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ENDERMINMENT

Music: Chuck Moss' Paint Creek Jazz Society brings Dixieland to the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia on Feb. 11. / B1

Art: *Plymouth resident* Carol Marvin of Pop Culture Media collaborated with CPOP Gallery to bring in the work of photographer Joe Vaughn. The exhibit opens Saturday, Feb. 3/B1

Doors with more: A Farmington Hills business, one of the exhibitors at a home improvement event in Novi, shows that garage doors today have style and safety features going for them. / C1

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New faces: The drama program at P-CEP is under new direction this vear. Find out who's leading the Park Players and read about "Faces in the Crowd," an evening of scenes and monologues running tonight through

Tell me a story



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Avid listeners: Gabriel (left) and Abigail Glenn of Novi (right), both 7, brought their cousin Sarah Finley of Sussex, Va., 6, along with them to Summit on the Park Saturday for the Third Annual Canton Storytelling Festival presented by Canton Project Arts. Below, story teller Craig Roney, an associate professor of Teacher Education at Wayne State University, grimaces during one of his stories.

Festival a hit with listeners of all ages BY CAROL MARSHALL

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ids and those who are kids at heart gathered at the Summit last weekend for the Project Arts Third Annual Storytelling Festival. listeners were toddlers, teens and senior izens, all attending the event for a taste of the world's oldest and longest-practiced art form at its best.



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Head Start critic sues

Starfish Family Services has broken promises over its preschool program at Sheldon School, says Canton resident Debbie Crosby.

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER cmarshall@oe.homecomm.net

Canton grandmother Debbie Crosby wants more than an apology from Starfish Family Services' Head Start program. She wants a settlement.

Crosby last week filed a small claims suit against Starfish Family Services, requesting reimbursement for her 525 hours of volun-

H 'The children haven't been learning anything.'

-Debbie Crosby, grandmother and plaintiff

school after she said the program fell short of its promises. Crosby's 4year-old granddaughter had been attending Head Start at Sheldon School in Canton until

teer time at the

mid-January. Crosby

claimed she was

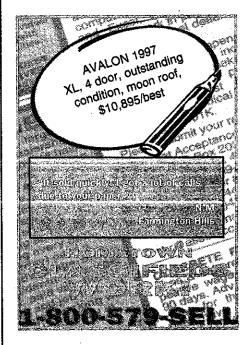
misled by Head Start administrators when they said the new site would be licensed last fall, and her granddaughter would have transportation to and from the pre-school four mornings a week.

Cynthia Bonk Foley, director of Head Start, Starfish Family Services, admits the school's licensing was a lengthy process, which was not complete until the first week of January

Saturday at the DuBois Theatre./C7

What's it worth?: Home prices have gone up in all Observer & Eccentric communities. How did your town do?/E1

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Options for parents

Bonk-Foley said she was informed last summer the school would not be

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Trustees junk charter school proposal

IPLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net

Citing liability and expected revenue losses, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has decided not to pursue chartering an elementary school that

emphasizes a brain-based learning any thoughts of chartering Menlo Park environment.

In telling the administration to drop the idea, board members eliminated

Academy, and instead considered incorporating the same type of learning

environment in a magnet school within the district.

Superintendent Kathleen Booher, in her recommendation to the school board Tuesday night, said, "My staff and I have reached the conclusion that

Somber palette Canton artist offers memorial to Rouge victims

BY ALICE ASHMORE STAFF WRITER

Ford maintenance worker Glenn Zielinski, 47, spends the majority of his day creating paintings and murals for his company, but one work of art has a special meaning for the self-taught artist.

It is a memorial to the six men who lost their lives in the Rouge powerplant explosion nearly two years ago.

"I did it for the first anniversary of the explosion," he said. The 30-by-36inch work has remained in his office

ever since. Now, Zielinski is hoping the work can be displayed for all to see at UAW Local 600.

"I knew several of the people that were involved in the explosion and wanted to get something down in paint," Zielinski said. "I did it on my own - it was after the fact that people found out about it."

He even received a letter from Ford Chairman William Clay Ford Jr. commending the work. "It was a short let-

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Remembering: Glenn Zielinski shows off his work memorializing the Feb. 1, 1999 explosion at the Ford Rouge complex.

Local temple offers helping hand to quake victims

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER cmarshall@oe.homecomm.net

Far from loved ones in India, Canton residents are reaching out to help the victims of last Friday's earthquake, the most powerful to hit India in half a

century.

"We can't do anything for them physically, so we're doing what we can by sending some help," said Canton's Hindu Temple President Suresh Shah. Shah said southeast Michigan temples and Indian associations have

Wednesday the India Earthquake Relief Organization of Michigan.

The organization is collecting money now and will soon be collecting clothing and medicine to help the survivors.

The organization will seek out India-

banded together and registered based relief organizations, and Shah said all of the money collected will be given to those groups.

"There will be absolutely no administrative fees taken out of this money,"

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Preschool worker alleges fondling by pupil's father

Canton police responded Jan. 22 to a criminal sexual conduct complaint from an employee of a local preschool.

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The 19-year-old employee said she was waiting for the last child to be picked up from the center. When the 4-year-old girl's father arrived, he began telling the employee how beautiful she is and asked for a hug.

The employee said because she trusts all the parents, and thought the man was just being friendly, she obliged. The father said she looked like she could use another hug. And then another.

When she hugged him for the third time, she said it became evident that he was physically arbused, and he grabbed her buttocks and began to thrust his pelvis at her.

The employee broke free from the father's embrace, and waited in another room for him to leave. He followed her and offered an apologetic hug, and when she

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complied, he again began thrusting against her. At that time, the phone rang and after she answered it, the employee saw the father leaving the center with his young daughter.

Police are seeking a warrant for fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, which carries a twoyear penalty if found guilty.

Weather leads to multiple accidents

Monday morning's inclement weather kept Canton Public Safety personnel busy.

A total of 17 accidents were reported throughout the township between 8:10 and 9:45 a.m. Most were minor, but rescue squads were called out on three of the incidents, Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said. Five slip and fall accidents were also reported. Five Fire Department rescue

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squads help respond to the incidents, including three advanced life support and two basic life support units. Several transports to area hospitals were made.

Student investigated for bus incident

A 13-year-old Central Middle School student was suspended and forced to pay restitution to the school after being investigated for malicious destruction of property.

Nineteen students who witnessed the event told school officials the boy had broken a window at the rear of the bus. The boy was suspended for three days, and upon his return was ordered to pay for the damages.

Larceny of trailers

Between the evening of Jan. 18 and Jan. 24, unknown suspects stole three trailers and tools from American Sprinkler, 41715 Joy Road. The items were valued at nearly \$45,000.

According to police reports, the suspects were able to remove the hitch locks from the trailers, enabling them to tow them away.

The Suburban Newspapers of America has announced the winners in its annual newspaper contest, and the Canton Observer fared well, winning four

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Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the bid documents should contact:

> Ms. Sandy Forrest Western Townships Utilities Authority 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187 (734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by March 5, 2001 at 11:00 a.m., at the above address. A public opening of the bids will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton. Michigan.

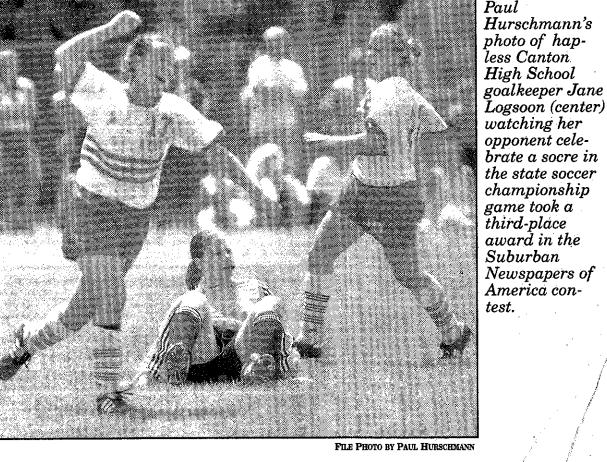
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **REQUEST FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 15, 2001 for the following:

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Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All proposals 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.



Observer captures awards in national competition

awards overall.

Photographer Paul Hurschmann won third-place honors in the category of "Best Sports Photojournalism" for his front-page photo of The Canton High School girls soccer team loss in a state championship game last June.

Hurschmann has been with the Observer since August 1998.

In addition, the Observer's Arts & Leisure section earned second-place honors in the "Best Entertainment/Lifestyle Section" category, a second place award for business coverage for the Real Estate section, and a third-place award for the Home-Town Life section earned for "Best Young People's Coverage."

"We are proud to receive this recognition from the SNA. We work hard to produce what we believe are the best community newspapers in the country," said Hugh Gallagher, managing editor of the Observer Newspapers.

"The SNA awards encourage us to continue to improve what we do to serve our readers. The respect of our readers is always our highest reward."

 which also includes papers in Farmington, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Canton and Redford - took home 16 awards, including four first-place honors. The Observer group is part of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a subsidiary of the parent company, Hometown Communications Network.

Other winners:

best entertainment/lifestyle section; and second place, best breaking news story (staff writer Joni Hubred).

🔳 Livonia — First place, best editorial writing; first place, best special section ("Livonia at 50); first place, best sports photojournalism (photographer Tom Hawley); second place, best local election coverage; and third place, best front page.

■ Westland — Third place, best breaking news story (staff writer Darrel Clem); and second place, best in-depth reporting (also Clem).

Redford — Third place, best sports writing (staff writer Paul Beaudry); and third place, best environmental coverage.

All told, the Observer Group **Trustees meet Tuesdays**

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **February 8, 2001**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, February 08, 2001 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Blaylock, Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern

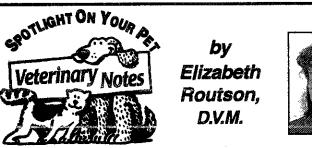
Acceptance of Agenda

- 1. Carl Munir 40101 Koppernick Rd. Canton MI 48187 appealing Fence Ordinance # 103, Sec 8 D 1, requesting a variance to fence height and
- location requirements. Parcel # 004-99-0012-009 (Building)

2. Metro Detroit Signs (Heather) 23544 Hoover Warren MI 48089 representing Logan's Roadhouse 39605 Ford Rd. Canton MI 48188, are requesting a variance to the Building Ordinance # 120 Section 2.6 Roof Signs. Parcel # 049-99-0001-709

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DENTAL HEALTH FOR CATS

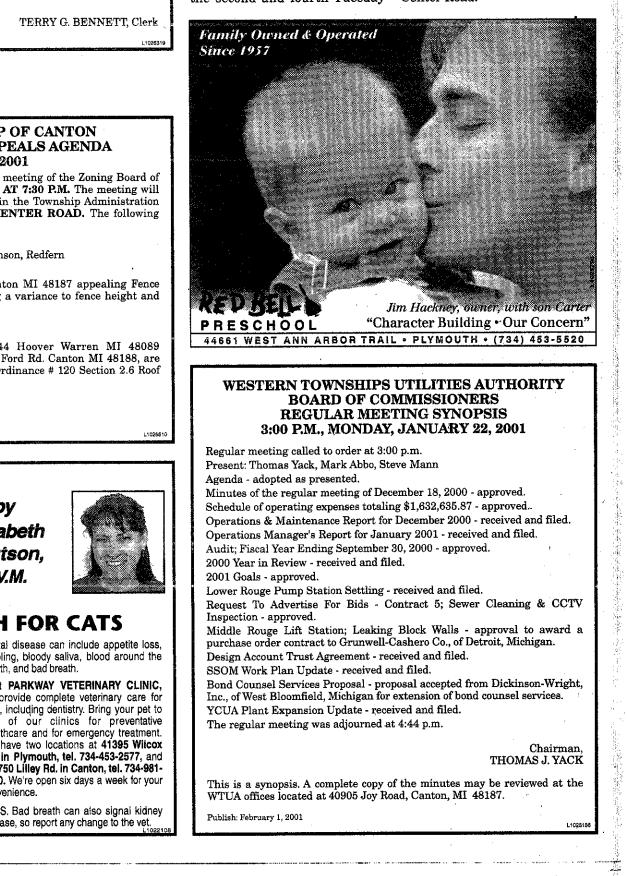
Most feline health problems involve the teeth and gums. These can include gum disease, broken teeth, tooth lesions, plaque-related inflammation, and oral cancer. When healthy, a cat will have white and pink or coral-colored gums with no bleeding or swelling. Cat owners can protect their pets from dental disease and tartar build-up by starting preventative care during the kitten stage. Message the teeth and gums regularly with gauzewrapped finger at first, then upgrade to a cat-specific toothbrush and toothpaste. Check your cat's mouth regularly and keep up with vet visits. The vet will perform a thorough cleaning each year. Sign of dental disease can include appetite loss, drooling, bloody saliva, blood around the mouth, and bad breath.

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P.S. Bad breath can also signal kidney disease, so report any change to the vet.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday

of each month at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.



Michigan Ave. **Home Depot** set to expand

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER cmarshall@oe.homecomm.net

While it's only been open for less than a year, the Michigan Avenue Home Depot is ready for an expansion.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees approved the store's site plan to add a 9,000-squarefoot garden center to the building's west side.

The township planning commission unanimously approved the site plan Jan. 8.

Michael Klingl, Greenberg Farrow Architecture Engineering Development, presented the site plan to the planning commission and pointed out the area that was originally intended to house the entire garden center.

He said all of the fertilizer and pesticides that were normally stored outside were placed inside the building, and the smell permeated through the building. "That was really a bad idea,"

he said.

The store then planned the

outdoor garden center so the items could be moved outside and live plants could be added during the spring and summer months.

When the planning commission reviewed the plans, commissioner Karl Zarbo expressed concern the Michigan Avenue store would continue to grow at the expense of the Ford Road store. He said his concern was heightened in the wake of the Office Depot closure.

Klingl said the company would expect a slight decrease as the market readjusts to accommodate two stores, but both stores should perform well.

Aaron Machnik, director of municipal services, told the board most of the housing surrounding the Home Depot is to the east of the site, and will not be affected by the expansion.

The enclosure will duplicate the brick and wrought iron wall that currently exists. Parking and vehicle circulation will continue to be adequate for the site.

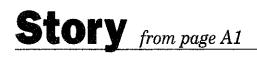
Driver slides into cop car

The old saying is you can't find a police officer when you need one.

Well, a Canton Township man unfortunately found one when he didn't need one.

Daran Baloga, 20, was traveling westbound on Ann Arbor Road, near Dick Scott Dodge, about 8:30 a.m. Monday morning when he saw a Plymouth police car with its flashers stopped in the right lane, investigating an accident.

However, because of the ice-



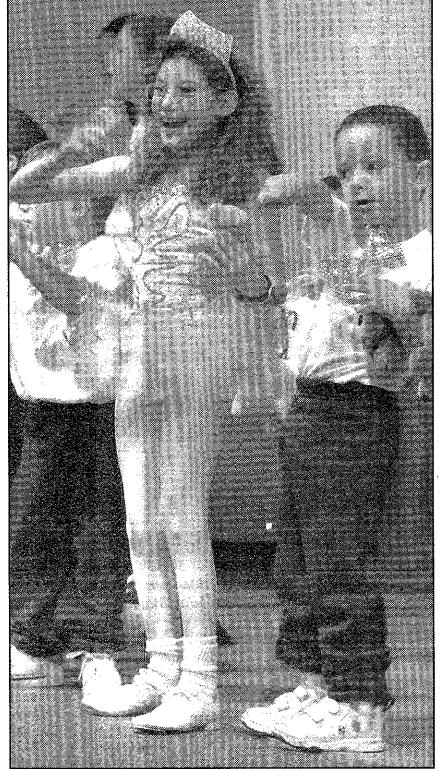
"You can kind of just get lost in their world," said one of the events coordinators, Debby Bradley. "It's kind of fascinating.'

Bradley said the event has grown over the past three years. Saturday, 235 people attended covered pavement that morning, when Baloga tried to brake, he instead slid into the rear of the squad car.

"Fortunately, no one was injured," said Acting Police Chief Wayne Carroll. "There was about \$1,800 dollars in damage ...the tail light was broken and the car was dented."

Plymouth Township police investigated the accident and did not issue Baloga a ticket because of the weather conditions.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Casey Orr of Plymouth, 10, and Devon Cameron of Canton, 3, participate with their friends singing the "Teddy Bear Song" during the "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars" talent and fashion show Saturday at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton.

Talent show Special students shine on stage

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net

"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" was the theme for the talent/fashion show sponsored by Speech & Language Systems of Plymouth, specifically chosen to give special needs children a chance to shine.

And shine they did as approximately 20 children took to the stage at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton for the secondannual show giving special needs children a forum they normally wouldn't have to showcase their own unique talents.

And, if the reaction of at least one grandparent was any indication, the show was a complete success.

"A grandmother came up to me with tears in her eyes and said she thoroughly enjoyed it," said Don Zaksek of Speech & Language Systems. "We got a lot of positive feedback from the parents. They were very, very happy.

The children are among the clients at Speech & Language Systems, a pediatric rehabilitation clinic providing speech therapy, occupational therapy and academic services to children from throughout the metro Detroit area. Volunteers from Joanne's Dance Extension in Plymouth, including owner/artistic director Joanne Zavisa, spent weeks working with the children on chore-

E 'A grandmother came up to me with tears in her eyes and said she thoroughly enjoyed it.'

-Don Zaksek, Speech & Language Systems

ographing the show. Zaksek couldn't find enough platitudes to

bestow on Zavisa. "One of the most amazing people there was Joanne Zavisa," Zaksek said. "She has been so unselfish and so giving in this."

But the key to the show's success was the reaction of the parents and grandparents, more than 100 of whom filled the audience at Geneva Presbyterian. Dealing with special needs children 24 hours a day can be taxing at times, Zaksek said, and to see the parents get a chance to witness their children in this kind of environment made everything worthwhile.

"The satisfaction they got out of seeing their children perform in that setting was amazing," Zaksek said. They were very happy to see their children able to perform with their peers.

"The parents are a special group of people," he added. "They're so loving, so dedicated. There's unconditional love there."

Foundation offers scholarships

The Wilcox Family Foundation has announced the creation of a scholarship program for Plymouth and Canton high school seniors.

The foundation, founded after the death of former Plymouth icon Jack Wilcox last year to fulfill his desire to benefit the Plymouth/Canton community, will hand \$28,000 in scholarships in May to eight Plymouth and Canton students who participate in an essay contest on the history of Plymouth's Old Village area, the part of town where some of the Wilcox family lived and worked.

The program, according to Schrader, is not aimed solely at the top academic students, but "rather is interested in promoting broad participation by Plymouth and Canton youth in learning about the history of Plymouth."

Both Plymouth Salem and Ply-

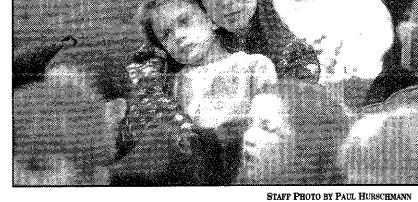
pants processed through each school, with one novel provision to further encourage broad student participation. Judging will determine the recipients of scholarships in the amounts of \$5,000, \$4,000 and \$3,000. In addition, a random drawing will select a \$2,000 scholarship recip-

the afternoon family performance, and 110 attended the evening adult performance.

The performances featured three nationally known storytellers: Corinne Stavish, Southfield resident and featured teller at the 1999 National Storytelling Festival; Craig Roney, Northville resident and premiere storytelling teacher at Wayne State University; and Syd Lieberman, who hails from the Chicago area and has been honored in the National Storytelling Circle of Excellence.

"These stories travel all over the world and then come right back to us," said Stavish, before launching into her animated version of Noah and the Giant Og.

Bradley, who attended both



Elan Johnson, 3, is rapt with a story while sitting with her mom Lisa.

story, and you're right there performances said whether you're a child or a grown up, the or hiding behind a tree," she act of someone else telling a story never loses its magic.

"It can be a very emotional



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President Richard Nixon signed the Endangered Species Act into law on Feb. 3, 1973?

■ On Feb. 3, 45 days of winter will have elapsed and the equivalent remains before March 20, 2001, which is the spring equinox and the beginning of spring?

■ Mackinaw City is host to the largest sled dog races in the continental United States?

■ Renowned French danseuse Mmme Francisquy Hutin introduced ballet to the U.S. on Feb. 7, 1927?

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Q&A

Q: Who was Elizabeth Blackwell?

A: Born in Bristol, England in 1821, she became the first woman physician. She and several other members of her family were active abolitionists, women's suffrage advocates and pioneers in women's medicine. Her family moved to New York state in 1832, and she received a medical doctor's degree in 1849. She established a hospital in New York with an all-woman staff, where she recruited and trained nurses for service in the Civil War. Returning to England in 1869, she continued to teach and practice medicine until her death in 1910.

Source: Chase's 2001 Calendar of Events

Library construction update

For information visit the proposed floor plan and our photo album of the expansion at our Web site: www.cantonpl.org

For young readers Here are some youth-oriented autobiographies:

with the teller, on a battlefield

Two Days Before Now by Margaret Wise Brown

■ Flora and Tiger: Nineteen Very Short Stories from My Life by Eric Carle

China Homecoming by Jean Fritz

■ Author: A True Story by Helen Lester

B Prarie-town Boy by Carl Sandburg

Hot topic of the week

🖬 Groundhog Day. Friday, Feb. 2! Old belief that if the sun shines on Candlemas Day, or if the groundhog sees his shadow when he emerges on this day, six more weeks of winter will ensue. A widely observed tradition in which Punxutawney Phil, king of the weather prophets, is the object of a search. Tradition is said to have been established by early German settlers. The official trek, which began in 1887, is followed by a weather prediction for the next six weeks.

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mouth Canton High Schools will assist in promoting and administering the program, Schrader said, but "participation is open to all high school seniors who reside in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

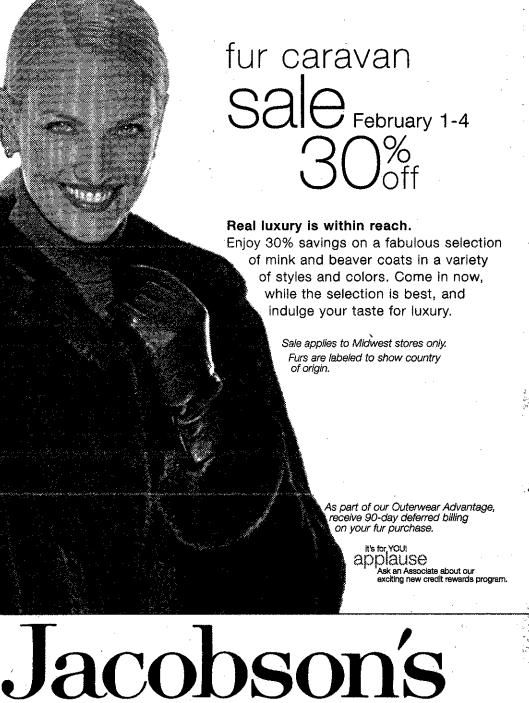
Four scholarships will be

ient from each school. The awards may be used for

any form of post-high school education, including trade schools.

Additional contest information is available in the general offices of both Plymouth-Canton high schools.

awarded to the winning partici-



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licensed for at least six months.

"We were very up-front with parents, telling them we were in the process of licensing," Bonk-Foley explained. She said, however, she did not tell the parents licensing could take six months.

Because the site was not licensed, parents who chose to enroll their children in Head Start had two options, she explained. Parents could either take advantage of the homebased program, in which they would receive a home visit weekly, and a semi-monthly on-site activity.

Or they could attend school with their children four days a week until the licensing process was complete.

Another option, Bonk-Foley said, is to reject the program completely.

'Parents have options," she said. "Head Start is not a required program. You don't have to enroll in Head Start at all."

Crosby opted for the on-site program, and brought her granddaughter to school Monday through Thursday.

While at the school, Crosby and other parents volunteered their time to prepare the school for licensing and inspections, as well as worked with the children.

Crosby said parents assembled playground equipment, worked on plumbing and assisted with learning activities.

Program questioned

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Crosby added some of the maintenance issues should have been addressed before children entered the building. She said there were broken coat hooks at children's eye level which she finally removed from the wall herself, after complaining about them several times.

Aside from maintenance issues and slow licensing, Crosby said she questioned whether her granddaughter was benefiting from the program.

"The children haven't been learning anything," Crosby said.

Rena Brock, whose 3-year-old son attended the same school before she took him out of his classes, agreed.

Brock had also served on the Starfish Family Services Head Start Policy Committee and on the Policy Council for Wayne County Head Start. She resigned Jan. 22, stating, "I feel I can no longer represent Starfish Family Services in a positive manner to the Policy Council. I hope that by my resigning, Policy Council will take a closer look at Starfish Family Services Head Start program....I can no longer tolerate the overall poor management that I feel is in place, misinformation, the lack of communication and services promised but never fulfilled."

Transportation problems

The "last straw," for Crosby, she said, was the transportation issue.

Crosby said her granddaughter had for a year been attending

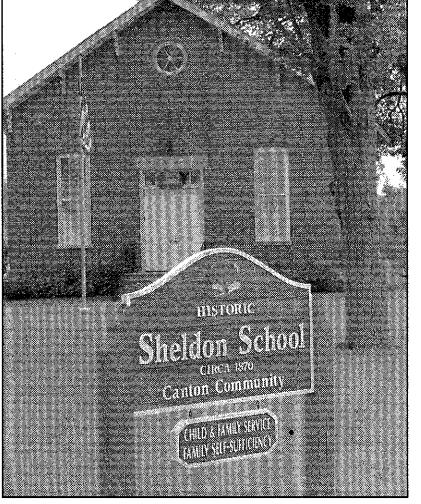
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New tenants: The historic Sheldon School was renovated last fall for use by the Head Start program administered by Starfish Family Services.

Preschool Plus, a program in the after the licensing process was public schools. When she met with Head Start, she said she was told transportation would be available for her granddaughter

complete.

Bonk-Foley stated the program promised only "limited transportation at centralized

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locations," rather than door-todoor pickup.

Crosby said her granddaughter was picked up at the front door for three days, but was informed by the bus driver one morning in January she would no longer have transportation.

Crosby said Head Start denied transportation to her granddaughter to retaliate against her.

Crosby said she "raised a stink" after her daughter, the mother of her young granddaughter, was denied a scholarship for women through Wayne County Head Start.

Scholarship denied

Thirteen women tested for 11 scholarships to Schoolcraft College, and Crosby's daughter did not receive one. Crosby said she was told her daughter did not receive the scholarship because she is not a minority.

Mike Johnson, interim director, Wayne County Head Start, denies Crosby's statement, explaining more than half of the scholarship recipients are Caucasian. Further, he said Crosby's daughter's scholarship was denied when she didn't perform well on the tests.

Crosby and her daughter arranged a meeting with Wayne County Head Start directors, and said she was told if she brought an attorney, the meeting would be called off.

Johnson said Crosby was told she could not bring an attorney unless Head Start was informed in advance, so their corporate counsel could also be present.

The day before Crosby and her daughter were to meet with representatives from the Wayne County Head Start, the bus driver said he could no longer transport the granddaughter to and from school.

Bonk-Foley said the bus driver was never supposed to pick up Crosby's granddaughter at the door.

"He was trying to be nice and help her out," she said. Starfish Family Services said

there are currently seven bus stops in Canton, most at apartment complexes, and none are at individual homes.

Crosby also stated Sheldon School is frequently short on basic supplies, including glue, paint, markers, utensils and cups.

"We tried to get supplies from some of the other Head Start schools, and were told we were stealing, and being greedy for trying to get some forks and cups," Brock said.

Brock questioned why the school would be short on supplies, because the funding should be adequate to provide them. She said the school is "greatly under-enrolled," but still receives funding for maximum enrollment.

Bonk-Foley said Starfish Family Services Head Start is funded for 565 students. Head Start receives \$6,173 annually per full-time student, and \$3,500 per part-time student.

Starfish Family Services Head Start enrollment as of Jan. 24 was 358 students. Bonk-Folev said while Head Start has been receiving funding for the 565 students, the program's funding could be decreased at any time.

Brock and Crosby said they've made the decision to go public with their complaints against Head Start in order to inform other parents.

"I feel bad," Brock said. "I hate the fact I have to say bad things, but I feel I have to speak out so other parents who are considering the school for next year know the truth."

Poetry contest under way

St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake is inviting high school students, grades 9-12, to participate in the 2001 Grembos and



Rydesky Memorial High School Poetry Contest.

The deadline is March 15. Four prizes will be awarded: \$100 for first prize, \$75 for second, \$50 for third and \$25 for

Rules for the contest are: Poems may be no longer than 20 lines. Each contestant may submit no more than two poems. Each poem must be typed on a separate sheet of paper, including name, grade, name of school, school address and home address. A statement signed by

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Quake from A1

he said. "We're sending all of it to help the victims."

On a smaller scale, the Hindu Temple is collecting money to send as well.

Shah said the news of the earthquake's devastation has prompted many to open their wallets and checkbooks to help.

"People want to help," he said. "I have been collecting checks every day. Even today, 15 people gave me checks to help out."

Retired from Ford Motor Co. after a 31-year career, Shah said he has a few close friends and relatives still living in his home state of Gujarat, the area hardest hit by the quake.

"I still have a few friends and distant relatives there," Shah said. "They are all right, gratefully."

Shah said more than half of the members of the temple are also Gujarati, and have been receiving good news about their loved ones back in India.

"People in our community are very emotional and very sad," Shah said. "They keep calling hoping for news. Many have already left to see their families and make sure they're OK."

One person Shah has talked to has received no news, which has the Hindu community worried for him.

"He hasn't lived here very long, so he still has 40 or 50 close relatives and friends back home," Shah said of the man whose hometown is near the earthquake's epicenter. "He hasn't heard one word from them, and he's fearing the worst."

Shah said the organization hopes to send the first shipment of relief funds within the next two or three weeks. To assist with ongoing reconstruction, the organization will collect money for hospitals, churches and orphan aid groups.

"We will be helping the children who have lost their parents the most," Shah said. "That's where we would like to concentrate the most money."

Shah said people interesting in helping the earthquake victims can send tax-deductible donations to: Earthquake Relief, Hindu Temple, 44955 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48188.



ter, but very nice."

The powerhouse structure, with its eight towering smokestacks, is the most prominent feature of the Rouge plant. "The powerhouse defines the Rouge plant." Zielinski said. the liabilities of this plan, particularly financial and legal, significantly exceed any assurances the district might enjoy. Specifically, anticipate definite revenue reduction without adequate assurance of revenue or 'in kind' (i.e., staff development) replacement or gains.

Charter school from page A1

"Second, after therough review with legal counsel, we concur that potential habilities could exist for P-CCS because of the unique 'entanglements' inherent in this plan. As the P-CCS Board would not be the governing body for the charter, we cannot recommend that the P-CCS Board assume this potential hability." In December, program developer Samuel Flam proposed a K-5 charter school to be located within the boundaries of the Plymouth-Canton school district. The plan called for P-CCS teachers to become part of the charter school, with the district to gain from using the information garnered from brain-based learning and teaching techniques.

However, a four-year projection by the district indicates the charter school would cost the district more than \$3.8 million in lost state foundation grants and other expenses.

^aThe numbers just don't work," said Trustee Judy Mardigian, "The revenue loss could even be greater."

"Looking at the numbers we lose money, and that made up my mind right then," added Trustee Steve Guile.

The Plymouth-Canton Education Association executive board urged the school board to hold off on approving a charter

school.

"We believe brain-based education and learning is an excellent idea, but we believe all Plymouth-Canton children should benefit from any new teaching methods," PCEA president Chuck Portelli told the board. "We believe there are many unanswered questions."

Flam said he will shop his idea around after consulting with his board of directors.

"We will make a decision after considering a number of options," said Flam. "Plymouth-Canton has an outstanding administrative staff, which is forward looking."

School board members have given Booher and her staff the go-ahead to investigate the possibility of teaching brainbased learning techniques at a magnet school within the district, where P-CCS administrators would have total control and the district wouldn't lose state revenue.

"Brain-based learning is the opportunity of a lifetime," said Roland Thomas, school board member. "This is an opportunity to get away from what has been a traditional approach in education. Then, we can take it to all our other schools."

"I think a magnet school is where we really want to be," added Trustee Elizabeth Givens. "If we're going to get credit in this district for something really outstanding ... I would really prefer the credit be given to our own staff and administration than someone from the outside."

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-----O- Former, Margaret Margaret

The painting depicts the sun setting behind the Rouge plant, and a worker kneeling, head bowed, hat in hand. "Six stars in the sky represent the six lives that were lost," Zielinski said. "I wanted to paint it. I could feel the emotional loss of the families."

The work is acrylic on canvas. "I paint from photographs," Zielinski said.

An airbrush was used to get the subtle shadings of the sunset in the work, he said

"Art has always been a hobby for me," he said.

John Biga, Facilities Engineer at the Dearborn Paint Plant, is impressed with Zielinski's talent. "I consider it a gift. I'm really impressed with what he can do."

He described the memorial painting as very well received. "I have a copy of it in my home. I knew several of the guys that were killed."

Biga said Zielinski just completed a mural at the Dearborn Frame Factory featuring the new Thunderbird that is going into production. He has also done numerous safety posters and a mural depicting the heritage and evolution of the Ford Mustang.

Zielinski hopes to parlay his talents into a second career with GlennZart – his freelance art business.

"I do murals for people's homes," Zielinski said. He is about to begin work on the ceiling of a Northville home.

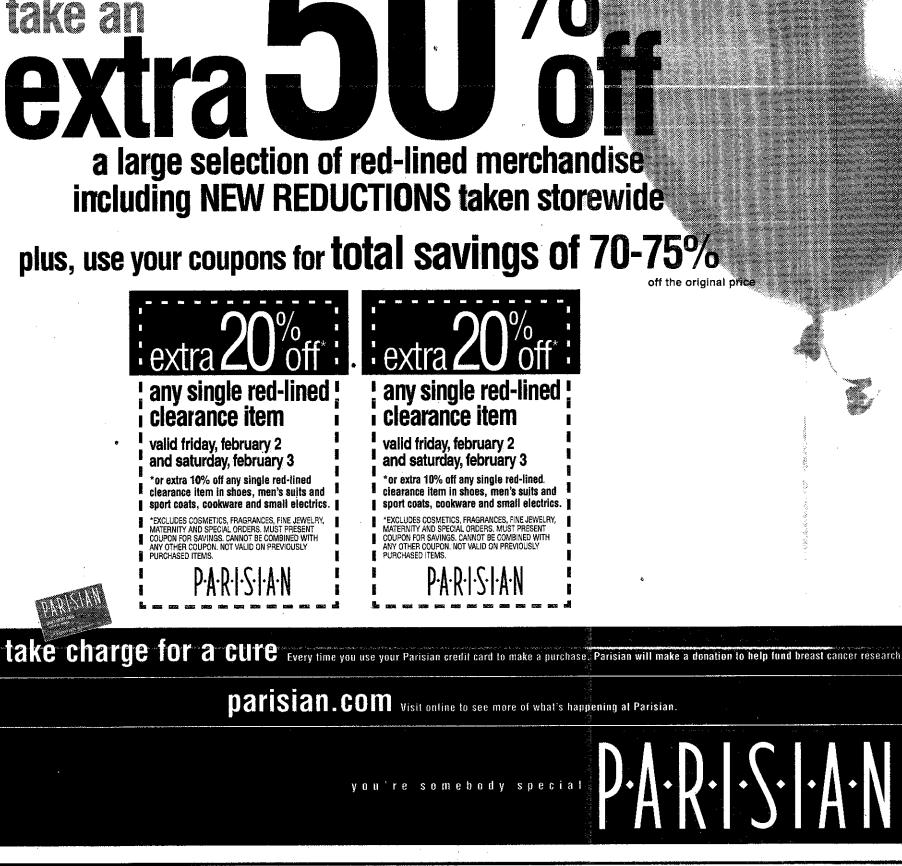
He recently completed the garage of an avid Ferrari collector, replete with the prancing horse logo and images of the man's car collection.

"I also have a couple of portrait commissions from private citizens," he said.

For now, Zielinski is content with his work at the Dearborn Paint Plant at the Rouge Center.

As the two-year anniversary of the Rouge disaster approaches, emotions surface about the incident.

"I think there will always be scars. Every time you look at the powerhouse - you think of it."



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Senate threatens subpoenas in airport investigation

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

The state Senate upped the ante in its review of the business practices of Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport Tuesday.

Senate Majority Leader Dan R-Port Huron, DeGrow, announced in a Capitol press conference Tuesday the appointment of members of a new committee to investigate contracts and the competitive bidding process at the airport.

And this time, he is willing to give the committee subpoena power.

DeGrow said he has not yet introduced a resolution granting subpoena power to the committee, but will if auditors and investigators do not receive more cooperation from Wayne County administrators and airport officials than they have in the past.

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara has argued previously that officials there are being cooperative, but that auditors often ask for large amounts of documentation, often from several years back, requiring airport officials to dig through large



Investigating: Senate Majority Leader Dan. L. DeGrow announces formation of a committee to investigate Wayne County's Metro Airport. With him are committee members, left to right, Sens. Leon Stille and Glenn Steil.

amounts of paperwork to uncover the information. And the auditors ask for it immediately, he has said.

you see it," DeGrow countered. "The Auditor General knows when it is getting cooperation. We are not talking about a one-"You know cooperation when time occurrence. We are talking

about deliberate delays over a period of time. There is no doubt we are not getting cooperation. That is indisputable."

DeGrow said airport officials have responded to document requests with delays or providing partial documents, incomplete documents or no documents at all. But he said they would get another chance.

"I believe in redemption ... but the threat of subpoena power needs to be there," he said.

Criminal violation

If subpoena power is eventually granted to the committee, a failure to turn over documents would become a criminal violation.

Lester Robinson, Wayne County airports director, said that, because the airport "would welcome an impartial and professional investigator and an opportunity to work with him in a fair and open forum," subpoena power "would obviously not be necessary. Our books and records are open.

"The preliminary reviews conducted thus far have created much innuendo and left too many loose ends dangling, Robinson continued. "After all, none of these reports have been professional audits according to government auditing standards.

"We would view an impartial investigator as an opportunity to tell our side of the story ... hopefully, in an environment free of politics," he said.

The new Senate committee will be authorized to review airport business practices through the end of the year, but DeGrow

did not say what possible action has experience sifting through might result then. "I don't want to prejudice our review," he said. But he left open the possibility of a call then for regionalization of the airport or a takeover by the state government.

Sen. Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, was named the new committee's chair. Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, round out the GOP side of the panel. Minority Leader John Cherry, D-Clio, is expected to name two Democrats to the panel as well, DeGrow said.

'First impression'

"I want to respond to what you've read in the papers," Steil said. "Metro Airport has been compared to the worst airport in the nation. It has been compared to Bangladesh," Steil said. "This airport is the first impression that people have of the state when they come here.'

McNamara has said the airport review was politically motivated.

DeGrow said his goal was to "depoliticize the airport and make sure it is competently operated."

The Senate majority leader also said an outside investigator has been hired by the Senate to assist in the review: Brian Moeller, a former captain with the Port Huron police department.

"I chose him because I know him and I trust him," DeGrow said Moeller is qualified because he

large amounts of documentation to review information. "That is what police do in fraud investigations," DeGrow said, "... I'm not saying there is anything criminal here, just mismanagement and incompetence."

Among the problems uncovered by auditors so far is a lack of "requests for proposals" in the letting of contracts for airport services. One-sixth of all contracts, auditors have found, were let without RFPs and more than half of all files contain "no evidence" that RFPs were actually ever published." Thirteen of 45 concession and service contracts were routinely renewed without being re-bid.

DeGrow also said that in some contracts, businesses were given incentives for early completion of the projects, but paid extra when the work took longer than expected.

Contracts at the airport often were found to be as much as 30 percent over budget. In some cases, contractors were 100 percent over budget, auditors told the Senate.

When it comes to construction at the airport, earlier review found that almost 90 percent of contractors varied from the budgeted amount. While some came in as much as 20 percent under budget, others were 178 percent over budget.

McNamara has accused the state of conducting a witch-hunt : and said the investigation into airport finances is politically motivated.

2 area residents will serve on Friends of Rouge board

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

Two western Wayne County residents have been elected to leadership positions within the Friends of the Rouge environmental group.

Chester R. Marvin of Redford Township is the new treasurer while Paul Daniel of Livonia has joined the board of directors.

Marvin serves with the Friends' new president, former treasurer Michael G. Darga of Northville. Other officers are Don A. Griffin of Dearborn and Karen Lawrence Shaw of Ann Arbor, who were re-elected vice president and secretary, respectively

Daniel, a reliability engineer with Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, joins Larry Fitch of Trenton and Jeffrey Holler of Ortonville as board members. Fitch is Wayne County's deputy director of parks while Holler is an environmental planner for the Oakland County drain commission.

Marvin, a technician at General Motors Powertrain in Romulus, has been a Friends board member since 1988, two years after the group was formed. In 1999, he became the first Friends member to receive the United Auto Workers' Bernie Firestone Labor Volunteer Award for his efforts in behalf of the Friends.

Darga, a design engineer for the Wayne County public services department, has been a Friends board member since

1991 and its treasurer since 1993.

Griffin, a retired math and science consultant, was instrumental in establishing the Friends of the Rouge Education Project, which gives elementary, middle and high school students in metropolitan Detroit hands-on experience in testing Rouge River water quality.

Lawrence, who joined the board a year ago, is a resource planner with Tilton & Associates, an Ann Arbor environmental consulting firm.

Friends of the Rouge annually conducts the volunteer Rouge Rescue river cleanup.



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Technology no substitute for traditional learning

When teachers get free laptop computers will students' MEAP scores rise?

While it may be unfair and unwise to attach that kind of expectation to Gov. John Engler's technology initiative, we don't doubt that's what some Van Buren parents were wondering last week when the school board voted to join the program. Standardized testing - and the constant campaign by government to push for more

The MEAP shouldn't be the only criteria - or even the main one - we use to judge the job being done by our schools.

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tests and better results - is all the rage in Lansing and Washington these days. Of course a few bold edu-

cators who risk the wrath of the establishment caution us not to confuse testwith ing teaching, scores with

learning. There's something to be said for that. We all want tangible results in return for our tax dollars. And while there's nothing inherently wrong with that, we also must remember that developing young minds is a complicated task. Test scores aren't the sole measure of achievement.

But equipping teachers with the latest

technology would seem to fit right in with the plan for boosting student performance. Engler announced his \$110 million laptop project about a year ago - in his 2000 State of the State speech. It provides State School Act money for local districts to purchase a laptop, software, wireless Internet access for every qualifying teacher. In Van Buren, that's about 340 teachers of a 369-member teaching staff.

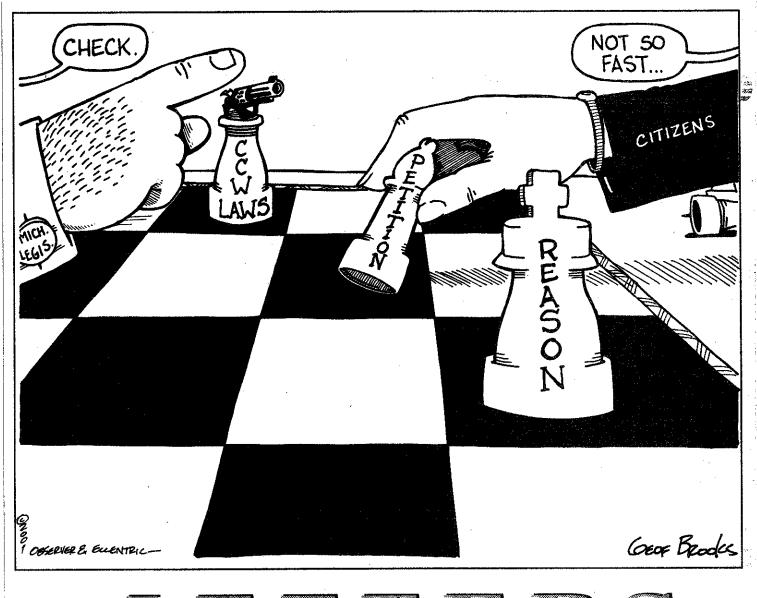
The idea is to make computer use a mobile, comfortable part of lesson planning – incorporated into the classroom on a regular basis. In that way, a teacher lugging a laptop to class should be no different than a history textbook or instructional video.

