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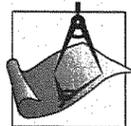
Congratulations to Barbara Rutecki of Plymouth, whose winning entry describing a romantic date with her husband, Bill, earned the couple a special night on the town Feb. 8. The Ruteckis, parents of four children, won the following prizes:

- Two tickets to a Red Wings game
- Dinner for two at Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills
- Transportation compliments of International Limousine in Westland
- Candy from Kemnitz Fine Candies & Gifts in Plymouth
- A dozen red roses from Flowers from Joe's by Carolyn in Livonia.

Rutecki's entry and the story of her and her husband's big night will be featured in the Observer's HomeTown Life section Feb. 14. Please read this special Valentine's Day feature.



Mixed reviews for project plans



■ Canton Planning commissioners Monday sent the site plan for a new restaurant on Michigan Avenue to the township board for final approval, while tabling a second planned eatery and a proposal for a new bank branch.

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The Canton Planning Commission Monday approved a site plan for a new Bob Evans Restaurant on Michigan Avenue, but sent requests for a First Federal of Michigan Bank and a TGI Fridays restaurant back to the drawing

board.

They also agreed to hear proposals for a rebuilding of the Bob Evans on Ford Road near Haggerty and for an Ethan Allen furniture store on Ford just east of Lilley at the site of the old Waterbed Gallery.

A representative for Bob Evans said to his knowledge this was the first time

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the company had had proposals for a new restaurant and rebuilding an existing restaurant on the same agenda.

The new facility would be located on the north side of Michigan between Canton Center and Beck near the Home Depot. The 5,227-square-foot building would house a 130-seat restaurant.

That site plan moves on to the Canton Township Board of Trustees for final approval.

The commission rejected the proposal

from First Federal, primarily because they did not think the design of the building was compatible with the neighboring facilities on the west side of Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Saltz.

Commissioners didn't buy the argument from Renata Kolak of Tiseo Architects that "there is some psychology behind the design. Banks should mean reliable, secure and safe."

Commissioner Karl Zarbo observed that "if the building were bigger, it would look like a corporate home office."

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Schools get high marks in report

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For the second consecutive report, Plymouth-Canton Schools received relatively high marks from an evaluation by Standard & Poor's, which was contracted by the State of Michigan to evaluate and compare all the state's school districts.

"Relative to other K-12 school districts in Michigan, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools achieves well above-average student results with spending that is comparable to statewide levels ... The district's spending per student is comparable to the state average but lower than the average of a group of peer districts with similar demographic characteristics," stated a summary of the report, which considers student scores on tests such as the MEAP, SAT and ACT.

The School Evaluation Services report is based on Standard & Poor's independent analysis of four years of data, from the 1996-97 school year through 1999-2000. The study ranked public schools in a number of categories according to state averages and peer group districts. The comparisons included graduation and dropout rates; MEAP, ACT and SAT scores; operating, instructional and administrative expenditures; as well as general fund balances and long-term debt.

While the study compared all Michigan school districts, Plymouth-Canton was benchmarked with Livonia, Farmington, Walled Lake, Huron Valley, Rochester, Troy, Chippewa Valley and Warren Consolidated school districts.

The results

Student results, according to the SES report, indicate:

■ The district's MEAP composite passing rate for reading, math, science and writing is 69.1 percent, which is well above the state average of 57.1 percent, but comparable to the peer group average.

■ The percentage of all MEAP high

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Practice makes ...: Jennifer Tamas of Canton practices her figure skating routine for the Michigan Special Olympic Winter Games. The games begin Wednesday in Traverse City. Tamas, 29, has competed in numerous winter games and has been skating for over 20 years.

Go figure

Special Olympics old hat to skater

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Jennifer Tamas of Canton wouldn't mind taking home a gold medal from next week's Special Olympics State Winter Games at Grand Traverse Resort.

"But if I get a bronze, that's OK," she said, while taking a break from a practice session. "Or if I don't get any, that's OK too. I'll just have fun." Jennifer is one of five Special

Olympics athletes from Canton and Plymouth who'll be taking part in the 2002 State Winter Games Feb. 6-8.

For Jennifer, 29, who's been figure skating with Special Olympics for about 20 years, the event is nothing new.

"She's been to state probably 15 times," said her mother, Maureen Tamas. Last year Jennifer brought home two gold medals - one for the compulsories and one for a one-minute routine to music.

But, as Jennifer and her mother both know, it's not about the gold - it's about being a participant and building self-confidence.

Jennifer, who has Down syndrome, has been in the Special Olympics program since she was 8 years old, the youngest one can be to enter the program.

"When they first start out they have something like a walker that they hold on to get their balance,"

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Report: services satisfy

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More than 94 percent of Canton residents surveyed said they feel either "very safe" or "somewhat safe" walking in their neighborhoods at night. Only 4.4 percent said they feel "somewhat unsafe" and 1.5 percent feel "very unsafe."

That was just one of the findings

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released in the township's fifth annual Quality of Life Project report.

The Quality of Life Project was started in 1994 by a group of volunteers in an effort to identify measurable changes in the community's quality of life, according to Canton Supervisor

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Dodson resigns planning board seat, cites conflict

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Sue Dodson, a member of the Canton Planning Commission for the past three years, attended her last commission meeting Monday night.

Dodson, a Canton resident and Garden City Building Official, has accept-

ed a new job as director of Westland's building department. She was appointed to the position by Westland's new mayor, Sandra Cicirelli.

Dodson said she was forced to resign her planning commission seat since the commission's Monday night meetings

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What January thaw?



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Let 'er rip: Jay Cooner gets a start Wednesday on clearing snow in front of his home on Boston Hill Lane in Canton. He says he doesn't like the snow and he's probably already forgotten Monday's record warm temperature of 57 degrees.

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TODAY

ARTS

Children's art: Stars bearing children's wishes for a happy family will be sold for \$10 a piece at a fundraiser, *Healing the Hearts of Children* Feb. 8 at the State Theatre in Detroit. /B1

AT HOME

Under one roof: You can find what you need to remodel your home at the Novi Home Improvement Show. /C1

HOMETOWN LIFE

Up and away: Area seniors got to visit relatives after the holidays as part of a Southwest Airlines' contest. /C7

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Gateway of Canton closes doors

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Canton's Gateway Computer store, in the Kroger Center at Ford and Canton Center, closed its doors for good last Thursday.

On Friday customers found the door locked and a "closed" sign. Phone calls to the store were greeted with a recorded message that the store was

closed permanently and directing customers to the Novi store or a toll-free number for technical support.

Ashley Wood, manager of corporate communications for Gateway, said the Canton store was one of 19 the company abruptly shut down.

"We do a regular performance review of all our stores," she said. "Because of underperformance, we closed 19 of them."

Gateway had announced earlier that it would eliminate 2,200 to 2,300 jobs and close 19 retail outlets.

Wood said the Canton store employed about 15 people and that they would "have the opportunity to apply at other Gateway stores."

Two employees, working inside the closed store on Monday, would say only that the store was closed. They said they

had been told not to discuss the closing with anyone.

Wood said the Canton store, which opened in the fall of 2000, was the only Gateway outlet in Michigan to be shut down.

Other Michigan Gateway stores are in Novi, Dearborn, Troy, East Lansing, Flint, Grand Rapids, Portage, Roseville and Saginaw.

Dad: Teen has near-miss with prowler

A resident of the 3400 block of S. Canton Center reported to police that someone unlawfully entered his home about 8:45 p.m. Monday.

He said his 14-year-old son was home alone in an upstairs room. When the youth came downstairs, he heard a noise in the basement that sounded like his lead weight set being moved. He said he went into the basement to investigate the noise and while he was on one side of the room he saw a shadow on the wall of someone running upstairs.

He said he got a knife, crawled under a computer desk and attempted to contact his brother via the computer for about five minutes.

As he went back upstairs, he

COP CALLS

heard the front door slam shut. He called his father, who called the police. The resident said the intruder apparently came in through a rear door.

Police have no suspects.

Break-in

Police responded to a burglar alarm at Canton Auto Repair in the 43500 block of Michigan Avenue about 12:30 a.m. Monday.

They said a cash drawer had been opened and several coins were scattered on the floor. About \$200 in currency was reported taken.

Cigarettes stolen

About 3:30 a.m. Monday police responded to a burglar alarm at the Smoker Center in the 6100 block of North Canton Center.

Two cartons of cigarettes were found outside on a sidewalk. The front glass door had been smashed and was open.

Police found a garden landscape rock inside the building that apparently had been used to smash the door. About 20 to 25 cartons of cigarettes were taken.

TV thief

A loss prevention officer at Super Kmart on Ford Road called police Monday after he observed two males take a TV set and head toward the checkout lanes.

One of them bought some cigarettes, and the other left the store with the TV without paying. The security guard brought the men back inside and called police.

The man who had taken the TV said he was going to sell it to his friend's mother to buy medicine for his little girl. He was arrested and taken to the Canton Police Station.

At the station he told police he was a heroin addict experiencing withdrawal symptoms and wanted to go to the hospital. He was taken to St. Mary where he was treated and later released - into police custody.

- Jack Gladden

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: CANTON

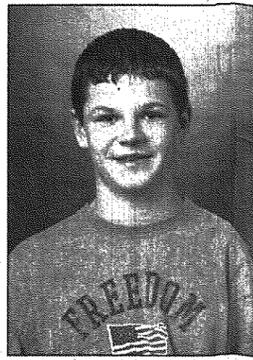
John Cudney, 13, was named Canton Observer Carrier of the Month for January. The son of Tom and Carla Cudney, he has two siblings, Rebecca, 21, and Chris, 19.

A seventh-grader at Pioneer Middle School, his favorite subjects are math and social studies. His hobbies include soccer and building models. He has been named Student of the Month and has five first-place soccer trophies.

John's future plans are to be a Florida State Police officer.

He said he enjoys delivering the papers and talking to his customers. He feels that being a carrier has helped make him stronger and helped him learn how to manage records and money.

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John Cudney carrier can help other young people in the future.

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Patterson snags 'unofficial' backing

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State Representative Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) insists he hasn't made a final decision on whether to run for a final term in his current position, or run for the newly-created 7th District Senate seat in the August primary.

However, an e-mail from the 13th Congressional District Republican Committee gives one of its endorsements for the Senate to Patterson.

"Each candidate decides when and where they would

like to make the official announcement," said Teresa Folino, of the 13th Congressional District Republican Committee.

Patterson said he's just about made up his mind. Don't be surprised to hear Patterson's official announcement to run for the Senate on Feb. 7, which is also his birthday.

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Whaler waiters score for cancer patients in Canton appearance

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Dinner-hour diners at the Max & Erma's on Canton Center Road Thursday could have used a scorecard to identify their servers. A Plymouth Whalers scorecard.

Members of the Ontario Hockey League Junior A team were guest waiters as part of a fund-raiser for the Karmanos Cancer Hospital for Children.

"It was fun. They had us pair up with (regular) waiters and waitresses," said Stephen Weiss, whose usual duties are playing center.

The third-year player from Toronto said he likes being out in the community, especially when it benefits charity. And he certainly doesn't mind the occasional recognition from Whalers fans.

"It seems like there's more of that over the past couple of years, as people in this area learn more about Junior hockey," he said.

The Junior leagues, based in Canada, are considered feeders for the National Hockey League.



Celebration: Plymouth Whaler Karl Stewart celebrates a birthday during the fund-raiser for the Karmanos Cancer Hospital for Children.

Several prominent Whalers over the last few years, including Detroit's David Legwand, now a rookie center with the Nashville Predators, are starring in the NHL.

Scott Kelly, Whalers director of public relations, said spending time away from Compuware Arena at local events is "a high priority."

"The community comes out and supports us and so we try to give back," he said.

Whalers players or team repre-

sentatives typically attend three or four events each week. Everyone on the team is involved, Kelly said.

In addition to charity fund-raisers, players make regular appearances at local public and parochial schools, he said.

Eight players attended Thursday's event at Max & Erma's, serving customers between 6 and 8 p.m. Their "tips" were donated to the cancer center and the effort raised \$500 for the hospital, said Chris Harris, regional marketing manager for the restaurant chain.

The restaurant also raffled off gift certificates, tickets to a Whalers game and other team memorabilia, with proceeds going to Karmanos.



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Dinner time: Plymouth Whalers forward Damian Surma tried his hand at a different job last week - serving up some food at Max & Erma's in Canton as part of a charity fund-raiser. Whaler players were guest servers as part of the benefit for the Karmanos Cancer Hospital for Children.



Young fan: Canton resident Lauren Champagne, 5, seemed both nervous and giddy about meeting the Plymouth Whaler Brad Yeo and other players while they were guest servers Thursday at Max & Erma's in Canton.

P-C schools aim for kinder, gentler talks

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Confrontational contract bargaining between Plymouth-Canton schools and its teacher's union could become a thing of the past as both sides prepare for negotiations on a new multi-year agreement.

Bargaining teams from the Plymouth-Canton Education Association and the district are attending a seminar this week to learn the intricacies of interest-based bargaining.

"Instead of just exchanging proposals, interest-based bargaining teaches cooperation," said Chuck Portelli, PCEA president. "Each side brings ideas to the table and there's discussion on the issues. If you can reach resolution, that's a good thing. If not, you move on to the next item and come back to it later."

Bargainers for both sides laid the groundwork for interest-based bargaining last year when they agreed to a one-year contract extension. At this week's training session, both bargaining teams are learning together about the specifics of interest-based bargaining.

"In recent years, school districts, as well as other organizations with a union workforce, have moved toward a collaborative bargaining method," said Superintendent Kathleen Booher. "I think it's very promising. It helps you identify right from the start what is important to management and what is important to labor."

"It helps get away from some of the confrontational activities and behaviors that can evolve from what is generally called traditional negotiations," she said. "We're very hopeful it will foster good, positive dialogue."

Portelli agrees. "It takes away some of the animosity. We actually discuss the proposals and why we can, or can't, do something. That's the way negotiations should go."

Portelli is the chief negotiator for the 1,000-member PCEA. His team consists of Joann Gustafson, Discovery Middle School; Dave Wert, Hoben Elementary; Sharon Belobraidich, Hoben; Bob Williams, Canton High School; and Ray Franzen, Salem High School.

The district's chief negotiator is Ray Bihun, newly appointed executive director for human resources. His team will consist of Jim Ryan, deputy superintendent; Verna Anible, executive director/educational services; and Patricia Brand, executive director/business services.

The current contract expires Aug. 31. Contractually, negotiations don't have to start until April 15, though both sides have expressed a willingness to start earlier.

As the state legislature indicates the proposed \$200 increase in the district's foundation allowance is in jeopardy, Booher said without the boost from the state, pay increases will be hard to come by.

"I would say it will make it tough because the district will only receive whatever increase the state decides for us, and that creates a very challenging negotiation setting for all unions that have contracts coming up," she said.

Brand indicated a 2.5 percent wage increase for teachers, which has been near the norm the past few years, could cost the district \$1.3 million a year.

The Board of Education this week approved a contract with transportation employees. It calls for a 2.7 percent wage hike, or 25 cents an hour, for the current school year. Pay increases for two subsequent years will be 1.76 percent, or 15 cents per hour, and 1.7 percent.

However, a clause in the contract indicates transportation employees will not see a wage hike in the final two years of the pact if the state fails to increase the district's foundation grant.

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Once a request is made, an application form will be sent in the mail. The form should be filled out and returned with payment to Canton Township Leisure Services Division.

To request an application, or for more information, call (734) 394-5460 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Calls made after 3 p.m. will be returned the following work day.

Teaming Up

Discovery Middle School and the Canton Leisure Services Department have teamed up to offer Discovery students some lunchtime activities besides just hanging around.

Every day at lunch recess, students from different home rooms are selected to compete against each other in activities such as "Hallway

Bowling," a jump rope competition and 3-on-3 Basketball. Other planned activities include floor hockey, volleyball, flag football and - for the less athletically inclined - Jeopardy, checkers and Pictionary.

Each activity is set up tournament style, and the current homeroom leader gets possession of a large traveling trophy.

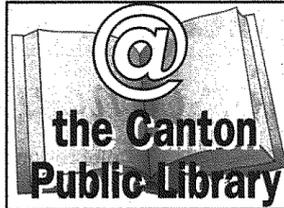
In the swim

If you're still thinking about summer and doing some laps in the swimming pool, you can get a head start.

Canton's Leisure Services Department has added several swim classes for Parent and Child, Preschool, Youth, Teen and Adult aquatic programs.

The first session started Jan. 21, with open registration for residents and non-residents until Jan. 26. The second session begins the week of March 4, with registration ongoing for residents and beginning the week of Feb. 25 for non-residents.

For a schedule and class availability information, call (734) 394-5460.



Did you know ...

Travelers Insurance Company issued the first car insurance against accidents with horses on Feb. 1, 1898?

February is Library Lovers' Month?

Hasbro introduced the toy action figure G.I. Joe in 1964? This was the first mass-market doll intended for boys and sold for \$2.49?

Valentine's Day started in the time of the Roman Empire?

Life Savers were introduced in 1913?

Web watch

Check out these new Web sites:

- www.roadsidememorial.org
- www.satirewire.com
- www.handspeak.com
- www.brotherhoodfdny.com
- www.secondharvest.org

Q&A

Q: What was North America's coldest recorded temperature?

A: On Feb. 3, 1947, at Snag, in Canada's Yukon Territory, a temperature of 81 degrees below zero was recorded on this date. This was a record low for all of North America.

Source: Chase's 2002 Calendar of Events

Children's Books

- Dial-A-Ghost - Eva Ibbotson

■ The Great Whale Of Kansas - Richard W. Jennings

■ The Ghost and Mrs. Hobbs - Cynthia DeFelice

■ Jiggle Joggle Jeel - Laura Elizabeth & Howe Richards (picture book)

■ Widget - Lyn Rossiter McFarland (picture book)

Kids' CD-ROMs

■ Breakout

■ Chinese Shadow Puppet Theater

■ ClueFinders: The Incredible Toy Store Adventure

Fiction and Nonfiction

■ My Stroke Of Luck - Kirk Douglas (nonfiction)

■ Miracles Happen: One Mother, One Daughter, One Journey - Brooke and Jean Ellison (nonfiction)

■ Bias: A CBS Insider Exposes How the Media Distorts the News - Bernard Goldberg (nonfiction)

■ Lake of Dead Languages - Carol Goodman (fiction)

■ Smoke In Mirrors - Jayne Ann Krentz (fiction)

■ The Heart Of The Soul - Gary Zukav & Linda Francis (nonfiction)

CDs

■ Ballads: Remembering John Coltrane - Karen Allyson

■ The Concert For New York City - Various Artists

■ Future 2 Future - Herbie Hancock

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Hot Topic Of The Week

■ **Everyone's Reading!** An exciting program is planned for the next several months at libraries within the Canton vicinity. The communities of Bloomfield Twp., Farmington, Farmington Hills, Independence Twp., West Bloomfield and Canton have recently decided to embark on a community-wide reading initiative called "Everyone's Reading" which is similar to the recent Chicago Public Library Program in which the entire city was encouraged to read and discuss the same book. We have chosen "Pay It Forward" by Catherine Ryan Hyde as the title most representative of the community-building and discussion-provoking themes we want to encourage. Our program will run until April 20 with a visit by the author at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 18 at the Canton Public Library.

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Engler pushes expansion of high-speed Internet access

BY PAUL R. PACE
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The telephone revolutionized communication more than 100 years ago, and with it came government standards to promote reasonable user costs and accessibility to all.

Gov. John Engler believes high-speed Internet must have the same standards if the state is going to successfully compete in the technology market.

Speaking Tuesday at breakfast discussion on the subject at Walsh College's Novi campus, the governor and a panel of business and technology experts

spoke to about 300 people in attendance.

"We need to streamline the process for taxes and permits for broadband in Michigan," he said.

Engler is encouraging legislators to make the process for expanding broadband easier by establishing a uniform permit and fee system for rights-of-way to lay lines that carry high-speed Internet to homes and businesses.

He also proposes creating a financing authority to provide loans and grants and to work with private telecommunications vendors to make statewide investment more viable.

His third bill would offer tax credits to companies that build out their broadband network.

Engler said the need for this plan is evident by the fact that Michigan lags behind other states in developing broadband.

According to the governor:
■ Michigan has almost 4 percent of the nation's population, but only 1.3 percent of the high-speed broadband phone lines (ADSL).

■ Michigan is 37th in the nation in the percentage of families and small businesses using high-speed lines.

Linda Jolicoeur, president of Target Equipment Leasing in Farmington Hills, can't get high-speed cable Internet at the business located at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake through the local provider, Time-Warner Cable. So long as it wasn't too expensive, she'd said she'd love to have Web sites come over faster than using a phone connection.

"We do use the Internet quite a bit," she said of the company, which loans money to businesses to buy equipment.



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Free speech: Gov. John Engler touted his Michigan broadband plan to local business people during a forum Tuesday at Walsh College in Novi.



Breakfast and broadband: The governor's appearance at Walsh College in Novi drew a crowd that filled the room with Detroit area people interested in hearing about expanding high-speed internet access.

She attended the breakfast to learn more about the broadband proposal. She left convinced.

"Ultimately, we'll all be better off with this," Jolicoeur said, because of new business it will help promote.

She considers high-speed service no different than any other

utility. Detroiters in the early days had to subsidize the expense of bringing utilities to rural parts of Michigan, she said. This process is no different. "We're lagging," she said of making the state "high-tech."

Engler said helping businesses

grow in this field will benefit companies and residents.

Keeping costs down, he said, "will invite competition."

Engler's proposal is expected to be go before the House for review this week.

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Canton man wins scholarship

Canton resident James Gasparotto was named winner of the first place, \$5,000 scholarship in the ArvinMeritor Visions of the Future awards program.

The sixth annual program was held in partnership with Detroit's College for Creative Studies (CCS) to support design education and the development of advanced automotive technology. The scholarships were presented at ArvinMeritor's

annual Innovation and Technical Achievement Awards ceremony this month at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village's Lovett Hall in Dearborn.

For this year's competition, ArvinMeritor challenged students to design a futuristic vehicle that focused on integrated roof or door systems from an interior view. Student work was also judged on creativity, feasibility and professionalism.

Gasparotto's first-place design is a blend of a road car with a pure race car. His creation also incorporates unique and innovative door systems and roof system features that allow the vehicle to be affordable as well as practical.

"Jim exhibits strong drawing skills and has developed an exciting vehicle design that is both technologically savvy and bold," said Dave Gillespie, CCS instructor of Industrial Design.

Legislators try to salvage psychiatric hospital land

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State representatives John Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township), and Bruce Patterson, (R-Canton Township), are working behind the scenes to give some of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital property and adjacent state-owned land to Northville and Northville Township when the facility is closed and sold.

According to Stewart, a vote on selling the property could come as early as this week. However, unless a deal can be worked out to give the communities a portion of the 400-plus acres, Stewart said he "has the votes" to ward off the sale.

The local legislators want to

■ '(Bruce) Patterson put up stop signs ... no vote for at least a week.'

John Stewart
—State Representative

give 70 acres to the communities for a possible fire station or elementary school, and to extend Winchester Drive between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads. In exchange, the communities may be willing to change the zoning from residential to commercial so it can be sold by the state for an estimated \$64 million.

"We could give the property to the communities, or sell it to them for a dollar. There's prece-

dence for that," said Stewart. "I'm voting 'no' if I can't get something for my district."

The vote to sell the property on Seven Mile could have come last week; however Stewart said Patterson put some pressure on lawmakers to hold it off until this week.

"Patterson put up stop signs ... no vote for at least a week," said Stewart.

Patterson's 21st State House district does not include Northville. However, the intensity with which Patterson is working with the Northville communities indicates he's likely to run for the newly redistricted 7th Senate District, which does include Northville and Northville Township.



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Playing the Palace

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Dodson from page A1

conflict with the Westland City Council meetings.

Her last day on her Garden City job was Tuesday. She'll start her job in Westland on Feb. 3.

Dodson submitted her letter of resignation from the commission to Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack on Monday.

"I just told him that this is the most efficient group of people. He's got a wonderful staff," Dodson said. "I told him to keep my name on the list 'cause I'd love to come back."

Dodson said she had enjoyed her service on the planning commission and was sorry to be leaving.

"We've got a really wonderful community and he (Yack) can be very proud of where it's going,"

she said.

Planning Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson said she'll be missed.

"Sue's focus for Canton Township, her background in the planning and building area, along with her ability to work well with others, bid her well in being appointed to a seat on the planning commission by the township supervisor, Mr. Yack," Gustafson said.

"We weren't disappointed," he added. "Sue played a strong role on the commission with the ability to cut through the chaff and arrive at the best of solutions and recommendations for the township. Her sense of humor was an added bonus."

"Although Canton suffers a loss with her departure, West-

land picks up a valuable asset with her arrival. We all wish Sue the very best with her new position as director of the building department in Westland."

As of Wednesday plans for selecting a replacement for Dodson were not announced.

Members of the planning commission are appointed by the township supervisor.

Jeff Goulet, senior planner for the township, said the supervisor usually solicits applications for a vacant position, then candidates are interviewed and selected based on qualifications for the job.

Yack was out of town this week and not available for comment.

Services from page A1

Tom Yack. He said it was modeled after a similar project in Jacksonville, Fla.

"The idea was to ask residents what elements in the community they considered important to the quality of life," he said. "We asked a lot of different groups to come up with categories. Public safety was number one, with education just a sliver behind."

In the area of police and fire effectiveness, 87.7 percent of residents rated police effectiveness as "excellent" or "good," while 12.2 percent rated it as "satisfactory" or "poor." Firefighters received even higher ratings, with 92.1 percent of respondents rating their effectiveness as "excellent" or "good" and only 7.9 percent rating it "satisfactory" or "poor."

The average police response time for non-emergency calls in 2000 was 9 minutes, 13 seconds. Emergency response time was 4:09. Average fire response time was 5:52 minutes.

In 2001, average fire response time was 5:28.

According to the report, there were 2,631 accident calls in 2000 and 4,475 fire runs. Police received 10,380 criminal complaints and 16,296 non-criminal calls.

Report to change

Yack said that this year's

report will be the last of its type to be issued.

"In the past, the report has really dealt with numbers," he said. "We're going to change that to focus on the feelings of residents."

He said the township plans to "get back to something we did a few years ago."

"We're going to focus on particular neighborhoods and the homeowners associations," he said.

He said he wants to get residents more involved in asking questions and determining what affects the quality of life in their own neighborhoods.

Some other figures from this year's report in specific areas include:

Housing

New housing starts for 2000 indicated a decline from the boom of the past few years. There were 466 new housing starts in 2000 compared to 629 in 1999, 879 in 1998, 749 in 1997 and 672 in 1996.

Value of real estate in the township showed a steady increase, however. In 2000 the taxable real estate value was \$2.0 billion compared to \$1.86 billion in 1999 and \$1.36 billion in 1996. The average cost per square foot for residential housing was \$135 per square foot in

2000 compared to \$100 in 1996.

Recreation

In 2000 there were 8.5 acres of developed parks for every 1,000 residents. That compares to 6.6 acres in 1996. There were 76 athletic fields in 2000 compared to 59 in 1996.

The number of youths participating in sports programs increased from 4,548 in 1997 to 6,278 in 2000. There were 25,776 residents registered in recreation programs, a dramatic increase from 5,644 in the year 1997.

More than 74,000 residents attended recreation special events during 2000 and Summit on the Park recorded more than 108,000 annual pass visits.

At the library

The Canton Public Library showed holdings of 2.31 materials per capita based on a population of 80,000 residents with a circulation of 9.53 items per capita. Eighty-two percent of residents said they visited the library at least six times during the year and 11 percent visited more than 24 times. The library's Web site recorded more than 298,000 "hits" during 2000.

Youth series tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the 2002 Youth Variety Series sponsored by Canton Project Arts and Canton Leisure Services.

This year's series, which is geared for ages 12 and under, includes The Chris Clark Magic Show, Odd Bodkins Variety

Show featuring life-size puppets and Chautauqua Express.

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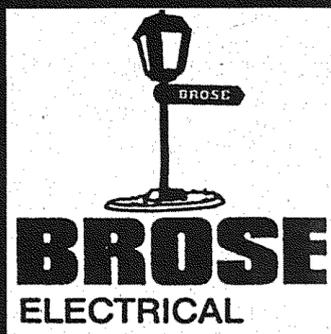
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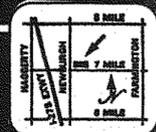
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Skater from page A1

Maureen said. "So she's really come a long way." Jennifer skates with the Wayne/Westland group since she went through the Wayne/Westland Special Education program. But skating is not her only activ-

ity. "She's in basketball, baseball, hockey," he mother said. "They go from one sport to another. The best part of the sport for them is they get to go away for the weekend and stay in motels

with their friends and party and stuff." One of the highlights of the program for Jennifer and her mother was in 1987 when they went to Notre Dame University for the International Games. Jennifer went with her baseball team.

"It's sponsored by the Kennedys," Maureen said, "so everybody was there. Arnold Schwarzenegger was there with his wife, Maria Shriver. It was neat." Other area participants in the Winter Games include:

David Foust of Plymouth, snowshoeing; David Gordon of Canton, downhill skiing; Kyle Siarto of Plymouth, snowshoeing; and Julie Trublowski of Canton, downhill skiing.

to compete at this year's event, which also include competition in cross-country skiing, snowboarding and speed skating. Time trials begin at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, and the activities conclude at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8.

Plans from page A1

And Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin said she would like to see a bank that is much more residential in size and scale than the one being proposed. The commission voted to table the request for site plan approval until revised plans were submitted. They took similar action on the request by TGI Fridays to build a 6,802-square-foot bar and restaurant on the Harvard

Square property at the corner of Ford and Sheldon. It would be located immediately east of the Walgreens Drug Store now under construction. The commissioners thought the design of the building was too busy, filled with too many corporate logos and not in keeping with the design of other similar projects in the township.

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school tests taken in grade 11 that received an excellent score is 20.5 percent, which is well above the state average of 9.1 percent and higher than the peer group average. In the initial year of the Michigan Merit Award program, 43.4 percent of the district's graduating class received financial scholarships based on their MEAP high school test results. That figure is moderately above the state average of 39.7 percent, and higher than the peer group average. With an ACT mean composite score of 22.3, the district's results are moderately above the state average of 21, but comparable to the peer group average. The district's SAT mean composite score of 1138 is comparable to the state and peer group averages. The graduation rate of 86.1 percent is on par with the state

average, but lower than the peer group average. The dropout rate is 3.6 percent, which is in line with the state average, but higher than the peer group average. Mixed results The SES report gives mixed results when comparing Plymouth-Canton's expenditures to other school districts. Operating expenditures of \$6,876 per student are comparable to the state average, but lower than the peer group average. The average teacher salary of \$57,351 is well above the state average of \$46,860, but comparable to the peer group average. The district generates a Performance Cost Index for MEAP composite passing of \$108, which is well below (more favorable than) the state average of \$149, and lower than the peer group

average. "The Standard & Poor's report has become the new benchmark, and for the second year it demonstrates that Plymouth-Canton is doing an excellent job with one of the lowest per-pupil state foundation grants for districts our size," said Judy Evola, director of community relations. "It also shows our curriculum review process is working, and that we are competitive." Notables Among other notable statistics relating to Plymouth-Canton in the 17-page report: The student-teacher ratio for basic K-12 instruction is 23.4-1, which is well above the state average of 21-1, and higher than the peer group average. The median size of the district's 14 elementary schools is 553 students, which is well above the state average of 355,

and higher than the peer group average. On a per-student basis, the district's long-term debt stands at \$11,332, which is well above the state average of \$7,405, but comparable to the peer average. The district's debt service is equal to 12.1 percent of operating expenditures, which is moderately above the state average of 8.5 percent, but comparable to the peer group average. The median household income in Plymouth-Canton is \$66,113, which is well above the state average of \$40,562, but comparable to the peer group average. The community's proportion of lone-parent households with children is estimated to be 10.1 percent. The state average is 9.8 percent.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

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VICTORY PARK OF CANTON ENTRANCE SIGN CONSTRUCTION

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-02-01 466 Arthur Street Non-Use Variance Requested Back & Side Yard Setback - Addition Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Michael McClure

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

CAROL STONE, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (FEBRUARY 19, 2002), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

A001 - Aggressive Carpentry: 2 twin-sized bed sets, baby swing, baby walker, generator, patio furniture, air compressor, household furniture, misc. household items.

A019 - John Holman: Honda motorcycle, helmet.

D112 - Kimberly Stratz: Pool table, clothes, boxes, stereo receiver, furniture, misc. household items.

E180 - Tony Wolfenbarger: Double dresser, lamp table, end table.

E181 - Angela R. Hayes: Rubbermaid bins, 2 tool boxes, floor lamp, luggage, clothes, toys, misc. household items.

F214 - Winifred Bowman: Air compressor, motorcycle, tools, ladders, hand saw, boxes, clothing, mountain bike, misc. household items.

