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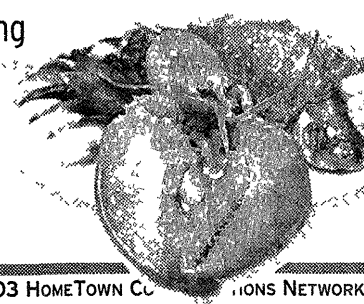
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Special kids get a chance to shine on stage – Observer Life, C5

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Good fortune

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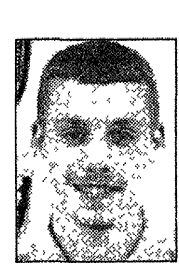
Book signing

Aimée Carter, the 16-year-old Canton resident who wrote and published her first book, *Phoenix Ashes*, will sign copies of the book Saturday in Northville.

The book signing takes place from 1-3 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble on Haggerty, at the corner of Six Mile Road.

Eagle Scout

New Eagle Scout Steven Karas of Plymouth was honored at a special Eagle Scout ceremony conducted Jan. 13



by Boy Scout Troop 1382 of Livonia. The formal ceremony was held at

Cass Elementary School. Karas earned the rank of Eagle Scout after completing his service project, which involved the collection of donated clothing. With the help of Boy Scouts and friends, 90 large bags of clothes were collected from his local community, then delivered and donated to the St. Vincent DePaul agency for its clothing bank.

Steven Karas, a senior at Canton High School, is the son of Gary Karas of Plymouth.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Andrea Paparelli-Simpson of Redford, winner of our second annual Lessons in Love contest. Andrea's entry describing her husband Mike's romantic marriage proposal earned the couple a special night on the town. Andrea and Mike won the following prizes:

- Two tickets to the Feb. 13 Red Wings game
 - Transportation compliments of J.R. Tours, Inc. of Novi
 - Dinner for two at Little Italy in Northville
 - A dozen red roses from Wesley Berry Florist of West Bloomfield
 - Candy from Kilwin's in Birmingham
 - A \$250 gift coin from Orin Jewelers of Northville and Garden City
 - One-night stay at Fraser Inn of Northville
- Meet Andrea and Mike and read their winning entry, along with others, in the *Observer* Life section Feb. 13. Don't miss this special Valentine's Day feature.

Teachers honored

Congratulations to Jackie Klugman, a musical theater and broadcasting teacher at Orchard Lake Middle School in the West Bloomfield School District, and Anne Tobias, a first-grade teacher at Farmington Elementary School in the Garden City School District.

Klugman and Tobias are the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers' teachers of the month for January. Look inside at page C6 in today's *Observer* for more information on these outstanding teachers.

Progress slow removing ash trees

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County officials are still holding to an estimate of sometime this spring for removal of dead or dying ash trees in Plymouth Township, but the sheer number of trees marked has local officials thinking that might be a little optimistic.

County employees spent several months in the township toward the end of 2002, marking ailing ash trees to be

removed from county right-of-ways.

However, some 1,100 trees were marked in Plymouth Township alone, making it unlikely the county will be able to hold to its timeline. Since December, county officials have removed only some 170 of the diseased trees, according to Jim Anulewicz, the township's director of public services.

"The issue in Plymouth Township is pretty substantial," Anulewicz said. "They're still projecting they'll have the proj-

ect completed by spring, but that seems pretty optimistic right now."

County employees marked trees, being killed off by the ash tree borer, that are at least six inches in diameter, and are at least 50 percent dead or dying. In Plymouth Township, Anulewicz said, many of the trees being marked are only 2 or 3 years old, making them fairly easy to remove.

However, he pointed out, trees in other Wayne County communities are much older and, there-

fore, much larger and harder to cut down.

"There's one street alone in Westland that had 85 ash trees that were close to two feet in diameter," Anulewicz said. "If people don't understand, this is a consequence equal to or greater than the Dutch Elm disease."

Anulewicz pointed out that the numbers with which county officials are concerning themselves take into account only trees that are in county right-of-ways. That means trees that

stand on private property, or in wooded areas of subdivisions, aren't being counted.

He said that makes the devastation even more dramatic.

"There's been no estimate for private property, but you could probably take five or six times that and not be overestimating," Anulewicz said. "You've got a lot of wooded areas that have ash trees."

There is no plan, according to

PLEASE SEE TREES, A4

Nonprofit groups get Fall Fest money back

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Fall Festival made money in September 2002, and the non-profit groups which helped support the annual event by paying a percentage of their profits for a fund-raising booth will be getting some of their money back.

"We gave back \$10,000 to the participating groups this year," said Mark Baldwin, president of the Fall Festival committee. "We had a surplus of funds, and the Fall Festival doesn't need money in its checking account."

Each year, the Fall Festival depends on money from the non-profit groups who have a booth at the three-day event. Each paid a \$25 application fee, \$150 for each booth space, plus 25 percent of net profits.

Baldwin said the financial picture of the Fall Festival looks good, and so does the future.

"Money from the non-profit groups is no longer the largest money-maker for the festival," said Baldwin. "The largest line items are from the carnival rides and Fall Festival program guide. We've managed to cut expenses with cost controls."

"We consciously tried to replace the money from the non-profits,"

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, A4



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Reading is 'fun'damental

Emily Seymour and Alia Jones of Plymouth, both 7, listen to storyteller Dan Keding at Canton Township's Project ARTS annual storytelling festival Saturday. About 100 children and adults turned out for the session at the Summit and listened to spontaneous stories for about 90 minutes. This was the fifth annual story event and three "tellers" ran both sessions: Dan Keding, in from Illinois, Barbara Jones-Clark of Southfield and Laura Pershin from the Ann Arbor library system.

Bus plan could drive turf decision

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The installation of synthetic turf at the Plymouth-Canton varsity football stadium could depend on whether the school administration can prove it has a plan to purchase new school buses for the safe transportation of students.

Four of the seven school board members expressed concern at spending money for the new turf at the expense of student safety.

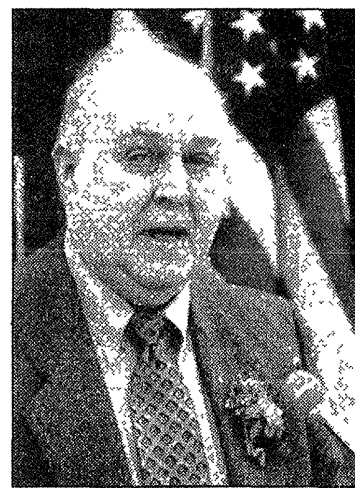
"They (the buses) are aging, and I think the safe transportation of our students is an issue that has to be addressed before turf," Trustee Carol Saunders told fellow board members.

"I'm uncomfortable (with purchasing the turf) because we certainly do need buses," Trustee Joanne Lamar added.

A state inspector recently warned the district about some possible problems with the district's fleet.

"The inspector has concerns about body rust on about 10 buses," said Supt. Jim Ryan. "He's telling us that when we do state bus inspections next summer, they could be on the critical list. While we don't determine them to be

PLEASE SEE TURF, A4



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carl Pursell's lifelong dedication to serving his country and his community earned him election to the Plymouth Hall of Fame.

Hill, Pursell named to Hall of Fame

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Fred Hill is perhaps best known around town for being the leader of the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team, the collection of marchers who perform annually in the Fourth of July parade and in Detroit's Thanksgiving Day parade.

Carl Pursell is best known for his very successful career representing the area in the U.S. Congress.

Now both men have another claim to notoriety: Induction into the Plymouth Hall of Fame. The Evening Kiwanis Club

and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce made the announcement earlier this month. Pursell and Hill join some 40 other members inducted into the hall since its inception in 1980.

The new honorees will be inducted at a special banquet and award dinner Tuesday, April 15, at Plymouth Manor.

"The Hall of Fame includes people who have made the betterment of Plymouth their life's work," chamber Director Fran Toney said. "(Hill and Pursell) certainly belong in that category, and they very much deserve this honor."

CARL PURSELL

Pursell, nominated by Hall of Fame member Jim McKeon, is a Plymouth native who spent most of his life serving his hometown and his country.

Born Dec. 19, 1932, the 70-year-old Pursell spent eight terms representing Michigan's 2nd Congressional District. He took leadership roles in Congress, serving as the House Republican Budget Task Force Chairman; the Deputy Republican Whip (1987-88);

PLEASE SEE FAME, A7



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Fred Hill said he was surprised "to be nominated, let alone elected," to the Plymouth Hall of Fame.

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To the rescue

See how one woman earned most of the credit for the success of the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign, in Sunday's *Observer*.



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MILITARY NEWS

Deployments

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Ryan L. Richardson**, son of Nancy C. Bye of Columbus, Mont. and Vincent P. Richardson of Canton, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Belleau Wood, homeported in San Diego.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Ashley R. Fields**, a 1999 graduate of Plymouth High School, Canton, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman home ported in Norfolk, Va.

Army Sgt. **Joshua F. Manuel** has arrived for duty in Vaihingen, Germany. Manuel, a military security specialist, is assigned to the 554th Military Police Company. He is the son of Vicki E. and stepson of David E. Messacar of Plymouth. He is a 1994 graduate of Hazel Park High School.

Commendation

Sergeant **Joseph T. Malas, Jr.**, son of Joseph and Janice Malas of Canton, was awarded his sec-

ond Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for superior performance of duties while serving as the platoon sergeant, maintenance chief and quality control inspector for Marine Wing Communication Squadron 38, Marine Air Control Group 38, Third Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Forces Pacific. He was a vital asset in support of over 35 squadron training exercises and maintenance of over 300 Major TAMCN items.

Promotions

Keith S. Pund has been promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army. Pund is an adjutant assigned to the 20th Engineer Battalion at Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas. He has three years of military service. He is the son of David and Janet Pund of Canton. The captain graduated in 1995 from Salem High School and received a bachelor's degree in 1999 from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Training

Army Pvt. **Keith A. Cooper** has arrived at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla., to complete One Station Unit Training. The training will consist of basic military training

and advanced individual training. Pvt. Cooper is the grandson of Marge Cooper of Canton.

Graduation

Navy Seaman apprentice **Dennis H. Maxwell**, son of Carolyn Maxwell of Plymouth and Mike Panyard of Pleasant Ridge, recently graduated from the MK-41 Vertical Launching System Operation and Maintenance Class "C" School at Fleet Training Center Atlantic, Dam Neck, Va. Maxwell is a 2001 graduate of Thurston High School in Redford and joined the Navy in October, 2001.

Army Reserve Cpl. **Anthony F. Hazard** has been re-called to active duty to support the mission of Operations Noble Eagle or Enduring Freedom at an undisclosed forward operating location. The reservist is a member of the 303rd Military Police Company based in Jackson, Mich., who, along with numerous members of the company, will be deployed. The corporal is a team leader with six years of military service. He is the son of Franklin C. and Evelyn F. Hazard of Canton. He graduated in 1994 from Plymouth Salem High School.

AROUND TOWN

PCAC ARTISTS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is seeking artists' resumes and work samples for consideration for its fall 2003 and 2004 exhibition season.

Artists should submit eight to 10 samples of their work.

For general information about the PCAC, visit www.plymoutharts.com, or call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 or Todd at (734) 207-3918.

LITERACY TUTORS

The Community Literacy Council is seeking volunteers to tutor adults in reading. They train and provide all of the materials. Several day and evening training sessions are planned for February; the training is held at Starkweather school in Plymouth and/or at the Canton Library.

"We have about 17 volunteers right now," coordinator Fran Relyea said, "but we would like to double that number."

The current volunteers are both young and old Relyea said. Volunteers always tutor in public places, usually the Canton or Plymouth library. Call (734) 416-4906 to register for training by Friday, Feb. 7. Training takes about 14 hours and is spread over several sessions.

KIWANIS MEETINGS

The Kiwanis Evening Club of Plymouth now conducts its meetings at Station 885, the restaurant located at 885 Starkweather. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

For information on becoming a Kiwanis member, call Charlene Miller, (734) 455-4782.

MARTIAL ARTS

East West Martial Arts in Plymouth is offering free "child-safe" seminars to teach awareness skills for stranger-danger and bully defense. A minimum of eight children is required.

The seminars last about 45 minutes and are done at East West Martial Arts, 521 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Anyone interested - parents, teachers, principals, companies or coaches - may organize a "childsafes" seminar.

East West Martial Arts is also sponsoring world champi-

on kickboxer Nick Hewitson for a weekend seminar, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 22-23.

Students will learn punching, kicking, elbows, knees, the clinch, defense and conditioning from the art of Muay Thai, the national martial art of Thailand. No experience is necessary; students should bring a towel, comfortable shorts and a T-shirt in which to work out.

The cost is \$100 for pre-registration, \$150 at the door. For more information on any East West Martial Arts programs, call (734) 414-7789.

LINK UP WITH LINCOLN

The Plymouth Historical Museum will host a special weekend celebration of Lincoln's Birthday on February 15 and 16 from 1-5 pm each day.

Kids admission is free. Young people will have a chance to meet Abe, talk with Civil War Remeactors, dress in period clothing, receive special tours of the Lincoln Exhibit, find out how to be a Civil War Spy and much more.

For more information, call the Plymouth Historical Museum, (734) 455-8940.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

Registrations are now being taken for classes through Plymouth-Canton schools' Community Education program. The following classes are available:

■ For adults — Paint a craft; watercolor painting; glass art painting; stenciling; beginning and intermediate on Microsoft Word; intermediate Excel; ballroom dancing; country-western two-step; line dancing; salsa and swing; aerobics; dance-lates; kickboxing and Tai Chi; volleyball; yoga; basketball, racquetball and volleyball; French, German, Spanish, sign language; Dulcimer; harmonica; piano; organ; crocheting; knitting; first aid; massage therapy.

■ Youth offerings include ACT prep workshop; parent-tot cookie bake; photography and scrapbook; French and sign language; jeweled waterglass art class; mad science; plaster playtime; yoga; radio; kindermusic; piano; junior karate; Tae Kwon Do; gymnastics and swim.

For class and registration information, got to the Web site, www.pccs.k12.mi.us, or call (734) 416-2937.

ROTARY GOLF

The Plymouth Noon Rotary Club is taking reservations for the May 19 golf outing at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. The 18-hole scramble with a cart, dinner and prizes costs \$800 per foursome and sponsorship, or \$175 per person.

Reservations can be made by calling Marie Morrow at (734) 453-6879 or Tom Piotrowski at (734) 455-1220.

SYMPHONY'S HOT TICKET

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra celebrates the area's wealth of young musical talent with its third annual "Instrumentorship" concert, set for Feb. 8 at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The concert pits symphony musicians with students in the middle school orchestras, under the direction of Catherine DePentu and Erin Zurbuchen, and is sponsored by a \$3,500 grant from Marshall Fields.

The "instrumentorship" program teams string coaches from the PSO with middle school musicians and culminates with the annual concert featuring both mentors and students. It's part of the larger CLASSical Music Outreach to the Schools program, which fosters dedication to the arts, as well as musical excellence.

This year's concert also serves as the inauguration of the newly installed Casavani Freres pipe organ at OLGC.

Individual concert tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$10 for college students. School-age children (K-12) are admitted free. For more information, call (734) 451-2112.

TAX ASSISTANCE

Free income tax assistance will be available to Plymouth-area seniors beginning Feb. 5, and every Wednesday thereafter through April 9.

AARP volunteer tax-aid counselors, trained by the Internal Revenue Service, will help seniors fill out tax forms at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

Appointment times are available at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

For an appointment, call the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.



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My problem Is Your Opportunity

I've decided to give up trying to make a profit during the "killer" months. If I can only minimize my losses during January, February and March, I will come out ahead to the other nine months. Here's how this (admittedly daring) offer came about. Every year, the big manufacturers of air conditioners have to guess how many to build to meet the demand. Of course, they're never exactly right. So, they always have some inventory they must hold over until the next summer season. I went to one of these companies (Big name) and contracted for the purchase of 24 air conditioners and furnaces in the four most popular sizes. And, because of the quantity and time of year, I was able to buy them at drastically reduced, dirt cheap, out-of-season prices. They are brand new 2002 models. And they are NOT the seconds or "blems" or standard "builder" models. They are factory-fresh, air conditioners and furnaces and have a full factory warranty.

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fit your house, of course), I am "giving" you the furnace and all I ask for is the \$341 in labor it costs to have your furnace installed.

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The Concept Is Simple Really

By letting you win big now, I will win at the end of the year. I'm betting that if I make you an offer that is "irresistible" (at least it should be if your furnace or air conditioner is over 8 years old) and I barely mark it up above the price I paid, I will accomplish two things:

1. I will cover my rent, utilities, insurance and taxes in the "killer" months.
2. I can pay my professional staff of technicians to work instead of paying them to sit at home.

If I can accomplish these two objectives, I will minimize my losses and the rest of the year, I can be a winner.

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Gallimore Principal Valerie Gagnon, center, talks with representatives of the Parent Teacher Organization about what to do with regard to bringing in a new principal. She retires in June after spending the last six years at Gallimore.

Principal calls it a career

Gallimore's Gagnon eyes a 'more compatible' life

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After 30 years in education, the last six as principal at Gallimore Elementary, Valerie Gagnon will be retiring from the Plymouth-Canton school district in June.

However, Gagnon said it's not like she'll be leaving forever.

"We have grandchildren who live in the Plymouth-Canton district, and they will go to Gallimore," said Gagnon, whose grandchildren are 2 and 4 years old. "I will probably be the helping grandma, the one who is here doing the volunteer things. So, you will still see my face around here at Gallimore."

Gagnon, who is married to Observer columnist and radio personality Joe Gagnon, The



Gallimore Principal Valerie Gagnon smiles as she talks with representatives of the Parent Teacher Organization about what to do with regard to bringing in a new principal.

Appliance Doctor, said the timing is right for her to leave a career she thoroughly enjoys.

"My life and my husband's life don't match very well," she said. "He works all week-end and I work all week ... so this is a chance to make our lives more compatible."

"Joe and I are going to build a house, probably the South Lyon area, and I'll probably concentrate on that for the first year," said Gagnon. "I'm not the kind of person who likes to sit around, so I'll find something to do. I love technology, digi-

tal photography, scrapbooking, and I want to learn to play the piano."

Gagnon taught 22 years in Farmington, and spent four years as a principal of Redford Union High School, before moving to Gallimore.

"Education is a relationship kind of business, and Gallimore is a wonderful place for people - parents, teachers and students," she said. "I've had lots and lots of great opportunities in my career, and had contact with lots and lots of kids. I'm really proud of that."

"I'm really proud of the work the staff has done while I've been here. We've made some major changes," added Gagnon. "One of the areas we've put the most effort into here is technology, and the staff has supported and learned with the kids. It's one of the most exciting things happening in education today."

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District, city hammer out details of partnership for Central Middle School

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

There is only one obstacle standing in the way of a recreation partnership between the city of Plymouth and Plymouth-Canton Schools to improve Central Middle School recreational facilities: \$1.5 million.

That's the ballpark figure being tossed about to improve the athletic fields, construct a walking/running track, repair the bleachers and install new lighting and fencing.

City commissioners Dan Dwyer, Michele Potter and Phil Pursell met with school board members Joanne Lamar, Carol Saunders and Tom Wysocki last week to discuss the partnership. Both sides agreed to move forward with the project, but only if they can find outside funding, such as grants, to foot the bill for the improvements.

"It's a great idea to develop the land. The facility really needs to be updated," Saunders said. "Quite honestly, we need to find funding because we don't have any money. Without outside funding coming in, it's not possible in any way."

Dwyer agreed. "We can't do it either," he said of the city. "The trick is to get the cooperation (from the school district and user groups) so we can get grant money. That's the whole game."

With cuts in state revenue sharing money affecting the city's budget, and reductions in the state foundation grant troubling the school's bottom line, neither entity can afford the enhancements at Central.

'We need a plan to partner together for joint grant applications. That sends a clear signal that we have multi-governmental cooperation.'

Paul Sincok
Plymouth city manager

However, city recreation officials understand how the grant process works, having received a \$635,000 grant from the state for recent improvements at the Cultural Center.

"We need a plan to partner together for joint grant applications," Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok said. "That sends a clear signal that we have multi-governmental cooperation."

"It will take more than one grant for it to happen," he said. "People are going to have to step up to the plate. They can't depend on the schools or the city to cover all the costs of maintenance for all the facilities. I think we can make it happen."

Sincok said groups that use the facility, such as Little League baseball and youth football, are the kinds of groups that will need to "step up."

"I don't think we have the financial wherewithal to maintain the facility at the levels that will be expected," Sincok said, "unless there is some income from some user groups. It's no different than renting a gym for basketball or ice for

hockey."

Sincok also said groups such as the Wilcox Foundation and Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs will be contacted for contributions.

Wysocki said the school district has already proven that partnerships involving recreation can work.

"We've had pretty good luck with Plymouth Township in refurbishing our field at Isbister (Elementary)," he said. "Central has a lot of good potential for all sorts of things. I'm sure if we can make a good enough case, we can get community support."

Pursell called it a win-win situation for everyone.

"With our recreation department, we'll end up with a world-class facility," he said. "Massey Field demonstrates that to me. I look forward to putting a shovel in the ground."

Sincok said the city intends to use block grant funds for a \$5,000 study to create a master plan for the Central property, which will include input from all the groups which use the facilities. He said the planning process will take about three months, with the best-case scenario for beginning the project in the fall.

As for the schools, Ryan is hopeful the partnership with the city will put an end to the discussion about the future of Central Middle School.

"Why would we partner with you (the city) if we were going to sell it?" Ryan told commissioners. "We want to be good neighbors and good partners."

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Chipper helps cities deal with ash borer

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

With an aggressive insect killing ash trees throughout southeast Michigan, state officials have selected Westland to receive a giant chipper to help dispose of dead trees.

The city will get its chipper by late February, Public Services Director Tom Wilson said, but it already has started accepting and stockpiling ash tree parts up to 15 feet long.

Residents, businesses and municipal workers from Westland, Livonia, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth Township, Dearborn, Inkster and other area communities will be allowed to bring their diseased wood to the Westland's public services yard, 37137 Marquette east of Newburgh.

Westland has become one of only six communities in south-east Michigan to receive the chippers, provided by the state Department of Agriculture.

"We're the first community to start taking the wood products," Wilson said.

Wayne-Westland school officials already have made deliveries of ash tree parts, which will be chipped and hauled by a contractor to a Genesee County power plant for burning.

"There has to be a place to dispose of these trees as we take them down, and this will give us a place to dispose of them," Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "It will be of great assistance to us."

Wilson has predicted that all 3,217 ash trees on city-owned property will have to be cut

down due to damage caused by the Emerald Ash Borer, an aggressive, quick-multiplying insect. The city already has taken down hundreds of trees.

City officials hope to have the tree chipper for several months, although Wilson couldn't say with certainty.

"Hopefully, this will help us to control the ash borer," he said. "We'll try to lower the population."

The new program will help some property owners save money, if they choose to take their wood parts to the local chipper and avoid hiring a contractor to haul them away.

State officials have placed a quarantine on ash trees, prohibiting people from taking dead or dying trees out of the area.

Wilson welcomed the state's decision to place a chipper in

Westland.

"I think it's a great thing that the state of Michigan stepped forward to say there is a problem and that it needs to be addressed," he said.

Hours for the public services yard will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, he said. People bringing in wood parts should stop at the front office, and they'll be told where to take their trees.

People delivering wood will have to fill out forms supplying information, such as their names, when they came in, where they brought the wood from and, if applicable, the names and addresses of their businesses.

For more information, call the Westland Public Services Department at (734) 728-1770.

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FESTIVAL

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added Baldwin. "If we take more money from them, then we're taking money from the programs they support in the community."

Unlike many years in which the event ended its three-day run in red ink, Baldwin said the Fall Festival concluded

last year with just over \$19,000 in the bank. The festival committee kept \$9,000 for start-up money, and divided the rest among the community groups.

The majority of the profit from last fall's festival, according to Baldwin, was the carnival rides, which netted \$21,500. The Fall Festival guide brought in \$15,000; the craft show about \$3,000; the beer tent nearly \$2,000; plus

another \$1,000 from the car show.

The Fall Festival committee has developed a new fee structure for non-profit groups who participate this year. A fundraising booth will cost \$300, with another \$150 for each additional space. Non-profits will no longer be required to pay 25 percent of net profits, meaning they will be able to keep all of the money they collect.

Baldwin said the Plymouth Rotary will pay \$2,000 to use The Gathering for the annual chicken barbecue, and the Kiwanis clubs will pay \$1,000 for its pancake breakfast.

The Fall Festival committee is contemplating adding a 5k run throughout Plymouth, which it believes could generate another \$3,000.

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TREES

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Anulewicz, to replace the trees. Last fall, Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann tried to push through a program that would have allowed the township to help replace trees lost to the ash borer, but he couldn't muster the votes on the township board.

Mann has appointed Anulewicz to a committee made up of representatives from the communities that make up the Conference of Western Wayne. Representatives from U.S. Sen. Carl Levin and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow also serve on that committee.

Anulewicz said that level of representation is going to be pivotal if anything is to be done about the deforestation.

"The position (the committee) is taking is that no matter what condition your ash tree might be in today, if it's located in Plymouth or Canton townships, they believe it will be dead — period," Anulewicz said. "In other words, the only hope for any ash trees surviving in this area is very young trees that would need root treatment. That probably isn't economically feasible, because they'd need it every year thereafter, and there are still no

guarantees."

Representatives of Levin and Stabenow "have taken that information back to Washington for a look," said Anulewicz, who pointed out that this problem affects Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw, Wayne and Monroe counties.

"That's a heavily populated, large area that is going to need some sort of reforestation program when this eventually works itself out," Anulewicz said. "They are saying they'll work with us to convince Washington they need to look at spending some money to help replace the forestation."

In the meantime, local residents are dealing with dead or dying ash trees, either on their own or through the use of a contractor. Either way, help is available in disposing of the trees. The city of Westland, Anulewicz said, used money from a federal grant to purchase a chipper referred to as "The Monster," which Anulewicz said can "literally take large trees and cut them in one gulp."

"It's at their DPW, which is between Newburgh and Wayne roads, south of Ford Road," Anulewicz said.

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TURF

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unsafe, he's giving us a warning."

Board Vice President Mark Slavens and Treasurer Judy Mardigian also expressed concerns about the cost of synthetic turf.

The board voted 5-2 Tuesday to table the turf discussion until next week, when the administration is expected to present a bus replacement program. According to Ryan, the replacement program should satisfy the questions about transporting students safely, and make it easier for the board to approve the synthetic turf.

"I believe we can (have both)," Ryan said. "We want it safe, the drivers want it safe, everybody wants it safe. The administration will be ready to present the board with a bus replacement program with the beginning of the 2007-08 school year."

Ryan said the immediate plan will include purchasing approximately 23 buses for the coming school year with money from various sources, with a potential bond issue adding another 41 buses.

By the 2007-08 school year, the district will complete payments on an \$800,000-per-year energy note. Ryan said that money could go into an annual plan to replace about 10 percent of the 125-bus fleet.

Ryan is expected to detail his plan at Tuesday's meeting.

Administrators want the synthetic turf because the field turns into mud after a hard rain due to a damaged drainage system, sometimes forcing

rescheduling and cancellation of events. The adjoining track also needs to be replaced.

At least three board members — Elizabeth Givens, Marcy Staley and Tom Wysocki — were ready to approve installation of the synthetic turf.

"We cannot be running three high schools, in the state of Michigan, with the wetness of our falls, on regular turf," Givens said. "Even with the drainage replacement ... it's not safe for our students."

Staley said she believes the bus replacement plan is feasible, and should allay fears of board members who are concerned about the cost of the turf, and the cuts in the state foundation grant.

"We can't lose sight of the vision of what we want The Park to look like in 5-10 years," she said. "The financial situation is short-term. We are going to get out of this. It's going to get better."

Ken Jacobs, executive director of support services, said the real savings of not putting in the turf will be about \$555,000, which is the cost of the carpet, and not the \$1.3 million for the entire project.

"We would have to tear up the field to fix the drainage, and we'd have to tear up the track because the drainage runs under it. And, the track isn't repairable because there's not base under it," Jacobs said. "The true savings ... is significantly less because we've already torn up the whole field."

Jacobs said if the board rejects synthetic turf, the field would probably have to be repaired with sod, and not seed, to have it ready for play in August.

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Settling in means heavy lifting for House freshman McCotter

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Thaddeus McCotter's been doing a lot of heavy lifting during his first few weeks in the U.S. House of Representatives. Not legislative labor – what's been done on that front can be described as light housekeeping – but moving, as in packing boxes, carrying furniture and driving trucks.

There's his Washington, D.C., apartment, new digs at the Canon House Office Building, a Livonia district office, and the apartments of staffers who are also moving to the capital, not to mention an aunt who recently moved to an apartment in Northville.

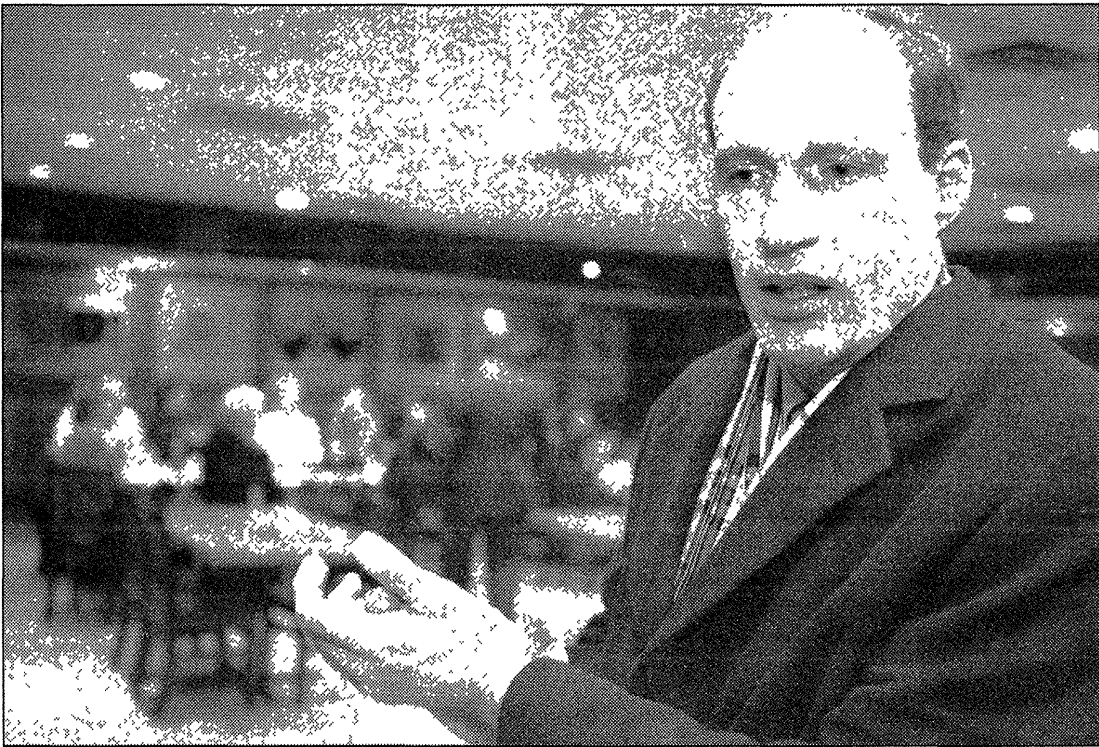
All require the expertise of McCotter's Movers.

"It's the physical, the logistical end of it that's often missed," McCotter, a Republican from Livonia, said of the transition to Congress.

The transition seems to be somewhat jarring for McCotter, a freshman representative, who in four years went from Wayne County commissioner to state senator to congressman representing Michigan's 11th District, which includes Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, and Redford, Canton and Plymouth townships.

'DORM' LIFE

"I have to live like a college student now," McCotter said. That means sleeping on a



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Congressman Thaddeus McCotter made a brief visit to the Republican Women's Club, which meets at Pick-A-Bone restaurant in Livonia on Thursday before another commitment.

futon, eating at restaurants and warming up frozen food and canned soup, he said.

His 400-square-foot studio apartment (in what he calls "a dorm for new members") is within walking distance of the Capitol, and Washington has an acclaimed subway system, the Metro, but McCotter is used to suburbia and the convenience of a car.

"I had to walk five blocks to get a gallon of milk," he said, wryly adding that he could've

bought whiskey within fewer blocks.

He isn't thrilled with grocery shopping on the Metro, having to lug the bags back to the apartment.

"I'm from the Motor City. I like my car," he said.

Fortunately for McCotter, that will remain a big part of his life, as he plans to shuttle regularly between the capital and Livonia. He's telling his children – George, 10, Timothy, 7, and Emilia, 5 – that he works in

Washington but lives in Livonia.

"We're very proud of him and we miss him when he's gone," said McCotter's wife, Rita. But, "I always know he's coming home," she added.

The adjustment isn't that tough for the family, Rita McCotter said, because they are used to him being in Lansing as a senator.

BUSY SCHEDULES

Plus, she said, their children

keep so busy with school, activities and homework, they wouldn't see him much anyway, and don't have time to dwell on his absence.

"Before it was an hour drive. Now it's an hour flight," she said.

In fact, it's about two hours total, door to door, if the timing is right, McCotter said. But getting home isn't as easy as getting in the car and driving in from Lansing.

"Mentally, it's very difficult not to come home at night," McCotter said.

A typical week, he's been told by colleagues, will require him to be in the capital Monday evenings, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. But there will be exceptions.

"Legislative schedules are malleable," he said.

Rita McCotter said she's looking forward to spending time in D.C. with their kids, taking in the sights and museums, soaking up the atmosphere of history.

"It's a great place to visit, but I wouldn't want to raise my family there," she said.

The kids slept on the floor of McCotter's studio when the family was in Washington earlier this month for the congressional swearing-in.

"It's kind of fun" for their children now, McCotter said. "Time will tell how trying it is."

McCotter's line that he works in Washington doesn't paint a complete picture, as work in the district will keep him busy,

too.

On Thursday, McCotter spent a few minutes with the Suburban Republican Women's Club, which meets at Pick-A-Bone restaurant in Livonia, before another commitment.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

He rattled off some contact phone numbers for the mostly female audience and told them he had been appointed to the House's budget and international relations committees.

The latter assignment "is not bad for someone without a passport who hates to fly," he joked.

"You don't have time to hang out," McCotter said as he got ready to leave the restaurant for his next appointment.

"I've known these people since I was little," and they understand the time constraints, he added. His mom, Livonia City Clerk Joan McCotter, was among those in attendance.

Rosemary Farabaugh – the aunt McCotter and brother Dennis helped move – is the club's president.

"He is well-qualified and he has prepared himself for his career," Farabaugh said.

She added her politician nephew is "highly intelligent," and a very ethical and moral person.

"I'm not just saying that because I'm his aunt," she said.

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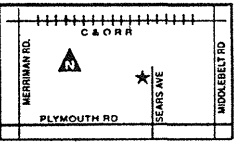


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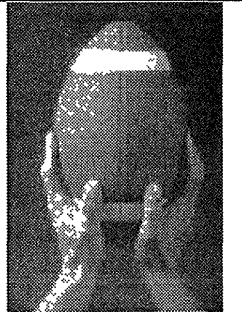
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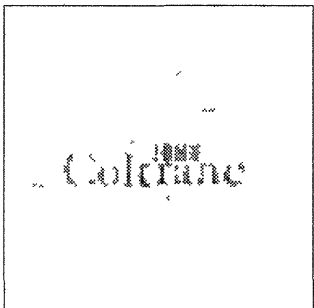
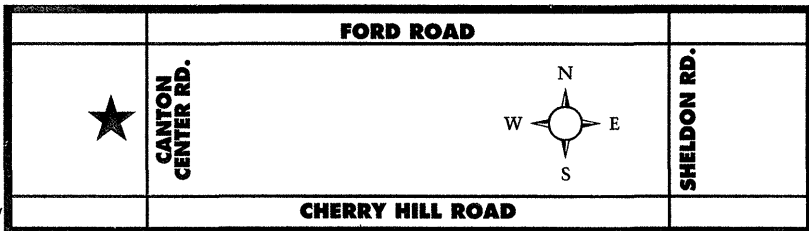
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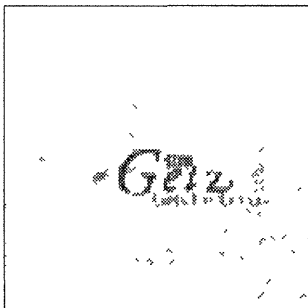
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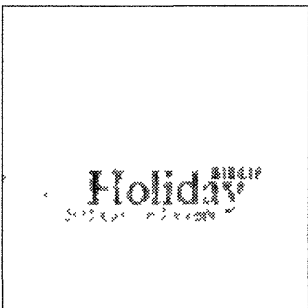
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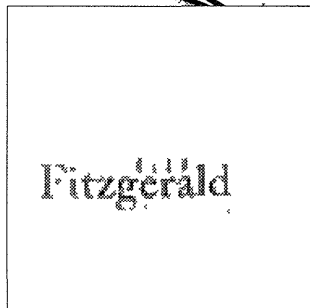
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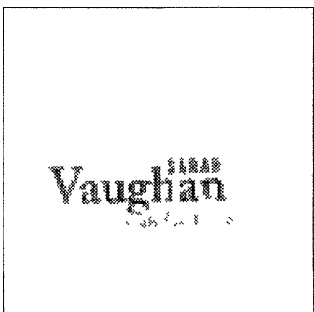
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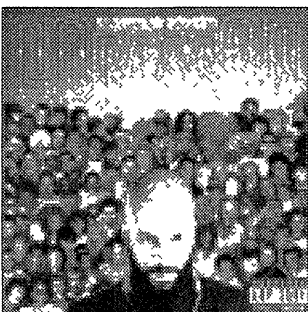
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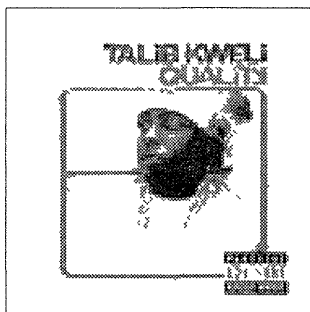
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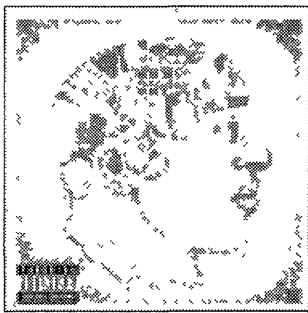
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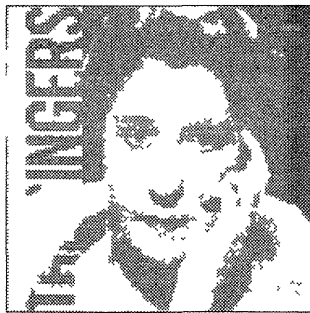
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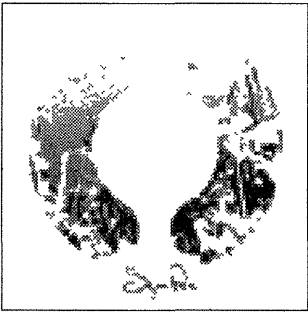
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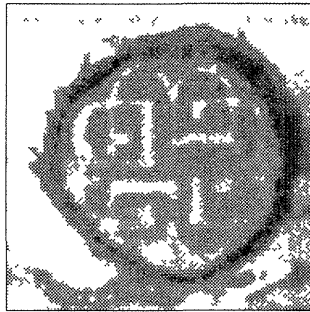
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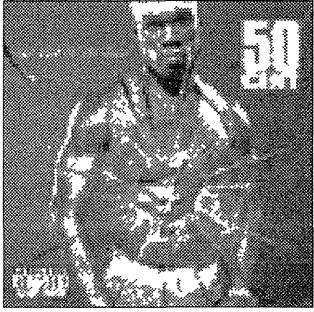
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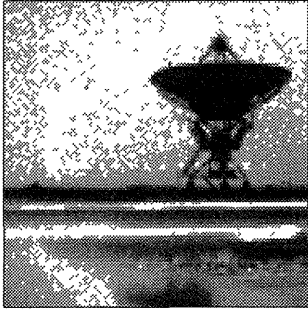
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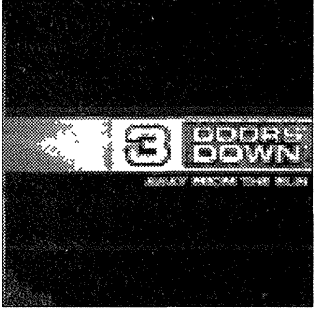
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Marcella A. Mallette

Services for Marcella Mallette, 80, of Canton, were held Jan. 24 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mallette was born Dec. 5, 1922, in Dayton, Ky., and died Jan. 21 in Canton. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Mallette was preceded in death by her husband, Louis O. Mallette; and step-daughter, Amanda Phillips.

