promises - I m going to see you on Thursday or they ll say

'You look good Instead, ask what can I do for you

Visits can cheer patients on days that seem endless but family and friends should call first If hospital ized, a patient may be going for tests or having a bad day Fairbrother encourages patients to set time limits or discourage visitors from coming if they don't feel good, but explain why If you can tvisit send a greeting card or note

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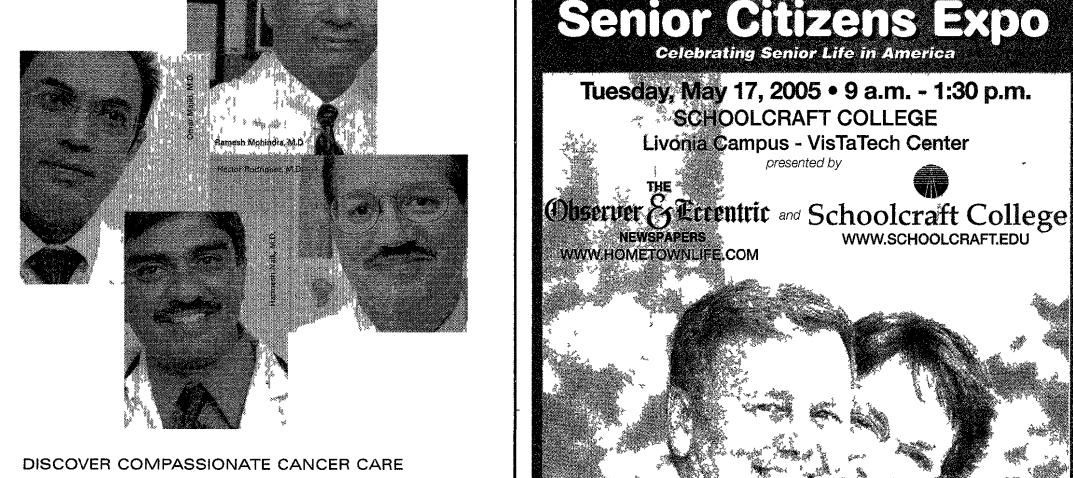
Don t take it personally if they say no," said Fairbrother, who runs cancer support groups for patients

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Kids with cancer get help

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Daniel Klein would have been 28 in July if he hadn't died from leukemia at age 7 in May of 1985 The disease is the reason why his mother, Mary Ellen, continues to raise funds for Leukemia, Research, Life Inc, a nonprofit organization formed by parents of children who were cancer patients at Childrens Hospital of Michigan

As a board member she and a committee are working on making the Evening of Hope a success 6 30 p m Saturday, March 12, at the Laurel Manor Banquet Facility, 29000 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Since the inception of Leukemia, Research, Life Inc in 1981 more than \$3-million has been raised to help find cures for childhood cancers The nonprofit organization has funded 7 research projects going on currently at Children's Hospital of Michigan

"Too many children are still being diagnosed every year," said Klein "Cancer is still the No 1 disease killer of children in the US Over 2,000 children will be diagnosed this year Since Danny died, leukemia now has an 80 percent survival rate We're seeing great strides in those types of cancer In the 1950s most of the kids with leukemia died Now there's a 75 to 80-percent cure rate'

Fund-raisers like the Evening of Hope ensure that progress will continue in the search for a cure In addition to enjoying a gourmet dinner, guests can bid on items in a silent auction or dance to the

music of Steve King and the/ Dittilies Tickets are \$100 and available by calling (313) 884-0931, or online at

Klein is overseeing the Chance Auction where guests buy \$2 tickets for an opportunity to win a \$500 necklace, basket of toys or bath products (valued at \$200), a weekend at Weber's, or a wildlife print donated by Bob Lemieux The silent auction features a package of 4-tickets to the Oprah Winfrey Show, a Regis & Kelly package with two frequent flyer tickets and show tickets, a hot air balloon ride, and a 7night trip to Cancun for four people

We began in 1981 when there wasn't a lot of money for research," said Klein "Danny was diagnosed at a little over age 2 and in treatment for 5 1/2 years He had a bone marrow transplant in Seattle 20 years ago doctors weren't doing bone marrow transplants in Michigan Danny's been such an inspiration to family and friends It keeps me and my husband Mike connected with Danny It's what we do in his honor'

Klein invites everyone to attend the board meetings and talk about new ways of fundraising to help find cures for childhood cancers The board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 30 p m in Board Room B at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit For more information, call Lynn Moore at (313) 884-0931

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Grieving parents support group The loss of a child can be especially devastating and complicated. Now parents who are struggling with the loss of a child can find support through the pediatric bereavement professionals at Angela Hospice Heartstrings had its first meeting March 3 but individuals may join at any time. Meet nos will be held at the Angela Hospice Care Center at Newburgh and 1.96 in Livenia from 1130 am to 1 pm and 630 800 pm For more information on Angela Hospice s community bereavement services or to register for the group call Feret at (734) 464 7810 or visit www.angelahospice.org Divorce support The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group 7.9 p.m. Tuesday March 8 in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile Livonia The group provides a forum for discussion receiving and sharing of information for those con templating in the process of or hav ing difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information call (734) 462 4443 www.lrlinc.org

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nity at the hospital and Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills, "The thing that's important is if you weren't close to a person, don't be close at , the end

FAMILY TIES

Sarah Malone wants her daugh ter, Barbara Nichols, as near as possible around the clock For some time now, Nichols has slept at the hospital in a chair which converts to a bed

"When my mom was in here dying I'd have given any-

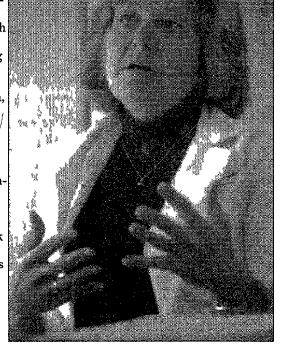
thing for me to be right there," said Malone, a

76-year old cancer patient from Farmington Hills Its so comforting to know she's here My other kids tell me they don t worry Its comforting They do everything to make you comfortable'

