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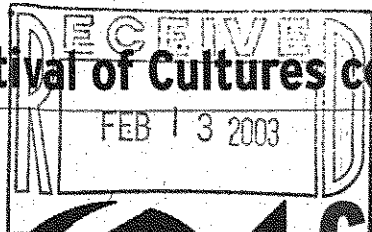
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Detour ahead

The county will be closing Canton Center Road for several months as officials widen and improve the bridge over the Lower Rouge River south of Palmer (north of Geddes). The official detour will be Ford to Haggerty, south to Michigan Avenue. Local traffic may also want to try Palmer east to Sheldon and then south to Geddes; Palmer east to Lilley, south to Michigan; or, Cherry Hill west to Beck, then south to Geddes. Information is available on the Wayne County roads Web site, the Canton Township Web site or by calling the township at (734) 395-5150. The detour is expected to start Monday.

Scholarships

Friday, Feb. 21, is the deadline for submitting applications for Canton Community Foundation scholarships. The 30 scholarships range from \$300 to \$2,000. About half are for \$500.

Application forms are available at the Canton Public Library, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Plymouth District Library and all high school counselors' offices. They can also be picked up at the foundation's office on the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road.

Cuddly buddy

The first 50 people to purchase a Summit gift certificate now through Friday, Feb. 14, for either a six-month or yearlong membership will get a plush bear. In addition to the 50 free teddy bears, the Summit is offering "love bugs" pins to anyone who comes in to work out on Valentine's Day.

Back home

Canton's new congressman, Thad McCotter, R-Livonia, will speak at a noon luncheon next Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the St. John's Conference Center, 44045 Five Mile (at



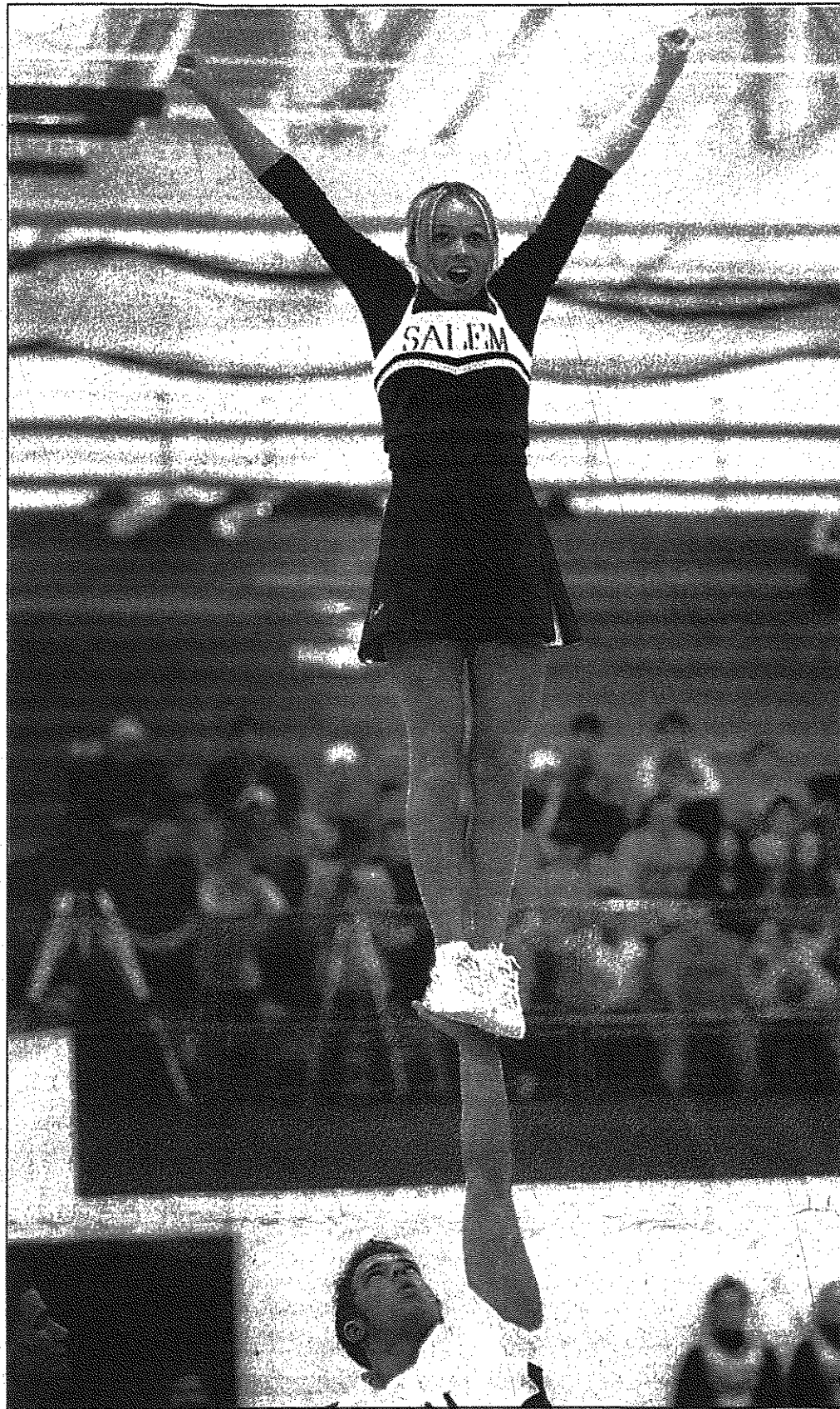
Sheldon) in Plymouth Township. You must make reservations for the luncheon through the Canton Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-4040.

Lunch tickets are \$10. McCotter will share his first-time experiences in Washington as well as comment on the latest issues facing the business community and the nation.

Youth Variety

Canton Project ARTS and the township's Leisure Services department will be offering four entertainment events for ages 12 and under.

The Youth Variety series starts Saturday, Feb. 15, with the Amazing Clark Magic Show, \$3 per person, starting at 10 a.m. The shows run about 90 minutes and are held in the banquet and conference center. Other shows include ventriloquist Richard Paul on March 1, the Dream Machine Family Concert on March 22, and A New Breed of Magic with Jason Hudy on April 12. Advance purchase of tickets is suggested; call (734) 394-5460 for details.



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Pairs supremacy

Salem's Tony Peters (of Canton) and Jena Hilderley (Plymouth) took top honors during the pairs competition at last weekend's national cheerleading championships in Orlando, Fla. Salem's cheer team finished fourth. For more on the story, please turn to page A6.

Temple gets board approval

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

A second Hindu temple won final approval Tuesday night from Canton's Board of Trustees.

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

Plans for the temple and cultural complex were originally approved in the fall of 2000, but construction did not get under way on schedule and the approvals expired.

The cultural complex is expected to have a membership of about 50

PLEASE SEE TEMPLE, A5

Bill to give townships say on speed limits

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

A bill that was vetoed by then-Gov. John Engler last year has been re-introduced in the Michigan House and Senate by state Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) and state Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton).

The bill would give townships a voice in setting speed limits on local roads within

the township. It passed the House in late 2001 by a vote of 101 to 4 and the Senate in February 2002 by a vote of 33 to 1.

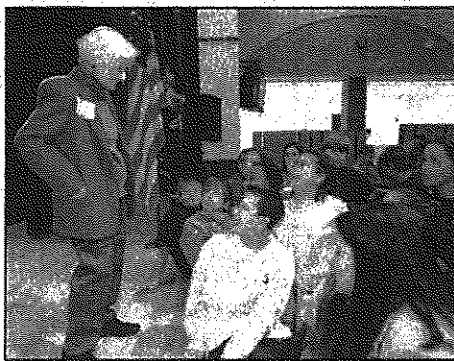
It went to Engler in March 2002. He vetoed it a couple of weeks later.

"I am concerned that, under this legislation, objective facts will be ignored in the face of emotional appeals to alter speed limits," Engler said at the time, explaining his veto. "This bill could result in decisions

made not on objective fact but by two of the parties in agreement with the third dissenting."

That raised the hackles of Township Supervisor Tom Yack, who called Engler's action "a slap in the face of Canton residents and their elected officials."

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Holocaust survivor Irene Butter of Ann Arbor talks with seventh-grade students at Discovery Middle School Monday following her lecture.

Students hear of Holocaust horrors

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As a Holocaust survivor, 72-year-old Irene Butter of Ann Arbor believes it's her responsibility to tell real life stories of the atrocities of World War II in hopes that history doesn't repeat itself.

"I feel it's my responsibility as a survivor to be a witness to the story, and remember the millions in the Holocaust who didn't survive to tell their story," Butter told an assembly of seventh-graders at Discovery

Middle School on Monday.

Butter said her first six years of life were "quite comfortable. My brother and I were spoiled by grandparents, parents, cousins, aunts and uncles. I have only positive memories of my early childhood."

In the mid-1930s, as Adolf Hitler gained power in Germany, the conditions changed drastically for the Jewish people, many of whom lost their homes, businesses and were deported to concentration camps.

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Find out what the Plymouth-Canton AAUW will bring to the stage as its next production, in Sunday's Observer.



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WILCOX ESSAY CONTEST

Continuing to fulfill Jack Wilcox's desire to benefit the Plymouth-Canton community, encourage interest in local history and assist in the education of youth, the Wilcox Foundation announces the continuation of a scholarship program for the high school seniors in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Some \$36,000 will be awarded May 14-15 to 18 Plymouth-Canton students who research, then write an essay based on interviews with a Plymouth-area resident of the student's choice who is over 80 years of age and has resided in the community at least 40 years.

Three Plymouth-Canton educators and three members of the Plymouth-Canton community will serve on the panel of judges which selects the scholarship recipients.

According to Win Schrader, a member of the Wilcox Foundation Committee and director of the Scholarship Program, the program, unlike many scholarship programs, is

not aimed solely at the top academic students.

"Rather, it is interested in promoting broad participation by Plymouth-Canton youth in learning about the history of Plymouth," Schrader said.

Accordingly, the criteria for selecting the participants is centered around the time and effort put into research, resourcefulness in tracking down sources of information and interest shown by the student. Two \$3,000 first-place scholarships will be awarded, as will 12 second-place scholarships of \$2,000 each. A random drawing will determine the recipients of four \$1,500 scholarships.

Additional contest information is available in the counseling offices of Salem and Canton high schools.

DAR GOOD CITIZENS

The Sarah Ann Cochrane DAR Chapter of Plymouth-Northville has announced its 2003 Good Citizen Awards. Michael Bakun of Franklin High School was chosen as the

chapter's Good Citizen.

Individual high school winners included Cindy Lynn Rotramel of Canton High School; Emily Bohr, Salem High School; Jaclyn Rioux, Ladywood High School; Lisa Noel, Huron Valley High School; and Meagan Edwards, Churchill High School.

The idea behind the contest, according to chapter officials, is to "locate the very best of our dependable leaders and patriots among our senior high school students."

The contest consisted of two parts: answers to a series of questions asking students to describe their high school activities, community service, extracurricular activities and future plans; and a 500-word essay.

The students will be honored at the Good Citizens' Awards Reception Feb. 17 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

Guest speaker at the reception will be local author Virginia Bailey Parker, who will talk about "The Writing Life." For more information, call Shirl Hering, (734) 455-5525.

Man charged in fatal accident

A Dearborn Heights man was charged with negligent homicide Tuesday in connection with a fatal accident on Michigan Avenue near I-275 on Dec. 4 of last year.

Joseph Mislmani was arraigned in 35th District Court before Judge Mike Gerou, who released him on a \$10,000 personal bond. A preliminary exam is set for March 28.

Mislmani was the driver of a semi-truck that struck a Ford Explorer broadside about 4:15

a.m. as the Explorer was getting off I-275 and attempting to turn on to eastbound Michigan Avenue. The driver of the Explorer, David Duncan, 46, of South Lyon, was rushed to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne where he was pronounced dead.

Canton Police Sgt. Todd Mutchler said no alcohol was involved and the semi was operating within the speed limit.