Survivors include daughters, Sally Lou (Michael) Gyokeres, Deborah Miller, and Patricia Mallette; step-daughter, Lucille (Stan) Sharp; sister, Margie Smith; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154 or the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at www.griffin-funeralhome.com.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Anna P. Kern

Services for Anna Kern, 102, of Clarkston (formerly of Canton) were held Jan. 24 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel. Burial was at Spring Grove Cemetery in Medina, Ohio.

Mrs. Kern was born Feb. 10, 1900, in Lithuania and died Jan. 20 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Kern was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, and son, Carl.

Survivors include sons, Robert and Harry; nieces and nephews, Algird and Barbara

Mickus, John and Patricia Mickus, Donald and Sharon Mickus, John and Joan Wisely; grandchildren, Sharon, David, Michael, and Christopher; and many great-grandchildren.

Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at www.griffin-funeralhome.com.

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Thomas Torrance Struthers

Services for Thomas Struthers, 71, of Plymouth, were held privately.

Mr. Struthers was born June 19, 1932, in Coburg, Ontario, Canada and died Jan. 19 in Plymouth. He was an engineer at Gilson-Ayers in Madison Heights for 22 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1987 from Waterford. He was a member of the Plymouth Senior Citizens. He collected Civil War memorabilia and Indian artifacts. He loved to travel.

Survivors include daughters, Kelly (James) Cantley of White Lake and Shannon (David) Littleton of Alta Vista, Calif.; three grandchildren; two sisters; and one brother.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Thomas P. Rabideau

A memorial service was held for Thomas Rabideau, 40, Saturday at the Crystal Lounge in Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Rabideau is survived by parents, Gail (Robert) Hart and Thomas Rabideau; brother, Tony Rabideau; sister, Tammy (John) Arsenauli; sister, Danna

(Tim) Piazzzi; and sister Jamie (Dan) Burd; three nieces; and three nephews.

Arrangements made by Salowich & Stevens Funeral Home.

Joan Fromm Lash

A private family memorial for Joan Lash, 76, formerly of Plymouth, was held Jan. 26, with interment at a later date in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Lash was a graduate of St. Petersburg (Fla.) High School, was a nurse cadet in the military corps and graduated from Henry Ford Hospital's School of Nursing.

Mrs. Lash was preceded in death by her much-loved husband, Clyde William; and son, William Clyde.

Survivors include her sisters' families, Phyllis of Michigan and Margaret of Florida; as well as several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and her own children, Linda, Robert and Jonathon of Michigan and Phyllis of Colorado.

Michele I. Latawiec

Services for Michele Latawiec, 41, of Canton were

held Jan. 25 at St. Malachy Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Gembala officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Latawiec was born Sept. 24, 1961, in Ypsilanti and died Jan. 22 in Canton. She was a teacher.

Survivors include son, David Latawiec of Canton; daughter, Coleen Latawiec of Canton; parents, Joseph (Irene) Gembala of Canton; brother, Joseph Gembala of Sterling Heights; sister, Mary (Joe) Rutz of Georgia; cousins, Tom, Monica, Bernie and Brian Bishop,

Rick, Lorraine and Kevin Liddy; niece, Bev (Ed) Bishop; and aunt, Luke (Zak) Rutz.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home-Westland.

Betty Monnie Sweitzer

Services for Betty Sweitzer, 83, of Livonia (formerly Plymouth) were held Jan. 29 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mrs. Sweitzer was born Feb. 3, 1919, in McLeansboro, Ill., and died Jan. 27 in Livonia. She was an inspector for 30 years with GM Diesel. She

loved traveling with family and friends and especially loved playing poker with her grandson, Nikki.

Survivors include son, Michael (Carol) Sweitzer; daughters, Betty Jean (Bob) Awrey and Vicki (John) Eddy; brother, Bud Waller; sister, Kathleen Casey; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Mercy Hospital Cancer Center, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

FAME

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assistant Republican regional whip (1983-86); and co-chair of the Conference of Great Lakes Congressmen.

According to McKeon's nomination, Pursell helped author two federal budgets proposing no new taxes and no new spending. He was also a member of the Energy and Water Development Appropriation subcommittee, providing leadership on Great Lakes concerns and national energy issues.

Closer to home, Pursell spent five years in the state Senate and two years as a Wayne County commissioner. He's a past chamber president, past member of the Plymouth Jaycees and the Historical Society and a member of Kiwanis International. He was Plymouth's Man of the Year in 1965.

He married the former Peggy Jean Brown in 1956, and the Pursells have three grown children, Phil, Mark and Kathleen.

"Of course, having grown up here in Plymouth, it's an honor to receive an award like that," Pursell said. "I figured at my age, they'd forgotten me. It's a positive thing in my life."

FRED HILL

Hill has been a resident and business owner in the Plymouth community for some 34 years. For 24 of those years, he owned and operated Fred Hill Haberdashers on Main Street.

He also owned "Me and Mr. Jones" in the Mayflower Hotel and, for the last 10 years, has been a successful Realtor in the community.

But Hill is best known for the drill team, which has performed

in venues such as the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio; the Indianapolis 500; and the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz. In 1998, Hill undertook the rejuvenation of Plymouth's Fourth of July parade.

"It is in no small part through his innovation and efforts that the Good Morning USA parade is now among Michigan's most respected and best attended Fourth of July parades," wrote retired Judge James Garber, a Hall of Fame member who nominated Hill. "Fred's wit and out-of-the-box thinking have not only produced the drill team, but have also resulted in such memorable promotional events as A Plymouth Thanksgiving, Croquet in Kellogg Park and the Fred Hill Haberdashers Fun Run."

Hill is a longtime member of the chamber of commerce, with stints as president and chair of numerous committees, including several terms spent chairing the Commercial Retail Committee. He has been a member of the Salvation Army board of directors; is a past president of the Plymouth Community United Way board; is a 20-year member and past chair of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority; and a 32-year member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

Hill has a son, Christopher, and a daughter, Jennifer. "That's pretty exciting," Hill said. "I didn't anticipate such an impressive recognition. I had never thought about being nominated, let alone being elected. I think it's pretty incredible."

Tickets to the Hall of Fame Banquet are \$25 apiece and are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 386 S. Main. Call (734) 453-1540 for more information.

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OUR VIEWS

Tabling turf talk was wise move

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday night tabled the issue of whether to replace the aging football field behind Canton High School with synthetic turf similar to that used at Ford Field in Detroit, and it was a good move.

More thought is required before the school board decides how best to spend the last of the 1997 bond money. The topic will now be a subject on the agenda at a meeting Tuesday night.

The proposal currently being considered would see the district spend about \$1.3 million to replace the turf, which everyone agrees needs to be done. But the intangible costs of such a move appear to be climbing with Gov. Granholm's threat of cutting the state foundation grant paid to public schools on a per-pupil basis.

Of course, such cuts wouldn't affect the amount of money available from that bond directly. However, the district is currently putting together a priority list for a proposed bond issue in 2003, and Granholm's cuts could create a financial future so cloudy it might make voters shy about handing over still more tax dollars in a new bond issue.

The district has definite needs, and at least two of them involve the football field. The field's drainage system is now being blamed for the condition of the existing turf, and the track surrounding the field is likely to be declared a disaster area before track season starts this spring.

The district is also going to hear a proposal about bus replacement, a plan generally funded by bond money. The original plan was reportedly to pay for the synthetic turf out of the 1997 bond. At Tuesday's session, the board is also scheduled to hear a plan that reportedly will allay any fears about funding buses.

The district is hoping to put together a bond proposal it can sell to voters that would alleviate some of the financial pressure. However, in today's economic climate, with the district facing as much as a \$5 million deficit depending on how many new students come in, it might not be wise to chart a course of action based on money that might never be there.

There are still unanswered questions surrounding the turf issue, which makes Tuesday's choice to table the decision seem even wiser. For instance, how will the district fund replacement costs down the road? Estimates say such replacement would cost \$400,000 in today's dollars. What would that equate to in 2013 dollars?

With tough decisions to make, new synthetic turf on its football fields must fall into the "want" category for Plymouth-Canton schools, at least for the moment. Before indulging itself in a want, district officials would be wise to do what they do best — make sure the "needs" are covered first.

'Peace' resolutions not a local concern

Shouting for peace when the war drums are beating is an admirable, principled and meaningful form of expression. In a democratic society, such dissenting views are not only encouraged, they should be welcomed and embraced as a chance to understand other points of view.

But as conflict with Iraq appears more and more likely, there's a movement afoot to have municipal governments adopt resolutions of peace. A handful of cities, including Ann Arbor and Ferndale, have already done so.

Elected officials in other communities, such as Livonia, have discussed the notion but opted against actually committing an anti-war position to paper.

"I'm not elected to deal with foreign policy issues, and I'm not about to do that," said Livonia City Councilwoman Val Vandersloot.

This is the appropriate thing to do and we urge other city, village and township leaders to follow suit and decline passing any such resolutions that may come their way.

Like it or not, our municipal governments simply aren't the places where stances of this nature should be made. Our mayors, council members and trustees weren't elected for their views on war and peace, and they need not delve into such weighty matters, even if it's only words on paper.

As far as we can tell, most local governments have their hands full running their own towns. Municipal officials should stick to sewers, roads, rezonings and the like — areas in which they have some sway.

As individuals, our politicians are free to express their views on war or peace any way they want. As official bodies, they should avoid staking a position in this territory.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

These four cats were seen eating and watching passers-by on the porch of a Plymouth house last week. Each winter, the Michigan Humane Society receives hundreds of calls regarding animals left outside without shelter. With cold weather upon us, the Michigan Humane Society reminds pet owners that when temperatures plummet, pets should not be left outside for any length of time. Even large or longhaired breeds cannot withstand severe or inclement weather. These tabbies did have four separate shelters on the porch available to them, but appeared content just sitting and taking in the passing scenery.

LETTERS

Please raise taxes

Dear Gov. Granholm, State Senator, and State Representative:

Please raise my state income tax. Yes, you heard me correctly. Please raise my taxes.

I am a grandparent with grandchildren attending our public schools. I do not want their education compromised by a decrease in the state foundation grant for K-12 students. And I want their generation to provide wise leadership, based on good education, when they are in charge at a future time.

I have a brother with mental illness. I love him, I see him frequently, I do what I can to contribute to his quality of life. But he is dependent for his basic needs on the Michigan Department of Community Health. I have friends with developmental disabilities, some of whom have no family, who are dependent for basic needs on the Michigan Department of Community Health.

When this department's funds are cut, the most vulnerable people in our state suffer greatly. It is estimated that two of every 10 families have a family member with a developmental disability or mental illness.

Two of the reasons we organize ourselves into state governments are to provide education for our children and basic support for the most vulnerable among us.

It has been argued that stopping the decrease in state income tax will interfere with economic recovery. This is nonsense. If I were to pay \$50 more in state income tax, and that money were to be used to pay teachers rather than lay them off or to pay support staff in group homes rather than lay them off, that money will go into our economy just as rapidly as if I used it to go out to dinner once with my spouse, children and grandchildren sometime during the year.

Yes, each one-tenth of 1 percent of state income tax costs we middle-incomers \$50 to \$75 a year. But when we each ante up a little bit, the total would make it possible to continue public school support and to continue to support our most vulnerable citizens at the current levels.

So Elected Officials, please hear me. Do not lower my state income tax rate, and, in fact, increase it by one-tenth of 1 percent. I have an obligation to our children, to our grandchildren and to our most vulnerable citizens.

Sandra McClennen
Plymouth

Perfuming the pig

When I read your banner headline on the front of the Jan. 19 Plymouth Observer ("Stewart: Granholm is posturing") my heart skipped a beat. Did John Stewart see Jenny Granholm for the cynical politician that she is, playing public education and the MEA union off against the taxpayers?

As I read the article, I was glad that I am strong of heart. It's just the same old Jennifer and John.

When the Democrat governor

announced the school aid cuts to balance the state budget, I thought that it was a ploy to generate momentum to overthrow Proposal A. That way, she could keep her campaign promise to the MEA to be their governor.

As I read further in your article, I found that Stewart favors putting a "pause" on the upcoming reduction in the single business tax and personal income tax to balance the budget. I guess that's a replay of the old Marxist axiom, from each according to his ability, to each according to his need.

In this case, those with ability — to pay — are the taxpayers; those with the (perceived) need are our government masters. I'd be interested to know just how many years his pause would encompass.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I would think that if Stewart cared, he would be in a great position to find other ways to cut appropriations. I would offer some suggestions. Cut the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. This organization is only capable of stopping small private property owners from using their own private property. They have demonstrated incompetence in dealing with major polluters and environmental threats.

With the repeal of the state law regarding mandatory minimums for drug sentences, potential exists to eliminate or scale back the amount of prison space and support staff required.

I suppose one can dream of having representation that truly cares about the tax-paying constituents. The reality is that our alleged representation only cares about perfuming the big government pig at our expense.

Mark F. Tooze
Plymouth Township

Letters are troubling

I read with some concern two letters that were recently published in your paper. One letter concerned socialism. The letter (about protest signs) said: "Fight corporate crime, for example, indicates the liberal ideology of the planned economy. Socialists abound and the thinking is un-American."

I think what was being communicated is that if an American does not want the U.S. to go to war with Iraq right now, then they would be considered a socialist. In fact, one of the definitions of socialism is: "Any of various theories or systems of social organization in which the means of producing and distributing goods is owned collectively or by a centralized government that often plans and controls the economy."

Nazism was a type of socialism that forces the policy of racist nationalism, national expansion, and state control of the economy.

I am not a socialist. I do not believe that the local government of Canton should be operating recreational and banquet facilities at a profit. I feel that the local government of Canton by feeding off income from trash companies is treating our land and resources as collec-

tively owned property that they control to the detriment of the citizenry.

This war with Iraq is being touted as something that will expand our influence in the world. Many well-connected people will make a great deal of money. By fighting a war for profit that is designed to expand our national influence, the people promoting the war can rightly be called socialists and the Americans against the war can be called the peacemakers.

The other letter that caused me concern featured Sen. Byrd and an unfortunate remark he made sometime in the past. The writer of the letter failed to see that Mr. Byrd has been punished just as Mr. Lott was — Mr. Byrd will never be more than what he is. To his benefit, he continues to work for the good of all Americans.

Mr. Lott's fall, I believe, was due more to his being in the way of Mr. Frist, the senator from Tennessee. Remember when Mr. Bush gushed about winning Mr. Gore's home state in the election? Didn't you find that odd? Well, payback time rolled around and Mr. Lott had to take a walk. Now Mr. Frist is the Senate majority leader, and all he had to do was be from Tennessee.

Alfred L. Brock
Canton

Kmart story lacking

I was very disappointed with your article on the closing of the Canton SuperK on Jan. 16th. No thought was given to the human side. All Yack was concerned about was that the building would be the second "big box" to sit empty. Where was his concern for the 220 employees who work there? At least half of them live Canton. Why didn't he question why the store in his community is closing like the mayor of Utica did?

I also live and shop in Canton. I've never found any retailer here to have more than just a handful of customers at 9 a.m. The article seemed to say that closing the SuperK was no big loss. Yet the loss will very real to the employees losing their jobs and the loyal customers who shop there.

Denise Konwerski
Canton

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Coalition tax increase idea is wrongheaded

The sum total of all human knowledge about the politics of tax policy can readily be discerned in the ditty below:
*Don't tax him; don't tax me.
Tax that fellow behind the tree.*

As most folks know by now, Michigan has an enormous budget problem. Because of the continued recession, state tax revenues are way down. But the state Constitution forbids deficits, so Gov. Jennifer Granholm last week cut \$150 million in state spending to get just this year's budget back into balance. The problem for the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, is even worse; experts are talking about a shortfall of as much as \$2 billion out of a General Fund budget of around \$9 billion.

It should come, therefore, as no surprise that an outfit calling itself the Red Cedar Coalition (for the river running through the Michigan State University campus) is beginning to beat the drums for a tax increase. The group includes organizations that feel threatened by the impending spending cuts, such as teachers unions and other school folks, municipal government people and various advocates for social services, colleges and universities.

The coalition wants to extend the state sales tax to apply to all manner of things not currently taxed: advertising, personal services like haircuts and manicures, professional services like law and accounting, car repairs and the like. So the proposal can be marketed to the gullible public as a "tax cut," the idea is to drop the current sales tax rate of 6 percent to 5 percent, but impose the tax on lots of new transactions. It's tough to estimate the increased tax revenue to the state, but most experts think it's substantially more than \$100 million.

Initial reaction to the coalition's tax proposals was decidedly negative. Granholm led the charge by saying last week that, "Anyone who is proposing a tax increase has to realize that they would be going before a Legislature that's not predisposed to do it and a governor who is not predisposed to do it." With both houses of the Legislature controlled by Republicans, whose public policy signature issue is to be opposed to tax increases, Granholm may have been admirably understated in her analysis of the idea.

In my view, the Red Cedar folks are both premature and wrongheaded.

Premature because Granholm and the Legislature need some time to develop their own plans. Granholm will deliver her State of the State

One of the interesting things about Granholm, a Democrat, is her stated interest in using the budget problem as a spur for far-reaching rethinking about how state government should work and what services should be delivered and how they are paid for.

speech Feb. 5, during which she intends to lay out her overall strategy for dealing with the state's budget crisis. Moreover, she is facing a March 1 deadline to submit her own detailed budget for legislative consideration.

One of the interesting things about Granholm, a Democrat, is her stated interest in using the budget problem as a spur for far-reaching rethinking about how state government should work and what services should be delivered and how they are paid for. She deserves a decent space to develop her taxing and spending plans before people who have a self-interest in hiking tax revenues start piling on.

The Red Cedar proposal is wrongheaded because in taking the easy way out — just increasing taxes — it puts at risk three better ideas on how to balance the budget.

One is simply to cut spending. Frankly, I doubt there is enough fat in a \$9 billion General Fund budget to fund a cut of more than 20 percent, but it's axiomatic that state spending patterns that were set when times were flush will contain a fair amount of stuff that needs cutting.

A second idea, much debated last year and ducked by outgoing Gov. John Engler and the Legislature, would be to postpone the scheduled reduction in the state income tax rate. That might be worth up to \$200 million next fiscal year.

A third idea is to explore the various tax loopholes enacted during the Engler administration. No one knows exactly how much potential tax revenue is flowing through these loopholes, but I'll bet the newspaper you're reading right now that it's substantial.

Maybe the Red Cedar proposal will turn out to get some traction in Lansing. But let's not start messing with it until all the alternatives have been given a fair hearing.

Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power

A dirty pickup truck is the only 'real' SUV

How to see things often depends on where you're sitting.

The anti-SUV campaign started unfolding this past summer and I only heard snippets about it because I was living in a remote cabin in the eastern Upper Peninsula where it was difficult to find a daily newspaper.

But I did hear whispers and occasionally a piece on TV. Amazingly it wasn't a huge topic among locals, although you'd think it would



Jeff Counts

Those folks just can't come up with \$40,000 or \$50,000 for what they call "a truck."

For about five months, I spent most my days on the back roads fishing, hunting or canoeing. In all that time, I rarely saw a big, expensive SUV. In fact, I rarely saw anyone at all, which made me start to wonder how all these fancy SUVs are being used.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not an anti-SUV person. Being an 11th generation American redneck, I grew up in the back of pickup trucks, and have owned a long line of Jeep Cherokees, most of which I've driven until the wheels nearly fall off. None have ever been waxed. I value that layer of dust and mud that accumulates after a summer of chasing fish and a fall of upland bird hunting, and tears come to my eyes when that first layer of salt gets on the Jeep and I have to take it in for that obligatory car wash.

It's just that I wonder exactly how big an SUV people need, and what nameplate they need on them. A Cadillac name on a truck is a bit over the top.

But back to the UP. Although I know the people in the town I was staying in fairly well, I was still marked as being a Yuppie trout by my Jeep.

"You don't want to take that thing back into the woods," a friend of mine said as we were heading out for a night of brook trout fishing on beaver ponds. "You'll scratch it up. We'll take my truck."

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Ten minutes later I knew he was right. We were driving on a two-track through waist-deep mud, over stumps and logs and had to pull the side mirrors in to keep them from getting ripped off by branches. My friend calls it his woods beater truck, an old Chevy pick-up he uses for work and in the woods. Rain storms are the only car wash it has ever seen, and there's often a clump of grass and dirt hanging from the front bumper, a testimony to its use in the back woods.

In the fall it easily held three guys, three wet dogs, shotguns and other hunting equipment. The back bed of the truck also held a variety of dead upland game birds.

The image of that truck pops up in my head while driving on suburban Detroit freeways, when I see all those clean, shiny, expensive, large SUVs. I wonder when the last time they were driven off the pavement.

The newest anti-SUV campaign tries to paint people who drive them as being the moral equivalent of a terrorist. It's tiresome, and reminds me of the anti-smoking campaigns of the '80s and '90s which tried to paint smokers as some sort of moral deviants.

There are good questions about SUV use. Do people really need them? Many times they don't. There are also smaller SUVs that do the job. Last spring I used a Ford Escape to pick up a couple of canoeists. The 18-foot canoe easily sat on the roof and it held four 200 pound guys and gear.

In a bizarre way, I'm hoping that the anti-SUV campaign is successful.

Then us rednecks can have our trucks back and we can drive them through the woods in peace and quite — which is why we went there in the first place.

Jeff Counts is a semiretired newspaperman who spends as much time as he can in a muddy truck in the woods.

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"These have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), Factory auctions and other sources," Rick Huetter, Used Car Sales Manager of **North Brother's Ford** said. "Our creditors have asked us to sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss of profit. If that means selling these vehicles for near or below wholesale, then that is what we will do."

Every bank repo and other pre-owned vehicle will be available for just \$29 plus a fee* and then start making payments. "It's just that simple," said Huetter. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payment right on the windshield. Just pick a car and a payment. You won't find a faster easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type and price range will be available, from luxury, to 4x4's, to basic transportation. "With pre-owned vehicles near an all time high, chances are we will have what

you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Huetter said.

Auto Liquidators of North America has flown in extra financial staff from three states to assure North Brother's Ford Used Car's customers prompt, courteous service and the best financial terms possible. Huetter said, "we will have over \$5 million in financing available for this event. So chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past history."

All trade-ins will be accepted with a minimum \$2000 guaranteed value and customers are encouraged to bring their titles or payment book to expedite immediate delivery of these vehicles.

"The opportunity bargain hunters have been waiting for is here. **Thursday & Friday in Westland.** Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$29 and then start making payments. Customers won't find a faster easier way to save big money on a great used vehicle," Huetter said.

After the mega-sale ends at 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 31st, North Brother's Ford will send many of these vehicles to auction. Any questions can be directed to 1-734-524-1263. **North Brother's Ford Used Cars** is located at 33300 Ford Rd., between Wayne Rd. & Venoy in Westland, Michigan. **The hours of this sale will be Thursday 9 am-9 pm, & Friday 9 am-6 pm.** "We hope to see everyone there and ready to drive away with the deal of a lifetime," said Huetter.

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Day care, school aim for new playground

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
CORRESPONDENT

For most kids, playing is just plain fun. For children with autism, it's a necessity. "When they play, the socialization and communication skills are developed," said Patti Regiani, who teaches preschool for the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.

"Our students don't have regular play skills. By playing, they learn to use toys and they learn to play with other kids," said Cindy Valdivia, who teaches with Regiani at the Burger Annex, the program's second school. That's why the creation of an outdoor playground at the annex is so important. "It is out of the question to take the kids back to Burger to play," Valdivia said.

The Burger Annex, in conjunction with the Cambridge Children's Corner day care, is raising money to build a playground on Cambridge in Garden City. The goal is \$40,000.

"That would get a nice playscape with other equipment," Valdivia added. "It's something we have never really had here."

Teachers, parents and students are hoping that a spanking new playscape will stand in an empty field at the annex by the end of this school year.

The fund-raising effort is multi-faceted. The initial effort began with letters to area businesses asking for donations. "We wanted to see if we could come up with some benefactors," Valdivia said.

Next came Little Caesars pizza kits and candles, sales led in part by the day care group.

"We are also asking parents to make contacts," Valdivia said.

SLOW RESULTS

But like any fund-raising effort, particularly in an economic downturn, results have been slow.

"We've really only just got started. We already got approval from the school district (Garden City) to build a playground in the area," Valdivia added.

Teachers and parents are hoping one or more benefactors will help the playground take flight. A playroom within the building was recently completed and the staff believes the outdoor playscape of molded plastic is the next step.

"We are very excited about this," Regiani said.

The significance of an outdoor playground takes on more importance when you realize that parents cannot take their children with autism to just any park to play.

"They tend to run and it becomes unsafe," Regiani added. The fund-raising effort is likely to include another major fund-raiser, as well as other sales. Volunteers also will likely be tapped to help build the playscape, the teachers said.

The Burger School is the largest public school program in the country that specializes in educating students with autism to successfully function in a community.

Burger was started in 1973 before the federal government mandated special education programs. It was initially called the Developmental Learning Program, but took the Burger name when it was moved to that building in 1980.

The Burger School is a center program operated by the Garden City Public Schools. Students come from 34 school districts throughout Wayne County. Each of the home dis-

tricts provides transportation for their students who attend the center.

"Eighty-five percent of our students have some kind of mental (cognitive) impairment," Valdivia said. On the other hand, some of the 5-year-olds are already tackling math skills. "There is really a wide range of functioning,"

To attend the Burger School, students must be referred from their local school district.

"They have to have some type of disability," Regiani said. "We have staff who will make the determination."

A 'CLOSE-KNIT GROUP'

Because of the need for individual attention, Burger offers two staff members for each class of five students in the preschool program, for example.

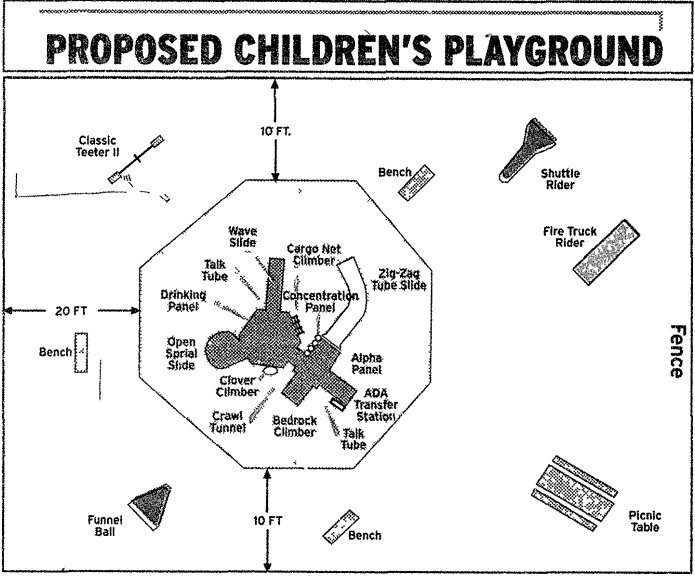
The closeness of the program with students, teachers and parents has made Burger "a close-knit group," Valdivia said.

In Michigan, teachers who are certified to teach students with autism have a teaching certificate, an endorsement in a special needs area and an additional endorsement for teaching students with autism.

Burger's Preschool Program offers a team teaching approach and focuses on increased environmental awareness.

The Secondary Program offers individual education that focuses on giving young adults with autism the skills to become active, participating members of society.

To serve as a benefactor for the new playground or to offer any kind of help to reach the fund-raising goal, call Regiani or Valdivia at (734) 762-8445 or Sonya Griwicki, Cambridge Childcare program director, at (734) 762-8440.



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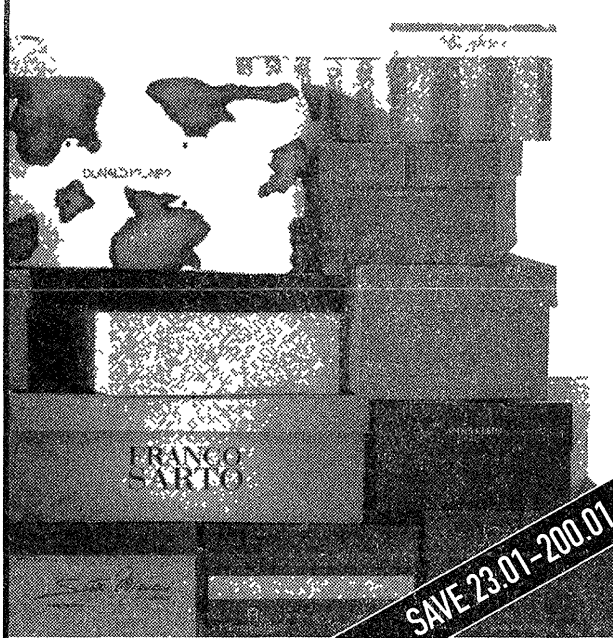
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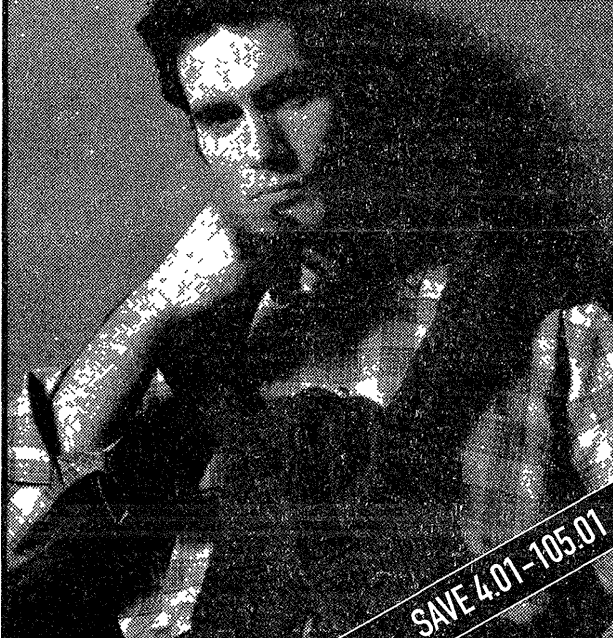
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Free concert

Soprano Glenda Kirkland will perform music by Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Strauss and Debussy, as well as spirituals and hymns, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, just west of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills.

A reception will be held at 1:30 p.m. Kirkland has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and trained at the Julliard School of Music.

For more information, call (248) 476-8860

Quick wit

Kivi Rogers performs through Saturday at Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Rogers has appeared in films, including *The Amati Girls* and *Romy and*



Michelle's High School Reunion and has guest starred on many television shows, such as *Everybody Loves Raymond* and *Dharma and Greg*.

He recently appeared on *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno*.

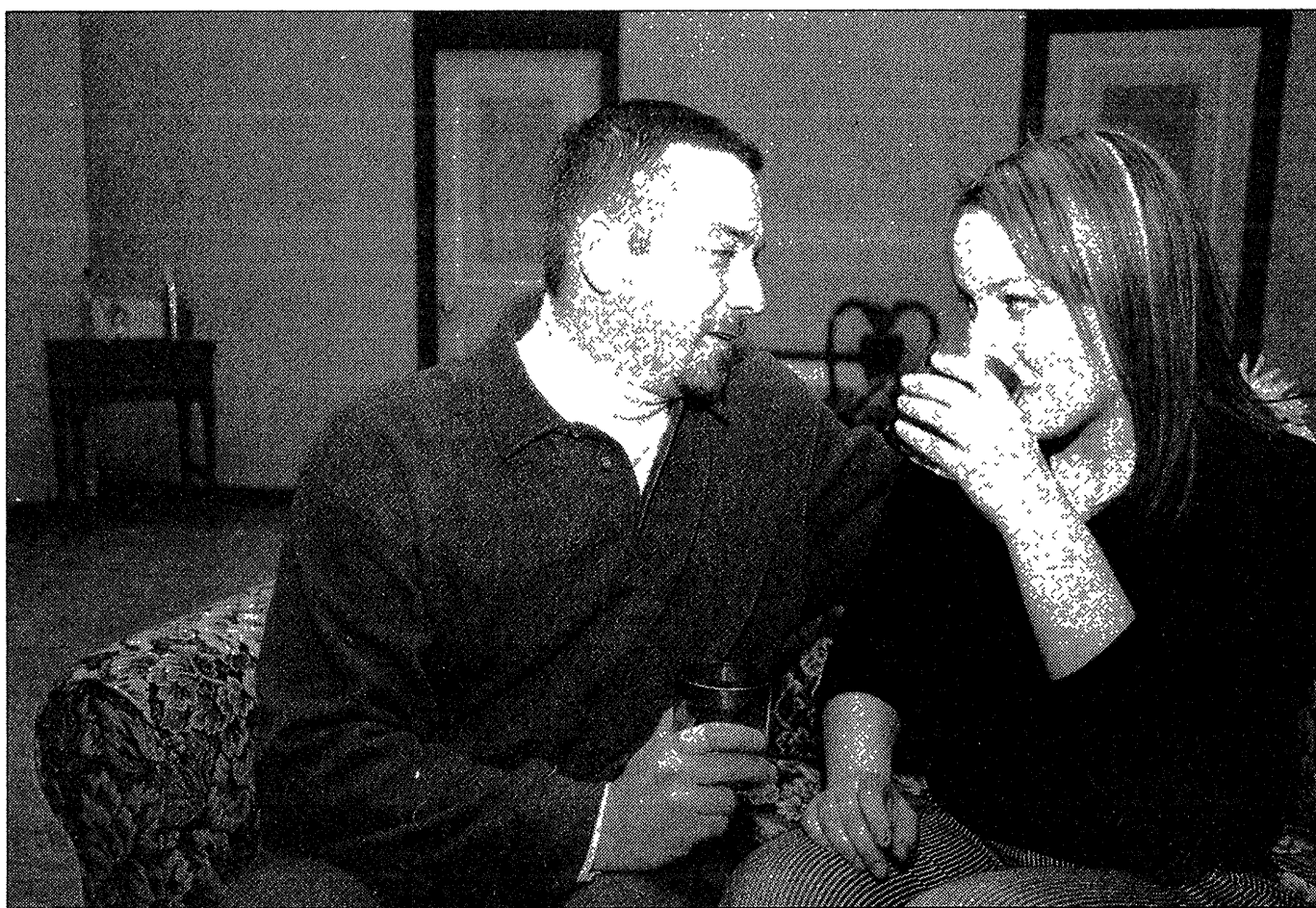
Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, and at 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Tickets range from \$7-\$13. (734) 996-9080

CD release

Gordon Bennett performs with Barstar & Pushing 33 at a CD release party, 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1, at Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale.

Tickets are \$7 at the door.

For more information, call (248) 544-3030



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Jim McNiff (as Max Halliday) and Jillian Buckshaw (Margot Wendice) fall in love in the next to the last Spotlight Players production at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. The murder mystery opens Friday night.

Mystery abounds

Spotlight Players productions in the dark until 2004

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

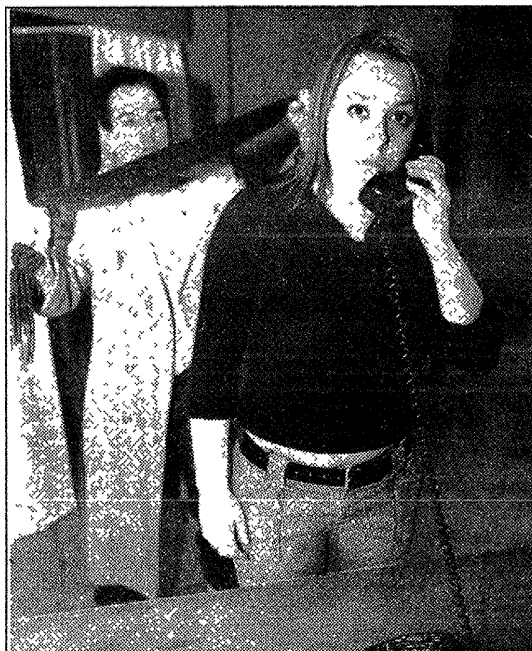
Suspense haunts the Water Tower Theatre, longtime home of the Spotlight Players. Like its current production, *Dial M for Murder*, there's a great deal of mystery surrounding the future. The dramatic lighting of the Frederick Knott thriller echoes the darkness that president Mary Lynn Kuna and the rest of the members find themselves in – at least for the next 18 months or so.

The Northville Psychiatric Hospital closes permanently this summer and so too the theater on its campus. The hitch is the new Canton Performing Arts and Education Center isn't scheduled to open until fall 2004. That's where the Spotlight Players eventually take up residence as the permanent theater company. They've been anticipating the move for some time, going so far as to change their name from the Plymouth Theatre Guild to appeal to crowds regionally.

Kuna and husband Ken volunteered many hours to ensure the success of the performing arts center, including serving on a committee to design the new building featuring 400 seats and 30,000 square feet of space. But right now her major concern is producing *Dial M for Murder* and overseeing the next show *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* in late April and early May. *Dial M for Murder* opens Friday, Jan. 31.

UP IN THE AIR

"The future's uncertain," said Kuna. "We've been talking about possibly doing dinner theater at the Summit on the Park (community center) in the



David Fedewa (Captain Lesgate) and Jillian Buckshaw (Margot Wendice) rehearse one of the thrilling scenes in *Dial M for Murder*. Steve Sedore (left as Tony Wendice), Dennis Hubel (Inspector Hubbard), Jim McNiff (Max Halliday) and Jillian Buckshaw (as Margot Wendice) are caught up in a murder mystery in the next to the last production at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville.

interim but there would be problems to overcome like blocking out the light from the windows. "There's no doubt it's a daunting challenge. We just hope people will come out before the

PLEASE SEE **PLAYERS, B5**

DIAL M FOR MURDER

What: Spotlight Players (formerly the Plymouth Theatre Guild) presents Frederick Knott's murder mystery

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 7-8 and 14-15, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9

Where: Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile on the Northville Psychiatric Hospital campus

Tickets: \$10, \$7 ages 2-18. Call (248) 349-7110

Artistic Expressions



Linda Chomin

Survey relays good news in arts education, what still needs to be done

Barbara Kratchman doesn't have to sell me on the importance of arts education in the schools. When I heard about ArtServe Michigan releasing a survey conducted by their Southfield-based arts advocacy agency, Michigan Department of Education and Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, I wanted to know more about the quality and quantity of visual arts, music, dance and drama programs for students in K-12.

Luckily for me, I grew up with parents who believed in their importance. During the day, my brother, sister and I learned about the master painters in the classrooms of St. Gabriel's School in southwest Detroit. In the afternoons and evenings, we studied piano, ballet and tap. Later I studied drama in college. Even though I didn't seek a career as a painter or performer, I went on to put all of this to use covering arts and entertainment for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for the last 12 years.

The arts enrich our lives in ways we don't stop to think about on a daily basis. Studies have shown that learning to play music expands the mind and in particular improves mathematics scores. In addition, the arts help develop problem-solving skills, build self-esteem and increase cross-cultural understanding – areas critical to life whether on the job or at home.

