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Happy hunting

When the committee

Republicans came down

earlier this month, it was

probably not much of a sur-

prise to those who know state Sen. Bruce Patterson

(R-Canton) that he landed a slot on the state agency

that oversees hunting and

Patterson, an avid deer

hunter and angler, will be

the vice chairman of the

committee on Natural

Environmental Affairs.

His other committees

aren't much of a surprise.

An attorney, Patterson was

appointed to the Judiciary Committee. He will also

serve as vice chairman of

the committee on Health

**Women's Day** 

There's still time to sign

up for Canton's Women's

Day at the Summit on the

Park on Saturday, Jan. 11,

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There

are a variety of seminars,

services and a lunch. The

women's health, dance, yoga, arthritis and general

For more information, contact the Summit at (734)

Butterfly Ball

Daughter Dance, the

Gymnasium.

Canton's annual Daddy-

Butterfly Ball, will be held

on three consecutive nights

The dances will be held

Thursday, Feb. 6, from 6:30-

8:30 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 7, and

Saturday, Feb. 8, from 7-9

ments will be provided and

semi-formal or nice, casual

p.m. Music and refresh-

Walk-ins will not be

accepted, so tickets must

be purchased in advance.

Tickets are available at the

Summit beginning Monday,

Jan. 13, for \$14 per couple

and \$7 for each additional

child. A complimentary but-

Picturesque Photography

will take photos for an addi-

tional cost. Corsages will be

It's time to sit down and

listen. Canton's fifth annual

Storytelling Festival returns

to the Summit on the Park

There's a performance for

families at 1 p.m. and for adults at 7:30 p.m.

Barbara Jones-Clark and

Project ARTS.

the adult event.

Laura Pershin. The event is

being sponsored by Canton

Tickets for the family per-

formance are \$3 and \$5 for

The program features stories told by Dan Keding,

on Saturday, Jan. 25.

sold in limited supply.

**Tall tales** 

terfly pin for each child is

attire is requested.

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There will be seminars on

cost is \$20.

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Spectacular Plymouth Ice

Festival is in its 21st year.



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# Fire extinguisher training offered

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Canton Fire Marshal Frank Barrett says he's been on the scene of too many fires and seen the results of people who don't know how to use a fire extinguisher.

"I've seen them (the extinguishers) lying on the floor because the people just didn't know how to use them," he said.

"I've seen powder spread everywhere but on the fire."

In order to reduce such scenes, the Canton Fire Department has been offering classes in the proper way to use fire extinguishers since the 1990s. The classes, offered primarily to business and commercial sites, include about a halfhour video presentation and a half-hour hands-on practice in putting out a gas

The problem in the past has been that getting the equipment to the scene and setting it up was a cumbersome task.

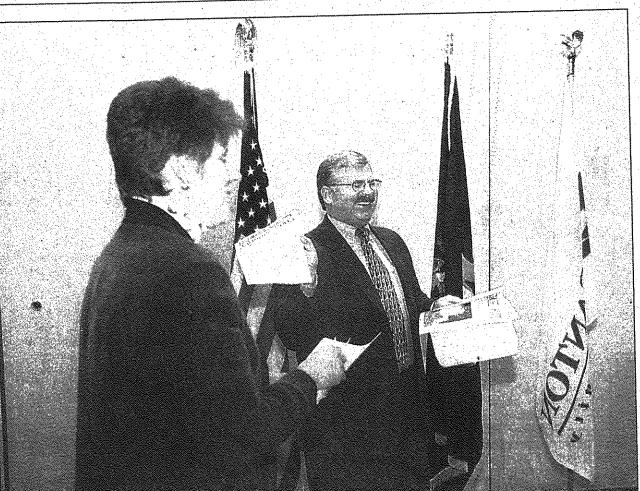
"We had to piecemeal things together," Barrett said. "The burn pan weighs about 50 or 60 pounds. We had to get that to the scene along with the extinguishers, then unload everything and set it up. It took about an hour's worth of our time

just to get set up."

On Dec. 23, the program got a Christmas present of sorts - an 8-foot trailer on which all the equipment, including the burn pan, can be put in place and then towed to the training site ready to go.

The \$1,700 dollar specially designed

PLEASE SEE TRAINING, A5



Canton's new trustee Karl Zarbo laughs when opening gag gifts presented to him when being sworn in on Tuesday. One gift was an envelope labeled as containing the "perks" of hold office in Canton Township. The envelope was empty. At left is Terry Bennett, clerk, who conducted the ceremony at the Summit on the Park.

# Zarbo sworn in as new trustee

BY JEFF COUNTS STAFF WRITER

Canton Township's newest trustee wants to see a new plan for development on Ford Road.

Karl Zarbo was sworn in Tuesday as a trustee, taking the place of Phil LaJoy, who was elected to a state House seat.

Zarbo, 53, is a 10-year veteran of the township Planning Commission, and was appointed to the trustee slot by the board in December.

The board received letters more than 50 persons seeking the appointment to replace LaJoy, who was elected in November to the 21st District state

"I want to take a look at the zoning overlay on Ford Road and come up with a business plan," said Zarbo, whose occupation is commercial real estate. He said streetscapes are fine, but "there's more to

it than lights and brick walls." He said he'd like to focus on attracting diverse

tenants to the business strip.

"Right now there isn't a book store or a linens store," he said.

He said the township should look toward getting enants to upgrade and retro-fit buildings. Also, he said that as communities change, the

PLEASE SEE ZARBO, A6

# Marry me, life is but

a dream

"Will you marry me?" Those four simple words, uttered a zillion times since Adam and Eve, continue to stir the heart, raise legions of goosebumps and even tickle the funny bone. They're not always accompanied by wine and roses. Sometimes, they're written across the sky, announced at sporting events or delivered by a messenger in a gorilla suit.

But always, they're so meaningful.

PLEASE SEE LOVE, AG



# Temple wins approval for building

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Back for a second time before the Canton Planning Commission, a new Hindu temple/cultural complex won site plan and special land use approval Monday night.

The request had been approved in late 2000, but since construction did not get under way on the planned schedule, the approvals expired and had to be reconsidered by the commission.

The 9.6-acre site, which would house the complex serving Swaminarayan Hindus, is on the east side of Canton Center Road between Geddes and Palmer. The Hindu Temple on Cherry Hill just east of Canton Center serves Jain Hindus, a different sect.

Several neighboring residents showed up at Monday's meeting to voice concerns over traffic and other potential problems related to the project.

Attorney Bryan Amann, representing the developers of the B.A.P.S. Mandir

Temple, said that after the project received approval in the fall of 2000, the religious leader of the group flew into Canton for groundbreaking ceremonies and the blessing of the land.

At that time, he said, about 1,200 people showed up for the ceremonies and there were some problems with traffic coordination issues and the excitement of the whole event.

"It was comparable to the Pope com-

PLEASE SEE TEMPLE, A5

## Canton leukemia 'survivor' running for cancer research

BY JEFF COUNTS STAFF WRITER

Scott DeVaney will "be running for cancer not from it" when he participates in a marathon in Florida on Sunday.

The 35-year-old Canton man is a three-time leukemia survivor and is taking part in the Walt Disney World Marathon near Orlando to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team.

Until June, DeVaney wasn't even a runner. "I was out of shape," he said. "I started with a few

miles and day and worked my self up to an 18mile run."

Leukemia was what motivated him on his daily runs through Canton to get in shape. "The society really helped me in my battle with cancer," he said. "I wanted to raise money for them."

He is among 22,000 runners in the event and is among 2,600 who are on the Leukemia team. They have raised \$9.1 million that will be spent on finding a cure for people with blood

PLEASE SEE RUN, A5



Scott DeVaney of Canton will run a marathon on Sunday in Orlando, Fla., to raise money to battle leukemia. He has been fighting the disease since he was a teenager.



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# District opens MLK celebration to public Jan. 20

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations sponsored Monday, Jan. 20, by Plymouth-Canton Schools will be an opportunity for the community atlarge to celebrate together.

"The district is becoming more diverse, and we want to be the hub of some diversity activity on Martin Luther King Jr. Day," Superintendent Jim Ryan said. "We want to give signs to the community we think we are doing good things in our school district. We thought it would be a visible sign that some healing was occur-

Ryan was referencing a February 2001 controversy in which a Salem High School senior wrote a letter published in the school newspaper

questioning the validity of Black History Month. Nearly 300 parents and students, mostly African-American, protested the student's views, believing it was racist.

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"I think last year people thought we were trying to make up for what happened earlier in the year," said Ryan about last year's first Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration, "We weren't. We were just trying to find a starting point.

"I do hope we're moving to an understanding that there's a lot of different people making up the 17,000 kids in our district," he added.

Last year's program, held at the Salem High School cafeteria, was attended by about 270 people, of which 180 were from Canton Township government, which used the event as part of its professional

development day. However, Plymouth-Canton educators weren't able to participate because their pro-

fessional development day sessions conflicted with the luncheon. Ryan said this year will be different.

Canton Township won't be participating, which will make room for anyone from the community who wants to "We've revamped the professional

development day for teachers to complete it in time so any staff member will be able to attend," he said. "And, we want to make an invitation to the community to attend the celebration at a cost of only \$10."

Rev. Alfred Johnson, pastor at Bethel AME Church in Ann Arbor, will be one of two speakers. Johnson is married to Central Middle School Principal Joyce Johnson.

"Many young adults don't have much to remember from the 1960s, so they don't know the history of Martin Luther King Jr. Day," Rev. Johnson

"Their knowledge of the struggles is only through school, and that's limit-

"The trend today is to make it a day of diversity, which does not limit itself," he added. "In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the whole purpose is that everybody should co-exist for the benefit of the masses. The laws have benefited the masses, not one class of people."

The keynote speaker will be Lily Eskelsen, a well-known Hispanic elementary school teacher from Utah, who was recently elected secretarytreasurer of the 2.7 million member National Education Association.

The Plymouth-Canton district is one of the most diverse in the state. While the school population consists mostly of white students, there are significant pockets of Asian, Indian, African American and Hispanic stu-

"It's good for kids to know about different cultures and races because that's what the real world looks like out there," Ryan said. "The world is made up of many wonderful people from different cultures and different backgrounds."

Tickets for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration Jan. 20 at Salem High School are \$10. and can be purchased by calling Linda Kelly at (734) 416-3154 by Monday, Jan. 13. The program is expected to run from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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## Leadership Canton trainees seeking those with knowledge of past

BY JEFF COUNTS STAFF WRITER

A group of Canton people are looking toward making history.

But it's a video, not the kind of history in textbooks. The 11 members of a Leadership Canton team are looking for volunteers to step forward and tell their stories.

We want to hear from people who can remember Canton history," said Pat Van Dusen, Canton Volunteer coordinator.

And because Canton is such a new community, the team is also looking for people who have lived in the township since be set up with those who volun-

the 1960s and 1970s. "We're looking for anybody who remembers the earlier

days," she said. She said the group's project is to make a video recording people's memories of the past.

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"We're looking for people whose families may have had a connection with Canton's farming past," she said.

One-on-one interviews will teer, she said. To volunteer, call (734) 394-5193.

Topics to be covered in the on-camera interviews are:

Schools and education. Housing and residential

development. Commercial, industrial

and business development. Recreation, family values,

historic preservation and community involvement.

Leadership Canton is a community-based leadership training program that has involved hundreds of Canton residents since its inception nine years

Van Dusen said the video history project was assigned to her group, which is part of the 2002-03 training class.

The program runs until June and includes training in community development and public issues.

### Hamster gets taken for a ride in stolen vehicle

Police investigated a shoplifting complaint at Meijer on Monday - a not uncommon incident, except this one involved a hamster-napping.

Police were called shortly after 9 p.m. by a store security guard who said he observed two males in the liquor aisle on the store's video surveillance sys-

One man took a bottle of liquor from the shelf, walked around a corner and put the bottle in his jacket pocket. The guard left the office and

went looking for the men but couldn't find them. A few minutes later, he saw them coming back into the store. He followed them and saw the man who had taken the

its cage and put it in his jacket He followed them out of the

liquor remove a hamster from

told him, "You can't touch me." The men then got into a vehicle and drove away.

The guard got a description of the vehicle and a license plate number.

When police checked the number on the plate, it was reported stolen.

#### MORE SHOPLIFTING

Earlier on Monday, about 6:30 p.m., police were called to Super Kmart on Ford Road on another shoplifting complaint.

A security guard saw a woman take two containers of Degree BodyHeat Deodorant, four Gillette Mach 3 razors and numerous other items and stuff them in her purse.

The guard followed her from the store, confronted her and escorted her back into the store where he called police.

them, the man with the hamster ticketed for retail fraud.

#### **PLOW STOLEN**

A River Woods resident that he had been up north from Dec. 21 to Jan. 6.

When he returned he noticed someone had stolen his vshaped snowplow blade from his driveway. The blade was valued at \$4,000.

#### MOTOR HOME THEFT

A Canton resident reported to police on Monday that sometime between Dec. 7 and Dec. 30 someone broke into his motor home that he had stored at H.W. Motor Homes on Belleville Road.

Taken were a power transformer for a television, a Radio-CD player, three pairs of binoculars and miscellaneous toys. The items were valued at \$1,200.

were also broken into.

#### TRAILER BREAK-IN

An employee of a Westland construction company reported to police someone broke into a construction trailer that was parked at a construction site south of Geddes and east of Denton. He said they cut a padlock to get into the trailer sometime over the holiday break.

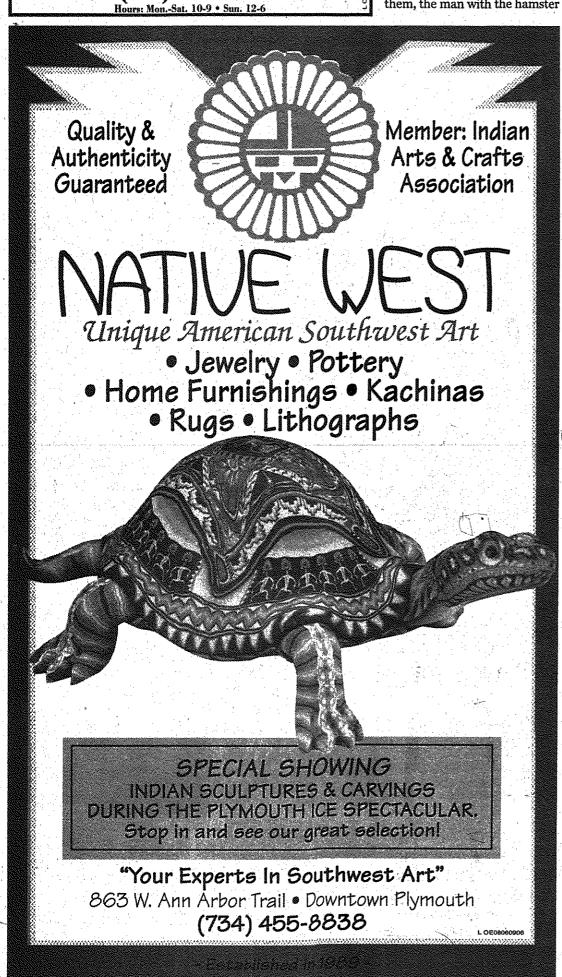
Taken were a generator, a compactor and a tapping tool, all valued at \$3,500.

#### DOOR KICKED

\$1,000.

A worker at Chattington Village Condos, under construction at Beck and Geddes roads, reported that over the weekend someone kicked in the front doors of four units in the com-

The units were not entered, but damage to the doors and





## Chamber seeking help of volunteers

BY JEFF COUNTS STAFF WRITER

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is looking for a few good volunteers.

To attract them, the chamber is hosting an After Hours gathering 5-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the ITT Technical Institute, the corner of Palmer and Haggerty roads.

We're looking to get more people involved in the chamber." said Dianne Cojei, executive director. "We're looking for volunteers for committees. We want to get more people involved."

The chamber is looking for members to contact two to three other members or nonmembers and bring them to the event, she

"We have 570 members now and we'd like to have twice that many," she said, adding that chamber membership is open to any business in the Canton com-

The benefits of chamber membership include discount programs, networking and even

health insurance. We have great discount programs," she said. "We have a dis**'We're looking for volunteers** for committees. We want to get more people involved."

Dianne Cojei Chamber executive director

count with Office Depot, a merchant card program and a member-to-member discount program."

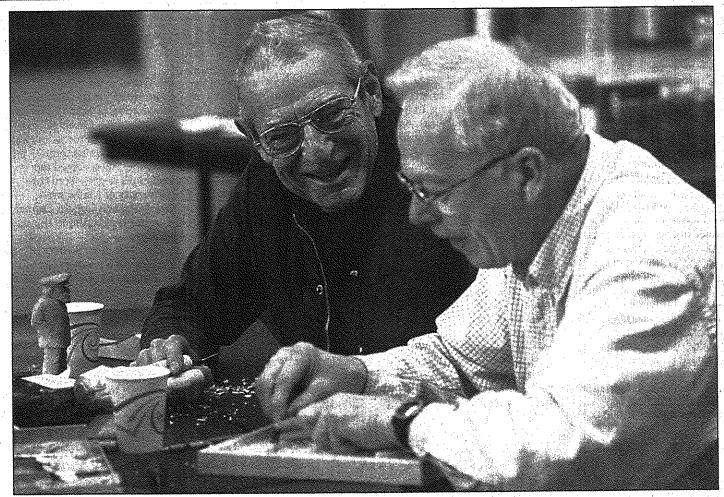
Members can obtain group health insurance through the chamber, she said.

The next big chamber event is a business expo 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Summit on the Park, Canton businesses will have booths and displays during the event.

"It was such a success in October that we decided to have two each year," Cojei said.

The deadline to reserve a booth or table is Feb. 3. Applications have been sent to chamber members.

For more information about the chamber, call (734) 453-4040 or check out the chamber's Web site at www.cantonchamber.com.



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#### **Carving out time**

Joe Slovak of Canton, left, and Gary Legel of Northville laugh while working on their projects in a Woodcarving class at the Plymouth Cultural Center Monday. The weekly class, led by local artist George Hanosh, allows novices to learn the art of carving wood, making figurines and staining and painting the finished products. The cost is only \$1 for the three-hour class which meets every Monday morning in the dining area of the ice arena.

Esther E. Hann Lepore

Services for Esther Lepore, 93, of Novi were held Jan. 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. H. Dalton Myers officiating. Burial at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Lepore was born Sept. 11, 1909, in Wayne and died Jan. 2 in Novi. She was a homemaker. She came to the Novi community in 2001 from Plymouth. She was formerly of Punta Gorda, Fla. She loved to travel. She was a loving grandmother and great-grandmoth-

Mrs. Lepore was preceded in death by her husband, Wilhelm Hann; husband, Donato Lepore; and son, William Hann.

Survivors include grandchildren, Curtis (Ruth) Hann of Northville, Craig Hann of Plymouth and Amanda (Timothy) Shelton of Bloomfield Hills; great-grandchildren, Tanner Hann, Marin Hann and Charlotte Hann; and daughter-in-law, Patricia Blackburn of Pontiac.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral

Virginia Helen Kriston Services for Virginia Kriston, 90, of Canton Township were held Jan. 7 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Kriston was born May 10, 1912, in Detroit and died Jan. 3 in Canton. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include daughter, Lynn Kriston; and daughter, Vladimira Montgomery. Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

Deborah Tokarski Dinco

Services for Deborah Dinco, 52, of Farmington Hills, were held Jan. 9 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

Mrs. Dinco was born May 1, 1950, and died Jan. 4 at Providence Hospital. She worked as a chief executive officer for the Child Welfare

Survivors include husband, Richard J. Dinco; son, Ryan L. Dinco: mother, Lillian Tokarski; brother, Larry; and aunt, Helen Banasiewicz.

Memorial contributions may be made to Orchards Children's Services, Deb Dinco Family Preservation Fund, 30215 Southfield Road, Southfield, MI 48076.

Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com.

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

Robert E. Whyman

Services for Robert Whyman, 65, of Plymouth were held Jan. 10 at the First United Methodist Church in Northville with the Rev. John Hice and the Rev. Arthur Spafford officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Whyman was born July 8, 1937, in Lincoln, Neb., and died Dec. 29 in Superior Township. He was a former resident of Northville. He was a retired salesman for an automobile supplier. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Wally Byam Caravan Club, International. He was a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

Mr. Whyman was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Whyman.

Survivors include wife, Rosalie M. Whyman of Plymouth; children, Deborah Whyman of Canton, David (Suzanne) Whyman of Rochester Hills and Daniel Whyman of Farmington Hills;

**OBITUARIES** 13 grandchildren; and mother, Roberta Whyman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American

Diabetes Association. Arrangements made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral

Leroy R. Hrlic

Services for Leroy Hrlic, 75, of Canton were held Jan. 7 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating.

Mr. Hrlic was born May 16, 1927, in Unity Township, Pa., and died Jan. 4 in Westland. He was retired from Stroh's Ice Cream. He was a member of St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, Sounds of Canton, Pioneers Club and the STA 50

Mr. Hrlic was preceded in death by his son, Dennis Hrlic. Survivors include wife of 51

years, Dolores Hrlic; sons, Steven (Anna) Hrlic and Daniel Hrlic; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and brothers, Frank, Tom and Charles Hrlic.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Charles J. Kehoe

Charles Kehoe, 64, of Plymouth died Jan. 3 in Livonia. Mr. Kehoe was born Dec. 15, 1918, in Trenton, N.J. He was a former executive in charge of surplus properties and employee relocation at General Motors and was responsible for GM's very successful "Buy a House Get a Car' program in the early 1980s. He later owned a relocation consulting business, ReloCraft.

He had a longtime interest in clocks and other antiques, which turned into a 15-year antique refinishing and resale business. His other lifelong passion was fire trucks. In 1977, this love led him to his first of more than a half dozen fire truck acquisitions, a 1921 Model-T fire engine. His interest in fire trucks grew into the purchase of spare parts and fire-related antiques and even tually into another business, Tonquish Creek Fire Company.

Survivors include sons, Patrick (Jennifer) Kehoe of Plymouth and Timothy (Beth) Kehoe of N.Y.; sister, Susan Hunt of West Lake Village, Calif.; and cat, Hershey.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

#### James Blanchard

Services for James Blanchard, 77, of Canton, were held Jan. 9 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Memorial Park in

Mr. Blanchard was born Dec. 17, 1925, in Detroit and died Jan. 5 in Canton. He worked in sales before retirement. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Mr. Blanchard was preceded in death by his daughter, Carol Dillon,

Survivors include wife. Catherine E. Blanchard of Canton; son, John (Tammy) Blanchard of Hamburg; daughter, Stacey (John) Phillips of Canton; son, Howard Blanchard of Canton; brother, Tom Blanchard of Milford; 10 grandchildren; seven greatgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute Plymouth Region, 485 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

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# Canton woman named to top ASE post

A Canton woman has been appointed as the president and chief executive officer of the American Society of Employers.

Mary Lee Corrado was appointed to the position by Charles E. Boyer, chairman of the board of directors. ASE had operated since 2000 under the co-leadership of Corrado and Michael Burns, who remains executive vice president.

"During a time when the U.S. economy suffered staggering setbacks and many companies experienced financial hardships, Mike Burns and Mary Lee Corrado did an exceptional job as co-leaders," said Boyer. The board commends both leaders and the entire ASE staff for buckling their chin straps and making the necessary sacrifices to meet ASE's challenges."

Corrado's appointment is effective immediately. In her new role, she will be responsible for day-to-day operations and overall performance of the organization as it enters its second century of service. Eleven employees will report directly to Corrado, who also will oversee regional offices in Saginaw, Battle Creek and Cadillac.

Working at the American Society of Employers has been a significant part of my life for 13 years and I'm extremely honored to be appointed president and CEO," said Corrado. "My goal is to guide ASE through the next decade and beyond, while maintaining its highly regarded status as the pre-eminent authority on human resource management

Recently named as one of the top 40-Under-40 executives of 2002 by Crain's Detroit Business magazine, Corrado has an impressive list of accomplishments.

She joined ASE in January 1990 and has held several positions. In addition to her daily duties at ASE, she acts as corporate secretary for ASE's board of directors, resides on the board of HR Management (an ASE affiliate), and is president and trustee for the ASE Educational Foundation.

serves on the Metropolitan Detroit Board of the YMCA and on the board of directors of the Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce. She also is a member of the Education Committee for the

Outside of ASE, Corrado

Economic Club of Detroit, and

the Workforce Council Committee for the National Association of Manufacturers.

Corrado is a Certified Compensation Professional and a Certified Management Assessor. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and lives in Canton with her husband and three children.

The American Society of Employers is a not-for-profit human resource association headquartered in Southfield, with additional locations in Detroit, Saginaw and Cadillac. Since 1902, ASE has provided human resources expertise and assistance - including government affairs, research and training - to both large and small organizations from a variety of industry sectors. Ryan, school board come to terms on contract



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Army Pfc. Leonard P. Adams

Adams is the son of Paul J. and

Regina A. Adams of Canton.

Plymouth Salem High School.

Marine Corps Pvt. Kristin A.

completed basic training at

Vining, daughter of Kathleen

A. Vining of Canton, recently

Marine Corps Recruit Depot,

Parris Island, S.C. Vining is a

2002 graduate of Salem High

has graduated from basic

infantry training at Fort

Benning, Columbus, Ga.

He is a 1993 graduate of

Basic Training

School in Canton.

#### Hockey's future

to skate on the ice. Ricky was decked out in his Detroit Red Wings uniform

Graduation

in Canton.

Army Pvt. Robert A.

Benning, Columbus, Ğa.

and Rick Guttersohn of

has graduated from basic

infantry training at Fort

Benning, Columbus, Ga.

and Kathleen J. Wragg of

of Belleville High School.

Wragg is the son of Anthony K.

Canton. He is a 1998 graduate

Guttersohn has graduated from

basic infantry training at Fort

Guttersohn is the son of Janet

Canton. He graduated in 2002

from Agape Christian Academy

Army Pvt. Dominic R. Wragg

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

**MILITARY NEWS** 

#### be determined by the board: however, the increase won't be trustees Dec. 10. **Canton Education Association** According to Frank less than the previous two - a 2-percent wage hike, with Ryan, who had been earning

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan has inked a new contract with the Board of Education.

Ryan, who served the district as deputy superintendent before taking over as interim

superintendent in July, was given the permanent job by

Ruggirello, director of community relations, Ryan signed a 3-1/2 year contract which expires in July 2005.

For the first two years. Ryan's contract mirrors the

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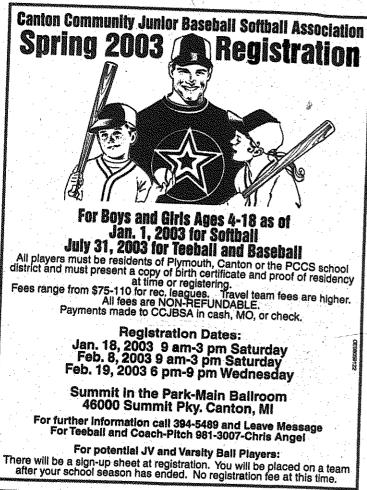
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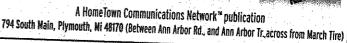


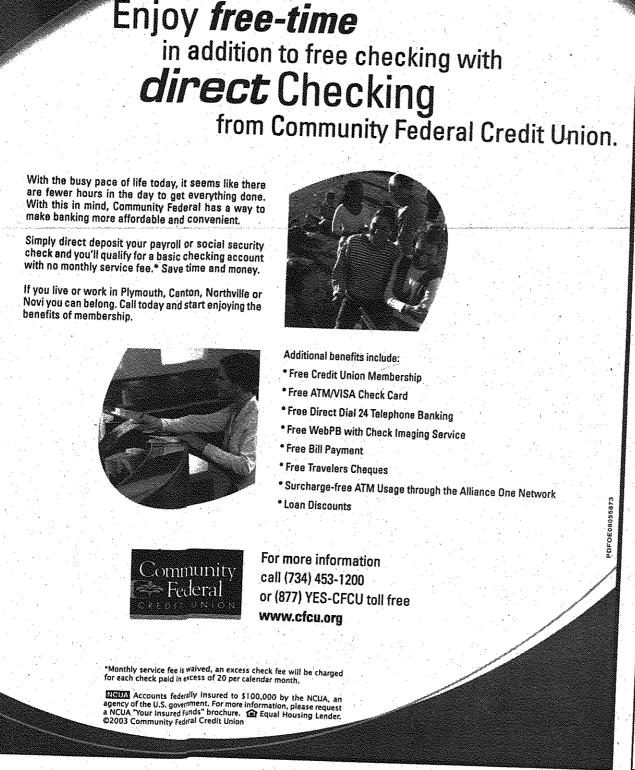












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cancer, including leukemia, Hodgkin's disease and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and myeloma. DeVaney has been fighting with cancer since the age of 13, when he was first diagnosed with leukemia. It's been a winning fight, he said, but there was a relapse when he was 18.

And the chemotherapy has also left him with some skin cancer, which he will have removed when he returns from Florida.

"Attitude has a lot to do with it," he said. "You have to have a good attitude." He said he has had tremendous support from his wife, Beth, 36, and his 6-year-old daughter. Friends and family from Canton and Garden City have also been a help.

DeVaney, who works in sales at Ford Motor Co., has lived in Canton for two years, and previously lived in Garden City.

"I'm living proof of the success of cancer research, so it's fitting that I'm running this marathon for the cause of leukemia research. The money we raise could save lives. It may have already saved mine," he said.

"The fact that he's healthy enough to participate in this

#### TEMPLE

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ing to town," he said. "This was a once in a lifetime event."

But resident Robin Ross, who lives on Canton Center across the street from the site, called those ceremonies "a freaking circus."

"They were parking in front of my mailbox, parking in my driveway. They were out there until almost 1 a.m.," she told the commissioners. "I had to ask people please don't park in my circular driveway so I could get out."

Amann said he understood her concerns.

"Things didn't come off as well as they should have and there were some problems," he said. "And we apologize for those."

But he reiterated that those ceremonies were a "once in a lifetime" event and should not be confused with the annual "Festival of Lights" celebration (or Diwali) that the complex hosts once a year.

A traffic impact study conducted by an independent firm estimated that the annual event would attract about 600 to 800 people and that they would be arriving and leaving sporadically throughout the day. That event typically occurs on a weekend in October or November each year.

The cultural complex is expected to have a membership of about 50 families and draw members from the surrounding

local communities.

The proposal now goes to the board of trustees for final approval.

On one other item of business, commissioner Greg
Demopoulos was selected to
become vice chairman of the
planning commission, filling a
slot left vacant by Karl Zarbo,
who resigned from the commission after being appointed to
the board of trustees.

Zarbo fills the slot left open by the departure of Phil LaJoy, who took office as state representative on Jan. 1.

The board is expected to name a replacement for Zarbo on the planning commission as early as next week.

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#### TRAMING

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marathon is remarkable," said

Jim Weinberg, volunteer presi-

dent of the board of trustees for

The survival rates for all blood

cancers have improved dramati-

although they strike about 300

people a day, he said. DeVaney

said he hopes to run the entire

race, but may have to settle on

a runner because you can run

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But what ever he does, he'll be

cally in the last few decades,

the Orlando chapter of the

Leukemia society.

trailer was purchased from Emergency Vehicle Engineering and Products of Tucson, Ariz.

"One of their mechanics has an association with the local Tucson fire department," Barrett said.

"They had a similar program, so he went back to the shop and put together a trailer for them. It became a part of the company's regular product line."

When Barrett called the company to inquire about buying one of the units for Canton, he said the person he spoke with seemed surprised to be receiving a call from as far away as Michigan.

