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Orchard Lake Middle School

in the West Bloomfield

School District and Anne

Tobias, a first-grade teacher

at Farmington Elementary

School in the Garden City

Klugman and Tobias are

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tion on these outstanding

Literacy tutors

and evening training sessions are planned for February; the training is held

at Starkweather school in

Plymouth and/or at the

Canton Library. "We have

about 17 volunteers right

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are both young and old,

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now," says coordinator Fran

Relyea, "but we would like to

The current volunteers

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416-4906 to register for

training by Friday, Feb. 7.

Training takes about 14 hours

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Bus plan could drive turf decision

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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

told fellow board members.

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

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

"The inspector has concerns

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

Board Vice President Mark Slavens and Treasurer Judy

a warning."

Mardigian also expressed concerns about the cost of synthetic

The board voted 5-2 Tuesday to table the turf discussion until next week, when the administration is expected to present a bus replacement program.

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Agency gets lease OK

Growth Works will move soon

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

The Canton Board of Trustees Tuesday gave formal approval to a lease between the township and Growth Works for the new Human Services Building.

Growth Works is the lead agency in the building, which will also house the Canton Community Foundation and other service agencies.

Both the Community Foundation and Juvenile Justice Services for Growth Works are presently housed in the old and smaller Human Services Building at Sheldon Road and Michigan Avenue.

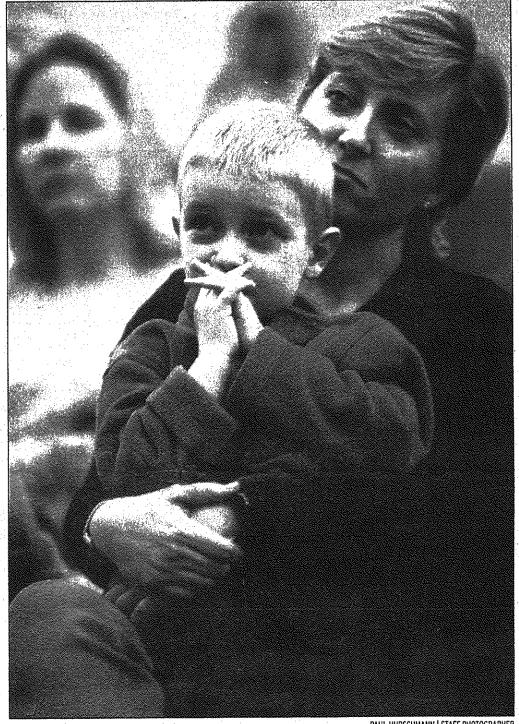
"As we approach moving into the new services center, we have to readjust the lease to take care of the larger square footage, Supervisor Tom Yack told the board.

The new building is at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Cherry Hill Village, the first public building to be built in the village area.

Under the terms of the lease, Growth Works will pay the township \$1 per square foot for rent. For the 13,893-square-foot building that works out to \$1,157.75 a month or \$13,893 annually.

The lease runs from Jan. 29, 2003, to Jan. 28, 2006. Growth Works will pay for all utilities and maintenance of the premises and guarantee that at least 50 percent of the clients are low- to

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Enthralling tales

Lucas Soulliere of Canton, 4, sits on mom Gina's lap as they listen to storyteller Dan Keding at Canton's annual Storytelling Festival Saturday at the Summit on the Park, presented by Canton Project ARTS. Please see page A3 for more pictures and a story.

Exchange Club speaker addresses child abuse

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

A social work expert told the Canton Exchange Club that "child abuse is a very difficult thing to talk about, but it happens everywhere."

Penny Thomas, the executive director of Child's Hope, a nonprofit agency serving out-county children and families, spoke to the newly formed group Monday night.

To prove her point about "being everywhere," she said Canton had 357 Child and Family Service confirmed referrals in 2002.

"Under the age of 4 it (abuse) is the leading cause of death in children," she said. "It's a serious issue and very expensive. One source estimates the direct costs at \$24 oillion annually. There's more half a million kids in America in out-of-home care. That's better than the orphanages, but less than perfect."

Michigan averages 65,000 referrals a year, with about onefourth being substantiated, she said. "About 90 percent of the families who come to the attention of protective services in Wayne County have substance abuse problems. The biggest problem is crack cocaine," she said. "You can't be a drug-abuser and a parent they are mutually exclusive.

"Little children are at the highest risk because they are more hidden, can't be heard, can't go to someone in a school."

She said that 9,000 children are

PLEASE SEE SPEAKER, A5

Frog survey will keep residents jumping

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

With the frigid weather of the past few weeks. Canton residents probably haven't heard any frogs or toads croaking in their neighborhoods. But come spring they

will, and Friends of the Rouge is gearing up for the annual Frog and Toad Survey. A series of workshops is scheduled to train volunteers in how to monitor and record the sounds of various amphibians and, in the process, monitor the health of the

'If people live anywhere near wetlands, they can survey that area."

Sally Petrella Friends of the Rouge

Rouge River. According to Sally Petrella, public involvement coordinator for Friends of the Rouge, there are many places in Canton that volunteers can monitor - maybe even their own back yards.

"If people live anywhere near wetlands, they can

survey that area," she said. "There are some areas around Summit Parkway and quite a few parks. All of Canton is in the Rouge

Volunteers attend a two-hour workshop held in various locations in February and March. The workshops include all the information needed to participate, including a training manual and a recording of Michigan's frog and toad calls.

And according to Friends of the Rouge, if you think all frogs say 'ribbit" you're wrong.

Volunteers will choose or be assigned to a quarter square mile block to survey. After learning the sounds of frogs and toads found in the watershed, they will visit the site every few weeks in the evening from March

PLEASE SEE SURVEY, A5

Hall of fame nominees sought

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Canton is looking for a few good men - or women or children - to be nominated for the township's annual Hall of Fame and Community Achievers

The awards program, which has been in existence for about 10 years, honors individuals who have made contributions to the community.

We alone cannot recognize all that's been done in the community," said Deborah Zevalkink, administrative assistant to Supervisor Tom Yack. "Without people making nominations, we might not recognize someone who is deserving of an award."

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LOOKING AHEAD Mangos

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Bentley's culture festival is Feb. 7

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Canton's Bentley Elementary School attracts more than 600 students from diverse backgrounds and that fact will be celebrated Friday, Feb. 7, at a 6 p.m. program.

The third annual Festival of Cultures, with the theme of Festivals Around the World, is for students, parents and invited school and township leaders.

The first year the event was held during the school day. Last year it was moved to the evening to allow more adults to

"Bentley students come from

families that have different beliefs, cultures, races and economic backgrounds. In addition to excelling in education, sports and community events, the students learn about cultural, racial and economic differences," said Mina Jaura, chairperson of the event.

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To celebrate this diversity, students and teachers with help from parents and the community, are organizing the Festival of Cultures.

This will be an evening where students, teachers and parents will display cultural diversity in many forms. The festival will showcase diverse culture in three main ways:

Student performances of music and dances from around the world in the cafeteria.

Guest visits to various countries via classrooms and cultural booths.

Food from many nations for everyone to end the evening in the cafeteria.

To volunteer or for more information contact Jaura, chairperson of Bentley's Blended Diversity Committee, at (734) 394 1596.

Bentley principal Jerry Meier said they had a "great response" last year.

"This event reflects the diversity of our school area, of the entire school district and of

Canton Township. It lets each group share the highlights, information and great things about their cultures with the whole community," he said.

"What I really like is we are modeling for our children that we can come from many different backgrounds but we can have one purpose."

Meier said non-Bentley parents who are interested can contact the school at (734) 397-6360 if they wish to attend.

Bentley opened in 1994 and is named after Carvel Bentley, who at one time was the principal of the original Plymouth High School (now Central Middle School).

Four employees snag shoplifter at Sam's Club

POLICE BEAT

A shoplifter who didn't want to give up his CDs was arrested at Sam's Club last week, after four employees held him for nolice.

According to police reports, some employees saw a man carrying some CDs through the store about 5 p.m. Jan.

They watched as he put the CDs in his left coat pocket and walk into the vestibule area past all points of purchase. The store manager followed

him into the vestibule and told him to stop. He slowed down, but as employees approached him he

tried to run. Four employees wrestled him

to the ground and held him until police arrived.

The man had no identification, and police thought the name he gave them was false. At the police station he was fingerprinted, his prints were run through the system and came back with another

He was booked and processed under his correct name.

WINDOW BROKEN

A Canton resident reported to police that someone smashed the driver's door window of his work van while it was parked in the street in front of his Lancelot Drive resi-

The incident occurred between 5 p.m. Jan. 26 and 7:45 a.m. Jan. 27.

Damage was estimated at \$200.

HEATERS TAKEN

An employee of a construction company told police that between about noon Jan. 25 and 7:30 a.m. Jan. 27 someone stole two heaters from Building 36 at Wyndchase Apartments.

The heaters were chained to poles and connected to air



Canton Police are searching for a suspect involved in a January break-in at the Mobil station at Cherry Hill and Lilley roads. The suspect used a sledge hammer to break in. Described as a white male in his 20s or 30s, bald and with a mustache, the suspect took an unspecified amount of cash and cigarettes. The suspect may drive a small pickup truck, similar to a Ford Ranger, with chrome on the bottom of the vehicle and on the bed railing. Canton police are at (734) 394-5400.

hoses. The heaters were valued at \$975 and the hoses at \$150.

LIBRARY THEFTS

Police are investigating two apparently related thefts from the Canton Public Library.

A Canton resident said she went to the library about 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 24 to get some tax

While in the tax forms room, she set her purse on a table and turned her back to gather the forms.

After she was finished she went to Meijer and discovered her wallet missing from her purse. The purse contained about \$40 in cash plus credit cards and her driver's license.

About an hour later another resident said she left the library and found someone had broken into her vehicle on the parking lot and taken her purse from the passenger side

She said when she went into the library she remembered seeing a patrol car parked from the earlier inci-

by the and you best and he By Jack Gladden

School's community ed registration under way

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

available: ■ For adults — Paint a craft; watercolor painting; glass art painting; stenciling; beginning and intermediate on Microsoft Word; intermediate Excel; ballroom dancing; country-western two-step; line dancing; salsa and swing; aerobics; dancelates; kickboxing and Tai Chi; volleyball; yoga; basketball, racquetball and volleyball; French, German, Spanish, sign

language; Dulcimer; harmonica; piano; organ; crocheting; knitting; first aid; massage therapy.

■ Youth offerings include ACT prep workshop; parent-tot cookie bake; photography and scrapbook; French and sign language; jeweled waterglass

art class; mad science; plaster playtime; yoga; radio; kindermusic; piano; junior karate; Tae Kwon Do; gymnastics and

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

AT THE LIBRARY

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Yes, it's absolutely true. You can actually replace your old (and probably very inefficient) furnace and air conditioner as a package for at least \$1,400 less than you would have to pay at any other time. Let me explain. Every year, the months of January, February and March can "Kill" my business. I end up losing a ton of money during these "Killer" months and it can take me the remaining nine months to make up for them. And I'm looking for the same thing to happen this year.

My problem Is Your **Opportunity**

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

Here's How You Can Get A Furnace For Peanuts

By putting this furnace and air conditioner package together (then "Jaw-Boning" the factory) and committing to a do-or-die purchase agreement of 24 systems, I was able to buy both the furnace and the air conditioner for less than anyone should have a right to pay! So, if you buy one of these normal 24 new, air conditioners (buy only if one of the four sizes I have will

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

Here's How

Just call me at (248) 449-8487 anytime. I will come out and measure your home (and determine the availability of the proper size). Don't forget, I only have 24 matched systems in four sizes. When they are gone, this remarkable offer ends also. I will show you the real world price on the air conditioner that fits your home. Then, I will show you the substantial savings now. And it will include all labor and installation materials. Nothing is left out.

The Concept Is Simple Really

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

- 1. I will cover my rent, utilities, insurance and taxes in the "killer" months.
- 2. I can pay my professional staff of technicians to work instead of paying them to sit at
- If I can accomplish these two objectives, I will minimize my losses and the rest of the year, I can be a winner.

No Obligation

Even after I completely explain the installation, there is absolutely no obligation. If you decide you don't want to take advantage of the spectacular savings... that's okay I will give you a surprise gift worth \$69 because you are kind enough to give me a chance to solve my problem. I want you to think well of 72 Degrees even if you don't buy.

You Can Buy With NO Cash You don't even have to pay me right away. I have set up a terrific bank rate financing plan. I even decided not to mark up the interest rate like some companies do. Consider this. If you decide to make monthly investments instead of paying cash the entire amount of your payments might be more than offset by the savings on your utility bills. It's like "having your cake and eating it too".

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Why This Offer Can't Last

You must act before March 15th. Here are two reasons why.

- 1. I can only have 6 of each of the four sizes. When all of the air conditioners are sold and all the furnaces are "given" away in a particular size, that's it. There are no more at this price.
- 2. If I have any of the 24 systems left on March 15 (although I doubt I will), this offer still ends

Here's why. The only reason I am making this virtually noprofit (for me) offer is because of the "killer" months. My business always starts to improve in April and because the furnaces cost me so little, I can sell them at 2002 prices next November and December and still come out ahead. Give me a call now at (248) 449-8487 and I will set an appointment for your noobligation survey.



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

Principal calls it a career

Gallimore's Gagnon eyes more compatible' life

BY TONY BRUSCATO

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

However, Gagnon said it's not like she'll be leaving forev-

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

Gagnon, who is married to Observer columnist and radio personality Joe Gagnon, The Appliance Doctor, said the timing is right for her to leave a

career she thoroughly enjoys. "My life and my husband's life don't match very well," she said "He works all weekend

a chance to make our lives

more compatible. "Joe and I are going to build a house, probably the South Lyon area, and I'll probably concentrate on that for the first year," said Gagnon. "I'm not the kind of person who likes to sit around, so I'll find something to do. I love technology, digital photography, scrapbooking, and I want to learn to play the piano."

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

"Education is a relationship kind of business, and Gallimore is a wonderful place for people

parents, teachers and students," she said. "I've had lots and lots of great opportunities in my career, and had contact with lots and lots of kids. I'm really proud of that.

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

Storytellers fascinate kids and adults

Canton Township's Project ARTS annual storytelling festival was wellattended last Saturday.

About 100 children and adults turned out for the I p.m. session at the Summit and listened to spontaneous stories for about 90 min-

Refreshments were served afterward. Then at 7:30 p.m., about 50 adults gathered to hear the storytellers spin their tales.

"There was a nice mix of people after the (adult) event," said township volunteer events coordinator Pat Van Dusen. "They stayed and talked for quite a while ... until 10:30 or so."

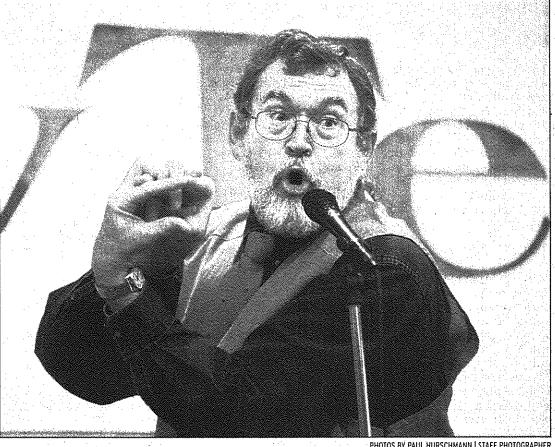
This was the fifth annual story event and three-"tellers" ran both sessions: Dan Keding, in from Illinois, Barbara Jones-Clark of Southfield and Laura Pershin from the Ann Arbor library system.

CPA was founded 10 years ago and is active in a variety of culture affairs and in the planning for the new Canton Performing Arts Center set to open in 2004 in Cherry Hill Village.

- By Doug Johnson



Emily Seymour and Alia Jones of Plymouth, both 7, listen to story



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Storyteller Dan Keding makes a frog face with his hands as he weaves a tale for children and adults alike.



Elan Johnson of Canton, 51/2, and her mom Lisa enjoy the antics of storyteller Dan Keding.



Karen Sanford of Canton, left, talks with storyteller Barbara Jones Clark following the presentation Saturday. Sanford and Clark work together in the Birmingham Public Schools.







DOCTOR IS IN

The Observer columnist Joe Gagnon (aka The Appliance Doctor) will speak next Wednesday, Feb. 5 at noon to the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon will be held at Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, and is sponsored for the Chamber by Pilz Automation Safety. Reservations must be in by this Friday, Jan. 31.

EXPO COMING UP

The next big Canton Chamber of Commerce 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," Dianne Cojei, chamber executive director 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.

PCAC ARTISTS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is seeking artists'

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resumes and work samples for consideration for its fall 2003 and 2004 exhibition season. Artists should submit eight

to 10 samples of their work.
For general information
about the PCAC, visit www.plymoutharts.com, or call the Arts
Council at (734) 416-4278 or

Todd at (734) 207-3918. SYMPHONY'S HOT TICKET

The Plymouth Symphony
Orchestra celebrates the area's
wealth of young musical talent
with its third-annual
"Instrumentorship" concert, set
for Feb. 8 at Our Lady of Good
Counsel. The concert pits symphony musicians with students
in the middle school orchestras,
under the direction of
Catherine DePentu and Erin
Zurbuchen, and is sponsored by
a \$3,500 grant from Marshall

Fields.

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

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

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

TAX ASSISTANCE

Free income tax assistance will be available to Canton area seniors beginning Feb. 4 through April 15.

Volunteer AARP tax-aide counselors, trained by the Internal Revenue Service, will help seniors fill out tax forms at the Parkview Room at the Summit in Canton.

For the required appointment time, call (734) 394-5485. Both morning and afternoon times are available as well as homebound service.

BLOOD DRIVE

ENDOFSEASON FURCLEARANCE

The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5 in the West Lounge on the campus of Madonna University (36600 Schoolcraft Road).

The process is safe, simple and takes only a short time. To make an appointment, call the Office of Student Life at (734) 432-5428. Walk-in donors are welcome. The Red Cross is in desperate need of blood donations. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old and may donate every eight weeks.

Thomas P. Rabideau

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

Mr. Rabideau is survived by parents, Gail (Robert) Hart and Thomas Rabideau; brother, Tony Rabideau; sister, Tammy (John) Arsenauli; sister, Danna (Tim) Piazzi; and sister Jamie (Dan) Burd; three nieces; and three nephews.

Arrangements made by Salowich & Stevens Funeral Home.

Joan Fromm Lash

A private family memorial for Joan Lash, 76, formerly of Plymouth, was held Jan. 26, 2003 with internment at a later date in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

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

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

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

OBITUARIES

Michele I. Latawiec

Services for Michele
Latawiec, 41, of Canton were
held Jan. 25 at St. Malachy
Catholic Church with the Rev.
Joseph Gembala officiating.
Burial was at Holy Sepulchre
Cemetery in Southfield.

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

Survivors include son, David Latawiec of Canton; daughter, Coleen Latawiec of Canton; parents, Joseph (Irene)
Gembala of Canton; brother, Joseph Gembala of Sterling Heights; sister, Mary (Joe) Rutz of Georgia; cousins, Tom, Monica, Bernie and Brian Bishop, Rick, Lorraine and Kevin Liddy; niece, Bev (Ed) Bishop; and aunt, Luke (Zak) Rutz.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home-Westland.

Betty Monnie Sweitzer

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

Mrs. Sweitzer was born Feb. 3, 1919 in McLeansboro, Ill., and died Jan. 27 in Livonia. She was an inspector for 30 years with GM Diesel. She loved traveling with family and friends and especially loved playing poker with her grandson, Nikki.

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

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

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

Florene Cash

Services for Florene Cash, 79, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 20 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at South Lyon Cemetery.

Mrs. Cash was born Aug. 31, 1923 in South Lyon and died Jan. 18. Mrs. Cash graduated from Cleary Business College and was a secretary at Michigan Seamless Tube from 1953-1977, and as secretary for the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and for Cash Builders until 1991. She loved many church activities and lovingly gave of herself. She also loved to bake for others. She thought of others with letters and kept track of birthdays and special occasions.

Mrs. Cash was preceded in death by husband of 51 years, Charles Cash.

Survivors include sister, Lois (Robert) Reid of Rochester Hills; numerous nieces and nephews; and many close friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beaumont Hospice

or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Oliver W. Wheeler

Services for Oliver Wheeler, 68, of Ypsilanti, were held Jan. 17 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. John McLean officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township.

Mr. Wheeler was born Sept. 3, 1934 in Detroit and died Jan. 13. He was employed as a supervisor in the work force. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of Berean Bible Church.

Survivors include wife, Joan M. Wheeler of Ypsilanti; father, Ueless Wheeler; daughter, Debora Nagel of Ypsilanti; daughter, Wendy Pellerito of Ypsilanti; son, Darrell Wheeler of Indiana; and eight grand-

children.

Memorial contributions may
be made to the Timmy
Foundation, P.O. Box 24286,
Indianapolis, IN 46224.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Brigida (Daleo) Cipolla

Services for Brigida "Bree" Cipolla aka Daleo, 90, of Novi were held Jan. 13 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Daleo was born Oct. 25, 1912 in Detroit and died Jan. 10 in Botsford General Hospital. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Daleo was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Daleo. Survivors include daughter,

Mary I. (Ronald) Hayes of South Lyon (formerly of Canton); son, Michael A. (Priscilla) Daleo of Redford; grandsons, Kenneth Hayes, Christopher Hayes, Shaun Hayes and Michael Carl Daleo; granddaughters, Kimberley Giacherio and Michelle Lupinski; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

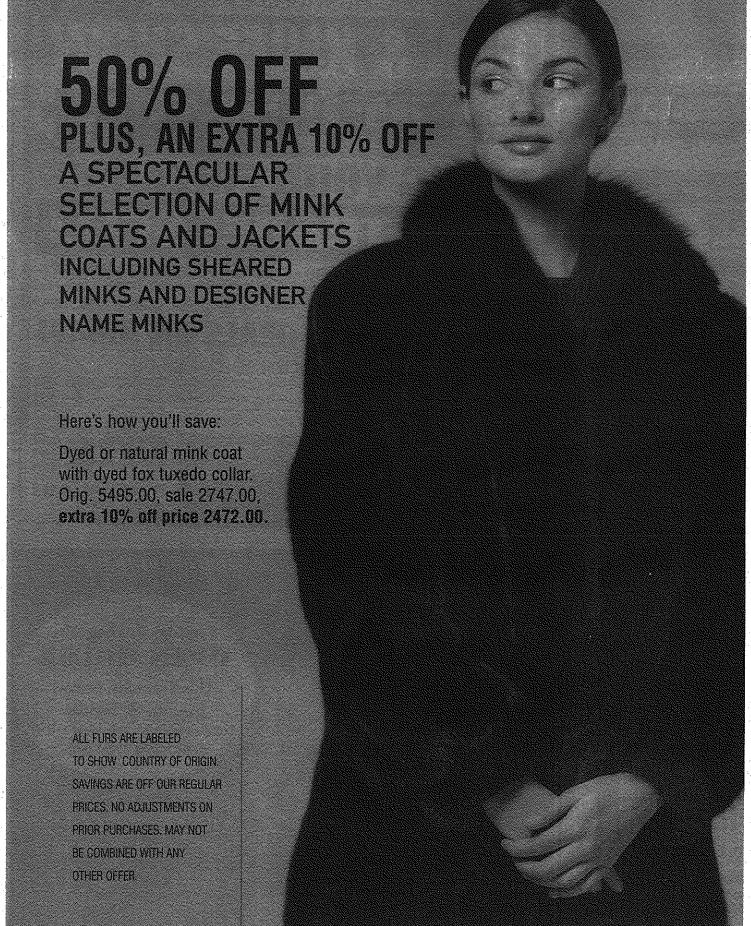
Thomas Torrance StruthersServices for Thomas

Struthers, 71, of Plymouth, were held privately.

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

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

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.



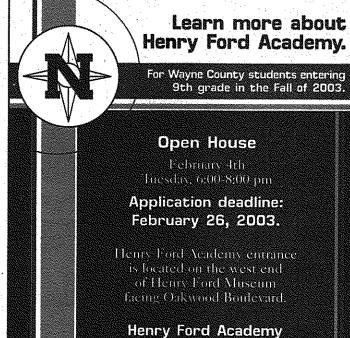
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Board names Betsy Ford new DDA member

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Betsy Ford, manager of the new TCF bank at Ford and Canton Center roads, was appointed to the board of the Downtown Development Authority Tuesday night.