Around the clock visiting hours is just one of the ways St Mary Mercy Hospital makes cancer and hospice patients as comfortable as possible On 4 East, nurses keep a box of Milk Bones for special visits from four-legged friends Fairbrother believes in enriching a person's final days even if it means inviting a pet to visit from home A week ago Thursday, one dog sat in a chair next to the bed of a patient because their pain was so great any jarring would compound the hurt

Human companionship is just as important Programs such as No One Dies Alone provide a reassuring presence for patients who would other wise spend their last days and hours alone Compassionate Companions volunteer to sit at the bedside after going through a training program

Ask how do you light the way to where they want to go said Fairbrother 'What is the pain social worker Sandy Lopez meets biggest thing right now that to explore ways to with the challenges you feel completes how you can get them to peace and serenity? One woman said I just want to



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Cheryl Fairbrother talks about communicating with a loved one with cancer or a terminal illness

> see my granddaughter born Another woman wanted to earn her degree'

WRITE IT DOWN

If you were close, be a storyteller If a loved one can't talk, reflect back on their life Hospital employees donate journals for a Caring Cart that provides comforting items such as video tapes, candy, snacks, and CDs Fairbrother suggests writing down some of their words or your thoughts Afterwards the journal goes to the family as does a quilt made by volunteers for the patient Disposable cameras capture

this special time with a loved one especially for family members who may not have seen each other for years

If they were jokers before they still want to laugh,' said Fairbrother "Don t be afraid to hug unless they weren t hug gers before

What Do I Say? What Do I Do? takes place 1 3 p m Wednesday, March 16, at St Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan There is no charge To register, call (734) 655-8950 For information call Cheryl Fairbiother at (734) 655 8810

To learn more about volun teering for Compassionate Companions call Catherine McIntosh at (734) 655-1648

Recovery offers help with mental health issues

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

who suffer from depression, tension, anger, low self-esteem and other feelings and sensations that interfere with daily living There is no charge

For more information on the organization, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www recoveryinc org

Symposium will focus on breast cancer risks

A breast cancer symposium on modifiable risk factors will be held 8 a m to 3 30 p m Saturday, March 19 Learn more about reducing the risk of breast cancer by modifying lifestyle, featured speaker is Dr Victor Vogel, a nationally recognized expert in breast cancer risk assessment and prevention

Other speakers cover topics such as hormonal risk factors and managing risk through diet, at The Community House, 380 S Bates, Birmingham Cost 1s \$35 and includes morn- * ing refreshments, lunch and educational material Seating is " limited To order tickets, call (800) 633-7377



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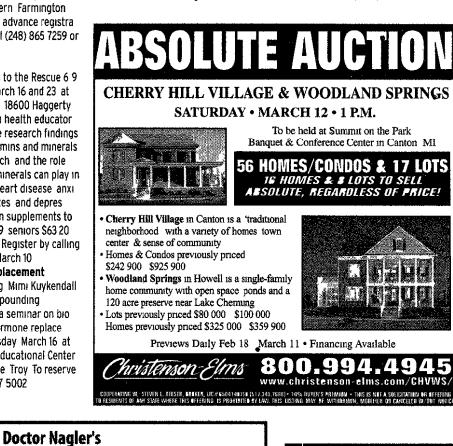
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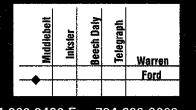
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High Fashion Wardrobe

A Chat with the Owner of Veronica's Closet and Veronica's

🗃 By Ellen Piligian 🗃

After two decades of living the international fashion highhfe in New York City and overseas - doing everything from consulting to designing and merchandising for the likes of Buan, Donna Karan, Perry Ellis and Yves Saint Laurent -Veronica Golubovic decided to come home

Raised in Detroit, and now settled in Beverly Hills since 2000 with her husband and two children, Golubovic is busy running Veronicas Closet in downtown Northville Here, customers find everything from designer evening gowns to trendy European jeans and hard-to-find labels like Fornarina, Byblos and Cerruti - all at 30 to 50 percent off retail

By late April, her second store, dubbed simply, Veronica's, will open in down town Birmingham "We'll be more high-end and carry more collections," says Golubovic, comparing the store to her Northville boutique 'The clothes won t be as deeply discounted It will be more like a continuous sale'

Thanks to Golubovics long line of contacts in the fashion biz, and at least a dozen buying trips a year, she says shes able to get great deals which she passes on to her customers

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Golubovic, who was born in the former Yugoslavia before her family settled in Detroit when she was seven packed her bags in 1982 for New York City to begin her career while studying at the Fashion Institute of Technology

While still in school, she began working for Bijan, where she saw chents drop \$15,000 on a pair of shoes 'It was an exciting experience," says Golubovic, now 44, who went on to work for other top designers doing everything from leather outerwear to accessories, including a hat she designed that graced the cover of a 1987 Vogue, she says Here, Golubovic chats with PINK about what's in for spring, her fashion pet peeves and - yep - the return of shoulder pads



How about shoes?

ballet slippers

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make?

I love shoes I like the pointy

those wedges with the ropey

weave Shoes have to be sexy on

a womans foot I also like little

What's your personal fashion style?

I m a more classic and tailored

My favorite fashion era is the

Those styles took a great deal

of workmanship I also love to

wear my Chanel boots with a

What fashion mistakes do women

We try too hard to emulate

other people Develop who you

are rather than trying to look

like some Hollywood celebrity

1930s with bias cut dresses

and Hollywood glamour

little heel ones I don t like

Boutique owner Veronica Golubovic

I had no idea how to run a store but I like helping people I m taking a successful formula from the discounters and combining it with a boutique

Who's your average customer?

I get anywhere from age 17 to an 87-year-old woman who came in to buy a coat I love the older women who have a sense of style

What current look do you love?

I love the jeans rolled up to the ankle with a little Moroccan beaded slipper Its clean interesting and has an ethnic flair

What s new in jewelry?