Most districts are just getting into the program and some details have yet to be worked out, according to Nancy Cornett, Van Buren technology specialist. For example, technical support and what to do in the event a laptop is lost or stolen. In Van Buren, these issues must be decided and request for computers

turned into the state by June 30. Don't get us wrong here. The MEAP test is an important gauge for parents, educators and state leaders. It just shouldn't be the only criteria - or even the main one - we use to judge the job being done by our schools. And relying on technology to pick up the slack for conventional teacher-student or student-parent interaction certainly isn't the answer to solving public education's dilemma.

Changing the CCW law: Let the people decide

The Michigan Legislature passed last ping, legislators rushed the bill to pasyear legislation requiring local gun sage. boards to issue permits to carry con- If this wasn't enough, legislators



Gun figures wrong

Response to Ron McCaffery on statements by Mike Malott, Jan. 18, 2001.

You say that in 1999, 1,097 Michigan residents were killed by guns. That count is not correct and not verifiable (in the words of Mike Malott). How many are gang-related or drugrelated or justifiable police shootings? Don't lump all killings in a category they were committed by law-abiding citizens with CCW's.

Mr. Malott doesn't have his facts straight. If he was an investigative reporter, he would have all the information he would need on the 31 states with "shall issue" permits. It's all on the Internet. Crime has decreased 15-25 percent in the "shall issue" states, but the liberal press will not print the truth about lawful CCW permit holders.

There would be less guns available if crime was down, which in Michigan it is not. People are afraid, they don't want to become victims. How many of the 1,097 (so called) victims were killed by a holder of a CCW?

The Wild West notion that is preached by the liberal press has not occurred ... even if Mike Duggan says it does.

Thank you.

- Hi

Jamie Newman **Maverick** Team 1645 Old Dixie Hwy Callahan, FL 32011

Taking issue over CCW

In Mike Malott's Jan. 4 column and Ron McCaffery's letter to the editor (Canton Observer, Jan. 25) statements are made concerning the case of CCW laws not having benefit. I would direct you to John Lott's book, More Guns, Less Crime, which in a county-by-county breakdown lays out the effects of CCW laws in the over 30 states that have gone to "shall issue."

Lott stated in a 1998 interview that "For each additional year that a concealed handgun law is in effect the murder rate declines by 3 percent, rape by 2 percent, and robberies by over 2 percent." (www.press. uchica-go.edu /Misc/ Chicago/ 493636.html)

In a debate with Douglas Weil, director of research for Handgun Control Inc., Lott stated that: "First, there is a very close relationship between the number of permits issued in a state and the decline in violent crime rates. Those states that issue the most permits have had the largest drops in violent crime, and over time as more permits are issued there is a continued drop in violent crime." (www.time. com/time/ community/ transcripts/ chattr070198. html)

State Officers Compensation Commission for recommending the raise and tells us how poor Bruce can't do anything about it and he is just going to have to take another \$22,000 (from \$57,000 to over \$77,000 this year and then another increase to almost \$80,000 next year) of our tax money to put in his pocket!

Thursday, February 1, 2001

Do you take the public to be fools, Mr. Patterson? You are the Majority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives and therefore obviously have close ties to the political leaders throughout the state government. As any politically observant person can see, you and your untrustworthy House colleagues did not agree to take up a vote and vote against the pay increase until you knew that the Senate was not going to vote on the raises! And therefore, you knew and know very well that your vote is absolutely meaningless since it takes a vote of both the House and Senate to reject the pay raises or they will automatically take effect.

You have friends in the Senate. Your political party controls both the House and Senate and you tout yourself as a leader and powerbroker in state government. So, why aren't you ensuring that the Senate vote to reject

cealed weapons to everybody who applies, is age 21 or older, free of mental illness, has a clean criminal record and is willing to go through the necessary training.

The measure has been very controversial. Some people think it will dramatically increase the number of folks wandering around with permits to carry concealed weapons and, thus, the number of innocent people who are going to get shot.

Others contend that "an armed society is a polite society" and that an evil-doer will be deterred by worry that lots of folks will be carrying concealed weapons.

Now a group called People Who Care About Kids Committee, headed by Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan, is circulating petitions to put the law to a referendum vote of the people. They need to submit more than 151,000 valid signatures of registered voters by March 27 to put the measure to a statewide vote, although they're aiming for far more.

There are good reasons to put this legislation to a vote. In fact, we urge interested readers to sign the petitions.

When the "shall issue" CCW legislation to take discretion to issue permits out of the hands of local gun boards was originally proposed, it provoked great public outcry, in large part from the shooting incident at Columbine High School in Colorado. So our legislative leaders pulled the legislation back, hoping public interest would wane.

It did, and so supporters waited until the lameduck session of the legislature last year to bring the legislation back. While the public was more interested in seeing what happened in the presidential election recounts and Christmas shopdreamed up a little trick to try to make the legislation immune to referendum. Because the Constitution says appropriation bills are not subject to referendum, lawmakers tacked on \$1 million in spending in an attempt to block any petition drive. Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton, and former Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville, admitted that was the purpose of the

There will be plenty of time to debate whether the CCW legislation that lawmakers have passed is good or bad, but only if the drive to put the measure to statewide referendum succeeds.

allocation.

Sneaking important legislation through a lameduck session of the legislature is bad enough. Lameduck sessions are intended to clean up legislative business that has been overtaken by an election, not to hide controversial legislation from public notice. But dreaming up a fancy gimmick designed to prevent the public from considering the merits of legislation at referendum shows scant regard for the democratic process.

There will be plenty of time to debate whether the CCW legislation that lawmakers have passed is good or bad, but only if the drive to put the measure to statewide referendum succeeds. We urge readers to sign.

Those who wish to sign the petition can contact the committee by phone at (313) 224-KIDS or over the Internet at http://www.peoplewhocareaboutkids.com.

Vincent P. Manderachia **Plymouth**

Event a success

The Genevan Presbyterian youth group would like to thank the community for your outpouring of support for Boxing Night, an event that helps raise awareness of the homeless. This event couldn't have been as successful without your generous donations.

Through exceptional media coverage by Channel 4 News and the Canton Observer, people in Canton and the surrounding communities were not only informed of the event but moved to help to serve their community. Hundreds of bags, filled with clothing, coats, boots, blankets, and toiletries were taken to Fort Street Presbyterian Church, where the items were distributed to those in need.

Canton has been blessed tremendously financially, and it is our sacred responsibility to take care of those less fortunate than us.

Thank you for stepping up to that task. We appreciate the time that was taken out of your busy holiday schedules to deliver your donations to the church. The effects of your donations go beyond helping to keep others warm. By giving to others, you have given the gift of love and compassion which is everlasting.

Geneva Presbyterian Senior High Youth group

We have seen this here in Michigan, in Macomb county. When Macomb went to a "shall issue" format several years ago, their violent crime rate began dropping faster than the rest of the state's.

As far as Mr. McCaffery's suggestion that there will be "additional gunrelated violence and death," has he seen any references in the other shall issue states to support this? Though I have found references to CCW holders coming to the aid of police officers, I have not found references to CCW holders being a major risk. In fact, if one looks at a report from the National Center for Policy Analysis, concerning Texans with CCW permits, as discussed in their news release of Aug. 9, 2000, found at www.ncpa. org/press/ nr080900a. html

Texans who exercise their right to carry firearms: are 5.7 times less likely to be arrested for a violent offense. They are 14 times less likely to be arrested for a non-violent offense. They are 1.4 times less likely to be arrested for murder.

Hardly sounds like CCW holders are a threat to the general population, indeed they are more law abiding. What would you expect from someone who would have to undergo a background check, a medical records check, a training program, and a personal appearance before the gun board.

In conclusion, we have benefit, and we have no additional risk.

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GUEST OPINION

Something's wrong here

On Jan. 25 I traveled to Lansing, where I found the majority of gas stations selling unleaded 87 octane fuel for \$1.29.9 per gallon throughout the city.

At the time of my departure from Plymouth and subsequent return on the same day, I found the same gas price to be on the average \$1.52.9 per gallon.

What's wrong with this picture? I now have a small sense of understanding why state government's elected officials have a problem identifying with high gasoline prices!

Roger L. Kehrier is a Plymouth resident

Seeking state info

My name is Jamie Newman. I attend seventh grade at Callahan Middle School. My class is doing a state fair. My project is on the state of Michigan.

If you could be so kind to ask your readers to send brochures, information about history and wildlife. statistics. postcards of your state, maps, and other things you think would be helpful. I'll be sure to send a thank you letter.

Not fooled I just wanted to write to respond to the incredibly arrogant and misleading letter written by State Rep. Bruce Pat-

terson, R-Canton, which was published in the Jan. 18 Canton Observer and other newspapers. Patterson had the nerve to indicate that he would be voting against the ridiculous 36-percent pay raises for state lawmakers. Mr. Patterson tries to claim that he has no choice or con-

trol over the matter and that he will

unfortunately have to take this enor-

mous raise. He tries to blame the

the pay increase as well? You did the exact same thing two years ago when you and your House colleagues took a meaningless vote to reject pay increases after you were assured that the Senate would not take a vote at all. You pocketed the raise then and you are going to do the same thing now!

You also claim how you support changing the system so that state representatives and senators will have to xr vote on such pay increases in the future. It seems very convenient to support such a measure after having taken what amounts to nearly 20 years worth of raises for the common Michigan resident! Don't treat the public like we are fools, Mr. Patterson! We know that you are only voting against this incredible increase in your compensation because you know that you are going to get it anyway. Furthermore, if you readily wanted to reject the increase, as you claim you do, then all you have to do is write a check for \$22,000 back to the State of Michigan. But of course I don't hear you volunteering to do that. Mark Blackwell

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OTHER OPINIONS

Engler's hybrid U boards deserve consideration

After 11 years in office, Gov. John Engler certainly isn't afraid to reshuffle the political deck. In this week's State of the State speech, the governor makes two far-reaching proposals. He thinks Michigan Supreme Court Justices should be appointed, not elected as they are now. And he wants to change the structure of the boards of the Big Three universities – University of Michigan, Michigan State



and Wayne State – by adding to the currently elected eight-member boards seven bipartisan appointees. Engler's views

on appointing Supreme Court Justices are likely to draw the most media and political interest. But his suggestions for statewide educa-

tion posts are

equally important

Phil Power

and should not be overlooked. (Readers should know that I served as a Regent of the U-M for 11 years, so I'm either biased or well informed – or both! – on this subject.)

Plainly, Michigan's great research universities are among our crown jewels, dead center in any effort to diversify our economy by transferring discoveries from laboratories into the rapidly growing high tech sector. But universities are subtle and complex places, institutions where poor board governance can wreak havoc in a short time, as anybody who has followed the history of MSU knows full well.

Michigan's current method of picking board members leaves a lot to be desired.

First, they're elected statewide in November elections in even numbered years, which virtually guarantees no voter has any idea who is running or what the candidates' qualifications or views might be. Result: The election outcome is not much more than a crap shoot. Candidates win if their party does well in that particular election or if they're female (women tend to run at least 100,000 votes ahead of men).

Second, candidates get on the ballot by nomination at the Republican and Democratic state conventions. But as a practical matter, potential candidates from both parties are subject to litmus tests at convention time. Republicans have to be anti-abortion enough to satisfy Right to Life, while Democrats have to favor organized labor and affirmative action for both minorities and women.

Third, as a result of both these problems, increasingly few able and experienced candidates are willing to undergo litmus-like scrutiny during the nomination process only to emerge into an election with an entirely random outcome. I've personally spent hundreds of hours trying to recruit candidates; believe me, it's a tough job.

Engler's proposal gets at this problem in an imaginative way. He retains the existing eight elected board slots – a good idea that maintains universities' independent Constitutional status and subjects board members to the scrutiny of the people during elections. But he adds seven bipartisan appointed members – no more than four of

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any one party – to create a kind of hybrid board of 15. The idea is to use the appointment method to recruit men and women of unusual experience and talent who otherwise could not be persuaded to undergo the thrash of running for a university board.

Of course, there are objections to an idea as farreaching as this. But upon scrutiny, each fails.

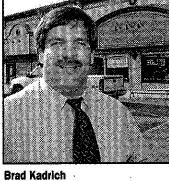
A 15-member board is too large, some will claim. Nonsense. Most corporate boards run from 10-20 members, which allows boards to develop a committee system that helps members develop specialized knowledge of important subject.

Those who resent Gov, Engler's fierce partisanship will object on principle to gubernatorial appointments. However, Engler's proposal is specifically designed to take effect only after he leaves office. Moreover, the four-three party balance required of appointees immunizes against concerns that adding appointed board members might result in an excessively partisan board.

The most common objection will be "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." In my view, this fails because it accepts the present flawed system as the best we can do. I know of no university board that would not benefit enormously from the addition of serious, committed, responsible and experienced members – precisely the kinds of people who would be attracted to serve higher education and the people of Michigan through an appointment process.

Engler's proposal deserves serious consideration, not knee-jerk rejection.

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Ethics have to be part of the mission in covering news

Newspapers serve some specific purposes, especially in a town like Canton, where a community newspaper is frequently the only source of detailed information for residents.

Newspapers are the watchdogs of government, letting readers know how tax dollars are being spent, what ordinances are being enacted, what government officials stand for. They record for posterity the happenings of high school sports teams, of school boards and the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs.

What newspapers are *not* supposed to do is become *part* of the news. There are notable exceptions. When reporters for both of Detroit's daily newspapers went out on strike, they became part of the news. Locally, when the Community Crier was going through a change in ownership, that became news, mostly because of the reputation and standing in the community of the man who owned it.

Naturally, employees of the newspaper are part of the community. They frequently serve on committees, belong to Rotary or Kiwanis, or perform at Chamber of Commerce functions.

But from a news-gathering perspective, for the most part, newspapers report the news, they don't make it. We cover the readers' world.

Yet here were several television stations and a radio station, coming to the area to report on a story they'd read in a daily newspaper about the Crier offering a ridiculous amount of money for information on illicit activities having anything to do with Plymouth city hall.

Talk about your slow news days.

The TV stations reported the "story" in differing degrees. One attempted to be balanced, talking to the editor of the newspaper in question, then getting the city's side of it. Plymouth Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur appropriately pointed out in one report that the publisher has a lawsuit potentially worth \$100 million pending against the very city about which he is trying to obtain information.

Another reporter could scarcely contain his skepticism and didn't even bother mentioning the lawsuit. That report included interviews on the street with two women, neither of whom appeared to know anything about the cash offer.

At least one station managed to talk to an expert in the field about the ethics of the idea of offering cash for information. And that's what this story should really be about. The publisher claims paying for information is done all the time, and it's a handy way to go about getting information. "This is an effective technique for getting information," the publisher said.

He might have trouble finding support for his point, except from the publishers of *National Enquirer* and similar sensationalistic tabloids.

"It's the perfect example of tabloid checkbook journalism," said Fred Brown, the national chair." man of the ethics committee for the Society of Professional Journalists. "If it's news, you shouldn't have to pay for it. To me, when a paper does that, it puts itself on a lower plane than the people it's trying to attack. It's kind of a lazy way to get news."

The SPJ's Code of Ethics actually warns newspapers to "be wary of sources offering information in exchange for money or favors" and to "avoid bidding for news." It goes on to urge other journalists to "expose unethical practices of journalists and the news media."

The offer itself isn't the only troubling aspect of this sordid situation. Just as grave a cause for concern is the type of information being sought, including dirt about questionable or inappropriate conduct and violations of constitutional rights.

There's no \$10,000 offer for "feel good" stories such as businesses helping the homeless, or average everyday heroes trying to live the good life in their hometowns. That only serves to perpetuate an all-too-frequent image of journalists as a whole.

"We always assume it's not news unless it's negative, and that's an attitude that gets us in a lot of trouble, not just with officials, but with the people we're supposed to be informing," SPJ's Brown said. "It's always about what's wrong, and not what could possibly be done to fix the situation."

Paying for questionable details is a suspect $-\frac{1}{2}$ practice. Newspapers use a variety of generally $-\frac{1}{2}$ accepted means to get information for stories.

Opening up a checkbook isn't among them, no matter what a businessman with deep pockets and an axe to grind tells you.

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Thursday, February 1, 2001

one of McNamara's tricks

Granholm for governor just

Hardy, har-har. Ed McNamara must have been laughing in his pint of Guinness after playing jokes on the media twice in one week.

First, McNamara, now 74, floated the notion he would run in 2002 for a fifth term as Wayne County executive. He'd be 80 by the time he completed that term. Guess he wants to give that ol' Strom Thurmond a run for the antiquarian title.



executive, McNamara has had an air of cronyism about him in the letting of contracts. But he has vision and, on balance, has been a credit to public service. Where others saw county gov-

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Tim Richard

agency for minor UAW officials, McNamara saw it as a tool for economic.growth (airport), a provider of day recreation (the park system) and an engine in the war on poverty (public buses into the suburbs). But how long does the guy need to stay in

office? And isn't an executive supposed to groom his successor? McNamara has had several potential successors who somehow have stepped out – Mike Duggan, Dave Katz, Cameron Priebe, among others. In a county of 2.5 million, isn't one

person capable of succeeding him? Second, McNamara encouraged state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm to run for governor.

If you went to central casting for an actress who can play an attorney, Granholm would be your choice. No wonder. She studied acting in college (just like Geoffrey Fieger) and wears makeup so skillfully that you're never conscious of it.

But her credentials are slender.

■ As an assistant U.S. prosecutor, Granholm says she handled 150 or so convictions. But how many went to trial? Five or six? Most criminal cases are settled by plea bargains, so we have no idea how good a trial lawyer she is.

■ Her 1998 opponent had experience as a trial lawyer and in the state and federal appeals courts and supreme courts. Granholm never mentioned her appellate experience – if any. ■ As corporation counsel (chief civil counsel) for Wayne County, her office lost a case in the State Supreme Court to a homeowners group called TACT that challenged the county's real estate transfer tax. When I reported the county had lost, Granholm wrote a letter to this newspaper saying she did not choose to view the high court's unanimous decision as a loss. Wrong. She lost, and the county had to pay back to home sellers a bunch of tax money.

Granholm hired a private law firm to handle a McNamara suit against Gov. John Engler. The Court of Appeals bounced it back, saying the suit was filed in the wrong trial court.

■ Granholm ran for attorney general promising consumers, "I'll take your case." It was a good talk. But when the State Police hid pistol records from Fred Mager despite his Freedom of Information Act request, Granholm was on the police state's side before the Supreme Court.

■ When Midwestern Audit Services requested certain types of traffic reports, the State Police blacked out key facts, Granholm was on the police state's side.

In contrast, consider U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. When the FBI lost a criminal case at the appellate level and wanted to go the U.S. Supreme Court, Reno had the guts to refuse. The FBI hired a law professor from Utah for its bad case and lost.

■ When reporters sought comment on McNamara's gubernatorial ploy, Granholm was unavailable, and her PR guy handled the questions. Could it be because she has a 3-year-old toddler?

There's one Wayne County political trick McNamara hasn't played: An office holder files early for a new term to discourage competitors. His deputy files. A day after the filing deadline, the officeholder withdraws, leaving his deputy a clear field.

Consider this 2002 scenario: McNamara files for exec, Granholm also files, McNamara withdraws, and Granholm gets some hard-ball governmental experience. That makes better sense than the jokes McNamara is playing on the media.

Ed McNamara, county exec until he's 80? Ha, ha, ha. Jennifer Granholm, governor? Ho, ho, ho.

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Senate avoids vote on pay raises

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

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State lawmakers will receive their pay raises, 36 percent this year, due to a lack of action by the state Senate.

Senators adjourned after only 20 minutes in session Tuesday without taking a vote on the raises. It was the last practical chance to reject the wage hikes, and under rules outlined in the state Constitution, increases recommended by the State Officers Compensation Commission automatically go into effect unless two-thirds of both chambers of the legislature vote to reject them.

Despite the introduction of a resolution by Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, and an overwhelming vote in the House of Representatives last week to reject the raises, senators did not call for a vote.

In December, the SOCC voted to hand pay hikes to state officials ranging from 13 to 36 percent. Representative, senators, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and justices of the state Supreme Court are all in line for wage boosts.

According the staff aide Aaron Keesler, Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, has gone on record saying he believes that legislators are underpaid and deserved an increase.

"In fact, he appeared before the SOCC in December to testify that they should get the increase, "Keesler said.

But DeGrow has not yet taken a position on proposals made to change the SOCC or the pay-setting process. Resolutions that

have been introduced in both of the Senate and House to require an affirmative vote from lawmakers to take increases before they can take effect.

Peters, for instance, has offered an amendment that would require a vote for any pay hike over the cost of living. State representative have proposed requiring a vote, and therefore putting legislators on record, for any increase in salary.

Any such change to the SOCC would require a constitutional amendment and therefore a vote on the election ballot. Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, has scheduled hearings before the senate Government Operations Committee on proposed changes to the SOCC system for later this week in Lansing. Such a ballot question could not be placed before voters until November of 2002.

Salaries for senators and representatives will jump from \$56,981 to \$77,400 this year. The governor will get an extra 14 percent, taking him to \$172,000. The lieutenant governor gets 19 percent, moving him to \$120,400. Justices of the Supreme Court get 13 percent more, boosting them to \$159,960. Because other judges' salaries,

in the lower courts, are based on a percentage of the justices' income, the pay hike will change their income as well. Retirement accounts for senators and representatives are based on their final salary figure.

Twenty seven senators are currently in their final term under term limits and cannot run for their seats again in 2002.



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Magazine gives Michigan government a high A-

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 /PRNewswire/ -- In a report released today by The Maxwell School at Syracuse University and Governing magazine, Michigan received an overall grade of A- (up from the state's grade of B+ two years ago) on how well it manages the government systems that deliver public services. Published in Governing's February 2001 issue and funded by

The Pew Charitable Trusts, the landmark report is based on a comprehensive survey of government management in all 50 states. Governing published a similar report in February 1999. Dale Jones, director of the

Government Performance Project at The Maxwell School, commented, "With this report, state officials and citizens can identify the management systems that

are working well and areas that need improvement. States can also use the report to learn from each other, adapting good ideas that result in higher performance to their own systems."

Michigan is one of only three states to achieve an average of A- in the five categories covered by the GPP. The other two are Utah and Washington. "While we wish that there wasn't so much attention paid to the grades generated by the GPP, there's little question that Michigan has earned its high average," says Katherine Barrett, special projects editor for Governing. "While there's room for improvement in all five categories we covered, there's no question that the state is at or near the top of the pack in all of them."

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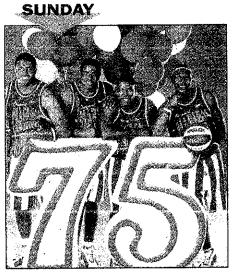


Spend an evening in a haunted house with the Farmington Players who will present "The Uninvited," a ghost tale set in the 1940s, 8 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, (between 14 and 15 Mile Roads), West Bloomfield. Tickets \$12, call (248) 553-2955.

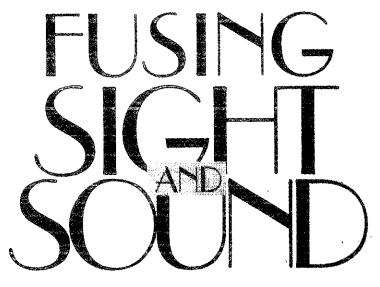
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The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra features Andrew Anderson in a solo for string bass during an 8 p.m. chamber concert at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. Tickets \$14, \$12 seniors / college students, no charge for children in grades K-12, call (734) 451- $\bar{2}112.$







BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

ome of the best ideas arise purely from coincidence. When Carrie Hazel notice 1 neighbor wandering out of his downtown Detroit apartment with "large vats of blue paint," she couldn't help but wonder what he was up to.

The assistant director at CPOP Gallery in Detroit, Hazel knew this particular neighbor – Neil Ollivierra - as a pioneering force in the Detroit electronic music scene. He worked as label manager for Derrick May's Transmat and in 1996 began the Detroit Escalator Co., releasing his critically acclaimed concept album

don-based Peacefrog Records this spring and a series of recently completed paintings sparked a new exhibit for the gallery. Fusing visual renditions inspired by techno with paintings and pho-

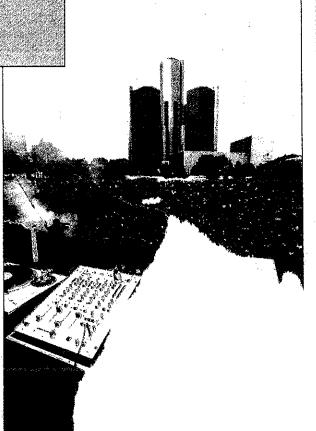
tographs that examine and celebrate the city, a brand new exhibit features the collected works of Ollivierra, Ron Zakrin and Joe Vaughn. The exhibit begins 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 and runs through Sunday, Feb. 25.

For Ollivierra, the opening begins the first exhibition of his paintings. which show a dimensional view of urbania through solid blocks of color, overlapping in both depth and form. He's excited, to say the least. "It's a blessing to be able to work around the clock doing something you love to do," he said. "When I finished, it was as if I was released from a year-long hypnotic state." Without much experience in the art industry, Ollivierra had been offered other opportunities to show his work, but he declined until now. "They're very down-to-earth, straightforward people and they'd shown a genuine interest in what I was doing," he said of the gallery. "They get tons of submissions all the time from many other reputable

In the blue: Neil Ollivierra will present his collection, titled Black Buildings, for the first time Saturday, Feb. 3 at CPOP Gallery in Detroit.

CPOP mixes music and art with latest exhibit

Electronic revisited: Photographer Joe Vaughn will show his work from the Detroit Electronic Music Festival.



Clap, **Bang**! **STOMP bursts back** into Detroit

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER Imini@oe.homecomm.net

Boom! flick, swish, crash, clap, tap, clap ... Tromping to the beat of Zippos, brooms and plungers STOMP has swept into Detroit again.

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"It's one of our biggest hits," Fisher Theatre spokeswoman Shirl Harris said. "It ranks up there patron in requests along with Phantom of the Opera and Les

Miz. So, we made sure STOMP came back."

at the Fisher box The show at the office or all Fisher, running Ticketmaster through Sunday, outlets, (248) 645-6666. Groups of 20 Feb. 4, is the or more call (313) same percussion 871-1132. creation, with the exception of a few

changed members, as its last Detroit appearance two years ago.

A hit

"There are so many people who will see STOMP for a second time and so many who still haven't seen this particular performance," Harris said. "It will be a hit."

For those who have yet to be STOMP-ed, the cast of young performers creates music from everyday items.

"We make a rhythm out of anything we can get our hands on that makes a sound," Luke Creswell, STOMP cofounder and director said. "Stiff-bristle brooms become a sweeping orchestra. Zippo lighters flip open and close to create a fiery fugue."

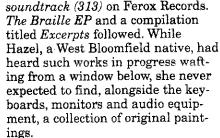
STOMP uses everything they can imagine except regular instruments. That's what makes STOMP, well, stomp. Boots, trash cans, plastic bags and hubcaps make the music. STOMP's success hasn't seemed to



or in. Finishing Neil Ollivierra shares his impressic

'I'm overwhelmed.

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ings. "They're huge, 5 by 7 feet," exclaimed Hazel of his art - all set in shades of blue. "One piece is 12 feet long. It's actually like you're looking up at a building, a skyscraper."

Music melds canvas, film

"It's fun music, that's unique to

America," said Knowles who is bringing

Chuck Moss' Paint Creek Jazz Society

to Livonia for a concert at the Mon-

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Ollivierra's Black Buildings both a recording project due on Lon-

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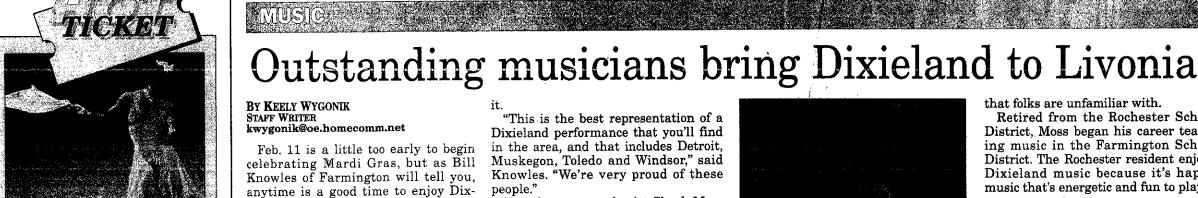
remember putting the last strokes to the last piece in the exhibition. I stepped back from the painting in my coveralls and stood there listening to it in the silence of the room, tasting its effect on my mood. Only then, when I acknowledged that it was finished and that there was no more work in front of me, only then did I pull out of my trance to look around my studio and realize that I had completely destroyed the joint over the last year. The refrigerator, the stove, the television set, my audio recording gear, the computer, the keyboards, the mixing board, the monitors - everything has a film of blue paint dust coating it like a second skin... To tell you the truth, I haven't had time to digest the situation and examine my feelings about the opening, other than to say I'm definitely excited, I'm looking forward to the party, and I'm looking forward to thanking my friends and family and associates for their support."

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"This is the best representation of a Dixieland performance that you'll find in the area, and that includes Detroit, Muskegon, Toledo and Windsor," said Knowles. "We're very proud of these people."

Knowles met trombonist Chuck Moss of Rochester about six years ago and asked him to put together a group of musicians for the concert.

"He's one of the top 20 trombonists in the country, without question," said Knowles. "He works well with sidemen and has a great sense of humor and personality. They never need a rehearsal because they know each other so well."

Freedom

Moss has been going over some music for the program, but admits that "we don't know what we'll play until we're on stage. "Everything we do is different, that's the nature of jazz, it's exciting. I like the musical freedom. There's a format and structure with songs that we all follow, but we improvise on our own while listening to other musicians. Each tune is a work in progress that happens right there."



Chuck Moss

The concert will include a mixture of the most often requested Dixieland tunes. Moss also plans to feature each person in the band on a tune they would like to play. There could be some

that folks are unfamiliar with.

Retired from the Rochester School District, Moss began his career teaching music in the Farmington School District. The Rochester resident enjoys Dixieland music because it's happy music that's energetic and fun to play.

Group

For this concert Moss assembled a group that includes Paul Keller on bass, Pete Siers, drums; Kerry Price, vocalist; Jim Wyse of Livonia, clarinet; Dave Tatro, trumpet; Jim Dapogny, piano; and Hugh Leal, banjo and guitar.

"These are all first-class musicians," said Moss. "They play all over the country. Jim Wyse is a recently retired Wayne County prosecutor. His job kept him close to home, but he could have been out on the world stage. "Kerry Price is a fine singer. Paul Keller has become recognized as one of the world's really great bass players. Jim Dapogny is a professor at the University of Michigan and a nationally known jazz historian."

Moss promises that it will be an outstanding concert. "There aren't often

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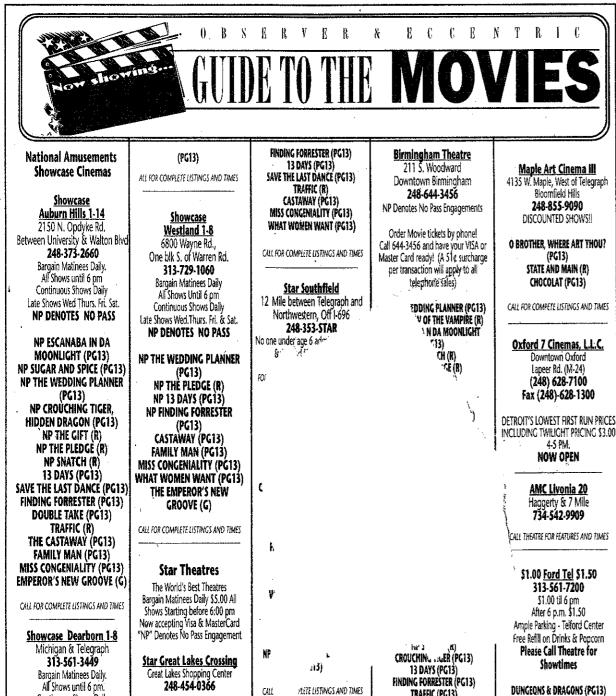
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chances to hear a group of musicians of this caliber playing together at one time," he said. "Hearing live music is something special, it's different from hearing a song the same way it was recorded."

"We've found a home at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall and would like to make it a center for Dixieland jazz in southeast Michigan," said Knowles. "Once people hear about our concerts they'll be back."

Concert seating is in tables of eight. Patrons can purchase sandwiches and other snacks, and there will be a cash bar. Knowles expects the concert to draw Dixieland fans from throughout the metro Detroit area and Windsor. Canadian money will be accepted at par for tickets.





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artists around the world who've been working longer than me; I was touched and honored."

Seeing blue

Ollivierra's work began three years ago as mechanical pencil drafts on vellum paper. He sought out colors that would both enhance the depth of his work and produce a calming effect to counter the furious pace of urban life. He found both in shades of cobalt and pthalo blue. "The images themselves are geometric abstract landscapes. The monochromatic three-dimensional canyons and grottos and portals are based on clean, non-complex, minimalist lines so as not to agitate or grope for too much attention.

"I'm attracted to attractive people, places and things: at the same time, I naturally resist anything or anyone who goes over the top to make an impression."

The same might be said of his music, too. "The paintings series shares the same title as the forthcoming album - Black Buildings," said Ollivierra. "They are both studies in clean lines, orchestrated space, and architectural and spiritual metaphors."

Appropriately enough, Neil's brother, Planet E DJ Tony Ollivierra, can be spotted behind the turntables at the exhibition's opening.

Another artist new to the gallery, Ron Zakrin, will present Manuel Override – a collection that moves between social commentary and self-examination and is decidedly Detroit-centric. For those who experienced the

Stomp from page B1

wane over the last six years. Awards continue to pour in like the Olivier Award for Best Choreography, a Drama Desk Award for Unique Theatre Experience and even an Academy nomination.

Beginnings

STOMP began, appropriately, on the streets in the UK and has stayed true to its raw origin despite international accolades. It has five international touring companies covering 200 cities worldwide including performances at London's Royal Festival Hall and the Acropolis in Athens, Greece. For seven years

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and still-running, it performs continuously to sold-out audiences in New York.

Here in the Motor City, STOMP skipped a year in 2000. Harris said the reason was purely a scheduling conflict, not from lack of demand.

"People expect STOMP to visit Detroit and when they didn't come last year we received so many, many phone calls."

Awards

STOMP has also earned awards nationally for its work in Coca-Cola and Target stores commercials and received a Grammy nomination for music

Seige: Painter Ron Zakrin will exhibit "The Siege of Heidelberg" and other works from "Manuel Override" at CPOP Gallery in Detroit.

first Detroit Electronic Music Festival last May, CPOP also offers a collection of photographs by Joe Vaughn sure to bring the experience spinning back.

Eye of the stage

Vaughn, a Royal Oak resident. said he aimed to capture the feeling of the artists who graced the stages. He was, in essence, the 'eye of the stage."

"I wanted to bring the average person a little closer to the artist - to show them that they are just one of us, that they love what they do," said Vaughn. Deciding what photographs to present became a daunting task. "(It was) very tough. There were so many images that I wanted to show and will someday try to - but I had to narrow it down."

With more than 5,000 square feet of space, the gallery changes its exhibitions monthly. What started out as an underground." rock poster art gallery nestled in Royal Oak has come into its own as a cutting-edge, contemporary art authority, supporting local' artists and constantly introduc-" ing the work of new ones.

And CPOP is no stranger to the electronic music scene. Collaborating with the festival's producer, Plymouth resident Carol Marvin of Pop Culture Media, and Planet E founder Carl Craig, who secured the DEMF line-up, CPOP sponsored a stage at the $t_{i,t_{i}}^{1}$ festival.

"This music is very much a_{iff} part of the city," said Hazel.

on Quincy Jones' Q Jook Jointdy album. It produced a short live paction film, Brooms, that earned an Academy Award nomination 30 and received an Emmy for the creation of the HBO special STOMP Out Loud.

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STOMP has appeared on the 68th Annual Academy Awards, The Late Show with Dave Letterman, Oprah, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, soap show General Hospital, Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, Dateline NBC, the sitcom Mad About You and others.

Tickets are still available for select Fisher performances.

covers that the pediatrician is

really the groom-to-be of her

most treasured client - the one

whose wedding she's planning so

that her career can take a giant

is going. Mary is about to learn

that some highly important

things in her pretty life are way

This film's co-stars not only

turn in engaging performances

as individuals, but better yet for

a romance, they generate no

small amount of sparkling chem-

istry on the screen as a couple.

With some luck, maybe they'll be

paired again, in a production

more deserving of what they

The animated supporting cast

includes Alex Rocco as Mary's

match-making father from the

old country, and Justin Cham-

bers as Massimo, a handsome

Sicilian who would like to sweep

Mary off her feet, but can only

stumble over his own intentions.

Bridgette Wilson Sampras as the

rich bride-to-be and Judy Greer

as Mary's giddy assistant add a

bit of spice to the cinematic con-

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Film offers a sugary love story

BY VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

Got a craving for some eye candy? Then grab your partner and head out to see The Wedding Planner.

Almost everything about this picture directed by Adam Shankman and written by Pamela Falk and Michael Ellis is as pretty as a box of Valentine fondant - from its players, to the clothes they wear, to its storybook San Francisco settings.

But if you hanker for something more substantial, look elsewhere.

Slick, superficial prettiness and game attempts by most of its actors can't lift this movie past some lame writing. Are we really supposed to laugh at lines like "When I dance, I look like a retarded string bean"? The story is about as credible as a daydream cooked up by the bubble gum set.

Jennifer Lopez is Mary Fiore, the unmarried wedding planner of the title. She oversees weddings as if they were D-Day with flowers.

Got a nervous bride? Talk her down. Got a tipsy father-of-thebride? Get him on his wobbly feet any way you can. Got a best

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 2 VALENTINE

A thriller about four women who find themselves being stalked by a killer over Valentine's Day weekend and find reason to believe that the killer is someone from their childhood past. Stars David Boreanaz, Denise Richards and Marley Shelton.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 9

HEAD OVER HEELS

Amanda Pierce is an art restorer living the high life in New York City, She shares a luxurious East-side apartment with four supermodels. The only thing missing in her life is a man who will be

man who forgets the wedding toast? Feed him his lines via a tiny microphone, installed in his ear for just such emergencies. In the meantime, don't allow a single slouch, or a solitary wrinkle to find its way into your own dress for the day, nor a stray hair to wander from your oh-soelegant coiffure.

Let's face it: Mary is a control freak. Even the suppers she eats in the evenings (all alone) look neat and beautiful. And yes, her credit cards are alphabetized.

One day, the messy hand of fate steps in and Mary nearly gets herself killed. At the last minute, she's saved from a sloppy taxi driver and a runaway garbage Dumpster by a handsome pediatrician named Steve Edison (Matthew McConaughey). This is not the last time the good doctor/Superman-type will save her from disaster. They spend a romantic evening in Golden Gate Park, dancing under the stars, an event which causes Mary to lose control - of her smiling muscles the next

day. Yes, it looks like our wedding planner might be smitten.

But suddenly, in one of this movie's few surprises, she dis-

true to her. When she finally meets the perfect guy, there's only one problem he may be a lady killer. Literally, Stars Monica Potter, Freddie Prinze Jr., China Chow and Shalom Harlow. Directed by

Mark Waters. **INVISIBLE CIRCUS**

The story of a headstrong teen (Jordana Brewster) who sets out on asjourney of discovery as she attempts to unravel the mysterious death of her sister Faith (Cameron Diaz). Too young to feel the '60s for herself, Phoebe discovers its influence as she retraces the steps of her sister and her sister's boyfriend (Christopher Eccleston) across a politically-charged continent. The film is directed by Adam Brooks.

BEFORE NIGHT FALLS

ner's sassy boss.

An emblematic portrait of the world below the equator. A strong, poetic and imaginative piece of work, the film offers a beautiful parable that begins in extreme poverty and ends in extreme wealth. Stars Javier Bardem, Olivier Martinez, Andrea Di Stefano, Johnny Depp and Sean Penn.

HANNIBAL

Film continues the story from The Silence of the Lambs. Seven years have passed since Dr. Hannibal (Anthony Hopkins) escaped from custody. He's now at large in Europe. Also stars Gary Oldman and Julianne Moore.

STREET SCENE Get the 'Low'-down on Minnesota's meekest trio



Low, Parker doesn't lead a A. CASOLA flashy, rock star

that's OK.

Along with her husband - guitarist and singer Alan Sparhawk and Low's bassist Zak Sally, the band has been a well-kept secret in the world of minimal melodic music. Low ventures into the quieter side, slowing it down with hushed melodies and intense performances.

It's just hours

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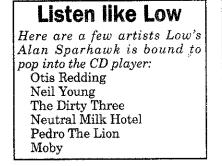
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"This is kind of my dream band," said Parker, who was raised on country, not pop radio. "This band is natural."

It wasn't always so. Parker claims she didn't want to join at first. "Alan and I had been talking about it for years, getting a band together. It never happened. Finally things just kind of came together."

They came together in the form of a self-titled EP and a full-length album, I Could Live In Hope, both released in 1994. But Sparhawk never predicted a career in music. Despite growing up on a musical diet of Van Halen and '80s punk, the guitarist claims "it never really made any sense. Even with Low, I don't think we ever really intended it to be something until we realized 'Wow, someone wants to put out our record.'

"When we started out, even before I convinced Mim to join the band, we were playing slow, quiet music," said Sparhawk. The experiment began with one question: How low can they get



away with and still make music? Seven years later, the band prepares for the Feb. 5 release of its eighth full-length album, Things We Lost In The Fire. Like 1999's Secret Name, Things We Lost... was recorded with producer Steve Albini (Nirvana).

"I'd say this is the pure exploration of who we are," said Sparhawk. "It's still kind of has one foot in the punk rock ethic. It's more in the approach."

You might not hear anything remotely resembling Anarchy in the U.K. on Things We Lost... but songs like Dinosaur Act boast plenty of fuzzy rock distortion.

"We kind of see it as a progression of sorts," said Mimi. "The songs are a little more orchestrated. It's definitely our most pop record - if Low were to do a pop record."

Low brought in some friends to work on the album - friends such as violinist Ida Pearl from Ida and samples by Mark de gli Antoni, formerly of Soul Coughing.

"It felt like the songs were bigger than us," said Sparhawk. "We were trying to catch up with these songs - to let them do what they wanted to do."

Along with new album, Parker and Sparhawk welcomed the birth of their first child, a baby girl named Hollis. She's become quite an inspiration, Parker said.



(Left to right) Alan Sparhawk, Mimi Parker and Zak Sally are Low

"One (song) in particular, Embrace, is about the childbirth process," she said. "We got a remarkable (response) playing that live. In Metal is kind of about her, too.