Because of the time of the accident, police spent a long time checking the traffic light at

the intersection to determine if it was red or flashing red/yellow when the semi went through.

"Through our investigation, we determined the light was red," Mutchler said.

After striking the Explorer the truck veered into the median and struck two utility poles. The power outage resulting from the accident left businesses in the area without power for hours.

About 200 customers were affected. Power was not restored until 5:15 p.m.

Police check construction site thefts

Canton Police are investigating several thefts from construction sites around the township.

The supervisor at a construction site on Jamestown told police that sometime between noon Feb. 8 and 7 a.m. Feb. 10 someone removed an entry door from a townhouse under construction. The door was valued at \$229.

The superintendent of a construction site on Eastham reported that between 5 p.m. Feb. 7 and 7 a.m. Feb. 10 someone took a propane tank and propane heater from a house under construction. They were valued at just over \$200.

A worker at a construction site on Brighton Lane told police he left his work truck parked at the site at 6 p.m. Feb. 7. When he returned at 8 a.m. Feb. 10 someone had broken into the rear of the truck.

Construction equipment, including eight power saws, an air compressor, a generator and two nail guns, was taken. The equipment was valued at more than \$2,800. The worker said other builders in the area had

COP CALLS

also reported break-ins over the weekend.

SUBSCRIPTION SCAM

Canton Police have taken two reports recently of teenage males posing as sales representatives for the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press.

Both incidents have occurred at senior citizen complexes. In both cases two white teenage males have knocked at a resident's door and asked if they wanted to subscribe to the newspaper.

Once they are invited into the residence, one male will ask to use the bathroom while the other engages the resident in conversation. In both incidents an undisclosed amount of cash was taken from the victim's purse.

THEFT FROM VAN

A resident of the 7400 block of Claremont Street told police

someone entered his 1997 Dodge Ram van and stole numerous items of clothing, shoes and personal items.

He said he found the back door of the van open. There were no signs of forced entry.

THEFT FROM CAR

A Westland resident said she parked her car in the parking lot of Sneaky's on North Lilley about 10 p.m. Feb. 6. When she went back to the car about 2 a.m. Feb. 7, an ATM card, two winter coats and a diamond necklace were missing.

There were no signs of forced entry.

MAILBOX DAMAGED

A resident of the 700 block of Buckingham said she was in her house about 2:40 p.m. on Feb. 10 when she heard a crash outside.

She looked at the window and saw her mailbox knocked down and damaged. There were no suspects and no witnesses.

By Jack Gladden

Township plans job fair at Summit on Park

Canton's Human Resources Division will be hosting a Job Fair on Friday, Feb. 21 from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Summit on the Park.

There will be recruiting for all of the positions currently posted on their Web site, www.canton-mi.org, as well as any that may open up in the meantime. Interested applicants should attend and com-

plete an application or obtain information on current openings.

Canton is hiring for several full-time and part-time positions, including:

Police officer, full-time; public safety service officer (dispatcher), full-time; firefighter, full-time; general grounds-seasonal; building attendant, part-time; facility attendant, part-time; pre-school instructor,

part-time; pro shop assistant, seasonal; program assistant, seasonal; junior counselor, seasonal; senior counselor, seasonal; therapeutic recreation coordinator, seasonal.

Applicant may be required to apply for his/her driving record, at own expense, through the Secretary of State.

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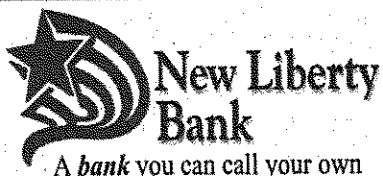
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Hundreds attend Bentley's annual diversity celebration

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Parents, students and staff came together last Friday to celebrate the cultural diversity present in Canton and, more specifically, in the Bentley Elementary School attendance area.

As the entertainment in the cafeteria drew to a close, the Bentley students, many dressed in costumes of different countries, sang *I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy*.

On the wall in the background were flags of many nations, highlighting the evening's theme, *Festival of Cultures*.

The historical significance of many cultures, one America, may have been lost on the young students but not on the parents and grandparents present.

"I thought it was a great event. It was nice to see the different cultures that were reflective of our community, and the food was really great," school board vice president Mark Slavens said.

"It was especially nice to see the kids of all our different cultures at the end of the show singing *Yankee Doodle Dandy*. It was a very nice touch to the evening."

Bentley Principal Jerry Meier said he was very proud of the staff, students and parents.

"I saw nothing but smiles," Meier said after about 650 people filled his school from 6 to 9 p.m. for the entertainment, the "globe-trotting" through many classrooms, and finally, the food.

"I don't think we can fit more people in, which is a nice problem to have," Meier said. It was standing-room only in the cafeteria at the end of the evening.

Parents and many area restaurants donated food for the event.

Roshni Jaura, fourth-grader, said the festival was "a lot of fun. We got to see what other people eat and how they dress." She said she enjoyed the ethnic

On the wall in the background were flags of many nations.

dancing, especially the Chinese dancers.

Jasmine Guajardo, fifth-grader, liked the Chinese dancers as well, and the Irish dancers, too.

"I tried the Indian food but it was spicy," Jasmine said. She took part in the (Asian) Indian fashion show, and later, the German rhymes, which required a change of clothes.

Meier said the clothing worn by both students and adults for the entertainment was "stunning."

"There was lot of excitement on the part of the students as they shared their culture," the principal added.

The middle part of the evening was taken up with visits to classrooms, where various countries were represented including Canada, British Isles, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan and Korea. Also, Africa (Ethiopia) and the world of Islam were represented, as well as students with disabilities.

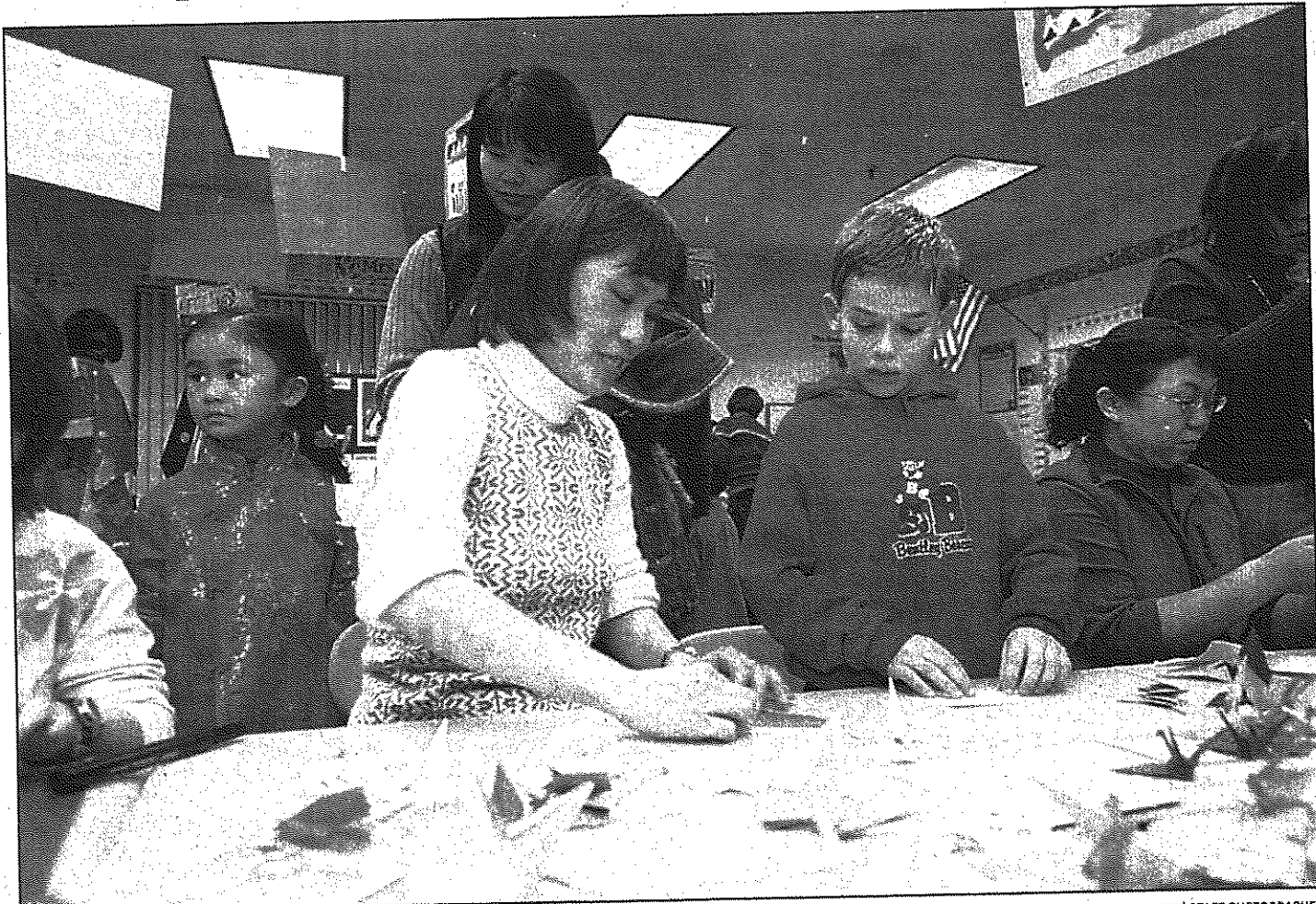
The art room was turned into a flag-making station, where students could craft flags of various countries.

Students and their parents traveled from "country to country" to get a passport filled out.

Among the more interesting procedures was a stamp or sticker from each country for each passport, and the student's name spelled out in the appropriate foreign language.

The library's theme was "all nations, all people," and many books about many ethnic and cultural groups were on display. The school also showcased colorful student-made kachina dolls (Hopi Indian) at two different locations.

Among the organizers was parent Mina Jaura, who said



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Ashley Huang, 6, watches at left, as parent volunteer Yoshiko Minami helps Kyle Spence, 8, with Origami, the Japanese art of paper folding, during an international festival at Bentley Elementary Friday evening.

first and foremost she wanted to thank the students, parents and staff who helped with the event.

"Many people came up to me to say thanks for the festival. People are truly appreciative of the effort. I think it went very well."

Jaura, who is also a member of the Canton Human Relations Commission, said other schools call "to see how we do it." This is the third festival of cultures; one was held at night last year, and two years ago one was held during the school day.

Among those present Friday night were Plymouth-Canton school Superintendent Jim Ryan and Pam Wong, representing the Michigan State Board of Education.

"I visit a lot of schools and I have never seen an effort that



Archana Sondor, 7, from left, Maya Jacob, 4, parent volunteer Vasu Jacob, Gina Jacob, 6, and Samyukta Warriar, 7, try their hands at Rangoli - sand coloring - during the culture festival at Bentley Elementary Friday evening.

models inclusiveness as well as this festival. They involve the community. The event shows people working together building on similarities and celebrating differences," Wong said.

Wong, who is a Plymouth Township resident, said she could feel the energy in the

building during the event.

"They (Bentley) have made huge strides in making people more familiar with differences between cultures."