I m not big on jewelry I hate that big bulky jewelry Its so tacky i hat's going to be the biggest fashion mistakes people will make this summer with all that turquoise and coral

right now — with a black blazer and dress pants For spring and summer, pair a white blouse with a colorful skirt

What should women think about in terms of age or body style when it comes to fashion trends? You can get away with more different styles in your 20s

and 30s You can get away with the gypsy skirt in your 40s but stay true to what works for your body type even more than your age When you re 40, your body isn t the same as when it was 20 If you have great legs, wear shorter skirts If you have heavy calves, don't wear a skirt that hits you at your calves But no one over 40 should wear an over-the-knee skirt Women in their 50s and 60s seem to go for the St John fashions I think that s too matronly They need to go for more diverse stuff Women in their 70s have pretty much come to terms with who they are

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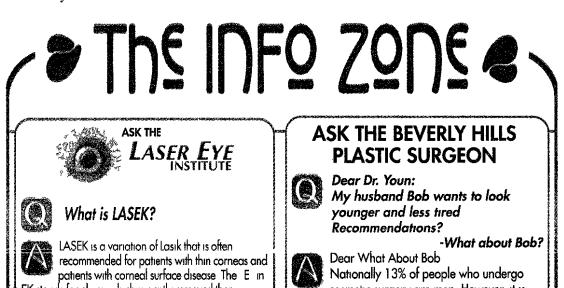
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what was your me fashion moment? I hate white shoes but in the 1980s I was wearing a really cool 1940s style pair at work at Byan in September This big fashion writer came in and I thought, Oh, Im wearing these white shoes! I know she looked at my shoes

What are you seeing farther out on the fashion horizon?

You won't see it for a year or more, but shoulder pads are coming back. So are peg leg and high-waisted pants

Do you have a fashion pet peeve? Wearing something too tight. What fashion look always works? Black and white Like a white blouse - ruffles are really big

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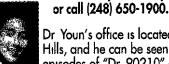
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cosmetic surgery are men. However, it is important to understand how facial aging in men is treated differently than in women The forehead is often best treated in men with Botox or a mild forehead lift This can get rid of lines and improve a stern look men can get as they get older Endoscopic techniques used today are very effective in men. This can prevent visible scarring which can be seen with traditional forehead lifts However, it's important that a surgeon not overdo a forehead lift and pull the brows too high. This can create a more feminine look as can be seen in Burt Reynolds today He appears to have had a forehead lift which was pulled too high To be continued next week

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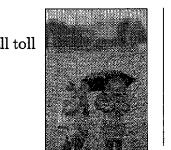
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New Royal Oak lofts offer urban living experience CLASSIFIED

While the urban chic trend of loft living rages on in Royal Oak, an intimate new development in Royal Oak will combine the edgy architecture of loft design with the privacy craved by well heeled condominium dwellers The Lofts @ 11 are architecturally reminiscent of upper end Soho lofts, but with an important addition - private entrances with either private patios or

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rooftop decks "Those who are seeking an urban living experience still want the amenities of a suburban lifestyle," explains Mike Barjaktarovich, Chief of Development, 3BS Land Company, L L C "Our resident is looking for the ultra-contemporary architecture of a loft, but with the privacy one finds in detached condominiums We have successfully combined these two residential styles in the Lofts @ 11"

The distinctive design of Lofts @ 11 does not stop at private entrances The upper level Brownstone Lofts features three levels of loft living with a second floor library loft catwalk overlooking the main floor living area The library has a decidedly retro design with a library ladder and catwalk with a scenic overview The third level of the Brownstone Lofts is dominated by an impressive master suite with French doors opening to a private rooftop deck The main floors of these lofts are equally impactful with two-story ceilings in the living rooms and upper end amenities throughout the kitchens

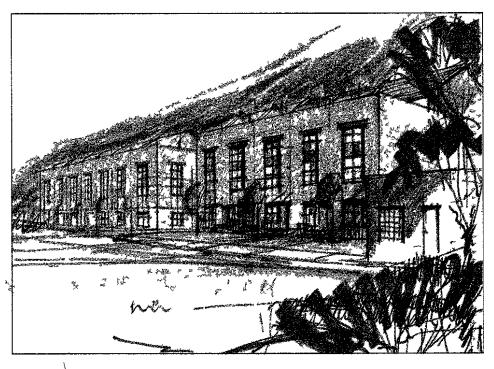
The Garden Studio Lofts, offered at a

price point that puts loft living within the reach of many urbanite hopefuls, is a split-level design with generous room sizes The private porch adds a sense of importance to the entry and the splitlevel design creates an open, spacious living environment A patio, accessible from the living room, provides a private area for entertaining or leisure

While these loft designs are distinctive alone, together they are unlike any other loft in Michigan Jim Schneider, R.A. of Schneider + Smith Architects, AIA designed these loft homes so, with minor renovations, the Garden Studio Loft below and the upper level Brownstone Loft above can be combined vertically to create a six level loft home The Garden Studio Loft portion of the home can be used for various flexible purposes, including a private office " suite, an in-law suite or other individualized purposes

The location of the Lofts @ 11 provide an outstanding segue between urban and suburban living Located only steps from Royal Oak's Main Street, the Lofts @ 11 are situated in a quiet neighborhood, within walking distance to Royal Oak's retail and entertainment district Additionally, the development features entirely private areas and the elimination of a common area positively

impacts association fees and upkeep "While many crave the conveniences urban living offers with its easy access to work, leisure and dining, there exists a significant portion of this demographic who still want a quieter atmosphere



Those seeking an urban chic place to five need look no further than The Lofts @ 11 in Royal Oak

without compromising the conveniences of downtown living," explains Jim Schneider "We designed The Lofts @ 11 to provide the best of both these worlds'

The Lofts @ 11 will range in price from the low \$200's to the mid \$400's Square footage for these homes will start at 1,120 5 square feet for the Garden Studio Loft to 1,811 square feet for the Brownstone Loft A vertically

combined loft will offer 2,931 5 square. feet of living space

With a projected completion date of summer 2005, the Lofts @ 11 ensure that those who seek an urban lifestyle no longer need compromise their privacy or aesthetic standards to attain loft living in one of metropolitan Detroits most progressive cities