That's why it was important to do the Arts Alive Survey of Michigan schools. Of 1,600 schools contacted, 308 responded, including Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Troy, Southfield and Clarenceville. We needed to know about arts requirements, separate programs for special needs and gifted students and percent of week elementary students were taught music by a music specialist. An Arts Educators Survey followed with specific questions on the most critical needs for arts education in a teacher's district. Copies are available for purchase or in PDF form on the Web sites www.artserve-michigan.org, www.michigan.gov/mdde and www.cis.state.mi.us/arts/home/htm.

"The good news is there's lots going on and a great deal of enthusiasm," said Kratchman, president of ArtServe Michigan. "Districts, teachers, parents want to see more. Research shows the need for adequate facilities, materials, the need to understand the importance of

PLEASE SEE **SURVEY, B2**

Area restaurants celebrate the Chinese New Year

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

EATING OUT

Dating from 2,600 B.C., the Chinese Lunar New Year is the longest chronological record in history. Similar to the western calendar, it is yearly, with the start of the lunar year based on cycles of the moon. A complete cycle takes 60 years and is composed of five cycles of 12 years, each named after an animal.

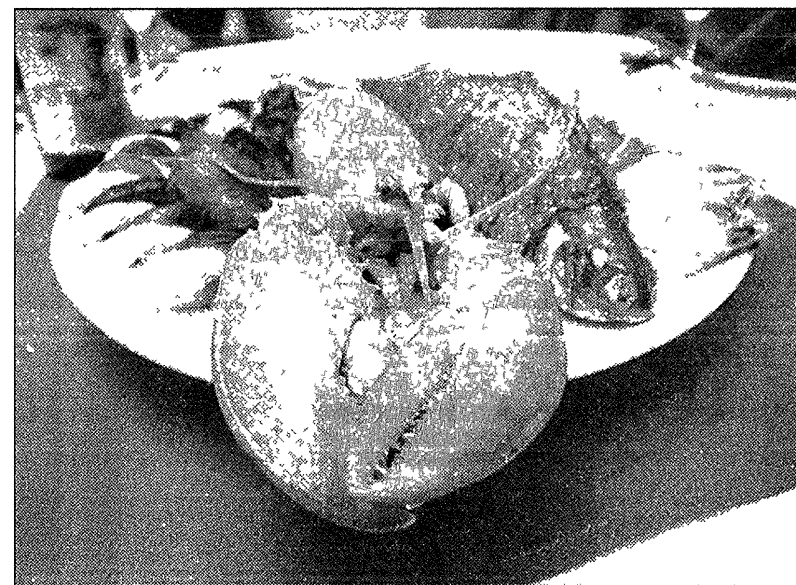
The Chinese believe that the animal ruling the year in which a person is born profoundly influences personality. "This is the animal that hides in your heart," is a common expression.

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, begins the New Year on the Chinese calendar. Depending on the

source, it is the year of the goat, sheep or ram. All these animals for one year?

"Not really," said Raymond Wong, owner of WOW Pan Asian Cuisine in Royal Oak. "In Chinese, all these animals have the same character. In English, there are multiple translations."

So choose your animal and start celebrating! It seems that goat, sheep or ram people, born in 1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979 and 1991, are quite charming and have good taste. This latter is important if we're talking about celebrating

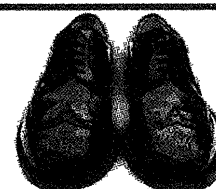


BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

This festive seafood platter features lobster, a whole fish, shrimp, pork, duck chicken, lotus, baby bok choy, mushroom and fat choy. Fish is a Chinese New Year tradition.

PLEASE SEE **CHINESE, B6**

Ballet Shoes or Wing Tips?



Makes no difference as long as you take time to put your feet up, get comfortable and spend some time with us.

Barbershop quartets to sing Valentines

Two of the Barbershop Harmony Society's top-ranking quartets will headline the Detroit-Oakland Chapter's 64th Annual Parade of Harmony, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15 at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, north of Seven Mile, Livonia.

Power Play, the 2002 International Quartet third place medalists will perform both days, along with Fourman Fishin Tackle Choir, the 2000 Pioneer District Champs.

The chapter's 50-man chorus, Gentlemen songsters, will sing barbershop favorites with a Valentine Memories theme. Four quartets from the Detroit-Oakland Chapter — Nightshift, Shindig, Todays Special and Four Wheel Drive — also will perform. The chap-



The Four Man Fishin' Tackle Choir performs Valentine concerts Friday-Saturday, Feb. 14-15 in Livonia.

ter ensemble, Valentine Voices, will appear as a part of the chorus performance.

Tickets are \$16 for the Friday show and \$17 for Saturday night. All seats are reserved. For tickets, send a check payable to Detroit-

Oakland Chapter, SPEBSQSA, Inc. along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, to Francis Durham, 19907 Schoolhouse Court, Northville, MI 48167. Or for more information call Tom Uicker at (248) 559-7082.

Jewish band to perform

The Jewish rock band, Eighteen will play in a Havdalah service and concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Temple Shir Shalom, 3999 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

The concert is open to the community at no charge. The band will also be involved in a special Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7.

Eighteen is a trio that blends modern rock and Judaism. The Nashville-based band has become the number one musical attraction at Reform and other Jewish camps across North America as well as campus Hillels. Songs such as *B'tzelem*, *Chazak* and *L'takein* (the Na Na Song) have become staples. The band has three CDs to its credit and is currently working on a fourth.

According to lead singer Dan Nichols, Eighteen is one of a handful of Jewish bands or soloists that tour constantly (more than 200 shows a year), thereby making a living

singing Jewish songs, half of which are in Hebrew. Nichols says the band considers itself to be on the cutting edge, not only doing musical prayer but rock that is similar to the sound of bands such as Third Eye Blind or Bare Naked Ladies. In addition, their *Mi Chamocha*, *V'Shamru*, *Hinei Mah Tov* and others have become part of the liturgy across the nation.

Several songs have been co-written with fellow camper and boyhood friend Rabbi Michael Moskowitz of Shir Shalom.

Nichols' involvement in Jewish music began when he served as head songleader at a Jewish summer camp. He has served as a cantorial soloist at congregations in Raleigh, N.C. and Nashville, Tenn. He has fronted bands that have performed with Hootie and the Blowfish and Ben Folds Five.

For more information call Temple Shir Shalom at (248) 737-8700 or visit the band's Web site at Jewishrock.com.

SURVEY

FROM PAGE B1

the arts in education. It's up to parents and administrators to understand how arts can educate their students."

PARENTS AND THE ARTS

So what can we do to ensure every child learns about Michelangelo, Beethoven, playwright Neil Simon, and modern choreographers like Martha Graham? Kratchman says it all starts at home. To keep the arts alive in schools, parents have to become involved. That means being in contact with the school board and department of education to see how they're assessing schools. Did you know that in Michigan students don't

have to take any arts classes in order to graduate?

"They have to make their voices heard," said Kratchman. "Contact the PTA, legislators, board of education, newspapers, and write letters to the editors."

Ana Cardona believes in stirring things up to accomplish her goals. When she came became the Michigan Department of Education consultant for arts education more than eight years ago, her first project was to assess the state of the arts in Michigan. That's why she was anxious to partner with ArtServe Michigan and the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs on the study. It will help her provide leadership to districts and teachers on content — what students learn in the arts, how they learn it.

"The good news is even with

ups and downs of economy since last survey 12 years ago, the arts are still in Michigan schools," said Cardona. "People have been resourceful. Music and visual arts have a good presence."

The bad news? "Dance and theater are not in our elementary schools as much as they need to be," continued Cardona. "Another surprising piece of information for me was the number of professional opportunities for educators. It was shocking to me that 56 percent provided zero days for teachers to improve their skills in the arts."

NEED FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

There definitely needs to be an accountability system put into place in regards to arts education in schools. As education and funding programs coordinator for Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, Vincent Kitch hopes to change that after reviewing the survey.

"It was desperately needed to have a baseline of where we are," said Kitch. "It wasn't as bleak as what I worried it would be. There are lots of good opportunities for students

in the state, good model programs, maybe we can network but there are lots of challenges out there, so many avenues to pursue. We have to educate the superintendents, principals about the importance of art education. While math, science and reading are important, the arts provide a whole education for a child. I'd like to see a policy with a graduation requirement for the arts. That's important. But it starts with parents. Parents have to be involved with the schools, interested, to affect policy and change. Those are important parts of your children's education and that needs to be conveyed to people who run the schools."

Jennifer Tobin has been trying to do just that for the last several years. As not only a mother but executive director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council, she's met with school administrators, sat in on school board meetings, and she's frustrated about trying to get them to hire an arts director to coordinate programs in and out of school. But giving up is not in her vocabulary.

"A number of arts organizations first banded together five to six years ago thinking about

ways to get arts back into schools," said Tobin. "We began applying for grants so that every grade would have a certain art experience. We built a model with a couple elementary schools and began working to send Purple Rose Theatre into schools to help elementary students put together their own theater piece. For several years we've been raising funds by holding ArtReach Luncheons to send all fifth-graders to the DIA."

WORKING TOGETHER

Maybe that's partially the answer. We all need to work together to ensure a future for the arts. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra takes a quartet into the classroom of third- and fourth-grade students to prepare them to attend a concert which they perform.

One of the findings of the survey that surprised Kratchman were the cultural and arts organizations supplementing programming in the schools.

"That's why the arts council was originally started in 1969 by Joanne Hulce to help put more arts in the schools with volunteers who take the visual arts into the schools," said Tobin. "I'm excited about the study. Our district is doing a good job in the arts but we all need to build audiences in the

future — participants and supporters."

Janet Torno agrees with Tobin that cultural arts organizations need to take an active role. As executive director of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, she oversees a myriad of programs including a regional high school art show in April, internships for students, a career day that brings students and art professionals together, and BBAC teachers who bring art instruction into the schools.

"I'm excited about the survey and one they're going to do in the future on cultural organizations supplementing arts in the schools," said Torno. "It could help us partner with other groups. Arts organizations haven't been organized. I'd like to see us spending more time on collaboration."

"I just returned from a conference for the American Association of Museums where I brought back an idea for a dialogue with different organizations in the community — how we might work together for the arts."

What are your thoughts on strengthening arts education? Do you plan to read the Arts Alive survey? Drop a line to Observer & Eccentric arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150; fax at (734) 591-7279; or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net.

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Feline fantasy

Cats on the prowl at the Fisher Theatre

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Portraying life as a junkyard cat is not as easy as cast members of the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical make it appear. All that pouncing and strutting across the stage takes a toll on the body. Just ask two of the spirited felines coming to the Fisher Theatre to perform in the show based on the T.S. Eliot tale *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*. It's difficult catting around all night then rising early the next morning. That's probably why cats love to sleep in sunny places all day long.

These two were up at the crack of noon to talk about the show which recently landed in Atlanta, Ga., for a one-week run. The Feb. 4-23 Detroit stop-over is the exception on a *Cats* tour that plays cities in seven-day spurts.

"It's difficult on the body," said Joey Abramowicz, who took over as Tumblebrutus when the actor playing the role left after sustaining injuries. Tumblebrutus is a bit of a juvenile delinquent that thinks he's the cat's meow with the ladies.

"I'm constantly on my hands and knees because I'm a young cat. My knees and feet get a real beating. I wake up some mornings and it's such an effort to get out of bed. You hurt and push through it.

"Some people say the show's fluff but it combines singing, dancing and acting. You put on spandex and a black wig and see how easy it is. I'm soaking wet by the fourth or fifth number and most of us are on stage the entire show."

Abramowicz wouldn't entertain thoughts of another career regardless of the aches and pains he's enduring. It's been his dream to perform in professional shows since he was a kid taking part in community theater in New Orleans.

He first saw *Cats* at age 9 on Broadway and then in New Orleans a few years later. After earning a degree in theater from the University of Mississippi, he moved to New York in search of acting jobs. Detroit audiences may remember him in *Funny Girl* last year. He landed a role in *Cats* at the Westchester Broadway Theater 45 minutes north of Manhattan shortly after. Director and choreographer Richard Stafford saw what he liked and cast him in the touring production.

"When I first saw it when I was a kid I thought it was

amazing," said the 24-year-old Abramowicz. "It's part of our culture, our history. I run into people who say what's *Cats*? How do you not know what *Cats* is? Where have you been the last 23 years?"

KUDOS FOR SHOW

Words like spectacle and high energy have been used to describe *Cats* since it first opened in the New London Theatre in the West End in 1981 and then in Winter Garden Theatre in New York City in 1982. It went on to win seven 1983 Tony Awards in categories such as Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical, Best Lighting and Best Costumes. By the time it closed in Manhattan in 2000 it was the longest running musical on Broadway.

So how is it cast member Karl Warden had never heard of it? Warden seems to know more about the 1968 World Series champion Detroit Tigers but that's only natural since his father, Jon, was a relief pitcher for the team. Every other weekend, he'd travel from Cincinnati to Detroit to take in the games and support the players. Now, dozens of

Detroit Tigers reciprocate by attending the *Cats* Feb. 21 show.

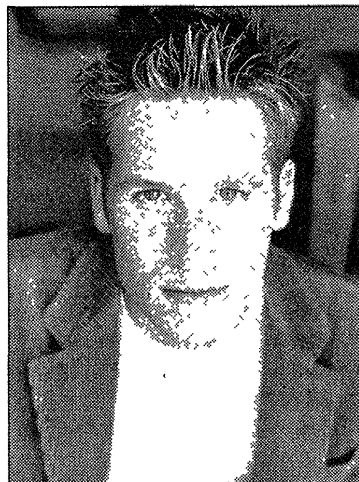
"I'm excited to be performing in a town my dad performed in," said Warden. "The most exciting part is the final bow when the lights go up and you can see their faces and they're so excited. It's kind of gratifying knowing that I did my job and did it well."

Warden might have missed the glamour of the stage and gone on to become an athlete like his father if not for taking dance and drama classes in college. As a youngster, he'd taken tap and tumbling but never thought about acting in musical theater.

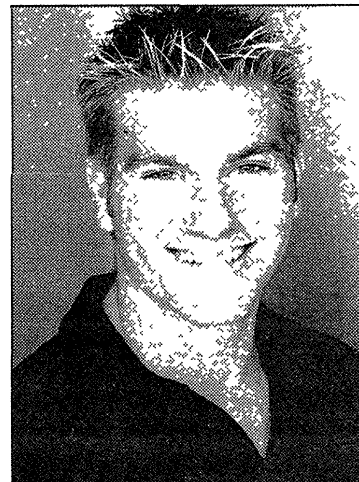
"I didn't know there was a Broadway," said the 23-year-old Warden. "I was in a whole other world until I went to the University of Tennessee on a diving scholarship. From there, I moved to New York City and began acting on Broadway and then got the role in *Cats*."

WEAR AND TEAR

"My biggest challenge is that the show's physically demanding. You have to stay on top of your body. It's like being an athlete. I ice my body, my knees



Abramowicz



Warden

and feet, for an hour after each show."

Any pain Warden feels is soon forgotten when the music and lights explode onto the stage of *Cats*. He's caught up in a fantasy world where once a year a tribe of felines reunite for a gala ball. It is here he becomes Plato, then Macavity.

"Plato's a big cat with his head in the clouds, kind of a gentle giant," said Warden. "That's the first act then I have to paint the face of Macavity

over Plato and add to the costume. Macavity's big and spiky - red, black, white and orange. He tries to break into the tribe and ball. At the end I'm Plato again. I've gotten so I can do makeup really fast. I didn't realize *Cats* had such elaborate costumes and makeup. It amazes people how we paint it on. There's a lot of magic on and off stage. People always want to know how we do it."

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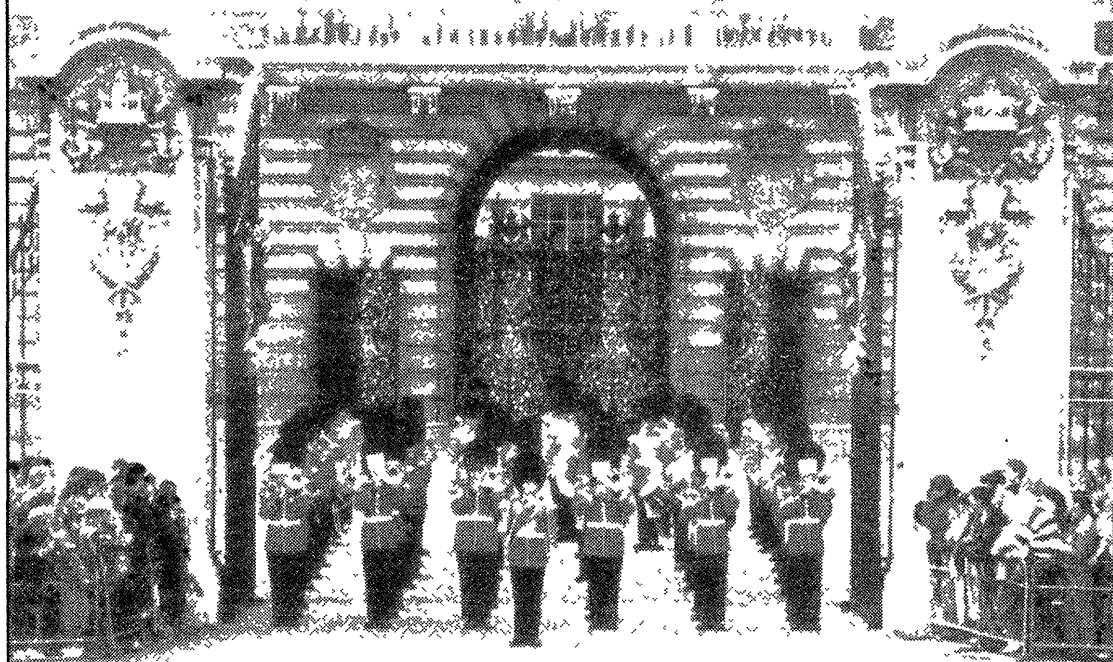
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Music Hall
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CHILDREN'S THEATER

Southfield Parks & Recreation Building
Storyteller, Ivory D. Williams, will be visiting from 1:30-2:15 p.m., Feb. 8 at 26000 Evergreen Road in the Southfield Municipal Complex as part of the Kids Concert series. This performance is suitable for children 4-10 years old and their parents. Tickets are \$4 per person (group discounts available) (248) 354-9603

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Farmington Players
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Spotlight Players
The former Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Frederick Knott's murder mystery *Dial M for Murder* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 7-8 and 14-15, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 West Seven Mile on the Northville Psychiatric Hospital campus, \$10, \$7 ages 2-18. (248) 349-7110

Stagecrafters
Chicago continues to Feb. 9, at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, in downtown Royal Oak. Show times are 8 p.m. Jan. 30-31, Feb. 1 and 7-8; 2 p.m. Feb. 2 and 9. Feb. 7 performance is signed for the deaf. \$14 Thursday, \$16 on Friday-Sunday. (248) 541-6430
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Village Players
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University of Detroit Mercy
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SPECIAL EVENTS

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Valentine Dinner Dance, 6:30 p.m., cocktail hour, 7:30 p.m. dinner, Feb.14, at Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 West 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$300 for table of eight; \$80 for two; \$43 for one. Reservations accepted until Feb. 7. (734) 261-2202

Farmington Musicale
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"Luncheon On The Aisle" 11:30 a.m., April 25 at Oakland University, Rochester. Box lunch, watch play rehearsal, browse the Bake and Spring Plant Sales. All sales benefit the theatre. (248) 375-0850 for more information and reservations

Oakland University
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Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile, \$5. (248) 967-1428.

Rhythm 'N' Shoes
Weekly ballroom/ Latin dance party with disc jockey, 9-11 p.m. Thursday, 2172 Franklin Road, north of Square Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, \$7, \$6 members. (248) 334-0299.

COMEDY

Clarkston Village Players
Present Comedy Night 2003 with storyteller Norm Stulz and comedian Jesse James Lundy 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Depot Theatre. \$12. (248) 625-8811 or visit the Web site at www.clarkstonvillage-players.org

Joey's Comedy Club/Livonia
Lord Carrett through Feb. 1. Every Tuesday night is open mic night. The club also offers a stand-up comedy class for those interested in performing and writing comedy, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

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Detroit Science Center
Digital Dome Planetarium Show continues on weekends, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, at 5020 John R, Detroit. (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org

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Winter tour times are 1:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, cost is \$12.50, \$8.50 seniors over age 62, \$6 children under 12, children under 2 free; at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. For information, visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org

Plymouth Historical Museum
New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit, Images of Lincoln, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz, at the museum, 155 S. Main. \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday. (734) 455-8940

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, A Lively Town, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. \$5, \$3 children, students and seniors. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken. (248) 645-4663 or visit the Web site at www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm

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PLAYERS

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move to find out who we are and to support us."

Like Kuna, Ralph Rosati is concerned with building up a following for the Spotlight Players and their move to Canton. He's doing it by thrilling audiences with *Dial M for Murder*. Rosati's survived changes before. He directed his first play for the Plymouth Theatre Guild, *Deathtrap*, in 1982 at Central Middle School in Plymouth. This is the second time he's directed *Dial M for Murder*. Rosati originally put on the drama for SRO Productions in Southfield in 1991.

"It's a murder mystery," said Rosati. "Knott is famous for eerie lights. Suspenseful, white-knuckle lighting is integral to the play set in 1952. The movie came out in 1954 when I was a teenage usher working at the

Fisher Theatre. Tony Wendice is a former professional tennis player married to a wealthy woman when Max Halliday enters the picture. Tony finds out about her lover and plots to kill his wife."

Deb Dolney is assisting Rosati in playing up the suspense surrounding Margot, a woman very much alive at the end of the play. The Plymouth Canton High School senior never realized all the elements of lighting and blocking that go into creating a thriller.

Dolney's mesmerized by the bright lights of theater. She can't seem to get enough of the greasepaint. Currently she's working on three shows and practically lives in her car, which is full of props.

"As an assistant director, I look over lines and make sure actors stay on cue," said Dolney of Canton. "I love *Dial M for Murder* because it's a mystery. It's really suspenseful. I find myself holding my breath which amazes me because I'm



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Stephen Sedore, from left, Dennis Hubel, Jim McNiff and Jillian Buckshaw.

with the book and see it three times a week."

ON STAGE

Steve Sedore's portrayal of Tony Wendice adds to the intensity of the play. Like his character, the Plymouth resident is experienced at pretending he's something he's

at hiding it," said Sedore. "It's been a great experience for me. It's the most extensive role I've ever had."

Jillian Buckshaw is as grateful as Sedore for the opportunity to work with Spotlight Players. The Northville actress eventually wants to make films but in the meantime studies for a nursing degree at Schoolcraft College in Livonia where she takes theater classes with Jim Hartman. The last three summers, she attended Perry Mansfield Performing Arts School in Colorado as well as appeared in *Biker Zombies from Detroit*, a Crossbow 5 film produced and directed by Todd Brunswick of Canton.

Buckshaw became involved with acting at the Marquis Theatre in Northville then went on to play in productions at Ladywood High School in Livonia.

"I love the strangulation scene," said Buckshaw. "My character Margot is really emotional throughout the play. It's

challenging but real fun."

The good times at the Water Tower Theatre are what Jim McNiff thinks he'll miss most when it closes in May. McNiff plays Max Halliday, the American TV writer whose visit to England turns into an affair with Margot. Previously, he appeared in the Spotlight Players productions of *Wizard of Oz*, *Vaudeville* and *South Pacific*. A graduate of West Bloomfield High School, McNiff has performed with Avon Players in Rochester, SRO Productions, Stagecrafters in Royal Oak and Rosedale Community Players.

"I have mixed feelings about leaving the theater," said McNiff. "The majority of my acting experience was here but I think the move will help build up our group."

Kuna believes they'll "become an entirely different animal attracting many more people" into the spotlight.

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Horror flick will make you scream with laughter, not terror

BY SHEILA NORMAN-CULP
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Darkness Falls, the new horror flick featuring special effects by Oscar-winning craftsman Stan Winston, is supposed to be dark and scary and make us all jump out of our seats.

It doesn't.

Instead, the audience was hooting and howling all the way through the movie as an evil Tooth Fairy named Matilda hunted down people in the dark, sucked their bodies into the sky, sliced them up and let them hit the ground with a thump.

Horror movies — the old-fashioned kind, not the spoofs — are simply a subset of comedy, with well-recognized clues imbedded in each film as Pavlovian treats for an audience that craves the familiar.

When a *Darkness Falls* character says "You wait here, Larry," everyone knows he's going down and when the payoff comes, they laugh themselves silly.

A traditional genre film like *Darkness Falls* has dozens of these setups: "We are safe in the car," "It's over now," "I'll go take a look, OK?" Sometimes

they toss in an original twist, but when the burly guy in plaid says "These are my woods and nobody messes with me" make no mistake, everyone knows: The lumberjack is going down.

Newcomer Chaney Kley is perfectly serviceable as the anguished Kyle, who as a boy was tormented by night terrors. Kyle comes back to his hometown of Darkness Falls to try to help a former girlfriend (Emma Caulfield, better known as the demon Anya from *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*) whose younger brother Michael (Lee Cormie) is now having those same terrors.

Kyle and Michael know, of course, what the doctors do not: There's a darn good reason to keep the lights on.

And that would be Matilda, the vengeful spirit who aims to wreak havoc on the town that lynched her 150 years ago.

Winston's Matilda requires six puppeteers to operate and has everything — including unearthly groans and screeches — that anyone could want from a psycho ghost-hag slasher.

Winston himself has already picked up four Academy Awards for special effects and makeup, including one for the box-office-stomping dinosaurs of Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic*

Park and another for the vicious alien queen in *Aliens*.

First-time director Jonathan Liebesman had some fun creating stark light-dark contrasts for a movie in which the action begins when the lights go out. Hitchcock he ain't, but the lighting for some scenes was downright arty, especially those with Cormie, a very expressive child actor from Australia.

No matter who the slasher du jour is, genre horror takes all of our deepest fears and wraps them up into one safe little package, pabulum for an uncertain world.

Do the main characters die? Never. Do the petty and the pompous get their comeuppance? Always. Does evil prevail? Nah, but there certainly could be a sequel or two in the works.

Horror fans might be happy to have a new villain to cheer in *Darkness Falls*, but the rest of us have seen this all a thousand times before.

Darkness Falls, distributed by Columbia Pictures and Revolution Studios, is rated PG-13 for terror and horror images and brief language. Running time: 85 minutes. One and one-half stars out of four.

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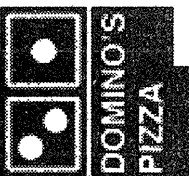
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CHINESE

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with food. They may be found at the center of attention at a stylish dinner party, delighting all with their wit. But the opposite may also be true. They may be shy, favoring anonymity, but preferring joys of the palate. Fabulous! Now, we're talking.

Foods served during the Chinese New Year's holidays, which last at least a week, also hold symbols. To ensure long life and good fortune, fish or seafood is always offered.

WHERE TO CELEBRATE

At **SHANGRI-LA**, owner Nancy Chan launches celebrations tonight, Jan. 30, and will run the special menu daily from 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. through Feb. 9.

For groups of no less than four

people, three menus are designed by table price. A four-person, five-course menu is \$88 per table. For six, there are six courses for a table price of \$168 and for 10 people, nine courses run \$288 per table. For one or two people, the chef will prepare any one of his eight New Year's specials starting at \$9.95 for barbecued quab to Peking duck at \$29.95.

On Sunday, Feb. 2 at **HONG HUA**, the revelry begins at 6:30 p.m. outdoors with the Chinese Lion Dance and fire crackers. Dinner at \$88 per person will begin at 7 p.m. with an appetizer buffet including rock oysters, sushi, spring rolls, shrimp toast, crab wontons, BBQ ribs and BBQ pork. A soup course of either shark fin or fresh crab-meat with asparagus follows.

Owner Danny Yu indicated that Chef Peter Chan's main dishes include fresh lobster salad; dim sum platter; stir-fried sea bass with sweet corn and

pine seeds in bird's nest; crystal treasure chicken; braised abalone with oyster sauce; stir-fried beef tenderloin with king mushrooms; and baked rice with seafood wrapped with lotus leaves. The meal concludes with a dessert buffet, and karaoke with live music begins at 9 p.m. Reservations are necessary.

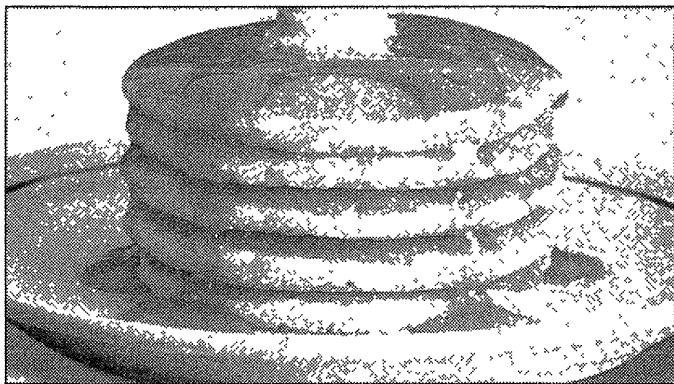
As it has for 15 years, **MON JIN LAU** will start its celebration outdoors at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, with the Lion Dance, accompanied by the traditional fire crackers. The "lion" leads diners inside where the celebration continues with lucky money, strolling musicians, fortune tellers and taro card readers. A price of \$89 per person includes tax, tip, gratuity and entertainment. Beverages are extra. Reservations must be confirmed in advance by cash or credit card.

According to proprietor Marshall Chin, the menu will include an assortment of three appetizers; noodle salad with

honey walnuts; one choice from among five entrees — Pacific rim lamb chops; Cantonese roasted Cornish game hen; shrimp, scallops and sea bass fillets in bird's nest; a unique take on surf and turf which is filet mignon with braised shiitake mushrooms, abalone and oyster sauce; or a special bento box with assorted sushi and accompaniments. Dinner will conclude with Asian wonder dessert.

On both Sunday, Feb. 2, and Monday, Feb. 3, from 5 p.m. until closing, owner Raymond Wong of **WOW PAN ASIAN CUISINE**, offers a 12-course dinner for eight to 12 people at \$25 per person. Less than this number of people can order a la carte from the 12-course menu offerings.

At **EMPIRE DYNASTY**, owner Kevin Hoang-Do created a unique menu to be featured during dinner hours from Jan. 31 through Valentine's Day. Prices range \$14 for the honey cranberry chicken and chef's special steak to crispy golden walleye at \$24.95. At \$21.95 the



Hot stuff

International House of Pancakes (IHOP) is offering its customers all the piping hot buttermilk pancakes they can eat through its first Never Ending Pancakes Promotion. Through Feb. 23, patrons with a hearty appetite can order unlimited buttermilk pancakes, IHOP's best selling menu item, for \$3.99. Price and participation may vary by location. Customers will be served a stack of five pancakes followed by stacks of three pancakes until satisfied. Never Ending Pancakes are available during breakfast, lunch or dinner. The IHOP family restaurant chain offers more than 16 kinds of pancakes, omelettes and other breakfast specialties, as well as burgers, chicken and steaks.

Maine fresh lobster with special Chinese mushrooms, scallions and ginger sautéed in champagne has a festive ring.

NEW PEKING in Garden City has sold out all of its New Year celebration dinners except for one: Reservations are available for its 12-course meal at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 6. The cost is \$29 per person and includes music and a Lion Dance.

GREAT WALL OF CHINA has two options from which to select. Owner Sterling Lum indicated that on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 4-10:30 p.m., a Chinese New Year's dinner for two is \$28.95. It will be offered again Sunday, Feb. 2, from noon to 9:30 p.m. along with a

New Year's special dim sum, including small appetizer plates, main dishes and pastries ranging \$3 to \$10.

If you go to one of the Chinese New Year dinner celebrations, remember to wish the restaurateur and your server "gun hey fat choy," which translates as "wishing you prosperity and wealth," the traditional New Year's greeting.

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FINAL DESTINATION 2

Kimberly Corman and her friends go on a road trip. When her friends die in a horrific car accident, Kimberly, along with some of the survivors, try to stop death before it stops them. Starring Ali Larter, Tony Todd, Michael Landes, and A.J. Cook. David R. Ellis directed this suspense film. (New Line) Rated R

THE RECRUIT

Colin Farrell stars as James Clayton, who is recruited by Walter Burke (Al Pacino) to join the CIA and join other recruits at the CIA training facility know as "The Farm." He soon discovers that Burke is a double agent, and Clayton must turn the tables on him before he takes the fall. Other features players include Bridget Moynahan, and Gabriel Macht. Roger Donaldson directed this thriller. (Touchstone Pictures) This film is not yet rated.

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FEB. 7

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It's 1918 in Munich and Max Rothman, celebrated art gallery owner meets fellow war veteran and aspiring young

artist Adolf Hitler. Max takes Hitler under his wing and encourages him to paint. But Hitler, unsuccessful as an artist transfers his energies to politics where he finds an outlet for his crude beliefs, proclaiming to Max that he has found a new form of artistic expression and that "Politics is the new art." Stars John Cusack, Noah Taylor, Leelee Sobieski. Directed by Menno Meyjes. (Lion's Gate) Rated R. Running time: 108 minutes.

THE QUIET AMERICAN

From the classic novel by Graham Greene comes a murder mystery centered on a love triangle set against the French Indochina War in Vietnam, circa 1952. It's the true story of a veteran English journalist, a young American and the beautiful Vietnamese woman caught between them. This is a world where nothing is what it seems -- suffused with opium, intrigue and betrayal. Stars Michael Caine and Brendan Fraser. Directed by Phillip Noyce. (Miramax). Rated R. Running time: 100 minutes.

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, FEB. 14

THE GURU

A young Indian dance teacher with the best moves in Delhi embarks for New York City in pursuit of fame and fortune - only to wind up working as a waiter in an Indian restaurant. But good fortune can arise from strange places as our hero, Ramu Gupta discovers when a catering gig at a ditzy birthday party catapults him into an extravagant version of the American dream. Mistaken for a spiritual healer, Ramu becomes an overnight celebrity with the city's elite hanging onto his every word - no matter how absurd. The trouble is, he's also falling in love



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with the one woman who knows the real source of his seemingly profound insights and Ramu must choose between his newfound notoriety and his love for a woman who accepts him as he is. Stars Jimi Mistry, Marisa Tomei, Heather Graham. Directed by Daisy von Scherler Mayer. (Universal). Rated R.

LOCKDOWN

Avery has finally gotten his life back on track. A competitive swimmer, he had to drop out of college to support his girlfriend, Krista, and their son, Jordan. He's back on the swim meet circuit, and starting to have some success. When a college scout approaches him after winning his latest race, he goes out to celebrate with his friends, Cashmere and Dre. In an instant,

Avery's luck is about to run out. Stars Richard T. Jones, Gabriel Casseus, Master P, Bill Nunn, De'Aundre Bonds, Joe Torry, Melissa De Sousa, Clifton Powell, Anna Maria Horsford. Directed by John Luessenhop. (Rainforest Films). Rated R.

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, FEB. 21

THE LIFE OF DAVID GALE

David Gale is a man who had tried hard to live by his principles, but in a bizarre twist of fate, this devoted father, popular professor and respected death penalty opponent finds himself on Death Row for the rape and murder of fellow activist Constance Haraway. With only three days before

his scheduled execution, Gale decides to give reporter Elizabeth "Bitsey" Bloom the exclusive interview she's been chasing. But Bitsey soon realizes that this assignment is more than she bargained for, and that a man's life is in her hands. Putting her own safety in jeopardy, she frantically races to piece together the shocking events surrounding Constance's death, before it's too late. Stars Kevin Spacey, Kate Winslet, Laura Linney, Gabriel Man, Matt Craven, Leon Rippy, Rhona Mitra. Directed by Alan Parker. (Universal) Rated R.

GODS AND GENERALS

A sweeping epic charting the early years of the Civil War and how the campaigns unfolded from Manassas to the Battle of Fredericksburg, this prequel to the film *Gettysburg* explores the motivations of the combatants and examines the lives of those who waited at home. Stars Jeff Daniels, Stephen Lang, Robert Duvall and Mira Sorvino. Directed by Ron Maxwell. (Warner Brothers) Rated PG-13. Running time: 220 minutes

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, FEB. 28

CRADLE 2 THE GRAVE

When an international criminal kidnaps the daughter of a gang leader as part of a diamond heist, it causes a city's police to engage in an intensive search (led by a government agent played by Li), aided by the father's gangsters. Stars DMX, Jet Li, Mark Dacascos, Anthony Anderson, Tom Arnold. Directed by Andrzej Bartkowiak. (Warner Brothers) Rating TBD.

THE GUESTS

When his mean boss asks him to housesit, a young man tries to use it as an opportunity to win the heart of his boss's daughter, on whom he has long had a crush. What he doesn't plan on is the long line of other houseguests that come along in the meantime. Stars Ashton Kutcher, Tara Reid, Carmen Elektra, Andy Richter, Molly Shannon, Terrance Stamp, Ever Carradine, Jon Abrahams, David Koechner. Directed by David Zucker. (Miramax) Rating TBD

CLARIFICATION

The Sirens, a trio from Ontario, switched performance venues for its Friday, Jan. 31, concert, from the Blue Note Cafe in Lake Orion to the Blue Note Cafe in

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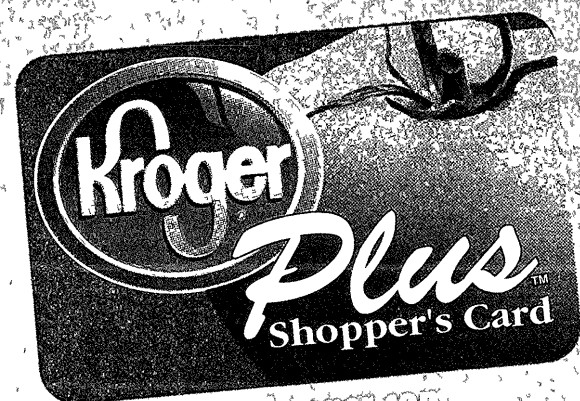
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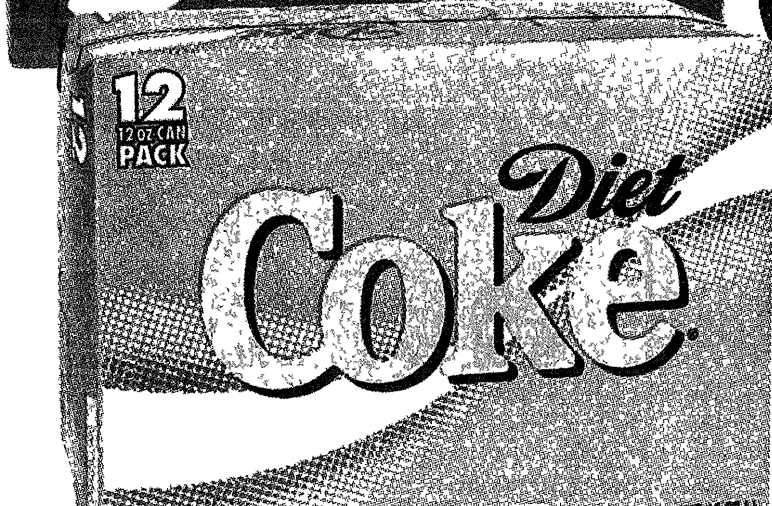


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■ Red-hot interiors

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Studio Jewell presents Love is in the Air, an exploration of feng shui techniques that enhance romance and sensuality in the master bedroom.

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Descendents' Galeria owner and artist Sandi Hammerstrom Oliverio stands in front of a trompe l'oeil brick wall with windows and curtains she painted on one of her store walls. Painted furniture, including an old-fashioned gossip bench, bottom left, surrounds her.

Classic Scandinavian

Furniture style offers simplicity, color, comfort

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Move over, Scandinavian modern. A predecessor, Scandinavian country, has found modern-day appeal.

Sometimes called classic Scandinavian or Gustavian style after the 18th century Swedish kings who had a hand in its development, the style brings us: painted furniture, simple lines, small doses of ornamentation, both carved and painted, and a color palette of clear, yet softened, light and bright tones from Danish blue to sunny yellow.

The style's popularity seems logical enough, as today's love affair with casual and comfortable interiors continues.