H296 - Mike Daly: Household furniture, plastic bags, boxes, vacuum cleaner, games, patio furniture, misc. household items.

Publish: January 31, 2002 & February 7, 2002

CITY OF PLYMOUTH WASTEWATER DISCHARGE CONTROL ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Plymouth City Commissioners adopted a "Wastewater Discharge Control Ordinance, No. 2002-01, on Tuesday, January 22, 2002, at their regularly scheduled Commission Meeting. The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan. The entire ordinance will be posted at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, City Hall, 201 S. Main Street and a copy at the local library, for any interested person that would like to review the contents. This ordinance concerns all nondomestic users that discharge into the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority's (YCUA) or the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's (DWS) publicly owned treatment work is (the POTW), through sanitary sewers owned, operated, and maintained by the City of Plymouth. This ordinance shall become effective on the 1st Day of February, 2002.

WILLIAM S. GRAHAM Mayor
LINDA LANGMESSER City Clerk

Publish: January 31, 2002

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON - BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 22, 2002

Motion by Bennett, seconded by LaJoy to move from open session to closed session for the purpose of discussion of employee negotiations. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the closed session to order at 6:00 pm.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Shefferly, McLaughlin

Members Absent: Yack

Staff Present: Director Durack, Ann Conklin

Others Present: Mr. Alan Wall

The Board adjourned from closed session to employee reception at 6:35 p.m. An employee reception was held at 6:30 p.m. honoring Canton Township employees with twenty, twenty-five, thirty and thirty-five years of service.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy at 7:00 pm to move from closed session to open session. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to appoint Ms. Kirchgatter as chairperson for this evening's Board meeting. Motion carried by all members present.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 22, 2002, at 1150 South Canton Road. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly

Members Absent: Yack

Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Capt. Alex Wilson

Motion by Bennett, seconded by LaJoy to approve the agenda deleting Items G2, adding Item G21 which is purchase of new tee markers for new nine holes at Pheasant Run Golf Course and moving Item G14 so it immediately follows Item G10. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 8, 2002. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the study session meeting minutes of January 15, 2002. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

(For 02/22/02)

General Fund	101	\$443,052.54	Federal Grants Fund	274	14,255.18
Fire Fund	206	38,353.64	Auto Theft Grant	289	1,833.56
Police Fund	207	56,353.71	Downtown Dev Authority	294	42,031.52
Summit Operating	208	70,167.36	Post Employ. Benefits	296	2,377.90
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Golf Fund	211	33,981.55	Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	124,320.84
Cable TV Fund	230	29,900.54	Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	210,340.89
Twp (Comm) Imprvmt	246	94,719.21	Bldg Auth Construction	469	293,078.84
E-911 Utility	261	219,075.73	Water & Sewer Fund	592	708,422.78
Auto Forfeiture (WWATEE)	267	1,680.00	Total - All Funds		2,383,945.78

This is the sixth annual recognition of employees who have been employed with Canton for twenty, twenty-five, thirty or thirty-five years. These employees were recognized with a reception before the board meeting. Jake Dingeldey has served Canton for thirty-five (35) years. Mike Karll was recognized for twenty-five (25) years of dedicated service to Canton. Leonard Schemanske and Bruce Sutzer, each have twenty (20) years of dedicated service to Canton Township.

Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby recognize Jake Dingeldey for 35 years of dedicated service to Canton, Mike Karll for 25 years of service, Leonard Schemanske and Bruce Sutzer for 20 years of dedicated service to the Canton community.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to appoint Elaine Kirchgatter, Bob Shefferly and Phil LaJoy to the Canton Township Elected Officials' Compensation Committee for a term from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize single purchases up to \$1000.00 from the following 2002 blanket purchase orders for Public Works Vendors. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Township Clerk, as the designated officer to execute the 2002 Annual Permit for Underground Utility Operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way and also move to approve the Township Clerk to act as the designated officer to sign permits for operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-ways not covered by the annual permit. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to remove from the table and adoption of Ordinance No.117-6 Historic District (Penney Property). The ordinance will become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer on January 31, 2002. Motion carried by all members present.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PENNEY PROPERTY HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE NO 117-6

Section 1. Eligibility For Local Historic Designation - The Canton Township Board of Trustees, has on this day, January 17, 2002, determined that the property owned by the Charter Township of Canton, at the location of 44675 Joy Road, is eligible for local historic designation under the guidelines established by Historic District Ordinance 117 (ord. no. 117-6 eff. January 31, 2002).

Section 2. Purpose - The purpose of the ordinance is to provide for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic sites and districts which meet criteria set forth in the ordinance (ord. no. 117-6 eff. January 31, 2002).

Section 3. Certificate of Appropriateness - The property owner will be required to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness before commencing any work on the historic site or district. When considering an application, the Commission will be guided by the Standards for Rehabilitation set forth by the United States Secretary of the Interior (ord. no. 117-6 eff. January 31, 2002).

The Canton Township Board of Trustees is pleased to help promote community pride in Canton Township through the preservation of this Historic Site.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly.

Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: Yack Dated: January 22, 2002

Adopted: January 22, 2002

Published/Effective: January 31, 2002 TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy for the annual 2002 Annual Block Party Road Closure Permit on behalf of the Charter Township of Canton to be sent and retained by the County of Wayne. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve special event status for the Plymouth Theater Guild's production of "The Wizard of Oz" and permission to install signs advertising the event. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Fire Fund to re-appoint 2002 funds for the purchase of capital equipment scheduled in 2001 with a fund balance appropriation of \$202,807.00 and a capital outlay equipment expenditure of the same. Motion carried by all members present.

Increase Revenues:
Fund Balance Appropriation No. 207-000-699-0000 \$202,807.00

Increase Appropriations:
Capital Outlay-Equipment No. 207-301-977-0000 \$202,807.00

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Fire Fund to reappoint 2002 funds for the purchase of capital equipment scheduled in 2001 with a fund balance appropriation of \$38,000.00 and a capital outlay equipment of the same. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the blanket purchase order list for Leisure Services Department for 2002. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the request of the Petitioner to rezone the identified property to C-2 Community Commercial District. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin for approval of the site plan for Splitz Gymnastics. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a variance to the Condominium Ordinance and Preliminary Approval of the Site Plan for Arlington Park Site Condominiums. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to grant approval of the Woodbridge Planned Development District. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request to extend the contract with Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. to provide landscape and subdivision inspection services for FY2002 as outlined above utilizing available contracted service funds (101-371-818-000) in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request for the Senior Planner to travel to Chicago, IL to attend the National Planning Conference of the American Planning Association, April 13-17, 2002, not to exceed \$2,000 would be paid from the 2002 budget, Planning Services, Conference Seminars line item (101-853-951-0000). Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the expenditure of \$8,000 tuition for Fire Marshal Barrett, Capt. Arble, Lt. Berger and Lt. Draplin to attend the School of Fire Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the Western Wayne Narcotics Interlocal Agreement and authorize the Supervisor and Director of Public Safety to sign the Agreement. Motion carried by all members present. The attached resolution is being presented by the Western Wayne County Narcotic Unit for approval.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the proposal submitted by George W. Auch Company dated January 10, 2002 to provide construction management services to the Township Administration Building expansion project and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract upon completion of negotiations with the George W. Auch Company. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the proposal submitted George W. Auch Company dated January 10, 2002 to provide construction management services for the Performing Arts Education Center and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract upon completion of negotiations with the George W. Auch Company. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to increase the contract amount for D.O.C. Contracting, Inc. for construction of the Canton Sport Complex Boulevard Entrance for the amount of \$130,340.04 from budget account number 246-750-970-0000. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the purchase of four 2002 Ford Explorer 4 x 4 vehicles from Signature Ford, Lincoln, Mercury and Jeep in cooperation with the Macomb County Purchasing Program at a cost of \$22,846.00 each for a total of \$91,384.00. Funds for this purchase will be taken from the following accounts: \$23,692 from 101-305-977-0000, \$22,000 from 101-853-977-0000 and \$45,692 from 101-371-977-0000. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio 1035 copier with fax option at a cost of \$6,887.00 and a 12 month maintenance contract at a cost of \$1,350.00 for a total of \$8,237.00. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the elimination of two Maintenance Technician III positions and to create and fill two Maintenance Technician II and four Maintenance Technician IV positions. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy for approval to create and fill a Facility Specialist position for Summit on the Park pending Merit Commission approval. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy for approval to create and fill a Health/Wellness Specialist position in the Recreation Division of the Leisure Services Department. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to waive bidding procedures and award contract to Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the 2002 Canton Liberty Fest fireworks display. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to waive the bidding process and award the bid for 42 golf carts for Pheasant Run Golf Club to Club Car for \$136,290 and to charge the expense to the Pheasant Run Bond fund account number 469-900-971-2110. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve a sixty month lease agreement for eight pieces of strength equipment provided by Nautilus, Incorporated with First Choice Commercial Funding leasing the equipment to Summit on the Park in the amount of \$14,446.75 (5 annual payments will be made in the amount of \$2,889.35). Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the bid for nine new and four granite plates for Pheasant Run Golf Course to Designer Golf Company for \$8,940.00 and to charge the expense to the bond account #469-900-971-2110.

Treasurer Kirchgatter indicated next Tuesday, January 29th is the fifth Tuesday of the month and there is no meeting scheduled. The next scheduled Board Study Session will be on February 5, 2002.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the regular/ study board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held on Tuesday, January 22, 2002. The full text of the approved minutes, including comments will be available following the next regular board meeting held on February 5, 2002. The full text draft copy is available in the Clerk's office for review.

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

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OBITUARIES

PETER GLOVER

Services for Peter Glover, 85, of Canton Township were held Jan. 27 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Mr. Glover was born July 3, 1916 in Glenella, Manitoba and died Jan. 24 in Detroit. He was a heating and cooling technician/engineer. He retired in 1975. He was a musician throughout Canada and Michigan for 55 years. He was a member of St. Innocent Church in Redford.

Survivors include son, Jacob; daughters, Grace, Donna, and Mary Elizabeth; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

CHESTER KEITH MODESITT

Services for Chester Modesitt, 94, of West Bloomfield were held Jan. 27 at the Reddington Christian Church with the Rev. Bill Weaver and Rev. Scott Brown officiating. Burial was at the Reddington Cemetery.

Mr. Modesitt was born July 8, 1907 in Rockville, Ind. and died Jan. 24 in West Bloomfield. He graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Rural Electrification Administration. He went into retail sales as a manager of a Kresge store in Missouri. He became an assistant to a buyer in the Kresge Headquarters in Detroit. He was the Central Regional Advertising Manager for 125 Kresge stores in the Chicago office. He then moved to the Kmart International office in Troy where he retired as Administrative Advertising Manager in 1972. He worked for the Kresge-Kmart Corporation for 42 years.

He lived in the Seymour area since retirement, and was active in religious and community affairs. He was a member of the Reddington Christian Church where he served as a teacher, deacon, elder and choir member. He served on the steering committee for the Hoosier Christian Village Nursing Home in Brownstown. He was the first president and founder of the Seymour American Association of Retired Persons #4167, member and past president of Seymour Senior Citizens, Inc., a former Seymour Community Chorus member and a member of the Friends of the Seymour Library. Most recently he lived with his son and daughter-in-law in Northville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorene May of Reddington in 1935; sister, Ruth Bradford; brothers, Ralph and Emmett Modesitt; sisters-in-law Leota and Gladys May; and brother-in-law Clyde May.

Survivors include wife, Henrietta of Seymour, Ind.; sons, Donald Ernest (Linda) Modesitt of Jefferson City, Mo., and Ken (Jan) Modesitt of Northville; daughter, Janet Modesitt of Clarkston; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hoosier Christian Village, Reddington Cemetery Fund, Reddington Christian Church Building Fund or to Karmanos Hospice.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

IRENE F. STEYAERT

Services for Irene Steyaert, 72, of Westland were held Jan. 29 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Malia officiating. Burial was at Riverside

Cemetery.

Mrs. Steyaert was born June 11, 1929 in Detroit and died Jan. 25 in Westland. She was employed for 28 years as an executive secretary for Sears Roebuck and retired in 1993. She came to the Plymouth community from Detroit in 1972. She retired to Florida upon her husband's death and then returned to the Plymouth area in October 2001. She loved to crochet, loved crafts and cooking and loved to have family gatherings.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Germain.

Survivors include daughter, Ann-Marie (Don) Igielski; son, Robert (Connie Reynolds) Steyaert; daughter, Julia (Dave) McIntosh; daughter, Catherine (Brian) Auerbach; son, Peter (Kelly) Steyaert; brothers, Richard Karsnick, Dennis Karsnick, John Karsnick, Joseph Karsnick; sisters Mary Helen McClellan, Barbara Ann O'Brien, and Catherine Karsnick; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Association, 17117 West Nine Mile, Suite 1745, Southfield MI 48075.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

CARMEN ZAMMIT

Services for Carmen Zammit, 89, of Canton were held Jan. 30 at St. Hugo of the Hill Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills with the Rev. Jim Rafferty officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. Zammit was born March 4, 1912 in Malta and died Jan. 25 in Bloomfield Hills.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony Zammit.

Survivors include sons Frank (Patricia) Zammit, John (Judy) Zammit and Peter Zammit; daughters Catherine (Frank) Vecchio, Toni (Ken) Talbot, Josephine (Alfred) Portelli and Mary Louise (Jim) Boomis of Plymouth; brother, Manuel Pardy; sisters, Clara MacVittie, Sylvia Dimeck, Rita Padgett, and Tartisia DeBono; 26 grandchildren; and 43 great-grandchildren. Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

ANGELO A. BERARDI

Services for Angelo Berardi, 73, of Plymouth were held Jan. 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Berardi was born Feb. 4, 1928 in Fairchance, Pa. and died Jan. 27 in Plymouth. He worked for Ford Motor Company for 33 years. He retired in 1993 from the Department of Human Resources, where he worked as a human relations analyst. He came to the Plymouth community in 1966 from Farmington. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780. He graduated from the University of Detroit with a B.S. degree in 1954. He served in the armed services during the Korean conflict.

Survivors include wife, Bette

L. Berardi of Plymouth; daughters, Linda (Jeff) Juenemann of Northville and Cindy (Dan) Haas of South Lyon; sons, Larry (Allison) O'Hara of Canton and Mike (Sue) Berardi of Canton; grandchildren, Lauryn, David, Kristin, Matthew, Marissa, and Brittany; sisters, Rose (Martin) Bartos of Sterling Heights and Dora (Steve) Zubovic of Pa.; and brother, Jim Berardi of Sterling Heights.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Cancer Association, The Angela Hospice, or the Our Lady of Good Counsel Music Ministry.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

SHIRLEY B. MELOW

Services for Shirley Melow, 83, of Plymouth were held Jan. 31 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Melow was born July 14, 1918 in Livonia and died Jan. 27 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She and her late husband had been married for 65 years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1935 from Livonia. She attended many catholic churches in the area. She loved to hunt, fish, and camp. She loved to be with her family and

especially loved family gatherings.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald.

Survivors include sons, David (Diane) Melow of Dexter and Karl (Sandra) Melow of Livonia; four grandchildren; brother, John Kalmbach of Florida; and sister, Marilyn Reh of California.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heartland Health Care Center-Dorvin, 29270 Morlock St., Livonia, MI 48152 for the activities department.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

JAMES WEST

Services for James West, 39, of Canton will be held at the Bertini-Riccardi Funeral Home in Cortland, N.Y.

Mr. West was born July 28, 1962 in Syracuse, N.Y. and died Jan. 28. He worked for Lockheed Martin.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela, and children Margaret and Maura.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rescue Mission of Detroit and St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 397-5435

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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 bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 14th, 2002 for the following:

CHLORINE FOR SUMMIT ON THE PARK

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Treasurer's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188 until 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 22nd, 2002 for the following:

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE, PRINT, AND MAIL SUMMER/WINTER TAX FORMS FOR THE CANTON TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S OFFICE

Specifications are available at the counter of the Finance and Budget Department. 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.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VERIZON WIRELESS (VAW), LLC

PLEASE TAKE notice that a Public Hearing as required by the Plymouth Township Telecommunications Ordinance, will be conducted regarding the Telecommunications Permit Application filed by Verizon Wireless (VAW), LLC at the regular Plymouth Township Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, Building 1, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC, Clerk,
Plymouth Charter Township

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Report changes will give a better picture of Canton

The last thing anyone could accuse Canton's elected officials of is indifference to their constituents. In fact, learning local residents' likes, dislikes and expectations when it comes to municipal government has been nearly a decade-long mission for the current administration.

The township recently published its fifth annual Quality of Life Report and will soon fine-tune that effort as a way of moving to the next level. While the report contains some useful information, we agree with Supervisor Tom Yack's assertion that focusing on individual neighborhoods - as opposed to a township-wide statistical report - will yield a more complete picture of life in Canton.

If the most efficient way to govern is locally, then the more "local" you can get the better.

"In the past, the report has really dealt with numbers," Yack says in a story appearing in today's Observer. "We're going to change that to focus on the feelings of residents."

As Yack and township trustees found out during the water park debate last month, numbers can sometimes be deceiving when taken separately, with little or no context. A township survey indicated strong demand for an outdoor water park or similar recreational facility in Canton. Those numbers are supported by similar findings in the new Quality of Life Report, which shows a tremendous growth in recreational opportunities during the last five years.

For example, the report shows in 2000 there were 8.5 acres of developed parks for every 1,000 residents. That compares to 6.6 acres in 1996. Nearly 26,000 Canton residents were registered in local

recreations programs, up more than 5,000 from 1997; and the number of kids enrolled in youth sports programs increased from 4,548 in 1997 to 6,278 in 2000.

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The board put together a comprehensive plan for the a water park near Ford and Ridge roads, using local funds and money dedicated from the Wayne County Parks millage. But opposition from neighbors was enough to convince trustees to drop the project. Many of those appearing at public hearings supported the concept, but saw the specific plan as a poor fit for their neighborhood.

The Quality of Life Report shows Canton residents are generally pleased with public safety response times and other municipal services. It also reveals increasing usage of the Canton Public Library and other facilities.

Numbers certainly tell a story, particularly in a still-growing community such as Canton. But they don't tell the whole story. We're sure local officials will see that when next year's report is published.

Devil is in the details of State of State ideas

It was House minority leader Buzz Thomas (D-Detroit) who said it best, summarizing the reaction of the majority of state lawmakers on both sides of the political aisle to Gov. John Engler's State of the State address.

"The devil's in the details." Gov. Engler's speech did not include a lot of them. Despite the fact he unveiled a long list of proposals that sound good in principle, Republican and Democrat alike said they would have to see more of the fine print before they could tell for sure what position they would eventually take on each proposition.

In general, the themes sounded by Engler were great. For example, he said the state must support the auto industry as it makes its way through a transition from gasoline-powered engines to hydrogen-powered fuel cells. To make the change, car makers will need a "new generation of engineers," a new generation of plants, a new generation of workers. That means Michigan's auto industry has to undergo almost a complete "transformation."

Among the issues that need to be addressed, Engler said, would be taxes, regulations, new infrastructure, intellectual property, and research and development.

No one at the state level has expressed a disagreement with these points overall. Autos are critical to Michigan. And there is no guarantee that a fuel cell-based industry will end up centered here in this state, so it makes sense for the state government to do everything it can to keep Michigan on the cutting edge of the auto world.

Given that, there remains a lot of room for disagreement about exactly how the transformation should be made and what kind of state support should be included. What we can guarantee is that when Engler unveils his plan 60 days from now, there will be a lot of debate to be had. How much support should we give? What should it include? What is the industry willing to promise in return? If we are willing to do all this for autos, what are we willing to do for other industries important to Michigan?

Engler also called for a "down payment in next year's budget" to attract the construction of a Rare Isotope Accelerator at Michigan State University. Sen. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) had the best

answer to that proposal. "We cannot forsake the future for the immediate budget cuts," he said. "Ten years later we don't want to be saying that we tossed that out because of one year of tight budgets."

But there are lots of questions here too. How much of a down payment? What exactly would that money be used to pay for in order to make the feds more likely to place that nuclear research facility here?

And how do we get that out of a budget already \$900 million in the red? What else has to fall by the wayside?

Engler proposed getting a waiver from the federal government on Medicaid so the state can create a Mi-Family health insurance program. He said it would spread benefits to another 200,000 Michigan resident. Again, the idea is great. How?

The governor proposed bringing Michigan into compliance with the "No Child Left Behind Act" recently signed by President George W. Bush. Again, that's great. We can all support better education and a commitment to give each student our best effort.

But the new federal act duplicates much of what is already in place here in Michigan, achievement testing in grades 3 to 8, for instance. So again the question is, how will it be done?

Engler called for a restructuring of Blue Cross, saying the company has to be kept solvent. Yes, indeed, it does. But how remains the looming issue.

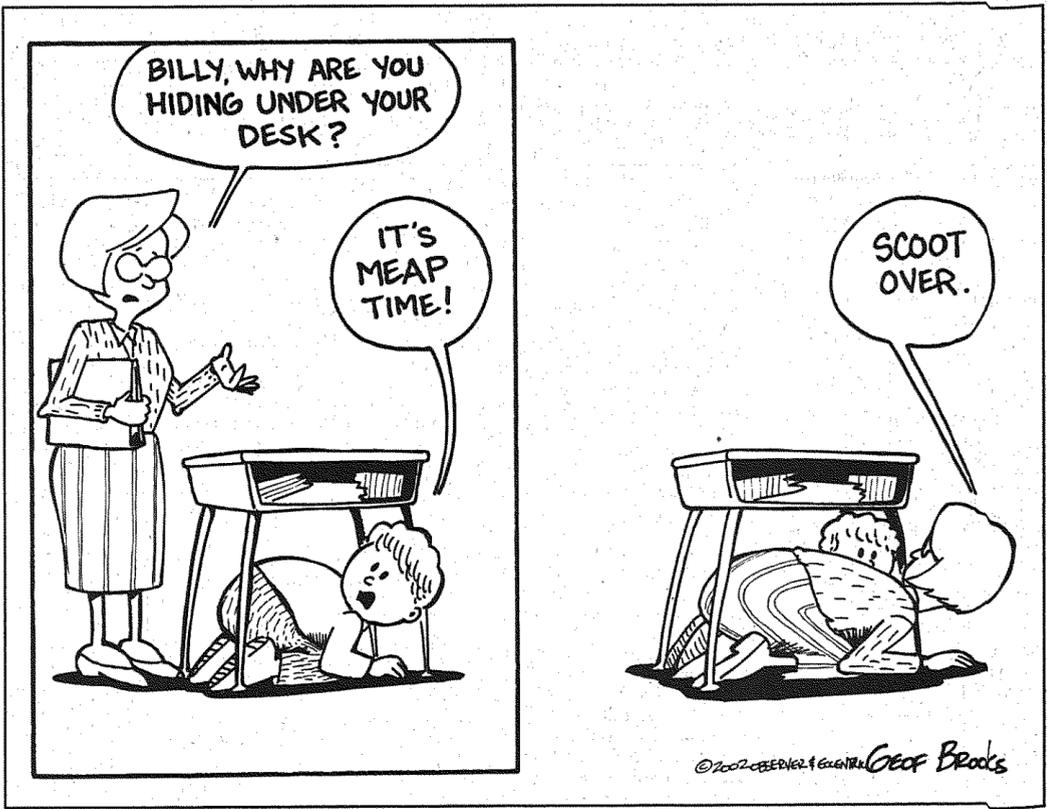
Of course, Engler deserves credit. Another lame duck governor, scheduled to leave after 12 years in office due to term limits, might have been tempted to tout his legacy and leave it at that. Engler did indeed talk about what he believes he's accomplished in that time.

But he did not rest on his laurels. Engler made it clear he believes there is work yet to be done. And much of what he outlined can't possibly come to fruition until well after he is gone.

At best, the governor's final State of the State laid out for Michigan lawmakers and residents what the issues will be this year, and for several years to come.

There is a lot to be said for identifying what the agenda should be, even if specific solutions are in short supply.

Finding the answers will have to be left to the rest of us.



LETTERS

Activities impress

The various activities put on by Canton Township and The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for MLK Day were very impressive. The morning program at the Summit was very intense. The video highlights of Dr. King's life and struggles left many of us choked up and inspired. The presentation did not gloss over Martin Luther King's faults; it presented a balanced picture of the man.

The luncheon presentation at the high school was also well done.

The afternoon presentation was informative and entertaining. This session focused on the Hindu, Oriental and Arabic cultures. I am sure the staffs of Canton administration found them very useful. In short, everything was first rate. The administrators of Canton Township and the Plymouth-Canton schools are to be congratulated for a job well done.

The day concluded with an intense and inspiring non denominational service at Geneva Presbyterian Church. It was filled to capacity. I loved every minute of it. Thanks to everyone responsible.

Tom Hartnett
Canton

Second message

Tedd Schneider's column titled "New Year's tragedy sends message - if anyone listens" (Observer, Jan. 10) concerning Eric Dodsworth's death touched a nerve that has been twitching for years. Like many people Mr. Schneider accepts underage drinking while condemning the legal age man, whose driving was very likely impaired by alcohol. The main message is important: Don't drink and drive, and the life you take may not be your own.

There is another message, but it is not popular or even commonly spoken. Our society includes the culture of drinking. How often do people get together socially without drinking? Drinking is expected. I see this attitude toward alcohol as a major problem. Alcohol is a substance which affects motor skills and mood and can be addictive. At the very least, people change after a drink or two. Serious effects include wasted potential, destroyed families, assaults, unplanned sex, injuries and sometimes death - whether in an accident or by alcohol poisoning when too many shots are downed, often by a college student.

Maybe it was the statement, "alcohol kills brain cells" in our child's fifth-grade science book. Maybe it was the speakers I heard - people who work with young people and know how dangerous alcohol is. Maybe it was all the people I know who have vomited after drinking. (Thank God their bodies knew enough to get rid of the toxins.) I became aware I could make a choice. For the past 15 years or more I have chosen not to drink, although I never had a "problem" with my "social drinking." For those who tout the health benefits of alcohol, there are alternatives. For example, the cardiovascular benefits of red wine also are present in purple grape juice.

Why are we so attracted to alcohol? Business as usual is "big business" and most people enjoy a "buzz." It may make them feel friendlier and they may enjoy the taste. They like that beer, or glass of wine or that drink. Drinking makes them one of the group. I expect we'll never change and

that we'll go on pretending drinking is just fine - "at least for me because I can handle it."

As a society we teach our children to drink (but not too early, not too much). Our relaxed attitude toward alcohol usage sends one message, and then we expect people to use common sense and exercise restraint even while alcohol diminishes a person's ability to make good judgements.

Throw the first stone at the 24-year-old who drank and then drove? Not I, even though I've never driven under the influence (because I was always the passenger). How many times have you ridden with a driver who has had "two or three" drinks, or been the driver, or served alcohol and let people drive home? Countless times for most of us, I would guess. Actually I am amazed there are not more accidents and deaths than there are as the result of "impaired driving."

Our collective relaxed attitude toward alcohol contributed to this tragedy. Every time we promote drinking, the outcome could be injury or death. Where is the line between "enjoying a drink" and doing harm to oneself or others? Much closer than you may realize. All I can hope for is that people will think before they drink, because they won't think as clearly after that first drink. Contrary to popular belief, you can "just say no" to alcohol.

Janet Sockolosky
Plymouth

Answering questions

Susan Tassanyi's letter to the editor in the Jan. 17 Observer asks the question: "What were these two teachers thinking (when they assembled displays commemorating gay and lesbian history)?" As one of the two teachers involved I would like the opportunity to answer that question.

Ms. Tassanyi, I was thinking about the gay and lesbian students (and those perceived to be gay or lesbian) in my school and throughout the district who come to class in fear every day because they are taunted, harassed and in some cases physically abused.

I was thinking about them because they are compelled to live in fear and isolation and in silence because no one will advocate for them. I was thinking about those students who must periodically endure ridicule or listen to disparaging comments about gays from the adults who administer their education.

Finally, I was thinking about people like yourself who continue to equate being gay or lesbian with a host of social evils like "rape, drugs, murder and child pornography" and how much education still needs to take place in our community and in our school district.

You know, Ms. Tassanyi, the arbitrator knew clearly what Mr. Salbenblatt and I were thinking. He also recognized that Mr. Walcott and certain members of the Board of Education were not thinking. Yes, he saw that they were not thinking at all.

Mike Chiumento
West Middle School teacher

Don't regress

An Open Letter to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board: I attended my first school board meeting in a long time last night (Jan. 22) and saw two presentations during

the Superintendent's Report that prompted me to write this letter. The presentations I am talking about are the Magnet School discussion and the Budget review/amendment.

I am glad to see that we will be adding to the fund balance for this year and that the projected deficit for next year is minimal (\$170,000, memory serves me). However, I was also heartened by the fact that the district has put together a budget committee to review costs if we need to make cuts in the future (this is a good idea in light of the state's current budget situation).

It is my understanding that the district is looking for not just the dollars when reviewing the programs, but also the value. With this in mind I would like to put in my two cents worth as to some items I believe add value to the district.

The presentation on the magnet school concept focused on the creation of a new magnet school without addressing the current magnet program - TAG (Talented and Gifted). This program has enhanced the reputation of the district and has provided opportunities for our children. I believe it has added immense value to the district and should not be forgotten when a discussion concerning magnet schools takes place.

There was discussion about our limited schools of choice as a revenue enhancement. I could support that if we had significant space available in the buildings affected. However, the presentation indicated that there are openings here and there throughout the district. It seems to me that this may cause capacity problems that add significant value to the district.

I am a big proponent of small class size and worked with the Class Action Partnership for a number of years. I would hate to see the district reverse the progress we have made and start using class size as a way to free up money by increasing class size.

There has been some discussion about closing Miller Elementary School, which is the school my child attends. I would hate to think that would close a neighborhood school bus those kids currently walking to the school. I don't believe this adds value.

In closing, I have to thank the board and administration for wanting to review the issues in this way, and for forward seeing and hearing more about this in the near future.

Paul Schmitt

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OTHER OPINIONS

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Coalition to develop fuel cell offers opportunity for state

In his State of the State speech last week, Gov. John Engler talked glowingly about making Michigan the center for research and development of clean-burning hydrogen fuel cells to power cars.

He was responding to a growing consensus in the auto industry that fuel cell powertrains really are the wave of the future. A major development was U.S. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham's announcement three weeks ago of the Freedom Cooperative Automotive Research (Freedom CAR), a public-private group linking the government, the auto companies and the U.S. Council on Automotive Research to work in developing affordable hydrogen-based fuel cell technology.

"Michigan's stake in the transformation of the auto industry cannot be overstated," said Engler. "The coming transformation means a new generation of vehicles. The new vehicles will require a new generation of engineers to design them, a new generation of plants to assemble them, and a new generation of workers to build them."

Engler's right. The stakes for Michigan are very, very big, especially when you realize that there are 10 engine plants and five transmission plants in Michigan employing some 27,000 people — all based on gasoline-fueled internal combustion engine powertrains that might well become obsolete in a decade.

"You can't just assume that Michigan will become a leader in fuel cell technology," says Michigan Economic Development Cooperation CEO Doug Rothwell. "Although Michigan is plainly the center of the American auto industry, we don't necessarily have inherent strengths in fuel cell technology. This means we've got to be proactive."

Engler is expected to propose a detailed plan in the next couple of months to make detailed proposals about how to make Michigan the center for fuel cell research and development.

A look at Michigan's economic history provides some context for all this. In the 19th century, the first two waves of economic development centered on extracting natural resources, first exploiting the copper and iron ore deposits in the Upper Peninsula and next cutting the vast forests of the

northern part of the state. The capital created by these two early industries formed the economic underpinnings for the development of our auto industry in the early part of the 20th century.

Since then, economic policy makers have been searching for the next big industry to power the state's economic progress.

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A leading candidate — biotechnology — emerged over the past decade. Stimulated by the MEDC, supported by Gov. Engler and financed by money from the national tobacco settlement, the state has poured some \$50 million per year into the "Life Sciences Corridor," running from Detroit through Ann Arbor and East Lansing to Grand Rapids. The University of Michigan, for example, is in the middle of building a \$200 million Life Sciences Center on the central campus, while the city of Ann Arbor just granted a tax abatement to encourage pharmaceutical giant Pfizer to expand greatly its research labs.

Skeptics question whether trying to graft an entire biotech industry onto a relatively limited existing base of company and infrastructure support will really work.

That's one of the great advantages of an economic strategy based on fuel cells for automobiles: We're not starting from scratch. Michigan already has a whale of a lot of automotive skill, experience and institutional momentum in the industry, and extending all that into a new kind of powertrain technology seems a logical thing to do.

This suggests a two-pronged fuel cell strategy for Michigan. Offensively, the idea is to build — promptly, firmly, immediately — on our technological and manufacturing strengths in the auto industry. Defensively, the goal is to get so far ahead that nobody else can catch up.