"We're definitely in baby mode. All the time. I guess it's made us think about touring and the band in a different way.' No fear for Low fans – at 6

months, Hollis had already

secured a passport and seen the Eiffel Tower. "She ends up kind of taking my mind off of other things," said Parker. "We all kind of help out. Zak loves babies, too."

Sparhawk said the experience has made him "want to be a better person."

Baby and all, the band is headed for Detroit. "It's one of our favorite places to play," said

guitar by Clarkston native Jim

Simonson and an unparalleled

backbeat by drummer Michael

Caskey, and The Brothers

Groove dive in and out of rau-

From Space Invader to the

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It Down defines The Brothers

Groove as an innovative and

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Sparhawk. "I think it's a great town. So bombed out, but it's got so much character. I compare it to Texas. There's no pretension. You just come out and enjoy the music."

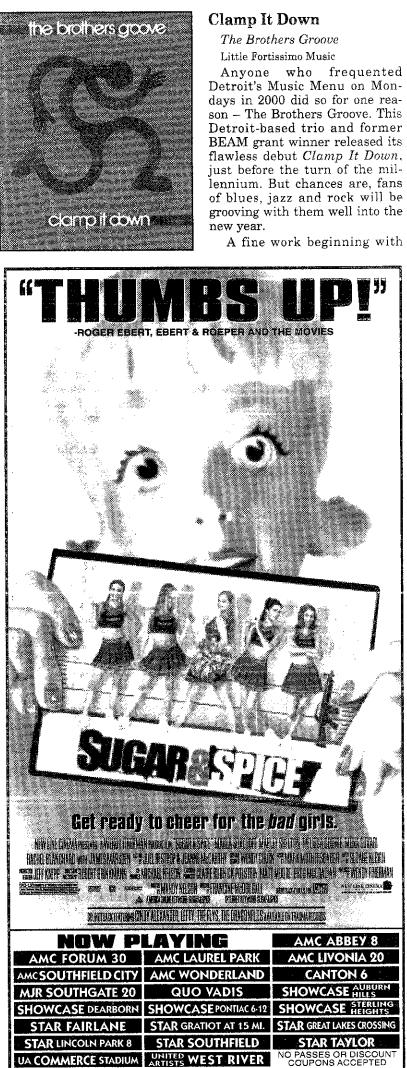
He did share some concerns about the venue, St. Andrews Hall. "It's kinda big."

Come out for Low and fill the place, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E.

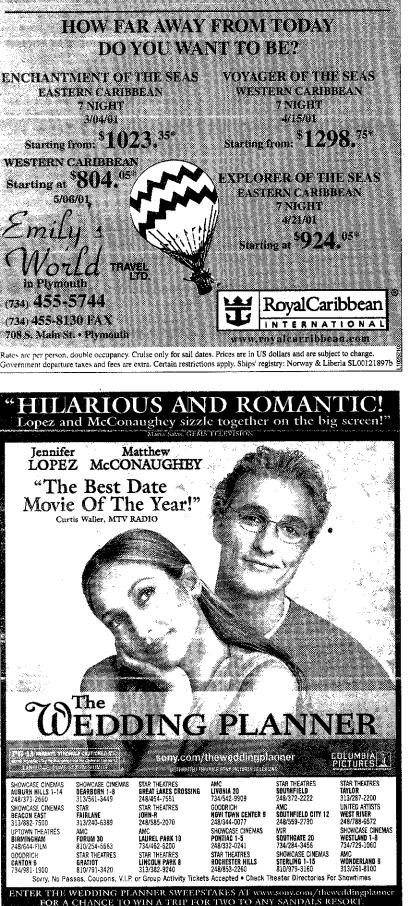
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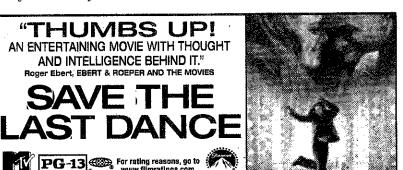


Detroit's Music Menu on Mondays in 2000 did so for one reason – The Brothers Groove. This Detroit-based trio and former BEAM grant winner released its flawless debut Clamp It Down, just before the turn of the millennium. But chances are, fans of blues, jazz and rock will be grooving with them well into the the relentless sing-along Pressure Cooker, the high energy MyGirlfriend Too and the always infectious You Got That Thing, the CD explodes with the energy that could only come from vocalist Chris Codish - who explores the very depths of his own voice and truly wails on the keys. Add in equal parts of soulful bass



inspiring addition to the local Menu in Detroit. See www.themusic scene. Check them out brothersgroove.com. every Thursday at the Music

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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: Late Nite Catechism through Feb. 11, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: Moms Mabley: The Naked Truth continues to March 18, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347 FISHER THEATRE: Stomp continues to Feb. 4, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$30-\$45. (248) 645-6666 FOX THEATRE: Smokey Joe's Cafe, starring Gladys Knight, March 27-April 1, at the theatre. Showtimes vary. \$23.75-\$38.75. (313) 983-6611

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: Lion in Winter continues to Sunday, Feb. 4 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Performance times vary, tickets \$21-\$37.50 call for information. (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666 **PERFORMANCE NETWORK:** The comedy Maggie Rose opens Feb. 2 and continues to March 4, at the theater, Ann Arbor. (734) 663-0681

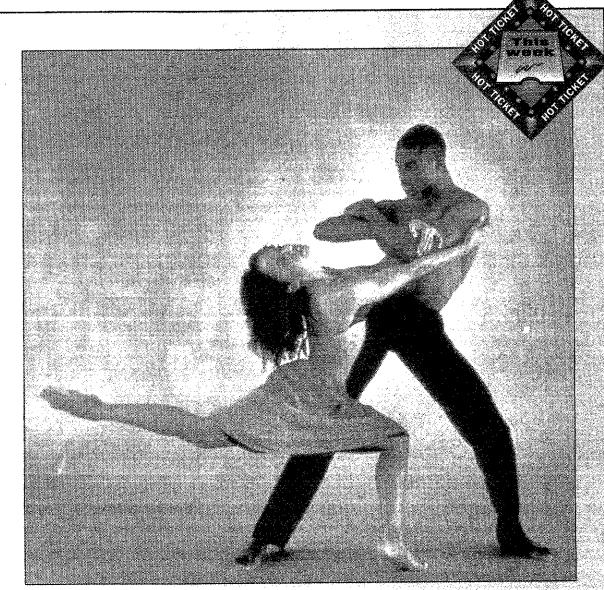
PLOWSHARES THEATRE: Mule Bone by Zora Neale Hurston and Langston Hughes continues through Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. Tickets \$20-\$18, all preview seats \$10. (313) 872-0279 POWER CENTER: Dairakudakan performs the theatrical production Kai In No Um (Sea Dappled Horse), a visionary spectacle beginning with the creation of the world and ending with hell and the spirit fig-

ures central to Japanese ghost stories, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$36. (734) 764-2538

SECOND CITY THEATRE: *The Vagina Monologues* continues through Feb. 11, at the theater in Detroit. Tickets \$85 for opening night charity gala, includes after glow. Tickets \$45 for the run of the show, with \$15 tickets available for first 25 students to present ID. (248) 645-6666

COMMUNITY THEATER

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: *Communicating Doors* Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, in Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. (313) 881-4004 **STAGECRAFTERS:** A Little Night *Music* (music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by Hugh Wheeler) 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 2 p.m. Sunday, through Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Baldwin Theatre, downtown Royal Oak. \$14-\$16, (248) 541-6430. Intended for mature audiences.



Dance: Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre with the Rudy Hawkins Singers gives four full-length performances and one hour-long family show featuring pieces by Ailey, including Revelations, Judith Jamison and other choreographers at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway in Detroit through Sunday, Feb. 4. Full-length performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4. Family performance 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. Tickets for full-length performances, \$15-50; family performance, \$5 for children and \$15 for adults. Call the University Musical Society box office at (734) 764-2538, the Detroit Opera House at (313) 237-7464 or Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

U-M THEATRE: *The Heiress* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$20 and \$15 reserved seating, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

PLYMOUTH-CANTON EDUCATIONAL PARK: Faces in the Crowd 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3, at the Little Theatre in Plymouth Canton High School, Canton. \$5. (734) 416-7514 PUPPETART: The Crane Maiden, based on a Japanese folk tale 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777 **COIN SHOW/EXHIBIT:** Hosted by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Coin Club, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Birmingham Masonic Temple, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 644-8818

DAVID COPPERFIELD: Performs March 23-25, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$45. (313) 983-6611 **CHAMPIONS ON ICE:** Featuring Michelle Kwan, Brian Boitano, Viktor Petrenko, Nicole Bobek, Rudy Galindo and more, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$25-\$55, (313) 983-6606 DETROIT BOAT SHOW: Kicks off with Charity Launch Feb. 9, runs Feb. 10-18, noon to 9 p.m. daily except Sunday until 6 p.m., at Cobo Center, Detroit. (734) 261-0123 GREAT CHEFS DINNER: 6:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, in the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$225. (734) 462-4423

STARS ON ICE: Scott Hamilton, Tara Lipinski, Kristi Yamaguchi and Ilia Kulik skate 8 p.m/ Saturday, Feb. 10, at The Palace, Auburn Hills, \$35-\$60. (248) 645-6666 VALENTINE'S DANCE: The 20th annual 50's Valentine's Dance, presents Reflections, with Deuce Coupe Band, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10/at Stiletto's, at the PRCU Civic Center, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte. Tickets \$22. 21 and older welcome. Includes food, bar, door prizes. Call Chooch at (734) 229-0678 or Chuck at (734) 425-2363 for details. WE LOVE BARBIE SHOW: Features Barbe and friends fashion dolls 11. a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. \$5, ages under 10 free. (734) 455-2110 WINTER SPARKLE: Mentor recruitment for the Hosts program 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the **Community Educational Resource** Center, Lake Orion. (248) 693-5436, ext. 6520 WINTER PSYCHIC FAIR: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, astrologers, card readers and palmistry, at the Troy Holiday Inn. (248) 528-2610/(810) 264-0100 X-TRAVA CON: Comic book, toy and non-sport card show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

HEART & MUSIC ... TOO!: A celebration of Broadway's best in song to benefit the St. Dunstan Theatre Guild Building Renovation Fund, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 22-24, 400 Lone Pine Road (between Cranbrook and Lahser Roads) Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$15, for a suggested donation of \$30 or more, guests receive preferential seating and a reception of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, 6:30 p.m. before 8 p.m. performances, or 12:30 p.m. before 2 p.m. Sunday performance. (248) 584-0696/(248) 356-7562, www.Stdunstanstheatre.com

VALENTINE'S DAY

ARETHA FRANKLIN: Performs with a 14-piece orchestra 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$25-\$100. (248) 645-6666. For information, call (313) 963-2366

SONGS FOR MAD LOVERS: Cabaret concert featuring singers Julia Broxholm and Deanna Relyea with pianist Jerry DePuit 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$15-\$30, proceeds to benefit Kerrytown Concert House. (734) 769-2999

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The Ballet Goes Pops with excerpts from Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake, also music by Copland, Saint Saens and Bernstein 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Temple Beth El. \$20, free for students with photo 1.D. (248) 645-2276

BRENTANO STRING QUARTET: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$30. (734) 764-2538

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT: Brentano String Quartet 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, in the Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills. \$18-\$67, \$15 students. (248) 645-6666 DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Berlioz's Symphony fantastique 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Feb.

2, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$52. (313) 576-5111 DRESDEN STAATSKAPELLE:

Conductor Giuseppe Sinopoli conducts an all-Strauss program featuring three popular orchestral works 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$55.

GOSPEL

MIGHTY CLOUDS OF JOY: Share the stage with the Campbell ; Brothers with Kate Jackson 8 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 1, at Orchestra Hall; Detroit. \$15-\$50. (313) 576-5111 ~

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

ALL-MALE CHORUS: Looking for singers with the ability to carry a tune for Wayne Chapter of SPEB-SQSA, rehearsals 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, ability to read music not required, at Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia. (7340 722-2186

BEL CANTON CHORAL GROUP: Auditions for women who read music and love to sing Monday, Feb. 5, at Southfield High School. (313) 640-0123

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE:

Auditions for *Little Shop of Horrors*. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 15-16, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, if necessary call backs will be Saturday afternoon, members of Actors' Equity may make appointments for Friday, union and non-union actors/singers make appointments for Thursday or Sunday, in the rehearsal room 125, at the theater, Rochester. For performances April 25 to May 20. Call (248) 370-3310 to schedule an appointment.

MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE

FESTIVAL: Auditions 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 and 2-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, call back auditions 1-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 17-18, variety of roles available for adults of all ages, at the Jackson Symphony Hall, 215 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson. Rehearsals begin June 12. Call (517) 788-5032 to schedule an audition time.

VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF

MICHIGAN: Is looking for entries for its 7th annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students. Held in cooperation with the Italian American Cultural Society, the competition encourages and helps develop young amateur vocal talent and promotes appreciation for Italian music and language. Deadline for submitting tapes is Saturday, Feb. 17, Ten finalists will be chosen from cassette audiotape auditions submitted through their respective high schools. Each finalist will receive a cash prize ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 in addition to the opportunity to perform before a live audience at the final concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at the Italian

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS:

The Shadow Box 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, 9-10 and 16-17, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Upstage Theater, Detroit. \$10 (senior and group rates available) 25 percent of tickets sales for Feb. 9 performance will be donated to Hospice of Southeast Michigan. (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010 **ZEITGEIST:** The Last Church of the Twentieth Century Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, 9-10 and 16-17, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at the performance venue, Detroit. \$10. (313) 965-9192

COLLEGE THEATER

BONSTELLE THEATRE: Dancing at *Lughnasa* Friday-Sunday, Feb. 2-4, at the theater on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

HILBERRY THEATRE: Antigone by Jean Anouilh runs in rotating repertory through March 29; Luigi Pirandello's Six Characters in Search of an Author runs in rotating repertory until Feb. 22, performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, at the theater on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

STUDIO THEATRE: Wayne State University's Black Theatre Program presents Long Time Since Yesterday, a story of five successful African-American women who come together after the funeral of their friend 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10 and 15-17, at the theater downstairs at the Hilberry Theater on campus, Detroit. \$6-\$8. (313) 577-2972 **THEATRE COMPANY:** Brutality of Fact 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Feb. 8-10, 15-17 and 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 18 and 25, McAuley Auditorium. \$10-\$12 (313) 993-1130

RISING STARS: Present *Spoon River Anthology*, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 6-7, Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 433-0885

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Wizard of 0z 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 3-4 and 10-11, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 and 10, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$10 reserved, \$5 general admission. (313) 535-8962

WILD SWAN THEATRE: Along the Tracks based on incidents related to the Underground Railroad in Detroit, Ann Arbor and Windsor (recommended for students in grades 3-12) 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Feb. 12-16, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb/ 16, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 17-18, at the Towsley Theater, Morris Lawrence Building Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor; and 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Thuesday-Friday, Feb. 20-23, in the Community Arts Auditorium at Wayne State University, Detroit. \$8, \$6 children. (734) 763-8587/(734) 995-0530 group sales YOUTHEATRE: Celebrates Black History month with Harold McKinney and his Jazz for a New Generation, a lively introduction to jazz for families with children age 5 and up 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 3-4 and 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Millennium Centre, Southfield. \$8 advance, \$10 at door. (248) 557-7529 or on-line at www.youtheatre.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

BLACK HISTORY EVENT: 2:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, African American Marketplace, hands-on art for kids, exhibits, food, at the main branch of the Detroit Public Library. Free. HARPBEAT: Performs music for kids 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Livonia Mall. (248) 476-1160 HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW: 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 1-2, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, until 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Novi Expo Center. \$7, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 6-12. (248) 862-1019

ORIGINAL TOUGHMAN CONTEST: 8

p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$12-20. (248) 645-6666

POLISH WEDDING GALA: Marysia and Janek are getting married and you're invited. The Highlanders' Wedding Feast: A Polish Evening of Goralski Tradition, Song and Dance takes place Saturday, April 28, presented by the Polish Alliance Dancers of Dearborn and the General Pulaski Polish Language School, the evening begins with cocktails and hors d'ouevres followed by the wedding, a full course authentic Polish feast will be served after entertainment by MuzaMix, at the American Polish Cultural Center, Troy. \$35, \$20 for children age 12 and under. Reservations must be made by Friday, April 13. Call (313) 581-3181 (days), (734) 789-8801 (evenings), or send e-mail to BusiasAttic@aol.com. More information is available at http://polishalliancedancers@hypermart.net

REDFORD THEATRE: Bringing Up Baby starring Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, organ overtures begin 30-minutes earlier, at the theater. \$3. (313) 531-4407

BENEFITS

ONE ACTS FESTIVAL: Featuring selections from The Man Who Came to Dinner, Schoolhouse Rock, Don't Drink the Water, and Rent 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 1-2, at Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills. \$5-\$15. Proceeds go to the scholarship funds in memory of Julie Anna Wirthlin and Kristin Oswald. (248) 645-4679 CRANBROOK GARDENS: Shake off the Winter Blues Green House Sale, orchids, ferns, succulents, blooming bulbs and more, noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Cranbrook Gardens Greenhouse, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Proceeds from sale will be used to maintain and improve the 40 acres of gardens surrounding Cranbrook House. (248) 645-3147 **ROMANTIC MUSIC:** Featuring planist Elizabeth Lesesne Dixon and mezzo-soprano Rose Mullins 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$8 students, \$5 age 13 and under, \$25 family (advance); \$12, \$9 students, \$6 age 13 and under, \$30 family (at the door). (734) 930-2823. Proceeds go the King School Space Camp Program.

(734) 764-2538 LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

Presents a Valentine Bouquet chamber concert with soloists Barbara Pierce (vocals) and Jim Poe (bassoon) 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Livonia Civic Center Library. \$14. (734) 425-4855

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

ORCHESTRA: Presents a chamber concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$14, \$12 seniors/college students, no charge for children in grades K-12. (734) 451-2112

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE:

Celebrating American Music, 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, features works of Michigan composers and performers of the Birmingham Musicale, at the Community House, 380 Bates St., (248) 641-1705.

THREE GENERATIONS OF

COMPOSERS: With Lettie Alston and Friends 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, in Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Museum of African American History, Detroit. \$12, \$10 seniors, \$6 students. (248) 370-3013

DUBRAVKA TOMSIC: Artur

Rubinstein's prize pupil performs 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$14-\$40. (734) 764-2538

CHORAL

CHORISTERS GUILD FESTIVAL

Features singing by more than 320 metro Detroit children, ages 7-10, representing 19 different churches and many faith expressions 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, the new Our Lady of Good Counsel, North Territorial and Beck roads, Plymouth. Free-will offering. (734) 453-0326

American Cultural Center in Warren. (734) 455-8895

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA: 9

p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7 cover. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, bop)

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY:

8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday through February, at Excalibur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

COMMUNITY BAND/CHOIR

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE:

Sponsored by the Farmington Community Band, Friday, Feb. 9 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Event features the Farmington Community Band Dance Band playing music for your dancing and listening pleasure. Cash bar cocktail hour 6:30 p.m., buffet dinner 7:30 p.m. Dancing until midnight. Tickets \$42 per person for dinner and dancing. Tables of eight may also be reserved. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412 or visit www.fcbmusic.org

JAZZ

BUGS BEDDOW BAND: 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Kansas City Grill, Madison Heights. (248) 589-9900; 10 p.m.to 2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900 **RON BROOKS TRIO:** 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover.

(734) 662-8310 **RAMONA COLLINS:** Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, at the Bird of Paradise,

Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 662-8310 DOUG DEMING & THE BLUE SUIT BAND: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAM SESSION: 9 p.m. Sunday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$2 cover. (734) 662-8310

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DALE GRISA TRIO: 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, at Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-7480

PHIL GRAM ALL STARS: The evolution of jazz introduces listeners tothe history of jazz 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at Borders Books,

Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110 HARMONICA SHAH BLUES BAND: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

JEFF HASS TRIO: 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (248) 424-9041 **ROBERT JONES:** In recognition of Black History Month, the University of Michigan Museum of Art is presenting a performance by Detroit blues artist Robert Jones 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the museum 525 South State Street, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 763-UMMA; Celebrates the blues and Black History Month 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Borders Books, Farmington Hills. (248) 737-0110 LOS GATOS: CD Recording session Friday-Saturday, Jan. 26-27 (\$7);9 . p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of

(734) 662-8310 MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With Tom Saunders, cornet, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. (734) 762-7756

Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover.

MR. B'S BIRTHDAY BOUNCE: The blues and boogie woogie pianist performs 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

ROBERT PENN: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

'RANDY SABIEN/MIKE DOWLING: Jazz fiddle and guitar, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS



SLACK KEY GUITAR FESTIVAL: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-**STKTS (Hawailan music)**



Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, south of Cherry Hill, west of Canton Center Road. \$5. (734) 394-5193 U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984

WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764 WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS: 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7. (810) 774-9148 or e-mail dlj@homecomm.net

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

OPEN MIC POETRY: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Belle's Beanery, Belleville. (734) 697-3200

COMEDY

JD'S KEY CLUB: Jef Brannan, Brett Alan, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6; Barry Neal, Kevin Kramis, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13; Jim McHugh, Dan Greuter, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the club, Pontiac. \$6 admission. (248) 338-7337

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Kevin Naughton Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

ROBERT POST: The comedian and mime performs 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Athens High School, 4333 John R, Troy. \$15. (248) 335-5307/(248) 435-5307

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Rocky LaPorte Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: Here Comes My 19th Nervous Breakdown, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; 1001 Improv Jammers 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 and 27, and March 6, at the club in Detroit. \$15 and \$20. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or www.secondcity.com 7TH HOUSE: Bingol An audience

participation comedy romp, presented 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday, at the theatre, Pontiac. \$20. (248) 335-8100 or www.bingotheshow.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

Saturday, Feb. 16-17, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 BODEGA: With The Jinx, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. (313) 962-7067 AL CARMICHAEL: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 12, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free, All ages.

(248) 644-4800 CHERIE: Valentine's Weekend

Party, including dinner, performance, and a DJ, Saturday, Feb. 10, LaRoy's Hall, LaSalle. \$25. (734) 777-2445 CHRIS CODISH TRIO: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

MARSHALL CRENSHAW: 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$5. Rescheduled from Dec. 17. (248) 544-3030. CROP CIRCLE: Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477 DEAD HEROES: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 (punk) **DELL AND THE ROUGHCUTS:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

DELTA 88: With Kevin Meisel, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302 JASON DENNIE: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302 **DETROIT BLUES GUITAR:** Featuring Robert Penn, Bobby Murray, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. All ages. (248) 262-

6890 DETROIT COBRAS: Friday, Feb. 16, Gold Dollar, Detroit, (313) 833-6873

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With 19 Wheels, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030. (pop rock) STEVE EARLE: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. All ages. \$23. (734) 668-8397 (country)

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: Performing for Hash Bash celebration, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.75. All ages. (734) 668-8397 (jam band) MARK ELF TRIO: 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, Firefly Club, Ann Arbor. \$15. 18 and older. (734) 665-9090 ENGLISH BEAT: Featuring Dave

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and

older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com THE ARENA: 2800 N. Milford Road, Highland, Located inside Olympic Lanes. (248) 887-1880 THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 865-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900, BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477 CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900 CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www. 961 melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616 CONOR O'NEILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941 THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m. 5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or. www.detroitscience.com

Wakeling, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

14TH ANNUAL EROTIC POETRY AND MUSIC FESTIVAL: Featuring performances by N2 Submission, Braillehouse, Audra Kubat, Greebo and Deadly Mistress Donna, and poetry by Cindi St. Germain, Jimmy Doom, Liberty Ro Daniels, Ann Holdreith and Jim Perkinson. Hosting is Queen Bee and The Impaler. Jeff Hocking's art will be for sale, all at the festival, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, Lili's 21, Hamtramck. 21 and older. \$6-\$7. (313) 875-6555 or http://members.tripod.com/eroticpoetry. ESION: With Greebo, IsoKinEtic, 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5.

(313) 962-7067 EVERLAST: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. Tickets \$20. All ages. (313) 961-8961

EVE 6: With VAST, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$13. All ages. (248) 333-2362 (power-pop)

TERRY FARMER: 8:30 p.m. Crazy Wisdom Bookstore and Cafe, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2757

50C HEADRUSH: Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 15-17, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477

MICHAEL FRANKS: With Najee, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32-\$75. (313) 983-6611

ANDY G. & THE ROLLERKINGS: With The Buzzards, Clone Defects, Friday, Feb. 2, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

GYPSY DOG: 9 p.m. Saturday, Wintergarden Tavern, Livonia. Free. (248) 474-7159

HEMIGOD: With Give, Brailehouse, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030 AL HILL: 6:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3, Zydeco's, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600; With the Love Butlers, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900; Al Hill Trio performs Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 6-8, Weber's, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-3636

IMMUNITY: 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, J.W.'s, Novi. (248) (349) 7038; charge. (734) 332-9900. (reggae) ALAN JACKSON: With Sara Evans. 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$27.50-\$34.50, (248) 645-6666. (country) JELLY'S PIERCED TATTOO: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills. Free. All





Blind Pig: Catch Intuit-Solar's DJ Assault (above) with DJ Godfather, The Detroit Grand Pubahs and Ectomorph 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$15. Call (734) 996-8555 for details.

older. (313) 833-9700 (folk rock) MONK: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

STEVE NARDELLA: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 2-3, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

19.5 COLLECTIVE: 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, The Shelter, Detroit. This is the first of an ongoing event, on the first Friday of every month. Don't miss it. (313) 961-MELT. 1964 THE TRIBUTE: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030. (Beaties covers) NOBODY'S BUSINESS: Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870. OCTOPUS: With The Librarians, Saturday, Feb. 3, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Tuesday,

Feb. 6, 13, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 **ORGY:** With Cold, Spineshank, 7

p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$16.75 advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 (death (qog

PAKISTANI TAMBOURINE: Featuring members of Blackberry Brandy, Monday, Feb. 5, 12, 19, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477 PRHYME #Z: With Invincible, S.U.N., Athletic Mic League & Black Bottom Collective, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 21 and over \$6, under 21 \$8. (734) 996-8555 PIERCE PETTIS: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302 QUEERS: With The Independents, Dynamite Boy, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages.

Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS STEPHEN FEARING: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS **ROSIE LEDET:** The Zydeco Sweetheart performs 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS RFD BOYS: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at The Ark, Ann Arbor, \$10, (734) 763-TKTS

SON SEALS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS

DANCE

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE

THEATER: With the Rudy Hawkins Singers 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 1-4, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 (family performance), at the Detroit Opera House. \$14-\$30. (734) 764-2538

CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 (also free open jam 3-4 p.m., also open band practice 4-6 p.m.), at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 769-1052/(734) 332-9024

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7

p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Chapel Hill Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

HUBBARD STREET DANCE

CHICAGO: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. \$18-\$38. (734) 764-2538

IMMEDIATE/ADVANCED JAZZ

MASTER CLASS: Offered by the Marygrove College dance departwment, 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 3. Linda-Denise Evans, of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre instructs, room 228, Liberai Arts Building. Open to immediate level dance students, ages 10 and older. \$15, (313) 927-1306

M OON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, Livonia. \$5. (248) 967-#1428

PETER SPARLING DANCE

COMPANY: Perform 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, the evening begins with a 7 p.m. talk, at

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: The museum offers more than 250

interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

CENTER FOR CARIBBEAN

ARTS/CULTURE: Lecture series 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 opens a month long tribute to C.L.R. James and his fight for social revolution, other lectures 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 10-11, and fil, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the center, Detroit. (313) 871-4594; film series 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 and 28, at the Museum of African American History.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM:

African American Family Day 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, includes one-woman play The Spirit of Harriet Taubman at 12:15 p.m., at the museum. Free. (313) 833-1262

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: First Friday featuring music from Japan,

a tour of the Italian galleries and a demonstration by a Peruvian artist 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the museum. Free with sugessted admission of \$4, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900 or visit the Web site at www.dia.org

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM:

The First Ladies of Fashion exhibit featuring 14 reproduction inaugural Ball Gowns continues to Feb. 1, at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940



A PERFECT CIRCLE: With Snake River Conspiracy, Thursday, March 29, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Details to come. (rock)

ERYKAH BADU: With Soulchild, Talib Kweli, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-\$75. (248) 433-1515

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150 ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420 FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922 FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 647-7747 FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609 FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611 FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800 GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www. golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM:1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21. and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538 JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606 JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337. KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N, Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450 LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960 LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506 LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213 MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030. MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700-MEADOWBROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL: On the campus of Oakland University

in Rochester Hills. (248) 377-0100. or www.palacenet.com. MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 MICHIGAN THEATER: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397 MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038 MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 pr www.palacenet.com PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATER: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337 ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610 THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250 ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961 MELT or www.961melt.com

7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Cover charge, 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030 313, JAC: Upstairs from Jacoby's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067 THE TOWN PUMP TAVERN:100 W. Montcalm, Detroit. (313) 961-1929 TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members, (734) 464-6302

U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411 VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789 WINTERGARDEN TAVERN: 33320 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. (248) 474-7159

WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519 XHEDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale, All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946 ZIM'S IRISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

ages. (248) 652-0558 (funk-alternative)

ROBERT JONES AND MATT WATROBA: Blues and Folk: Two Rivers, One Stream, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, Waterford Historical Church, Waterford. \$7-\$10. (248) 623-9389 KNEE DEEP SHAG: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7.

(248) 544-3030 (rock with a funk edge)

KOMPOSIT: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 21 and over \$7, under 21 \$9. (734) 996-8555

BOBBY LEWIS AND THE

CRACKERJACK BAND: Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, March 1-3, 8-10, Major Tooley's Irish Pub, Northville. (248) 465-1 1680

LOW: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-8961. (minimalist rock)

MAGGIE'S FARM: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL.

J. MASCIS & THE FOG: With Elf Power and The Teen Beaters, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$12 advance. (734) 996-8555

MATCHBOX TWENTY: With Everclear, Lifehouse, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills, \$24.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666. (pop rock) **STONEY MAZAAR & THE**

WESTSIDERS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 9-10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

KENNY MEEKS: 8 p.m. Friday, March 23, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302 MEW: 10 p.m. Friday, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067. MHZ: With The Hammicks, Saturday, Feb. 10, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 MOJAVE 3: With Sid Hellman Group, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21. Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. 18 and

\$8. (313) 961-8961 MICHAEL OUEST: 9 p.m. Saturday,

Feb. 10, Coyote Club, Pontiac. Free. (248) 332-HOWL. RACHEL AND KAPP:7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages.

(248) 644-4800 RAY STREET PARK: Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 1-3, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477

SEVENTEEN: With Showshane, Baby Ambassador, Thursday, Feb. 1, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

SNOCORE ICICLE BALL: With Galactic, Les Claypool's Frog Brigade, Lake Trout, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, State Theatre, Detroit. \$26. All ages. (313) 961-5451.

RJ SPANGLER GROUP: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 14-15, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 TWISTIN' TARANTULAS: Sunday, Feb. 4, 11, 18, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477 U2: With PJ Harvey, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$45-\$130. (248) 645-6666. VIOLET SKIN:With N2 Submission, Radium, Friday, Feb. 9, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873 THE WILDBUNCH: With French Kicks, The Dishes, Saturday, Feb. 17, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

ZEN TRICKSTERS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8 advance. (248) 544-3030. (jam)

BLUE HAWAIIANS: 7 p.m. Friday-

DINING

The Blue Nile offers an adventure in dining

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net

"Good food and wine, Music and love, 3,000 years of history

and culture, My Ethiopia isn't everything, She is the only thing." - unknown Ethiopian patriot.

or Habe Wold Dadi, owner and chef of The Blue Nile in

Ann Arbor, the above quote, prominently displayed above the restaurant's bar, is quite apt, and he proudly declares, "I'm the best restaurant in town.'

Although such a proclamation is subjective, one fact isn't: The Blue Nile is a unique dining experience. It gives new meaning to the words "finger food." All the food eaten at this Ethiopian restaurant is done so with the fingers. Imagine that, no utensils.

"Eat with your fingers. It's the natural way. It's fun," says Dadi.

He loves to talk about food and is very willing to educate his customers about the delights of Ethiopian fare, which includes lots of greens, pureed peas and lentils, and chicken, lamb and beef.

"If we don't talk about food, what are we going to talk about. Is there anything else?" he says.

Honey wine

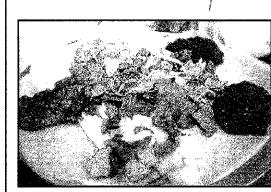
Ask how The Blue Nile's famous light and delicate honey wine is made, and Dadi will tell you there are no grapes, just a fermentation of honey, water and hops. He'll even add a bit of romance. "It came from honeymooners, from feeding the bride

The Blue Nile Ethiopian Restaurant

Where: 221 E. Washington, Ann Arbor, (734) 998-4746. Detroit location: 508 Monroe Street, Trappers Alley Mall, Greektown, (313) 964-6699.

Open: 5-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 4-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3-9 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday.

Menu: Fixed price all-you-can-eat "feasts": Ethiopian \$16.90 and vegetarian \$13.90. Salad and beverages extra.



Healthy: This sampling of Ethiopian fare includes pureed split yellow peas, red lentils, mixed vegetables and a lightly dressed salad.

plates of soft, foamy flat bread made from self-rising flour and hot water. The feast, either Ethiopian (with meat) or vegetarian, arrives on a large, flat tray, with each selection individually mounded.

Next comes the ritual that makes dining at The Blue Nile so much fun: Break off a piece of bread, scoop up a luscious tidbit, then, transport the food to your mouth, ignoring what falls into your lap or on the floor. Accompany this with sips of spicy Ethiopian ice tea or light and

ing, caters to large groups, nice bar area, superb coffee.

Atmosphere: Uncluttered, cool,

a perfect setting

for Ethiopian cui-

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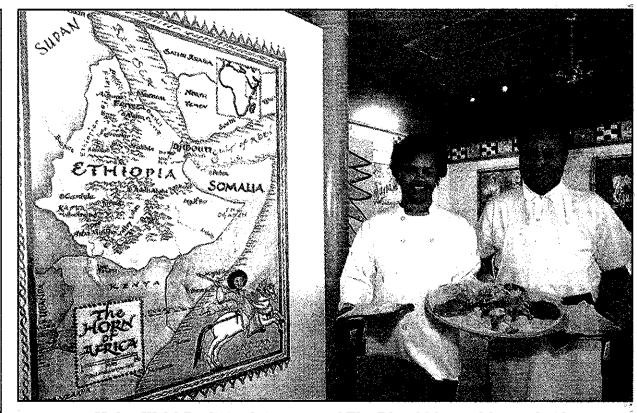
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delicate honey wine. The result? "Tasty," said Dadi.

Healthy

The Blue Nile is the perfect dining spot for the health conscious. The meat is simmered, never fried, and the vegetables are flavored with onions, garlic and herbs. "The food is very healthy," said Dadi. "We skin the chicken, trim off all the fat from the meat, use no preservatives and make everything from scratch. It's very balanced."

Some selections are cooked in



Welcome: Habte Wold Dadi (right), owner of The Blue Nile, and his wife Almaz Lessanework, offer gracious hospitality and Ethiopian feasts to their guests.

"berbere" sauce, a blend of roasted jalepeno peppers and over 14 herbs. Berberi resembles paprika, but its taste is much spicier and more complicated. It's delicious, full of character.

Dadi and his wife, Almaz Lessanework, make sure no one leaves hungry. The set-price feasts are all-you-can-eat, and vour tray and bread supply are constantly replenished. "They sample a little of everything. The more they eat, the more we bring out," said Lessanework.

Lessanework, whose brother, Seifu, owns The Blue Nile in Greektown, was born in Kaffa, Ethiopia, the land of the coffee bean. Obviously brewing an excellent cup of coffee is in her genes. She roasts and grinds her coffee beans every day. The result is nothing short of coffee

perfection.

Both Dadi and Lessanework agree the most rewarding aspect of owning The Blue Nile is serving the customers.

"I don't care what they look like when they come in. Out major concern is what they look like on the way out," says Dadi "If they have a smiling face, we're happy."



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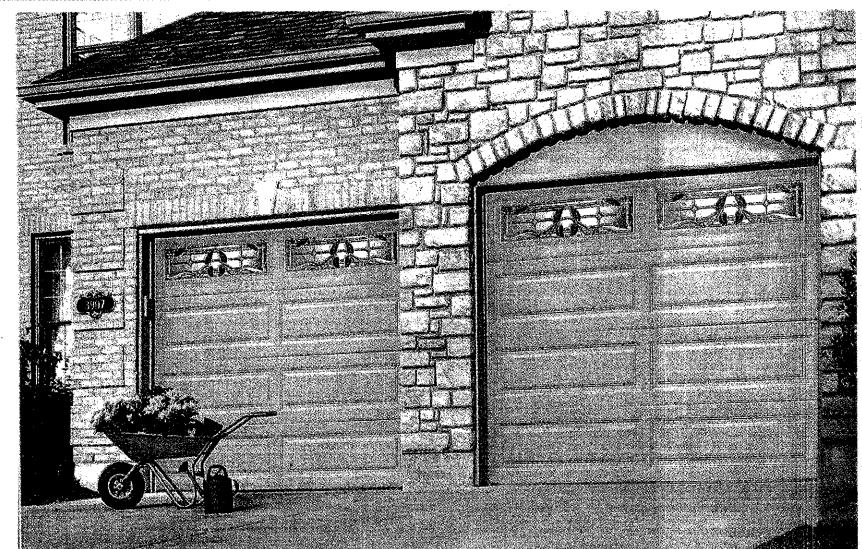
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CASE FOR STYLE



Garage doors drive home looks, safety

By MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER mklemic@oe.homecomm.net

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he garage door can do more than enclose vehicles and equipment and serve as a backstop for driveway basketball games. It doesn't have to be a plain, lumbering metal sheet that a homeowner puts off repairing.

These days, a garage door can make a stylish statement and have its own state-of-the-art features.

"You can virtually make anything you want," said Henry Tarnow of Tarnow Doors, 23701 Halsted, in Farmington Hills.

Tarnow Doors is one of more than 300 exhibitors participating in the ninth annual Home Improvement Show™, which starts today and continues through Sunday at the Novi Expo Center.

A garage door can be customized to match a house and take on its own stylish appearance.

"Carriage house doors are becoming

Garage doors are made of polystyrene insulation sandwiched between two layers of steel. Insulation helps contain noise if a resident is working in the garage and rooms of the house are above or adjacent to the garage.

A safety eye feature prevents the door from closing on children and pets. Rolling codes that change every time the door is used help maintain security.

Here are some tips

Tarnow offered these tips for maintaining garage doors and garage door openers:

Use a light lubricant (such as 3in-One oil, or a good silicone or Teflon spray). WD-40 is a better cleaning agent than lubricant.

On a one-piece door, make sure the spots where the arms connect to the pivot points on the wall are lubricated. There shouldn't be any broken corners at the roller at the top corner of the door. The roller, the part where the arm connects to the door, and the part where the spring connects to the arm, should be lubricated. On sectional doors, lubricate the overhead torsion springs, all rollers and the hinges. For garage door openers, perform safety checks. Every month or two, put a 2-by-4 under the door and hit the opener; the door should reverse automatically when it hits the 2-by-4. Also, disconnect the opener and work the door by hand. You should be able to stop a properly balanced door midway.

The cost for a 16-by-7-foot door is usually between \$750 and \$1,300. The work should take half a day ("three or four hours in most cases"), Tarnow said.

When hiring a professional, look for one that is with the International Door Association, he said.

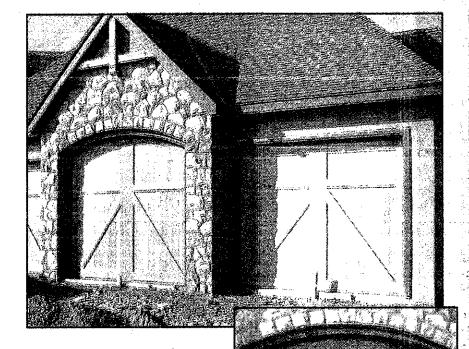
"A good door is like a roof or furnace," Tarnow said. "You replace them once.'

Exhibitors at the show have advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

The event also features demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes. (See related story for program schedule.)

"The median American home is 30

Face value: This raised panel design, with ivy decorative window, shows how garage doors can take on any style. Tarnow Doors of Farmington Hills, which offers garage doors and garage door openers, is in the Home Improvement Show™ in Novi. The show starts today.



popular," Tarnow said.

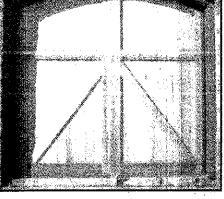
Among other styles are raised panel or flush designs; wood, woodgrain or smooth ribbed surfaces. Windows can be plain glass or clear acrylic, or have a leaded, beveled or stained glass look.

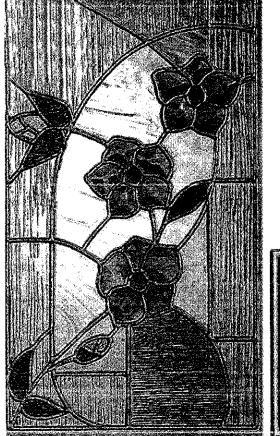
Tarnow Doors features a design center that enables the staff to take a picture of a customer's garage and show how it would look with different styles.

years old and smaller than today's new homes," said Stephen Taglione, president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and Westminster & Abbey Homes in Bingham Farms.

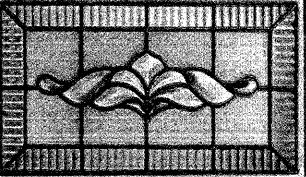
"Remodeling, especially to enlarge a home, is popular now and our show is tailored to all kinds of home improvements from large to small." BIA is the non-profit sponsor of the show.

Carriage house: The carriage house style is popular today for garage doors.





Great panes: Windows in garage doors can have a variety of looks, including stained glass (left) and leaded glass (below).



The program for guest appearances and home demonstrations at the ninthannual Home Improvement Show™ is below. The show is sponsored by the non-profit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan at the Novi Expo Center, 196 and Novi Road.

Show hours: 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Admission: \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for ages 6-12 and free for under age 6. Ample parking is available at the center for a fee. For more information: visit

http://www.builders.org or call (248) 862-1019. Thursday, Feb. 1

3, 5, 7 p.m. — Chef Raymond Wong, one of metro Detroit's best known chefs and most prolific restaurateurs, combines his cooking artistry teaching skill and humor to demonstrate low-fat, healthy Chinese cooking. He will feature creative ways to use leftovers, cut down on salt and make the most of interesting spices. 2-10 p.m. - WJR Radio "The Appli

ance Doctor" Joe Gagnon

Friday, Feb. 2 3, 5, 7 p.m. - Wong combines his cooking artistry, teaching skill and humor to dispel the mysteries of Chinese cooking.

-Special events set-

2-10 p.m. - WJR Radio "The Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon Saturday, Feb. 3

Noon; 2, 5, 7 p.m. --- Wong combines his cooking artistry, teaching skill and humor to dispel the mysteries of Chinese cooking.

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. --- WJR Radio "The Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon (11 a.m. to 1 p.m. live broadcast) 10 a.m. to noon - WXYT Radio 'Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haege

(live broadcast) Noon to 2 p.m. - WXYT Radio "Money Talk" Rick Bloom (live broadcast)

4-6 p.m. — WXYT Radio "PC Mike's High Tech Weekend" Mike Wendland (live broadcast) Sunday, Feb. 4

Noon; 2, 4 p.m. -- Wong combines his cooking artistry, teaching skill and humor to dispel the mysteries of Chinese cooking

10 a.m. to noon - WJR Radio "The Garden Show" with Dean Krauskopf (live broadcast)

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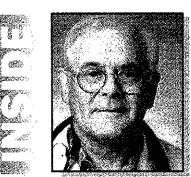
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Homeowners can bring bathroom pictures for the Original Ugliest Bathroom Contest sponsored by Mathison Supply, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and WJR Radio. The winner's bathroom will be gutted and a new bathtub, sink, toilet, tile, medicine cabinet and other accessories will be installed, all of which will be on display at the show.