Likewise, Scandinavian country works well with other popular styles, such as French country and English cottage, at the same time satisfying homeowners' growing



Delicate flowers painted in pale yellow and violet embellish a white day bed (shortailed for display) and several other bedroom pieces. The painting was done by Sandi Hammerstrom Oliverio, who owns Descendents' Galeria in downtown Plymouth.

eclecticism.

"I think the simplicity is what is really appealing. People are looking to have a more casual lifestyle and have things that aren't so fussy," said Lynn Marie Smelser, a local interior designer with Ethan Allen, which has stores in Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Novi, Livonia, Ann Arbor and Sterling Heights.

The retailer's Swedish Country collection, a blend of Scandinavian and American country styles, was introduced about two years ago and has been well-received locally, said Smelser. The look "definitely has good Midwestern appeal," she

said.

In Michigan, with its overcast, dark winters, the lightness and brightness of classic Scandinavian makes sense environmentally, said Sandi Hammerstrom Oliverio, artist and owner of Descendents' Galeria in downtown Plymouth, where hand-painted furniture by artists of Scandinavian descent is the sole focus.

Historically, the style evolved as a way to temper the long dark winters endured in Scandinavian countries, said Hammerstrom, whose family descends from Sweden and Finland.

Other characteristics of the overall style are minimal use of drapes and plentiful use of candles, she said.

"Their winters are so long and so dark, so they wanted this light effect."

The style didn't evolve in isolation, however. Artisans from other European nations, such as France and Italy, influenced the look when they were hired in the 1700s by Swedish kings Gustav III and IV to imitate their countries' court decorative styles.



Descendents' Galeria in downtown Plymouth showcases furniture hand-painted by artists of Scandinavian descent.

ARTISTRY

Interestingly, Descendents' Galeria builds on this tradition through its offerings by different artists. Of the six currently showcased, one strongly represents traditional Scandinavian country, while Hammerstrom's own

creations have a strong French influence.

Indeed, many of her pieces have trompe l'oeil details. An old-fashioned gossip bench, for instance, bears a painted yellow address book.

Hammerstrom, who has

PLEASE SEE STYLE, C3

Backyard ice rink can be cool project

BY BARRY JENSEN
STAFF WRITER

If you want an outdoor ice rink in your back yard, give these guys a call. Outdoor Fun Store in Wayne sells several sizes of do-it-yourself home ice rinks.

A small back yard rink kit can be bought for \$289. You can buy a kit to build a full-size hockey arena, complete with boards and penalty boxes, for a whole lot more.

Or, if "do-it-yourself" means "someone-else-do-it-for-me," hire the store's installation crew to prepare everything for you. The fee depends on the size of the rink you want put up.

The length of time

between when you order the rink and when it is delivered can be as little as one day, if you pick a popular size that is in stock. If you want a big rink, that may take up to a week.

"We sold about 50 ice rinks so far this winter," said Daniel Wright, store founder and president. "We opened four years ago selling residential playscapes, basketball equipment and other outdoor play structures."

Home outdoor ice rinks were added this fall.

The ice rink kits come with step-by-step assembly instructions.

"The simplest (smallest) kits require no tools. They can be assembled by almost anyone,"

Wright said.

The kits range from a back yard-size 13 feet by 17 feet up to an Olympic-size 100 feet by 200 feet. You can even get a multipurpose configuration that can be used as a roller-hockey rink during warm weather.

"We get a lot of folks who want these rinks," he said. "The kids may still go to a municipal rink to play, but they put up a smaller rink in their back yard for practice."

"They work well for youngsters who are into figure skating, as well as hockey players."

Outdoor Fun Store recently moved to larger quarters, just down the street from its old location.

"We also have tools to

maintain the ice," Wright said.

"They are sort of mini-Zambonis, except these don't have wheels. You just hook them up to the hose and run the T-shaped tools across the ice." Outdoor Fun Store also sells the accessories you need to make your back yard rink a go. After all, what's a hockey rink without a couple of goals?

The largest rinks are often bought by municipalities to set on the ground outside, giving residents more time for skating during the winter, Wright said.

One advantage of having your own back yard rink is that there's a warming house real close — your own home. And



Hockey players, figure skaters and others who enjoy the ice can have a rink in their back yard, with the kits available at Outdoor Fun Store.

you don't have to wait for open skating at the nearest rink.

The store opened because Wright, who had done auto assemble work for 10 years, wanted to strike out on his own.

"I've always had a sense of adventure," he said. "I used

to build forts out in the woods or in the trees. So this seemed a natural business to start."

Outdoor Fun Store is at 3766 Commerce Court in Wayne, a mile east of I-275. Call (734) 728-2200. The Web site is www.outdoorfunstore.com.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Livonia Garden Club
Putting It All Together is the theme for the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at St. Andrew's Church, 16360 Hubbard, south of Six Mile in Livonia.
Winnie Boni, past president of the club and a student flower show judge, will explain basic flower arranging. Guests may attend.

Shade gardens
The Michigan School of Gardening will present a class, Shade Gardens, Tuesdays, Feb. 4 and 11, or Wednesdays, Feb. 5 and 12, at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza. Cost is \$62.
Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes offered by the Michigan School of Gardening have pre-requisites.
For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.

Farmington Garden Club
The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, Feb. 3, at Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.
Scott Kunst will speak on Antique Gardening, featuring 140 years of American yards and gardens from pioneer days to the Victorian era. Visitors may attend. Call (248) 615-3616 for information.

Herb study group
The Evening Herb Study Group of Matthaei Botanical Gardens will meet 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in Room 125 at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens educational building, 1800 Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor.
Master gardener Gretchen Voyle will give a presentation on cooking with herbs. She will provide recipes and tastes of a few of her herbal creations. Visitors are welcome.
The group meets the first Monday of each month (February through November). For more information, call H. Leland at (734) 459-8454 or e-mail hleland@gccservice.com.

Hardy Plant Society
The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, Woodward and Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills.
Narh Ferguson, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Commerce Township, will speak on Attracting Birds to Your Garden.
The public may attend. Guest fee \$3. Call (248) 589-2286 for information.

Starting seeds
English Gardens presents free gardening seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays at all five locations, including stores in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak (phone (248) 280-9500) and Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433).
Starting Seeds Indoors will be the topic Feb. 1. Get a head start on gardening and learn how to grow your own transplants.
English Gardens experts will share their knowledge of growing flowers and vegetables from seeds. Learn which varieties work best, and what's required to get the best results.
For the nearest English Gardens, call (800) 335-GROW or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Landscape color
The Detroit Garden Center will present a class, 52 Weeks of Landscape Color: Tips for Making Your Lawn and Garden Interesting All Year, with Janet Macunovich of the Michigan School of Gardening. Macunovich is an instructor, designer, garden writer and author.
The class will take place 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, in the auditorium of Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot in Detroit. Cost is \$15. To register and for more information, call the Detroit Garden Center at (313) 259-6363 or e-mail detroitgardencentr@yahoo.com.

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Garden books plant seeds of thought

At times we find books relating to gardening that are more introspective and make us think outside the realm of physical gardening.

Sermon From the Compost Pile: Seven Steps Toward

Creating an Inner Garden, Edward F. Sylvia (Staircase Press, \$19.95), is just such a book.

The author instructs us not only to create a garden on Earth, but how to find and nourish our inner garden, our soul.

"If we are not afraid to find true humility, a

miraculous process can begin to create a most breathtaking world form within - filling an inner void with beautiful vistas," he says.

"The only way to change your outer world is to change your inner world."

This book would be great for group discussion.

The Lost Language of Plants, Stephen Harrod Buhner (Chelsea Green, \$14.95), is another book that makes us think and reflect.

The historical significance of plants, their uses, and their impact on the environment is the focus in the book.

Although Western medicine heals us, it also is polluting the environment in many ways. This revelation is shocking. Perhaps the Earth's plants do tell us what they can heal as we listen to their language. Interesting stuff.

CONTROVERSIAL

Praise of Plants, Francis Halle (Timber Press, \$24.95), was translated from the original French into English by David Lee, a professor of biological sci-

ences at Florida International University in Miami. Halle is a professor of botany at the University of Montpellier in France.

Lee says it best: "This is a controversial book. Francis uses some strong language and even stronger graphics to make us confront the differences between plants and animals; I suppose that some readers may be offended. Much of it is also very humorous. (This scientist could well have ended up writing comics!) Every reader will find some point of disagreement; I did.

"More importantly, readers will have their understanding of plants fundamentally altered, and their appreciation immeasurably enhanced."

Graham Stuart Thomas, the ultimate gardener, has again written a winning book. *The Garden Through the Years* (Sagapress, \$49.95) is, as he says, "a survey of many good garden plants arranged month by month."

It is more than this in that we are privileged to accompany Thomas on a journey through his garden through every season. He has intimate knowledge about all kinds of plants and, in a conversational manner, shares many of his personal experiences with them. The author's exquisite paintings and drawings illustrate the book. Some of the photographs are of his own garden in Surrey; some taken by him and others by well-known photographers. This great gardener is in his 90th year and is still curious, as he says:

"There are times when I think that our lives are too short to achieve the ultimate in gardening; we never stop learning and seeing ways to improve our schemes."

MICHIGAN GUIDE

Michigan Gardener's Guide,



MARTY FIGLEY

These books will inspire, intrigue and delight.

Tim Boland, Laura Coit and Marty Hair (Cool Springs Press, \$29.99, soft), is a revised edition of the book published in 1997.

It contains information about the how, when and where of more than 180 plants, including natives.

Tips on integrated pest management are featured too.

Each plant is photographed in color.

Pertinent information - such as mature size, bloom time, seasonal colors, site preferences, fertilizing needs, pruning, care and pests - is given.

Many design ideas are included, as are recommendations for companion plantings. Personal notes by the authors are of great help.

Portraits of Himalayan Flowers, Toshio Yoshida (Timber Press, \$39.95), is an exceptional book in that the photographs are outstanding, the technical information will be of interest to gardeners, and the stories of plants and travelers surviving in these mountains is fascinating.

Traveling in the monsoon sea-

son in the Himalayan mountains allowed Yoshida the best time to observe the special ways the plants have adapted to survive. It took 10 years to produce this book in order to photograph them at their peak bloom.

"To see these flowers on a large scale, I had to become like a pollinator, sitting or laying on the ground, not worrying about getting my hands or clothes dirty, and bringing my face right up to the flower," Yoshida says of the photographs.

The map of the regions he traveled gives some idea of the territory he covered.

Awesome.

The following books, published by Timber Press, are now in paperback: *Dye Plants and Dyeing*, J. and M. Cannon; *Willows: The Genus Salix*, Newsholme; and *The Plantfinder's Guide to Garden Ferns*, Rickard.

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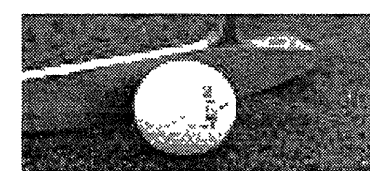
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THRIFTY TIPS

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■ Each day find a way to save money. Put the saved money in a jar to use for something you really want.

Instead of driving through a fast food restaurant for a soda, take a glass of water from home with a slice of lemon. It will leave your breath fresh, keep weight off, and save you time and money.

■ When you make a purchase, be sure you paid the correct amount. If it was on sale, make sure you were charged the sale price.

■ Buy clothing that is washable. Dry cleaning bills are expensive and should only be used for suits and coats when

finances are tight.

■ Remove the temptation of spending on unnecessary items. You will be tempted to spend money each time you visit the mall or flip through mail-order catalogs at home. Visit the mall infrequently and discard all the catalogs.

■ Patience is the best way to save money. We live in a "now" society. This means we spend impulsively, making unnecessary purchases. How many times have you bought an outfit, worn it a few times and then pushed it to the back of the closet?

■ Take a list with you each time you shop. This includes shopping for groceries, clothes, gifts and even furniture.

Before you make a large purchase, go home and think about it for a day or two. Don't be influenced by high-pressure salespeople.

■ Do the things you really enjoy for less money. If you enjoy lunch with friends, choose a less expensive restaurant.

When I go out with one of my friends, we buy one lunch and split the food. It is usually plenty of food and costs half as much.

STYLE

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been a painter for years, also has created curtained windows, brick walls and other trompe l'oeil effects on the walls inside Descendents' Galeria.

Above a back door, a painted floral and wheat motif wraps around the word Välkommen, which means "Welcome" in Swedish. The store has been well-received. And, already, Hammerstrom, formerly a sales and display consultant at Scott Shuptrine, has developed a following - customers who

Invite friends over for dessert and games instead of a full-course meal. Another option is potluck. Then the burden isn't on one person and you can still enjoy the company of others.

■ Save money on utilities. Turn lights out, fix leaky faucets and limit the amount of phone options you have. (Do you need caller ID? Do you need call waiting? Do you need a cell phone?)

■ You don't need to spend money on video rental. Exchange videos with friends or check out videos at the library for free.

■ Keep track each month of what you spend on fast food. You can make your own fast food at home for less. Buy snack items when they are on sale.

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Association executive director wins award

The Michigan Green Industry Association has announced that Executive Director Diane Andrews has received the Emerging New Leader Award from the Michigan Society of Association Executives, the highest honor the MSAE bestows upon a new association staff leader.

The MGIA, with offices in Bingham Farms, is a trade association with more than 750 members in the areas of landscape construction, lawn

stop by for a dose of feel-good ambiance.

"One little lady comes in and says 'I come in here for my fix.'"

The draw, said Hammerstrom, is the sense of comfort and ease.

"People are looking for comfort from within their homes. Some of these pieces have a nostalgic feeling, a reminder of more restful times."

Descendents' Galeria is at 550 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth's Westchester Square Mall. Services include custom painting of furniture and murals and design consultation. For store hours or additional information, call (734) 207-9010.

maintenance, irrigation, lawn spray, tree services, snow removal and landscape suppliers.

For a complete listing of its membership, call (248) 646-4992 or visit www.landscape.org.

Andrews received the award because of her hard work and dedication to moving the association and its members forward since her appointment to the position in 2000, said Dan Banks, chairman of the board for the MGIA.

HOME CALENDAR

Home improvement show

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor its 11th annual Novi Home Improvement Show Friday to Sunday, Jan. 31 to Feb. 2, at Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road. Hundreds of exhibitors are expected. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7, \$6 for senior citizens, free for under age 12. On-site parking is available for an additional charge. For more information, call (248) 862-1019.

Free seminar to offer ideas on saving energy in the home

Lessons from the Zero Energy Home, a free seminar, will take place 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center in Oxford.

The center is at 2375 Indian Lake Road. Visit www.uheac.org for directions. Reservations are preferred, but not required; call Deanne at (248) 363-1756 or the center at (248) 693-1021.

Architect and instructor Christina Snyder will share lessons learned from the state of Michigan's Zero (fossil fuel) Energy Home Competition. Her university students won first and

second place in the contest. Applying these ideas will reduce fossil fuel use in homes, businesses or future designing.

The seminar will include a slide show presentation, a question-and-answer period, free informational handouts, refreshments, and an energy tour of the center, an earth-sheltered solar-, wind- and wood-powered building in a beautiful wooded setting in northern Oakland County. The seminar is appropriate for homeowners, builders, contractors, designers and planners - and anyone

interested in renewable energy, energy conservation and ecological living.

For credits or CEUs for the Oakland University School of Education and Human Services, call Linda Robak at OU at (248) 370-3137. The event is made free to the public by a grant from the state of Michigan Consumer and Industry Services, Energy Division. Co-sponsors are the OU School of Education and Human Services, the Small Business Association of Michigan and the East Michigan Environmental Action Council.

Michigan Antique Radio Club schedules sale

The Michigan Antique Radio Club will sponsor a show and sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. The public may attend. Membership information will be available. This is the "road show" for collectible radios, where MARC members offer free appraisals as well as sources for repair and

restoration of vintage radios.

The show will feature a contest where interesting items are displayed, a silent auction in which anyone in attendance may bid, a 50-50 drawing open to everyone, a donation auction with many bargain opportunities, and more than 75 vendor tables of radios, books, parts and related paraphernalia for sale.

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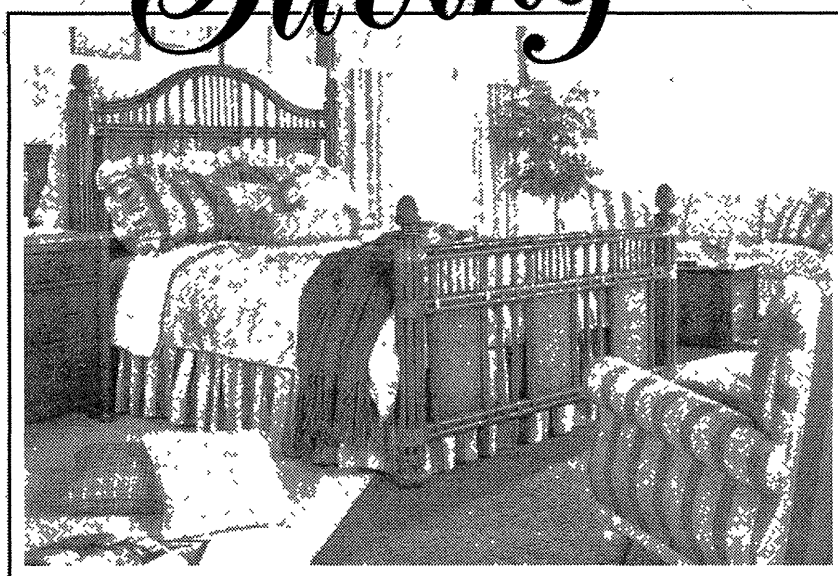
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Each room with a view



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Michael and Janie Roth's spectacular Bloomfield home will be the site of the Preview Party for the Snow Ball charity event this year.

Bloomfield residence shows spectacular interior

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Talk about a "room with a view"!

When Michael and Janie Roth built their house in Bloomfield, they wanted to keep the beautiful view offered by the wooded setting.

Not only was this accomplished, but each room of the residence — which is about 12,000 square feet — is a beautiful scene itself.

The house will be the site of the Preview Party for this year's Snow Ball for Variety, The Children's Charity. The party will take place 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 (see related story).

Construction of the Roth residence was completed in fall

2002. Jeffrey King of Jeffrey King Interiors of Birmingham and Richard Ross, vice president and designer of the firm, fashioned a smooth combination of charming elements of Old World and modernism styles.

"(The Roths) are very sophisticated ... I wanted to feel that (in the decor)," Ross said.

Antiques, family heirlooms, and souvenirs from the Roths' world travels accent the various areas.

Colors and fabrics throughout the house are light, which doesn't distract from the outdoor panorama presented by the windows.

Every space is put to use, such as the drawers and shelves tucked into furnishings

and structures.

Drapes form gentle dividers in some rooms.

Janie Roth showed Ross pictures of her ideas for the house, and he was able to bring them to life.

"I wanted the house to have a flow," Janie Roth said.

Furnishings in the living room, which is dressed in shades of tan and off-white, are arranged in comfortable clusters.

Two sofas are placed back to back on an area rug, each facing a different conversational space — one with a large, rectangular, wooden table from Thailand, one with a small, round table.

Ross designed the two lamps, which feature mahogany frames, polished

nickel casters and linen shades.

They suggest Oriental letters. The sofas bear a subtle Asian pattern.

Two groups of four chairs each are around square tables on the wooden floor.

In the cream-colored master bedroom, a Schonbeck chandelier hangs from a recessed area of the ceiling that was made with plastic molding.

A glass front cabinet, formerly in a dining room, is now in the bedroom, lined with linen and displaying collection pieces.

This is a way to show personal items without clutter, Ross said.

The kitchen is cheery, with such elements as lights in the shape of large orbs that hang from chains, and cozy, with the corner featuring a fireplace and a sofa.

Sleek, black high chairs are lined up at one of the two granite-topped work islands.

A colorful cabinet from Ecuador is against one wall.

A sunken tub is one of the luxurious features of the downstairs bathroom. An antique candy dish serves as a soap dish on the vanity.

The second floor landing is arranged as a sitting area — a mini living room — with four chairs around a table from the Ivory Coast that was made from a tree trunk and resembling a giant bowl.

At the Roths' parties, guests are often first brought here for appetizers.

A child's bedroom features a bed that brings to mind a giant window seat.

Leafy tree branches are

Snow Ball charity event warms hearts

The Snow Ball is the winter season's most entrancing charity event. It features a black-tie dinner, a special live auction of fantasy packages (including vacations), and top-notch entertainment.

Presented by Variety, The Children's Charity, the event will take place Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Townsend Hotel Ballroom, on Townsend south of Maple between Woodward and Southfield Road in Birmingham. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit children with special needs in metropolitan Detroit.

Over the past seven years, the Snow Ball has raised more than \$1 million for the children of Variety.

This year's theme is Moulin Rouge, an evening of 19th century Paris frivolity.

Sumptuous French cuisine, a floor show (featuring Susan Griffiths from Hollywood and the star of Riverdance, singer/dancer Michael Danzo from Toronto), dancing and festivities will be offered for guests.

Musical entertainment will be provided by celebrated orchestra leader Simone Vitale.

Tickets per person are \$225, \$300 (Patron) and \$500 (Benefactor). Benefactors and Patrons may attend the Preview Party 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Bloomfield home of Janie and Michael Roth. A cocktail supper will be served at the party.

For information, call the Variety office in Southfield at (248) 258-5511.

Event co-chairs are Gillian Lazar of Birmingham and Jeffrey King of Birmingham. Honorary chairpersons are Katie and Jon Flora of The

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Janie and Michael Roth are seated at a table in their cheery, cozy kitchen. Designer Richard Ross, behind them, wanted the house to convey the couple's sophistication as well as the feeling of being in an elegant hotel.

painted on the walls; it is easy to imagine the room is among the treetops.

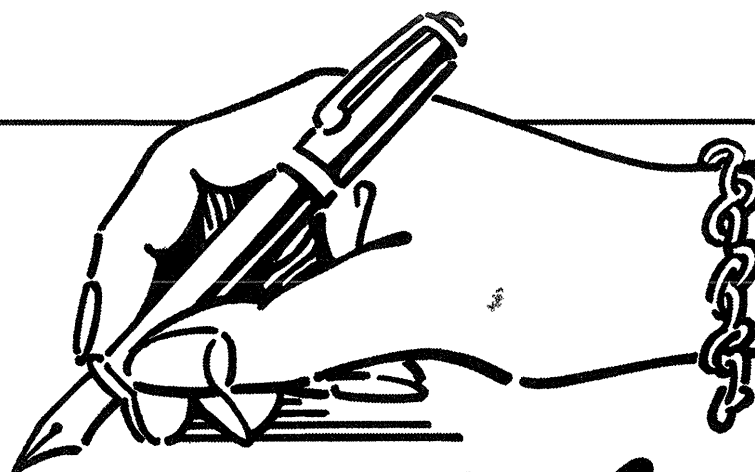
In the downstairs foyer is a hall tree from 1820-40 that was in Gerald Ford's home in Grand Rapids.

All of the wood in the

house is mahogany, except for the library, which is cherry.

Here, the floor panels are arranged to resemble the pattern of a rug.

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New Year's resolutions enhance life

I've always made New Year resolutions even when I was a little girl. This activity helped build my self-image. For example, one resolution my mom did with me, and one I've kept repeating, was to list my positive characteristics against my disabilities. This taught me to always stay focused on the good things in life, not the negatives. The list is kept in my journal, where I keep track of my goals and progress.

Resolutions can also bring adventures and new experiences. I always try to take up a new activity and find new interests. Last year, I took up sign language to learn a new way to communicate, especially with my deaf and hard-of-hearing friends.

Another past resolution was to volunteer. While working at a day care center and an assistant living home for seniors, I soon realized how much I enjoyed helping others. This helped me choose career paths that were more service-oriented, such as social work.

Making resolutions can help you accomplish many things. One of my biggest accomplishments was getting my degree in social work at Madonna University. This experience pushed me to be independent, think for myself and make decisions for my life. It taught me to become my own advocate. I had to determine my needs and what accommodations I needed to meet them, such as setting up note takers and tutoring sessions. I also had to learn speak up and let people know about my disabilities and needs.

A few years ago I made the decision to turn my hobby of journaling into a career by creating an online column called *Carrie Writes*. After querying several Web sites for people with disabilities, I was offered the chance to have my column published monthly on several Web sites. After conquering the Internet world, I decided to develop a printed column focusing on disability issues in my hometown. That is when *Disability Talks* was born.

I am happy to say I have finally found the perfect career where I can work out of home as my own boss. More importantly, I help and inspire people to improve their lives. I bring information and awareness on many disability issues. Whenever I receive an e-mail from a reader giving feedback or asking for help, I always get the sense I am following the right career path. I love the feeling I get after I've helped someone through my articles or in the chats I moderate at the Hearing Exchange Web site.

People make resolutions for many reasons. Resolutions can be spiritual. They can improve your health and enlighten your life. A few of my resolutions for this year include learning Braille and taking up yoga and Pilates. I also intend to grow my freelance business by finding new ventures. As always, my first priority is to be a disabilities activist through my words.

Go ahead make a commitment to yourself through your New Year's resolutions. **Carrie Tynan** lives in Livonia. She writes a monthly column for the Observer Newspapers on disability issues. Contact her by e-mail at carriewrites@yahoo.com or her Web site <http://clix.to/writerfiction>

Special stars get a day to shine

Talent show accentuates the positive

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Most of the special-needs students at the Speech, Language & Sensory-Motor Systems Inc. rehabilitation clinic spend most of the year focusing on the things that are wrong with them.

Once a year, the annual talent show the clinic puts on gives them a chance to showcase all that is positive.

And the kids absolutely take advantage of it.

It happened again Saturday, when the clinic hosted its fourth annual Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars talent extravaganza and fashion show at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. Some two dozen youngsters took part in the annual show, which clinic owner Lorraine Zaksek says is designed to give the children a much-needed dose of self-confidence.

"It's not often they get to showcase their positives (because) their therapy so often focuses on their negatives," she said. "They have the pleasure of being appreciated for the positive things."

It was easy to see the pleasure the kids get out of the talent show as they paraded one-by-one, frequently nudged by adoring parents, to the stage to perform in front of some 100 parents, grandparents and friends. Jon Bandy got the show started — he was appearing in his fourth straight show — with a spirited recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were other highlights. Alex Chevoor sang along to "John Jacob Jingleheimschmidt." And Matthew Kleinhenz brought down the house with his comedy routine.

"What did the puppy say when he sat on the sandpaper?" Matthew asked. When the crowd responded, "What?" the youngster delivered the punchline: "Ruff, ruff."

With the crowd in sync, Matthew asked, "What did the pony say when he coughed?"

"What?" the crowd asked.

"Excuse me, I'm a little horse," came the punchline, delivered with some laughter by the comedian himself.

It's the kind of feel-good show that brings the kids and their families together, and Lorraine Zaksek and her husband, Don, went to great lengths to thank the folks who helped put the show on.

Some 16 students from Joanne's Dance Extension



Mariah Berryman of Dearborn, 3½, left, smells a rose as brother P.J., 6½, looks on during Saturday's talent show.



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Marissa Rasak, 4, of Farmington Hills, from left, brother Mark, 5, and mom Tammy listen during the talent show Saturday at Geneva Presbyterian Church.



SUSAN ISAACS

Vanessa Isaacs gets ready to hit the stage during the show Saturday.

in Canton spent 16 weeks working with the children on their routines, spending an hour every Saturday beginning in the fall. According to owner Joanne Zavisa, it's a chance for her students to give back to the community.

"I think it's important for our kids to help other kids with special needs so our kids appreciate what they have," Zavisa said.

But the teenagers who helped choreograph the show get even more out of it than that. In many cases, they make new friends. That's how it was for 13-year-old Katelyn Ward of Plymouth, who helped out for the first time this year.

"It's fun to meet new kids, and to see what you accomplish when they get on stage," Katelyn said. "It's good to help out with the kids, and it's good to see the kids happy."

That's what Rosemary Riley-Mondra thinks. Her son, Jimmy, did his act on a mini-trampoline, and she said it's good to see the kids get to do what "normal" kids get to do. She also had a great deal of praise for the volunteers from Joanne's Dance Extension.

"This gives (Jimmy) a chance to do things 'nor-



SUSAN ISAACS

Jimmy Mondra, Vanessa Isaacs, Emma Ferree and Casey Orr do the "Benny the Bunny" dance during the talent show Saturday at Geneva Presbyterian Church.

mal' kids do every day," Riley-Mondra said. "Those young women don't know what it means to us."

The event also includes a fashion show, with clothing donated by Gap Kids at Twelve Oaks Mall. More than two dozen Speech and Language students walked the aisle, showing off the latest in kids' wear. All of the efforts combined to give what Don Zaksek likened to a professional performance.

"When you think about what real talent is, these kids do have it," he said.

"You think of going to see a performance, and you come away inspired. That's what happens with this show."

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Canton activist helps set Snoopy the shark free

When Snoopy the nurse shark was just a pup she was yanked from her ocean home.

The underlying intent of the nabbers was to deny this fish's inherent right to freedom for the rest of her life. Her years



Lana Mini

were intended to be spent in some cramped aquarium somewhere in the U.S. where she'd be gawked at by humans.

Snoopy's luck today is that she was donated to Fifth Avenue Billiards in Novi.

She lived there for three years in an 800-gallon tank that she quickly outgrew. She's obese from lack of exercise and is 4 feet long. Her days and nights are spent swimming in a small circle, over and over and over again.

Here's her good luck:

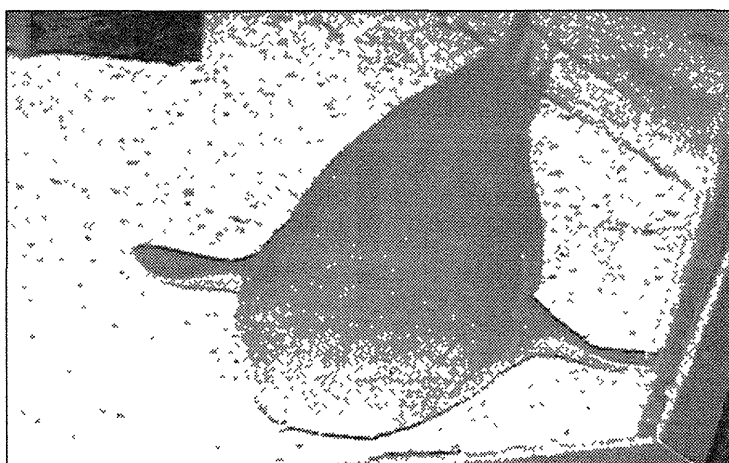
One evening one of Michigan's top animal activists, Jim McNellis, went to Fifth Avenue to watch a game. He saw the big shark. He told the bar management he could free her into the ocean, if they'd release her.

The owners of Fifth Avenue wholeheartedly agreed. They too had sympathy for the shark and had also worried about her growing size in the tank.

Nurse sharks are very social creatures, which makes their solitary captive display particularly disturbing. In their native habitat, they congregate in schools and often pile on top of one another by the dozens when they sleep. In the ocean, they live nearly 40 years and grow about 12 feet long.

McNellis, of Canton, quickly organized with rescuers nationwide to change Snoopy's world.

He did so on his own time without seeking personal pub-



Snoopy the shark is pictured in her tank at Fifth Avenue Billiards in Novi, before being transported to freedom in the ocean.

licity. He sought neither personal glory nor money, just freedom for an enslaved creature.

And he found others who shared those ideals.

The all-volunteer, nonprofit Marine Mammal Conservancy in Key Largo agreed to rehabil-

itate Snoopy in an enclosed ocean area — to teach her to fend for herself — and then free her. Snoopy would have to fly USAir to Key Largo from Detroit Metro.

McNellis faced one quandary: He needed to lift the heavy shark into a holding

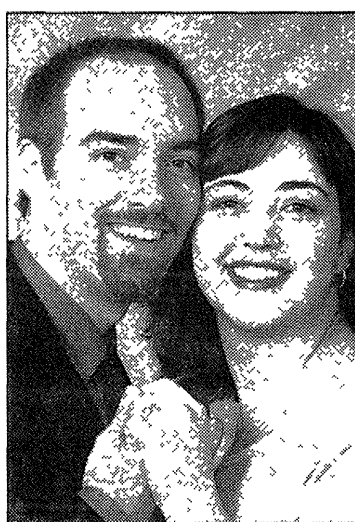
tank. Lee Fiema, owner of Aquatic Discoveries store in Sterling Heights, agreed to help move Snoopy. Fiema specializes in aquariums with salt and fresh water fish and live corals.

Relaxavision Inc., of Livonia, the company who tends to Fifth Avenue's fish tanks, was there to drain the tank and put most of the water in the holding area. They stayed at Fifth Avenue for hours until the rescue was complete.

Then Wendy Rhodes, a Los Angeles shark rescuer, agreed to fly with the shark to Florida and spend a few days assisting in the rehabilitation. She took the red-eye from L.A. to Detroit; spent a few hours at Fifth Avenue to prepare Snoopy for the flight; flew with her to Key Largo; and by late Saturday night Snoopy and Rhodes were in the enclosed ocean area.

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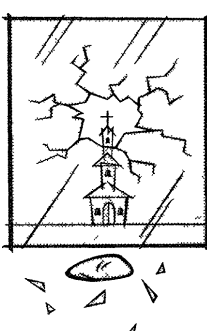
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Throwing Stones....

The old saying that "people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones" is a picturesque way of saying that people shouldn't judge others for sins which they themselves are guilty of. This is the proverbial "pot calling the kettle black." It reminds us of Jesus' advice to take the log out of your own eye before trying to remove the speck from your brother's eye (Matthew 7:4). We often seem to have a blind spot for our own sins, though we usually are quite aware of these same sins in our neighbors. Again and again, Jesus tells us to "Judge not, that you be not judged" (Matthew 7:1). Perhaps one of the most memorable examples of



this in the Bible, is when a crowd brings to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put Jesus on the spot by saying that "in the law Moses commanded us to stone such. What do you say about her?" (John 8:5). Jesus' response is simple and beautifully compassionate: "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her" (John 8:7). One by one, they went away, leaving no one to condemn her. Ultimate judgment is reserved for God alone, and while God was here on earth in the form of Jesus, He reserved his harshest wisdom for those who were hypocritically judgmental.

For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.
R.S.V. Matthew 7:2



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Hockey's future

Rick Covault of Canton, encourages his son Ricky, 4, who is learning how to skate on the ice. Ricky was decked out in his Detroit Red Wings uniform for open skating at the Westland Sports Arena on Wildwood north of Ford Road. The arena has open skating noon-1:45 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-2:45 p.m. Saturday.

AROUND TOWN

Winter Evening

All ages can escape the wintry weather and experience a typical evening at the farmstead at Cobblestone Farm in Ann Arbor, when courting and quilting were common. In the farmhouse will be candlelit activities such as gingerbread baking, music, parlor games, storytelling and characters in period costumes. Children will be delighted by the valentine crafts and refreshments in the barn. Call (734) 994-2928 for further info.

Art Club

Three Cities Art Club presents Dan Smith, who will teach how to cut our own mats and suggest some inexpensive ways to frame our artwork. Being held from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3 at the Plymouth Township Municipal Building on Ann Arbor Road.

Fine Arts Competition

The PCAC has announced a \$500 fine arts competition for high school seniors in the P/C school district. Applications are now available at the PCAC. The deadline for receipt of materials is March 15. For further info, call (734) 416-4278.

Valentine Dinner

A Champagne Reception at 7 p.m. Feb. 14, followed by a four course dinner at Fox Hills in Plymouth. The cost is \$60/per person. Call for reservations (734) 453-7272.

Barbie Doll Show

The "We Love Barbie Fashion Doll Show and Sale" returns Feb. 9 to the Plymouth VFW Hall located on Mill Street in Plymouth. Show hours are 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and admission is \$5/kids under 10 are free. For info call (734) 455-2110.

Winter Art Classes

Calling all aspiring artists, beginning or experienced. Come to the PCAC for pottery class, drawing and sketching class, beading, beginning painting, Saturday morning art and figure drawing. Classes begin Jan. 31, meet on any

day of the week and are for all ages. For more info, call (734) 416-4278.

County Chorus

The County Connection Chorus, a women's singing group from Ypsilanti, hosts Acappella 101, a free four-week session for women interested in learning more about singing acappella music in the barbershop style. The chorus is affiliated with Sweet Adelines International. Interested women should contact Jennifer Jones (734) 480-8843.

Drug Workshop

The "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do" workshop was developed to help people who are struggling with teen substance abuse issues. Part One, "What To Know," will be presented from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, Ypsilanti, with presenter Ron Harrison, SW. Call (734) 973-7892 for further info.

Grief Workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight-week grief workshop "From Grief to New Hope" beginning Feb. 10. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Meeting for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. Call (248) 374-5966.

Willow Creek Preschool

Now enrolling for 2002-2003 school year. Three-year-olds meet Tuesday and Thursday. Four-year-olds meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Licensed preschool with certified teachers. For information, call Sherry Haskell (734) 326-5735.

Hockey Coaches

The Plymouth Canton Hockey Association is accepting coaching applications for the 2003-2004 season. Applications are due Friday, Jan. 31. Call Shawn Rowley at (734) 981-0120

for more information.

Storytime

Peggy Price Heiney presents a special storytime for children ages 5-7. Stories, creative dramatics and book selection round out this monthly session at the Plymouth Library. Registration is required. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

Road Rally

The Canton Thunderbird Softball Inc. Girls Fast Pitch organization is holding a Road Rally on Feb. 8, 2003. Deadline to enter is Feb. 6. cost is \$25/person which includes meal and prizes. for further information contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or check the Web site at thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

PCAC 70s Bash Tickets

Special Christmas pricing on tickets for the PCAC's annual dinner, dance and auction to be held Friday, March 14, 2003 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. To purchase tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

Spring Youth Soccer Registration

The entire month of January at the Recreation Office of the City of Plymouth during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All registrations require a birth certificate. Call (734) 455-6620 for further information.

Nursery Registration

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has openings for 3-4 year olds. One to three days per week. School located on Sheldon road in Canton. REGISTRATION DAY for 2003-2004 school year is on Feb. 2 from 1-3 p.m. Call (734) 455-6250 or (734) 453-0595 for more information.

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

Recreation Registration

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots jump-a-rama, tae-kwon-do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

CLUBS

BPW

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road. Guests are welcome. For more info and dinner reservations, contact Mary Brooks at (734) 420-0320.

SEPAC

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets every second Monday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information, please contact Rich Ham-Kucharski (734) 844-4714.

Plymouth VFW

Fish fries continue every Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The price is only \$7 at the Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill. Brunch will be from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday Jan. 26 and the third Sunday of each month thereafter. The cost is \$7.

MOPS-Plymouth

The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft Rd., Plymouth. Call for info (734) 420-0515.

Colonial Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes, membership chairman, (734) 414-0400.

MOPS-Westland

Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church Sept. through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact Nikki Guenther at (313) 937-2479.

La Leche League


Breastfeeding information and support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations, please contact Michelle at (734) 397-0197.

Canton Rotary Club

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join us for lunch for more information on our community and international service projects. For more information call Laura at (734) 207-8517 or e-mail to ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

DO YOU SMOKE? OR HAVE YOU QUIT?

Either way, you may be able to be a part of an important lung screening study for healthy men and women between the ages of 55 and 74.



The University of Michigan Health System is looking for volunteers for the National Lung Screening Trial (NLST). Smoking puts men and women at risk for lung cancer. NLST is comparing spiral CT scans to chest X-rays to find out if one is more effective than the other at lowering lung cancer deaths.

For more information, please call UMHS Cancer Center Answerline at 1-800-865-1125 M-F, 9-4:30, messages accepted after hours or the Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE 2003 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FEBRUARY 11, 2003

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 P.M. in the Meeting Room of the Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, on February 11, 2003.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2003 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Office of Block Grant, Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program are that the estimated 2003 funding allocation for the township will be approximately \$135,590.00.