It's an exciting prospect. I'm looking forward to seeing the Governor's proposals as a centerpiece for building a big coalition — auto companies, the supply chain, organized labor, the universities — to help Michigan's future.

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Sara Wiener

Kenya trip shows similarities between natives, visitors

The beginning of 2002 marked a significantly new start for many people in my Nairobi, Kenya home. On Monday, my 3-year-old niece (the daughter of my host sister) carefully dressed in a schoolgirl's uniform: a neatly pressed red-and-white-striped dress, new red socks, and shiny black loafers. Her face was carefully washed, her hair crafted in tiny twists delicately secured against her head.

My family and I snapped photos from the time she first stood in her uniform to the moment she took the first step into her classroom. As I tried to keep my emotions in check (you would have thought it was MY daughter's first day!) I marveled at the way my niece, a little 3-year-old girl, boldly took each step out the door. At 3, she has little to no sense of what the next 10 years of school will bring, but something about her easy willingness to leave the house on Monday morning makes me think she's going to be just fine.

All day Monday as I thought of my little girl in school, I was reminded of myself and my beginnings — not necessarily my first day of school but my beginnings in Kenya, seeming especially noteworthy now because I'm nearing the end.

Every so often the six of us Kalamazoo College students talk about our arrival in the Kenya airport and our first night here. The flights spanned more than 30 hours and exhaustion, nerves and anticipation had made us more than mildly delirious.

Upon arrival we waited for our luggage and meandered, single file, to the group of strangers waiting for us with undoubtedly equally as expectant nerves. As we eventually found our new "parents" and met a few of our siblings we realized we were soon to be separated from the only five other people we knew in the whole country to go "home" with complete strangers. And that first night . . . did any of us sleep? Later we swapped stories of the ceiling patterns in our rooms.

But as days turned into weeks, and weeks into months, this beautiful, albeit troubled, African country became our home. On Christmas day when I spoke to both of my parents on the phone, I realized I was at the turning point where Kenya was no longer a "trip" I was taking but a new home I was going to miss.

How did this happen to me, and when did this experience change from being simply a dimension of my education at Kalamazoo College to a place I lovingly thought of as home?

It was there, sitting in a young couple's home the size of most American kitchens where I laughed with island boys my age about love, marriage, girlfriends, boyfriends and the future.

During the week preceding Christmas my friend and I traveled to the coast of Kenya and to a tiny, remote island called Wasini. The only lodging on the island is a series of small but well-cared-for cottages built and run by an aging but charismatic man named Masood.

When my friend and I clamored out of the car at the end of the coast, Masood's nephew greeted us and encouraged us to take a short *dhow* (small boat) ride to Wasini. As we crossed the channel to Wasini, the Indian Ocean lapping at the sides of our boat, we could see the white sand beaches of the island, the abandoned coral mounds spotting its coast, and the enormous patio of the lodge watching the ocean's ebb and flow and the tides of incoming visitors.

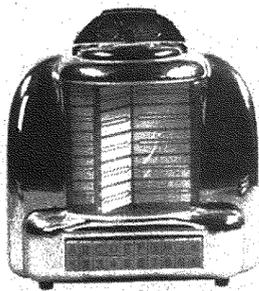
The tiny paradise of Wasini was our home for several days and I believe it was there when I began to perceive this country as home. It was there, sitting in a young couple's home the size of most American kitchens where I laughed with island boys my age about love, marriage, girlfriends, boyfriends and the future.

It was there and at that time when I realized that no matter how different our lives have been — regardless of nationality, race, or age — we are more alike in our humanity than we are different.

This was my beginning — December in Africa — and it came four months into my program.

Sara Wiener is a Plymouth resident, Salem High graduate and student at Kalamazoo College taking part in a study-abroad program in Kenya. She will provide an occasional glimpse into the program.

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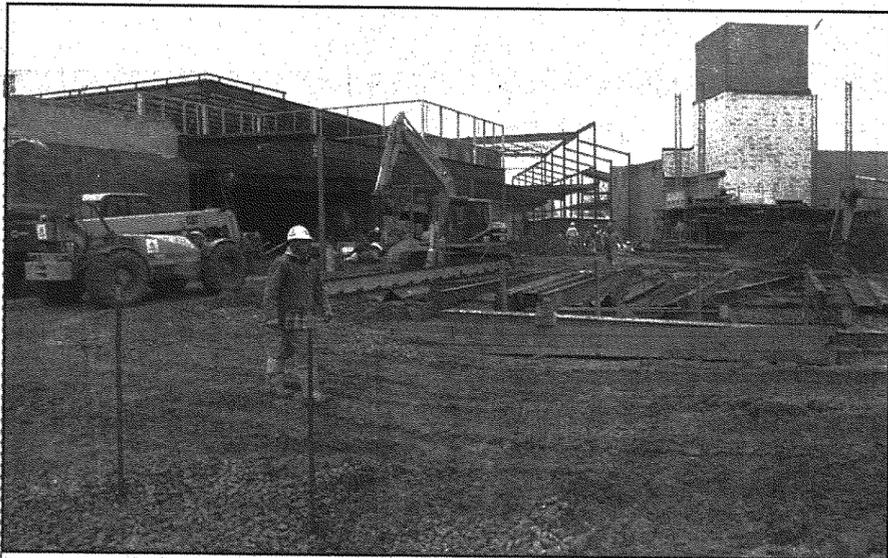
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On time: A view of the "Main Street" area with the Clock Tower in the background.

Work progressing on schedule for Schoolcraft's VisTaTech

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

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Progress is on schedule for the \$20 million VisTaTech expansion of the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College.

Adelard Raby, Schoolcraft's retired vice president for business services, is working part time as project manager for VisTaTech working with contractor Barton Malow.

"Construction is about 25 percent done," Raby said.

The 87,000-square-foot addition will provide a new home for the school's popular culinary arts program with new restaurant space, a business and industry information technology center with state-of-the-art computer labs and a multi-purpose room for community activities. The addition is scheduled to be completed in December and open in January 2003.

Raby said the foundation is almost complete. Walls are up in the culinary arts area, the roof has been put on the multipurpose room. Masonry is in place and wing walls are up in computer lab section. In addition underground plumbing is being installed.

"By the end of April, we'll have enclosed the building. The roof system and curtain walls will be up. Then the public view will go into hibernation and the work will be all interior," Raby said.

The biggest inconvenience for those using the Waterman Center is that the primary sidewalk from the parking lot has been closed. Also a short term parking lot for customers of the American Harvest Restaurant has been closed.

Raby comes in twice a week on a consulting basis. He said that every Wednesday he has a meeting with Barton Malow and subcontractors. On Thursday Raby



Hot work: A welder at work on the roof of what will be the Culinary Arts instructional department.

meets with his replacement as vice president for business services Jill O'Sullivan to update her on progress and to nail down questions about building details.

"Our object is to keep the cost down, the contractor, of course, wants to make a profit," Raby said. "Under construction management, we hire the general contractor, Barton Malow. They issue a series of bid packages for subcontracting but we hold the

subcontracts. Barton Malow manages them for us."

Ghafari Associates Inc. is the architect for the project.

Once work is finished on the expansion, the college will close off sections of the current Waterman Center to remodel them for new applications and to conform with the design of the addition. That work is expected to be completed by September 2003.

CLARIFICATION

In Sunday's Jobs & Careers story Margaret Hasler's position was incorrectly stated. She is

administrator of nursing at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Also, Botsford, not Beau-

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Like the rest of us Rose Kachnowski still feels down after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America even though she's coordinating a gala evening to benefit the Livonia Symphony Orchestra Friday, Feb. 8, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Kachnowski thinks that will change once she and the audience sit down to listen to the program of light classical and popular tunes.

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

No, the disturbing images won't suddenly vanish from memory but once lost in the music they'll forget about the tragic events for awhile. Besides, guests will leave feeling good because they've helped the nonprofit orchestra continue to present its six-concert season.

Kachnowski believes "music should be a part of life." All six of her children learned to play an instrument. Son John still plays trombone with the LSO, daughter Leslie, violin.

"After Sept. 11 people are looking for music," said Kachnowski. "What better way to listen to lighthearted music than at a Mardi Gras celebration. We'll have two quartets - brass playing Mardi Gras and Dixieland music beforehand and a string quartet during dinner. As dinner winds down the orchestra will begin playing. The orchestra performance is open to everyone for a lower ticket price.

"We're taking a two-tier approach for tickets with a sit down dinner, concert and auction or they can just attend the concert and auction. We're trying to appeal to wider range of people, make it affordable for everyone."

A silent auction is sure to attract everyone from golfers to music lovers.

Looking for a Valentine's Day gift for your special someone. How about a piece of jewelry, music box, golf clubs, a bottle of wine, or a string, woodwind or brass quartet to serenade your sweetie?

Kachnowski's gone all out in planning the event. Survivor contestant Michael Skupin will sign autographs and talk during dinner. Vocalist Rebekah Walker joins the orchestra on stage afterwards. Walker performed with the LSO at its annual Music Under the Stars concert last summer.

"We're going to have decorations, beads on the tables and masks, balloons everywhere, lots of Dixieland music," said Kachnowski. "It will be fun, colorful and exciting from the time they walk in the door until the time they go home."

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Young vocalist: Rebekah Walker sings at a Livonia Symphony Orchestra benefit.



TELLING THEIR STORIES

ART THERAPY HELPS CHILDREN RELAY TRAUMATIC FEELINGS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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A black heart. Hearts with holes in them. There's a sense of urgency when Judith Barr talks about troubled children and the drawings they create in therapy sessions at First Step. The domestic violence agency helps victims escape verbal and physical abuse in the home. Over the last 15 years, Barr's seen terrifying images of families come to life on paper at the main office in Plymouth and a shelter the agency prefers to keep secret for safety reasons. It is there advocates or counselors frequently use art to reach the smallest victims.

While the memories are vivid, children have trouble telling their stories.

"Art is a wonderful way to get them talking," said Barr, director of the children's program at First Step. "It's sort of going in the back door. It enables a child to express feelings in a non-threatening way and it's fun. We get them talking about scary things. While you're talking you're working with Play-doh. I make a spider. A child might make a fist."

"You'll often see children's drawings with huge crocodile tears. One little boy told a counselor I have a black heart. It hurts so much it's black. A lot of children draw a hole in the heart."

All of the art isn't always so dark though. The staff at First Step work with children to change the hurt into hope for the future, not only in the agency's facilities but third grade classes in Wayne County schools. The Keeping Kids Safe program identifies children and the problems they're experiencing at home by presenting materials and a video on domestic violence. Afterwards about 10 percent of students come forward with serious concerns.

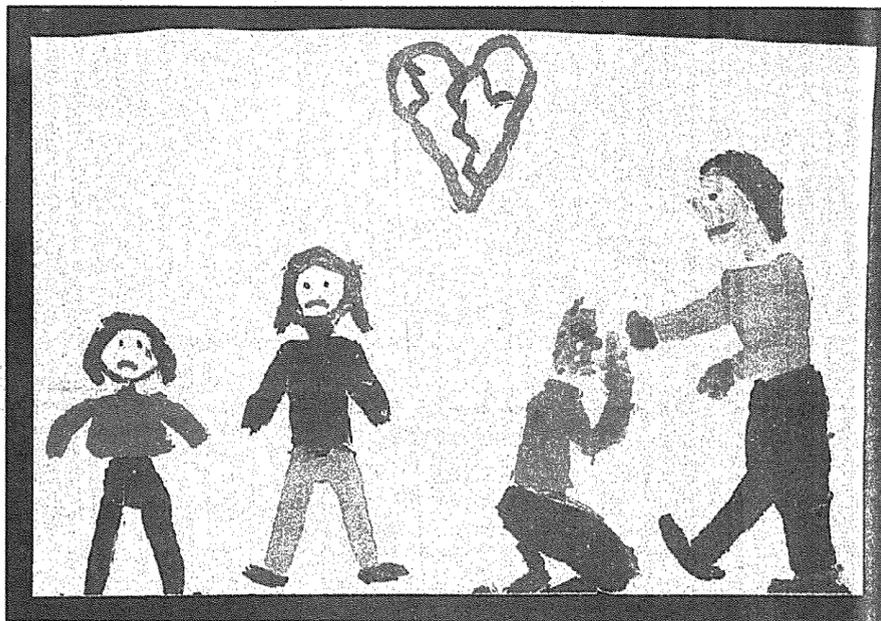
"It's quite powerful to listen to what kids have to say," said Barr. "Why are people mean to teach other? Yelling scares me. Why do mom and dad scream at each other? We teach them about kind or soft words. We tell them if adults in your family are fighting it's not your fault and to talk to someone."

First Step Fundraisers

■ Twelfth annual charity dance with Steve King & the Dittilies 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. \$30, \$27 in advance. Call (248) 645-6666

■ Healing the Hearts of Children presents a gala featuring Alexander Zonjic & Friends and an amateur show 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. \$50, includes concert only and dessert. Call (313) 567-1640

"Shelter kids are very traumatized. They're either very aggressive or very quiet. Sometimes the most quiet are the troubled children. We use kick ball and puppet play to reach them. We'll see preschoolers use the lion to show someone being



mean and eating all the smaller animals. With the art we see a progression from closed and guarded where they use one color, a lot of black and red, then gradually begin using softer colors and lines that flow smoothly."

One of the latest projects at First Step allows children to paint their wishes for a happy family on stars. The ornaments will be sold for \$10 a piece at a fundraiser, Healing the Hearts of Chil-



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Healing hearts: Judith Barr works with the smallest victims of domestic violence at First Step.

dren, Friday, Feb. 8 at the State Theatre in Detroit. Proceeds go to three Wayne County domestic violence agencies including First Step, Interim House and My Sister's Place.

A charity dance is scheduled Feb. 1, at Laurel Manor in Livonia to raise money for First Step's general fund including a 24-hour helpline. The agency receives between 400 and 500 calls monthly from people needing help. For information about First Step, call (734) 416-1111. For immediate assistance, call the 24-hour helpline at (734) 459-5900 or toll free at (888) 453-5900.

"It's a major fundraiser for us," said Barr. "We want to create an awareness in community. We'll have gaming tables and entertainment. It was originally the idea of Brian Duggan 12 years ago."

Please see THERAPY, B3



Wishing and hoping: Children in the shelter program created these ornaments as part of a project that encourages children to wish for happy families. The stars will be sold at a Feb. 8 fundraiser for First Step.

CONCERT

Paul Keller & his Swingin' Fellars

What: Perform a concert as part of the Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club series

When: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10

Where: Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia

Tickets: \$12. Call (248) 476-2674

Mardi Gras party puts revelers in the mood

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Bill Knowles can't think of a better way to celebrate Mardi Gras than with Dixieland music. Since Knowles won't be able to attend this year's festivities in New Orleans, he's booked Paul Keller and his Swingin' Fellars to play 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia.

One of five concerts in the Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club series, the program includes swing music and Dixieland for dancing. Knowles encourages

revelers to wear costumes as their tickets will be discounted at the door.

"In New Orleans they'll be parading through the streets for Mardi Gras on Feb. 12," said Knowles, a Farmington resident. "We're asking them to dress as cakewalkers and bring their parasols. Cakewalking began in New Orleans. For the funerals in old New Orleans they played dirge like music. On the way back they played happy music and those ladies parading in the procession would be called cakewalkers. The family usually hired a band to play strutting music because they believed once you die you

really start to live."

Paul Keller intends to do a lot of living before he dies. Keller brings 8-members of his Bird of Paradise Orchestra to the Mardi Gras Party/Concert Feb. 10 in Livonia. In the front line are Paul Finkbeiner on trumpet; Paul Klinger, coronet and soprano saxophone; Chuck Moss, trombone, and Cary Kocher, vibraphone. Chuck Shermatero, piano and Pete Siers, drums, make up the rhythm section. Firefly Club owner Susan Chastain provides vocals.

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Hot time: Paul Keller brings his Swingin' Fellars to the Monaghan Hall for a Mardi Gras party.

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IN CONCERT
Westland drummer Jeff Trudell performs with the Woody Herman Orchestra 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

Veteran trumpet Johnny Trudell will also join the orchestra, led by Frank Tiberi. The concert is part of the SBC Ameritech Paradise Jazz series. Tickets are \$18 to \$49. Call (313) 576-5111.

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The Wayne State University music department holds auditions for prospective students Feb. 11-15 and Feb. 25 to March 1 in the Old Main Building, Cass and Warren avenues, Detroit. All interested high school or graduate students should contact the department at (313) 577-1795.

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The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents a pottery workshop for all ages 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday-Thursday, Feb. 19-21, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

Instructors from the Village Potter's Guild will assist students in creating objects ranging from coiled bowls to cone people. To register, call (734) 416-4278.

ARTISTS WANTED
The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for artists and crafters for its 26th annual Arts Festival Saturday-Sunday, June 8-9, in Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

For an application, call the community resources department at (734) 466-2540. The arts commission is also seeking exhibitors for its display cases in the Livonia Civic Center Library. Artists or collectors should contact Donna Eno at (734) 261-5870.

UPCOMING BENEFIT
Denim and diamonds is the theme of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's annual dinner dance and auction Saturday, March 2, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth.

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ART WITH A VIEW II
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SLACKERS
The story follows three college students who are experts at scamming the system. When Ethan, the school geek, uncovers their deception, he blackmails them to use their well-honed skills in a campaign to win over the heart of the school's most popular girl. Featured among the ensemble are Devon Sawa, Jason Schwartzman, James King, and Jason Segel. Dewey Nicks directs the comedy. (Screen Gems) This film has not yet been rated.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 8

STORYTELLING
Comprised of two separate stories (Fiction and Non-Fiction), set against the sadly comical terrain of college and high school, past, and present. Following the paths of its young hopeful/troubled characters, it explores issues of sex, race, celebrity and exploitation. This film tells a series of stories with characters that include an aspiring writer with cerebral palsy (Leo Fitzpatrick) and his girlfriend, an author, a documentary filmmaker, a young slacker, his dad and mom, his brothers, and his maid. The cast includes Selma Blair, Paul Giamatti, John Goodman, Julie Hagerty, Conan O'Brien, Lupe Ontiveros, and Franka Potente. Todd Solondz directs the drama. (Fine Line) Rated R

ROLLERBALL
An update of Norman Jewison's 1975 cult classic, the story centers on the futuristic society in which corporations have replaced countries and a violent sport known as Rollerball has become the world's obsession. Jonathon E., a popular veteran of the sport, is idolized by the world, but he has become a threat to the corporations — to those who control the planet. Featured players are Jean Reno, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, Chris Klein, and LL Cool J. John McTier-nan directs the action. (MGM/UA) This film is not yet rated.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 15

JOHN Q
The story centers on John Q. Archibald, whose son is rushed to the hospital, where they discover that he needs a heart transplant if he is to live. John Q. is told that his insurance won't cover the costs and governmental aid is unavailable. Dealing with the rapidly declining health of his son, John Q. takes the hospital hostage in a last ditch attempt to save his young son's



Opening Friday: Dave (Devon Sawa) starts to fall for the brainy and beautiful babe, Angela (James King) in the film, Slackers.

life. Featured players include Denzel Washington, Robert Duvall, James Woods, and Anne Heche. Nick Cas-savetes directs the drama. (New Line) Rated PG-13

Stolhanske. Brian Cox stars as Captain O'Hagan, the troopers' fatherly mentor. (Fox Searchlight) Rated R

CROSSROADS
Three high school girls, from a small Georgia town, who used to be best friends when they were younger, but now have very different personalities (a cheerleader, a straight-A student and a "burnout", whatever that means) (Spears plays the smart one) get together for a trip across the country. Along the way, they meet a musician who persuades them to go to Los Angeles to compete in a musical contest... Featured players include Dan Aykroyd, Britney Spears, and Tarynn Manning. (Paramount Pictures) Rated PG-13

HART'S WAR
Based on a novel by John Katzenbach, the story centers on Tommy Hart, a second-year law student who is enlisted as an officer's aide in World War II due to his father's political pull. When he is captured and thrown into a German prisoner of war camp, top ranking Colonel William McNamara (Bruce Willis) assigns him to defend Lieutenant Lincoln Scott, a black man of honor. In preparing a defense for his client, Tommy stumbles upon a plot that will force him to choose between his country, his own morality and his life. Starring Colin Farrell, Sam Worthington, and Terence Howard. Gregory Hoblit directs the drama. (MGM/UA) Rated R.

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The Brazilian Cultural Club of Detroit hosts its annual Carnaval Ball 8 p.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2 at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple at Dequindre in Troy.

Hundreds of party-goers are expected at the 18th annual event.

It's an evening to discover Brazilian music, its dance and exotic culture. The Carnaval is an authentic Brazilian-style ball fashioned after the parties in Rio at Carnaval.

Christina Peixoto of Nomads Travel Club said the Troy event is features live Brazilian entertainment including musicians, appetizers, samba dancers and extravagant costumes.

"It all creates a wild atmosphere and everyone is welcome," Peixoto said. "Wear

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*Christina Peixoto
Nomads Travel Club*

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The creativity and eclectic crowd is what makes the Carnaval Ball such a hit, she said. Costumes are encouraged but not required — a gown or tuxedo with a pretty mask can be worn. A pair of shorts and fun shirt is okay too.

The point is that anything goes, Peixoto said.

There's a costume contest and the grand prize winner receives a five-day cruise along the

Willamette and Columbia rivers. Categories include Best Couple, Best Group, Most Luxurious, Most Creative, Most Brazilian and Funniest.

Entertainment includes the Chicago Samba, a midwest-based ensemble, playing old and new Brazilian music such as Samba, Bossa-nova Olodum, Forro, Choro and Pagode. Also see the dance-style, Capoeira, a ritualized and elaborate combat dance of whirling handstands and cartwheels in front of live music. It's based in the city of Salvador and is an intricate expression of dance and marital arts using legs, feet and hands.

Member tickets are \$35, non-members \$45. Cash bar. Ticket price includes entrance to the event and appetizers. For more information visit BCCD20@hotmail.com or call 248-545-8450 or 313-862-7824.

— Complied by Lana Mini



Don your costumes: A costume contest is part of the fun at the Brazilian Ball on Saturday. This group of friends attends yearly, wearing different themed hats. Last year they were the "Pineapple Heads."

Therapy from page B1

"We know we can break the cycle of abuse but it's our fear because of the faltering economy and the military and war effort, dollars are being cut. Corporations aren't as willing to give when they're laying off employees. We're concerned about the political and funding climate since economics shifted and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. We're looking forward to new

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Detroit Repertory Theatre: Jar the Floor continues to March 17, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347, www.detroitreptheatre.com

Fisher Theatre: South Pacific, Tuesday, Feb. 19 to March 10, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Detroit. \$35-\$70. (248) 645-6666, (313) 872-1000

Gem Theatre: Guys on Ice opens Feb. 7, 2 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. \$24.50-\$37.50. (313) 963-9800

Meadow Brook Theatre: The Mystery of Irma Vep through Sunday, Feb. 3, Oakland University campus, Rochester. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday-Sunday, \$26; 8 p.m. Friday, \$34; 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, \$38. (248) 377-3300

Performance Network: Elizabeth Rex opens Feb. 1 and continues to March 3, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Ann Arbor. \$25, Friday-Saturday, \$20 Thursday and Sunday. (734) 663-0681

Purple Rose Theatre: The romantic comedy Months on End 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, and 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, through March 16, at the theater, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. \$22.50 to \$32.50. (734) 433-7673

UMS Series: Presents a solo evening with Laurie Anderson, UMS co-commissioned work, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$40. (734) 764-2538

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Village Players of Birmingham: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 1-2, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, east of Woodward Avenue, south of Maple, Birmingham. \$14. (248) 644-2075

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

Andover Thespians: One Acts Festival with selections from Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*, William Inge's *The Social Event* and Sam Shepard's *Fool for Love* 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at Andover High School, Bloomfield Hills. \$8, \$5 seniors/students. (248) 645-4679

Detroit Puppet Theatre: PuppetArt presents Oh, *Anasel*, a West African folktale, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 Tickets \$7, \$5 children, (313) 961-7771

Sesame Street: Sesame Street's Elmo and Zoe find the more friends the merrier when they start an exclusive club, in *Let's Be Friends*, which continues to Sunday, Feb. 3, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, \$14, \$18, limited VIP seats. Call (248) 433-1515, www.sesamestreetlive.com

Novi Theatres' Children's Annex: The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Friday-Sunday, Feb. 1-3, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West 10 Mile. (248) 347-0400

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Bonstelle Theatre: For colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf continues to Feb. 3, at the theater 3424 Woodward, Detroit. \$8-\$10. (313) 577-2960

Hilberry Theatre: The comedy *Season's Greeting* in rotating repertory to Saturday, Feb. 2; *The Importance of Being Earnest* opens Feb. 8 and plays in rotating repertory through April 4;

William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* continues in rotating repertory to Thursday, March 28, 4743 Cass Ave., Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$12-\$20. (313) 577-2972

U-M Theatre: George M. Cohan's The Tavern, a burlesque mystery for the entire family, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 7-9, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$20, \$15, \$7 students. (734) 764-2538

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Theatre Arts Productions: Present *Murder Madness*, a mystery 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, at the Historic Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. \$50 until Jan. 31, \$60 Feb. 1 and after. Includes dinner. (248) 477-8404

SPECIAL EVENT

Barbie Doll Fashion Show: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Plymouth V.F.W. Hall, 1426 Mill. \$5, children under age 10 free. (734) 455-2110

X-trava Con: Comic book, toy and non-sport card show 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

Tishomingo Blues: Elmore Leonard signs his latest book 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward, downtown Birmingham. (248) 203-0005

VALENTINE'S DAY

Dinner Dance: Sponsored by the Farmington Community Band, Friday, Feb. 8, Glen Oaks Country Club, 13 Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Roads, Farmington Hills. Buffet dinner, dancing to the Farmington Community Dance Band. \$42 per person. (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412.

Romantic Dinner: Begins with a champagne reception and tour of Meadow Brook Hall, 110-room Tudor-revival style historic auto baron mansion at 7 p.m. followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 14-15, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$75. (248) 370-3140

Singing Valentine: The Renaissance Chorus barbershop quartet will serenade your sweetheart at home, work or anywhere else in Wayne, Westland, Garden City or the Livonia area 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 or Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 16-17. In addition to the serenade, your sweetheart will receive a red rose and personalized Valentine's Day card. The quartet will even deliver your special gift. \$40. To reserve a time, call (734) 522-4258. Leave your name, phone number, location, directions, and time (within a 4-hour window) when you'd like your sweetheart serenaded. Orders will be taken until Wednesday, Feb. 13.

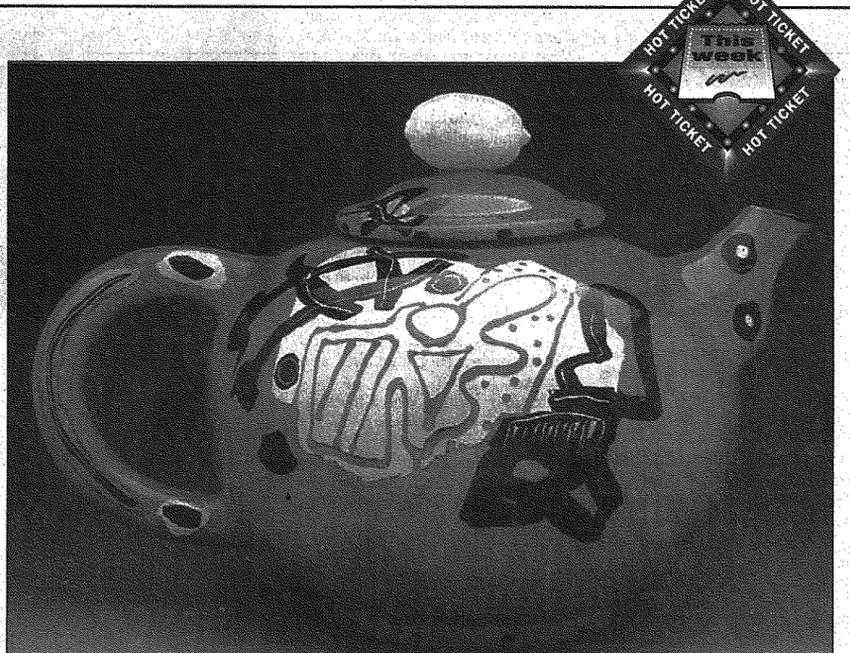
Smokey Robinson: In concert 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit. \$25-\$100, a limited amount of tickets available for Valentine's Evening Afterglow. (313) 963-2366

Valentine Concert: Rita Kirsch and Candy Cow present an interactive program with singing, creative movement and puppetry for ages 2-7 and parents 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. \$4. (248) 644-5832 to register.

Wild at Heart: Spend Valentine's evening with the butterflies in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, complimentary hors d'oeuvres until 9:30 p.m., at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 West 10 Mile, Royal Oak. \$25 members, \$30 non-members in advance, \$75 VIP tickets, includes champagne and desserts. Proceeds go to the zoo's conservation expedition program. (248) 541-5717

BENEFITS

Benefit Concert: For the Revolutionary Association of Women of Afghanistan, 8 p.m.



International infusion: Sybaris Gallery presents its annual teapot exhibition through March 2, at 202 East Third Street, Royal Oak. Pictured is a vibrant red work by Anna Silver, one of 20 artists from the U.S. and abroad. For more information, call (248) 544-3388.

Saturday, Feb. 2, Birmingham Unitarian Church. Performers include pianist Pauline Martin, Brazilian soprano Mirna Rubim, folk artist Jan Krist, jazz guitarist Bob Tye, bagpiper Kenton Smith, local songwriter/musician Stewart Francke. Michigan composer Mark Gottlieb will perform a number of works including *Un Encuentro* and a new piece, *I'll Never Forget*, accompanied by a string quartet. Members of the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra also will be featured. A donation of \$15 is suggested at the door. Proceeds are earmarked for educational materials that will be sent to refugee camps in Pakistan and Afghanistan serving women and girls. For tickets/information call (248) 542-9426 or e-mail markgottlieb@gottmusik.com for more information about RAW visit www.rawa.org

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony: Pianist David Syme performs during a Red, White & Blue Salute concert honoring area firemen, evening begins with a benefit dinner 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, followed by concert at 7 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph at 14 Mile, Bloomfield Hills. \$50 for dinner/concert, \$25, concert only, free for students. (248) 645-BBSO

Denim and Diamonds: A fund-raiser for the Plymouth Community Arts Council, annual dinner dance and auction Saturday, March 2, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth. \$75, \$65 for members. (734) 416-4278. All proceeds from the benefit support arts council programming.

First Step Fundraisers: Twelfth annual charity dance with Steve King & the Ditties 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. \$30, \$27 in advance. (248) 645-6666; Healing the Hearts of Children presents a gala featuring Alexander Zonjic & Friends and an amateur show 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. \$50, includes concert only and dessert. (313) 567-1640

Mardi Gras: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra offers two ways of celebrating Mardi Gras with a sit-down dinner, silent auction and performances by brass and string quartets, and orchestra Friday, Feb. 8, festivities begin at 6 p.m., concert at 8 p.m., silent auction closes 9:30 p.m., at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. \$50 includes dinner/concert and silent auction; \$20, concert and silent auction. (734) 425-4855

MASKorAIDE for COTS: A gala benefit featuring mask auction, dinner and dancing, 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 9, Detroit Yacht Club, 1 River Bank Road, Belle Isle. \$125. Proceeds help feed and house the homeless at COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter). (313) 576-0219

CLASSICAL

Dearborn Symphony Orchestra: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 7 p.m. concert preview with James Walters, cellist soloist Irina Tikhanova, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts center, Dearborn. (313) 565-2424

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: *Mendelssohn's Italian* concert with pianist Alexander Markovich 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20-\$54, (313) 576-5111

DSO Musicians Lecture: DSO music director Neeme Jarvi talk about Musical Life During the Time of the Soviets, joining him are DSO librarian Elkhonon Yoffe and principal viola Alexander Mishnaevsky 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the Friends Auditorium at Detroit Public Library Main Branch. (313) 576-5120 or visit the Web site at www.detroit-symphony.com

Sphinx Finals Concert: Showcases the top young black and Latino string players in the country, also features the premiere of *Symphony of the Sphinx* by poet Nikki Giovanni and composer Coleridge Taylor Perkinson, special guest artist Brandford Marsalis 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$10. (313) 576-5111

WSU Symphony Orchestra: Under guest conductor Luis Gorelike 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, Kypros Markou, director of WSU Symphony Orchestra and the music department's string division will share the stage, in the Community Arts Auditorium on the Wayne State University campus, Palmer and Cass, Detroit. No charge. (313) 577-1795 or visit the Web site at www.music.wayne.edu

BRASS

Today's Brass Quintet: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit. No charge. (313) 822-3456

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

Birmingham Concert Band: Looking for new musicians, 65-member adult band, all instruments welcome especially low brass and percussion. Rehearse Wednesday evening in the Groves High School band room. (248) 474-4997, (248) 647-7586 or visit www.birminghamconcertband.com

Michigan Shakespeare Festival: Auditions for the July 18 to Aug. 4 festival will be held 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 and 2-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, for a variety of roles for adults of all ages, for major roles a prepared monologue is required and should not exceed two minutes, at the Jackson Symphony Hall, 215 West Michigan Ave., Jackson. To schedule an interview, call (866) 705-2636 or (517) 788-5032

Orchard Ridge Theater Company: Auditions for Agatha Christie's *The Mouse Trap* 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in the Smith Theater at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. For performances April 11-13. (248) 522-3595

Performance Network: Seeks proposals from individuals and groups for 2002 Treetown Festival (May 29-Aug. 25), categories include theater, performance art, dance, new work and avant garde, each piece will be staged for one or two weekends with access to the Network's technical and marketing resources. Deadline for application is Feb. 14. (734) 663-0696 or send e-mail to pnetwork@bizserve.com for proposal packet. For application form visit the Web site at www.performancenet.org

POPS/SWING/ CABARET

Bird of Paradise Orchestra: 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, pop)

JAZZ/BLUES

Mark Arshak: 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

Ron Brooks Trio: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

Thornetta Davis: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 8-9, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

Los Gatos: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

Woody Herman Orchestra: 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$18-\$49, (313) 576-5111

Paul Keller: And ensemble provide the music for a Pre-Mardi Gras Party 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia. There will be room for dancing so call early to reserve tickets which are \$12. (248) 476-2674

Brett Lucas Band: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

Kris Lynn: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, at Harlequin "Jazz" Cafe, Indian Village, Detroit. No cover. (313) 331-0922

Matt Michaels Trio: 8:11:30 p.m. Wednesday, vocalist Judie Cochill; Feb. 13 Ed Gooch (trombone); Feb. 20 trumpeter Johnny Trudell; Feb. 27 vocalist Barbara Ware; Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt Road. (734) 762-7756

Larry Nozero Jazz Quintet: Performs 8 p.m. to midnight Monday, at Mitch Housey's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit www.larrynozero.com

Tony Pope's N'Orleans Six: 3-6 p.m. Saturday, opened Jan. 26,

and continues every other weekend through June 1, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. \$6. (248) 476-2674

FOLK/ACOUSTIC

Larry Arbour: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, at Flying Fish Tavern, 17600 W. 13 Mile, east of Southfield Road. (248) 647-7747

Pierce Pettis: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$10, (734) 464-6302.