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JOE GAGNON **Getting agitated**

The Appliance Doctor again reminds readers that cold temperatures of oil in washers can cause agitation problems. See Home Work, Page 2



MARTY FIGLEY

Sow seeds

Ken Abramczyk, Editor, 734-953-2112

Gardeners can follow these tips to grow plants from seeds indoors to help chase away the winter blues.

See Garden Spot, Page 3



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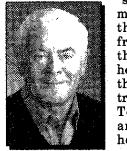
The Park Players of Plymouth Canton High School welcome two new directors. See HomeTown Life, page 7

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HOME WORK

Let freezer stand for two hours before plugging it in

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



readers of this column save a lot of money over vears the from advice they read here. That is the column's true purpose. To give you an idea of how it helps consumers, let me review

JOE GAGNON

a few of the thousands of responses I've received.

The owner of Bill & Rod's Appliance called me the other day to inform me that I had cost his business \$40 because he had to give a customer a refund. He pointed out that he was happy to give the lady her money back. because it resulted in a valuable lesson for his service technicians

and the owner himself. Many

Cold oil creates problem

The owner explained that his service technician went on a call during the first few days of January. The temperature had dropped to the 0° mark.

The technician diagnosed that a transmission was "bad" on a washing machine, because it was agitating so slowly. A few days later, the washing machine was agitating at a normal speed, only to slow down again when the temperature dropped.

The homeowner read a recent column on this very subject, then called Bill & Rod's and reported about what she had read. I wrote that if the wall behind the washer is an outside wall and the temperature of the oil in the transmission is real cold, the washer will not agitate at normal speed because the oil is too thick.

Now this owner named Kim

who has been in this service business for many years was so honest, he called me to tell me that he didn't know this fact, which the consumer had read. He sent the woman a total refund and thanked me for teaching him something.

That's what I call "class" and a good money-saving piece of information.

Freezer advice

Let's take the case of Joe W., who called me to tell me a service technician had been to his home and checked out his Gibson chest freezer. The technician told Joe he had a defective compressor. Joe paid for the service call, only to be told that the compressor replacement would cost more than the freezer was worth.

While talking with his mother, he tells her that he doesn't believe the service technician and is about to call someone else

to come out and check it. His mother tells him about this column and suggests to him to call me, which he does.

Apparently Joe tipped the freezer on its side for six hours, and then sat it upright and immediately plugged it in. As I've written before, you should always let a refrigeration product sit in its normal position for at least two hours before plugging it in to let the oil migrate back to the bottom of the compressor. I informed Joe that the service technician was correct.

I reminded Joe that if he was a regular reader of this column like his mother, he could have saved the cost of a service call, or most importantly, the cost of a new freezer.

Closing affects consumers

It is with a sad note that Montgomery Ward has filed for bankruptcy after 128 years in the retail business. This is another of those closings which will affect consumers who need warranty service on appliances.

Go back just a few years to when other appliance store chains went bankrupt, leaving thousands of customers holding the bag. Let's hope it doesn't turn out that way with this recent closing of one of America's giants.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson recently revealed a new recycling effort geared to prevent environmental damage by dismantling electronic equipment. This idea may not be as new as he thinks, as officials are doing it in Minnesota, Massachusetts, Florida and Japan.

I've written about this need in the past and the severe need for such action. Patterson is showing his leadership capability and should be commended. (Now, if he can manage to get major appliances thrown into the mix

with electronics and get those recycled as well, he has really done the job.)

Thanks to all of you who attended the Auto Show and stopped by the broadcast booth. It was nice to see you all. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Newstalk 760, WJR-AM, every Saturday and Sunday mornings. He is a past president of The Society of Consumer Professionals. His second book, "The Words and Wisdom of The Appliance Doctor" is available in book stores. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

Do you have a question for the Appliance Doctor? Contact him care of Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk @oe. homecomm. net. Look for Gagnon's suggestions in a future Appliance Doctor column.

Ducting a clothes dryer can eliminate mildew problems

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP NEWSFEATURES

Remember the time you painted the bathroom and about a month after it was finished, the mildew started to show up again on your freshly painted ceiling?

Have you ever had to scrape out the caulking from your shower because the mildew was so deeply imbedded in the joint you couldn't bleach it away?

Are the bedroom closets beginning to smell a bit musty? Is mildew growing somewhere

in your home?

If the answer to any of these

questions is yes, read on. Mildew is everywhere. It's in

the air – all around us. And the minute it comes into contact with any kind of moisture, it begins to multiply exponentially after only about two hours of exposure. As it multiplies, it becomes visible as a soft blanket of black or green fir that begins to cover everything in its path.

Mildew gets the liquid refreshment it needs in the most interesting ways: steam in a shower hits the surrounding walls and ceilings and condenses; steam from cooking hits the surrounding walls and ceilings and con-

denses; steam from the clothes washer hits the surrounding walls and ceilings and condenses.

Starting to get the picture? Believe it or not, this same kind of condensation can occur when the clothes dryer is not ducted to the exterior.

The damp air that a dryer usually exhausts can immediately inundate an area with moist air, which then condenses upon contact with any cold surface such as walls and ceilings.

Is there a chance that your dryer is creating another mildew feeding ground? If it isn't ducted

to the exterior, chances are you've got a hidden mildewmaker in your midst. This problem isn't difficult to solve. All you need to do is duct your dryer to the exterior, which will also solve a lint-in-the-home problem.

If your dryer already is ducted, make sure that the ducting is clean and clear. According to the National Fire Protection Agency, clothes dryers cause an estimated 14,000 home fires each year. And the leading cause of dryer fires was clogged ducting. So, if you are installing ducting do it properly, and keep it clean.

Here are the rules on how to

Dryer ducting must be a

in locations where it can be accessed (attic, basement, crawl space, etc.) and should be the foil or aluminum type - not the plastic kind.

B Ducting must be rigid in inaccessible areas (as when built into a wall or between floors).

■ The male joint of each section should connect in the direction of the flow.

■ The duct must be dampered at the exterior.

■ All joints should be secured with metal tape (the shiny silver kind) - not duct tape.

■ No length of concealed rigid duct should exceed 25 feet in

should not exceed 20 feet; 25 feet minus 5 feet is 20 feet). Lengths may vary depending on local codes and manufacturer's specifications.

Keep in mind that dryer vents must not be combined with any other vent system or chimney of any kind.

Whatever you do, don't duct your dryer into the attic, garage, basement or crawl space. You will create a fire hazard and a stinky, hard-to-access, mildewed mess.

As to the actual installation, all you have to do is secure enough pipe and fittings to do the job, and cut to length as necthan a jagged piece of glass. Use to the framing.

Finally, don't forget to test your ducting on a regular basis.

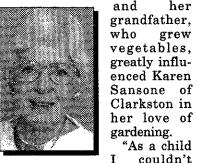
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GARDENING

Follow these tips to grow plants from seeds

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

said.

That love and interest is still deep within her.

It's very easy to grow plants from seeds, according to Karen. She grows those not available from nurseries as plants or if she wants a particular color.

Although seeds can be grown on a windowsill, it isn't recommended as the windows get cold. Karen uses a heat mat and a two-bulb, regular fluorescent light. An old heating pad also works.

"There is no one exact way," Karen said. "Some seeds require no more than six to eight weeks;

Her grandothers more, especially perennials. Some need light to germimother, who grew flowers. nate; others darkness. Some need to be scarified (nicked) with her grandfather. a nail file, knife, sandpaper or a grew jeweler's triangular file. Others may need to be soaked in water vegetables. greatly influovernight."

enced Karen Sansone of Clarkston in her love of "As a child I couldn't wait to sow seeds!" she Carkston in her love of the backs of the seed packets contain a wealth of information. But it's necessary to know the last frost date (here, around May 15-20) in order to know when to start the seeds, Karen said. The number of days to harvest out in the garden.

Planting

Using a waterproof marker, label each pot with the date the seeds are planted, the common name and the botanical name.

Plant the seeds thickly in a soiless mix, equal parts peat, vermiculite and perlite — this supports the roots and lets in oxygen. It contains no nutrients.

Press the seeds that need light to germinate firmly into the growing mix with your hand. For those that need darkness, just sprinkle a bit of soil on the top or set the seeds deeper in the potting medium.

Don't let the medium dry out. Watch carefully so it isn't soaking wet — too much water reduces the amount of oxygen.

Always water from the bottom, which prevents damping off. Set pots in pans of lukewarm water and remove them after the soil surface is wet to the touch. This takes a few minutes. Then drain the excess water off before putting the pots back on the mat or under the lights.

Set the pots or seeding tray on the heat mat. The temperature needs to be 70 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit for germination. Cover the trays with a transparent lid or plastic wrap.

After germination

After germination, the first set of leaves, cotyledons (food storage organs), appear. When the second set of leaves appear (the true leaves), remove pots or trays from the heat pad and transplant the seedlings to larger pots, keeping only the best.

Use a commercial potting mix and moisten it well. When transplanting into individual pots, hold each seedling carefully by a leaf stem and plant it in a hole made with a pencil, deeper than



MARTY FIGLEY Packet line: Seeds, seeds, seeds! Time to start them indoors.

the depth at which it first grew. Be careful not to crowd or twist the roots. Set the pots on a shelf and adjust the lights so they are two

inches above the foliage of the plants. The lights need to be on chains so they can be adjusted as the plants grow. Fertilize once a week with a weak solution of all-purpose fertilizer.

Here are some additional tips. Karen finds that when she gently brushes the seedlings with her hand, it makes them stronger. Keep everything clean — wash pots in a 10-percent solution of bleach and water. Keep seeds in Ziplock bags in a cool place, not necessarily the refrigerator.

When it's about time to set the plants in the garden, they will need to become adjusted to their new surroundings. This is called hardening off.

Take the seedlings outdoors on a cloudy day for one to two hours. Take them in at night. Continue this for several days; leave them outdoors all night the last few days. Before planting into the garden, check (using your hand) that the soil temperature is warm.

Karen recommends The Cook's Garden (call 802 824-5526, fax 802 824-9556) and Johnny's Seeds (call 207 437-9294, fax 207 437-2165). Both are organic.

Also, Le Jardin du Gourmet (visit www.kingcon.com/agljdg or write P.O. Box 75, St. Johnabury Ctr., VT 05863) offers 25-cent seed packets.

GOOD GARDEN TIPS

■ Visit the "Shake Off the Winter Blues" greenhouse sale

noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 14 at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine in Bloom field Hills. Find orchids, ferns, succulents, blooming bulbs and more. Questions? Call (248) 645-3147.

■ If a plant is damaged by ice, snow or wind, don't be in a hurry to prune it. It may straighten up on its own. Prune broken limbs only.

■ Use the dishwasher to clean old pots and trays. Rinse pots first to remove salts and dirt: Scrub with baking soda if they're really caked on. Put clay pots on the bottom rack, plastic ones on top.

■ After cleaning clay pots, rub them with linseed oil

■ Win rose bushes in the All-America Rose Selection Valentines Sweepstakes. To enter, visit www.roseorg or send a postcard to AARS Sweepstakes, 221 N. Lasalle, Chicago IL 60601. The deadline is Feb. 28, 2001.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then 3445. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

GARDENING CALENDAR

Does your garden club have an upcoming event or meeting you want publicized? Send items for consideration in Gardening Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@ oe. homecomm. net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

GARDEN CLUBS

NOVI

Nancy Lindley, master gardener, will discuss winter hardy roses as a guest of the West Rose Society of Novi at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. The event is free to the public and offers a social hour. FARMINGTON

Caroline Dana Lewis, founder of

the Ann Arbor chapter of the Great Lakes Rhododendron Society, has more than 300 specimens in her yard. She will give a slide presentation and lecture at noon Monday, Feb. 5, at the Longacre House, located on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For information, call 476-3017.

LIVONIA

Fiower arranging, with an emphasis on petite designs, will be discussed at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at St. Andrew's Church. The speaker is Gretchen Pugsley, a flower show judge, who is also a member of the Hill and Dale Garden Club of Farmington Hills.

ORCHID SALE

DETROIT GARDEN CENTER

The Detroit Garden Center's 15th Annual Orchid Display, Lecture and Sale is scheduled for 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, and noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Moross House, Detroit's oldest brick house, 1460 E. Jefferson, between Rivard and Riopelle, 1/2 mile from I-375. Visitors can listen to lectures at noon Saturday or 1 p.m. Sunday. Donations are \$2. Ron Ciesinski of Taylor Orchids, the Detroit area's largest orchid grower, will bring rare orchids from his private collection, blooming plants for sale and give growing tips in his slide talk, "Growing Prize-Winning Orchids," with

slides of his awarded plants and a repotting demonstration. Orchid raffles are scheduled both days. For information call (313) 259-6363.

BACK TO SCHOOL

MORE GARDENING

The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers a variety of subjects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size. Here is a list of some of the classes, some of which require prerequisite courses or experience:

Shade gardens, 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. sessions, Thursdays, Feb. 8 and 15; Landscape Design, six morning sessions starting

Tuesday, Feb. 20, and includes one Saturday, or seven evening sessions; Growing Vegetables, scheduled for three Wednesdays in mornings or evenings, starting Wednesday, Feb. 21. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information on fall and winter classes, times and costs or click on www. michigan gardening. com

LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Learn how to choose the best trees and shrubs to enhance the year-round color and interest in your landscape. Learn the pros and cons of various plant materials available to landscape the yard. Class is scheduled 7-9:40 p.m. for three Thursdays starting Feb. 8, or 9-11:40 a.m. Saturdays, starting March 10. Education program. Call (734) 462-4448. MATTHAEI GARDENS HERBS AND HEALTH

Schoolcraft College's Continuing.

The class is offered through

"Herbs and Women's Reproductive Health" is scheduled 7-9 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5, in Room 125 at the Matthaei Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. The program will be presented by Cindy Klement, a well-known local herbalist. The public is wel

come.

For further information, please call J. Schellhaas at (734) 761-1029 or e-mail sburek@provide.net.





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INTERIOR DESIGN

Many couples buy furniture together before marriage

are getting a head start on their new lives together by furnishing their first homes early.

Some 28 percent of married couples say they bought their first piece of furniture together before they stepped over the threshold, and 32 percent bought furniture within the first six months of marriage, according to a recent survey conducted by the American Furniture Manufacturers Association (AFMA).

And, it's not only when they buy their furniture that helps couples create their beginning, it's also how they shop.

Furniture is exciting

"Furniture shopping is a very exciting experience for couples who are decorating their new home," says interior designer

'PRNewswire/ - Newlyweds *Catherine Bailly Dunne, author Learn likes of Interior Designing for All Five Senses. "They can follow a few basic guidelines to ensure the process is as easy and fun as it should be."

> Dunne suggests crafting a master plan based on your dreams and demands.

"Every couple has a list of furnishings they need and a longer list of pieces they want. Begin in the room that needs the most furniture or where you spend the most time, and build from there," Dunne said.

"And, don't forget to treat" yourselves every once in a while to a piece of furniture you've been dreaming about."

Finding the ideal starting point is easier than saying, "I do."

First, learn what kinds of furniture you both like. Pick up some decorating books or browse at a local retailer to see what's available. "And, don't be afraid to replace furnishings that are worn out, have outgrown their welcome or no longer suit your lifestyle," Dunne said.

Dunne also emphasizes the power of accessories. Items such as lamps, picture frames, vases and area rugs are simple ways to add detail and style to a room. And, because most honeymooners' homes are filled with wedding gifts, pieces such as bookshelves, curio cabinets and coffee tables are perfect for displaying new treasures.

Newlyweds who don't know where to start greatly appreciate Dunne's practical advice. In fact, 45 percent of those couples surveyed say they wish they had had a better understanding of their own taste and style before they began furnishing their home. And 44 percent of couples wanted more information about the varieties of furniture styles available.

Indeed, furniture manufacturers today are creating an even wider variety of furniture styles that appeal to both bride and groom.

"The industry is responding to the needs of consumers with home furnishings that are both stylish and comfortable," said AFMA Vice President Jackie Hirschhaut. "It's easier and more fun than ever to decorate rooms the way that you've always dreamed."

DESIGN CALENDAR

Most decide together

The AFMA survey found that 67 percent of the newly married make their furniture decisions together. And, Dunne says that in furniture shopping - like relationships - togetherness is the key to success. "This is one of the first opportunities newlyweds have to express who they are as a couple," Dunne said. "They should discuss the styles they prefer, and what would be the best additions to their new life together. Above all, they should have fun designing a home that reflects their personality as a couple.'

While most newlyweds usually don't furnish their new home all at once. Dunne advises they shouldn't underestimate what they can do. "I recommend cou-

ples select furniture and accessories they both love, keeping in mind that their furnishings will eventually be replaced as their family needs and style preferences change," said Dunne. "Nothing can replace the satisfaction they'll get from a home they are happy spending time in together."

Finally, newlyweds should be relieved to know the possibilities are endless. "From choosing colors to selecting styles, the most important thing to remember is that there are no mistakes," says Dunne.

The American Furniture Manufacturers Association (AFMA) is headquartered in High Point, N.C. -- the home furnishings capital of the world -- and has more than 350 U.S. furniture members.



■ The Frank H. Boos Gallery. 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will have an auction 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, featuring property belonging to the estate of Marshall Fredericks and other estates and private collections. Call (248) 332-1500.

Decorating consultant Jeanine Matlow is teaching classes in Oakland County: "Entertaining with Style" (7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1), "Decorating with Antiques and Collectibles" (10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 3) and "Conversation Pieces" (7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8) through Farmington Community Education; "Decorating with Antiques and Collectibles" (5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6) and "Entertaining with Style" (5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13) through The Longacre House in Farmington; and "Decorating with Antiques and Collectibles" (7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27) through West Bloomfield Community Education. Learn innovative and affordable ways to decorate and entertain using items you have in your home. For costs and other information on the classes, call Farmington Community Education at (248) 489-3333, The Longacre House at (248) 477-8404 or West Bloomfield Community Education at (248) 539-2290

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\$35). Class size is limited due to hands-on training. To register, for a current class list or for more information, call (248) 652-4818.

Crafting, decorating and cooking guru Katie Brown will demonstrate creative party decorating at a free event 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at JoAnn etc in the Auburn Mile Shopping Center, 600 Brown Road at Baldwin in Auburn Hills. Brown, soon to host programs on HGTV and the Food Network, will share her knack for mixing homey appeal with a hip sense of style and a touch of romance. She will offer homespun tips on decorating and entertaining, including some from her new book, Katie Brown Entertains, while demonstrating affordable how-tos that take the stress out of decorating and entertaining.

Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak, presents a variety of home decorating classes. They include the three-session "Advanced Designer Pillows," Mondays, Feb. 5-19 (\$45). Pre-registration is required. Call (248) 541-0010 or visit www.habermanfabrics.com

Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak, will present "Designs for Living," four decorating seminars with Maureen Klein, Feb. 17-18. The store will donate \$5 of each seminar fee to Habitat for Humanity. Klein is a decorator, columnist, room, Tudor-revival style man-TV personality, author and educator. The Feb. 17 seminars are: 'Window Wonders," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and "Tablescapes," 2:30-5:30 p.m. The Feb. 18 seminars are: "Off the Wall ... And On," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and "Ruffles and

Flourishes," 2:30-5:30 p.m. Before Saturday, Feb. 3, you may submit "design challenge" photos for Klein's review; contact Haberman Fabrics for more information. Costs are \$45 for each seminar; \$80 for one day's morning and afternoon seminars (which includes lunch); \$115 for three seminars (which includes lunch on your full day of sessions); or \$150 for all four seminars (which includes lunch both days). Advance registration is required by phone, (248) 541-0010; by mail; in person; or by s i t i n www.habermanfabrics.com

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Dearborn High School (19501 Outer Drive, Dearborn) will be the host site of the Spring 2001 Arts & Crafts Extravaganza from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 24. For applications and or information call (313) 561-0402. This event is sponsored by the Class of 2001 and the yearbook groups. Admission is \$1 for person 12 and older. Ample free parking is available and there is plenty of food for here or to go.

CRAFT SALE

A craft sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church (555 W. Wayne Road) in Westland. For space call (734) 729-1605. Stop by to browse or buy.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Livonia Stevenson High School (33500 W. Six Mile, Livonia just west of Farmington Road) presents our Spring Spectacular Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Over 100 crafters, concession lunch available, strollers welcome. Call Barb (248) 478-2395 or Debbie (248) 476-0315. Lunch runners available for crafters. Admission \$2.

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Put your patient in a room where they can watch movies. This will help pass the time quickly. Have magazines, books

and favorite foods available when they start feeling a little

better. ■ If you are willing to go to any extreme to eliminate the spread of germs, you could have the "well" members of the family wear a mask around the person who is ill. This wouldn't be a good idea with younger children who could be frightened by the

mask. ■ Change your clothes often if you are taking care of the patient. Wash your clothes immediately and use bleach or an anti-bacterial detergent.

■ Wash linens and towels in hot water.

Change bathroom hand towels often. Give the patient his

own special hand towel.

■ Make sure you separate toothbrushes. Pour boiling water on the bristles and make sure they are stored without touching each other.

■ Use a disinfectant cleaner to frequently wipe areas such as doorknobs, light switches, faucets, cabinet handles and tovs

■ Use caution when you wipe off items such as piano keys, computer keys and television remotes. Water could prevent future use of these items.

■ Use a bleach solution to kill germs on contact. Use cautiously, however — bleach is powerful and will discolor anything it comes in contact with. It is also

very caustic and can pose serious health and safety hazards. Don't mix it with any liquid other than water.

Routinely remove wastebasket contents to the outside trash cans. Used tissues are breeding grounds for germs.

■ Designate one bathroom for the sick person to use. It should be off limits to the rest of the household. If you have only one bathroom, you will need to clean it frequently.

Everyone should wash hands frequently and keep hands out of their mouth. Washing is more effective when you lather at least 15 seconds with a good anti-bacterial hand soap.

Encourage everyone to cover their mouth when they cough and wash their hands immediately after coughing.

Run an air filter system close to the person who is sick.

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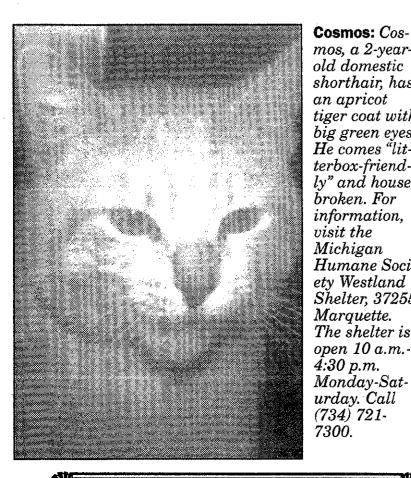
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ENGAGEMENTS

Szpakowski-Dunn

Tom Szpakowski of Plymouth and Joyce Drwiega of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Szpakowski, to Eric Dunn, son of James and Eileen Dunn of Essexville.

A June wedding is planned at St. Brigid Church in Midland.

Bierig-Walk

Robert and Margaret Schoenfield of Plymouth and Harry Bierig of White Lake announce the engagement of Amanda Louise Bierig to Andrew Allan Walk of Pinckney.

The bride-to-be is a University of Michigan graduate, where she earned a bachelor's degree in civil and environmental engineering. She works as a project engineer at Etkin Skanska Construction Co. in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé, son of Al and Gerry Walk of Pinckney, is a University of Michigan graduate. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil and environmental engineering. He works as a project engineer at Granger Construction Co. in Lansing.

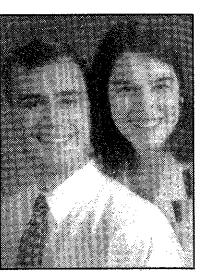
Heppner-Dummer

Ed and Roseann Heppner of South Lyon and Brenda Heppner of Clinton Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Leann of Livonia, to Eric Thomas Dummer of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a Western Michigan University graduate with a degree in marketing. She is working toward earning a master's degree at Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé, son of Jerry and Janet Dummer of Canadian Lakes, is a Michigan Tech graduate with a degree in engineering. He works for Ford Motor Company.





A May wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.



An April wedding is planned at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.

Marson-Overaitis John and Pat Marson of Livo-

nia announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer, to Peter Overaitis of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a Stevenson High School graduate and works at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of Peter and Margaret Overaitis of Garden City, is a Garden City High School graduate and works for R.L. Schmidt.

A May 2002 wedding is planned.

Wilson-Tatman

Eldon and Diana Wilson of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Ann, to Matthew Tatman of Saline.

The bride-to-be is a Stevenson High School graduate and works at University of Michigan's M-Care division.

Her fiancé, son of Pamela Tatman of Jackson, is a Brooklyn High School graduate and works at Briarwood Ford.

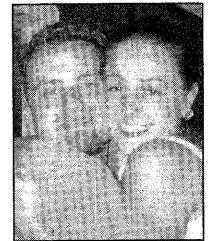
A September wedding is planned at Whitemore Lake Church.

Rau-Freeman

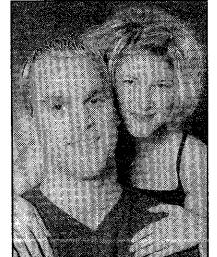
Larry and Cheryl Rau of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Aurilla, to Randall Paul Freeman of Flint.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Stevenson High School and attended Schoolcraft Community College. She will transfer to University of Michigan-Flint in the fall. She works at Beaumont Hospital in West Bloomfield for Yale Halpern, M.D.

Her fiancé, son of Rick and Terri Freeman of Flint, is a 1993 graduate of Carmen-An High School and a 1998 Michigan State University graduate. He works at Flushing's Springview Elementary School as a third grade teacher.







A July wedding is planned for Central Church of the Nazarene in Flint.

Zarb-Gal Edward and Linda Zarb of

Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Alisha Marie Constance to Alexander Zsolti Gal of Mississauga, Ontario.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Franklin High School and in her third year of bachelor of arts studies at Eastern Michigan University. She works as a cashier at Westborn Market in Livonia.

Her fiancé, the son of Sandor and Anna Gal of Mississauga, Ontario. He is a 1991 graduate of Mount Carmel SS High School and a 1994 graduate of Sheridian College in Oakville, Ontario. He currently is employed at Arvin Meritor as a lead hand in

Davis-Taylor

Mike and Diane Davis of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Elizabeth, to Kenneth Lamar Taylor of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a Churchill High School graduate and attended University of Michigan-Flint. She works at New Horizons for Children.

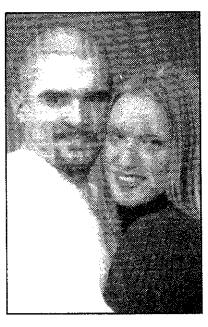
Her fiancé, son of William and Delma Taylor of Livonia, is a Churchill High School graduate and works for Michigan Cultured Stone.

A September wedding is planned at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene.



Mississauga, Ontario.

A wedding is planned for September 2003 in Livonia.



WEDDING

Zumberg-Hess

Dennis and Brenda Urick of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Cheryl Lynne Zumberg of Farmington Hills, to Michael Hess of Canton. The couple wed Sept. 9, 2000 at Fox Hills Country Club.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and works as a relocation specialist at Weir, Manual, Snyder and Reanke.

Her husband, son of George and Patti Hess of Canton, is a Warren Local High School graduate and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He works as a service consultant for Office Depot.



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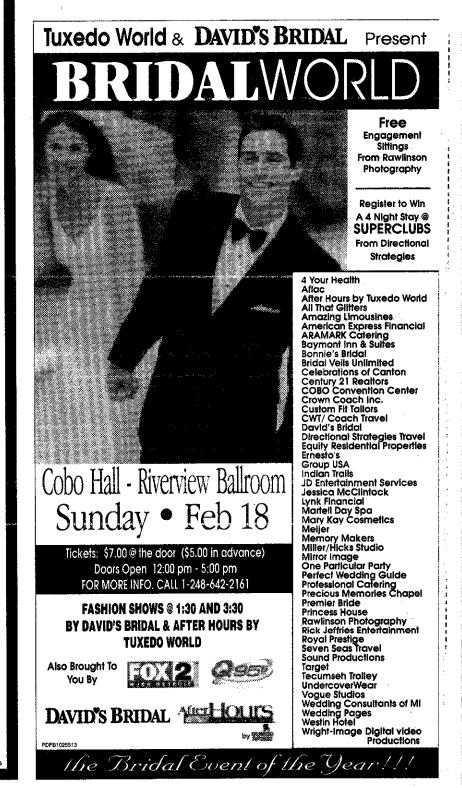
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The couple wed before the Rev. Debra Natt. The bride was attended by maid of honor and sister Kristin O'Brien, and her daughter and flower girl Marisa Zumberg.

They received guests at Fox Hills Country Club and took a trip to Cozumel, Mexico. The couple have made their home in Dearborn.

The groom was attended by



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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Mending a broken heart is tough business

My friend Doreen and I sat in a restaurant recently, talking about Valentine's Day and all the hoopla that accompanies it. Hallmark and FTD florists do very well, as do See's and Whitman Candy companies.

But when a person has lost a relationship to death or a break up, Valentine's Day takes on a whole different slant. We, who are in a close, committed relationship almost take the day for granted. Others look in on it, longingly.

Mending a broken heart is a tough business. Life seems to lose its meaning. But grief work is not meant to be a passive experience of waiting it out and suffering. Bob Deits, in his book "Life After Loss" says, "Grief recovery [from death or a break up] is more like recovering your balance after being knocked off your feet." What makes doing grief work even harder is that no one wants to talk about it. And yet, none of us is immune to loss; it is a natural part of life.

A Livonia friend of mind lamented one day that the irony of her losing her husband was that her friends applaud her for "doing so well" with

"They don't really want to see me cry, snivel or reminisce about him. They want me to look good and act like I've gotten on with life. It's almost as if they were seeking their own comfort with the situation, not mine."

Bottled up

But sadness needs to be expressed for as long as it takes to release it. Yogi Berra, the major-league baseball player said that a game "isn't over until it's over." So feeling guilty because you are not responding to loss "correctly" doesn't allow you the freedom to grieve in a way that best helps you. Grief is the last act of love you can give the person you lost. And sometimes we store up our feelings until the "garbage can" in our soul is full-to-the-brim. It's at these times that we suddenly begin crying over a seemingly minor thing. The trigger is the minor event (seeing a familiar site, watching a movie, thinking about a favorite shared activity). Then the floodgates open and our grief overwhelms us. Recovering from loss takes several steps. But remember, you might backslide a step to one you have already experienced. The first stage (step) we feel is shock. Just don't make any rash decisions during this time. Stage two is denial and withdrawal. It drains our energy and can cause us to feel all of our own aches and pains and may even bring out anger. But again, as with shock, know that you will not always feel this way. Stage three is acknowledgment. It is not even necessary to accept the situation ... just acknowledge it. Support groups or professional counseling can be of great value during this time. The fourth stage is adapting to your new circumstances. A day will arrive (sometimes between one and three years later) when you will realize you are not asking yourself everyday, "Why did this happen to me?" "Why" questions never have good answers. Why did she have to die? Why did my spouse leave me for another? At this step, the questions begin to focus on "how." How will I fill the void? How do I make new friends? How can I learn from the break up of this relationship? For those who lose out on Valentine's Day because they no longer have a "honey," it's definitely no fun, but making your child, sister, mother, grandparents feel loved can at least ease some of that bleakness because of your altruism ... know that they feel appreciated by your efforts.

Dramatic changes

The Park Players take cues from new directors

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

eoffrey Kopp and Shannon McNutt said the stage was set for both of them to make changes in their careers. Last fall, the pair accepted positions at Plymouth Canton High School as the new director and associate director of The Park Players.

"I had been wanting to move back to Michigan for some time," said McNutt, associate director of The Park Players and drama teacher at Canton High School. "I was ready to move out of Florida.

McNutt and Kopp stepped into their roles the first week of August and hit the ground running. Kopp said he learned of the directorship while online. "I came across the position on the Internet and figured I didn't have anything to lose if I applied. I started two theater programs from scratch, so I was looking for a new challenge. Taking over this program is a massive challenge. It's like a college theater program not only because of its size but because it is so well respected."

Kopp attended Fiegel Elementary School in Plymouth and graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1991. He received his associate's degree from Schoolcraft College and a bachelor's degree with a double major in English and theater education from Western Michigan University. A teacher for five years, he previously taught at Mt. Clemens High School and North Branch High School.

Changing of the guard

At the end of the 1999-2000 school year, Plymouth Canton High School said farewell to longtime performing arts teacher Gloria Logan. In honor of the three decades of dedication she gave to the students, the department and the program, the board of education renamed the Canton High School theater the Gloria Logan Auditorium for the Performing Arts.

"There wasn't a day this past semester that wasn't terrifying. It was a huge relief to get the fall production "The Miser" behind us. Everyone was waiting to see what the new guy could do," said Kopp. "It's very exciting to be here. It will

take a few years for Jeff and I to make our vision happen. We hope to expand on the traditions Gloria Logan established as well as bringing the curriculum up to state and national theater education standards," added McNutt.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN.

Talented: Shannon McNutt (center) and Geoffrey Kopp (right) are the new directors of The Park Players at Plymouth Canton High School. The pair are grateful for the support and assistance they receive from Paul Bird (left), the technical director/auditorium manager.

Logan Auditorium and Dubois Little Theater, the teachers have been laving the foundation for their "vision for the future."

They foresee many changes, not only in the curriculum, but also increasing the number of productions at both theaters from two to six. They're planning more outreach into the community through workshops and programming and the initiation of a Theater Booster Organization.

"I think it's serendipity that Jeff and I came in on the same page and that we have a good working relationship and friendship. We're very hopeful for the future," said McNutt. "We have different styles of management, but as far as our philosophies and our visions, we're on the same page. We relate to Amid preparing for the fall and the kids differently, but I think we pro-

A graduate of Garden City West High School, McNutt was a professional actress before becoming a teacher for the past 10 years. "I trained at the Julliard and Carnegie-Mellon and with the Royal Shakespearean Company. My friends thought I was crazy when I told them I wanted to teach. I don't have any children of my own, so all the students are my babies," said McNutt.

The Canton resident received her undergraduate degree in theater and her master's degree from Wayne State University. Before moving back to Michigan she taught performing arts at Apopka High School in Apopka, Fla., outside of Orlando,

Balancing act

Kopp and McNutt share responsibilities at both the high schools. Kopp

World Drama) and public speaking. McNutt teaches advanced drama classes and ensemble performance. Together they supervise the theater programs at each of their high school, will direct and supervise two productions each, and teach classes.

Currently the theater department is selling tickets for the Feb. 1-3 Enseme ble Performance production "Faces in." the Crowd." Students will be dramatizing an evening of scenes and monologues thematically collected in fulllength play format.

"Many of them were written by the students themselves. The first component of the program is dark and the second hopeful and inspiring. Subjectsinclude dating, incest, violence, suicide and drug abuse – many issues that

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■ Ward Evangelical Church -Recovery Groups Divorce (children/adults) (248) 374-5920.

New Life Ministries (grief groups) for children/adults) (248) 348-0115.

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■ Single Place at Northville Presbyterian (divorce recovery) (248) 349-0911.

■ NorthRidge Church Life Care (divorce/death) (734) 414-7777. ■ Family Resource Center (734) 595-2279.

spring performances at the Gloria vide a harmonious balance."

Volunteers make an impact at Starfish

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

Jill Natalini said in the past she usually found an excuse not to volunteer her time to a worthy cause. The Plymouth woman said while there have always been countless opportunities to lend a helping hand, she'd find a reason not to — until now.

"You know that old saying that you get more out of volunteering than the people you're helping. That's true," said Natalini. "I should have been doing more long ago."

The Plymouth resident spent Saturday, Jan. 20, as a member of a Volunteer Impact team painting the 3,000 square foot gymnasium of Starfish Family Services in Inkster, which is utilized by approximately 4,000 children each year.

Starfish Family Services (SFS) is a private, nonprofit agency serving children, youth, adults and families throughout Southeastern Michigan. They provide counseling, residential programs and community-based programs for children from birth through 21 years of age as well as support, education, crisis programs and counseling for parents and other community members.

Troops

Twenty-nine volunteers including journalist and radio personality Mitch Albom painted the gym, restriped the floors for basketball, washed windows and removed and replaced floor molding.

Natalini said she heard about Volunteer Impact on Albom's show on WJR -AM 760 which proved to be the catalyst for her to put her desire to help into action.

"My mom always told me to give something back but I always found an excuse," said Natalini. "Every time I do it now I feel really good."

Natalini first participated in a Volunteer Impact opportunity in December and has since started delivering food in the Plymouth area through Meals on Wheels. This month she enlisted the help of her son Ryan Natalini, a student at Michigan State University and his girlfriend, Kelly Brown of Canton.

Volunteer Impact is a non-profit volunteer service organization that allows volunteers to participate in a variety of projects and to schedule their volunteer time in a convenient and flexible manner. Each volunteer receives a monthly newsletter with a calendar listing volunteer opportunities. Volunteers then sign up for projects according to their interest and availability. Volunteer Impact offers a choice of special one-time projects, regular monthly projects and ongoing individual assignments.

Giving thanks

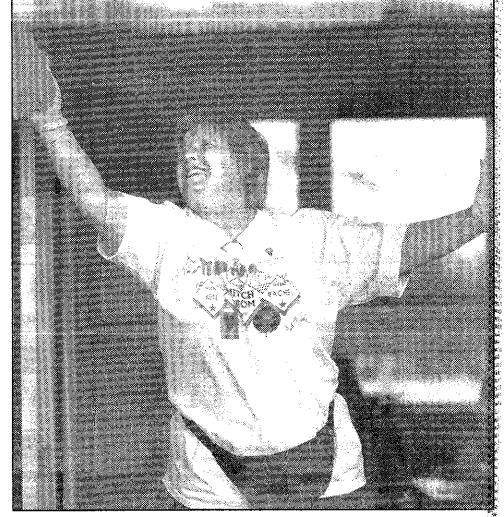
"We are very thankful for the hours that were donated by Volunteer Impact members," said Lin Fox, director of Community Relations at Starfish. "Their success on Saturday has provided a clean, exciting new environment for our children to play and a place where they can feel good about themselves. Our new partnership with Volunteer Impact will certainly touch our clients and the community.

The gym and stage were painted as well as the hall outside the gym. New taping for basketball games was done on the floor with a Starfish design in the center court. The volunteers also removed the baseboard molding in the gym and replaced it. A crew washed all of the dirty windows in the Head Start wing of the building.

"We had 29 volunteers as well as

teaches Drama II (soon to be called

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Helping hand: Jill Natalini of Plymouth washes windows at a recent Volunteer Impact initiative at Starfish Family Services.

Mitch and his two sidekicks, Ken and Rachel. The crew worked very had for 3 1/2 hours and did a wonderful job," said Fox.

According to the community relations director, Starfish provided all of the work supplies, paint, brushes, molding, and tape. "Volunteers provided the muscle, talent and a wonderful sense of spirit," added Fox.

Volunteer Impact contacted Starfish Family Services in December and received their name through the Love-Light Foundation.

"We were chosen by Volunteer Impact to have their volunteers provide a holiday party for our younger clients in December and they will be hosting a Dr. Seuss birthday party for our Head Starters on March 2," said Fox.

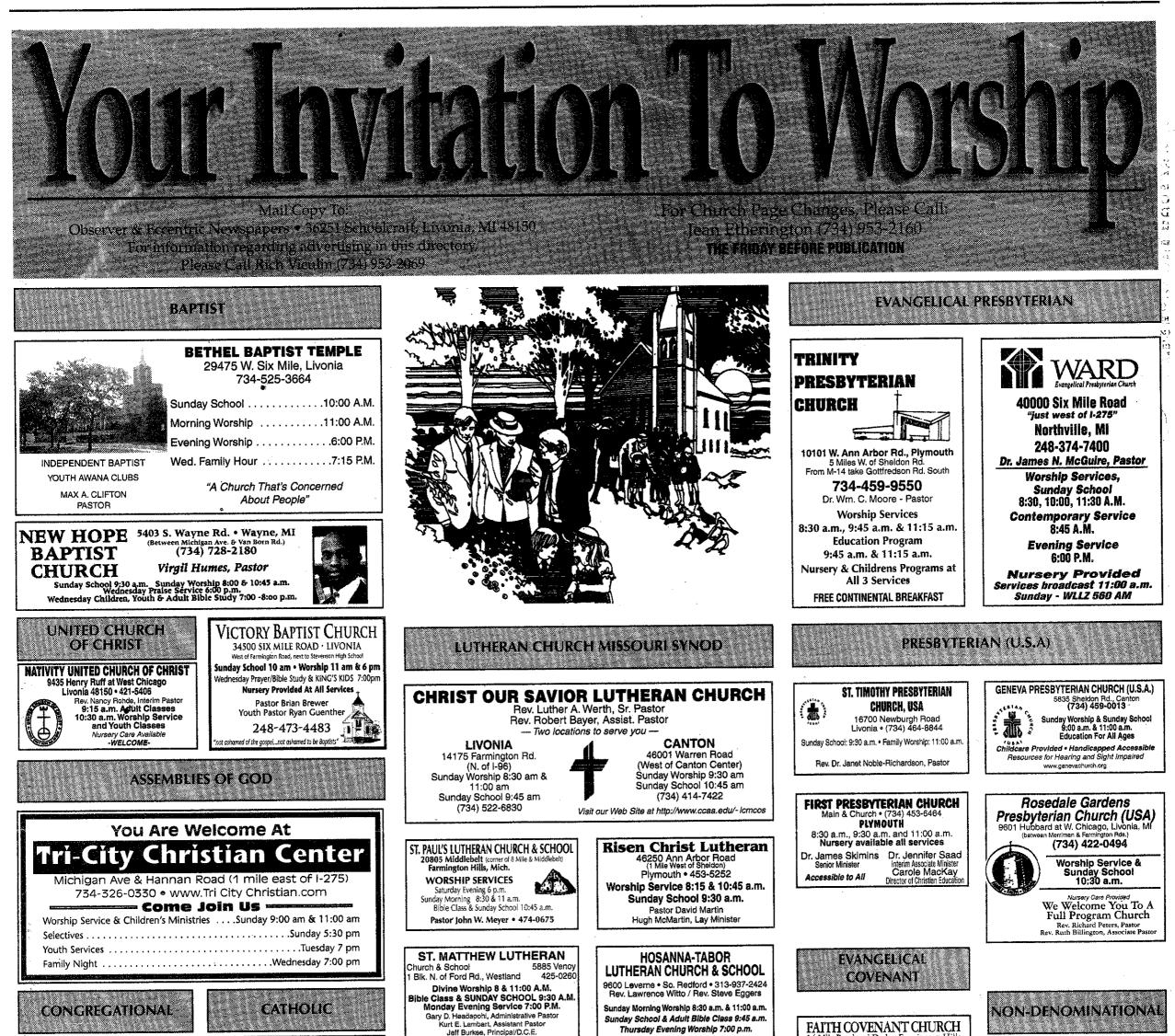
As a way of remembering the work the volunteers provided, each individe ual made a handprint and signature of a piece of canvas that will be framed. and displayed in the Inkster facility. "The volunteers certainly made a dif ference on Saturday, one child, one family at a time," said Fox.