PROPOSED 2003 PROJECTS	\$135,590.00
1. PLYMOUTH COUNCIL ON AGING	9,000.00
2. SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM	25,000.00
3. MULTI-YEAR SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENTS	88,000.00
4. ADMINISTRATION	13,590.00
TOTAL	\$135,590.00

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, upon completion of the public hearing, will determine the use of the 2003 funds.


Any written comments regarding proposed use of the 2003 funds should be directed to Susan Vignoe, Community Development Block Grant Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 postmarked by February 11, 2003.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 21, 2003

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Shefferly, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Bennett, Yack, Zarbo

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dan Durack, Ann Conklin, Tom Casari

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR Item 1. **Victory Park Parking Agreement with High Velocity Sports.** Motion by Bennett, seconded by Zarbo to table the approval of the Agreement for Victory Park Parking with High Velocity Sports. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett to adjourn from regular meeting, and move to study session, seconded by Burdziak. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Yack called the study session to order at 7:23 p.m.

STUDY SESSION Item 1. **Non Union Employees' Pension Plan.** Discussion took place regarding the possibility of Non Union Employees being offered the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) Plan.

Item 2. Merit Commission Recommendations Re: Non Union Employees' Fringe Benefits. A review of the Merit Commission's recommendations regarding non-union employee fringe benefits.

Item 3. Employee Political Activity. In October 2002, the Board reviewed Rule 1.300 of the Personnel Policy Manual regarding Political Activity. At that tie there was discussion of the Board adopting a formal policy covering political activity of all Township employees prior to the 2004 election cycle. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn the study session at 8:26 pm.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Health expert offers tips about summer camps

As this winter's deep freeze continues to chill much of the country, thoughts of summer are filling the minds of millions of parents of school-age children. The January and February deadlines to sign their kids up for summer camp are looming. More than 10 million American children attend camp each year.

As parents ponder the glossy brochures and surf the Web sites of soccer camps, music camps, computer camps and traditional all-around camps, a University of Michigan Health System expert advises them to keep their children's health in mind.

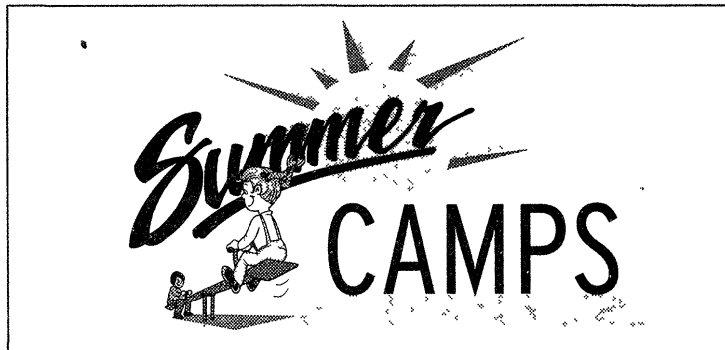
No matter what kind of camp a child might attend, parents should ask camp organizers the same basic questions about how they keep kids safe, handle medical emergencies, and deal with routine health needs, says Dr. Edward Walton, a UMHS pediatric emergency medicine specialist who studies camp health issues.

And if a child has special health needs – from allergies and asthma to more serious conditions – or if the camp will be physically demanding, parents should make sure they understand the camp's ability to handle preventive and emergency care.

"Camp is a great experience for kids, and helps them grow and develop emotionally and socially," says Walton, whose own children just signed up for the same camps he and his sister attended when they were young. "But when choosing a camp, parents need to make sure they're comfortable entrusting organizers with their child's health. Asking a few questions now can help you have peace of mind this summer."

EVALUATIONS

Walton recently presented findings from a U-M study of camp health in Michigan at the American College of Emergency Physicians annual meeting, evaluating the medical training of camp health officers and the availability and use of medical support near



the camp. He notes that Michigan is one of the nation's more proactive states for summer camp health, with state laws requiring annual licensing, a dedicated camp health officer, and first-aid training for many camp staff.

Even so, Walton and his colleagues found that out of 129 Michigan camps, half had a camp health officer with paramedic training or less. A roughly equal number had registered nurses on staff.

Two-thirds of camps surveyed reported that ambulances responding to an emergency at their facility would go to a small or rural hospital, and more than a third said it would take an ambulance 10 or more minutes to get to their camp.

He also advises that parents check whether a camp they're considering is accredited with the American Camping Association, which has even more stringent health requirements than state laws.

QUESTIONS

As parents consider their children's options, Walton offers the following list of questions to ask:

What's the camp's philosophy?

Is it a general camp or a specialized one? How much physical activity do campers have, and what's the potential for injury during those activities? If it's a sports camp, are trainers and coaches prepared to handle sprains, strains, heat stroke and other emergencies?

Who supervises the children? What's their age, experience, and first-aid training?

Inexperienced or young counselors may not be able to respond as well in an emergency as more experienced or

trained ones.

And instructors in especially risky activities – such as horseback riding, swimming, water sports and adventure hiking – should have more training in safety measures and first aid. Walton notes that the majority of the small number of deaths that occur each year at American camps are caused by drowning.

Parents should also ask about whether the camp conducts background checks on counselors and other staff.

What kind of medical staff works at the camp? What are the medical facilities nearby?

Ask if the camp you're considering has a nurse or person with emergency medical training on site at all times, and how quickly they are available in emergencies, Walton advises. Also, ask about the nearest hospital and urgent care clinic, and the local ambulance service.

What's the supervision for trips away from camp?

Field trips are often an exciting change of pace for campers, but parents should ask about the ratio of chaperones to campers, and the requirements for drivers of vehicles campers ride in.

How are campers' medications and special dietary needs handled?

More children than ever use prescription medications for asthma, behavior and mental health disorders, allergies, diabetes and other conditions. Awareness of food allergies and dietary restrictions is also rising. Parents should check on how camps store and dispense daily medications, whether they allow asthma inhalers and "epi pens" to be kept in cabins for asthma attacks and allergic reactions, and whether they

can tailor meals to meet special diet needs.

Walton also cautions parents not to see summer camp as a time for their child to take a "medication holiday" and halt their use of behavioral drugs like Ritalin.

The new experiences and social situations of camp don't mix well with a sudden change in medication.

Do I need to buy extra health insurance? Will my insurance cover local medical care?

Many camps require parents to buy additional insurance coverage for their children, or to provide proof that the child is covered by an existing policy. And, many HMOs and other insurance plans require special permission or immediate notification for medical care delivered in areas outside a local "network" of doctors and hospitals, even for emergencies. Walton advises parents to check with both the camp and

their own insurance company.

If my child has a chronic condition, is the camp prepared to handle it?

Many parents of children with diabetes, asthma, epilepsy, and other chronic conditions know that medicine and special precautions make it possible for their child to have a normal life most of the year. But camp can present special challenges, especially if a child needs routine medicines or foods, or might suffer an emergency that camp counselors don't know how to handle. Parents should be realistic about their child's health and choose a camp that can handle day-to-day issues such as insulin shots, and crises such as seizures.

What's the camp's policy about phone calls, and homesickness?

Psychological well-being is just as important as physical health, Walton notes, and he

urges parents to find out whether their child will be allowed to call home if he or she is feeling homesick. But parents should resist the temptation to retrieve a homesick child from camp immediately, he adds; they should talk with counselors first and see if they can address the issue. And, they should avoid sending mixed messages by saying, "I wish you were home."

A lot can be done to address homesickness before camp even begins – starting with a realistic assessment of whether a child is ready to go to a sleep-away camp.

Young children should try sleepovers with friends or relatives before being signed up for camp. If they do plan to go to camp, parents should talk frankly with them in the weeks before they leave about how it's all right to miss home, while emphasizing the fun and new experiences camp will bring.



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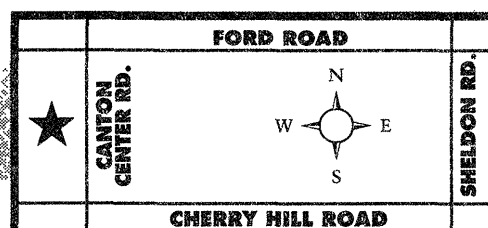
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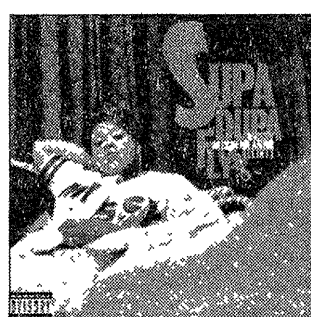
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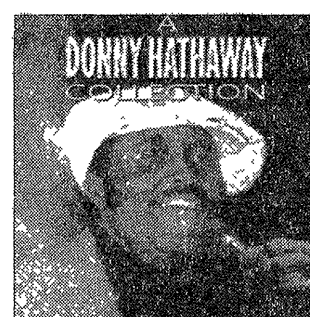
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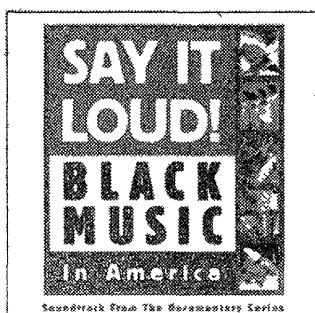
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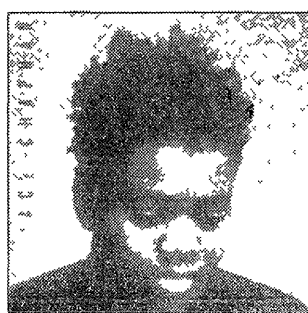
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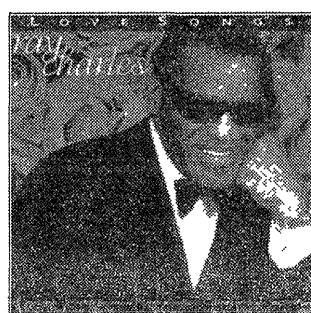
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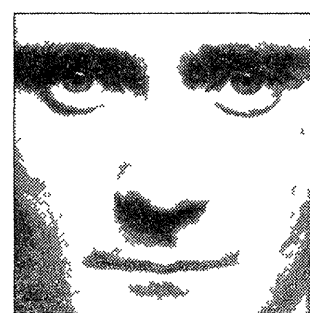
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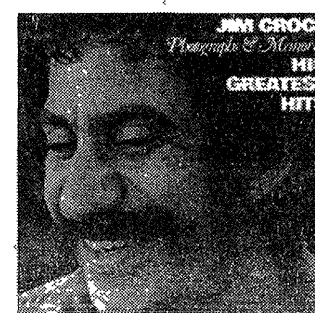
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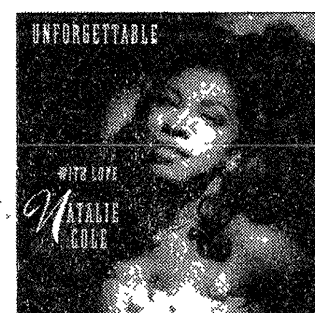
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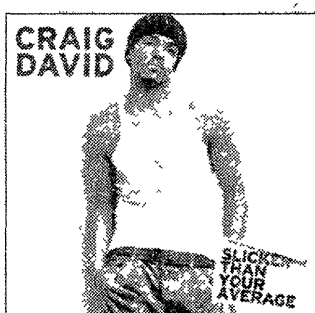
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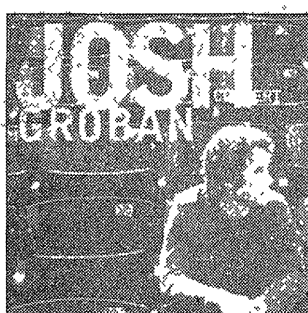
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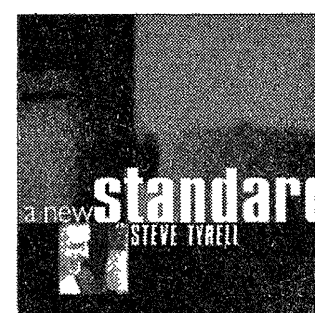
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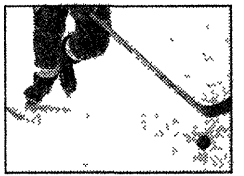
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Going strong

Tiffany Grubaugh, a sophomore guard on Northern Michigan University's women's basketball team from Canton (Salem HS), continues to shine. Grubaugh started three games for the Wildcats last week and they won all three.

In a 66-57 victory over Saginaw Valley State, Grubaugh had 10 points and four rebounds in 27 minutes. In an 87-81 overtime triumph over Finlandia University, she had 23 points, 12 boards, two steals and two assists.

And in a 66-62 win over Northwood University, she totaled seven points and four steals.

For the season, Grubaugh is averaging 14 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.9 assists a game. NMU is 10-6 overall, 6-3 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Coach needed

Salem HS is searching for a girls junior varsity softball coach for the spring season. Applicants must have previous experience in fastpitch softball, either playing or coaching.

Interested applicants should call Salem athletic director Tom Willette at (734) 416-7775.

Lynn wins

Eric Lynn, a Salem HS graduate now a sophomore at Oakland University, finished first in the 100-yard backstroke (53.61) and was part of the winning 200 medley relay team (1:34.23).

CCJBSA signup

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have its spring registration from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 in the Ballroom at the Summit in the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4-18 years who are residents of Plymouth, Canton or live in the Plymouth-Canton school district. Those wishing to sign up must bring a proof of residency and a birth certificate with them at time of registration.

Fees range from \$75-\$110 for recreation leagues; travel teams' fees are higher. All fees are non-refundable. Payments may be made in cash, money order or check (made payable to CCJBSA).

For more information, call (734) 394-5469 and leave a message. For tee-ball or coach-pitch league information, call Chris Angel at (734) 981-3007 and leave a message.

Note: For potential junior varsity or varsity high school players, there will be a sign-up sheet at registration. You will be placed on a team after your school season has concluded. No registration fee will be due at sign-up.

Club meeting

The Plymouth Football Booster Club will hold their next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 in Room 401, located off the cafeteria, at Plymouth High School. All current and future Wildcat football parents are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call (734) 582-5696.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bryan Young is on the verge of scoring one of his two goals against Canton Wednesday, and there was little Chiefs' goalie Chris Garrett could do to prevent it.

A return to form

Fast start carries Salem to easy win over Canton

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

After a few weeks of searching, of trial and error, Salem finally found its game.

For Canton, the timing couldn't have been worse.

The Rocks scored three goals in the game's first seven minutes Wednesday, forcing the Chiefs out of the style they like to play and, ultimately, into a 7-1 defeat in a Western Lakes Activities Association hockey game at Arctic Edge Arena.

"They got up on us early and we never caught our breath," Canton coach Dan Abraham said. "They've got a lot of scoring power. And we can't afford to take a 10-minute nap like we did the whole second half of the first period."

The win boosted Salem's overall record to 14-2-1. Canton slipped to 10-7.

"I think we're officially out of our funk," Rocks coach Fred Feiler said. "We incorporated a couple of different things in our game plan."

Although Feiler didn't want to detail those alterations, some were glaring. A Salem strength is its speed, but that had been absent the past few weeks.

"(Defense) starts up front," Feiler said. "Today our forwards did a better job getting all the way back and handling the

puck."

In previous losses to Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin, Salem would neutralize its speed with sloppy puck possession. That wasn't the case against the Chiefs. After a slow first couple of minutes, the Chiefs got a penalty for too many men on the ice.

"They're a disciplined team," Feiler said of Canton. "They don't take many penalties."

Since the Chiefs did, Feiler wanted his Rocks to take advantage — and they did, Andy Thackaberry firing a shot from the point that Canton goalie Charles Kemp stopped. The rebound, however, went right to Jeff Harris for an easy putback and a 1-0 Salem lead with 12:29 left in the first.

The second goal was a shouldn't-have-been. Mike Barr flipped the puck from the point toward the Canton net, and it somehow dribbled between Kemp's pads to make it 2-0 with 9:44 left. Mike Maurer and Rob Quigley assisted.

At 8:02, it was Mark Nagel's turn to wreak some havoc in Salem's behalf. The play began with John Schultz in the corner to the left of Kemp. He slid the puck across the crease to Nagel, the WLAA's leading scorer, and he dumped it into the net to

PLEASE SEE SALEM, D4

Madonna upsets Warriors

A contender? Perhaps that's taking this recent success a bit too far.

But Madonna University's men's basketball team, which has been the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference doormat through most of its previous five seasons in the

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league, is getting closer to contention than the basement.

On Tuesday at Madonna, the Fighting Crusaders took the lead against highly touted Indiana Tech and clung to it jealously, finally managing to eke out a 74-73 triumph.

The win evened Madonna's overall record at 11-11; the Crusaders are 3-4 in the WHAC.

Tech fell to 18-6 overall, 4-3 in the conference.

It was the second such win in an eight-day span for Madonna, which the previous Tuesday (Jan. 22) upset host Cornerstone University 83-80.

The starting five carried the load for the Crusaders, scoring all but two of their points and connecting on 29-of-52 floor shots (55.8 percent). The Warriors were 28-of-62 for the game (45.2 percent).

Noel Emenhiser led Madonna with 21 points, hitting 5-of-9 3-point tries (55.5 percent). Emenhiser also had eight rebounds.

Chris Behrns added 20 points, three assists and two blocks; Dan Kurtinaitis had 12 points, seven

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, D5

Surprise: Canton jolts John Glenn

BASKETBALL

This initially appeared to be a game between two teams headed in opposite directions. But as anyone who has followed Western Lakes Activities Association basketball this season realizes, directions are often altered.

On Tuesday at Westland John Glenn, Canton used its interior game effectively and got enough out of its perimeter game to edge the Rockets 52-49. It was just the second win in the last nine games for the Chiefs, who are 4-9 overall. Glenn is 9-3.

"It came down to us making free throws at the end of the game," Canton coach Jeremy

Rheault said. "And we gave them a chance."

Indeed, the Chiefs were just 2-of-6 from the line in the fourth quarter, but the two they made were by Travis McKinney in the closing seconds to ice the victory.

A basket by Steve Thornton had given Canton a one-point lead, before McKinney's free throws won it.

The Chiefs, who looked awful in a 20-point loss at home to Livonia Franklin last Friday, turned it around

against the Rockets.

"No. 1, we're healthy," Rheault said. "We've got most of our guys back."

"Second, we got into the 'chemistry' lab there. We started working at some problems we had, and we came together as a group."

That helped against the potent Glenn attack. Trying to run with the Rockets and play at their pace would have been foolhardy. So Canton didn't.

"We were able to try and slow it down," Rheault said.

That worked in the Chiefs' favor. So did the long-range shooting of Dave Nicloff, who nailed three 3-pointers

and led Canton with 11 points. Brad Waidmann, who missed two weeks with a broken thumb, was back in the lineup and scored 10. Thornton and McKinney netted eight apiece.

Darnell Wilson topped Glenn with 16 points. Darnell Smith scored 12 and Jerret Smith had 10.

Glenn led 12-9 after one quarter and 25-22 at the half, but Canton had surged ahead after three quarters 40-38. It was a two-point game through most of the final period.

Northville 61, Salem 56: Rhythm — Northville had it

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CC repeats as Observerland champions

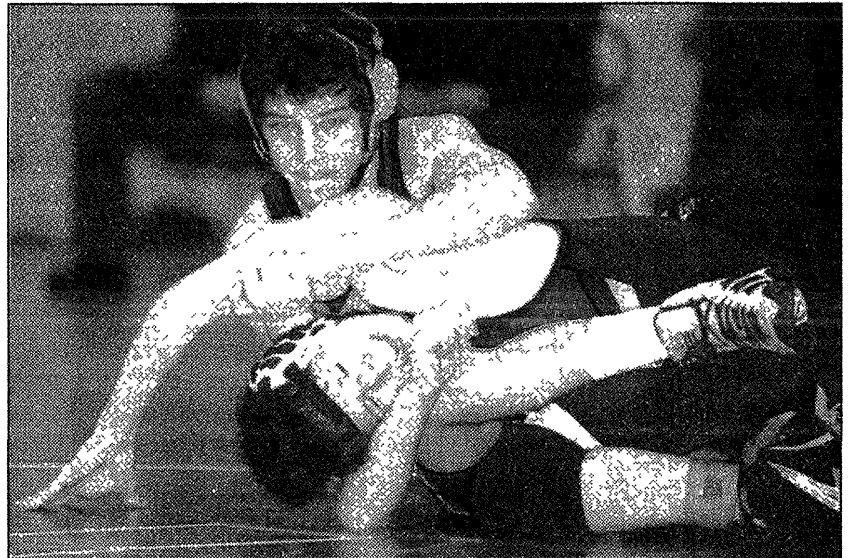
BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central's wrestling team is like a good set of radial tires — and it appears coach Mike Rodriguez is going to get a lot of mileage out of this year's squad.

The Shamrocks, who appear built to last, repeated Saturday as Observerland Invitational champion in the 16-school meet held at Livonia Churchill High School.

CC, scoring a team-high 228.5 points, placed in 11 of 14 weight classes and won five of six individual finals. The Shamrocks captured their sixth title since the tournament began in 1992.

Last year's runner-up, Westland John Glenn, finished a strong second with 204. Rounding out the top five was Livonia Stevenson (168), Churchill (142) and Plymouth Salem (138). The tournament's smallest school, Lutheran High Westland, earned an impressive sixth with 122.5. *See complete statistical summary.*



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Salem's Ryan Stump, top, wraps up Garden City's Steve Ludke on his way to victory in this 103 class bout.

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Chiefs overcome slow start, top N'ville; Rocks rule Spartans

If Canton's volleyball team didn't initially take its match against Northville seriously on Monday, things happened to convince them an attitude adjustment was needed — quickly.

The Chiefs "came out totally casual" in that first set according to coach Steve Anderson, spotted the Mustangs an 8-2 lead and eventually lost 15-12. That was enough to induce them into a more determined effort, which they gave in the next two games and won easily, 15-2, 15-3 at Canton.

The win gave Canton an 11-5 overall record, 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 1-0 in the WLAA's Western Division. Northville is 1-2 in the WLAA, 1-1 in the division.

"It was ugly, horrible volleyball," said Anderson of the first game, which took 39 rotations to complete. "Northville went up 12-8, but we chipped away at it and made it 12-12. Then we made some unforced errors

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and that was it."

It didn't take Anderson long to convince his team there would be no repeat of Game One in the next two sets. "Once we decided we'd better play, it was all over," he said. "We completely dominated, we just showed up a game late."

It helped that the Chiefs had top player Cindy Rotramel back. Out for two weeks with a badly sprained ankle, Rotramel has been going to rehabilitation regularly and she played against Northville.

"She has the best work ethic of any kid I've ever had," said Anderson. "She was playing at about 70 percent (of her ability). Her lateral movement and her jumping are not quite there."

Still, Rotramel finished with 12 kills, four service aces and 16 digs to pace Canton. Colleen O'Brien totaled 10 kills, 17 digs and two aces, and

Kristen Lake had seven kills, three aces and 12 digs.

"There's a couple parts of our game we still need to work on," said Anderson, whose team lost at Walled Lake Central last Wednesday 15-3, 16-14. "But they're starting to figure out how to do things, how to exploit other team's weaknesses."

"If we play our game, everything will fall into place."

The Chiefs play at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational Saturday.

Salem stops Stevenson

Livonia Stevenson was improved, but not enough to overtake defending WLAA champ Salem.

The Rocks dominated the Spartans in the first game of Monday's match at Stevenson, 15-3, then battled back to take the second game, 15-9.

The wins improved Salem's record to 2-1 in the WLAA, 13-4 overall. Stevenson is 10-11 overall, 1-2 in the conference.

"It was a good win for us," said

Rocks' coach Tom Teeters, "coming off a big loss to (Livonia) Churchill. Stevenson is much-improved — in fact they get my vote as the most-improved team in the conference."

"We beat them at serving and serve receive."

Ellen Canale led the attack with 10 kills; Lauren Price had seven and Amanda Bradley got four. Jordan Falcusan contributed three service aces and 18 set assists.

Defensively, Nicole Genrich had 10 digs and Bradley finished with one solo block and two block assists.

PCA bumps Roeper

Plymouth Christian Academy earned its first dual win in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Monday, besting Bloomfield Hills Roeper 15-6, 15-5 at PCA.

The win gave the Eagles a 1-3 record in the MIAC, 10-8 overall.

Bre Ruark led PCA with 12 digs and 10 points serving. Rachel Franklin

added 12 digs and six points serving.

Last Saturday, PCA reached the semifinals of the Madison Invitational Saturday before being ousted by the host team. The Eagles lost to Madison 15-11, 15-6 in the semis.

For the tournament, PCA leaders were Kelli Seiler with 27 digs and 12 kills; Ruark with five kills, 23 digs and 24 points served; and Lindsay Pew with 20 digs, 38 set assists and 17 points served.

Agape tops Baptist Park

Canton Agape Christian edged over the .500 mark Tuesday with a 15-2, 15-6 win over Taylor Baptist Park at Discovery Middle School.

The win gave the Wolverines a 6-5 overall record.

The outcome was never really in doubt. Amy Henry and Lisa Ther each had three service aces, with Ther also contributing 11 kills. Setter Emily Tong collected 17 set assists.

Agape travels to Novi Franklin Road Christian Thursday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 30 Lutheran Westland at Luth Northwest, 7 p.m. Redford CC at Windsor St. Anne, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31 Northville at Canton, 7 p.m. Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Wayne at Salem, 7 p.m. Canton Agape vs PCA, 8 p.m. (at Eastern Michigan Univ.) W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m. Clarenceville vs A.A. Greenhills, 7:30 p.m. Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m. PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Jan. 30 Canton Agape at Novi Franklin Road, 7 p.m. Mercy at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Lutheran East, 7 p.m. Lutheran Westland vs Detroit Urban, 7 p.m. Huron Valley at A.P. Inter-City Baptist, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 Schoolcraft Invitational, 8 a.m. Agape at Lutheran East Tournament, TBA Ann Arbor Pioneer Tournament, 8:30 p.m. Hillsdale Tournament, 9 a.m. Huron Tournament, 9 a.m. PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Jan. 30	Redford CC vs P.H. Northern (McMorran), 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31 Canton vs W.L. Central (Lakeland), 8:20 p.m. W.L. Western vs Salem (Cultural Center), 8 p.m. South Lyon vs Franklin (Edgar), 4 p.m. Stevenson vs Churchill (Edgar), 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 PCS at Port Huron, 4 p.m. Redford CC vs Churchill (Redford Arena), 8 p.m. Franklin vs W.L. Central (Lakeland Arena), 8:20 p.m. PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Jan. 30 Salem at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. W.L. Central at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 Dexter Tournament, 9 a.m. Inkster Invitational, 8 a.m. Battle Creek Tournament, 9 a.m. Adams, Edsel Ford at Redford CC, 10 a.m. Luth. Tourney at Mich. Lutheran, 10:30 a.m. PREP BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Jan. 30 W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at Northville, 7 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 6 p.m. Redford CC at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.	W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m. PREP SKIING Thursday, Jan. 30 Redford vs Brighton (Mt. Brighton), 4:30 p.m. PREP GYMNASTICS Thursday, Jan. 30 Wayne-Westland at Northville, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 Canton Invitational, 9:30 a.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb. 1 Tri-State (Ind.) at Madonna, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at Kirtland, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb. 1 Tri-State (Ind.) at Madonna, 1 p.m. Schoolcraft at Kirtland, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Jan. 31 Whalers vs Toronto (Compuware), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 Whalers at Owen Sound, 7:30 p.m. TBA: To be announced
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Team addition has been a big help for Classic league

When Jim Jimmerson of Livonia told me last spring of his impending retirement after many years of service as production manager of the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers, I invited him to join my team in the Wednesday Senior Men's Classic league at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

As it turns out, he has been a perfect fit for the team and the league.

Among the recent listing of honor scores was a 300 game which he had just bowled. It was his first perfect game after 40-plus years of bowling. His previous high was a 290 several years ago.



Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

When the second game began, my whole team was struggling except for Jim, who had started his string of strikes. I said to him, "It looks like you will have to win this game single-handed."

And that is exactly what he did as we won by only 40 pins.

The following week, he almost did a repeat performance with eleven strikes, punctuated by a solid ten-pin hit in the sixth frame. That gave him a fine 279. Jim fits in very nicely with a great group of senior bowlers, and is enjoying his rookie year fully.

■ Demo days are here again. Coming soon to Super Bowl Lanes in Canton, Ebonite International, in cooperation with Randy Pierce's K&S Pro Shop, will bring in two famous lady pro bowlers, Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullin. They will work with Randy and some Ebonite staffers.

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You also receive a \$10 gift certificate from the pro shop, and participants will get a ten percent discount if they choose to purchase a ball from this program.

The date is easy to remember, as it will be held on Valentine's Day, Friday, Feb. 14. Shifts start at noon, 1:30, 3, 4:30 and 6 p.m.

Space is limited, so call and

reserve your spot at (734) 459-4811 to take advantage of this program.

■ Final details for the eighth annual Senior-Youth Challenge have been completed and all systems are on "go" beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

Interested spectators are welcome to come on down and watch the youth league bowlers take on men of the senior leagues.

Referred to as the "Battle of the Ages," this unique event pits the senior men (ages 55 and up) against the kids who are also scoring together as they also become doubles partners while competing against each other for this year's bragging rights.

The result is always a fun-filled day with good competition for over \$5,000 in scholarship funds for the kids.

There will also be door prizes galore including bowling balls, dinners for two at local eateries, gift certificates for items from local merchants, video, movies, oil changes haircuts, digital coach and even a free tattoo.

Each participant receives a souvenir imprinted towel and have pizza and refreshments afterward.

The opening ceremonies will feature a singing of our National Anthem by Tammy and Ken Adair.

John Berci will roll the ceremonial first ball to launch the event.

A taping of the show will be telecast at a future date by Time-Warner.

Hope to see you there.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached directly at (734) 788-0045.

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What are the Plymouth Whalers built around, offense or defense?

Last weekend it was both. The Ontario Hockey League's West Division-leading Whalers had enough offense to edge host Sault Ste. Marie 5-3 Friday, then displayed plenty of both in beating Windsor 5-0 Saturday at Compuware Arena.

The victories kept Plymouth atop the West Division with a 30-8-8-1 record (69 points). Sault Ste. Marie is 18-22-4-3 (43 points), fourth in the West, and Windsor is 27-14-5-1 (60 points), second in the West.

Against the Greyhounds Friday, the Whalers three times found themselves trailing by a goal — two of those coming in the third period. Sault Ste. Marie's Sean Stefanski scored the game's first goal at 8:35 of

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the first period; Plymouth's James Wisniewski (from Canton) tied it with a power-play goal with :16 left in the first (John Mitchell assisted).

It stayed that way until the 8:35 mark of the third period, when Trevor Daley scored the first of his two power-play goals. Karl Stewart tied it for the Whalers at 10:52 (from Chad LaRose and Cole Jarrett), but Daley regained the lead for the Greyhounds at 13:27.

LaRose knotted it at 3-3 with a power-play goal at 15:16 (from Stewart and Ryan Ramsay), then Plymouth took the lead at 17:55 on Stewart's second goal (from LaRose and Jarrett). Ramsay's unassisted

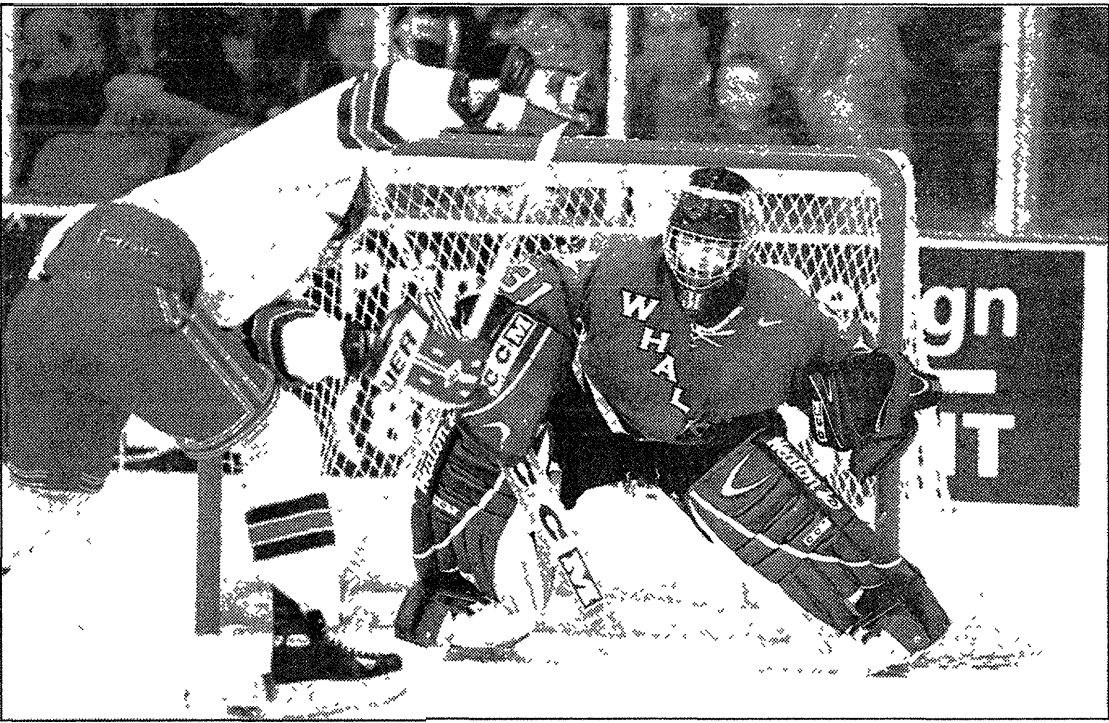
power-play goal at 19:53 clinched it for the Whalers.

Paul Drew made 23 stops in goal for Plymouth. Adam Munro had 21 saves for Sault Ste. Marie.

On Saturday in front of a sold-out crowd at Compuware Arena, the Whalers got two goals and two assists from LaRose in blitzing the Spitfires.

Ramsay scored the game's initial goal (assisted by LaRose and Wisniewski) at 7:31 of the first period. LaRose made it 2-0 with a power-play score with :55 left in the opening period (from Jarrett and Ramsay).

Wisniewski's power-play goal (from Jarrett and Chris Thorburn) :51 into the second period increased Plymouth's lead to 3-0, with another power-play goal by LaRose following at 13:49 (from Ramsay



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The Whalers' Paul Drew had 20 stops in goal to shut out the Windsor Spitfires Saturday at Compuware Arena.

and Jarrett). Erik Lundmark got the final Whaler goal at the 16:47 mark of the third period (from Stewart and LaRose). Drew made 20 stops in goal

to earn the shutout. Ryan Aschaber had 31 saves for Windsor.

Plymouth hosts the Central Division-leading Toronto St.

Michael's Majors at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Compuware, then goes on the road to play at Owen Sound Saturday and at Brampton Sunday.

BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES



OBSERVER'S BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES Through Jan. 28		50-yard freestyle		100-yard freestyle	
200-yard medley relay		Ben Dzialo (Salem)	22.51	Rob Cyrek (CC)	50.26
Salem		Matt Vivian (Salem)	23.04	Ben Dzialo (Salem)	50.32
Catholic Central		Joe Le (Canton)	23.05	Andrew Carlin (CC)	51.06
1:46.59		Andrew Carlin (CC)	23.54	Nick Dixon (Salem)	51.42
Canton		Dan Jones (CC)	23.57	Dan Jones (CC)	52.40
Stevenson		Bill Clark (Salem)	24.02	Matt Vivian (Salem)	52.79
Redford Union		John Faraoni (Canton)	24.18	Joe Aumiller (Salem)	52.80
1:51.03		Rob Cyrek (CC)	24.21	Ryan Frost (Wayne)	52.89
1:53.62		Kevin Kilgore (Salem)	24.28	Matt Jurcak (Salem)	53.25
200-yard freestyle		Kris Kinsvater (Stevenson)	24.56	500-yard freestyle	
Nick Dixon (Salem)		Diving		Nick Dixon (Salem)	4:57.71
1:50.08		Joe Rohde (CC)	217.50	Ben Dzialo (Salem)	5:01.19
Ben Dzialo (Salem)		Ken Stafford (Stevenson)	205.35	Joe Zatkoff (CC)	5:11.99
1:50.56		Cody Stefford (Stevenson)	193.05	James Sattler (Canton)	5:12.01
Joe Le (Canton)		Andrew Murawski (Salem)	178.10	Nick Stone (John Glenn)	5:14.76
Yuhei Uno (Canton)		Nick Reilly (CC)	174.80	Rob Cyrek (CC)	5:20.38
Andrew Carlin (CC)		Brad Sokolowski (Salem)	172.80	Andrew Carlin (CC)	5:20.58
Rob Cyrek (CC)		Kyle Mullen (Redford Union)	170.15	Joe Aumiller (Salem)	5:21.60
Joe Aumiller (Salem)		Ryan Campbell (CC)	164.74	James Sattler (Canton)	5:21.89
Joe Zatkoff (CC)		Tyler Flood (CC)	156.40	Andrew Drennen (Wayne)	5:22.35
Matt Jurcak (Salem)		Steve Smith (Stevenson)	134.65	200-yard freestyle relay	
Nick Stone (John Glenn)		100-yard butterfly		Catholic Central	1:32.59
200-yard individual medley		Ben Dzialo (Salem)	53.86	Salem	1:33.49
Rob Cyrek (CC)		Rob Cyrek (CC)	54.69	Stevenson	1:33.87
Ben Dzialo (Salem)		Nick Dixon (Salem)	54.97	Canton	1:39.47
2:03.78		Yuhei Uno (Canton)	55.99	100-yard backstroke	
Nick Dixon (Salem)		Andrew Carlin (CC)	57.03	Nick Dixon (Salem)	56.78
2:04.59		Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson)	57.11	Yuhei Uno (Canton)	58.62
Andrew Carlin (CC)		Joe Le (Canton)	59.11	John Faraoni (Canton)	1:01.01
2:05.72		Mike Horgan (Salem)	59.70	Rob Cyrek (CC)	1:01.48
Yuhei Uno (Canton)		Chris Banas (CC)	1:02.38	Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson)	1:01.81
Joe Aumiller (Salem)		Jordan Champine (Canton)	1:02.98	Nathan Phillips (Canton)	1:02.01
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Mike Horgan (Salem)		100-yard freestyle		400-yard freestyle relay	
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				Catholic Central	3:24.59
				Canton	3:33.43
				Redford Union	3:44.60
				Stevenson	3:45.84

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200-yard medley relay: 1. Pioneer (Mark Dunbar, Craig Pfister, Andrew Callam, Kris McClimon), 1:44.23; 2. Salem (Nick Dixon, Matt Showalter, Ben Dzialo, Matt Vivian), 1:44.27; 3. Pioneer (Wade Engers, Patrick Whitehead, Jonathan D'Angelo, Rob King), 1:50.51, 4. Stevenson (Christopher Brown, Jason Anderson, Garrett Baringhaus, Kristopher Kinsvater), 1:51.06		100 freestyle: 1 Victor Wakefield (AAP), 51.49, 2 Vivian (S), 53.05; 3 Dustin Hennigar (AAP), 53.11, 4 Cummings (LS), 53.40, 5 Jurcak (S), 53.48, 6 Kinsvater (LS), 54.17	
200 freestyle: 1 Steven Hill (AAP), 1:49.37, 2 Victor Wakefield (AAP), 1:51.56, 3. Kevan Whelan (AAP), 1:54.35, 4 Matt Jurcak (S), 1:56.82; 5 Brendan Cummings (LS), 1:59.81; 6 Mike Horgan (S), 2:00.04		500 freestyle: 1 Hill (AAP), 4:45.10, 2 Jeff Ticknor (AAP), 5:05.72, 3 D'Angelo (AAP), 5:12.90, 4 Aumiller (S), 5:31.94, 5 Trevor McIlwaine (AAP), 5:32.64, 6 Adam Sonnanstine (S), 5:33.54	
200 individual medley: 1. Dixon (S), 2:04.59; 2. Pfister (AAP), 2:06.77; 3. Dustin Hennigar (AAP), 2:11.22, 4. Joe Aumiller (S), 2:13.19, 5. David Curtis (AAP), 2:16.91, 6. Penn Chou (S), 2:18.25		200 freestyle relay: 1 Pioneer (Dunbar, Wakefield, McClimon, Callam), 1:33.15, 2. Pioneer (Ryan Gardner, King, Jason Hitchcock, Whelan), 1:34.95, 3. Stevenson (Kinsvater, Kevin Gardner, Garret Stricker, Cummings), 1:38.40, 4. Salem (Clark, Jurcak, Chou, Aumiller), 1:39.62	
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50 freestyle: 1 Dzialo (S), 22.51, 2. Callam (AAP), 22.54, 3. Vivian (S), 23.49, 4. Dunbar (AAP), 23.69, 5. Robert Steele (AAP), 24.02, 6. Bill Clark (S), 24.67		100 breaststroke: 1 Pfister (AAP), 1:06.37; 2. Showalter (S), 1:06.72, 3. Casey Johnson (S), 1:08.36; 4. Whitehead (AAP), 1:09.17, 5. Jason Anderson (1:09.62, 6. (tie) Kinsvater (LS) Andrew Ferrara (AAP), 1:10.10	
Diving: 1 Jon Ellis (AAP), 213.05 points, 2 Alex Gauvin (AAP), 182.45, 3. Ken Stafford (LS), 181.90, 4. Brad Sokolowski (S), 155.00, 5. Tom Wright (AAP), 154.35, 6. Russ Bornschein (AAP), 153.90		400 freestyle relay: 1 Pioneer (McClimon, Dunbar, Wakefield, Hill), 3:22.48, 2. Salem (Dzialo, Vivian, Mike Horgan, Dixon), 3:24.12, 3. Pioneer (Engers, David Curtis, Hennigar, Steele), 3:35.37, 4. Pioneer (Hitchcock, David Greiner, Gardner, Devin Talbot), 3:40.79	
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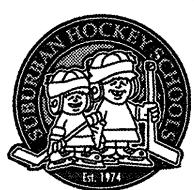
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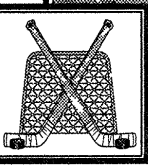
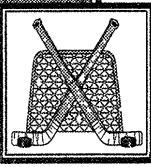


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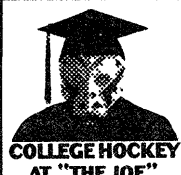


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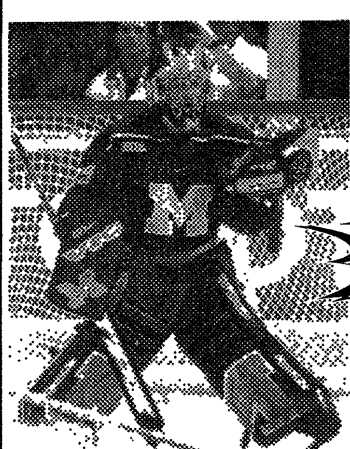


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The Shamrocks, ranked fourth in Division 1, rolled in with a 13-3 dual meet record and a runner-up finish Jan. 11 to No. 1 Davison in its own CC Invitational.