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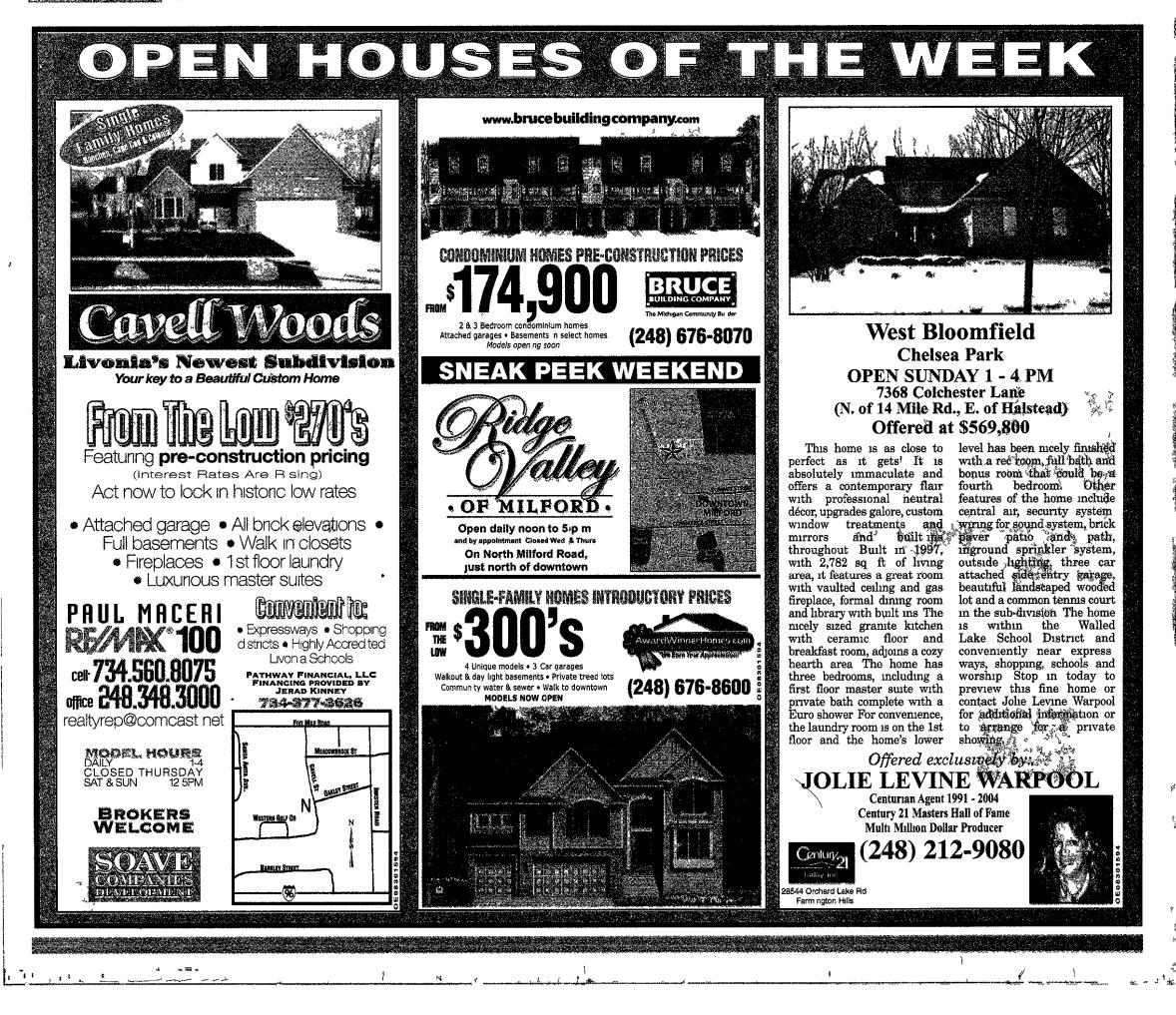
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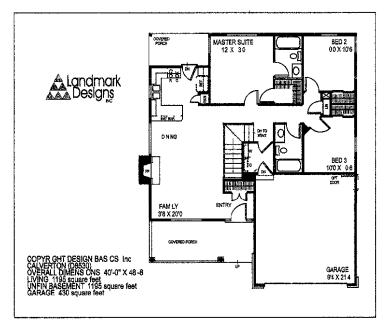
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The openness of the floor

plan is obvious as one enters the home There is a large family room on the left with the fireplace on the side wall Beyond the fireplace is the dining room and kitchen

A rear kitchen is in a 'C' shape with an eating bar on one end and dual sinks in the middle

On the right wall of the family room, the stairway to the basement curves around the

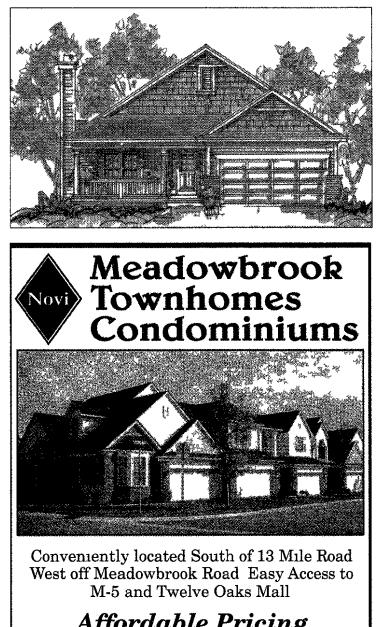
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Large and open describe the master suite There is a corner walk-in closet just inside the door a big window facing the backyard, which bathes the room in sunlight The master

bath has a tub and one sink The overall layout 15 ideal for empty nesters or a family just starting out