WORLD MUSIC

Pat McDunn: 8-11 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. No cover. (248) 601-1100 (Irish)

CLASSIC/ MODERN DANCE

Detroit Dance Collective: *Collage*, a concert of contemporary dances featuring choreography by Anh Nguyen and Kay Rediers, and works by artists directors Paula Kramer and Barbara Selinger and guest artist Linda Cleveland Simmons 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 16-17, on the third floor of the Old Main Building on the Wayne State University campus, Cass and Warren, Detroit. \$12, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 965-3544

University of Michigan Dance Company: Evening of modern dance flavored by traditional performance in *Ancient Steps*, *Forward Glances*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$20, \$15 reserved seating, students with ID \$7. (734) 764-2538

SOCIAL DANCING

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

Rhythm N' Shoes: Weekly ballroom/Latin dance party with DJ, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday, 2172 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$7. (248) 334-0299

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. 1, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Tim Cavanagh Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

Comedy Club Nights: Jef Brannan 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Texas Smoke Bar & Grill, 543 North Main, Rochester. \$5 cover. (248) 650-8170

Joey's Comedy Club at Paisano's: Sheila Kay Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

Mark Ridley's Comedy Club: John Pinette Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, \$6 Thursday, \$12 Friday, \$14 Saturday. (248) 542-9900

Second City: New on Tuesdays, Law & Disorder and Standing on Ceremony; Jammin' Wednesdays features The Best of Second City; Mayor-Go-Round showtimes on Thursday-Sunday at Second City-Detroit. Ticket prices and show times vary. \$5-\$20. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

Cranbrook Institute of Science: 39221 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. \$7 adults; \$4 children ages 4-17, students with ID and senior citizens ages 65 and older; free for children ages 3 and younger. 1-877-462-7262 or www.cranbrook.edu

Detroit Historical Museum: African American Family Day 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, entertainment, African mask

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Let's Go!

Your Guide to Suburban Entertainment

Making contact: Please submit items for publication in Let's Go to Sharon Dargay, two weeks in advance of event. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279

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making, lectures by members of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen and Black Historic Sites Committee, African American movie marathon, at the museum, Woodward and Kirby, Detroit. Admission free for this event. (313) 833-1805

Detroit Institute of Arts: Continues its Friday night programming, at the museum, 5200 Woodward. Free with admission \$4, \$1 children, free for Founders Society members. (313) 833-7900 or visit the Web site at www.dia.org

Detroit Science Center: 5020 John R, Detroit. (313) 577-8400 Henry Ford Museum: New hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. When Greenfield Village reopens April 1 same hours apply. \$7.50-\$14. (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times call (800) 747-IMAX (4629)

Dossins Great Lakes Museum: Lecture by Leonard Tanner, captain of J.S. Wescott II 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the museum, 100 Strand Drive, Belle Isle. \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18. (313) 852-4051

Meadow Brook Hall: Tours continue through June, 1:30 p.m., Monday-Sunday, and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, tea served 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19 (\$30, prepaid reservations required), at the hall in Rochester. Reservations required. General admission \$8, \$6 seniors/children, discounts for groups of 20 or more. (248) 370-3140 or www.meadowbrookhall.org

Wright Museum of African American History: In the Spirit of Martin: The Living Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. continues to July 28; Jacob Lawrence and the Story of John Brown comprised of a series of 22 serigraphs continues on exhibit through March 3. The images narrate the story of abolitionist John Brown and his quest to end slavery, in the Bank One Gallery at the museum, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800



Depopulated landscapes: Beverly Hills artist Jim Nawara exhibits recent paintings through March 1, in the Community Arts Gallery at Wayne State University in Detroit. The 22 works were created during Nawara's sabbatical from the university's art department where he is a professor of painting and drawing. For more information, call (313) 577-2423.

(248) 645-6666
Mike Roe: 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$15, \$13 for theatre members. (734) 464-6302
Oak Ridge Boys: 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Dearborn. \$27-\$30. (313) 943-2354
Pat Metheny Group: 8 p.m., Thursday, March 7, Detroit Opera House. \$45-\$75. (248) 645-6666
Peter, Paul and Mary: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, Detroit Opera House, Detroit. \$42.50. (248) 645-6666
Project Object: Featuring Ike Willis, 8 p.m., Thursday, March 21, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15 (248) 544-3030
Randall Bramblett: 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for theatre members. (734) 464-6302
Rani Arbo and Brooks Williams: 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for members. (734) 464-6302
Soll: Joins Static X, Soulfly and onesidezero, 5 p.m., Feb. 16, State Theatre, Detroit. \$25. (248) 654-6666
Tangerine Dream: 9 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 10, The Second City, Detroit. \$30. (248) 645-6666
The Wildbunch: With Nice Device, 9 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030
Twiztid: 9 p.m., Friday, March 15, The Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets \$16 advance, \$17 day of show. All ages. (248) 645-6666
Victor Wooten: 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 5, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$18. (248) 544-3030 for information, (248) 645-6666 for tickets

LIVE MUSIC

Adrian Belew & The Bears: 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$18. (248) 645-6666
Barry Manilow: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 15-16, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$17.50-\$67.50. (248) 645-6666
Commander Cody: 8 p.m., Sunday, March 10, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030
Craig David: 8 p.m. Feb. 10, The Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak. \$25. All ages. (248) 645-6666
Creed: The Weathered Tour, With Puddle of Mud, Monday, Feb. 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$36.50-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666
Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young: Tour of America, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$43-\$88.50. (248) 645-6666
Gordon Lightfoot: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$37.50-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS
Great Big Sea: Saturday, March 16, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$25. (248) 645-6666
Jason Harrod: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for theatre members. (734)464-6302
Judas Priest: With Anthrax, Iced Earth, tour is rescheduled to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$18.50-\$29.50. Tickets for the original date(s) will be honored or may be refunded at the point of purchase. (248) 645-6666
Khaled & Hakim: 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17, The Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak. \$40 and \$100. 21 and over. (248) 645-6666
Larry Maxwell: 8-11 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, at Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. No cover. (248) 601-1100
Leon Russell: 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8, The Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$20. (248) 544-3030 for information, (248) 645-6666 for tickets
Linkin Park: With Cypress Hill, Adema and DJ Z Trip, 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4, at Cobo Arena, Detroit. \$29.50. (248) 645-6666
Luther Vandross: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, Fox Theatre, Detroit.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Franklin Village Band: Adult musicians from southeastern Michigan are invited to join the Franklin Village Band. All instruments welcome, but there is a special need for flutes and clarinets. The band rehearses Monday evenings in the Franklin Community Church social hall on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads. For more details, call Bill Prisk, (248) 474-8869 or Bob Zimmerman, (313) 535-4119
Livonia Arts Commission: Is looking for artists and crafters for its 26th annual Arts Festival Saturday-Sunday, June 8-9, in Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia. For an application, call the community resources department at (734) 466-2540. Exhibitors are also wanted for the display cases in the Livonia Civic Center Library. Artists or collectors should contact Donna Eno at (734) 261-5870.
Poetry Lounge: Join the Open Mic poetry series at Affirmations Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 195 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Bring original and/or published poems to read or just

come and listen. Poetry Lounge every third Wednesday through April in the Pittman-Puckett Art Gallery within the community center. (248) 398-7105
Scholarship Funds: The family of recently deceased artist Ricki Berlin have established a fund to honor her memory at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Current and future artists seeking scholarships for classes at the Art Center are invited to submit requests to Deborah Callahan, education coordinator, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, MI, 48009
Singer Auditions: The Cantana Academy chorale periodically accepts experienced singers in all vocal ranges to join the chorale. Call (248) 358-9868 to schedule an audition. Singers should prepare a classical piece and be ready for sight reading. Auditions last approximately 15 minutes
VSA arts of Michigan: Looking for professional artists who are interested in sharing their creative processes in dance, drama, literature, music, poetry and the visual arts with students with disabilities. Artists must be interested in learning how to accommodate students with a variety of disabilities. Qualified artists will be trained to work with students at an Artist-in-Residence Training Institute to take place at the R.A. MacMullan Conference Center at Higgins Lake in Roscommon June 15-18. Following training VSA arts of Michigan will provide work for artists in artist-in-residence programs in K-12 schools throughout the state. Interested artists should send resumes to Artist-in-Residence Initiative, VSA arts of Michigan, 51 West Hancock, Detroit, MI 48201. For more information, call (313) 832-3303 or send e-mail to vsami@ic.net.

ART CLASSES

Ann Arbor Art Center: Adult and youth courses including ceramics, jewelry making, figure sculpting and drawing, Renaissance painting, tilemaking, mosaics, glass blowing, pottery, puppetry, clay on the wheel and more. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101.
Art Gallery/Studio: Carol Knotts teaches basic drawing, for six weeks beginning 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7. Maggie Cooney and Kay Rowe teach watercolor in March and April. In the Sheridan Shopping Center, Garden City. (734) 261-0379 art of living studio: Drawing, scarf-dyeing and awakening your artistic vision classes, book conversation and poetry nights. 11 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-3632.
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Includes A Class for Parents, Art Starts at Home, Capitals of Culture: Rome, Florence and New York, Drawing at the Museum, Urban Foraging

Basket Workshop, Grades 1-3 Designing Cars, and Automotive Sculpting Workshop for grade 9 through adult. 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866
Creative Arts Center: Classes for children, teens and adults in art, music, drama and dance. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849. Scholarships available for students with financial need.
Outside the Lines Studio: Decorative painting classes, learn faux finishes with glazes, animals prints, paper mosaics, glass painting, floorcloths, furniture painting and more. Berkley. (248) 399-9304
Plymouth Reed and Cane: Basket weaving classes, workshops and chair caning and seat replacement classes. Beginning Decorative Painting Class, fabric painting and other classes, 1200 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-2150.
Touch of Light: The Studio and Gallerie of Handblown Glass offers classes in glass blowing. No experience necessary. Classes meet Wednesday-Friday evenings and Saturday-Sunday afternoons. 23426 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (248) 543-1868.
Visual Art Association of Livonia: Classes in various arts forms including oil, watercolor, pastel and drawing at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. Mary Ann Adams, (734) 455-9517

DANCE

Argentine Tango Club of Detroit: Tango group classes are offered weekly at various locations. For information on workshops and classes, call (313) 724-3262.
Ballet Workshop: Suzanne Hawkins' Ballet Workshop offers ballet classes for teens and adults in beginning through advanced levels weekday mornings in Sterling Heights and Rochester. Also on Sunday mornings at 132 Varner Hall, Oakland University Rochester campus. (248) 652-3003.
Deborah Chase School of Dance: Accepting new students for a comprehensive program in dance, art and musical theater. 29820 Joy, Livonia. (734) 513-2004 or (734) 421-4212.
Detroit Ballet: Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap and jazz. Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174.
Debbie Felton's Academy of Dance: Taking registrations for enrollment. 16312 Middlebelt, Livonia. (734) 524-0104.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

A.C.T. Gallery: Six Detroit-area artists exhibit works on the theme, Location, Location, Location, continues through Feb.

23, 35 East Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-4336.
Bagley Housing ART Gallery: Facets & Figures by Detroit Artists: Invitational Exhibition of National Conference of Artists Feb. 2-28, reception 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2. 2715 Bagley, Detroit. (313) 964-5942
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Student show juried by Kevin Bown, Kathy Dambach and Sylvia Nelson opens with a reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. 1516 South Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866
CPOP Gallery: Kurt Halsey Fredericksen and Ann Cangialosi reception 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, continues to Feb. 24, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-9901.
Creative Arts Center: Housing, a one-woman painting show by Jennifer Rosenfeld continues to Feb. 19, reception for artist 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7. Exhibit resulted for Rosenfeld's artist-in-residence for one year in Israel. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849
Detroit Contemporary: Solo exhibits by Kamil Antos and Pavs. and site-specific installations by Jeff Karolski, Jeanne Pfordresher and Graeme Whyte, reception 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, continues to Sunday, March 24. 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. (313) 898-4ART or visit the Web site at www.detroit-contemporary.com
Farmington Public Library: Watercolors by Barbara Eko Murphy Feb. 1-28. 23500 Liberty, west of Farmington, south of Grand River.
Ford Gallery: New Faculty Exhibit Feb. 5-23, reception 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5. Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-0465
Ford Gallery: New art faculty exhibition featuring the work of Colin Blakely, John DeHoog, Chris Hyndman, Brian Nelson and Maria Ruggero opens with a reception 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, continues to Feb. 23. Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-0465
Lawrence St. Gallery: Michigan Association of Calligraphers exhibit continues to Feb. 22, artists' reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. 6 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716
Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery: Birmingham Society of Women Painters exhibit mixed media Feb. 2-27; basketry by Susan Godfrey in the library showcases on the second floor Feb. 2-27. 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road. (734) 466-2490.
Picasso Cafe: Staci Miron exhibits son life, paintings completed when pregnant with the firstborn son Paul Giovanni, Feb. 1-28. 39915 Grand River, Farmington.
Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery: War and Peace exhibit by G. Jesse Giedhill continues to April 13, artist's reception 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. 33 East Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-7575.
Revolution gallery: Amy Vogel's solo exhibition, a girl, a monkey and a chicken, and Kirsten Mosher's paintings, both through March 10, with artists' receptions 5-7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.
Southfield Centre for the Arts: Buffalo Soldiers, Tuskegee Airmen, Cowgirls and Celebrities Before Christ painting exhibit by Ivan Stewart Jr., opens with a reception and lecture 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, continues through February. 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile. (248) 424-9022
Tangent Gallery: Gail mally-mack retrospective, Sticks and Stones opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, continues to March 2. 715 East Milwaukee, Detroit. (313) 365-8864
Washington Street Gallery: Leslie Sobel's exhibit of digital mixed media, The Evolution of Moment, through Feb. 23, with artist reception from 7-9 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1, 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

show featuring Litsko Brennan, Lorlei Byatt, Joanne Lewis, Malik Lowry, Miri Stebivko and Marilyn Sambrano continues to Feb. 23. 35 East Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-4336
Alfred Berkowitz Gallery: Jazz in Detroit Before Motown: A Photographic History continues through Feb. 8, in the gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 593-5058.
Barbara Adelson Studios: Frank Lloyd Wright art glass, windows and textile blocks by appointment. West Bloomfield. (248) 681-7227
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center: Faculty exhibition continues to Feb. 1. 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.
Cary Gallery: Elaine S. Wilson exhibit Geognosie continues to Feb. 2. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3656
Cass Cafe: Through February - Scapes: An exhibition by Allen Berke. 4620 Cass, Detroit. (313) 831-1400.
Community Arts Gallery: Depopulated Landscapes, recent paintings by Jim Nawara, continues through March 1. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 5400 Cullen Mall, Wayne State University campus. (313) 577-2423.
G.R. N'Namdi Gallery: Works by the late Hughie Lee-Smith continue on exhibit to Feb. 22. 66 East Forest, Detroit. (313) 831-8700
Janice Charach Epstein Gallery: Children of the World Illustrate the Bible continues to Feb. 28, in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 432-5448
Farmington Hills City Gallery: The photographs of Monte Nagler continue on exhibit through Feb. 21. Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile. (248) 473-1856
Elaine Jacob Gallery: Some Readings by Buzz Spector, continues to March 15, Spector uses the Polaroid Corporation's 20-by-24-inch camera to shoot still life. Wayne State University, West Hancock and Second, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.
David Klein Gallery: Group show featuring Richard Anuszkiewicz, Dana Bell, Norman Bluhm, Stuart Davis, Luke Gray, Gus Heinz, Dana Hoey, Lester Johnson, Roy Lichtenstein, Louisa Matthiasdottir, George L.K. Morris, Paul Resika, Victor Rodrigues, through Thursday, Jan. 31. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.
Exhibit A Gallery: Marco Garcia continues his one-man show Primordial, multimedia investigations of creation, evolution and human interaction through Feb. 15. 288 E. Maple Road, Birmingham. (248) 258-9284.
Gallery 212: Colour Me Blue, an all media exhibition featuring local and internationally-known artists, continues to Feb. 10. 207 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-8224.
Hill Gallery: Dirk Bakker, new photographs from Mexico, through Feb. 9. 407 West Brown, Birmingham. (248) 540-9288
Michigan Hot Glass Workshop: Furniture, a selection of furniture by 12 local artists, curated by Maxwell Davis, through Feb. 16. 1604 Clay Avenue, second floor, Detroit. (313) 871-1798
Pewabic Pottery: Found Objects and mixed media group show, through Feb. 23. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954

WORKSHOPS
Choristers Guild: The Detroit area chapter holds a workshop Feb. 1-2, featuring Lee Dwozdz, director of music for Corpus Christi Cathedral in Texas and executive director of Corpus Christi Symphony, at First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward, Ferndale. \$60, \$50 non-members. (248) 646-6293 or (734) 451-1200
Young Authors: The Young Authors Program of The Detroit Writers Guild will conduct workshops through May for children grades 3-12, noon to 3 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at The Schoolhouse, 19363 Livernois, Detroit. The free workshops consist of poetry, essay and short-story writing. (313) 272-7083

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

A.C.T. Gallery: Location, Location, Location, multi-media

EATING OUT

7TH Annual Food & Wine Extravaganza



Gala benefits area chefs

As athletes gear up for the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, chefs across Metro Detroit are honing their skills for a competition of their own on Feb. 12.

As part of the seventh annual Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza a Mardi Gras benefit for the Michigan Culinary Team and Scholarship Fund, 20 area restaurants will present an artful display and tasting of their delicacies specially paired with an accompanying wine.

Guests at the "Fat Tuesday" celebration, hosted by Mac & Ray's Banquet & Conference Center, 30675 North River Road in Harrison Township, will cast their vote for the event's best restaurant, with the winner receiving a cash prize and trophy. A panel of food and wine writers, including the Observer & Eccentric's wine columnists Eleanor and Ray Heald, also will judge the restaurants to determine the best food and wine pairing and award a monetary prize to the winning restaurant.

You can read about the winners in an upcoming column by the Healds.

The theme of the event is "Celebrating Mardi Gras," which will be immediately evident when guests arrive at a New Orleans street facade at the entrance. Decorative masks and colorful beads complete the official "Nawlins" atmosphere.

Adding to the festivities will be live music by Mel Ball and Colours, along with silent and live auctions, and a raffle, all in support of education for local chefs and aspiring culinary students.

"The event was founded as a way to generate funds that would help the Michigan Culinary Team compete in Germany every four years at the World Culinary Salon," said Roger Petri, chairperson of Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza and director of operations at Mac & Ray's. "We also have added a scholarship component which awards \$10,000 to local students

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Chairperson, Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza

who are pursuing their dream of becoming one of the great chefs of tomorrow.

"We have received tremendous support each year from the hospitality community as well as our corporate sponsors such as Petitpren and US Foodservice," added Petri. "We are pleased to host this event once again and look forward to another successful year as the community as a whole comes together in support of culinary education."

Participating restaurants include Beverly Hills Grill, Big Rock Chop House, Beans & Cornbread, Golden Mushroom, McCormick & Schmick and Andiamo restaurants.

The extravaganza runs from 6-10 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 12th. Tickets are \$75 for general admission and \$125 for Gold Salon and are available by calling (586) 463-9660 ext. 429 or 437.

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Kachnowski hopes enough people will want to join in the fun so the orchestra can raise \$15,000. After more than 20 years on the board she knows how important money is when it comes to producing their season of classical concerts at Churchill

High School.

A shortfall in the \$135,000 budget could mean they might have to cancel a concert, according to Bob Bennett, LSO president. Bennett joined the board 28 years ago when he was a Livonia councilman and stayed

on through his terms as Mayor.

"We weren't able to produce our fall fundraiser because we didn't have a location," said Bennett. "A June golf outing is up in the air. We have a date but not a chairperson. Volunteers are needed to organize "Chip in for the Arts."

If more people would chip in their time and money, Bennett and the orchestra wouldn't have to worry about finishing out their 29th season. Volunteers can allot as little or as many hours as they like. Usher a concert or sit on the board. The LSO needs talent of all kinds.

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call Observer & Eccentric arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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"We'll play swing and Dixieland, also Mardi Gras music, while we Danced at Mardi Gras, traditional New Orleans street parade music," said Keller whose Bird of Paradise Orchestra plays big band music Monday evenings at the Bird of Paradise in Ann Arbor. Keller heads three groups and teaches standup bass at the University of Michigan School of Music. On Wednesday, his Paul

Keller Ensemble plays at the Firefly Club in Ann Arbor. Keller and Kocher have their own quartet, a cross between a big band and a swing band that also plays around town.

Keller and his Bird of Paradise Orchestra return to the series in a Sunday, April 28 concert at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 476-2674 for tickets and information.

Attractions from page B2

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 22

THE SUN

Set in the desert landscape of the Brazilian badlands where two neighboring families are locked in an age-old feud over the ownership of land. Stars Rodrigo Santoro, Jose Dumont, Rita Assemany, Luis Carlos Vasconcelos, Ravi Ramos Lacerda, Flavia Marco Antonio, Everaldo Pontes, Othon Bastos. Directed by Walter Salles. (Miramax Films) Rated PG-13.

DRAGONFLY

A doctor believes his wife is trying to contact him from beyond the grave, through the near-death experiences of his patients. Stars Kevin Costner, Kathy Bates, Kathryn Erbe, Joe Morton, Ron Rifkin, Susanna Thompson, Robert Bailey, Jr., Matt Craven, Brian J. Davis, Paul Gutzert, Alison Lohman, Joseph Will. Directed by Tom Shadyac. (Universal Pictures) Rated PG-13.

QUEEN OF THE DAMNED

The Vampire Lestat has become a rock star, and it's that music that awakens the 6,000-year-old Egyptian vampire, Akasha (aka The Queen of the Damned). She soon sets out on a plan of revenge against many of the male vampires that followed her, in the hopes of ruling the Earth with Lestat at her side. Meanwhile, there's a young female vampire hunter, Jessie Reeves, who begins to fall in love with Lestat. Stars Aaliyah, Stuart Townsend, Claudia Black, Marguerite Moreau, Lena Olin, Vincent Perez, Renee Quast. Directed by Michael Rymer. (Warner Bros.) Rated R.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 1

40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS

A young man breaks up with his girlfriend and then tests himself by swearing off physical contact with girls for the 40 days of Lent, while his ex schemes to seduce him back into her life, break-

ing his vow. Stars Josh Hartnett, Shannyn Sossamon, Paolo Costanzo, Monet Mazur, Vinessa Shaw, Chris Gauthier, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michelle Harrison, Dylan Neal, Keegan Connor Tracy, Adam Trese, Emmanuelle Vaugler. Directed by Michael Lehmann. (Miramax Films) Rated R.

WE WERE SOLDIERS

This is the true story of 450 U.S. soldiers, early in the Vietnam War, who found themselves surrounded by 2,000 North Vietnamese regulars in the Ia Drang Valley, in what became the first major battle of the extended conflict. Stars Mel Gibson, Sam Elliott, Clark Gregg, Greg Kinnear, Chris Klein, Denis Leary, Barry Pepper, Keri Russell, Madeleine Stowe, Robert Bagnell, Marc Blucas, Joshua Daugherty, Jsu Garcia, Jon Hamm, Desmond Harrington, Ryan Hurst, Joshua McLairin, Taylor Momsen, Dylan Walsh. Directed by Randall Wallace. (Paramount-Pictures) Not yet rated.

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All under one roof

Home improvement show exhibits latest ideas

BY LANA MINI
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If your bathroom is grotesque, embarrassing and outdated there's a contest for a completely free remodel that includes new faucets, cabinetry, tiles and even an air masseur massage tub.

To be considered, however, you need to show the public a photo of your ugly lavatory.

It's just one highlight at the Novi Home Improvement Show, organized by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, Jan. 31 to Feb. 3 at the Novi Expo at I-96 and Novi Road. Homeowners can submit bathroom photos in the contest sponsored by *The Observer & Eccentric*, the BIA and WJR, each day at the show.

"This show is not only the place to find everything you need for your home, but also the venue to find the people who can do everything for you," Dan MacLeish, president of the Troy-based BIA, said.

The latest in technology, products and services for interior and exterior design is the theme for the show's more than 300 exhibitors. Visitors should also expect the unique. Tom Woodruff, of Raubar Granite in Detroit, is introducing etched tiles.

"If you can picture it, you can create it with our system," Woodruff said. "It's a permanent picture that will not fade over time."

The laser system is the tool used to engrave virtually any image, logo or photo into granite, marble, ceramic, glass, mirror or slate.

The chicest ideas in every area of home improvement can be seen.

Ruth Dillard co-owns J & R Flooring with her husband Jerry. It's located on Schoolcraft in Livonia and carries traditional and trendy flooring ideas. Hardwood floors are still hot, hot, hot but the newest twist is wooden inlays of intricate shapes and images that are installed in the center of the floor. Information on the inlays will be available at the show's J & R Flooring exhibit.

"It's a newer idea that is quite costly," Ruth Dillard said. "The floors are beautiful with lots of wood inlays; pieces of wood that are cut out and set into natural wood flooring."

Popular floorings will be on exhibit too, Dillard said. Sales of laminates, like Pergo-brand, have soared because it can be installed by the homeowner and is very durable.



Stylish ideas: From ovens to wine storage, Trevarrow Inc. will display its most interesting ideas at the show — including the gas cooktop pictured here and warming drawers.

Don't forget about food

Chef Raymond Wong will give cooking demonstrations. Wong, of the now-closed four-star Wong's Eatery in Windsor, showcases pan-Pacific meals at WOW (which stands for Wong's on Woodward) on Woodward just south of 14 Mile Road.

Low-fat, healthy cooking and creative ways to use leftovers is his theme.

"I want to show that cooking is fun and can be quick," Wong said. "I'll show how to make healthy, low-fat dishes using vegetables and interesting spices — and how to

cut down on salt."

Thai-Chi, a former Woodward Avenue restaurant, is where Wong introduced his trademark sesame shrimp toasts, vegetable pot stickers, and cold spicy sesame noodles. His other specialties are from Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Cambodia and other Asian countries.

WXYT's Ask the Handyman host Glenn Haage, and WJR's Garden Show host Dean Krauskopf and Appliance Doctor Joe Gagnon will broadcast live and offer advice.

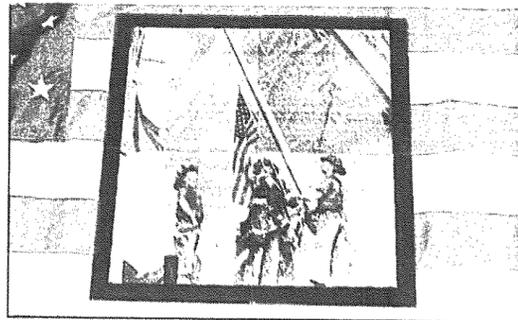
In addition to The Ugliest Bathroom contest, there is The Funniest Home Improvement Stories Contest, with the chance to win an insulated patio room by Four Seasons.

If you miss it

If the Novi Home Improvement show passes you by, there's another one — also sponsored by the BIA. The show will be at the Palace of Auburn Hills Feb. 8-10. Enter the same contests and visit the same radio personalities.

Some of the 150 vendors:

■ Brink's Home Security; featuring home security systems



Unique: Patriotic images are popular in home decor this year. At Raubar Granite in Detroit, customers can engrave any image on granite, stone, marble, limestone, slate, glass and more with a laser etching system. See the display at the Home Improvement Show at the Novi Expo.

■ Mathison Supply; exhibiting bat, room features

■ All Seasons Spas; featuring spas, fireplaces and patio furniture.

■ Empire Doors; featuring doors and windows.

■ Eclipse Window Tinting; featuring window tinting

Tickets for the Palace Show are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and free to kids 12 and under. Show hours are 5-10 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The Palace is located at I-75 and Lapeer road (M-24).

SHOW DETAILS

The 10th Annual Home Improvement Show features products and services by the Building Association of Southeastern Michigan.

When: Jan. 31-Feb. 3.

Hours: Thursday and Friday 2-10 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun-

day 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi Road

Admission: Adults \$7, seniors \$6, kids 12 under admitted free

Further info: www.builders.org

HIGHLIGHTS

The show has more than 300 exhibitors from doors, windows and spas to arts and crafts, furniture and kitchens and baths.

A few features:

■ Chef Raymond Wong demonstrates low-fat Chinese cooking and creative tips to re-use leftovers. He's cooking at 3, 5 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31 and Friday, Feb. 1. On Saturday he's cooking at 2, 5 and 7 p.m. and on Sun-

day at noon, 2 and 4 p.m.

■ The Appliance Doctor Joe Gagnon, who's featured in *The Observer & Eccentric* and on WJR Radio, is available at the event from 2 - 10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, with a live broadcast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

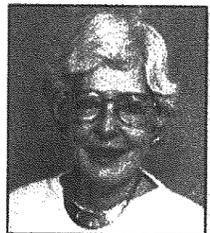
■ Dean Krauskopf of *The Garden Show* on WJR broadcasts live Sunday noon - 2 p.m.

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Books

There are lots of new garden books.

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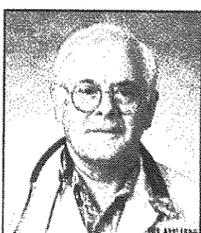


JOE GAGNON

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Discovering the computer brings musings.

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LISA LUCKOW HEALY

Fighting the bug

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Pluck some winning gardening books

Where did January go? It seems like New Year's Eve was just yesterday. Nevertheless, the book selection gets better and better - take your pick of these winners.

The Himalayan Garden, Growing Plants from the Roof of the World, Jim Jermyn (Timber Press, \$34.95)

takes us on a breathtaking journey to that part of the world. Jermyn begins with an overview of this vast range of mountains, the Himalaya, and each ecological zone. It seems impossible that many plants such as primulas, trollius and corydalis, all very familiar in our gardens, originated from this seemingly barren area.

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

scale, then he explains just what he means and follows this format throughout the book. If you have, or wish to have a garden in the city, study this book so that you will achieve your desire and get it right the first time.

The Art of the Kitchen Garden, Jan & Michael Gertley (Taunton Press, \$29.95) is a delight and really proves that vegetables can be beautiful, as well as tasty. The authors present a guide for a garden design that is both practical and very pleasing, with instruction from start to finish. They follow three rules used by European gardeners years ago: Attention to detail, artistic interpretation, and color. Ideas for design, plant selection, growing basics and actual architectural drawings will inspire many gardeners. Their practical advice in a beautiful format shows why the book was chosen the Book of the Year in 1999 by *Foreword Magazine*.