“Our endurance is starting to show, they’re coming,” Rodriguez said. “But it’s not as easy to win this tournament because of the talent in this area. It was a battle and it’s more competitive than ever. Even a school like Lutheran Westland is now competitive. It’s an awesome tourney.

“You’re going to see a lot of these kids at The Palace (for the individual state finals).”

CC carried a lead of 10.5 points over Glenn entering the finals. Both schools had six in the finals, with the Shamrocks winning five and Glenn three.

Freshman Sean Dong set the tone for CC with a 9-1 decision over Salem’s Ryan Stump in the first match at 103 pounds.

By the time the finals had ended, CC had won four more individual crowns, including wins by Matt Steintrager (112), Nate Rodriguez (140), Trevor Stewart (160) and Pat Clark (275).

“I’m very pleased with my 103-pound freshman,” Rodriguez said. “He just flies. The others, I expected it because of their talent.”

Nate Rodriguez, one of Mike’s 13 grandchildren, captured his third Observerland title in four years. He defeated Glenn’s Enrique Garcia in the final 11-7.

“This meet is important because how you do here is how you’ll do at districts,” said Nate, a senior co-captain along with heavyweight champion Clark.

Nate may have been 4-for-4 at Observerland had it not been for a broken hand his sophomore year.

“They say a father loves his son, but a grandfather just adores his grandchildren,” Mike said. “It’s a blessing to coach him.”

Nate’s dad is also an assistant coach. He’s in a long line of Rodriguezes to grace the mats

for CC.

“It’s an experience,” he said. “There’s no pressure, but you know the family is always around.”

Glenn rebounded from Thursday’s 36-33 Western Lakes crossover defeat to Walled Lake Western by winning three individual titles — Tim Mulroy (130), Rece Cox (135) and Jake Fairchild (189).

The much travelled Mulroy, who began his career at CC before transferring last year to Flat Rock, became eligible second semester for Glenn.

He won a hotly contested match against Wayne Memorial’s Tim Hammer, 9-7, pulling off a reversal with just two seconds left after Hammer had taken a 7-6 lead with nine seconds remaining. Hammer, however, was penalized a point for unsportsmanlike conduct after celebrating a reversal of his own just seven seconds earlier, setting the stage for Mulroy’s dramatic move.

The sophomore Cox, meanwhile, edged Salem’s Mike Goethe, a state placer at 125 a year ago, 6-5 for the 130 crown. And Fairchild took a 6-4 decision at 189 when he handed Lutheran Westland’s Neal Kemp his first loss of the season.

“We’re getting good at bouncing back,” Glenn coach Bill Polk said. “The reason we’re doing as well is that we’ve toughened up the schedule. It takes some bumps and bruises. Winning three of six in the finals is a step up for us. Even the ones who lost in the finals wrestled tough.

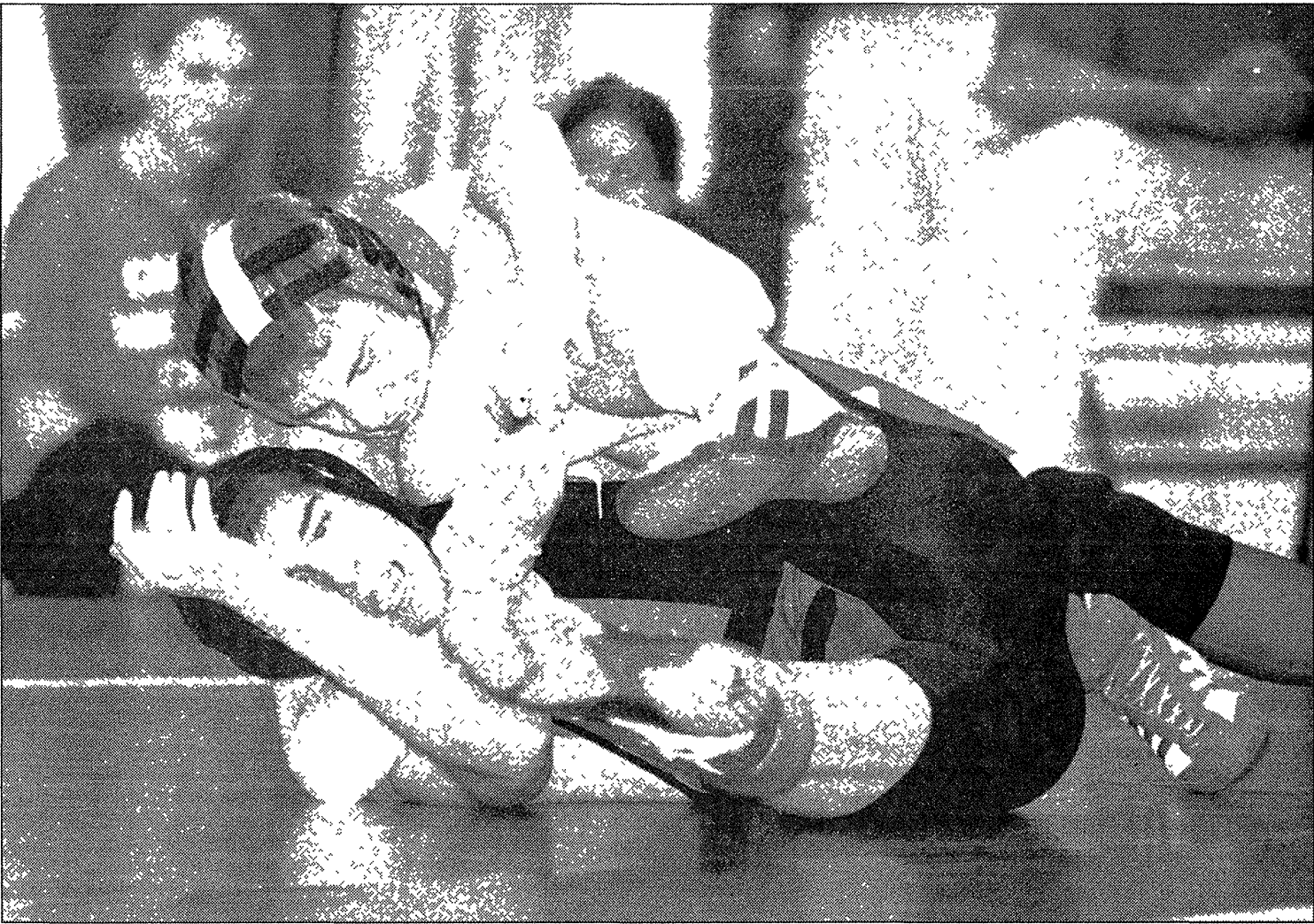
“We had two kids beat undefeated kids. Fairchild has nine losses, but he’s losing to good kids. He’s moving in the right direction.

“Overall, I thought our kids reacted and wrestled well.”

Stevenson put four in the finals and came away with titles at 125 (Charlie Rabaut) and 145 (Jason Fischer).

Rabaut, 38-0, found himself in a 5-0 hole after nearly getting pinned by Redford Union upstart John Moore, who earlier upset No. 2 seed Craig LeBaron of Redford Thurston in the semifinals 18-17.

Rabaut then rallied to pin



Canton's Dan Bergsma, top, gets the better of Livonia Churchill's Kris Felice in this quarterfinal bout at 130 pounds. Bergsma lost to eventual champion Tim Mulroy of Westland John Glenn in the semi-finals.

Moore in 2:51.

“Charlie got caught early, but he fought like a champ,” Stevenson coach Bob Moreau said. “The sign of a champion is come back and get a pin.”

RU coach Jim Gourlay said the finals at 119 could easily have gone in a different direction.

John had Charlie on his back within the first 10 seconds of the match, but the ref was out of position to see it,” Gourlay said. “It was the first time Rabaut had been on his back all year. It’s just one of those breaks that goes against you, I guess.”

Fischer, meanwhile, upped its record to 35-3 after holding off Glenn’s Daron Cruickshank 10-6.

“I’m happy with our place, a lot of kids stepped up in the

loser’s bracket,” Moreau said. “Every kid scored for us, which is nice.

“And Fischer winning here two times is nice.”

Churchill, which trailed Salem by 12 points heading into the finals, surpassed the Rocks by going 3-for-3 in the finals.

Brian Clement, a senior, pinned Livonia Clarenceville’s Nader Al-Mooshi in 2:42 to win his third Observerland title in row. Clement, a state placer in 2002, shared the lower weights MVP award with Glenn’s Cox.

Two Churchill finalists from a year ago, Lev Mergian (152) and Alex Murray (215), each found themselves on the winner’s podium on Saturday. Mergian defeated CC’s Chris Bartram 12-6, while Murray

pinned Salem’s Jeremy Henderson in 1:50.

“Those three I felt would get to the finals and win,” Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. “I thought we’d do a little better, not standings-wise, but personal-wise with some individuals.

“I thought this year there were some very competitive weights.”

The upper weights MVP was Wayne’s Steve Wallace, who won three of four matches by pin, including an 18-3 technical fall over Farmington’s Courtland Bartlett in the finals.

But the day belonged to Catholic Central.

“CC is a solid team, up-and-down,” Altounian said. “They have a good mix of younger and older talent. And with a pool of 60 to 70 kids to choose from, and their tradition, it says how

good they’re going to be year-in and year-out.”

Rodriguez has guided CC to seven state crowns, the last coming in the inaugural team dual format in 1988.

He hopes this team will return to Battle Creek after losing in last year’s regional tourney to Dearborn Fordson.

“We have the confidence we’re going to be there,” the veteran coach said. “We lost to (Temperance Bedford) in the triple dual and we lost to Clarkston, but it was early in the year we didn’t have our full lineup. We’ve beaten some good teams like Roseville and Novi. I think we’re much more so (balanced) than in the past. We have a couple of holes. It’s going to be tough to get by us.”

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MAT RESULTS

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 228.5 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 204; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 168; 4. Livonia Churchill, 142; 5. Plymouth Salem, 138; 6. Lutheran Westland, 112.5; 7. Wayne Memorial, 96.5; 8. Garden City, 96; 9. Redford Union, 73.5; 10. Livonia Clarenceville, 73.5; 11. Farmington, 65; 12. Canton, 47; 13. Livonia Franklin, 46; 14. Redford Thurston, 33; 15. Farmington Hills Harrison, 30; 16. North Farmington, 19.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

103 pounds: Sean Dong (RCC) won by major decision over Ryan Stump (PS), 9-0; 3rd place: Salf Naber (WJG) pinned Jesse Gardocki (LF), 4:46; 5th: Dan Rabe (LS) p. Robert Malady (Cville), 2:27.

112: Matt Steintrager (RCC) p. Nick Naber (WJG), 5:46; 3rd: Jacob Davis (GC) p. Jason Crothers (WM), 4:23; 5th: Justin Smith (LC) p. Josh Wischmeyer (RU), 3:46.

119: Charlie Rabaut (LS) p. John Moore (RU), 2:51; 3rd: Drew Conner (WJG) won by void over

Craig LaBaron (RT), 5th: Ray Stratos (LF) dec. Matt Koziara (RCC), 5-0

125: Brian Clement (LC) p. Nader Al-Mooshi (Cville), 2:42; 3rd: Rob Schnettler (Canton) won by major dec. over Pete Bobee (PS), 13-2; 5th: Brian Baumgartner (RCC) dec. Darryl Rice (WJG), 3-2.

130: Tim Mulroy (WJG) dec. Tim Hammer (WM), 9-7; 3rd: Dan Bergsma (Canton) won by major dec. over Jim Moore (RU), 11-1; 5th: Jon Schwartz (F) dec. Kris Felice (LC), 8-2.

135: Rece Cox (WJG) dec. Mike Goethe (PS), 6-5; 3rd: Mario Perez (GC) dec. John Gourlay (RU), 3-1; 5th: Matt Nollar (LW) dec. Jared McClellan (LS), 9-5.

140: Nate Rodriguez (RCC) dec. Enrique Garica (WJG), 11-7; 3rd: Dan Leith (LS) p. Rich Russell (GC), 2:28; 5th: Ali Ishmail (Cville) dec. Pete Daniels (LW), 11-5.

145: Jason Fischer (LS) dec. Daron Cruickshank (WJG), 10-6; 3rd: Ben Adams (LC) dec. Dan Baseley (LW), 12-6; 5th: Tony Stott (PS) dec. Mike Fish (Farm.), 7-3.

152: Lev Mergian (LC) dec. Brad Bartram (RCC), 12-6; 3rd: Jeremy Sparks (GC) p. Chris McGlone (WM), 1:43; 5th: Chris Weiss (LF) won

by major dec. over Kyle Lis (LS), 12 3

160: Trevor Stewart (RCC) won by major dec. over Dario Mainella (LS), 15-4; 3rd: Emilio Perez (GC) dec. Brandon Noble (LW), 5-3; 5th: Manuel Schubert (LC) dec. Bryan Longton (WM), 4-3.

171: Steve Wallace (WM) won by technical fall over Courtland Bartlett (Farm.), 18-3 (5:56); 3rd: Dan Haller (LW) dec. Eric Schambers (WJG), 6-4; 5th: Scott Schwartzlose (RCC) p. Ramy Sulaiman (FHH), 4:35.

189: Jake Fairchild (WJG) dec. Neal Kemp (LW), 6-4; 3rd: Eric Vojtkofsky (RCC) won by major dec. over Nick Belsky (Farm.), 10-2; 5th: Jesse Baskin (LS) p. R. J. Ramsey (WM), 2:29.

215: Alex Murray (LC) p. Jeremy Henderson (PS), 15:0; 3rd: Jacob Galindez (LW) p. Andrew Moulding (FHH), 3 42; 5th: Pete Rodriguez (RCC) p. Pat Kennedy (Cville), 1:18.

275: Pat Clark (RCC) p. Paul Bargerstock (LS), 1:00; 3rd: Jeremy Walker (PS) p. Pat Draheim (LC), 1:13; 5th: Jameson Higgins (LW) p. Nick Cooper (GC), 2:10.

Lower weights co-MVPs (103-140): Clement (LC), 125, Cox (WJG), 135

Upper weights MVP: Wallace (WM), 171

SALEM

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make it 3-0 (John Maurer assisted, too).

That was it for Kemp. He was replaced in goal by Chris Garrett.

A turnover at center ice early in the second period resulted in a breakaway for Bryan Young, and a fourth Salem goal at 12:40 (from Mike Maurer and Ryan Jones).

“We got down early and that surprised me,” Abraham said. “At no point did we quit, but we didn’t play our style of hockey.”

Which would be discipline, work ethic and positioning. But as the goal total mounted for

the Rocks, the Chiefs drifted further away from their brand of hockey.

Canton did get on the board with a pretty play midway through the second period. David Commiskey started a three-on-two break from the Canton blue line, passing the puck to Matt Gabriel on an open wing, then one-timing Gabriel’s return pass past Salem goalie Brandon DeMars (Mike French also assisted). That made it 4-1 with 8:30 left in the second period. It was as close as Canton would come.

The Rocks pulled away with three third-period goals, the first by Harris, who finished a three-on-one break by scoring in close to make it 5-1 with 8:07

left (assisted by Nagel and Eric Culps). Nagel got his second of the game in typical fashion, stealing the puck in Canton’s end and popping it over Garrett’s left shoulder with 4:35 to go for a 6-1 lead (Aaron Cheesman assisted).

The last Salem goal started with a shot from the point that got behind Garrett, waiting in the crease for Young to poke it in with 1:51 remaining (Dave Gill and Harris assisted).

“We concentrated tonight on getting the puck in and getting after it,” Feiler said. “We haven’t been using (our speed) to our advantage.”

Against Canton, the Rocks did.

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Ocelots pummel Alpena CC

Despite a sluggish start, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team finished strong Saturday with a 96-63 triumph over visiting Alpena.

The Ocelots, ranked No. 8 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll, improved to 19-1 overall and 6-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Torvoris Baker, a 6-foot-6 center from Detroit Cooley, led the Ocelots with 19 points and seven rebounds. Andre Scott, a 6-9 center from Washington, D.C., added 17 points and team-high 13 rebounds.

Guard Marcus Bennett, a UNC-Charlotte signee, contributed 15 points, five assists and five steals, while forward Ronald Dorsey (Detroit Pershing) had 13 points and seven rebounds.

Point-guard Gary Johnson (Wayne Memorial) finished

with seven points, 10 assists and only one turnovers.

"Alpena played very physical the first five or six minutes, so we got off to a slow start," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs, whose team led 49-29 at the half. "I thought Andre Scott rebounded the ball well and Gary Johnson played error-free at the point, which we need. But we did not do a good job at the foul line (21-of-35 for 60 percent)."

Alpena (12-5, 3-3) got 15 points from Justin Miller and 10 from Jermaine Collins.

"We've got to keep our focus because if we win out, we can win the league," Briggs said. "But we've got to keep improving."

SC 84, Alpena CC 24 (women): In a game that was a mismatch from the opening tip, Schoolcraft College decimated Alpena in an Eastern Conference game Saturday at

SC.

The win gave the Lady Ocelots a 12-7 overall record, 4-2 in the conference. Alpena is 2-14 overall, 0-6 in the conference.

SC led 50-11 by halftime, limiting the Lady Lumberjacks to 3-of-18 shooting (16.6 percent). For the game, they were 8-of-42 (19 percent); the Ocelots were 31-of-72 (43 percent). SC also converted 21-of-33 free throws (63.6 percent), while Alpena was 7-of-23 (30.4 percent).

Pam Wingate led the Ocelots with 21 points; she also grabbed nine rebounds. Mia Henderson and Crystal Pittman each scored 14 points, Pittman hauling down 15 boards, and Tiffany Alexander totaled 13 points, five assists and five steals.

Noni Parker led the Lumberjack scorers with five points.

CANTON

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Tuesday at Salem, while the Rocks struggled to find it.

The end result was not good for Salem, which lost its second straight game to fall to 9-4 overall. Northville, which won its first seven games this season then lost four in a row, is also 9-4.

"We're struggling taking care of the basketball right now," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "Too many turnovers (14), and we're not finishing."

It wasn't just his team's offensive play that disturbed Brodie. "Giving up 49 points by the end of the third quarter, that's too many," he said. "Northville shot the ball well and was patient running its offense."

"They controlled the tempo of the game. They got into a zone (defense) and slowed us down."

It worked. The Rocks were down 15-7 after one quarter; they did manage to trim that to 32-30 by halftime, but the Mustangs reasserted themselves in the third period, outscoring Salem 17-11 to go back up by eight 49-41.

Northville was 19-of-31 from the floor (61.3 percent) and 4-of-9 from 3-point range (44.4 percent); Salem was 17-of-38 (44.7 percent), 5-of-22 from 3-point land (22.2 percent).

Dave Hoskins led all scorers with 27 points. No other Rock was in double figures. Northville got 18 points from Adam Konst and 16 from Scott McNeish.

Oakland Christian 72, PCA 52: "We played well tonight," Plymouth Christian Academy coach Doug Taylor said.

And yet, his Eagles still lost to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian by 20 points — the same margin they lost to the Lancers by earlier this season.

That's the kind of team Oakland Christian, now ranked in the state's top five in Class D, has evolved into. The Lancers are 12-0 overall, 6-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. PCA is 5-6 overall, 2-4 in the MIAC.

Oakland Christian certainly had the upper hand throughout this game, building a 33-23 lead by halftime. PCA had a chance to narrow the gap to five in the third quarter, but two missed free throws followed by three straight

baskets by the Lancers' Pete Whiting decided the issue.

Whiting led all scorers with 25 points, including four 3-pointers. Matt Green added 11 points for Oakland Christian.

PCA got 20 points from Ben Baloga — including four triples — and 11 points and seven rebounds from Clay Welton. Ben Pew contributed nine points and seven boards.

Agape 83, Macomb Christian 78: Here's something that doesn't happen too often — three players combining to score 100 points.

In the same game.

That's just what happened Monday when Canton Agape Christian hosted Macomb Christian at Discovery Middle School. Fortunately for the Wolverines, two of the players were on their team.

Charlie Henry ripped the Crusaders for 33 points, connecting from 3-point range four times, and Jordan Napier scored 30 for Agape, with three 3-pointers. The Wolverines led 24-15 after one quarter and 46-41 at halftime. Going into the final quarter, it was 66-63 in Agape's favor.

John Beugnot was the major reason Macomb Christian was able to keep it close. Beugnot scored 37 points to lead the Crusaders; Pero Cosic added 19.

"He's a 6-6 kid who scored 43 against (state-ranked) Oakland Christian last week," Agape coach Chuck Henry said about Beugnot. "He's a player."

The win improved the Wolverines' record to 8-5 overall. The Crusaders are 6-6.

CC 64, Detroit Jesuit 58: Catholic Central took the lead in the first quarter and hung on down the stretch to stop Central Division co-leader University of Detroit-Jesuit on Tuesday night and knock the Cubs from first place.

CC held a 17-13 led in the first, but the Cubs (10-4 overall, 4-2 in the Catholic League's Central Division) trimmed it to 27-24 at half. The Shamrocks padded that to 47-40 after the third, but the Cubs could only cut into the lead by a point in the fourth. It didn't hurt the Shamrocks going 12-of-13 from the line in the fourth quarter.

Dave Herberholz led CC (6-6, 3-3 Central) with 24 points, while Jim Cash added 18. Robert Williams-Hinton led the Cubs with 29.

MADONNA

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assists and four steals; Aaron Cox netted 11 points, three assists and two steals; and Joe Kofahl finished with eight points and six boards.

Tech got 20 points from Chris Goings and 11 apiece from Kyle Anderson and Wayne Redmond.

Although the game was close throughout — the difference between the two teams never reached double digits — after

the first three minutes of the game, Madonna trailed just once. The Crusaders' biggest lead was 19-11 with 14:20 left in the first half.

The Warriors narrowed that to 43-42 by halftime, but Madonna scored six straight points to start the second half (four by Kurtinaitis).

Tech cut that to two before an Emehiser 3-pointer with 13:44 left reinstated Madonna's seven-point lead (59-52). But, like its predecessor, it didn't last. Two Daryl Mason free throws with 10:21

to play gave Tech its only lead of the second half, 60-59.

Emehiser didn't let the Warriors enjoy it for long. He drained yet another triple a few seconds later and the Crusaders had the lead once again.

Tech tied it with an Adam Huskey layup seven seconds later, but Cox's free throw with 9:10 left gave Madonna a lead it would not relinquish.

This was the kind of game the Crusaders always seemed to find a way to lose. Not any more.

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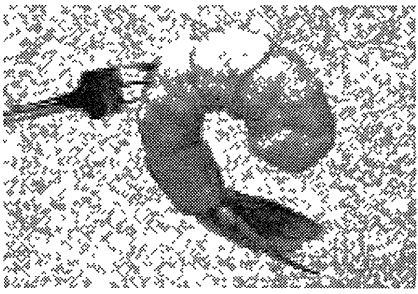
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Time to think spring turkeys; ice fishing contests on tap

A boisterous gobble from a randy tom turkey roosted in a nearby pine warms the spirit on a chilly spring morning faster than a hot cup of coffee. If the lure of spring turkey hunting is calling, you don't have much time left to apply for a Michigan spring wild turkey hunting license. The application deadline is Saturday, Feb. 1.

The resurgence of the wild turkey in Michigan is a conservation success story. At the turn of the 20th Century European settlers had all but extirpated turkeys from the state through habitat loss and unregulated hunting. What was once a staple had been diminished to a rare sighting.

Conservationists intervened and, after four unsuccessful

attempts, wild eastern turkeys were reintroduced into the state in the latter half of the 1900s.

By the 1970s a stable flock had emerged in northern Michigan, and today there are wild turkeys in nearly every county in the state. The statewide population is over 150,000 birds and growing every year.

In fact, a large portion of that population exists in southern Michigan with birds scattered through the wooded and agricultural areas of northern Oakland County and western Wayne.

The spring season will run April 21-May 31 this year with various hunting periods ranging in length from seven to 26 days.

The DNR is issuing a total of 100,445 licenses through the lottery. Hunters who opt for the late hunt (No. 234), which runs May 5-31 in all open hunt areas except public lands in Unit ZZ, will not have to enter the lottery this year since there is an unlimited number of tags available for that hunt.

Al Stewart, upland gamebird

specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, says a steady increase in the size of the flock has allowed the Department to liberalize hunting opportunities.

"We are able to expand hunting opportunities based on the success of the wild turkey restoration program and an expanding turkey population," he said.

Hunters may apply for, or purchase, a turkey hunting license at any authorized license dealer across the state or by visiting the DNR web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Lottery results will be available at the web site after 10 a.m. on Feb. 14. All applicants, except those who applied online, will be notified by mail before Feb. 21.

tests.

The first will be held Saturday, Feb. 1 on Lake Sixteen at Orion Oaks County Park in Lake Orion.

Registration begins at 10 a.m., a fishing clinic begins at 11 a.m. and the contest will run from noon to 3 p.m. Prizes and awards will be given out at the conclusion of fishing.

On Feb. 15-16, the DNR is offering its winter Free Fishing Weekend in which license requirements are waived statewide. All other fishing regulations are in effect.

Oakland County Parks is taking advantage of this free fishing opportunity by holding its annual Arctic Adventure that weekend at Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston. Activities include ice fishing and spearing clinics, fishing rod building, and crafts.

Call (248) 858-1486 for additional information on either of these events.

information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the killing of six wolves last fall in the Upper Peninsula.

DNR law enforcement officials feel someone knows about these cases and that the reward may bring forth the truth. The cases under investigation are:

- Nov. 16, officers responded to a mortality signal from a tracking collar and found a dead wolf in the Black River, north of Powderhorn Mountain, in Gogebic County.
- Nov. 6, a female wolf was found dead of gunshot wounds eight miles north of Ironwood.
- Oct. 2, officers located the remains of a dead wolf near Deerfoot Lodge Road, along the Fence River, Northeastern Iron County.
- Sept. 22, a female wolf was found dead of gunshot wounds on the east side of Forest Highway 16, about seven miles north of U.S. 2, in Iron County.
- Sept. 17, DNR officials recovered a dead wolf in Mackinac County, northeast of Engadine. The adult female was collared in central Minnesota with a GPS satellite

collar. Before coming to Michigan she had moved from central Minnesota into Ontario, then back through Minnesota and Wisconsin to locate in the eastern U.P. near Engadine. It is believed this animal died of gunshot wounds in early September.

- July 3, DNR staff responded to a mortality signal from a wolf collar.

Although the collar was recovered from the East Branch of the Munuscong River, having been cut from the wolf, the remains of the animal have not been located. The adult male had been collared by the DNR one month earlier in Mackinac County.

Anyone with information on any of these cases should call the DNR RAP Hotline, at (800) 292-7800.



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ICE FISHING CONTESTS

The recent cold, wintery weather has firmed up ice on local inland lakes and the Oakland County Parks have plans to take advantage of the ice fishing opportunities by hosting a pair of fishing con-

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SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to river-rat122@home.com.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome. For more information, please call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 or send him an e-mail at jkudej@aol.com.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS
The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

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Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (248) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (248) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (248) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (248) 229-7067.


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ARE YOU...

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HERSHEY KISS!

32 yr old, single male, 180 lbs, dark and lovely, sweet and gentle Seeks a single female for friendship, possibly leading to more BOX 14991

WANTING UR OPINION!

Please be aware of this available, adorable, single white male if I'm one of your choices, you'll meet a fine, educated gent, with many talents and interests Single white female, 30 to 50, responses preferred! BOX 15072

For Customer Service Call 1-888-256-4449

DO U FIT THE BILL?

Professional white male, 52, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, handsome, good listener, sense of humor, college educated with multiple degrees, non smoker, no dependents Enjoys physical fitness, reading, movies, theater, dining, concerts, golf Seeks professional lady, affectionate, non-smoker, same interests BOX 15090

FALL RIGHT INTO...

...My arms! 39 yr old, single male, 58", 210 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, physically fit Enjoys hunting, fishing, movies and going for walks Seeks a smart, caring, loving, understanding lady with similar interests for friendship first, possibly leading to a long term relationship BOX 25306

I'LL PLAY U A LOVE..

...Song! Single male, 48, light brown hair, blue eyes, employed, homeowner, smart, intelligent and handsome. Enjoys music, playing guitar, the outdoors. Seeking a single lady, children okay, for a possible relationship. BOX 21314

SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

Single white male, 40, is looking for love and a real spiritual connection with a single nice white female, 32 to 52 BOX 14998

JUST BE YOURSELF

I might like you anyway Realistic, respectful, single white male, 45, believes in destiny and chemistry ready to embrace female sweetheart Age unimportant BOX 30879

EX-MARINE

Divorced, attractive, fit, white easy going male, 6'1", 200 lbs, 50's, ex-Marine, engineer Seeks attractive, younger, fit, shapely female for a lasting relationship. Troy area Material status not important BOX 30981

READY TO GAMBLE?

46 yrs old, attractive, healthy, single, white male seeks lady like, single, white female, 40's to 50's BOX 14811

RING MY BELL

Divorced white male, 49, 58", 175 lbs Looking for a woman that wants a long-term relationship Shape and looks important I'll return your call Wayne County, BOX 35922

Heart's Desire

This Valentine's Day, get to the heart of the matter.
Place your FREE ad in the Personals!

1-888-829-6359

Designed for Touchtone and Rotary phones

STOP...LOOK...CALL!

Divorced white male, 49, medium build, looking for a single woman, late 40's early 50's, shape, looks unimportant Loves the outdoors and home cook meals Stop here and call! BOX 25753

WHY BE ALONE!

57 yr old divorced male, 57', 175 lbs, fit, retired, silver hair and mustache, financially secure Loves golf, movies, biking, travel, the beach, dining out Seeks female, not too much baggage, thin to medium build, non-smoker BOX 26857

SEEKS LADY 2 BE...

My wife! White male, dark hair, nice looking, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys sports, dancing and more Looking for a single woman, 26 and up, for a long term loving relationship BOX 27318

I'M LOOKING FOR YOU!

Single African American male, 34, slim, wears glasses, likes going to parks, basketball, football, playing video games Looking for a single, adventurous female, with similar interests who believes in God, 26 to 35, slim, casual dresser for a meaningful relationship BOX 27341

IF U WANT 2 CALL...

Please do! 20 yr old male, body builder, 200 lbs, 6', dark hair, blonde highlights Looking for a single female for a possible relationship BOX 30997

JUST LOVABLE

Single white male, 44, loves hugging, cuddling, kissing and lots of affection Seeking female with the same interest, age, race, size open BOX 14939

FATHER OF ONE...

In Livonia Single white father of one, 39, 6'1", 190 lbs, handsome, fit, fun, honest, secure Enjoys reading, running, biking, skiing, family activities and much more Looking for a positive, fit and loving female, for great relationship BOX 14942

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single black male, west side of Detroit, own my home Seeks down to earth lady, attractive, 30 to 45, for friendship, relationship I enjoy music, sports, romance, sharing and communicating BOX 10924

PICK UP THE PHONE

50 yr old, 5'4", 135 lb, single white male with mustache, from Wayne County area Likes golf, bowling, dining in and out, music, dancing, art, crafts, weekend travel and much more Seeks female with similar interests BOX 30991

QUALITY GUY

Divorced white male, 55, 5'10", medium build, successful businessman Enjoys candlelight dinners, flowers, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, travel, getaway weekends Seeks family oriented people person with good sense of humor BOX 14102

JUST A CALL AWAY

Intelligent, witty, hard working, professional, successful, dependable, healthy single white male, 56", athletic build, blonde hair, blue eyes, no dependents, great sense of humor Seeks outgoing, attractive, thin, happy, healthy, professional female BOX 14756

UNDER THE STARS

Intense special single white male, helpful and romantic Seeks nice gal, 30 to 50, an outdoor lover, for sharing of magic moments under the moonlight, by candlelight, etc Oakland County BOX 35916

GETTING IT RIGHT!

Handsome teacher, 50, 6', 210 lbs, divorced, likes hunting, fishing, movies, playing the guitar, cooking, gardening, dining out and being with that special person Seeks single female, same interests for a long term relationship NO HEAD GAMES! Children welcomed BOX 21155

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

White professional male, 58", fit, brown hair, blue eyes, well educated, no dependents. Enjoys music, movies, reading, family and friends, biking, jogging, long walks. Seeks fit, emotionally available, white professional female, no dependents. For happy and healthy relationship. BOX 14561

LOOKING 4 THAT GIRL

Hard working, divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs. Looking to find an easy going, intelligent, pretty white female, mid to late 40's, nice shape and build, for a long term relationship. No games please. Redford area. BOX 14640

PLEASANT PERSONALITY

Single white male, 42, 6'2", good looking, fit, average build, blond hair, bluish green eyes. Enjoys outdoors, traveling, boating, sports and more. Searching for a single female, 30 to 45, slim to medium build, good looking. BOX 14994

PLEASE CALL TODAY

Fine, personable, single white male, 40's, is helpful and entertaining, good listener. Looking for someone serious, settled and sincere, single white female, 36 to 52. BOX 20424

POLISH ITALIAN GUY

50, attractive and healthy, youthful and light hearted. Enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places Seeks lady to spend time with and get to know. BOX 20745

LUCKY IN LOVE

41 yrs old, 6'2", 210 lbs male, smoker, non-drinker, likes movies, dining out, travel. Seeks slim female over 5'5". BOX 21163

PLEASANTLY PLUMP?

Go ahead and call! open minded, single white male 39, easy to talk to, romantic and adventurous. Seeks single white female 24-42, for meaningful relationship Wayne County BOX 25010

DO YOU QUALIFY?

White male, 48, muscular, attractive, financial and self secure Seeking selective, classy, attractive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term relationship Wayne county. BOX 25970

LET STAY 2GETHER...

For ever Single white male, 45, honest, faithful, trustworthy, caring, loving, up front, smoker, social drinker, 6', 165 lbs, looking for a white female, 35-50, on the slim side, 100-140 lbs, who has the same qualities as I do Looking for a very serious relationship, no head games. Oakland County. BOX 26014

IS THIS YOUR NAME?

Divorced white male, early 50s, dark hair, blue eyes, 6', looking for Carol, Charlotte, Chris, Debbie, Diane, Denise, Donna, Joy, Karen, Kathy, Linda, Lori, Nancy, Pat, Sally, Sandy, and Sue. I'd like to meet you. Ages 38 to 54 Possible long term relationship. West Sider BOX 26039

DON'T HESITATE...

...Give me a call! 18 yr old, 5'2", 125 lbs, looking for a single girl to have fun with BOX 26884

YOU AND ME IN 2003

Single white male, dark hair, tall, fit. Seek special single white female, 25 to 35. BOX 26949

WANTED: FULL FIGURED

Very young looking 48 yr old African American male, medium brown complexion, 57", 170 lbs, clean, drug and disease free, employed, has transportation, never married, no dependents. Seeks full figured white female, 40 to 55, 200 to 350 lbs. BOX 27296

YOU AND I

This sweetheart is a sociable single white male, 40, well groomed, physically fit, has many interests yet open to yours. Seeks friendly female friend and possible lover. BOX 30914

GOT YOUR ATTENTION?

Make your Personals ad more noticeable and guarantee that it appears in the paper for at least four weeks with our new Bold Ad service. More readers will see your ad and you'll get more responses than ever before. Your ad will appear completely bolded (like this one) and run for at least four weeks in the Personals. This valuable service is only \$9.95 and can be charged to your VISA or MasterCard. Place your ad with our automated service when you record your greetings in the hear instructions on how to hold your ad and guarantee it appears for at least four weeks. Don't wait - place and hold your ad now. Have your credit card ready 1-888-829-6359

PLEASE READ THIS AD

Attractive, honest, big-hearted, white, non-abusive, sober man. Active, secure, widowed, and lonesome. If you're under 60, attractive, slender, and serious, call me, I'm your man Romulus. Wayne County BOX 33735

SUN & BEACHES

Caring, affectionate, loving, hard working, divorced white male, 54, 5'7", silver fox hair, 176 lbs. Loves ocean beaches, spending quality time together. Seeking friendship for monogamous relationship, 40 to 50. BOX 35913

JUST READ

I'm white widowed, attractive, light hearted, well built, enjoy all the good things in life. Looking for an attractive, well built lady, under 59, for possible permanent relationship. Dearborn. Wayne County. BOX 35956

YOUR SUMMER SURPRISE

Just might be a most enjoyable white male, 40's, good looks, educated and energetic Seeks an attractive, friendly, lady to share it with Oakland County! BOX 35971

SENSIBLE MAN

Single white male, 55, soft spoken, down-to-earth, enjoys dancing, theater, movies, etc Seeks friendly, relationship-minded, single white female, 40's to 50's Oakland County BOX 35983

HONEST

Tall, divorced white male, 6'4", good physical condition, 56", non-smoker, self-employed, honest, sincere, sense of humor I would like to meet a slender lady, 45 to 53, who is easygoing, with good values, for companionship, and possible long-term relationship. BOX 35984

ABOVE AVERAGE GENT

Single white male, mid 40's, gets into travel, music, cars, photography, sports, home decorating, etc., looking for an above average lady to partner with Oakland county BOX 35993

COACHES NEEDED

■ Plymouth Christian Academy needs a varsity boys soccer coach for next fall. Former coach Rick Ericson was forced to resign because he is taking a new job in Indiana.