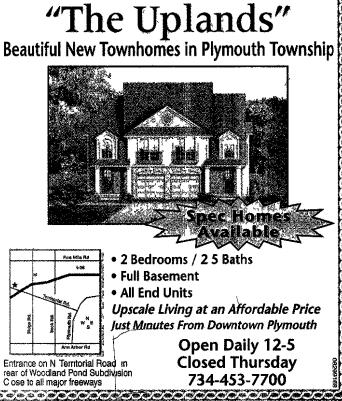
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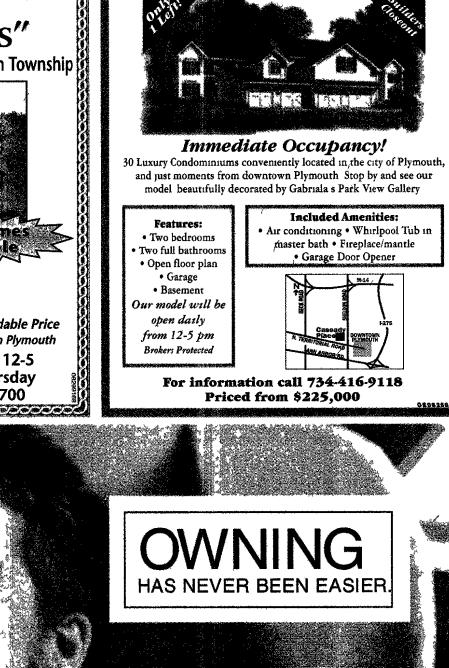
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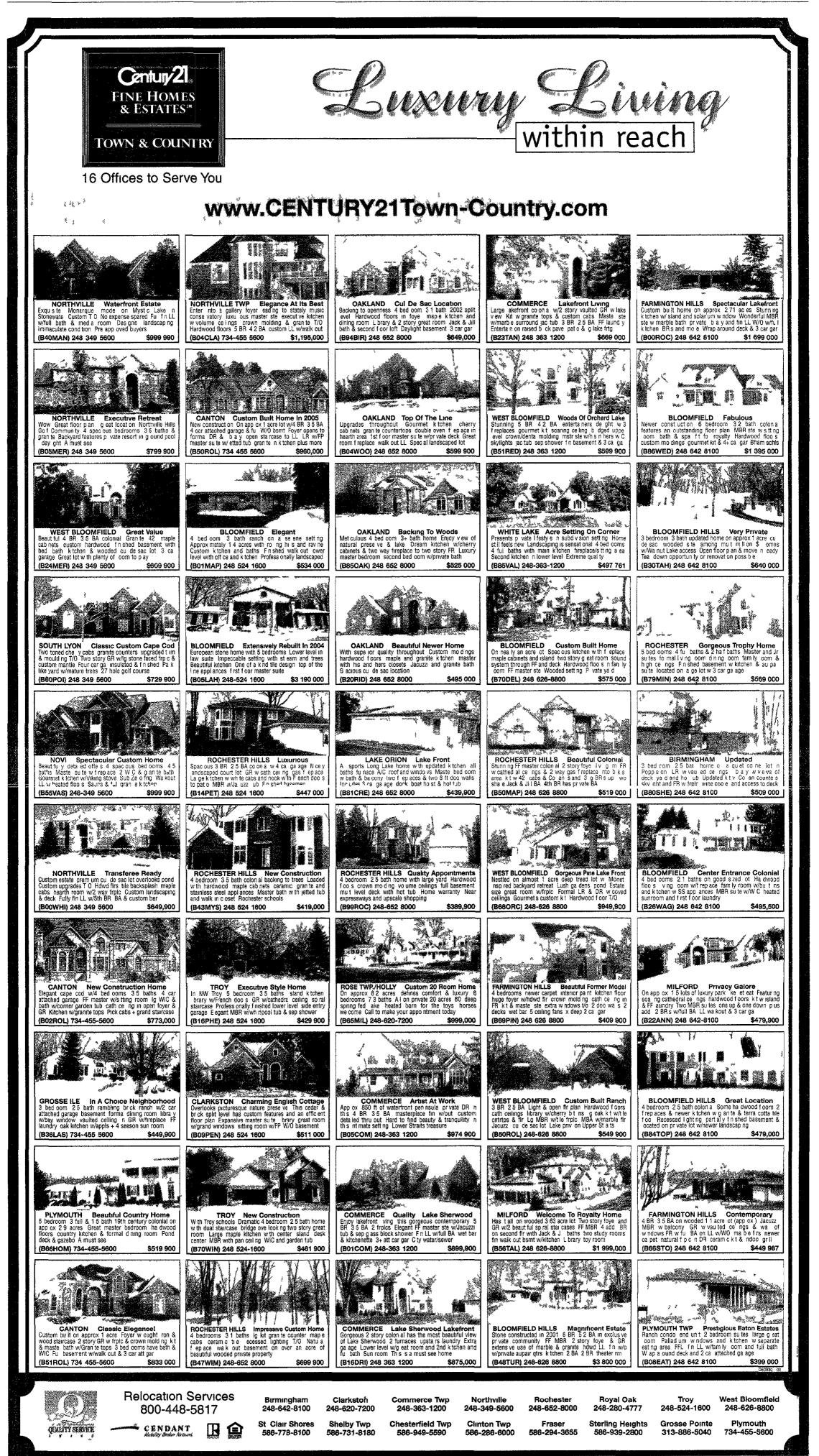