If you have any questions about landscaping your property, the book *Anyone can Landscape!*, Joel M. Lerner (Ball Publishing \$35.95, soft) will answer those you may have. It's very well organized into four parts with specific instructions in each: The beginning landscape, practicalities, construction, and plants. This 458-page book is filled with ideas for every type of garden or problem you may encounter. I like the way the book is laid out with a no-nonsense approach, bold-type, and short paragraphs. Photographs are few, but well done, and the line drawings are clear and simple. The subject is thoroughly covered. If not at your booksellers, contact Ball Publishing, 335 N. River St., Batavia, Ill., 60510. Phone (630)208-9080, ext. 126 or Fax (630)208-9350 - Web:Rblanch@ballpublishing.com.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading about 18 gardeners in *Earth on her Hands*, Starr Ogekenga (Potter, \$55) an American Horticultural award-winning book. What a treat and especially so

when I realized I had visited two of them. These dedicated gardeners share their gardens and expertise willingly as they relay stories of their experiences as each family found the perfect spot for their garden in the United States. The personal stories each tells helps to understand the pull of the land for each. We meet Joanna McQuail Reed in Pennsylvania who began her extensive natural and herb gardens in 1939; Jane P. Oversech, of Kansas City, Miss., who tends her walled English-style garden; Marion Prince Hosmer and her almost 50-year old garden in York, Maine; and Michigander, Betty H. Blake of Onsted, who has an extensive alpine garden. Each lady is an inspiration.

Another book in the Taylor's Guides series, *Bulbs, How to Select and Grow 400 Species of Spring and Summer Bulbs*, Barbara W. Ellis (Houghton/Mifflin \$23) contains all the information you may need to be successful, from the earliest spring bulbs to the summer beauties and the fall-blooming ones. There are lists of bloom times so the garden can contain bulbs for a whole season, forcing instructions, propagating and storage tips. Specific information about each plant is shown in the color gallery.

Special notice: There is still limited space on my trip on the waterways of Holland and Belgium and a visit to the Floride (plus many other exciting spots). Dates: April 8-18, 2002. This is an excellent trip at the unbelievable price of just \$2599. Call Jean, at The World of Travel, (248)203-0022 for a brochure and to register.

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. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.



Blue poppy: The blue poppy, *Meconopsis*, is native to the Himalaya, here growing in Saville Gardens in England.

Colors bring a room to life

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Color creates a mood and a rhythm for a room. Yellow is cheerful; green is calming; and red is bold.

But just like everything else in life, color can be adapted to meet most every taste and lifestyle, says Anna Kasabian, author of *The New Home Color Book* (Rockport).

Red, for instance, is one of the boldest colors, leading many people to shy away from it, Kasabi-

an says, but "red" could be a deep, dark and comforting rust or an ultra-feminine pale pink.

If you like red but can't imagine a red room, Kasabian advises choosing a wallpaper featuring red or a sofa covered in a red fabric.

Purple is another 'big color' but it doesn't have to be.

Violet can be introduced into a room in the form of a pillow or drapes as punctuation points, Kasabian suggests in her book.

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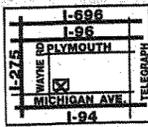
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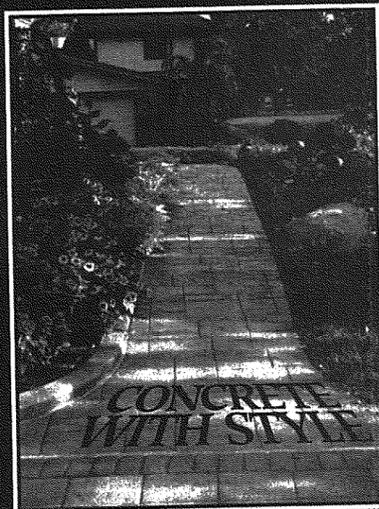
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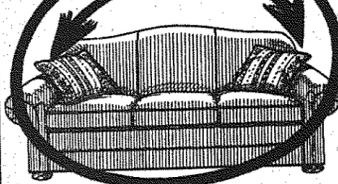
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Stock up on cold remedies. You keep first aid supplies in stock in the event of such incidents as cuts, scrapes and burns.

So why not keep cold remedies in stock in the event someone in your family comes down with a cold or the flu? It's far more reassuring to treat a fever, aches, a cough or a stuffy nose at the first sign of symptoms than it is to wait until you can drive to a store or pharmacy to purchase items such as pain relievers, decongestants, a thermometer or a vaporizer.

Put a welcome smile in your kitchen. Keep a few comfort items in your cupboard, pantry and refrigerator to help put a smile on someone's face when you think he or she really needs it. Consider favorite juices, ice cream, Popsicles, crackers, candy, and chicken soup as starting points.

You might also want to consider replenishing some stay-at-home favorites. Think about what simple, yet comforting, forms of entertainment you can keep within arms reach for the time when a cold medicine just isn't enough to help cure a nasty cold or virus. Is your deck of playing cards complete? Will your young child take comfort in

the touch of a small, plush, stuffed animal? Does your spouse enjoy working on a puzzle, a crossword puzzle or a word search to take his or her mind off ails? Slip a little something in for yourself — a book or a new journal — while you are stocking up in the event you catch a cold or flu bug. Your cold care nurturing might be all your responsibility if everyone else in your family is too busy with work and school.

"Is the doctor in?" A trip to the doctor's office is a good first line of defense when you question the nature or severity of oncoming cold symptoms. No good doctor should question your concern for yourself or your child, even if the diagnosis is a common cold. It's better to be safe than sorry by having symptoms checked out. Peace of mind is good medicine.

Cure the cold blues with creature comforts. Make your child or spouse feel as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. Assuming your cold remedy cupboards are fully stocked and you and your "patient" are heeding your doctor's advice, go beyond the limits of basic comfort with special touches to help get through the rough spots.

Read a good book to your child or spouse, or listen to an audio book. Listening to the plot of an exciting story will help transport your sick loved one into another world away from the discomforts on his or her mind.

Have fun with simple games like Tic Tac Toe, Hangman, and connect the dots. The more energetic "patient" might enjoy some of his or her favorite board games that require a little more effort and strategizing.

Watch family movies. Transport yourselves back in time to nostalgia, laughter and good cheer. Your child might find it intriguing to watch your wedding video and comment on the way things were "back then."

Open up family albums and wade through pictures that find themselves generating stories your child has never heard, or likes to hear over and over again.

Steer your recovering patient toward a favorite hobby you've both been meaning to start. Assemble a model car. Make a beaded bracelet. Work on an upcoming holiday project (i.e. make Valentine's Day cards).

Pull out toys your child may have forgotten about because they were hidden in the back of a closet. Sort through toy cars or action figures, dress Barbie dolls, or build with Legos.

If your patient is up to it, give him or her a back or foot massage. Treat your daughter to a manicure.

Cuddle up together under a blanket and enjoy a roaring fire.

Fluff up the pillows. Have your patient sit back, relax and enjoy the sounds of his or her favorite music.

Open mail together. Talk about interesting stories in the newspaper or a new magazine. Provide your loved one with some writing tools and encourage him or her to write a letter to a long distance friend or relative.

Remember yourself when the cold bug bites. Keep this list in a place where you can hand it off to your spouse when you need tender loving care. Add a few of your own favorites to it. In doing so, you will avoid the frustrations that set in when you are under the weather and assume everybody knows your wants and needs... but they don't because you haven't told them, which makes you feel even worse.

To leave Lisa Luckow-Healy a message from a touch-tone phone about how you celebrate family, call (734) 953-2047; or e-mail your suggestions for future family topics to LiHealy@mediaone.net.

CELEBRATING FAMILY



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

BIA holds home, garden shows throughout year

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's lineup of home and garden shows for 2002 is as follows:

BIA sponsors the 10th annual Novi Home Improvement Show Jan. 31 to Feb. 3 at the Novi Expo Center in Novi; the new Palace Home Improvement Show Feb. 8-10 at The Palace of Auburn Hills; the fifth annual Macomb Home Improvement Show Feb. 15-17 at the Macomb Sports & Expo Center, Warren; the 84th annual GMC Builders Home & Garden Show March 21-24 at the Cobo Center, Detroit; and the sixth annual

Spring Home & Garden Show April 4-7 at the Novi Expo Center.

The shows feature advice, ideas and innovations from exhibitors displaying products and services for the home and garden. Many experts and celebrities will share their knowledge to help attendees achieve their home and gardening goals.

The new Palace Home Improvement Show will feature over 100 exhibitors showcasing the latest in kitchens, baths, doors, windows, remodeling, furniture, decorative accessories, enclosures, spas, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

DESIGN CALENDAR

The Rochester Community House at 816 Ludlow will hold multiple sales: estate, rummage and attic, at one time, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1 and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 2. Items will include furniture, toys, appliances, clothing, jewelry, and tools.

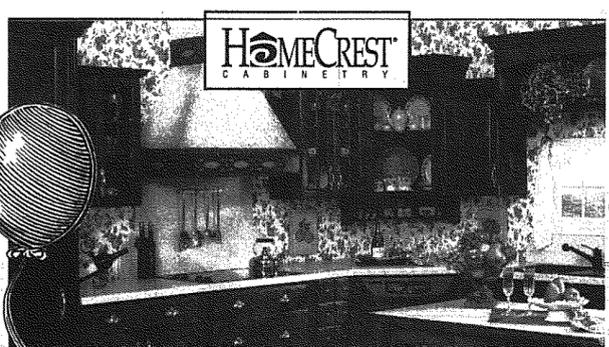
Paterson Carney Florist

starts up its Winter Floral Design Classes this week. The cost is \$55 for six classes. Materials for each class will be additional and samples of the items will be on display at Paterson Carney Florist.

Separate sessions will focus on fresh floral designs and on permanent arrangements. Some of

the topics for the fresh floral design classes are a Spring basket bouquet with tulips, roses and spring branches, a Pot-en-fleur bouquet with roses, fruit, vegetables and candles, and a spring heather topiary centerpiece.

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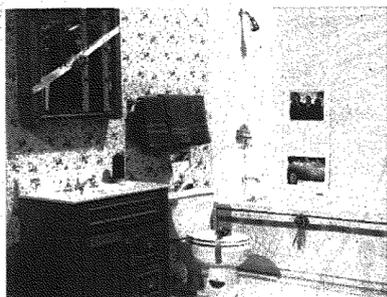
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Don't throw your money out the 'window' this winter

If the windows in your home are worn-out, run-down and drafty, you're throwing money, well, out the window.

With winter here, and utility rate increases driving home-heating costs higher than ever, windows that have deteriorated—or worse yet, been improperly installed—can be costing homeowners thousands of dollars per year. With natural gas prices predicted to increase as much as 30 percent this winter, now is a perfect time to inspect your windows.

It is time to replace your windows when they no longer serve their purpose—keeping the heat in during winter and the cold in during summer.

Consider this: if condensation forms on the inside of your window and freezes in the winter-time, your home is losing as much heat through that window as it would if the wall had a hole in it the size of a brick.

And if you think that drafty windows are only costing you a few dollars a month on your heating bills, think again. According to a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy, by converting from single-pane to double-pane clear glass windows, an average homeowner can cut his or her heating bill by as much as 25 percent. By converting to argon-filled, double-pane windows with a low-E coating, the heating bill could be cut as much as 35 percent.

When considering the long-term return on your investment (homeowners can expect to recoup 60 to 70 percent of the cost of replacement windows), you could easily be looking at thousands of dollars saved in less than five years.

How do you tell if your windows no longer work and need to be replaced? According to Stanford Blanck, co-owner of Taylor-based Wallside Windows, a manufacturer and installer of vinyl replacement windows, energy efficiency in windows is a result of two factors—the window frame and the window glass. Blanck, who has more than 30 years of window replacement experience, said the

following areas are what to look for:

The condition of the window frames

If your windows are loose and rattling, it means the sash and channels have deteriorated, and the window is no longer sealed properly. A loose sash means that the window's life is over—it needs to be replaced. Also, if you can actually feel air drafts around the window, whether in winter or summer, the window is not doing what it's supposed to do—it is time to replace it. Rotting wood and peeling paint are results of condensation—a sign that the windows no longer work properly.

If the frames are aluminum, you might consider replacing them with wood or vinyl. According to Blanck, aluminum is a conductive metal, and does a poor job of keeping heat in the house. Aluminum frames are found mainly on older houses, and are rarely installed anymore.

The window glass

Windows today are far superior to the single-pane windows of years past.

"Simply put, if you have single-pane windows—even if the frames are in perfect condition—you should replace the glass," Blanck said. "Single-pane windows are costing you money."

Why? "Energy efficiency," Blanck noted.

How well windows keep heat in and cold out is measured by something known as the U-Factor—the lower the U-Factor, the more energy efficient the glass.

The U-Factor for a single pane of glass is 1.30. Adding another pane of glass by installing a double-pane window reduces the U-Factor to .49, meaning heat loss is cut by more than half. If the double-pane window has a low emissions coating, the U-Factor drops to .34. And if the space between the windows is filled with an inert gas, such as argon, the U-Factor is reduced even further.

"The best window is the one that is installed properly"

But the single most important factor in window efficiency,

according to Blanck, is installation. "No matter how well a window is made," he said, "if it is not installed correctly, you bought a problem, not a solution."

If windows are not fitted correctly or properly installed, an excessive amount of the home's heat can be lost through even the slightest breach or opening.

To ensure proper installation, hire a professional. A good rule of thumb is to seek out window companies that have been in business at least as long their guarantee (see accompanying box for tips on selecting a window replacement contractor).

Remember, no matter how expensive your windows or how great they look in the showroom, you're wasting your money if they're not installed properly in your home.

Choosing a Contractor
Stanford Blanck, co-owner of Taylor-based Wallside Windows offers the following advice for choosing a reputable contractor:

1. Call the Michigan State Department of Commerce builder hotline, (900) 555-8374, and ask the following:

- Does the company have a builders' license?

- Does either the company or the licensed contractor have any violations? If so, what were they?

2. Call the Better Business Bureau in your area to see if any consumer complaints have been lodged against the contractor.

3. Visit the company's showroom. If they don't have one, find another company.

4. Get references. Ask for name, address, and phone number of previous customers. Get to those houses and decide if you like how the job looks. Then call the customer and ask them if they've had any problems with either the windows or the company's service.

5. Once you've selected a contractor, get in writing a start and completion date, and an itemized list of all material and labor costs. Set up a payment plan, being sure not to pay in full until the job is completed.

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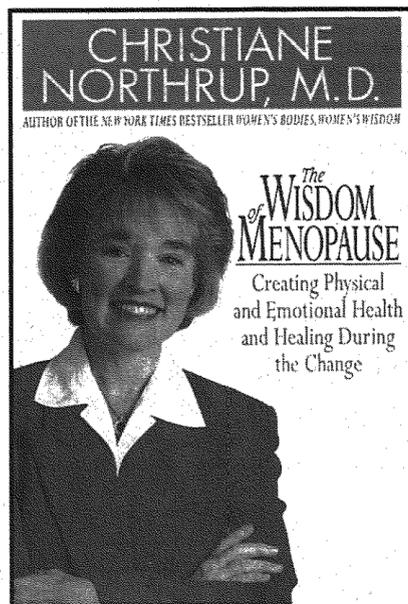
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Computer is handy, but it has its limits

I made a little note on this day and tucked it away for the children to open long after I am gone. It says, "Jan. 24, 2002, Joe gets into the computer." What it doesn't say is how interesting all of this is. Here it is, 1:30 in the morning and I've been fooling around with this thing since 10 in the evening.

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

All I can say at this point is that this is one heck of an appliance. Valorie taught me how to get into it and how to do searches on the subject of major appliances. While getting to that point I notice a caption that says something about men looking for women. I wouldn't open that in a million years for fear of someone out there recognizing who I am. Can you imagine the embarrassment of talking about sex on a computer and getting caught at it. Anyways folks, I finally get to the appliance section, and I'm amazed at how much there is on the subject of appliances. There is some really good information that

can teach a lot to even a novice. Another important thing that jumped out at me are the phone numbers given out by some expert technicians, or so they say they are. These phone numbers will allow you to ask a question about a product and spend a certain amount of time talking and getting the solution to your problem. It tells you to get out your charge card because this time they spend with you on the phone will be billed to your account.

An example is something like \$13 for 15 minutes or something like that. I guess I can't blame anybody for trying to make a buck but now I'm feeling sorry for myself. I spent 20 years in business giving out do-it-yourself information for free and even went through a Harry Truman experience.

I'm thinking that if I spent the next 10 years on this computer doing what they do at \$13 per 15 minutes, I could come out with a nice little pile. That's 40 hours per week times 50 weeks times \$2080 per week equals \$104,000 per year, WOW, that's big bucks.

Now I know what people mean when they tell me to get with the program, Joe, these computers are the way of the future. To be honest, I'm learning, but it doesn't mean I have to fall in love with it. It doesn't have the sound of a

human voice when I ask a question about why my refrigerator doesn't cool. It doesn't give me a street address where I can visit a business owner to either complain or compliment his or her business. It gives me a sense of impersonality.

When I'm talking to someone and in the real business world, I don't do business with someone who is not warm to me. I'm so touchy that I even throw out those envelopes I get in the mail with a bunch of discount coupons inside. The reason is simple: half of them don't have a street address on them and a whole bunch of toll free numbers. Who are those guys?

Yes, I'm learning to use my computer and I have enjoyed what I do with it. I write this column and a few books and prepare for the radio show and if I didn't have it, I'd use a typewriter. Now for business reasons, I have no choice but to expand my horizon of communications, but I must assure you that I won't be charging you \$13 for a phone call. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard Saturday and Sunday on 760 WJR. He is a member and past president of the society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

Colors from page C2

"A lighter hue (of purple) on the wall with darker purple accents can look beautiful and is not so overwhelming. You'd be surprised," she says.

Green, according to Kasabian, is calming, earthy and very versatile. Shades of green with more blue in them tend to be cooler, richer and a little more formal. Green with yellowish tints are

warmer and more outdoorsy. "Green can help the outside come in."

Blue is a more ubiquitous color than you think.

If you look for it, you'll probably find it in most homes, Kasabian says. When it's deep and dark it makes a big statement; a paler blue lends itself to florals or a "space that sings

spring." As for yellow — "How can anyone not like yellow?" Kasabian asks.

It's a color that almost always positive, with a greenish yellow often used to complement an ultra-modern look while a purer yellow conjures up images of buttercups, daisies and rays of morning sun.

CALENDAR

■ Lynn O'Shaughnessy will speak on the Pleurothallid Alliance at the next Michigan Orchid Society general meeting. The Michigan Orchid Society holds general meetings 2:30-5 p.m. every third Sunday from September to June (except for December and in the month of Palm Sunday), at the First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, Birmingham, Michigan. Learn about orchids. Take part in a raffle to win plants. Admission is free. Contact Kevin Griffin at 734-453-1261 or kahless66@yahoo.com.

■ The next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club will feature Professor Penrith Goff, President of the Bromeliad Society. His topic is "Bromeliads" and there will be plants for sale at the meeting on Tuesday, February 5. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Senior Center on

Farmington Road. Guests are welcome.

■ The Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan/District I presents its 10th Annual Standard Flower Show, "You Gotta Have Art." The flower show is presented in conjunction with the Michigan Home and Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome Thursday, Feb. 21 through Sunday, Feb. 24. Show hours are 3 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, noon to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

District I is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. The primary objectives of the Standard Flower Show are to stimulate interest in horticulture, to provide an outlet for creative expression, and to convey to the community the objectives of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Representing these objectives will be sixteen classes in design,

thirteen classes in horticulture, five sections in educational exhibits and several in artistic crafts, including one for youth. Entrants must be members of any one of the 46 clubs represented in District I. All entries are judged and winners are presented with coveted ribbons of distinction.

While we are still bracing against the winter winds of February, it's a breath of spring to attend this event. One can see lovely flowers artistically arranged, horticulture entries, and come away with a plethora of ideas and inspiration for the growing and planting days ahead.

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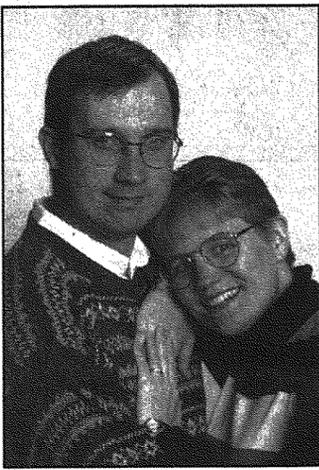
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BEST-ANDREE
Mel and Mary Alice Best of Macomb Township announce the engagement of their daughter Joanne to John W. Andree, son of Barb Crevier of Wellsboro, Pa. and John Andree of Sanford.

Joanne is a graduate of Saginaw Valley, with a bachelor degree in education. She is employed as a kindergarten and preschool teacher. John is a graduate of Michigan Tech with a bachelor degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by Detroit Edison.

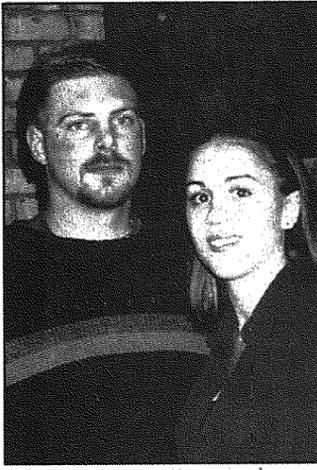
An April 6, 2002 wedding is planned in Plymouth.



KOCH-KLINGER
John N. and Virginia Koch announce the engagement of their daughter Erin Marie to John Raymond Klinger, son of Ronald and Jean Klinger of East Tawas. Erin is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and 2001 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed for the Alcona school district.

John is a 1994 graduate of East Tawas High School, and a 2000 graduate of Spring Arbor College. He is employed by the Alcona school district.

A June 28, 2002 wedding is planned.

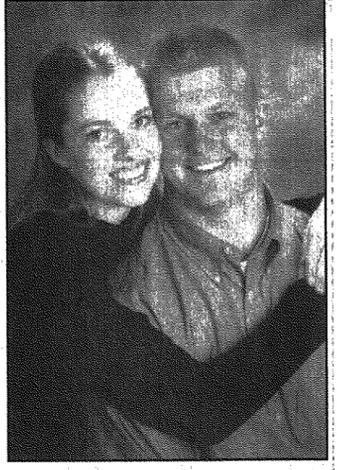


STACHURA-DEVREE
Greg and Jean Stachura of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Jean to Todd Richard DeVree, son of Richard and Karen DeVree of Hudsonville.

Emily is a graduate of Hillsdale college and is employed in elementary education.

Todd is a graduate of Hillsdale College and is pursuing a masters at Grand Valley State University.

A May 17, 2002 wedding is planned.

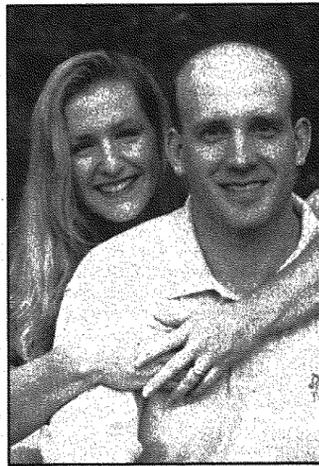


MONTGOMERY-WILK
James and Maureen Montgomery of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberley to Matthew Wilk, son of John and Anita Wilk of Sterling Heights.

Kimberley is a 1992 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelors in business. A masters in information technology from Northwestern University is expected in June 2002. She is currently employed by national Futures Association as a network analyst.

Matthew is a 1990 graduate of Sterling Heights High School. He earned his bachelor degree in political science from University of Michigan in 1994, and his juris doctor in 1997. He is currently employed with Builders Bank as assistant vice president and general counsel.

A March 16, 2002 wedding is planned in Grosse Pointe.

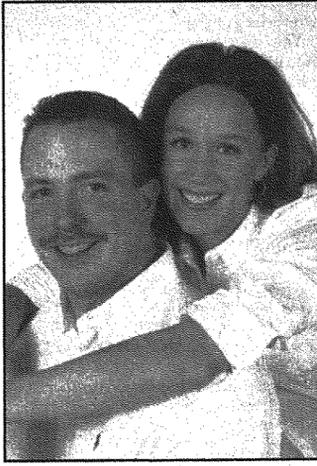


HOPSON-FLORES
John and Sue Hopson of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Melissa Marie to Keith Flores, son of John Flores of Fla. and Patricia Allen of Grand Rapids.

Melissa is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and received her bachelor degree from Eastern Michigan University in secondary education. She is currently employed with Plymouth Christian Academy as a ninth grade English teacher.

Keith is a 1989 graduate of South Lyon High School and has attended Eastern Michigan University. He is employed with the government.

A May 11, 2002 wedding is planned in Belleville.

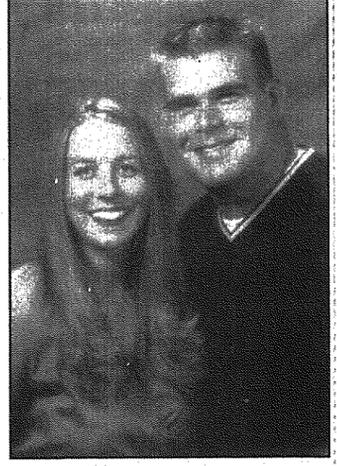


LAYNG-CHATFIELD
Richard and Dane Layng of Palm Coast, Fla. announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Emma to Michael Aaron Chatfield, son of Linda Chatfield and the late Marion Chatfield of Tipton, Mich.

Stephanie is a graduate of Grand Valley State University with a degree in elementary and special education. She is currently employed with the Plymouth-Canton School System.

Michael is currently attending Grand Valley State University, pursuing a degree in education.

A June 29, 2002 wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.



RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

UPCOMING

GUEST SPEAKER
The Rev. Dale Meyer, former speaker on The Lutheran Hour radio show and host of *On Main Street* television program, will speak at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, for a 25th anniversary celebration service on Sunday, Feb. 10. The service, held at 9:30 a.m., will replace the normal 8:30 and 11 a.m., Sunday worship schedule. (734) 522-6830.

AUTHOR SPEAKS
Randall Balmer, author of *Growing Pains: Learning to Love My Father's Faith*, will speak at a conference, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Trinity Church, 14800 Middlebelt, Livonia. Advance registration is \$20, \$25 at the door. Cost includes lunch. Balmer will speak at 10 a.m. Conference topics focus on evangelism. (734) 425-2800.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers weekend experiences designed to help married couples improve communication and learn the value of intimacy. Feb. 15-17 and April 5-7 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$50. (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524.

RELIGION CLASSES
Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills will host ALPHA, a series of classes that offer a practical introduction to the Christian faith. Classes run 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays Feb. 21 through May 2. Some of the topics to be discussed will be; Who is Jesus? Why did He die? Does God heal today? Dinner and child care will be provided. Call (248) 661-9191.

LENTEN PROGRAMS
Clarenceville United Methodist Church is offering special Lenten programs for both adults and children. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13, with a sacrificial breakfast and a short worship service at 10 a.m. and then an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. Each Sunday during Lent at 6 p.m. a special guest speaker or group will lead the Gathering Service. Children ages four through 12 will also meet at 6 p.m. Sundays for God's Great Gallery. The church is located at 20300 Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Call (248) 474-3444.

SPECIAL MASS
The annual mass for divorced and separated persons is scheduled for 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 24, at St. John Center's Main Chapel, located on Five Mile, east of Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Bethany, a support group for divorced and separated men and women, sponsors the mass. (248) 373-1286.

AUTHOR SPEAKS AT TYNDALE
William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills will host a simulcast of *Enlarge My Territory* 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. The simulcast will feature Bruce Wilkinson, author of *Prayer of Jabez* and Rich War-

ren, author of *Purpose Driven Church* Ministry. The cost is \$25 per person. Call Jenni Knowles at (800) 483-0707 ext. 529. The college is located at 35700 W. 12 Mile Road.

ANTIOCH PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills will host a preschool open house 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18. The church is located at 33360 W. 13 Mile Road. Registration for the 2002/2003 school year is open for children three, four and five years old. Contact Sharon Dettler at (248) 626-7906 for more information.

ON-GOING

ST. MICHAEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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STEPHANIE CASOLA

Non-sport fans say Super Bowl crosses line

Go ahead, ask any of my close friends and they'll all say the same.

"She doesn't know a thing about sports."

I can hear those words echoing through the halls of my old school, Rochester Adams High, my college apartment, just about anywhere. And I really don't mind.

Sunday is the biggest annual football event of the year; yes, that's right, it's time for Super Bowl XXXVI. And I couldn't care less.

My sports impediment doesn't make me antisocial or awkward. Like all of you superfans and sportos out there, I'll be at a great party with a group of friends, and the television — or more likely televisions — will be tuned into the big event.

But judging by every Super Bowl game I can remember, I'll likely spend the evening chatting with other non-fans, dodging the Super Bowl freaks who constantly want me to "buy a square" — whatever that means — and turning my head only to check out the occasional outrageous commercial.

I'm just not cut out to watch sports on TV. How many times can you dart your eyes from one end of the screen to the other while the ball falls short of its net or goal? Five minutes into any game when the drone of the crowd has elevated above the announcer's commentary, and my eyes glaze over.

It's not that I don't appreciate the hard work and athleticism demonstrated at that level of achievement; I do. And if I were related to a single person with sports ability, I might feel different. But when I'm in for a couch-potato-kind-of-night, I don't want to share it with the Lions, Tigers or Pistons — oh my.

I can live without the hype, the cheerleaders and worst of all, the abhorrent theme music.

Reflecting on Super Bowls passed, I tend to remember the food, more often than the teams. In 1995, I "watched" the game in my friend's dorm room at Michigan State where we spent more time eating pizza than keeping score. I'll never forget the hilarity that ensued for Super Bowl XXXIV when one of our party hosts made an eager attempt at baking brownies for his guests. He accidentally coated the pan with garlic-flavored cooking spray. It's been our goal never to let him forget it.

The party reaches its peak during halftime — the time when half of the visitors return to socializing, or at least dare to leave the lounge chairs to get another beer.

A word of advice to my fellow Super Bowl simpletons, halftime is the only time to talk to the avid sports fans in the room. It's the only time you might not end up on the wide-receiving end of the intimidating and collective "shush" from a crowd that's inching closer to the television with every scoring point. That's probably the most important rule of etiquette to follow Sunday night.

According to Superbowl.com, last year's game was the fifth most-watched program in television history. It drew 131,200,000 viewers. I have to wonder how many of them were really paying attention.

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Flying, Family & Friends

Area seniors win trips to see loved ones

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Thanks to Wayne County and Southwest Airline's recent "Home for the Holidays" program, two area seniors are back home and basking in memories of a visit with loved ones.

Vera Wolnosky, 72, of Westland and Doris Patterson, 72, of Livonia are two of several senior citizens who filled out Home for the Holidays applications weeks before Christmas. Winners received complimentary round-trip tickets to visit family or friends between Dec. 3, 2001 and Jan. 26, 2002 in any city served by the Southwest Airlines.

Both women flew to Florida, Wolnosky to visit her brother and Patterson to visit her daughter and granddaughter.

Wolnosky spent a week in Tampa with her beloved baby brother, Jerry. Even though he's 59, Wolnosky considers him just a kid. After all, it was she who used to cart him to his doctor's visits in the Penobscot Building in Detroit by streetcar when she was in her early teens and he was just a toddler.

"I always wanted a baby brother," she said. "When I would take him to the doctor, everyone thought I was just a young mother."

The visit went perfectly, said Wolnosky. Even the gray skies and cool weather that prevailed during her entire stay didn't dampen her and Jerry's spirits.

"We went out to eat, went shopping



Brotherly love: Vera Wolnosky of Westland enjoyed visiting with her brother, Jerry Zula, in Tampa, Fla. She won the trip by filling out an application for "Home for the Holidays," a program sponsored by Wayne County and Southwest Airlines.

and visited the flea markets. We also rented movies because he only has one good channel and two lousy ones."

Wolnosky was at first reluctant to fill out an application. But her co-workers in the Kay Beard Building in Westland, where she works as a caller in the Senior Alliance "Friendly Reassurance" program, urged her to do so.

"I knew I wasn't going to get it, but they said, 'Fill it out,' and I got it."

Wolnosky is now back a work calling homebound seniors and entertaining her co-workers with anecdotes from her trip. Everybody has seen her pictures. She says she had no fear of flying and is grateful to Southwest Airlines for sponsoring the Home for the Holidays program.

"Flying doesn't bother me, but they took my nail file away from me! My daughter-in-law warned me not to bring it."

Patterson returned home from Daytona Beach last Saturday after a week-long with her daughter, Donna. The two women did a little shopping, but mostly they just enjoyed each other's company.

"I can't do much because of health," said Patterson.

Patterson received an application for Home for the Holidays with one of her Meals on Wheels deliveries. She decided to fill it out.

"That day I didn't have much to do. I filled out applications for other things, and this was the only one that came through."

Like Wolnosky, Patterson was surprised when she found out she had won a ticket. In spite of turbulence on the way down, she enjoyed the flight.