"He said it would cost us as much to get it back here as the cost of the trailer," Barrett said.

Then AD Transport of Canton offered to handle the transportation.

"They provided shipping for us free of charge," he said. "I don't think we could have done this without their cooperation."

In addition to the convenience offered by the trailer, there is an added safety factor. Gasoline was previously used, poured on water in the burn pan, and it had to be added by hand.

The trailer comes with its own burn pan that is fed by a propane system that can be controlled from 20 feet away.

"With the propane system," Barrett said, "literally with the flick of a valve the fire is out."

Barrett said the department has typically offered about 10 to 15 classes a year. Canton is one of the few communities to offer such classes and so far as he knows it's the first community in the area to have the trailer set-up.

"I can conceivably see us offering a lot more classes in the future," he said.

Community groups, such as homeowners associations, are welcome to request the training

classes as well as businesses.

"Our whole goal is to give people the confidence to use an extinguisher, maintain it to make sure it is ready to use and give them the thought process necessary to use it." he said.

"If you're not comfortable with the thought process, pull the fire alarm, yell 'Fire,' call the fire department and make sure you know where the exits are.

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If it doesn't come together, put the extinguisher down and leave."

Anyone interested in the classes can call the fire marshal's office at (734) 394-5456.

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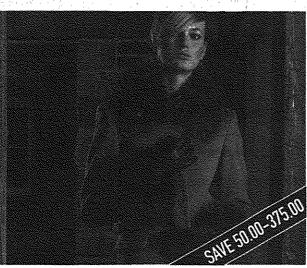
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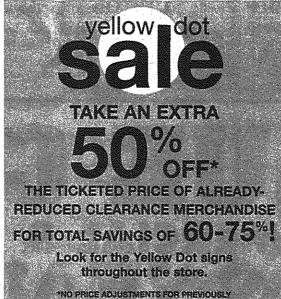
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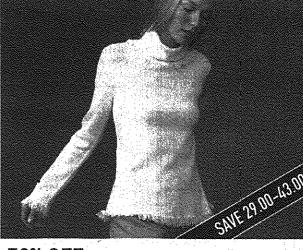


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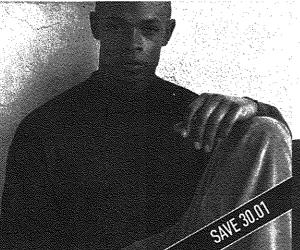
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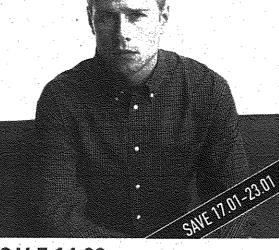


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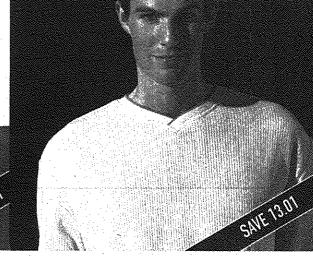
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#### ZARBO

types of businesses need to evolve and change to meet the needs of the public.

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The Ford Road business strip in Canton has been a concern for years. Last fall the Downtown Development Authority, trustees and Planning Commission hosted a "vision workshop" for the

Concerns were raised about traffic and sidewalks. People said they felt uncomfortable walking along Ford Road. Officials were looking at ways of making it more pedestrian friendly.

Concerns also centered on creating a downtown area along the corridor.

Zarbo was sworn in by Terry Bennett, Canton Township clerk, and will fill LaJoy's term which expires in 2004.

Other board members are Treasurer Elaine J. Kirchgatter, John Burdziak, Melissa McLaughlin and

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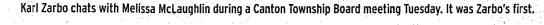
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Robert Shefferly. Their terms also expire in 2004.

After being sworn in, Zarbo was given a packet of gag gifts from other board members.

One included an envelope that said it contained the "perks" from holding the office of trustee. When Zarbo opened it, it was empty.

There was also a card that would allow him to take his foot out of his mouth.

PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"I think I'll be using that one," he said.

#### LOVE

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In honor of Valentine's Day, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is sponsoring its second-annual Lessons in Love Contest, Winners receive a romantic evening on the town Thursday, Feb. 13.

We want to hear about your romantic - or funny - wedding proposal. In 100 words or less, tell us how he, or she, popped the question. You could be one of two lucky cou-

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One-night stay at Fraser Inn of Northville Two tickets for the Feb.

13 Red Wings game Sorry, you'll have to buy the fancy duds, tip your hair styl-

ist and pay for the baby sitter, a small price for romance.

On a romantic note, Orin Jewelers plans to make an album of all the entries for future customers in need of wedding proposal ideas. Your words - from "Hey, babe, wanna get hitched?" to "May I have thy petal-soft hand in marriage?" - will forever be immortalized. Sigh.

Now for the contest rules. They're simple: You must be at least 18 years old, limit your entry to 100 words or less, and send your Lessons in Love entry to us by Friday, Jan. 24.

Entries must include name, age, address, phone and/or email. And, of course, you must be very romantic or very funny ... or both! Winners will be announced in your hometown newspaper Thursday, Jan. 30.

Send entries to: "Lessons in Love Contest" Cathy Young

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# From Minis to maxis, auto show has it all

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

The press has been salivating for a week and now it's time for the public to get in on the excitement of the 2003 North American International Auto Show.

The annual display of motor magic runs 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday through Jan. 19 and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Cobo Center in downtown Detroit. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for seniors 65 and older and free for children 12 years and under.

From a rainbow of Hummers aggressively angled above the floor to a garden of Mini Coopers trumpeting that small is in, this year's auto show offers something for everybody in a stylish pack-

This is Detroit's moment in the sun. Media from every corner of the world has descended on the city over the past week to get the latest. from the automobile industry. If Detroit-based automakers have to share air and print time with world automakers. their city is still the focal point. The Detroit Auto Show, which dates from 1907, became the North American International Auto Show in 1988 and has been expanding and attracting more attention every year since.

Last year 760,000 visitors attended the auto show. This year's spectacular blend of concept vehicles, new introductory vehicles and display showmanship is expected to draw the same response.

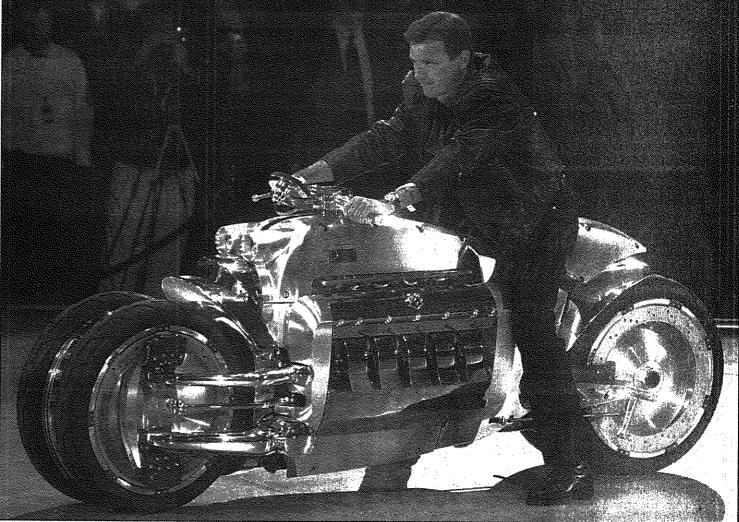
The show is colorful and well designed, from the General Motors duchy on the northwest side to the German corner of automakers on the southeast.

#### **MINI STAR**

The star of this year's show defies all the dazzle of modern design and high performance. Auto journalists at the show chose the Mini Cooper as the automobile of the year. The tiny capital C "cute" car has become a cult best seller this year. It is an update of Europe's longtime best selling automobile which had been discontinued. Now it's back and setting trends.

The British Mini's display, next to parent German company BMW, is an interactive fun spot. In addition to many colorfully decorated Minis. with Union Jack and American Flag painted roofs, the exhibit features pinball machines, a simulated twoperson auto race and a design your own center. Very cool.

BMW's own display includes the wide variety of the company's products including bicy-



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Chrysler Group CEO Wolfgang Bernhard rides a Dodge Tomahawk concept vehicle during its unveiling at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit

cles, motorcycles, sleek sportscars and utility vehicles and a stylish lounge.

This year's truck of the year was the Volvo XC 90, called an environmentally friendly

#### **COOL WHEELS**

Cool is exemplified by DaimlerChrysler's Dodge Tomahawk concept vehicle. Is it a car or is it a motorcycle?

DC public relations describes it this way: "The Viper-powered Dodge Tomahawk concept vehicle shatters all the barriers of conventional thinking about personal transportation. This four-wheel, single-passenger vehicle is a sleek, rolling sculpture that combines artdeco styling with extreme

engineering. 'The 500-horsepower Viper V-10 engine powering the dual rear wheels gives this radical vehicle a potential top speed of nearly 400 miles per hour for anyone who wants to test

Ford is displaying everything from the British speed demons, Jaguar and Aston Martin and their own newly hip T-Birds to some socially conscious concept vehicles as part of the launch of their 100th anniversary.

ine Model U concept car is powered by a hydrogen inter-

nal combustion engine equipped with a hybrid electric transmission. The company literature says the car "offers SUV driving excitement that is affordable but can grow with a customer's lifestyle and aspirations." It can be personalized in many ways and uses "green" recycled materials for construction.

Despite the talk about 'green" and fuel efficient, a lot of attention at the General Motors end of the building will be on two vehicles not noted for their gas saving. The Hummer H2s are dynamically displayed on risers in a variety of bright candy colors. A luxuriant 16-cylinder, 1000horsepower Cadillac car was drawing oohs and aahs from the auto press.

"The Cadillac Sixteen proportions were crafted with great attention to detail and nomage to classic design, said top speed of 193.3 miles an Brian Smith, the Cadillac

Sixteen's exterior designer. "The Cadillac Sixteen evokes an era when luxury cars were hand-built.'

On the green side GM is introducing a hybrid truck which will be available as an option on all their pickup trucks.

The future of auto design is represented in a couple downstairs displays.

The Center for Creative Studies has several student designed models on display. Several students offer their variations on brand automobiles. In addition KyleWatson offers a one-of-a-kind bicycle with a low-rider profile. Armi Shin presents a "hybrid" boat with outboard motors and sails, a conversation pit and sleek styling.

Keio University in Japan presents an electric vehicle with a 186-mile range and a



Ford Motor Company's environmentally friendly Model U concept car makes its debut on Jan. 5, 2003, at Detroit's North American International Auto Show. The Model U features the world's first supercharged hydrogen internal combustion engine, sports a hybrid electric transmission and makes use of green materials and processes.





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# It's breakfast withdrawal

Perhaps it will be good for the cholesterol levels in Canton, but for some it just might be withdrawal from biscuits and gravy.

The Bob Evans restaurant on Ford Road and I-275, long a gathering spot for devotees of country style breakfasts and a taste for pork sausage, will temporarily close its doors for reconstruction.

It will take workers from three to four months, depending on weather conditions, to rebuild the restaurant. The new, mostly brick building, will be larger, although the seating capacity will be about the same.

The best news is that there will be no change to the menu. Sausage, bacon, ham, eggs, pancakes and waffles will still be on the menu. Also, it will continue to be one of the few places around to find a good helping of grits.

Grits are an acquired taste and most people north of the Mason-Dixon Line have rarely been exposed to them. Bob Evans is one place in Michigan that has helped keep the grits tradition alive. For those uninitiated to grits, they are made of corn and are similar to other hot breakfast cereals, but are really a good excuse to eat salt and butter.

For those addicted to grits or big country breakfasts, they won't have to go through withdrawal. A new Bob Evans opened Oct. 28 on Michigan Avenue near Home Depot, and will be able to take up the slack.

Also, Canton residents can rest assured that their favorite wait person won't be without a job. The employees are being transferred to nearby restaurants for the duration of the construction period.

The restaurant has been a mainstay in Canton, opening in 1979. It was the fifth one to open in Michigan and serves about 6,000 customers a week.

Bob Evans has given back to the community. In October, the company donated \$5,000 to the Canton Goodfellows.

Canton residents should be happy that Bob Evans has chosen to continue to invest in the community by putting up a new, updated, modern structure that will enhance the community.

But will folks will be happy that the building is being upgraded, they'll probably be happier when they can say "please pass the biscuits and gravy,"

## Veto shouldn't stop DARTA's progress

Incomprehensible.

That's the only word we can come up with to describe former Gov. John Engler's petulant 11th hour veto of regional mass transit legislation. In a matter of minutes, he toppled two years' worth of difficult negotiations by killing a bill that would have established the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority.

Never mind that it took years to get all the metro area parties involved to come together behind this idea. Never mind that the Detroit Regional Chamber and every thinking business person in the southeast metropolitan area knows mass transit is an integral part of continued economic development and growth.

No, John Engler couldn't be bothered with logic. He was ticked off because lawmakers shot down one of his pet projects: charter schools.

Engler's plan of attack, of course, was to expand charter schools in Detroit - a plan that never came to fruition. Instead of half a loaf, he chose to leave the state with none, revealing a pettiness even his most ardent supporters couldn't possibly ignore.

DARTA wasn't a solution to southeast Michigan's problems, but it clearly took a step in the right direction. Establishing a board with representation from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and the City of Detroit, DARTA would have at least brought all the players to the table and engaged them in discussions to develop a viable transportation plan for our region.

Without a reliable, clean, accessible transportation system, Detroit and its surrounding suburbs will stay on increasingly divergent paths, watching the hope for a stronger and more united future fade with each passing year.

We urge officials not to give up the fight for this badly needed reform. More than creating just another layer of government, another opportunity for millage requests, DARTA will eventually establish an infrastructure around which southeast Michigan's economic future could be built.

It's too bad John Engler didn't understand that. Maybe Gov. Jennifer Granholm will.

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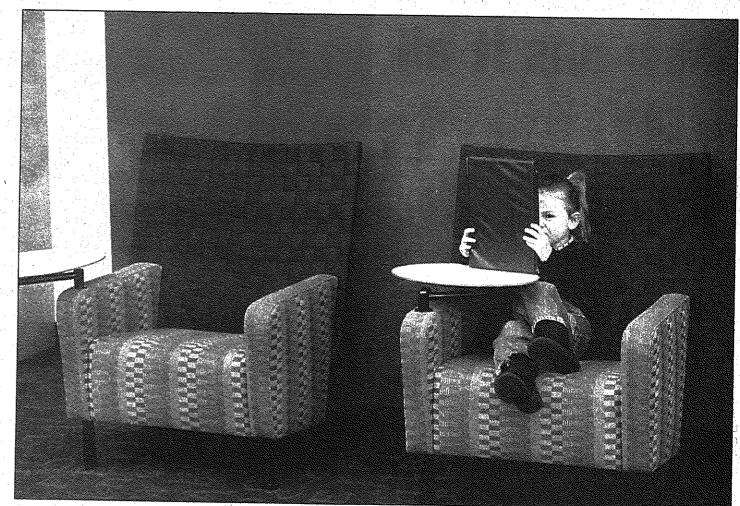
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Clara Mason of Canton, 3%, peeks from behind her magazine while waiting for her mom to make her video selections at the Canton Library Friday. And, what was the preschooler's reading choice? Fortune magazine.

#### Not about Santa Independent spirit

For us Christians, the Christmas holiday is not for idolizing that ugly, fat, rednosed and dressed, black-belted, Coca Cola-created promoter of marketing and binge buying.

Christmas is a time for celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Saviour, sent to us from heaven by His Father so that His Father's will be made known to the mankind.

In this, at least 95-percent Christian country, we must not be intimidated by a tiny faction of anti-Christians into catacumbal submission. Our constitution clearly says that Congress shall not prohibit free exercise of religion; that means anywhere in this country, including on the so-called public property.

We must not be timid about it, but joyfully, dauntlessly, and ostensively proclaim to the world and to each other this great event in the history of mankind, the Birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Joseph Wira Plymouth Township

#### Profit not ugly word

The dividend tax cut has not been proposed to benefit the wealthy (the real taxpayers), but to restart the economy. People planning for the future want a safe place for their savings and spare money. Industries that are hammered by trial lawyers and environmentalists are

Job-creating corporations cannot offer a good return because profits are taxed 35 percent, then the shareholder pays 25 percent tax on dividends. The government's take of 60 percent does not leave much incentive or capital for expansion. When investors don't find anything attractive, the economy becomes stalled.

How much revenue would be collected if the government taxed 100 percent of all income over \$200,000? That question reportedly brought stupendous estimates, all of them false. No one would produce if everything were confiscated; the correct answer is zero. Revenue would be the same if no taxes were levied, but jobs and investments would skyrocket. Some taxes are needed, but soaking the rich to provide for the poor makes everyone poor.

Should President Bush offer private enterprise the incentive of allowing it to keep more of its own money and grow the economy, or stifle it with the politics of class envy? Do we prefer good salaries in a competitive marketplace, or good unemployment benefits in a welfare state?

A previous generation was asked, "What can you do for your country?" Does the current generation demand to know, "What can your country do for you?" Free enterprise can compete with anything except big government. Capitalism made us prosperous. Why did "profit" become an ugly word?

Incidentally, the death tax may take 55 percent of everything left, and that's another story.

#### **LETTERS**

#### We were pleased to read Diane Gale Andreassi's lovely article, "Independent Spirit: Disabled men thankful for the chance to live on their own" (Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002).

We would like to correct one inaccuracy, however. Larry is one of OUR most dependable and valued volunteers. Twice a week without fail, he assists us with rewinding hundreds of our "Talking Book" cassettes here at the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Larry's smile and willingness to give of his time to help others is a weekly inspiration to our entire staff. So, while we are sure other organizations that rely on volunteers would benefit from his help, we Remember that Christians are the public. want to go on record - he's ours and you can't have him.

Lisa Rieman

volunteer coordinator, Westland

#### Modest proposal

The recent police shooting in front of Garden City High School further emphasizes the unpredictability of the insane violence that permeates and walks the streets of our society daily.

I'm sure the criminal who tried to kill a policeman carefully considered the fact that school was not in session and that our children were home safe so that none of them would have accidentally been caught in the line of his deadly fire.

We should be grateful that all such murderous lunatics take the time to consider the safety of our children first before engaging in such reckless behav-

In fact, in order to insure that we always continue to experience such favorable protection from the forces of evil in our community for the sake and safety of our children, I have a modest proposal a yearly live sacrifice to appease the forces of murder and evil.

That's right. We could build an altar on the corner of Middlebelt and Ford Road and gather there as a community once a rear - let's say before school starts, and kill some small, helpless animal like a pig or goat which would symbolize any of the countless victims of brutal gun violence that have died in the name of freedom.

Other civilizations in the past who have also been unable or unwilling to confront forces apparently beyond their control or understanding have reverted to this same

If it does nothing else, it clears our consciences and washes our hands of any responsibility for the blood of helpless victims. Than we can all go ahead and rebury our heads in the sands of our dayto-day lives and hope and pray that madness doesn't strike at the heart of our

> John Byk Canton

#### Insurance fairness

Do you have complete health care cov-Hank Borgman erage, dental coverage and life insurance Farmington through your employer? Many are not so fortunate.

Often, the insurance company substantially reduces the billing because the provider participates with the insurance company. The health care provider accepts what is deemed to be "customary and ordinary" charges. That can be substantially less than the billing. That reduces the deductible and co-pay, if applicable.

Your employer who provides the insurance coverage is generally allowed to deduct the cost as a tax deduction and thus receives a tax saving.

Let's contrast the above with an individual without any insurance coverage. The health care provider expects payment in full for the amount billed. Thus, the uninsured is expected to pay more for the same treatment than the insured.

Now, let's look at the differences in tax treatment. If the individual itemizes deductions for federal income tax purposes, the cost of medical expenses is deductible, but subject to a reduction equal to 7.5 percent of adjustable gross income. In other words, if income is \$15,000, the first \$1,125 of expenses is not deductible.

Of course, some without company-provided insurance pay for their own coverage. But here again, other than for selfemployed individuals, the cost of such coverage is subject to the 7.5 percent floor. Self-employed individuals can deduct 70 percent of the cost of health care coverage in 2002, with the remaining 30 percent subject to the 7.5 percent floor.

Where is the equity? I fail to see any. It's time to bring some fairness to the system. Health care providers must explain why it costs so much more to provide coverage to those without insurance than those with. The tax code must be changed to offer similar tax advantages to those with and without insurance coverage. If a company can deduct the full cost of insurance coverage than an individual should be able to deduct an equal amount based on the amount paid for

In a time when we see more and more layoffs and outright terminations, it is more important than ever to do something to correct these inequities.

Tom DeWard Farmington Hills

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#### QUOTABLE

"I don't want to be one of those corporate CEOs who just takes money from people. I want to make a difference in the world, helping people who can't help themselves."

- Aimée Carter, teen author.

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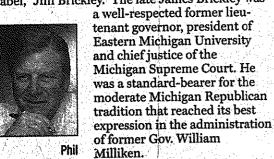


## Brickley's seat showed implied presence at Granholm inaugural

ne of the things a good reporter tries to do is select out of the myriad of details surrounding a news story the one or two nuggets that best catch the core of what's going on.

There were lots of possibilities available last week as Jennifer Granholm was inaugurated as Michigan's first-ever female governor.

One has to do with the tiny chair, not more than three inches tall, that sat on the podium while she gave her inaugural speech. It bore the label, "Jim Brickley." The late James Brickley was



He explained that, "When she was elected attorney

general, Jennifer wanted Jim Brickley to help

swear her in. But this never happened; I think it

was blocked by John Engler. Then Jim Brickley

died. So before last November's election, Joyce

Granholm this miniature chair with Brickley's

tion spear carrier and Brickley's wife) sent

Braithwaite (a distinguished Milliken administra-

name on it as kind of a symbolic gift. I made sure

it was on the podium when she gave her speech."

Here's why I fastened on to this piece of detail:

It brings home the striking parallels between the

administrations of Govs. Granholm and Milliken.

Granholm is a moderate Democrat, just as

knows full well she needs to govern out of the

Brickley administration worked with the Democratic-controlled legislature of the time.

Milliken was a moderate Republican. Granholm

center, working in a bipartisan manner with the

GOP-dominated legislature, just as the Milliken-

And Granholm realizes a big chunk of her sup-

port comes from moderate, suburban, centrist

voters made uneasy by the strident right-wing

image of the Republican Party. Readers with long

memories will recall that Bill Milliken dominated

politics in Michigan for a long time by appealing

Certainly the major message Granholm was

trying to communicate during her inauguration

was that the tone in Lansing is going to be very

different from that set by her predecessor, John

Engler. Granholm's speech - "Walk with me, talk

with me, work with me" - sent an inclusive mes-

sage markedly different from the inner-directed,

tough-minded, Lansing-oriented approach that

so characterized the Engler administration. The

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religious service at the beginning of the day was a

repeatedly to suburban "Milliken Democrats."

the campaign, about the chair.

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fully ecumenical example; it involved Christian, Jewish, Greek Orthodox, Muslim, Buddhist, I asked Chris DeWitt, Granholm's spokesman during Hindu and Sikh clergy.

dose of symbolism.

Democratic partisans praised her performance. "She's just as good a communicator as Bill Clinton," gushed one, "without all the baggage." And most political commentators and editorial pages around the state said nice things about Granholm's initial moves. Republicans agreed. The two top Republican legislative leaders, House Speaker Rick Johnson and Senate Majority Leader-elect Ken Sikkema, were prominent on the platform and had nice things to say — at least initially — about cooperating with Gov. Granholm.

The new governor has a tough row to hoe. She

dominated by Republicans. She is facing an

enormous budget deficit, which means as a

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practical matter that she won't have any

is the only Democrat in a state capital

Especially notable was the relatively warm reception she received from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, normally fiercely Republican. Tricia Kinley, director of tax policy and economic development for the chamber, told me: "We are going to try to help her keep some of her campaign themes to cut spending and not raise taxes. If she can bring the business community in and gather ideas about the future of Michigan, we would be more than happy to help out."

The new governor has a tough row to hoe. She is the only Democrat in a state capital dominated by Republicans. She is facing an enormous budget deficit, which means as a practical matter that she won't have any money to pay for new and snazzy stuff for at least a couple of years. So she's going to have to rely on goodwill, bipartisanship and a good dose of symbolism. Maybe Jim Brickley's chair on the podium was

too small for an adult to sit in, but I suspect it will loom large in the early going of the Granholm administration.

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



# The year that was sets stage for the year that will be

t seemed this past year flew by so fast I could barely reach out to grab a moment. My family, growing up before my eyes. My sons, now teens, evolving from children grown into men. My daughter, turning 10.

My husband entering the middle of age. I had planned, as I did every year, to stay the age of 27. Yet I found myself standing before the mirror, more often pulling out errant gray hairs.

In the year that was, I began to reluctantly accept my approaching maturity.

In the year that was, our country continued recovery from Sept. 11. We seemed to quiet down, to take life less for granted. We began to appreciate awakening to the new day, driving home from work. We seemed to change our focus, to reorganize our priorities.

It was the year we drank the last of the bottled water. We opened and consumed the canned goods, we tossed the powdered milk, burned all the candles. We had been given a glimpse of Armageddon and we finally realized we never really needed these things at all.

In the year that was. In my family, beautiful twins were born to my brother and his wife. Lovely little Lorelle and determined Dylan. As these babies came into our lives, for just a moment the world around us stopped spinning

And then it all began to spin again. In the year that was, Plymouth and Canton grew. Our little town of Plymouth welcomed Panera Bread and Starbucks into the Mayflower Centre. We said farewell to Dinersty

and Magic Bus. Our little town was changing. In Canton, Splitz Gymnastics became front page news as they built a new facility. Friday's moved onto Ford Road and we prepared to

bid adieu to Harmony House. During the year . that was, Canton continued to grow and flourish.

At home, Jack Kenyon, a former Plymouth mayor and our beloved neighbor, passed away. Some days I still find myself looking for him, standing at the corner, hose in hand, spraying my daughter's feet.

All of that in the year that was

So in the year to come, with resolution I have promised myself to try and take each day a little slower, a little quieter, with just a bit more caution.

Much like our country seems to be.

In the year that will be, our teenagers keep moving toward a life of their own, with driving, jobs and dates, our daughter prepares to make the leap into junior high. I look at my children and I sigh. It seemed just yesterday that they were tiny babies.

My husband getting a little older; myself, I guess I will always lay claim to being a little younger. But now I know the truth.

Plymouth and Canton will continue to grow and change, to flourish with new business

and expand with opportunities. In our own little neighborhood, we welcome our new residents, yet we never forget

the old. Our twins are learning to walk and talk. Still just tiny babies.

It is for them that we must always keep the

world spinning. For the year that will be.

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and a regular contributor to the Observer. She can be reached via email at Cate1956@aol.com.

#### **MORE LETTERS**

#### **SMART** gets it right

Recent things SMART has done right: It is wonderful SMART is providing express shuttle service to Pistons games. That is good for the region, the Pistons, Detroit citizens and all other riders. It's also good informative publicity for the conveniences of

SMART and transit in general. Farmington Hills residents finally got some signs informing motorists of the terminal/park & ride lot at OCC. Since then, I've noticed some new faces on the #851. There are other lots like Schoolcraft College that need signage as well on the surface streets and I-275. Ridership on the 810/820 would probably increase as well with signs.

It would be helpful to have every driver fill their bus display pockets (daily) with a supply of appropriate route schedules for the route(s) they are running that day as

well as those great newsletters (many buses are empty).

It is also encouraging to see SMART supporting DARTA, as well as serving the public with a regional pass and providing DDOT contact information on the schedules.

As an FYI; most of the times I ride the Park and Ride, the bus is full or almost full. Several times, a few people had to stand. The express routes are getting used.

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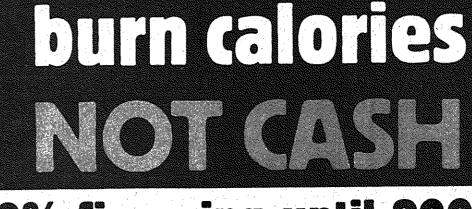
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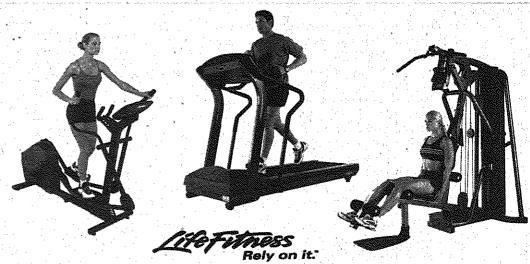
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#### In concert

Watch Nan Washburn direct the Canton Chamber Orchestra and listen to the group play baroque music at 8 p.m. Saturday at St. Thomas á Becket Church in Canton, and at 3 p.m. Sunday at Northville High School,



47600 Six Mile. The orchestra, a small ensemble of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, will play Baroque Treasures - Suite No. 1, Sonata, Dido & Aeneas & Brandenburg Concerto No. 1. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students, and are available at the door or through Northville Parks and Recreation, 700 West Baseline, Northville. Call Northville, Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

#### At the movies

The Redford Theatre is showing the 1971 film Diamonds Are Forever, starring Jill St. John and Sean Connery, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. There will be organ overtures at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$3. The theatre is located at 17360 Lahser, south of Seven Mile in Detroit. (313) 258-5806.

#### On stage

Jeff Miller of Belleville (left) and Marc Rosati of Royal Oak rehearse for The Player's Guild of Dearborn's The Odd Couple. The show



runs Friday through Sunday, Jan. 26, at the Players Guild of Dearborn Theatre, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$11. All seats are reserved. (313) 561-TKTS.

#### **Quick change**

Catch Arturo Brachetti,
Jan. 14 through Feb. 2 at the
Fisher Theatre in Detroit, The
quick change artist portrays
100 characters in 100 minutes. Tickets range from \$23\$48. Performances are at 8
p.m. Tuesday through
Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday
and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sunday. (248) 645-6666.



HOTOS BY DAVID COO

Candida Morell (played by Laurie Paton) is flattered by the attention of Eugene Marchbanks (a young homeless poet played by Mike Shara). The relationship tests her marriage to a minister in the romantic comedy *Candida* by George Bernard Shaw.

# Shaw Festival

# Renowned repertory company takes up residence in Rochester

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

regg Bloomfield knew when he contacted the Canadian Consulate in December 2001 about bringing one of the country's renowned repertory companies to Meadow Brook Theatre it would be a long road to Rochester, not only in distance traveled but red tape unraveled.

Undaunted, the MBT managing director set his sights on presenting a nearly four-week residency by the Shaw Festival and never looked back.

This was the first time in the 36-year history of the professional theater that another company took the stage in Rochester. *Candida*, George Bernard Shaw's romantic comedy, continues to Sunday, Feb. 2.

The residency marks a milestone for the Shaw Festival as well. It's been years since one of North America's largest repertory companies took to the road. Dedicated to producing works written by Shaw and his contemporaries, the company maintains a hectic season from April to November, presenting up to a dozen plays at three different theaters in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

The Rochester residency follows performances of *Candida* at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa and the Shaw theater 20 minutes from Niagara Falls.

"Shaw is one of the most acclaimed theater festivals in North America with a renowned company of actors, designers, directors but is less known than



The Reverend is reminded by his wife, Candida (Laurie Paton), and assistant (Todd Witham) that the congregation is not always in attendance to hear his wise words.

the Stratford Festival because of the greater driving distance," said Bloomfield, a Birmingham resi-

"In the future, we'd like to continue bringing other companies to our stage. I just never realized the preparation involved including filling out an application with U.S. Immigration & Naturalization for the 14-member company so they could all get across the border and have their white card to work in this country. The biggest challenge has been all the logistics with planning, the housing for six actors and staff, scheduling residency activities, and moving the set. Shaw tech director Jeff Scollon came a year ago to see the facility and take measurements. They took MBT into account for the set design. We have a smaller loading door than

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#### SHAW FESTIVAL OF CANADA

What: The renowned repertory company takes up residence for a nearly four-week run of the George Bernard Shaw comedy Candida

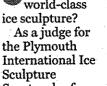
When: Through Sunday, Feb. 2. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. matinee Wednesday, Saturday-Sunday, 6 p.m. Saturday, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday

Where: Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus, Rochester

**Tickets:** \$24-\$38. Call (248) 377-3300; group sales (248) 370-3316

# Carvers rev up chain saws for competitions

o what does it take to carve a world-class ice sculpture?