The appointment, approved by the board of trustees at their regular meeting, is to fill the term of former DDA Chairman Ralph Shufeldt, who resigned from the board Jan. 16. The term expires Feb. 28, 2004.

Ford has attended several DDA meetings, according to DDA Coordinator Kathleen Salla, and has taken a keen interest in the activities of the

"I think she'll offer a nice perspective from one of our newer businesses," she said.

Shufeldt, who's served on the DDA since 1988 and has served as chairman since 1998, said his resignation was based on personal reasons."

The Canton resident, who is a financial consultant with Fahnestock & Co. in Plymouth, has served on various organizations within the township. He said he would be available for other service within the community.

Whenever I might be called up, I'm willing to serve," he said. "I just don't particularly want to serve on any more boards."

In other appointments and reappointments Tuesday night, the board appointed William Broucek to the Tax Board of Review for a two-year term to expire on March 1, 2005. He's the owner of Approved Mortgage and a Canton resi-

Vic Gustafson and Greg Demopoulos were reappointed to three-year terms on the Planning Commission.

Their terms expire Dec. 31, 2005. Gustafson was appointed to the commission in 1988 and serves as chairman. Demopoulos was appointed in 2002 and serves a vice-chairman. Tony Calderoni was reappointed to the Merit Commission to a six-year term to expire Dec. 31, 2008.

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through July and record what species they hear and don't

Nine species of native Michigan frogs and toads have been heard in the Rouge Watershed over the years.

Survey results show changes in frog and toad populations that can reflect changes and water quality and land use. According to the Friends, over time the results of those surveys provide data that can be used to trace the effects of development and other changes in the Rouge

Watershed. The survey began in 1998 in a small part of the watershed that included Salem Township, Northville, Plymouth and Novi.

The response was so good that the survey was expanded in 1999 and in 2000 expanded again to include the entire watershed.

Last year, a training workshop was held at Summit on the Park, but Petrella said the sessions are held in different places each year.

This year's workshop that

includes the Canton area will be held 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 8, at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren.

The training is free but preregistration is required. To register call (313) 792-9621 or email

picoordinator@therouge.org. More information is available on the Friends Web site a www.therouge.org.

While Canton is specifically included in the Van Buren area, Petrella said volunteers can attend any of the other workshops to be trained. Other sessions will be:

Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. to noon, Family Service & Learning Center, 18501 Rotunda, Dearborn.

Saturday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m. to noon, Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland.

Monday, Feb. 17, 7-9 p.m., Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

■ Wednesday, March 5, 7-9 p.m., Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi.

Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to noon, City Council Chambers, 31555 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

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under the supervision of the child care system in Wayne County. There are about 1,500 open cases a month coming to protective services and even then social workers feel there may be underreporting of abuse.

"Canton is relatively affluent, but child abuse is everywhere, Thomas said. The cities with the biggest number of cases: Wayne, Westland, Taylor, Inkster and Lincoln Park, she

Some of the things Child's Hope does:

Holds workshops with parents - "positive parenting" to prevent such things as Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Works with parents on welfare. "Being poor, working and having small kids defines stress," Thomas said.

Trains those who work with children. "There are 20 different professions that must report listed in the (state) law," she said. The clergy was just added recently, but does not include things revealed to priests in a Catholic confessional.

The next training session, an informational presentation for mandated reporters of child abuse and/or neglect, is 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24. Call (313) 583-6401 for location and to register. Dates are also set for May, August and November.

Thomas said the No. 1 reporter of child abuse is "Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous."

Presents information on child abuse to doctors and teachers and service clubs. For example, the agency will speak with doctors at Garden City Hospital in February.

The Canton Exchange Club was chartered in November. Club president is Canton resident Donald Petteys and the group meets Monday nights at Palermo's Pizza on Ford Road. Phone club secretary Dave Loveland (734) 207-8943 for details.

CHILD ABUSE IN THE NEWS

An upcoming Frontline investigative news show on PBS will air two reports on the quality of foster care. The reports titled Failure to Protect will air Jan. 30 (tonight) and Feb. 6 at 9 p.m. The reports will investigate issues surrounding the death of Logan Marr and caseworkers who work for the Department of Human Services in Maine.

Antwone Fisher is based on a true story of a man who reveals his abusive childhood and confronts his painful past. The Wayne County Regional **Educational Service Agency** publishes at parent's guide to Internet safety. The county sheriff has active Internet crimes unit and the unit has made several high-profile

A current hit movie

The Exchange Club is a national organization with 33,300 members and headquarters in Toledo. It was actually founded in Detroit in 1911 and one of the oldest chapters is the one in Grand Rapids.

arrests.

The organization focuses its service efforts on child abuse and neglect. One current program aims to prevent shaken baby deaths. A brochure shows five babies in an egg carton and urges parents and caregivers that, even if the baby is crying inconsolably, the infant can never be shaken.

Child's Hope (or Child Abuse Prevention Council of Out-Wayne County) is in Dearborn at 4901 Evergreen Road (U of M Dearborn), (313) 583-6401. The group is always in need of volunteers and of donations.

AGENCY

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moderate-income and that 50 percent of the clients using the facility are Canton residents.

"The lease requirement is based on working with the Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines," Dan Durack, administrative services director, told the board.

The actual start date of the lease will not begin until Growth Works takes possession of the building, but the ending date will remain Jan. 28, 2006.

Yack said the lease is not intended to make money for either the township or Growth Works.

"Other services will pay

Growth Works their share of the cost," he said.

The tentative move-in date for both Growth Works and the Community Foundation is the middle of February, with other agencies to follow in the ensuing months.

In other business, the board approved several recommendations from the Merit Commission for non-union employees' fringe benefits.

■ It voted to provide the health insurance cash option to retirees who are covered by health through their spouses. A retiree who chooses that option would be paid \$1,200 annually.

The Merit Commission estimated that, because of the cost of current retiree health insurance premiums, a retiree who chooses the cash option would save the township from \$6,300 to \$10,100 in annual premium

Durack said only about a half dozen retirees would be affected now, but there would be more in the future.

Also approved was a recommendation to allow nonunion retirees to purchase, at their expense, dental insurance under the township's group plan. The retiree would pay for the full cost of the coverage.

A proposal to simplify language in the non-union employees' optical program was approved. The current language provides \$80 every two years for an eye examination, up to \$120 for corrective lenses or up to \$200 for an exam and corrective lenses.

The approved simplified language eliminates the breakdown and simply provides for a | jgladden@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700

\$200 reimbursement allowance.

■ A proposal to change the formula for longevity pay for non-union employees hired after Jan. 1, 1995, was approved.

Under the formula after completion of five years of service, eligible employees will be paid \$300. An addition \$100 a year will be paid for each additional year of service beyond five years to a maximum of \$1,500.

Under the previous language the additional year's payments were \$75 a year with a cap of \$1,400.

■ A proposal to remove the cap on longevity pay for nonunion employees hired before 1995 was turned down.

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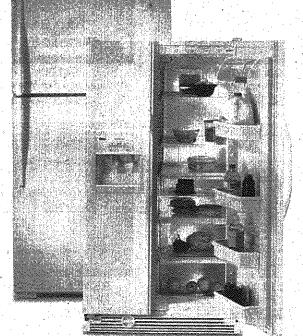
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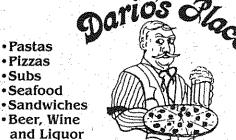
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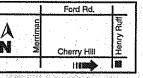
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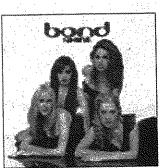
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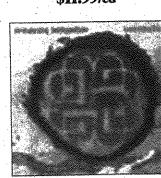
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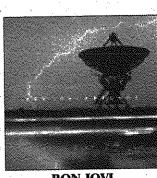
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According to Ryan, the replacement program should satisfy the questions about transporting students safely, and make it easier for the board to approve the synthetic turf.

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

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

By the 2007-08 school year, the district will complete payments on an \$800,000-peryear energy note. Ryan said that money could go into an annual plan to replace about 10 percent of the 125-bus fleet. Ryan is expected to detail his plan at Tuesday's meeting.

Administrators want the synthetic turf because the field turns into mud after a hard rain due to a damaged drainage system, sometimes forcing rescheduling and cancellation of events. The adjoining track also needs to be replaced.

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

"We cannot be running three high schools, in the state of Michigan, with the wetness of our falls, on regular turf," Givens said.

"Even with the drainage replacement ... it's not safe for our students."

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

'We can't lose sight of the

NOMINEES

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Nomination forms are available at the township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road; the Canton Chamber of Commerce. 5820 Canton Center; or they may be downloaded from the township Web site, www.canton-mi.org.

The Canton Hall of Fame recognizes people who have made a long-term, long-lasting contribution to the Canton community.

Last year's Hall of Fame inductee was developer Richard Lewiston, who has built subdivisions in the town-

The Community Achievers award recognizes those individuals who have brought attention to Canton as a result of a special or outstanding achievement in 2002.

The Community Supporter award recognizes individuals or groups who continue to make a

regular contribution to the community.

The contributions cannot be the result of the individual's employment.

Nominees do not have to be residents of Canton, according to Zevalkink, but the contributions must have taken place in the township.

Deadline for returning nomination forms is March 7.

An invitation-only reception honoring those selected for the awards will be held April 13.

District, city hammer out details partnership

BY TONY BRUSCATO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"It will take more than one grant for it to happen," he said. "People are going to have to step up to the plate. They can't depend on the schools or the

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city to cover all the costs of maintenance for all the facilities. I think we can make it happen."

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

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

as the Wilcox Foundation and Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs will be contacted for contributions.

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

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

Pursell called it a win-win situation for everyone.

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

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

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

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

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Park to look like in 5-10 years,"

she said. "The financial situation is short-term. We are going

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Ken Jacobs, executive direc-

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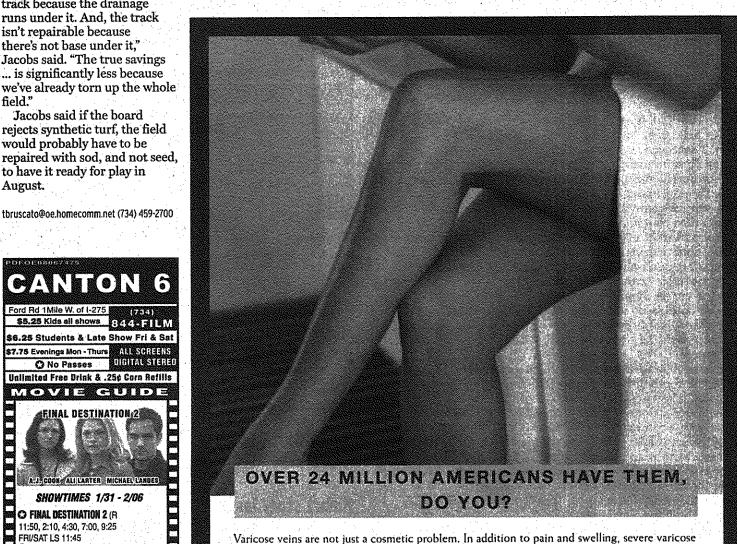
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OUR VIEWS

Tabling turf talk was wise move

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'Peace' resolutions not a local concern

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

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

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

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

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

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

Endorsing a resolution of peace – or war, for that matter – is a hollow, meaningless gesture on behalf of our local leaders. As individuals, our politicians are free to express their views on war or peace any way they want. As official bodies, they should avoid staking a position in this territory.

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

Kmart story lacking

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

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

Denise Konwerski

Define crummy

I read Phil Power's article ("Could a Supreme Court ruling re-segregate college campuses? Canton Observer, Jan. 23) and found it interesting.

As you mentioned "with a subject as complicated and as emotionally charged as this one, it's important to sort out sense from the nonsense." Yet within the article you mention that "Clearly, however, many very able minority students graduate from crummy high schools, so it only seems fair to find a method to avoid penalizing them for unfair K-12 school system."

The problem I have with this statement is twofold. One, this seems to be more of a problem that should be fixed, not overlooked, by rewarding someone 20 points for going through a crummy school system. What is the incentive for fixing a crummy school system if you're going to get 20 points for attending? How does U of M measure or determine a crummy K-12 school system?

I think what you are trying to say is most crummy school systems are in minority concentrated areas. Why are they crummy" Let's get to the root of the problem.

Two, if a student attended a crummy high school system I would think that the student would be academically challenged attending the University of Michigan.

Are there any records that the university compiled on drop-out rates and grade-point averages of U of M students who attended crummy K-12 school systems? What is U of M doing to try and improve those crummy K-12 school systems?

I have three children, ages 13, 14 and 16, attending schools in Canton. We have taught our kids to be color blind when it comes to race and gender and to treat everyone equal and with respect. I am all for giving every student a fair shot at attending the college of their choice. I am not sure that a point system based on race would be the proper solution for crummy K-12 school systems.

Let's get to the root cause of the problem and fix the schools, but before we do, based on your experience as a regent, you're going to have to let us know which ones are crummy and why.

LETTERS

Based on my experience as a parent I think we should sort out the sense from

think we should sort out the sense from the nonsense. This letter tries to do just that.

Steve Ever

War on turf

What a surprise to pick up my Sunday edition of the Observer and read the headline "High school stadium could get new turf." I could have sworn that it was only three days previous that the headline read "District eyes layoffs and other cuts."

I guess I am supposed to be glad that a few high school students will be playing on brand new, state-of-the-art football fields, while my first-grade daughter sits in an overcrowded classroom of almost 30 students? Since teachers are apparently not as essential as sports facilities, I can only assume the classroom situation will get even worse this next school year.

I can also assume that the safety of my daughter, who rides the bus to and from school, is not as important as the new turf. Replacing old buses is not something that would be "nice to do," it is absolutely essential.

At least one board member, Carol Saunders, has her priorities aligned with the true needs of this school district and is concerned with meeting the needs of the majority of students, not just the desires of a few. Saunders lists her primary concerns as keeping children safe and wanting children educated.

I encourage the other board members to follow her lead and support what is truly essential for maintaining the integrity of this district and doing what is right for ALL of its students.

> Vicki Baker Canton

Letters are troubling

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

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

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

I am not a socialist. I do not believe that the local government of Canton should be operating recreational and banquet facilities at a profit. I feel that the local government of Canton by feeding off income from trash companies is treating our land and resources as collectively owned property that they control to the detriment of the citizenry.

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

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

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

Alfred L. Brock Canton

DARTA was no solution

Your editorial on Jan. 9 lamented the veto of DARTA, while admitting it wasn't the solution to the metro area's transportation problems. DARTA was supposed to study the transportation issues in the metro area. There were two things that DARTA was expected to recommend:

1) That SEMTA and DDOT need to be merged, and 2) Taxes need to be raised.

The first is obvious to anyone that has ever tried riding a bus in the metro area, and the second is the same conclusion made by all government studies. We need to create another fiefdom of patronage to accomplish that?

Don't mourn DARTA's passing. It had no mandate to improve anything. We have enough politicians and bureaucrats now. Let the "players" come to the table now if they really have concern for the citizens.

> Tom Stenzel Livonia

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"If people live anywhere near wetlands, they can survey that area. There are some areas around Summit Parkway and quite a few parks. All of Canton is in the Rouge Watershed."

- Sally Petrella, public involvement coordinator for Friends of the Rouge, talking about a frog survey

Coalition tax increase idea is wrongheaded

he sum total of all human knowledge about the politics of tax policy can readily be discerned in the ditty below:

Don't tax him; don't tax me. Tax that fellow behind the tree.

As most folks know by now, Michigan has an enormous budget problem. Because of the continued recession, state tax revenues are way down. But the state Constitution forbids deficits, so Gov. Jennifer Granholm last week cut \$150 million in state spending to get just this year's budget back

into balance. The problem for the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, is even worse; experts are talking about a shortfall of as much as \$2 billion out of a General Fund budget of around \$9 billion.

It should come, therefore, as no surprise that an outfit calling itself the Red Cedar Coalition (for the river running through the Michigan State University campus) is beginning to beat the drums for a tax increase. The group includes organizations

that feel threatened by the impending spending cuts, such as teachers unions and other school folks, municipal government people and various advocates for social services, colleges and universities.

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

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

admirably understated in her analysis of the idea. In my view, the Red Cedar folks are both premature and wrongheaded.

Premature because Granholm and the Legislature need some time to develop their own plans. Granholm will deliver her State of the State One of the interesting things about Granholm, a Democrat, is her stated interest in using the budget problem as a spur for far-reaching rethinking about how state government should work and what services should be delivered and how they are paid for.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A dirty pickup truck is the only 'real' SUV

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

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

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

be. These are folks who spend their time in the woods working or for recreational purposes. They're construction workers, loggers and even a few commercial fishermen.

You'd expect these are the people who would be gobbing up SUVs.

Wrong. The vehicle of choice is a rusted pickup truck or a four-wheel drive Subaru. Up there choice is determined by finances.

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

Jeff

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

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

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

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

"You don't want to take that thing back into the woods," a friend of mine said as we were heading out for a night of brook trout fishing on beaver ponds. "You'll scratch it up. We'll take my truck." I value that layer of dust and mud that accumulates after a summer of chasing fish and a fall of upland bird hunting, and tears come to my eyes when that first layer of salt gets on the Jeep and I have to take it in for that obligatory car wash.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jeff Counts is a semi-retired newspaperman who spends as much time as he can in a muddy truck in the



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Day care, school aim for new playground

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For most kids, playing is just plain fun. For children with autism, it's a necessity.

"When they play, the socialization and communication skills are developed," said Patti Regiani, who teaches preschool for the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SLOW RESULTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





tricts provides transportation

for their students who attend the center.

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

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

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

A 'CLOSE-KNIT GROUP'

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

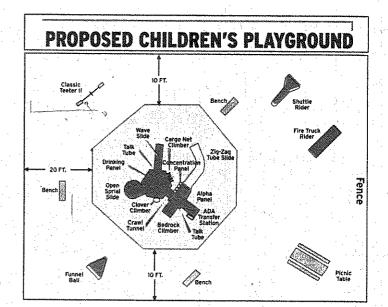
The closeness of the program with students, teachers and parents has made Burger "a close-knit group," Valdivia said.

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

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

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

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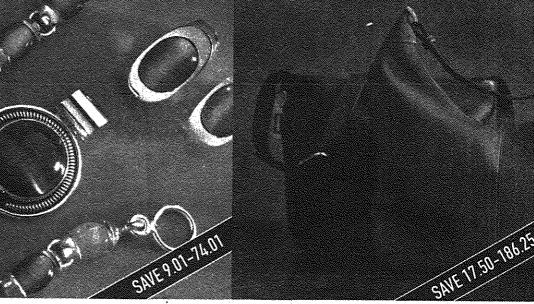
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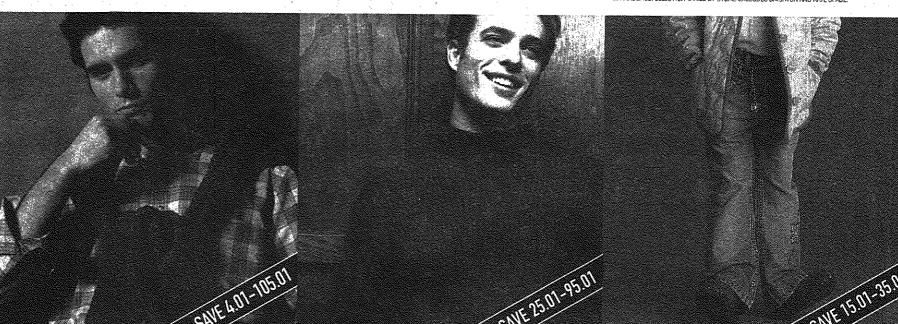
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A reception will be held at 1:30 p.m. Kirkland has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and trained at the Julliard School of Music.

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Quick wit

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



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

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

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

Mystery abounds

Spotlight Players productions in the dark until 2004

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

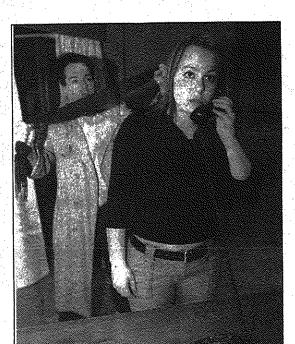
uspense haunts the Water Tower Theatre, longtime home of the Spotlight Players. Like its current production, Dial M for Murder, there's a great deal of mystery surrounding the future. The dramatic lighting of the Frederick Knott thriller echoes the darkness that president Mary Lynn Kuna and the rest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

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

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

UP IN THE AIR

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



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

interim but there would be problems to overcome

like blocking out the light from the windows.

"There's no doubt it's a daunting challenge.
We just hope people will come out before the

PLEASE SEE **PLAYERS, B5**

DIAL M FOR MURDER

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

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

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

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Artistic Expressions

Linda Chomin

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE SEE SURVEY, B2

Area restaurants celebrate the Chinese New Year

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

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

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

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

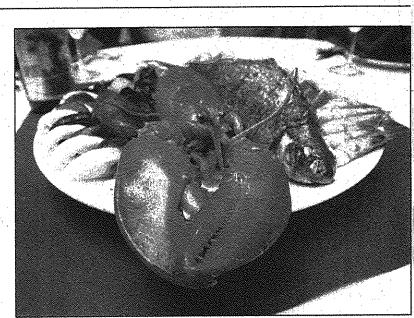
EATING OUT

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

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

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

PLEASE SEE **CHINESE**, **B6**



ILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAP Primp nock duck chicke

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

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Barbershop quartets to sing Valentines

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, January 30, 2003

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

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

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



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

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

Tickets are \$16 for the Friday show and \$17 for. Saturday night. All seats are reserved. For tickets, send a check payable to DetroitOakland Chapter, SPEBSQSA, Inc, along with a selfaddressed stamped envelope, to Francis Durham, 19907 Schoolhouse Court, Northville, MI 48167. Or for more information call Tom Uicker at (248) 559-7082.

Jewish band to perform

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FROM PAGE BI

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

PARENTS AND THE ARTS

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

have to take any arts classes in order to graduate?

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

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

in the arts, how they learn it. "The good news is even with ups and downs of economy since last survey 12 years ago, the arts are still in Michigan schools," said Cardona. "People have been resourceful. Music and visual arts have a good

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

NEED FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

WORKING TOGETHER

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

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

"That's why the arts council was originally started in 1969 by Joanne Hulce to help put more arts in the schools with volunteers who take the visual arts into the schools," said Tobin. "I'm excited about the good job in the arts but we all need to build audiences in the future - participants and supporters.

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

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

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

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



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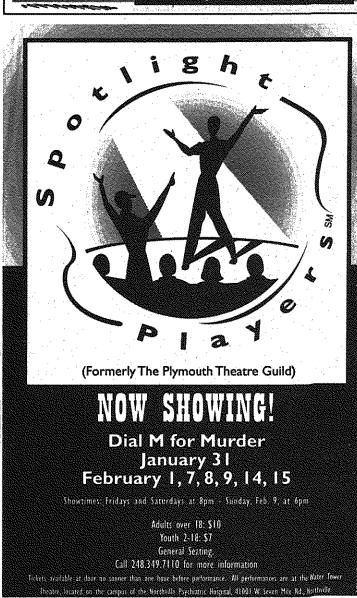
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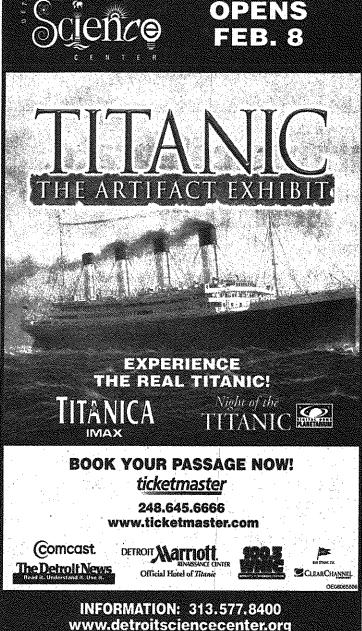
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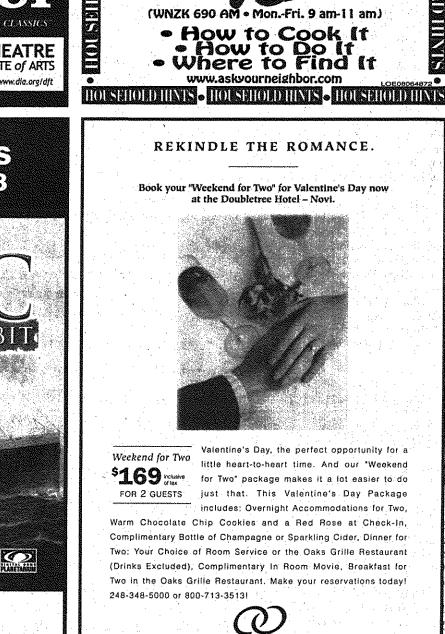
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Cats on the prowl at the Fisher Theatre

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

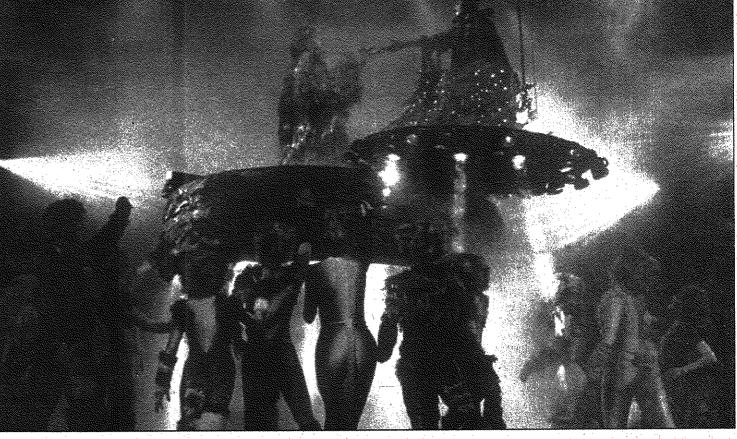
"When I first saw it when I was a kid I thought it was

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The cast of Cats turn the stage of the Fisher Theatre into a junkyard spectacular.

amazing," said the 24-year-old Detroit Tigers reciprocate by Abramowicz. "It's part of our attending the Cats Feb. 21 show. culture, our history. I run into "I'm excited to be performing people who say what's Cats?