If you are interested in learning more. about Volunteer Impact opportunities; visit www. volunteer impact.org

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RELIGION CALENDAR

WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

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COMMUNITY CHOIR

Rehearsals for the Ypsilanti Community Choir's spring concert will begin on Thursday, Feb. 1. Rehearsals are held from 7:45 -9:15 p.m. each Thursday at **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** (201 N, River St.) Ypsilanti. The choir will begin preparing for the annual May concert, which will feature a variety of vocal music from classical to contemporary. Call (734) 483-7192.

LET'S TALK WORKSHOPS

A workshop, 'Let's Talk' will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning in January. It is designed for pre-marital or married couples or adults in interfaith relationships where one of the partners is Jewish. The fivepart workshop includes individual religions; personal identity; helpful communication skills; resolving interfaith issues; and a panel discussion with individual interfaith couples at different stages in life. Dates are Feb. 1 and 8. All sessions begin at 7 p.m. at the Max M. Fisher Federation Building, Bloomfield Hills, hosted by the Interfaith Connection. Call (800) 397-4876 or e-mail connection@ ajedetroit.org

INT'L STUDENT DAY

First United Methodist Church of Farmington (33112 Grand River) will be the host site of an International Student Day Program at 12:15 p.m. Feb. 2. Inter-

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concern teens today," said McNutt.

Auditions are also taking place for the spring musical "The Sound of Music." Three hundred students have signed up to audition for a production that can accommodate 60-70 performers, the drama teachers.

"We want to provide a more extended and expansive co-curricular program so more kids can get involved. Kids have been crying out for this. That's why we have plans to increase the number of productions so that more

national students will speak about their homelands. Sponsored by the Livonia Rotary Club. One casserole is needed for every three persons attending and paper products needed for the First Step program.

LIFEBOAT

What is most important to save in our lives? If you needed to get into a life boat, what people and things would you bring with you? The Rev. Bob Renjilian of Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington presents the "kick off" for the social action focus of our Unitarian Universalist Association study on responsible consumption Sunday, Feb. 4. Services, Sunday school, and nursery at 9 and 11 am. 25301 Halsted (north of Grand River). Call (248) 478-7272 or www. uufarmington.org

MUSIC SERIES

The Nardin Park United Methodist Church (29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills) "Music and Fine Arts Series" presents the Classical Bells in a free concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. A pre-concert reception will be held at 3 p.m. Call (248) 476-8860.

BAPTIST MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Couples meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Southfield Hilton Garden Inn for a marriage retreat, which continues through Saturday, Feb. 17. Cost \$45. Call (248) 350-9019 for more information.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are Feb. 16-18 and March 16-18 at the St. John's Family Life Center (44011 Five Mile, Plymouth). There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or www. rc. net/ detroit/wwme

GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is sponsoring an evening of genealogy workshops at 7 p.m. Feb. 18. The workshops will be held at 33900 13-Mile (one-quarter mile west of Farmington). to help the community become aware of and learn to use many of the genealogical resources available through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. All workshops are free of charge and open to the public. Topics include "Getting Started," "Using the Internet," and "LDS Resources."

WORKSHOPS

Verizon Wireless

Newburg United Methodist Church will host Stages of Grief, a workshop presentation by Ann Marie Jackson of Arbor Hospice. It begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21. at the church. Livonia. Free. Call (734) 422-0149 to register.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Newburg United Methodist church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia) will be the host site of a "Journey Through Grief" program from 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 21. Jacky Gatliff, director of Grief Support Services as Arbor Hospice will speak. The workshop is free. Call to pre-register (734) 422-0149.

SPIRITUAL WEEKEND

A Spiritual Weekend Retreat titled "Living and Growing Spiritually and Emotionally," is planned for March 23-25 at the St. John Center in Plymouth. The weekend will focus on the "Six Basic Needs and How to Get Them Met." Cost is \$100 and \$115 all private rooms (standard bed with bath or sofa bed with bath; all meals included). Hosted by Bethany Support Group Chapters. Pre-registration must be made by March 15. Call Barb S. (248) 652-9589 or Barb D. (734) 453-0222.

HEALING SERVICES

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. every week. The morning study is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by pastor Powell. Timothy

Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www. timothylivonia. com

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

New Life Lutheran Church worship service is at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Shel-

don. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail the church at newlifelc@ yahoo. com

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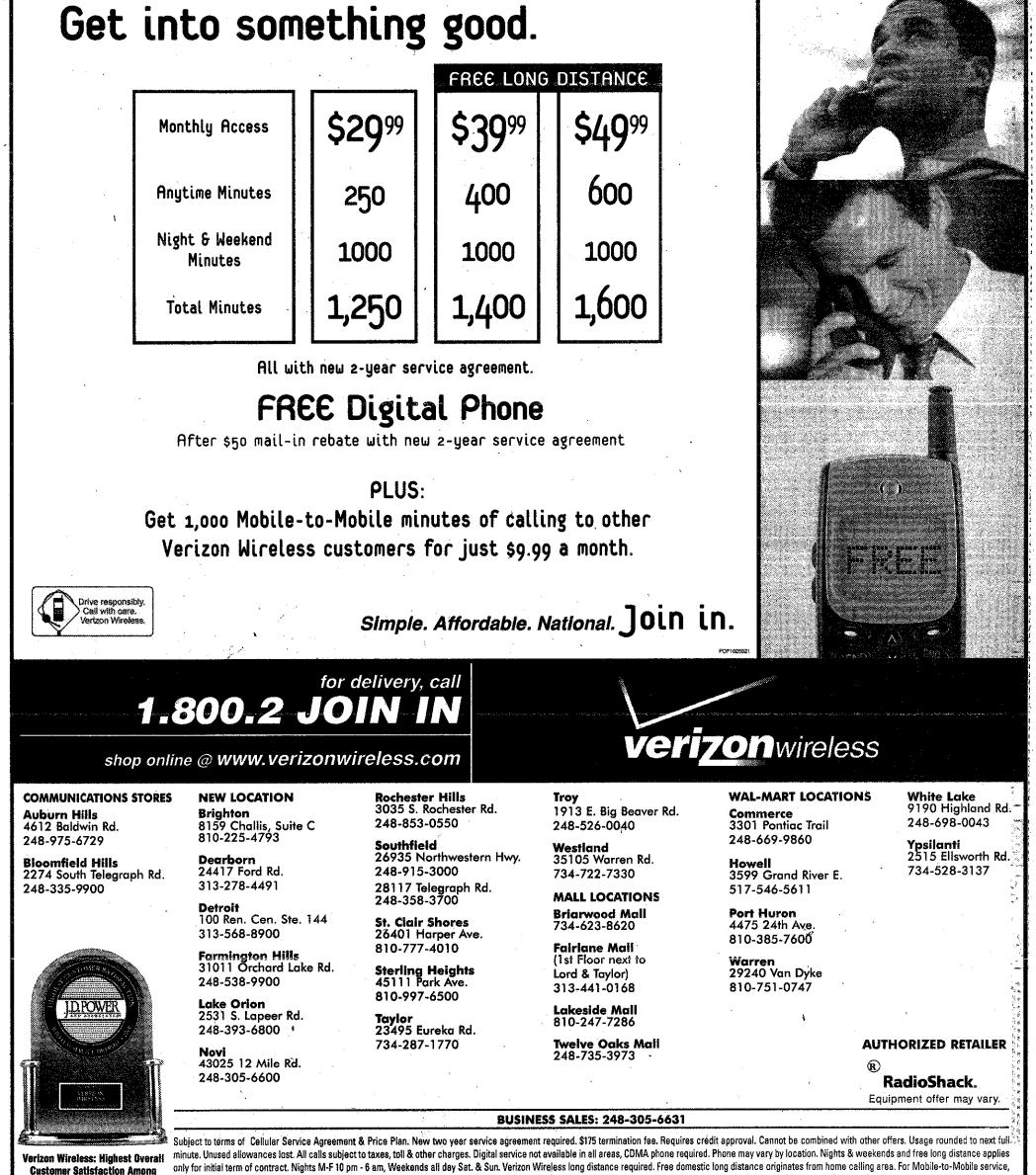
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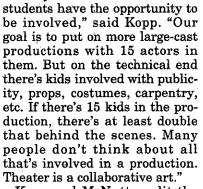
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New and improved

A recent addition to the co-curricular programming was the establishment of an improvisation troupe called "The Improv Club" started by teacher Jordan Brun.

"He had some performance experience in college and wanted to start the club. The group meets every Monday after school, and they've had about 60 students show an interest," said Kopp.

Also, every Saturday in February students from The Park Players will a theater camp at Borders Books in Novi for children ages 6-12. Students will offer improvisation techniques, acting workshops, make up, storytelling, etc.

"Our students are incredibly dedicated and know what it takes to work and perform in a professional manner. They want to put out a quality final production, and they're willing to do that because they care so much," said Kopp.

If you are interested in attending "Faces in the Crowd," at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1-3 call Shannon McNutt (734) 416-7514. Call Shannon or Geoffrey if you would like to volunteer with The Park Players Theater Booster Organization.

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CHERRY HILL Class of 1980

A 21-year reunion is planned for the class of 1980 at 7 p.m. Friday, April 27. Dinner served at 8 p.m. at the Karas House (23632 Plymouth Road, Redford). Tickets are \$100 a couple; \$50 per individual. Prices includes buffet-style dinner, bar, DJ music and dancing. Send a check or money order to: CHHS Class of 1980, 15 Hickory Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118-9417 no later than .

SACRED HEART/DEARBORN Class of 1961

A reunion is planned for June 23 at the Marriott Hotel near Metropolitan Airport. Call Bob Fredericks at (248) 426-8373 or e-mail MOM@Mich.com

FORDSON - DEARBORN ■ Class of 1971

A reunion is planned for Saturday, June 23 at the Park Place in Dearborn. Graduates who have not received mailings should call Frank D'Amore (313) 278-3926 or Kevin Brazell at (313) 562-5033. Sponsors, advertisers and prize donors are also being sought.

Class of 1981

A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 3 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Tickets are \$65 each. Call Janine (734) 632-8473 or e-mail jgurka@todaylink.com

GARDEN CITY EAST

■ Class of 1971

A 30-year reunion is being planned for the class of 1971 on Saturday, Aug. 11. Festivities include entertainment by a dee jay, sit-down style dinner and dancing. For reservations call (248) 542-8918 Jenette or (313) 541-6834 Mary.

JOHN GLENN Class of 1971

A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Call Peggy (734) 981-4723.

LAKE ORION

Class of 1976 Requests the pleasure of your company to celebrate 25 years of adventure at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 at Beaver Creek Golf Links in Lake Orion. Write: Class of 1976, Tina (Walzer) Jackson, 984 McClellan, Lake Orion, MI 48362 or e-mail tinaclassof76@aol.com

LIVONIA BENTLEY

Class of 1976

A reunion is being planned for Sept. 1 at the Doubletree Suites Hotel in Novi. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

NATIVITY HIGH

Class of 1951 Alumni are being sought who graduated with the class of 1951 from Nativity High School in Detroit. A reunion is planned for Oct. 21. Contact Doris Kraft Fisher (810) 263-6133; or Margaret Caringi Leroy (248) 276-9730.

NORTH FARMINGTON Class of 1970

A reunion is being planned for Saturday, April 28 at the Novi Hilton. Čall Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565. Class of 1981 A reunion is being planned for Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

■ Class of 1991

A 10-year reunion is in the planning stages. We are looking for classmates. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

OAK PARK ■ Class of 1961

The Oak Park High School Class of '61 is seeking missing persons - classmates who have scattered through the years - and let them know about its 40-year reunion scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to midnight May 12 at the Kingsley Inn (39475 Woodward Avenue at Long Lake Road). Call (248) 366-8972. Class of 1975

A 25-year reunion is planned for Saturday, April 28 at the Parthenon House in West Bloomfield. The committee is looking for classmates. To get on the mailing list call: Marcie Ziskind Aguaus, (248) 624-0516; Marc Feldman (248) 865-9886; shell Milstein Tukel (248) 661-5587 or e-mail Cynthia Brody at cbrody@mediaone.net

PLYMOUTH CANTON

REUNIONS

Class of 1981 A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Northville Manor in Northville. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

SEAHOLM

Class of 1961 A reunion is planned for Aug. 11 at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 433-9933. SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP

Class of 1991 A reunion is being planned for Nov. 23 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

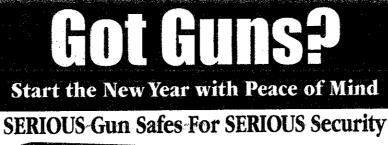
SOUTH LYON

Class of 1981 A reunion is planned for July 28 at the Holiday Inn - North Campus in Ann Arbor. Contact Annunciata (Nowak) Porterfield (734) 663-5214 or e-mail nunce@umich.edu

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■ Class of 1940 A reunion is being planned for the spring of 2001. Call Rita Schmidt Herpel (248) 644-4120.





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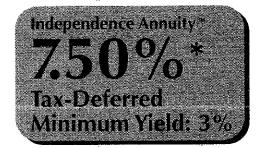
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NEW ARRIVALS *Get the score*

Patrick and Sandy Mulcahy of Canton announce the

birth of their son Keaton James born Jan. 17 at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. Keaton joins siblings Meaghan, 6; Sean, 4; and Shannon, 2. Grandparents are Helen Arasin of Westland and Bill and Cindy Mulcahy of Fort Myers, Florida.

Maria and Mark Wine of Plymouth announce the birth of their son Jonathan Bruce born Jan. 5 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Jonathan joins siblings Ross, 8; Grace, 6 1/2; and Jacqueline, 4 1/2. Grandparents are Herb and Ruth Munzel of South Lyon, Bruce and Dori Wine of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Jane Wine and Jerry Hinrichs of Glen Ellyn, Ill. Greatgrandparents are Irene Munzel of Harrison Township and Aleen Wine of Wheaton, Ill.

Jeff and Lisa Hill of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter Margaret Rose born Jan. 20 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Margaret joins siblings C.J. and Jarrett. Grandparents are Mark and Carolyn Boyak of Garden City and Dave and Rose Sword of Brooklyn.

Lawrence and Renee Cheaney of Canton announce the birth of their son Lawrence Patrick Cheaney Jr. born Jan. 16 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Lawrence joins sister Kelsey. Grändparents are James and Shirley Cheaney of Northville and William and Patrick Bellman of Taylor.

Jenny and Ed Hunter of Livonia announce the birth of their son LeLand Michael - a giff from God. LeLand was born Dec. 9, 2000 and joins brother Corey.

Steven and Bonnie Chapski of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter Claire Jean born Jan. 11 at Huron Valley-Sinai of Commerce. Claire joins sister Emily, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Mary Asdourian of Livonia, the late Jan and Karen Chapski of Livonia and John and Yoka Clark of Capetown, South Africa. Greatgrandparents are the late Anna Asdourian of Westland and Clara Chapski of Novi.



Sports



Rocko stages Invite

When the Detroit Rockers host the Kansas City Attack at 7:35 p.m. Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, the competition promises to be fierce - and not just between the Rockers and Attack, who are vying for the final playoff berth in the NPSL's National Conference.

At halftime of this game, Rocko the Rockers' mascot — will host the first-ever Rocko Invitational. His team of Jungle Jocks will battle the Corporate Raiders in a five-minute soccer duel.

The players are an all-star assemblage of mascots, including the Detroit Tigers' Paws, the Detroit Lions' Roary, the Attack's Fuzzy the Attack Cat, the Plymouth Whalers' Shooter, Garden City HS's Cougar, University of Detroit Mercy's Tommy Titan, Eastern Michigan's Swoop, Michigan State's Sparty, Central Michigan's Kooky, Florida Bobcats Arena Football's Blitz the Bobcat, the Windsor Spitfires' Duke the Ice Dragon, the Flint Generals' General Rally, Big Boy Restaurant's Big Boy, Old Country Buffet's Old Country Buffet Bee, Mongolian Barbecue's Mongo Man, Dolly's Pizza's Dolly, and Blimpie Subs' Blimpie the Bear.

Following the halftime duel, fans will have a chance to mingle with the mascots during the second half of the Rockers' game.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Rockers at (877) 480-KICK. For more information, call special events coordinator Jennifer Walker at (248) 366-2114.

Gymnasts take 3rd

Sports Club of Novi's Level 7 gymnasts took third-place honors at the fifth-annual Twistars USA Invitational gymnastics meet Jan. 12-14 in Lansing.

Erica Schick of Livonia led Sports Club with a first-place in the allaround, a first in balance beam and seconds in both uneven parallel bars and floor exercise.

Nicole Roach of Canton finished first in both vault and floor, was second on bars and was second in the allaround.

Sports Club of Novi's Level 6 gymnast Jessica Oddi of Farmington Hills took top honors in her division, finishing first in the all-around, bars and beam, and second in the vault. Marisa Karcz, also of Farmington Hills,

Late goal allows Canton to tie Salem



These teams have now met four times in their brief histories and Tuesday's game marked A natural element in this cross-creek brief histories, and Tuesday's game marked the first time Canton didn't emerge with a win over Salem. A last-minute goal did salvage a tie for the Chiefs, however.

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

A game like this — Plymouth Canton vs. Plymouth Salem — presents coaches with a different type of problem.

Not the kind a hockey coach would have when his team went against a Northville or a Farmington, games that would be tough but would likely require a coach to find a way to pump some emotion into his team.

When Canton plays Salem, however,

rivalry, too much can cause a team to self-destruct. Too little may leave a team too listless to respond.

When the two teams clashed Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Salem rose to the occasion. Canton did not — at least until the final couple of minutes, with the Chiefs' Sean Depp poking in a goal with 36.2 seconds left to play for a 3-3 draw.

"I'm happy with the way we played,"

said Salem coach Fred Feiler after his team, for the first time in the two years avoided losing to Canton. "I'm not" happy with the tie, especially when we are had the lead.

"It was a good game. I'd like to see all 🤄 of our games played with that kind of intensity. In a game like this, you try to keep 'em focused, take some of the emotion out of the game as best you.

Please see HOCKEY, D6

Blanked Erie shuts out Plymouth in battle of OHL's best

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

The end result — not that surprising.

The final score — that was a shock. For the first time this season, the Plymouth Whalers failed to put the puck in the net, and it couldn't have come at a worse time. In a battle between the two top teams in the Ontario Hockey League, the Erie Otters came out the winner Wednesday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena by a 1-0 margin.

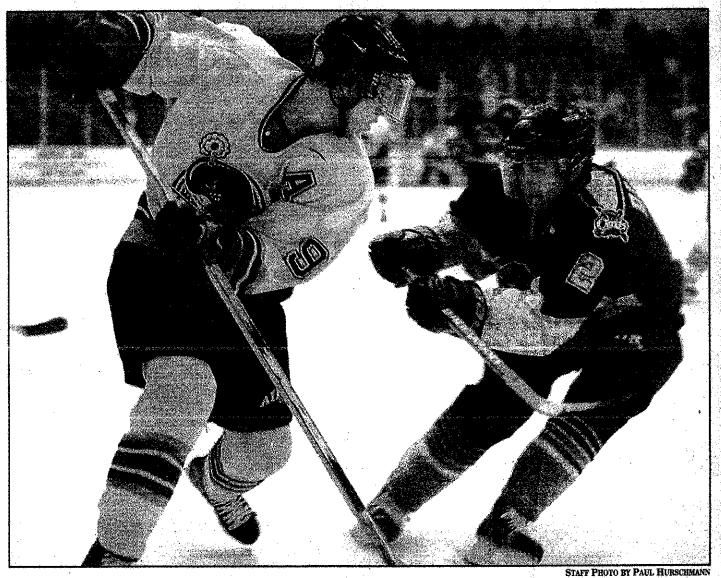
The game's only goal was scored in the opening period. A Whaler turnover at center ice put the puck on Brad Yeo's stick; he slid a pass to Joe Guenther as the Otters broke in with a 2-on-1 on Whaler goalie Rob Zepp.

Guenther's slap shot from the top of the circle on the left wing got past Zepp and into the far corner, making it 1-0 with 2:16 left in the period.

Ironically, Plymouth had been dominating the action. The goal was Erie's fifth shot on net in the period; at that juncture, the Whalers had 10. The period ended with Plymouth holding a 12-6 advantage in shots on goal.

"These were two pretty evenlymatched teams," said Whaler coach Pete DeBoer. "We just didn't do enough to score goals.

"I thought Stephen Weiss' line was dominant for the first 10 minutes. Then we played down to their level a bit . . . We made it easy on their goaltender."



The defeat left Plymouth with a 30- Closely checked: The Whalers' Stephen Weiss (left) couldn't find much room to manuever 8-4-5 record and 69 points in 47 Wednesday against Erie's Sean Dixon. Weiss, second in the OHL in scoring, was held scoreless

placed eighth in the all-around.

Top runner

Among the leaders for Western Michigan's men's indoor track team are Plymouth Canton graduate Andy Briggs and Livonia Churchill grad Ryan Kearney.

Briggs has the Broncos' secondfastest time this season in the 500meter dash, 1:07.15 at the Notre Dame Triangular Jan. 19. He has their third-fastest clocking in the 600meter run, 1:24.14 at the Spartan Invitational Jan. 12.

Kearney ranks fourth for WMU in the 400-meters, a 51.18 at Notre Dame; he's also fifth in the 60-meter hurdles, an 8.66 at Notre Dame.

S'craft volleyball invite

Defending champion East Kentwood and top-ranked Temperance Bedford (45-0) will be among 25 teams vying Saturday in the 28th annual Schoolcraft Collge High School Invitational girls volleyball tournament.

Pool play is scheduled on five courts beginning at 9 a.m.

The top two teams in each of the following pools will advance to championship round later in the day:

🖬 Court No. 1 (A) — Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth Salem (Blue), Temperance Bedford (last year's state Class A champion), Dearborn, Grand Rapids Northview;

🗴 Court No. 2 (B) — Birmingham Seaholm, Farmington Hills Mercy. Walled Lake Western, Farmington, Grand Blanc;

Court No. 3 (C) - Fenton, Northville, Dearborn Divine Child, Livonia Churchill, Midland;

🔳 Court No. 4 (D) — Livonia Clarenceville, Livonia Franklin, East Kentwood, Farmington Hills Harrison, Birmingham Marian;

Court No. 5 (F) - Walled Lake Central, Holly, Garden City, Novi and Salem.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

games. Erie is 31-8-9-0, with 71 points in 48 games. Plymouth still leads the OHL's West Division. Erie is first in the Midwest Division. The next closest team in the league is 10 points behind.

More importantly is the overall race for the top seed — and home-ice advantage that goes with it — in the OHL. At present the Otters lead, but they have played one more game than the Whalers. Should Plymouth and Erie finish the season tied, head-tohead results would be brought into

play. After last night, the season series couldn't be any closer. Each team has won twice, with one tie. One game

remains, at Erie Feb. 16. Indeed, since Plymouth's 4-0 win over the Otters in the season-opener, none of the game's has been decided by more than a goal.

So the closeness of last night's match was to be anticipated. However, getting blanked was something

that had been foreign to the Whalers this season.

It wasn't that they didn't have their chances. They ended up with a 30-19 advantage in shots on goal. Problem was, none of them got past Otters' goalie J.F. Perras, who raised his record to 13-4-4 while earning his third shutout.

The loss was also the Whalers' fourth in the last five games. The previous three had come in overtime, which meant they at least got a point out of it.

"I'm shocked we didn't score any goals," said DeBoer. "But we've been having trouble lately putting the puck in the net. And you've got to pay the price in this league."

Against the Otters, the cost wasn't all that high — just one goal — but it proved too lofty for the Whalers.

Windsor beats Plymouth in overtime - D6.

Chiefs are Observerland's best!

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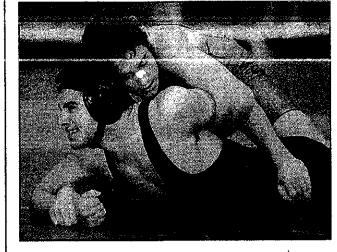
BY C.J. RISAK

Complacency can be a terrible problem for a team used to winning.

At last Saturday's Observerland Wrestling Tournament, hosted by Livonia Churchill, that wasn't an issue for Plymouth Canton. The Chiefs had finished in the top three at this tourney just twice before, and they'd never won it.

It was a question Redford Catholic Central's team had to deal with. The Shamrocks had won the last two Observerlands and four of the previous nine; only twice had they finished lower than second.

By day's end, Canton's desire proved greater than CC's ability to overcome its over-confidence. The



On top: Salem's Tony Kennard (on top) was the best in the 135 weight division.

Chiefs became the fifth team to win the Observerland in its 10 years, placing seven wrestlers in the finals and winning four weight divisions.

Canton finished with 222 points; CC was second with 203.5 and the host Chargers were third with 168 (see results).

Although his team didn't necessarily wrestle poorly, Shamrock coach Mike Rodriguez wasn't happy. "How can you be happy when you're defending your title, you have a shot at it and you let it slip through your fingers?" he asked rhetorically.

"We weren't good enough to win it. The boys from Canton were. They were ready. They were on a mission."

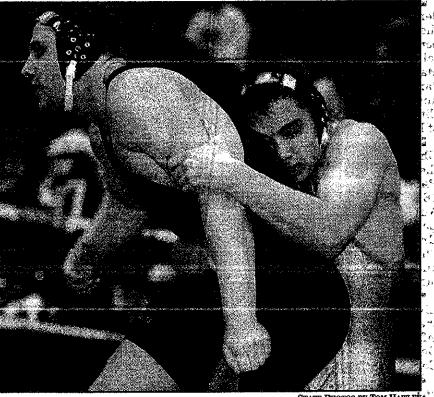
Chiefs' coach John Demsick had to agree. "It did feel really good, having accomplished something that special.

We expected to win, but always knew there was a possibility of messing up. CC has such a strong tradition. When you don't have the tradition of doing it every year, that's when you mess up."

What allowed Canton to evade that problem was a confidence Demsick and his staff - assistants Jay Helm, John-

Peter Demsick, John Pocock and Dave London have worked at instilling all season. Those efforts paid off. If ever there was a time

when the groundwork for "messing up" had been laid,



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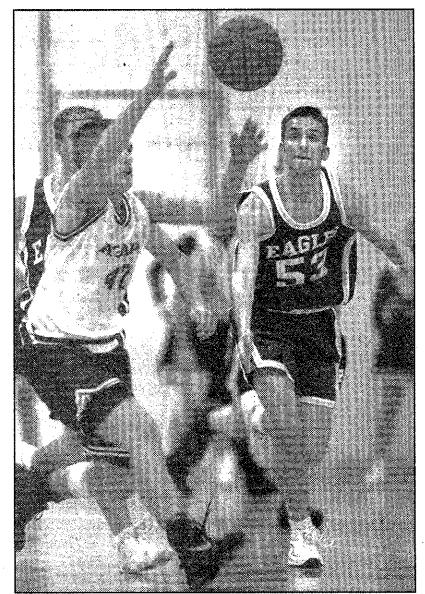
Making a successful move: Canton's Phil Rothwell (right) moved up to the 215 division — and finished first.

> it was the week prior to the Observerland. The Chiefs were lethargic in the opening round of the Jackson, Northwest Tournament on Jan. 20 and, despite a strong finish, placed fourth.

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PCA hands Agape its 1st defeat



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Big shot: Paul Anleitner (left) hit a late three-pointer to give Agape a lead, but the Wolverines couldn't hold it. Anleitner scored 12 points; P.J. Woodman (right) had 14 for PCA.

Big shot - that was Paul Anleitner's three-pointer with 14 seconds left, taking his Canton Agape Christian team from two points down to a point up.

Bigger shot — that was provided by Plymouth Christian Academy's James Bauslaugh, a drive down the right side of the lane capped by a running onehander at the buzzer that gave the Eagles a 47-46 victory Tuesday at Wayne Memorial.

"That shot at the end was a money shot," said PCA coach Doug Taylor, his team now 3-7 overall. "They doubled Clay Welton at the high post, so (Bauslaugh) took it down the lane and his running jumper fell."

The loss was Agape's first of the season after eight wins, but it wasn't a shocking defeat for Wolverine coach Chuck Henry. "There's a thin margin between winning and losing," he said. "They've lost a lot of close games. And their schedule is much more difficult than ours."

PCA won the game with defense, a better performance at the free-throw line (11-of-21 to Agape's 1-of-3), and an absense of mistakes (only seven turnovers).

"We played really well defensively," said Taylor. "We just couldn't shoot. We pressed them the whole game. We didn't get a lot of steals off of it, but I think we took them out of their offense."

Agape led the Eagles 12-6 after one quarter but PCA trimmed that deficit to 22-21 at the half A 15-8 third-period surge by the Eagles gave them a 36-30 lead going into the fourth.

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one quarter but, after the Rockets Agape's defensive effort outscored them against PCA sophomore and 17-7 in the sec-

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the WLAA.

"We couldn't

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knock them down. And we got

16 points. Jason Priebe added

Glenn got 17 points from Brent Bogle and nine from

The Rockets led 29-21 at the

half and 40-30 after three quar-

ters. Canton narrowed the gap to

five in the fourth quarter, but

In the end, as Rheault put it,

CC 78, U-D Jesuit 60: Redford

Catholic Central only had six

players score against University

of Detroit-Jesuit on Tuesday

But all six scored in double fig-

"They wanted that game more

Jerry Gaines led Canton with

hit anything. We

great looks, we

just couldn't

outrebounded, too."

Anthony Harrell.

could draw no closer.

leading scorer Clay Welton wasn't as effective as PCA's efforts against Agape's Anleitner. Welton finished with 21 points and nine rebounds; Anleitner, who averages nearly 20 points a game, was limited to 12. "I think they geared their

defense for him," said Henry. PCA also got 14 points from P.J. Woodman and eight from

Bauslaugh. Paul Chrenko's 14 points topped Agape. Josh Anthony contributed 11.

Salem 66. Franklin 52: No wonder the snow was melting outside the Livonia Franklin gym ---Plymouth Salem was scorching things up inside the building.

Salem made 27 of its 38 shots Tuesday night. And when the Rocks missed, they got the rebound and did something with

The Rocks held a 20-17 lead after one period of the Western Lakes Activities Association game and stretched it to 41-30 by halftime. Salem helped itself by making 12-of-14 free throws, too.

Sophomore Dave Hoskins led the Rocks, who won their thirdstraight to improve to 4-8 overall, 4-2 in the WLAA, with 21 points. Nick Tochman added 14.

Joe Ruggiero scored 29 points to lead the Patriots (4-8 overall, 2-4 in the conference). Franklin went 14-for-19 from the free throw line.

John Glenn 54, Canton 44: Disappointing.

night. No other way to describe Plymouth Canton's homecourt loss ures as the Shamrocks stopped to Westland John Glenn Tues-

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Top scorer: PCA's Clay Welton (15) led all scorers with 21 points; Josh Antho*iny (left) had 11 points for Agape.*

the Cubs at CC.

"We got good balance from our inside-outside game," said CC assistant coach John Mulroy. "To get our two post-players (Ryan) Clark and Ryan Murphy) in dou-3 ble figures for us is huge. We didn't hit any 3-pointers in the first quarter, but hit three in the? second and it got us going. We¹ kept stretching and stretching the lead.'

Ryan Celeskey led the Shamrocks (10-3, 5-1 Catholic League Central Division) with 23 points, while Clark and Mark Willoughby had 12 each, Anthony Coratti had 11 and Tom Jakacki and Murphy had 10 each.

Joel Woods paced U-D (7-6, 2-4 Central) with 14 points and Chris Page added 11.

Stevenson 48, Harrison 38:3 as long as they're somebody else's.

Coach Bill Dyer preached that lesson to his Livonia Stevenson team after it made a whopping 37 Friday night in a one-sided loss

Stevenson took the turnover lesson to heart Tuesday night, playing strong defense in a victory over host Farmington Harrison in a WLAA game.

"We played better defense," Dyer said. "When they pressed and trapped - we made 37 turnovers Friday night and this game we made just 10. That was the biggest difference.

Stevenson had a 20-17 lead at halftime and withstood a Harri-





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Rockers get a weekend split

It's difficult to tell what the Detroit Rockers are going to do, from game to game.

On Friday, they rebounded from a fourpoint loss to the NPSL's National Conference-leading Toronto Thunder Hawks to beat them 12-9 at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Big win against a first-place team.

Four players had five or

more kills and Plymouth Salem

totaled 11 service aces as it dis-

posed of Farmington 15-5, 15-

The win boosted the Rocks'

record to 14-5 overall; they are

4-1 in the Western Lakes

Jill Dombrowski led Salem

with seven kills (a .500 kill per-

centage), but she had plenty of

help. Katie Good and Kelly

Jaskot each had six kills –

Good had a .556 kill percent-

age, Jaskot a 308 — and Mary

Lou Liebau had five kills

1 Monday at Salem.

Activities Association.

But then on Sunday, the Rockers hosted the Buffalo Blizzard, last in the NPSL's American Conference, with former Rocker standout Brian "Goose" Finnerty in goal for the Blizzard. The result: an 11-8 loss at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The split left Detroit still in last in the National Conference with a 5-18 record. Toronto was 12-9 through the weekend; Buf-

Everyone's in the act

as Salem stops N'ville

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four aces.

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falo was 9-13.

Against the Blizzard Sunday, the Rockers trailed 7-2 at the half but narrowed that to 11-8 after three quarters. However, they were scoreless in the fourth.

Marciano Boumann led Detroit with two two-point goals. Martin Nash and Shawn Boney scored one two-pointer apiece.

Matt Little led Buffalo with three twos and one assist for seven points. Andrew Crawford and Chris Handsor added one two-pointer apiece.

Finnerty turned away 19 shots to earn the

win in goal for Buffalo. Placek had 14 saves for Detroit.

In the win over Toronto Friday, the Rockers bounced back from a 7-5 deficit after three quarters to outscore the Thunder Hawks 7-2 in the fourth. Five different players scored goals for Detroit, with Neil Gilbert and Matt Knowles each getting a threepointer.

Boney, Paul Daily and Dennis Brose added a two-pointer apiece, and Joel Shanker got two assists.

Toronto was led by Mauro Biello with a three-point goal and two two-pointers. Jocelyn Roy also had a two-pointer.

Placek made 11 saves to pick up his third win. Theo Zagar had 12 saves for Toronto.

Canton wins 2nd

Led by Amy Driscoll, Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team earned its second dualmeet win of the season and first in the Western Lakes Activities Association when it defeated Westland John Glenn 133.6-127.7 Monday at Canton.

Driscoll was first in the allaround with a 34.7. She had top scores in the balance beam (8.75)and uneven parallel bars (8.85), was second on floor exercise (8.75) and fourth in vault (8.35).

Kristen Schilk and Audra Ahern tied for third in the allaround at 32.9. Schilk was second in bars (8.2), third in floor (8.7) and fifth in beam (8.15); Ahern placed first in floor (8.8) and second in beam (8.55).

Other notable scores for Can-

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ton came from J.Q. Williams, tying for fifth in the all-around with a 32.1 and tying for second in vault (8.55), tying for fifth in floor (8.5) and placing sixth in bars (7.15); and Jill Rakovitis, who was fourth in bars (7.85)and sixth in vault (8.2).

"Truthfully, I thought our scores would be higher because the girls performed so well." said Canton coach John Cunningham. "The routines are looking better and better."

Canton is 2-4 overall, 1-4 in the WLAA. The Chiefs host the Plymouth Canton Invitational at 9 a.m. Saturday.

SWIM RESULTS ang ang pana prove

DOUBLE-DUAL MEET

Saturday at Ann Arbor Pioneer

Team scores: Pioneer 137, Livonia Stevenson 49; Pioneer 115, Plymouth Salem 71; Salem 112, Stevenson 74.

Event results (top two relays, top three individuals)

200-yard medley relay: 1. Pioneer (WillWakefield, John Stover, Jay Fantone, Andrew Callam), 1:42.54 (state cut); 2. Stevenson (Robert Cambridge, BrandonTruscott, Michael Nemer, Joe Bublitz), 1:46:55.

200-yard freestyle: Steven Hill (AAP),

1:47.74 (state cut); 2. Ben Dzialo (PS). 1:50.22; 3. Brad Gregorka (AAP), 1:50.58.

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Dombrowski also had 13 set

assists and an ace, while Good

had three aces and three digs.

Jaskot contributed two aces.

Liebau had four digs and an

ace, Jordan Falcusan got eight

set assists, three digs and an

ace, and Rolaine Llanes had

On Saturday, Salem will be

at the Schoolcraft Invitational,

which starts at 9 a.m.

200-yard individual medley: 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 1:57.41 (state cut); 2. Eric Lynn (PS), 2:00.91 (state cut); 3. Will Wakefield (AAP), 2:01.30 (state cut).

50-yard freestyle: 1. John Stover (AAP), 22.71; 2. Mike Johnson (PS), 22.83; 3. Aaron Shelton (PS), 23.15. Diving: 1. Chad Zillich (AAP), 256.60 points; 2. Greg Kubitski (PS), 206.80; 3. John Wright (AAP), 196.70.

100-yard butterfly: 1, Eric Lynn (PS),

53.57 (state cut): 2. Andrew Callam (AAP), 55.65; 3. Kyle Spenser (AAP), 57.76.

100-yard freestyle: 1. John Stover (AAP), 49.56; 2. Ben Dzialo (PS), 50.35; 3, Mike Johnson (PS), 50.70.

500-yard freestyle: 1. Steven Hill (AAP), 4:48.80 (state cut); 2. Brad Gregorka (AAP), 5:00.26; 3. Brian Mertens (PS), 5:00.44.

200-yard freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Josh Williams, John Stover, Will Wakefield, Andrew Callam), 1:31.29 (state cut); 2. Salem (Eric Lynn, Ben Dzialo,

Mike Johnson, Dave Carson), 1:32.52. 100-yard backstroke: 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 54.32 (state cut); 2. Aaron Shelton (PS), 58.28; 3. Robert Cambridge

(LS), 1:01.07. 100-yard breaststroke: 1. Jay Fantone (AAP), 1:03.41; 2. Will Wakefield

(AAP), 1:04.27; 3. Michael Nemer (LS), 1:05.48. 400-yard freestyle relay: 1. Salem

(Eric Lynn, Aaron Shelton, Mike Johnson, Ben Dzialo), 3:22.81 (state cut); 2. Pioneer (Steven Hill, Morgan Drake, Joe Waller, Brad Gregorka), 3:24.79.

Greg Kubitski (Salem) 224.05 Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 216.95 Derek Bell (John Glenn) 214.05 Blake Brunner (Canton) 212.30 Mark Moretto (Redford Union) 203.00 Andrew Brissette (Stevenson) 194.40 Tyler Flood (Redford CC) 176.70 Chris Derrig (Redford CC) 175.70 Ron Hoppe (Redford Union) 164.80

100-YARD BUTTERFLY

Eric Lynn (Salem) 53.35 Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 53.51 Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 53.62 Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 53.86 Matt Wisnlewski (Canton) 55.24 Ben Dzialo (Salem) 55.30



Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 55.81

Matt Wisnlewski (Canton) 56.40

Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 59.07

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 48,47

Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 48.85

Mike Johnson (Salem) 50.22

Aaron Sheiton (Salem) 50.35

Nick Markou (Redford CC) 50.97

Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 51.03

Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 51.06

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 51.21

Ben Dzialo (Salem) 50.35

Eric Lynn (Salem) 48.74

Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 58.99

100-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cuts: A - 49.49, B - 51.99)

Following are the best Observerland boys swim times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by fax (734-591-7279), phone (734-953-2141) or email (domeara@oe.homecomm.net).

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cuts: A -- 1:43.09, B -- 1:49.59) Plymouth Salem 1:42.47 Redford Catholic Central 1:43.17 North Farmington 1:45.21 Plymouth Canton 1:45.42 Livonia Stevenson 1:45.46 200-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cuts: A --- 1:49.39, B -- 1:55.59) Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:47.03 Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:48.19 Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 1:48.81 Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:49.46 Ben Działo (Salem) 1:50.22 Jim Ross (Salem) 1:53.15 Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 1:53.19 Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:55.43 Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:55.49 Andy Grant (Churchill) 1:55.83

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY (state cuts: A - 2:03.99, B - 2:11.59) Joe Bubiitz (Stevenson) 1:57.41 Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:00.91 Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:06.55 Ben Działo (Salem) 2:07.21 Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 2:08.76 Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:09.00 Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.04 Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:09.83 Brian Mertens (Salem) 2:10.22 Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 2:11.46

50-YARD FREESTYLE (state cuts: A - 22.69, B - 23.69)

Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 22.04 Joe Bubiitz (Stevenson) 22,28 Aaron Sheiton (Salem) 22.54 Mike Johnson (Salem) 22.83 Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 23.29 Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 23.54 Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 23.57 Mike Greis (Redford CC) 23.62 Nick Markou (Redford CC) 23.65 Sermet Alver (N. Farmington) 23.83

DIVING

Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 259.80

(state cuts: A - 55.59, B - 58.99)

500-YARD FREESTYLE (state cuts: A - 4:57.99, B - 5:15.99) Ben Działo (Salem) 4:59.46 Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.44 Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:03.18 Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 5:06.94 Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:10.03

Jim Ross (Salem) 5:11.19 Brad Nilson (Canton) 5:12.54 Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 5:13.13 Ryan Ahern (Canton) 5:14.81 Matt Wisnlewski (Canton) 5:15.05

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY (state cuts: A — 1:31.99, B — 1:36.49) Redford Catholic Central 1:30.87 Plymouth Salem 1:31.08 Plymouth Canton 1:32.49 Wayne Memorial 1:38.06 Livonia Stevenson 1:38.98

100-YARD BACKSTROKE (state cuts: A -- 56.59, B -- 59.99) Joe Bubiitz (Stevenson) 54.32 Eric Lynn (Salem) 54.71 Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57,56 Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.31 Brad Nilson (Canton) 58.04 Brian Clayson (N. Farmington) 59.50 Zach Feilrath (Redford CC) 59,51 Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 59.51 Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:00.10 Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.34

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE

(state cuts: A - 1:02.99, B - 1:07.59) Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:00.25 Dan Dziekan (Redford CC) 1:05.44 Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:05.48 Eddle Lindow (Canton) 1:06.63 Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:06.77 Jon Heiss (Canton) 1:06.80 Matt Showaiter (Salem) 1:07.75 Matt Newman (N. Farmington) 1:08.30 Jeff Andonian (Redford CC) 1:08.70 Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 1:08.79

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY (state cuts: A - 3:23.39, B - 3:35.99)

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Plymouth Salem 3:20.32 Redford Catholic Central 3:20.86 North Farmington 3:31.12 Livonia Stevenson 3:31.74 Plymouth Canton 3:37.15



COLLEGE HOCKEY AT "THE JOE"



SC rolls past St. Clair

A fast start allowed Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team with little more to do than pad their individual statistics Saturday in a game against St. Clair CCC, a game the Lady Ocelots eventually won 89-60 at St. Clair.

The win improved SC's overall record to 15-2; they remain atop the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference with an 8-0 record. The Skippers fell to 11-7 overall, 5-3 in the conference.

By the time there was 7:40 left in the first half, the Ocelots had already built a 20-point lead at 27-7. St. Clair was unable to challenge after that.

Angelica Blakely led SC with 17 points; she also grabbed 11 rebounds. Devin Francois added 15 points, 10 boards, six assists

WOMEN'S HOOP

and four steals, while Ra'Sheida Edwards contributed 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Cornerstone 80, Madonna 73: It was a pretty good performance for Madonna University Saturday at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids.

But the Golden Eagles, who moved into a tie for first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with Madonna (both are 6-2), were just a bit better.