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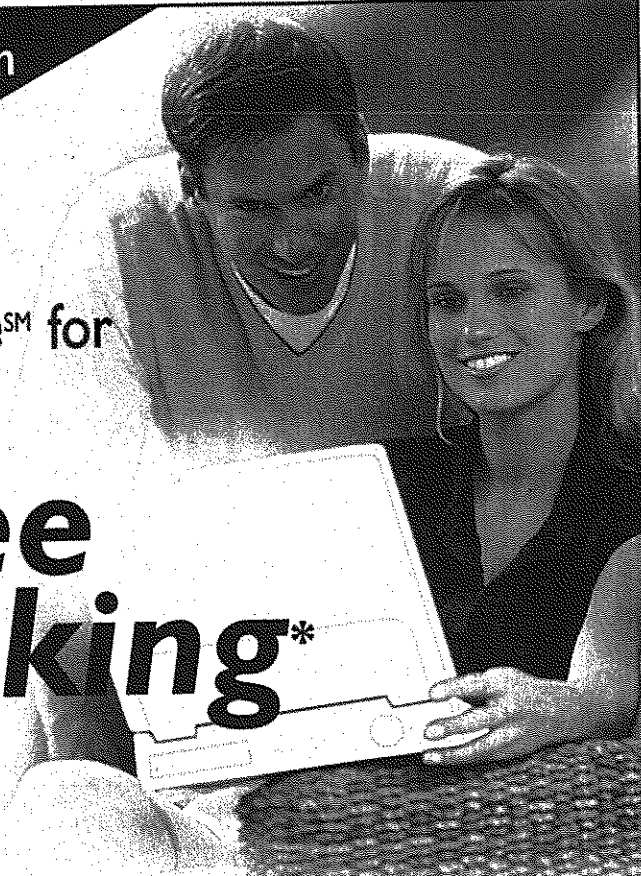
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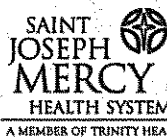
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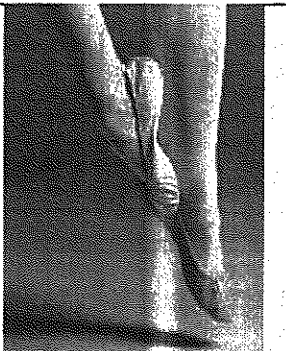


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families and draw members from surrounding local communities.

"This is a pretty awesome commitment on the part of 50 families," Supervisor Tom Yack said after the board gave its OK to the project.

After the project was first approved in 2000, the sect's religious leader flew into Canton for groundbreaking ceremonies and the blessing of the land. At that time about 1,200 people showed up.

In other business the board:

■ Approved the site plan

request for a combination Wendy's/Tim Horton's restaurant and drive-through at the site of the old Sagebrush store on Ford Road in front of Meijer. The facility will have a combined dining area with separate drive-through windows.

■ Approved a re-zoning request for 1 1/2 acres on the north side of Ford Road west of Canton Center from single-family residential to Community Commercial District.

"This is the last vacant piece of property in the commercial district north of Ford and west of Canton Center," Yack said.

Leo Gonzales, the project sponsor, said he has contracted

to purchase the property and develop it into retail or service related uses.

■ Approved the police captains contract for a four-year period from Jan. 1, 2002, to Dec. 31, 2005. The estimated increased cost for two captains over the four-year life of the contract is \$43,873, which includes \$20,212 in wage increases.

■ Approved hiring three new firefighters for the fire department. The three new positions will be used for the opening of a third fire station to maintain existing levels of service throughout the township.

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Fight blahs at chili event, auction

The Plymouth Salvation Army is sponsoring a chili cooking competition and basket auction fund-raiser on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 5-7 p.m. at the Army's hall, 9451 S. Main Street.

The organization is looking for the following:

■ People to cook chili and bring it in for a tasting competition.

■ Chili lovers willing to taste the entries and donate money, "voting" with their cash contributions.

■ People or businesses willing to donate small baskets

filled with such items as bath goods, gourmet foods or toys.

■ Bidders willing to bid on the baskets.

Major Jacque Hull explained that the local chapter must support Salvation Army World Services, missionaries who serve in poor areas around the world.

"Our share is about \$16,500 and I have vowed that we will raise that this year."

Hull said they must work all year on making the money, and that the local unit must "do its fair share. We don't have a choice."

The chili and basket auction is just one fund-raiser. Another one - a giant garage sale at the Army's building - will be held this summer for the World Services mission.

Anyone planning on having their chili judged should call the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464 to reserve a space.

The Army's signature Red Kettle Campaign raised about \$130,000 this year. The agency serves clients in Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships.

-Doug Johnson

OBITUARIES

Robert L. Sockow

Services for Robert Sockow, 83, of Canton were held Feb. 11 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Mr. Sockow was born May 5, 1919 in Plymouth and died Feb. 8, 2003 in Westland. He was a machine repairman at the Burroughs Corporation in Plymouth for 33 years. He was a life-long Plymouth resident. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp. during World War II.

He and his family built their home in Plymouth and enjoyed helping others with their home construction. He loved to travel. In his later years, he enjoyed doing needlepoint. Survivors include wife of 53 years, Leslie Sockow of Westland; son, Paul (Pam) Sockow of Canton; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 485 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

Phyllis June Olson

Services for Phyllis Olson, 78, of Plymouth, were held Feb. 13 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Acacia Park Cemetery in Birmingham.

Mrs. Olson was born April 15, 1924 in Detroit and died Feb. 9, 2003 in Livonia. She was a loving wife and mother as well as homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1974 from Detroit. She was a member of Newburg United Methodist Church. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, china painting, ceramics, and gardening. Mrs. Olson was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Earl. Survivors include son, Mark (Denise) Olson of Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Terry B. Gould Trust, 3550 Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI. 48335 (attention: Myra Zolynski). This memorial is in support of organ donations.

Lucille V. Fisch

Services for Lucille Fisch, 89, of Plymouth were held Feb. 8 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. F. Richard Pickelhaupt officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Mrs. Fisch was born May 6, 1913 in Portland, Ore. and died Feb. 5, 2003 in Plymouth. She had lived in Plymouth for 16 years. Mrs. Fisch was a member of Pi Kappa Sigma (National Teacher's Sorority) at Wayne State University. She has a elementary teaching degree from Wayne State. She taught early elementary school in the Detroit Public Schools for six years. She was also a member of the Pinochle Card Club, Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Detroit for 57 years. Mrs. Fisch was preceded in death by her husband, Edward J. Fisch.

Survivors include sons, Edward (Carol) Fisch, Jr. of Sarasota, Fla. and Richard (Karin) Fisch of Canton; grandsons, Tom (Jennifer) Fisch, Mike Fisch, Brad (Kristin) Fisch, and Jeff (Halle) Fisch; step-granddaughter, Lea Langenburg; and great-grandson, Brayden Riley Fisch. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 2350 S. Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI. 48103.

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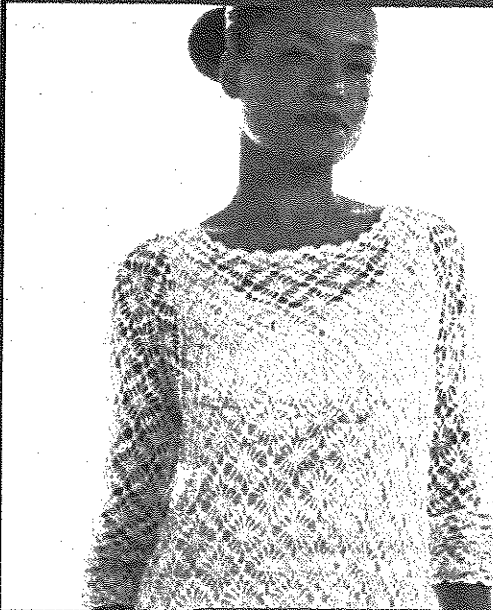
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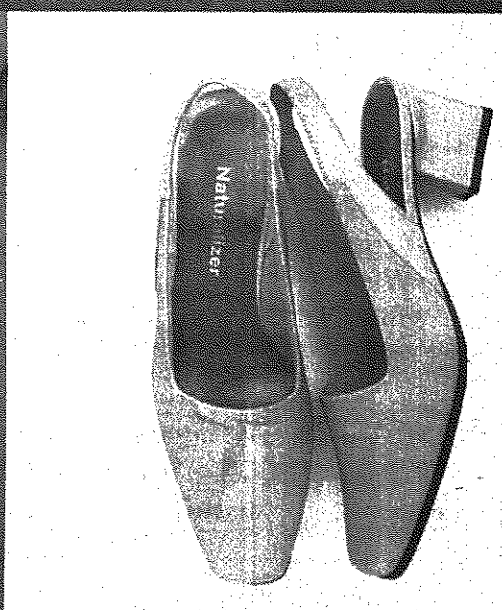
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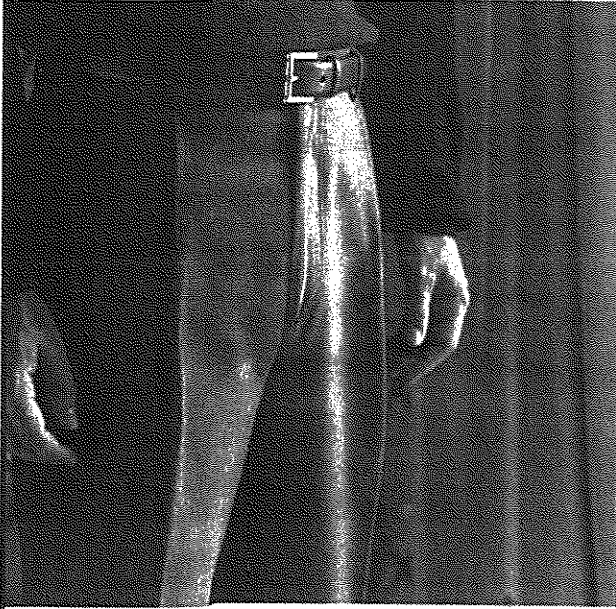


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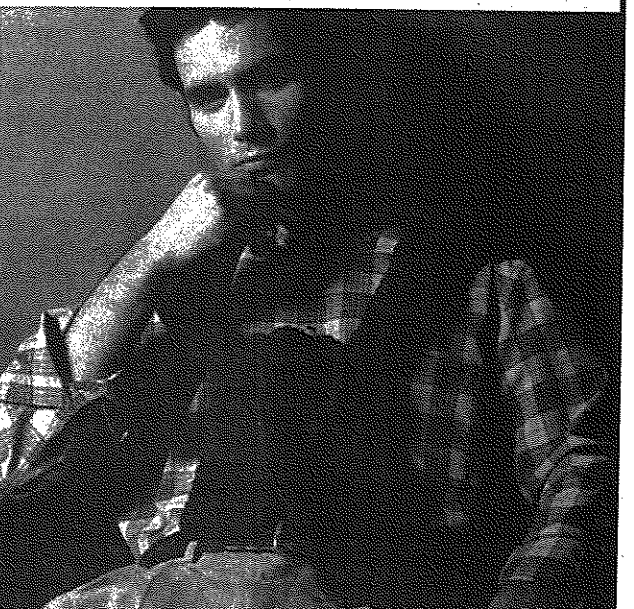
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Salem team wins pairs title, cheerleaders 4th at nationals

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Salem High School's varsity cheerleading squad finished in fourth place last weekend in national competition.

Anyone who missed the chance to see the squad perform last weekend in Orlando, Fla., or at a Salem varsity football or basketball game will be able to catch the show on ESPN.

The sports channel will air the competition, including Salem's performance, sometime in April.

Two members of Salem's squad, Tony Peters and Jena Hilderley, finished first in pairs competition.

Another Michigan cheerleading squad that did well was Utica's Eisenhower High School, which ranked fourth nationally in small-coed competition.

Coach JoDee Dillon said much of the squad's "grunt work" was done during November, the off-season time between football and basketball season. Squad members practiced nearly every day right up until heading down to Orlando.

"They just worked so hard and were so focused," Dillon said.

But the whole squad had a solid foundation, too, as Dillon noticed beginning last summer.

"When they were at cheerleading camp in Kentucky, their skill level was pretty high - and continued to rise up," she said.

Two other cheerleading pairs from Salem's varsity squad also competed in Orlando.

Seventh-place pairs honors went to Jason Kennison and Katie Morgan and ninth place went to Justin Groesbeck and Samie Stencel.

Choreographer Pat Bierre was at the helm in guiding the

squad through the music, which was comprised of several different genres.

Marilyn Morgan, mother of Salem cheerleader Katie Morgan, was on hand in Orlando to cheer on her daughter.

"They did incredibly well as a team," Morgan said. "They wanted this. They wanted to put Salem on the map."