Artistic Expressions

Linda Chomin

Spectacular for three years in the late 1990s, I learned it takes more than warm boots and gloves – although they really help when the wind chill pushes the temperature down to 32 degrees below zero.

Standing for hours on snow-covered grass in Kellogg Park or cement in the underground parking structure on Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail takes stamina, the same as with any sport. But ice-carving also takes talent. It is, after all, an art form. Creativity, good design, strong lines – those are the elements that make up an award-winning sculpture, at least according to guidelines set up by the American Culinary Federation.

Organizers of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular follow those rules to select gold, silver and bronze medal winners among the professionals, students and amateurs every January. This year judges will award \$6,000 in prizes between Wednesday, Jan. 15 and Monday, Jan. 20.

Canton carver Ted Wakar has experienced both ends of the competition. A graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia, he and partner Jim Bur Jr. carved a sculpture that won them first place in the world championships in Japan in 1996. He's frequently asked to judge based on his 23 years of carving gold medal sculptures.

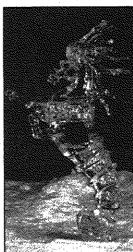
Now he mostly teaches ice carving in the culinary department at Schoolcraft College in Livonia in between running his business, Frozen Images, in Plymouth. Wakar carves commissioned pieces for events and organizations such as the North

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#### PLYMOUTH ICE SCULPTURE SPECTACULAR

What: The 21st annual event features professional, student and amateur carvers competing for \$6,000 in prizes, a Fantasyland spotlighting characters from the cinema, 100 street sculptures, Whalers Charity Shoutout. All events are free except for fundraiser listed below.

When: Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 15-20



Tajana and Paul Raukur of Plymouth placed first in the professional team competition at the 2001 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture

Spectacular with this carv-

ing of a seahorse.

Where: Kellogg Park, Main and Ann Arbor Trail, and the Central Parking Structure on Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.wattsupinc.com

#### Ice Odyssey:

Dinner dance and auction to raise funds for the spectacular 7-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Northville Hills Golf Course. Tickets \$100, and available

by calling (734) 459-6969 or (734) 459-9970

## Wawel dishes up Polish comfort food

BY ELEANOR HEALD CORRESPONDENT

Today's restaurant buzz term is comfort food. The very mention of which conjures up something different in each person's mind, mostly dependent on family background and traditions. To many peo-

ple, comfort food is

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Polish.
The kitchen was the comfort spot in their grandparents' home. Grandma, who learned to cook from her mother, continues to pass on heirloom Polish recipes.

I can still taste my grandmother's version of boiled, then pan-fried pierogi with

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JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPH

Dorota Kaninski (center) serves Shirley Bittner (left) and her daughter, Stacey Bittner, at Wawel, in Troy.

#### WAWEL

Where: 2975 E. Maple in the American Polish Cultural Center, Troy (248)689-3636.

**Open:** 11a.m.-3p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 11a.m.-8p.m. Wednesday; 11a.m.-9p.m. Friday

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**Entertainment:** Wednesday 5-8p.m. accordion music. Friday 5-9p.m. piano and violin music

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# Interpol's atmosphere is in demand

'm convinced if I peeked inside Sam Fogarino's closet, I'd find about 20 identical black suits. But he swears otherwise.

The stylish drummer for New York City's latest rock sensation Interpol might be tired of answering questions about the band's refined image but the guy could talk music forever.

"It goes way back," said Fogarino. "I owe it to my mom really, for blaring Beatles, Led Zeppelin and waking me up to watch David Bowie on some late-night T.V. show."

Growing up in the shadows of Ziggy Stardust, Fogarino along with bandmates Paul Banks, Carlos De. and Daniel Kessler - can now find himself on the small screen. The band appears tonight on Late Night with David Letterman and Tuesday, Jan. 21 on NBC's Last Call with Carson Daly.



Scene

Stephanie Cosola

"It's kind of only logical," said Fogarino. "Everything's been happening pretty quickly. You have to keep progressing. For a band, this is a rite of passage."

As a longtime fan, he looked forward to appearing on Letterman's show. "It's a little extra-special for a New York band to do a New York show. David Letterman is such a New York institution," he said.

Television seems to be the next level for Interpol, who have been in high demand since the release of Turn on the Bright Lights on Matador Records.

'Everything's been happening pretty quickly. You have to keep progressing. For a band, this is a rite of passage."

Sam Fogarino bandmember, Interpol

Interpol formed in 1998, but Fogarino didn't join in until 2000. He struck up a friendship with Kessler upon first moving to the city.

Fogarino remembered his first impressions of the band's early demos.

"I thought 'This is good. This is promising, but I wasn't super-compelled by it," he said. "At the time it didn't move me enough to make me want to join the band."

By the time Interpol released its "gray E.P." on the Chemikal Underground label, he said, "the band just went leaps and bounds."

When Interpol finally found itself in need of a new drummer, Fogarino showed up - uncharacteristically late - for a first rehearsal. The rest was unspoken history, or as the drummer described "instantaneous, perfect timing."



Interpol features (left to right) well dressed musicians Sam Fogarino, Paul Banks, Carlos De. and Daniel Kessler. The band's spacey, atmospheric rock returns to Detroit Jan. 11.

"A year later I was flying over band," said Fogarino. "I keep to London to do a (John) Peel Session," he said.

Interpol's music - lush soundscapes with hints of Brit pop and electroclash - has been plagued by comparisons to bands like Joy Division or Echo and the Bunnymen - which Fogarino can't understand. But he does admit to one thing all of these bands share - a passion for atmosphere.

"I'm the drummer in the

the punk alive. Daniel and Paul inject all the atmosphere."

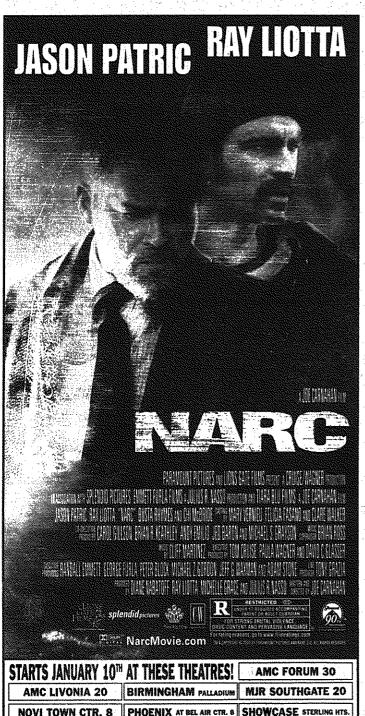
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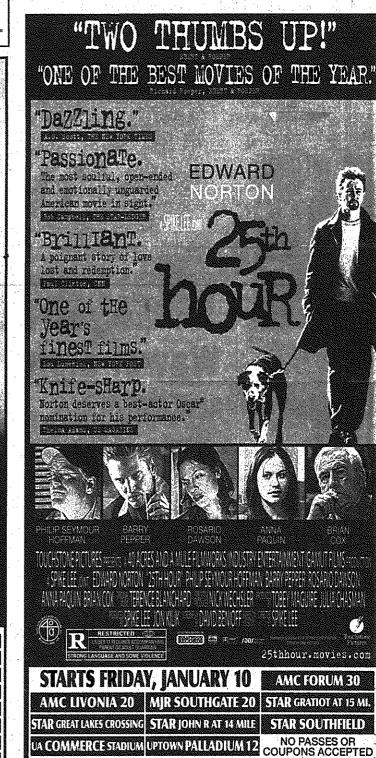
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most so the set had to fit through. The moment of truth is when it comes through the door.

The week before Candida opened for previews Meadow Brook Theatre was a flurry of activity. Lights needed to be focused per Shaw's design. Shaw staff worked with MBT staff to ensure the production, which was already fully realized, came off without a hitch. The Shaw tech staff remain through Jan. 11 when MBT staff takes over.

"There was a lot of advanced planning," said Bloomfield. We've scheduled post show discussions after Sunday matinees beginning Jan. 12, and MBT with Oakland University English department chairman Bruce Mann will present a stage reading of GBS vs. GKC, a play about conversations between the two literary giants George Bernard Shaw and G.K. Chesterton (2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25) and it's free. A Shaw Film Festival begins Jan. 15, and our opening presentation (Jan. 10) features a discussion with Shaw's new artistic director Jackie Maxwell.

"I saw Candida this summer in Niagara and was very impressed with members of the company and the job Jackie Maxwell had done of directing. Shaw can be ponderous. With Jackie directing it, it just flew

One of Maxwell's goals as the newly-appointed artistic director is to make Shaw known to a wider audience.

"Several years ago, Shaw Festival had taken its work around but as so often happens finances dictate what a compa-

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Jackie Maxwell artistic director, Shaw Festival

ny does," said Maxwell, who served as Shaw artistic director designate for the 2002 season under then-artistic director Christopher Newton. "We're interested in getting our work out a little bit to encourage people to come but it's hard to do every year. We have 11 shows to put on ourselves.

"Candida is not a huge production and Shaw's a delight to do. It's a lovely compact piece, a comedy with bite to it. The thing that's really fun is Shaw was a very subversive and provocative writer. Candida is a romantic triangle. It makes you

sit back and wonder about what transpires in a marriage. Shaw was pre-feminism, pre-Suffragette, always poking his finger at the establishment. Candida has a lot of good juice to play with. It's the balance of updating it but not changing any of it and making sure it is in its period."

Maxwell plans to do plenty of thinking about the 2004 season on the drive down from Niagara-on-the-Lake. The theater's mandate is Shaw and his contemporaries (1856-1950) but Maxwell hopes to include contemporary plays about

those times by playwrights like Tom Stoppard who's dealt with that period with a contemporary view. In the meantime she's bringing the set model down for the set of Chekhov's Three Sisters which she'll direct in March.

"The cornerstone is Shaw. That keeps the bar pretty high. It needs to measure up to his wit. I worked almost a full year with Christopher Newton so I could be around to see what makes it work. I've found my biggest challenge so far is the actual complexity of putting a season together, building a season and programming three theaters differently, and casting a company."

Maxwell's years of experience did prepare her for the job. Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Maxwell was involved with youth theater by age 8 and had her actor's equity card by 13. She studied drama at the

University of Manchester and acted in England and Ireland before moving to Canada in 1978. There she worked extensively as a free-lance director. She presently teaches directing to postgraduate students at the University of Toronto.

'My first idea was to become a world famous actor," said Maxwell. "I trained in England, came to Canada shortly after where I discovered it wasn't really acting I was interested in. As an actor, you're more focused on your character. As a director, you're focused on many things.

"Candida is a lovely piece. I'm looking forward to taking it to another area and meeting people. Making connections is part of my job. I'm interested in seeing what other companies are doing. Artists have to cross-fer-

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head are among the sculptures. "I tell my students (several of whom will compete in Plymouth) it needs to have some kind of draw," said Wakar. "It has to be pleasing to my eye, attractive to me for varied reasons. I've exposed myself to a lot of ideas over the years. I search for other art ideas, not just sculpture but I look at drawing and painting. The carving has to have strong emotional values but can have strength of content without beauty. At times pieces stand strong on individual merits. Certain styles of art don't judge well against each other. Take for instance a structured Eiffel Tower and an elegant and flowing Pegasus. They both have strong individual elements. It's difficult to say this one is better

than this one. "The bottom line for the ACF is food presentation. If you're going by NICA (National Ice Carving Association) rules, it revolves around the technical aspects, but whichever you're carving under you're still pressed for time because it's a timed competition. And there's the safety issue. If you see tools scattered all around a carver, something's not right. They're being rushed or they haven't planned out properly. You do have the freedom to carve what you want, but a competitor makes a decision on sacrificing points - if I only have so much time where am I going to invest that time?

"It's knowing what judges are looking for, going for originality not something out of an ice sculpting book. And you need to move the ice around a little. You're working with a block 45 inches tall, 10 inches thick and 20 inches wide. That means cutting the block and working with two chunks of ice, or another option is leaning the block or adhering ice to another piece of ice. It's all about ice utilization, the need to take up

more space so it appears larger than what you start out with."

Gone is the grand scale of the 10-block team competition that ran from 6 p.m. Friday through Saturday at 2 p.m. It was too grueling on carvers and too noisy for residents. Though power tools were forbidden after midnight, some residents

still complained. But that doesn't mean largescale sculptures are a thing of the past. Festival organizer Mike Watts promises "all-new" sculptures including a Fantasyland of film figures

titled Frozen Cinema. "It's going to be a tribute to the movies - Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, Monsters, Inc., Spiderman," said Watts. "There are all kinds of activities going on in addition to the competitions, including a Whalers Charity Shootout, where kids get to shoot at the goal and win prizes. There's a dinner dance with Saoco, a Cuban-based jazz group to raise funds for the festival, or try ice-carving at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. There are new shops and restaurants to explore."

Dan Rowlson, Kevin Enright and Doug Ganhs will be there for the competition. The Oakland Community College chef instructors will bring students to test their chainsawwielding skills against carvers from Henry Ford Community College, Schoolcraft College, Macomb Community College and, for the first time this year, the University of Michigan. But before then they warm up with a multi-block carving. A 25block Harry Potter vignette begins taking shape Tuesday, Jan. 14.

"I tell my students to practice, to do something on their level of ability and to complete it," said Rowlson, who's participated in the festival since the first event 21 years ago. "A big thing, not only with pros, is completing it. Students take on too much and end up not able to finish it.

"Originality isn't as important on the student level. What they need to focus on is practicing so they feel comfortable. Mentally they're under pressure as in any sport. People are watching. You have to preplan. You have to do this particular carving six times before you compete. It's a threedimensional art form. There's no color and the medium is difficult to work. It breaks."

Safety is another important

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minimum. "They're monitoring for safety," said Rowlson. "It's an extremely dangerous situation

they're involved with." Ganhs couldn't agree more. It was one of the first lessons he learned while a student at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. Ganhs was a member of the ice-carv-

ing club there. This year, in addition to coordinating OCC students from the Farmington Hills campus, Ganhs has signed up for the team professional competition with Detroit Athletic Club chef John Miller. After Plymouth, they all head for competitions in Frankenmuth

Jan. 31-Feb 2. "I tell them you're in the same arena as another person. You really have to be careful. I tell them to carve something you're comfortable with, take it as a learning experience for the first couple of competitions," said Ganhs, who's been carving for 10 years. "And to keep their eyes and ears open. There's so many great carvers out there.

"I'm personally going to be pushing myself, raising the bar, going against what I teach my students. I want to try to build their confidence and get them going gradually."

Sultan Sharrief admits he's not going with thoughts of winning a competition but for the experience. He competed with the Romulus High School team for two years but feels he still has a lot to learn. In fact, that's why he started the icecarving club at the University of Michigan, where he's a sophomore.

"It's such a unique thing to do," said Sharrief, a film major. "You see the carvings at weddings and wonder how's that done. It's a whole new art form. We did a workshop in February and had a great turnout with seven students. We're taking seven individuals and three teams of two. We aren't really going to sweep the competition. We just want to hang around as a reinforcement - am I doing this right? Am I holding a tool right? There's so much going on and you have to be aware of what everyone else is doing. I'm trying to simplify. We practiced before everyone left for the holidays and we're looking to get in extra practice in the last two weeks."

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8-Track: The Sounds of the '70s 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 1:20 p.m. limited Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, 333 Madison, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800 **Gem Theatre** 

Shear Madness, 333 Madison, Detroit. \$24.50 to \$34.50, (313) 963-9800

**Jewish Ensemble Theatre** Visiting Mr. Green continues to Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. \$20. (248) 788-2900

Meadow Brook Theatre Presents the Shaw Festival's Candida: 6 p.m. Jan. 11, opening night/press night. Previews, Jan. 9-10 runs through Feb. 2 at Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Tickets \$19-\$38. Call (248) 377-3300 for perform-

ance times and ticket information.

Music Hall The Black Ensemble Theater Touring Company presents the debut of The Jackie Wilson Story (My Heart is Crying, Crying) for eight performances only, Feb. 4-9 at Music Hall, Detroit. \$22.50-\$37.50 and available at the Music Hall box office, Ticketmaster outlets or online at ticketmaster.com. For performance times or more information call, (313) 963-2366

**Plowshares Theatre Company** Presenting: The Piano Lesson, an August Wilson drama; Press opening night performance at 6 p.m., Feb. 1. Play runs from Jan. 30-Feb. 23 at Marygrove College, 8425 West McNichols, northwest Detroit. Tickets range from \$10-\$25. (313) 872-0279, for times of performances

#### CHILDREN'S THEATER

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

Children's Theater Lunch then show. After the show there will be a question and answer with the kids at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 11 and 18; Noon on Jan. 12. At 108 East Main, Northville, \$12.95/kids; \$14.95/adults, call for reservations (248) 349-0522

Novi Civic Center Theatre

Present Foxfire, a play with

music by Susan Cooper and

Hume Cronyn, 8 p.m. Friday-

Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday,

Jan. 10-26, at the theater.

205 West Long Lake Road,

Crooks, Troy. Tickets are \$12,

\$11 seniors and students on

Sundays, includes an afterglow with sandwiches and

coffee after each perform-

ance, Call (248) 988-7049

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of

between Livernois and

347-0400

Ridgedale Players

The Marguis Theatre Velveteen Rabbit, through Sunday, Jan. 19, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville, \$7.50. No children younger than 3, (248) 349-8110.

**Wild Swan Theater** Presents Owl's Winter Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 23-25, at Washtenaw Community College's Towsley Theater, Tickets \$6/ children; \$8/ adults. Call (734) 424-9591 for times and more information.

#### COMMUNITY THEATER

Clarkston Village Players Extremities, a drama by William

Theatre, 38840 West Six Mile, between 1-275 and Haggerty, Livonia. Nefesh describes his sound as folk that rocks. Music reviewers and listeners have compared him with artists as varied as Michael Stipe (R.E.M.), the Tragically Hip, James Taylor, Gordon Lightfoot, and Harry Chapin. Tickets are \$10, \$7 theater members. Call (734) 464-6302. Mastrosimone, runs Jan. 10-25, D.L. Coburn's The Gin Game 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, and Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. continues 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, and 8 Sunday, at the Depot Theatre. \$10 Thursday and Sunday, \$12 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 23-Friday-Saturday. (248) 625-8811 25. at the theater, 400 Lone Pine or visit the Web site at Road, between Cranbrook and www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org Lahser roads, Bloomfield Hills. Kerrytown Concert House Complimentary parking with Empatheatre: "Weighing" is the shuttle service available from theme for this local theatre **Christ Church Cranbrook across** group which invites the audithe street. \$13, \$11 students and ence to write down their conseniors. (248) 644-0527 or online

cerns and life situations which at www.StDunstansTheatre.com then the actors improvise on at Stagecrafters 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at 415 North 4th Chicago, Jan. 17-Feb. 9, at the Avenue, Ann Arbor, Tickets historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 range from \$10-\$15. Call (734) South Lafayette, in downtown Roval Oak. Show times are 8 p.m. 769-2999 for more information Jan. 17-18, 23-25, 30-31, Feb. 1 and Hansel & Gretel, 3 p.m. and 7:30 7-8; 2 p.m. Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2 and p.m., Feb. 1; 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at 9. Feb. 7 performance is signed 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi. Tickets \$10 for the deaf. Tickets \$14 reserved; \$12 at the door, (248) Thursday, \$16 on Friday-Sunday.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular

(248) 541-6430

21st Anniversary Edition of this free family winter special event runs Wednesday-Monday, Jan. 15-20, in downtown Plymouth. (734) 459-9157 or visit the Web site at www.wattsupinc.com. Ice Odyssey dinner dance and auction to raise funds for the spectacular 7-11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Northville Hills Golf Course. Tickets \$100. and available by calling (734) 459-6969 or (734) 459-9970

#### CLASSICAL

The Arbor Consort

Free concert 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at The Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. in Ann Arbor. (248) 327-4560 Canton Chamber Orchestra

The Plymouth Symphony presents the chamber orchestra in concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at St. Thomas A Becket Church. 555 Lilley Road, Canton. \$16, \$14 senior, children (K-12) free with adult. (734) 451-2112

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra** Perform the music of John Williams from films Jaws, E.T., Jurassic Park, Schindler's List, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, and selections from Star Wars and Superman 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 10-11, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12 (\$15-\$55). Thomas Wilkins conducts a Young People's Concert 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, the focus is on locale and how music can bring a place vividly to life (\$10-\$26). The orchestra

#### MAKING CONTACT:

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DOO-WOP CONCERT

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celebrates the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick narrates the stirring Aaron Copland homage to Abraham Lincoln titled A Lincoln Portrait, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$10-\$25 adults, \$8-20 for children under age 18. (313) 576-5111 **Kerrytown Concert House** 

David Nefesh (pictured) is the special guest when Dell and the Roughcuts perform in concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at Trinity House

Peter Rejto, Michele Cooker, sponsored by the Cello Society of Detroit, 8 p.m. Jan. 24 at 415 North 4th Avenue, Ann Arbor, Tickets \$5-

Wilhelmsen, a member of the Verdehr Trio he owns and directs the Clarkston Conservatory of Music, in the Recital Hall in the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (734) 462-4403

#### LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Ann Arbor District Library In cooperation with the University Musical Society, the library presents a lecture by Richard LeSueur, music special-

ice will be due at class time. Class size limited call early to reserve spot. (734) 416-4278 UM Dance Building Studio D

Artist interview and lecture, Bill T. Jones and Bjorn G. Amelan by Peter Sparling, UM professor of dance, 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at UM Dance Building Studio D, 1310 N. University Court, (734) 764-2538

**UM-Dearborn** 

Glass Beadmaking Workshop begins Jan. 10 and continues to March 15, 6-9 p.m. Friday or 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, in Room 251 in the Science Building on campus, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn, \$275 includes all material fees. For more information, call (313) 593-5262 or send e-mail to drmiller@umd.umich.edu

#### FILM

Oakland University

Shaw Film Festival spotlights George Bernard Shaw's The Devil's Disciple (1897), film version 1959 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Honors College Lounge, Vandenberg Hall on Campus, Rochester, Free Redford Theatre

Diamonds are Forever starring Sean Connery and Jill St. John, Jan. 10-11 at 17360 Lahser Road. Detroit. \$3. (313) 531-4407

#### BENEFITS

Harp concert

Harpist Christa Grix and her jazz trio perform a benefit concert for O.U.R. Camp, a summer camp for local physically and mentally disabled children, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the **Plymouth Community Arts** Council, 774 Sheldon, a half mile south of M-14) in Plymouth. Coffee and desserts will be served during intermission. Admission is \$15. For more information call Donna Hubbel at

Raiston Bowles, 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) March 1, at 38840 West Six Mile Road, Livonia. \$15, \$12 for theatre members. (734) 464-6302

#### JAZZ/BLUES

Dan Hazlett

Will be making two rare appearances- the first at 8 p.m. Jan. 11 at The First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; the second at 2 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Lake Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, For more information (248) 674-4610 Kerrytown Concert House

Max Roach's Freedom Now! Suite 8 p.m. Jan. 17 at 415 North 4th Avenue, Ann Arbor; tickets-\$10-\$25 (734) 769-2999. Back To Bassists!...A Detroit Bass Summit-A tribute to Bass Masters and Masters of Jazz; 8 p.m. Jan. 25. Mark Braun (Mr. "B") Blues and Boogie Woogie pianist; 7 and 9 p.m. Feb. 8 Tickets \$10-\$30

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. Southfield Public Library

Bluesman Robert B. Jones performs 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen. The program is free, space limited. (248) 948-

Vince James Trio Compari's, 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays, 350 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100

#### FOLK

Orion Township Public Library Folksinger Dan Hazlett to perform at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12. at the library, 825 Joslyn, just north of Clarkston Road. No charge. (248) 693-3000

#### WORLD MUSIC

Pat McDunn

Duke Humphries, 8-11 p.m. Friday, Rochester Hills, no cover, (248) Trinity House Theatre

Presents Dell and the Roughcuts with special guest, David Nefesh, in concert at 8 p.m., Jan. 11, at 38840 West Six Mile Road. Livonia; tickets \$10, \$7 for members (734) 464-6302. Kim Taylor and special guest, Annie Capps at 8 p.m. Jan. 18. Madison Green 8 p.m. Jan. 24. Len's Lounge and Corndaddy perform at 8 p.m. Jan. 25. Jason Dennie, fingerstyle guitarist, performs at 8 p.m., Feb. 1. Messerly and Ewing, 8 p.m. Feb. 7

#### SOCIAL DANCING

Dance Elite Ballroom Studio Ballroom/ Latin dance party 9 p.m. to midnight, DJ, open to the public, Friday-Saturday, Maple at Haggerty (inside Bloomfield Avenue Shoppe II), West Bloomfield. \$10, \$9 Michigan

Swing Dance Association, singles welcome. (248) 926-8522 Moon-Dusters Ballroom dancing to live bands,

featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and Latin, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile, \$5, (248) 967-1428. Rhythm 'N' Shoes

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

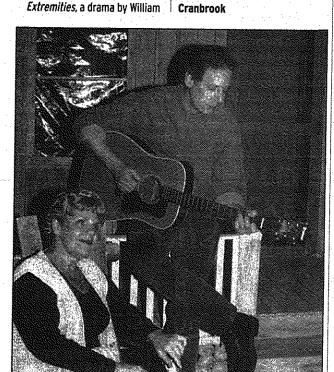
#### CONEDY

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase** 314 East Liberty, Ann Arbor Steve Sabo, 8 and 10:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Jan. 3-4. \$8/ advance-\$10/ at the door. Comedy Jamm Night! 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8,15, 22 & 29, All

tickets \$5. Tim O'Rourke, 8 p.m.

and 10:30 p.m. Jan. 9, 10 & 11. Tickets \$7-\$13. Joey's Comedy Club/Livonia Every Tuesday night is open mic night. The club also offers a stand-up comedy class for

those interested in performing and writing comedy, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 261-0555



The Troy-based Ridgedale Players present "Foxfire" at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m Sundays through Jan. 26. "Foxfire" is a sensitive story about life on a family farm in Georgia. The plot follows Dillard Nations (Dan Fuller), a young man who left the farm to make a living singing and playing guitar. He returns home to convince his aging mother (Charlotte Schneider) to sell the farm and come live with him in Florida. During the play, Dillard and his musical group perform a concert. Tickets for "Foxfire" are \$12 for adults and \$11 for seniors and students. Call (248) 988-7049. The Ridgedale theater is located at 205 W. Long Lake between Livernois and Crooks.



Ervamaa, Winston Colfier and Gunther Schuller-4 p.m. Feb. 16. Vetrano- 8 p.m. Feb. 22 Livonia Symphony Orchestra "A Touch of Classics" concert

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at Churchill High School on Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$16, \$10 children and students. (734) 425-4855 Northville Arts Commission

Presents its 2003 Winter Concert Series with The Canton Chamber Orchestra, a small ensemble of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra at 3 p.m. Jan. 12 at Northville High School Auditorium, 47600 Six Mile Road. Tickets \$10, \$7 for students. (248) 449-9950

Schoolcraft College Soprano Jennifer Larson performs noon Wednesday, Jan. 22, Larson has sung with the Toledo Opera, Utan Opera and Michigan Opera Theatre, the Milwaukee, Utah, Illinois and Detroit Symphony orchestras, she will be accompanied by James

interactive gathering for those interested in the diversity and similarities of women. 10:30 a.m. Jan. 15 at 111 East Kirby Ave., Detroit. Fee is \$10 pre-registration, \$20 at the door, (313) 871-8600

discussion with Brian Murphy and Jackie Maxwell noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at the Honors College Lounge, Vandenberg Hall on Oakland University Campus, Rochester. (313) 886-9074

Council

25. Introduction to ice sculptures. \$35 for PCAC members,

ner-dance and auction Friday, March 14, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. "Passions of the Past: A '70s Bash" is the theme of this year's event that raises money for the PCAC's educational and community arts programming, \$75. To buy tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning com-

mittee, call (734) 416-4278

Razzle Dazzle'em, 7 p.m.,

Thursday, Jan. 16. Wear your

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Trinity House Theatre

raiser, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11,

and her group, Paul King and the

glitz and glamor for this wine

and cheese reception with auc-

Stagecrafters

Swingtime '03

Meadow Brook Theatre Shaw: Our Contemporary - panel

Plymouth Community Arts

Ice Carving Workshop, 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. \$40 for non-members. A fee for

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SCHEDULED TO OPEN

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

There are those among us who are

preternaturally lucky. They are the

survivors of the plane crash that

kills everyone else, the ones who

ror, the gamblers who win high-

stake games and even life itself.

Their gift is not only being lucky.

however; it includes the power to

rob others of their luck and leave

them helpless in the face of misfor-

tune. Frederico has been robbed of

the survivor of a plane crash, will be

The two men embark on a voyage of

initiation, a series of trials challeng-

ing others that will lead them to the

summit of chance, but they must

avoid the scrutiny of policewoman

Sara, herself a survivor, to finally

emerge intact. Stars Leonardo

meet Sam, the master of the domain from which only one person will

Sbaraglia, Eusebio Poncela, Monica

Lonez, Antonio Dechent, Max Von

Sydow. Directed by Juan Carlos

Running time: 108 minutes.

JUST MARRIED

yet rated.

25TH HOUR

Fresnadillo. (Lions Gate) Rated R.

Tom's a traffic reporter with blue

collar roots. Sarah's a writer whose

family is as wealthy as it is snobbish.

Much to her clan's and ex-boyfriend's

and marry. Following their wedding.

they set off on what they expect to

be the perfect vacation, but thanks

to her ex- and relentless bad luck,

the happy couple experiences the

honeymoon from hell. Directed by

Brittany Murphy, Christian Kane

(20th Century Fox) This film is not

Shawn Levy. Starring Ashton Kutcher,

Montgomery "Monty" Brogan, a young

seven year stint in prison, is forced to

re-examine his life during his last day

of freedom. He spends time with his

old buddies reminiscing and partying,

while trying to figure out who turned

cast are Edward (The Score) Norton as

Famous) Hoffman as Monty's friend,

and Rosario (Men in Black 2) Dawson

Spike Lee directed the drama, mark-

Bamboozled in 2000. (Touchstone

as Naturelle, Monty's live-in girlfriend.

him in to the Feds. Featured in the

Monty, Philip Seymour (Almost

ing his first since completing

Pictures) Rated R

ex-heroin dealer about to serve a

horror, Sarah and Tom fall in love

his luck and believes that Tomas,

the instrument of his vengeance.

escape being victims of war and ter-

INTACTO



Party-goers mingle at Fanclub Arts Foundation's Swingtime fund-raiser last year. This year's event is Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Fisher Building in Detroit.

# Dance and dine while supporting arts education

Swingtime 2003, Fanclub Arts Foundation's winter fundraiser, will be bigger and better than ever when doors open Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Fisher Building in midtown Detroit.

The seventh annual event features four different entertainment venues including a heated outdoor tent on Second Avenue and a VIP area on the second floor balcony, allowing for more space for the 1,200 expected attendees. Three live bands (Alma Smith, Intrigue, and Paul King & the Rhythm Society) will play classic 40s swing music, upbeat pop and torch songs on the main floor and Fisher Theatre lobby, and DJs will keep guests on their feet in the tented and VIP area.