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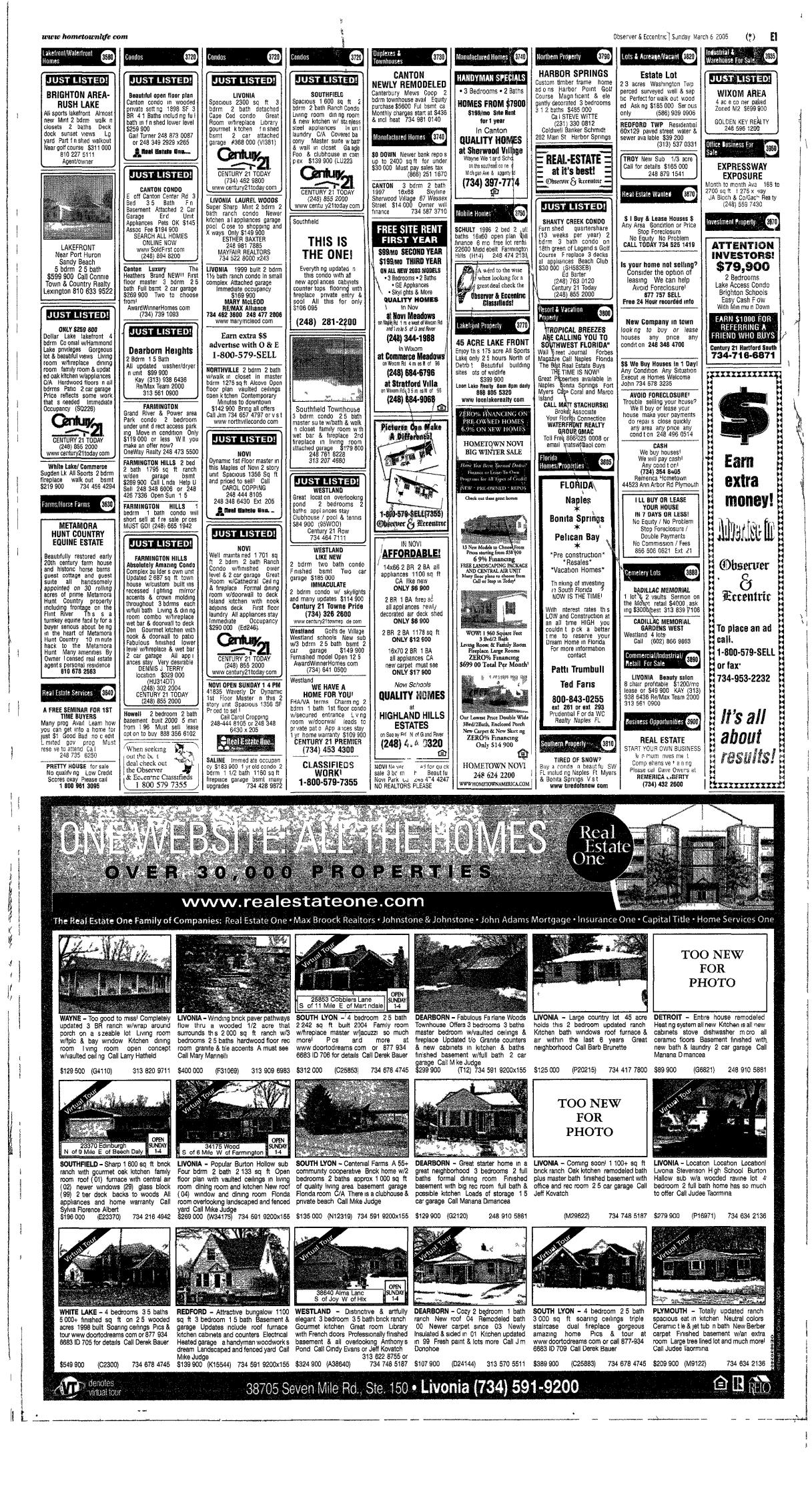