Salem Varsity cheerleaders include Brendon Caryl, Lydia Dobson, Mike Elder, Justin Groesbeck, Jena Hilderley, Joe McGlinn, Katie Morgan, Christin Nycek, Tony Peters, Kim Peterson, Brittin Pollack, Steve Shull, Samie Stencel, Brandy Wanniger, Nick Monaidis, Jason Kennison, Dylan Tobin, Kim Lindberg, Whitney Bennett, Kym Renski, Nicole Ret and Callie Kappler.

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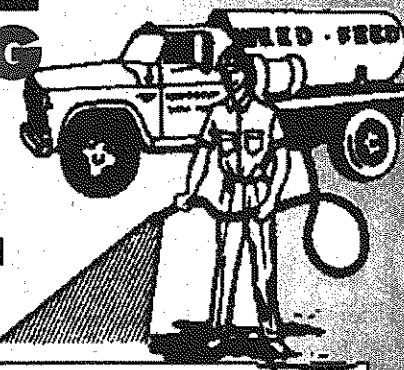
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The Salem High School cheerleaders, shown here cheering on the Rocks' basketball team, finished fourth in the national cheerleading championships in Orlando, Fla., last weekend.

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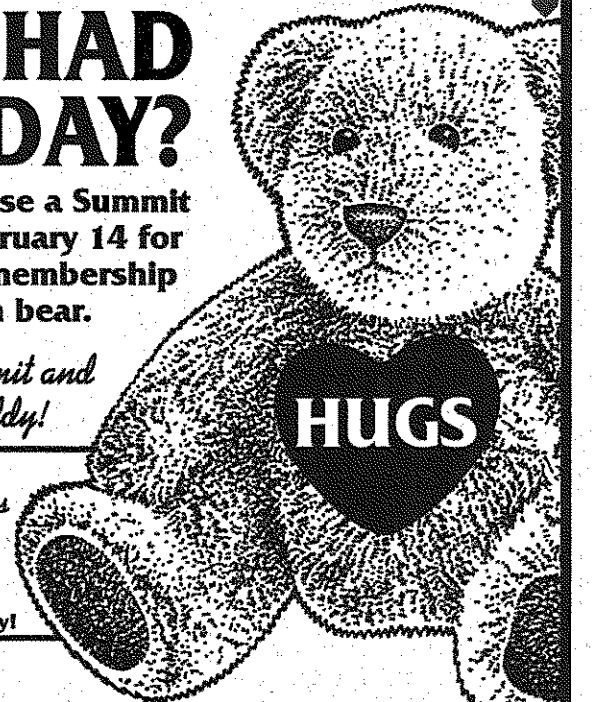
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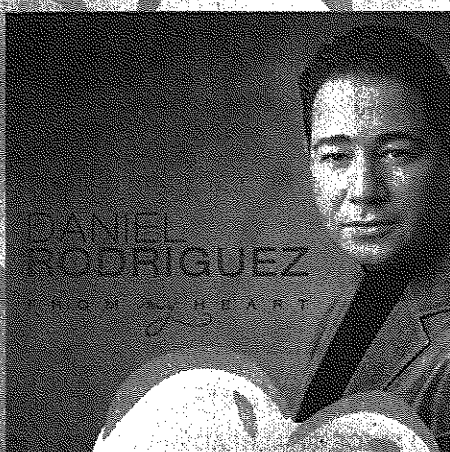
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CITIES DIFFERENT

Under current law, cities have the right to establish speed limits on most roads in their communities, while township roads are controlled by county road commissions or departments and the Michigan State Police.

The new bill would allow townships to join with the road commission and the State Police in determining safe speeds on local roads. At least two of the three agencies would have to agree on the speed limit.

Both LaJoy, who was a township trustee at the time, and Patterson, who was the state representative from Canton, say that by re-introducing the bill they are trying to help local townships have more say in transportation issues.

"As a former Wayne County commissioner, I understand the importance of local control," Patterson said. "The decision should be in the hands of the people who will be directly affected. The safety of our drivers and pedestrians are dependent on such decisions. Townships should not be treated differently than cities."

And LaJoy, a rookie representative who serves on the House Transportation Committee, sounded a similar note.

"These bills are an important first step to allow township officials to make important transportation decisions," he said. "As a member of the transportation committee, I will continue to work to improve road conditions and increase the rights of the township directly impacted by decisions made in Lansing."

Yack, who was harshly critical of Engler after the veto, said he hopes things will be different with Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"Hopefully, she will agree with the bill," he said. "It doesn't really change anything. You

The new bill would allow townships to join with the road commission and the State Police in determining safe speeds on local roads.

still need two votes. It just recognizes that townships are as interested in their communities as cities."

Patterson said he hadn't spoken to the governor yet, but he hopes to get an early hearing in the Senate transportation committee.

"I don't think she (Granholm) has the same concerns that Engler had," he said. "I'll make it a point to talk to her once we move it down the line."

ADDITIONAL MEASURE

Another bill, also jointly introduced by LaJoy and Patterson, would allow a township board to assume jurisdiction for the improvement or maintenance of all or part of the county road system that lies within the township.

The Department of Transportation would then be required to pay the township the share of transportation funds formerly allocated to the county under the present system. Patterson, LaJoy and Yack all agreed that this bill might be a tougher sell than the speed limit bill.

"Wayne County doesn't have a road commission," Patterson said. "But county road commissions around the state don't like this bill. It's possible that we can define it in such terms that would eliminate the other counties."

The House speed limit bill is HB 4133; in the Senate, it's SB 123. The funding bill in the House is HB 4132; in the Senate, it's SB 126.

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HOLOCAUST

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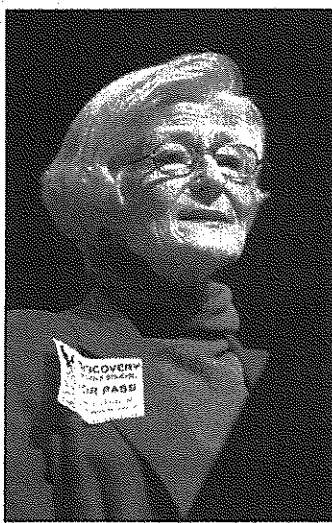
Telling the Discovery students her family "saw the handwriting on the wall," they moved to Amsterdam in 1937, the same city where Anne Frank lived. After a few "peaceful and harmonious" years, the Germans then invaded Holland and "we experienced what we had hoped to escape."

Butter described to students the "bombs crashing, marching soldiers, parachutes over the sky, soldiers smashing windows as the bombs fell. The Germans occupied the Netherlands and they were in charge."

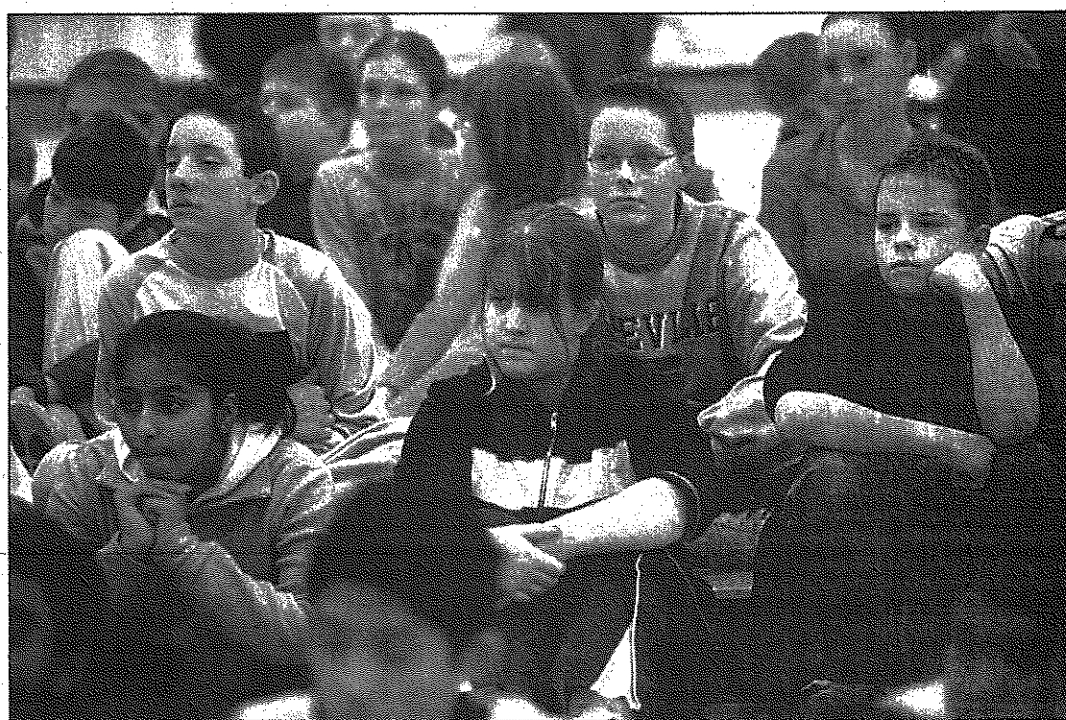
The auditorium was silent as Butter told students how every day activities, those taken for granted by them, were taken away from Jews.

"We no longer were allowed to go to the movies, to go to parks, to go to swimming pools, to any kinds of public places," she said. "We were not allowed to visit friends who were not Jewish, and non-Jewish friends were not allowed in our house."

"At one point we all had to turn in our bicycles. Jewish children were expelled from



Holocaust survivor Irene Butter of Ann Arbor.



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Discovery Middle School seventh-graders Mahela Ashraf, from left, Steven Marcus, Jaclyn Cook, John Shields and Jesse Forrester listen to Holocaust survivor Irene Butter during an assembly Monday.

public schools ... there were also curfews ... and Jews were required to wear a yellow Star of David.

"If you weren't wearing an identity star, you could be imprisoned," Butter added. "The star served the same purpose as different colored skin."

On a hot day in 1943, at age 12, it was Butter's turn to take the long train ride to Westerbork, a German concentration camp.

"We were squeezed into them ... 40-60 people in each car, without water, without toilets, without fresh air," she said.

Nearly eight months later, Butter and her family were sent to Bergen-Belsen. "It wasn't an extermination camp ... it was called the slow death camp. Every morning we woke and looked around ... to see who was still alive."

In what Butter described as "incredible luck," her family was part of a prisoner exchange and they were sent

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to Switzerland. Her father died on the second day of the trip, her mother and brother were hospitalized, and she was sent to a displacement camp in northern Africa.

Eventually, Butter and her family were reunited in the United States.

"Life (in America) has had its ups and downs, but never as brutal as the days of World War II," she said. "America, for us, was the land of freedom and opportunities."

Butter urged students to

"fight for peace and justice. Believe in your own humanity and what you believe in. Interrupt the patterns of bigotry, prejudice and discrimination by defending what is fair and right."

"My life is an illustration of the importance of holding onto hope in times of darkness and tragedy, and trusting that better times will come," she said.

Many Discovery students walked away with a more vivid understanding of the Holocaust.

"It was very sad," said Meghan Strahan, 13, of Canton. "I couldn't think how bad it was as she was telling her story, and I've read a lot of books on the Holocaust. It's inhuman."

"She taught us a lot of stuff about how bad the Holocaust was," added Ali Khalil, 12, of Canton. "She suffered through a lot and I hope no one has to ever go through that again."

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Sinking fund tax deserves yes vote

The question that will be answered on Tuesday, Feb. 18, is whether or not the Wayne-Westland Community Schools should levy 1 mill for 10 years to create a sinking fund.

We believe the answer should be **yes** for several reasons.

The district could have asked for up to 5 mills for 20 years, but instead chose 1 mill. It's not a new tax, but a portion of a debt-only millage that is expiring. For the homeowner with a taxable value of \$44,000, considered average in the district, it would cost \$44 annually.

It would raise an estimated \$2.3 million a year that can only be used for what is stated in the ballot language, basically building repairs and maintenance that couldn't be addressed in the \$108 million bond issue approved in 1998.