Thirty of Detroit's finest restaurants will also be featured at this year's Swingtime including the Blue Nile, D'Amato's, Tom's Oyster Bar, Zumba Mexican Grill, Michigan Star Clipper, and Beans and Cornbread. Partygoers can also enjoy the Swingtime art gallery featuring the work of local artists for display and purchase, and a silent auction offering a variety of gift

and entertainment packages. The annual fundraising gala offers an opportunity for attendees to dance and dine while raising money for metro

#### **FANCLUB ARTS FOUNDATION**

What: An annual fundraiser for area arts organizations, includes live music, treats from 30 Detroit-area restaurants, a silent auction, and art for purchase

When: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11

Where: Fisher Building, Detroit

Tickets: \$50, \$100 VIP. Call (248) 584-4150

Detroit arts education programs. To date Fanclub Arts Foundation has granted nearly \$500,000. Recipients for 2002 included the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Orchards Children's Services in Southfield, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester, and Youtheatre, Southfield.

Always a favorite, last year's Swingtime drew nearly 1,600 partygoers. This year's attendance will be limited to 1,200 to give attendees improved access to food, beverages and music

### **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

**NICHOLAS NICKLEBY** Based on the novel by Charles Dickens,

the story centers on a boy's struggle to survive and find happiness in a hostile and unfeeling world by building a new and unconventional family. He is helped and hindered on his way by a host of superbly evoked and well known characters: From his ruthless uncle to the hilarious and theatrical Crummles family and the cruel-hearted Wackford Squeers. Featured among the ensemble are Jamie (Billy Elliot) Bell, Jim Broadbent, Tom (Last Orders) Courtenay, Alan (The Anniversary Party) Cumming, Charlie (Abandon)

Hunnam and Anne (The Princess

Diaries) Hathaway. (MGM/UA) Not yet

rated.

A story of suspended undercover narcotics officer, Nick Tellis, who is reluctantly drawn back onto the force to find the truth behind the murder of a young police officer killed in the line of duty. He is teamed with Henry Oak, the slain officer's partner, a roque cop who will stop at nothing to avenge his friends death. As Tellis and Oak unravel the case, the dark underbelly of the narcotics world reveals itself in surprising ways that are more twisted than either officer has seen before. Stars Jason Patric, Ray Liotta, Busta Rhymes, Chi McBride, Directed by Joe Carnahan (Paramount) Rated R. Running time: 107 minutes.

#### SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, JAN. 17

A GUY THING

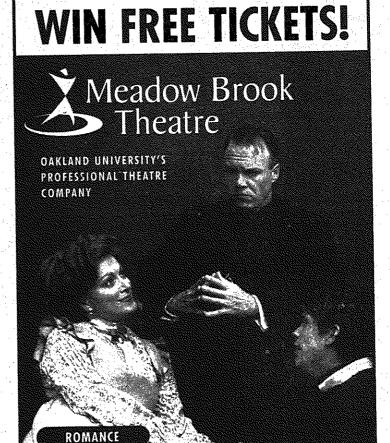
Paul Morse is a good guy. When his friends throw him a wild bachelor party, he just wants to keep his conscience clean, which is why he's shocked when he wakes up in bed with a beautiful girl named Becky and can't remember the night before. Worse than that, she also happens to be his fiancee's cousin. Desperate to keep his fiancee from finding out, he tells her a teensy lie, which turns into a bigger lie. From the bachelor party to the wedding, soonhis lies are spiraling out of control and his entire life is a series of comical misunderstandings. Featured players include Jason Lee, Julia Stiles, Selma Blair and James Brolin. Chris Koch directed the comedy marking his first since completing Snow Day in 2000. (MGM/UA)

NATIONAL SECURITY

The story follows a young rookie security guard, Earl Montgomery, who is

Rafferty as they seek the men who are out to kill them both, and unravel a smuggling operation. Featured players include Martin Lawrence as Earl, Steve Zahn as Hank, Eric Roberts as the leader of the smuggling operation and

Colm Feore as a corrupt police officer collaborating with professional criminals. Dennis Dugan directed the action, marking his first since completing Saving Silverman in 2001. (Columbia Pictures)



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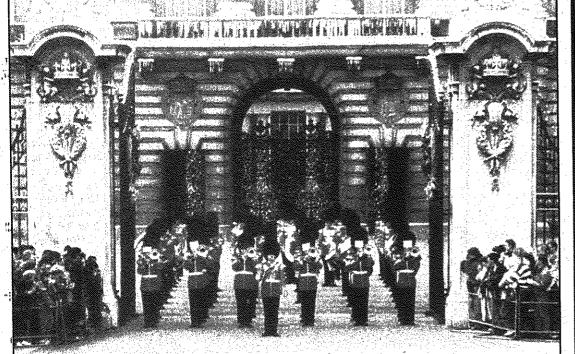
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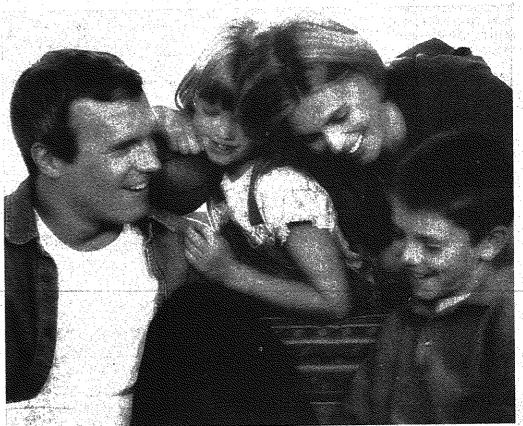
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caramelized onions, kielbasa served with my grandfather's freshly-grated horseradish, or handmade golabki (meat stuffed cabbage rolls) or potato pancakes. A Christmas Eve tradition was czarnina (made with fresh duck or goose blood) served with kartofalne kluski (potato dumplings). It was always served before the roasted foul. Since it's true that youth is wasted on the young, I didn't appreciate the czarnina once I learned all the ingredients! But I do now.

And so it is that Wawel (pronounced VAH-vel), named for an historic castle in Krakow, brings back memories and the tastes of Poland for me and others of Polish heritage. But you don't need to be Polish to eat some real comfort food at Wawel!

#### A LITTLE HISTORY

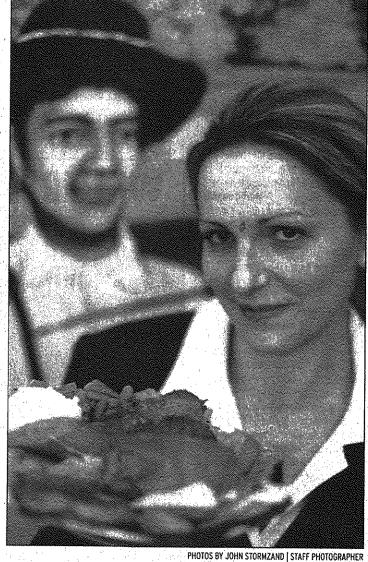
With a membership of 15 people in 1985, the American Polish Cultural Center became a registered organization. By 1989, membership had swelled to 900. A former Architectural Museum on Maple with 12 acres of land west of Dequindre was purchased as a suitable meeting place and became the APCC.

The building's interior with Old World appeal contains various woods from prominent residences, such as the Rockefeller family estate. A large restaurant in the center opened in 1991 but was only named Wawel in 2000.

Crystal chandeliers and walls adorned with artifacts and paintings of famous Polish poets, musicians and Nobel prize winners extend the Old World charm.

#### **CULTURAL EXPERIENCE**

Polish native Michal Samosiuk is kitchen director and head chef. His food takes on an added dimension on



Margaret Wojciechowski holds a combination platter.

Friday at dinner. Then, tables

with small European-style

glasses and cups. Piano and

violin music transports diners

to the elegance of a former era.

Go with friends and reserve a

table. Although Friday night at

Wawel is Euro-elegant, it's not

really a romantic spot for two.

summed up as Pierogi (akin to

cheese, kraut or ground beef),

Nalesniki (crepes), Golabki, or

Kielbasa with Kraut. You can

sample all of these by ordering

the Combination Plate. Or you

can get larger portions of any

of them separately. The Polish

Polish food is frequently

ravioli stuffed with potato,

are set in fine china and linens



Polish food is frequently summed up as Pierogi (akin to ravioli stuffed with potato, cheese, kraut or ground beef), Nalesniki (crepes), Golabki, or Kielbasa with Kraut.

Platter \$12 is a Thursday special. It includes one City Chicken, one Meatball, one Golabki, two Pierogi, Kielbasa and Kraut with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy. You may want to request gravy on the side unless you like it a lot.

City Chicken, breaded and skewered tender veal and pork cubes, is an American-Polish creation. Veal Schnitzel,

Breaded Pork Chops, Veal and Pork Goulash or Meatloaf made with veal, pork and spinach are at the zenith of Polish comfort

.Fish lovers will like Baked Cod Almondine or the Fridayonly Fish & Chips with French fries, coleslaw, tartar sauce and

Pierogi made weekly by volunteers members of the APCC and frozen to retain freshness are for sale anytime the restaurant is open.

If you leave room for dessert. there are several. If you've not had a multilayered rich Polish torte, flavored with poppy seeds, walnuts and coffee, you may want to share it.

Warmth, Old World charm and inexpensive Polish comfort food create a unique eating out experience at Wawel.

Eleanor Heald is a Troy resident who writes about dining, food, wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864#.

#### CITY BITES

Other Polish restaurants in and around metro Detroit:

- Two Sisters, 121 Main St., Rochester, (248) 656-3092. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday: until 8 p.m. Sunday.

The two sisters Milanka Sekulovski and Jagoda "Jenny" Nedanovski offer the tastes of Poland in an inviting atmosphere. Rich soups, pierogi, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and nalesniki are among the specialties.

- Three Brothers, 8825 General Drive, Plymouth, (734) 416-3393. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Dine in or carry out pierogi, kielbasa, soups, stuffed cabbage and other Polish fare. The restaurant's Detroit location. 17620 W. Warren, east of Southfield, is known for its czarina and cabbage soups. (313) 271-1227.

#### - Under the Eagle,

9000 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, (313) 875-5905. Open: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Sunday.

In an unpretentious Old World atmosphere, vinyl table coverings and paper napkins seem about right for a dish of hearty soup or kielbasa and sauerkraut. Friendly service and easy-on-the-budget prices underscore Under the Eagle's legendary ethnic food niche.

-Eleanor Heald, correspondent



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Entries must be received by Friday, January 24, 2003 Entrants must be 18 years old Enriries must be 100 words or less Entries must include name, age, address, phone, e-mail Employees of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Olympia Entertainment are ineligible

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Winning couples will be announced in your hometown newspaper Thursday, January 30

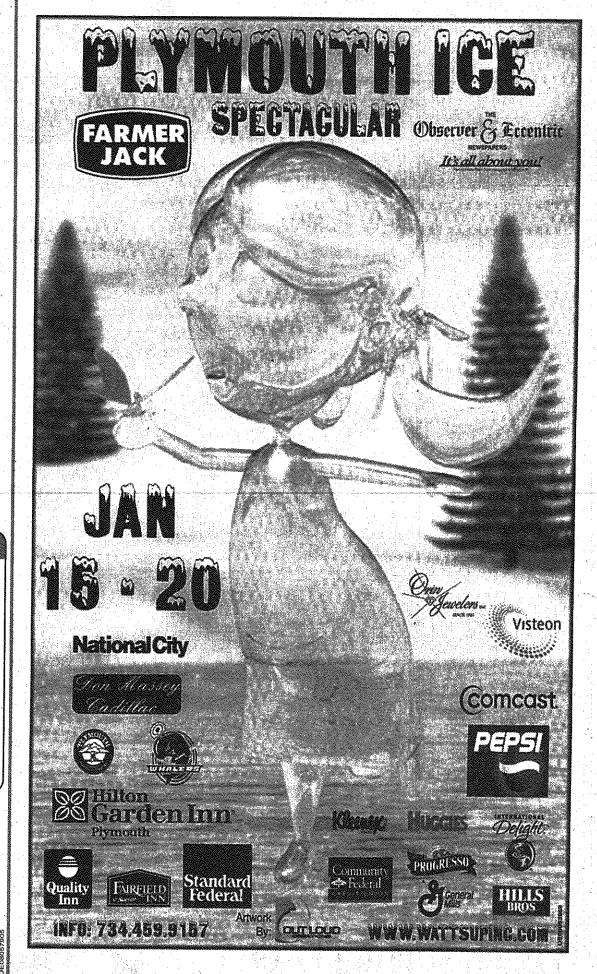






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#### Ultimate spa search

Is your bathroom a private retreat equipped with the latest home spa gadgets and best in aromatherapeutic goodies? Do you have a friend or neighbor whose spa bathroom is so resplendent you wish you could book an appointment?

We're in search of the ultimate at-home spa for an upcoming feature. Let us know by contacting Nicole Stafford, At Home writer, by phone at (248) 901-2567 or email at nstafford@oe.homecomm.ne

#### t. See you at the spa! On the wild side

The National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat™ program will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2003.

Over the years, the program has inspired people to create landscapes hospitable to wildlife. As a result, more than 30,000 homeowners nationwide have had their properties certified by the NWF as official Backyard Wildlife Habitat sites, and countless others have learned the joys of gardening for wildlife.

Creating a habitat is most often a gradual process, with homeowners doing a little bit each month or year. Various kinds of wildlife may come to call at any point along the

To help nature enthusiasts with their habitats, the NWF will prepare a habitat tip every month during its yearlong anniversary celebration. Each tip is easy to do and applicable to almost any size

For more information on how to make your property attractive to wildlife, and how you can get your yard certified by the NWF, visit www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat.

The NWF's tip for January gives guidance on the best bird feeding techniques:

The best feeder foods are sunflower, niger (also called thistle), proso millet, cracked corn and suet.

Provide multiple feeding stations in different areas of your yard to disperse bird activity and avoid crowding at the feeder. (Crowding can cause birds stress, making them vulnerable to disease.) Be sure to feed in moderation with only a few feeders

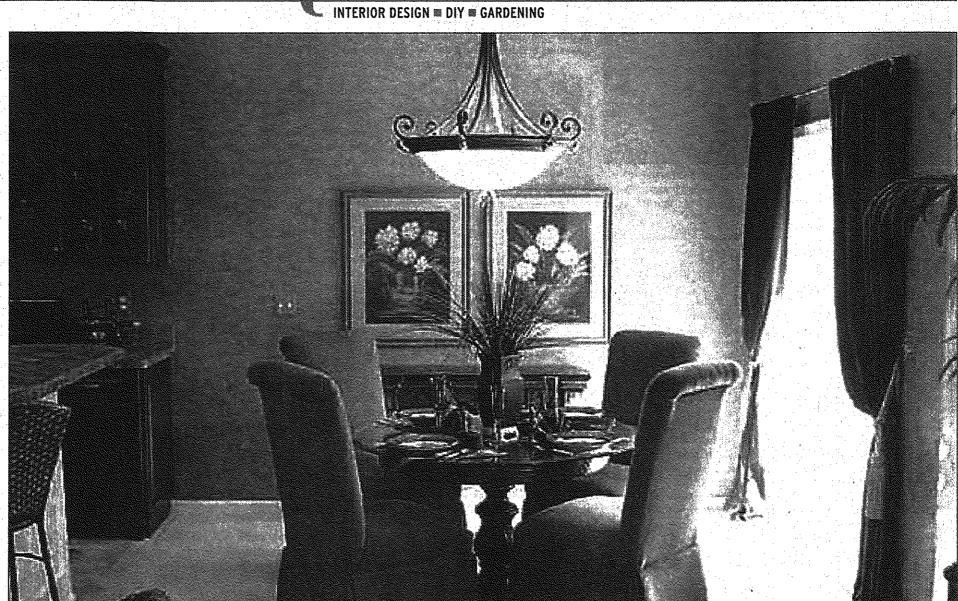
per acre. Clean your feeders regularly with hot water, and let them air dry completely. Keep areas under and around the feeders clean.

Keep seed clean and dry, and watch that it doesn't get moldy. Offer only fresh seed.

Use a seed blend that is designed for the feeder you have and the type of birds that come to that feeder. Blends that contain filler seeds or grains aren't typically eaten by the birds and end up on the ground, making a mess.

Move your feeding stations periodically, so there will be less concentration of bird droppings.

Place bird feeders in locations that don't provide hiding places for cats and other predators waiting to ambush the feeder. Bird feeders should be placed 5 to 12 feet from low shrubs or bushes that provide cover.



Light spills into the dining area at the Cassady Place condominium model near downtown Plymouth. Parson's chairs in an olive tone and red accessories balance a dark wood table base and deep chocolate velvet drapes, all of which give the space an elegant feeling.

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### Tropical theme brings warmth, openness to condo living

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

The living room, kitchen and dining area at Cassady Place's model condominium has an open, breezy feeling, as if a turquoise ocean roars outside.

"When you move into a condominium, the walls are white, and people think it's like living in an apartment," said Anne Musson, one of the designers who furnished and decorated the model at Cassady Place, a new development of 30 units within walking distance of downtown Plymouth.



Gold accents, upholstery in earthier tones and ample use of accessories create a refined tropical atmosphere in the living room.

"But it's not, it's your paradise."

Musson and her partner on the project, Cheryl Breneman, are interior decorators at Park View Gallery, the offshoot design studio of Gabriala's gift and home accessories store in Plymouth.

"We wanted something that

would be welcoming to all generations. We wanted people to come right in and feel warm and at home," Breneman said of the project, which the duo completed in two weeks.

The results showcase how a theme can inform design.

For Cassady Place's two-bedroom model, Musson and Breneman chose a popular trend, the tropics.

'We started with this sort of global Tommy Bahama idea," Musson said.

From there, a color palette of warm tones with accents of burgundy, plus neutral upholstered furniture coupled with dark wood pieces, were natural choices.

However, Musson and Breneman opted to use transitional furniture compatible with varying styles and tastes.

"If you took away all the Tommy Bahama, you would have a base that could be very traditional or more contemporary." Breneman

But the tropical look won't likely disappear anytime soon, especially in Michigan, she said.

When you're living in Michigan, anything tropical means warmth and vacation and relax-

PLEASE SEE PARADISE, C2

# Area cottage shows French Creole flair, flavor

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

The phrase "French Creole cottage" conjures scenes that combine history and romance - containing such images as horse-drawn carriages, flowerfilled courtyards, slender flames encased at the top of lampposts.

Such a structure isn't restricted to books and movies or by travel. One exists locally an actual house in Birmingham by Timlin™ Building and Development.

The Birmingham firm designed and built a 2,950square foot, two-story house that is in the style of a French

Creole cottage. The project was researched to the point of visiting sites in New Orleans.

Design features at the residence convey a distinctive charm from both the present and the past. Jean Comb collaborated with company owner Bryan Timlin on the interior design.

"Every room has a personality in this house," Timlin said. That's what makes it special."

Timlin is working on a series of cottages in Birmingham. The others, scheduled to open this spring, will be in Savannah and Nantucket styles. Cottages have a special appeal today, he

says.
"The market is now changing

to what I'm going to call downsizing empty nesters," Timlin said. "They still want the modern amenities, they want

"What they love about it is the mood it brings to mind."

#### INFLUENTIAL

The Creole culture was wellestablished in New Orleans by the late 18th century. At that time, the architecture reflected a combination of French and Spanish traditions, and influences from the Caribbean,

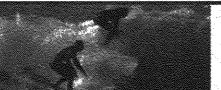
according to Timlin. The exterior of the

PLEASE SEE COTTAGE, C2



The kitchen features a farmhouse sink and a dining island. Architectural elements along one side of the island appear to help support the granite countertop.

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Anne Musson, left, and Cheryl Breneman, interior designers at Park View Gallery in Plymouth, furnished and decorated Cassady Place's model in about two weeks. Park View Gallery is the offshoot design studio of Gabriala's, a gift

and home decor store in Plymouth.

#### **PARADISE**

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ation," she said.

"It's very big right now. It's been big for a while, I think, because it adds texture to different aspects of design, and it has such a nice rich feeling."

Tropical accents, accessories and fabrics are readily available, too, she said: "It's so accessible right now. You can pretty much go out and find something that will work in your decor."

Examples at the Cassady Place model run the gamut from bamboo design silverware to pineapple candle holders to

butterfly prints hung above a bathtub.

In the kitchen, an elephant print wallpaper in subtle tones graces the walls. Wicker stools pull up to the eating counter, and the wood cabinets have inlays of columns and claw feet at their bases.

"It's a small space, so we tried to keep it open," Breneman said.

"But I think we proved that you can decorate a small space and make it look dramatic.

Park View Gallery is at 322 S. Main, above Gabriala's in downtown Plymouth. To contact Musson or Breneman, call (734) 455-8884.

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# January seminar to focus on annuals

rom the flowering maple, abutilon, to the ever-popular zinnia, annuals are being used in great profusion in many gardens. They are grown as bedding plants, as companions to

perennials, as accents, in containers, and as cut flowers. learn More About Annuals at a seminar

Garden Spot.

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the Detroit News, master gardener and popular lecturer, Saturday, Jan.

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Nancy Szerlag,

weekly garden

columnist for

Nancy will share her personal experiences with annuals and cultural needs, and present the finest modern introductions.

The event will take place at the Michigan State University Management Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road in Troy. Doors will open at 8 a.m.; the program will begin at 9 a.m.

To register for this seminar, send a check or money order in the amount of \$50 for each attendee, payable to Nature & Earth Inc., to Nature & Earth Inc., P.O. Box 300261, Drayton Plains, MI 48330.

Questions? Call Colleen Traylor at (248) 627-6872 or Michael Saint at (248) 620-

Nancy is the author of two popular books, Perennials for Michigan and Annuals for Michigan, which wili be available for purchase at the seminar; she will be happy to sign your copy.

There will be a questionand-answer segment following the lecture. A mini trade show and book sale will remain open until 2 p.m.

It's always nice to see people branch out in their business. Colleen Traylor of Holly still runs her company, Nature's Image Inc., and has recently developed a new company with partner Michael Saint of Clarkston, president of Good Earth Landscape Inc.

The new company, Nature & Earth Inc., will concentrate on horticultural seminars and symposiums. This is the first event they have sponsored.

Their goal is to promote organic gardening, soil and water conservation, the use and preservation of native plants, and the attraction of beneficial insects; to encourage the use of Michigan nurseries; and to feature Michigan talent.

"We chose annuals as our first topic because of their outstanding qualities that should appeal to any gardener - they are colorful and varied, with a

MARTY FIGLEY

The zinnia remains a very popular annual.

color and style for every situation, and they all give quick results; to show there is more to annuals than petunias, marigolds, wax begonias and

impatiens," they say. "Our intention is to have several seminars a year, on many different gardening topics, by Michigan gardeners for Michigan gardeners."

We wish them the best in this new venture.

#### **GOODGARDEN TIPS**

- Garden catalogs are beginning to arrive. Take some time to choose and place your order
- Make a resolution this year to keep a record of rainfall and temperature to

learn more about this thing called gardening.

Check houseplants to see if they are rootbound and need repotting. If you just remove dried foliage the plants will look much prettier. They will appreciate dusting (with a soft brush) so they will breathe easier.

When repotting a plant, choose a pot that is just one size larger. The chance of overwatering is greater if a pot is too

Rotate plants so they will have even growth.

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)

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Birmingham house shows its Creole influence, with its cedar siding, handsplit cedar shake roof, and copper gutters and downspouts. A gaslight is at the front foor. The driveway is gravel, which "adds to the mood," Timlin said.

"There's something ... about hearing the crunch," he said.

The interior is picturesque as well, with such features as hardwood floors, crown molding and 9-foot ceilings.

The handcrafted French mahogany front doors open into the parlor, which in the 1800s was a place where visitors were greeted and where

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they waited.

Over the fireplace, which is centered in the back wall, hangs a painting of a plantation and bayou. Sconces with glass hurricane lanterns are on either side of the fireplace. A graceful stairway lines one side of the room.

The parlor really was a transition room," Timlin said.

A powder room is at one side just inside the front door. Like other rooms, the door here features a hinged transom. Transoms provided cross ventilation at a time before air conditioning, Timlin said.

The bright, roomy kitchen is like a theater where the performance of food preparation will be staged. A farmhouse sink is nestled comfortably with a Sub-Zero refrigerator, Thermador gas range, Bosch dishwasher and microwave.

Light-colored granite tops the counters and the dining island. On one side of the dining island, elegant architectural elements seem to support the countertop, and high chairs are in a line.

First floor amenities include a butler's pantry in beadboard, with a mesh opening in the door so air can circulate. Also on the first floor is a laundry

with a lowered ceiling that adds a quaint, cozy element. A second fireplace, with a wood mantel painted to resemble limestone, is in the dining room area.

#### LANDSCAPING

Outside is a secluded courtyard that is a replica of one in New Orleans' French Quarter. It features a small water fountain and an antique iron gate. Vines are painted on the side of the garage that forms a backdrop to the scene.

The courtyard is easily viewed from inside the house. It is an example of Timlin's plan that residents should be able to enjoy the landscaping u more man one place at the house.

Other examples are the clusters of flowers and plants at the upper front windows of the house that form floral displays, and the tree in the front yard that was placed so it is in the center of the doorway.

"People think of landscaping as an exterior function, but it should be an interior function of the home (as well)," Timlin

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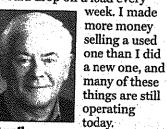
Looking for a new recipe? Read the Taste section in Sunday's Observer.

# Web site helps repair old appliances

uring the 20 years I owned an appliance repair business, we were well known for selling quality rebuilt major appliances.

I had a back yard full of old products, and the junk haulers would drop off a load every

week. I made



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writing this column, I was reading an article in an appliance trade magazine. It mentioned that people work-

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moments

before I started

ing and repairing old vintage stowes could get help right over the Internet. I clicked onto the site at

www.theoldapplianceclub.com and I was amazed at my dis-

(First, let me give credit to this computer I'm using today. It has been known to tick me off, but now it finally realizes that I'm the boss.)

This site talks about a guy in California who started a busi-

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set up an appointment.

Pam Davis

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ness of fixing old appliances way back in 1971.

I thought I was pretty smart that same year when I started rebuilding 10- and 15-year-old appliances, but this guy is working on products that are 200 years old.

When you start reading the material provided, you find sale prices exceeding \$10,000 on one major appliance.

This guy has hundreds of them in stock and not only that, he buys them from consumers.

Do you have an old product that you are thinking about throwing in the scrap pile? I know there are plenty of these old things around because homeowners call me several times a year asking about dis-

Jack Santoro, the owner of this Web site, will even tell you how to fix that old burner valve that you turn on to get the flame to light on the top burn-

It appears that the grease inside the valve dries out after many years. He will sell you new grease and show you how to take it apart.

If you have one of those new cameras that work on the Internet and hook up with him, he will explain what to do, while you're doing it.

Right away, I'm thinking that maybe in the future the appliance manufacturers in this country could adopt this system with the homeowner and end user of their product. Just a thought.

To contact Jack, you can call him at (805) 643-3532 or email him at toac@sbcglobal.net.

The American kitchen is the room that we are all coming back to. Homeowners are spending

more to remodel kitchens than any other room and they aren't shy about doing something different with appliances no matter the cost If I could go back 30 years

and start over again, I would certainly think about the refurbishing of antique appliances. I wonder if some young

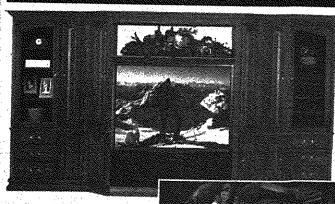
entrepreneur will read this column and decide to do something with this concept. Gosh! Wouldn't that be great?

Saving the environment, providing a quality product, and making a living.

Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

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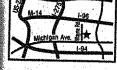
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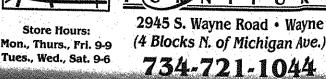
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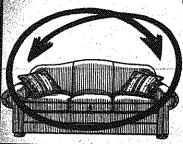








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at the hospital.

If you will be

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Koenig first day. Don't bring valuables or

objects that cannot be easily replaced.

Medical List of prescriptions, including dosage and strength.

List of your loved one's doctors and phone numbers.

■ Medical insurance cards. List of diseases, conditions

and surgeries.

List of allergies.

**■** Emergency contact num-

Phone numbers of family and friends.

Personal items

For an adult, take slippers and a robe. Your loved one, in a vast majority of the cases, will be required to wear a hospital gown.

Take an overnight kit that includes a comb, hairbrush. toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving gear for men, and just a few make-up basics for women.

Take a book, magazines, note cards and a hobby to do. If the patient does a specific hobby such as knitting, cross stitch or needlepoint, this would be an opportunity for the patient to relax and enjoy the hobby.

For children, take a stuffed animal or doll, slippers and a robe. Also include books or soft toys. If the child has a favorite toy or blanket to sleep with, make sure it is included.

Take activities for the child to do such as puzzles, coloring books and crayons, sticker books and other crafts.

Treats

Check with the nursing staff to see if your loved one can have treats or fast food. If so,

take in pizza, ice cream, candy. soda or other favorites. Take some for yourself so he doesn't have to eat alone.

A root beer float would be a fun treat. Just take a small cooler packed with ice cream and a bottle of root beer. Don't forget glasses, spoons, straws and an ice cream scoop.

Flowers and cards

Flowers, plants and cards make a hospital room much more cheerful. They remind your loved one that he isn't forgotten. Encourage friends and family to take cards when they visit. Children enjoy toys and books.

Games Adults and children may enjoy playing a card or board game. Time will pass quickly if they have something to keep

their minds occupied. Family videos and photos Staying in the hospital can be long and boring. Take in photo albums and family videos to watch. You can reminisce about special times and laugh about how things have changed over the years. Laughter is good medicine for

#### **Patience**

Worry, pain, unfamiliar routines and sickness may cause your loved one to be cranky or grouchy. Be patient with his emotions and make him as comfortable as possible. Distract him as much as you can from his physical chal-

Information from hospital

Take your questions and be sure they are answered to your satisfaction. Ask that unfamiliar medical terms be explained.

Keep a notebook so you can write down the information that you may need to share with other family mem-

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "Create a home away from home for your loved one!"

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# illuminate kitchen

'm sure if a survey were taken - and there probably has been – the findings would show that the kitchen is the most used room in a house.

Yet there is one universal complaint

about this room: not enough light around the counter areas. Even in kitchens with plenty of

windows and

ing, the very

standing at a

counter casts a

shadow on the

nature of

overhead light-

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Harry Jachym

work area. The recent introduction of small puck lights has made kitchen lighting much easier than the fluorescent lamps of

Puck lights are 20-watt halogen lamps. Their small disc

the past.

shape, which resembles a hockev puck, is the reason for the name. One of these lights can sup-

ply as much illumination as a single 24-inch fluorescent tube.

The color of the light resembles the familiar incandescent lights.

Unlike fluorescents, which have a blue/green cast, halogen lights leave a more natural color tone on food and

As a side note, fluorescent lamps have an inherent flicker (strobe effect) that can, under the right situations, make moving parts like mixer blades appear to be standing

This can be a serious safety hazard. In fact, fluorescent lamps are forbidden in some industrial settings for this very

Puck light kits are available at home improvement stores and many hardware stores. Some use line voltage (110

volts), while others are lowvoltage and come packaged with the needed transformer and wire.

Low-voltage kits have thin supply wires from the transformer to the lights, which are easily hidden. Line voltage units plug right into an outlet, eliminating the unsightly transformer.

In most installations, three small screws mount the light on a cabinet bottom, pointing where extra light is needed. The supply wires are run from the light to the power source (outlet or transformer).