How do you not know what Cats is? Where have you been

Words like spectacle and high

Theatre in the West End in 1981

the last 23 years?"

KUDOS FOR SHOW

energy have been used to

describe Cats since it first

opened in the New London

and then in Winter Garden

Theatre in New York City in

1982. It went on to win seven

1983 Tony Awards in categories

such as Best Musical, Best Book

of a Musical, Best Lighting and

closed in Manhattan in 2000 it

was the longest running musical

So how is it cast member Karl

that's only natural since his father,

Jon, was a relief pitcher for the

team. Every other weekend, he'd

travel from Cincinnati to Detroit

to take in the games and support

the players. Now, dozens of

Warden had never heard of it?

Warden seems to know more

about the 1968 World Series

champion Detroit Tigers but

Best Costumes. By the time it

on Broadway.

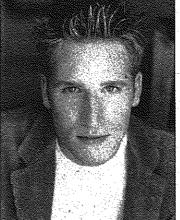
in a town my dad performed in," said Warden. "The most exciting part is the final bow when the lights go up and you can see their faces and they're so excited. It's kind of gratifying knowing that I did my job and did it well."

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

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

WEAR AND TEAR

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



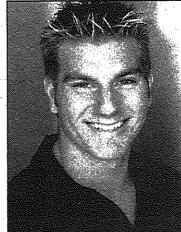
Abramowicz

Warden. "I was in a whole other and feet, for an hour after each show."

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

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

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

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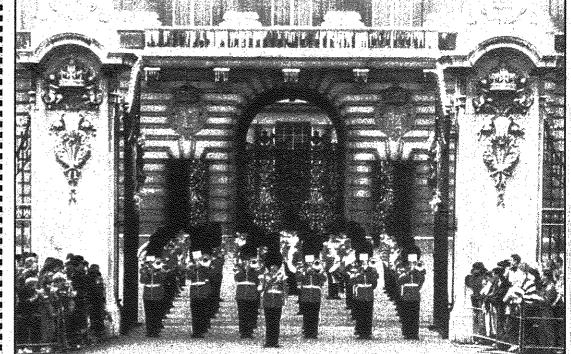
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The former Plymouth Theatre **Guild presents Frederick Knotts'** murder mystery Dial M for Murder 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 7-8 and 14-15, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 West Seven Mile on the Northville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

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Village Players The Fantasticks continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday Jan. 31-Feb. 1 and Feb. 7-8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham, \$15.

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15, 20 and March 1

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Farmington Community

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

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Oakland University Celebrates African-American Celebration Month continuing to Feb. 20: Akanke: African Dancers and Drum Troupe 7-9 p.m., Jan. 31 at Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall; Music, the Souls of Black Folk, 8 p.m. Feb. 4 at Gold Rooms, Oakland Center; Step Afrikal, 8 p.m. Feb. 5 at Pioneer Food Court, Oakland Center: For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf, 8 p.m. Feb. 7-8. 10 a.m. Feb. 11-12 at Varner Studio Theatre, Varner Hall; The Voices of Black Folk Expressed Through Poetry, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10, at Honors College, 112 Vandenberg Hall; A Taste of Africa Gala featuring music, art and food, 4-8 p.m. Feb. 14, at Recreation and Athletics Center; Drum and Dance Workshop and Crafts, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 17, at Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center. All events at Oakland University

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Debussy Quartet, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Sanctuary of Christ Church Cranbrook, Cranbrook and Lone Pine roads, Bloomfield Hills. \$30, \$15 students (248) 644-6352

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

The brass ensemble performs 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, features Henri Tomasi's Liturgical Fanfares and selections spanning 4 centuries, 7:15 p.m. Preview with Thomas

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Mile Road, Farmington Hills. A light reception precedes the

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Concert Feb. 8 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Tickets \$16/adults, \$14/seniors, \$10/college students, K-12/free, For more information call (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail, plymouthsym-

phony@aol.com Redford Civic Symphony Family Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Modeste Mussorgski, Ernesto Lecuona, Meredith Wilson, Joseph Haydn, and Leroy Anderson. Featured artist is

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Trinity House Theatre

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Eisenhower Dance Ensemble New Dance Fest 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, program includes the earthy and athletic MondoBeat, a new work by Laurie Eisenhower, and an expanded

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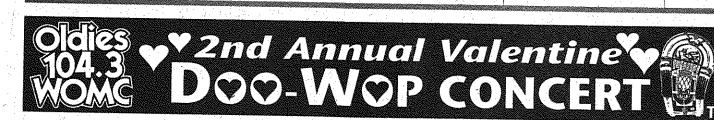
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PLAYERS

FROM PAGE B1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

ON STAGE

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

not. By day, Sedore teaches German and math at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn. Over the years, he's acted in community theater in Germany and Minneapolis. This is his first show with Spotlight Players.

"Tony poses as a suave gentleman but he really is quite evil down to the core but good at hiding it," said Sedore. "It's been a great experience for me. It's the most extensive role I've ever had.

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

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

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

challenging but real fun."

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

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

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

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Horror flick will make you scream with laughter, not terror

BY SHEILA NORMAN-CULP **ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER**

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

It doesn't.

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

Horror movies - the oldfashioned kind, not the spoofs - are simply a subset of comedy, with well-recognized clues imbedded in each film as Pavlovian treats for an audi-

ence that craves the familiar. When a Darkness Falls character says "You wait here, Larry," everyone knows he's going down and when the payon comes, they laugh them-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Park and another for the vicious alien queen in Aliens.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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p.m., Thursday, Feb. 6. The cost

is \$29 per person and includes

two options from which to select.

Owner Sterling Lum indicated

that on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 4-

10:30 p.m., a Chinese New Year's

dinner for two is \$28.95. It will be

offered again Sunday, Feb. 2, from

noon to 9:30 p.m. along with a

GREAT WALL OF CHINA has

music and a Lion Dance.

for its 12-course meal at 6:30

and ginger sautéed in champagne has a festive ring.

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

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

Eleanor Heald is a Troy resident who writes about restaurants, 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#.

Learn about wines at The **Community House**

Certified Sommelier Nidal Daher will lead a wine tasting program on Thursday, Feb. 13, at The Community House in

"Vino Mania" is a designed for the casual wine enthusiast, as well as the connoisseur. Daher, who owns Unique Wine Cellars, brings more than 15 years of professional experience in fine dining restaurant and wine retail businesses to the event.

The program will run 7:30-10 p.m., at the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

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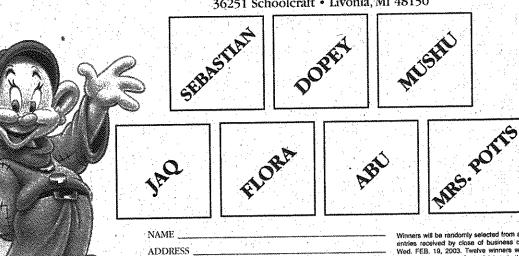
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BIKER BOYZ

Set in a world of underground motor-cycle clubs whose members are desperadoes, living every day on the edge. Lawyers and city workers by day, they take to the streets in their leathers to race by night. Laurence Fishburne stars as they undefeated motorcycle racer called Smoke, whose dominance has earned him the title of "King of Cali." Starring Laurence Fishburne, Derek Luke, Orlando Jones, Lisa Bonet, and Kid Rock. Reggie Bythewood directed this action film. (Dreamworks) Rated PG-13

FINAL DESTINATION 2
Kimberly Corman and her friends go
on a road trip. When her friends die in
a horrific car accident, Kimberly, along
with some of the survivors, try to
stop death before it stops them.
Starring Ali Larter, Tony Todd, Michael
Landes, and A.J. Cook. David R. Ellis
directed this suspense film. (New

Line) Rated R THE RECRUIT

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

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FEB. 7

It's 1918 in Munich and Max Rothman, celebrated art gallery owner meets fellow war veteran and aspiring young artist Adolf Hitler. Max takes Hitler under his wing and encourages him to paint. But Hitler, unsuccessful as an artist transfers his energies to politics where he finds an outlet for his crude beliefs, proclaiming to Max that he has found a new form of artistic expression and that "Politics is the new art." Stars john Cusack, Noah Taylor, Leelee Sobieski. Directed by Menno Meyjes. (Lion's Gate): Rated R. Running time: 108 minutes.

THE QUIET AMERICAN

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

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, FEB. 14

THE GURU

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



The Biker Boyz show off their signature move, the "Endo" in DreamWorks Pictures' motorcycle racing movie, Biker Boyz, opening in theaters on Friday, Jan. 31.

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

LOCKDOWN

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

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

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, FEB. 21

THE LIFE OF DAVID GALE

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

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

GODS AND GENERALS

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

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, FEB. 28

CRADLE 2 THE GRAVE

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

THE GUESTS

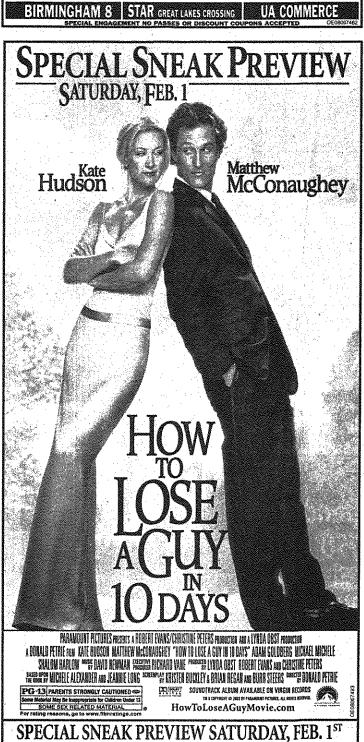
When his mean boss asks him to housesit, a young man tries to use it as an opportunity to win the heart of his boss's daughter, on whom he has long had a crush. What he doesn't plan on is the long line of other houseguests that come along in the meantime. Stars Ashton Kutcher, Tara Reid, Carmen Elektra,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

CLARIFICATION

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

Pontiac, after the Lake Orion location closed. The group will perform at 8 p.m. at 7 N. Saginaw in Pontiac. For more information, call Maggie Ferguson at (248) 338-9389.





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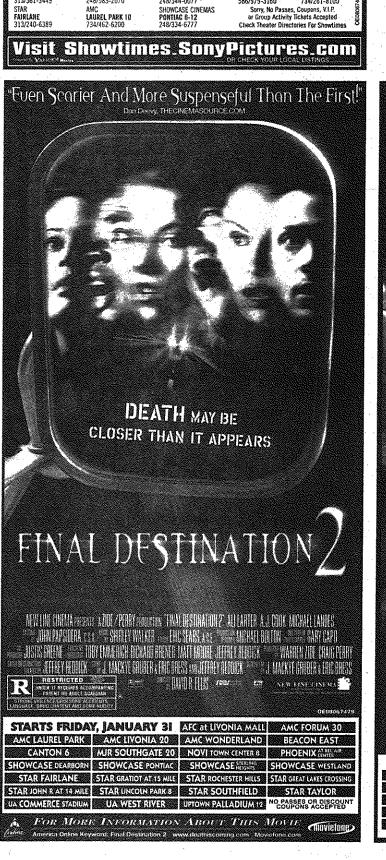
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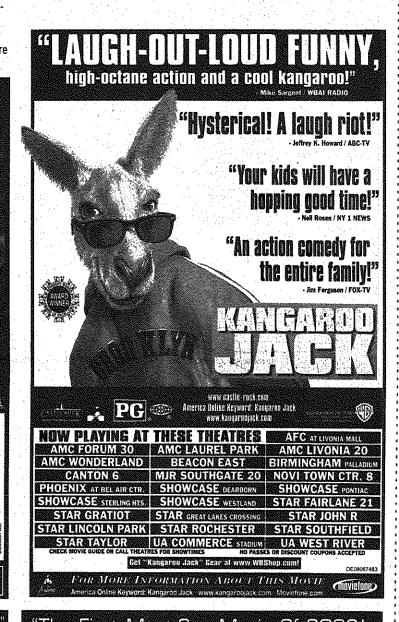
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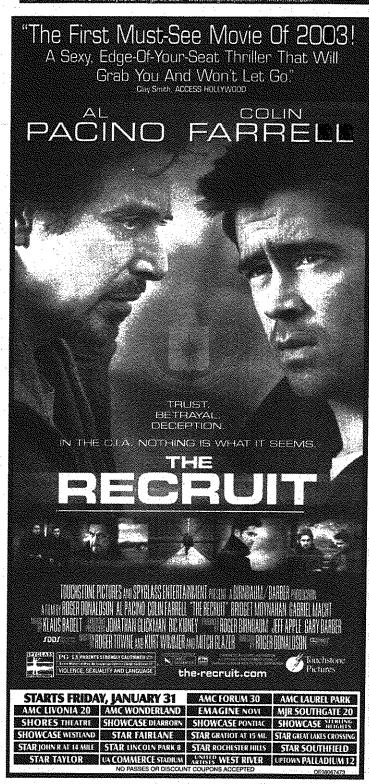
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Does that quintessentially American in-the-woods look give you fever in a good way? If you live in a log cabin, lodge-style home or "Big Sky Country" abode, maybe we could stop by for a visit and cup of cocoa. We'd like to share the beauty and warmth of these homes - and all their trimmings - with readers in an upcoming issue. Contact Nicole Stafford, At Home writer, by phone at (248) 901-2567 or e-mail at nstafford@oe.homecomm.net.

Red-hot interiors

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

Scheduled 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at Studio Jewell, 501 S. Washington in downtown Royal Oak, with feng shui specialist Catherine Hilker, the class is priced at \$25. For more information or to register, call (248) 414-6114.

Container Warehouse

The Container Warehouse, a popular warehouse source among designers for heirloom-quality home furnishings, has added its first location in the continental United States at 2321 Jackson Road, just east of Maple Road in Ann Arbor.

The original store opened in Honolulu in 1996, follow by a store in Maui in 2001.

The Container Warehouse directly imports entire shipping containers packed full of solid wood furniture from around the world.

It specializes in solid teak and mahogany furniture. such as four-poster and canopy beds, armoires, dressers, tables, chairs, desks and accessories. The store carries a variety of styles, from Arts and Crafts to cottage to traditional.

The Container Warehouse serves commercial and residential designers by offering an ever-changing inventory

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Michigan. Call (734) 995-9150.

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The photo maps measure 18 by 24 inches, and cost \$14.95 plus shipping.

The company recently expanded its topographic map offering.

Now customers can choose from three sizes; 18 by 24 inches for \$9.95, 24 by 36 inches for \$14.95, and 36 by 44 inches for \$29.95.

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

Classic Scandinavian

Furniture style offers simplicity, color, comfort

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

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

Sometimes called classic Scandinavian or Gustavian style after the

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

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

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



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

eclecticism.

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

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

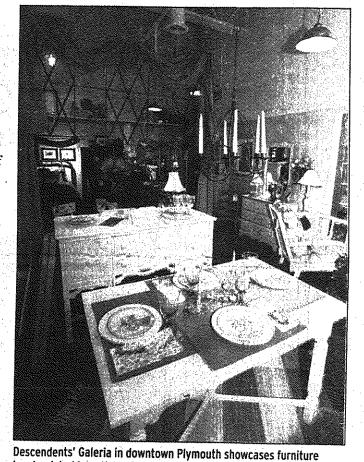
In Michigan, with its overcast, dark winters, the lightness and brightness of classic Scandinavian makes sense environmentally, said Sandi Hammerstrom Oliverio, artist and owner of Descendents' Galeria in downtown Plymouth, where hand-painted furniture by artists of Scandinavian descent is the sole focus.

Historically, the style evolved as a way to temper the long dark winters endured in Scandinavian countries, said Hammerstrom, whose

family descends from Sweden and Finland. Other characteristics of the overall style are minimal use of

drapes and plentiful use of candles, she said. "Their winters are so long and so dark, so they wanted this light

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



hand-painted by artists of Scandinavian descent.

ARTISTRY

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

creations have a strong French influence.

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

address book. Hammerstrom, who has

PLEASE SEE STYLE, C3

Backyard ice rink can be cool project

STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

The length of time

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

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

Home outdoor ice rinks were added this fall.

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

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

Wright said.

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

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

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

Outdoor Fun Store recently moved to larger quarters, just down the street from its old location. "We also have tools to

maintain the ice," Wright said.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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So the song goes. Weddings don't go together at all without a lot of intense planning. Look for our 2003 Wedding Guide on Sunday, February 16 and discover ideas, advice and interesting features to assist with your wedding. Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, January 30, 2003

GARDEN CALENDAR

Livonia Garden Club

Putting It All Together is the theme for the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at St. Andrew's Church, 16360 Hubbard, south of Six Mile in Livonia.

Winnie Boni, past president of the club and a student flower show judge, will explain basic flower arranging. Guests may attend.

The Michigan School of Gardening will present a class, Shade Gardens, Tuesdays, Feb. 4 and 11, or Wednesdays, Feb. 5 and 12, at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza. Cost is

Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes offered by the Michigan School of Gardening have pre-requisites.

For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangar-

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, Feb. 3, at Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11

Scott Kunst will speak on Antique Gardening, featuring 140 years of American yards and gardens from pioneer days to the Victorian era. Visitors may attend, Call (248) 615-3616 for information.

The Evening Herb Study Group of Matthaei Botanical Gardens will meet 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in Room 125 at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens educational building, 1800 Dixboro Road in

Master gardener Gretchen Voyle will give a presentation on cooking with herbs. She will provide recipes and tastes of a few of her herbal creations. Visitors are welcome.

The group meets the first Monday of each month (February through November). For more information, call H. Leland at (734) 459-8454 or mail hleland@ gcsservice.com.

Hardy Plant Society

The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, Woodward and Cranbrook Road

Narh Ferguson, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Commerce Township, will speak on Attracting Birds to Your Garden.

The public may attend. Guest fee \$3. Call (248) 589-2286 for informa-

English Gardens presents free gardening seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays at all five locations, including stores in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak (phone (248) 280-9500) and Dearborn Heights (phone

Starting Seeds Indoors will be the topic Feb. 1. Get a head start on gardening and learn how to grow your own transplants.

English Gardens experts will share their knowledge of growing flowers and vegetables from seeds. Learn which varieties work best, and what's required to get the best results.

For the nearest English Gardens, call (800) 335-GROW or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Landscape color

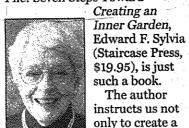
The Detroit Garden Center will present a class, 52 Weeks of Landscape Color: Tips for Making Your Lawn and Garden Interesting All Year, with Janet Macunovich of the Michigan School of Gardening, Macunovich is an instructor, designer, garden writer and author.

The class will take place 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, in the auditorium of Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot in Detroit. Cost is \$15. To register and for more information, call the Detroit Garden Center at (313) 259-6363 or e-mail detroitgardenctr@ yahoo.com.

Garden books plant seeds of thought

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

Sermon From the Compost Pile: Seven Steps Toward



Garden

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Figley

afraid to find true humility, a miraculous process can begin to create a most breathtaking world form within - filling an inner void with beautiful vistas," he

garden on Earth,

but how to find

and nourish our inner garden,

"If we are not

our soul.

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

This book would be great for group discussion.

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

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

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

CONTROVERSIAL

Praise of Plants, Francis Halle (Timber Press, \$24.95), was translated from the original French into English by David Lee, a professor of biological sciences at Florida International University in Miami. Halle is a professor of botany at the University of Montpellier in France.

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

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

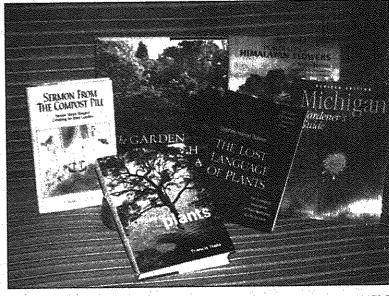
Graham Stuart Thomas, the ultimate gardener, has again written a winning book. The Garden Through the Years (Sagapress, \$49.95) is, as he says, "a survey of many good garden plants arranged month by month."

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

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

MICHIGAN GUIDE

Michigan Gardener's Guide,



MARTY FIGLEY

These books will inspire, intrigue and delight.

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

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

Tips on integrated pest management are featured too. Each plant is photographed in

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

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

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

Traveling in the monsoon sea-

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

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

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

Awesome.

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

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









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Managing money still saves happiness

Q: Our money disappears as soon as it is deposited in our checking account. How can I manage our finances better and still enjoy life with my family?



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plan for your money. Are you a careless spender or do

A: You

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you have a plan? Spend your money wisely

and you will enjoy family activities and a comfortable life.

The first rule is to make sure the amount of money you earn is larger than the amount you spend.

Everyone's budget will vary because of income, size of family, and household

Happiness doesn't have a price tag attached.

There are many things you can do that are fun and **THRIFTY TIPS**

Before you make a purchase, ask yourself several questions.

Do I really need this? Is there a place for this or will it create clutter? Could I wait and get it on sale? Could I borrow it from someone for a short period of time? Could I get it used through the newspaper or a garage sale? Could I buy an off-brand for less? Is there a coupon for this item? Can I function as well without

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

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

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

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

finances are tight.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Today's refrigerator bulletin: Save it today, and enjoy it tomorrow!

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

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

stop by for a dose of feel-good ambiance.

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

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

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

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

Association executive director wins award

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

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

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

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

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

Michigan Antique Radio Club schedules sale

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

sources for repair and

restoration of vintage radios. The show will feature a con-

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

HOME CALENDAR

Home improvement show The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor its 11th annual Novi Home Improvement Show Friday to Sunday, Jan. 31 to Feb. 2, at Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi

Road. Hundreds of exhibitors are expected.

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$7, \$6 for senior citizens, free for under age 12. On-site parking is available for an additional charge. For more information, call (248) 862-1019.

Free seminar to offer ideas on saving energy in the home

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

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

Architect and instructor Christina Snyder will share lessons learned from the state of Michigan's Zero (fossil fuel) Energy Home Competition. Her university students won first and second place in the contest. Applying these ideas will reduce fossil fuel use in homes, businesses or future designing.

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

interested in renewable energy, energy conservation and ecological living.

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

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Each room with a view



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

Bloomfield residence shows spectacular interior

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

Talk about a "room with a

When Michael and Janie Roth built their house in Bloomfield, they wanted to

keep the beautiful view offered by the wooded setting. Not only was this accomplished, but each room of the residence - which is about 12,000 square feet - is a beau-

tiful scene itself. The house will be the site of the Preview Party for this year's Snow Ball for Variety, The Children's Charity. The party will take place 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 6 (see related

story). Construction of the Roth residence was completed in fall

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

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

Antiques, family heirlooms, and souvenirs from the Roths world travels accent the various areas. Colors and fabrics through-

out the house are light, which doesn't distract from the outdoor panorama presented by the windows.

Every space is put to use, such as the drawers and sked into furnishing and structures.