Unlike a bond issue, a sinking fund isn't a loan, there would be no interest to pay. The fund would be audited by the state yearly, and if there is any discrepancy or violation, it would become null and void.

School officials were up front about how the \$108 million bond issue was spent. They put into writing what they would do and asked residents to hold them accountable.

They are doing that again. They have six pages of proposed repairs not able to be included in the 1998 bond issue that will be done at each and every school. And they are asking to be held accountable.

Voters trusted the district with the \$108 million, and residents need only walk into their neighborhood school to see that the district has lived up to its end of the deal. They should do the same this time.

School officials say they have been prudent in their financial decisions. And we agree. Through wise money management, they have positioned the district to weather the financial difficulties ahead.

The sinking fund also would free up the general fund money used for repairs for instruction and the students, and we hope that school officials will be just as prudent in how that money will be spent, whether for wages or for the students.

We urge resident to vote **yes** on Feb. 18 and let the district continue to move education in Wayne-Westland forward in the 21st century. A portion of Canton's residents send their children to Wayne-Westland schools.

Granholt offers a bipartisan challenge

Gov. Jennifer Granholt made no attempt to sugar coat a bad situation.

She has inherited a budget disaster. This year's state budget will fall \$285 million short, including a constitutionally mandated cut of \$127 million in school aid. She has asked the legislature to pass an executive order to cut \$158 million from the general fund.

But things will only get worse. The projected budget deficit for the 2004 budget which begins in October is \$1.7 billion.

In her State of the State address, the governor told state lawmakers and citizens that as required by law she would present a balanced budget proposal March 1.

"Though I did not cause this problem, I will see that we fix it," she said.

The Democratic governor has to work her budget through a Republican-dominated legislature.

Last week, she paid the legislators a compliment that was also a challenge: "Together, we will have to work hard. We have to innovate, and we will have to act as one community - especially here in this building. I applaud the Republican leadership of Sen. (Ken) Sikkema and Speaker (Rick) Johnson for their willingness to work with this Democrat and Michigan's Democrats, to move beyond partisanship, faction, friction and ego to achieve common ground. We were elected as Democrats and Republicans, but we serve as Michiganders and Americans."

The governor has already adopted a Republican "no new taxes" position and has even opposed delaying tax cuts scheduled for this year. She proposes instead, as Republicans have often done, to do more with less, to draw on the private sector for help, to encourage volunteer programs and squeeze every bit of waste from government operations.

While laying it on the line about the budget, Granholt asked us to dream of all the good things the state can accomplish with the money it has. Her emphasis on developing core industries, early childhood education and a serious study of land use are commendable first steps toward meaningful government programs.

Her plans to blend private initiative with streamlined government programs should stimulate true bipartisan programs.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amanda Crother and Sydney Newton, both 6, of Canton try on their butterfly masks. The girls were at the annual daddy-daughter dance at the Summit. The event is so popular with families that it has to be scheduled for three nights - Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

LETTERS

Homeowners thank you

Northwest Canton Home Owners Association would like to publicly thank Canton Township, our Napier Road neighbors, the developer and Gleason Construction Co. for a job well done on the Napier Water Line Project.

When NWCHA became aware of the installation of a 12-inch water main on Napier Road from Warren to Ann Arbor Road, it was originally proposed to be "open cut," which would have destroyed thousands of trees and native plants. NWCHA decided to lobby for the installation to be done in a manner which would keep tree cutting to the barest minimum. The township engineering department subsequently determined that directional drilling would be an appropriate technique to use for this environmentally sensitive site. And that method was chosen.

Napier Road is one of the Natural Beauty Roads in the township and as such is afforded special state protection from the destruction of its trees, shrubs and native wildflowers. The members of NWCHA, working with the township, were able to reach an agreement that would bring water to those homes which needed or wanted water and preserve the trees.

With the death of so many ash trees and the continued development of Canton, this is truly a victory for the well-being of all. Trees not only provide beauty, oxygen and homes for birds, they are vital to reducing storm water runoff. Storm water control is an important issue as development in Canton continues.

The members of NWCHA are so pleased with and grateful for the way the project was done. The destruction of trees was even less than anticipated due to the diligence and sensitivity of all entities that worked on this project. It is a credit to them all. The township is to be commended for its commitment to the preservation of the rare beauty of Napier Road.

We look forward to the completion on the project in the spring of '03, when the replanting of the new staging sites will be started. So breathe an oxygen-rich sigh of relief, that with the directional bore technique, many big, ol', beautiful trees on Napier Road live on!

For more information about the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association, visit our Web site at <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/NWCHA>.

Elaine J. Jerls
Canton

Others could learn

A few of the letters and a column by Brad Kadrich concerning teacher Steve Rea bringing a BB gun to school deserve some comment.

I would like to commend the anonymous parent who made the right decision to call police the morning the incident happened. When firearms are involved, or the assumption that one is, prompt and decisive action needs to be taken. I also believe, despite what one writer shared, that our police department's tactical response was appropriate.

If you recall, during the Columbine incident, tactical officers were reluctant to do what they are trained to do, and that is to secure an area, and systematically search and clear that area room by room to allow for safe exit of students and staff as well as dealing with the perpetrator(s).

Our officers did just that, and did so as a result of lessons learned, training and cooperation with school officials and not from a desire to "play SWAT team" for any cameras or media coverage.

From what we have been told, the school staff and local law enforcement officials responded admirably and quickly enough to resolve the situation. As for teacher Steve Rea, I think that as another writer mentioned, he should be commended for his desire to use innovative ways to teach our children.

I'm sure that if he had to do this all over again (bring the BB gun to school), he would do it again, but only differently, perhaps in the evening hours and after notifying school administrators of his intent.

Does it sound as if I found no fault at all? It should, because I don't think that some of the shrill voices from either side of this argument should take center stage here. We don't need to bash Mr. Rea, the parent who made the wise call to the police, or the staff and police officers that responded. We also need to credit our students and faculty at P-CEP for the way they conduct themselves on a daily basis.

Sure, there are minor conduct problems at P-CEP, every school has them. But, if you recall, in Columbine and other similar events, there existed a very real and pervasive "pecking order" or caste system pitting groups of students against one another. To my knowledge, P-CEP doesn't have this dynamic occurring in their student community.

Canton may be a "low-crime bedroom community," but the majority of communities that have experienced mass shootings at the workplace and at schools have been just that. Additionally, we need not make this a call for additional laws, controls, or "zero tolerance" nonsense from the "ban everything possibly dangerous" crowd. I'm pleased to see that for once, law enforcement (prosecutors) are going to apply the "spirit" of the law instead of the "letter" of the law.

The bottom line is, no one was hurt and our police department delivered a quality response proving that recent expenditures in tactical training and facilities are not only prudent, but necessary in this day and age.

Public attacks and name-calling leveled against our police department is both immature and unnecessary. As both a parent of a student at P-CEP and one with experience in similar law enforcement tactics, I know the risks of having our officers clear a school full of children and support such measures being taken and feel relieved that we have such assets here in our community. I wouldn't want just anyone attempting to locate a firearm and endangering my child's life without the proper training.

Perhaps other communities can learn from Canton's response and the way we

handled this event. I hope they do so, by learning from cooler heads and not the shrill voices of editors with agendas or citizens that go overboard with melodramatic comments without any personal knowledge, education or training with which to back those accusations up.

Frank Finch
Canton

Good teachers needed

I am a senior at Salem High School, my fourth year at the school and at the Park. During these past four years I have had many teachers, some wonderful, some good, and some, which I did not think, were so good or wonderful. This physics teacher is one of the wonderful teachers.

He has been a teacher at the park for many years; over these years he has provided his students with an understanding of physics. Physics is an obscure concept to many of us and he uses demonstrations to show how relevant the subject is to us in our daily lives. These demonstrations make the class fun and exciting, his enthusiasm and energy for the subject is one reason so many students actually enjoy his classes.

Perhaps he should have requested permission to use the BB gun for the demonstration, even though it had been allowed in previous years. I am sure that he would never intentionally violate a school rule or protocol and his focus was on the preparation for the demonstration. He is very conscious of our safety during these demonstrations and would never put a student in harms way.

I also have great respect for the student's mother that called the police. She wasn't just dropping off her child at the school; she was paying attention and helping to ensure all the students safety at the park.

I am proud of the way the school and local law enforcement officers reacted, had the circumstances been different their actions would have prevented another disaster such as took place at other schools around the country in the past few years.

I just hope that you maintain perspective when considering further reaction to this situation because we need teachers like him.

Stephanie Kivell
Plymouth

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- Alan Trammell, new Tigers manager, commenting on a Canton consulting firm that specializes in corporate travel

Granholt's speech breaks the pattern

As I watched Gov. Jennifer Granholt deliver her State of the State speech last week, I realized that over the years I've heard a fair number of SOS speeches given by various Michigan governors. G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams' nasal twine disguised the bluest of blood mixed with an emerging citizen-participation Democratic Party that clashed repeatedly with a highly partisan, GOP-dominated Legislature. George Romney, who



Phil Power

rode to office on a reform movement called "Citizens for Michigan," offered a less-partisan but higher-key salesmanship. Republican Bill Milliken, facing a Democratic Legislature, was low-key and bipartisan, reaching out to suburban voters and "Milliken Democrats." In more recent years, Jim Blanchard's State of the State speeches often wound up as mind-numbing catalogs of ideas, programs and initiatives; some of us even referred to them as a list-

ing of "Jim's greatest hits." Of course, Blanchard faced a state budget crisis situation nearly as grievous as that confronting Granholt today. His solution — hiking the state income tax rate — made perfectly good sense as public financial policy. But it also was a political disaster that led to the recall of two Democratic senators. The state Senate has been Republican ever since, and don't you think for a second that Gov. Granholt has forgotten that episode.

John Engler's SOS speeches tended to be pragmatic, detailed, remorselessly partisan, occasionally brutal. He was a magnificently political politician, a master of the legislative process, a tough-minded hardball player. Mixed with tax-cutting rhetoric, Engler's speeches were full of specific legislative proposals and detailed programs.

Neither Engler's nor Blanchard's speeches were particularly inspiring and, excepting Engler's ceaseless emphasis on tax cutting, none were particularly focused. And neither of them was particularly effective or emotional in their delivery.

Granholt's speech was quite different. It was capably written, warmly delivered and well-received — she was interrupted more than 50 times for applause. Granholt's speech even reached for inspiration in setting out Michigan values of hard work and grit and in inclusively reaching out to the variety and creativity of Michigan citizens for their help in getting through a very, very difficult budget problem. The stuff about using up every old pad of paper, even with "Gov. John Engler" on it, was just great.

She was tightly focused. Jobs and economic development: "No one will

outwork me, outrun me or outthrust me when it comes to keeping or bringing good jobs to this state."

The environment: Granholt's high-powered panel on land use (co-chaired by Milliken and former Attorney General Frank Kelley) will for the first time seriously address the long-festering problem of sprawl.

Lastly, human capital, especially early childhood education: "By the time a child arrives for kindergarten, 85 percent of the brain is developed," she said. "If a brain is purposely stimulated and nurtured before a child is old enough to tie his or her shoes, that child's lifelong capacity to learn will be forever enhanced. And, unfortunately, if it is not, an opportunity is lost forever."

Most political observers praised the speech, using terms ranging from "inspiring" to "well-intended." Republicans grumbled that the speech was short on specifics. If I were facing a next year's deficit of nearly \$2 billion, I wouldn't be very specific either. I seem to recall an old lawyer's advice that "if you've got the law on your side, argue the law; if you don't, go promptly to emotion."

I also suspect there is a very interesting core of novel thinking lurking in the interstices of this budget crisis, one that Granholt hinted at in her speech.