These can easily be concealed with tape or selfstick channel conduit often referred to as Wiremold (because of the company that developed it).

Power is controlled to the lamps with an inline switch.

A friend of mine had a switched outlet wired inside a cabinet to hide the trans-

The clean, warm light produced by halogen puck lights will illuminate those dark counters.

They are inexpensive and easy to install.

You'll find your food preparations more enjoyable, especially on our dark winter

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder, teaches construction trades to high school students and is the general contractor for Habitat for Humanity, Western Wayne County. Since we all seem to ask our fathers for repair or remodeling advice, Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resi-

Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

#### **HOME AND GARDEN CALENDAR**

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Carpets and rugs

A seminar, Carpets and Area Rugs, will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at Ethan Allen, 15700 Middlebelt in Livonia. Call (734) 261-7780 for informa-

**Growing Vegetables** 

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangarden-

The schedule includes Growing Vegetables, Tuesdays, Jan. 14-28, at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza. Cost is \$92.50. **Cactus and Succulent Society** 

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will have a slide presentation, A Trip to Baja, California, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell in Royal Oak. Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 524-0227.

Redstone auction

The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will auction the Ruth and Louis Redstone collection of pre-Columbian and ethnographic art, Amlash and Iranian ceramics, and art póttery 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15. A preview will take place noon to 8 p.m. Friday and

Monday, Jan. 10 and 13, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14. Call (248) 332-1500 for more infor-

Louis Redstone was an accomplished artist, lecturer and author who wrote several books published by McGraw Hill, Ruth Redstone did research for the books. Mr. Redstone was chairman of Louis G. Redstone Associates, a firm specializing in architecture, engineering planning and interior design. Selected pieces of the Redstones' collection have been exhibited at the Detroit Institute of Arts and Meadowbrook Gallery at Oakland University, and will be offered at the auction. The auction will also include a large group of ceramics by Cranbrook artists and works by other artists.

Lost in the Woods

The Great Lakes Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society will host a conference, Lost in the Woods, Friday-Sunday, Jan. 24-26, in Ann Arbor. The conference is designed as a practical program to enable attendees to bring woodland plants into rock gardens. It will feature presentations, workshops. plant and book sales, and tours. Registration fee is \$200 per person.

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Squeeze the Day

Lynn Waldsmith Pawlik

#### Reality TV: Survivor: Sibling Rivalry

've got a concept for a new reality TV show that I'd like to sell to network executives, but I know they'd never go for it. The problem is the show wouldn't be as glamorous as Survivor: the Australian Outback, or Survivor: Africa or Survivor: Thailand. But this exercise in survival would be far more challenging. Let's call it, Survivor: Christmas Break. Or maybe, Survivor: Sibling Rivalry.

That's right. If you managed to make it through 16 days at home with the kids during this past Christmas break, then you probably know what I'm talking about. If you don't know, iust imagine 16 days of hear-

ing things like: "Mom, she's being mean to me."

"Mom, she won't play with

"I'm telling Mom." "She started it."

"I had it first." "Mom, she's looking at

I could go on, but you get the idea. When school resumed this week I felt like that guy in the back-toschool commercial who gleefully tosses school supplies into his shopping cart while joyfully dancing to the music of It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year.

Of course, the holidays really are the most wonderful time of the year. And love being home with my kids all year long. But having them home from school for 10 weeks in the summer is a picnic compared to having them home for two weeks in the middle of a gray Michigan winter. Because after all the presents have been opened, and all of the holiday activities wind down, and it's just too darn cold to go outside, cabin fever overtakes them and raises their sibling rivalry to a new level of intensity. "Mom! Eileen yelled at

"So? Erin yelled at me two

times."

"She yelled at me 69 times!

"Well, you yelled at me eleven-seventy-a-dollar!" Much of the time, my girls actually play well together. I smile and watch them revel in their make-believe, thoroughly engrossed in whatever situation they've created for the moment, whether it's dancing in mismatched dress-up clothes in front of the mirror as the "Raw Cats"

house or school. "Pay attention class," the 6-year-old instructs her 3year-old sister as she draws a picture of a Menorah on the chalkboard. "People light this at Christmastime. It's called a harmonica."

(Rockettes), or playing

I cherish times like these, but I foolishly make the mistake of clinging to the fantasy that they'll always get along like this. Yet I know very well that all it takes is just one misspoken word, one little quirk, one lost Barbie shoe, to unravel the bonding of these soul sisters. I tend to come down harder on my oldest, for the very reason that she has three years over her younger sister. "You're the oldest," I tell her repeatedly. "You should know better." From time to time, I also remind them how lucky they are to have each other.

"You know, I never had a sister. I always wanted a sister." Or, "She's the only sister you've got so you better treat her nice."

PLEASE SEE PAWLIK, C5

# Ubserver life

# In her own write

BY BRAD KADRICH | STAFF WRITER

ike any selfrespecting father, Rick Carter of Canton thought his daughter, Aimée, had a particular talent, and he encouraged her vigorously to use it.

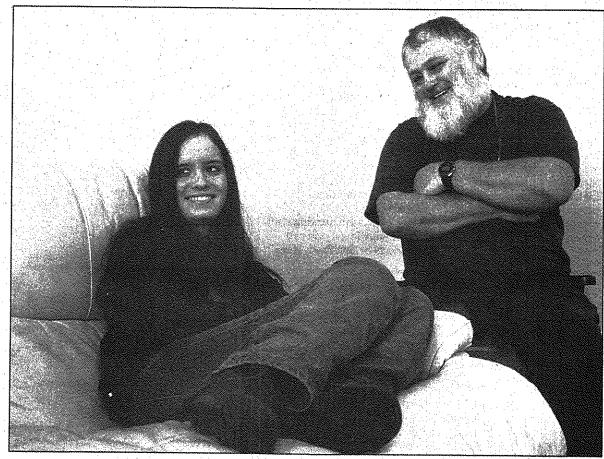
And, like many fathers, he wondered whether his urg-

ing was doing any good. When he tripped over his birthday present, he knew Aimée had listened.

Aimée's talent? Writing. The results? Her first published novel, Phoenix Ashes - the fictional tale of a young boy's struggles to understand life - was written as a birthday present for her father.

"It was a total surprise to me," said the 57-year-old Carter, a network engineer. "I bugged her for a while, because I thought she had the talent. Then one day I walked out of my room and tripped on it. I opened it. and it was the book."

Canton teenager gives her father the gift of reading ... her first published novel



Aimée Carter wrote her first novel, Phoenix Ashes, as a birthday present for her father, Rick Carter, who urged her to get it published.

Aimée, a 16-year-old Canton High School junior, smiles at the thought of having fooled her dad, coming up with excuses like, "I can't think of a plot," or "I have writer's block."

The book comes some 18 months after she first took a serious interest in writing.

Her first efforts were "fan fiction" on the Internet, stories in which the author takes someone else's character — for Aimée it was primarily Harry Potter — and creates new stories for that character.

Aimée first came across the genre when she was 11 and, after a few years of doing that, finally decided to give

writing a shot on her own terms. "After years of reading it, I figured why not write it?" said Aimée.

Phoenix Ashes is the first effort of 16-

year-old writer Aimée Carter of

Canton.

Because of her fan fiction writing, she has developed something of a following on the Internet, where she first developed the characters that would appear in her novel.

Her first character, Zachary Lucas, is an orphan struggling with life's hardships and disappointments.

Zach's best friend, Minty, walks alongside him through life, as "a means for Zac to go over things he's learned" in life. Although Minty is a product of Zac's dreams, Aimée leaves it up to the reader to decide whether Minty is real.

The idea comes from Aimée's self-professed inability to remember her dreams.

"I've always wanted to be able to, but I never remember my dreams," she said. "That was the original thought that ran through my mind, and it kind of morphed from

The main character, Zac, struggles to learn an important message: That all is not lost, no matter how bad life's struggles. Aimée presses the idea that people should "step back" and realize things aren't always as bad as they seem, that "life is great if you just choose to look at it that way."

It's the primary lesson taught to Aimée by her mother, Michele Ouellette, who died six years ago but remains a central influence on the teenager's writing - and life.

"She's the one who made me realize the message the book tries to get across," Aimée said. "She was a great person, and I think she'd agree with everything that's in the

When her dad read the book, he thought it was good enough to publish. He started surfing the Internet looking for publishers and found Word Associates, based in

'This is a novel about endurance, friendship and enlightenment ... written with utmost care and craftsmanship by a talented author.'

book reviewer, on BookReviewClub.com

Pennsylvania. They liked the idea, and the book, and recently published it.

"I think everyone has someone they would have liked to walk along with in life," Rick Carter said. "It reads really well, but then again, I'm her dad."

When she found out Word Associates would publish it, Aimée said she stood in the hallway jumping up and down and screaming. Even now, she admits, she still has trouble recognizing what an accomplishment it

"I know it's an achievement," Aimée said. "I'm basically a very insecure person, so I refuse to admit the book is any good."

She might not want to admit it's any good, but at least one reviewer said so. Writing for BookReviewClub.com, reviewer Jenny Bev wrote, "This is a novel about endurance, friendship and enlightenment ... written with utmost care and craftsmanship by a talented author."

PLEASE SEE NOVEL, C5

'I think now the doors are wide open, thanks to (Granholm).

# Recent election makes a good history lesson

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Granholm made history last week when she was sworn in as Michigan's first woman governor, and Dan Herriman, the father of three daughters, wanted to make sure they were there to witness

So, when Granholm took the oath on Jan. 1, Herriman, his wife and all three of his girls were near the front, listening intently to what Herriman believes is a good lesson for them to learn.

"As the father of only girls, I think Granholm's election is symbolic of what women can achieve," said Herriman, a financial whiz who runs Herriman and Associates in Plymouth Township, "I want every opportunity for my girls."

Herriman was impressed by the speech, and the accomplishment, as was his wife, Mary Ann Prchlik, who braved the wintry temperatures to witness a piece of Michigan histo-

Their eldest daughter, Jane, a first woman governor take 13-year-old who hopes to go to



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dan Herriman and his wife, Mary Ann Prchlik, took their daughters, from left, Jane, 13, Nancy, 9, and Meg, 6, to the Jennifer Granholm inauguration because it's a good lesson about what women can accomplish.

Yale Law School and then get a job with the United Nations, agreed in principle with one of Granholm's main points: That doors are now open for women.

"I wanted to go to see the office," Jane said. "I think she was right in one sense about doors being open. I think they've been partially open. Women just hadn't gone far enough yet."

It's a sentiment with which her mom agreed. "I think now the doors are

a good lesson for our girls." The family made it to

Mary Ann Prchlik

on new Gov. Jennifer Granholm

wide open, thanks to

Lansing early, and was given a tour of the Capitol by State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, who even let them bang the gavel of House Speaker Rick Johnson. Then it was on to the inauguration, where the large crowd applauded Granholm.

(Granholm)," Prchlik said. "It's

It's a good lesson for our girls.'

"I had fun," said 9-year-old Nancy, a fourth-grader at Our Lady of Good Counsel who hopes to be a veterinarian. "When she said doors were open, it felt good. I really don't see why boys should be more important than girls."

In addition to the "doors are open" message, Herriman was impressed by Granholm's call

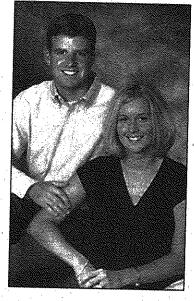
for inclusiveness and the sense of community she imparted. Those messages struck a tone with Herriman, who is very involved in the community, including serving on the advisory board for the Plymouth Salvation Army.

"She really emphasized that repeatedly in her address," Herriman said. "She's broken a barrier, and there's a lot of room for others to do the same.

"She also talked a lot about community service, and how much we could accomplish if everyone made time to do a little more," Herriman pointed out. "Any additional encouragement from elected officials to become involved helps."

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### Holden-Rucinski

John Holden of Troy and Elaine Holden of Novi are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Susan Holden, to Kevin David Rucinski, son of David and Sharon Rucinski of Plymouth.

Amanda is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in advertising.

She is currently employed at the advertising agency Doner in Southfield.

Kevin is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in engineering arts. \He is currently employed at Trane in Novi.

An April 2003 wedding is planned at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth with the reception at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills.

#### Gravett-Petravick

Bill and Shay Gravett of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Gravett to Don Petravick, son of Donald Petravick of

Stacey is a 1996 graduate of Canton High School, and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in supply chain manage-

She is employed with Cardinal Health in Waukegan, Ill.

Don is the University if Illinois with a degree in psychology.

He is currently employed by Hartford Insurance in Naperville, Ill. An August wedding is planned at Embassy Suites in Livonia.

#### Keeghn Kochanek

Joseph and Renee Kochanek are pleased to welcome with love and joy the birth of their son, Keeghn Joseph Kochanek, born Dec. 2, 2002 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

in Ann Arbor.

Keeghn joins brother, Liam, 2. Proud grandparents are Betty Godfrey of Plymouth and Julius and Stella Kochanek of Moraga, Calif. (formerly of Wyandotte).

Swiderek-Sacovitch Pamela and William Swiderek of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Anne to Stephen Nicholas Sacovitch, son of Larissa and William Sacovitch of Worcester,

Michelle is a graduate of Madonna University in Livonia with a bachelor of science degree in Nursing. She is employed as a Registered Nurse at St. Joseph

Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Stephen is a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Mass. with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He is an officer in the United States Air Force stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in

Fire Protection Engineering. A November 2003 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

# Comparisons can cause family trouble

ne child takes off his boots at the back door, just like he's supposed to. The other, leaves a trail of muddy water across the kitchen floor. At times like this, it is tempt-

ing to compare siblings; "Donna, look at the mess you made! Why can't you be more like your brother? He knows

better than to

walk through

Parents' Corner

Marilyn Suttle

the house with wet boots on." Comparing one child to another

increases sibling rivalry, by creating a win/lose relationship. It pits siblings against each other for a sense of self worth. Yet, even the most well meaning parents find themselves comparing at one

time or another. How does comparing lead to trouble between siblings? What can you do when you are tempted to compare?

#### **BREEDING HOSTILITY**

One mom said to her daughter, "Shawne, your room is a mess. Lori would never leave her room like that. Go to your room and don't come out until it's as clean as Lori's.

Shawne begins cleaning her room. The comparison seems to lead to positive results, but let's take a closer look. If you could read Shawne's mind as she heads off to her room, what would she

be thinking?

"I'm so glad I have a sister like Lori. Thanks to her, I know exactly how clean my room needs to be," or, "Lori is always getting me into trouble. I wish I didn't have a sister. I'll make her pay for this." When you look at a comparison from the child's point of view, it's no surprise that

hostile feelings are created. The hostility one child feels for another, after being compared, can poison the sibling relationship. Good feelings are replaced with resentment and frustration, and sometimes fantasies of revenge. Worse yet, children learn to value themselves based on their sibling's behaviors and attributes instead of their own.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

How can mom encourage Shawne to clean her room without comparing? She can specifically describe what she wants from her child without any mention of a sibling. "The toys on your bedroom floor need to be put in the toy box and your drawers need to be closed."

What does Shawne think now? "Oh darn, I guess I have to finish cleaning my room." Did you notice that she was not distracted by thoughts about her sibling this time?

Replace unfavorable comparisons with a specific description of how you feel or what you need from the individual child.

Instead of comparing: "You would get better grades, if you worked as hard as Martha."

Describe how you feel about this child: "I feel confident that more study time will help you improve your grades"

Instead of comparing: "Stop shouting. Osa never talks to me that way.

Describe what you need from this child: "I expect you to tell me how angry you are without raising your voice."

We compare because it seems like a good way to motivate. In reality, children often feel less motivated than ever. Kids who believe that they can't live up to a siblings accomplishments, stop trying. If they can't be best at being good, they may decide to be best at being bad. This negative outcome can be sidestepped by eliminating comparisons.

#### **FAVORABLE COMPARISONS**

Sometimes, we compare children favorably to their siblings. Here are some favorable comparisons:

"I wish your brother took his schoolwork as seriously as you "I can always count on you to

be ready on time. Your brother is always making us late." "Your hair is just gorgeous. I

can't do a thing with your sister's hair. On the surface favorable

comparisons seem harmless. However, parents in my workshops, share the following reactions to being compared favorably to their siblings:

"I felt superior to my siblings and they still resent me for it." "To this day, I feel pressured to be the responsible one."

"I was the smarter one. I did everything I could to make my younger brother look stupid. I was afraid that I wouldn't be

special anymore if he got attention for being smart too."

"I felt sorry for my sister, and guilty for being favored."

"I felt uncomfortable hearing my brother criticized. I wondered if they ever criticized me behind my back.'

Making a child feel good at the sibling's expense, creates a backlash of hurtful feelings. Replace favorable comparisons with a specific description of what you notice or appreciate about your child as an individ-

For example, "It's nice to see how much you value your education." "Thanks for being ready on time." "Your hair is a pleasure to look at."

Awareness helps to eliminate sibling comparisons from your parenting style. Whenever I'd hear myself begin to compare my kids, I'd stop in mid-sentence. It was surprising to see how often I'd catch myself. With practice, I began translating a comparison in my head into helpful words that focused directly to the needs of the child I was speaking to. In time, I began to see more warmth between my kids, and less conflict.

By eliminating comparisons, you increase effective communication, and decrease hostility between siblings.

Instead of comparing, describe specifically what you see, feel, or need from each child individually, with no mention of a sibling. Eliminating comparisons alone, may not turn bitter rivals into loving buddies, but it does reduce friction, allowing friendly feelings to grow.

# Sometimes, you just need some Buddy's

Buddy's Pizza charity promotional campaign, "Sometimes You Just Need Some Buddy's" will kick off at all nine Buddy's Pizza locations Monday, Jan. 20. Two of Detroit's newest radio talk show guys, 97.1 FM's "Scott & Casey," will be featured with a few of their new best friends, some rescued, elegant greyhound dogs.

Posters, banners, flyers and menu cards will be introduced, highlighting Margherita and Greek pizzas.

Scott & Casey each have picked their favorite charity: The American Red Division and the Grey Heart

Cross/National Marrow Donor Greyhound Rescue & Adoption

FROM PAGE C4

So after 16 days of sibling rivalry, I felt a tremendous sense of relief when school started again. They need a break from each other, I thought. And Lord knows I need a break. (Kind of ironic that parents get a break after the holiday "break" is over, isn't

Yet whenever we drop her big sister off at school, it's not long before Erin asks: "Mama? When will Eileen be home? I miss Eileen."

Lynn Waldsmith Pawlik is a regular contributor to the Observer. You can e-mail her at pawlwald@comcast.net. of the proceeds from the sale of featured pizzas to the charities chosen and Buddy's guarantees at least \$3,000.

"Bone marrow donation touched my family. I know there is a desperate need for

Buddy's will donate a portion bone marrow testing for both children and adults," said Buddy's owner Robert Jacobs.

Buddy's Pizza, based in Farmington Hills, has nine locations throughout the tricounty area and was established in Detroit in 1946.



### FROM PAGE C4

posted.

Aimée's legion of Internet friends and readers haven't seen the book yet, but there have been some 1,200 responses to other stories she's

She likes having that kind of feedback.

They read my stories, they review them, and they talk to me about them," Aimée said. "That's what I value, the honest opinions they give."

Aimée plans a trilogy, and has already finished the second manuscript. She and Rick are

currently negotiating to have the second one published, and Aimée has gotten started on the third.

She's not sure she can make a living at writing - "The possibility of actually making enough money to live on seems small," she said — but wants to give it a shot. If not, she wants to be a

psychologist or psychiatrist.

T want to help people," she said. "I don't want to be one of those corporate CEOs who just takes money from people. I want to make a difference in the world, helping people who can't help themselves."

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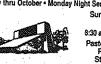
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### Throwing Stones....

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



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

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

# Tolkien fans learn about favorite books

CORRESPONDENT

These are the passionate, the devoted, the knowledgeable about everything that is J.R.R. Tolkien and they thirsted for more insights in the work, life and mind of their literary hero when they spent a couple of hours recently at William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

The timing for the lecture by Philip Helms and his daughter, Amalie Helms, was perfect, less than two weeks before the premier of the movie adaptation of Tolkien's, The Two Towers which was released Dec. 18 and has been the top grossing movie since.

"I already have my tickets." Amalie Helms tells the dozen people wanting to learn more about this master of words, whose popularity has magnified with time.

Since The Hobbit, which was written in 1938, more than 45 million copies of Tolkien's tomes have been sold in the United States alone and 11 million of those copies were purchased in 2001, according to Tolkien publisher, Houghton Mifflin.

"The way Hollywood loves Star Wars and Indiana Jones, why did they never pick up on this?" asks Lori Clements, of

Westland. You don't have to be a Tolkien aficionado to wonder why it has taken more than six decades for the movie moguls to see potential in

Tolkien.

#### **DISNEY BACKS OUT**

A collective shudder fills the room as Phil explains in the late 1950s and early 1960s Disney Studios considered making a movie of Lord of the Rings.

'It's probably just as well that Disney didn't do it," says Philip with a definite tone of sarcasm as he speculates about the chances of the masterpieces becoming musicals.

The first movie in The Lord of the Rings trilogy, The Fellowship of the Ring, came out in December 2001 and earned \$860 million worldwide. It also captured 13 Academy Award nominations, winning four of those awards, including Best Visual Effects, according to the internet site, www.lordoftherings.net.

A Flint resident, Phil comes to the podium with a lifetime devotion to anything Tolkien. He was immediately smittened when he was 16 in the mid-1960s and got his first taste of Tolkien. In 1975 he was a founding member of the American Tolkien Society and is editor of The Minas Tirith Evening-Star, a scholarly journal on Tolkien and his writing and art.

"It's a work of love," he says of the society and journal.

Clements came to the lecture after reading all of Tolkien's books and choosing The Two Towers as her favorite.

"He was such a complicated writer," Clements said. "This was one book where I knew the characters and I really related

to evil versus good. I'd die for another book. I'd also die for an unknown Shakespearean play. There's always those gems hidden somewhere."

She read Tolkien's work in high school, but looking back, Clements says, she didn't understand all the nuances.

"I appreciate the books much, much more now," she adds.

#### TOLKIEN LOVED LANGUAGE

Amalie receives nods of affirmation from the people in the audience when she asks how many have read the book more than once and own the DVD of the first movie, The Fellowship of the Ring. Each time they look for something they missed.

Maybe they'll learn something new as father and daughter share tidbits about John Ronald Reul Tolkien's life that began Jan. 3, 1892 in South Africa. He died Sept. 2, 1973, two years after his beloved wife, Edith.

"He loved languages, created them and studied them," Philip says adding that Tolkien also founded student groups that focused on language and literature. As an adult, Tolkien befriended famed writer, C.S. Lewis, and together they formed the literary group, The Inklings.

The first notes for The

Hobbit were scribbled in the back of an essay exam book that Tolkien was correcting while working as a professor at Oxford.

In its early stages Tolkien read The Hobbit as a bedtime story to his four children who often edited and gave their father ideas to make it better. Finally, in 1938, The Hobbit found its way to a publisher. The public devoured the book and wanted more, which gave way to The Lord of the Rings, also known as

The New Hobbit. Tolkien finished it in 1949 and it was published in 1954.

"Although Tolkien intended it as one volume, the world wasn't quite sure what to do with this great book and it was published in three volumes," Phil says. "There are certain artists who are unparalleled. There was only one Michelangelo and there will never again be another ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Only one Frank Lloyd Wright and only one Ansel Adams.

"There's only one J.R.R. Tolkien. I'm in this to encourage people to cherish and properly appreciate his work."

Listening intently during the lecture, Ian and Ruth Lewis of Dearborn, attended to support the library and to learn more about what prompted Tolkien to write his stories.

"We read all the books – we



Philip Helms tells an enthusiastic audience about J.R.R. Tolkien.

like the genre," Ruth Lewis

Tolkien's work took on a new life in the mid-1960s when Ballantine books published, "Lord of the Rings" and it became a national phenomenon.

The newfound interest also became a source of embarrassment for this "tweedy Oxford Scholar" who was being followed by teenagers, who called him at all hours of the night and day "often in an altered state of mind," from the United States, Phil says.

In the introduction to the 1965 edition to the "Lord of the Rings" Tolkien explains that Tolkien wanted to try his hand at a really long tale, as well as to amuse and excite the readers.

"That we are here tonight suggests that he succeeded in remarkable fashion," Phil concludes.

Contact Phil Helms and Amalie Helms at the American Tolkien Society, P.O. Box 7871, Flint, Mi 48507 or by e-mail at, americantolkiensociety@yahoo .com.

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Northville Genealogical Society Ellen Oliver Smith, Ph.D., will present "Dear Ones at Home: The Letters of Helen Marie Noye Hoyt, Civil War Nurse." Learn first-hand what life was like during that critical time in our history. Being held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12 at the Northville District Library.

Bowling for KIDZ

The New Hope Center for Grief Support's KIDZ program needs your support and all you have to do is bowl. Bring your children, family and friends to our first "Cereal Bowl" at Novi bowl at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19. The \$25 per adult includes shoes, two games, good and fun for all. Call (248) 348-0115 for registration.

**Auditions** Whistle Stop Players auditions for children age six and up for the spring touring production of "Famous Folk Tales from Around the World" from 6:30-8 p.m. Jan. 12 and Jan. 16. Come one night for the free 90-minute audition workshop. Call (734) 416-4278 for further information.

**Computer Class** Plymouth Library is holding a class on "Basic Internet" from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9. This will help computer users learn the basics of using the Internet. Includes explanation of terms, use of a browser and utilizing search engines on the World Wide Web. Participants should be comfortable with the Microsoft Windows basics and using a mouse.

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

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

Ice Carving Class

The Plymouth Ice Festival is coming soon. To provide "ice time" for those inspired, the PCAC is hosting an icecarving workshop on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003. Instructors from Henry Ford Community College will be on hand to lead participants through this threehour introduction to creating ice sculptures. Call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 early to reserve your spot and for further information.

PCAC 70s Bash Tickets Special Christmas pricing on tickets for the PCAC's annual dinner, dance and auction to be held Friday, March 14, 2003 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. By purchasing tickets before Jan. 1, PCAC members will save \$10 per person or \$15 per person for a table of 10. Nonmembers save \$10 per person on a table of 10. To purchase tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

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

**Nursery Registration** 

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has openings for 3-4 year olds. One to three days per week. School located on Sheldon road in Canton. Call (734) 455-6250 or (734) 453-0595 for more information.

**Plymouth Symphony** 

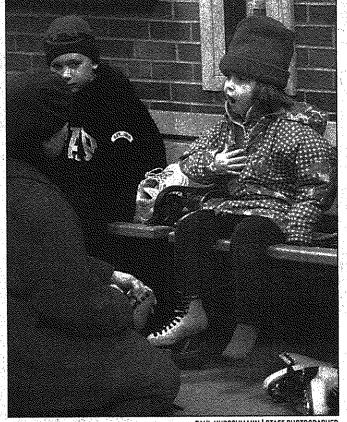
Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

**Entertainment Book Sale** 

Plymouth Optimists selling the 2003 books with all proceeds helping children throughout southeast Michigan. Book offers up to 50% savings on dining and fast foods, theater, sports, travel, services and more. Price is \$30 and are home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

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

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



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Laura Foley of Plymouth, 3, yawns as mom Laura laces up her ice skates recently at the Plymouth Cultural Center for an open skating session. Kevin Kosidlo of Redford looks on, at left.

#### CLUBS

**Exchange Club of Canton** 

Meetings are held at 6 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at Palermo's Restaurant. On Jan. 13, the General Meeting speaker will be Ann Conklin, Director of Leisure Services for Canton Township.

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

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets every second Monday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Discovery Middle School in Canton. On Jan. 13, the topic "Frustration, Anxiety, Tension" is being presented by Lori Parks, Plymouth-Canton Teacher Consultant for Inclusion. For additional information, please contact Rich Ham-Kucharski (734) 844-1714.

**Colonial Kiwanis** 

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

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MOPS-Westland Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free

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0197. **Canton Rotary Club** 

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

Are you unhappy with your weight? Why not join TOPS? We weigh in weekly and meet to share ideas about los-

ing weight, exercising, etc. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon, Canton. For more information call (734) 459-4387

**Astronomy Discussion** 

Plymouth Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7-8 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older. Door prizes, slides, video and handouts. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

**MOMS Club** 

A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested stay-at-home moth-

ers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and a lot more! For more information, please contact

Wendy at (734) 398-6957. **Plymouth Canton Jaycees** making friends, helping with good

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**Community Democrats** The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi (734)

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Kiwanis Breakfast Club The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

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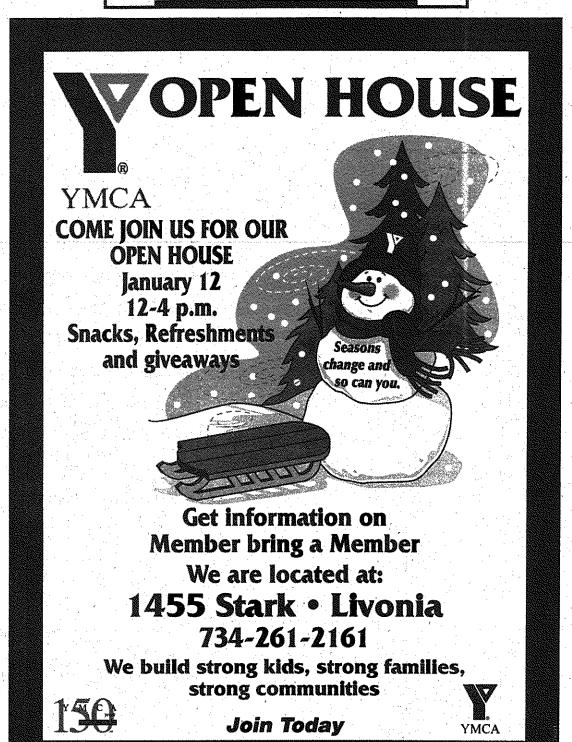
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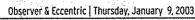
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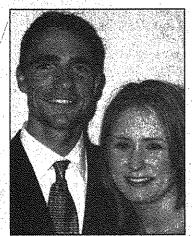
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#### Pinder-Klassa

Lee and Ellen Pinder of Peoria, Ariz. announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Louise Pinder, of Colorado Springs, Colo., to Keith Alan Klassa of Englewood, Colo.

Lauren recently earned her master's degree from Regis University in Denver and is an accountant for Living The Good News Publications.

Her fiancé, Keith, is the son of Ken and Donna Klassa of Livonia. He is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is the owner of Color Time Painting in Denver.

The couple are planning to Wed February 2003, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Denver. Colo.

#### 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.

#### **EVENTS**

Civil War Dads St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia, will sponsor "Civil War Dads," a program for men and youth sponsored by the National Brotherhood of St. Andrew, 8 a.m. to. noon. Saturday, Jan. 11. Civil War Dads is based on II Timothy 2:3-4 and designed to inspire men to fulfill their Biblical calling to leadership, service, and sacrifice as Christians, husbands and fathers. The Civil war is used to illustrate leadership, service and sacrifice in action. Civil War Dads is a hard-hitting, yet entertaining mix of faith, family and history. The event, which includes breakfast, is free. Call (734) 421-8451 or e-mail standrews@ameritech.net.

#### First Ladies

Join the women from the First United Methodist Church and the First Congregational Church for lunch and a special program, "A Visit with Presidents' Wives." Meet the First Ladies via the costumed portrayals presented by women from Garden City Presbyterian Church. Program will take place at First United Methodist, 3 Town Square, Wayne. Call Sally Nitzel by Jan. 12 at (734) 722-7756.