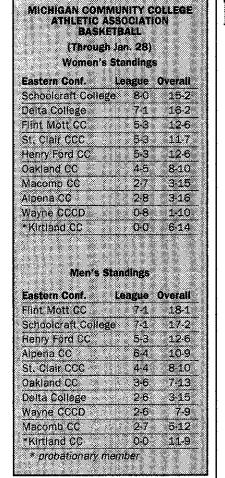
They shot better (28-of-61, 45.9 percent from the floor to Madonna's 24-of-59, 40.7 percent); they rebounded better (41-35, including a 17-13 advantage in offensive boards); they shot the three-pointer better (9-of-20,

45 percent to 6-of-21, 28.6 percent). And most importantly, they scored better, especially in the second half.

Cornerstone had five players reach double figures in scoring, led by Amy Polielarz with 16 points. Julie Bozek had 15, Allison Schneider 12 and Laura Yonkers and Julie Vogelzang netted 10 apiece.

Leading Madonna was Kathy Panganis with 23 points and six rebounds. Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) totaled 22 points, seven boards, three assists and two steals, and Mahogany Fletcher (Farmington Harrison) collected 11 points and four steals.

Cornerstone led by just one, 39-38, at the half. The Eagles improved to 19-5 overall; the Lady Crusaders slipped to 11-10.



THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Feb. 1 Ply. Christian at Inter-City, 7:30 p.m. Agape vs. West Highland at Wayne Memorial, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2 W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m. Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m. John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Harrison at Canton, 7 p.m. N. Farm. at Farmington, 7 p.m. River Rouge at Wayne, 7 p.m. Redford Union at Woodhaven, 7 p.m. Trenton at Thurston, 7 p.m. Luth. North at C'ville, 7 p.m. Brennan (Ont.) at Borgess, 7:30 p.m. St. Anne (Ont.) at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m. Huron Valley vs. World Outreach at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 Borgess at Country Day, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Feb. 1 Huron Valley vs. Bethesda at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m. Luth, North at C'ville, 6:30 p.m. Luth. East at Luth. W'sld, 6:30 p.m. Mercy at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m. St. Agatha at DePorres, 7 p.m. St. Alphonsus at Borgess, 7 p.m. Agape vs. West Highland at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 Schoolcreft Invitational, 8 a.m. Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m. A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Greenhills Tourney, TBA.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Feb. 1 Red. Unified vs. Woodhaven at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2 Franklin vs. Novi. Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m. Salem vs. W.L. Central, Canton vs. W.L. Western at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 6 & 8 p.m. Farm. Unified vs. Northville at Farm. Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m. (Alpena Tournament) Cranbrook vs. Marquette, 4 p.m. Redford CC vs. Alpena, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3

Farm. Unified vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland ice Arena, 11:20 a.m. Alpena Tourney, noon & 3 p.m. Ladywood at Liggett, 4 p.m. Red. Unified vs. Grosse lie at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m. PREP SKIING Thursday, Feb. 1 Redford CC vs. Seaholm at Mount Brighton, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Feb. 1 Redford CC at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m. Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 Redford CC vs. Stevenson at Redford Union, 2 p.m. GIRLS GYMNASTICS Saturday, Feb. 3 Canton Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Feb. 1 Roch, Adams, Novi at Redford CC, 5 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 Canton at Dexter Invit., 9 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, Feb. 1 Madonna at Rochester, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at Wayne Co., 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb. 3 Tri-State (Ind.) at Madonna, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Feb. 2 Whalers at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 Whalers vs. Belleville at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 Whalers vs. S.S. Marje at Compuware Arena, 6 p.m. NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE Friday, Feb. 2 Det. Rockers vs. Kansas City at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

2nd-half surge lifts Ocelots

Trailing 40-35 at halftime, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team roared back Saturday to earn a 92-76 victory at St. Clair.

Schoolcraft is 17-2 overall and 7-1 in the Eastern Conference (tied with Flint Mott) in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

St. Clair, getting a game-high 37 points from 6-foot-6 center Jeremy Denha, slipped to 8-10 overall and 4-4 in the conference.

"We didn't defend well inside, but our second-half defense kept us in it," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "The second half we played hard. And to make 27 turnovers on the road and still win says something."

Schoolcraft, which outscored St. Clair 57-36 in the second half, got 25 points and 11 rebounds from 6-8 center Sam Hoskin (Redford Bishop Borgess).

Nick Evola added 17 points and six rebounds, while Derrick Bird had 16 points and eight rebounds. Point-guard Dave McGlown scored 14 and dished out nine assists, while Javon Clark came off the bench to score nine points, including two big

MEN'S BASKETBALL

three-pointers in the second half.

Schoolcraft was 19 of 30 from the free throw line (63.3 percent) and 34 of 77 from the field (44.2 percent). The Ocelots outrebounded St. Clair, 43-39.

St. Clair was 17 of 30 from the line (58.6 percent) and 27 of 56 from the floor (35.5 percent).

Cornerstone 99, Madonna 82: Madonna University made a game of it for a half against visiting Cornerstone University Saturday.

But with leading-scorer Mike Massey sidelined with an ankle injury, the Crusaders could not keep pace.

Madonna trailed 40-39 at the half, taking advantage of 14-of-27 floor shooting (51.9 percent) compared to the Golden Eagles' 11of-27 (40.7 percent). However, Cornestone found the range in the second half, making 24-of-41 (58.5 percent) from the field. Madonna was consistent, converting 14-of-27 in the second half as well (51.9 percent). But the Crusaders were badly outrebounded, 44-26, with Concordia holding a 17-5 advantage on the offensive boards. Madonna also

John Bennett, a freshman forward from Livonia Churchill, got his first start for Madonna and responded with 21 points on 7of-11 floor shooting. Dan Kurtinaitis added 15 points and five assists, Aaron Cox totaled 12 points and two steals, and both Narvin Russaw and Chad Nadolni scored 10 points, Nadolni adding six boards and two steals.

Thirteen players scored for Cornerstone, led by Mark Zichterman's 17 points and 10 rebounds. Brian Robinson collected 14 points and four steals, and Andrew Swadling netted 10 points.

Madonna fell to 6-17 overall, 2-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Cornerstone is 20-6 overall, 6-2 in the WHAC. Massey was probable for the Crusaders'

game yesterday at Concordia.



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Then last Thursday, their quest for a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title was ambushed by Northville, which beat Canton by 14 points.

Those events could have cracked a more fragile team's confidence. "I don't think they hurt our confidence," said Demsick. "I think they actually strengthened our resolve.'

That was evident from the outset. In all but two weight divisions, Canton wrestlers won their opening match; their would be no repeat of the Jackson Northwest Tournament.

Of the four champions for the Chiefs, the two most notable came in the upper weight divisions. At 275, Derek McWatt earned the title - and the tournament MVP for upper-weight divisions — by pinning all three of his opponents.

Just as impressive, Phil Rothwell, normally a standout for Canton at 189, moved up to 215 to fill a void created by injuries to a pair of Chiefs who normally fill that spot. Demsick was certain Rothwell could win the title at 189, but he would be pushed far more at 215.

He was - but he still won. Rothwell pinned his first two opponents, then decisioned Redford Union's Ollie Muscarella 9-4 in the semifinals and Churchill's Thom Vandenbossche 10-4 in the final.

Other Chief winners were

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Jan. 27 at Livonia Churchill

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth Canton,

222 points; 2. Redford Catholic Central,

203.5; 3. Livonia Churchill, 168; 4. Livonia

Stevenson, 151.5; 5. Plymouth Salem,

Wayne Memorial, 91.5; 8. Livonia Franklin,

86; 9. Garden City, 56; 10. (tie) North Farm-

ington and Farmington, 54 each; 12. Lutheran

Westland, 53; 13. Redford Union, 47.5; 14. Redford Thurston, 26; 15. Livonia

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Heavyweight: Derek McWatt (PC) pinned

Aaron Parr (RCC), 5:55; consolation final:

Kevin Packard (LW) p. Tony Martinez (LF),

2:06; fifth place: Mike Robinson (LS) dec.

Clarenceville, 14.

Carl Lalonde (RT), 6-4.

123.5; 6. Westland John Glenn, 123.5; 7.

Greg Musser, the top seed at 140, and Joe Faraoni at 152, who survived an overtime match against Westland John Glenn's Chris Wolfgang in the semis, then beat Churchill's Brian Jones 3-1 in the final.

The lower weight division MVP was the Charger sophomore Brian Clement, who had a tough road indeed to the final at 119, beating North Farmington's Harry Leipsitz 5-3, then edging Plymouth Salem's Mike Goethe 4-3 in the semis. In the final, Clement and Canton's Kyle Pitt went double-overtime before Clement emerged with a 3-2 win.

The third-place finish was the best ever for the Chargers. "I didn't think we'd be in the top three," said Churchill coach Marty Altounian. "We placed 10 of our 14 wrestlers."

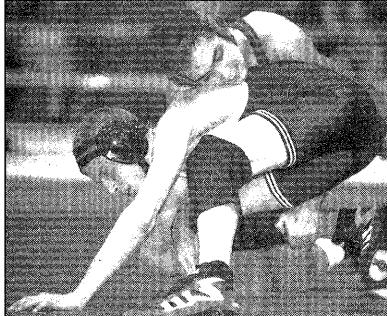
CC ended with three champions: Jay Abshire at 145, Ryan Rogowski on two technical falls and a pin at 171, and Blaic Naysmith at 189.

No other team had more than one champion. Livonia Stevenson, which finished fourth in the standings, got a title from Imad Kharbush at 160; Salem, which was fifth, got a win from Tony Kennard at 135; John Glenn, which was sixth, had Chris Smith win a title at 112; Livonia Franklin, eighth in the standings, had Lee Warren win at 130; Garden City, ninth overall, got a title from Jacob Davis at 103; and Redford Union, 13th in

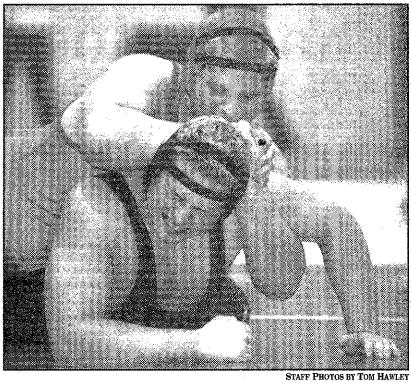
the standings, got a victory from Jesse Stevens at 125.

As satisfied as Demsick and his team were with winning a title that had eluded them for so long, he knew his season was far from over. "The truth is, everything is just a stepping stone to build these boys for the end of the season," he said.

That's every coach's goal. At present, the Chiefs seem to be the team with the sturdiest foundation.







Top grades: Canton heavyweight Derek McWatt (top photo above) was the upper division MVP at Observerland, while Salem's Brandon Sammut (left photo, on top) reached the finals at 130 pounds.

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103 pounds: Jacob Davis (GC) dec. Nick Naber (WJG), 7-5 (OT); consolation: Danny Clement (LC) dec. Brian Mervyn (PS), 7-5; fifth: Dan Canvasser (NF) p. Kayle McCartt

(LF), 0:32. 112: Chris Smith (WJG) dec. Charlie Rabaut (LS), 12-7; consolation: Ramis Bairami (NF) dec. Gent Abdullai (LC), 5-3; fifth: Pete Bobee (PS) p. Tim Hammer (WM), 4:35. 119: Brian Clement (LC) dec. Kyle Pitt (C'ville) dec. Tim McCarthy (LS), 7-3; fifth: (PC), 3-2 (2 OTs); consolation: Mike Goethe (PS) dec. Kefentse Mandisa (WJG), 4-3; fifth: Tim Mulroy (CC) p. Harry Leipsitz (NF), 4:18. 125: Jesse Stevens (RU) dec. Doy Demsick (PC), 11-6; consolation; Paul Goyt (WM) dec. Nate Dillard (PS), 6-2; fifth: Steve Lenhardt (LC) dec. Shawn Parker (WJG), 5-4. 130: Lee Warren (LF) dec, Brandon Sammut (PS), 11-0; consolation; Phil Perry (WiG) dec. Nick Smith (LC), 5-1; fifth: Sean O'Halloran (LS) dec. Derek Robinson (PC), 9-6.

135: Tony Kennard (PS) dec. Mike Werner (RCC), 5-0; consolation: Lev Mergian (LC) won by injury default over Aaron Turk (F); fifth: Chris Hosey (PC) p. Doug Novack (LS), 1:40.

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140: Greg Musser (PC) dec. Bryan Marsh (WM), 9-2; consolation: Brandon Templeton (GC) dec. Matt Radley (LS), 6-4; fifth: Chris Petersen (RCC) won by injury default over Ben Schepis (LC).

145: Jay Abshire (RCC) dec. Chris Cooprider (LS), 5-2; consolation: Adam Schaeffer (PS) dec. Mike Siegrist (PC), 5-3; fifth: Brandon Noble (LW) dec. James Azzopardi (LF), 10-4.

152: Joe Faraoni (PC) dec. Brian Jones (LC), 3-1; consolation: Chris Cracchiolo (RCC) dec. Chris Wolfgang (WJG), 5-3; flfth: Joe Jamieson (LS) dec. Mike Zultak (NF), 5-3.

160: Imad Kharbush (LS) dec. Steve Wallace (WM), 14-6; consolation: Mike Murtland (F) p. Shahein Rajaee (PC), 4:17; fifth: Casey Hilliker (RCC) p. Nick Wroblewski (WJG), 2:23

171: Ryan Rogowski (RCC) won by tech. fall over Scott McKee (PC), 5:09; consolation: Matt Navarro (LF) dec. Jack Seres (WJG), 13-0: fifth: Phil Portellos (PS) p. Brett Brown (F), 3:55

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189: Blaic Naysmith (RCC) dec. Alex Murray (LC), 10-5; consolation: Steve Rotenheber Ron Guron (GC) dec. Matt Rae (LW), 7-4.

215: Phil Rothwell (PC) dec. Thom Vanden bossche (LC), 10-4; consolation: Matt Markowicz (RCC) p. Ollie Muscarella (RU), 1:10; fifth: Zack Jensen (PS) dec, Mick Renton (WM), 12-8

Upper weights MVP: McWatt. heavyweight Canton.

Lower weights MVP: Clement, 119. Churchill.





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Whalers lose 3rd-straight in overtime

A weakness has been found in the Plymouth Whalers' game. Just get them to overtime.

On Sunday at Windsor Arena against the second-place team in the West Division, the Spitfires, the first-place Whalers went into OT for the third time in four games — and lost for the third time, 4-3.

Jason Spezza's second goal of the game and 24th of the season gave Windsor the win at 1:05 of the extra period. Spezza took possession of the puck behind the Whaler net; he shot it in front, but it hit Plymouth goalie

While intensity wasn't a problem for the Rocks, it was for Canton. "We didn't play with the emotion or the heart we needed to to be successful," said Chiefs' coach Dan Abraham, his team

now 10-7-3. "I give Salem a lot of credit — they kept coming at us. "We didn't do the things we needed to do to win. We were playing a style of hockey we do

The score was tied at 2-all after two periods and remained that way until, with 3:23 remaining in the third, Salem's Drew Styles took a breakaway pass from Mark Nagel at midice, skated in alone on Canton goalie Brad Arsznov and deposit-

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Rob Zepp's leg and went into the net for the game-winner.

Plymouth still got a point, and it still has a 15-point advantage in the standings over the Spits. Indeed, the Whalers were tied for first overall in the Ontario Hockey League with the Erie Otters going into last night's game between the two.

And the Whalers got two points the night before, romping past the Kitchener Rangers 6-1 at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Against Windsor, the Whalers let an early 3-1 lead escape. The Spitfires' Sal Peralta scored the game's first goal, on the power play at 9:12 of the opening peri-

Plymouth responded with first-period goals by Stacey Britstone, on the power play, from Surma, and from Stephen Weiss, from Britstone and Surma. The latter came with 42 seconds left in the period.

The Whalers increased their lead to 3-1 when Weiss found the net again, scoring his 30th of the season from Chad Larose and Ryan O'Keefe at 4:39 of the second period. The rest of the game, however, belonged to Windsor.

Spezza's first goal, on the power play at 12:01 of the sec-

Stephen Weiss and Damian ond, narrowed the gap to 3-2; Robin Boucher tied it at 3-all with 4:06 left in the second. The third period was scoreless.

Rob Zepp stopped 25 shots in goal for Plymouth. Windsor's Mike Leighton made 29 saves.

In the win over Kitchener Saturday, the Whalers scored the game's first three goals and coasted to the triumph.

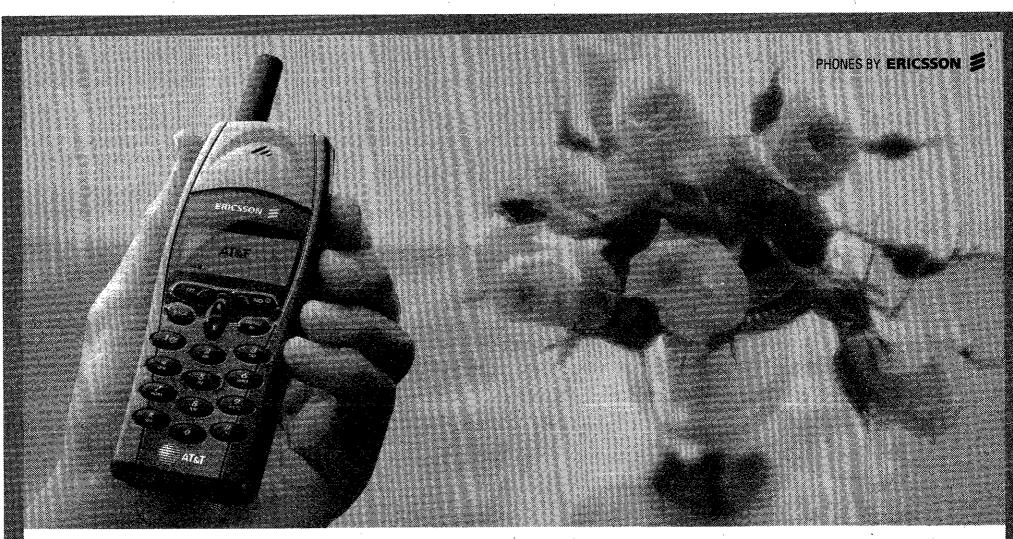
Larose accounted for two of the goals as Plymouth pelted Kitchener goalie Jeff Johnston

with 43 shots. Whaler goalie Paul Drew faced just 18 shots, making 17 saves.

Surma had a goal and an assist for Plymouth, with Chad Wiseman, Britstone and O'Keefe also getting goals.

Tomas Kurka had three assists, with Cole Jarrett, Bryan Thompson and Weiss getting two apiece.

The Whalers led 2-0 after one period and 3-1 after two.



ed the puck behind him, putting the Rocks up 3-2. Salem had dominated play throughout the third period, missing on a couple of ideal scoring situations (thanks to some brilliant saves by Arsznov) earlier in the period — until that goahead goal. Then Canton came alive.

The Chiefs nearly knotted it with 2:20 left when several of them kept poking at the puck in front of Salem goalie Scott Stukel. It didn't work then, but 90 seconds later Canton was in a similar position, this time with Arsznov on the bench for the extra attacker.

And this time it did work, Mike Carson and Brandon Collop slapping at the puck before Depp finally knocked it in.

So was the emotion of the rivalry a factor for Canton? "I think so," answered Abraham, "but we have no excuses. I'm glad we got a tie, but if we'd lost we'd have no excuses."

Neither team had more than a one-goal lead at any time. Canton got the only score of the

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opening period, Collop getting the goal from John Bockstanz with 3:55 left.

The Rocks tied it on a goal by Mike Crowley (assisted by Mark Nagel and Bryan Young) 1:14 into the second period. The Chiefs regained the lead seven minutes later, Brad Wolfe putting the puck past Stukel assisted by Depp and Bockstanz).

With 3:20 to go in the second, Steve Nagel knotted it for Salem at 2-all, with assists from Crowley and Chadd Schlamb.

Which set up the emotional third period, something the Rocks may have handled better than the Chiefs but in the end decided nothing.

CC 6, G.P. North 2: Brett John's three-goal burst helped keep Redford Catholic Central ahead of another one of the state's best teams as the Shamrocks stopped Grosse Pointe North at Redford Arena on Saturday.

"We were tied at 2-2 in the second and we had a good third period," said CC coach Gordy St. John. "We kept playing four lines. When we finally got our fourth goal, it took the wind out of them.'

CC, which has tied Cranbrook (No. 1 in Division 3) and beaten Trenton (No. 2 in Division 1) in the last two weeks, stopped the Norsemen (No. 1 in Division 2) in no small part thanks to John. After Jim Spiewak gave CC a 1-0 lead, North countered with a goal from Mike Barger. John scored an unassisted goal for a 2-1 lead, then Roger Horrie tied it

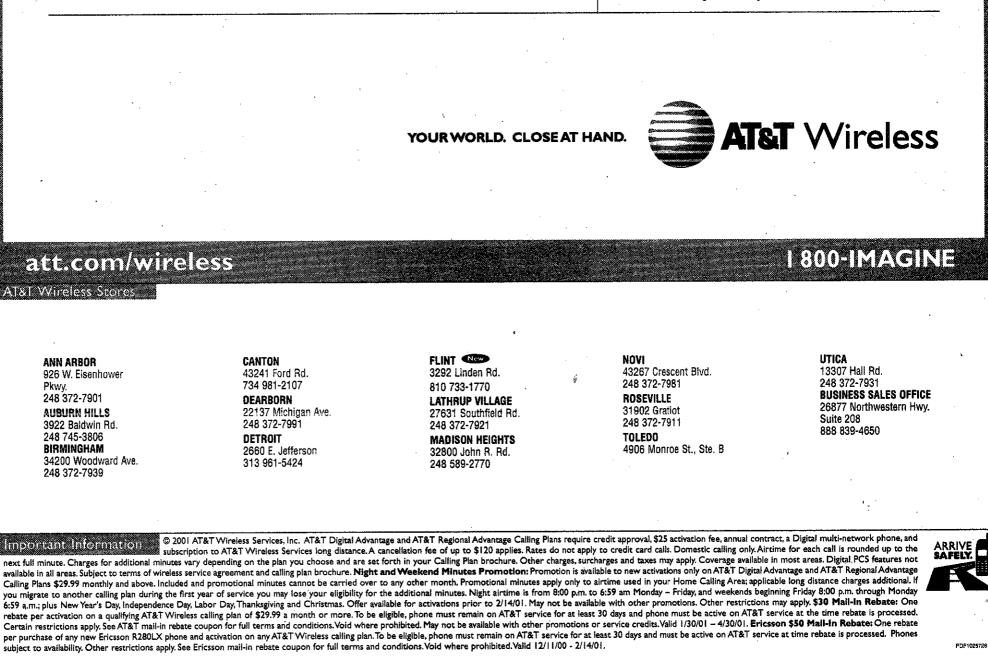
for North in the second period. John made it 3-2 with a goal from Spiewak and Eric Giosa, then 4-2 in the third when he scored from Brian Genrich and Jared Ross. Genrich (from John) and Ross (from Eggert and Genrich) capped the scoring for CC, now 14-0-2 overall and 6-0-1 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

Andrew McCoy made 20 saves in goal for CC, while Collin Chase had 25 saves for the Norsemen.

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Master deed rules, probably

I am the presi-

association is



dent of our small QUERIES condominium association. I am trying to find out if our bylaws supersede the master deed. In the master deed, it states that the homeowners

ROBERT M. MEISNER

responsible for various exterior components. Our

bylaws state that we are responsible for the maintenance of our own units.

Which do I follow? I would also like to know if we can change our condominium to a planned development and if that is a difficult task to undertake.

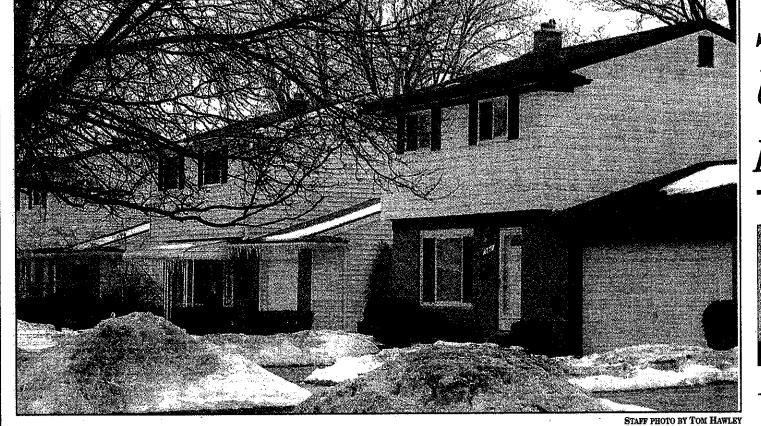
Normally, if there is an inconsistency between the master deed and the bylaws, the documents provide that the master deed will supersede the bylaws.

You can't just assume that the master deed rules without looking at your documents. It also may be that there is not an inconsistency in your documents, but rather you are not reading them with legal understand-

ing. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable condominium lawyer concerning the interpretation of your condominium documents. He could also advise you on whether it would be better - or even feasible - to change from a condominium to a "planned development".

I am not sure what you mean by a "planned development," but perhaps you mean a subdivision. In any event, legal advice is advised.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. His e-mail address is bmeisner@



Good investment: Home sales prices here continue to rise markedly.

Homes worth more this year

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER dfunke@oe.homecomm.net

Home sales prices here continue to rise on a steady, if not remarkable, pace.

In some Observer & Eccentric communities, sales prices - fueled primarily by new residential construction, Realtors say - soared over the past 12 months.

For example, the median sales price (half above, half below) for a home in Rochester at year end 2000 stood at \$225,900 compared to \$168,000 the previous year, a leap of 34 percent.

Median sales prices jumped 17 percent in the township and city of Oxford combined (\$199,950 from \$170,240); 13 percent in the township and city of Plymouth together (\$204,000 from \$180,000); and nearly 13 percent in Redford (\$114,000 from \$101,000.)

Other municipalities experiencing a double-digit increase in median sales price last year included West Bloomfield and Troy, both up 11 percent, and Canton, 10 percent.

All of those communities except Redford are still in growth mode. Redford, essentially built out, remains one of the most affordable starter municipalities in the region. Bill Clark, manager of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Clarkston, attributes much of the median sales South Oakland, and North Oakland Kage added.

Canton (1,244)

Livonia (1.335)

Redford (1,088)

Auburn Hills (185)

Birmingham (546)

Bloomfield Hills (101)

Bloomfield Twp (722)

Ftn/Ftn Hills (1,336)

Orion Twp/city (550)

Oxford/Oxf Twp (241)

Rochester Hills (996)

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Southfield (910)

Waterford (1,237)

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Garden City (419)

Plymouth/Twp (577)

sales last year

price increases here to the residential building boom.

"A lot of it has to do with new construction, more expensive homes," Clark said.

Chris Knight, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Bake in Plymouth, believes that the rising tide of new residential construction raises all boats including existing.

"To reproduce affordable ... costs are higher now," he said. "If affordable (existing) housing in Canton goes up, then affordable housing in Garden City goes up because they're not that far apart.

"Remote communities with not much growth, those prices don't go up."

Even municipalities with comparatively less residential development last year showed a healthy rise in median sales prices – Garden City, nearly 10 percent, Birmingham and Livonia, 8 percent.

"It's still supply and demand, and in entry-level communities, demand still exceeds supply," said Teri Spiro, an associate broker with Century 21 Town & Country in West Bloomfield.

Figures in the chart below were compiled by Realcomp II, a multilisting giant that serves several real estate boards in southeast Michigan including Western Wayne/ Oakland County, ship and West Bloomfield were aver-Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester ages of three different submarkets,

Median home sales prices

as of December 31

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County.

The numbers include sales of houses and condominiums, new and existing. Refinancings aren't included.

Factors such as location within a community, condition of the home, the number of sellers and buyers in the market at any time and motivation to consummate a deal determine actual selling price.

Care must be taken when looking at median sales prices, said Karen Kage, CEO at Realcomp II.

"Some unpublished sales prices may affect the median price," she said, alluding to wide price fluctuations in Bloomfield Hills over the years.

Spiro suggests another factor affecting the fluctuating numbers in Bloomfield Hills.

"They buy the worst house they can on a nice piece of property and knock them down. They're really buying for the land. I had a client who bought a house that hadn't been updated in 30 years. They really got a bargain."

It's difficult to determine exactly how much new construction affects the median price where residential construction is booming, Kage said. "We don't distinguish between new and existing."

Median figures in Bloomfield Town-

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Smart buyer is prepared

MORTGAGE BITS 'TIMBO PHILLIPS

A major part of being a well-prepared buyer is getting a quality mortgage preapproval. A preapproval is simply a signed letter from a licensed mortgage broker or lender giving their assessment as to how much home a buyer may purchase. Unfortunately, there

is no real industry standard for quality and accuracy for a mortgage pre-

approval. Some lenders do a great job of assessing borrowers' worthiness by reviewing their income and asset information, their debt obligations, and their credit history. Others do not. Frankly, some pre-approvals are worth less.

The quality of a mortgage preapproval directly affects the quality of your real estate purchase. Any seasoned Realtor will tell you the most common reason for failed real estate transactions is buyer financing.

As a buyer, you can avoid most financing surprises by getting an early start on your mortgage approval process. Contact a mortgage broker or your banker a couple months before you intend to borrow so he can check your credit and do a full evaluation.

Some lenders can give you a mortgage credit approval, which is an actual approval subject to few conditions. This type of pre-approval qualifies the borrower but does not address the conditions of the new property. Buyers with this level of pre-qualification are about the strongest you will find.

As a seller, you would be wise to insist that all purchase offers be accompanied by meaningful preapproval letters. If the letter has the contact information for the approving loan officer, call to determine how thorough he was in issuing his preapproval. Realtors know that many of us loan officers provide our contact information on our letters for that very purpose.

Bottom line: Whether you are the buying or selling a home, making sure the buyer is solidly pre-approved can save headaches and hear reaks for everybody involved.

mich. com, and his Web site is www. meisner-law. com This column provides general information and should

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Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a loan officer for Commonwealth National Mortgage Corp. in Livonia. You may contact him at PhillipsHQ@ yahoo. com, or at (734) 797-5522 [24 hours]. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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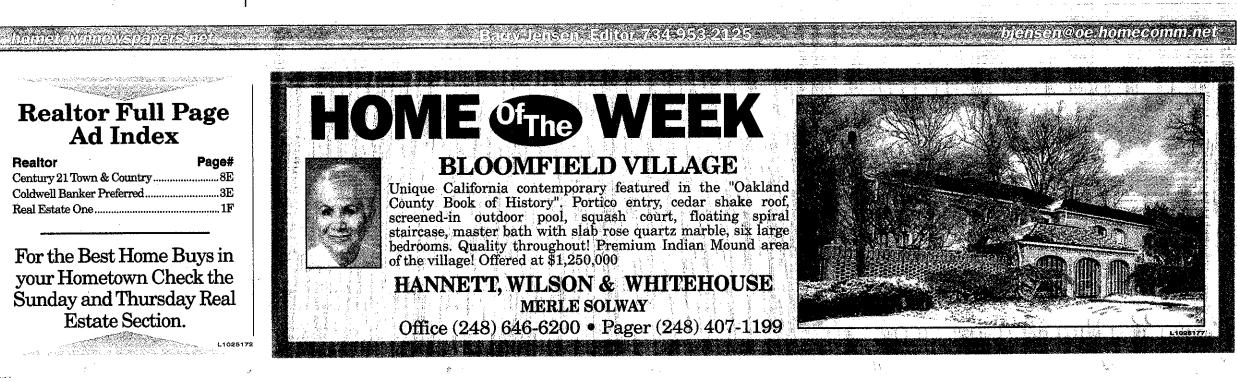
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Commercial real estate markets healthy but slowing

All sectors of the commercial market experienced strong activity during the third quarter of 2000, and all but one are expecting a modest slowdown in 2001, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Apartment vacancy rates are expected to stay about the same, but apartment dwellers can expect to see rate increases.

The outlook for multifamily

housing remains favorable given the continued discipline in supply as tight credit is expected to stabilize construction activity. Demographic trends and strong household formation are expected to increase demand. As a result, the national vacancy rate is expected to be fairly stable at 7.1 percent in 2001. Inflationadjusted rent is projected to rise 1.0 percent this year. Based on

rent growth, the hottest multifamily markets are expected to be in Boston, Los Angeles, Detroit, Minneapolis and San Francisco.

Detroit is hot market

The slowing economy is expected to cut corporate and leisure travel, and NAR expects room occupancy to contract throughout 2001. Room starts are expected to decline, and hotels are expected to hold their room rates but raise other fees. Based on rent growth, the hottest lodging markets are expected to be in San Diego, New York City, Boston, Detroit and New Orleans.

There is a parallel with the residential market in coming off of record sales levels, David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said. "What this report is telling us is that 2000 was a solid year for the entire commercial marketplace. However, with the slowing economy, we expect a slight slowdown in all of the sectors except for multifamily housing, which will remain fairly stable." Lereah noted collection of commercial statistics lags behind the residential market because comparable databases are not yet available.

For the office market, NAR reported resilience to the slowing economy as the national vacancy rate tightened to 9.7 percent in the third quarter. Demand for office space rose 4.0 percent from a year earlier, while supply increased by only 2.6 percent.

The association expects slowing economic activity to result in only modest employment gains in 2001, slowing office demand throughout the year. Although retrenching will continue in some sectors of the services industry such as "new economy" companies, other sectors will create new jobs. Office inventory is expected to grow with new construction becoming available, and vacancy rates should edge higher to 10.6 percent this year in comparison with a projected 9.8 percent for all of 2000.

Landlords will be more likely to negotiate leases, causing rent growth to slide. NAR estimates asking rent will be \$29.35 per square foot in 2001, compared to 27.87 last year.

In the warehouse market, NAR reports 24 million square feet were absorbed in the third

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quarter, lagging net new space completions of 32 million square feet. The space availability rate was 8.1 percent in the third quarter, compared with 7.9 percent in the second quarter.

The association projects warehouse net absorption to be slower but healthy in 2001, declining to 110 million square feet in comparison with an estimated 130 million square feet in 2000. With an increase in supply, the national vacancy rate should rise from 8.1 percent in 2000 to 8.5 percent this year. Warehouse rents, adjusted for inflation, are projected to rise 2.2 percent in 2001.

Vacancy rate stable

In the retail market, NAR reports 33 million square feet was absorbed in the third quarter, while net new space completions totaled 39 million square feet. At the same time, the national vacancy rate was fairly stable at 7.7 percent.

The association projects that with the combination of a slowdown in consumer spending. higher fuel prices and a volatile stock market - partially offset by lower interest rates and modest rises in disposable income - slower retail sales and closures of marginal stores are possible. Net absorption is expected to fall from 110 million square feet in 2000 to 92 million square feet this year. The national vacancy rate is expected to rise from 7.8 percent in 2000 to 8.3 percent this year, while rents are expected to rise 2.6 percent in 2001.

In the lodging market, the association reports revenue per available room grew by 5.6 percent from January through September 2000, and daily room rates rose 4.8 percent in the third guarter in comparison with a vear earlier.

In the multifamily sector, the association reports that solid demand for labor fueled new household formation in the third quarter, resulting in a net absorption of 36,200 units. At the same time, net completions of new rental units were 52,000 units. This translated into a demand and supply growth of 0.8 percent in comparison with a year earlier, and inflation-adjusted rents increased 0.9 percent in the same time frame.

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The lottery was established as a pre-opening sales event for the people who were interested in buying a home in the development.

"We had hundreds of people expressing interest in purchasing a home in Cherry Hill Village as soon they were available. We created the lottery to ensure that everyone who wanted to attend the preview event, had an equal opportunity to select from our initial offering of 300 homes," said Lorne Zalesin, vice president of Biltmore, the project developer and one of the village builders.

When the development is complete, 1,291 homes will be built in the 338-acre village, as well as a town square with anchoring commercial and civic areas.

Three residential builders for Cherry Hill Village – Biltmore-Homes, Curtis Building Co. and Ivanhoe-Huntley - have developed historically inspired designs. Homes in the first phase include single-family homes, townhomes and manor homes. They are priced from the mid-\$100,000s to the mid-\$500,000s.

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Free introductory sessions are offered 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Holiday Inn Select, 16000 Opdyke, Auburn Hills, and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at the Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Place Drive, Livonia.

For information or reservations, call (800) 462-0899.

LICENSE EXAM CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education present a 16-hour class to help participants pass the state builder's licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 5-14, at Riley Middle School. 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost is \$199, plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

To register, call (734) 523-9277.

CONSTRUCTION EXPO

Design & Construction Expo 2001 runs 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 7-8, at the Pontiac Silverdome. Three hundred companies are expected to exhibit.

The show is sponsored by the Construction Association of Michigan, the American Institute of Architects Michigan and the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute. Admission is free. Call CAM

to register at (248) 972-1000.

BUY HOME CLASS

Juliette Bowman of RE/ MAX Classic and Mark Bowers of Colonial Mortgage host a free class for home buyers 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farm-

ington Road. To register, call Bowman at (734) 779-9977.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland presents a panel of experts on how to buy foreclosed houses from banks and mortgage companies Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main, Clawson.

Dinner, at 6:30 p.m., is \$14 for everyone. The program, at 7:30 p.m., is free for members, \$10 for nonmembers. For reservations, call (800) 747-6742.

APARTMENT LEASING

The Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council presents a class, "The ABCs of Leasing," 8:30 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Building Industry Association of Southeast Michigan Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern, Farmington Hills.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$69 for PMC

members and \$99 for others. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

REMODELING CLASS

Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute offer a nine-hour seminar, "Buying and Remodeling a Home for Profit," 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 21, 28 and March 7 at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia. Topics include public sales,

estimating repairs, working with contractors and common problems.

Cost is \$95 plus a textbook fee of \$10.

To register, call (734) 523-9277.

SELL HOME CLASS

Matt Kenkel, a CPA and associate broker with ERA Bankers Realty in Farmington Hills. offers a home seller's class, "For Sale by Owner," 7-9:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Orchard Lake Middle School, Bloomfield Hills.

Topics include setting price, target marketing and purchase documents.

Fee of \$30 goes to community education. To register, call (248) 433-0885.

BUILDERS LICENSE

Builder's Licensing Exam Preparation class offered 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 7 - 28 in

members, \$79 for AAM and BIA Livonia. This course is also offered as a self-study. For more information, call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education (734) 462-4448.

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.

Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

CONTAMINATION SITES

VISTAinfo, a publicly owned company based in San Diego, has a Web site that offers a free overview of environmental conditions - contaminated waste sites, hazardous waste locations and landfills – by ZIP code.

The Internet address is www. NearMyHome. com

More specific reports are available for a fee.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan.

"Playgrounds for Young Chil-

dren" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www. caionline. org

PAY REPORT

A 2000 Compensation Survey Study compiled by the Building **Owners & Managers Association** of Metropolitan Detroit and the Institute for Real Estate Manus agement is now available for purchase.

Cost is \$45 for survey participants, \$90 for BOMA and IREM members and \$150 for nonmem bers

To order, call (248) 848-3714 or send a check to BOMA, 38800 Country Club Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331. ~ i j

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit continues a membership drive. Categories include individual membership (\$10), family (\$20), organizational (\$35), supporting (\$50) and sustaining (\$100).

For information, call $(31\hat{3})$ 963-1274.

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Bank forms division to handle mortgages

Michigan Heritage Bank joined forces with Enterprise Financial, 33312 Grand River, Farmington, to create a new full-service mortgage division. MHB, Mortgage will offer customers a complete array of mortgage products including Fanny Mae (FNMA) and Freddie MAC (FHLMC) for "A Type" borrowers as well as FHA and various loan types for those who are credit challenged.

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Other services offered by MHB, Mortgage will include refinancing, home purchasing assistance, new construction financing, equity lines of credit and second mortgages.

Heading up Michigan Heritage Bank's mortgage division will be Managing Director Charles Salyer. Salyer has more than 30-years experience in the mortgage industry. Most recently, Salyer was president and CEO of Enterprise Financial Services Inc. Prior to that, he was senior vice president and national production manager for Independence One Mortgage Corp. He also served in an executive management capacity for Merrill Lynch Mortgage, FCA Mortgage and American Savings and Advance Mortgage Corp.

Salyer said he expects the new division to

be in full operation within 90 days. Currently, there are seven employees. MHB, Mortgage expects to bring on four more loan officers within the next three months.

According to Michigan Heritage Bank President and COO Anthony Albanese, "We are proud and excited about this new venture. The combining of Michigan Heritage Bank and Enterprise Financial Services will allow MHB, Mortgage to offer complete mortgage products that will benefit Michigan Heritage Bank customers as well as all individuals in the metro Detroit area."



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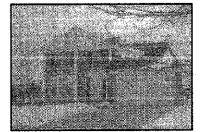
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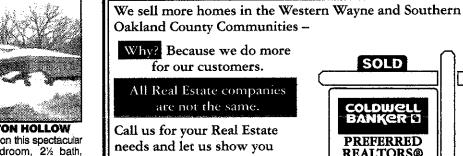
LARGER TREED LOT! Newer windows T/O, newer tear off roof, large front porch w/decorative railing. This home sits on 1.5 lots w/larger trees (very nice), large living room and large dining room, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, basement and more. Walking distance to schools. \$119,900 (495BR)



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DESIRABLE SUNFLOWER COLONIAL This 4 bedroom, 21/2 bath brick home is waiting for your finishing touch. Features you want like a formal dining, family room w/fireplace, study, 1st floor laundry and finished basement. (449BA) \$237,900



FANTASTIC CUSTOM COLONIAL Circular drive, prof. landscaped on 90x286 lot across from park, all wood windows, crown molding off dining room, living room & kitchen w/oak cab., nook w/doorwall to custom brick walled porch w/custom patio. Family room w/cathedral ceiling & FP. All BR have hardwood floors, ceramic floors in baths. Quality throughout. (557SE) \$374,900



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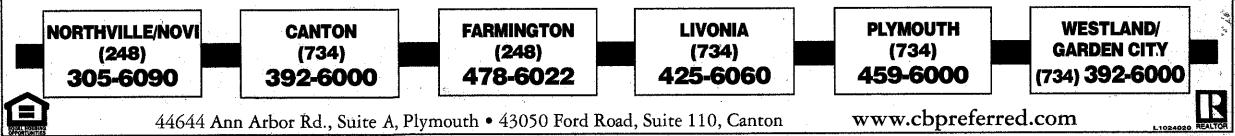
Move right into this 3 bedroom, w/finished basement rec room, oversized 21/2 car garage w/220 electric, a new garage door and opener, newer furnace/AC, roof. One year home warranty. \$107.000 (362ST)



Immediate occupancy on this 3 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial, interior recently freshly painted, vinyl windows in '97, carpet and vinyl flooring in 1998. Beautiful 12x10 sunroom with deck overlooking this beautifully landscaped 1/3 acre lot. Great location, hurry! \$209,900 (575BA)



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MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150.

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David Acquisti is the 2000 Mortgage Broker of the Year for the Michigan Mortgage Brokers Association.

Acquisti opened American Residential Mortgage Corp. in 1998 after beginning his career in 1990 as a loan originator.

He's a graduate of Northern Michigan University and serves on sev-

eral MMBA committees and its board of directors.

Darton Case, president of dartappraisal. com and a licensed appraiser, was selected Affiliate of the Year.

Allan Daniels, president of AA Mortgage Corp., won the Distinguished Leadership Award.

Audrey Acquisti, a certified national trainer, won the Faculty Award.

Rainy Hamilton Jr., ATA, was elected president of the AIA Detroit 2001 board of directors. Hamilton is president of Hamilton Anderson Associates Inc., Detroit architects, landscape architects, urban designers/ planners and interior designers.