Drapes form gentle dividers

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

'I wanted the house to have a flow," Janie Roth said. Furnishings in the living

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

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

Ross designed the two lamps, which feature mahogany frames, polished nickel casters and linen shades.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sleek, black high chairs are lined up at one of the two granite-topped work islands. A colorful cabinet from Ecuador is against one,

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

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

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

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

Leafy tree branches are

Snow Ball charity event warms hearts

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

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

Proceeds will benefit children with special needs in metropolitan Detroit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kroger Company of Michigan. Executive producer is Rob T.

Allen. Founded in 1929, Variety has 50 chapters and 15,000 members around the world.

Detroit's chapter touches the entire southeastern Michigan community and has more than 2,000 volunteers and friends who raise money for local charities benefiting children with special needs.

Whatever the fund-raising activity may be, the goal remains the same: to support Michigan's children's charities, such as:

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

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

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

All of the wood in the

house is mahogany, except for the library, which is cherry. Here, the floor panels are

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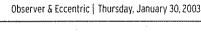




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Disability Talks

Carrie Tynan

New Year's resolutions enhance life

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

through my words.

Go ahead make a commitment to yourself through your New Year's resolutions.

Carrie Tynan lives in Livonia. She writes a monthly column for the Observer Newspapers on disability issues. Contact her by email at carriewrites@yahoo.com or her Web site http://clix.to/writerfiction

Special stars get a day to shine

Talent show accentuates the positive

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

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

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

And the kids absolutely take advantage of it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"What?" the crowd asked.

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

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

sank the folks who helped put the snow on. Some 16 students from Joanne's Dance Extension



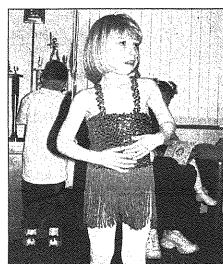
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Mariah Berryman of Dearborn, $3\frac{1}{2}$, left, smells a rose as brother P.J., $6\frac{1}{2}$, looks on during Saturday's talent show.



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



SUSAN ISÁAC

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

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

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

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

Plymouth, who helped out for the first time this year.

"It's fun to meet new kids, and to see what you accomplish when they get on stage," Katelyn said.

"It's good to help out with the kids, and it's good to

see the kids happy."

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

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



SUSAN ISAA

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

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

The event also includes a fashion show, with

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

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

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

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Canton activist helps set Snoopy the shark free

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

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



Lana Mini

humans.
Snoopy's luck today is that she was donated to Fifth

were intended

to be spent in

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

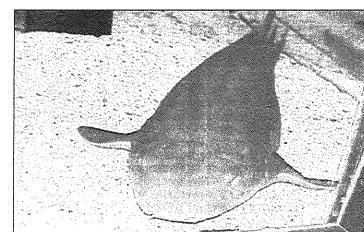
Here's her good luck:
One evening one of
Michigan's top animal activists,
Jim McNellis, went to Fifth
Avenue to watch a game. He
saw the big shark. He told the
bar management he could free
her into the ocean, if they'd
release her.

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

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

McNellis, of Canton, quickly organized with rescuers nationwide to change Snoopy's world. He did so on his own time

without seeking personal pub-



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

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

ture.

·And he found others who

shared those ideals.

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

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

McNellis faced one quandary: He needed to lift the heavy shark into a holding tank. Lee Fiema, owner of Aquatic Discoveries store in Sterling Heights, agreed to help move Snoopy. Fiema specializes in aquariums with salt and fresh water fish and live corals.

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

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

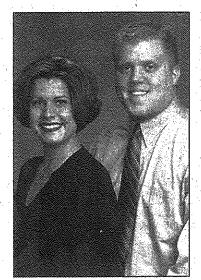
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sauier weddina

April and Alan Squier are proud to announce their marriage. The wedding was performed at The Little Wedding Chapel in Taylor with a reception at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. Performing the ceremony was Mike Krowisz. The couple now resides in Canton.



Kolka-Knox

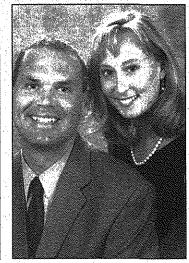
Brian and Cheryl Kolka of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristine Kolka, to Douglas Knox, son of Steven and Carolyn Knox of Cataldo, Idaho.

Kristine is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is currently employed by Panasonic in Southfield.

Douglas is a graduate of the University of Idaho and is currently employed by Plastipak

in Plymouth. An Aug. 1, 2003 wedding is planned at St. John Neumann

Catholic Church in Canton.



McDonell-Hart

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Lawrence and Dianna McDonell of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Marnie Irene McDonell, to Jeffrey Charles Hart, son of Jerry and Gloria Hart of Canton.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, and Madonna University in Livonia with bachelor's degrees in nutrition and nursing. She is currently employed as a cardiac rehab nurse at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

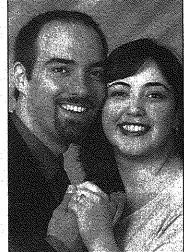
The groom is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School who earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 1992 and is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago School of Law (J.D. 1995). He is currently employed as a trial attorney practicing insurance defense litigation in Chicago at Gasofalo, Schrieber, Hart & Storm.

The wedding was performed at Waldenwoods Resort in Hartland with the Rev. David Strobe officiating.

The bride was attended by Jennifer McDonell, Caroline VanStrien, Jennifer Chopp, Stacy Hewett, Andrea Kontak and Stacy Braun.

The groom was attended by Christopher Hart, Michael VanStrien, Richard Moore, Roger Moore, Kevin Reid and

James Sung. A reception was held at Waldenwoods Resort in Hartland followed by a wedding trip to Aruba. The couple will make their home in Chicago.



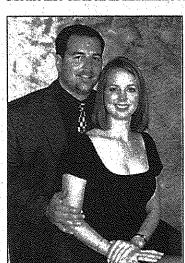
John and Kay Williams of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kendra Dawn Williams, to Steven Michael Wesner, son of Jill Wesner and Michael and Kathleen Wesner, all of Livonia.

Williams-Wesner

Kendra is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2000 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor in sociology. She is currently a graduate student at Western Michigan studying counseling psychology. She is currently employed at the Western Michigan University library.

Steven is a 1991 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia and is currently a student at Western Michigan University in the College of Aviation. He is currently employed at Domino's Pizza in Kalamazoo.

A Sept. 27, 2003 wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo.



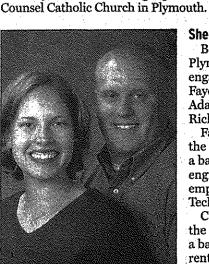
Baker-Hutter

Lee and Patricia Baker of Plymouth are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Baker, to Christian Erik Hutter, son of Fred and Georgianna Hutter of Paramus, N.J.

Colleen is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree. She is currently employed as a Project Engineer with Merck & Co., Inc. in Pennsylvania.

Christian is a 1990 graduate of Paramus High School and a 1996 graduate of Rochester Institute

of Technology with a bachelor of science degree. He is currently employed as a Group Leader for Kraft Foods, Inc. in New Jersey. A May 25, 2003 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good



Sheridan-Zaski

Bonnie and Steve Sheridan of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Faye Ruth Sheridan, to Casey Adam Zaski, son of Cheryl and Rick Zaski of Jackson.

Faye is a 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. She is currently employed with Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor.

Casev is a 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree. He is currently employed with Creative Solutions in Dexter.

A June 21, 2003 wedding is planned at the Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

NEW ARRIVALS

Jayden Anderson

Susan and Andrew Anderson of Canton are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jayden Joseph Anderson, born Dec. 30, 2002 at Garden City Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Susan and Andrew Anderson of Harper Woods and Lee and Marian Anderson of Wolverine Lake.

Kadin Bates

Stephanie Gula and Daniel Bates are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kadin Daniel Bates, born Jan. 7, 2003 at Garden City Hospital. Kadin weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. and was 21 inches long.

He joins sister, Alexandria, 2 at home.

Grandparents are Roger and Janine DuPrie of Canton and Fred and Kathy Bates of Canton.

REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, Ml., 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

Bentley High School

Class of 1973 A reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Burton Manor in Livonia. For more information, contact Class Reunion Plus at (586) 446-9636 or e-mail www.classreunionsplus.com.

Catholic Central

Class of 1961 For information about the Girls Catholic Central of Detroit 40th reunion, call Jan Seefeld (248) 398-7777 or Nancy Nowak Kush (313) 291-1165.

Chadsey High School

Class of 1953 Jan/June A 50-year class reunion being held on Sept. 19, 2003, at the Warren Valley Golf Club on Warren and Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights. Contact Fred Osada at (313) 278-9828 for further information.

Costello Elementary

Classes of 1973-2002 A reunion of staff, families and students who attended Costello from 1973-2002 will be held at Costello 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 29, 2003. Please RSVP (248) 823-3700.

Denby High

Class of 1953 A dinner/dance reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003. We are looking for classmates. Please contact Doris Burrows Firestine at (586) 226-3319, Bob Pinder at (248) 332-8028 or Jean Sindon Like at (586) 268-4954. A picnic is also planned for Aug. 16, 2003. Contact Judy Poullot Berry at (586) 716-0916 or Wilma Fisher Jed at (248) 642-7246 for further information

regarding the picnic. **Detroit Western High School**

Class of 1978 A 25 year reunion is being held on Aug. 9, 2003 with a dinner/dance at Pvt. John Lyskawa VFW Hall, Dearborn Heights. We are still looking for classmates. Contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail

orozcodo@sbcglobal.net. Ferndale Lincoln High School

Class of 1953 January/June Alumni are asked to share their interest in attending a 50-year reunion in 2003 (September/October). E-mail **Doris Swanson Winter at** DJW1721@AOL.com or call Patt Simmons Stasiak at (248) 548-4243.

Fordson High School Class of 1988

A 15-year reunion is being planned and we are looking for classmates. Please respond to either www.classmates.com, classreunion1988@yahoo.com, or mail your name, address and telephone number to: Class of 1988 Reunion, 11349 Fenton, Redford, MI 48239.

Garden City High School

Class of 1978 A 25-year reunion is being held on July 19-20, 2003 with a dinner/dance at 7-9 p.m. Roma's of Garden City, \$45 per person; followed by a picnic on July 20 in Garden City Park. Contact Sherlyn (Alioto) Battani at sbattani@msn.com.

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1991

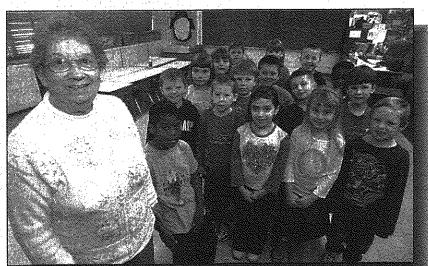
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Anne Tobias

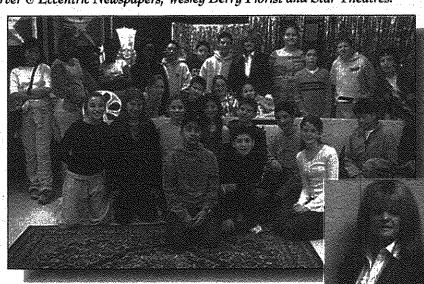
Congratulations to Anne Tobias a first grade teacher at Farmington Elementary School in the Garden City School District.

Anne Tobias is an Observer & Eccentric Teacher of the Month for January. She was nominated for the award by Patty Boucher a Garden City resident who is proud to have been her student. In fact, Boucher's son and daughter both had the pleasure of experiencing Anne Tobias' boundless energy. She was also nominated by Farmington Principal Keith Anleitner who wrote: Parents who were taught by Anne request that their child be placed in her room without exception because of her kind and caring manner."

Ann Tobias has been teaching first graders at Farmington Elementary School for the last 45 years. Both Boucher and Anleitner praise Anne Tobias for her dedication to students and parents. "She passionately draws parents Into their children's education by making numerous personal, written and verbal contacts and individual conferences. Her students test out above national averages regardless of their socio-economic status." wrote Anleitner.

Boucher adds: "First grade is a very important time in a child's life and she makes it a memorable one. She truly cares about her kids and makes every

Her nominators call Anne Tobias a human dynamo and outstanding teacher. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is proud to call her Teacher of



Jackie Klugman

Congratulations to Jackie Klugman, a musical theater and broadcasting teacher at Orchard Lake Middle School in the West Bloomfield School District. Jackie Klugman is an Observer & Eccentric Teacher of the Month for January. Jackie Klugman was nominated by Linda, Nina and Danny Friedman of West Bloomfield who wrote to tell us that "Jackie is a miracle come true, always giving herself to help others. She is an advocate and a voice in the community for all children."

Linda Friedman described how when her son, Danny, came to Orchard Lake Middle School, Jackie welcomed him with open arms.

"Danny has Down syndrome and needed an advocate to believe in him and support inclusion to help him succeed in his education. Jackie is not only a great listener, but also a kind soul with boundless energy. Jackie Klugman treats Danny just like every other student in her class. Danny looks forward to his musical theater class and is proud to show her what he can do because of her warm, positive response. Danny's high self-esteem is proof of her never-ending support in Jackie's eyes, everyone has a special talent and she works hard to help everyone be a star in her classes!"

The Friedmans call Jackie Klugman a hero. The Observer & Eccentric is pleased to call her Teacher of the Month for January.

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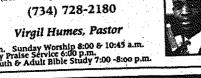
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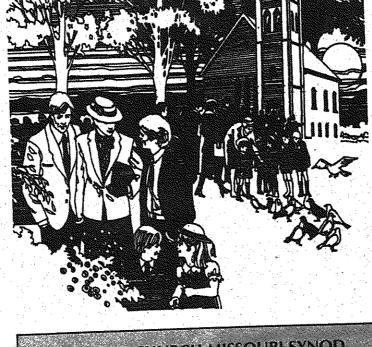
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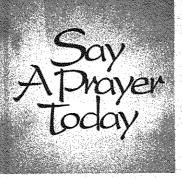
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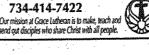
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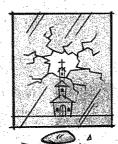
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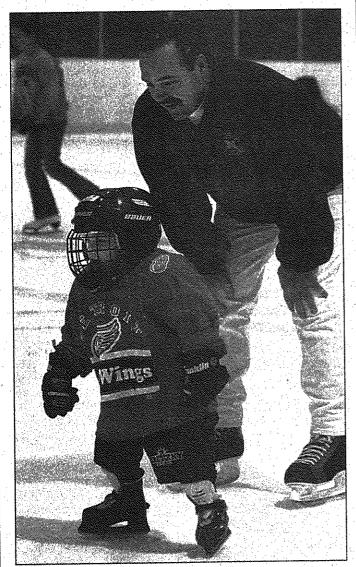
Throwing Stones....

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



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HEATHER SONNTAG | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hockey's future

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

AROUND TOWN

Winter Evenina

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

Art Club

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

Fine Arts Competition The PCAC has announced a \$500 fine

arts competition for high school seniors in the P/C school district. Applications are now available at the PCAC. The deadline for receipt of materials is March 15. For further info. call (734) 416-4278. Valentine Dinner

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

Barbie Doll Show

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

Winter Art Classes

DO YOU SMOKE? OR HAVE YOU QUIT?

The University of Michigan Health System is looking for volunteers for the National Lung Screening Trial

(NLST). Smoking puts men and women at risk for lung cancer. NLST is comparing spiral CT scans to chest X-

rays to find out if one is more effective than the other at lowering lung cancer deaths.

For more information, please call UMHS Cancer Center Answerline at 1-800-865-1125 M-F, 9-4:30, messages accepted after hours

or the Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).

National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services

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Calling all aspiring artists, beginning or experienced. Come to the PCAC for pottery class, drawing and sketching class, beading, beginning painting, Saturday morning art and figure drawing. Classes begin Jan. 31, meet on any day of the week and are for all ages. For more info, call (734) 416-4278.

County Chorus

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

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

Grief Workshop

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

Willow Creek Preschool

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

Hockey Coaches

Either way, you may be able to be a part of an

important lung screening study for healthy men

and women between the ages of 55 and 74.

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

for more information. Storytime

Peggy Price Heiney presents a special storytime for children ages 5-7. Stories, creative dramatics and book selection round out this monthly session at the Plymouth Library.

Registration is required. Call (734)

453-0750 for further information.

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

PCAC 70s Bash Tickets

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

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

Nursery Registration

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

Plymouth Symphony

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

Free Blood Pressure Screening Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734)

453-0750 for further information. Recreation Registration

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

CLUBS

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

SEPAC

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets every second Monday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information, please contact Rich Ham-Kucharski (734) 844-1714.

Plymouth VFW

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

MOPS-Plymouth

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

Colonial Kiwanis

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

MOPS-Westland Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free

Methodist Church Sept. through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact Nikki Guenther at (313) 937-2479. La Leche League Breastfeeding information and support

group meets on the second Wednesday

of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations, please contact Michelle at (734) 397-

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.

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

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

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2003

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

\$135,590.00 PROPOSED 2003 PROJECTS 9,000.00 1. PLYMOUTH COUNCIL ON AGING

2. SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 25,000.00 3. MULTI-YEAR SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENTS 88,000.00 13,590.00 4. ADMINISTRATION The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, upon

completion of the public hearing, will determine the use of the 2003 Any written comments regarding proposed use of the 2003 funds should be directed to Susan Vignoe, Community Development Block Grant Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350

Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 postmarked by Febryary 11, MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC

Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 21, 2003**

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

Members Absent: None Staff Present: Dan Durack, Ann Conklin, Tom Casari Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the

agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Bennett to adjourn from regular meeting, and move to study session, seconded by Burdziak. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Yack called the study session to order

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

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

Item 3. Employee Political Activity. In October 2002, the Board reviewed Rule 1.300 of the Personnel Policy Manual regarding Political Activity. At that tie there was discussion of the Board adopting a formal policy covering political activity of all Township employees prior to the 2004 election cycle.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn the study session at: 8:26 pm.

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

Health expert offers tips about summer camps

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

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

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

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

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

EVALUATIONS

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



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

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

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

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

QUESTIONS

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

What's the camp's philoso-

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

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

Inexperienced or young counselors may not be able to gency as more experienced or

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

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

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

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

What's the supervision for trips away from camp?

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

How are campers' medications and special dietary needs handled?

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

can tailor meals to meet special their own insurance company. diet needs.

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

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

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

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

If my child has a chronic

condition, is the camp prepared to handle it?

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

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

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

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

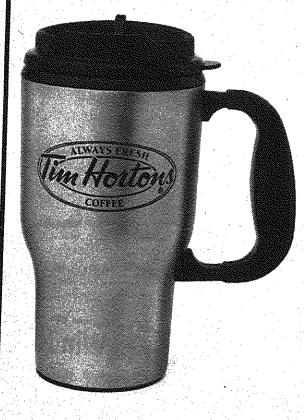
A lot can be done to address homesickness before camp even begins — starting with a realistic assessment of whether a child is ready to go to a sleepaway camp.

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



Important Safety Recall

Tim Hortons 15oz Stainless Steel Travel Mug Lid Recall



In co-operation with the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, Tim Hortons is recalling their 15 oz Stainless Steel Travel Mug lids, sold as part of the Tim Hortons Travel Mug. A manufacturing defect at the cup manufacturer's facility has been identified. The defect may result in some lids lifting slightly from the body of the mug, and could potentially cause injury from hot liquid leaking.

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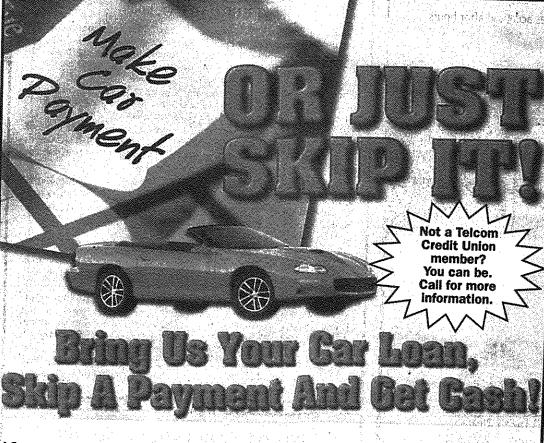
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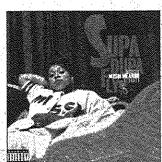
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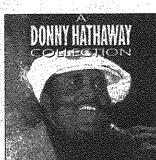
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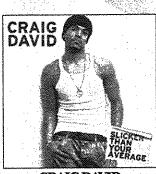
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Going strong

Tiffany Grubaugh, a sophomore guard on Northern Michigan University's women's basketball team from Canton (Salem HS), continues to shine. Grubaugh started three games for the Wildcats last week and they won all three.

In a 66-57 victory over Saginaw Valley State, Grubaugh had 10 points and four rebounds in 27 minutes. In an 87-81 overtime triumph over Finlandia University, she had 23 points, 12 boards, two steals and two assists.

And in a 66-62 win over Northwood University, she totaled seven points and four

For the season, Grubaugh is averaging 14 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.9 assists a game. NMU is 10-6 overall, 6-3 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Coach needed

Salem HS is searching for a girls junior varsity softball coach for the spring season. Applicants must have previous experience in fastpitch softball, either playing or

Interested applicants should call Salem athletic director Tom Willette at (734) 416-7775.

🌌 Lynn Wins

Eric Lynn, a Salem HS graduate now a sophomore atfirst in the 100-yard backstroke (53.61) and was part of the winning 200 medley relay team (1:34.23).

CCJBSA signup

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have its spring registration from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 in the Ballroom at the Summit in the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4-18 years who are residents of Plymouth, Canton or live in the Plymouth-Canton school district. Those wishing to sign up must bring a proof of residency and a birth certificate with them at time of registration.

Fees range from \$75-\$110 for recreation leagues; travel teams' fees are higher. All fees are non-refundable. Payments may be made in cash, money order or check (made payable to CCJBSA).

For more information, call (734) 394-5469 and leave a message. For teeball or coachpitch league information, call Chris Angel at (734) 981-3007 and leave a message.

Note: For potential junior varsity or varsity high school players, there will be a sign-up sheet at registration. You will be placed on a team after your school season has concluded. No registration fee will be due at sign-up.

Club meeting

The Plymouth Football Booster Club will hold their next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 in Room 401, located off the cafeteria, at Plymouth High School. All current and future Wildcat football parents are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call (734) 582-5696.

Snorts



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bryan Young is on the verge of scoring one of his two goals against Canton Wednesday, and there was little Chiefs' goalie

A return to form

Fast start carries Salem to easy win over Canton

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

After a few weeks of searching, of trial and error, Salem finally found its game.

For Canton, the timing couldn't have been worse.

The Rocks scored three goals in the game's first seven minutes Wednesday, forcing the Chiefs out of the style they like to play and, ultimately, into a 7-1 defeat in a Western Lakes Activities Association hockey game at Arctic Edge Arena.

"They got up on us early and we never caught our breath," Canton coach Dan Abraham said. "They've got a lot of scoring power. And we can't afford to take a 10-minute nap like we did the whole second half of the first period."

The win boosted Salem's overall record to 14-2-1. Canton slipped to 10-7.

"I think we're officially out of our funk," Rocks coach Fred Feiler said. "We incorporated a couple of different things in our game plan."

Although Feiler didn't want to detail those alterations, some were glaring. A Salem strength is its speed, but that had been absent the past few weeks.

"(Defense) starts up front," Feiler said. "Today our forwards did a better job getting all the way back and handling the

In previous losses to Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin, Salem would neutralize its speed with sloppy puck possession. That wasn't the case against the Chiefs. After a slow first couple of minutes, the Chiefs got a penalty for too

many men on the ice. "They're a disciplined team," Feiler said of Canton. "They don't take many penalties."

Since the Chiefs did, Feiler wanted his Rocks to take advantage - and they did, Andy Thackaberry firing a shot from the point that Canton goalie Charles Kemp stopped. The rebound, however, went right to Jeff Harris for an easy putback and a 1-0 Salem lead with 12:29 left in the first.

The second goal was a shouldn't-have-been. Mike Barr flipped the puck from the point toward the Canton net, and it somehow dribbled between Kemp's pads to make it 2-0 with 9:44 left. Mike Maurer and Rob Quigley assisted.

At 8:02, it was Mark Nagel's turn to wreak some havoc in Salem's behalf. The play began with John Schultz in the corner to the left of Kemp. He slid the puck across the crease to Nagel, the WLAA's leading scorer, and he dumped it into the net to

PLEASE SEE SALEM, D4

Madonna upsets Warriors

Chris Garrett could do to prevent it.