#### Pancake supper

First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne, invites the public to attend an old-fashioned pancake supper 4:30-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20 in the Fellowship Hall. Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee and milk. \$5 for adults (over 13) and \$2 for children. Call (734) 721-4801.

#### Marriage encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled Feb. 14-16 and March 15-16 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, \$50 registration fee. For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524, or visit www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

#### Steak dinner

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, is selfing tickets for a full-course Swiss Steak dinner, either eat-in or take-out The dinner will be held 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22. Orders must be placed by Jan. 17. Advanced ticket purchase required. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children 12 and under. Ticket sales will benefit the Men's Adult Appalachia Service Project, a mission of home construction in rural Appalachia. Remember the great pasties the United Methodist folks sold last November? Well, they're doing it again. Orders must be placed by Friday, Jan. 10 and picked up Friday, Jan. 17.

Both the Swiss Steak and pasties orders must be placed by phone during business hours. Call (734) 422-0149. Fax and e-mail orders will be ignored. Casino night Our Lady of Good Counsel will hold a

"Queen of Hearts" Casino Night 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Social Hall, 47650 N. Territorial (at Beck), Plymouth, Black Jack, roulette, craps, 50/50 raffles, and pizza. Must be at 21 years old. Call Terry at (734)452-5655, Janeen at (734)453-1243 or Susan at (734) 416-1033.



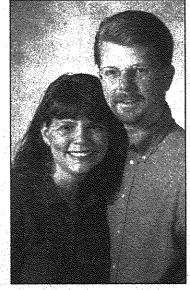
#### Visser-Young

Robert Visser and Sheryl Visser of Grandville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer M. Visser, of Lansing to David A. Young of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Jennifer is a graduate of Calvin Christian High School and Michigan State University. She is currently a student at Michigan State University -Detroit College of Law.

Her fiancé, David, is the son of Douglas and Linda Young of Livonia. He is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. He is employed at I.T.T. Industries in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The couple are planning to wed September 2003.



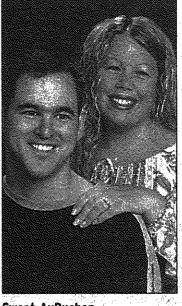
#### Pagan-Springer

Fredrick and Jacqueline Pagan of Struthers, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Marie, to Blake Allen Springer of Redford.

Danielle is a 1999 graduate of University of Toledo with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. She is a project engineer with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment.

Her fiancé, Blake, is the son of Jerry and Marcella Springer of Livonia. He is a 1991 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of business administration degree. He is a manager in international assignment services with Deloitte & Touche.

The couple are planning to wed April 2003, in Calvary Missionary Church.



#### Sweet-AuBuchon

Mary Ann Sweet of Milan, Mich, announces the engagement of her daughter Dawn Marie to Jason Thomas AuBuchon, son of Thomas AuBuchon and the late Sue AuBuchon of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Saline High School and Madonna School of Nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor. She is also a part time clinical nursing instructor at Washtenaw Community College.

Her fiance is a graduate of Franklin High School and WCC Nursing School. He is also employed as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. A March wedding is planned at St. Paul's of Saline.



#### Kruczynski

Theodore and Eleanor (nee Chmielewski) Kruczynski of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party at Sand Traps Banquet Hall on Nov. 10. The couple were married Nov. 29, 1952, in St. Augustine Church, Detroit.

Theodore worked at General Motors 46 years until his retire-

Eleanor worked at Crowley's and Bohn Aluminum & Brass Corp. and is now retired. Both are very active with St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford. They enjoy going to Las Vegas and the casinos.

The couple have four children, Dennis (Cindy), Doris (Chet), David and Donald (Valerie); and eight grandchildren, Andrew, Kevin, Matthew, Christopher, Andrea, Nicholas, Jonathan and Kristi.



#### Westlund

Former Garden City residents Melvin and Judith (nee Weakly) Westlund of Clarksville, Tenn. celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 14. The couple were married Dec. 14, 1962, in First **Baptist Church of Council** Bluffs, Iowa. To celebrate they went to see the Rockettes in Nashville, Tenn., arriving by limousine.

Melvin has been retired from Consumer Power of Livonia 4 years. The couple are currently taking care of two of their grandchildren while the parents work. They enjoy traveling in their RV, playing with the computer, studying The Course in Miracles and spending time with their family.

Melvin and Judith have two daughters, Lora Lynn Westlund of St. Bethlehem, Tenn., and Sandra Cummings of Clarksville, Tenn; and five grandchildren.

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#### Soccer referees

A new soccer referee training class will be held at Plymouth HS, which is located at 8400 Beck in Canton. Classes are from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15.

Those interested must attend all four sessions and must be at least 12 years of age. Cost is \$50.

To register, send your name, address, date of birth and social security number, along with a \$50 check made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee, to: Canton Soccer Club, P.O. Box 87244, Canton, MI, 48187. Class size is limited. For more information, call (734) 454-7335.

#### Rock-Kilgore swim

On Saturday, Salem HS will once again host the Rock-Kilgore Swim Invitational. Salem, annually one of the state's top swim teams, will host several other good swim programs, including state-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer and Rockford.

Also competing will be Canton, Livonia Stevenson and Dearborn - as well as Salem.

The format is what makes the meet interesting. Each team enters four swimmers in each individual event. according to speed (fastest swimmer in the fastest heat). Since each heat scores the same number of points, quality depth often determines the meet winner.

Competition begins at noon at Salem.

#### Road Rally

The Canton Thunderbirds Softball Girls Fast Pitch organization will hold a Road Rally on Feb. 8. The deadline to enter is

Feb. 6. Cost is \$25 per person,

which includes meal, prizes and music. Contact Mike Roberts at

(734) 397-1355 or check the website at thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

#### Madonna camps

Madonna University will be conducting two more Girls Fastpitch Softball Clinics in January and February at Madonna. Each clinic lasts four weeks.

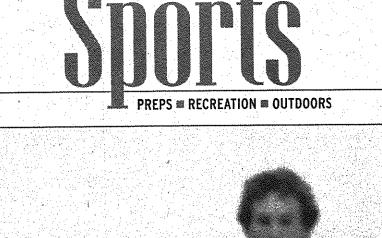
The first is on consecutive Saturdays, from 9-11:30 a.m. on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15; and the second is on consecutive Sundays, from 3:30-6 p.m. on Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23.

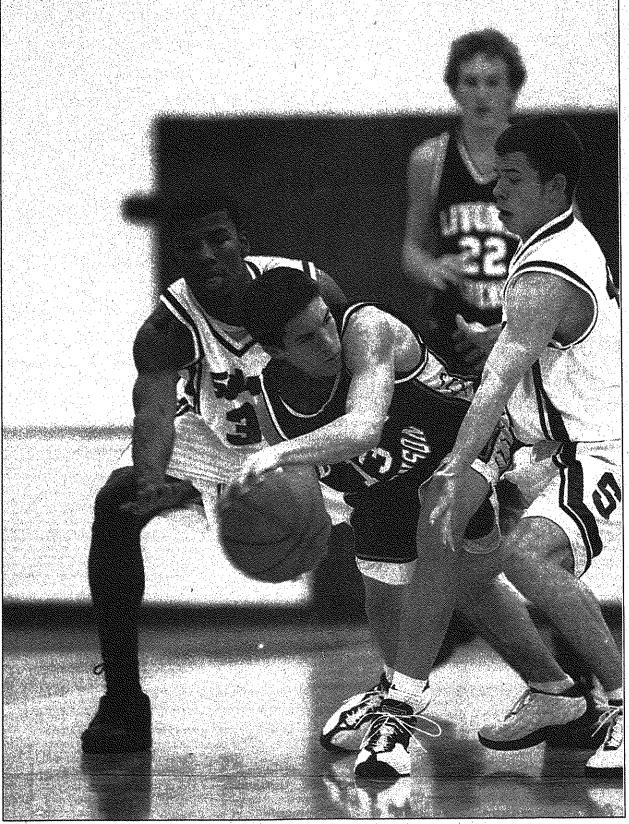
Each camp consists of all phases of fastpitch softball: hilting, bunting, infield/outfield play, baserunning, pitching/catching and defense.

Cost for each four-week clinic is \$100. Pre-registration is required; each clinic allows a maximum of 30

Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball and mailed to Coach Al White, Softball Office, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150-1173.

For more information, contact coach White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-3719. or assistant coach Curt White at (810) 844-0109.





# Strong finish lifts Salem to triumph

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

This was expected to be a very close basketball game between two Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division rivals. And for more than three quarters,

Then Salem, which had been playing extremely well throughout Tuesday's game, found another level that the visitors from Livonia Stevenson could not reach. Perfection.

Which is what the Rocks were shooting the ball in the fourth quarter. That's why they scored 24 points in that period (Stevenson had 17), increasing a five-point

lead after three quarters to 16 with 2:44 left en route. And that's why they handed the Spartans their first loss in the division, by a 65-53 margin. Both teams are 6-2 overall, 1-1 in the Lakes.

Salem's Dave Hoskins led all scorers with 23 points, eight of those coming in the fourth quarter - including two consecutive jams that elevated the Rocks' lead to 16

But this was no one-man show, something Stevenson coach Bill Dyer was well aware of.

"They hit a lot of jumpers in the first quarter and that hurt us," Dyer said. "They played great - and not just Hoskins. You expect it from him. But the rest of their guys played great, too."

Particularly in that fourth quarter. The Rocks hit all nine of their floor shots and were 5-for-5 at the freethrow line. In that total were eight points scored by Eric Vanston, including a pair of three-point plays that provided the game's turning point.

The first came with 4:20 left and Salem up 47-39. Vanston took a pass in stride and calmly nailed a threepoint shot to give the Rocks their first double-digit lead of the game. A few seconds later, Vanston pilfered a Stevenson pass at midcourt and went in for a layup, getting fouled by Keith Hearns. Vanston hit the free throw, and Salem's lead had expanded to 14 points, 53-

"Vanston has gotten better and better," said Salem

PLEASE SEE SALEM, D2

# Canton can't top Wildcats

Salem's defense helped turned the tide in the second half.

Progress - that's what Canton basketball coach Jeremy Rheault thought his team had achieved in a close loss at unbeaten Northville last Friday.

The result of Tuesday's home game against Novi proved that, at best, progress is fleeting.

The Wildcats built an eightpoint lead in the first quarter and

#### BASKETBALL

gradually kept pulling away from the Chiefs, eventually posting a 70-57 triumph in this non-league game.

Canton fell to 2-5 for the season. Novi is 5-1.

"We got it to 10 in the second half, but we couldn't get closer," said Rheault. "They did a nice job on our post game with their defense. They packed it in really well."

The Wildcats must have done just that. Against Northville, the Chiefs inside players — Steve Thornton and Brad Waidmann combined to score 34 points and grab 17 rebounds. Against Novi,

they had 14 points. The biggest factor in the 'Cats victory came at the free-throw line. They converted 21-of-30 (69.3 percent); Canton was 4-of-6 (66.7 percent).

Novi led 19-11 after one quarter, hitting all seven of its free throws. Canton's deficit grew to

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, D2

# Rocks remain unbeaten with Cup victory

After registering the first "blemish" on its record this season, Salem's hockey team stormed back with a 6-1 triumph over West Bloomfield Tuesday in a non-league "Challenge Cup" game at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Stevenson's Brady Crosby (13) looks for someone to pass to while Salem's Dave Hoskins (left) and Kevin Savitskie apply heavy pressure.

The win raised the Rocks' record to 10-0-1. Last Friday at the Cultural Center, they had to battle back with two late goals to earn a 4-4 draw with Walled Lake Central.

Against West Bloomfield, Salem found itself trailing again - by a 1-0 margin on a Brandon Ward goal midway

through the first period. The Rocks quickly overcame

that, however, with a goal by David Gill tying it with 5:49 left in the first and another by John Schultz with just:25 to

go in the period.

**PREP HOCKEY** 

Schultz finished with three goals and two assists in the

His second goal came with 2:31 left in the second period; Andy Thackaberry and Mark Nagel assisted. Nagel, who got two goals and three assists in the game, gave Salem a 4-1 lead with :05 left in the second (from Schultz and Ryan Jones).

Both Schultz and Nagel scored goals in the third period (Nagel also had an assist). Thackaberry picked up his second assist of the game; Jeff Harris also got an assist.

Brandon DeMars was in goal for the victory. Alex Grushky was in the net for the Lakers.

**Against Central last Friday** in a Western Lakes Activities Association game, Schultz scored the game's first goal (assists from Aaron Cheesman and Nagel) but the Vikings got the next three, Shawn Skelly netting the first two and Adam Griffin getting the third.

Salem narrowed the gap to 3-2 on a Harris goal with 1:21 left in the second period (assists from Nagel and Rob Quigley), but Skelly's third goal of the game 1:12 into the third period restored the Vikings' two-goal edge. The Rocks pulled out the tie

by getting two goals in the last 1:43, the first by Brandon Wilcox (from Schultz and Harris) and the second, with just :50 left, from Harris (Bryan Young assisting).

DeMars was in goal for the Rocks. Matt McCallum was in the net for Central.

The Central game was the first the Rocks played since Dec. 20, when they beat Chelsea 8-1.

# LaRose's late goal gives Whalers a win

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

Make that two-straight.

At least against the Kitchener Rangers, an Ontario Hockey League rival the Plymouth Whalers couldn't beat last season. They made it two-straight Tuesday with a 3-2 win in Kitchener, getting the game-winning goal from Chad LaRose with 45 seconds remaining.

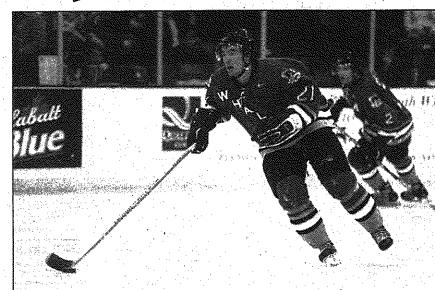
For LaRose, it capped a superb game. He scored two of the Whalers' goals and assisted on the third, netted by Karl Stewart on the power play with 34 seconds left in the first period.

Stewart's goal allowed Plymouth to take a 1-1 tie into the second period. LaRose's first goal of the game, scored at 12:52 of the second period, gave the Whalers a 2-1 lead.

Kitchener, which got a first-period goal from David Clarkson, tied it with a power-play score by Mike Richards midway through the third period.

LaRose's game-winner was assisted by Ryan

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Ryan Ramsay had two assists in the Whalers' 3-2 win over Kitchener Tuesday.

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# Schoolcraft routs Raiders, 94-66

Schoolcraft College overcame Marcus Bennett (16), Ronald a sluggish first half and poor shooting to earn a 94-66 men's basketball victory Saturday over host Oakland Community College at Highland Lakes

Schoolcraft, 14-1 overall, led by only six at intermission, 39-33, before pulling away with a 55-33 spurt in the second half.

The Ocelots, defending Eastern Conference champion, shot just 42.7 percent from the floor (35-of-82). Schoolcraft was 10-of-26 from three-point range.

Torvoris Baker led the Ocelots with 17 points, 13 rebounds, nine assists and five steals in 32 minutes. James Holmes added 17 points off the

Other scorers in double figures for Schoolcraft included

Dorsey (14) and Gary Johnson

Dorsev was 4-of-5 from three-point range, while Andre Scott grabbed 12 rebounds, Q

Craig Myree led the Raiders (2-12, 0-1) with 15 points, while Michael Russell and Will Pendegrass (Livonia Churchill) added 12 and 11, respectively.

OCC was outrebounded, 55-

TRI-STATE (IND.) 96, MADONNA 87: Brandon O'Leary and Marqus Husband scored 22 points apiece Tuesday, propelling host Tri-State (Ind.) past Madonna University in a Wolverine-

Hoosier Athletic Conference game Tri-State is 8-10 overall and 1-0 in the WHAC, while MU falls to 8-8, 0-2.

MU led by as 13 in the opening half, 24-13, but Tri-State took a one-point advantage at the half, 42-41, then outscored the Fighting Crusaders 54-46 in the second half.

Guard Dan Kurtinaitis led MU with 27 points and five assists. Forward Noel Emenhiser added 26 points and six rebounds. Chris Behrns and Chad Nadolni contributed 11

and 10 points, respectively. Aaron Cox had nine points and six assists.

The Crusaders lost despite hitting all 19. free throws and 53.8 percent of hits shots from the floor (28-of-52, including 12-of-17 three-point land).

The difference was bench play as the Thunder outscored MU, 28-4. Others in double figures for the Thundder included Matt Obras (14), Jon Gates (10) and Brandon Appleton (10).

CONCORDIA 89, MADONNA 85: Farmington High's Matt Mikel scored a game-high 26 points, hitting 6-of-9 three-point attempts Saturday, to lead the Cardinals (7-8, 1-0) past host Fighting Crusaders (8-7, 0-1) in the WHAC opener for both schools.

Madonna couldn't hold a 44-38 halftime lead as Concordia stormed back for the victo-

Jared Adamson added 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Cards, while Mary Fox added 17 points. Livonia Churchill's Erik Uhlinger had nine assists and seven rebounds.

Chris Behrns led MU with 22 points, while Noel Emenhiser added 17. Joe Kofhal had 14 points. Dan Kurtinaitis added 12, while Chad Nadolni had nine points and eight rebounds. Concordia outrebounded the Fighting

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Jan. 10 Clarenceville at Lutheran N'west, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 Madonna Tournament, 8:30 a.m. Midland Dow Tournament, 8:30 a.m. Grand Blanc Invitational, 8:30 a.m. Wayne Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Jan. 9 Luth, Westland, Flat Rock at Airport, 5:30 p.m. Redford CC, Southgate at Romulus, 6 p.m. Quad meet at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.

Northville at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. W.L. Western at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m. W.L. Central at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11

Salem at Adrian Invitational, 9 a.m. Avondale Tournament, 9 a.m. Romulus invitational, 9:30 a.m. Canton at Redford CC Invitational, 10 a.m. PREP BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Jan. 9

W.L. Central at Canton: 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m. Wayne at Franklin/7 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 Cranbrook Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Salem Invitational, noon,

W. Bloomfield Invitational, I p.m. Walled Lake Invitational, 1 p.m.

PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS Saturday, Jan. 11 Trov Invitational, 10 a.m.

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Thursday, Jan. 9 CC vs. E. Lansing (Mt. Brighton), 4:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 11 Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 11 Madonna at Siena Heights, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 10 Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Whalers vs. Sarnia (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

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32-22 by halftime, thanks in part to a pair of Chris Lewis three-pointers in the second quar-

By the end of three, the 'Cats led 56-43. D.J. Bridges paced the Chiefs with 20 points. Andy Cortellini, Travis McKinney and Thornton each added eight.

Matt Emmeneker's 22 points led Novi. Lewis finished with 20 and Brad Simpson had

PCA 65, Taylor Baptist 29: Plymouth Christian Academy gave no quarter Tuesday at

PCA, quite literally. The Eagles outscored Taylor Baptist 32-15 in the first half, then punctuated their dominance with an 18-1 onslaught in the third quarter as they improved to 3-2 overall. Taylor Baptist is 1-5.

PCA's Clay Welton led all scorers with 18 points. Ben Pew added 17 points and 14 rebounds, Dan Carty scored 11 points and Ben Baloga netted 10.

Taylor Baptist got 12 points apiece from Josh Lambert and Derrick Bourlior.

The fourth quarter also belonged to PCA, scoring-wise, by a 15-13 margin.

Oakland Christian 58, Canton Agape 42: Canton Agape Christian found itself a bit outclassed Tuesday at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, the 10th-ranked team in Class D.

The Wolverines trailed 20-8 after one quarter and 32-17 by halftime; a 19-7 third-quarter

spurt by the Lancers insured their victory. Agape fell to 3-4 overall; Oakland Christian

Charlie Henry led Agape with 18 points. Jordan Napier contributed 13 points and 10

The Lancers got 20 points and 10 boards from Mike Peterson and 19 points from Matt

CC 71, Notre Dame 68: Catholic Central got a shot in the arm Tuesday as Taiwan transfer Doug Creighton made his debut as a Shamrock with a team-high 21 points in a Catholic League Central Division triumph Tuesday over visiting Harper Woods Notre

CC is now 3-3 overall and 1-0 in the Central. The loss drops Notre Dame to 3-3 and 0-1.

The Shamrocks hit a total of 11 three-pointers, three from the 6-foot-5 Creighton and four from junior guard Jim Cash, who finished with 20 points. Junior guard Derek Brooks contributed 14.

'We got out early and held on," said CC assistant coach John Mulroy, whose team led 24-10 after one quarter. "It was a good test for us because they're really big and have good skill inside. Their strength is not our strength, so we had to try and offset that."

Sophomore forward Darryl Clements scored 21 for the Fighting Irish, coached by former University of Detroit coach Don Sicko. Marvin Listenbee, a 6-foot-8 senior center, added 12.

## Lady Ocelots upended by OCC

Oakland Community College did what no other school had done to Schoolcraft in nearly a year – defeat the Lady Ocelots in a league game.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 9

Canton Agape at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 10

Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m

Luth Westland at Luthern North, 7 p.m.

Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 10

Stevenson vs. Canton (Arctic Edge), 7:30 p.m.

Redford CC at Park Tudor (Ind.), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. II

Salem vs. Northville (Novi Arena), 6:10 p.m.

Churchill vs. W.L. Central (Lakeland), 5:20 p.m.

Redford CC at Park Tudor (Ind.), 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 12

Redford CC at Culver Military (Ind.), 2 p.m.

PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 9

Divine Child at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.

Franklin vs. Lapeer West (Polar Palace), 8 p.m.

Churchill vs. W.L. Western (Edgar), 6 p.m.

Schoolcraft outscored the Lady Raiders in the second half on Saturday, 32-31, but host OCC wound up with the 57-54 win - the Lady Ocelots' first Michigan Community College Athletic Association-East women's basketball loss since Feb. 10, 2001 - a 16-game streak.

The Lady Ocelots (8-6, 0-1 MCCAA) didn't help themselves in the first half, shooting just 7-for-28 from the floor or committing 24 turnovers in all for the game to just 16 for the Lady Raiders (10-4, 1-0). OCC

made the difference at the free throw line, hitting 10-of-13 to just 3-of-15 for Schoolcraft. Larissa Taylor led OCC with

20 points, while Meagon Thornsberry had 14 points and Tiffany Burt had 11. Thornsberry also had 15 rebounds and three assists, while Burt had two blocks and three assists and Jillian Stork had eight rebounds.

Tara Charles (Redford Bishop Borgess) led Schoolcraft with 20 points, while Tiffany Alexander had 14 points and Pam Wingate had 13. Mia Henderson led the way on the boards with 15, while Wingate had seven and Jazmyne Forster had six. Natalie Shaw had five assists and Wingate had seven

of the team's nine blocks.

MADONNA 83, CONCORDIA 51: Madonija University used scoring for 11 different players on Saturday to roll to an 83-51 win over Concordia University-Ann Arbor in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener for both schools.

The Lady Crusaders (3-13) led early and often, forging a 48-29 lead at half and padding it further in the second. MU helped its own cause with a 50-22 advantage on the boards That translated to 31 second chance points to Madonna, while the Cardinals mustered just

Lindsey Simmon paced MU with 22 points and added six rebounds. Courtney Rebhine had 17 points and eight boards, Sarah Thompson had 10 points and six rebounds and Nikki Blaszak (eight points) and Marwa Ayoub had seven rebounds each. Loriann Tschirhaft added five assists and Blazak and Rebhine had four steals each.

Jenna Ansel had 16 points to lead; Concordia, while Carey Musko had 12. 110

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coach Bob Brodie. "He's getting some good minutes, and he's improving every game."

Although Salem ran away with the victory in that fourth quarter — "It hurt us that they made those shots," said Dyer. "Things kind of slipped away from us in the fourth quarter" it looked to be something quite different in the early going. Neither team missed a shot in the first couple of minutes; an 8-2 run in the last 2:12 of the first period allowed the Rocks to take a 17-11 lead into the second.

The first half of that quarter belonged to Stevenson, A 9-4 burst allowed the Spartans to narrow the gap to a single point with 5:14 left; they ended up outscoring Salem 16-11 in the

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period to make it a 28-27 game at the half, the Rocks on top.

Salem had been playing well, converting 11-of-23 floor shots (47.8 percent) and making just three turnovers. But Stevenson was, too; the Spartans were 10for-20 from the field in the first half (50 percent) and 5-of-6 at the free-throw line, and they had seven turnovers.

But the Rocks started to increase the gap in the third quarter, and they did it at both ends of the floor. "Our defensive effort is what impressed me tonight," said Brodie. "We used a multitude of defenses - we used five in the second half."

In particularly, it helped the Rocks control Stevenson's Brady Crosby, who had scored 11 points in the first half. Crosby was held scoreless for the first 12:42 of the second half; by the time he scored his first basket

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(he had seven points in a span of 1:16), Salem had its 16-point cushion.

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Crosby finished with 18 points. Next best for the Spartans were Brandon Chitwood and Mike Kotowski with seven apiece.

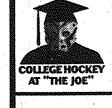
Brad Clark added 10 points for Salem and Dominique Washington had nine.

Salem, however, hit 15-of-19 second-half floor shots, an astounding 78.9 percent; Stevenson was 10-of-31 (32.3 percent).

"I don't think we played very "" good defensively," said Dyer. "Practice the last couple of days 1A has been casual, and we can't play casual."

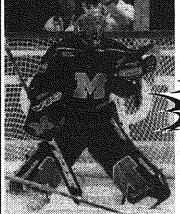
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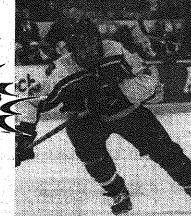


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# Salem 3rd at Invite; Canton battles injuries

It wasn't perfection, but the performance of Salem's wrestling team at the Wyandotte Roosevelt **Invitational Saturday was** pretty darn good by coach Greg Woochuk's estimate.

The Rocks finished third in the tournament, behind Belleville (231.5 points) and Livonia Churchill (158 points). Salem scored 152.

"For missing those three weight classes, at 112, 171 and 215 (pounds), we did pretty well," Woochuk said. The voids were caused by injuries and illnesses and a schedule that had Salem wrestlers competing at three different tournaments.

At Wyandotte, the Rocks had two champions. Ryan Stump swept to the title at 103 Ross (171), Matt Keffler (103), pounds with a 3-9 record, earning tournament MVP award for the lower weight divisions.

Mike Goethe also finished first for Salem at 135 with a 3-0 match mark.

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Third-place finishers included Mike Dendrinos at 119 (2-1 match record), Pete Bobee at 125 (2-1) and Jeremy Walker at 275 (3-1). Chris Hanson had a 3-1 record but was fifth at 160. while Alan Mlynek at 130 (3-2), Randy Bearden at 140 (3-2)Brian Danville at 152 (2-2) and Jordan Schaefer at 189 (2-2) all placed sixth.

At a junior varsity tournament hosted by Southgate Anderson Saturday, the Salem team placed first, getting firstplace finishes from Dave Burr (125), Zack Vaughn (130) and Will Schultz (152). Andrew Alex Murray (140) and Kirk Tooley (145) all placed second.

At a freshmen tournament hosted by Livonia Stevenson, Salem's Scott Fish had three pins at 130 to finish first, while Josh Anson captured a second

Salem hosts Stevenson at 6:30 p.m. today in a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet, then travels to the Adrian Invitational Saturday.

#### **CANTON MATMEN SHINE**

A depleted Canton lineup took another hit Saturday at the South Lyon Invitational when junior Steve Hogg suffered a broken wrist in the 119-pound championship match against Fenton's Dane Allen.

Hogg was 7-0 going into the match. "He had never made it to a final before," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "That was his first loss."

Hogg's loss came on an injury default. In the semifinals, he beat Milford's Nick Olari 11-2.

Four other Chiefs were topfour finishers. Dan Bergsma was 3-1 in the 130 division, improving his overall record to

17-2 for the season.

At 135, Ryan Webb improved to 16-3 with a thirdplace finish. He beat Walled Lake Western's Adam Lesner 2-0 in the consolation final. And at 171, Tim Larsen pinned Matt Shilhavy of Alma in 1:36 in the consolation final to finish third, going 3-1 for the tournament.

Rob Schnettler suffered a 2-1 loss to Shawn Deso of Fenton in the semifinals at 125. eventually finishing fourth in the tourney with a 2-2 record for the day.

"I'm pleased with how we wrestled," said Randolph. "We had two others who just missed placing."

The schedule won't get any easier for Canton. They host WLAA foe Wayne Memorial at 6:30 p.m. today, then compete in the Catholic Central Invitational Saturday.

**OBSERVERLAND MAT RANKINGS** 

TEAM RANKINGS: 1. Redford Catholic Central; 2. Westland John Glenn; 3. Livonia Stevenson; 4. Livonia Churchill; 5. Wayne

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS 103 pounds: 1. Ryan Stump (Plymouth Salem); 2. Sean Dong (Redford CC); 3. Dan Rabe (Stevenson); 4. Saif Naber (John

Glenn); 5. Aaron Landry (Redford Union). 112: 1. Matt Steintrager (Redford CC); 2. Dan McAuliffe (Stevenson): 3. Nick Naber (John Glenn); 4. Justin Smith (Churchill); 5. Jake Davis (Garden City).

119: 1. Charlie Rabaut (Stevenson); 2. Matt Koziara (Redford CC): 3. Craig LeBaron (Thurston); 4. John Moore (RU); 5. Mike Dendrinos (Salem).

125: 1. Brian Clement (Churchill); 2. Pete Bobee (Salem); 3. Nader Al-Mooshi (Livonia Clarenceville); 4. Drew Conner (John Glenn); 5. Rob Schettler (Canton).

130: 1. Tim Hammer (Wayne); 2: Jim Moore (RU); 3. Allen Mlynek (Salem); 4. Kris Felice (Churchill): 5. Kayle McCart (Franklin).

135: 1. Mike Goethe (Salem); 2. Rece Cox (John Glenn); 3. John Gourlay (RU); 4. Mario Perez (Garden City); 5. Rex Fugaban (Wavne).

140: 1. Nate Rodriguez (Redford CC); 2. Enrique Garcia (John Glenn); 3. Dan Leith (Stevenson); 4. Rich Russell (Garden City); 5. Paul Cavanaugh (Wayne).

145: 1. Jason Fischer (Stevenson); 2. Daron Cruickshank (John Glenn); 3. John

Dobbins (Wayne); 4. Dan Baseley (Lutheran Westland); 5. Ben Adams (Churchill).

152: 1. Trevor Stewart (Redford CC): 2. Lev Mergian (Churchill); 3. Jeremy Sparks (Garden City); 4. Chris McLone (Wayne); 5.

Butch Choraszewski (RU). 160: 1. Dario Mainella (Stevenson); 2. Dan Curmi (Redford CC); 3. Brandon Noble (Lutheran Westland); 4. Emilio Perez

(Garden City): 5. Brad Allen (John Glenn). 171: 1. Steve Wallace (Wayne); 2. Scott Schwartzlose (Redford CC); 3. Eric Schambers (John Glenn); 4. Dan Haller (Lutheran Westland); 5. Rob Freeman

189: 1. Neil Kemp (Lutheran Westland); 2. Jake Fairchild (John Glenn); 3. Eric Vojtkofsky (Redford CC); 4. R.J. Ramsey

(Wayne); 5. Jorden Schaefer (Salem). 215: 1. Alex Murray (Churchill); 2. John Harrington (Thurston); 3. Pete Rodriguez (Redford CC); 4. Jake Galindez (Lutheran-Westland); 5. Matt Salley (RU).