For years and years, virtually all state government budgetary activity has been incrementalist, i.e., cut this by X percent, increase that by Y percent. Very rarely has either governor or Legislature shown the political will or the conceptual imagination to deviate from this routine. But this budget crisis is so severe — the projected deficit for the next fiscal year is nearly 20 percent of the total state general fund — that the consequence of necessity may turn out to be a radical rethinking of what state government should or should not do and how to go about doing it.

Granholt and her husband, Dan Mulhern, are both extraordinarily smart and imaginative. It would be not beyond their capacity to have in the back of their minds creating an unusual platform for a Democratic politician, one that actually forces a fundamental and strategic rethinking of how government ought to work. By so doing, they would escape the "tax and spend" tag with which big-government Democrats have been labeled for decades and at the same time advocate for a government that carries out its important functions in a focused and cost-efficient way.

Hang on. The politics — not to mention the speeches — of the next four years might turn out to be very different than anything we have seen in Michigan so far.

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.

Like old times in Ann Arbor as people gather to protest

It was almost like old times.

Ann Arbor was alive again to the sounds of anti-war protesters Saturday. They assembled in groups from different ends of the downtown and gathered in front of the Federal Building. It was *deja vu*.

Imaginative demonstrators carried a fabric bomb and another group carried a papier-mache Mother Nature puppet. The signs ranged from the inane, "Iraqis are people, too," to the crudely effective, "Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, The Asses of Evil."

Overhead, there was an air battle. Two pro-war planes proclaimed "Saddam, Step Down," and "Protesters Promote War - Period" and an anti-war plane encouraged those on the ground to join the movement.

A car carrying a middle-aged man on his way downtown offered another point of view. On the left hand side, a bumper sticker read "A Vet for George W. Bush" and on the right, a bumper sticker featured *The New*

York Times nameplate on one side and on the other the words "Left of Lenin" on a bold red background with a hammer and sickle.

The local newspaper put the number of demonstrators at 2,000 but that seems generous. It was probably in the low hundreds. It was not nearly as many as were gathered a mile away at Crisler to watch the basketball game.

Still, they did have enough protesters to form a giant peace sign on the Diag. It was a formation that would have satisfied the director of the U-M Marching Band in its precision.

But, unlike the early demonstrations against the war in Vietnam, this was a mixed crowd. Maybe a third were students. There were also young parents with their children, giving them a taste of democracy in action. There were older people, who probably marched against the war when they were students. There were people from the Muslim community.

As the marchers made their way down Liberty, a lone man stood with a large American flag in one hand and a sign in the other, proclaiming "I support the President." An older marcher stopped to discuss their difference of opinion. He was joined by another marcher who also carried a flag, with the stars arranged as a peace sign, and a sign warning people not to wrap themselves in the flag in blind acceptance of U.S. policy.

Vietnam provided a template for protest. The first protests against that war came from the hard left — democratic socialists, communists, Trotskyites — and the "new leftists," young people inspired by the civil rights movement, flirting with socialism as an antidote to grasping capitalism, and a few true pacifists. Every social movement and innovation starts at the fringe.

They were joined in time by thousands of young people who just didn't want to die in a war they didn't understand and by traditional liberals, usually the major champions of American defense, who questioned the legitimacy of the war's goals. Finally, they were joined by fathers and mothers, disgruntled vets, retired people with time on their hands to lick envelopes.

Many Americans learned that it was OK to protest government policies. They learned that loving America and blindly following the current administration are not the same thing. That notion has been under attack recently by the Bush administration and Attorney General John Ashcroft. But there are more people than ever willing to put it to the test. It's a lesson that will get a serious workout in the weeks and months ahead.

For now, President Bush is seen as a strong leader. He responded forcefully after the Sept. 11 attacks. His shift from hunting the terrorists to going after Saddam has met with resistance but has not seriously eroded his support.

Polls show most Americans back President Bush but want him to act in cooperation with the United Nations. Most Americans trust that Saddam Hussein is an evil, mentally unstable man, who either has or recently had weapons of mass destruction. They might be wary of the motives of the President and Vice President, but they have a deep respect for the Secretary of State, who has until recently been a voice of moderation.

But when saber rattling turns to bombs and American airmen and soldiers are killed in action, the mood will change. If America becomes bogged down in a ground war, the poll numbers will plummet. If it turns out that the threat of deadly weapons was a ruse to free up oil deposits, the consequences could be devastating.

But for now, the American people are willing to wait, watch and trust. In time, they may be willing to carry a sign and march.

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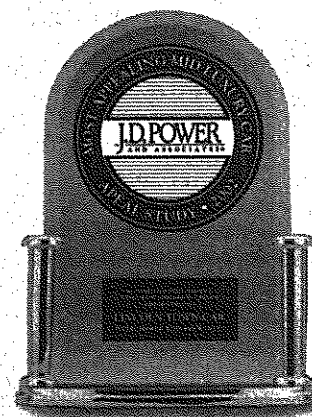
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The Michigan Humane Society Cruelty Investigation team, based at the Detroit shelter, appears on the Animal Planet series *Animal Cops*.

'Animal Cops' receives 2003 Genesis Award

The Animal Planet series *Animal Cops*, featuring the Michigan Humane Society's Cruelty Investigators, has received the prestigious 2003 Genesis Award in the category of Outstanding Reality Programming.

The 2003 Genesis Awards, sponsored by The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), acknowledge outstanding members of the major media and entertainment community who have helped raise public consciousness of animal issues.

"As a 126-year-old organization, the Michigan Humane Society is grateful for this opportunity to reach the broad Animal Planet audience with our messages regarding the humane treatment of animals," says Cal Morgan, Executive Director of the Michigan Humane Society. "This award is a testament to the critical efforts of the Michigan Humane Society Cruelty Investigators, certainly, but also to the vision of Animal Planet and producers Anglia Television in bringing this real life drama into people's homes in an enlightening way."

Nominees for the 2003 Genesis Awards included works aired or released in 2002 and were chosen by the Genesis Awards Committee, a group of 17 activists and volunteers working within the humane movement. Last summer, The Ark Trust, Inc., presenter of the Genesis

Awards for the past 16 years, joined forces with HSUS, which is not affiliated with Michigan Humane Society, changing its name to The HSUS Hollywood Office. The Seventeenth Annual Genesis Awards celebration will be held on March 15, 2003 in Beverly Hills, California and will air nationwide on Animal Planet on May 1 at 10 p.m. E.S.T.

November 2002 began the first full season of 10 *Animal Cops* episodes. Beginning February 24, catch the Michigan Humane Society Cruelty Investigators in the four remaining new episodes on Mondays from 10-11 p.m. E.S.T. on Animal Planet.

For more information regarding the work of the Michigan Humane Society and the dedicated men and women of the Society's Cruelty Investigation team, visit the Michigan Humane Society web site at www.michiganhumane.org.

Animal Cops is a production of Anglia Television - a division of United Film and Television - for Animal Planet. Animal Planet, available in more than 80 million homes nationwide, is the only television network dedicated exclusively to the connection between humans and animals. Discovery Networks, U.S., a unit of Discovery Communications, Inc., operates and manages the Animal Planet channel.

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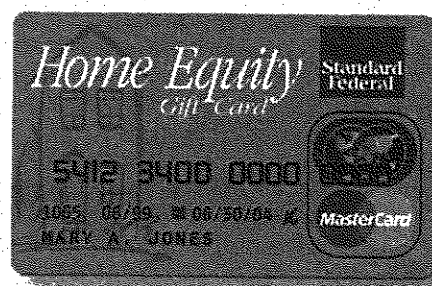
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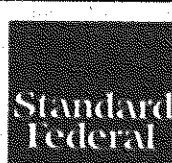
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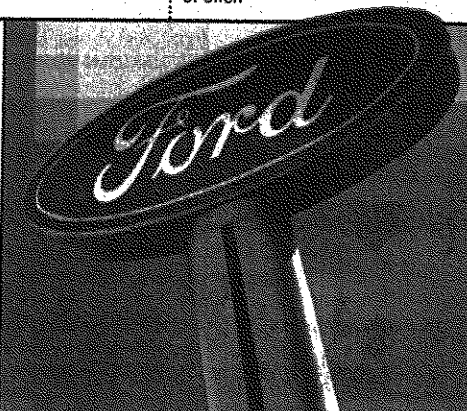
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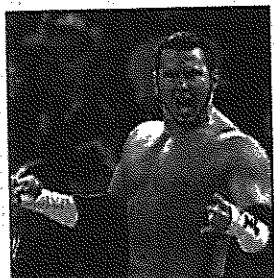
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Guests can horseback ride year-round at the resort.

Dude ranch doubles as year-round camp

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

Make no mistake about it, the Double JJ ranch north of Muskegon is all resort — from its cozy cabins and upscale condominiums to its tubing hills, horseback riding trails and snowmobile course.

But to owner Robert Lipsitz of Bloomfield Hills, the sprawling family playground — a 65-year-old former summer-only dude ranch — reminds him of camp.

"We're a very groupies place. Our dining rooms don't have tables for four. They're all sixes and eights. That's because it's a camp. It's really a camp for adults," Lipsitz said.

"It's just fun. I went to Camp Tamarack (in Ortonville) for years. Then I became a dishwasher there and then I was a counselor there and a supervisor. My parents for years said, 'When are you going to get a real job?' I graduated from Michigan State with a degree in recreation and natural resources. I ended up here — a camp for adults."

"I just never left camp," Lipsitz and his wife, Joan, drive three hours from their Bloomfield Hills home to the resort every weekend in winter and stay there full time during summer.



Guests experience the romance of winter on an old-fashioned sleigh ride at the Double JJ Resort.

LONG HISTORY

The couple bought the property in 1988 after Lipsitz left his directorship at Camp Tamarack. He planned to turn the dude ranch, which opened in 1937, into a boot camp for troubled boys. He contracted with the state to open a facility, but when it restricted funding, continued to operate as a recreational facility.

"We're the fourth family to own it in seven years. It was an operating dude ranch — and had been since the '70s — for adults. From troubled youth to troubled adults — there really was no difference. The only difference was when you wanted to send them home, you didn't have to call their parents," he said, laughing.

"In the 1930s, it was called the Jack and Jill Ranch and

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Wannabe detective is clueless in 'P.I. Blues'

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Imagine ... an independent film shot in metro Detroit that isn't dark or gritty. Quite the contrary, *P.I. Blues* is a refreshing romantic comedy.

The by-invitation-only premiere of the Michigan-made film is Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the Emagine Theatre in Novi. It opens to the public Friday, Feb. 21, and is expected to run several weeks.

John DeMerrell, of Farmington Hills, plays the lead role of Lenny Fritz. He says *P.I. Blues*

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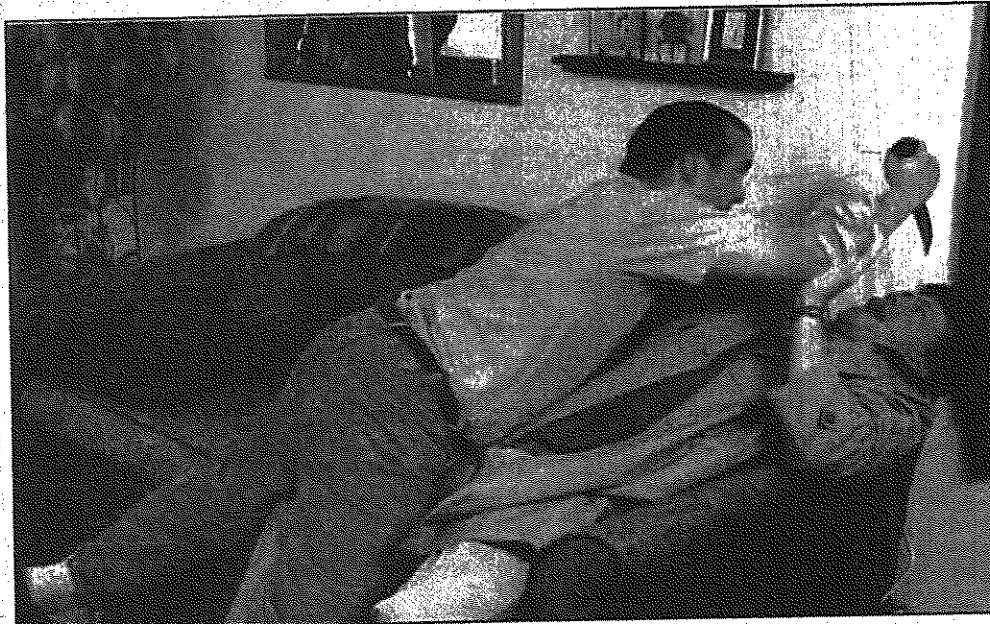
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It's a classic story of good vs. evil but even the villains are likable characters in the locally-made comedy, *P.I. Blues*, that makes its debut in this month. *P.I. Blues* is a fun story of a clumsy detective wannabe who gets involved with the wrong woman in a missing person case gone wrong.