A contender? Perhaps that's taking this recent success a bit too far. But Madonna University's men's basketball team, which has been the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference doormat through most of its previous five seasons in the

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

league, is getting closer to contention than the basement.

On Tuesday at Madonna, the Fighting Crusaders took the lead against highly touted Indiana Tech and clung to it jealously, finally managing to eke out a 74-73 tri-

The win evened Madonna's overall record at 11-11; the Crusaders are 3-4 in the WHAC.

Tech fell to 18-6 overall, 4-3 in the conference.

It was the second such win in an eight-day span for Madonna, which the previous Tuesday (Jan. 22) upset host Cornerstone University 83-80.

The starting five carried the load for the Crusaders, scoring all but two of their points and connecting on 29-of-52 floor shots (55.8 percent). The Warriors were 28-of-62 for the game (45.2 percent).

Noel Emenhiser led Madonna with 21 points, hitting 5-of-9 3point tries (55.5 percent). Emenhiser also had eight

Chris Behrns added 20 points, three assists and two blocks; Dan Kurtinaitis had 12 points, seven

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, D5

Surprise: Canton jolts John Glenn

This initially appeared to be a game between two teams headed in opposite directions. But as anyone who has followed Western Lakes Activities Association basketball this season realizes, directions are often altered.

On Tuesday at Westland John Glenn, Canton used its interior game effectively and got enough out of its perimeter game to edge the Rockets 52-49. It was just the second win in the last nine games for the Chiefs, who are 4-9 overall. Glenn is 9-3.

"It came down to us making free throws at the end of the game," Canton coach Jeremy

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Rheault said. "And we gave them a chance."

Indeed, the Chiefs were just 2-of-6 from the line in the fourth quarter, but the two they made were by Travis McKinney in the closing seconds to ice the victory.

A basket by Steve Thornton had given Canton a one-point lead, before McKinney's free throws won it.

The Chiefs, who looked awful in a 20-point loss at home to Livonia Franklin last Friday, turned it around

against the Rockets.

'No. 1, we're healthy," Rheault said. "We've got most of our guys back.

Second, we got into the 'chemistry' lab there. We started working at some problems we had, and we came together as a group."

That helped against the potent Glenn attack. Trying to run with the Rockets and play at their pace would have been foolhardy. So Canton didn't.

We were able to try and slow it down," Rheault said.

That worked in the Chiefs' favor. So did the long-range shooting of Dave Nicoloff, who nailed three 3-pointers

and led Canton with 11 points. Brad Waidmann, who missed two weeks with a broken thumb, was back in the lineup and scored 10. Thornton and McKinney netted eight apiece.

Darnell Wilson topped Glenn with 16 points. Darnell Smith scored 12 and Jerret Smith had 10.

Glenn led 12-9 after one quarter and 25-22 at the half, but Canton had surged ahead after three quarters 40-38. It was a two-point game through most of the final period.

Northville 61, Salem 56: Rhythm — Northville had it

PLEASE SEE CANTON, D5

CC repeats as Observerland champions

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

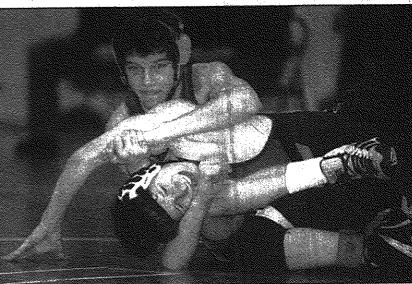
Redford Catholic Central's wrestling team is like a good set of radial tires - and it appears coach Mike Rodriguez is going to get a lot of mileage out of this year's squad.

The Shamrocks, who appear built to last, repeated Saturday as Observerland Invitational champion in the 16-school meet held at Livonia Churchill High

CC, scoring a team-high 228.5 points, placed in 11 of 14 weight classes and won five of six individual finals. The Shamrocks captured their sixth title since the tournament began in 1992.

Last year's runner-up, Westland John Glenn, finished a strong second with 204. Rounding out the top five was Livonia Stevenson (168), Churchill (142) and Plymouth Salem (138). The tournament's smallest school, Lutheran High Westland, earned an impressive sixth with 122.5. See complete statistical summary.

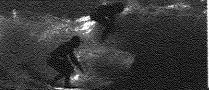
PLEASE SEE CENTRAL, D4



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Ryan Stump, top, wraps up Garden City's Steve Ludke on his way to victory in this 103 class bout.

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Chiefs overcome slow start, top N'ville; Rocks rule Spartans

If Canton's volleyball team didn't initially take its match against Northville seriously on Monday. things happened to convince them an attitude adjustment was needed -

The Chiefs "came out totally casual" in that first set according to coach Steve Anderson, spotted the Mustangs an 8-2 lead and eventually lost 15-12. That was enough to induce them into a more determined effort, which they gave in the next two games and won easily, 15-2, 15-3 at

The win gave Canton an 11-5 overall record, 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 1-0 in the WLAA's Western Division. Northville is 1-2 in the WLAA, 1-1 in the divi-

"It was ugly, horrible volleyball," said Anderson of the first game. which took 39 rotations to complete. "Northville went up 12-8, but we chipped away at it and made it 12-12. Then we made some unforced errors

VOLLEYBALL

and that was it."

It didn't take Anderson long to convince his team there would be no repeat of Game One in the next two sets. "Once we decided we'd better play, it was all over," he said. "We completely dominated, we just showed up a game late.'

It helped that the Chiefs had top player Cindy Rotramel back. Out for two weeks with a badly sprained ankle, Rotramel has been going to rehabilitation regularly and she played against Northville.

"She has the best work ethic of any kid I've ever had," said Anderson. "She was playing at about 70 percent (of her ability). Her lateral movement and her jumping are not quite there."

Still, Rotramel finished with 12 kills, four service aces and 16 digs to pace Canton. Colleen O'Brien totaled 10 kills, 17 digs and two aces, and

Kristen Lake had seven kills, three aces and 12 digs.

"There's a couple parts of our game we still need to work on," said Anderson, whose team lost at Walled Lake Central last Wednesday 15-3, 16-14. "But they're starting to figure out how to do things, how to exploit other team's weaknesses.

'If we play our game, everything will fall into place."

The Chiefs play at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational Saturday.

Salem stops Stevenson

Livonia Stevenson was improved, but not enough to overtake defending WLAA champ Salem.

The Rocks dominated the Spartans in the first game of Monday's match at Stevenson, 15-3, then battled back to take the second game, 15-9.

The wins improved Salem's record to 2-1 in the WLAA, 13-4 overall. Stevenson is 10-11 overall, 1-2 in the conference.

"It was a good win for us," said

a big loss to (Livonia) Churchill. Stevenson is much-improved — in fact they get my vote as the most-

improved team in the conference. "We beat them at serving and serve

receive." Ellen Canale led the attack with 10 kills; Lauren Price had seven and Amanda Bradley got four. Jordan Falcusan contributed three service aces and 18 set assists.

Defensively, Nicole Genrich had 10 digs and Bradley finished with one solo block and two block assists.

PCA bumps Roeper

Plymouth Christian Academy earned its first dual win in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Monday, besting Bloomfield Hills Roeper 15-6, 15-5 at

The win gave the Eagles a 1-3 record in the MIAC, 10-8 overall. Bre Ruark led PCA with 12 digs and 10 points serving. Rachel Franklin

Rocks' coach Tom Teeters, "coming off added 12 digs and six points serving. Last Saturday, PCA reached the

semifinals of the Madison Invitational Saturday before being ousted by the host team. The Eagles lost to Madison 15-11, 15-6 in the semis.

For the tournament, PCA leaders were Kelli Seiler with 27 digs and 12 kills; Ruark with five kills, 23 digs and 24 points served; and Lindsay Pew with 20 digs, 38 set assists and 17 points served.

Agape tops Baptist Park

Canton Agape Christian edged over the .500 mark Tuesday with a 15-2, 15-6 win over Taylor Baptist Park at Discovery Middle School.

The win gave the Wolverines a 6-5 overall record.

The outcome was never really in doubt. Amy Henry and Lisa Ther each had three service aces, with Ther also contributing 11 kills. Setter Emily Tong collected 17 set assists.

Agape travels to Novi Franklin Road Christian Thursday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 30 Lutheran Westland at Luth, Northwest, 7 p.m. Redford CC at Windsor St. Anne, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31

Northville at Canton, 7 p.m Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m Wayne at Salem, 7 p.m. Canton Agape, vs. PCA, 8 p.m (at Eastern Michigan Univ.) W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m. Clarenceville vs. A.A. Greenhills, 7:30 p.m. Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Jan. 30

Canton Agape at Novi Franklin Road, 7 p.m. Mercy at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m. Clarenceville at Lutheran East, 7 p.m Lutheran Westland vs. Detroit Urban, 7 p.m. Huron Valley at A.P. Inter-City Baptist, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1 Schoolcraft Invitational Ram Agape at Lutheran East Tournament, TBA Ann Arbor Pioneer Tournament, 8:30 p.m.

> Hillsdale Tournament, 9 a.m. Huron Tournament, 9 a.m. PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Jan. 30

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Friday, Jan. 31 Canton vs. W.L. Central (Lakeland), 8:20 p.m. W.L. Western vs. Salem (Cultural Center), 8 p.m. South Lyon vs. Franklin (Edgar), 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1 PCS at Port Huron, 4 p.m. Redford CC vs. Churchill (Redford Arena), 8 p.m. Franklin vs. W.L. Central (Lakeland Arena) 8:20 p.m

Stevenson vs. Churchill (Edgar), 6 p.m

PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Jan. 30

Salem at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. W.L. Central at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1 Dexter Tournament, 9 a.m. Inkster Invitational, 8 a.m. Battle Creek Tournament, 9 a.m. Adams, Edsel Ford at Redford CC, 10 a.m.

Lith Tourney at Mich Lutheran 10:30 a.m.

PREP BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Jan. 30

Will Western at Canton 7 nm Salem at Northville, 7 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 6 p.m. Redford CC at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.

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PREP GYMNASTICS

Redford vs. Brighton (Mt. Brighton), 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 30 Wayne-Westland at Northville, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 Canton Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb. 1

Tri-State (Ind.) at Madonna, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at Kirtland, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb. 1 Tri-State (Ind.) at Madonna, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Jan, 31

Schoolcraft at Kirtland, 1 p.m.

Whalers vs. Toronto (Compuware), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 Whalers at Owen Sound, 7:30 p.m.

TBA: To be announced

Observer -

Classifieds sell!

Team addition has been a big help for Classic league

hen Jim Jimmerson of Livonia told me last spring of his impending retirement after many years of service as production manager of the Observer & Eccentric

> Newspapers, I invited him to join my team in the Wednesday Senior Men's Classic league at Mayflower Lanes in

Redford. As it turns Ten Pin out, he has Alley been a perfect fit for the

team and the league. Harrison Among the

recent listing of honor scores was a 300 game which he had just bowled. It was his first perfect game after 40-plus years of bowling. His previous nigh was a 290 severai

When the second game began, my whole team was struggling except for Jim, who had started his string of strikes.

I said to him, "It looks like you will have to win this game single-handed."

And that is exactly what he did as we won by only 40 pins. The following week, he

almost did a repeat performance with eleven strikes, punctuated by a solid ten-pin hit in the sixth frame. That gave him a fine 279. Jim fits in very nicely with a great group of senior bowlers, and is enjoying his rookie year fully.

Demo days are here again. Coming soon to Super Bowl Lanes in Canton, Ebonite International, in cooperation with Randy Pierce's K&S Pro Shop, will bring in two famous lady pro bowlers, Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullin. They will: work with Randy and some Ebonite staffers.

Dia you ever wish you could try out a ball before you buy it? This is now made possible as they are furnishing several special demo balls with interchangeable finger and thumb inserts which can make these balls fit most hands.

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certificate from the pro shop, and participants will get a ten percent discount if they choose to purchase a ball from this program.

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The date is easy to remember, as it will be held on Valentine's Day, Friday, Feb. 14. Shifts start at noon, 1:30, 3, 4:30 and 6

Space is limited, so call and

reserve your spot at (734) 459-4811 to take advantage of this program.

Final details for the eighth annual Senior-Youth Challenge have been completed and all systems are on "go" beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

Interested spectators are welcome to come on down and watch the youth league bowlers " take on men of the senior leagues.

Referred to as the "Battle of the Ages," this unique event pits the senior men (ages 55 and up) against the kids who are also scoring together as they also become doubles partners while competing against each other for this year's bragging rights.

The result is always a funfilled day with good competition for over \$5,000 in scholarship funds for the kids.

There will also be door prizes atore including dowling datis, dinners for two at local eateries, gift certificates for items from local merchants, video, movies, oil changes haircuts, digital coach and even a free tattoo.

Each participant receives a souvenir imprinted towel and have pizza an refreshments afterward.

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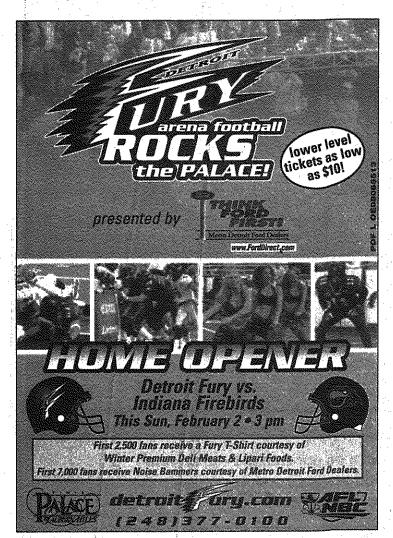
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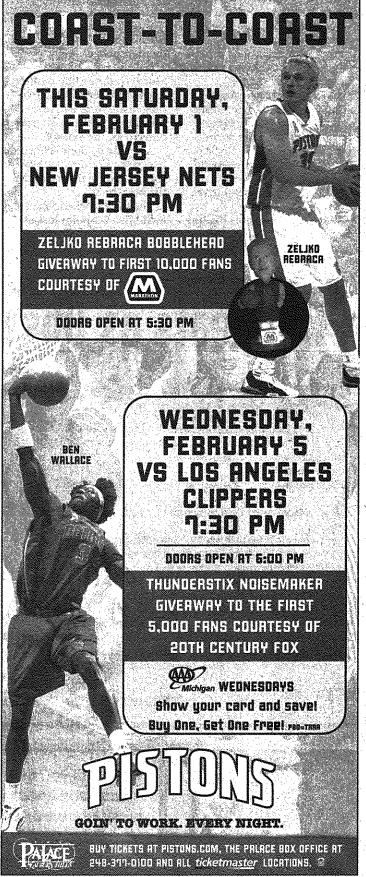
monial first ball to launch the event. A taping of the show will be

telecast at a future date by Time-Warner.

Hope to see you there.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached directly at (734) 788-0045.





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Whalers handle 'Hounds, blank Spitfires at home

What are the Plymouth Whalers built around, offense or defense?

Last weekend it was both. The Ontario Hockey League's West Division-leading Whalers had enough offense to edge host Sault Ste. Marie 5-3 Friday, then displayed plenty of both in beating Windsor 5-0 Saturday at Compuware Arena.

The victories kept Plymouth atop the West Division with a 30-8-8-1 record (69 points). Sault Ste. Marie is 18-22-4-3 (43 points), fourth in the West, and Windsor is 27-14-5-1 (60 points), second in the West.

Against the Greyhounds Friday, the Whalers three times found themselves trailing by a goal - two of those coming in the third period. Sault Ste. Marie's Sean Stefanski scored the game's first goal at 8:35 of

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the first period; Plymouth's James Wisniewski (from Canton) tied it with a powerplay goal with :16 left in the first (John Mitchell assisted).

It stayed that way until the 8:35 mark of the third period, when Trevor Daley scored the first of his two power-play goals. Karl Stewart tied it for the Whalers at 10:52 (from Chad LaRose and Cole Jarrett). but Daley regained the lead for the Greyhounds at 13:27.

LaRose knotted it at 3-3 with a power-play goal at 15:16 (from Stewart and Ryan Ramsay), then Plymouth took the lead at 17:55 on Stewart's second goal (from LaRose and Jarrett). Ramsay's unassisted

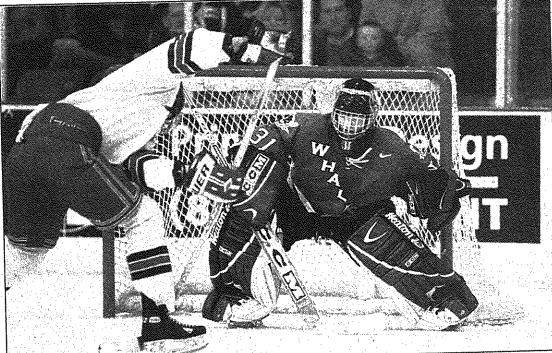
power-play goal at 19:53 clinched it for the Whalers.

Paul Drew made 23 stops in goal for Plymouth. Adam Munro had 21 saves for Sault Ste. Marie.

On Saturday in front of a sold-out crowd at Compuware Arena, the Whalers got two goals and two assists from LaRose in blitzing the Spitfires.

Ramsay scored the game's initial goal (assisted by LaRose and Wisniewski) at 7:31 of the first period. LaRose made it 2-0 with a power-play score with :55 left in the opening period (from Jarrett and Ramsay).

Wisniewski's power-play goal (from Jarrett and Chris Thorburn):51 into the second period increased Plymouth's lead to 3-0, with another power-play goal by LaRose following at 13:49 (from Ramsay



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Whalers' Paul Drew had 20 stops in goal to shut out the Windsor Spitfires Saturday at Compuware Arena.

and Jarrett). Erik Lundmark got the final Whaler goal at the 16:47 mark of the third period (from Stewart and LaRose).

Drew made 20 stops in goal

to earn the shutout. Ryan Aschaber had 31 saves for

Plymouth hosts the Central Division-leading Toronto St.

Michael's Majors at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Compuware, then goes on the road to play at Owen Sound Saturday and at Brampton Sunday.

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> Greg Phill, Livonia Stevenson's girls swim coach, is compiling the boys' best times. Updates for the Thursday edition of the Observer must be reported by 2 p.m. Sunday. Phill may be reached at (734) 464-9443, or email him at gphill5269@aol.com.

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SWIM RESULTS

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200-yard medley relay: 1. Pioneer (Mark Dunbar, Craig Pfister, Andrew Callam, Kris McClimon), 1:44.23; 2. Salem (Nick Dixon, Matt Showalter, Ben Dzialo, Matt Vivian), 1:44.27; 3, Pioneer (Wade Engers, Patrick Whitehead, Jonathan D'Angelo, Rob King), 1:50.51; 4. Stevenson (Christopher Brown, Jason Anderson, Garrett Baringhaus, Kristopher Kinsvater), 1:51.06.

200 freestyle: 1. Steven Hill (AAP), 1:49.37; 2. Victor Wakefield (AAP), 1:51.56; 3. Kevan Whelan (AAP), 1:54.35; 4. Matt Jurcak (S), 1:56.82; S. Brendan Cummings (LS), 1:59.81; 6. Mike Horgan (S), 2:00.04.

200 individual medley: 1. Dixon (S), 2:04.59; 2. Pfister (AAP), 2:06.77; 3. Dustin Hennigar (AAP), 2:11.22; 4, Joe Aumiller (S), 2:13.19; 5. David Curtis (AAP), 2:16.91; 6, Penn Chou (S), 2:18.25.

50 freestyle: 1, Działo (S), 22.51; Z. Callam (AAP), 22.54; 3. Vivian (S), 23.49; 4. Dunbar (AAP), 23.69; 5. Robert Steele (AAP), 24.02; 6. Bill Clark (S), 24.67.

Diving: 1. Jon Ellis (AAP), 213.05 points: 2. Alex Gauvin (AAP), 182.45; 3. Ken Stafford (LS), 181.90; 4. Brad Sokolowski (S), 155.00; 5. Tom Wright (AAP),

154,35; 6. Russ Bornschein (AAP), 153.90. 100 butterfly: 1. Callam (AAP), 53.67; 2. Dzialo (S).

53.86; 3. King (AAP), 56.32; 4. Kris McClimon (AAP), 56.68; S. Baringhaus (LS), 58.41; 6. Mike Horgan (S).

100 freestyle: 1. Victor Wakefield (AAP), 51.49; 2. Vivian (S), 53.05; 3. Dustin Hennigar (AAP), 53.11; 4. Cummings (LS), 53.40; 5. Jurcak (S), 53.48; 6. Kinsvater (LS), 54.17.

500 freestyle: 1, Hill (AAP), 4:45.10; 2. Jeff Ticknor (AAP), 5:05.72; 3. D'Angelo (AAP), 5:12.90; 4. Aumiller (S), 5:31,94; 5. Trevor McIlwaine (AAP), 5:32.64; 6. Adam Sonnanstine (S), 5:33.54.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Dunbar, Wakefield, McClimon, Callam), 1:33.15; 2. Pioneer (Ryan Gardner, King, Jason Hitchcock, Whelan), 1:34.95; 3. Stevenson (Kinsvater, Kevin Gardner, Garret Stricker, Cummings), 1:38.40; 4. Salem (Clark, Jurcak, Chou, Aumiller), 1:39.62. 100 backstroke: 1. Dixon (S), 56.78; 2. Engers (AAP).

58.12; 3. Michael Bolling (AAP), 1:00.90; 4. Steele (AAP), 1:01.29; S. Baringhaus (LS), 1:02.22; 6. Jeff Nevi (S). 100 breaststroke: 1. Pfister (AAP), 1:06.37; 2.

Showalter (S), 1:06.72; 3. Casey Johnson (S), 1:08.36; 4. Whitehead (AAP), 1:09:17; 5. Jason Anderson (1:09.62; 6. (tie) Kinsvater (LS), Andrew Ferrara (AAP), 1:10:10.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (McClimon, Dunbar, Wakefield, Hill), 3:22.48; 2. Salem (Działo, Vivian, Mike Horgan, Dixon). 3:24.12; 3. Pioneer (Engers, David Curtis, Hennigar, Steele), 3:35.37; 4. Pioneer (Hitchcock, David Greiner, Gardner, Devin Talbot), 3:40.79.

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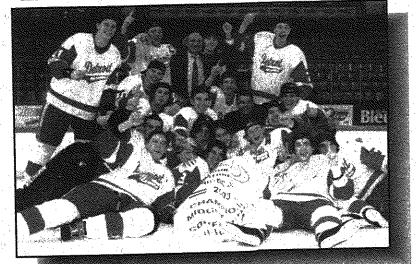


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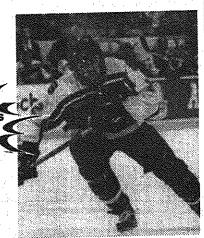
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The Shamrocks, ranked fourth in Division I, rolled in with a 13-3 dual meet record and a runner-up finish Jan. 11 to No. 1 Davison in its own CC Invitational.

"Our endurance is starting to show, they're coming," Rodriguez said. "But it's not as easy to win this tournament because of the talent in this area. It was a battle and it's more competitive than ever. Even a school like Lutheran Westland is now competitive. It's an awesome tourney.

"You're going to see a lot of these kids at The Palace (for the individual state finals).

CC carried a lead of 10.5 points over Glenn entering the finals. Both schools had six in the finals, with the Shamrocks winning five and Glenn three.

Freshman Sean Dong set the tone for CC with a 9-1 decision over Salem's Ryan Stump in the first match at 103 pounds.

By the time the finals had ended, CC had won four more individual crowns, including wins by Matt Steintrager (112), Nate Rodriguez (140), Trevor Stewart (160) and Pat Clark

"I'm very pleased with my 103-pound freshman," Rodriguez said. "He just flies. The others, I expected it because of their talent."

Nate Rodriguez, one of Mike's 13 grandchildren, captured his third Observerland title in four years. He defeated Glenn's Enrique Garcia in the final 11-7.

"This meet is important because how you do here is how you'll do at districts," said Nate, a senior co-captain along with heavyweight champion Clark.

Nate may have been 4-for-4 at Observerland had it not been for a broken hand his sophomore year.

"They say a father loves his son, but a grandfather just adores his grandchildren," Mike said. "It's a blessing to coach him."

Nate's dad is also an assistant coach. He's in a long line of Rodriguezes to grace the mats

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"It's an experience," he said. "There's no pressure, but you know the family is always around."

Glenn rebounded from Thursday's 36-33 Western Lakes crossover defeat to Walled Lake Western by winning three individual titles -Tim Mulroy (130), Rece Cox (135) and Jake Fairchild (189).

The much travelled Mulroy, who began his career at CC before transferring last year to Flat Rock, became eligible second semester for Glenn.