275: 1. Pat Clark (Redford CC); 2. Jeremy Walker (Salem); 3. Jason LeDuc (RU); 4. Paul Bargerstock (Stevenson); 5. Pat Draheim

Note: Rankings are compiled by RU coach Jim Carlin with input from area coaches Dave Chiola (Franklin) and Aaron Davis (Garden City). Any questions, call (248) 427-9530 or email CarlinJT30@aol.com.

# Rocks reach finals

Salem reopened its volleyball season Saturday with the Salem Invitational, and the Rocks' A team reached the finals but couldn't defeat Milford a second time, losing to the Monarchs 11-15, 15-9, 15-8 in the championship match.

A total of five teams, including Salem's B team, competed in the tournament, Salem's A team beat Trenton twice and Milford in pool play; the two Salem teams did not play each other, nor did the A team go against Western Lakes Activities Association rival Northville.

Several players performed well for the Rocks, according to

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coach Tom Teeters. Jordan Falcusan excelled at both setting and on defense; Lauren Price averaged four kills a game; Amanda Bradley had 10 blocks for the day; Macy Lepper finished with 31 digs and Maggie Tudor had 23.

Trenton was third in the tournament, with the Salem B team fourth and Northville fifth.

Salem's varsity is idle until Wednesday, when it opens its WLAA season at Livonia Franklin.

#### **PLYMOUTH REACHES SEMIS**

In a tournament at the University of Michigan-Dearborn last Thursday, Plymouth collected four-straight victories before faltering against Monroe in the semifinals.

The all-freshmen Wildcats beat Dearborn 25-16, 25-14 (rally scoring); Westland John Glenn 25-16, 25-22; and Livonia Ladywood 25-13, 25-10 in pool play. In the quarterfinals, they stopped Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 25-17, 25-15.

But in the semifinals, Monroe bested Plymouth in three sets, 25-21, 22-25, 15-5.

"The girls played well all day long until they made it to the semifinals," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland, "and they didn't play up to their full potential, and unfortunately we lost.

"Hopefully, it'll be a learning experience. We'll take it to practice and go from there."

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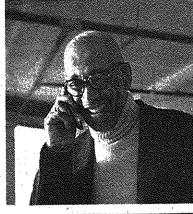
On Monday, host Plymouth Christian Academy ran its overall record to 5-2 with a 15-1, 15-10 triumph over Livonia Clarenceville.

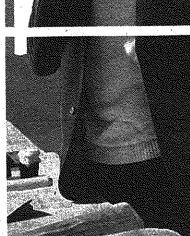
Lindsay Pew paced the Eagles with two kills, six assist-to-kills and served eight points. Gen Hott added seven digs and served seven points.

Clarenceville, playing its season opener, was led by sophomore Kari Ryan, along with junior Whitney Kubera and Ashley

We played well, we did some positive things even though we lost," Clarenceville coach Alisha Love said. "Kari played well . defensively and showed great leadership."

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#### **CLARIFICATION**

In the Sunday, Jan. 5, issue of the Observer, a cutline with a photo that appeared on C4 identified the swimmer as former Salem standout Eric Lynch. The photo was actually of Ben Mellis.

#### **HOOP TRYOUTS**

The Plymouth/Canton Crossfire AAU girls basketball organization will have tryouts for the upcoming season Thursday at Tonda Elementary School, located on Warren between Canton Center and Beck.

The tryout, for girls 11-andunder, will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Tryout fee is \$15 unless you are a current AAU member. If you are a current AAU member, you must bring your membership card in order to tryout.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to register. For more information, call Gary Wheeler at (734) 459-7574.

#### **FASTPITCH TRYOUTS**

The Plymouth-Canton Pride will hold tryouts for its girls 10and-under, 12-and-under, 14and-under, and 16-and under fastpitch softball teams from 10 a.m.-noon on consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 11 and Jan. 18.

Those interested need only attend one of these sessions. Girls wishing to play for the Pride must attend school or live in Plymouth or Canton.

Tryouts will be at the Pride Softball Academy, 8567 Ronda Drive in Canton. For more information, call (734) 354-6925 or (734) 981-5989.

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The Galyan's Northville Solstice Run will be held Saturday, June 21. The event is designed to promote healthy lifestyles and fitness while providing amenties and entertainment within the Northville community.

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#### **BASEBALL TRYOUTS**

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#### LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, a member of the Ice Skating Institute, is offering eight weeks of skating classes (25 minutes per session) for individuals grouped by age and ability, beginning next month, at Edgar Ice Arena, 33841 Lyndon.

Classes offered include: Adult, 6:20 p.m. Thursdays; youth (ages 4-and-up), 4:40-6:45 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; tots (3-year-olds), 4:10 p.m. Thursdays; and boys hockey skills, 6:20 p.m. Mondays.

Fees are \$48 for residents and \$64 for non-residents.

Registration will be from 5-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) at the Parks and Recreation office, 33000 Civic Center Drive (inside City Hall). For more information, call (743) 466-2410; or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

#### PITCHING-HITTING CAMPS

Jeff Jones, who has 26 years of pro baseball experience, including the past 15 as a pitching instructor in the Detroit Tigers organization, will conduct a series of hitting and pitching camps, Jan. 11 through Feb. 2, at Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road.

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Pitching camps will run 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays; also 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Sundays. Hitting camps will run 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturdays; also 2-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays.

Special appearances will be made by Detroit Tiger catcher Brandon Inge, along with Cleveland Indians pitcher Jason Beverlin and former pro player Larry Feola (New York and Detroit).

Camp fees are \$195 or \$350 (both camps).

For more information, or to register, call (248) 669-9817; or

totalbbalwixom@aol.com.

#### SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, is helping kids 6-18 improve their game with private lessons starting at \$35 per half-hour, or five private lessons for \$160.

Instruction will be led by Von Joshua, the Toronto Blue Jays hitting coach, the Oakland University softball coaching staff, Big Ten/MAC All-Conference softball/ baseball players and former professional players. Individuals will receive instruction through a series of pitching, hitting and fielding drills. Call (248) 668-0166.

#### **PITCHING PROGRAM**

Total baseball is offering a seven-week training program for pitchers. Former USA Jr.

Olympic Team member and Montreal Expo Aaron Knieper will be teaching arm strengthening techniques, pitching mechanics and philosophy.

The cost is \$325 per player. Classes will be 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

To register call Total Baseball at (248) 668-0166 or e-mail at totalbballwixom@aol.com.

#### **COACHES WANTED**

Farmington Harrison High School is searching for a boys tennis coach.

If interested in the position, call FPS athletic director Ron Holland at (248) 489-3352 or fax a letter of interest and/or resume to (248) 474-3802.

Redford Union is looking for a varsity baseball coach. To send your resume, please contact athletic director Brett Steele, 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI., 48240, or fax it at (313) 592-4068. For more information, please call (313) 592-3408.

Livonia Churchill needs a varsity boys tennis coach for the spring season.

Those interested should call athletic director Marc Hage at (734) 523-9217 or fax resume and letter of interest to (734) 523-9255.

Livonia Churchill also has an immediate opening for a girls softball coach for the spring season.

Those interested should call athletic director Marc Hage at (734) 744-2650, ext. 46117.

#### SWIM RESULTS

#### SALEM 100 NOVI 86

Tuesday at Salem 200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Nick Dixon, Matt Showalter, Mike Horgan, Matt

Vivian), 1:47.31. 200 freestyle: 1. Ben Dzialo (S), 1:51.56. 200 individual medley: 1. Robertson (N), 2:04.96 (state qualifying); 2, Dixon (S), 2:05.53. 50 freestyle: 1. Matt Vivian (S), 24.26; 2.

Diving: 1. Bassett (N), 228.75. 100 butterfly: 1. Robertson (N), 55.34; 2. Horgan (S), 1:00.32

William Clark (S), 24.61

100 freestyle: 1. Działo (S), 50.32. 500 freestyle: 1. Dixon (S), 4:57.71 (state qualifying); 2. Tyler (N), 5:00.88 (state qualify-

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Dzialo, Joe Aumiller, Showalter, Vivian), 1:34.77. 100 backstroke: 1. Jeff Nevi (S), 1:02.52.

100 breaststroke: 1. Matt Showalter (S),

400 freestyle relay: I. Novi (Tyler, Wright, Shafer, Robertson), 3:29.13; 2. Salem (Vivian,

Dual-meet record: Salem, 3-0, Next meet: Salem at Walled Lake Western. 7 p.m. Thursday; at noon Saturday, Salem hosts the Rock-Kilgore Invitational. Other teams include Dearborn, Rockford, Ann Arbor Pioneet Canton and Livonia Stevenson.

**PLYMOUTH 26 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 105 Tuesday at Northern** 200-yard medley relay: 1. Northern (Kneale,

Skalski, Rinkevich, Donaldson), 2:10.52. 200 freestyle: 1. Skalski (WLN), 2:36.39. 200 Individual mediey: 1. Andy Knisely (P). 2:24.66

50 freestyle: 1. Rinkevich (WLN), 24.72. Diving: 1. Kneale (WLN), 167,80 points. 100 butterfly: 1. Rinkevich (WLN), 1:07.09. 100 freestyle: 1. Donaldson (WLN), 1:12.07. 500 freestyle: 1. Trudeau (WLN), 8:30.18 200 freestyle relay: Rinkevich, Donaldson, Kneale, Wachtel), 1:55,88, 100 backstroke: Kneale (WLN), 1:18.78.

100 breaststroke: 1. Knisely (P), 1:09.97. 400 freestyle relay: Northern (Wachtel,

Ashley Aquinto, 34.95; Allie Vraniak, 29.95.

Vault - Bartlett, 9.1; Aquinto, 8.65; Vraniak,

Bars - Bartlett, 8.85; Aquinto, 8.7; Negele,

Beam - Aguinto, 8.4; Bartlett, 8.05; Meghan

Floor - Aquinto, 9.2; Bartlett, 9.1; McCarthy.

Farmington Unified 'B': Vault - Sarah

Bars - Natalie Olesko, 8.65; Tomkovich, 8.4;

Beam - Lauren Karcz, 8.55; Olesko, 8.5;

Floor - Wasson, 7.9; Merrell, 7.7; Melanie

Plymouth: All-around - Alie Saker, 33.65;

Vault - Saker, 8.55; Oulambao, 7.95;

Bars - Saker, 8.3; Quiambao, 7.3; Bates

Beam - Saker, 8.2; Quiambao, 7.1; Chelsey

Amy Quianbao, 30.25: Alie Bates, 27.65;

Tomkovich, 8.6; Rachel Wasson, 8.4; Laura

#### **GYMNASTICS RESULTS**

McCarthy, 7.35.

Merrell, 8.1.

Bendick, 7.6.

Andrea Marcos, 8.3.

Jarah Haroitt, 8.25.

Courtney Pickard, 24.00.

Courtney Pickard, 7.55.

#### **SALEM GYMNASTICS** INVITATIONAL

Jan. 4 at Plymouth HS Team standings: 1. Farmington Unified 'A' 143.55; 2. Brighton, 141.3; 3. Hartland, 139.2; 4. Walled Lake Unified, 134.00; 5. Livonia Consolidated, 132.65; 6. Salem, 131.85; 7. Holt, 131,60; 8. Adrian, 131.30; 9. Jackson Co. Western, 130.95; 10. Farmington Unified 'B', 130.10; 11. Ann Arbor Huron, 129.55; 12. Fraser, 126.55; 13. Rochester, 124.80; 14. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 123,70; 15. Plymouth, 117.5; 16. Saline, 112.50; 17. Westland John Glenn, 102.95.

#### Individual scoring (by team)

Farmington Unified 'A': All-around - Sarah Houchins, 36.65; Alyse Ouinn, 34.95; Caitlin McPherson, 34.85; Dayna Warhait, 34.75.

Vault - Lindsay Smith, 9.25; McPherson, 9.1; Uneven parallel bars - Clara Seymour, 9.05;

Houchins, 8.8; Quinn, 8.6. Balance beam - Houchins, 9.3; Smith, 8.85; Warhait, 8.8.

Floor exercise - Houchins, 9.6; Smith, 9.35; McPherson, 9.1.

Livonia Consolidated: All-around - Mary Moreau, 34.05; Paige Albers, 32.7.

Vault - Moreau, 9.2; Alyssa Supplee, 9.0;

Paige Albers, 8.7. Bars - Moreau, 8.55; Supplee, 7.9; Albers,

Beam - Moreau, 8.1; Kacy Risner, 7.9; Krista

Osikowicz, 7.8. Floor - Sarah Snow, 8.6; Albers, 8.45;

Risner, 8:45.

Salem: All-around - Bethany Bartlett, 35.1; 6.8.

Pickard, 6.35. Floor - Saker, 8.6; Quiambao, 7.9; Bates, 7.5.

John Glenn: All-around - Sarah Verhines, 29.90; Becky Clark, 28.6; Kelly Fredericks, 21.8; Vault - Verhines, 8.0; Clark, 7.45; Fredericks, 6.35. Bars - Clark, 7.2; Verhines, 7.0; Bryn

Glotfelty, 5.25. Beam - Verhines, 7.4; Clark, 6.95; Melissa

Braunstein, 5.5. Floor - Verhines; 7.5; Clark, 7.0; Fredericks,

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#### WHALERS

Ramsay; Ramsay and Cole Jarrett each had two assists in the game for Plymouth.

Paul Drew backstopped the Whaler win by making 35 saves in goal. Scott Dickie had 26 stops in goal for the Rangers.

Plymouth improved to 25-7-7-1 (58 points), first in the OHL's West Division. Kitchener is 27-9-4-1 (59 points), first in the Midwest Division.

#### WHALERS MAKE TRADE

The potential may have been there, but the Plymouth Whalers were in need of immediate returns and a bit more experience.

That's why on Monday they sent right wing Taylor Raszka, a native of Petersburg and the Whalers' No. 1 choice in the Ontario Hockey League's entry draft last spring, to the Saginaw Spirit for center Chris Thorburn and the Oshawa Generals' second-round draft pick this year.

"Sometimes you have to give up quality to get quality," said Whalers' coach/general manager Mike Vellucci.

"Taylor is a player who has the potential to be a star player in the league. Chris is a player who is already at that level and will make an immediate impact for us. He brings size to the table and is a playmaker.

"He will give us a lot of depth at the forward position." In terms of production, this

deal would seem rather lopsided. Thornburn is 6-foot-3, 218 pounds and scored 19 goals and assisted on 38 others (57 points) for the Spirit; he was their leading scorer. Raszka, a 6-1, 175-pound right wing, had limited playing time, with three goals and four assists in 34 games.

The reason for the Spirit to make the trade: Raszka is 16vears-old and in his first OHL season. Thorburn is 19; he'll turn 20 in June. He will play this season and could conceivably play next year as an overager (if he does, the Whalers will surrender a conditional fifth-round draft choice next season).

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THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2002, AT 10:00 A.M. THE AUCTION IS TO BE HELD AT WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING, 6375 HIX RD., WESTLAND, MI 48185.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2003 REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES **EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE** SANDEN INTERNATIONAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Sanden International, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption on new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures to their existing facility located at 47772 Halvard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Sanden International, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, GMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

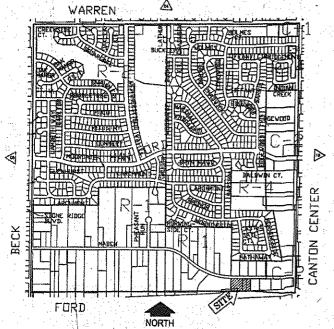
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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 3, 2003 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

DOUGLAS. CANTRELL BRETZLOFF. REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 036 01 0012 001, 036 01 0012 003 AND 036 01 0012 004 FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. Property is located west of Canton Center between Ford and Maben Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, January 31, 2003. in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Thorburn was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres in the third round in 2001.

In his last two seasons with the North Bay Centennials (who have since become the Saginaw Spirit), he scored 37 goals and assisted on 75 others.

Before the trade, the Whalers were one of the youngest teams in the OHL.

#### **WIN STREAK ENDS**

On Sunday at London, the Whalers finally got a lead in a game - their first since defeating Kitchener the previous Monday.

But they couldn't hold it. Plymouth bounced back from a 2-0 deficit with a pair of short-handed goals in the second period, then went ahead 3-2 on a power-play goal by Chad LaRose just 17 seconds into the third period (David Liffiton assisted).

The Knights earned a 3-3 draw with a goal by Kyle Piwowarczyk with 8:57 remaining, the Whalers sec-

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ond-straight tie.

London had the early lead on first-period goals by Matt Weir and Dennis Wideman. Plymouth closed the gap to 2-1 on Jonas Fiedler's unassisted short-handed goal at 13:40 of the second period, then tied it 13 seconds later on Tim Sestito's score (from Sean Thompson). Both Whaler goals came with Jimmy Gagnon in the penalty box for charging.

Paul Drew stopped 32 shots in goal for Plymouth. Gerald Coleman had 34 saves for the Knights (15-20-4-1, 35 points in the Midwest Division).

On Saturday, the Whalers had to come from behind twice to get a 2-2 tie with Guelph at Plymouth. Niko Tuomi put Guelph ahead 1-0 3:49 into the opening period; the Whalers tied it on LaRose's goal (from John Mitchell and Martin Cizek) 8:17 into the second period.

It didn't stay tied for long. The Storm went back in front 37 seconds later on a Ryan Callahan marker. The Whalers

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

tied it again on a Karl Stewart power-play goal (from Cole Jarrett and Ryan Ramsay) with 4:47 left in the second period.

Jeff Weber made 20 saves in goal for the Whalers. Guelph, through Sunday, was third in the Midwest Division with a 15-16-8-1 mark (39 points).

On Friday at Sarnia, Plymouth saw its 18-game unbeaten streak come to an end with a 4-1 loss.

The score was tied at 1-all going into the third period, but the Sting scored three times in the last eight minutes to get the victory.

Dave Pszenyczny gave Sarnia the lead on the power play just 1:23 into the first period. LaRose knotted it with an unassisted goal at 12:13 of the first, also on the power play.

Daniel Carcillo (at 12:14), Kris Newbury (18:48) and Chance Fitzpatrick (19:43) got the Sting's third-period scores. Drew was in goal for Plymouth; Ryan Munce was in the net for the Sting, who were within four points of the Whalers after Sunday with a 23-11-5-1 record (52 points).

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#### 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) 394-5260

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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, January 23RD, 2003 for the following:

#### LAWN AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE 2003

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.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

#### NOTICE OF MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FROM MASTER AUTOMATIC TO AMEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION

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

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CERTIFICATE NO. 2000-600 PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that Master Automatic has filed an application requesting to amend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2000-600 by decreasing the cost of the project approved by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees during a regularly scheduled meeting held October 24, 2002. The requested amendment is to revise the cost of the project due to an exchange of a defective machine center for four more reliable machining centers that perform the same function. The decrease in cost for the four machines is approximately \$220,000. Master Automatic is located at 40485 Schoolcraft Road, Schoolcraft Corporate Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. The request will be considered during a regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting

on Tuesday, January 21, 2003. The request of Master Automatic is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m., and will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number (734) 354-3224.

> MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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PROPOSED ACTION:

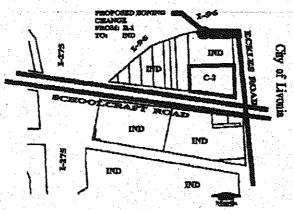
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R-1, Single Family Residential District

IND, Industrial District Wednesday, January 15, 2003 7:00 P.M. Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel 024-99-0029-001 from R-1, Single Family Residential District to IND, Industrial District.

Arbor Road



**AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 135** Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. 024-99-0029-001

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131 ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, audio tapes, and printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office.

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary Planning Commission

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT 101

TO AMEND TEXT: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 83 BY REVISING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.4-6(h), R-1-E, R-1-H, R-1-S, R-1, ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

DATE OF HEARING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2003 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE OF HEARING: PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HALL 42350 ANN ARBOR ROAD PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township proposes on its own motion to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83 by revising the existing Article VI, Section 6.4-6(h), R-1-E, R-1-H, R-I-S, R-1, One Family Residential Districts, Development Requirements as follows: Article VI, Section 6.4-6(h) presently reads as follows:

Sidewalks shall be provided as required in Section 4.06 paragraph 2 of Subdivision Ordinance No. 32. All sidewalks shall conform to the standards as established by the Department of Building and Code Enforcement and the Township Engineer. All sidewalks shall be five (5) feet in width except those located along major thoroughfares. In the case of major thoroughfares, all sidewalks shall be a

minimum of six (6) feet in width. Article VI, Section 6.4-6(h) is proposed to read as follows:

Sidewalks:

(1) Sidewalks shall be installed on any single family residential lot (subdivision), unit (site condominium), or parcel of land as follows:

a) Frontage on a public street with a street setback forty-three (43) feet or greater, as defined by section 23.32 of Ordinance 83. A five (5) foot wide concrete sidewalk shall be installed in conjunction with any new construction, building addition and/or alteration to existing structures. All sidewalks shall conform to the

Engineer. Frontage on a public street with a street setback less than forty three (43) feet, as defined by Section

standards as established by the Department of

Building and Code Enforcement and the Township

A five (5) foot wide concrete sidewalk shall be installed in conjunction with any new construction, building addition and/or alteration to existing structures except if there are no existing or planned sidewalks within two hundred (200) feet of the site's boundaries. No sidewalk shall be required when these conditions exist. All sidewalks shall conform to the standards as established by the Department of Building and Code Enforcement and the Township Engineer.

Fee in Lieu of sidewalk installation Where it can be demonstrated that providing required sidewalks at the time of construction is not reasonable, the Township Supervisor, after review and recommendation of the Community Development Director, may permit payment to the Township in a sum equivalent to the estimated cost of providing such sidewalk improvement as determined by the following formula:

Sum equals the running feet of sidewalk multiplied by the dollar amount per running foot as established annually by the Township Engineer.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the text, as printed, may be examined at the Community Development Department in the Department of Public Services Building at 46555 Port Street during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., until the date of the Public Hearing. Application 1765. Written comments concerning the amendment will be received prior to the meeting. The application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The public hearing will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-8131, ext. 37.

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary Planning Commission

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QUALITY GAL 50 yr old, divorced female, 5'5", a few extra pounds, long blonde hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys bowling, playing cards, darts, fishing, boating, camping, movies, music, good conversation, her hot tub. Seeks responsible, family oriented male, 45 to 60, good sense of humor. BOX 14762

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Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40-lsh. Seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 40, for dating and relating, Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

**GET IN TOUCH** 31 yr old female, 5'7", 136 ibs. Looking for someone to have some fun and adventures with. BOX 21120

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN 44 yrs old, 577, divorced, white female likes dancing, camping, singing. Seeks white male, 36 to 45, 510" to 6'3", with some of the same interests. BOX 26733 cooking, movies,

FOREIGN BORN WOMAN 46 yrs old, 5'5", 130 lbs, blonde hair, hazel eyes, two grown up responsible man BOX 30880

CONTACT ME A.S.A.P.! er of three, professional, college degree, petite, 5'1", weight Enjoys exercise, movies, concerts, music, sports. Seeks professional divorced male, 45 to 55, no beard or mustache, sense of humor. BOX 30884

PRINCESS AWAITS YOU Intriguing, attractive, divorced white female, 5'5", 125 lbs, hazel eyes, blonde/brown hair, outgoing, fun loving. Enjoys candlelight dinners, movies; dancing, romance. Seeks her knight in shining armor, 50 or older, honest, sincere, to share special moments with

TIRED OF GAMES Attractive, divorced white female, 51, 5'4", long reddish hair, smoker. Seeking gentlehair, smoker. Seeking gentle-man, 45 to 65, with a sense of humor for dinner (home cooked), movies, quality time and fun relationship. Oakland County, BOX 36013

ARE YOU... loving, could be me, I am a divorced white female, 54, non smoker, who likes to do almost everything. West Side area; Let's talk! Wayne County BOX

DON'T MISS OUT! build, brown eyes and hair, lives in Troy area, enjoys shar-ing activities with the right per-son. Give me a call and I'd be glad to get back to you! BOX 23444

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Attractive, 50+ widow, fun lov-ing, physically fit. Seeks male desiring travel, working out, bicycling, golf, mountain hiking, skiing, swimming, dancing, dining out, family, cooking, quiet evenings, closeness, sharing, intimacy, love. Requesting too much? Tell me. BOX 24980 LET'S GET TOGETHER

SEEKS PERFECT MATE

You found her! Adorable, petite, prefers centleman 48-60, full of life, great sense of humor, likes to have new experiences. Call, you won't regret it. Oakland County, BOX 25008

POSSIBLE CONNECTION An attractive brunette, 49, 5'4", 115 lbs, single white professional female, with great smile and good heart, enjoys family and friends, boating. Red Wings and you, if height weight proportionate, humorous, caring, financially stable and emoavailable. Wayne County, BOX 25014

AM I ASKING TOO MUCH African American divorced mother of two, 41, Intelligent, young looking, very energetic, exercises every day. Seeks white male who's trustworthy. clean cut, monogamous, affectionate, intelligent, strong morals, outgoing, BOX-25981

ARE YOU MY KNIGHT? Young looking, 44 yr old divorced woman, enjoys music. travel, sports, camping, quiet times. Seeks honest, fun loving, marriage minded gentle-man, 38 to 50, social smoker and drinker, children okay. Home owner and professional preferred, BOX 26664

LET'S TALK White female, 51, long blonde hair, in good shape, 5'5", non-smoker, social drinker, very fun loving, vivacious, loves life. Enjoys working out, boating, beaches, getaway weekends, concerts. Seeks white male, 45

LET'S GET TOGETHER 33 yr old, black female, 5'6', medium build, non-smoker. Enjoys cooking, movies, family, Seeks male, 36 to 45, family oriented, medium build, noner, for fun and friendship, BOX 26699

SHARE LIFE WITH ME 58 yr old lady, full figured, 5'5", green eyes, red hair, good Enjoys dining valking, movies, conversation, Seeks male, 58 to 70, to share

interests, BOX 26709 I'M YOUR LADY

138 lbs.. female brown/blue, enjoys walking, swimming, movies, music and dining out. Seeks white male 5'6", non-smoker, occasional drinker, affectionate and sinship in Garden City, BOX

COUNTRY GIRL Divorced white lady, non-smok-er, non-drinker likes horseback riding, has own horses. Enjoy camping, walking, boating, flea markets, old cars, movies, Seeks gentleman 57 to 65 with similar interest, County, BOX 27030

FIRST TIME AD Educated, well traveled, loving professional single female, 5'2", medium build, non-smok

er. Enjoys conversation, music, travel, quiet times, and theater. Seeking refined gentleman, 60-70, for friendship first. Oakland county, BOX 35999 UNIQUE VEGETARIAN Pretty, 40's, 5'7", 119 lbs, spirit-

ed, happy and degreed, loves yoga, living, food preparation, culinary arts grad. In search of a great connection, open heartself aware, healthy, love of dance music and this beautiful a plus. Oakland County, BOX 38076 LIVE LOVE LAUGH

Single, black sophisticated, mature female, medium height, slender build, enjoys dining out, flea markets, movies and more. Seeks male with similar Wayne County BOX 36126 SMART FUNNY HUGGABLE

5'7", with 2 children, likes movies, walks, zoos, intelligent ation, Seeking an educated, down to earth, nonsmoking white male 40-49, who is family oriented, enjoys laughing, hugging and open communication. Western Wayne county BOX 36128

A TOUCH OF CLASS Attractive, tall, mature, lady, height/weight proportionate, non-smoker, social drinker, enjoys music, concerts, fine dining, dancing, conversation. Seeks similar qualities in a male, for friendship, compan-ionship and possibly more. BOX 36148

MOTOWN GAL

...Looking for a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long-term, monogamous relationship. I am 51 yr old diverced female. I fove Motown music and classic cars. I believe in cars. I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area, 80x 14471

LET'S SAIL TOGETHERI Petite, active, attractive Jewish professional woman, brown hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, loves sailing traveling holi-days and many other interests. Seeks skiing and sailing buddy, 50 to 60, Jewish, active, inter-ested in friendship, fun, romance and possible long term relationship, BOX 14905

WORTH A CALL Divorced white mother of three, 47, good personality, 126 lbs graduate degree, professional, attractive and fit, Christian. Enjoys walking, church, movies, travel, dining out, walk-ing, cooking. Seeks honest, non-smoking, financially stable male, BOX 21096

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR Giving, loving, compassionate, curvy, lots of fun, great conver sationalist, 55, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45-late 70's, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322

QUALITY, QUALITY Seeking a sincere, honest, no games played, non-smoking, social drinking, single white male by a divorced white female, 54, who likes to do almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side. Wayne County. BOX

CUTE AND CLASSY Single black female, mid 50's, onighe black remaile, mid 50's, enjoys jogging, concerts and walks in the park. Seeking a gentleman over 50, with similar interests. Oakland County, BOX 26066

TIRED OF BAR SCENE 54 yr old, white female, 5'9", shoulder length frosted hair, very honest. Enjoys outdoors, fishing, boating, movies, dining out. Looking for a very honest male; 5'11" or taller, who wants a companion and possibly something more serious. BOX

BUBBLY & CLASSY intelligent, fit, 5'6", brown eyed blonde, passionate about life and laughing, enjoys golf, blking, theater, boating and great conversations, interested in meeting tall, 50 to 58, financial stable true gen-Oakland county BOX 27010 SONGS FROM THE HEART

5'7", blonde/blue, vivacious passionate, Christian church musician. Seeks white Christian male, non-smoker, 5'10" or taller, who is intelligent, articulate, romantic, and honest with a passion for life. Oakland County. BOX 27014

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE Outgoing, petite, and live in Plymouth. Looking for an attractive, non-smoking, single white male, 48 to 58, who is cially secure, with no depend-ents. Someone with a lest for life. Wayne County BOX 27026

LOVELY BUT LONELY Tall, slender, attractive, roman-tic, fun lady seeks honest, loyal, romantic, flexible gentleman, that's 55 plus, over 5'10". and fun to be with. Let's start as friends first. Oakland County BOX 27034

A BELIVER AGAIN 44 yr old female, blue eyes, dark brown hair, 5'7", medium build, average looks, non-smoker or drinker, enjoys coun-try music, video games, try music, video games, movies, walks, darts. Looking for a friend to spoil and he can spoil me, bring me back to life.

BOX 30937 TIRED OF FLYING SOLO Attractive Catholic widow, 5'7", 170 lbs. likes up North, hunting. fishing, travel, family, card games. Seeks sincere and honest male, 65 to 75, drug alcohol and smoke free, for commitment leading to mar-

rlage, BOX 30941 GEM SEEKS TREASURER Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, former model, looks 40's and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 59 to 65. attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor, BOX 31913

ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY Well traveled, educated, loving, white, professional female. Seeking a sophisticated, Christian man, 62 to 72, who can also be down-to-earth. Interests are classical music. on-one and in social situations

white female, 47, slender, blonde hair, hazet eyes, men enjoys golf, swimming, boating

people. Looking for a single white male, 42-53, who's genuine, down to earth, stable, for dating, possible long term rela . Wayne County. BOX ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN

gle, white male, 49-55, who likes to laugh and have fun, for friendship, possible long term relationship. Dearborn area. Wayne County BOX 35950 A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, upbeat, very attrac-tive, blonde female, a profes-sional, 57°, 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking soul mate counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35996 SEEKING ITALIAN

Petite, white female, 63, 5'1", 128 lbs, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, attractive, talkative, good sense of humor Seeks gentleman 60 to 66, non-smoker, sharing the things in life we both enjoy, especially travelling, BOX 36003 **LADY WITH PIZZAZ** 

Eclectic, attractive, slender, fun, romantic lady, enjoys golf, tennis, boating, dancing and more. Seaking special, fun gentieman, 59 plus, over 5'10". non-smoker, honest and loyal.