"They were excellent," she said of the staff at Southwest. "They couldn't have been better. They were just wonderful, wonderful. The captain even pushed me onto the plane in my wheelchair."

Successful program

Although Southwest Airlines has sponsored Home for the Holidays for over 20 years, Wayne County Executive Edward MacNamara introduced it to Wayne County 16 years ago.

"Recent events have made it clear that it's more important than ever to stay in touch with family and friends, and Southwest Airlines has again generously offered a way for seniors to make the trip," he said during the program's award luncheon Dec. 5 at the Airport Marriott Hotel.

Jan Ford, department executive for Wayne County's Health Community Services, said applications were sent to 43 sites served by her department as well as every identifiable gathering place for seniors in Wayne County. Once received the applications were turned over to Southwest Airlines, which made selections based on motivation for making the trip, length of time since applicant visited his or her loved one, and economic need. Twenty-six trips were awarded to Wayne County residents; 1,015 trips were awarded nationally.

"Southwest has always wanted to give back to the communities they serve," said Dan Jorgensen, Detroit-area marketing manager for Southwest Airlines. "This is one way to do that."

Westland resident Marquerite Wojewski, 79, also won a Home for the Holidays trip. Besides a \$5 bingo pot, the trip was the first thing she ever won. She looked forward to seeing her brother, David, in El Paso, Texas. However, fate intervened. While waiting to board her plane, Wojewski got sick.

"I didn't get to go," she said. "I guess it's just one of those things. There's nothing you can do about it. I'll try again next year."

Ford said the events of Sept. 11 influenced some winners to decline their tickets. "For those who chickened out we had to go back to the drawing board. We certainly weren't going to give any trips back," she said.



Happy winner: Doris Patterson of Livonia (center) receives congratulations from Dan Jorgensen (left), Southwest Airlines marketing manager, and Cassandra Smith-Gray, Assistant Wayne County Executive at the "Home for the Holidays" awards luncheon Dec. 5.

BY PAUL R. PACE
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The saying when a door closes, a window of opportunity usually opens has worked pretty much to par for one area man.

Working out of a cubicle in his early 20s, Bill Thomas of Novi knew his job was not making him happy.

"I just thought this is not what I want to do with my life," he said.

When the company faced lay-offs, he saw his chance to perform stand up comedy full-time and he left without ever looking back. Since then, Thomas has opened for such famous acts as Chuck Berry, Engelbert Humperdink, Gladys Knight & the Pips, Jay Leno and Ray Charles.

While many comedians use vulgarities

to get a quick laugh, Thomas said with pride that he always worked "clean". The "40-something" Thomas always admired comedians who didn't have to resort to dirty jokes for a cheap chuckle.

With his deep, smooth voice, it's not surprising Thomas has worked in front of the microphone. He hosted "The Bill Thomas Show" for Detroit radio station WXYT for five years and enjoyed poking fun at the news of the day.

"I'd make fun of everything," he said.

That job ended when the station turned to a sports radio format in recent years, but he still does some fill-in talk show host work here and on the east coast where he grew up.

When WXYT changed formats, a window of opportunity opened again, he said. Thomas decided to go back to stand up, but along a different avenue.

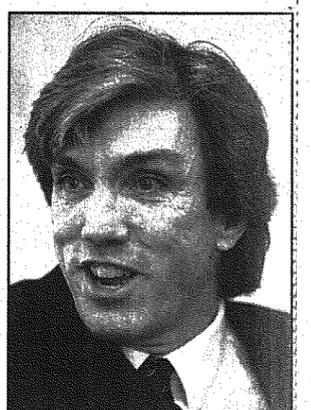
Today, he bills himself as a corporate humorist, meaning he performs at corporate functions, association meetings and even church gatherings. Thomas typically does most of his work in the metro area.

"One thing I like about churches is they don't think they are allowed to laugh sometime," he said.

While he had a great time touring the country doing stand up, he said the road can be exhausting.

"When you're flying three or four times a week... Now it's a quality of life issue," he said.

Doing corporate gigs is a challenge, considering he sometimes is ordered to provide a routine even during a business restructuring conference, one that could



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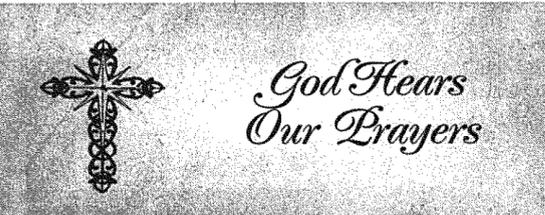
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If you want to have a good day - and who doesn't - it helps to start with a positive affirmation, such as "Today is going to be a great day" or "It's great to be alive. Thank you, Lord, for this day!" Whether you actually feel this way or not, saying it will help put you in a positive frame of mind. The act of smiling seems to activate some sort of "happy switch" in our brains, just as frowning and moping around seem to turn off that switch. Jumping out of bed in the morning with a big smile on your face may not always be easy, but it will help you feel happy and energetic, whereas moping around and grumbling about how lousy you feel will understandably make you feel more depressed and lousy. We must act first, and then the appropriate feelings will come; not the other way around. If you want to be energetic, then start moving and acting energetically. If you sit around waiting for that feeling to come, you will probably be disappointed. So, start acting like you are cheerful and peppy, and you'll soon discover that you are.

To thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
R.S.V. - Psalm 25:1

Peace on earth, peace in the home

In the Jewish Bible the theme of "peace on earth" abounds. The meanings of this phrase are several: Peace describes a state of living in which rest and well being abound. Peace may be applied to a state of existence between persons and communities in which concord rules.



PAUL J. MELROSE

Moving into a more specific Christian context peace comes as a gift of salvation from God, where peace is one at rest in God or in reconciliation with God. In Creation God brought forth order from chaos and blessed humankind with the gifts of creation. This relationship of God to Creation where peace and harmony ruled is the state that God intends for all of humanity, person to person, community to community, humanity to God.

The New Testament writer, Paul, the founder of so many Christian churches around the Mediterranean world, challenged the churches to exhibit such a harmony of relationship in each community so that not only the absence of conflict, but the quality of relatedness which embodies the will of God and the mind of Christ would exist in each place.

With all of the events of last fall, with the resurgence of conflict in parts of the world where

it looked like the road to peace was being traveled, persons of faith and persons of no particular faith are challenged to think about peace in the world and in their own lives. There is a relationship between the kind of peace one feels in one's heart and the kind of peace, which one lives in one's life. Some might say that with so many homes in turmoil, where there is not anything like the quality of relatedness hinted at above, it is no wonder that people speak and behave in ways which seem to make a home of peace, much less a world of peace, a pipe dream, or a goal that is impossible to strive for.

Yet, expressions of peaceful acts and relationships abound. Look at the prayers of peace offered by so many people's and faiths. Prayer services for peace continue, taking on even more significance in the wake of efforts to heal the deep wounds of September 11. People in my office, and those of my colleagues, are angry and hurt by their behaviors and those of others they love and wish to see if they can change it in some way to make it better. They wonder if they can be a family that can live at least within tolerable limits of the pain that comes from love and intimacy.

Peaceful gestures such as community meetings are set for people of different faiths and national backgrounds to come together to learn about each other. An interfaith service and the open

house at the Tawheed Center, the Islamic House of worship here in Farmington Hills are two examples of this. Giving of money and time and items of need to the various charities with renewed emphasis are ways to create peace.

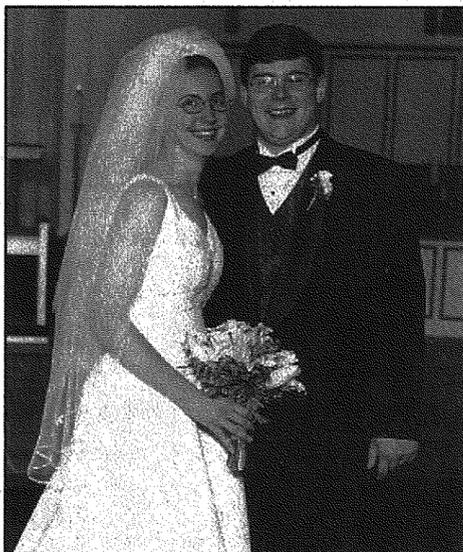
In the home there are some things which we can do. Be thankful for those around you who you love. If there is one in your circle of family or friends who you do not feel at peace with, this may be the time to reach out with an olive branch. Help your children to learn safe and constructive ways of disagreement and conflict resolution. Let them watch you and your partner as you practice such behaviors. Actions do speak louder than words and behaviors geared toward peace are examples of the possibilities as well as results of different motives.

What do you value most, the satisfaction of your own needs exclusively or the gift of life itself?

Three of the world's religions pray to a God of Peace. All of our prayers are for peace this year. Peace in the World and Peace in the Home.

Paul J. Melrose is Clinical Director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached through www.paulmelrose.com or at (248) 474-4701.

WEDDING



MCWHIRTER-WEATHERBEE

Will and Carolyn McWhirter of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Katherine Renee to Andrew Clark Weatherbee, son of Lou and Nancy Weatherbee of Wyoming.

Katherine is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, and a 2000 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a bachelor of business administration in accounting. She is currently employed as an accountant at Spartan Stores, Inc. in Hudsonville.

Andrew is a 1995 graduate of Calvin Christian High School in Grandville, and a 1999 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a bachelor of business administration in accounting. He is currently employed as a senior associate with the public accounting firm of BDO Seidman in Grand Rapids.

The couple wed September 15, 2001 at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

The bride was attended by Matron of Honor, Sonya Preston, and bridesmaids, Amy Hunt, and Ashima Dua. Attendants for the groom were best man, Dean Hunt, and groomsmen, Todd Quist and Leiph Preston.

A reception was held at Plymouth Manor and the newlyweds honeymooned in Las Vegas, Nev.

Five generations



All in the family: Members of the Caimotto family recently gathered for this picture. Seated from left is Vina Mills, 96, of Alpena holding her 44th great-grandchild, Jessica Meister of Elk Grove, Ill. Seated next to her is Irving Allain of Houghton Lake, Darlene's dad. Standing from left is Jill Meister, mother of Jessica, and daughter of Darlene (whom is standing on the right) and Tom Caimotto of Livonia.

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Red Door Room of the First Unitarian Universalist Church, at Cass and Forest in the cultural center, Detroit. Sylvia Inwood and Fred Vitale also perform. Doors open at 8 p.m. The show starts at 10 p.m. Admission \$5. Mike Whitty, (248) 594-7596.

VALENTINE CARD PARTY
Play cards and games of your choice. Includes light meal and snacks, table and door prizes. 6:30-10 p.m., Feb. 8, Saints Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Tickets \$7. Call (734) 728-2090 or (734) 729-2716. Proceeds benefit the building fund.

AGLOW DINNER MEETING
AGLOW International, a com-

munity lighthouse for women, will hold a dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at the Best Western Hotel, 31525 W. 12 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Brenda Moore, executive director of Prayer Fellowship International and Detroit coordinator of National Day of Prayer, will be the guest speaker. Call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

SUPER BOWL EXPLOSION
Harvest Ministries Church in Farmington Hills will host Super Bowl Explosion starting at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3. This event is free and open to the community. Beverages and snacks will be provided and one lucky visitor will win a brand new Nintendo

Game Cube. The church is located at 23233 Drake Road. Call (248) 478-1511.

FILM FESTIVAL PRELUDE
As a prelude to the fourth annual Jewish Community Center Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival the film, Raising the Sparks: A Personal Search for a Spiritual Home in Judaism, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 at the Jewish Community Center's D. Dan and Betty Kahn Building in West Bloomfield. The fourth annual festival will take place April 28-May 5 at the United Artists Commerce 14, the Birmingham 8 and the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor. Call (248)661-1000.

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Remembering your Valentine on St. Valentine's Day just got easier!

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers wants to give you a COUPLE of options to tell that special someone in your life just how much they mean to you.

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The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will be publishing this special page on the actual holiday of February 14th.

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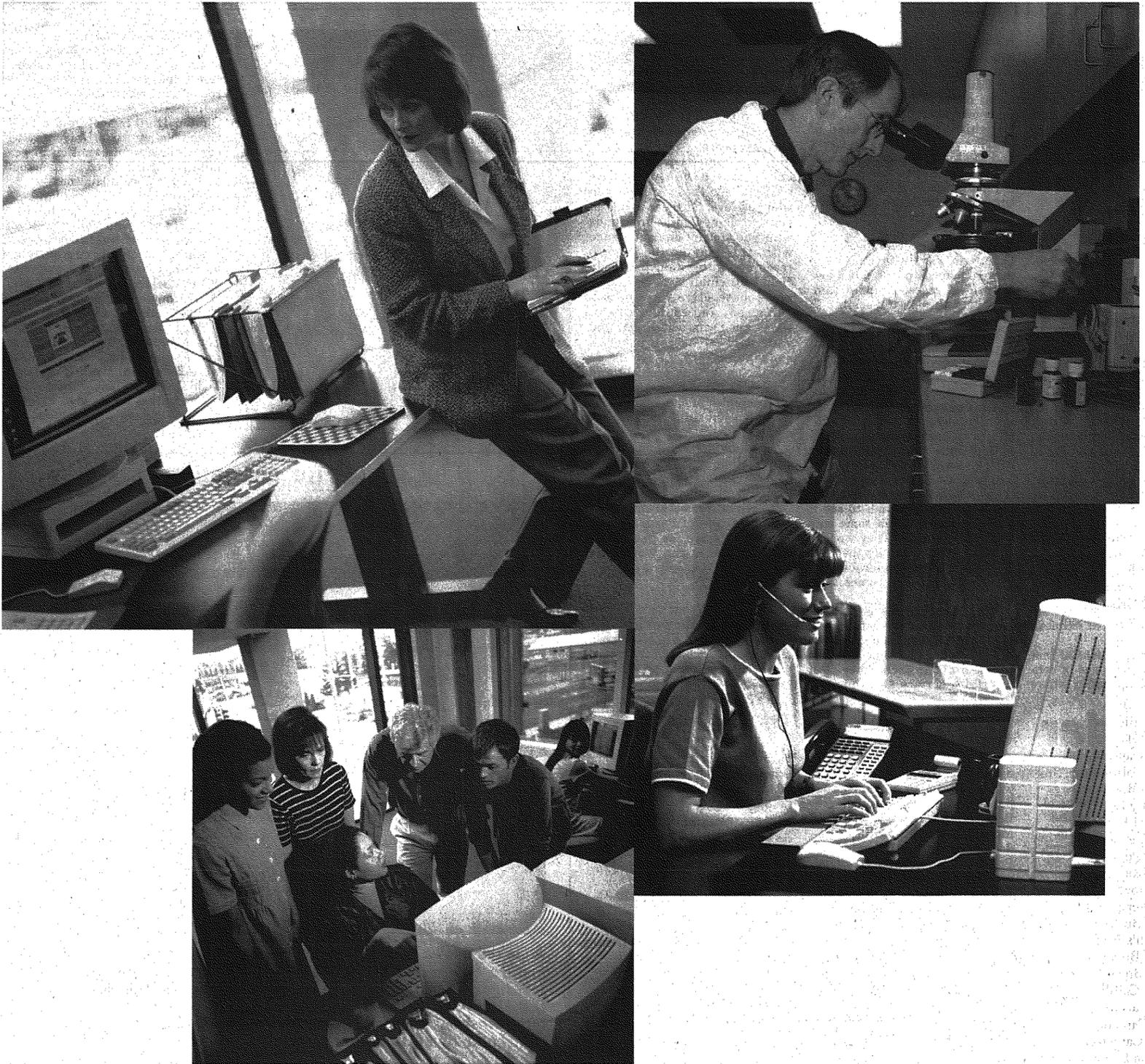
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Look for the Flower Directory after Valentine's Day with information on the Easter dates and deadlines!





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It's the same when you are making a job change. You want something close enough to keep you out of the frustrating gridlock that's going on out there.

You want enough time in the morning to get a calm start and you don't want to spend half your paycheck on gas. You, too, would probably like something close to home.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melani and Matthew Mood of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter, **Marinda Joy**, born Nov. 14, 2001, in Garden City Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mood.

Tracey Pollington and Bislim Elezi of Wayne announce the birth of their daughter, **McKenzie Samantha Elezi**, on Nov. 19, 2001, in Garden City Hospital.

McKenzie Samantha joins Bret Pollington 14, Justin Pollington 11, and Meghan Pollington 9.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bryner of Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Tooley of Wayne and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Elezi of Belleville.

Emily and Dan Morrow of Redford announce the birth of their son, **Matthew Daniel**, on Nov. 19, 2001, in Garden City Hospital.

Matthew joins Jonathan, 3. Grandparents are Marilyn Pederesen of Garden City, and Mr. and Mrs. George Morrow of Farmington Hills.

Sherri and John Gerou of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Emily**, on Dec. 8, 2001, in Garden City Hospital.

Grandparents are Pauline Rajnish and Jim McTigue, both of Detroit.

Shariess and Dale Saffold of Inkster announce the birth of their daughter, **Jaelyn**, on Nov. 20, 2001, in Garden City Hospital.

Jaelyn joins Mariah, 3. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Bourn of Inkster and Mr. and Mrs. Dail Saffold.

Vicki Hauser of Westland and **Derrick Roberson** of Pontiac announce the birth of their daughter, **Ebony Lynn Roberson**, on Nov. 20, 2001, in Garden City Hospital.

Ebony Lynn joins Essence LeAnn Roberson, 2, Derick, 14, Darkishas, 24, and Keyonte, 21.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Roberson of Gary, Ind., Jerry Waldon of Westland, and JoAnn Waldon of Dearborn Heights.

Sharon and Timothy Phillips of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter, **Lauren Halie**, born Nov. 14, 2001, in Garden City Hospital.

Lauren joins Nicole Marie Phillips, 2-1/2.

Grandparents are Diane Kurgan of Garden City and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Phillips of Garden City.

Jodi Henry-Rogers and Scott Rogers of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter, **Nina Olivia Henry-Rogers**, on Nov. 22, 2001, in Garden City Hospital.

Nina Olivia joins her sister, India Henry-Rogers, 3.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tim Henry of Garden City, and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Tillotson of New Whiteland, Ind.

Sandy and Alex Modos of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of their son, **Alexander Michael V**, on Nov. 27, 2001, in Garden City Hospital.

Alexander joins Miranda Owen, 7.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chester Galor of Dearborn Heights, Ruby Modos of Garden City, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Modos of Livonia.

Sheila Torres of Westland and **Harold Long** of White Cloud announce the birth of their daughter, **Savannah Lee Long**, on Nov. 29, 2001, in Garden City Hospital.

Savannah Lee joins sisters, Selena, 3, and Cierra, 1-1/2.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rick Torres of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long of White

Cloud. **Holly and Kevin Yarber** of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter, **Heavenly Christine**, on Dec. 4, 2001, in Garden City Hospital.

Heavenly joins Nicholas, 6, and Brandon, 2.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Yarber of Garden City and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Twardzicki of Garden City.

Chianta Brown and Willie Wright of Inkster announce the birth of their baby, **Ja'Qin Dag-**

wan-Willie Wright, on Nov. 29, 2001, in Garden City Hospital.

Ja'Qin joins Jaketra, 10, Jamel, 9, Jaron, 6, and Jatez, 5. Grandmother is Ester Brown.

Christine and Benjamin Hayes of Wayne announce the birth of their daughter, **Sarah Christine**, on Nov. 29, 2001, in Garden City.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Wyniarsky of Westland, Kathy Hayes of Westland, and Lennis Hayes of Fenton.

Humor

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include company layoffs for some people in attendance.

It's a touchy subject, but Thomas said he learns from event organizers what issues to avoid.

"I like to see people at their best," he said of his current job. "I like to ease their pain."

The performances are a way to build up a positive, light-hearted mood in a typically tense or boring situation.

"I come out of a business background, so I got a lot of material. I got my own stories about customer service," he said with a laugh.

He also has a wide range of topics in his routine.

"If you make it broad enough, you can do all types of businesses," he said.

"The good thing about working at companies and associations is nobody acts like a jerk," he said referring to his old stand-up days.

Michele Ryckebusch, manager of local communications for the Chrysler Group in Auburn Hills, said she booked Thomas at a recent corporate conference.

"He's an excellent entertainer," she said. "He's able to bring clean humor into the setting. The audience definitely appreciated his blend of humor."

Humorist Bill Thomas's Web site is www.comedianbillthomas.com and he can be reached at (248) 512-2925 or toll-free at 1-877-700-BILL.

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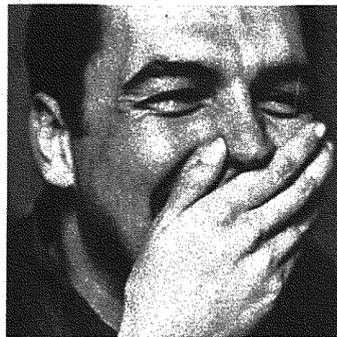
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History-maker

Amanda Abraham, a senior at the College of Holy Cross and a Plymouth Salem graduate, became the 18th player in Holy Cross history to top the 1,000-point mark when she scored 14 points in the Crusaders' 78-61 victory over American last Saturday. Abraham is the second player this season to manage it.

The senior guard has started 79 of the 106 games in her career, averaging 9.5 points a game. She is second on the team in scoring this season, averaging 14.3 points a game. Abraham now ranks 18th on the all-time school scoring list (1,005 points) and is 17th in career assists (220).

Following last Saturday's win, Holy Cross was 13-6 overall and 4-2 in the Patriot League.

Fair Play winners

The Vardar Soccer Club's under-16 Grosse Pointe team earned the FIFA Fair Play Award for their division at the Michigan State Cup. The award is presented to the team that most exemplifies sportsmanship in the game of soccer during the course of the tournament, as determined by points awarded by game officials.

Among the club's members is Emily Kirk of Canton and Stephanie Miziolek of Farmington Hills.

Athlete of the Week

Kristin Mayer, a Plymouth Canton graduate now playing at St. John Fisher College in Pittsford, N.Y., was named the college's female athlete of the week after helping Fisher finish 2-1.

Mayer had a season-high 18 points on 6-of-10 shooting in the Cardinals 80-50 victory over Nazareth College Jan. 22, then scored eight points in Fisher's loss to Utica College Friday. On Saturday, both Mayer and the Cardinals rebounded, Mayer scoring 11 points in the Cardinals' 59-49 win over Hartwick.

Mayer has played in 14 of 16 games, averaging 7.4 points and 3.4 rebounds a game and converting 33-of-39 free throws (84.6 percent). Fisher was 12-4 through Saturday.

Coaches' openings

Plymouth HS, scheduled to open in the fall, has openings for several coaches' vacancies. Included are:

Boys basketball, wrestling, swimming, gymnastics, volleyball, pom pon and cheerleading.

Anyone interested may submit their resumes to Terry Sawchuk, director of athletics, Plymouth HS, 46181 Joy, Canton, MI, 48187.

Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 2002 Plymouth-Canton Mudcats, a boys 13-and-under travel baseball team that's associated with the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association, will be from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Bird Elementary in Plymouth.

The Mudcats will play approximately 40 games in the Washtenaw Amateur Baseball Association. For additional information, call Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

Roller skating

Learn to skate classes for children and adults at Skatin' Station II in Canton. Cost is \$30 for six Saturday classes, from 11:15 a.m.-noon, starting Feb. 16 and April 11. Call (734) 459-6401 or visit their web site at www.skatinstation2.com.

Roller hockey leagues for all ages are now forming at Skatin' Station II in Canton. The 10-week league features one game a week. Cost is \$120 per player, which includes shirts for championship team, a game jersey, referee fees and hockey stats, rosters, schedules and championship pictures posted on the web. Call (734) 459-6401 for details.

Be-My-Valentine all-night skate, starting at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 and lasting until 7 a.m. Feb. 10, is open to all ages. Admission is \$20 per person and includes dinner and breakfast. Don't miss the marriage license contest — get married the most and win a trip to the movies for you and a friend. Call (734) 459-6401 for information.

School's out for mid-winter break skating — 1-4 p.m. Feb. 11-15 and Feb. 18-22. Admission is \$4.75 per person. Call (734) 459-6401.

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.

Depth of talent carries Whalers

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Balance — that's what separates this season's Plymouth Whalers' team from its predecessors. At least that's what coach/general manager Mike Vellucci hopes to achieve, or improve upon, in the last 20 games of the regular season.

On Saturday, they took a major step down that road when they defeated one of the top teams in the Ontario Hockey League, the Belleville Bulls, 4-3 in front of a capacity crowd of 3,869 at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Winning is nothing new to the Whalers. Not hardly. They own the OHL's best record at 31-7-8-2 (72 points); Belleville, which lost at Windsor Sunday, is second in the East Division with a 26-20-2-1 record

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(55 points).

The question now is, how do the Whalers survive the OHL playoffs and reach the Memorial Cup, a prize that has eluded them?

Vellucci, who replaced Pete DeBoer as the team's GM/coach (DeBoer is now coaching the Kitchener Rangers, whom the Whalers visit Sunday), believes a reliance on just a couple of players is not the secret to a team's success.

And a reliance on offense is usually a recipe for disaster.

These tenets are nothing new for the Whalers. But with so many key players lost to the NHL in the last

couple of years — David Legwand, Justin Williams, Robert Esche, Paul Mara and Harold Druken are current NHLers who played for Plymouth in the past four years — reloading is not always easy.

But the Whalers have done it, and they've done it by making their defense the most imposing in the OHL, which was clearly evident in Saturday's win over the league's most potent offense.

"Our defense is the best in the league," said Vellucci. "(Jason) Bacashihua has done all we asked of him (in goal).

"I told the guys before the game, 'Defense is going to win this.' We're trying to teach them that good defense leads to good offense."

Many of the Whalers also needed to know they

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Chiefs hold off Raiders, 57-55

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BASKETBALL

Seems clear to me: The next Western Lakes Activities Association basketball game Plymouth Canton's team is involved in, the Chiefs better bring some shovels. They'll need 'em to keep digging out of the holes they find themselves in.

On Tuesday at home against North Farmington, it seemed Canton would allow the Raiders to escape with the victory, spotting them a 10-point lead in the first quarter and again in the third quarter, and an eight-point cushion with less than three minutes left in the game.

The Chiefs managed to overcome them all, however, and escape with a 57-55 triumph.

The win evened their record at 6-6 overall, 3-3 in the WLAA. North is 5-7 overall, 2-4 in the conference.

"We needed to win one of these tight ones," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "It was our turn, and now, we're just getting started. We lost in overtime to Salem and we lost to (Walled Lake) Western after coming all the way back."

This was hardly a game of blemish-free basketball. Both teams made enough mistakes to warrant a loss.

"Am I super happy with the way we handled their zone?" Rheault asked rhetorically. "Not really. Am I happy with the way we handled their pressure? Not really."

"But we fought back. We showed a lot of character."

Certainly there was a good deal of never-say-die attitude circulating. Canton trailed 30-25 at the half and immediately dug its hole deeper, allowing the Raiders to put together a 7-2 run to start the third quarter.

Down 37-27 with 5:25 left, the Chiefs started one of their comebacks. Over the next five minutes, they outscored North 14-0 before the Raiders' Jason Neal nailed a three-pointer with 28 seconds left in the third to narrow Canton's lead to 41-40 entering the final period.

Again the Chiefs dug themselves a hole, North outscoring them 13-4 in a span of 5:15 to build a 53-45 advantage with 2:40 to play. But the Raiders were in a giving mood as well; they allowed Canton to score seven points in a 40-second span, fueling it

with an offensive foul and two turnovers.

Brendan Murphy's basket with 1:29 left pulled the Chiefs to within 53-52 with 1:29 left. Mike Leach made 1-of-2 free throws with 1:13 to go — North had trouble in the fourth quarter at the line, making just 5-of-9 — to make it a two-point game, but Canton's Kyle Lasko eliminated that with a layup with :44 remaining.

The Raiders regained the lead when Neal made 1-of-2 free throws with :35 left, but it wasn't enough: Andrew Meagrow took a pass against the North pressure and put it in, getting fouled in the act. He nailed the free throw and, with 23.1 seconds left, Canton led 57-55.

The Raiders still had a chance, working the clock for one final good shot, but Billy Gazsi ruined that, intercepting a pass for the Chiefs to insure the victory.

"Our pressure created a lot of things for us," said Rheault. It certainly helped get some points on the board for the Chiefs, who were led by Jason Priebe and Meagrow with 17 points apiece. Priebe nailed five three-pointers in the game.

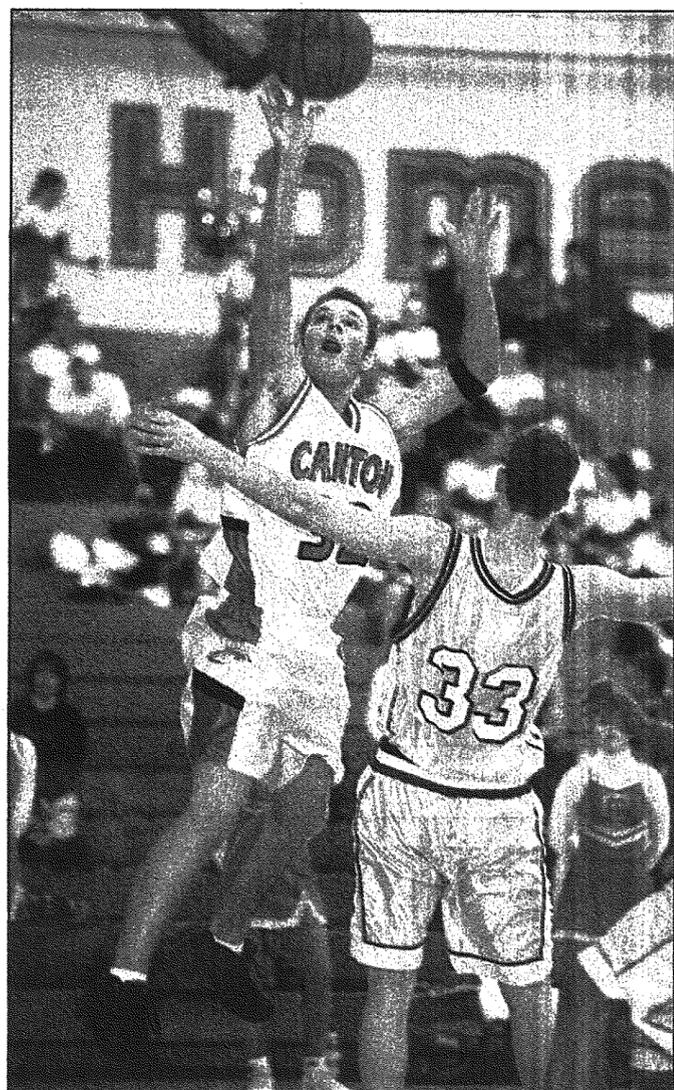
The Raiders were paced by Leach with 14 points and Neal with 12.

Salem 59, Churchill 47: Last Friday's overtime loss to an underwhelming Walled Lake Central team was as much as Plymouth Salem cared to experience in the WLAA.

On Tuesday at Livonia Churchill, the Rocks led wire-to-wire, never allowing the Chargers to get closer than five points in the second half in improving their record to 5-1 in the conference, 7-5 overall. Churchill slipped to 4-8 overall, 1-5 in the WLAA.

"We shared the ball real well," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "I'm happy with the way we shared it. I'm happy with the way we played as a team."

Salem led 25-19 at halftime, improving that to 46-35 after three quarters. Four Rocks did the bulk of the scoring: Pat Abraham netted 15 points, David Hoskins scored 14, Stevland Davis had 10 and Brady Pastalaniec finished with nine.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

To the basket: Canton's Kyle Lasko takes the ball to the hoop for a basket, and all of them counted in the Chiefs' two-point victory.

Shaun Foster topped Churchill with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Kevin Zielinski added eight points.

On Friday, the Rocks visit Westland John Glenn in a battle between two of the league's frontrunners.

Redford CC 50, U-D Jesuit 48: Redford Catholic Central hung on for the victory Tuesday, overcoming a 31-point, 14-rebound performance by University of Detroit Jesuit's 6-foot-4 senior forward Joel Wood.

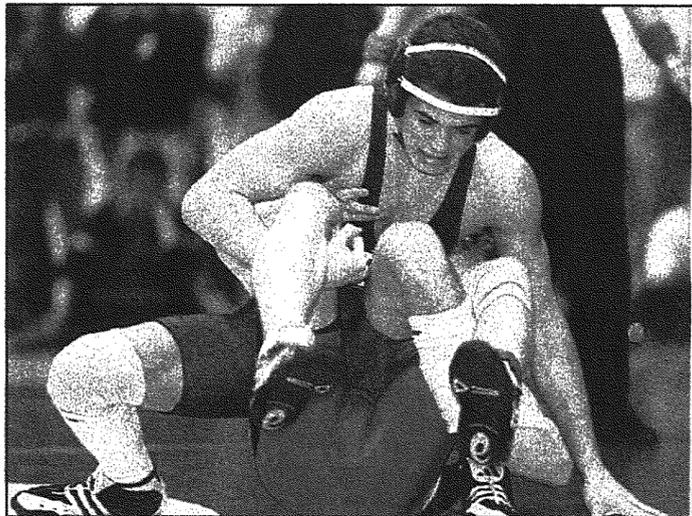
CC is 9-3 overall and 4-2 in the Catholic League's Central Division. The Cubs fall to 9-4 and 3-3.