He won a hotly contested match against Wayne Memorial's Tim Hammer, 9-7, pulling off a reversal with just two seconds left after Hammer had taken a 7-6 lead with nine seconds remaining. Hammer, however, was penalized a point for unsportsmanlike conduct after celebrating a reversal of his own just seven seconds earlier, setting the stage for Mulroy's dramatic move.

The sophomore Cox, meanwhile, edged Salem's Mike Goethe, a state placer at 125 a year ago, 6-5 for the 130 crown. And Fairchild took a 6-4 decision at 189 when he handed Lutheran Westland's Neal Kemp his first loss of the sea-

"We're getting good at bouncing back," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "The reason we're doing as well is that we've toughened up the schedule. It takes some bumps and bruises. Winning three of six in the finals is a step up for us. Even the ones who lost in the finals wrestled tough.

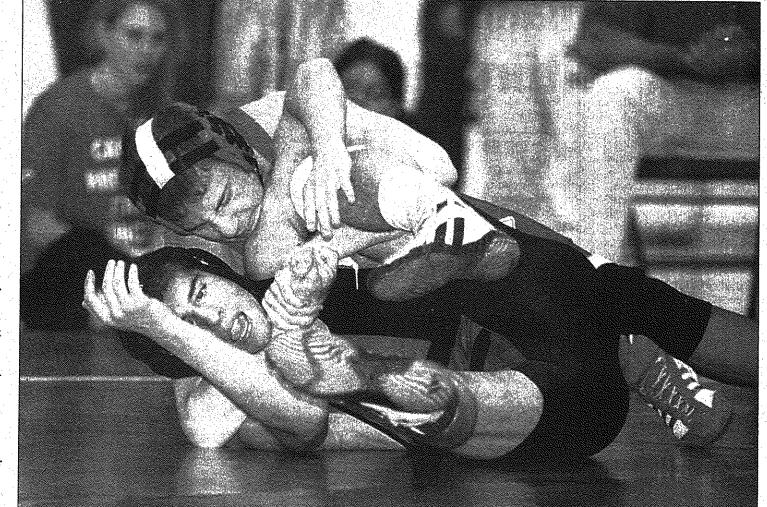
"We had two kids beat undefeated kids. Fairchild has nine losses, but he's losing to good kids. He's moving in the right direction.

"Overall, I thought our kids reacted and wrestled well."

Stevenson put four in the finals and came away with titles at 125 (Charlie Rabaut) and 145 (Jason Fischer).

Rabaut, 38-0, found himself in a 5-0 hole after nearly getting pinned by Redford Union upstart John Moore, who earlier upset No. 2 seed Craig LeBaron of Redford Thurston in the semifinals 18-17.

Rabaut then rallied to pin



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Dan Bergsma, top, gets the better of Livonia Churchill's Kris Felice in this quarterfinal bout at 130 pounds. Bergsma lost to eventual champion Tim Mulroy of Westland John Glenn in the semi-finals.

Moore in 2:51.

"Charlie got caught early, but he fought like a champ," Stevenson coach Bob Moreau said. "The sign of a champion is come back and get a pin."

RU coach Jim Gourlay said the finals at 119 could easily have gone in a different direction.

"John had Charlie on his back within the first 10 seconds of the match, but the ref was out of position to see it," Gourlay said. "It was the first time Rabaut had been on his back all year. It's just one of those breaks that goes against you, I guess."

Fischer, meanwhile, upped its record to 35-3 after holding off Glenn's Daron Cruickshank 10-6.

"I'm happy with our place, a lot of kids stepped up in the

loser's bracket," Moreau said. "Every kid scored for us, which is nice.

"And Fischer winning here two times is nice."

Churchill, which trailed Salem by 12 points heading into the finals, surpassed the Rocks by going 3-for-3 in the finals.

Brian Clement, a senior, pinned Livonia Clarenceville's Nader Al-Mooshi in 2:42 to win his third Observerland title in row. Clement, a state placer in 2002, shared the lower weights MVP award with Glenn's Cox.

Two Churchill finalists from a year ago, Lev Mergian (152) and Alex Murray (215), each found themselves on the winner's podium on Saturday. Mergian defeated CC's Chris Bartram 12-6, while Murray

pinned Salem's Jeremy Henderson in 1:50.

"Those three I felt would get to the finals and win," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "I thought we'd do a little better, not standings-wise, but personal-wise with some individuals.

"I thought this year there were some very competitive weights."

The upper weights MVP was Wayne's Steve Wallace, who won three of four matches by pin, including an 18-3 technical fall over Farmington's Courtland Bartlett in the finals.

But the day belonged to Catholic Central. "CC is a solid team, up-anddown," Altounian said. "They have a good mix of younger and older talent. And with a pool of 60 to 70 kids to choose from,

good they're going to be year-in and year-out."

Rodriguez has guided CC to seven state crowns, the last coming in the inaugural team dual format in 1988.

He hopes this team will return to Battle Creek after losing in last year's regional tourney to Dearborn Fordson.

"We have the confidence we're going to be there," the veteran coach said. "We lost to (Temperance Bedford) in the triple dual and we lost to Clarkston, but it was early in the year we didn't have our full lineup. We've beaten some good teams like Roseville and Novi. I think we're much more so (balanced) than in the past. We have a couple of holes. It's going to be tough to get by us."

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12th annua **OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNEY**

Jan. 25 at Livonia Churchili TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 228.5 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 204; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 168; 4. Livonia Churchill, 142; 5. Plymouth Salem, 138; 6. Lutheran Westland, 112.5; 7. Wayne Memorial, 96.5; 8. Garden City, 96; 9. Redford Union, 73.5; 10. Livonia Clarenceville, 73.5; 11. Farmington, 65; 12. Canton, 47; 13. Livonia Franklin, 46; 14. Redford Thurston, 33; 15. Farmington Hills Harrison, 30; 16. North Farmington, 19.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

103 pounds: Sean Dong (RCC) won by major decision over Ryan Stump (PS), 9-0; 3rd place: Saif Naber (WJG) pinned Jesse Gardocki (LF), 4:46; 5th; Dan Rabe (LS) p. Robert Malady

112: Matt Steintrager (RCC) p. Nick Naber (WJG), 5:46; 3rd: Jacob Davis (GC) p. Jason Crothers (WM), 4:23; 5th: Justin Smith (LC) p. Josh Wischmeyer (RU), 3:46.

119: Charlie Rabaut (LS) p. John Moore (RU), 2:51; 3rd: Drew Conner (WJG) won by void over Craig LaBaron (RT); 5th: Ray Stratos (LF) dec. by major dec. over Kyle Lis (LS), 12-3. Matt Koziara (RCC), 5-0.

125: Brian Clement (LC) p. Nader Al-Mooshi (C'ville), 2:42; 3rd: Rob Schnettler (Canton) won by major dec. over Pete Bobee (PS), 13-2; 5th: Brian Baumgartner (RCC) dec. Darryl Rice (WJG), 3-2.

130: Tim Mulroy (WJG) dec. Tim Hammer (WM), 9-7; 3rd: Dan Bergsma (Canton) won by major dec. over Jim Moore (RU), 11-1; 5th: Jon Schwartz (F) dec. Kris Felice (LC), 8-2.

135: Rece Cox (WJG) dec. Mike Goethe (PS), 6-5; 3rd: Mario Perez (GC) dec. John Gourlay (RU), 3-1; 5th: Matt Nollar (LW) dec. Jared McClellan (LS), 9-5.

140: Nate Rodriguez (RCC) dec. Enrique Garica (WJG), 11-7; 3rd: Dan Leith (LS) p. Rich Russell (GC), 2:28; 5th: Ali Ishmail (C'ville) dec. Pete Daniels (LW), 11-5,

145: Jason Fischer (LS) dec. Daron Cruickshank (WJG), 10-6; 3rd; Ben Adams (LC) dec. Dan Baseley (LW), 12-6; 5th: Tony Stott (PS) dec. Mike Fish (Farm.), 7-3.

152: Lev Mergian (LC) dec. Brad Bartram (RCC), 12-6; 3rd: Jeremy Sparks (GC) p. Chris McGlone (WM), 1:43; 5th: Chris Weiss (LF) won

160: Trevor Stewart (RCC) won by major

dec. over Dario Mainella (LS), 15-4: 3rd: Emilio. Perez (GC) dec. Brandon Noble (LW), 5-3: 5th: Manuel Schubert (LC) dec. Bryan Longton 171: Steve Wallace (WM) won by technical

fall over Courtland Bartlett (Farm.), 18-3 (5:56); 3rd: Dan Haller (LW) dec. Eric Schambers (WJG), 6-4; 5th: Scott Schwartzlose (RCC) p. Ramy Sulaiman (FHH), 4:35. 189: Jake Fairchild (WJG) dec. Neal Kemp

(LW), 6-4; 3rd: Eric Vojtkofsky (RCC) won by major dec. over Nick Belsky (Farm.), 10-2; 5th: Jesse Baskin (LS) p. R.J. Ramsey (WM), 2:29. 215: Alex Murray (LC) p. Jeremy Henderson

(PS), 1:50; 3rd: Jacob Galindez (LW) p. Andrew Moulding (FHH), 3:42: 5th: Pete Rodriguez (RCC) p. Pat Kennedy (C'ville), 1:18. 275: Pat Clark (RCC) p. Paul Bargerstock

(LS), 1:00; 3rd: Jeremy Walker (PS) p. Pat Draheim (LC), 1:13; 5th: Jameson Higgins (LW) p. Nick Cooper (GC), 2:10. Lower weights co-MVPs (103-140): Clement

(LC), 125; Cox (WJG), 135. Upper weights MVP: Wallace (WM), 171.

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make it 3-0 (John Maurer assisted, too).

That was it for Kemp. He was replaced in goal by Chris Garrett.

A turnover at center ice early in the second period resulted in a breakaway for Bryan Young, and a fourth Salem goal at 12:40 (from Mike Maurer and Ryan Jones).

"We got down early and that surprised me," Abraham said. "At no point did we quit, but we didn't play our style of hockey."

Which would be discipline, work ethic and positioning. But as the goal total mounted for

the Rocks, the Chiefs drifted further away from their brand of hockey.

and their tradition, it says how

Canton did get on the board with a pretty play midway through the second period. David Commiskey started a three-on-two break from the Canton blue line, passing the puck to Matt Gabriel on an open wing, then one-timing Gabriel's return pass past Salem goalie Brandon DeMars (Mike French also assisted). That made it 4-1 with 8:30 left in the second period. It was as close as Canton would come.

The Rocks pulled away with three third-period goals, the first by Harris, who finished a three-on-one break by scoring in close to make it 5-1 with 8:07

left (assisted by Nagel and Eric Culps). Nagel got his second of the game in typical fashion, stealing the puck in Canton's end and popping it over Garrett's left shoulder with 4:35 to go for a 6-1 lead (Aaron Cheesman assisted).

The last Salem goal started with a shot from the point that got behind Garrett, waiting in the crease for Young to poke it in with 1:51 remaining (Dave Gill and Harris assisted).

We concentrated tonight on getting the puck in and getting after it," Feiler said. "We haven't been using (our speed) to our advantage.

Against Canton, the Rocks did.

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Ocelots pummel Alpena CC

Despite a sluggish start, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team finished strong Saturday with a 96-63 triumph over visiting Alpena.

The Ocelots, ranked No. 8 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll, improved to 19-1 overall and 6-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Torvoris Baker, a 6-foot-6 center from Detroit Cooley, led the Ocelots with 19 points and seven rebounds. Andre Scott, a 6-9 center from Washington, D.C., added 17 points and team-high 13

rebounds. Guard Marcus Bennett, a UNC-Charlotte signee, contributed 15 points, five assists and five steals, while forward Ronald Dorsey (Detroit Pershing) had 13 points and seven rebounds.

Point-guard Gary Johnson (Wayne Memorial) finished

with seven points, 10 assists and only one turnovers.

"Alpena played very physical the first five or six minutes, so we got off to a slow start," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs, whose team led 49-29 at the half. "I thought Andre Scott rebounded the ball well and Gary Johnson played error-free at the point, which we need. But we did not do a good job at the foul line (21of-35 for 60 percent)."

Alpena (12-5, 3-3) got 15 points from Justin Miller and 10 from Jermaine Collins.

"We've got to keep our focus because if we win out, we can win the league," Briggs said. "But we've got to keep improv-

SC 84, Alpena CC 24 (women): In a game that was a mismatch from the opening tip, Schoolcraft College decimated Alpena in an Eastern Conference game Saturday at

The win gave the Lady Ocelots a 12-7 overall record, 4-2 in the conference. Alpena is 2-14 overall, 0-6 in the conference.

SC led 50-11 by halftime, limiting the Lady Lumberjacks to 3-of-18 shooting (16.6 percent). For the game, they were 8-of-42 (19 percent); the Ocelots were 31of-72 (43 percent). SC also converted 21-of-33 free throws (63.6 percent), while Alpena was 7-of-23 (30.4 percent).

Pam Wingate led the Ocelots with 21 points; she also grabbed nine rebounds. Mia Henderson and Crystal Pittman each scored 14 points, Pittman hauling down 15 boards, and Tiffany Alexander totaled 13 points, five assists and five steals.

Noni Parker led the Lumberjack scorers with five points.

to play gave Tech its only lead

Tech tied it with an Adam later, but Cox's free throw with

Tuesday at Salem, while the Rocks struggled to find it.

The end result was not good for Salem, which lost its second straight game to fall to 9-4 overall. Northville, which won its first seven games this season then lost four in a row, is also 9-4.

"We're struggling taking care of the basketball right now." Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "Too many turnovers (14), and we're not finishing."

It wasn't just his team's offensive play that disturbed Brodie. "Giving up 49 points by the end of the third quarter, that's too many," he said. "Northville shot the ball well and was patient running its offense.

"They controlled the tempo of the game. They got into a zone (defense) and slowed us down."

It worked. The Rocks were down 15-7 after one quarter; they did manage to trim that to 32-30 by halftime, but the Mustangs reasserted themselves in the third period, outscoring Salem 17-11 to go back up by eight 49-41.

Northville was 19-of-31 from the floor (61.3 percent) and 4-of-9 from 3-point range (44.4 percent); Salem was 17-of-38 (44.7 percent), 5of-22 from 3-point land (22.2 percent).

Dave Hoskins led all scorers with 27 points. No other Rock was in double figures. Northville got 18 points from Adam Konst and 16 from Scott McNeish.

Oakland Christian 72, PCA 52: "We played well tonight," Plymouth Christian Academy coach Doug Taylor said.

And yet, his Eagles still lost to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian by 20 points — the same margin they lost to the Lancers by earlier this

That's the kind of team Oakland Christian. now ranked in the state's top five in Class D, has evolved into. The Lancers are 12-0 overall, 6-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. PCA is 5-6 overall, 2-4 in the MIAC.

Oakland Christian certainly had the upper hand throughout this game, building a 33-23 lead by halftime. PCA had a chance to narrow the gap to five in the third quarter, but two missed free throws followed by three straight

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baskets by the Lancers' Pete Whiting decided

Whiting led all scorers with 25 points, including four 3-pointers. Matt Green added 11 points for Oakland Christian.

PCA got 20 points from Ben Baloga - including four triples - and 11 points and seven rebounds from Clay Welton. Ben Pew contributed nine points and seven boards.

Agape 83, Macomb Christian 78: Here's something that doesn't happen too often three players combining to score 100 points. In the same game.

That's just what happened Monday when Canton Agape Christian hosted Macomb Christian at Discovery Middle School. Fortunately for the Wolverines, two of the players were on their team.

Charlie Henry ripped the Crusaders for 33 points, connecting from 3-point range four times, and Jordan Napier scored 30 for Agape, with three 3-pointers. The Wolverines led 24-15 after one quarter and 46-41 at halftime. Going into the final quarter, it was 66-63 in Agape's

John Beugnot was the major reason Macomb Christian was able to keep it close. Beugnot scored 37 points to lead the Crusaders; Pero Cosic added 19:

"He's a 6-6 kid who scored 43 against (stateranked) Oakland Christian last week," Agape coach Chuck Henry said about Beugnot. "He's a

The win improved the Wolverines' record to 8-5 overall. The Crusaders are 6-6.

CC 64, Detroit Jesuit 58: Catholic Central took the lead in the first quarter and hung on down the stretch to stop Central Division coleader University of Detroit-Jesuit on Tuesday night and knock the Cubs from first place.

CC held a 17-13 led in the first, but the Cubs (10-4 overall, 4-2 in the Catholic League's Central Division) trimmed it to 27-24 at half. The Shamrocks padded that to 47-40 after the third, but the Cubs could only cut into the lead by a point in the fourth. It didn't hurt the Shamrocks going 12-of-13 from the line in the fourth quarter.

Dave Herberholz led CC (6-6, 3-3 Central) with 24 points, while Jim Cash added 18. Robert Williams-Hinton led the Cubs with 29.

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assists and four steals; Aaron Cox netted 11 points, three assists and two steals; and Joe Kofahl finished with eight points and six boards.

Tech got 20 points from Chris Goings and 11 apiece from Kyle Anderson and Wayne Redmond.

Although the game was close throughout — the difference between the two teams never reached double digits - after

the first three minutes of the game, Madonna trailed just once. The Crusaders' biggest lead was 19-11 with 14:20 left in the first half.

The Warriors narrowed that to 43-42 by halftime, but Madonna scored six straight points to start the second half (four by Kurtinaitis).

Tech cut that to two before an Emenhiser 3-pointer with 13:44 left reinstated Madonna's seven-point lead (59-52). But, like its predecessor, it didn't last. Two Daryl

of the second half, 60-59.

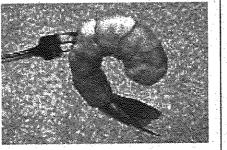
Emenhiser didn't let the Warriors enjoy it for long. He drained yet another triple a few seconds later and the Crusaders had the lead once again.

Huskey layup seven seconds 9:10 left gave Madonna a lead it would not relinquish.

This was the kind of game the Crusaders always seemed to find a way to lose. Not any



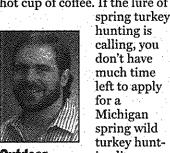
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ing license. The application deadline is Saturday, Feb. 1. Parker The resur-

wild turkey in Michigan is a conservation success story. At the turn of the 20th Century European settlers had all but extirpated turkeys from the state through habitat loss and unregulated hunting. What was once a staple had been diminished to a rare sighting.

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Conservationists intervened and, after four unsuccessful

attempts, wild eastern turkeys were reintroduced into the state in the latter half of the

By the 1970s a stable flock had emerged in northern Michigan, and today there are wild turkeys in nearly every county in the state. The statewide population is over 150,000 birds and growing every year.

In fact, a large portion of that population exists in southern Michigan with birds scattered through the wooded and agricultural areas of northern Oakland County and western

The spring season will run April 21-May 31 this year with various hunting periods ranging in length from seven to 26

The DNR is issuing a total of 100,445 licenses through the lottery. Hunters who opt for the late hunt (No. 234), which runs May 5-31 in all open hunt areas except public lands in Unit ZZ, will not have to enter the lottery this year since there is an unlimited number of tags available for that hunt.

Al Stewart, upland gamebird

specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, says a steady increase in the size of the flock has allowed the Department to liberalize hunting opportuni-

"We are able to expand hunting opportunities based on the success of the wild turkey restoration program and an expanding turkey population," he said.

Hunters may apply for, or purchase, a turkey hunting license at any authorized license dealer across the state of by visiting the DNR web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr

Lottery results will be available at the web site after 10 a.m. on Feb. 14. All applicants, except those who applied online, will be notified by mail before Feb. 21.

ICE FISHING CONTESTS

The recent cold, wintery weather has firmed up ice on local inland lakes and the Oakland County Parks have plans to take advantage of the ice fishing opportunities by hosting a pair of fishing con-

The first will be held Saturday, Feb. 1 on Lake Sixteen at Orion Oaks County Park in Lake Orion. Registration begins at 10 a.m., a fishing clinic begins at 11 a.m. and the contest will run from noon to 3 p.m. Prizes and awards will be given out at the conclusion of fishing.

On Feb. 15-16, the DNR is offering its winter Free Fishing Weekend in which license requirements are waived statewide. All other fishing regulations are in effect.

Oakland County Parks is taking advantage of this free fishing opportunity by holding its annual Arctic Adventure that weekend at Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston. Activities include ice fishing and spearing clinics, fishing rod building, and crafts.

Call (248) 858-1486 for additional information on either of these events.

REWARDS OFFERED

Wolf poaching rewards offered up to \$3,000 is being offered in each of six cases for

information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the killing of six wolves last fall in the Upper Peninsula.

DNR law enforcement officials feel someone knows about these cases and that the reward may bring forth the truth. The cases under investigation are:

Nov. 16, officers responded to a mortality signal from a tracking collar and found a dead wolf in the Black River, north of Powderhorn

Mountain, in Gogebic County. Nov. 6, a female wolf was found dead of gunshot wounds eight miles north of Ironwood.

Oct. 2, officers located the remains of a dead wolf near Deerfoot Lodge Road, along the Fence River, Northeastern Iron County.

■ Sept. 22, a female wolf was found dead of gunshot wounds on the east side of Forest Highway 16, about seven miles north of U.S. 2, in Iron County.

Sept. 17, DNR officials recovered a dead wolf in Mackinac County, northeast of Engadine. The adult female was collared in central Minnesota with a GPS satellite

collar. Before coming to Michigan she had moved from central Minnesota into Ontario, then back through Minnesota and Wisconsin to locate in the eastern U.P. near Engadine. It is believed this animal died of gunshot wounds in early September.

July 3, DNR staff responded to a mortality signal from a wolf collar.

Although the collar was recovered from the East Branch of the Munuscong River, having been cut from the wolf, the remains of the animal have not been located. The adult male had been collared by the DNR one month earlier in Mackinac County.

Anyone with information on any of these cases should call the DNR RAP Hotline, at (800) 292-7800.

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

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SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

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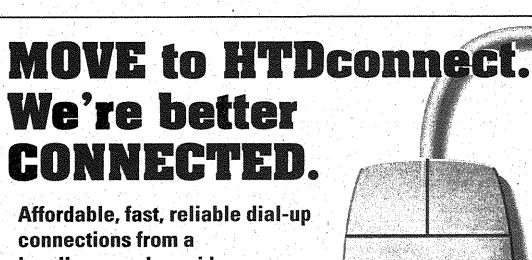
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...Mv armsl 39 vr old, single

male, 5'8", 210 lbs, brown

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Enjoys hunting, fishing,

movies and going for walks.

Seeks a smart, caring, lov-

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ship first, possibly leading to

a long term relationship.

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owner, smart, intelligent

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Divorced white male, 49.

medium build, looking for a

single woman, late 40's early

50's, shape, looks unimpor-

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WHY BE ALONE!

57 vr old divorced male, 5'7",

175 lbs, fit, retired, silver hair

and mustache, financially

secure. Loves golf, movies,

ing out. Seeks female, not

too much baggage, thin to

medium build, non-smoker.

SEEKS LADY 2 BE...

..My wife! White male, dark

hair, nice looking, non-smok-

sports, dancing and more

Looking for a single woman,

26 and up, for a long term

loving relationship. BOX

I'M LOOKING FOR YOU!

Single African American

male, 34, slim, wears glass-

es, likes going to parks, bas-

video games. Looking for a

single, adventurous female,

with similar interests who

believes in God, 26 to 35.

slim, casual dresser for a

IF U WANT 2 CALL..