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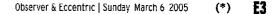
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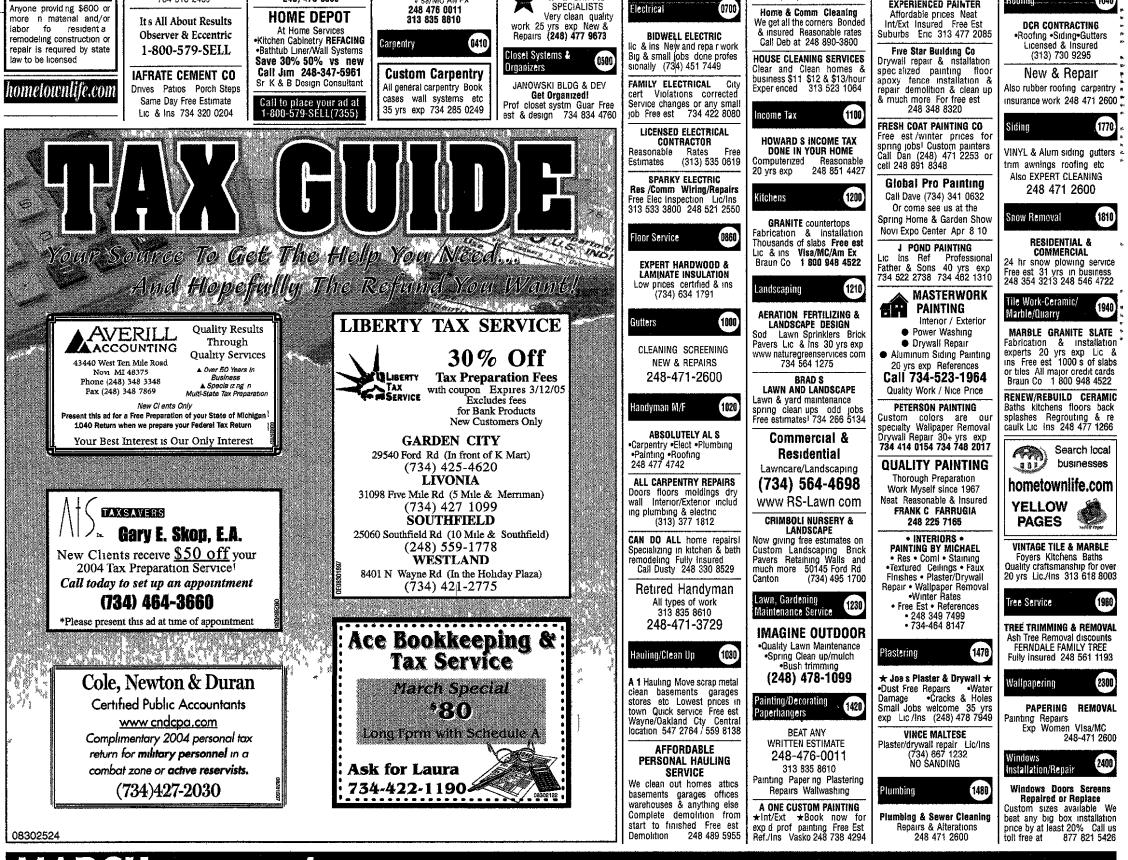
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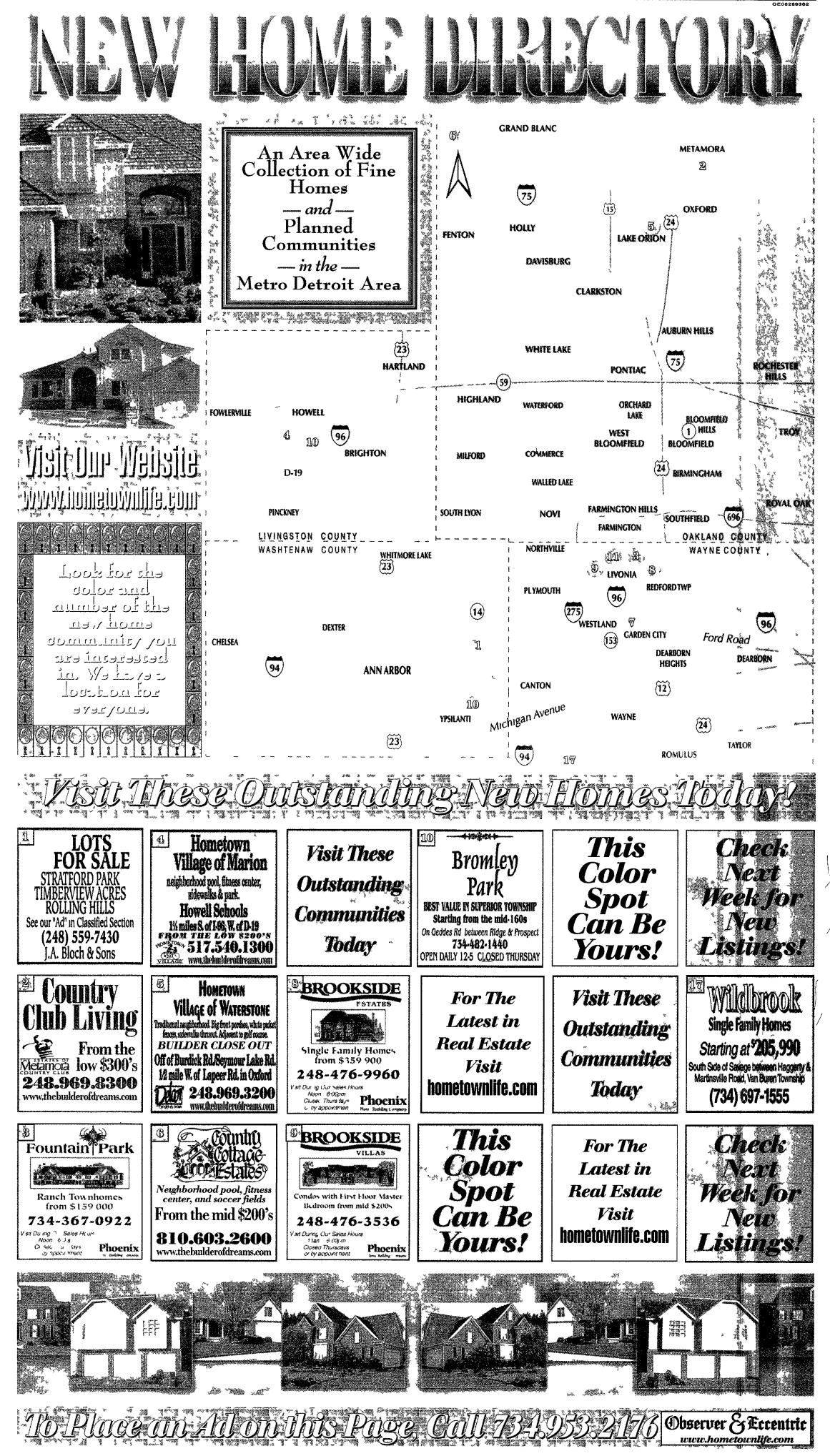
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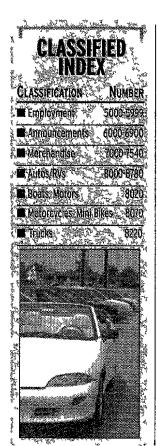
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This all-new Chevrolet Cobalt is not only a pleasure to drive, but also is perfect for teen's first car or someone who's going off to college Heck, it's so versatile and roomy that anyone could drive it

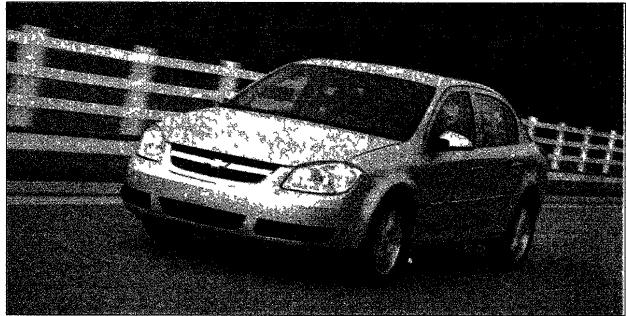
Granted, it's classified as a subcompact car, but it's far from what used to be classified as subcompact Remember the Chevrolet Chevette? Now that was subcompact

The Cobalt is quite roomy inside and seats five people easily and comes in a sedan or a coupe The sedan is what was driven this week It also has four trim levels to choose from Cobalt, Cobalt LS, Cobalt LT and Cobalt SS Supercharged

Driven for this test was the four-door LS sedan First introduced in December 2003 at the Los Angeles Auto Show as a 2005 model, the Cobalt is geared to someone who appreciates refinement, quality and performance and wants economy and great gas mileage, too The Cobalt delivers that

My only complaint is that the noise from under the hood can be harsh I'm so used to driving vehicles that make little or no engine noise that I must be spoiled At least you knew when it turned over.