Artistic Expressions

Linda Chomin

Contest opens doors for minority musicians

Aaron Dworkin is working toward a goal. He's hoping to attract people of all colors to the classical music stage and audience. It seems we share a dream.

Although diversity in the classical music world has come a long way in the 12 1/2 years that I've been covering arts for the *Observer & Eccentric*, it's rare for me to write about an event with an African-American or minority theme outside of February.

Don't get me wrong. I think it's great that more and more concerts are being scheduled during Black History Month. I'd just like to see them occur regularly throughout the year.

That's why Dworkin's Sphinx competition for young black and Latino string musicians is so important. In the six years since Dworkin founded Sphinx, he's seen a 25 percent increase in applicants, several of whom have gone on to top music schools including Juilliard in Manhattan. More qualified minority students means more qualified minority musicians performing with major orchestras.

EARLY YEARS

Dworkin grew up learning to play violin in Manhattan. He eventually moved to Hershey, Pa., and later to northern Michigan to attend Interlochen Arts Academy for

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SPHINX SYMPHONY CONCERTS

When: 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, (\$10). Finals concert 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19,

Where: Orchestra Hall, Detroit.

Tickets: \$10-\$36, call (313) 576-5111. For information on the Sphinx competition, call (313) 336-9808 or visit www.sphinxmusic.org.

Related event: Honors concert, noon Thursday, Feb. 13, Power Center, Ann Arbor. No charge.

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two years. From there he went on to earn music degrees at the University of Michigan. In every place Dworkin studied music, he was the only one, or among a handful of minorities.

"I wondered why was that the case and how could I impact that, not only for musicians, but those in the audience," said Dworkin. "Our goal is to build diversity. The two largest, most under-represented groups, are blacks and Latinos. Of the major orchestras only 1 1/2 percent are black, 1 1/2 percent Latino. We want to build diversity in classical music, increase awareness in young children. I tell them it's not a white European thing but

has a rich history."

Sphinx is more than a competition. Programs, including visits to schools, are offered year-round.

"We've made strides. It was basically unheard of six years ago for a black or Latino string musician to solo with an orchestra. Now they've performed with at least 20 major orchestras," said Dworkin. "Ten years down the road, I hope to see diversity on stage, and in the audience, also music being written by black and Latino composers, and performed at concerts not just during Black History Month."

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



Share some rock candy this Valentine's Day as The Witches (left) and esQuire (right) perform at Detroit's Lager House.

Spend Valentine's night with The Witches

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Detroit's Lager House might not be the most romantic destination when it comes to that heart candy-coated holiday, but it's the place to be this year.

The Witches will host a second annual Valentine's Rock n' Roll Eggstravaganza tomorrow night. Yes, you read that right.

The band - singer Troy Gregory, guitarist Johnny Nashinal, bassist Phil Skarich and drummer Eugene Strobe - originated this love-fest last year and deemed it "a show for the ladies."

Women will be admitted free, and receive a Valentine gift. The Witches headline this rock event, supported by "The boy who invented rap," better

known as esQuire, and DJ Larry Ray of Outrageous Cherry.

Leave it to this spooky four-piece to plan a bevy of activities for Feb. 14, including the return of Santa's Kissing Chair.

Skarich, who will also be celebrating his birthday on Valentine's Day, said the band "originally got the idea from Teddy Pendergrass. He would have shows promoted as 'ladies only' where only women were allowed to attend."

But Strobe and Gregory said they came up with the concept - an excuse to give "teddy's" to the ladies around Valentine's Day, they said.

The Witches formed in 1996. It's "open-door membership policy" encouraged a few lineup changes over the years. But

Strobe assured "the band now consists of a solid lineup featured on the new record *On Parade*."

"Each current Witch provides a unique talent and certain chemistry that makes the initial 'project' now operate as more of a band with four equal parts," he said.

The Witches released *On Parade*, last fall as a follow-up to *Universal Mall*. It reverberates with a signature mix of haunting, brooding rock and precocious melodies. Songs like *Laughter, Joy n' Loneliness* and *On the Haunted Side of the House* echo in your mind without letting go.

While it might seem a stretch to combine witches and valentines for this event, it won't be the first time. The band has

unofficially "adopted" Santa Claus as a sort of mascot. The jolly old elf has appeared on Witches flyers, and in song.

"The Valentine's rock show is a combination of all holidays and a celebration of existence," said Strobe. "Every second of our awareness matters and is influenced by everything around us, near and far. The primary focus is love succeeding in a clouded world and being brave enough to see through the smoke."

Don't miss The Witches, esQuire and DJ Larry Ray, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at the smoky rock club, the Lager House, at 1254 Michigan Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 961-4668. For more on The Witches, see witchesonparade.com.

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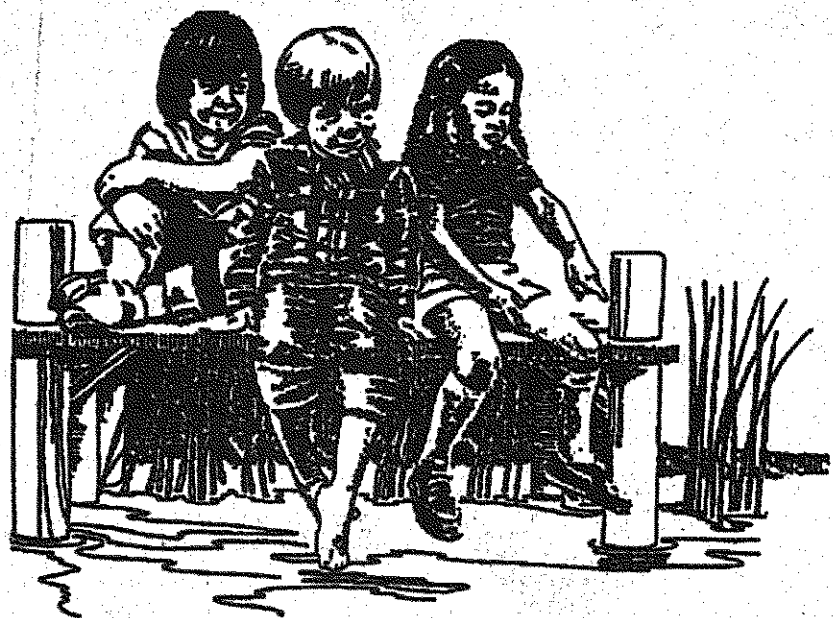
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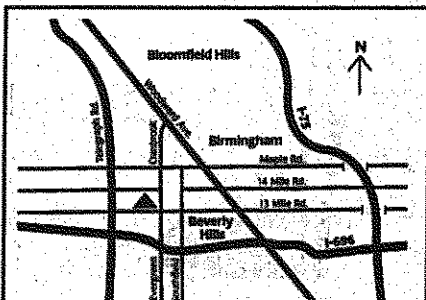
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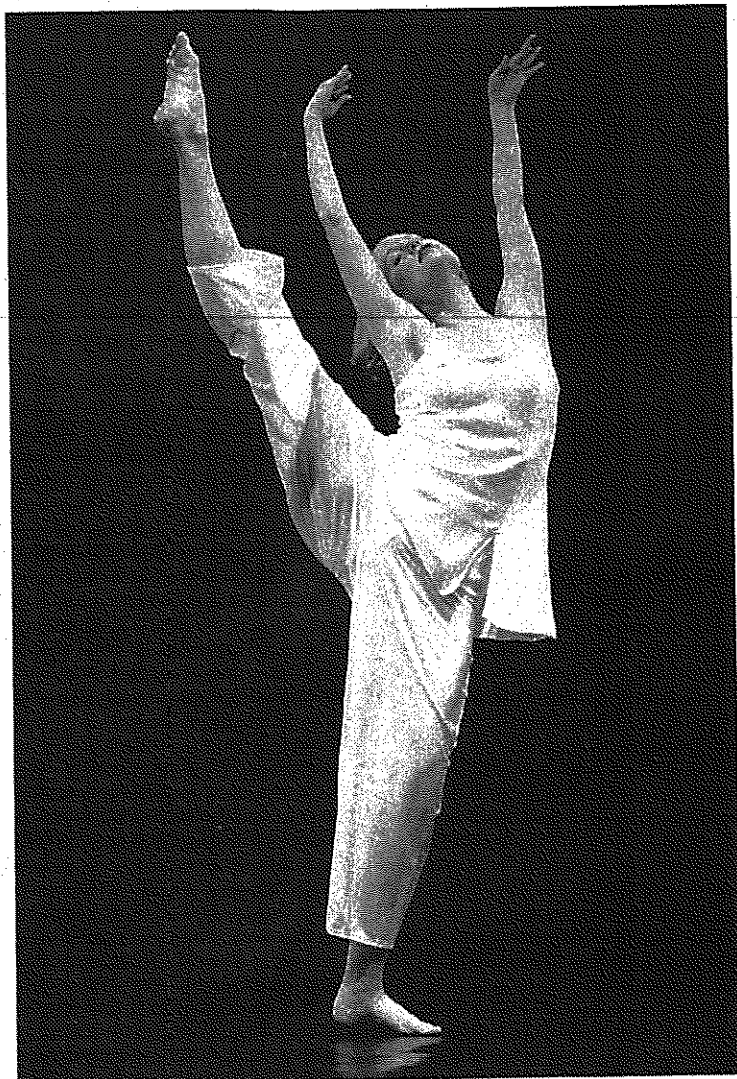
DDC spotlights a collage of premieres

Detroit Dance Collective presents Collage, a concert of contemporary dances featuring choreography by company members, artistic director Barbara Selinger and guest artists Connie Moore and Corinne Imberski Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 15-16, in the Maggie Allesee Dance Studio at Wayne State University, Detroit.

Dances range from humorous to richly dramatic. The program includes six premieres and an excerpt from current repertory. Detroit Dance Collective associate artistic director Kay Rediers presents "Oh Brother," a vibrant quartet offering a glimpse into family dynamics. Dance company member Anh Nguyen premieres his "GamePieces," an inside look at the lives of four games pies. The program also includes "Nuevo Tango," choreographed and performed by Connie Moore, former Detroit Dance Collective member and founder of MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company, and Selinger. The duo has danced together many times in the past. The innovative use of their costume/prop will tickle your spirit and bring to mind personal unforgettable dance experiences.

Selinger, a Farmington Hills resident, premieres her "Times Two," a multi-layered dance/music/video work performed to music by Frederick Chopin and played live by Canton pianist Dimas Caraballo. Imberski performs her work "Imminent," set to the music of Edvard Grieg.

The dance company also showcases the work of emerging artists, Tressa Allard who choreographed "The Reason I Give," a senior at Wayne State University. The piece is performed to the music of Led Zeppelin by WSU senior Chris Masters.



Corinne Imberski performs "Imminent," a work she choreographed about the feelings generated by inescapable fate. She joins the Detroit Dance Collective for its annual Collage Concert at Wayne State University.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

What: Collage Concert that includes six premieres and an excerpt from current repertory

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16

Where: Maggie Allesee Dance Studio, on the third floor of the Old Main Building, Cass and Warren, on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit.