.Please do! 20 yr old male

body builder, 200 lbs, 6',

dark hair, blonde highlights

Looking for a single female

meaningful

BOX 27341

football, playing

relationship

non-drinker, enjoys

BOX 26857

and call! BOX 25753

ship. BOX 21314

Song! Single male, 48,

BOX 25306

ests. BOX 15090

CUTE AND CLASSY Single black female, mid 50's, enjoys jogging, con-certs and walks in the park. Seeking a gentleman over Oakland County, BOX 26066

I'M YOUR LADY Attractive white divorced 45, brown/blue, enjoys walking, swimming, movies, music and dining out Seeks white male, 40-50, slim to medium build, 5'6", non-smoker, occasional drinker, affectionate and sincere, for a meaningful relationship in Garden City. BOX 26999

CONTACT ME A.S.A.P.I Attractive divorced white female, professional, college degree, petite, 5'1", weight proportionate, optimistic, Enjoys exercise, good conversation, movies, concerts, music, sports. Seeks profes sional divorced male, 45 to sense of humor, BOX 30884

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 marriage, BOX 30941 **GEM SEEKS TREASURER**

Divorced, white professional 5'5". 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

ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY Well traveled, educated, lovwhite, female. Seeking a sophisti-cated, Christian man, 62 to 72, who can also be downearth. Interests are classi cal music, art appreciation Comfortable one-on-one and in social situations. Oakland

County, BOX 35911 ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN divorced, white seeks honest and Petite, secure, single, white male and have fun, for friendship possible long term relationship. Dearborn area. Wayne County BOX 35950

FIRST TIME AD Educated, well traveled, loving professional single female, 5'2", medium build, non-smoker. Enjoys conver-sation, music, travel, quiet times, and theater. Seeking refined gentleman, 60-70, for friendship first. Oakland county. BOX 35999

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



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CALL 4 MORE INFO Single male is looking for a single female for g together. BOX

HERSHEY KISS! 32 yr old, single male, 180 dark and lovely, sweet and gentle. Seeks a single female for friendship, possibly leading to more. BOX

WANTING UR OPINION! ...Please be aware of this available, adorable, single white male, if i'm one of your choices, you'll meet a fine, educated gent, with many talents and interests. Single white female, 30 to 50, responses preferred! BOX

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> > FATHER OF ONE... ..in Livonia. Single white father of one, 39, 6'1", 190 lbs. handsome, fit, fun, honest, secure. Enjoys reading running, biking, skiing, family activities and much more Looking for a positive, fit and loving female, for great relationship, BOX 14942

ARE YOU OUT THERE? Single black male, west side of Detroit, own my home. Seeks down to earth lady, attractive, 30 to 45, for friendship, relationship.

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30991 **QUALITY GUY** Divorced white male, 55, 5'10", medium build, successful businessman. Enjoys candlelight dinners, flowers plays, dancing, concerts, boating, travel, getaway weekends. Seeks family oriented people person with good sense of humor, BOX 14102

JUST A CALL AWAY Intelligent, witty, hard working, professional, successful, dependable, healthy single white male, 5'6", athletic build, blonde hair, blue eye, no dependents, great sense of humor. Seeks outgoing, attractive, thin, healthy, professional female BOX 14756

UNDER THE STARS Intense special single white male, helpful and romantic. Seeks nice gal, 30 to 50, an outdoor lover, for sharing of magic moments under the moonlight, by candlelight, etc. Oakland County BOX

GETTING IT RIGHT! Handsome teacher, 50, 6', 210 lbs, divorced, likes hunting, fishing, movies, playing the guitar, cooking, gardening, dining out and being with that special person. Seeks single female, same interests for a long term relationship, NO HEAD GAMES! Children welcomed. BOX Single male, 5'10", 175 lbs, dark hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys sports, outdoors and more.

Searching for a sincere

female. BOX 21242

FULL FIGURED LADY'S Divorced, white male, 43, 5'9", 165 lbs, blondish brown hair, green eyes, down to earth. Seeking a single or divorced, white female, 38 to 45, who is down to earth and enjoys the simple things in life. For a possible relationship. Wayne county BOX white, easy going male, 6'1",

MUSCULAR & ATHLETIC Single white male, 44, 6'2", 215 lbs. brown blue, clean cut, degree, never married, no dependents, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities. Seeks friendly single female. age location open. Wayne

County BOX 27018 MAKE IT REALITY... .Call as soon as possible! Attractive, healthy white male, 56, considerate and white female, 50 to 70, for

friendship and companion-

ship. I enjoy movies, art,

antiques, some travel, BOX

GIVE ME A TRY

Divorced white male, 45.

brown hair, eyes, tall, slim,

good healthy, fun loving, easy going. Searching for a single white female, 35 to 50,

who enjoys going to gal-leries, camping, fine dining and more. BOX 30979

TALL & HANDSOME

5'11" male with mustache, 180 lbs seeks female, 40 to

55, slender to average build

who is interested in travel,

dinners, movies, quiet times

at home, casinos, boating and more. Call if interested.

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 60, with a nice personality.

QUALITY GUY

Let us share a glass of wine or cup of coffee. Divorced

white male, 5'10", 55, busi

ness man in Metropolitan

Detroit, Seeks honest, carino

BOX 12370

BOX 12547

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE? White professional male, 5'8", fit, brown hair, blue eyes, well educated, no dependents. Enjoys music, movies, reading, family and friends, biking, jogging, long walks. Seeks fit, emotionally available, white professional female, no dependents. For happy and healthy relation-ship, BOX 14561

LOOKING 4 THAT GIRL Hard working, divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs. Looking to find an easy going, intelligent, pretty white female, mid to late 40s, nice shape and build, for a long term relationship. No game please. Redford area. BOX

PLESANT PERSONALITY Single white male, 42, 6'2", good looking, fit, average build, blond hair, bluish eyes. Enjoys outdoors, traveling, boating, sports and more. Searching for a single female, 30 to 45. slim to medium build, good looking, BOX 14994

PLEASE CALL TODAY Fine, personable, single white male, 40's, is helpful and entertaining, good listener. Looking for someone single white female, 36 to 52. BOX 20424

POLISH ITALIAN GUY 50, attractive and healthy, outhful and light hearted. Enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeks lady to spend time with and get to know. BOX

LUCKY IN LOVE 41 yrs old, 6'2", 210 lbs male, smoker, non-drinker, likes movies, dining out, trav-el. Seeks slim female over 5'5", BOX 21163

PLEASANTLY PLUMP? Go ahead and call open minded, single white male 39, easy to talk too, romantic and adventurous, Seeks single white female 24-42, for meaninoful relationship. Wayne county BOX 25010

DO YOU QUALIFY? White male, 48, muscular secure. Seeking selective, classy, attractive white or Asian female, under 45, for relationship. term Wayne county, BOX 25970 LET STAY 2GETHER...

For ever. Single white male, 45, honest, faithful, trustworthy, caring, loving, up front, smoker, social drinker, 6'. 165 lbs, looking for a white female, 35-50, on the slim side, 100-140 lbs, who has the same qualities as I do. Looking for a very serious relationship, no head cames. Oakland County, BOX 26014

IS THIS YOUR NAME? Divorced white male, early 50s, dark hair, blue eyes, 6', looking for Carol, Charlotte, Debbie, Denise, Donna, Joy, Karen, Kathy, Linda, Lori, Nancy, Pat, Sally, Sandy, and Sue I'd like to meet you. Ages 38 to 54. Possible long term relationship. West Sider. BOX 26039

DON'T HESITATE... ...Give me a call! 18 yr old, 5'2", 125 lbs, looking for a single girl to have fun with. BOX 26884

YOU AND ME IN 2003 Single white male, dark hair, tall, fit. Seek special single white female, 25 to 35. BOX 26949

WANTED: FULL FIGURED Very young looking 48 yr old African American male. medium brown complexion, 5'7", 170 lbs, clean, drug and disease free, employed, has transportation, never married, no dependents. Seeks full figured white female, 40 to 55, 200 to 350 lbs. BOX

27296

YOU AND I This sweetheart is a sociable single white male, 40, well groomed, physically fit, has

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Caring, affectionate, loving, hard working, divorced white male, 54, 5'7", silver fox hair, 176 lbs. Loves ocean beaches, spending quality time together. Seeking friendship for monogamous relationship, 40 to 50. BOX 35913 JUST READ

I'm white widowed, attractive, light hearted, well built, enjoy all the good things in life. Looking for an attractive, well built lady, under 59, for possible permanent relationship, Dearborn. Wayne County, BOX 35956 YOUR SUMMER SUR-

PRISE

Just might be a most eniovable white male, 40's. good looks, educated and energetic. Seeks an attractive, friendly, lady to share it with, Oakland County! BOX

SENSIBLE MAN Single white male, 55, softspoken, down-to-earth. dancing, theater, movies, etc. Seeks triendly. relationship-minded, single

white female, 40's to 50's, Oakland County, BOX 35983 HONEST Tail, divorced white male, 6'4", good physical condition,

non-smoker, selfemployed, honest, sincere, sense of humor. I would like to meet a slender lady, 45 to 53, who is easygoing, with good values, for companionship, and possible long-term relationship. BOX 35984

ABOVE AVERAGE GENT Single white male, mid 40's. gets into travel, music, cars, photography, sports, home decorating, etc., looking for an above average lady to partner with, Oakland county BOX 35993

ALL AMERICAN TYPE Mature athletic type 50 plus, blonde 6'3", 205 lbs. professional attractive diverse interest active lifestyle. Seeks outgoing, fit, attractive unencumbered single female. To create sparks through dating, travel, long term relationship. Oakland county BOX 35995

TIRED OF BEING ALONE ...I'm your man. Hard working, divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs., seeking easy going and intelligent, pretty white female, in her 40's for a possible long term relationship. I'm waiting to hear from vou. Redford Area, Wayne County, BOX 36011 SHOWS SOME CLASS

yet provocative, single, white male, promotes understanding and meaningful communication. Looking for a pleasant, good natured, single white female, 35 to 50, to interact with on a daily bases. Oakland County BOX

NEW ADS EACH WEEK

COMPATIBLE?

Single white professional male, 45, 5'8", fit, no dependents, Catholic, communicative, introspective. enjoys varieties of music. movies, reading, thinking, etc. Seeking fit, emotionally available, single white professional female. Oakland

County. BOX 36037 CHANCE OF A LIFETIME Single white professional male. 45, 5'8", fit, communicative humorist, introspective. Enjoys blcycling, conbeing outdoors.
ifit, emotionally available, single, white professional female, 28 to 42, to share a happy healthy rela-Oakland County.

BOX 36049 **ATTRACTIVE SWM 33** Professional, down to earth and fun loving guy who seeks an attractive female who enjoys life and likes to have fun! Oakland County. BOX 36054

MORE THAN FRIENDS Attractive, single white male, 40's, warm hearted and honest, enjoys travel, photogradoors. Seeking a bold lady Oakland county, BOX 36064

HERE'S A SURPRISE 45, good shape, nice looks. Enjoys outdoors, biking, boating, parks, and beaches Seeks nice gal to share leisure time activities with Oakland county BOX 36067

ADVENTUROUS Passionate, funny, intelli gent, tall, handsome, well built, 6'3", 205 lb single white male, 36, looking for passionate, intelligent, attractive, fun female for romance. and possible long-term relationship. Oakland County. BOX 36072

SAINT OR SINNER? Tender, tan, terrilic white male, 44, with versatile, flexible personality. Seeking crecant other. For friendship County, BOX 36085

DREAMS/DISILLUSIONS Reality based single white cooperative, willing to try something new. Seeks an interesting lady, 33 to 49, for a possible relationship. BOX 36101

LOOKING FOR LOVE? How far are you willing to go? Single white male, 44, is less than a hour away and is looking for a sincere relationship with genuine warmth and affection. If I am your Mr. Right, your search is over! BOX 36104

PLAYFUL AND PRETTY? Then rock my world! Handsome, smiley face, with no attitude, seeks friends female, 33 to 49, comfortable with real life, yet able to enjoy, playful escapism. Oakland County! BOX 36111



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SO MUCH TO OFFER Sassy single white gentle man, 56, good looking, healthy, many interests to share. Looking for a lively single white female, 46 to 59. **BOX 20857**

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COACHES NEEDED

Plymouth Christian Academy needs a varsity boys soccer coach for next fall. Former coach Rick Ericson was forced to resign because he is taking a new job in Indiana.

Anyone interested in the position should call PCA athletic director Doug Taylor at (734) 459-3505, Ext. 138.

PCA is also in need of a girls basketball coach for next fall. Annie Malcolm, last season's coach, has resigned due to family considerations.

Anyone interested in the position should call PCA athletic director Doug Taylor at (734) 459-3505, Ext. 138.

SPRING YOUTH SOCCER

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is taking registrations for the rest of January during business hours (8 a.m.-4 p.m.) Monday through Friday at the recreation office, locate in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

All registrations require a birth certificate. For those in under-six through under-eight divisions, cost is \$50 for city of Plymouth residents and \$70 for non-residents; for those in under-nine and older divisions, cost is \$55 for city of Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620, or check the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

RUGBY TRAINING

The search is on for high school boys (grades 9-12) interested in learning rugby football and participating in the Michigan Youth Rugby Association's spring season.

Rugby is a rugged contact sport enjoyed around the world. The Michigan Youth Rugby Association plays against clubs from Brighton, Berkley, Howell, Dearborn,

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The sport of rugby football features 15 players to a side with limited substitution; no blocking or padding, which makes it safer; and continuous play, like ice hockey, basketball and soccer.

It is a sport in which fitness, brains and brawn come together. Everyone is a ball-handler, scorer and defender. There are no playbooks; players make onthe-field decisions.

Winter (indoor) training will be 5:30-7 p.m. every Monday evening beginning Jan. 27 at the University of Michigan Coliseum (located on the corner of Fifth & Hill streets), with the possibility of additional sessions being scheduled.

For more information, call (734) 761-1988 or e-mail magnette@umich.edu.

NORTHVILLE RUN

The Galyan's Northville Solstice Run will be held Saturday, June 21. The event is designed to promote healthy lifestyles and fitness while providing amenities and entertainment within the Northville community.

For more information, please call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 449-9941 or race director Alan Whitehead at (248) 420-

COACHES SOUGHT

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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Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All

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to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not

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PLAYERS WANTED

The Motor City Volleyball Club is seeking players to fill teams at 12-, 13- and 14-andunder levels for the upcoming spring season.

All teams are pay to play. For more information, call Larry or Amber Wyatt at (734) 522-1680 or e-mail MCVBC@aol.com.

SOFTBALL OPENINGS

The Thunderbirds Softball Incorporated (TSI) Girls Fast Pitch Softball has player openings for the 2003 season.

Parents with girls between the ages of seven and 16 years are invited to contact either Mike Roberts (734) 397-1355, Tom Ciotti (734) 748-6081, Brian Starling (734) 718-3360 or Ray Barnes (734) 981-7281, or visit our web site at Thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.co

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).

benefited therein.

For more information, call (743) 466-2410; or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

PITCHING-HITTING CAMPS

Jeff Jones, who has 26 years of pro baseball experience, including the past 15 as a pitching instructor in the Detroit Tigers organization, will conduct a series of hitting and pitching camps, Jan. 18 through Feb. 2, at Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road.

Pitching camps will run 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays; also 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Sundays. Hitting camps will run 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturdays; also 2-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays.

Special appearances will be made by Detroit Tiger catcher Brandon Inge, along with Cleveland Indians pitcher Jason Beverlin and former pro player Larry Feola (New York and Detroit).

Camp fees are \$195. For more information, or to register, call (248) 669-9817; or e-mail totalbbalwixom@aol.com.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, is helping kids 6-18 improve their game with private lessons starting at \$35 per half-hour, or five private lessons for \$160.

Instruction will be led by Von Joshua, the Toronto Blue Jays hitting coach, the Oakland University softball coaching staff, Big Ten/MAC All-Conference softball/baseball players and former professional players. Individuals will receive instruction through a series of pitching, hitting and fielding

For more information, call (248) 668-0166.

PITCHING PROGRAM

Total baseball is offering a seven-week training program for pitchers.

Former USA Jr. Olympic Team member and Montreal Expo Aaron Knieper will be teaching arm strengthening techniques, pitching mechanics and philosophy.

The cost is \$325 per player. Classes will be 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

To register call Total Baseball at (248) 668-0166 or e-mail at totalbballwixom@aol.com.

HIGH VELOCITY CAMPS

A series of soccer camps for players of all ages are offered at the High Velocity Indoor Soccer facility, under the instruction of former pro player and college coach Andrew Crawford, a Livonia resident.

■ Small Stars is for 3-4 yearolds, just starting out. The class encourages parent participation and works on the basics: dribbling, passing and receiving, and shooting.

Kicks with Kids, for 4-5 and 6-7 year-olds, will teach the basics plus the proper techniques for turning with the ball and volleys.

Skill Acceleration Camp is for 8-9, 10-11, and 12-15 yearolds. This clinic focuses on oneon-one moves to beat an opponent, combination passing and

volleys. ■ Striker Camp participants will work on shooting drills, including volleys, side-volleys and creating space with and without the ball. Striker camp is available for 9-12 year olds.

■ Goalkeeper Camp teaches advanced goalkeeping techniques to 9-12 year olds and includes shot-stopping and ball distribution, and is intended to increase skills and develop technical awareness.

■ The Women's Clinic concentrates on the basic skills of soccer, building a strong foundation of dribbling, passing and receiving, and shooting. This program is designed for the beginning to intermediate play-

All the above clinics begin with instruction and end with a scrimmage. Individual and

team training is also available. To learn more about High Velocity Sports Instructional Soccer Clinics, visit www.hvsports.com or call (734) 487-7678.

WINTER SENIOR BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft College is offering basketball for seniors 50and-over from 10 a.m. to noon each Tuesday and Thursday, now through the end of March.

Cost is \$35 for the entire winter season. For more information, call (248) 478-4457, or just show up Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

SKATIN' STATION STUFF

■ A five-week learn-to-skate roller skating class, for children and adults, will be from 11:15 a.m.-noon Saturdays at Skatin' Station II in Canton.

■ Inline roller hockey leagues for all ages are now forming.

There's one game a week, which includes shirts for champion teams, a game jersey, referee fees and hockey statistics. rosters, schedules, with champion pictures posted on the web.

For more information on all the events, call (734) 459-6401 or visit the Web site at www.skatinstation2.com.

GYMNASTICS COACH WANTED

The Livonia Family YMCA is seeking a gymnastics coach who is available to teach as a part-time employee weekday evenings. Gymnastics background preferred, but the Livonia Y will be willing to

For more information, fax a resume attention to: Bob Riethmiller at (734) 261-0888.

LEGAL NOTICE 1954 PA PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF

MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes and rehabilitation project in the Beacon Estates Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of

the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described

The proposed improvements shall consist of milling, and/or pulverization, and/or removal of the existing bituminous road with the placement of a new bituminous pavement course as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work which may be needed to facilitate the placement of the asphalt road pavement. In addition, select areas of concrete curb and gutter will be removed and replaced, as necessary. The project commences at the south right-of-way line of North Territorial Road and proceeds southward along Beacon Hill Drive approximately 1,100 feet where the road turns into Concord Drive and continues in a southwestward direction for approximately 200 feet. From here, the project continues southward for 580 feet along Beacon Hill Drive, to the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Trail. The project also includes Becon Hill Court commencing at the intersection with Beacon Hill Drive extending to the east to its point of terminus. In addition, Lighthouse Court commencing at the intersection with Beacon Hill Drive and proceeding eastward and northward approximately 860 feet to its point of terminus is included in the project.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvements shall be assessed:

The distinct limit for frontage along Beacon Hill Drive and Concord Drive consists of the following parcel numbers: R-78-033-03-0001-000 through R-78-033-03-0024-000, R-78-036-01-0025-000, R-78-036-01-0035-000 through R-78-036-01-0042-000, R-78-036-02-0043-000 through R-78-036-02-0056-000, R-78-036-05-0163-000, R-78-036-05-0164-000, R-78-036-05-0172-000, R-78-036-05-0173-000, R-78-036-99-0020-000, R-78-033-02-0079-000 and R-78-033-02-0080-000.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on Tuesday, February 11, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Twp., Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An ower or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$280,000.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

MARILYN MASSENGILL Charter Township of Plymouth 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, Michigan 48170 (734) 453-3840

Publish: January 30 & February 2, 2003

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:

(h) Sidewalks shall be provided as required in Section 4.06 paragraph 2 of Subdivision Ordinance No. 32. All sidewalks shall conform to the standards as established by the Department of Building and Code Enforcement and the Township Engineer. All sidewalks shall be five (5) feet in width except those located along major thoroughfares. In the case of major thoroughfares, all sidewalks shall be a minimum of six (6) feet in width.

Article VI, Section 6.4-6(h) is proposed to read as follows:

(h) Sidewalks:

Sidewalks shall be installed on any single family residential lot (subdivision), unit (site condominium),

or parcel of land as follows: a) Frontage on a public street with a street setback forty-three (43) feet or greater, as defined by section 23.32 of Ordinance 83.

A five (5) foot wide concrete sidewalk shall be installed in conjunction with any new construction, building addition and/or alteration to existing structures. All sidewalks shall conform to the standards as established by the Department of Building and Code Enforcement and the Township

Frontage on a public street with a street setback less than forty three (43) feet, as defined by Section

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

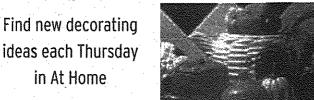
determined by the following formula: Sum equals the running feet of sidewalk multiplied by the dollar amount per running foot as established annually by the Township Engineer.

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42360 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number (734) 354-3201, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service) Publish: January 9 and 30, 2003

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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

On smoke, consult an attorney

I live in an apartment condo complex where my neighbor is smoking constantly and it is coming up through the vent. Can I get the association to do anything about it?

This is an extremely difficult issue which is being considered by associations and the courts.

There has been the argument that prohibiting the use of tobacco in interior and exterior common elements is a reasonable provision to be placed in the condominium documents.

It's more than likely that a court might find that such a prohibition on smoking is reasonable and that excessive damage caused by secondhand smoke to other members of the association may constitute a nuisance.

You're best advised to consult with a condo lawyer in connection with this matter.

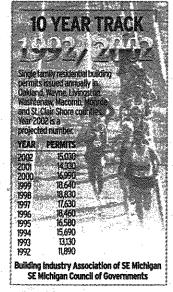
Can the bylaws of a condo association be written to force co-owner representation on the board to reflect the percentage of owners in each category – that is, townhouse versus apartment units?

While I'm not aware of any reported cases on this issue, it would appear reasonable to have bylaws allowing for co-owner representation on the board from various classifications of ownership.

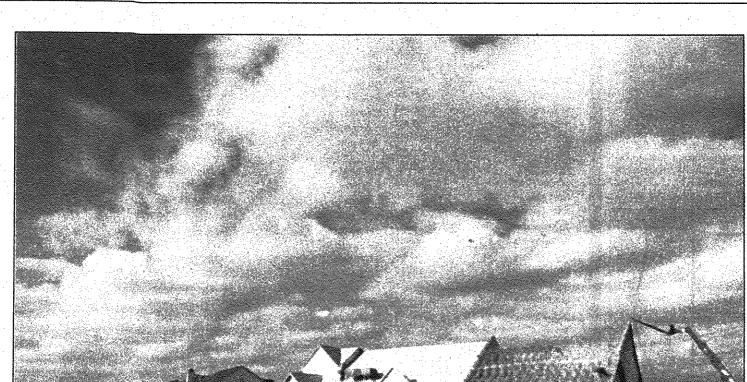
Obviously, if it's not currently in your bylaws, it would require an amendment to the documents with the requisite approval of the co-owners and perhaps the mortgagees.

Whether or not it's a good idea is something you should discuss with a knowledgeable community association lawyer.

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer, concentrates his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. He can be reached at bmeisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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BIA chief

talks of

impact

The Building Industry Association

of Southeastern Michigan anticipates

that new housing construction activi-

ty here this year will remain at or

While final numbers aren't yet

Macomb, Washtenaw, Monroe and

would represent a 5-percent increase

St. Clair counties last year. That

Brownstown townships were hot

spots last year in Wayne County;

Bloomfield in Oakland County,

Oakland Township, Troy and West

according to BIA and the Southeast

Steve Perlman, BIA president, told

the membership during a recent

meeting. "For every 1,000 single-

are constructed, our industry gen-

erates more than \$110 million in

wages."
"Consumer demand, economic

imperatives and common sense all

dictate that we encourage and build

quality housing for all communities.

"Housing, job development, tax

base, protection of the environment,

fulfilling personal goals and building

a more coherent society are indivisi-

bly bound together," Perlman said.

all environments and all socio-eco-

nomic levels.

family and multi-family homes that

"In southeastern Michigan, more

Michigan Council of Governments.

than 100,000 men and women

work in the building industry,"

were issued for just over 15,000

houses and condominiums in

Oakland, Wayne, Livingston,

Canton, Van Buren and

available, BIA estimates that permits

near last year's pace.

Builders anticipate just as much activity this year as last and price increases to buyers upward of 4 percent.

Outlook positive: Residential builders expect to stay busy

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER

Do you need a few reasons to push you off the fence to buy that new home now? Listen to David Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders.

"As an enticement to buy, interest rates can hardly be lower than this. On the home price front, there's no evidence of centrating."

dence of contracting."
And land costs – which
builders pass on to buyers –
continue to rise faster than
the general inflation rate,
Seiders said.