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**GETTING IT RIGHTI** ne teacher, 50, 6', 210 lbs, divorced, likes hunting, fishing, movies, playing the guitar, cooking, gardening, dining out and being with that special person. Seeks single female same interests for a long term reistionship. NO HEAD GAMESI Children welcomed. BOX 21155

**LOOKING 4 THAT GIRL** Hard working, divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs. Looking to find an easy going, intelli gent, pretty white female, mid to late 40s, nice shape and build, for a long term relation-Redford area, BOX 14640

DREAMING OF YOU... Single male, 50, likes blking, movies, parks, dining and staying home. Hoping to find a single female, 45 to 55, friendship first, maybe leading to more Let's see what happens! BOX

DIRECT YOUR OWN

FATHER OF ONE. ...in Livonia. Single white father of one, 39, 6'1", 190 lbs, handsome, fit, fun, honest, secure brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys reading, running, biking, skiing. family activities and much more. Looking for a positive, fit

and loving female, for great relationship. BOX 14942 TIRED OF FLYING SOLO 61 yr old male, looks and acts much younger, 5'9", 170 lbs, light hearted, laughs a lot, very

gentle. Likes camping, walking, good movies, flea markets, qulet nights at home. Seeks permanent relationship with female, under 59, slim to medium, attractive, BOX 20560 JUST BE YOURSELF I might like you anyway Realistic, respectful, single

white male, 45, believes in des-tiny and chemistry, ready to embrace female sweetheart. Age unimportant, BOX 30879 I'M A SINCERE PERSON

If you are, 48 to 58, slim, white and attractive, call me. If you are looking for a non violent, loving, happy go lucky, non-drinking guy, call me. I'm 5'9", 175 lbs. attractive, widowed and lonesome, looking for a life time relationship. I'll answer your call. Down River, no games. BOX 33419

JUST LOVABLE Single white male, 44, loves hugging, cuddling, kissing and lots of affection. Seeking female with the same interes age, race, size open. BOX

Love Story

JUST READ light hearted, well built, enlar all the good things in life Looking for an attractive, wel built lady, under 59, for possible permanent Dearborn, Wayne County, BOX

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN Single white male, 56, 5'10" average weight, enjoys travel live plays, dining out, Red Wings hockey. Seeks religious woman, average build, for long term relationship. BOX 21111

**HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR** very active. In search of some one to spend holidays with She should be early 20s to mid 40s, long hair, nice eyes, for a long term friendship. BOX

ARE YOU OUT THERE? Single black male, west side of Detroit, own my home. Seeks 30 to 45, for friendship, relationship, I enjoy music, sports, romance, sharing and communicating, BOX 10924

TALL & HANDSOME 5'11" male with mustache, 180 ibs seeks female, 40 to 55, slender to average build who is movies, quiet times at home casinos, boating and more Call if interested, BOX 12370 SOMEONE TO LOVE

hair, enjoys camping, working in the garden, games, travel and quiet times at home with someone to love. Social drinker, hooked on pepsi and trying to quit smoking. Seeking someone under 60. BOX **QUALITY GUY** 

Divorced white male, 55, 5'10", medium build, successful busi nessman. Enjoys candielight dinners, flowers, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, travel, getaway weekends. Seeks family oriented neonle person good sense of humor. BOX 14102 ARE YOU COMPATIRIES

White professional male, 5'8" fit, brown hair, blue eyes, well educated, no dependents. Enjoys music, movies, reading ging, long walks. Seeks fit. emotionally available, white professional female, no dependents. For happy and healthy relationship.

READY TO GAMBLE? 46 yrs old, attractive, healthy, single, white male seeks lady to 50's. BOX 14811

COULD U B THE ONE? 35 yrs old, fit male, blonde hair, blue eyes, attractive, never married, no children, financially secure, home-owner, charm ing, affectionate, trustworthy and honest. Likes travel, sports, concerts, animals. Seeks open minded, slim, fashionable, sincle white female, 25 to 40, for friendship first, possibly more later. BOX 14834 ENDLESS LOVE

ibs, well build, Latino, young good looking, employed, easy going. Enjoys music, movies and working out. Looking for friendship leading to long term relationship with a special lady. BOX 14910

BEING UP FRONT Really hot stuff, single white male, 40s, enjoys fun times, laughter, remantic evenings Seeks a reasonably attractive and energetic, finstick wearing romantic sweetheart. 15863

LET'S HAVE FUN... Nice tooking, considerate, single white male, in my 40's. Seeks a single lady, in her 40's. or 50's, for dancing, dining social events. BOX 20569 LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

Hispanic male, medium build, likes to have fun. Seeks female for dating, BOX 20672 ISN'T IT TIME WE MET

Articulate, cultured, nice took ing, unique black male, 50, 5'7", 150 lbs. Wishes to meet a white or foreign born female for a long term, mutually com-mitted relationship. BOX 21089

HOPELESS ROMANTIC Late 40's, 6'4", male with mustache. Likes fireplaces, Late 405, 54, male with mus-tache. Likes fireplaces, Harleys, dancing, social drinker and smoker. Seeks single, white female, 35 to 50, who likes to have fun. BOX 21175

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Oakland County, BOX 23337 PLEASANTLY PLUMP? Go ahead and call open minded. single white male 39, easy to talk too, romantic and adven-turous, Seeks single white female 24-42, for meaningful relationship. Wayne county BOX 25010

DO YOU QUALIFY? White male, 48, muscular attractive, financial and self secure. Seeking selective, classy, attractive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 25970

LET STAY 2GETHER... For ever. Single white male, 45, honest, faithful, trustworthy, caring, loving, up front, smoker, social drinker, 6', 165 lbs, look-ing for a white female, 35-50, on the slim side, 100-140 lbs who has the same qualities as do. Looking for a very serious relationship, no head games Oakland County, BOX 26014 IS THIS YOUR NAME?

dark hair, blue eyes, 6', looking for Carol, Charlotte, Chris, Debbie, Diane, Denise, Donna Joy, Karen, Kathy, Linda, Lori, Nancy, Pat. Sally, Sandy, and Sue. I'd like to meet you. Ages relationship, West Sider, BOX READY TO SETTLE DOWN

Divorced white male, early 50s.

30 yr old male, 5'10", 145 lbs red hair, non-smoker, Enjoy movies, laughing, long walks in the park. Seeks white Christian female, 20 to 35, slender build, for long term relationship and possible marriage. BOX 26665

YOU WON'T BE SORRY Single black Christian male, 5'5", 155 lbs, handsome, outgoing. Loves bowling, sports, jazz clubs. Looking for a special single female, any race, 26 to 38, who has a great sense of humor, very outgoing, college educated, professional, nonsmoker, Christian, BOX 26839 FULL FIGURED LADY'S

165 lbs. blondish brown hair Seeking a single or divorced, white female, 38 to 45, who is down to earth and enjoys the simple things in life. For a ros e relationship. Wayne countv BOX 27006

ONE SPECIAL SOMEONE 20 yrs old blande male looking for that one special someo BOX 30874 LOOKING FOR A MATCH

60 yr old male, 5'9", 170 ibs, brown hair and eyes. Likes old movies, country rides, cud dling, gardening, 50s/60s music, cooking and more. Seeks petite to medium build lady with similar interests, BOX **GETTING TO KNOW YOU** 

26 yr old male, 195 ibs, 5'11", goatee, shaved head, business owner, Down River area Looking for an attractive female, intelligent, funny, loval, who likes to have fun, for times. Nothing serious at first. BOX 30911 YOU AND I

This sweetheart is a sociable single white male, 40, well groomed, physically fit, has many interests yet open to friend and possible lover, BOX

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WISH YOU WERE HERE Single white male, 30, 5'10", 180 lbs, short brown hair, green eyes, goatee, carpenter, hon-est, caring. Enjoys movies, music, dancing, travel, horse-back riding. Seeks honest, car-ing, sincere, affectionate single white female, 21 or older, chil-ton class EQV 30238 dren okay, BOX 30938

GIVE ME A CALL 5'3". 155 lbs, blue eyes, 54, single white male seeking a single white female 45 to 55 non-smoker, non-drinker, religlous, Who Enjoys movies, dancing and outdoor sports. Wayne county BOX 35898

SUN & BEACHES Caring, affectionate, loving, hard working, divorced white male, 54, 57", silver fox hair, 176 bs. Loves ocean beaches, specifies unally time templar. spending quality time together. Seeking friendship for monoga-mous relationship, 40 to 50.

UNDER THE STARS

Intense special single white male, helpful and romantic. Seeks nice gal, 30 to 50, an outdoor lover, for sharing magic moments under moonlight, by candlelight, etc. Oakland County BOX 35916 RING MY BELL Divorced white male, 49, 5'8",

175 lbs. Looking for a woman that wants a long-term relation-ship. Shape and looks important. I'll return your call. Wayne ATHLETIC/INTELLIGENT

Young looking 55, 6'1", 195 lbs, engineer with MBA. Seeks attractive younger women with a weight proportionate, shapely figured. For loving relationship. She should be 5'5" to 5'10". Occupation not that important. Warmth, honesty, and loyalty is a must. Oakland County. BOX NOW IS THE TIME

Single white male, mid 50's, 6'3", brown hair and eyes, nonsmoker, altruistic, many interests. Seeking white female, 38-60, slim/medium build, who appreciates life and herself, for friendship first and whatever that may lead to. Oakland County, BOX 35928 EBONY SEEKS IVORY Single black male, 40, 6'2", 230 lbs, attractive, Intelligent, col-

white or Hispanic female, 30+, with same attrib Wayne County, BOX 35952 YOUR SUMMER SURPRISE ...Just might be a most enjoy-able white male, 40's, good looks, educated and ener

lady to share it with. Oakland

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Attractive white male, 56 enjoys movies, antiques romantic evenings. white female, 56 and up, for friendship, companionsh relationship, BOX 21199

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Single white female, 40, 5'5", non-smoker, brown hair, medi-

um to husky, loving, caring. likes a variety of activities. sports. Seeking a husky, honest, white guy, 36-46, serious relationship Macombe County, BOX 36039

CLASSY COSMO CUTIE Creativity and chemistry a must. White female, compassionate, curvy, looking to someone to have fun with white professional, 46 to 56, nonsmoker, no drugs, love ani mals, water, boating, exercise cooking, spiritual, Oakland

County BOX 36051 ATTRACTIVE WOMAN temale, 5'11", size 11, wishes to meet a white male, 6'2", or taller, 49 or older, no games, no heavy drinkers, no drugs height/weight proportionat Wayne County BOX 36053

SEEKS BETTER HALF Down to earth single attractive Asian female, 40, no depend ents. Seeks attractive male 5'10" plus, health conscious, has a positive outlook on life, is ambitious and successful yet unpretentious for friends leading to long term relationship. Oakland County

BOX 36057 **TOUCH OF CLASS** For sale, attractive, classy, outgoing, divorced white female, 5'5", 130 lbs, dark hair, pretty eyes. Seeks top notch, vhite male, 50 plus, to share fun, and special moments together. Your cost one phone call. Oakland County BOX

I HAVE ELAN Eclectic, attractive, slender, romantic, quality lady, enjoys most music, dancing, golf, tennis, boating, sports and theater Seeks special, non-smoking gentleman, over 59, and 5'10" plus, that is honest, loyal and

fun. Oakland county. BOX

36059

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP Attractive, slender, tall lady of 55, warm hearted, cerebral, somewhat a quiet home body a smoker. Seeking a gentle-man, 55 to 69, intelligent, tall, polite, truthful, a smoker, who enjoys dining and conversation. Oakland County, BOX

...Give me a calli 18 yr old, 5'2", 125 lbs, looking for a single girl to have fun with, BOX 26884

MAKE IT REALITY... ...Call as soon as possible! Attractive, healthy white male, 56, considerate and pleasant to companionship. I enjoy movies, an, antiques, some travel. BOX

Single white male, 42, 6'2", good looking, fit, average build, blond hair, bluish green eyes. Enjoys outdoors, traveling boating, sports and more Searching for a single female 30 to 45, slim to medium build good looking. BOX 14994

PLESANT PERSONALITY

I NEED LOVE Single male, 5'10", 175 lbs, dark hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys sports, outdoors and more Searching for a sincere female BOX 21242

R U UNDER 59 Single male, 5'8", 175 lbs, auburn hair and blue eyes, non-smoker, financially stable enjoys camping, long walks, games, quiet times at home and more. Looking for a female with similar interests, for possible relationship, BOX 10700

LUCKY IN LOVE 41 yrs old, 6'2", 210 lbs male smoker, non-drinker, likes movies, dining out, travel. Seeks slim female over 5'5". BOX 21163

LIFE HAS JUST BEGUN! 57 yr old divorced male, 5'7" 175 lbs, fit, retired, silver hair and mustache, financially secure. Loves golf, movies, biking travel, the beach, dining out. Seeks female, not too much baggage, thin to medium build, non-smoker, BOX 26857 **END MY SEARCH** 

Live near I-94 in Telegraph, 63 yrs old, 5'9", 170 lbs, youthful, light hearted, gentle. Enjoys

camping, walking, flea markets, movies, quiet nights at home. Looking for permanent relationship with a slim to semi-slim lady. BOX 10478 TIRED OF BEING ALONE Widowed and lonesome male 5'9", 168 lbs, social drinker, smoker, healthy, gentle and giving. Enjoys camping, fishing, travel, walking, games and quiet times at home. Seeks well put together female, under 32 yr old, single white male who likes to do many things. Seeks that special someone. BOX 21239

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STRING OF MY HEART 50 yrs old, 5'4", 135 lbs, single white male with mustache from Wayne County, Likes golf, bowling, barbeques, music dancing, craft shows and more Seeks female with similar interests, BOX 26841 JUST A CALL AWAY elligent, witty, hard working

professional.

dependable, healthy single white male, 5'6", athletic build, white friance, so , americ busins, blonde hair, blue eye, no dependents, great sense of humor. Seeks outgoing, attractive, thin, happy, healthy, professional female. BOX 14756 TOTAL PACKAGE 6'. 197 lbs, professional black

entrepreneur, intelligent, bald, well groomed, educated. Enjoys working out, fishing, travel, sailing, movies, dining out, plays. Seeks mature woman who enjoys being spoiled and pampered, BOX **MUSCULAR & ATHLETIC** 

Single white male, 44, 6'2", 215 lbs. brown blue, clean cut, degree, never married, no dependents, outgoing person-ality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities. Seeks friendly single female, age open. Wayne County

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# On naughty kids; listing agreement

I'm having a dispute with my neighbor whose children continuously cause problems on our property.

Recently, they placed lights on a fence which is on my property without my permission, and their children have jumped on our fence and kicked out the fence when they were using a swing set.

I'm wondering whether we have any basis to pursue them under the law for trespassing, since communications have broken down.

It would not appear, based upon the facts you've given me, that they have committed a "trespass," although what they may be doing may constitute a nuisance.

Your best remedy may be to attempt to go to Facilitative Mediation, where the parties voluntarily submit themselves to a facilitator who will try to resolve this neighborly dispute.

If that isn't successful, you may consider seeking injunctive relief if you can prove that they are causing harm to your property or otherwise causing a nuisance.

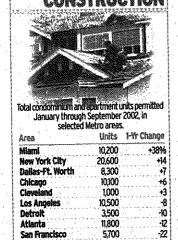
I'm wondering if the listing agreement I sign with a broker requires me to notify the broker of intent to cancel this agreement upon or after the expiration date?

Not in Michigan.

The listing agreement must set a definite expiration date and cannot require a provision requiring the party signing the listing agreement to notify the broker of the party's intention to cancel on or after the expiration date.

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer, concentrates his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. He can be reached at bmeisner@mich.com This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Real estate agent Kathie Goodrich puts together an open house sign, a placard that during recent times has seen a lot of action.

# Gradually, over time, women become majority presence in real estate field

BY NORMAN PRADY CORRESPONDENT

You're a woman. You're in your early 50s. You've been on your job 10 years or so.

And you're part of the majority in your profession.

What kind of work do you do? You sell

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If you're Kathie Goodrich, a decade ago you said:

"Let's try it. Give it six months. If it doesn't work, try something else."

Goodrich, now a Realtor with Weir Manuel Snyder & Ranke in Birmingham, was a teacher then and had a long drive to school. It's time, she thought, to change

She didn't know she was entering a field, long dominated by men, that was starting to head in the other direction.

Yes, according to a local real estate association official, it was a man's world until about 10 or 15 years ago.

Since the early 1990s, said Dale Smith, there's been a "tremendously big swing" toward a majority of women in the profession. Smith is executive vice president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

Walter Baczkowski, head of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, partly attributes increased women membership to "real estate historically being a second career.

"It's one of the areas where you can get a license, and by using your own drive and initiative, you can make a very strong liv-

ing," Baczkowski said.
Goodrich's interest in the business arose from a personal and almost costly experience.

"We'd bought a house and put our house up for sale," she said. "The listing agent left town for a month without putting our paperwork through. When we went to the real estate office to track progress on the sale of our house, they had no idea who we were.

"No selling activity had been started. And the market was down at the time. I couldn't believe this happened. Eventually we sold, but it created quite a bit of angst."

The next step for Goodrich was a seminar that gave her some insight into the

# Here's your typical agent

Members of the National Association of Realtors are entitled to call themselves by the registered name Realtor.

Not everyone belongs, but the association sets certain standards and guidelines which appear to dominate the business.

Brokers have training and responsibilities beyond those of sales agents, including agency ownership, supervision of agents, and liability for mistakes.

sion of agents, and liability for mistakes In its 2001 Member Profile, the association published this overall description of a typical member and of the

membership, generally:

■ Works 43 hours a week. ■ Has 13 years experience.

■ Is a 52-year-old married woman. ■ 56 percent of total members are

56 percent of total members are women.
46 percent of brokers are women.

Agent's personal income - \$47,700.

Broker's personal income -

Broker's personal income – \$73,400.

Brokers work four hours more a week than agents.

- Norman Prady

new profession she was considering, and to which she thought she'd bring some useful skills.

"As a teacher, I learned how to read body language, which sometimes says more than the words a person is saying," she said. "And I had been a negotiator with our local education association where I learned nuances of agreements."

At the time, two of Goodrich's boys were pre-teens and the third had crossed into adolescence. As for her new job, she said, the boys "thought the concept was fine, but the hours unacceptable. It affected their schedules.

"They had to be more fluid about their expectations of mom's driving services,

and their dad had to share the driving, cooking and the rest," Goodrich said. Dad is Richard, an auto parts manufac-

turer's representative.
"I told him for years I'd danced to his schedule. Being in sales, he understood and learned to scramble eggs and take the

boys to Mickey D's."
Goodrich, 55, senses the increasing

influence of women in real estate.
"I find that women have a tendency to listen to how a house is going to be used rather than just whether or not it fills the

list," she said.

"For example, if someone says, 'I need a five-bedroom house for these reasons,' maybe there's an alternate space that could serve the purpose. Men don't seem to have that insight. They think in specifications, not in usage."

As a woman in what had been a man's world, does Goodrich have concerns about her safety?

"I'm cautious," she said. "I think it's different for men to go into a vacant home with someone you've just met. You have to be on guard. I wouldn't go into a basement or a vacant house alone at night."

Earlier in her career, "when I was a little hungrier, I would take one of the kids with me and leave the phone in the car with him and say call for help if I'm not out in a certain time," Goodrich said.

On the other hand, Beverly Bartus, with 18 years in real estate sales, thinks that the security issues are much the same for men and women.

Bartus, of Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl, Clarkston, is the 2003 president of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors.

She was attracted to the profession "when my children were school age" and she liked the idea of flexible hours.

"I found out later it wasn't as flexible as I'd thought, but it worked out OK. I was very active with my children in their schools and I could take the time, set it up like any other appointment," she said.

like any other appointment," she said.

The other draw for Bartus, 56, was income versus education.

"I have some college but don't have a degree," she said. "It's type of profession where your potential is unlimited and you can combine work with homemaking and reap the rewards of your efforts." Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



### Fannie, Freddie set 2003 limits

merica's two largest loan repositories, Fannie
Mae and Freddie Mac, will now allow homeowners, who conform to their respective lending guidelines, to borrow up to \$22,000 more for their single-family residences. The new conforming loan limit of \$322,700, which went into effect Jan. 1, is up from last year's limit of \$300,700.

Though this change may seem nominal, it calculates out to a full 7 percent increase over the previous maximum. Freddie Mac says that the increase comes as a result of a similar increase in national home values between October 2001 and October 2002. It adds that the change should allow about a quarter-million borrowers to obtain lower cost mortgages, and should save them up to \$37,700 in interest over their loans' lives.

Jumbo borrowers with existing loans that just barely exceed the old limit, but now fall within the new limit, can potentially refinance their existing mortgage, take some cash out, and still lower their monthly mortgage payment.

For example, an existing jumbo borrower with a 30-year mortgage of \$300,000 may have an interest rate of 6½ percent that yields a monthly mortgage payment of about \$1,896. In this scenario, the borrower can take out \$15,000 in cash, lower his interest rate by about ½ percent, and still drop his

mortgage payment.

Additionally, these exjumbo borrowers may now access a variety of other conforming loan products that may better suit their situation. Short- to mid-term adjustable rate mortgages are very popular for borrowers with loans approaching the upper conforming loan limit. In most instances, a three- or five-year ARM can save homeowners enough money to pay for a subsequent refinance many times over.

These conforming loans offer significantly lower interest rates during the beginning years of the 30-year term. They later convert to an adjustable-rate loan. Depending on market timing and the type of ARM, nearjumbo borrowers can usually shave an additional /z to 1-percent off a comparable fixed-rate loan's interest rate.

If you are not sure if the new loan limits affect you, you can usually get a decent analysis of your situation with a quick phone call to your mortgage loan officer.

Tim Phillips is a mortgage loan officer serving all of Michigan. You may reach him at (734) 797-5522, or via e-mail at PhillipsHO@comcast.net. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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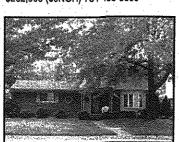
WESTLAND - Immaculatel Three bedroom brick Ranch with many updates! Newer kitchen with white washed Oak cabs, Corian counter & Tiffany lamp. Newer furnace & hot water heater. Newer windows. Cathedral ceiling, newer carpet. \$134,900 (48NAN) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Charming starter. Nice 2 bedroom, 1/2 bath home with 13x9 Florida room, major updates done. Roof, siding, copper plumbing, windows, furnace & hot water heater. Cute covered porch, fenced yard & 1½ car garage. Come take a look! \$106,000 (79NOR) 734-455-5600



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with opener, central air & some newer win-

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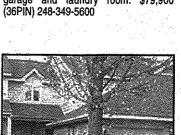
LIVONIA - Unique home on approx. 1.65 acres. Five beds, 2 baths, 2 lavs, spacious kitchen with custom cherry cabinets & breakfast room with fireplace. Finished basement, glass block bar & 1/2 bath. Three car attached garage that leads to a great 2 bed, 1 bath, living room with fireplace & knotting pine added



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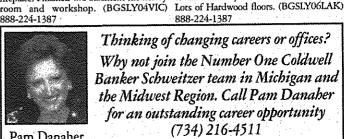
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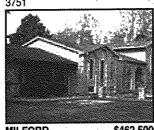
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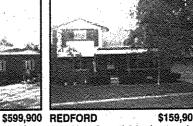
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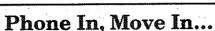
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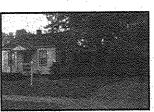




gar, cedar deck overlooking commons. MS w/walk-in closet & 6' marbelized tub (550EV) & shower w/bench, hdwd ffrg, den w/built-in desk & oak shelving, central vac & sprinkler sys. \$382,900 (265CH)



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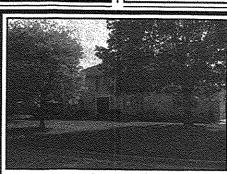
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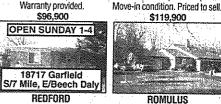
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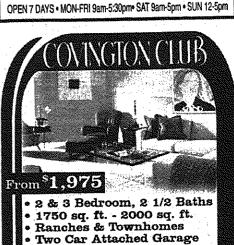
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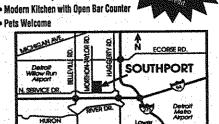
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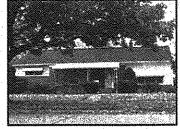
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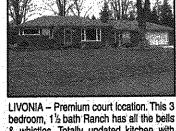
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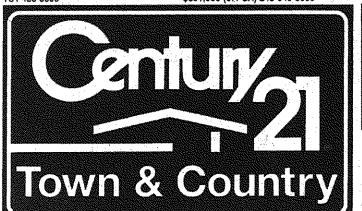
& whistles. Totally updated kitchen with oak cabinets. Fresh & tasteful decor throughout. Family room, living room with fireplace, basement, 21/2 car heated garage & more. Approximately .64 acre wooded lot, \$239,900 (11MAS) 248-349-5600



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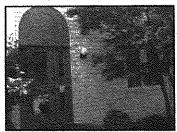


bedroom, 3.2 bath Colonial. Gorgeous lot with spacious walk-out. Twotier professional deck, dual staircases with bridge overlooking great room & nature preserve. Formal dining room. Master with fireplace. \$975,000 (46BRI) 734-455-5600



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NORTHVILLE - California contemporary! Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch on beautiful 1.4 acre lot. Great room with wood vaulted ceiling, natural fireplace, slate entry, updated kitchen & custom lighting. Master suite with Pergo. Newer windows, roof, central air and furnace. \$279,000 (60ROB)



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FLAT ROCK - Great opportunity. Large 3 bedroom Ranch on good size lot. Roof & central air '02, some windows & furnace '01, vinyl siding '00. Large foyer with bay



LIVONIA - Spacious living. Charming 3

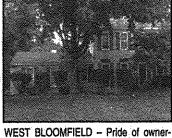
bedroom, 2 bath Ranch sitting on 1/2 acre

lot with a 3-tiered deck & cherry kitchen.

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DEARBORN - A place to call home. Nice 3 bedroom Dearborn Bungalow offers fireplace in living room, coved ceilings, finished basement with full bath & bar plus newer furnace and central air. \$144,999 (45WOO) 734-455-5600



basement under family room. \$154,900

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SOUTH LYON - Welcome home to this well-maintained 3 bedroom Ranch. Lower level includes kitchen and 2 bedrooms completely updated & freshly painted. Door wall off kitchen leads to spacious newer deck. Large fenced yard. A must see. \$188,000 (42OXF) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Lake Angela Co-Op. A \$200 monthly fee includes: taxes, insurance, heat, water and all maintenance. Newer kitchen, Great view, Private basement, Move-in condition, \$59,990 (94SAN) 248-349-5600



MILFORD - Builders' home. Custom built 4 bedroom, 2 full and 2 half baths with 3 car attached garage, finished walk-out basement, 2 master suites & gourmet kitchen with appliances. \$579,900 (01DEE) 734-455-5600



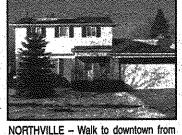
window. Bath remodeled. Home still needs some work but the majors are done. \$114,900 (26SEN) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Don't miss this one! Four bedrooms, 21/2 baths, huge Ranch with 2 car attached garage with attic. Wet plaster with coved ceilings, gigantic country kitchen, rec room with fireplace, ½ acre lot, newer windows & central air. \$187,900 (68RYL) 734-455-5600



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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$299,900 PREMIER HOME WAITING** Dearborn Hgts custom 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 1700+ ranch w/updates everywhere. 1st floor laundry, sunroom, etc. Finished basement & 2 car attached garage.(C403)

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\$274,900 CANTON BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD! Nearly 1900 sq tt, 3 br, 3.5 ba, fin bsmt w/2 BR & full ba, 2 car attd gar, deck, GR w/cath clngs & FP, mstr ste on 1st fir w/priv ba, 2nd fir loft poss off den.(\$46639)

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\$259,500 LIVONIA BACK TO NATURE! This 2000 of brk colonial has it all - location, quality, value, & charm. Yd backs to wooded nature area. BR, 3.5 BA, 2 car attd gar, fin bsmnt, FR w/ FP, more (B17462)

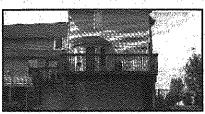


FARMINGTON HILLS \$244,700 LOOKING FOR A COUNTRY HOME IN THE CITY? A 4 BR Colonial on .82 acres of land is it! 3/full baths, updtd kitchen, brand new full bath on 1st flr, GR w/skylights and french doors to 26' patio and more!(50DOH2)

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$215,000 ROOM TO ROAM! Huge ranch(2352 sq ft) on almost a half acre lot. 3 lg BR, family rm, car attached garage, new roof July 02.(D26135)

NORTHVILLE \$209.900 NORTHVILLE'S BEST CONDOMINIUM VALUE! Walk to town from this terrific 3 BR Lexington Condo w/view of meandering stream. Fin'd walkout L/L w/huge FR. Neutral -car garage (62YOR2): 248-348-6430

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\$200,500 CONVENIENT LOCATION Light, airy, 2 BR, 2.5 BA condo, loft overlooks GR w/FP & new carpet, finished bsmt, 2 car attached garage, & more. Over 1500 sq ft!(H45141)



LIVONIA \$199,900 4 LEVELS OF ROOM TO ROAM! Lg mstr ste, 4 BR, some fresh paint & carpet. FR, living rm, DR, 2.5 ba, over 2160 sq ft, beautiful yd. In great area of Livonia. This one will go fast, hurry!(W32031)



**GARDEN CITY** \$194.900 **BEST KEPT SECRET INTOWN** Has all the I wants. Totally updated including windows, roof shingles, super oak kit, (Ig) bar fireplace, 4 car garage, huge porch, 2 driveways & privacy fence (B319)



**PLYMOUTH** \$189,500 ELEGANT, SPACIOUS PLYMOUTH CONDO! More than 1700 SF w/2 BR, 2.5 baths, LR w/vaulted ceiling, skylight & light oak kit. Glass enclosed FP w/ceramic surround. Jacuzzi in main bath & vaulted mstrl(83POI2) **FARMINGTON HILLS \$179,900** 

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WESTLAND \$179,900 **OUTSTANDING HOME HAS MANY** UPDATES huge 3 bedroom, multi baths, large lot, oak cabinets, walk-in closet, paved patio, outstanding landscaping, celling fans plus a walk out finished basement. (N285)



LIVONIA \$179,900 AN ENTERTAINER'S DREAM! Must see to appreciate this 4 lg BR, 2 BA ranch with lg LR w/FP & hrdwd flrs, finished bsmt w/ bar & sep rec rm, 2.5 car gar, and private fenced yd. 1450 sq ft!(I14089)



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$174,900** BUY A DREAM! with this 3 bed brick & vinyl ranch in North Dearborn Hts. Full fin base, 2 1/2 baths, C/A, remod kit & baths, newer carpeting, furn, copper plumbing and more.(C750)



\$173,000 WONDERFUL MILFORD RANCH! Walk to quaint Milford! Fin'd LL with rec room, 4th BR & full bath. Updated kitchen, newer windows, hwh & 2-car garage. Deep lot. A must see home!(06KNI2)

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\$169,900 CANTON WOW! BEAUTIFUL FP in liv rm, hrdwd foyer, 1st fir laundry, huge 2nd fir ba w/ whiripool, sep shower stall, open to both BRs, c/a, blt 1998. Deck, bsmt, attd gar, & much more!(H4292)

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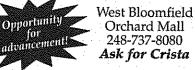
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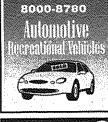
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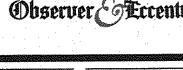
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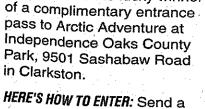
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