On Cobalt, Cobalt LS and Cobalt LT, you'll find the Ecotec 2 2-liter inline four-cylinder enginethat delivers 145 horsepower when mated to a five-speed Getrag manual transmission and 155 horsepower when equipped with the Hydra-Matic four-speed automatic transmission On the Cobalt SS Supercharged, you'll find a 2 0-liter with a five-speed getting 205 horsepower



2005 Chevrolet Cobalt. Vehicle class: Subcompact coupe or sedan. Power: 2.2-liter dual overhead cam inline four cylinder. Fuel economy: 24 mpg city/ 32 mpg highway. Where built: Lordstown, Ohio. Price as tested: \$19,495.

LS and LT models provide you with a premium ride, while SS is geared toward someone who wants exclusive performance and handling Safety issues are taken care of by a solid unibody structure, dual-stage air bags that are standard and side curtain air bags can be chosen as an option There are five-point safety belts in all five seating positions as well Four-wheel antilock brakes are standards as is PassLock theft deterrent, battery rundown protection, LATCH system for child car seats, emergency trunk release, daytime running lamps, heightadjustable seat belts and child security door locks to keep the kiddies in line

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Looking for a car that needs little maintenance? The Cobalt is your answer There is no routine maintenance except the standard oil and oil filter changes recommended

Other standard features you'd normally expect in a luxury car are built into the Cobalt Things like air conditioning with an air filtration system, driver seat height adjustments, 60/40 split folding rear seat, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows and locks, keyless entry, dual power outlets, rear defogger, floor mats and remote trunk release That's value The Cobalt's interior is very simple, however Cloth seats are standard Instrumentation doesn't go beyond the normal gauges, but does include a tachometer Maybe Chevrolet was looking for the plain, clean look for the interior It's got that

There are a good number of options available on Cobalt The LS driven had extras like a leather-wrapped shift lever and steering wheel, sport fascia with fog lamps, rear spoiler, 16-inch aluminum wheels, chrome exhaust tip, automatic transmission, OnStar, side-curtain air bags, XM satellite radio and a Pioneer seven-speaker stereo system

Even with all those options, it only bumped up the price by a hair over \$3,000 Value again The automatic transmission and OnStar accounted for more than \$1,500 of that increase alone

The Cobalt is deserving of a look-see when choosing your next vehicle for around-town driving Loved the mileage the best, by the way 24 mpg in the city and 32 mpg on the highway That's valuable in this volatile gasoline market Go take a look

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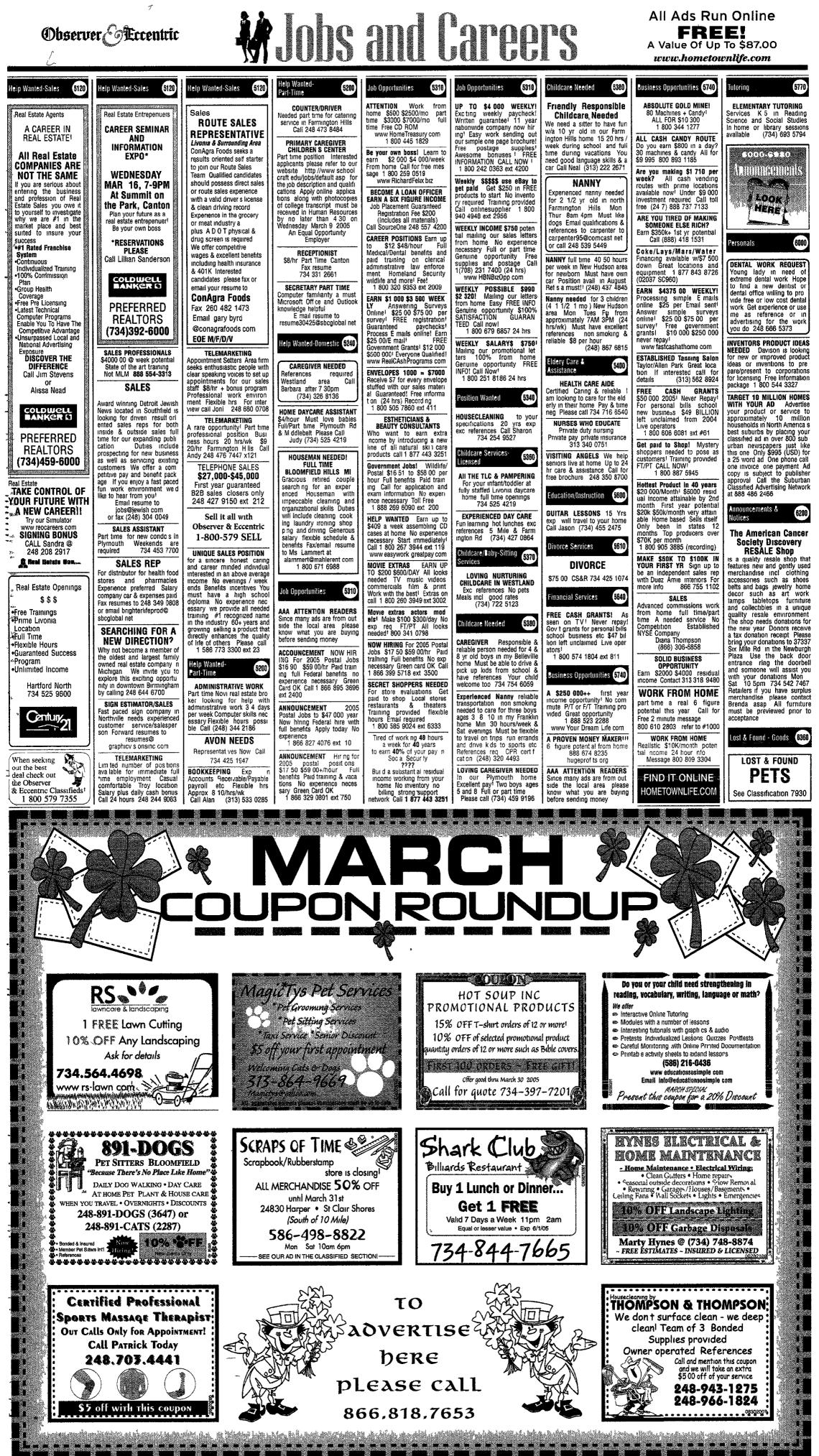
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