Other newly elected AIA Detroit board mem-

bêrs are: vice president/ president elect Jeffrey J. Hausman, AIA, of SmithGroup Inc., Detroit; secretary Stephen Smith, AIA, of TMP Associates Inc., Bloomfield Hills; treasürer Alan H. Cobb, AIA, of Albert Kahn Associates Inc., Detroit; past president, AIA Michigan director D. Brooke Smith, AIA, of Barton Malow Design, Southfield.

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Elected Michigan directors are Anne Bernardini, AIA, of HarleyEllis, Southfield; Eric J. Hill, FAIA, of Albert Kahn Associates, Detroit; Herbert P. Jensen, AIA, of HarleyEllis, Southfield; and Benedetto motive/ industrial group.

Tiseo, AIA, of Tiseo Architects Inc., Livonia. Elected chapter directors are Robert L. Veresan, AIA, of Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., Detroit; and Cynthia K. Pozolo, AIA, of Albert Kahn Associates, Detroit. Blake Elderkin, Associate AIA, of Albert Kahn Associates was elected associate director.

Steve Cole. a Realtor with RE/ MAX Showcase Homes in Birmingham, earned e-PRO certification for Internet professionalism by the national Association of Realtors.

Pam Sawyer, a sales associate with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Clarkston, was awarded the Rookie of the Year Award for 2000 by the North Oakland County Board of Realtors.

The award is given in recognition of outstanding real estate productivity and congeniality.

The following staff members have been elected to the status of senior associate/ stockholder at Albert Kahn Associates, an architecture, engineering and planning firm in Detroit.

David Barczys, senior architectural designer - commercial, financial, interior design group.

Rory Clark, field representative - field services group.

Jeff Kidorf, project architect - automotive/ industrial group. John Lemmer, project architect - auto-

motive/ industrial group. John Linenberg, group leader, project

management services - automotive/ industrial group.

Joan Mende, group leader, mechanical services – health care group.

Henry Montague, group leader, mechanical services, industrial special projects group.

Kerry Nielan, manager - computer services.

Sean Pic-Kell, group leader, electrical services - research and development technology group.

Michael Strother, assistant director urban design and planning group.

Al Woody, technical adviser - mechanical engineering.

Kevin Zauel, structural engineer - auto-

hands clean When you head toward the restroom door

New product

leaves your

of most restaurants, you're going to put your just-washed hands on an often-used door handle. This does little to keep your hands clean for eating sandwiches or sushi.

A new product, Health Handles, provides a door handle that can be opened with the wrist, thereby eliminating recontamination of the hand.

"This product will be an important tool in the battle against infection for schools, restaurants and public buildings. Our product can play a significant role in reducing contamination," said Jean Zeuner, president of Health Handles.

Poor hygiene - generally unwashed or poorly washed hands - contributes to many food-related illnesses, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Hands can transfer germs from contaminated raw meat, eggs and poultry to other foods, or from an infected person to the food.

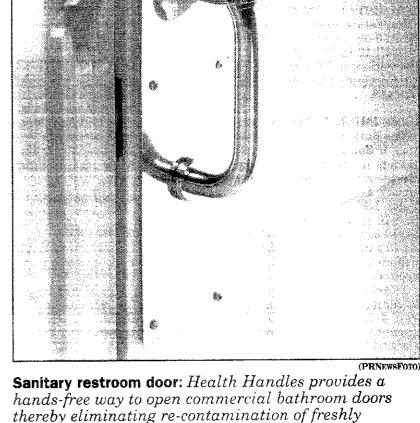
Studies have shown that freshly washed hands can become recontaminated when exposed to restroom handles, according to Georgia P. Dash, director of epidemiology at the Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital

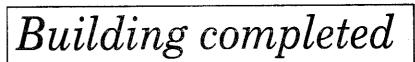
The primary reason for recontamination of hands after washing is a result of others not washing their hands. One-third of people using a public restroom do not wash their hands before leaving, according to research conducted by the American Society for Microbiology. The CDC also reports that hand washing is one the most important means of preventing the spread of infection and is the first line of defense against infectious diseases.

Health Handles provides the solution to this problem with a "no-touch" door handle that replaces the existing door handle and is inexpensive and easy to use. The product can be bought as an entire unit with a doorplate or as a handle that can be retrofitted over an existing installation.

Health Handles will be available in a variety of finishes including plated satin brass, chrome, aluminum, colored plastic models.

For more information, visit www. healthhandles.com





A Farmington Hill firm has finished work on a building in southwestern Macomb County. Construction has been com-

washed hands.

pleted on the new office and truck service facility for Kinnie Enterprises. The new building, 32097 Hollingsworth in Warren, will serve as the company's corporate headquarters.

The Garrison Co. was the

general contractor for the twostory office and garage facility. The architect for the project was Kevin D. Hart Associates of Birmingham.

The facility will house several drive-through service bays, truck driver training, fleet vehicle fueling stations and a truck wash.

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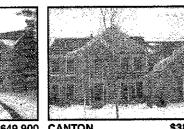
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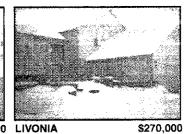
\$124,900 DETROIT DETROIT Mint condition..., Best describes this Why rent when you can own?, 3 beautiful 1340 sq ft 3 bedroom brick bedrooms, finished basement. 2.5 car bungalow. Kitchen w/newer counter & garage. Nice fenced yard, plus a one sink, irg family room, finished year home warranty. (BGN16WES). basement, 1 yr home warranty. (BG-L- 248-347-3050 90BRA), 734-462-1811



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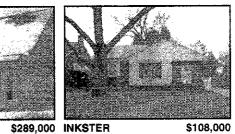
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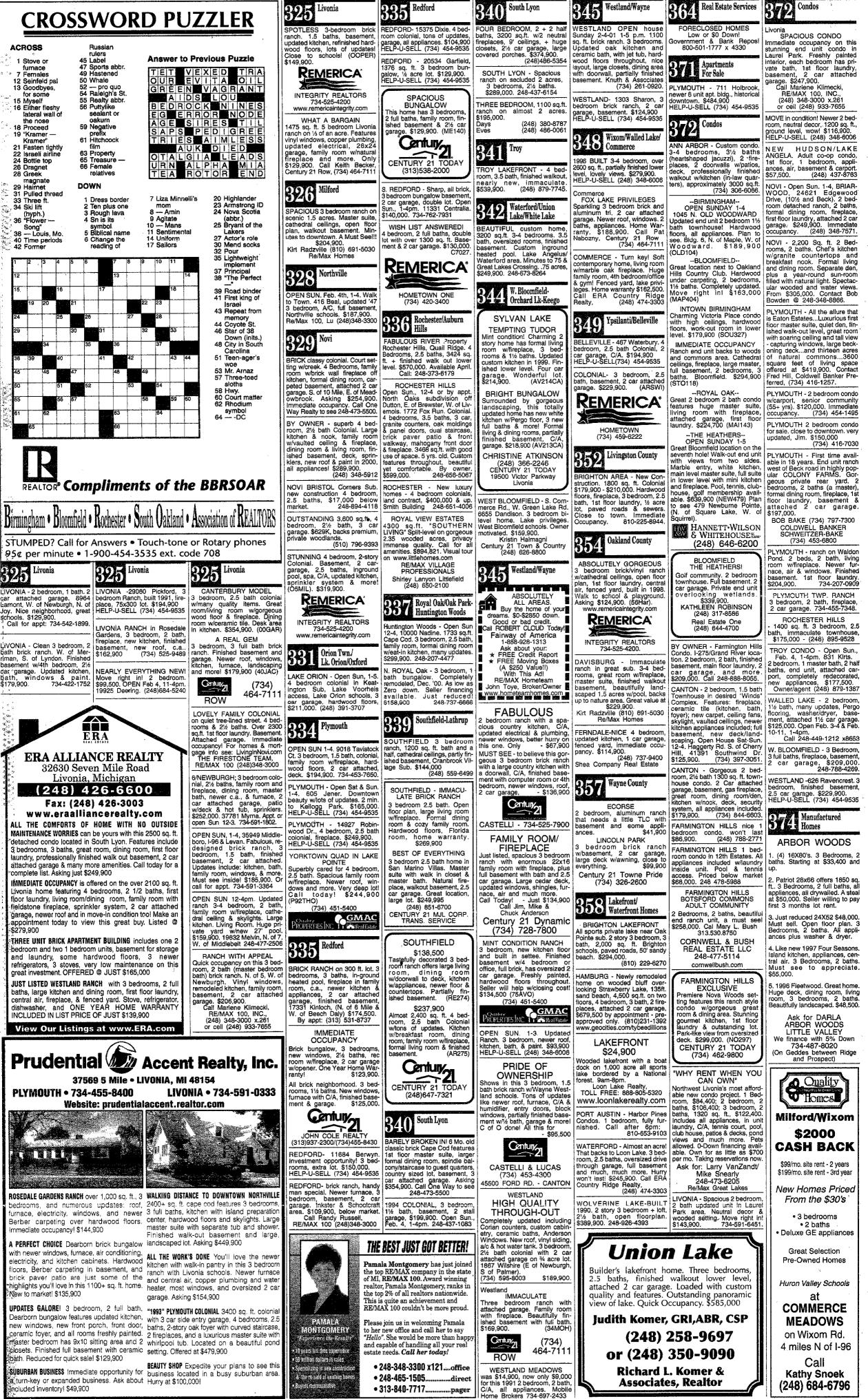


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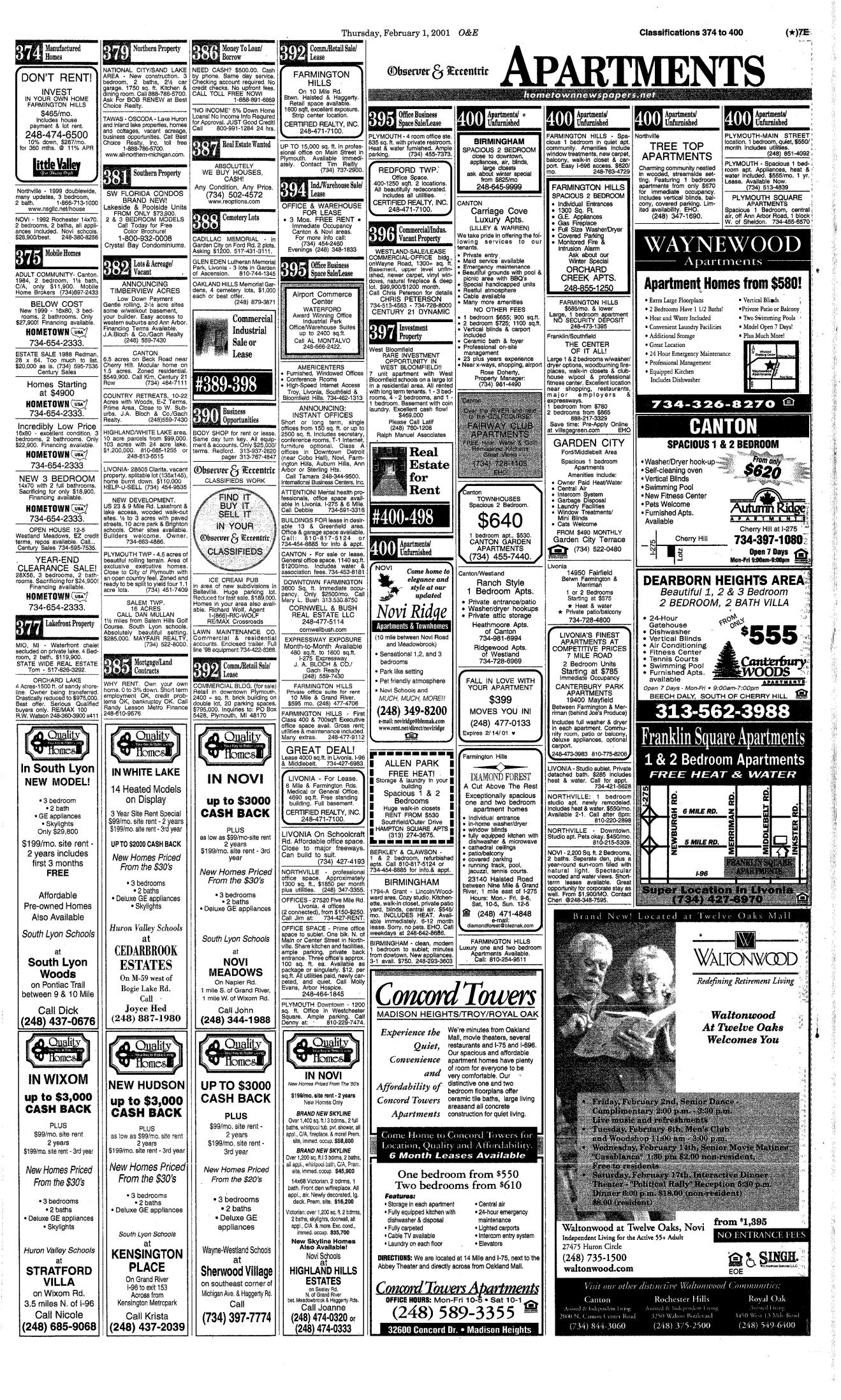








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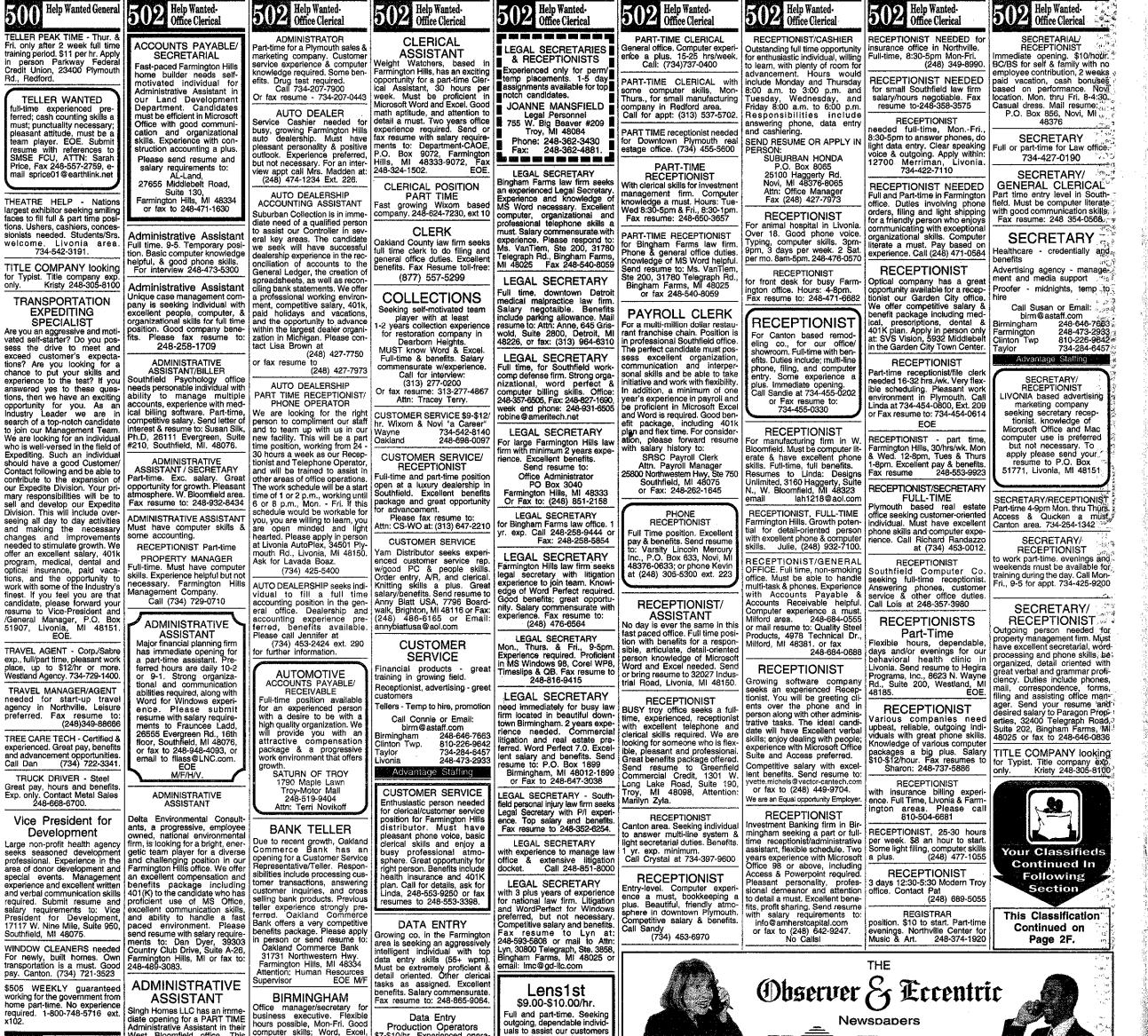
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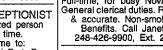


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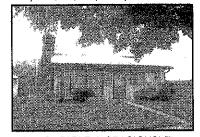
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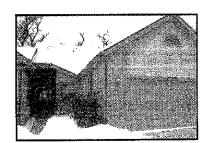
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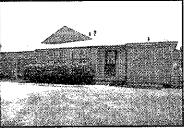
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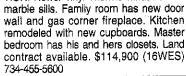


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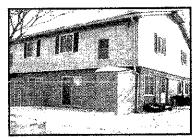


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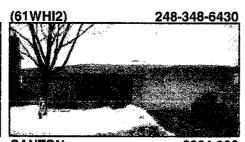
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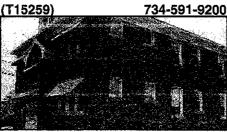
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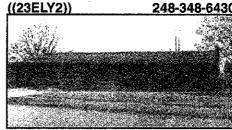
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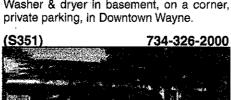
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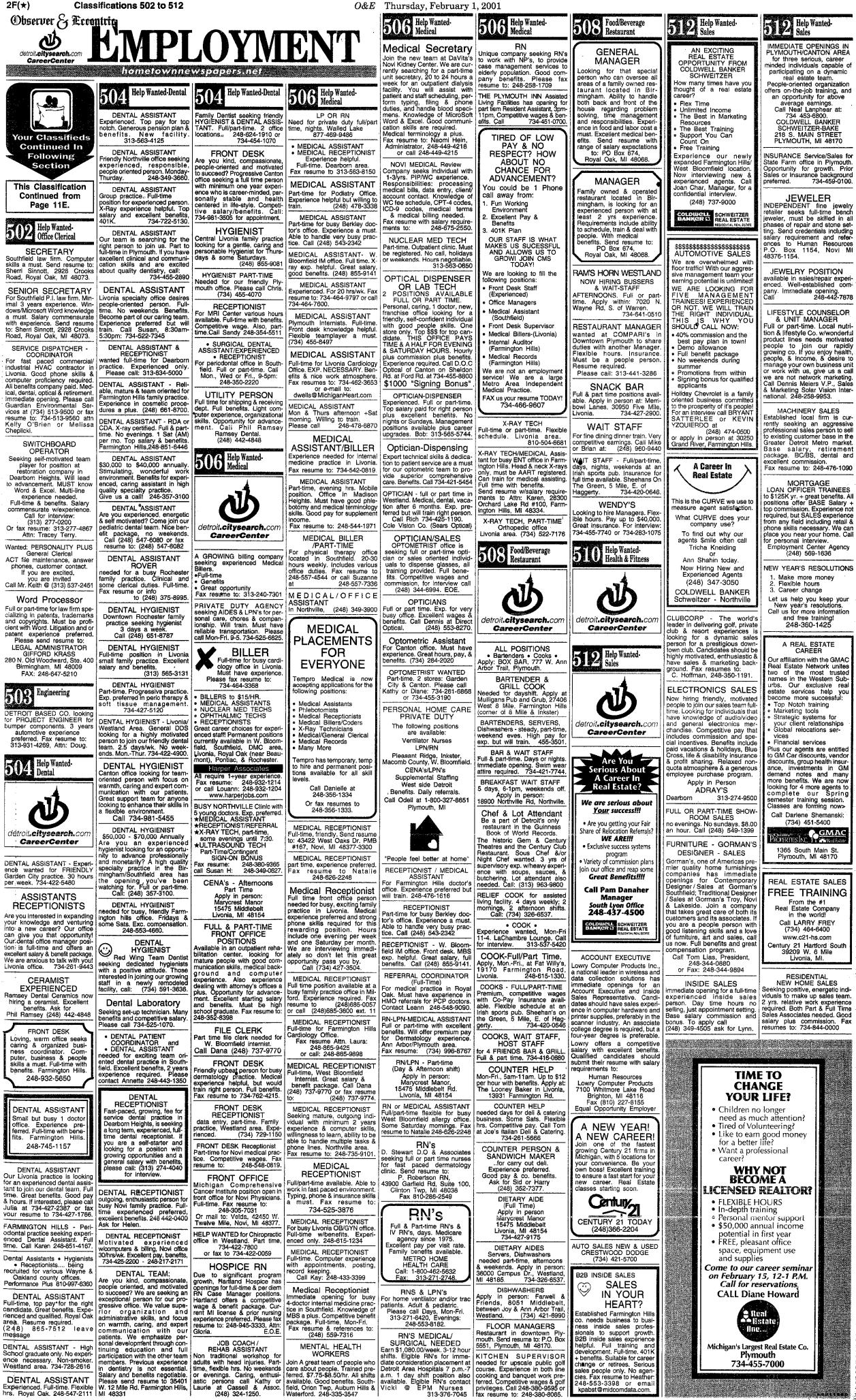






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City of Plymouth unveils new park plans

Scott Spielman Editor

Plymouth City residents can get a sneak peak Tuesday at changes proposed for their neighborhood parks.

The City of Plymouth will host a special unveiling of the concept plans for two municipal parks at the Plymouth Cultural Center, according to Paul Sincock, acting city manager. The unveiling is planned at a special open house, which will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The proposed designs are part of the recreation master plan adopted by the city in July of last year. he said.

"It's really a part of our city-wide plan," Sincock said. "This allows us to get specific to our parks."

The two parks highlighted Tuesday are Jaycee Park. on Harding and Wing streets, and Garden Club Park. on Forest and Sutherland. They will feature a theme that will be duplicated in the other city parks, according to Sincock.

We received a pretty significant amount of input from the neighborhoods, not just those living next to them, but from residents who live several blocks away. Paul Sincock

The open house is designed as an informal question and answer period, he said. At any time during the two hour period, interested residents can walk in, look at the plans, and talk one-on-one with representatives from LSL Planning, the firm that developed the plan and park themes.

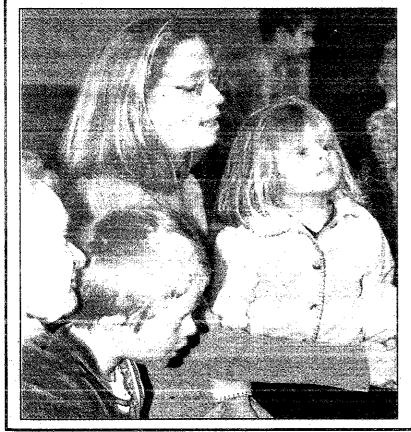
The development of the recreation master plan has been a fairly long project and been characterized with a great deal of public input, according to Sincock. It started

with a public workshop last year, in which LSL planners spent a day meeting with residents and members of recreational groups to solicit input. They also solicited written input and e-mails from residents neighboring the parks, he said.

"We received a pretty significant amount of input from the neighborhoods, not just those living next to them, but from residents who live several blocks away," Sincock' said. The plans represent a consensus of the majority of those suggestions, he added.

"We think we have plans that will integrate the principles of good design, maintenance considerations and the confines of each of the neighborhoods," said Jennifer Fry of LSL Planning.

The open house is the second opportunity residents have to voice input regarding the project, Sincock said. The concepts to be unveiled Tuesday are just preliminary, he said. We're always looking for input, but I think we're on the right track here," he said.





Story jam

Paige Roberts and her mother were two of the dozens who attended the Canton Storytelling Festival Saturday at Summit on the Park. Storytellers such as Corinne Stavish entertained the crowd at an afternoon and evening performance. Canton Project Arts sponsored the event. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.

Grosse Pointe blanked 4th city manager candidate turns down Plymouth job offer

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Scott Spielman manager post, turned down an McDonald said. "I don't think group might be able to offer pro- uate the starting wage and bene-

The City of Plymouth will be going back to the well, after all.

Michael Overton, the fourth finalist for the long-vacant city

electing instead to take a job in Grosse Pointe.

"For various reasons, everyone's disappointed that we still don't have a city manager."

again.

McDonald said he would contact the Michigan Municipal League (MML) to ask for help in continuing the search. That

good candidate and how much the job is worth, he added. One of the suggestions Overton gave in the letter he sent declining the position was that the city re-eval-

didates.

The city might not have a choice but to consider a higher

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Northville recreation department puts community center plans on hold

Scott Spielman Editor

While plans for renovations at Hillside Middle School are under way, a proposal to revamp the Northville Community Center may have to wait a while longer.

When the Parks and **Recreation Commission mem**bers presented officials from

Northville Township and the City of Northville with four options to transform Hillside Middle School into additional recreational facilities, they also presented a plan to renovate the current community center into a senior citizen facility.

"That's a second issue," said Northville Chip Snider. Township manager. "We want to tackle these one at a time."

Mary Gans, Northville Township trustee, agreed. He said there are several external factors that would figure into the proposed update of the Community Center, including a potential expansion of the post office in downtown Northville, and the possibility that the township may purchase Bushwood Golf Course. If so, the banquet center there could be renovated

into a senior facility. The post office may become an issue because it abuts the current senior building.

"There are so many other things we don't know yet, the only thing we decided to do is make any repairs (to the community center) that may be necessary," said Gans. The roof of the facility suffered under the weight of the early December snowfalls, and

developed some leaks, he added. Gans said the proposed renovations to the community center have not been ruled out, however.

'We have to think in terms of long range, down the road," he said.

"There's no reason why it couldn't be used in its current configuration."

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Canton homeowners give blessing to new subdivision

Monica Pugno Staff Writer

Like the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team that defeated the Soviet Union, the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association did something last Monday members never thought they would do.

The association supported the decision of the Canton Township Planning Commission members to allow Robertson Brothers to develop the Ravines Preliminary Planned Development District, a 65-acre single family detached home project located south of Joy Road between Beck and Ridge roads.

"When Robertson Brothers first came to us about the project, we were unanimously opposed," said Chuck Suppnick, spokesperson for the homeowners association. "We thought it was unwarranted. Since your (the Planning Commission) denial, the Robertson Brothers have made several changes. They met with us and listened to our concerns," Suppnick said.

Suppnick said the association was concerned about the cutting down of trees and the impact on Joy Road. He said the Robertson Brothers have assured the association members there will be no tree removal. In addition, to lessen the visual impact of the development on Joy Road,

Since your (the Planning Commission) denial, the Robertson Brothers have made several changes. They met with us and listened to our concerns.

the entrance will not include a boulevard island and the first homes will be more than 300-feet from the right-ofway

Sanitary sewers will be brought to the site from Gyde Road in an effort to preserve as many trees as possible.

"Because of the changes made, we no longer oppose it," Suppnick said. "We will support the project. Thus, as an organization, we find ourselves on new ground."

Some homeowners, including Hans Neuroth, are still against the project, however.

"I'm opposed to any further cutting down of trees," Neuroth said. "I believe the area is so unique to Canton that it should be preserved. The reason I bought in that location is I wanted open space. I see it eroding away."

Jim Clarke of Robertson Brothers said the company

plans to bore under the trees instead of removing them.

"We're trying to preserve as much open space as we can," Clarke said. "In fact, 58 percent of the area will remain open space. If we had larger lots, there would have to be a lot of tree clearing. We don't want to do that."

Clarke said the best solution would be to pay adjacent residents for a utility easement instead of boring under trees.

"We don't want to bore," Clarke said. "It's our second alternative. We'd much rather cut through a piece of grass. Two out of the four homeowners have said 'yes you' can.' If we don't get the easement, we'll have to bore."

Neuroth, one of the two homeowners who refused to allow an easement, said there isn't enough money in the world to change his mind. Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin asked Neuroth to reconsider so the Robertson Brothers can preserve as many trees as possible. She suggested he look at the properties on Hanford Road between Ridge and Beck roads, where a similar easement was done.

"The developers of that project went into the front yards of people's property to preserve the trees," McLaughlin said. "These front yards were restored. The road looks undisturbed." Neuroth said he would have to talk with his wife before changing his mind.

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salary, he said.

"We either have to come into the 21st Century or be concerned about the quality of candidate we're going to get," McDonald said. "You get what you pay for."

Overton was the fourth person to pass on the job. K. Joseph Young, city manager of Hazel Park was the only candidate for the job that the city unanimously agreed on - but he declined because the \$84,400 offer was not high enough. Michael Cain was their second choice, but he elect- ed to take the city manager post in St. John's, MI. Calvin Teague, who less than two weeks ago accepted the third offer from the city, withdrew from consideration for personal reasons.

"I don't think anyone, would, in hindsight, have expected that," said McDonald.

McDonald said it was not surprising that the Plymouth candidates were fielding offers from other communities, especially since the search for a qualified

Plymouth **Township fills** resource post



Mike Overton

candidate began, in earnest, in August.

"Any credible candidate were not going to have just one iron in the fire," he said.

McDonald said he elected not to call a special meeting to discuss option because Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Pobur is out of

town

Starting the process over means that Municipal Service **Director Paul Sincock remains** acting city manager: Sincock said that the city has continued to run smoothly, even in the absence of a full-time city manager.

"We're interested in doing the business of government," said Sincock of the city staff. "If we have a city manager or not, we still have to provide services, and that's what we're concentrating on.

"The staff knows they have to step up to the challenge and we're doing it on a daily basis. Everything is happening," he added.

Commissioner Sean FitzGerald said, in some ways, the search has brought the commission together. He said he hoped the commission learned that they could have disputes over the qualifications of the candidates and still get together to do what is best for the city.

"I look forward to the next step in the process," he said.



Dr. George N. Atsalis, & Staff extend a

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees recently approved the hiring of a human resources director.

The board approved a \$62,000 yearly salary for Joann Coobatis, former human resources manager for Key Plastics, which is located on Plymouth Road Haggerty between and Newburgh roads. She is expected to start Feb. 5, according to **Plymouth Township Supervisor** Steve Mann.

The last time the township had a human resource director was in 1992, according to Mann. At that time, then-supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy downgraded the position to a clerical one.

"It's an area you can't allow to go unfilled," Mann said.

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Long time residents named to Plymouth Hall of Fame

Scott Spielman Editor

The nameplate on the door of Judge Jim Garber's home office reads: Judge James N. Gorber.

It's a memento from a previous job, but it also serves to keep his ego in check, he said. He kept it on the back of his office door in the old Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice to help him keep a level head through his long judicial

"Every time I thought I was important. I just glanced at the sign. That told me how important I was," he said with a laugh.

Garber is one of two long-time Plymouth-area residents named to the 2001 Plymouth Hall of Fame. The other is Robert Sincock.

Garber had lived in Plymouth since 1953, and now resides in Northville Township. He has a long career in the legal field, including such positions as staff attorney for the Wayne County **Road Commission**, Chief Trial Attorney for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, and, of course, district judge of the 35th

District Court, where he served for 16 years.

His list of community services reads just as long, and includes such organizations as the Plymouth Jaycees, the Plymouth Community YMCA, the Plymouth Community United Way and the Plymouth Community Band, of which he is a co-founder.

Garber will best be remembered, at least in Plymouth-Canton and Northville, for his contributions to the court.

When he took the bench in 1979, the court was operating out of three locations, he said. They borrowed space in the Canton Administration Building, Plymouth City Hall, and the Northville City Hall. Back then, it was a long distance call from Canton Township to Northville, and with the judges rotating from one building to another, the phone bills themselves were outrageous, according to Garber.

"I got together with (Chief Judge) Dunbar Davis and said, Dunbar, we've got to do something," he said.

That was the first step toward the accomplishment of the 35th

District Courthouse, which served the five communities of the Plymouths, the Northvilles and Canton.

When that building burned down in July of 1997, the staff turned again to Garber to help plan for the new structure, which was eventually built on the site of the old courthouse.

The Evening Kiwanis Club and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce restarted the Hall of Fame in 1999. Honorees are those who have a long history of community service, as Garber knows - he nominated Jim Jabara, one of the recipients last year.

Carole Goodfellow, who was Garber's court reporter, nominated him for the honor.

"I felt he had done a lot for the community and I thought he should be recognized for it," she said. "If someone needed something, he was always there for them.'

Goodfellow said Garber's reputation extended to those who appeared in front of him as well. He had a way of making defendants feel comfortable, and treated everyone with respect. She recalled one time when a defendant approached her to tell her SO

"It amazed me at the time that a defendant would come up to me and say they liked him," she said

Garber retired from the bench in 1994, and has remained active in the community and his church. His latest project is working on a history of the courthouse, along with the Plymouth Historical Society and longtime Plymouth resident W. Edward Wendover:

"It's important to remember our history," said Garber, referencing Janus, the Roman god whose two-faced visage is fixed both on the past and future. "You can't forget from whence you came."

And Garber won't forget his past, as he acknowledges the esteemed company that decorates the Wall of Fame in the Plymouth Cultural Center. He considered himself honored to be a part of the hall, and the greater whole of the Plymouth Community. "I've always been



Jim Garber

proud of this community and what it stood for," he said. "I was always pleased that Plymouth was a community, and not just a place to sleep at night."

Both honorees will be recognized at an award banquet, which takes place April 10 at Plymouth Manor.

For tickets call the Chamber at (734) 453-1540.



Going 'postal' Plymouth Mayor Dave McDonald introduces retired Sen. Carl Pursell and his wife, Peggy Jean Brown, Friday at the just-renamed Carl. D. Pursell Post Office in downtown Plymouth. Purcell served eight terms in Congress. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.

'Strong mayor' meeting leaves residents wondering

Scott Spielman Editor

If the meeting last week was any indicator. Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva has a long way to go to put the strong mayor issue on the ballot in the City of Plymouth.

Vorva scheduled an informational meeting at the Plymouth District Library to discuss the possibility of having a strong mayor form of government replace the weak mayor/city manager form currently in use in the city. He said he had tossed the idea around for many years. and brought it up in response to the recent problems with the city manager search.

'Plymouth has become a complex place with a lot of different people doing different things. You end up with a lot of conflicts," he said. "For the past seven or eight years, we've had more fights over who gets to be

33 Plymouth has become a complex place with a lot of different people doing different things. You end up with a lot of conflicts

Jerry Vorva

dates taking other positions, one declining for monetary reasons and another for personal ones; were not uncommon in the business world.

"These are things that happen in the course of any business," he said. "This just happens to be city business."

Grant suggested the possibility of exploring a popularly elected weak mayor - the form of government in use in the City of Northville – as an option. It was something first suggested by FitzGerald last January. "The fact is that communities both large and small use the city manager form of government very effectively," FitzGerald said. He said his suggestion to explore an amendment to the city charter that would allow a popularly elected mayor turned into a review of the entire charter, and, never really went anywhere.

Autoworkers get hall approval - finally

Monica Pugno now directly facing Joy Road Staff Writer

Following two rejections, **Canton Planning Commission** members finally approved the site plan for a United Auto Workers (U.A.W.) building at the corner of Sheldon and Joy roads Jan. 22.

The site plan was tabled twice to permit the applicant, Joe Rokicsak, to revise the elevations to include architectural features that would produce a more residential appearance. The redesigned structure is primarily brick with block accents and has more décorative windows with keystone features. The entry is

rather than angled toward the northwest. "We believe it to be colonial in nature," Rokicsak told the commission members. "We achieved what the Planning Commission directed us to do."

Chairperson Vic Gustafson thanked Rokicsak for his patience and for coming up with a site plan that matched the surrounding area.

"I think it's going to be a fine building," Gustafson said. "You've been good neighbors. We're happy to have you here."

Commissioner Catherine Johnson added, "I think you have an attractive building now that will blend in with the community.

I think the U.A.W. will be proud of the building."

Rokicsak asked the commission to allow him to build a brick wall on the south side of the property instead of a berm to allow for more parking. Rokicsak assured the commission that the wall would be brick and would match the building.

"The berm reduces our parking area from 91 spaces to 82," Rokicsak said. "It's more critical to have the additional parking than the berm. I will do the landscaping on both sides of the wall."

Commission members agreed to allow the construction of the brick wall in place of the berm.

mayor than anything else.

Vorva suggested that a strong mayor system would eliminate those conflicts, and provide one elected official responsible for overseeing the city government who would be directly accountable to residents.

About a dozen attended the meeting, including Commissioner Sean FitzGerald and several other residents.

'I'm all for a popularly elected mayor, but adamantly opposed to a strong mayor form of government," said Jonathon Grant, a city resident who operates an Internet job site. Grant said he wasn't convinced by the informational meeting and left with no new information. He said the recent failures to secure a city manager, with two candi-

Vorva agreed that that system is another option that could be explored, along with the strong mayor form of government. Both would require an amendment to the city charter.

"If nothing else, we can do no greater harm that to have a charter commission and find out if its there," he said.

Detour **Traffic re-routed during** reconstruction of bridge

Scott Spielman Editor

It looks to be another long year for bridges in Northville.

Just a few short months after the reconstruction of the bridge at Five Mile and Northville roads was completed, Wayne County officials closed the bridge on Griswold Street to begin rebuilding that aging structure.

County workers closed the bridge Monday and could begin demolition later this month according to John Roach, director of communications for the Wayne County Department of Roads. The reconstruction is a top-to-bottom rebuild of the 75year-old structure, according to Roach. The project is estimated to cost \$1.4 million, and will take seven months to complete.

"It finally got to the point

where it was structurally deficient. It's not unsafe, it should just not carry heavy loads," he said "There won't be anything from the existing bridge that will remain."

Roach said the duration of the project was slightly easier to predict than the rebuild of the Northville Road bridge. That project often suffered weatherrelated delays, to the frustration of Northville officials and motorists alike. A portion of that project took place underwater, however, a fact that led to many of the delays, according to Roach. The Griswold project is not quite so tricky - the major hurdle it will face is coordinating construction with the CSX train schedule. Roach said the county contractor, Dan's Excavating, will work with CSX to minimize those conflicts.



the City of Northville.

between

Demolition work has started on the Griswold bridge in the City of Northville.

County engineers have suggested two detour routes to the approximately 5,400 vehicles that traverse the bridge each day. One will bypass Griswold via Northville Road to Seven Mile to Haggerty to Baseline. Another shorter route is via Center Street and Baseline Road. That route is less desirable, though, because of the disruption to traffic within asphalt on the scene.

Roach said that work could begin on the site as early as next The bridgework is the first of two major projects planned for week. He said the project should be complete by the end of the Northville this year. Wayne County will also resurface a 2summer, as crews expect to work, mile section of Seven Mile Road, if weather permits, through the winter: and Northville roads, using a new

"It could be less if the weather cooperates," said Roach.

Builder to donate land for new Northville fire station

Scott Spielman Editor

Pulte Homes can build a few more houses, and Northville Township gets some more free land.

Northville Township trustees agreed recently to approve revisions to the Woodlands South subdivision plan, which would replace a portion of the proposed single-family residences with duplexes, and increase the number of units to about 270, overall.

In exchange for allowing the density bonus, the township receives a land donation of more than 12 acres, which would be split into two parcels. One parcel would be adjacent to Millennium

Fire blamed on 61-year-old

A 61-year-old woman was allegedly to blame in a recent fire at the Days Inn on Michigan wenue in Canton Township

Park, which is being developed on the west side of the subdivision, and increase the total acreage to 34. The other 6-acre parcel, located on the corner of Six Mile and Sheldon roads, would provide a home for a future third township fire station.

The corner portion would replace the former proposed fire station site: that 4-acre site was located on the east side of Sheldon Road, between Five and Six Mile roads. Township planners said they thought it was too limited to site a fire station, or much of anything, for that matter.

The Sheldon-Six Mile site is more desirable because it has access to both main roads, according to Trustee Marv Gans.

The main sticking point on the site is an old silo that "graces" the northern side. Township officials are not sure what to do with it, because they are not sure how structurally sound it is.

"There certainly isn't any beauty to it," said Trustee Shirley Klokkenga. "Why are we considering it?"

Township Manager Chip Snider said the Northville Public Works department would inspect the structure this week. If it proves to be unsalvageable, or would interfere with the operation of a fire station on the site, Gans said the builder has already agreed to demolish it.

While trustees were unanimous in their support to place a fire station on the Sheldon-Six Mile site, they had differing opinions about what to do with the former site. They voted 6+1 to amend the zoning to include single family residential uses. That change opens the 4-acre site to possible sale. Clerk Sue Hillebrand was opposed to the idea.

Haggerty

process that recycles the existing

"We're not sure if the land is excess, or if we really want to sell it," said Hillebrand. "I don't know if I ever want to sell this."

Changing the zoning, however, does not limit the choices of the township - it only adds to them, according to Supervisor Mark Abbo. He said the land might have more value now, if sold to the developers currently constructing one of the adjacent subdivisions, than it would in the future as a single, 4-acre plot. Allowing for the residential zoning was merely a way of keeping the township options open, he added.

"That really isn't a decision that we're making here," Abbo said. "Whether we sell it or not is a philosophical decision we should make in the future."

Hillebrand said the land would have more value aesthetically if it were left as it is. It would provide a relief to the over-development occurring in the township, she said, adding that the 4-acre green belt would be a nice respite from the current construction boom.



Firefighters responded to the scene shortly after the fire was reported at 5:21 p.m., Jan. 20 according to Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. The woman and her caregiver had occupied the room, he said. The caregiver told firefighters that she had left the room briefly and returned to find smoke coming from the room with the 61-year-old woman standing outside.

Firefighters confined the flames to the room and quickly extinguished the blaze, Rorabacher said.

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A preliminary investigation shows that the 61-year-old woman was responsible for the fire, according to Rorabacher. Initial estimates place the damage at around \$25,000, he said.

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SCHOOLS

Dream job Principal looks foward to challenge of new school

Monica Pugno Staff Writer

From the old to the new. Cheryl Clason, principal at Smith Elementary School – the oldest elementary school in the Plymouth-Canton School District – was recently named the principal of Dodson Elementary School, the newest elementary school in the district.

"It is most exciting," said Clason from her temporary office at West Middle School. "It's a principal's dream to open a school. I feel lucky to be chosen to do that. '

"It's also a lot of work. I have to do everything from order the first paper clip to the last microscope for science. It's a huge responsibility."

For 10 years, Clason was principal at Smith, which celebrated 50 years of service in October. She was also the principal of Hulsing Elementary School for five years.

"Opening a new school is a challenging and rare opportunity," Clason said. "How often does



a district open up a new school? I really feel like it's an honor."

Clason began her career as a learning specialist in the early 1980s when schools in the district had classes year round.

"Because schools were year round, they needed assistant principals," Clason said. "The staff encouraged me to be an assistant principal. There are many days when I say they pay me to do this?"

It's so great to be doing something you enjoy."

Clason said the reason she enjoys being principal is she knows she is making a positive difference in people's lives, both the students and their parents.

"It makes my job very rewarding and fulfilling," she said. "I am a real people person. I enjoy working with staff, parents and kids. I am able to analyze a situation and know how to help people solve problems. I don't just



rail at (the kids). I teach them to take responsibility for their actions and help them solve their problems."