Senior forward Ryan Clark paced the Shamrocks with 14 points, while senior forward Tom Jakacki added 13 and made a key block with just over four seconds remaining in regulation.

U-D Jesuit, rebounding the ball underneath its own basket, failed to convert a last-second attempt.

CC outscored the Cubs 33-27 in the second half.

Salem takes 3rd at Observerland tournament



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Reigning power: Salem's Mike Goethe (on top) was proclaimed one of two tournament MVPs after winning the 125-pound division with an 8-4 decision over Churchill's Brian Clement.

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The 11th Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament featured one of the closest team competitions in the history of the event Saturday.

And it was pre-meet favorite Redford Catholic Central that emerged victorious, winning the title for a record fifth time at Livonia Churchill High School.

The Shamrocks, who have won it three of the last four years, reclaimed the championship from Plymouth Canton with 220 1/2 points.

Westland John Glenn had its best-ever finish and was the runner-up with 210; Plymouth Salem, which also received a trophy, was a close third at 206.

"It was a lot harder (to win) than in past years," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "That goes to show the competition is getting tougher."

"Teams aren't staying in their own backyard; they're going out of the area to find tougher competition. The young men in our area will do well at state because of it."

A good many of those wrestlers are

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Shamrocks, who had four individual champions and three other finalists Saturday.

CC winners included Matt Steintrager (103), Nate Rodriguez (140), Trevor Stewart (145) and Ryan Rogowski (189) while Matt Koziara (112), Chris Cracchiolo (171) and Blaine Naysmith (215) finished second.

"We've got young men who like to work hard and, in this day and age, that's difficult to find," Mike Rodriguez said. "They know when they (go to CC) they have to work. They can't just put on a suit and be on the team."

Salem had the tournament's two most valuable wrestlers, however. Mike Goethe was named MVW for the lower weights (103-140) and Tony Kennard the upper weights (145-275).

Goethe won the 125-pound title while Kennard lost a controversial, 5-4 decision to Stewart in the championship bout at 145. The awards are determined by a vote of the coaches.

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Big 2nd half lifts Madonna

It was a game for a half. Then Madonna University's women's basketball team got angry.

Trailing Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference foe Siena Heights 37-34 at the half did not sit well with the Lady Crusaders, and they showed it in the second half, blistering the Saints for 50 points in rolling to an 84-61 triumph in Adrian.

Madonna improved to 17-6 overall, 8-1 (first place) in the WHAC. Siena Heights is 5-19 overall, 2-7 in the conference.

With 7:02 left in the first half, the Saints had a 10-point lead (30-20), but the Crusaders rebounded, thanks to a pair of three-pointers by Kathy Panganis and four points from Tera Morrill (from Westland/Livonia Franklin).

The Saints still had a 51-47 advantage with 14:27 remaining

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in the game before Madonna rebounded, outscoring them by 20 points the rest of the way, with Mahogany Fletcher (from Farmington Harrison) accounting for 11 points in the stretch run.

Five players reached double figures in scoring for the Crusaders, led by Nikki Blaszak with 18 points. She also had seven rebounds and four steals.

Panganis contributed 16 points, six assists and four steals; Fletcher finished with 13 points, five assists and two steals; Carissa Gizicki totaled 10 points, five assists, seven rebounds and two steals; and Morrill had 10 points.

Amanda Lafontaine's 21 points

paced Siena Heights. Kim Gullekson added 18.

Last Saturday, Madonna's superior firepower wreaked havoc at Spring Arbor. Four Crusaders reached double figures in scoring as they posted a 72-65 triumph.

Spring Arbor fell to 11-10 overall, 5-3 in the conference.

Fletcher led the Crusaders with 19 points; she also had seven rebounds and three steals. Three others, however, reached double-figures in scoring: Courtney Rehbine with 12 points (and eight boards, three steals and two blocks); and Blaszak and Panganis with 11 points apiece.

The Lady Cougars got 21 points from Shanna DeBose and 18 from Portia Reilly.

Madonna, which outrebounded Spring Arbor 49-40, led 38-33 at the half.

Ocelots win easily

Schoolcraft College outscored host Alpena CC 41-16 in the first half, which was more than enough to decide this game — a 73-40 victory for the Lady Ocelots, who improved to 7-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference (14-4 overall).

Alpena CC is 2-15 overall, 0-6 in the conference.

Five Ocelots reached double figures in scoring, led by Devin Francois with 12 points, 11 rebounds, six assists and three steals. Rachel Eley had 10 points, four assists and seven steals; Keysa Hamilton had 10 points; and Kera Hill totaled 10 points, seven assists and five steals.

Jennifer Tapio and Marissa Fenner each scored nine for the Lumberjacks.

Plymouth Canton gymnasts get a split

GYMNASTICS

Plymouth Canton's gymnasts got in some good competitive work last week, beating Napoleon 129.3-121.1 on Thursday and then losing to WLAA rival Northville/Novi 139.90-129.25 Monday at Canton.

Despite the loss to the defending state champs Monday, the Chiefs posted some solid scores. Audra Ahern placed fourth in the all-around with a 32.6, finishing fifth in both the floor exercise (8.55) and balance beam (8.3). Jessi Bates was fifth in the all-around with a 32.10; she was fourth in the uneven parallel bars (8.1) and tied for sixth in the balance beam (8.1).

The Chiefs other exceptional performance came from Jill Rakovitis, who scored 31.10 in the all-around and was fifth in the vault (8.3) and tied for

sixth in the beam (8.3).

Last Thursday, Canton had the top two all-arounders in earning the win over Napoleon.

Rakovitis scored a 32.6 in the all-around, winning the bars (8.25), placing fifth on both the beam and floor (7.9), and taking sixth in the vault (7.85). Brigid Fitzgerald had an all-around mark of 32.10, taking second in beam (8.5) and fourth in both floor (8.15) and vault (8.05).

Other solid performances came from Laura Hamilton, second in the vault (8.25) and bars (8.0); Bates, first in beam (8.65) and third in vault (8.1); and Lauren Foley, second in floor (8.55).

Finding water in winter not so easy

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

As the temperatures decline, the inability of animals to find open water for drinking increases.

Water is an absolute essential for living things at all times of the year. Animals must obtain

water no matter what form it is in.

Liquid water is at least warmer than 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Snow is frozen water so it must be colder than freezing.

Ice takes a lot of energy to melt into a liquid, plus, once swallowed it cools the inside of an animal's body. Extreme cooling from the inside can cause hypothermia.

Animals in far northern climates, where all water is frozen, are able to obtain water from melting ice, or from eating snow.

These animals must be adapted to tolerate such internal cooling. It was either adapt or die because of a lack of water.

In southeastern Michigan, animals avoid water freezing in their body cells by concentrating more salts and compounds inside. By concentrating more compounds in the water, the freezing point drops. We do the same thing with anti-freeze in the radiator of our car.

Sugar is often one of those compounds added to water to reduce the freezing point.

That explains why my injured red maple in the backyard was seeping sap the other day. Sugar maple sap is about 3-5 percent sugar, red maple sap concentration is probably just a little less. It's still enough to keep the sap from freezing.

Fortunately for the squirrels in my back yard, this seep also serves as a source of high energy water.

I have watched both fox and red squirrels clinging upside down next to the seep and lick-

ing the sweet liquid. Not only are they getting the needed water, they are also getting energy from the sugar.

Licking sap from a natural seep is not unusual activity for squirrels, but creating seeps intentionally is not unheard of either.

Observers in the northeast have watched red squirrels develop a sap line. Something like trappers developing a trap line.

Red squirrels were observed gnawing an opening in branches of maple trees to induce sap to flow. They did not lick the sap immediately, instead, they waited a couple days to allow the wind and sun to evaporate the water causing sugar to concentrate in the remaining ice.

Then, they would follow the same route and enjoy the sugar from the sap wells they created.

I feel this is the way native Americans learned about the sweetness of sap and that concentrating it made it even sweeter and more appealing.

There is something about sugar and sweets that is appealing to most humans and to many animals.

Think about the animals that rely almost exclusively on sugar water, or nectar. The development of sweet nectar has attracted many animals to its source.

Hummingbirds eat some insects for protein, but the bulk of their diet is nectar from flowers. Honey bees do eat some pollen, but nectar is the mainstay of their diet.

Butterflies, moths, sunbirds, some beetles, and many other animals rely on the energy of sugar from the nectar.

If you don't have a source of water for birds at your feeding station, you can purchase a safe heater that runs on a thermostat to keep water available for them.

Do not put sugar in the water. Warm sugar water can allow bad things to grow in the water. Let the birds get their sugar water from the sap of trees where they have been getting it for thousands of years.

Chiefs stop Spartans; Salem rolls over Glenn

VOLLEYBALL

Plymouth Canton came away with a 15-8, 15-12 road win at host Livonia Stevenson Monday in a Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball match.

"Serve reception beat us," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham, whose team is 9-12-2 overall and 1-4 in the WLAA. "We couldn't get our offense running."

Sophomore Lisa Montgomery had six kills to lead the Spartans, while Ami Perreault and Ashley Janaulis added three each. Clarissa Schick had two kills.

Setters Laura Flaughter and Mindy Magoulick combined for 21 assists. Alicia Davis and Ashley Aja each had five digs.

Jenny Crudele led Canton (10-12-4 overall, 3-3 in the WLAA) with eight kills and 12 digs. Kelly Baker added six kills and nine digs.

Salem topples Glenn

Setter Kelly Jaskot had 24 assists and served two aces Mon-

day to lead host Plymouth Salem to a 15-6, 15-8 WLAA victory over visiting Westland John Glenn.

Salem is 26-3 overall and 6-0 in the Western Lakes. Glenn falls to 3-2 in the WLAA.

Katie Good was Salem's top attacker with 12 kills, while MaryLou Liebau added nine kills with a team-best .409 hitting percentage. Nicole Genrich had 12 digs.

Last Thursday, the Rocks had no trouble disposing of WLAA foe Northville, 15-4, 15-2 at Northville.

Jaskot had six aces and 11 digs for Salem, while Good contributed nine kills and a .429 kill percentage. Maggie Jones had a .545 kill average, Jordan Falcusan finished with 23 set assists, and Genrich had three blocks.

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Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 230.60
Ken Stafford (Stevenson) 209.15
Tyler Flood (Redford CC) 195.70
Ron Hoppe (Redford Union) 181.85
Brad Sokolowski (Salem) 176.20
Kyle Mullen (Redford Union) 159.55
Kevin Cafarelli (Canton) 158.75
Steve Kilijanczyk (Canton) 155.70
Nick Karr (Churchill) 151.25
Adam Murowski (Salem) 146.20

100-YARD BUTTERFLY
(state cuts - A: 55.49; B: 58.99)
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 52.24
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 52.63
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 53.52
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 54.31
Yuhei Uno (Canton) 56.43
Rob Cyrek (Redford CC) 57.31
Brad Baron (Churchill) 57.62
Justin Gold (John Glenn) 57.83
M. Bachrouche (N. Farmington) 58.76

Andy Grant (Churchill) 59.00

100-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts - A: 49.49; B: 51.99)
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 48.75
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 48.86
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 49.43
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 49.70
Joe Le (Canton) 50.12
Mike Johnson (Salem) 50.14
Rob Cyrek (Redford CC) 50.83
Brad Nilson (Canton) 51.06
Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 51.38
Zach Fellrath (Redford CC) 51.75

500-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts - A: 4:58.99; B: 5:17.59)
Nick Dixon (Salem) 5:05.23
Paul Haapaniemi (Farm. Unified) 5:10.55
Tim Ryan (Redford CC) 5:14.48
Jason Bank (N. Farmington) 5:14.60
Andy Grant (Churchill) 5:15.01
Jeff Mataya (N. Farmington) 5:15.80
Ryan Ahern (Canton) 5:16.99
Sermet Alver (N. Farmington) 5:18.30
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:18.43

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cuts - A: 1:31.99; B: 1:37.49)
Redford Catholic Central 1:22.97
Plymouth Canton 1:30.93
Plymouth Salem 1:32.02
Livonia Churchill 1:38.03
Farmington-Harrison 1:38.29

100-YARD BACKSTROKE
(state cuts - A: 56.59; B: 1:00.59)
Eric Lynn (Salem) 53.85
Zach Fellrath (Redford CC) 55.33
Brad Nilson (Canton) 56.29
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 57.79
Brian Clayton (N. Farmington) 58.91
Kyle Chamberlin (Farm. Unified) 1:00.00
Chris Webber (Wayne) 1:00.15
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:00.53
John Faraoni (Canton) 1:01.59
Ryan Ahern (Canton) 1:02.22

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE
(state cuts - A: 1:02.99; B: 1:07.59)
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:04.47
Matt Newman (N. Farmington) 1:05.72
Matt Showalter (Salem) 1:06.18
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 1:06.36
Rob Cyrek (Redford CC) 1:06.67
Dennis Speck (Canton) 1:06.80
Josh Raub (Wayne) 1:07.05
Brian Clayton (N. Farmington) 1:07.44
Jeff Andonian (Redford CC) 1:07.92
Andrew Drennen (Wayne) 1:08.41

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cuts - A: 3:23.99; B: 3:36.99)
Redford Catholic Central 3:16.57
Plymouth Canton 3:20.22
Plymouth Canton 3:21.85
North Farmington 3:29.87
Wayne Memorial 3:34.176

WRESTLING RESULTS

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Team standings: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 220.5; 2. Westland John Glenn, 210; 3. Plymouth Salem, 206; 4. Livonia Churchill, 160.5; 5. Plymouth Canton, 144.5; 6. Wayne Memorial, 124; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 101; 8. Redford Union, 82; 9. Lutheran Westland, 68; 10. Garden City, 51.5; 11. Livonia Clarenceville, 51; 12. Livonia Franklin, 49.5; 13. North Farmington, 49; 14. Redford Thurston, 47.5; 15. Farmington, 43; 16. Farmington Harrison, 6.

275 pounds: 1. Jason LeDuc (RU) major decision over Nick Renton (WM), 28-17; 3. Tony Martinez (LF), major dec. over Patrick Clark (CC), 11-1; 5. Jeremy Walker (PS) overtime criteria dec. over Mike Robinson (LS).

103: 1. Matt Steintrager (CC) dec. Nick Naber (JG), 11-7; 3. Steve Hogg (PC) dec. Bryan Mervyn, 11-5; 5. Dan McAuiliffe (LS) dec. Dan Marsh (WM), 7-3.

112: 1. Ramis Bajrami (NF) won by decision over Matt Kozlarski (CC).

119: 1. Kefentse Mandisa (JG) dec. Peter Bobee (PS), 11-6; 3. Craig LeBaron (RT) technical fall over Nader Al-Mooshi (Clarenceville), 5:55; 5. Danny Clement (LC) dec. Brian Hoffmann (LS), 8-4.

125: 1. Mike Goethe (PS) dec. Brian Clement (LC), 8-4; 3. Shawn Parker (JG) dec. Jon Schwartz (F), 8-1; 5. Dustin Armer (PC) dec. Ray Stratros (LF), 11-7.

130: 1. Jason Fischer (LS) dec. Rece Cox (JG), 8-6 in overtime; 3. Tim Hammer (WM) dec. Steve Lenhardt (LC), 8-6; 5. Brandon Sammut (PS) dec. John Gourlay (RU), 3-2.

135: 1. Phil Perry (JG) dec. Nathan Dillard (PS), 5-2; 3.

Rich Russell (GC) dec. Richard Wentworth (CC), 9-7; 5. Derek Robinson (PC) tech. fall over Pete Daniels (LW), 2:35.

140: 1. Nate Rodriguez (CC) major dec. over Lev Merigan (LC), 11-2; 3. Chris Hoesy (PC) dec. John Dobbins (WM), 8-1; 5. Dan Baseley (LW) injury default over Sean O'Halloran (LS).

145: Trevor Stewart (CC) dec. Tony Kennard (PS), 5-4; 3. Greg Musser (PC) dec. Daron Cruickshank (JG), 6-5; 5. Jeremy Sparks (GC) pinned Dan Gaffke (LC), 4-34.

152: 1. Bryan Marsh (WM) major dec. over Matt Radley (LS), 8-0; 3. Scott Schwarlose (CC) major dec. over Brad Gregory (JG), 10-2; 5. Adam Schaefer (PS) dec. Mike Siegrist (PC), 6-2.

160: 1. Steve Wallace (WM) major dec. over Nick Wroblewski (JG), 12-0; 3. Brian Jones (LC) pinned Dan Haller (LW), 4:08; 5. Craig Blair (PS) major dec. over Darlo Malinella (LS), 12-4.

171: 1. Jay Abshire (LC) dec. Chris Cracchiolo (CC), 3-1 in overtime; 3. Jack Seres (JG) major dec. over Jake Bongoro (RU), 17-6; 5. Chris Hansen (PS) pinned Ryan Bierschbach (Clarenceville), 2:35.

189: 1. Ryan Rogowski (CC) major dec. over Alex Murray (LC), 14-5; 3. Shahein Rajae (PC) dec. Josh Harrington (RT), 8-6; 5. Ryan Smith (Clarenceville) major dec. over Neal Kemp (LW), 13-3.

215: 1. Phil Rothwell (PC) dec. Blaic Naysmith (CC), 3-2; 3. Zack Jensen (PS) dec. R.J. Ramsey (WM), 4-3; 5. Tonio Schembri (JG) major dec. over Eric Shapiro (NF), 19-6.

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"You never know what's going through their heads," Rodriguez said. "Whether it's (Salem coach Greg Woochuk's) kid or my kid, it's kinda degrading. You have to win to be the MVP."

Kennard rallied in the third period to gain a one-point lead over Stewart with a nearfall.

With little time remaining, Kennard was in the up position for a restart. The referee assessed a penalty point when he cautioned Kennard a third time for assuming an illegal stance.

That created a tie score, and Stewart escaped moments later to win the bout by a point, which brought a cascade of boos from the spectators in protest of the referee's decision to award the penalty point.

"That's all part of the sport; everybody paid their money and are entitled to an opinion," Rodriguez said.

"It's not helping Kennard. It doesn't soothe (the pain of losing). He'll have a pain in his heart til he meets him again, and I'm sure we'll have that opportunity."

Kennard did handle the defeat and disappointment in a mature manner, according to Woochuk.

"Those things happen in life, and Tony handled it way beyond his years," he said. "He's a class act. That was pretty evident when he came off the mat."

"Most kids would have been throwing their head gear and had their heads down. He had his head up and walked off the mat."

"(The officials) have control out there. Sometimes they wield their power in unreasonable ways. It's his right to caution the kid out, I guess."

"That's all part of growing up, too. Tony is able to take that and understand. It doesn't make me any less of a person or a wrestler."

As did Stewart at 145, Goethe upheld his No. 1 ranking in the area, winning by pin and major decision before defeating Livonia Churchill's Brian Clement in the final, 8-4.

"He's right on course on what he's been doing all year long," Woochuk said. "Tony, too. Tony has been the MVP in four tournaments. They're working up to their potential."

Glenn figured to be CC's closest competition and was in the overall tally. The Rockets had a pair of champions - Kefentse

Mandisa (119) and Phil Perry (135) - and three runners-up.

"I think we did a pretty nice job," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "I think we had a legitimate chance at winning the tournament, but we had a couple let-downs throughout the day that kinda put a damper on our plans. But we finished off pretty strong."

"We expected (Mandisa and Perry) to win it, not easily, but both did their jobs. A couple of the runners-ups, we feel, should have won the tournament."

"But they had some pretty tough competition, and those (other) guys showed they're not going to sit back and let them win it. It's good to see competition like that; it keeps you working hard."

CC's Steintrager won the 103 title by decision over Glenn's Nick Naber, avenging an earlier loss while handing Naber only his second defeat in 27 bouts. Naber was rated No. 1 in the area, Steintrager No. 2.

"He kinda sparkplugged us," Rodriguez said of Steintrager. "He started off winning and set the tone for the rest of the guys."

"(Nate Rodriguez) is starting to show his takedown ability.

When he gets on the mats, you know things are going to happen."

Rogowski competed in only his second tournament and won his first title after a late start following football and minor surgery.

"Ryan is just starting to come around," Rodriguez said. "He's just starting to get his legs. He works very hard and it's just a matter of time."

Canton's Phil Rothwell defended his 215 crown. Rogowski and Livonia Churchill's Jay Abshire were the only other repeat winners among eight hopefuls.

Abshire, who won the 145

championship while wrestling for CC last year, transferred to Churchill and just became eligible last week.

He defeated former CC teammate Chris Cracchiolo in the 171 final, scoring a takedown with 26 seconds left in overtime and gaining control just as the two were going off the mat.

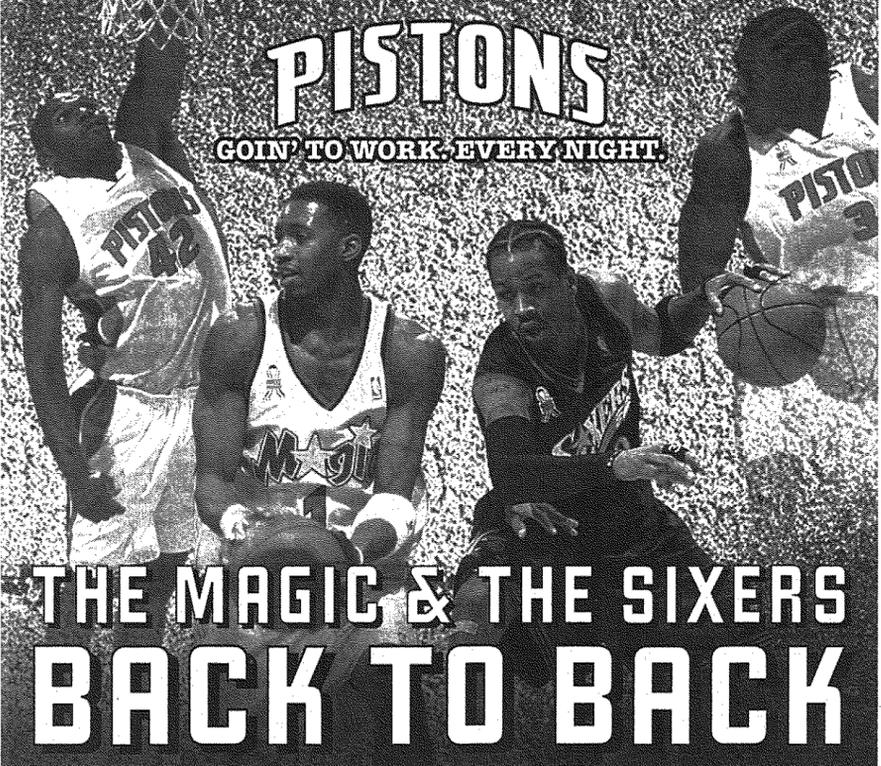
Salem also had three runners-up but was missing a couple wrestlers due to injury. Woochuk was still pleased to see the Rocks finish as well as they did.

"You can always whine and complain that you should've had a couple more kids in there," Woochuk said, "but that's woul-

da, coulda, shoulda. It doesn't get you any place. The same thing happened at Wyandotte; we were second there."

"The kids are pretty happy with what they've been doing. We're pretty happy as coaches, also."

The other champions were Redford Union's Jason LeDuc (275), North Farmington's Ramis Bajrami (112), Livonia Stevenson's Jason Fischer (130) and Wayne Memorial's Bryan Marsh (152) and Steve Wallace (160).



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Crusaders playing tough

Three players expected to be mainstays in Madonna University's backcourt are gone. Still, the Crusaders remain in the hunt; they lost twice in a three-day span by a total of five points.

In a non-league game against St. Mary's College Monday, Madonna lost its shooting touch in the second half and was edged by the Eagles 84-81 at Madonna. The Crusaders led 46-45 at the half but converted just 12-of-37 floor shots in the second half (32.4 percent), while St. Mary's made 13-of-30 (43.3 percent). The Eagles also had a 52-45

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and eight rebounds from Mike Matthews. Madonna fell to 6-18 overall. St. Mary's is 13-13. On Saturday at Spring Arbor, the Crusaders allowed a 13-point halftime lead get away from them, and again it was poor second-half shooting that cost them. After making 16-of-28 in the first half (57.1 percent), they shot 9-of-26 in the second (34.6 percent). Emehiser again paced Madonna with 22 points and

advantage in rebounding. Noel Emehiser led Madonna with 21 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks. Tony Jancevski (from Plymouth Salem) had 19 points, eight boards, three steals and two blocks, and John Bennett (Livonia Churchill) finished with 13 points.

St. Mary's got 35 points and 15 rebounds from Mike Davis, 21 points and nine boards from Lamon Mathison and 18 points

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were good enough to win the games, even with some of their best teammates out of the lineup. Stephen Weiss, regarded as one of the OHL's best forwards, was suspended during Friday's win over Peterborough for an alleged spearing incident (if, and how long, his suspension will be has yet to be determined by OHL officials).

Then midway through Saturday's game, Cole Jarrett — Plymouth's top defenseman — received a match penalty for an altercation, which could lead to a suspension, too.

Even with two of their top players out of the lineup, the Whalers prevailed. "Last year, they thought that with Weiss out they didn't have a chance," said Vellucci. "This year they believe."

It didn't take long for the offense to emerge against Belleville. The Whalers' Jonas Fiedler reached the puck as it sat just outside the reach of Bulls' goalie Michael Mole and, on their first rush into Belleville's end, Fiedler stuffed

the puck in for 1-0 lead :55 into the game. Karl Stewart and John Mitchell assisted.

The Bulls retaliated, however. Nathan Robinson was allowed to circle from behind Plymouth's net back in front, from where he slammed a shot past Bacashihua to tie it at 1-all with 7:38 left in the first period. Jason Spezza, one of the top picks in the NHL Entry Draft last year who was acquired in a trade with Windsor, gave the Bulls a 2-1 lead with a power-play goal with 1:17 left in the first.

At one point, the Whalers were outshooting Belleville 14-5 in the first period, but they couldn't outscore them.

In the second period, Plymouth drew even with a power-play goal by Chad LaRose 3:41 into the period (assisted by Stewart and Jarrett), fell behind 3-2 51 seconds later on a goal by Belleville's Adam Paiement, then tied it again on LaRose's short-handed goal with 6:51 left in the period.

The game-winner came from Damian Surma with 6:56

remaining in the final period on a play Vellucci couldn't have designed any better. The Whalers forced a turnover at center ice, with LaRose getting the puck to Greg Campbell and Campbell sending it back to Surma, who steadied it before firing a shot from the slot past Mole.

The Whalers' defense continued to reign supreme after that, limiting the Bulls to four shots on goal in the third period.

As good as they looked, however, Vellucci wasn't entirely satisfied with his team. "We're winning games, but we're not staying in focus for the whole game," he noted. "Of course, it seems we haven't had our whole lineup in yet. And our power play isn't where I'd like it to be (ranked 12th out of 20 teams)."

So there are things to work on. And if the Whalers do improve even more, then the OHL playoffs could reap what has eluded them the past two years — a title.

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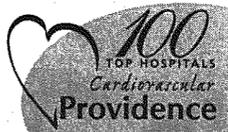
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rods, reels, downriggers, electronics, lures and tackles, as well as a concourse jammed with manufacturers' displays, rod-builders, specialty tackle makers, state travel bureaus and more.

There'll be seminars and clinics each day, from Fishing 101 to classes on bass, walleye and salmon/steelhead; free fly-casting lessons; Michigan B.A.S.S. Federated Club's "Casting Kids Competition"; "Ten Tips for

Teaching a Kid to Fish", by syndicated radio host Dan Armitage.

Other things to see and do include Twigg, the water-skiing squirrel; ride the Para-Bounce to the top of the Silverdome; tackle the Rock Climbing Wall; test your skills on the Virtual Fishing Simulator; catch a live rainbow trout from the trout pond; or learn how to find a "mother lode of morrels" from Mr. Mushroom, Larry Lonik.

Cost is \$7.50 for adults, \$3.50 for kids 6-14 years. Kids five-and-under are admitted free. Participating Speedway locations have \$1-off coupons, and participating Elias Brothers restaurants have \$1.50-off coupons. These coupons are redeemable Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Basketball tourney

Tournaments USA will host

boys and girls basketball tournaments in February and March. Registration fee for all tournaments is \$225 per team.

Tournament dates: President's Classic, Feb. 22-24, in Allen Park and Dearborn, for 12, 13 and 14 year-old boys and girls teams; Great Lakes Spring, March 1-3 in Allen Park and Dearborn, for 11, 12, 13 and 14 year-old boys and girls teams; Billy Joe Young Classic, March

8-10 in Garden City, for 12, 13 and 14 year-old boys and girls teams.

Deadline to register is two weeks prior to the tournament. To register or for more information, call Tournaments USA at (734) 522-8872.

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.

Prize money is available at bowling centers

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

There's a hot time in old Plymouth town on Wednesday nights at Plaza Lanes. Each week after the regular scheduled league finishes, they set up for a two-game "Sweeper."

This is individual scratch play competition which pays out around \$700 or more for first place. The top finishers in the two games then go on to single match play eliminations to decide the order of finish.

Last week there were over 60 entrants. And with added prize money, first place paid \$1,000.

This is just the place to go after you have had some of Aleta and Michelle's digital coach program.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association announces the senior five-man team handicap tournament coming soon for bowlers 55 and up.

This year's 36th annual Karl Schmuck Memorial senior division tournament is dedicated to bowling's elder statesman, Jarvis Woehke.

First place is \$1,000, with \$500 for second, and on down.

Prize fee is returned 100 percent, while the entry is only \$15 per person.

Reservations close Friday, Jan. 25, with entries closing Friday, Feb. 1.

The event will be Saturdays, Feb. 9 and 1. Squad action starts at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Shorecrest Lanes, located on Harper at Nine Mile Road in St. Clair Shores.

Entry forms are on the counters at most bowling centers, or call (586) 773-6350 for more information.

The latest figures from Greater Detroit Bowling Association revealed there were at total of 1,518 perfect (300) games in the last year (2000-2001). And based on the current data, there is a slight drop-off so far this season.

So far, there have been at total of 339 800 series in the GDBA this season.

These figures were among those passed along during the

association's semi-annual meeting held recently at Renaissance Bowl in Detroit.

Hats off to GDBA president Marvin Dooley for the great job he is doing in his term in office.

A new local TV bowling show will kick-off Saturday Feb. 2 and run through April 20 with WJR's Tom Mazawey narrating.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Bonanza and will be aired by WPXD (PAX Network), which is on all cable systems.

The format for the show is a two-ball match with prizes awarded for strikes or spares.

The producers of the show include Mazawey, Mark Martin and Jerry Harris of Novi Bowl, and Drakeshire Lanes plan to promote more bowling in the Detroit area by involving other bowling centers.

Watch the TV guide for exact times coming up on Saturdays.

Tom Shively of Redford captured every jackpot across the board last week in the Wonderland Classic League at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia.

He also scored the highest three-game series ever in this highly regarded league.

Rolling games of 299-277-290, Shively amassed an amazing 866 for the three games.

This is also the highest series by anyone at Wonderland Lanes in its 45-year existence, according to proprietor Ken Bashara.

Tom also had a 300 game earlier this season, but has never yet bowled a perfect game in any of the 800 series which he has recorded.

League secretary Bob Mertz describes Tom's delivery as very smooth and precise, similar to the late great Ears Anthony.

Shively, a tool and die maker by trade, rolled 32 strikes out of a possible 36 in achieving his 866 score.

Crusaders from page D5

eight rebounds. Jancevski had 15 points and eight boards. Spring Arbor, which improved to 16-8 overall and 5-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, was led by Rob Salisbury with 20 points, Jesse Whintly with 13 (and 10 rebounds), and Ryan Carroll and Ryan Walter with 10 apiece. The loss left Madonna at 3-5

in the WHAC.

Ocelots at 20-0

Five players reached double-figures in scoring. Five others got on the scoreboard. Which added up to one thing — far too much for host Alpena CC to handle.

Which is why Schoolcraft College ran its record to 20-0 with a

110-52 victory over their Eastern Conference foe Saturday in Alpena.

Mike Williams did most of the damage for SC, collecting 26 points, 10 rebounds, six steals, four assists and three blocks in 27 minutes. Ronald Dorsey contributed 18 points, including four three-pointers; and Javon

Clark, Yaku Morton-Spruill (from Westland John Glenn) and Delvar Barrett netted 14 points apiece.

The Ocelots improved to 7-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Alpena CC is 2-4 in the conference, 10-10 overall.