Anyone interested in the position should call PCA athletic director Doug Taylor at (734) 459-3505, Ext. 138.

■ PCA is also in need of a girls basketball coach for next fall. Annie Malcolm, last season's coach, has resigned due to family considerations.

Anyone interested in the position should call PCA athletic director Doug Taylor at (734) 459-3505, Ext. 138.

SPRING YOUTH SOCCER

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is taking registrations for the rest of January during business hours (8 a.m.-4 p.m.) Monday through Friday at the recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

All registrations require a birth certificate. For those in under-six through under-eight divisions, cost is \$50 for city of Plymouth residents and \$70 for non-residents; for those in under-nine and older divisions, cost is \$55 for city of Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620, or check the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

RUGBY TRAINING

The search is on for high school boys (grades 9-12) interested in learning rugby football and participating in the Michigan Youth Rugby Association's spring season.

Rugby is a rugged contact sport enjoyed around the world. The Michigan Youth Rugby Association plays against clubs from Brighton, Berkley, Howell, Dearborn,

Livonia and Northville.

The team has a "no cuts" policy. Everyone who practices will play. No experience is necessary.

The sport of rugby football features 15 players to a side with limited substitution; no blocking or padding, which makes it safer; and continuous play, like ice hockey, basketball and soccer.

It is a sport in which fitness, brains and brawn come together. Everyone is a ball-handler, scorer and defender. There are no playbooks; players make on-the-field decisions.

Winter (indoor) training will be 5:30-7 p.m. every Monday evening beginning Jan. 27 at the University of Michigan Coliseum (located on the corner of Fifth & Hill streets), with the possibility of additional sessions being scheduled.

For more information, call (734) 761-1988 or e-mail magnette@umich.edu.

NORTHVILLE RUN

The Galyan's Northville Solstice Run will be held Saturday, June 21. The event is designed to promote healthy lifestyles and fitness while providing amenities and entertainment within the Northville community.

For more information, please call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 449-9941 or race director Alan Whitehead at (248) 420-1376.

COACHES SOUGHT

■ Mercy High School is currently looking for a varsity lacrosse coach. Anyone interested in the position should contact the athletic department at (248) 476-2836.

■ Bishop Borgess High School is looking for a varsity track coach for the spring sports season. For more information, please call Athletic Director Sean Senecal at (313) 255-1100 or send him a resume

by fax at (313) 255-1102 or by mail at 11685 Appleton, Redford, MI 48239.

PLAYERS WANTED

The Motor City Volleyball Club is seeking players to fill teams at 12-, 13- and 14-and-under levels for the upcoming spring season.

All teams are pay to play. For more information, call Larry or Amber Wyatt at (734) 522-1680 or e-mail MCVBC@aol.com.

SOFTBALL OPENINGS

The Thunderbirds Softball Incorporated (TSI) Girls Fast Pitch Softball has player openings for the 2003 season.

Parents with girls between the ages of seven and 16 years are invited to contact either Mike Roberts (734) 397-1355, Tom Ciotti (734) 748-6081, Brian Starling (734) 718-3360 or Ray Barnes (734) 981-7281, or visit our web site at Thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, a member of the Ice Skating Institute, is offering eight weeks of skating classes (25 minutes per session) for individuals grouped by age and ability, beginning next month, at Edgar Ice Arena, 33841 Lyndon.

Classes offered include: Adult, 6:20 p.m. Thursdays; youth (ages 4-and-up), 4:40-6:45 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; tots (3-year-olds), 4:10 p.m. Thursdays; and boys hockey skills, 6:20 p.m. Mondays.

Fees are \$48 for residents and \$64 for non-residents.

Registration will be from 5-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) at the Parks and Recreation office, 33000 Civic Center Drive (inside City Hall).

For more information, call (743) 466-2410; or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

PITCHING-HITTING CAMPS

Jeff Jones, who has 26 years of pro baseball experience, including the past 15 as a pitching instructor in the Detroit Tigers organization, will conduct a series of hitting and pitching camps, Jan. 18 through Feb. 2, at Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road.

Pitching camps will run 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays; also 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Sundays. Hitting camps will run 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturdays; also 2-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays.

Special appearances will be made by Detroit Tiger catcher Brandon Inge, along with Cleveland Indians pitcher Jason Beverlin and former pro player Larry Feola (New York and Detroit).

Camp fees are \$195. For more information, or to register, call (248) 669-9817; or e-mail totalbbalwixom@aol.com.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, is helping kids 6-18 improve their game with private lessons starting at \$35 per half-hour, or five private lessons for \$160.

Instruction will be led by Von Joshua, the Toronto Blue Jays hitting coach, the Oakland University softball coaching staff, Big Ten/MAC All-Conference softball/ baseball players and former professional players. Individuals will receive instruction through a series of pitching, hitting and fielding drills.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166.

PITCHING PROGRAM

Total baseball is offering a seven-week training program for pitchers.

Former USA Jr. Olympic Team member and Montreal Expo Aaron Knieper will be teaching arm strengthening techniques, pitching mechanics and philosophy.

The cost is \$325 per player. Classes will be 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

To register call Total Baseball at (248) 668-0166 or e-mail at totalbbalwixom@aol.com.

HIGH VELOCITY CAMPS

A series of soccer camps for players of all ages are offered at the High Velocity Indoor Soccer facility, under the instruction of former pro player and college coach Andrew Crawford, a Livonia resident.

■ Small Stars is for 3-4 year-olds, just starting out. The class encourages parent participation and works on the basics: dribbling, passing and receiving, and shooting.

■ Kicks with Kids, for 4-5 and 6-7 year-olds, will teach the basics plus the proper techniques for turning with the ball and volleys.

■ Skill Acceleration Camp is for 8-9, 10-11, and 12-15 year-olds. This clinic focuses on one-on-one moves to beat an opponent, combination passing and volleys.

■ Striker Camp participants will work on shooting drills, including volleys, side-volleys and creating space with and without the ball. Striker camp is available for 9-12 year olds.

■ Goalkeeper Camp teaches advanced goalkeeping techniques to 9-12 year olds and includes shot-stopping and ball distribution, and is intended to increase skills and develop technical awareness.

■ The Women's Clinic concentrates on the basic skills of soccer, building a strong foundation of dribbling, passing and receiving, and shooting. This program is designed for the beginning to intermediate play-

er. All the above clinics begin with instruction and end with a scrimmage. Individual and team training is also available.

To learn more about High Velocity Sports Instructional Soccer Clinics, visit www.hvssports.com or call (734) 487-7678.

WINTER SENIOR BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft College is offering basketball for seniors 50-and-over from 10 a.m. to noon each Tuesday and Thursday, now through the end of March.

Cost is \$35 for the entire winter season. For more information, call (248) 478-4457, or just show up Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

SKATIN' STATION STUFF

■ A five-week learn-to-skate roller skating class, for children and adults, will be from 11:15 a.m.-noon Saturdays at Skatin' Station II in Canton.

■ Inline roller hockey leagues for all ages are now forming.

There's one game a week, which includes shirts for champion teams, a game jersey, referee fees and hockey statistics, rosters, schedules, with champion pictures posted on the web.

For more information on all the events, call (734) 459-6401 or visit the Web site at www.skatinstation2.com.

GYMNASTICS COACH WANTED

The Livonia Family YMCA is seeking a gymnastics coach who is available to teach as a part-time employee weekday evenings. Gymnastics background preferred, but the Livonia Y will be willing to train.

For more information, fax a resume attention to: Bob Riethmiller at (734) 261-0888.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 13th, 2003 for the following.

PAPER TOWEL, TOILET TISSUE AND TRASH CAN LINERS

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2003 AT 10:00 A.M. THE AUCTION IS TO BE HELD AT WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING, 6375 HIX RD. WESTLAND, MI 48185. PLEASE NOTE: THE BIDDING WILL START AT THE TOWING STORAGE CHARGES.

1993 GMC Sierra Pickup	Green	2GDEK19KXP1527340
1994 Ford Probe	Blue	1ZVLT20AXR5160134
1983 Ford Lgt Convtl 'F' Pickup	Teal	1FTDF15Y6DLA22447
2000 Hyundai Sonata	White	KMHWF25SXYA151203
1987 Ford Tempo	Blue	1FABP36X8HK229297
1990 Ford Tempo	Silver	1FAPP31X4LK168391
1989 Chevrolet 'S' Pickup	Purple	1GCCS1420K8202329
2002 Chevrolet Blazer	Tan	1GNCS18W42K188588
1991 Ford Taurus	Gold	1FACP50U8MG177732
Home-Made Wood/Metal Box Trailer		NO VIN AVAILABLE

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LEGAL NOTICE

1954 PA PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes and rehabilitation project in the Beacon Estates Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements shall consist of milling, and/or pulverization, and/or removal of the existing bituminous road with the placement of a new bituminous pavement course as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work which may be needed to facilitate the placement of the asphalt road pavement. In addition, select areas of concrete curb and gutter will be removed and replaced, as necessary. The project commences at the south right-of-way line of North Territorial Road and proceeds southward along Beacon Hill Drive approximately 1,100 feet where the road turns into Concord Drive and continues in a southward direction for approximately 200 feet. From here, the project continues southward for 580 feet along Beacon Hill Drive, to the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Trail. The project also includes Beacon Hill Court commencing at the intersection with Beacon Hill Drive extending to the east to its point of terminus. In addition, Lighthouse Court commencing at the intersection with Beacon Hill Drive and proceeding eastward and northward approximately 860 feet to its point of terminus is included in the project.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvements shall be assessed:

The distinct limit for frontage along Beacon Hill Drive and Concord Drive consists of the following parcel numbers: R-78-033-03-0001-000 through R-78-033-03-0024-000, R-78-036-01-0025-000, R-78-036-01-0035-000 through R-78-036-01-0042-000, R-78-036-02-0043-000 through R-78-036-02-0056-000, R-78-036-05-0163-000, R-78-036-05-0164-000, R-78-036-05-0172-000, R-78-036-05-0173-000, R-78-036-99-0020-000, R-78-033-02-0079-000 and R-78-033-02-0080-000.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, February 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Twp., Michigan 48170**, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$280,000.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

MARILYN MASSENGILL
Charter Township of Plymouth
42350 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(734) 453-3840

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT 101

TO AMEND TEXT: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 83 BY REVISING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.4-6(h), R-1-E, R-1-H, R-1-S, R-1, ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

DATE OF HEARING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2003

TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE OF HEARING: PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HALL
42350 ANN ARBOR ROAD
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township proposes on its own motion to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83 by revising the existing Article VI, Section 6.4-6(h), R-1-E, R-1-H, R-1-S, R-1, One Family Residential Districts, Development Requirements as follows: Article VI, Section 6.4-6(h) presently reads as follows:

- (h) Sidewalks shall be provided as required in Section 4.06 paragraph 2 of Subdivision Ordinance No. 32. All sidewalks shall conform to the standards as established by the Department of Building and Code Enforcement and the Township Engineer. All sidewalks shall be five (5) feet in width except those located along major thoroughfares. In the case of major thoroughfares, all sidewalks shall be a minimum of six (6) feet in width.

Article VI, Section 6.4-6(h) is proposed to read as follows:

- (h) Sidewalks:
- (1) Sidewalks shall be installed on any single family residential lot (subdivision), unit (site condominium), or parcel of land as follows:
 - a) Frontage on a public street with a street setback forty-three (43) feet or greater, as defined by section 23.32 of Ordinance 83. A five (5) foot wide concrete sidewalk shall be installed in conjunction with any new construction, building addition and/or alteration to existing structures. All sidewalks shall conform to the standards as established by the Department of Building and Code Enforcement and the Township Engineer.
 - b) Frontage on a public street with a street setback less than forty three (43) feet, as defined by Section 23.32: A five (5) foot wide concrete sidewalk shall be installed in conjunction with any new construction, building addition and/or alteration to existing structures except if there are no existing or planned sidewalks within two hundred (200) feet of the site's boundaries. No sidewalk shall be required when these conditions exist. All sidewalks shall conform to the standards as established by the Department of Building and Code Enforcement and the Township Engineer.
 - (2) Fee in Lieu of sidewalk installation Where it can be demonstrated that providing required sidewalks at the time of construction is not reasonable, the Township Supervisor, after review and recommendation of the Community Development Director, may permit payment to the Township in a sum equivalent to the estimated cost of providing such sidewalk improvement as determined by the following formula:

Sum equals the running feet of sidewalk multiplied by the dollar amount per running foot as established annually by the Township Engineer.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the text, as printed, may be examined at the Community Development Department in the Department of Public Services Building at 46555 Port Street during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., until the date of the Public Hearing, Application 1765. Written comments concerning the amendment will be received prior to the meeting. The application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The public hearing will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-8131, ext. 37.

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary
Planning Commission

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42360 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number (734) 354-3201, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

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On smoke, consult an attorney

You're best advised to consult with a condo lawyer in connection with this matter.

Whether or not it's a good idea is something you should discuss with a knowledgeable community association lawyer.

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer, concentrates his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. He can be reached at bmeisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

10 YEAR TRACK

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Single family residential building permits issued annually in Oakland, Wayne, Livingston, Washtenaw, Macomb, Monroe and St. Clair Shore counties. Year 2002 is a projected number.

YEAR	PERMITS
2002	15,039
2001	14,330
2000	16,990
1999	18,640
1998	18,500
1997	17,630
1996	18,460
1995	16,580
1994	15,690
1993	13,130
1992	11,890

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Builders anticipate just as much activity this year as last and price increases to buyers upward of 4 percent.

Outlook positive: Residential builders expect to stay busy

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Seiders also had encouraging words for builders who make a living renovating and improving existing homes. Many folks rushing to refinance mortgages use the

He said his firm delivered almost 200 homes last year.

"In Birmingham, a lot of remodeling is going on," he added.

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BIA chief talks of impact

"Housing, job development, tax base, protection of the environment, fulfilling personal goals and building a more coherent society are indivisibly bound together," Perlman said.



**Tim 'Timbo'
Phillips**

Credit reporting hot topic

I recently wrote a column about credit reporting errors and the negative impact they have on consumers. Because of the overwhelming reader response for more information, I will be providing you with more information on this timely and important topic. Today's column is the first of four consecutive articles.

The system has been reliable for many, many years. So what's the fuss? Why is there so much turmoil? We will explore the issues next week.

If you need assistance in resolving major credit issues, you may contact **Tim Phillips** at (734) 797-5522, or via e-mail at PhillipsHQ@com-cast.net. He is a residential mortgage specialist serving all of Michigan. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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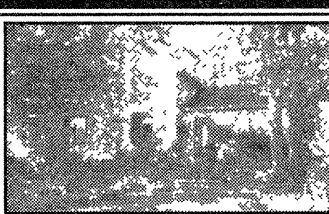

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY		
These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 16-20, 2002, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.		
Canton	46437 Aarons Way	\$242,000
	2401 Amber	\$252,000
	43128 Calais	\$215,000
	44250 Candlewood	\$188,000
	6838 Carriage Hills	\$200,000
	43592 Champlain	\$175,000
	7646 Charrington	\$230,000
	580 Cherry Grove	\$240,000
	2209 Cleveland	\$338,000
	7097 Copper Creek	\$176,000
	39721 Coronation	\$178,000
	150 Country Club	\$360,000
	43979 Cranberry	\$228,000
	1660 Delancy	\$153,000
	1690 Delancy	\$126,000
	6839 Devonshire	\$168,000
	232 Edington	\$205,000
	1656 Fairfax	\$203,000
	48791 Fifth	\$102,000
	48825 Fifth	\$102,000
	48860 Fifth	\$92,000
	48925 Fifth	\$147,000
	48926 Fifth	\$90,000
	2162 Hogan	\$290,000
	46512 Killarney	\$268,000
	47169 Larchmont	\$324,000
	39923 Lynn	\$180,000
	6495 Marshall	\$265,000
	6754 Marshall	\$280,000
	1340 Millbrook	\$470,000
	50263 Monroe	\$330,000
	45432 Muirfield	\$326,000
	432 N Corrine	\$206,000
	3378 Niagara	\$91,000
	3546 Niagara	\$94,000
	42033 Old Bridge	\$170,000
	45030 Patrick	\$234,000
	1494 Ranier	\$211,000
	3771 Sheffield	\$273,000
	324 Sylvan	\$245,000
	1554 Valentine	\$255,000
	1981 Vineway	\$133,000
	2071 Vineway	\$125,000
	3447 Wall	\$100,000
	50888 Warren	\$295,000
	2532 Woodmont	\$238,000
	2399 Wooster	\$233,000
Garden City	29545 Balmoral	\$108,000
	33070 Barton	\$140,000
	33528 Bock	\$135,000
	960 Cardwell	\$148,000
	6248 Deering	\$146,000
	31504 Dover	\$167,000
	29469 Elmwood	\$119,000
	31727 Elmwood	\$152,000
	27828 Ford	\$45,000
	27832 Ford	\$139,000
	5890 Harrison	\$156,000
	2054 Helen	\$69,000
	6037 Lathers	\$135,000
	32368 Pierce	\$158,000
Livonia	19134 Antago	\$124,000
	9536 Arcola	\$156,000
	19197 Auburn Dr	\$180,000
	37363 Blake	\$234,000
	17232 Brookview	\$280,000
	29604 Clarita	\$111,000
	16268 Country Club	\$295,000
	19737 Donna	\$167,000
	9824 E Clements	\$180,000
	17185 Francavilla	\$267,000
	9151 Gillman	\$164,000
	38515 Grandon	\$180,000
	33735 Hathaway	\$191,000
	34101 Hathaway	\$215,000
	3130 Hill Brook	\$223,000
	14150 Hillcrest	\$242,000
	15925 Ingram	\$233,000
	19925 Inkster	\$136,000
	37936 Joy	\$165,000
	9194 Lamont	\$174,000
	19165 Levan	\$405,000
	32483 Maryland	\$213,000
	30030 Minton	\$165,000
	37708 N Laurel Park	\$258,000
	8855 Norman	\$233,000
	19706 Osmus	\$155,000
	34023 Pembroke	\$320,000
	31934 Pembroke	\$170,000
	29538 Pickford	\$200,000
	17315 Rouge	\$154,000
	14550 Stonehouse	\$187,000
	9085 Sunbury	\$164,000
	33751 Trillium	\$320,000
	9418 Westwind	\$233,000
Plymouth	11659 Aspen	\$190,000
	8919 Briarwood	\$166,000
	11417 Cedar	\$212,000
	9049 Cobblestone	\$318,000
	324 Irvin	\$446,000
	265 Maple	\$205,000
	44434 Marc Trail	\$215,000
	12118 Medford	\$475,000
	40229 Newport	\$137,000
	390 Pacific	\$188,000
	10940 Pinehurst	\$366,000
	51390 Plymouth Hts	\$330,000
	42524 Plymouth Hollow	\$99,000
	42600 Plymouth Hollow	\$92,000
	9801 Tennyson	\$336,000
	15167 Willow Brook	\$275,000
Redford	9980 Arnold	\$126,000
	14197 Brady	\$175,000
	11423 Columbia	\$122,000
	15403 Delaware	\$112,000
	18720 Denby	\$130,000
	9135 Dixie	\$119,000
	14343 Dixie	\$135,000
	16361 Glenmore	\$142,000
	17678 Indian	\$130,000
	18661 Indian	\$101,000
	11441 Leverne	\$135,000
	17502 MacArthur	\$193,000
	9207 Mercedes	\$130,000
	9560 Norborne	\$150,000
	11375 Norborne	\$144,000
	24335 Plymouth	\$100,000
	20018 Poinciana	\$83,000
	9612 Rockland	\$132,000
	15095 Seminole	\$185,000
	17414 Summer	\$125,000
	19912 Wakenden	\$115,000
	18681 Woodworth	\$131,000
	11356 Wormer	\$126,000
Westland	31471 Avondale	\$153,000
	34829 Avondale	\$134,000
	7924 Beatrice	\$172,000
	31035 Beechnut	\$123,000
	7246 Bison	\$153,000
	38298 Carolon	\$122,000
	7411 Carrousel	\$178,000
	33673 Chief	\$166,000
	7400 Floral	\$98,000
	345 Forest	\$123,000
	33543 Hunter	\$161,000
	32124 Mackenzie	\$155,000
	33244 Melton	\$145,000
	7323 S Kingston	\$143,000
	8519 Shari	\$155,000
	33738 Somerset	\$119,000
	2757 Stockmeyer	\$185,000
	38490 Sycamore	\$159,000
	7630 Woodview	\$92,000

Mold laws in flux; owners could end up footing bill

The recent introduction of a bill to amend the Michigan Residential Seller's Disclosure Act triggers Michigan's entry into the so-called toxic mold arena.

Horror stories regularly appear in the news media of people sickened, possibly irreversibly, by mold in their homes, schools and offices.

Some have touted mold as the "new asbestos."

Like asbestos, mold is an issue of indoor air pollution. But, unlike asbestos, mold can affect any building. Only three things are required - water, organic based building materials and the spores that are found throughout our atmosphere.

Therefore, anyone's home, office or school may be affected.

Litigation regarding mold is on the rise. It takes a number of varied, but familiar forms, including landlord/tenant disputes, employee disability claims, construction disputes and insurance claims.

Despite the lack of any confirmed scientific consensus on how mold impacts the human body, the jury verdicts have



Arthur Siegal

water leak repairs. Other cases have similarly resulted in million dollar awards.

States have begun considering studying mold issues and requiring its disclosure during property transactions. Michigan's proposed law would simply require sellers of residential property to disclose the existence of known "toxic mold," an undefined term.

It's likely that similar requirements will be adopted nationwide.

On the insurance front, insurers are rapidly reviewing their policy language trying to ensure that mold, in some cases, even mold resulting from an otherwise covered loss, is excluded from coverage.

Certain states' insurance commissioners have rejected such modifications, others

begun rolling in. The most notable was a jury verdict of \$32 million to a homeowner in Texas who claimed that her home had been completely enveloped by toxic mold.

That huge award didn't even include personal injury damages. It was a claim against an insurer for not promptly covering

haven't.

Where does this leave the average person?

Typically, it leaves them footing the bill for mold remediation, which can be quite expensive as contractors, like cancer surgeons, try to ensure that they have excised every last molecule.

The law in Michigan is unclear, but it's likely that courts will treat toxic mold as they would any other property defect. That means, depending on the facts of each specific situation, a tenant, employee, homeowner or property owner may be obligated to suffer the harm from mold and the cost of remediation on her own.

Or, given certain policy language, warranties, notices or negligence, those burdens may be shifted, in whole or in part, to the landlord, employer, architect, repairman, insurer or contractor.

If you believe that you have a mold problem, check the EPA's Web site for information on mold cleanup and prevention at <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/molds/>.

Arthur Siegal is a partner with Detroit-based law firm Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss. The firm, founded in 1968, serves a wide range of institutions, industries and individuals nationwide.

Ordinance encourages disguising cell towers

(AP) - A city council in Idaho has adopted an ordinance to encourage builders of cell towers to blend them with surroundings.

Under the new ordinance, cell towers that are disguised or placed inside existing structures such as steeples won't need the

approval of Meridian's Planning and Zoning Commission or City Council. Instead, a planning and zoning staffer would be able to approve them.

Meridian is near Boise. Visible towers would need city council approval, and towers taller than 35

feet would be banned in most residential areas.

The ordinance will require that residents within 600 feet of a proposed undisguised tower be notified. Usually residents only within 300 feet receive notice. Other standards, such as how far from the street they

must be placed, also are a part of the rules.

"This will give us some standards rather than having Meridian turn into a cell-tower farm," city planner Dave McKinnon said.

The council unanimously approved the new rules.



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HOME SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors its 11th annual Novi Home Improvement Show Friday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road.

Hundreds of exhibitors are expected.

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$7, \$6 for senior citizens. No charge for children under 12.

On-site parking is available for an additional charge. For more information, call (248) 862-1019.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County presents a free program on becoming a superstar investor 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline, east of I-75, Southgate.

For more information, or a free newsletter, call (313) 386-7228.

CREW MEETING

The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women hosts motivational speaker Kevin Giddins noon Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Westin Southfield Hotel, 1500 Town Center, Southfield.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$40 for members, \$55 for non-members. To register, call Joanne Sisson at (248) 458-7203, or Ann Heimstra, (248) 816-3834.

BUY HOME CLASS

Diane Baker, a Realtor with RE/MAX Classic, together with Mike Smela and Tom Shults from Physician Lender Mortgage, present a free, no-obligation class on buying a home 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the RE/MAX Classic office, 38777 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

To register, call Baker at (734) 459-1010 or Shults at (248) 816-3291.

BOMA SHOW

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit hosts its annual commercial property products and services show 2-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen.

Register at (248) 848-3741 by Monday, Feb. 3, for free admission.

SALES LICENSE

The continuing education department at Schoolcraft College offers a 40-hour real estate sales license class required of all prospective agents 5:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6-March 27, on campus, Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Cost is \$260, \$208 for senior citizens. To register, call (734) 462-4400.

CAREER SEMINAR

Keller Williams Realty-Livonia sponsors free, no-obligation seminars on how to get into the residential real estate business, and what you can expect, 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12; and 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at its office, 31500 Schoolcraft just west of Merriman.

To register, call (734) 266-9000.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Standard Federal Bank presents a free class on how to select and finance a home 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 8, at Peoples Community Church, 29745 Annapolis Road, Westland.

Topics include budgeting, understanding credit reports, selecting a home and the mortgage application process.

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To register, call (734) 722-1280 or (800) 643-9600 Ext. 22532.

BUILDER'S LICENSE

Oakland Builders Institute conducts a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builder's licensing exam.

The class goes 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 10-19, at Kettering High School, 2800 Bender, Waterford; and 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 11-20, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail.

Cost is \$205, plus \$20 for a textbook and sample questions.

To register, call Waterford Community Education at (248) 674-3145, or Walled Lake Community Education, (248) 956-5000.

SELL HOME CLASS

Alma Mathley of Professional Real Estate Title sponsors a free class, "For Sale by Owner," 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, off Main two blocks north of 14 Mile Road, Clawson.

To register, call Mathley at (248) 851-2975.

CONSTRUCTION WOMEN

The Detroit Chapter, National Association of Women in Construction, presents a dinner program on marketing tips and tools 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Clarion Barcelo Hotel-Detroit Metro Airport, 8600 Merriman, Romulus.

Cost is \$30 for members, \$55 for non-members.

For registration information, contact Kelly Taylor, chapter president, at (586) 447-4712.

MASONRY SEMINAR

The Masonry Institute of Michigan presents a two-day masonry certification seminar 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 20-21, at its offices, 12870 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Cost is \$395 for members, \$495 for designers and building officials, and \$795 for contractors and suppliers.

To register, call (734) 458-8544.

CAREER DATES II

Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1 p.m. every Friday at its Farmington Hills office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile Road.

To register, call Sharon Spindler (Ext. 404) or Steve Leibhan (Ext. 405) at (248) 851-4100.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience needed. Training will be provided.

For details, call (734) 459-7744.

FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing, and information organization, always needs supporters. Basic annual individual membership is \$15, basic family membership \$25 and basic organizational membership \$50. For information, call the center, (313) 963-1274.

ENERGY CD-ROM

The Building Owners and Managers International has released a CD-ROM, "The Property Professional's Guide to Building Energy Performance."

Cost is \$15 for BOMA members, \$25 for nonmembers.

To purchase or obtain more information, call (800) 426-6292, or visit www.boma.org/pubs/energy_cd.htm.

BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail.

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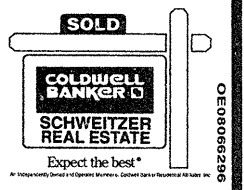


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MOVE RIGHT IN - Beautifully maintained 3 bedroom brick ranch with 4th bedroom in full finished basement. Loaded with updates. Good size corner lot with 2.5 car garage, close to schools and rec center. \$139,900 (505TA)



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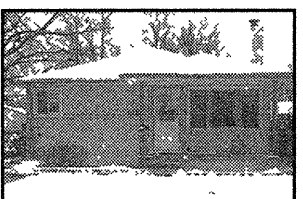
CANTON QUAD LEVEL - Immediate occupancy on this 4 bedroom quad level in Canton. Updates include skylight in kitchen, vinyl siding, high efficiency furnace. Great family home with space for everyone. Immediate occupancy. \$191,500 (241GR)



GREAT STARTER HOME - Start here! Cute 2 bedrooms w/family room (could be 3rd bedroom), oak kitchen with appliances. Newer windows, furnace, hot water heater and roof. Immediate occupancy. 72x120 ft. lot. \$89,900 (688SY)



SHARP KITCHEN - This 3 bedroom ranch offers a country kitchen with ample oak cupboards, built-in dishwasher, oven & range, and a no wax floor. Finished basement for entertaining, office space, 2-car garage, and 2 full baths. \$145,900 (532LE)



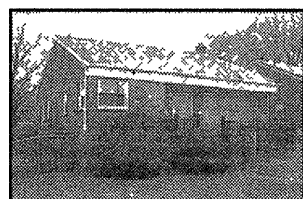
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SELLERS MOTIVATED - Three bedrooms, family room with skylight, partially finished basement with full bath & sprinkler system for extra protection. Newer roof, furnace, air conditioning and carpet. Freshly painted. Corner lot. \$142,900 (855UN)



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This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

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Mark Jeffers has been appointed vice president of business development for Real Estate One, headquartered in Farmington Hills.

His responsibilities will include franchise growth, Web lead marketing, acquisitions, new business ventures and special projects.

Jeffers began his real estate sales career in 1989 and joined Real Estate One in 2001 as project manager in the marketing department.

He lives in Plymouth.

Claire Roberts, an associate broker with Signature Associates-ONCOR International, a commercial real estate firm in Southfield, has been selected to receive the 2003 Alternatives for Girls Role Model Award.

The award is based on professional accomplishments, personal attributes, community commitment and inspired leadership to young women and girls as a positive role model.

David V. Johnson, chairman of Victor International and Bay Harbor in Auburn Hills, developers of luxury lifestyle, residential and resort real estate, has presented Michigan State University with a gift of \$1 million.

Johnson attended MSU and founded the university's Victor Institute for Responsible Development Land Use, which encourages awareness of environmental and habitat preservation.

He resides in Clarkston.

The Michigan chapter of the National Association of Home Inspectors announces 2003 officers.

Robert L. Height, American Home & Building Inspection, Dearborn, is president; **Robin L. King**, Thumb Area Home Inspections, Kingston, vice president.

Greg J. Vishey, Vishey Home Inspection Service, Grosse Pointe, is treasurer; **Mike Goewey**, Property Facts Home Inspections, Livonia, immediate past president.

The mission of NAHI is to promote excellence and professionalism, provide standards of practice and a code of ethics, and educate its members.

Barton Malow Co., a Southfield-based firm which provides design, management and construction services, has been selected as one of Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For.

The Michigan Business and Professional Association made the selection based on work/life balance, employee communication/recognition, pay and benefits, employee education, recruitment and retention, employee motivation and enthusiasm, community initiatives and strategic planning.

(AP) — Jim Trammel drives up and down the streets searching for culprits — overgrown weeds, garbage piled in front yards and busted cars on blocks.

In one front yard, dead leaves are trapped in cobwebs sagging across the bottom of a Blazer with a flat tire.

The flat tire means an inoperable vehicle, which residents aren't allowed to store in public view. The code officer writes a complaint and tapes it to the homeowner's door.

It could be any community, but in this specific case it's Glendale, Ariz.

Glendale is cracking down on problem properties, as are dozens of cities and towns in the Phoenix area. Scottsdale has created an administrative court to slash the time it takes to deal with offenders.

Avondale residents on a council-appointed committee have been drafting new property standards. And Paradise Valley has hired a second officer to help keep up the town's appearance.

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In metro Detroit, it's usually code enforcement officers in municipal building departments who respond to specific complaints or police officers on patrol who can enforce ordinances against blight.

The primary goal is to spruce things up, not issue tickets.

Mike Barron, a Phoenix real estate agent, said that recently he and a client pulled up to a house that looked wonderful. But the one next door had 10-inch high grass and a car parked on the front lawn.

"The client didn't even want to go in," he said. "They said, 'Let's go to the next house.'"

Barron said that poor maintenance can also affect the selling price.

"If the neighbors' homes have

exterior maintenance that is not up to speed, it has an impact on the speed of the sale," he said. "If it takes you longer to sell your house, the more likely you are to accept a lower offer."

It's something that residents like Kevin Biesty of Mesa understand.

"If we don't take care of our properties and keep them clean, nobody will," he said. "It's incumbent on each homeowner to take care of the property, and it makes it easier to sell your house at a reasonable price."

Glendale and Avondale officials and community members are working to create property upkeep laws that address landscaping, fences and the outside of a home.

Some changes have already been made in Glendale's code enforcement department. Rather than just following up on complaints, the officers are hitting every house, one neighborhood at a time. Instead of 15 days to correct most problems, residents now have 10.

Similar offenses within 24 months will result in a resident being deemed a repeat offender; courts get involved after a third offense. In the past, the slate was wiped clean after a year.

"This has been an issue for those people who don't seem to get it," said Dan Gunn, the city's code compliance manager.

He said his officers try to speak with homeowners to explain the codes. If homeowners aren't around, a brochure explaining common violations is left.

"Really, at some point it's incumbent on the citizen to read it and learn what the codes are," he said. "Although we have strengthened our compliance processes, our main goal still remains voluntary compliance."

Most Phoenix residents willingly clean up problems when they are pointed out.

Chandler police Sgt. Ken Phillips said more than 95 percent of complaints are resolved without court action.

But there are those who refuse to clean up.

Phoenix, which has led the charge in neighborhood preservation, put a repeat offender policy in place in 2002.

"It's to go after those who are in the system longer than six months," Phoenix Councilman Phil Gordon said. "It allows the repeat offenders and the worst of the worst to be expedited through the criminal process."

Average 30-year mortgage rate nears record low

(AP) — Mortgage rates, which had been creeping higher for two weeks, retreated last week, with 30-year mortgages dipping close to recent record lows.

The slight downturn reflects market concerns about the economy and a possible war in Iraq, an economist said.

The average interest rate nationally on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage dropped to 5.91 percent last week, down from 5.97 percent the previous week, Freddie Mac reported in its latest nationwide survey of rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages

started the new year by dropping to a new low of 5.85 percent for the week ending Friday, Jan. 3. That rate was the lowest since the mortgage giant began tracking 30-year mortgage rates in 1971.

Records that reach back earlier than Freddie Mac's indicate that rate is the lowest since the early 1960s.

For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates fell last week to 5.31 percent, compared with 5.36 percent last week.

Rates were also down on one-year adjustable rate mortgages,

which dropped to 3.93 percent last week from 4.03 percent.

"Market concerns over weak economic indicators and an increased risk of war in the Middle East pushed mortgage rates even lower," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "That and falling stock prices raised investor appeal for U.S. Treasury bonds, which in turn allowed most interest rates to drift even lower."

Nothaft said that the new mortgage lows have spurred a flood of new housing construction and should set the stage for another

good year for the housing industry in 2003.

The mortgage rates reported by Freddie Mac don't include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages carried an average fee of 0.6 point last week, while one-year adjustable mortgages had an average 0.7 point financing fee.

A point is 1 percent of the loan amount.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.96 percent, 15-year mortgages were 6.44 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 5.10 percent.