Clason said she will miss working at Smith, but is looking forward to the challenge of opening up a new elementary. "It was really hard for me to leave Smith," she said. "I have a relationship with all the kids. I think principals today have to be interactive with staff, parents and kids."

Dodson is expected to be ready for occupancy in August Cheryl Clason and will open for classes in the

"It's a big job to be ready by August," Clason said. "Initially, I have to hire the staff, order all the furniture and get to know everybody. What an exciting proposition."

fall.

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Proposed changes need more thought

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With the search for a new Plymouth city manager entering the eighth month, it's no wonder that some citizens want to investigate eliminating the job altogether, and replace it with a strong mayor system of city government. That mayoral position would be the equivalent of the supervisor position in Canton and Plymouth townships. voted in by the residents to oversee the workings of the community.

Accountability is one of the advantage's supporters of this plan use as they make their case. Another is the often contentious way the mayor is presently selected - by a vote of the city commission members. Having one person selected by the residents, and directly accountable to them, would change all that, they say.

In some ways the argument makes sense. In others it doesn't.

When the city advertised for city manager candidates, responses came from more than 50 applicants from within Michigan and beyond. An election for mayor would not produce a fraction of that number of qualified, willing candidates, resulting in a significantly smaller talent pool. In addition, the city manager applicants were all professionals with municipal experience; some were numbercrunchers while others had management experience in various levels of government work.

Having a strong mayor form of government reduces one of the most important roles in city government to a popularity contest. It doesn't guarantee that a qualified candidate will be elected. While there is evidence that this system can work - Supervisor Tom Yack in Canton provides a good example: he has provided strong, effective leadership in Canton for several years - it does not necessarily mean it will work in the City of Plymouth.

It's hard to argue with the concept that choosing the mayor has resulted in some ugly politicking during the past few years. Likewise, the city has run into some rotten luck in the city manager office, too, with Dave Rich resigning in June and four different manager candidates turning down the offer for different reasons. While the fractious reputation of the city commission may have contributed to the situation, it's impossible to say it caused it, directly. Even if it did, changing to a strong mayor form of government seems to be a case of changing the system because of the personalities.

Perhaps a more effective solution would be to change the mayor position to one separately voted for by the residents, without significantly changing the duties and responsibilities of the office. That form of government is in place in the City of Northville, and works well there.

Perhaps there is a resident in the city who can run it, and run it well. If so, they are in luck. They can still apply for the post like any other qualified candidate. The job remains open.

Bye to a numbers guy

Mike Overton, candidate for Plymouth City Manager, said all along that he was a 'numbers guy.'

And, in the third paragraph of the letter he sent declining employment with The City of Plymouth, he proved it. After he stated that the city had many fine qualities and attributes, and gave a few pointers for the search process, he stated:

"Additionally, I have made three trips to Plymouth since the interview process began, and even though you have offered reimbursement for all expenses, I am requesting reimbursement only for mileage as follows: 400 miles x 3 trips = 1,200 miles 1,200 x .325 = \$390. Please forward a check to my home address."

The city will miss his fiscal acumen, if not his tack

David J. Willett

President



Sneaky, those Kiwanis

It started innocently enough, with a phone call from Bunny Maurer.

She asked me if I wanted to come check out a morning meeting of the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club, and get some information about the sweat suit drive that they were starting up.

Sure, I answered; what time?

Seven a.m. on Tuesday came the reply, and I reflexively gasped. Early mornings and I don't get along too well. In fact, if early mornings and I were part of the same family, our mom would have to sit us at opposite ends of the table.

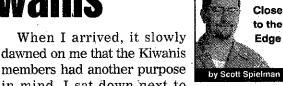
But it was for a good cause, and I felt sure my alarm clock was up to the challenge. I asked her to give me a call on the Monday before, because, in my advancing age, my memory ain't what it used to be. Or, maybe it is, I just forget.

Anyway, the call Monday came in, reminding me that I was the guest speaker at the meeting.

Speaker? Me? Um. Bunny didn't mention anything about that. Well, sure, I guess I could, I remember saying. I rationalized it to myself by thinking I could fill five minutes. I'm pretty witty. It was the same line of thought that got me into so much trouble in all my speech classes in college.

I'm proud to say it wasn't my fault I was late the next morning. I live on the other side of the tracks from the cultural center, and, true to form, a train was parked across Farmer Street (and Main Street, too. I was to find out later.)

members had another purpose in mind. I sat down next to



Ginnie Hauk, manager of the Canton and Sheldon Place senior residences in Canton Township, munched on a bagel, and listened to the goodnatured chat of the eight or so members that sat around the horseshoe-shaped table. Plenty of 'happy dollars' came out, and I found myself laughing along with the group.

Then they mentioned that they were looking for new members, and they joked that they had all been quest speakers in the past. They even had a membership packet for me. Ginnie confessed that she first came to the club as a guest speaker. That was a year ago.

Pretty sneaky. They get you in, placate you with bagels, coffee and juice, and charm you with conversation.

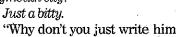
I must admit, I'm hooked. The Kiwanis members do plenty of good in the community, including the sweat suit drive for the First Step organization. They give scholarships to graduating seniors and sponsor students to Interlochen.

If they'll have me, I'll join. I hope they don't judge a prospective member by the quality of their speech, though. Mine was admittedly pretty lame,

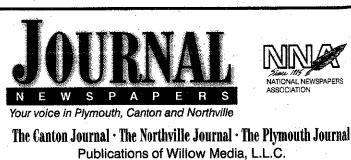
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Should we pity The guy hired To runPlymouth city?



Local poet's prose stinks



poet laureate for Michigan.

News item: Governor John

Engler did not comment on his

decision not to sign SB1348,

introduced by State Senator

Thaddeus McCotter, authorizing

the governor to name an official

I responded quickly to the call. On entering the "Bean," the barista said, "Thanks for coming so quickly. He is drinking doubles." At the window seat, I saw Buford, my daughter's little pink pig, sitting in the midst of crumpled up paper and empty hot chocolate cups.

When Buford writes, it is seldom a good thing, since he mostly writes poetry. Those who know Buford are aware of his poetic reputation. Last year, a group of poets and poetry lovers chased him down Penniman Avenue after he read two poems at an **Open Mic Night. The national** contest for bad poetry banned him because, apparently, there are even standards for bad poetexplained. "Governor Engler grew up on a farm. He knows how smart pigs are. I can't lose, but I'm having trouble finding the right poem to send him."

ry. He looked up at me and said

"I'm gonna be Michigan's official

poet!" The reason for calling me

to intervene was now clear.

Seeing the look on my face, he

My advice was simple. 'Just write about the things you see around you."

"I tried, but I don't think they are good enough," he said sadly.

I uncrumpled a piece of paper in front of me and read:

Who would'a thunk The Mayflower'd be sunk In a quagmire of red ink. The material's now junk In snow it's all dunked Just let it fall down with a thud! I looked at him in disbelief. He pushed a piece of paper toward me. "What about this?" he asked.

a letter, saying you are applying for the position?" I asked.

Buford thought for a moment, smiled, and began writing the letter. I watched as he wrote:

Dear Governor Engler:

I am applying to be the poet laureate. 🖌

You don't want a dog, a cat, or Democrat

to be your verbal acrobat

If you want things writ really big,

you need a poetic pig. ---

So please make me the poet laureate.

If not, sobeit.

As I mailed the envelope to the governor, I wondered what his reaction would be.

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Lions celebrate new members

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talize the club.

Monica Pugno Staff Writer

Canton Lions Club members will be roaring with satisfaction when they dine at the expense of their counterparts in Plymouth.

The Canton group offered a good-natured challenge to the Plymouth Lions in an effort to increase membership. Canton members promised more than 40 members by Dec. 31 of last year. surpassing the Plymouth membership, and sure enough, they herded up enough new members to do just that.

Bob Boyer, president of the Canton Lions Club, said the purpose of the challenge was to revi-

Jaycees and the Taylor "(Last July), we had eight Goodfellows," Thibault said. members in the club, with about "When I moved here, I found out four active members," Boyer about this club and how they said. "We had a choice: either mainly help people, so I decided fold the club or get new memto join." bers. So I challenged the Plymouth club that by Dec. 31,

With the help of the new members, the Canton Lions Club was

"Pics of

the Week"

ble awe of its beauty, strength and resilience. The Wilcox project should not be allowed to



of murder".

our town.

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and only filled up about two of the five minutes. That's including a question and answer period. I guess my improvisational speaking skills - and my 'wit' were at the bottom of my third cup of tea (which I didn't get to until about the middle of the afternoon.)

Mornings and I still don't get along very well, but if my alarm clock is up to the task, so am I. Maybe that'll be worth a 'happy dollar' or two.

Soul Food

WORSHIP God can provide new identification for believers

In my last column, I talked about a wrestling match that was, obviously, a fix or a set-up. We read about it in the 32nd chapter of Genesis. It was between a man named Jacob and God.

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Jacob wasn't the kind of man from whom you would want to buy a used car. From the very beginning of his life, he was a schemer, a con man, a liar, and pretty much a heel.

In fact, his name meant "Heel-catchen" He was a twin, and as the two boys began to emerge from their mother's womb, it seemed like Jacob had his hand on his older brother, Esau's, heel almost as if he wanted to pull him back and declare, "Me first!"

That's kind of the way he lived his whole life. He pretty much ripped off everybody he knew. He lied to his father (who was going blind), he cheated his brother out of his rightful inheritance, he used his father-in-law, same with his wife. Jacob was one big manipulator. He was an insecure control-freak centuries before the term was in vogue.

Back in ancient cultures, children's names were more important and revealing than they are today. In 2001, parents often try to come up with a name that sounds good, even if they have to invent a name. But back in Jacob's time, names were selected to reveal a child's character or a physical trait. Jacob's brother, Esau, meant hairy, and the description we have of him is that he was covered with red hair. Sometimes a child was named for a character trait – and it wasn't uncommon for parents to wait some time until after the

Church to host grief workshops

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope" beginning Feb. 12. child was born for traits or attributes to emerge before they would name their child.

Jacob's name was understood to mean "manipulator – schemer – deceiver." So in Genesis 32:27, when God asked him, "What is your name?" – it wasn't that he didn't know Jacob's name. He knew everything about him. He knew not just every hair on his head, but all the scams he had pulled and all the people he had cheated.

So when God asked him his name, it wasn't because He needed to know – but because Jacob needed to own up to who he really was. It was an act of confession.

"I'm a deceiver, I'm a liar, I'm a schemer, I'm Jacob!"

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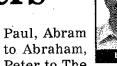
great truths of the Bible. You and I will never be able to change (be transformed) until we openly and honestly and authentically admit our sins, our weaknesses, our character defects – to ourselves, to God, and to other people. What is grace? It's the power to change, and you'll never experience it until you come to this place in your life.

This is one of the most humbling things in the world – to admit who we really are. To stop making excuses, to stop rationalizing, to stop blaming others, and to stop lying to yourself and admit who you really are to God. Scary stuff!

But please note God's gracious response in Genesis 28:30: "Then the Man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel."" Jacob means deceiver, liar, manipulator – but Israel means Prince with God. It's as if the Lord is saying, "I know who you are – I've seen all that you've done – I know you're a manipulator – but I see in you a prince."

He would say to many of you, " I know you've been hiding things – I know the image you're trying to project isn't the real you but as you commit and yield your life to Me and as you confess who you really are, I'm going to help you become My prince; I'm going to empower you to be My princess."

God is in the new identity business. He changed Saul to



Peter to The Rock, and He's got some great plans for you as well.

You see, God does His deepest work in your life when He deals with your identity – Who you are – the way you see yourself – your self-perception. Because the way you see yourself affects everything else in your life.

In this New Year, God is saying "Let me show you how I see you – Let me show you what you can become." 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us, "If anyone belongs to Christ, they are a new creation. The old things have gone; everything is made new."

That's God's new year gift to you. You have to lose the match to win.



The free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support.

Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each participant will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses.

Workshop participants will meet from 7 until 8:45 p.m. for eight consecutive Mondays at Ward Church, located on Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville beginning Feb. 12..

For registration information, phone (248) 374-5966.

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Canton Police names first of five new sergeants

Monica Puono Staff Writer

Detective Mark Schultz, a 10year veteran of the Canton Police Department, was recently promoted to sergeant. Schultz is the first of five officers to be named to the rank of sergeant in the department.

"I'm looking forward to becoming a leader," Schultz said. "I want to be someone our officers are comfortable working for and want to work for."

Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro said the promotions are designed to increase the number of sergeants working on each shift to two.

"We use a highly competitive process for any police candidates applying for supervisory positions," Santomauro said. "The process looks at a number of leadership qualities that a person would possess with a very high emphasis on people skills."

Santomauro said the police department looked at a number of candidates and Schultz scored the highest.

'(Schultz) has an excellent background, he is highly motivated and he has excellent people skills," Santomauro said. "We feel he will be a positive leader in the police department. He is a self-starter and has a very natural poise and charisma."

Schultz, 32, began with the Canton Police Department in July of 1990 as a patrolman. He served in that position for approximately eight years before becoming a detective.

"A detective follows up investigations assigned to him, mostly felonies," Schulz said. "Our job is to follow any and all leads, including interviewing witnesses, victims and suspects, taking the case all the way to trial. It's a real good learning experience."

Schultz said being a detective prepared him well for his promotion.

"It (being detective) gives you exposure to different crimes," he said. "Being in the detective bureau. I've stayed abreast of more current laws. That prepares you for being a supervisor. As a supervisor, you're expected to know elements of crimes and assist officers."

Schultz will remain in the detective bureau until his position is filled, a process he said would probably take a month. As sergeant, Schultz will be responsible for day-to-day operation of a patrol shift, including scheduling, briefings, training and ensuring that department policy and procedures are followed.

"A supervisor answers any questions an officer might have and ensures that the officers are enforcing the laws," Schultz said. "They're there to make sure things go smoothly and hopefully to act as leaders and train the officers. Hopefully, I prepared myself well enough for that."

Santomauro said Schultz would also be responsible for the supervision and development of his subordinates.

"The development of our personnel is not just a formal training," Santomauro said. "The ability of the supervisor is to provide mentoring for their assigned people."

presence.

superiors.

Schultz said he is looking for-

ward to the challenge of being a

supervisor. He said the transition

to sergeant will be easier

because he already has the

respect of the officers and his

The township is broken into four areas. There are two 12hour day and night shifts, with currently one lieutenant and one sergeant assigned to each shift. Because the township is growing so fast, Schultz said the police chief wanted to add one more sergeant to each shift so there would be a stronger command



Detective Mark Schultz

"I'm excited about it," he said. "It's a new challenge.

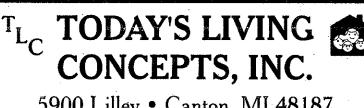
It's a different way of looking at things, from an administrative standpoint. I've prepared myself as best I could for this opportunity. I see it as a natural step in my career."

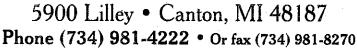
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Youth program seeks

With one month remaining before the start of another training session, Mary Ellen King, executive director of Northville Youth Assistance, said she still needs volunteers for her mentoring program.

"I'll take as many as I can get," she said.

Northville Youth The Assistance mentoring program is slightly similar to "Big Brother" programs in that in pairs a student with an adult companion. King said the program has been very successful, and that there is currently a waiting list of children who need a mentor.

Mentor training starts March 1, and lasts for five weeks. Mentors receive instruction and advice from 6:30-9:30 every Thursday, and then are asked to commit a few hours each week to their student. Time can be spent in virtually any way, but King stresses activities that require a lot of interaction said she generally lets the adult know ahead of time how long she thinks the child will need a mentor companion.

Also starting this week is the Youth Assistance after school program, she said.

That program will move to Hillside Middle School this year. The after school program provides a place for middle-schoolers to congregate from 3-5 p.m., King said. There is a quiet place where students can do homework, and plenty of sports, games and other team activities, she added.

"It's a nice thing for kids who would just be hanging out at home with nothing to do," she said.

A physical education student teacher will be on hand along with high school volunteers that will act as chaperones, she said. Once a month, the Mother's Club of Northville will host some type of special event there, too.

The after school program takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays. Registration is required, however. The cost is \$25 for the whole semester, or \$2 a day for drop-ins, she said. To register call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203.

To volunteer for the mentoring program, call King at (248) 344-1618.

\$7.70-\$8.50/Hr.

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between adult and youngsters, rather than activities like going to the movies.

"I like to have at least 15 go through the training," she said, adding that training is only offered twice a year.

Mentors need only be 21 years old, and have a desire to work with and help children, King said. She takes care of the pairing herself, and prides herself on her success rate.

"I wait for the appropriate child to come along before I pair anyone up," she said. "If it's the right match, I ask them to spend a couple of hours each week with the kid."

King said she has had pairing last as long as six or seven years, but generally only asks for a commitment of one year. She

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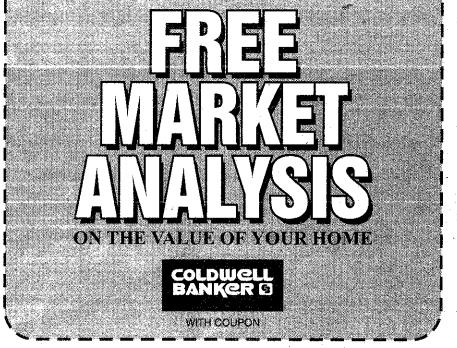
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Pictured (in alphabetical order) are the students from Silver Springs Elementary. Megan Brennan, Joseph Commire, Cavan Corcoran, Jonny D'Anna, Nancy Duncanson, Stephen Gallant, Angela Grimmer, Kate Harris, Caitlin Hatch, Josh Heinz, Jack Higgins, Joseph Kinville, Stephanie McCausland, Alyssa Menovcik, Beth Nichols, Tony Pizzimenti, Adam Roebuck, Andrew Ruan, Devin Taylor, Rachel Thornsberry, Dakarai Williams, Alexandra Young and Travis Ritenour.

Students graduate from police program

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program is alive and well in Plymouth, Northville and Canton Townships.

The police departments of Plymouth and Northville townships each graduated classes of DARE students recently, continuing a tradition of proactive law enforcement.

Officer Matt Mayes of Northville Township said two classes graduated Jan. 17 in a ceremony at Meads Mill Middle School, one from Silver Springs

Elementary School and another from Moraine Elementary. It's the sixth year the township has been involved with the program, he said. Moraine students who graduated include: Matthew Armstrong, Eve Avdoulos, Brian Bagian, Robyn Baidas, Michael Baldwin, Daniel Beger, Brittany Birdsall, Richard Booms, Kirby Brackel, Gabrielle Castrodale, Spencer Clanin, T.J. Cummings, Eden Desira, Brendan Flayer, Erica Frogner, Lauren Gallant, Greg Hasse, Emily Hopcian, Joseph Horbatch, Jon Kuznicki, Nicole Lockwood, David Morales, Jason Maise, Kenny McKinnon, Abby O'Neill, Steven Pascoe, Nicole Pigeon, Caitlun Robertson, Rachel Ronk, Marnie Scheinberg, Alex Shashlo, Michelle Steiner, Arma Tasse and Dearma Willis.

The ceremony included two skits, a slide show and an appearance by the Plymouth Whalers, who signed autographs.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK:

Registration begins today for "Zines – What are they? How can I start one?" a program co-sponsored by the Canton and Plymouth District libraries. The class will show students from grades 6-12 how to create their own amateur magazines. The class will take place from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Plymouth library. To register call the Plymouth District

Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Summit on the Park community center For information and tickets call (734) The Canton Parks and

Recreation Department will host a Daddy/Daughter Dance from 7 until 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 and Sat. Feb. 10. For tickets or more information call (734) 394-5460.

394-5460.

Saturday, Feb. 10 the Northville Parks and Recreation Department will host a Daddy-Daughter Dance from 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. To attend, pre-register by Friday, Feb. 2 at the Parks and Recreation Department, (248) 349-0203.

The Plymouth City Commission meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5 at City Hall.

The Northville City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5 at Northville City Hall.

Township hires new transportation provider

Monica Pugno Staff Writer

Members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees temporarily hired Huron Valley Ambulance Tuesday, Jan. 9, to provide transportation for seniors and handicapped individuals.

The temporary agreement was necessary after current contractor, Help Source, notified the township it could no longer provide such services because of financial/cash flow problems.

The township has been providing seniors and the handicapped with transportation to medical appointments, shopping centers, banks and offices for five years.

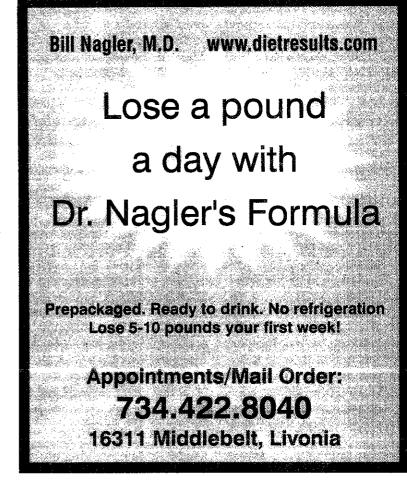
The coverage area includes Canton, Plymouth, Westland. Livonia and Ann Arbor. Cost is based on distance traveled. The

fee one way is \$1 for Canton. \$ for outlying areas of Wayne County and \$4 for cross-county trips.

Mike Ager of Community Services said the township chose Huron Valley, a subcontractor of Help Source, because of the good standing if the company with the community.

"We've dealt with (Huron Valley) before and we think they have a high standard of service that they provide," Ager said. "Being an ambulance service, they have a good dispatch system, and they have a high level of maintenance of their vehicles and of training their drivers. We've had good experience with them and decided to continue working with them."

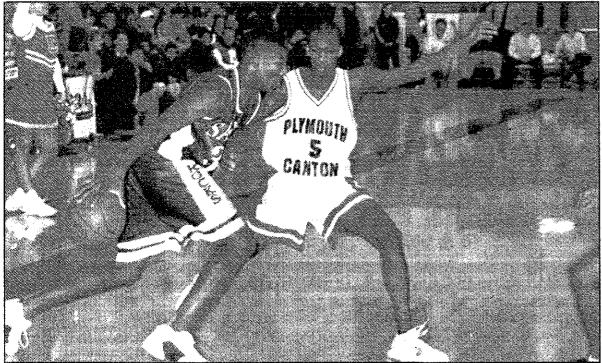
The agreement is temporary to allow the township to evaluate the program and see if any improvements are needed.





SPORTS

Chiefs nullify Northville lead, slip by 'Stangs, 59-56



Canton guard Rian Barker (5) defends Salem's David Hoskins during an early-season home game. The Chiefs beat Northville, 59-56, Friday evening in Northville. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.

Monica Pugno Staff Writer

The Canton basketball team rallied from seven points down in the fourth quarter to beat Western Lakes Activities Association foe Northville, 59-56, Friday evening in Northville.

With under a minute left, Canton senior guard Jay Sofen hit a three-pointer to bring the Chiefs to within one. Canton took the lead when senior forward Jerry Gaines deflected a long inbounds pass by Northville from under the basket and passed it to teammate Jason Priebe, who scored a lay-up. Sofen made two free throws to ice the game for the Chiefs.

"It was a huge win to come back from seven points down," Canton coach Jeremy Rheault said. "The kids played with a lot of heart."

Gaines led the team in scoring

with 13 points. Nick Cabauatan had 11 points and Sofen added 11 points, including three threepointers. The Chiefs, who were 15-of-25 from the free-throw line for the game, made 8-of-8 free throws in the fourth.

Rheault said senior forward Andrew Holmes did a good job of defending 6-foot-six David Gregor and 7-footer Thomas Knapp.

Rheault said Andrew Meagrow and Rian Barker came off the bench and provided strong rebounding for the Chiefs, and senior Oliver Wolcott did a good job defending Northville's guards.

Gregor led Northville with 18 points. The Mustangs (4-7 overall, 1-4° in the conference) return to action Friday when they host Livonia Franklin at 7 p.m. The Chiefs play Farmington Hills Harrison Friday at 7 p.m. at home.

Mustangs master Canton, 38-24

Monica Pugno Staff Writer

The Northville wrestling team beat Canton. the only other unbeaten team in the Western Division. 38-24, Thursday evening to move one step closer to capturing its fifth straight division title.

If the Mustangs (15-2 overall, 4-0 in the division) beat Walled Lake Western tonight at home, they will win the division.

"We'll have to wrestle well against Western," Northville assistant coach Robert Townsend said. "We can't take Western for granted. They're always a solid team.

"This was a big win for us. Canton is a very tough team, the second toughest team in our conference behind us. They're very strong and solid throughout their lineup.

"I didn't think we wrestled our best and we still came away with a victory, which is big. We seem to find ways to win."

Canton coach John Demsick added, "Northville is a strong

enough to see this as an upset. Northville deserved the win tonight. They knew we would be their toughest competition in the league. We respect each other.

"Hopefully, we can dig down a little further to come up with more for Team Districts. I'm actually looking forward to seeing them again.'

Demsick said the score did not resemble how close the close meet was.

"Many matches could have gone the other way," Demsick said.

Northville junior Ravi Saran (103 pounds) opened the meet by pinning Canton freshman Steve Hogg 53 seconds into the match. Sophomore Mike Carter (112) followed with a 3-1 victory over Brett Morrison.

Senior Jason Danna (119) edged Kyle Pitt. 3-1. Junior Luke Pokorny beat Derek Robinson by fall at 5:38.

The Chiefs got strong wins from their middle-weight wrestlers. Junior Doy Demsick (125) defeated Northville's Matt Doyle, 5-2. Junior Chris Hosey Palushaj (215) won by injury (135) pinned Pat Paterson at 24 default over Matt Nuss at 3:41. seconds of the first period. Canton senior Derek McWatt Peter Kelly by fall at 1:03. Junior scoring, winning by void.

Mike Siegrist (145) edged senior Brian Ashby in overtime 9-7 to tie the meet at 18.

Northville senior Chad Newman (152) beat Joe Faraoni, 9-4, to give the Mustangs a 21-18 lead. Junior Anton Palushaj (160) defeated Canton junior Shahein Rajaee by technical fall, 18-3, to extend Northville's lead to 26-18. Senior Josh Pettijohn edged Canton senior Scott McKee, 2-0.

In the biggest match of the night. Northville senior captain Joe Rumbley beat junior Phil Rothwell, 6-3, at 189 pounds.

"If Canton would have won this match, they would have been in good shape to possibly win the meet," Townsend said. 'Joe was very sick. He was down 3-1 in the final seconds and had a take down. He put (Rothwell) on his back for a five-point move.

"This was a huge win for us. It was a six-point swing. After that we couldn't lose. If he would have lost, Canton has a tough 215pounder and we didn't have a heavyweight."

Northville senior Valentino



"There's been a couple times this year when we haven't done that (come from behind)," Brodie said. "It was

ry for the Rocks

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team. More of their guys wanted this than the sum of our guys that wanted this win.

"We still respect ourselves

Junior Greg Musser (140) beat (heavyweight) rounded out the

time deficit to beat Western good to see us do that this Lakes Activities Association time." foe Westland John Glenn, 64-59. Friday night at home. We just played a pretty good game, solid all the way. Salem coach Bob Brodie said. John Glenn dominated the first half, outscoring the Rocks 22-13 in the second quarter to lead 33-22 at halftime. Brent Bogle scored 21 of his gamehigh 28 points in the opening half, including 16 in the second.

The Salem basketball team

overcame an 11-point half-

Rockets, 64-59

Monica Pugno

Staff Writer

The Rocks (3-8 overall, 3-2 in the league) bounced back in the third, outseoring Glenn 25-9 to take a 47-42 lead. The Rockets made a comeback in the fourth, but a pair of free throws by Nick Tochman and Scott Discher sealed the victo-

The Rocks had three players in double digits. Tochman led the team with 16 points and five rebounds. Dave Hoskins added 15 points, eight boards and four assists. while Scott Discher had 14 points and seven rebounds.

"It was pretty good baiance," Brodie said. "Tochman and Hoskins scored inside. and Discher lit it up from the outside. It was a pretty good. combination.

The Rocks return to action Friday when they host Farmington. They play at Northville Tuesday before finishing the regular season Friday, Feb. 16, at North Farmington

Braeden Cloutier for the most Droo Callahan-45). votes in the National Conference. Bowers was named on 80 percent of the ballots, which were completed by NPSL coaches and general managers.

Rockers' Bowers receives most votes for All-Star game

This season, Bowers has scored a point in all 17 games he has played. He has missed the last three games with a groin injury.

He leads the team on both ends of the field with 29 total goals and 42 blocks (second to

"I am honored and excited to be representing the Rockers at the All-Star Game," Bowers said.

"I think more of our players deserve to be there besides me. Anytime you receive an individual honor, you have to credit your teammates as well.

"I'm looking forward to making a good showing in Buffalo and, more importantly, helping the Rockers get into the playoffs this season."

Detroit Rockers defender Sean Bowers was named a starter for the National Conference in the 2001 National Professional Soccer League All-Star Game, scheduled for 7:05 p.m. Feb. 14 in Buffalo.

Bowers, who is currently seventh in the league in scoring and leads the Rockers with 66 points, tied Wichita's

Monica Pugno Staff Writer

Canton wrestlers win first ever Observerland tourney

won its first ever Observerland Invitational Saturday, edging favored Redford Catholic Central by 18 points, 224-206.

"We, meaning the hard work of the wrestlers and coaching staff of Canton, have turned the program around somulekly that no one was comfortable with calling us the favorites; ranking us second before hand," Canton know that Catholic Central always has a strong team and that they would give us a real fight to win and that they did.

"Deep down we really knew that it was between us and Catholic Central and that if we wrestled like we usually do, we would win first."

Four Chiefs were first-place winners, including Derek

The Canton wrestling team - coach John Demsick said. "We McWatt (heavyweight), Greg Musser (140 pounds), Joe Faraoni (152) and Phil Rothwell (215). Kyle Pitt (119), Doy Demsick (125) and Scott McKee (171) each placed second. Two others, Mike Siegrist (145) and Shahein Rajaee (160), took fourth.

Chris Hosey (135) also had a strong day, going 3-1 to place fifth. McWatt not only took first place, he was chosen outstanding wrestler of the upper weights.

"I am ever so proud of our wrestlers and the work that they put in to be a team together,' Coach Demsick said.

"I'm sure they would join with me in dedicating this first Observerland win to the outstanding coaching efforts of coach Jay Helm, coach John-Peter Demsick and coach John Pocock with help from coach

Dave London. Without these men, this program could not succeed.

"As it is, this team is able to grow boys into men and girls into women. It means a lot to me, and I hope, to the Plymouth and Canton area. too."

The Chiefs look to continue their winning ways tonight when they host Livonia Franklin at 6:30 p.m.

Chiefs upset Central

Monica Pugno time."

Staff Writer

The Canton volleyball team pulled off an upset Monday night, beating Walled Lake Central, last year's Western Lakes Activities Association league champions and state final-four team, on the road.

"This was a true team victory," Canton coach Steve Anderson said. "Every player on the team was on the floor for us using her own specialized skill to defeat a heavily favored opponent."

Anderson compared Canton's victory to David defeating Goliath.

"This was the classical example of how a small team can defeat a much larger team by offsetting their attack with aggressive serving," Anderson said. "This is one of those victories that the players and the program can remember for a very long

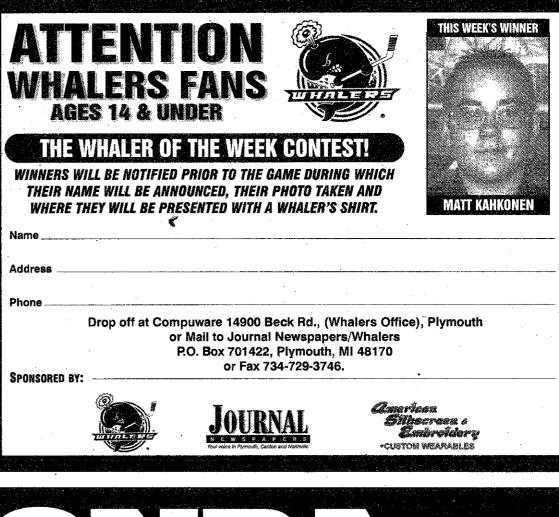
The Chiefs came out hot in the first game, jumping to an early 7-0 lead off the strong float serves by Mary Kryska. Central, however, came back to win, 18-16. The Chiefs, with some pin-

point serving from Jennifer Wagner and Christiana Kiessel and some outstanding digging from Meghan Meier and Ashley Williams, closed out game two in nine rotations with a quick and stunning 15-9 win.

Central jumped out to a 12-1 lead in game three. Canton closed the gap to 12-10 and took the lead on serves by Kryska and Courtney Jarman.

Williams delivered the final blow and the Chiefs defeated the "giants" in their own cave.

"I am so proud of the players and the parents that were here to support the program," Anderson said. "It's great to see the true Chiefs pride shine so brightly."





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Whalers' LaRose rises to occasion in 6-1 victory

Monica Pugno Staff Writer

Chad LaRose is happy to be home. The Fraser native has scored five goals since being acquired by the Plymouth Whalers earlier this month, including two goals Saturday night at Compuware Sports Arena as Plymouth beat the Kitchener Rangers, 6-1.

"It's a good, comfortable switch," said LaRose, who was playing for Sioux Falls, S.D., of the United States Hockey League a month ago. "I get to live at home and see my parents every day. I'm liking the change."

LaRose said it has taken eight games to adjust to playing in the Ontario Hockey League.

"This league is faster and more physical," he said. "The players are on you faster, so you have to make quicker decisions. I'm a stickler on defense. I don't want to give up a goal or make a mistake."

Damain Surma opened the scoring midway through the first period on a wrist shot from the slot. Stephen Weiss and Bryan Thompson assisted.

The goal came after Kitchener goalie Jeff Johnston made two brilliant saves on two short-handed chances by Chad Wiseman. The first save came at the 3:36 mark when Wiseman stole the puck at center ice and skated to the left of Johnston and fired the puck. Johnston made the glove save.

Less than a minute later, Wiseman broke in alone on Johnston, but the Kitchener netminder made the stick save. Wiseman's hard work paid off as he deflected a Cole Jarrett slap shot from the point past Johnston at 14:14 on the power play James Wisniewski also assisted.

The Whalers outshot the Rangers 15-10 in the opening period and led 2-0. Karl Stewart appeared to score four minutes into the second period when the red light inadvertently went off. Stewart whacked at the puck a couple times, but the puck was safely underneath a sprawling Johnston.

LaRose made it 3-0 at the eight-minute mark with a slap shot from the slot that beat Johnston high on the stick side. Andre Robichaud and Tomas Kurka assisted.

Ryan Ramsay cut the deficit to 3-1 with his 18th goal of the season at 17:33 on the power play. Josh Bennett and Travis Chapman earned the assists.

The Whalers kept the pressure on Johnston in the final minute of the period, almost scoring twice. With 11 seconds left, Johnston had to make a glove save on a shot by Thompson. Wiseman almost knocked in the puck with five seconds remaining.

Plymouth's defense limited the Rangers to four shots in the third for a game total of 18 shots. The offense, meanwhile, bombarded Johnston with 16 shots in the final period, three of which found the back of the net. For the game, the Whalers had 43 shots on goal.

Stacey Britstone scored his 22nd goal of the season 30 seconds into the period to give the Whalers a 4-1 lead. Weiss set up the goal by skating to the left face-off circle and passing the puck across to Britstone, who tapped it in. Kurka also assisted.

A minute later, LaRose roofed



Plymouth Whalers forward Karl Stewart (6) skates around a Kitchener defender and heads toward the goal Saturday night at Compuware Sports Arena. The Whalers won 6-1. Photo by B. Alwood, Jr.

the puck over Johnston. Thompson and Kurka assisted. Shortly after, Kitchener took three straight penalties and Ryan O'Keefe scored on a five-on-three power play to put the game away.

The game got ugly at the end. with three separate fights breaking out and six players being assessed five-minute penalties.

Plymouth goalie Paul Drew, playing in just his eighth game of the year, turned aside 17 shots to earn his fifth victory of the season. Drew, Rob Zepp's backup, is 5-0-1 this season with a .893 save percentage.

Saturday's game was the only victory for the Whalers over the weekend. They lost two games in overtime – 2-1 Friday at Guelph and 4-3 on Sunday in Windsor to drop to 30-7-4-5 overall and are now tied with the Erie Otters for

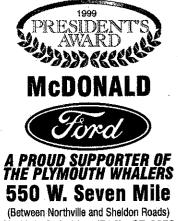
first place in the league with 69 points. The two teams faced-off Wednesday at Compuware.

Four Whalers had strong performances during the All-Star game Wednesday, Jan. 24, in Guelph. Weiss, Wiseman and Surma scored the first three goals for the OHL All-Stars. Zepp stopped 10-of-11 shots through the first period and part of the second to earn the victory.





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Home games in Bold

Rockers split with Toronto, freeze against Blizzard

Monica Pugno Staff Writer

The Detroit Rockers, playing three games in four nights, split a home-and-home series with the National Conference leading Toronto Thunder-Hawks last week to raise their record to 5-18.

The Thunder-Hawks won the first game Thursday in Toronto, 12-8. The Rockers led 5-2 at halftime, but Toronto scored six points in the third quarter to pull ahead, and added a late goal to seal the win.

Paul Dailly got the Rockers on the board first with a two-pointer at 6:01. Then 55 seconds later, he drilled a three-pointer, giving Detroit a 5-0 lead after the first quarter.

Toronto's Adolfo Mella began a career night with the only goal of the second, a two-pointer at 8:19, to make it 5-2 at halftime. An early shootout goal by Dailly completed his hat trick and gave Detroit a 6-2 lead at 1:15 of the third. Toronto scored the next three goals to take an 8-6 lead.

Martin Nash tied the game at 8 with a two-point goal assisted by Shawn Boney. Toronto came right back and put the game away with two more two-pointers by Mella.

The Rockers got their revenge the following night at Compuware Sports Arena, beating the Thunder-Hawks 12-9. Goalie Alan Placek turned in another strong performance, holding the league's leading offense to nine points en route to

Canton falls to Western

Monica Pugno Staff Writer

The Canton gymnastics team had five gymnasts with allaround scores above 32 points Monday night against Walled Lake, but it was not enough. The Chiefs lost 138.4-133.4.

"They (Walled Lake) has the strongest team they have ever had," Canton coach John Cunningham said. "This is only my second loss to them in 22 years."

Amy Driscoll led the Chiefs with two first-place finishes, one second and one third. Driscoll won on the uneven parallel bars with a score of 9.1. She tied for third on floor exercise with a 9.1. She also tied for fifth on vault and the balance beam with an 8.25 on both. Her all-around score of 34.6 points was second only to Walled Lake's Jeannie Burg, who scored 34.85. Audra Ahern was second on the team with an all-around score of 32.95, including 8:15 on vault, 7.7 on bars, 8.95 on beam (first place) and 8.45 on floor. Jill Rakovitis was next with an overall score of 32.75. Rakovitis scored 8.25 on vault to tie for third and 8.0 on bars to tie for sixth. She also registered 7.8 on beam and 8.7 on floor.

his third victory in four starts this of season. sho

Detroit started off strong when Boney drilled a two-pointer after Joel Shanker took the ball away from the Toronto defense. After the T-Hawks posted the next seven points, Neil Gilbert scored his biggest goal of the season, a three-pointer at 10:25 of the third, to bring the Rockers to within two.

Matt Knowles gave the Rockers an 8-7 lead with threepointer at 2:27 of the fourth. Dailly extended the lead with what proved to be the game winner, a two-pointer at 6:05. Dennis Brose finished off the scoring with a two-pointer at 9:03.

On Sunday, the Rockers lost to the Buffalo Blizzard 11-8 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Former Rocker Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, making his first appearance in Detroit since signing with Buffalo in the off-season, made 19 saves to earn his ninth victory of the season. Placek stopped 14 shots in a losing effort.

After a scoreless opening quarter, the Rockers got on the board first in the second stanza on a two-pointer by Nash that beat Finnerty high at the 7:22 mark. Buffalo countered 1:18 later when Matt Little scored his first of three two-point goals. Buffalo took the lead later when Andrew Crawford converted a shootout attempt at 10:39.

The Blizzard widened their lead to 5-2 when Little scored his second two-pointer of the night at 12:32. Detroit fell behind 7-2 when Finnerty feed Crawford a long pass and Crawford put it past Placek for a two-pointer.

The Rockers came out firing in the third. Marciano Boumann beat Finnerty with a hard, low shot from the right side of the goal. Martin Dugas assisted. Detroit narrowed the Blizzard's lead to 7-6 on a two-pointer by Boney Placek got the assist.



Detroit Rockers forward Marciano Boumann, left, dribbles the ball past a Wichita Wings defender during a recent home game at Compuware Sports Arena. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.

Buffalo widened the margin when Little completed his hat trick at 12:59 to give the Blizzard a 9-6 lead. Boumann brought Detroit to within one goal with a two-pointer at 13:30. Buffalo answered just 1:05 later as Chris

Handsor beat Placek for a twopoint goal.

The loss dropped Detroit to two full games behind National Conference foe Kansas City for the final playoff spot with 17 games left this season.



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Northville notches season-high 147 points against Farmington

Monica Pugno Staff Writer

The Northville-Novi gymnastics team racked up a team-high 147.85 points Monday evening against Tri-Farmington to remain undefeated this season.

"Farmington is a very good team, with excellent gymnasts," Northville junior Andrea Ledbetter said. "We as a team were very happy to win the meet, but were also surprised and proud that we posted such a high team score."

On an individual note, Ledbetter said she was excited to post her highest ever allaround score of 35.35, which included a 9.0 on the balance beam, 8.9 on floor exercise, 8.75 on the uneven parallel bars and 8.7 on vault. Her bar routine, which included "giants" for the first time in more than a year, was especially important in helping the Mustangs win the meet.

"(Ledbetter) has been working hard on bars to add new skills and increase her difficulty," Coach Lindsay Crews said. "She is always steady and consistent on beam but tonight she hit a great beam routine under pressure."

In only her second high school meet, Novi sophomore Jenn Sturgis scored a spectacular all-around score of 37.95 points to lead the team to a 147.85-143.55 victory over Farmington. Sturgis had team-high scores of 9.65 on bars and 9.25 on vault. She also finished second on the team on floor (9.55) and beam (9.50).

"Jenn was outstanding tonight and was consistent in each event," Crews said. "She has high-level skills and works hard to improve. Tonight you could see and a preciate her ability to concentrate and focus, particularly on beam. At one point, she wouldn't let herself fall after a balance check."

Northville senior Megan Samhat had the second-highest team all-around score of 36.75, which included team highs on floor (9.60) and beam (9.55). She was second on bars with 9.20. Crews said she was pleased that Samhat, who has a sore ankle, was able to compete for the first time this year on vault, even though she only did a front handspring.

"Megan is always a strong and consistent performer for the team, so if she can get her vault going, she can make a strong showing for all-around," Crews said.

Also contributing for the Northville-Novi effort was Novi senior captain Monica Fink, who scored 9.10 on vault and 8.85 on bars.

Fink said, "The team is trying to improve on last year's fourthplace finish in the state tournament, and has its sights on winning its regional and peaking at the state finals," being held March 9-10 at Rockford High School.

Northville senior Alison Gillette also had an outstanding meet with a personal-best floor routine of 9.25 and a bars score of 9.1.

Crews said this meet demonstrated the depth of the team, but "there is still room for improvement if they work hard and stay focused." In addition, Crews said she is looking forward to the return of senior captains Katie Braine (foot, ankle and back) and Kelley Phelps (knee) from injuries.

Northville-Novi, ranked second in the state by the Coaches Association, returns to action Saturday at the Canton Invitational.





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