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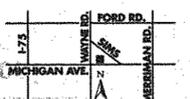
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HOME IMPROVEMENT

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents the Novi Home Improvement Show, Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 3, at the Novi Expo Center, Novi Road at I-96.

Hundreds of exhibitors are expected. Hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$7 adults, \$6 senior citizens. No charge for children 12 and under. On-site parking is available for an additional fee.

For information, call (248) 862-1019.

MARKETING CLASS

The Property Management Council of the Apartment Association of Michigan offers a class, "Competitive Advantage Marketing," 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Feb. 1, at the BIA offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

The cost, which includes continental breakfast, is \$75 for property management council members, \$85 for apartment association or BIA members and \$95 for nonmembers.

To register, call (248) 862-1004.

BUILD HOME CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education sponsor a 16-hour class, "How to Build Your Own Home," 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 4-13, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Topics include buying property, estimating costs, financing, building codes/permits and construction basics.

The cost is \$226. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT

The Building Owners & Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors an Internet course, "Crisis Management for Facility Managers," Monday-Sunday, Feb. 4-March 3 through Michigan State University. The cost is \$500.

For information, contact Debbie Jesswein, (517) 353-3938 or on the Web at facmgt@msu.edu or see short courses at www.msu.edu/user/facmgt

BUILD HOME CLASS II

Henry Ford Community College pre-

sents a class, "Building Your Own Home," 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 5-14, at its Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, between Warren and Outer Drive.

The cost is \$179 for Dearborn School District residents, \$199 for non-residents. A \$25 textbook fee to the teacher is due the first night.

To register, call (313) 317-1500 or toll-free (877) 855-5252.

HIGHER PROFITS

The BIA hosts a seminar on ways to increase profitability, "Show Me the Money," 12:30-1:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Oak Park High School, 13701 Oak Park Blvd. at Coolidge, Oak Park.

Lunch is included. No charge for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$25 for nonmembers. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

CAREER OPEN HOUSE

Real Estate One presents a free class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 and 20, at its West Bloomfield office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile Road.

To register, call Steve Leibhan, (248) 851-4100 Ext. 405.

CAREERS II

Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke sponsors a free class on how to start a real career 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, Tuesday, Feb. 26; and 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 9, at its Plymouth office, 500 S. Main St. To register, call Pat Stokes at (734) 455-6000.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Michigan Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers holds its 2002 annual conference Thursday, Feb. 7, at Yazaki North America, Canton.

For information, call George

Curran, (248) 213-2900, or James Harless, (734) 451-4905, or visit the Web at <http://comnet.org/chmmm>

SELL HOME CLASS

Citizens Mortgage Funding presents a free class, "For Sale by Owner," 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, off Main two blocks north of 14 Mile Road, Clawson.

To register, call Angie Reppenhagen at (586) 345-5565.

PYRAMID AWARDS

The Washtenaw Contractors Association presents its fifth annual Pyramid Awards for exceptional effort in areas of teamwork, service and innovation 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center at Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti.

Cost is \$100 per person, \$175 per couple or \$700 for a table of eight. To register, call (734) 662-2570.

FIX-UP TIPS

Felix Osuji, a Realtor with Century 21 Today in Farmington Hills, offers a free report, "27 Quick & Easy Fix Ups to Sell Your Home Fast and for Top Dollar."

Call (248) 538-2806, or visit the Web at www.michiganrealty.org

ENERGY CD-ROM

The Building Owners and Managers International has released a CD-ROM, "The Property Professional's Guide to Building Energy Performance."

Cost is \$15 for BOMA members, \$25 for nonmembers.

To purchase or obtain more information, call (800) 426-6292, or visit the Web at www.boma.org/pubs/energy_cd.htm

BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information

affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail.

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 Children" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through www.caonline.org

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit is continuing its membership drive. Categories include individual membership (\$15), family (\$25) and organizational (\$50)

For information, call (313) 963-1274.

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1115 GARFIELD, LINCOLN PARK
Stop by and enjoy a pre-Superbowl party. Snacks served. This home was just reduced and seller will offer \$1,000 toward closing costs. Must see 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with newer ceramic kitchen and baths. Family room in basement. \$117,900 (15GAR) 734-455-6000

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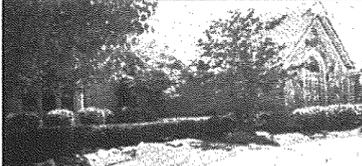
GREAT COURT LOCATION
For this New England "Saltbox" Colonial. Crisp landscaping compliments this Plymouth 2-story. Features: 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large country kitchen, oversized family room, formal living and dining room, library, first floor laundry. \$389,900 (00NOR) 734-455-6000

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PEACEFUL VIEW OF NATURE
1,000+ square feet of decking overlooks pond & treed commons. This custom-built Cape Cod offers: first floor master suite with contemporary bath, large library with bay window & book-case wall & vaulted great room with fireplace framed by French doors with curved transoms. Finished walk-out level. \$510,000 (67QUA) 734-455-6000

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LOVELY 2-STORY
With absolutely prime location, situated deep in a beautifully maintained, tranquil, wooded sub. Convenient to this light & airy 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial are schools, shopping & X-ways. Neutral decor. \$239,900 (50FOX) 734-455-6000

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MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards 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.

Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

Jim Jordan becomes general manager of sales for Robertson Brothers Co., a residential developer/builder headquartered in Bloomfield Hills.

He will be responsible for daily

sales opportunities throughout the company. Previously, he was sales director for Robertson Brothers at the Shores of Long Lake in Lake Orion, which is nearly sold out.

Jordan has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Arizona. He lives in Troy.

Brad Masserant joins Soil and Materials Engineers in Plymouth as project consultant-soil probe services. He brings 10 years experience in the environmental industry.

Masserant holds a bachelor's degree in resource development from Michigan State University.

Duce Simmons Associates, an architecture, planning and interior design firm in Troy, has been selected to do work for two community colleges in Michigan.

Duce Simmons will design a 22,000-square-foot, two-story addition to the Occupational Education Building at Washtenaw Community College. **Anthony Duce** and **Debra Sharpe** are in charge of that project.

The firm also will develop a five-year campus facility master plan for Kirtland Community College in Roscommon, with **David Rose** and **Duce** in charge.

Read the Eccentric Thursdays and Sundays



WEST BLOOMFIELD
ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL. Home has a new kitchen with ceramic floors, refinished hardwood floors. New ceramic designer bath. Upgrades include paint, carpet, siding. Walk-out lower level with full bath & bedroom. Lake privileges on all sports lake. Great neighborhood. (RC55DAN) \$209,000.



LIVONIA
A SECRET HIDEAWAY. West Livonia on 3/4 acre backing to Hines Park. 2,568 square foot Ranch, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths waiting for someone to update her. A bargain. (P91PLY) \$209,900.



NOVI
BEAUTIFUL, SPACIOUS CONDO. In Maples of Novi, 3 bedroom Condo includes 3 baths, eat-in kitchen with sky light, great room with cathedral 9 foot ceilings. Master bedroom can be on first or second floor. Nice deck, full basement with loads of storage, attached garage. Golf course community with pool & club house. (P61IND) \$204,900.



BELLEVILLE
BELLEVILLE RANCH. New 3 bedroom, 2 full bath Ranch on a private road. Walk-out basement, 250' deep park-like setting lot. Walking distance to public lake & state park. Near town & easy access to freeways, large room sizes, walk-in closet in master bedroom. (P33SHE) \$190,000.



CANTON
COMPLETELY UPDATED COLONIAL. This 4 bedroom home features new oak kitchen, new windows, new furnace, tiered deck, tear-off roof, new gutters, family room with wet bar & oak floor, new carpet, first floor laundry & finished basement. (P13PAL) \$234,900.



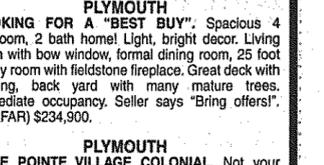
NOVI
DETACHED CONDO IN MAPLES OF NOVI. Beautiful 4 bedroom, master suite with double vanity, 2 1/2 bath, walk-out basement. In a golf course community with club house and pool. Hardwood floors, doorwall to huge deck, 2 car attached garage. Many custom features. Priced to sell. (P99COL) \$225,000.



LIVONIA
DYNAMITE COLONIAL. Three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with Livonia schools. Finished basement, all big-ticket updates done, New thru-out & neutral. Landscaped yard. Has built-in intercom system, central vacuum, newer roof, wet bar, newer furnace & central air, electric air conditioning, sprinkler system, finished garage. (P63RIV) \$289,000.



WESTLAND
NEAT, CLEAN, READY TO MOVE INTO. Roomy 3 bedroom Colonial, 1 1/2 updated baths, formal living room, family room with fireplace, extra-nice kitchen with built-ins, full basement, hardwood floors under carpet, attached 2 car garage. All this on large 60 x 240 lot. Immediate occupancy. (P66DOW) \$169,900.



PLYMOUTH
LOOKING FOR A "BEST BUY". Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath home! Light, bright decor. Living room with bow window, formal dining room, 25 foot family room with fieldstone fireplace. Great deck with seating, back yard with many mature trees. Immediate occupancy. Seller says "Bring offers!". (P52FAR) \$234,900.



DEARBORN
STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE AWARD. Move right into this charming Ranch. New electric furnace, roof, driveway, central air, copper plumbing, siding, windows, gutted kitchen, carpet, finished basement with second bath and more. (P15PEN) \$129,900.



REDFORD
OUTSTANDING RANCH. Brick Ranch 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath with partially finished basement, 2 car garage! Updates include new carpeting in living room & hall, newer roof tear-off (incl. garage), newer windows (Wallside) except kitchen, glass block windows, electric, central air, a lot of storage. Nice starter home! (P92LEX) \$125,000.



PLYMOUTH
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Consumers Energy customers can now sign up for green power pilot program

Electric customers of Consumers Energy have an easy and effective way to pay for the development of green power in Michigan. Customers can now sign up for the utility's new Green Power Pilot Program.

"If you want to see wind, solar and other types of renewable energy developed in Michigan, this is an excellent way to show your support and help fund its growth," said Dennis DaPra, senior vice president of accounting and regulatory affairs.

Electric customers who sign up for the program can choose to buy 10 percent, 50 percent or 100 percent of their energy from certified green power generators. Participating customers will pay a Green Surcharge of 0.32 cents, 1.6 cents or 3.2 cents per kilo-

watt-hour respectively for their service. Almost all of the surcharge will be passed directly to certified generators for power delivered to the Consumers Energy electric system; the remainder will cover the utility's cost of administering the program.

An electric customer using 600 kilowatt hours of electricity a month will pay an additional \$19.20 monthly for 100-percent green power, \$9.60 for 50-percent green power, and \$1.92 for 10-percent green power.

"Green power producers need this revenue because the cost of their power is significantly higher than conventional power sources," said Scott Brockett, Consumers Energy's Green Power Program project manager. "We are not including any exist-

ing hydro dams, waste-to-energy plants or other generators now serving our customers. All of the generators in this program are new. Participation by our customers is very important to their success."

Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. The pilot program is limited to a maximum generating capacity sufficient to meet the needs of 18,000 homes.

There are two ways to sign up. Customers may use the utility's Web site, consumersenergy.com, or they may call the utility's toll-free number (800) 477-5050. Customers enrolling on-line should select the "Green Power Program" option under the "Energy Information" menu.

Customers who participate must stay in the program for a

minimum of one year to give green energy providers a reliable and measurable revenue stream. However, customers can contract to pay the Green Surcharge for up to 17 years. The pilot program has a term of three years. At the end of the three-year period, a determination will be made whether to extend the program or make it permanent.

Consumers Energy, the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy, is Michigan's largest utility providing natural gas and electricity to more than six million of the state's nearly 10 million residents in all 68 lower peninsula counties.

For more information about Consumers Energy, visit the Web site at www.consumersenergy.com

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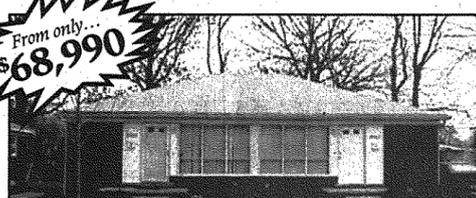
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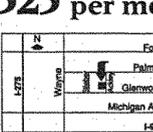
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LIVONIA. Pro-decorated Colonial with 4 bedrooms & 2 baths. Updated kitchen counter with butcher block island, master bath has jetted tub, newer carpeting in 3 bedrooms. Landscaping '98, vinyl siding & windows, trim, gutters & central air in '96. Dining room & window trim in '98. Furnace in '94. Electric box/220 to 2 car garage in '98. \$199,900 (L04Foc)

GARDEN CITY. 1,600 square feet with three bedrooms (master 21x18), two full baths, living room, dining room, two car garage and motion sensor lighting. Everything has been updated including: bathrooms, Berber carpet, wall-to-wall windows, exterior doors, oak trim, parquet floor, freshly painted, 50 gallon hot water heater, air and furnace. All bedrooms have wall-mounted TV stand. \$164,000 (L44Boc)

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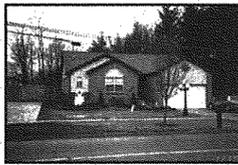
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CHARMING BRICK RANCH - Incredible brick Ranch boasts cathedral ceilings in huge great room and master bedroom. Gorgeous kitchen with eat-in area & formal dining room, Florida room (19x14) not included in square footage, first floor laundry & so much more. Don't delay - call today. \$269,900 (655H)



RANCH CONDO - Just what you've been waiting for. Almost 1,000 square feet of open floor space. Two bedrooms, full basement. Perfect parking. Move-in condition. \$136,900 (891V)



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STATELY CANTON COLONIAL - Elegant 3,300 square foot Colonial situated on a premium lot overlooking a pond, huge kitchen that opens to family room, 4 spacious bedrooms, first floor laundry, den, hardwood floors, formal living room/dining room, 3 full baths, 3 car finished garage and upgrades galore. \$479,900 (977NO)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY - We're putting you on to a great opportunity! Zoned light industrial and grandfathered residential, this 3 bedroom Ranch offers much! Features are updated kitchen, windows, roof, furnace, central air, cedar closets and more. One car detached garage. \$117,900 (030CH)



LOCATED IN SOUTHGATE - This cozy home has everything done. Just move in. Newer vinyl windows, new carpeting throughout, maintenance-free exterior, new double drive with a 2 car garage. Bring all offers. \$106,000 (555FI)



JUST LIKE NEW - Loaded with upgrades! This beautiful Colonial has 9' ceilings, a two-story family room, huge kitchen with an island and a tandem 3 car garage. \$279,900 (756TA)



SUPER CONDO IN LIVONIA - Super sharp Condo with new carpeting and new stove - compare 2 car garage and full basement at this price. Wonderful neighborhood. \$189,900 (413ME)



CHARM OF YESTERYEAR - Historic 4 bedroom Colonial has built-in charm. Coved ceilings, hardwood floors, fireplace in large living room, formal dining room. Most appliances stay. Priced to sell! \$124,900 (506W)



AFFORDABLE BRICK RANCH - A wonderful brick home with 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths featuring new windows and central air, covered patio and beautifully finished basement with bar. Gorgeous oak bow window in living room, garage and 1 year home warranty. \$130,000 (617BE)



ELEGANT FLOOR PLAN - Open floor plan in this new-construction Colonial. Two story foyer, vaulted ceiling in living room, family room with fireplace, formal dining room, exceptional master suite and attached garage. \$305,000 (520CL)



NORTHWEST LIVONIA RANCH - Stunning brick Ranch with newer roof, wood floors, paint, more. Newer gourmet kitchen. Remodeled living room with fireplace, cherry floors, doorway to newer deck. Sunny & neutral throughout. Superb finished basement. \$279,900 (002GA)



GREAT FAMILY HOME - Large lot, updates include bath, kitchen, windows, 9 foot closets in bedrooms, doorwall in den, freshly painted exterior, basement and garage. Enclosed front porch - great additional space. \$119,900 (673MO)



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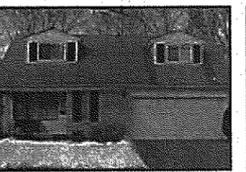
CANTON \$279,900
Beautiful 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial, in much desired "Meadow Village". Gourmet kit & nook w/hwdw flrs. Lux master w/fash bath. 2-story foyer w/hwdw flrs. Large fam rm w/gas fp. Great deck. Must see! (BGP-12Tim) 734-453-6800



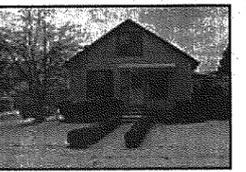
CANTON \$189,900
Sharp, Clean, Neutral! 2 BR, 2.5 BA condo in "Carriage Park." Backs to tree line. 2 spacious BR's. Master has 2 WICs. Oak cbnts in kit. GR w/cath cgl. Full bsmt. 1 car att gar. Must see! Hurry! (BGP-97Hor) 734-453-6800



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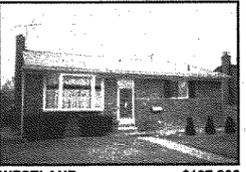
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LIVONIA \$186,500
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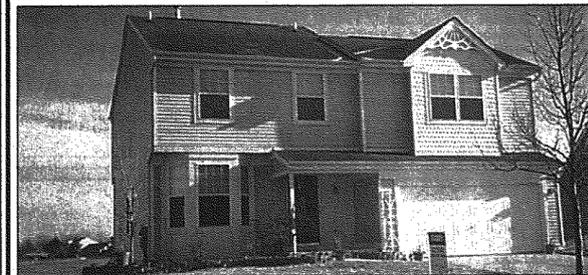
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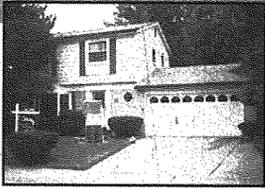
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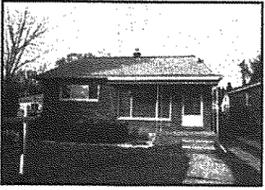
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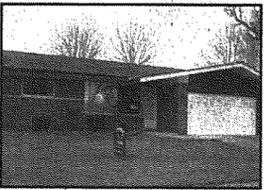
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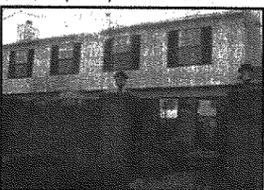
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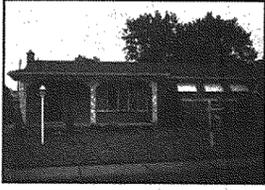
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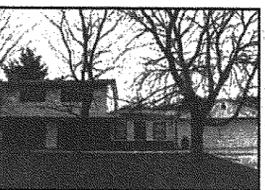
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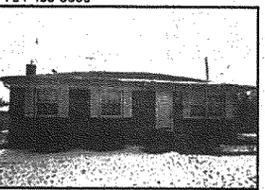
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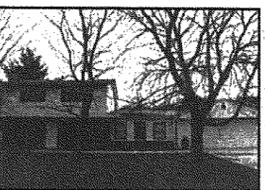
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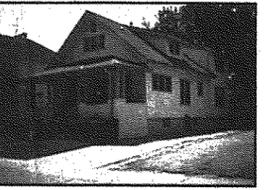
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INKSTER - A lot of house for the money. Four bedroom, two bath Bungalow with huge kitchen, finished basement, 2+ car garage, some hardwood and updated furnace. \$118,900 (64SUN) 248-349-5600



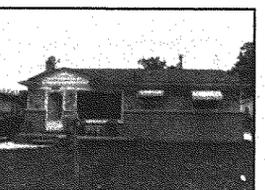
LIVONIA - Great 2 bedroom starter home in established neighborhood with Livonia schools. Freshly painted & neutral throughout. Updates include: newer vinyl, carpet & vinyl siding, furnace, 1 1/2 car garage, plus attic storage. Large fenced lot. One year home warranty. \$112,000 (77CAV) 248-349-5600



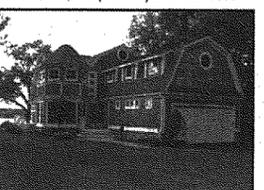
DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Here it is! Five bedroom, 2 bath Colonial. Oversized garage with attached sun room & work shop! Cement RV pad, circuit breakers, newer windows, furnace, central air, carpet. Many walk-in closets! \$139,900 (12COL) 734-455-5600



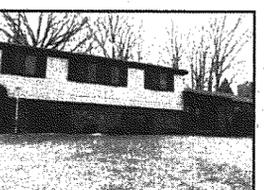
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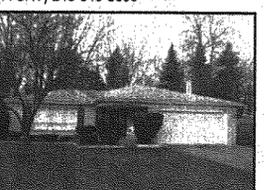
TAYLOR - Beautiful broadfront Ranch! Three bedroom Ranch with updated oak kitchen, dishwasher & loads of cabinet space! Drywall finished basement with glass block windows, newer driveway, hardwood floors & newer central air! \$119,900 (29WED) 734-455-5600



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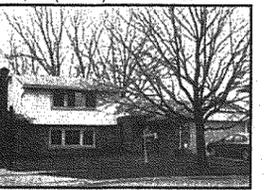
NORTHVILLE - Rural Northville Township. Close to town with quaint shops & restaurants. Beautiful edenderry area. Four bedrooms & 3 1/2 baths. Treed lot. Two fireplaces. Huge side entry garage. Hardwood floors & wet plaster. \$349,900 (05SHA) 248-349-5600



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CANTON - Wooded lot with privacy! No neighbors behind - so enjoy your privacy! Three bedroom, 2 bath, updated kitchen with oak cabinets, new vinyl windows, three doorwalls, roof, insulated garage door, etc. Family room with brick fireplace. \$209,900 (00RAI) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - Move right in! Four bedroom Bungalow, certificate of occupancy already complete! FHA and VA buyers welcome. Newer double-hung windows, kitchen remodeled 2001, roof and carpet updated in 2001. \$92,900 (48WED) 734-455-5600



LINCOLN PARK - Great starter home. Three bedroom home with updates. Large master bedroom, hardwood floor in living room, Pergo-style floor in kitchen, oak cabinets, newer furnace, central air, water heater, 2 1/2 car garage, vinyl sided & fenced yard. \$117,900 (53MON) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Great income property. Currently being used as an income (two family), but could be changed to a 4-5 bedroom family home. This is a must see to appreciate. Hardwood floors, double lot and newer roof. \$269,900 (68HAR) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Sprawling 1996-built end-unit Ranch Condo on the 11th hole. Two bedrooms and 2 baths. White bay kitchen with all built-ins. Gas fireplace in great room with custom mantle. Many upgrades. \$304,900 (32THI) 248-349-5600

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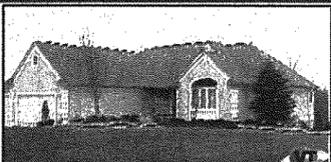
SALEM \$899,900
PRIVATE 5 BR COUNTRY TUDOR ESTATE! 6,534 SF on 5 acres! GR w/fieldstone FP, hwdw flrs, loft, library, DR, fin'd w/o, horse barn, beautiful deck overlooks private pond! Plymouth/Canton schools! (91BRO2)

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NORTHVILLE \$698,000
ENJOY LAKE VIEWS from this stunning builder's model! 4 BR, 3.5 baths, gourmet island kitchen, 2-story GR w/2-way trpl into kitchen. (67CLO2)

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GREEN OAK \$529,900
CUSTOM BUILT RANCH ON 7.46 ACRES! 3 BR, 3 baths, large open kitchen, FR w/frpl, fin'd walk-out, 3-car garage, professionally landscaped & more! (89DIX2)

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NORTHVILLE \$509,900
LIKE NEW! Neutral decor, gourmet kit, cherry cab, granite cntrs, 2 way FP in GR & brkfst nook, 1st fl mstr, lib w/cath clngs, frml DR, 3 BR plus loft, 2.5 bths, 3 car gar. (H16725)

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PLYMOUTH \$434,900
DISCOVER PLYMOUTH COMMONS! 2 story, impressive dual staircase, 4 bdrms, 3.5 bath, 3 car gar, inground pool, professionally landscaped. Located across from preserve. (23C49411)

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CANTON \$419,900
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PLYMOUTH \$339,999
CHARMING! Turn of the century col. 3 bdrms w/roomy closets. A wonderful sunrm & good size FR off back of home. Hrdwd in LR & DR. Part fin bsmnt. Walk to downtown Plymouth. (23A287)

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NORTHVILLE \$324,900
LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! In a beautiful Northville neighborhood sits this colonial. You'll enjoy the old world charm with modern day conveniences. Call for your private showing. (S714)

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LIVONIA \$269,900
LOCATION - LOCATION - LOCATION Beautiful 6 mile & Haggerty area. Close to shopping & transp. 2000 sq ft brick colonial w/ huge open GR, fin bsmnt, lg mstr ste w/dbl walk-ins, mint condition! (M38679)

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DEARBORN \$259,900
DESIRABLE DEARBORN HILLS CAPE COD! Welcome home! This charming home is filled w/character! Plaster walls, coved ceilings in DR, updated roof & windows. (35SIL2)

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LIVONIA \$254,900
A CHARMING COLONIAL located in Renwick Park! 4 BR, 2.5 baths comes updated with kitchen, windows, & more. Not to mention the natural FP & finished bsmnt. (L16757)

PC 070212 734-591-9200



CANTON \$253,900
WOW! BETTER THAN NEW! 2 yr old, 4 bdrms, 2.5 bath col in River Meadow. Neut decor, lg corner lot, vaulted ceilings, good location in sub. (23C46848)

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CANTON \$239,900
AFFORDABLE RANCH! This 3 bdrms ranch has a hrdwd foyer, great rm w/natural flrc, kit w/oak cabinets & lg eating area. Inground pool w/new liner. Walk to elementary school. (23H45610)

PC 230082 734-455-7000



WESTLAND \$237,500
LOTS OF ROOM FOR FAMILY LIVING! Spacious FR, lovely kitchen, formal DR & LR. 4 nice size bdrms, large master suite, 1st & 2nd floor laundry. Quick occupancy! (43MEG2)

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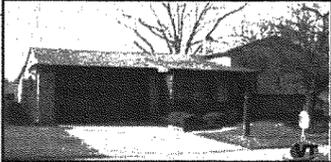
LIVONIA \$235,900
THIS 3 BR COLONIAL has a white 1 year old kit. Newer berber carpet, roof, furnace, thermal windows, very nice rec rm, brick patio, natural FP, 2 car attd garage, & tasteful decor. (J39050)

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LIVONIA \$224,900
JUST LISTED! Charming Old Rosedale offers this updated Tudor colonial w/all the extras. Family rm w/field stone FP, finished bsmnt, 2.5 car garage, formal DR, & more! (C11021)

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LIVONIA \$219,900
HURRY, WON'T LAST! 3 BR tri-level, finished basement w/bath, 2 car attached garage, deck, shed, and over 1900 sq ft! (M14643)

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WESTLAND \$198,900
BEAUTIFUL WESTLAND WOODS COLONIAL Everything your looking for. New carpet throughout, new professional paint throughout, new garage door, new kitchen sink and faucets. So much more. (L281)

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CANTON \$179,900
BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED RANCH in Holiday Park sub. 3 BR, 1.5 baths, FR w/natural FP, covered patio, partially finished basement, 2.5 car garage. Hurry - won't last long! (O8224)

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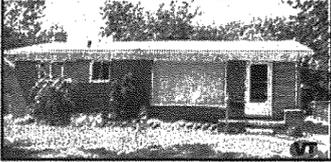
WESTLAND \$165,000
UPDATED QUAD IN WESTLAND! 1,469 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 baths, new carpeting '02, kitchen flr '01, remodeled kitchen '98, Livonia schools. 24-hour notice to show! (07COO2)

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INKSTER \$152,000
MOVE RIGHT IN to this beautiful new construction 3 bedroom colonial w/large lot. This home has an attached garage & a first floor laundry room. (R263)

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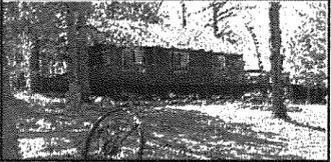
DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$139,900
MOVE RIGHT INTO THIS SHARP RANCH! Updates incl: windows, AC & furn '96, patio '98, roof '99, kit counter/interior painting '01. Fin bsmnt & 2-car garage! Wonderful area! (82WHI2)

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WESTLAND \$137,900
WESTLAND HOME WITH LIVONIA SCHOOLS Many newer features in this 3 bdrms, 1 1/2 bath brick Ranch. Furnace & C/A, roof shingles, HWH, storm doors, gutters, privacy fence, finished basement, driveway. (B291)

PC 220342 734-326-2000



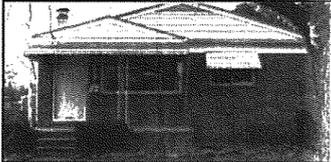
HARRISON \$129,900
SPORTSMAN'S DELIGHT! 3 BR, Cedar home on 5 wooded acres in Harrison, MI. Large 2-car detached garage & guest cabin! Just minutes from state land, lakes, snowmobile & ski trails! (45COR2)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$129,900
NUMEROUS UPDATES highlight this affordable, 3 BR Ranch! Newer roof, windows, oak kitchen cabinets w/neutral countertops. All appliances stay! (15BRO2)

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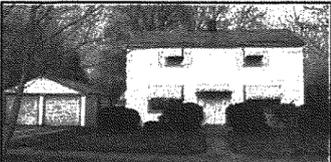
LIVONIA \$122,900
FANTASTIC DEAL on this all brick ranch in Livonia. 3 BR, 2 full baths, FP, bsmnt, & pool. Newer roof & windows, 1 yr old furnace, 4 yr old HWH. A great house at a great price! (A19383)

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DEARBORN HGTS \$119,900
CHARMING DOLLHOUSE 3 bdrms with remodeled oak kitchen, updated bath w/jacuzzi tub. Updated roof, windows, steel doors, storm doors and more. HW floors, 2 car gar, privacy fence. (S451)

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REDFORD \$116,900
GREAT STARTER HOME! 3 BR South Redford colonial features large lot, home warranty, new driveway, c/a, & 1.5 baths. 1200 sq ft! (F26448)

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WAYNE \$108,900
LOTS OF UPDATES 3 bedroom Bungalow. 2 1/2 car garage, full basement, new roof, gutters, siding, bathroom, and most windows. Nice 2 tier deck. Must see to appreciate. (W502)

PC 220382 734-326-2000



DETROIT \$101,900
RUB A DUB DUB 3 bedroom brick Ranch across the street from a Park. Great view, lots of potential. Newer roof shingles. Needs TLC, mostly paint & carpet. (P865)

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REDFORD \$97,700
3 BR RANCH IN REDFORD! New roof, windows, dishwasher and water heater. Cove ceilings, wet plaster walls, full bsmnt & detached garage. (05BEE2)

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DETROIT \$97,000
SHOW & SELL! Nice 3 bdrms bungalow w/2 full baths. Partially fin bsmnt. Upstairs extra rm could be used for a computer or library. Tree lined neighborhood! (32L11627)

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DETROIT \$94,900
DOUBLE LOT 3 bedroom with office or sitting room, dining room, 2 full baths, 2 car garage + shed for the backyard gardener. Newer windows & roof, all appliances stay. (W649)

PC 220372 734-326-2000



INKSTER \$84,900
GET READY To move into this totally renovated home. New kitchen & bath, windows T/O including glass block in bsmnt, new carpet and fresh paint, steel entry doors. (W262)

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DETROIT \$75,000
LOTS OF NEW STUFF Storm doors and screens, glass block in basement windows, all flooring, kitchen. Large living room and master bedroom. City inspection ordered. (W166)

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DETROIT \$49,900
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THIS 3 BEDROOM RANCH w/updated light solid wood cabs, blt in dshwshwr, blt in microwave, spacious bkfst nook w/thermal drwl overlooking manicured yd, 2.5 car gar w/ opener, & more! (F734)
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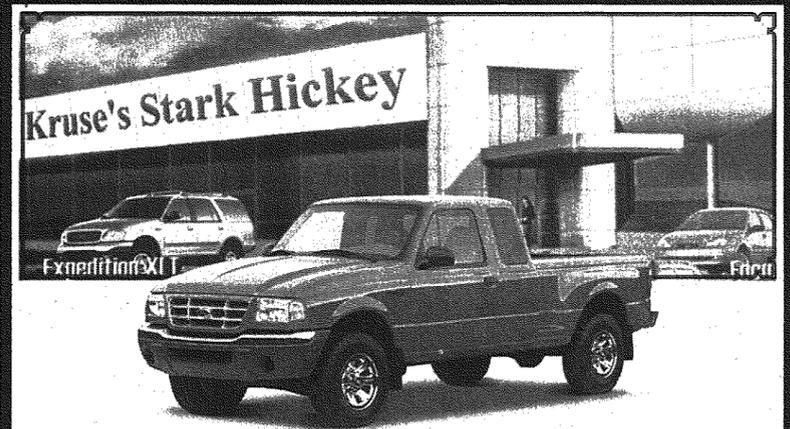
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