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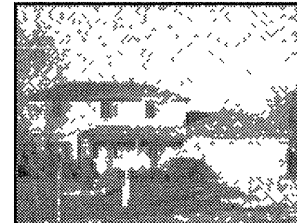
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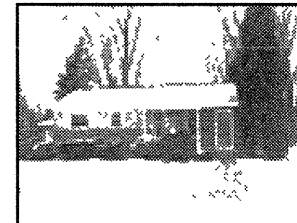
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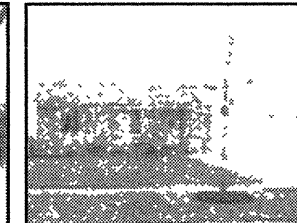
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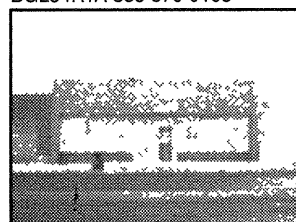
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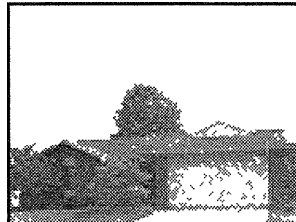
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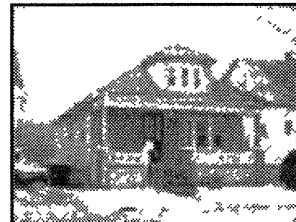
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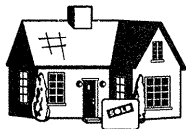
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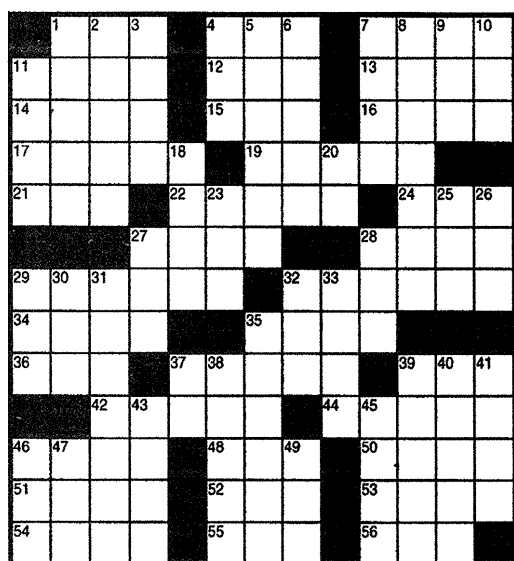
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Construction Engineer/Project Engineer
Must know Auto Cad 14 or better. E-mail resumes only to Villanova@ProdyNet or mail Villanova Construction Co 20765 Parker Farmington Hills, MI 48336

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Minimum 5 yrs experience. E-mail resumes only to: Villanova@ProdyNet or mail to Villanova Construction, 20765 Parker, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

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MAINTENANCE
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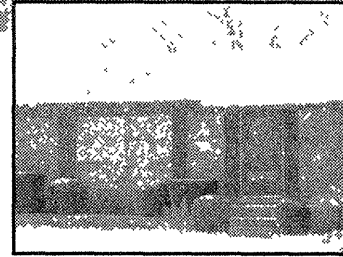
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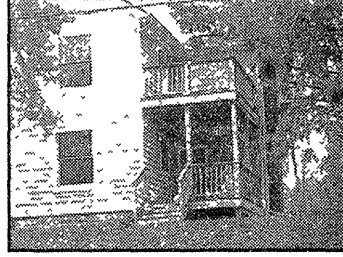
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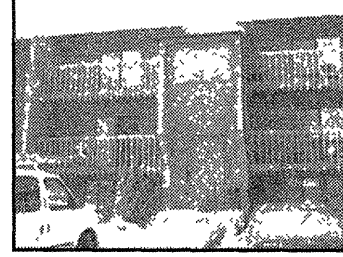
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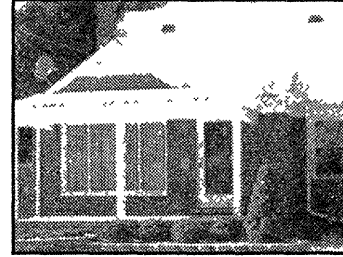
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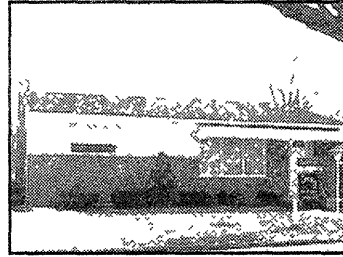
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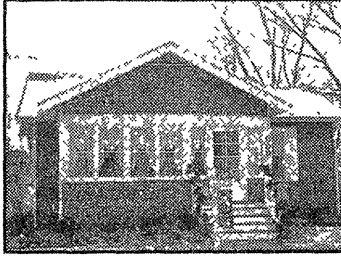
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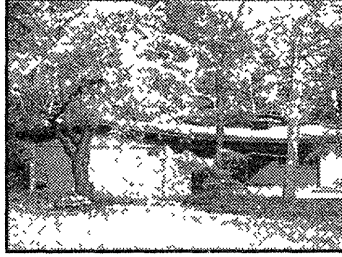
CANTON – Fantastic 1998-built home. All the needed touches are already done. Three bedroom, 3½ bath Colonial with deck, sprinklers, landscaping & an incredible finished basement with full bath & storage. Island counter kitchen open to family room. Beautifully decorated from top to bottom. \$284,900 (09BRO) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON – Welcome home. This 3 bedroom, 2½ bath shows like a model with everything updated. Located on a large wooded lot that backs to Commons. Recessed lighting & oak trim. All newer appliances. Incredible deck with pool & gazebo. Private patio. Clean & neutral. \$263,900 (12DAL) 248-349-5600



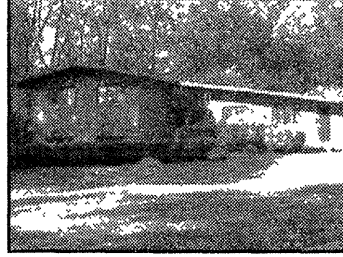
PLYMOUTH – Downtown Plymouth charm! Beautiful home with enclosed porch, refinished hardwood floors, spacious living & dining rooms. Remodeled bath with marble floor & claw foot tub, part-finished basement, newer driveway, central air, fenced yard and 2 car garage. Must see! \$214,900 (09HAR) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE – California contemporary! Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch on beautiful 1.4 acre lot. Great room with wood vaulted ceiling, natural fireplace, slate entry, updated kitchen & custom lighting. Master suite with Pergo. Newer windows, roof, central air & furnace. \$279,000 (60ROB) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN – Classic elegance! Backing to a private wooded setting. This is a 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Town Home with private court yard entrance. Living room with marble fireplace, formal dining room opens to large deck. Kitchen with Corian & cherry cabinets Master suite. \$334,900 (23TIM) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS – Warm weather is on its way. Enjoy this spacious 5 bedroom, 2 + 2 bath custom home on approximately .85 acre treed lot with gardens, trees & pool. Offers a huge kitchen, great room with fireplace & wet bar. Possible in-law suite & walk-out basement. \$559,000 (46MIL) 248-349-5600



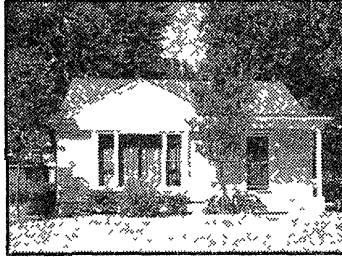
NORTHVILLE – Affordable Colonial. Walk to downtown from this updated 3 bedroom home with beautiful hardwood floors, living room, dining room, updated kitchen with maple cabinets, family room with natural fireplace, basement and 2 car garage. One year home warranty. \$234,900 (12ELY) 248-349-5600



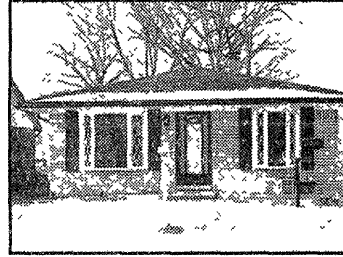
FARMINGTON HILLS – Condo conveniences. Beautiful 2 bed, 2 bath Condo located in an adult community that offers full service + health care options. Spacious Ranch with fireplace. First floor laundry, attached garage & basement. Wonderful private wooded setting. Like new - must see. \$247,900 (29ARC) 248-349-5600



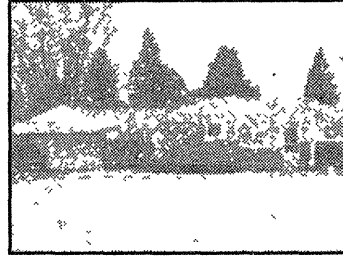
CANTON – Beautiful & neutral 2 bedroom, 2½ bath Condo with additional 19 x 11 loft area. Kitchen offers updated cabinets. Newer carpet throughout, recessed lighting, custom wood blinds and gas fireplace in living room. \$199,900 (89HOR) 734-455-5600



GARDEN CITY – Great Garden City Ranch! Three bedrooms, 1 bath, don't miss this one! Finished basement with second kitchen & knotty pine. Updated kitchen, roof, windows & siding. Coved ceilings, freshly painted with hardwood floors. \$139,999 (24ROS) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS – Don't miss out on this! Great home. Original owner. Kitchen, bath, roof, windows, electrical, furnace, central air, neutral paint & carpet. Large closets. This one you don't want to miss. \$125,900 (76WED) 734-455-5600



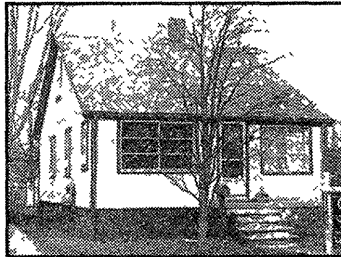
LIVONIA – Hard to find approximate .46 acre lot. For all of the home buyers who want a large lot, this is for you. This 3 bed, 2 bath Ranch has open floor plan, family room fireplace, formal dining, basement & more. You'll love the updated kitchen & tasteful decor throughout. Too many perks to list. \$249,900 (70MAS) 734-455-5600



COMMERCE – Lower Straits Lake. Beach & lake access. Private wooded lot. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 story with open with open floor plan. Great for entertaining. Well maintained. Large kitchen with sliding door to deck. Patio off great room. Many extras. \$292,500 (42HEA) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA – Just move right into this spacious Livonia Colonial with 4 bedrooms, family room, updated top to bottom. Large updated kitchen, electric, roof, shingles, furnace/air, carpet, paint and so much more. Pride of ownership throughout. Quick occupancy too. \$194,900 (70JAC) 248-349-5600



REDFORD – Great starter. Affordable 3 bedroom Bungalow with newer carpet in living room and dining room, full basement, 2 car garage with opener. All appliances stay. Home warranty included. Great potential. Must see! \$97,900 (24KEE) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE – Cape Cod finished walk-out. Luxurious in-town Cape Cod with first floor master, first floor laundry, great room with gas fireplace, family room in lower level with walk-out to wooded ravine. Home warranty. \$324,500 (03STL) 734-455-5600



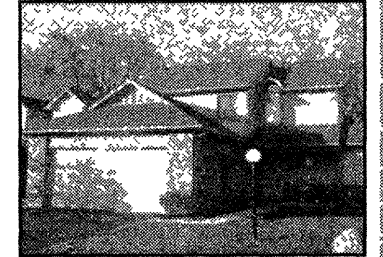
CANTON – Great family home. Beautiful Sunflower Colonial offers 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, fireplace in family room with door-wall to deck. Plus, 1 year home warranty. \$267,500 (64WOO) 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON – 55+ walk-out Ranch Condo. Three bedroom and 2 full ceramic baths. Florida room, central air, single car garage & neutral decor. Club house & beach on Crooked Lake. \$155,000 (60SHE) 248-349-5600



CANTON – Pristine inside & out. Dramatic vaulted ceiling in great room with natural fireplace. First floor laundry. Distinctly appointed family room. Tear-off roof (5-02), air conditioning & hot water heater in '00. Sharp finished basement with exercise room/office/workshop. \$248,900 (75KNI) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND – Beautifully decorated. Move right in to this 3 bedroom, 2½ bath 2 story Condo with Livonia schools. Oak cabinets in kitchen & first floor laundry. Two car garage, 2 door walls, dining room, ceramic tile in entry & bath. Alarm system. \$184,900 (47CHA) 248-349-5600

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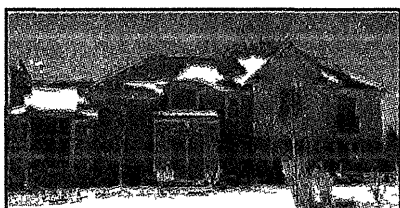


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NORTHVILLE \$699,900
CAPTIVATING QUEEN ANNE VICTORIAN! Inviting wrap around porch welcomes you to this 4 BR, 3 bth, 3-sty home! Hickory hwd flrs, granite kit, 2-way nat FP, extra deep daylight bsmt, custom details! (03THA2)

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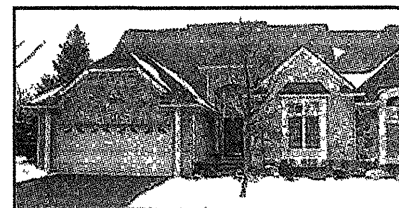
CANTON \$464,900
Outstanding opportunity! 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial on one of the finest lots in the sub. Backs to protected wooded area and the 17th hole. Lots of upgrades, 3 car att'd gar. Over 3200 sq ft. (S1801)

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$439,900
BEAUTIFUL 4 BR HOME! 1st flr mstr, fin'd walk-out bsmt, hwd flrs, tile baths. All the work has been done for you! Come home and relax! (26GLE2)

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PLYMOUTH \$364,500
PLYMOUTH CONDO, MALLARD'S POND! Beautiful 2,360 SF, 3 BR, 3.5 bath with 2-story foyer. Great room with cathedral ceiling & bridge overlook. A must see home in an elegant community! (60BEA2)

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CANTON \$319,900
Hurry to this 4 BR, 2.5 BA brick Colonial features neutral decor, new 344 SF deck, gourmet kitchen, large master ste, spacious FR w/FP. 1997 built, 2645 SF & warranty included. (P41801)

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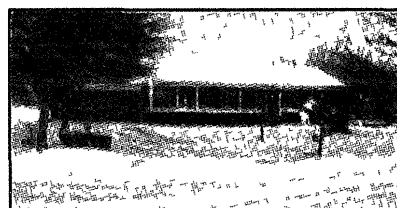
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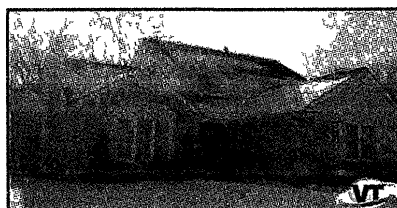
SOUTHFIELD \$290,000
Spring Into This Southfield Gem! Nice corner lot, circular drwy. First flr mstr ste w/din rm. Nook/island in bright kit. Deck stretches length of the home. Bring best offer, seller's flexible. (23C25788)

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FARMINGTON \$279,900
Location, Quality, Value, & Charm 4 BR, 3 BA, 2200 sq ft brk ranch. Remodeled! (S36267)

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CANTON \$274,900
Beautiful master 1st flr cape cod. 2 lg rms up plus a loft area for poss FR or office. Prof fin bsmt w/2 BR and a full BA. 3.5 BA total. 1st flr laundry. GR w/FP & cath ceilings. Newer wndws & rf. (S46639)

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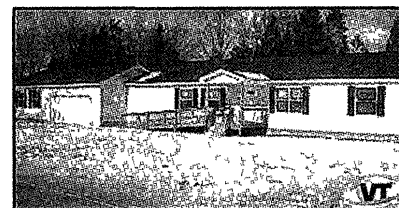
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LIVONIA \$224,900
YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS ONE IN LIVONIA! 3 bedroom, 2 bath sprawling ranch in wooded sub. Commercial kitchen w/hardwood floor, 2 fireplaces, one in master BR w/doorwall to 8 person hot tub & sauna. (B187)

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HOWELL \$199,900
BEAUTIFUL NEW RANCH ON ONE ACRE! Open & airy floor plan, lg kitchen w/plenty of counter & cupboard space. Lg pantry, 2-car garage w/lg workshop & full bsmt. Minutes to x-ways. City sewer. (80HEN2)

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LIVONIA \$189,900
This is what every buyer wants! Location! Pool! 1/2 acre lot, master w/full bath, large bedrooms, updates galore. Hurry! (W27995)

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PLYMOUTH \$189,500
ELEGANT, SPACIOUS PLYMOUTH CONDO! More than 1700 SF w/2 BR, 2.5 baths. LR w/vaulted ceiling, skylight & light oak kit. Glass enclosed FP w/ceramic surround Jacuzzi in main bath & vaulted mstrl (83POI2)

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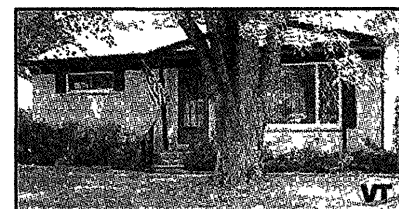
LIVONIA \$179,900
An entertainer's dream! Must see to appreciate this 4 lg BR, 2 BA ranch with lg LR w/FP & hrdwd flrs, finished bsmt w/bar & sep rec rm, 2.5 car gar, and private fenced yd. 1450 sq ft! (I14089)

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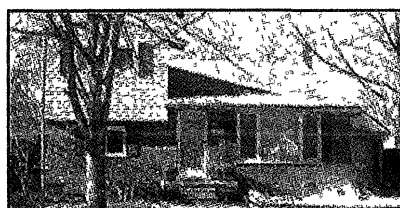
LIVONIA \$179,900
CHARMING & COMFORTABLE HOME IN LIVONIA! Open floor plan, refin'd oak flrs, new tilt-in windows '01, copper plumbing, newer roof, CA, fin'd bsmt, oversized garage, lg stone patio & lovely landscaping! (04SUN2)

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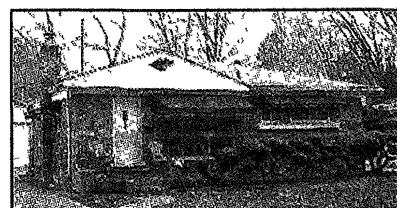
LIVONIA \$174,900
Sought after State Street! This Livonia brk ranch is awaiting its new owner. Come take a look & be pleasantly surprised. 3 BR, dining area, FR, bsmt, 2 car garage. Great price! (W31724)

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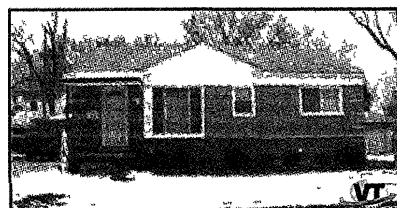
LIVONIA \$174,900
It's A 10 Plus! Mint condition & totally updated 3 bdrm Rosedale beauty. 1842 sq ft, extra deep 2 car garage, superb landscaping/location, family room, den. Just move right in! (23H31520)

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MILFORD \$173,000
WALK TO QUAIN TOWN DOWNTOWN MILFORD! This sharp ranch has many updates: kitchen, hwh, windows & 2-car garage! Recently fin'd bsmt & full bath makes great in-law quarters! (06KN12)

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LIVONIA \$169,900
Clean & updated! Beautiful kit w/ceramic flr open to lg FR addition. Newer carpet, updated wndws, rf, drwy, & more. Fin bsmt w/wet bar, newer entry drs, all appliances included. (H29875)

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GARDEN CITY \$165,000
CHARMING COLONIAL ON VERY LARGE DBL LOT w/2 driveways, 1 to park boat, trailer, etc in yard. Terrific new kit w/ new floor & oak cupboards, new bathrooms, ceramic tile, no work for you. (B284)

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LIVONIA \$159,900
Don't miss out on this cutie! 3 BR brick bungalow in great neighborhood w/Livonia schools. New rf, wndws, drwy, HWH, furn, & more! Gar & fin area in bsmt for entertaining too! Call today! (C11396)

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CLAWSON \$159,900
GREAT STARTER HOME! 3 BR brick ranch w/1,590 SF. New roof! Furnace & HWH approx 5 yrs. FR could be nice formal DR & still have rec room. Lot of home for the money. (22ESS2)

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GARDEN CITY \$156,900
Huge Showplace! Yes, 1448 square feet with total updates, attached garage, 3 bedrooms, all appliances stay, newer roof and a 3 season Florida room. (23F6445)

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WESTLAND \$154,900
TONQUISH RANCH 3BR, 2 bath with newer windows and furnace, 2 car garage, C/A RR. (A341)

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LIVONIA \$154,300
LOCATED ON STREET W/COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE! 3 BR ranch w/new kitchen, cove ceilings, wet plaster, high-efficiency furnace, 2-car garage, fenced yard & 12 mo. home protection plan. Great home for the money! (61MIL2)

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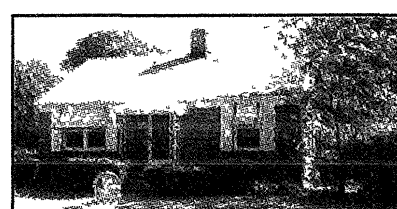
LIVONIA \$134,900
Good value Good condition, good location. Clean as a whistle and immediate occupancy. 3 BR, 2 car garage, c/a. (R20151)

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REDFORD \$134,500
All work is done! Just move in Oak kit w/ blt-in ovens & cooktop(01), bath(00), elec(01), plumb(01), rf(95), furn(91), wind rms & carpet(02). Too much to list! A must see! (B17229)

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LIVONIA \$130,000
You will not find a better value in Livonia today - brick, 2 BR, 1.5 BA ranch with finished bsmt, new roof & windows, plumbing, & electric all updated - move in condition. (C9502)

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CANTON \$127,000
Cozy Canton Condo! Lovely ground end condo in great location of complex. Neutral decor, updated carpet throughout. Remodeled kitchen, newer appliances. A must see! (23L42772)

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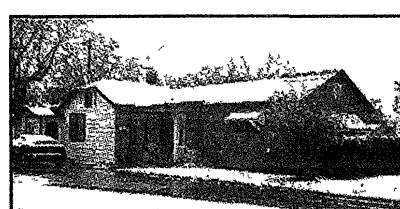
ROMULUS \$119,900
ROOM TO ROAM! LARGE LOT Ranch w/ attached garage, barnstyle shed w/loft. Home has 2 or 3 bedrooms, large family room w/woodburning stove, newer windows and home warranty. (G114)

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GARDEN CITY \$105,000
NOTHING TO DO BUT MOVE IN! new windows, new siding, new furnace, everything is fresh & clean. Oak kitchen, new updated bath, plumbing, electrical & more. Close to shopping. (B290)

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TAYLOR \$99,900
INVESTORS TAKE NOTE! Quiet residential setting for nice income property! 3 BR, 1 bth ranch plus 1 BR, 1 bath apt over 2-car garage. New furnace in apt/ HWH in house in 2002. Lg yard! (62MAY2)

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INKSTER \$94,000
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WESTLAND \$92,900
Hurry On This One! Well maintained 2 bdrm condo in great location. Bldg backs to pool area. Huge laundry rm in unit. Low association fees and Livonia schools! 1 yr home warranty. (23M7477)

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WESTLAND \$86,900
BEAUTIFUL UPPER LEVEL CONDO W/ POND VIEW from patio. Close to shopping center and restaurants. New carpet, Livonia schools. Enjoy the clubhouse, pool and tennis court. All appliances included. (W749)

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WESTLAND \$74,900
AFFORDABLE LIVING! Sharp 2 bedroom, brick condo with full basement, new furnace, cent. A/C, Berber carpet and more! Won't last. (S246)

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NORTHVILLE
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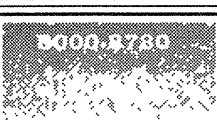


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PORSCHE 1984, 944 - red, power, auto 28,000 original miles \$7500/best 734-953-8574

SAAB 2000 93 4 dr, 5 speed, black, tan leather interior, 30,000 miles, air, cd, moonroof, loaded, \$16,900 (248) 642-1034

SAAB 2002, 93 SE Convertible, Regency blue with blue top, 8K, priced to sell **DON MASSEY CADILLAC** (734) 453-7500

SAAB 93 2002 - Black w/tan leather, loaded, low mi., \$24,000. (248) 683-0163

Sports & Imported 6300

SUZUKI 2002 4 dr Aerio, 7K, auto, air, loaded, \$9,988 **JOHN ROGIN BUICK** 734-525-0900

VOLVO 200 S40, loaded, ext. warranty, fog lights, 5000 mi., \$22,000 248-851-8554.

VOLVO 940 - 1994, 70K, fully loaded, garaged, mint \$6000 248-895-2309

Antique & Classic Collector Cars 6320

CADILLAC 1955: Fully restored Everything new, \$15,000/best 734-729-3711

CADILLAC 1978 Eldorado Biarritz, 68K, white, good cond \$2800 734-455-9314

CADILLAC, 1964 Sedan, Blue/blue, stored, good cond \$3497/best 734-576-0694

CORVETTE 1978, Silver Anniversary, L82, t-tops, 26,500 miles, exc. cond. \$12,500 734-416-8406

CORVETTE 1978- 68K miles, auto, t-tops, \$5000 (734) 722-8656

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FORD 1976 E-150 Conversion Calif vehicle 1 owner, \$12,500/best 734-751-8587

FORD GALAXY 1965 - 390, black/black, 69K miles, original paint \$3,900. (248) 347-6089

FORD PICK-UP 1968 - Very good cond, 64K mi. 1 owner, \$2500/best (248) 693-9885

JAGUAR XKE 1972 - V12, restored, British racing green, 38,000 actual miles, \$50,000 (734) 525-1424

MERCEDES BENZ 230CE rare 1981 European 2 door, 4 speed, sunroof, exc. cond \$4,950. (734) 995-8720

MERCURY COUGAR ELIMINATOR 1970 Show cond, Call for details. Asking \$15,000 (734) 459-7370

Plymouth 1959 Savoy - 51K, southern car, garage kept, exc. call \$4500. (586) 786-7533

PONTIAC 1978 FIREBIRD - Classic, 35K original mi, mint cond, \$5000 (248) 476-9329

ACURA, 1997. 2.2 CL, burgundy, 5 speed, sunroof, air, CD, exc cond 1 owner \$9,000 248-669-0921

CL 3.0 1997. Silver, gray leather, 76K, \$10,500/best (734) 427-1478

INTEGRA, 1995 4 dr, manual, ABS, air, 62K mi, \$8,400/best 248-889-9535

CENTURY 2001 - V6, 29,500 mi, factory warranty, OnStar, full power, stereo concert sound Reduced to \$12,500 734-455-2900

CENTURY 2001 Custom sedan, special edition, silver, 11K, \$13,800 248-344-1451

CENTURY 2003 2 to choose, loaded, EZ finance, full warranty, \$14,980.

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Buick 6360

LESABRE 1997 - Limited Well maintained. 100K mi., white, CD player, autotemp, \$5500 (248) 471-7417

REGAL 1996 - 4 dr, 78K, good cond., loaded, \$5000/best. (248) 280-5867

REGAL 2003 LS, 2 to choose, 11K, full warranty, EZ finance \$17,980

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ROADMASTER 1994 station wagon, 78 5K, immaculate, loaded, original owner. \$7995 (248) 553-0994

Cadillac 6380

CATERA 1998 - 53K, mint, dealer maintained, must see \$15,000/best. 734-658-7312

DEVILLE 2000 new car trade, chromes, CD, heated seats, \$21,980.

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ELDRADO 1992 - Dark blue w/gray leather, sunroof, phone Pretty car. New tires, brakes & muffler. \$5600. (313) 582-4479

ELDRADO 2001 bronze, chrome wheels, CD, only 3000 miles, \$28,480 **DON MASSEY CADILLAC** (734) 453-7500

LIMO 1991 4 door, 6 passenger, very clean New vinyl top, low miles. One owner \$11,500 734-777-3232

Sedan Deville 1991 - good cond. no rust, new tires & brakes \$2650/firm. 734-453-6705 313-701-9899

Sedan Deville 1996 Northstar cloth top, immaculate, \$9800/best 734-753-4503

SEVILLE 1992. Red, 138K, Good cond., \$5,000 or best offer (586) 263-5858

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CAVALIER 2001 - CD, spoiler, auto, air, 4 door, ABS, \$8,500/best 734-495-0650

IMPALA 2000 Black, power windows & locks, cruise, cassette, 36K, Non-smoker \$11,000 (313) 937-2804

LUMINA 1992 4 door, BEAUTIFUL, 93K miles, \$3490/best 248-651-1919

Chevrolet 6400

MALIBI 2001 LS, V-6, full power, 2002's also, 5 to choose. From \$10,923.

Loe LaRiche 1-877-55-CHEVY

MALIBU 1999 - 4 door, auto, gold, 61,000 miles, power, \$5,800 (734) 905-5430

MALIBU 1999: V6, air, pwr windows/drs Exc cond 85K. War \$6500 734-427-0819

MALIBU 2000 LS - Sedan, exc cond, 4 speed auto, bright white \$9765 (248) 524-7893.

MALIBU 2001 - auto, air, loaded, 4 dr, \$9500/best (734) 495-0650

MALIBU 2001 LS, fully equipped, only 923 miles, priced to sell, \$13,980. **DON MASSEY CADILLAC** (734) 453-7500

MONTE CARLO 2000 (SS) White, loaded, 47,000 miles, non-smoker, \$12,000. (734) 422-6545

Monte Carlo, 2001 - 4,307 miles, loaded, silver grey, \$17,200/best (734) 421-8779

PRIZM 2000, \$157 93 per mo \$1000 down 60 mo on approved credit

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Tracker 2001 17,600 mi, \$12,750 4WD, 4 dr, CD, ABS, roofrack 248-408-3370

Chrysler-Plymouth 6420

CIRRUS 1997 - Purple 4 dr, 109K mi, CD, cruise control \$4000 (248) 649-6301

CONCORDE 1999 40K, \$8600 734-459-7459 or 734-788-7006

CONCORDE 1999 LXI - leather, loaded, exc condition \$8700 (248) 489-1053

LASER 1992 Immaculate cond Many extras Must see 62K, \$6000 734-394-0789

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LHS 1999, 21,600 mi, very sharp, black leather, chrome wheels, auto, pl, pw, cruise, cd, cd, heated seats, \$13,400 Call (734) 320-2448

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NEON 1998 R/T - 2 dr, 5 speed, pw, ps, pb/abs, air, stereo, CD, good cond \$4500 734-420-3396

NEON 2001 Sedan 11K, auto, silver, exc cond Warranty \$8800 248-474-8735

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NEON, 1997, 75K, rebuilt engine, 4 dr, auto, sunroof, \$3,200/best 734-421-4708

NEON, 2000 - \$5900/Best. 55,901 Miles, auto trans, Amethyst, CD, sunroof Non-smoker, MUST SELL!! Call TODAY! 734-422-6013

STRATUS - 1997, red, good cond, air, 6 disc CD, \$4900 or best offer 248-442-9431

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CONTOUR 1998 - Bright blue, leather, stereo \$3900 **TYME SALES 734-455-5566**

Contour 1998 - 66K, 4 cyl, auto, air, cassette, garaged, well maintained, \$5000/best S O L D

CONTOUR 1999 SE Sport, V6, 2.5L, moonroof, CD, 55K, \$8500/best 248-427-0089

CONTOUR 2000 Sport 38,000 mi 2.5L, manual trans, A/C, moonroof, premium sound \$7900/best 734-455-9226

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CROWN VICTORIA 1992 LX. Low mileage, pw/bp, \$3200/best (734) 464-5820

CROWN VICTORIA 2000 - silver, loaded, remote start, 61K, \$9,500 734-425-8156

ESCORT 1990 LS - Fair body, good interior, reliable, needs brakes & muffler \$800/best offer (734) 482-4498

ESCORT 1998 auto, air, \$3300 **TYME SALES 734-455-5566**

ESCORT 1998 Wagon Auto, 79K, all options, superb condition, Best offer 248-347-2745

ESCORT 1999 Auto, air, excellent, \$3800 (734) 260-2601

ESCORT, 2000 2X2 - \$8,990 Warranty, Green, auto, loaded, CD, 21K Days 313-594-1908, Eves 248-476-3690

FOCUS 2000 SE 4 door, good condition, \$6200 After 6pm & weekends, 313-593-1837

FOCUS 2002, ZX3 loaded, 5 year/100K warranty, exc cond \$9000 (734) 425-7154

FORD F350 1994 Stake Truck - white, 12 ft bed with power lift gate, aluminum side boxes under bed, good cond, 55K, \$9500 (248) 437-1046

MUSTANG 1999 BLACK SVT red, loaded, 8K mi, no rain/winters, mint, \$18,000 734-591-9311

MUSTANG 1999 35th Anniversary edition, yellow, V6, 5 speed, 24K \$11,900/best 734-397-8662

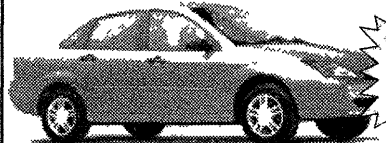
MUSTANG 1999 35th anniversary All power, low mi

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2003 FOCUS SE 4 DOOR



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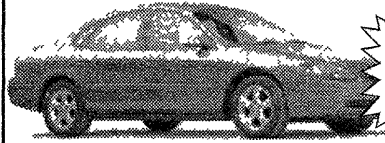
French Blue cc met, med graphite cloth, power side windows, tilt, spd control, split rear seat, dual power mirrors, CFC-free air conditioning, 1 disc w/MP3/clock, 2.0L DOHC 16v Zetec engine, 5 speed manual transaxle, P195/60R15 BSW tires, AM/FM stereo 6-disc in dash [Stock #31119] **WAS \$16,150**

NOW \$12,086⁵⁶*

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$238 ⁴² **	\$1500 DOWN \$192 ⁸⁵ **	150 Focus' Available
	36 MO.	36 MO.	

2003 TAURUS SE SEDAN



0%
60 Month
Financing
Available

Vibrant White cc, med graphite cloth, air cond, 5-spk painted alum whls, spd control, rem keyless entry, dual pwr mirror/per lighting, AM/FM stereo cass, 3.0L 2V 6-cyl flex fuel eng, auto O/D trans, P215/60R16 all season tire, 5-pass regional pkg, 5-pass w/ir console fir snit [Stock #31102] **MSRP \$20,555**

NOW \$13,034⁹⁰*

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$230 ¹⁷ **	\$1500 DOWN \$185 ⁸⁰ **	218 Taurus' Available
	36 MO.	36 MO.	

2003 RANGER 4x2 XLT S.C.



0%
60 Month
Financing
Available

Black cc, dk graphite cloth, 4-wheel ABS, slng rr wndw, spd cntrl/tilt, lthr wrap strng whl, XLT appr grp, 3.0L EFI flex fuel V6 eng, 5-spdl auto O/D trans, P225 OWL all ssn tires, 3.73 ratio reg axle, 4740 GVWR, pwr equip grp, pwr wndw/wick grp, rem kyless entry, spare tire & jack, air [Stock #31747] **WAS \$26,700**

NOW \$13,109³²*

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$217 ⁸⁷ **	\$1500 DOWN \$173 ⁰⁸ **	64 Rangers' Available
	36 MO.	36 MO.	

2003 F150 S.C. 4x2 XLT



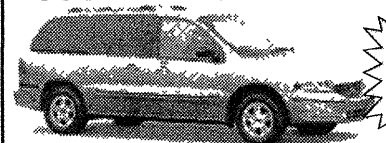
Dk shdw gray cc, dk grphit cptns chrs, prief equip pkg 507A, ovrhd console, 4.2L EFI V6 engine, elec 4-spdl auto O/D, P255/70R-16 OWL a/s, 3.55 ratio lrm slip axle, 6050# GVWR, slng rr wndw, trlr tow class III, pwr blk mrrs, AM/FM stereo 6-CD in-dash, cast alum whls (4) [Stock #30618] **WAS \$27,410**

NOW \$17,285⁰⁸*

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$276 ⁴⁷ **	\$1500 DOWN \$228 ⁸⁴ **	243 F-Series Available
	36 MO.	36 MO.	

2003 WINDSTAR LX WAGON



0%
60 Month
Financing
Available

Light Parchment Gold, med parchment cloth, elec AM/FM stereo/disc/cass/clock, remote keyless entry, luggage rack, enhanced seating group, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, auxiliary climate control system, 3.8L OHV EFI engine, 4 speed auto O/D trans, P215/70R-15 BSW [Stock #30110] **WAS \$27,150**

NOW \$18,629⁶⁸*

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$335 ⁵¹ **	\$1500 DOWN \$291 ⁶⁹ **	134 Windstars' Available
	36 MO.	36 MO.	

2003 MUSTANG COUPE



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Redfire cc, dk chrl cloth, frnt fir mats, encl wing rr spoiler, pwr drv's seat, spd cntrl, air, AM/FM stereo CD w/clk, 16" pntd alloy whls, 3.8L EFI eng, 5-spdl man trans, P225/55R16 94T BSW all-ssn, pony pkg, lthr wrpd strng whl, 16" plshd alum whls, 6CD chng r radio w/mach [Stock #31099] **WAS \$20,410**

NOW \$15,990³⁶*

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$306 ²⁵ **	\$1500 DOWN \$257 ²⁵ **	51 Mustangs' Available
	36 MO.	36 MO.	

2003 EXPLORER XLS 4x2



2003 model year, Aspen green clearcoat, graphite cloth capt chairs, floor mats, C/K carpet, air, XLS sport group, privacy glass, prem cassette/CD radio, cast aluminum wheels, 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel eng, 5-speed auto o/d trans, P235/70R16 A/S OWL tires, 3.73 LS axle [Stock #30545] **WAS \$28,060**

NOW \$19,459⁵⁷*

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$264 ⁴⁵ **	\$1500 DOWN \$242 ⁹⁴ **	230 Explorers' Available
	36 MO.	36 MO.	

2003 EXPEDITION XLT 4x4



Estate green cc met, medium parchment capt chair, leather, P265/70R-17 OWL all-terrain, 3.73 ratio lrm slip axle, running boards, auxiliary heater/air, prem in-dash stereo 6-CD/cass w/clock, fog lamps, third row seat, 5.4L EFI V8, 4-spdl auto trans, reverse sensing system [Stock #31798] **WAS \$40,165**

NOW \$29,653³⁶*

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL	ZERO DOWN \$442 ⁵⁸ **	\$1500 DOWN \$397 ⁰² **	26 Expeditions' Available
	36 MO.	36 MO.	

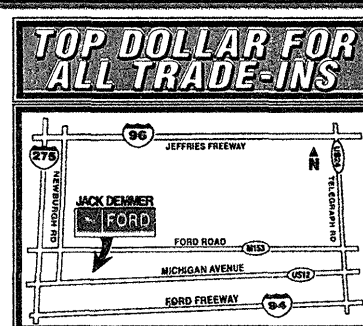
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WINDSTAR	0 Down \$1500	\$2099
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RANGER	0 Down \$1500	\$2129
MUSTANG	0 Down \$1500	\$474
EXPLORER	0 Down \$1500	\$1000
F-150	0 Down \$1500	\$371
EXPEDITION	0 Down \$1500	\$1914
	0 Down \$1500	\$435
	0 Down \$1500	\$1973
	0 Down \$1500	\$531
	0 Down \$1500	\$2075
	0 Down \$1500	\$2032
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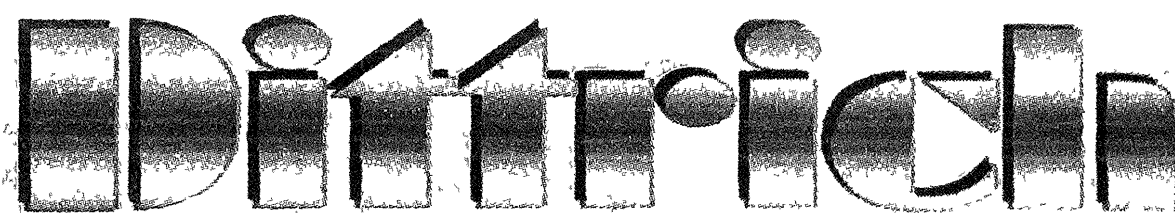
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GMS.....	\$11,025 ²³	Retail.....	\$11,751 ⁶³
GMS Lease.....	\$129 ⁷²	Retail Lease.....	\$145 ⁹²
	Total Due '1979.60		Total Due '1996.68

BETTER!! 2003 ALERO GL1 SEDAN



24 hour roadside assistance, three year/36,000 bumper-to-bumper, 2.2L DOHC engine, four speed automatic transmission, 15" alloy wheels, P215/60R15 touring tires, fog lights, leather wrap steering wheel, remote keyless entry. [Stock #03-1027]*

GMS.....	\$12,675 ⁰³	Retail.....	\$13,457 ⁶³
GMS Lease.....	\$134 ²⁶	Retail Lease.....	\$151 ⁷⁰
	Total Due '1992.32		Total Due '2010.80

BEST!!! 2003 ALERO GLS SEDAN



Rear spoiler, 24 hour roadside assistance, three year/36,000 bumper-to-bumper, 3.4L V6 engine, four speed automatic transmission, 16" polished wheels, P215/60R15 touring tires, fog lights, leather wrap steering wheel, remote keyless entry. [Stock #03-1115]

GMS.....	\$15,345 ⁸⁸	Retail.....	\$16,248 ²³
GMS Lease.....	\$209 ⁶⁵	Retail Lease.....	\$229 ⁷⁷
	Total Due '1944.23		Total Due '1965.56

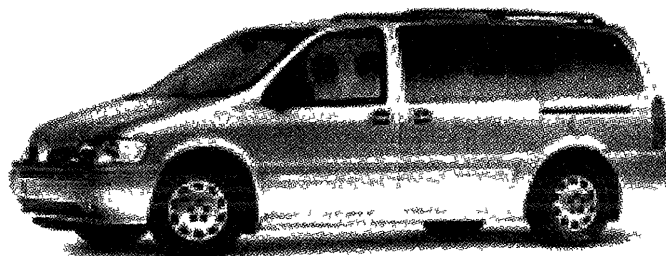
2003 BRAVADA AWD



Side impact airbags, rain sense wipers, electric sliding glass sunroof, automatic load leveling, heated front seats, vortex 4200 SFI, 4 speed automatic, polished aluminum wheels, memory driver seat, P255/60R17 tires. [Stock #03-1163]

GMS.....	\$28,153 ⁵³	Retail.....	\$29,645 ⁹³
GMS Lease.....	\$366 ³⁴	Retail Lease.....	\$399 ⁶¹
	Total Due '2110.32		Total Due '2145.59

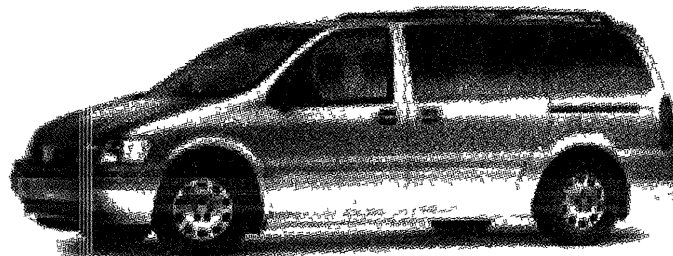
2003 SILHOUETTE GL EWB



Power passenger side sliding door, 3.4L V6 engine, three year/36,000 mile bumper-to-bumper warranty, pulse wipers, power windows, power locks, luggage carrier, cruise control. [Stock #03-1087]*

GMS.....	\$19,654 ⁷⁵	Retail.....	\$20,789 ⁹⁵
GMS Lease.....	\$227 ⁵³	Retail Lease.....	\$252 ⁷⁴
	Total Due '2121.18		Total Due '2147.90

2003 SILHOUETTE



3.4L V6 engine, three year/36,000 mile bumper-to-bumper warranty, leather seating, heated driver & front pass seats, leather wrapped tilt steering wheel, power passenger side sliding door, luggage carrier, cruise control. [Stock #03-1152]

GMS.....	\$25,299 ³⁹	Retail.....	\$26,641 ⁹³
GMS Lease.....	\$324 ⁶⁶	Retail Lease.....	\$354 ⁵⁹
	Total Due '2126.14		Total Due '2157.87

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