"Often, (fears) relate to their own financial situation or their own job situation," Seiders said of would-be purchasers. "In my own mind, the job market is poised for recovery, 2003 will be a more convincing recovery year."

Also, Seiders expects that uncertainty in foreign affairs which can impact the economy – especially with Iraq and North Korea – will be favorably resolved this year.

Seiders was in town recently to speak at the annual forecast luncheon of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Michigan.
Seiders had other advice.
For builders: "I really
think I would caution
against too much spec building."

For consumers: "If something happens to disturb the oil market (and interest rates rise), you've got to look at the adjustable rate mortgage market. The rate is around 4 percent nationally."

Seiders also had encouraging words for builders who make a living renovating and improving existing homes. Many folks rushing to refinance mortgages use the equity and savings to upgrade their property, he said

"I think I really did focus people back on hearth and home and that as an investment, they'd better keep it up," Seiders said. "The remodeling market has been a real rock. We expect real growth to go on forever."

Several local builders who heard Seiders said they expect to be at least as busy as they were last year and projected price increases upwards of about 4 percent.

Bernard Glieberman, active in the \$120,000-\$250,000 price range, plans to deliver 490 homes this year. He said he closed 512 sales last year after projecting 480.

"Higher priced stuff, \$350,000 and above, there's some real bargains," Glieberman said, especially in Van Buren and Shelby townships.

That's because as land costs continue to rise, builders can sell higher-than-expected inventory cheaper than what they will have to charge in the future, he said.

Steuer & Canvassar anticipates at least 100 housing starts this year compared to 80 last, said David Steuer, whose Farmington Hillsbased firm prices in the

\$200,000-\$300,000 range.
"I think we're seeing stable
pricing and people comfortable with their job situation,"
he said. "They're willing to

commit now."
Stephen Taglione, president of Westminster Abbey
Homes in Bingham Farms,
sees "the chance to get a bargain here and there in selected markets ... in excess of
\$500,000."

He said his firm delivered almost 200 homes last year.

"We're hoping to do in that same range," Taglione added, with prices rising 2-3 percent.

Richard Komer of
Wineman & Komer Building
in Southfield forecasts a 3-4
percent price increase on
homes his company builds
from the low \$200,000s to
\$1 million.

"I see a decent year, positive year, profitable with moderate growth," he said.

"I think prices will remain stable except in areas where lots are scarce ... Plymouth, Northville, Oakland Township, Rochester Hills, Bloomfield Township ... where they (prices) will be a little higher," said Dominic Moceri.

The Auburn Hills-based builder, who constructs in a range from \$175,000 to over \$1 million, declined to be more specific.

Low mortgage rates continue to be the lifeblood of the industry, Moceri added. "If they go up 150 base points or 1½ percent, 7½ percent is still better than the mid-1980s and early '90s."

Sam Kreis, a mortgage broker in Farmington Hills, says movement is slow now for homes priced over \$450,000.

"It requires two incomes and one isn't working now or is concerned they may be job hunting," he said. "Under (that amount), there's action out there, especially out in Washington Township and Macomb Township.

"The area has come alive – the water (Lake St. Clair) and people have discovered a new area," Kreis said.

"In Birmingham, a lot of remodeling is going on," he added.

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Tim 'Timbo'

Phillips



Credit reporting hot topic

I recently wrote a column about credit reporting errors and the negative impact they have on consumers. Because of the overwhelming reader response for more information, I will be providing you with more information on this timely and important topic. Today's column is the first of four consecutive articles.

If you thought the ground shook when Enron failed, keep your eyes on the credit reporting industry in the coming years. While the demise of any multibillion dollar corporation will certainly impact its shareholders, the ubiquitous nature of consumer credit reporting, and the subsequent credit scoring, forces every American to pay attention to this important topic.

Nobody is exempt from credit reporting and scoring. Seniors, homemakers, congressmen, immigrants, CEOs, clergymen, and union workers are all subject to the same personal analysis: How creditworthy are you? Are you a financial risk, or are you a sound borrower?

Decades ago, those questions were usually answered subjectively by one of thousands of credit reporting companies that made lending recommendations based on their own research. Unfortunately, the industry's lack of standardization and a relatively high reliance on subjective evaluation led to thousands of consumer complaints and, ultimately, the adoption of the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

For over 25 years, the act established guidelines that provided a solid baseline of objective matrixes from which lenders analyze the risks associated with lending to individuals. Consumer advocate groups applauded the new laws because it became more difficult for lenders to discriminate based on age, gender and race.

An important industry tool that emerged as a result of these new laws came from a company called Fair, Isaac & Co. Their contribution, the "fico" score (aptly named after their creator), was then and is now an industry standard for credit scoring. This scoring algorithm-often called a "black box" – is a very secret set of mathematical equations that offer a statistical probability of a borrower reliably repaying a debt.

The system has been reliable for many, many years. So what's the fuss? Why is there so much turmoil? We will explore the issues next week.

If you need assistance in resolving major credit issues, you may contact **Tim Phillips** at (734) 797-5522, or via e-mail at PhillipsHO@comcast.net. He is a residential mortgage specialist serving all of Michigan. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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LIVONIA, Very nice 3 BR, 3 BA ranch. MSTR has shingles (tear off) '03, Carrier furnace, difier & air cleaner '99. Finished lower leve deck/paver patio off FR. \$224,900 (D92DEB)

LIVONIA. The home you've been waiting for at a WESTLAND. Move right into this perfect starte price you can afford. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in the State Streets. Many updates Updates inc newer windows, roof, furnace, C/A including finished basement w/wet bar, gas interior doors, blinds thru-out, glass block ireplace, and glass block windows. This house er including a huge Living room. \$169,900 (L28Ala)

LIVONIA. You'll love how close this condo is to expressways, restaurants and the finest shops. Sonhisticated 2 hedroom, 2 bath comfort with a Florida room & 4 door walls. Updates include: Furnace, HWH, humidifier, A/C, disposal, all appliances included - stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer & dryer. This is a must seel

PLYMOUTH. Start off right in this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial you'll love to live in. Walking distance to Miller Park, Large bay window in the Living room, hardwood floors and wainscoting. Updated kitchen w/oak cabinets and newer



BRIGHTON. This tastefully decorated 5 bedroom bath family home has over 3,200 sq. ft. o comfortable living space. Resting on a beautifully landscaped 3/4 acre lot in Brighton school district Cooks kitchen w/ceramic tile & breakfast har. Othe floor laundry & more! \$398,900 (L99Lee)

homel Everything has been done for you interior doors, blinds thru-out, glass block window, carpet in bsmnt & garage door opener New bathroom & remodeled kitchen w/new appliances all staving, \$137,000 (L48Hen)

FARMINGTON HILLS. Newer Georgian style condo, development surrounded by trees 8 private park, Brick & limestone exterior w/private entrance & attached garage. Open floor plan w/vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace in LR w/ceramic surround, gourmet kitchen, formal dining room 8 all appliances stay including washer & dryer \$169,900 (L90Gle)

FARMINGTON HILLS. Stunning like new 2 bedroom & 2 bath end unit condo with finished walkout. Living & dining room are one large area w/cathedral ceiling, floor to ceiling window, rebuilt appliances that all stay. Very large fenced yard appliances that all stay. Very large fenced yard appliances that all stay. Very large fenced yard FP using marble w/oak mantel. Hardwood floor with deck, playscape and grill. \$199,000 in kit. Lower level (75% above gmd) like 1st floor (L23Wol) w/cedar closet & rec lighting. \$292,900 (L20Riv)

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31130 Hill Broo

\$223,000

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\$170,000

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 16-20, 2002, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

46437 Aarons Way	\$242,000
2401 Amber	\$252,000
43128 Calais	\$215,000
44250 Candlewood	\$188,000
6838 Carriage Hills	\$200,000
43592 Champlain	\$175,000
7646 Charrington	\$230,000
580 Cherry Grove	\$240,000
2209 Cleveland	\$338,000
7097 Copper Creek	\$176,000
39721 Coronation	\$178,000
150 Country Club	\$360,000
43979 Cranberry	\$228,000
1660 Delancy	\$153,000
1690 Delancy	\$126,000
6839 Devonshire	\$168,000
232 Edington	\$205,000
1656 Fairfax	\$203,000
48791 Fifth	\$102,000
48825 Fifth	\$102,000
48860 Fifth	\$92,000
48925 Fifth	\$147,000
48926 Fifth	\$90,000
2162 Hogan	\$290,000
46512 Killarney	\$268,000
47169 Larchmont	\$324,000
39923 Lynn	\$180,000

6495 Marshall

6754 Marshall

1340 Millbrook

50263 Monroe

432 N Corrine

3378 Niagara

3546 Niagara

45432 Muirfield

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Mold laws in flux; owners could end up footing bill

\$180,000

\$215,000

he recent introduction of a bill to amend the Michigan Residential Seller's Disclosure Act triggers Michigan's entry into the so-called toxic mold arena.

\$265,000

\$280,000

\$470,000

\$330,000

\$326,000

\$206,000

\$91,000

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Horrific stories regularly appear in the news media of people sickened, possibly irreversibly, by mold in their homes, schools and offices.

Some have touted mold as the "new asbestos.

Like asbestos, mold is an issue of indoor air pollution. But, unlike asbestos, mold can affect any building. Only three things are required - water, organic based building materials and the spores that are found throughout our atmosphere.

anyone's home. school may be affected.

Litigation regarding mold is on the rise. It takes a number of varied, but familiar forms, including landlord/tenant disputes, employee disability claims, construction

disputes and insurance claims.

Despite the lack of any confirmed scientific consensus on how mold impacts the human body, the jury verdicts have

(AP) – A city council in

Idaho has adopted an

blend them with sur-

roundings.

ordinance to encourage

builders of cell towers to

Under the new ordi-

nance, cell towers that are

disguised or placed inside

as steeples won't need the

existing structures such



Arthur Siegal

a homeowner in Texas who claimed that her home had been completely enveloped by toxic mold. That huge award didn't even include personal

begun rolling in. The

most notable was a jury

verdict of \$32 million to

15167 Willow Brook

9980 Arnold

injury damages. It was a claim against an insurer for not promptly covering

water leak repairs. Other cases have similarly resulted in million dollar awards.

States have begun considering studying mold issues and requiring its disclosure during property transactions. Michigan's proposed law would simply require sellers of residential property to disclose the existence of known "toxic mold," an undefined

It's likely that similar requirements will be adopted nationwide.

On the insurance front, insurers are rapidly reviewing their policy language trying to ensure that mold, in some cases, even mold resulting from an otherwise covered loss, is excluded from coverage.

Certain states' insurance commissioners have rejected such modifications, others

approval of Meridian's

Planning and Zoning

ning and zoning staffer

would be able to approve

Meridian is near Boise.

Visible towers would

need city council approval,

and towers taller than 35

Commission or City Council. Instead, a plan-

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Where does this leave the average per-

Typically, it leaves them footing the bill for mold remediation, which can be quite expensive as contractors, like cancer surgeons, try to ensure that they have excised every last molecule.

The law in Michigan is unclear, but it's likely that courts will treat toxic mold as they would any other property defect. That means, depending on the facts of each specific situation, a tenant, employee, homeowner or property owner may be obligated to suffer the harm from mold and the cost of remediation on her own.

Or, given certain n ranties, notices or negligence, those burdens may be shifted, in whole or in part, to the landlord, employer, architect, repairman, insurer or contractor.

If you believe that you have a mold problem, check the EPA's Web site for information on mold cleanup and prevention at http://www.epa.gov/iaq/molds/.

Arthur Siegal is a partner with Detroit-based law firm Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss. The firm, founded in 1968, serves a wide range of institutions, industries and individuals nationwide.

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The council unani-

mously approved the new

planner Dave McKinnon

"This will give us some

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Ordinance encourages disguising cell towers

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The ordinance will

within 600 feet of a pro-

posed undisguised tower

be notified. Usually resi-

feet receive notice. Other

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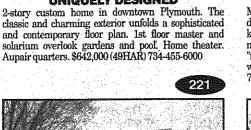
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HOME SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors its 11th annual Novi Home Improvement Show Friday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road.

Hundreds of exhibitors are expected.

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$7, \$6 for senior citizens. No charge for children under 12.

On-site parking is available for an additional charge. For more information, call (248) 862-1019.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County presents a free program on becoming a superstar investor 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline, east of I-75, Southgate.

For more information, or a free newsletter, call (313) 386-7228.

CREW MEETING The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women hosts motivational speaker Kevin Giddins noon Wednesday, Feb. 5. at the Westin Southfield Hotel, 1500 Town Center, Southfield.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$40 for members, \$55 for nonmembers. To register, call Joanne Sisson at (248) 458-7203, or Ann Heimstra, (248) 816-3834.

BUY HOME CLASS

Diane Baker, a Realtor with RE/MAX Classic, together with Mike Smela and Tom Shults from Physician Lender Mortgage, present a free, no-obligation class on buying a home 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the RE/MAX Classic office, 38777 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

To register, call Baker at (734) 459-1010 or Shults at (248) 816-3291.

BOMA SHOW

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit hosts its annual commercial property products and services show 2-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen.

Register at (248) 848-3741 by Monday, Feb. 3, for free admis-

SALES LICENSE

The continuing education department at Schoolcraft College offers a 40-hour real estate sales license class required of all prospective agents 5:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6-March 27, on campus, Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Cost is \$260, \$208 for senior citizens. To register, call (734)

462-4400.

CAREER SEMINAR Keller Williams Realty-Livonia sponsors free, no-obligation seminars on how to get into the residential real estate business, and what you can expect, 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12: and 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at its office, 31500 Schoolcraft just west of Merriman.

To register, call (734) 266-9000.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Standard Federal Bank presents a free class on how to select and finance a home 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 8, at Peoples Community Church, 29745 Annapolis Road, Westland.

Topics include budgeting, understanding credit reports, selecting a home and the mortgage application process.

Participants may apply for a Standard Federal program designed to make home ownership more affordable.

To register, call (734) 722-1280 or (800) 643-9600 Ext. 22532.

BUILDER'S LICENSE

Oakland Builders Institute conducts a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builder's licensing exam.

The class goes 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 10-19, at Kettering High School, 2800 Bender, Waterford; and 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 11-20, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail.

Cost is \$205, plus \$20 for a textbook and sample questions. To register, call Waterford Community Education at (248) 674-3145, or Walled Lake Community Education, (248) 956-5000.

SELL HOME CLASS

Alma Mathley of Professional Real Estate Title sponsors a free class, "For Sale by Owner," 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, off Main two blocks north of 14 Mile Road, Clawson.

To register, call Mathley at (248) 851-2975.

CONSTRUCTION WOMEN

The Detroit Chapter, National Association of Women in Construction, presents a dinner program on marketing tips and tools 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Clarion Barcelo Hotel-Detroit Metro Airport, 8600 Merriman, Romulus.

Cost is \$30 for members, \$55 for non-members. For registration information, contact Kelly Taylor, chapter president, at (586) 447-4712.

MASONRY SEMINAR

The Masonry Institute of Michigan presents a two-day masonry certification seminar 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 20-21, at its offices, 12870 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Cost is \$395 for members, \$495 for designers and building officials, and \$795 for contractors and suppliers.

To register, call (734) 458-8544.

Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1 p.m. every Friday at its Farmington Hills office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile Road.

To register, call Sharon Spindler (Ext. 404) or Steve Leibhan (Ext. 405) at (248) 851-4100.

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The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience needed. Training will be provided.

For details, call (734) 459-7744.

FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing, and information organization, always needs supporters. Basic annual individual membership is \$15, basic family membership \$25 and basic organizational membership \$50. For information, call the center, (313) 963-1274.

ENERGY CD-ROM

The Building Owners and Managers International has released a CD-ROM, "The Property Professional's Guide to Building Energy Performance."

Cost is \$15 for BOMA members, \$25 for nonmembers. To purchase or obtain more information, call (800) 426-6292, or visit www. boma. org/pubs/energy_cd. htm.

BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail.

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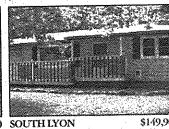
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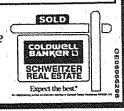
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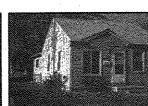
















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Mark Jeffers has been appointed vice president of business development for Real Estate One, headquartered in Farmington Hills.

His responsibilities will include franchise growth, Web lead marketing, acquisitions, new business ventures and special projects.

Jeffers began his real estate sales career in 1989 and joined Real Estate One in 2001 as project manager in the marketing department. He lives in Plymouth.

Claire Roberts, an associate broker with Signature Associates-ONCOR International, a commercial real estate firm in Southfield, has been selected to receive the 2003 Alternatives for Girls Role Model Award.

The award is based on professional accomplishments, personal attributes, community commitment and inspired leadership to young women and girls as a positive role model.

David V. Johnson, chairman of Victor International and Bay Harbor in Auburn Hills, developers of luxury lifestyle, residential and resort real estate, has presented Michigan State University with a gift of \$1 million.

Johnson attended MSU and founded the university's Victor Institute for Responsible Development Land Use, which encourages awareness of environmental and habitat preservation.

He resides in Clarkston.

The Michigan chapter of the National Association of Home Inspectors announces 2003 officers.

Robert L. Height, American Home & Building Inspection, Dearborn, is president; Robin L. King, Thumb Area Home Inspections, Kingston, vice presi-

Greg J. Vishey, Vishey Home Inspection Service, Grosse Pointe, is treasurer; Mike Goewey, Property Facts Home Inspections, Livonia, immediate past president.

The mission of NAHI is to promote excellence and professionalism, provide standards of practice and a code of ethics, and educate its members.

Barton Malow Co., a Southfield-based firm which provides design, management and construction services, has been selected as one of Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For.

The Michigan Business and Professional Association made the selection based on work/life balance, employee communication/recognition, pay and benefits, employee education, recruitment and retention, employee motivation and enthusiasm, community initiatives and strategic planning.

Code 'cops' conscientiously chase clutter 'crime'

(AP) - Jim Trammel drives up and down the streets searching for culprits - overgrown weeds, garbage piled in front yards and busted cars on blocks.

In one front yard, dead leaves are trapped in cobwebs sagging across the bottom of a Blazer with a flat tire.

The flat tire means an inoperable vehicle, which residents aren't allowed to store in public view. The code officer writes a complaint and tapes it to the homeowner's door.

It could be any community, but in this specific case it's Glendale,

Glendale is cracking down on problem properties, as are dozens of cities and towns in the Phoenix area. Scottsdale has created an administrative court to slash the time it takes to deal with offenders.

Avondale residents on a council-appointed committee have been drafting new property standards. And Paradise Valley has hired a second officer to help keep up the town's appearance.

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In metro Detroit, it's usually code enforcement officers in municipal building departments who respond to specific complaints or police officers on patrol who can enforce ordinances against blight.

The primary goal is to spruce things up, not issue tickets.

Mike Barron, a Phoenix real estate agent, said that recently he and a client pulled up to a house that looked wonderful. But the one next door had 10-inch high grass and a car parked on the front lawn.

"The client didn't even want to go in," he said. "They said, 'Let's go to the next house."

Barron said that poor maintenance can also affect the selling

"If the neighbors' homes have

exterior maintenance that is not up to speed, it has an impact on the speed of the sale," he said. "If it takes you longer to sell your house, the more likely you are to accept a lower offer."

It's something that residents like Kevin Biesty of Mesa understand.

"If we don't take care of our properties and keep them clean, nobody will," he said. "It's incumbent on each homeowner to take care of the property, and it makes it easier to sell your house at a reasonable price."

Glendale and Avondale officials and community members are working to create property upkeep laws that address landscaping, fences and the outside of a home.

Some changes have already been made in Glendale's code enforcement department. Rather than just following up on complaints, the officers are hitting every house, one neighborhood at a time. Instead of 15 days to correct most problems, residents now have 10.

Similar offenses within 24 months will result in a resident being deemed a repeat offender; courts get involved after a third offense. In the past, the slate was wiped clean after a year.

"This has been an issue for those people who don't seem to get it," said Dan Gunn, the city's

code compliance manager. He said his officers try to speak with homeowners to explain the codes. If homeowners aren't around, a brochure explaining common violations is left.

"Really, at some point it's incumbent on the citizen to read it and learn what the codes are," he said. "Although we have strengthened our compliance processes, our main goal still remains voluntary compliance."

Most Phoenix residents willingly clean up problems when they are pointed out.

Chandler police Sgt. Ken Phillips said more than 95 percent of complaints are resolved without court action.

But there are those who refuse to clean up.

Phoenix, which has led the charge in neighborhood preservation, put a repeat offender policy in place in 2002.

"It's to go after those who are in the system longer than six months," Phoenix Councilman Phil Gordon said. "It allows the repeat offenders and the worst of the worst to be expedited through the criminal process."

Average 30-year mortgage rate nears record low

(AP) - Mortgage rates, which had been creeping higher for two weeks, retreated last week, with 30-year mortgages dipping close to recent record lows.

The slight downturn reflects market concerns about the economy and a possible war in Iraq, an economist said.

The average interest rate nationally on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage dropped to 5.91 percent last week, down from 5.97 percent the previous week, Freddie Mac reported in its latest nationwide survey of rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages

started the new year by dropping to a new low of 5.85 percent for the week ending Friday, Jan. 3. That rate was the lowest since the mortgage giant began tracking 30-year mortgage rates in 1971.

Records that reach back earlier than Freddie Mac's indicate that rate is the lowest since the early

For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates fell last week to 5.31 percent, compared with 5.36 percent last week.

Rates were also down on oneyear adjustable rate mortgages,

which dropped to 3.93 percent last week from 4.03 percent.

"Market concerns over weak economic indicators and an increased risk of war in the Middle East pushed mortgage rates even lower," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "That and falling stock prices raised investor appeal for U.S. Treasury bonds, which in turn allowed most interest rates to drift even lower."

Nothaft said that the new mortgage lows have spurred a flood of new housing construction and should set the stage for another

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good year for the housing industry

The mortgage rates reported by

Freddie Mac don't include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages carried an average fee of 0.6 point last week, while one-year adjustable mortgages had an average 0.7 point financing fee.

A point is 1 percent of the loan

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.96 percent, 15-year mortgages were 6.44 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 5.10 percent.

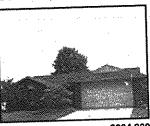
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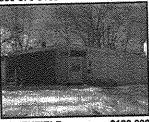


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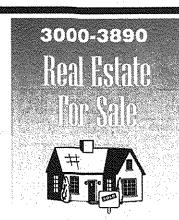


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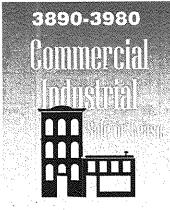




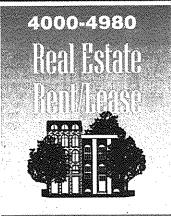




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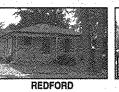
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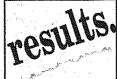
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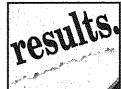
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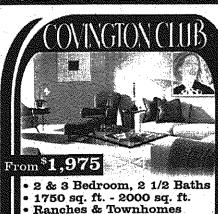
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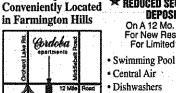
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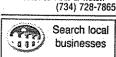
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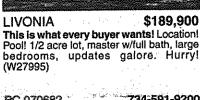
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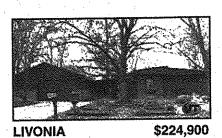
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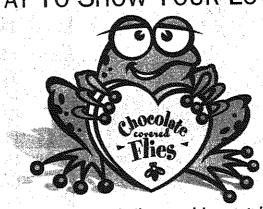
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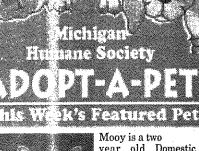
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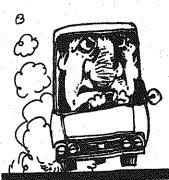
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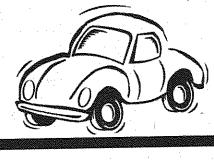
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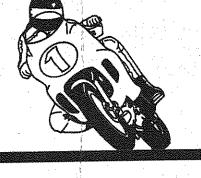
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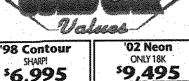
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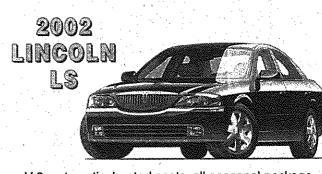
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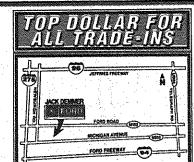
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