Tickets: \$12, \$10 students and seniors. Call (313) 965-3544

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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 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.

DAREDEVIL

Marvel's legendary comic book hero, known as the Man Without Fear, comes to the big screen. Attorney Matt Murdock is blind, but his other four senses function with superhuman sharpness. By day, Murdock represents the downtrodden. At night, he is Daredevil, a masked vigilante stalking the dark streets of the city, a relentless avenger of justice. Featured players include Ben Affleck (*The Sum of All Fears*), Jennifer Garner (TV's *Alias*), Michael Clarke Duncan (*The Scorpion King*), Colin Farrell (*The Minority Report*), Joe Pantoliano (*Memento*) and Jon Favreau (*Made*) as the title character's best friend and legal partner. Mark Steven Johnson directed, marking his first since completing *Simon Birch* in 1998. (Twentieth Century Fox). Rate PG-13.

THE JUNGLE BOOK 2

This sequel, based on the Disney animated film, *The Jungle Book*, starts where the original ended: "Mowgli gets restless in his new village home, and decides to return to the 'bare necessities' of jungle life, leaving behind his new girlfriend, Shanti, who's afraid of the dangerous wild animals Mowgli is used to romping around with. As it turns out, she's right to be. Mowgli's old nemesis, the tiger named Shere Khan, is out for bloody revenge. Can old friends Baloo and crew help Mowgli avoid Khan's lethal claws?" (Walt Disney Pictures) Rated G

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, FEB. 21

GODS AND GENERALS

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

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Clarkston Village Players
Love Letters 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 14-15, Depot Theatre, Clarkston. \$12. (248) 625-8811 or www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

Farmington Players

Present Laughter continues to Feb. 22. \$13, seniors half price on Sunday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 7-8, Feb. 14-15, Feb. 21-22, and Thursday, Feb. 13 and 20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 and 16, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets for the gala are \$100 per person. Call (248) 219-0800 or visit www.farmington-players.org

New Light Productions

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COLLEGE THEATER

Meadow Brook Theatre

The Foreigner, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 13-14 and Feb. 26; 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. \$19-\$38, (248) 377-3300

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Saturday, Feb. 13-15, Oakland University campus, Rochester. Tickets \$5-\$10, seating limited, reservations recommended, call (248) 370-3013

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Celebrates African-American Celebration Month continuing to Feb. 20. A Taste of Africa Gala featuring music, art and food, 4-8 p.m. Feb. 14, Recreation and Athletics Center; Drum and Dance Workshop and Crafts, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 17, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center. All events at Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 370-4345

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Temple Beth El

"Luminare," classical trio, noon Tuesday, Feb. 18, Temple's Handelman Hall, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. \$10/Beth Elders members, \$12/guests. For reservations (prior to Thursday, Feb. 13) call (248) 352-5882.

Schoolcraft College

Harpsicordist Edward Parmentier, music professor, University of Michigan, noon Wednesday, Feb. 19. No charge, 186000 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia. (734) 462-4403.

Notre Dame Handbell & Choir

Handbell and Celebration Choir concerts 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 771 Old Perch, Rochester Hills, 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, Shrine of the Little Flower, Woodward Avenue at 12 Mile, (248) 541-4122. Freewill offering.

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BENEFITS

Redford Theatre

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'70s Bash

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is holding its annual dinner-dance and auction Friday, March 14, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. "Passions of the Past: A '70s Bash" is the theme of this year's event that raises money for the PCAC's educational and community arts programming. \$75. To buy tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call (734) 416-4278

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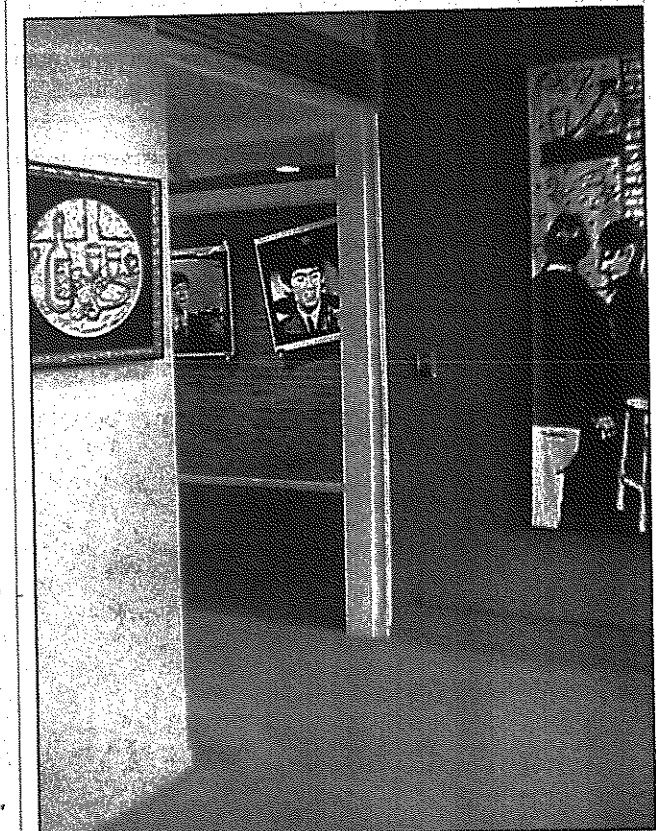
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Gallery 91 holds a Grand Opening Reception 5-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in the new space at 91 West Long Lake Road, west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. The works of Robert Dempster, Tom Weschler, Jim Kaminski, Larry Halbert, Shannon Fink, and Jerry Amster are on display in the first show benefiting The Look for Success, a nonprofit helping women facing mental and physical challenges. The contemporary arts gallery is designed as a venue for artists and charities to collaborate in helping the community. A portion of all art sales plus donations go to charity. For more information, call (248) 594-7446.

Mama's Coffeehouse

Terry Gonda, Dev Singh, Jen Cass and Dennis Kingsbury form the songwriter's circle, 7:15 p.m. (open mic) concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward, near northwest corner Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$10, \$8 seniors, students 16 and younger. (248) 569-0965 information, (248) 626-4650 to reserve open mic slot.

PROFESSIONAL DANCE

Varnier Recital Hall

Patterson Rhythm Pace Dance Company, with Biakuye, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$15/general, \$8/students. For reservations (248) 370-3013

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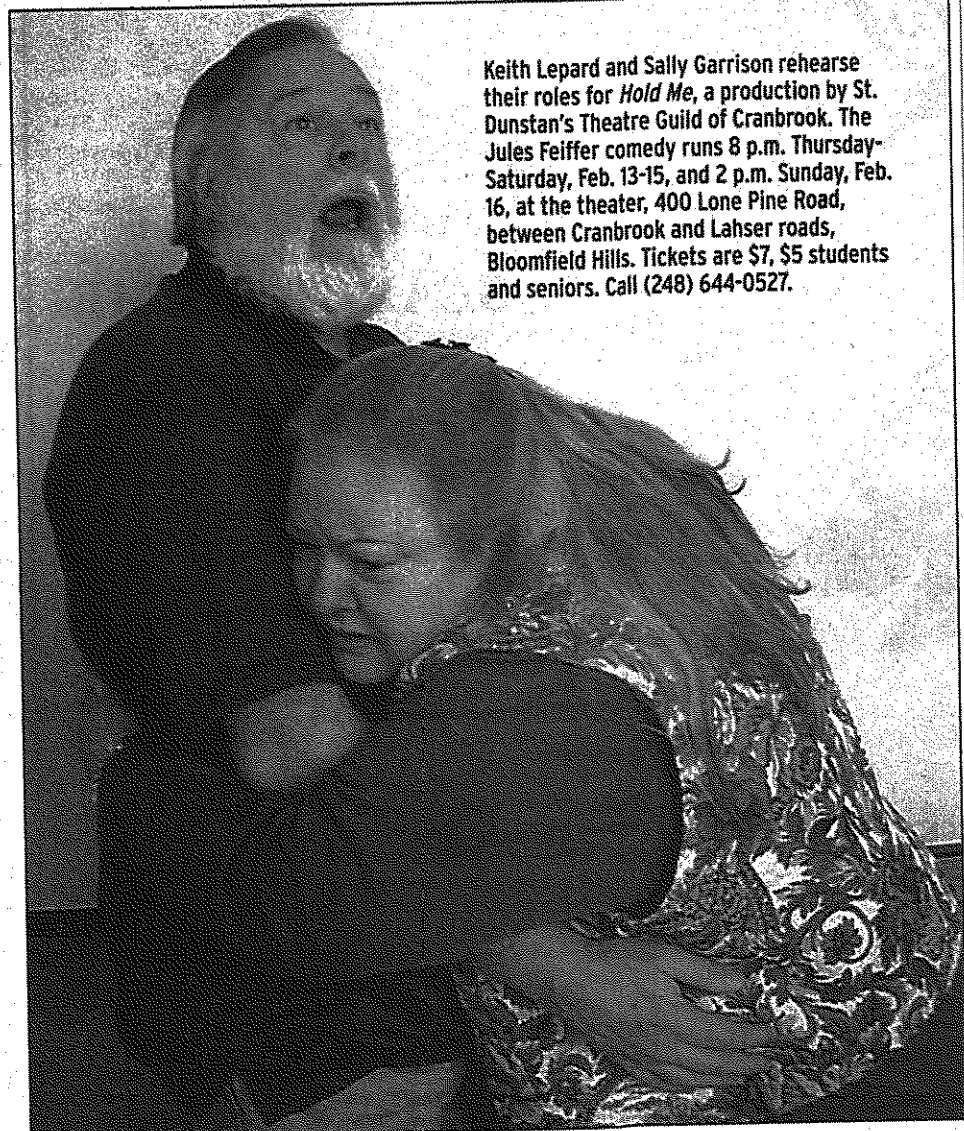
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Renowned chamber ensemble 'rolling along'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

There's a lot to be said for experience. After 39 years of performing around the world with the Guarneri String Quartet, Michael Tree sounds comfortable in his role as violist. But don't be fooled. His calm demeanor hides a passion for the music. It's one of the reasons he continues to tour three to six months a year. The other is the bond he shares with violinists Arnold Steinhardt and John Dalley, and cellist Peter Wiley who joined the quartet after David Swoyer retired.

When asked if he thought they would ever remain together this long, Tree responded with a quick "no, not a chance."

"The likelihood of a quartet staying together that long is practically unheard of," said Tree in a Feb. 7, interview from his New York City home. The quartet returned from a two-and-a-half week tour of Europe the night before. They're performing Saturday, Feb. 15, at Seligman Performing Arts Center in Beverly Hills as part of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit series.

"Three of the four us, except for David who was 11 years older, were all students at the Curtis Institute and that led to a close relationship musically and as friends, a close enough bond to last us a lifetime."

"David retired because he got fed up with the travel. He celebrated his 80th birthday this month and remains active. It's mainly that travel is becoming increasingly difficult," said Tree.

A familiar face is sliding into Swoyer's vacant chair. Wiley was a former student of Swoyer's in the late 1960s when he attended the Curtis Institute at the age of 13. Later as a member of the Beaux Arts Trio, Wiley performed more than 1,000 concerts.

"We're happily rolling along," said Tree. "We've known Peter for many years. We're currently learning and relearning repertoire with Peter."

A few of the works are from their latest CD (Surrounded by



The Guarneri String Quartet just returned from a European tour and will be performing Feb. 15 in Beverly Hills.

'That's one of the benefits of being around this long.'

We only play works that are our favorites.'

Michael Tree
Guarneri String Quartet

Entertainment Records), which features quartets by Ravel, Debussy and Faure. They're also rehearsing for their annual six concert series at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in

New York, and the Feb. 15 program for the Chamber Music Society of Detroit - Haydn's *String Quartet in C Major, Op. 54, No. 2*, Bartok's *Quartet No. 6*, and Beethoven's *String Quartet*

in *C Major, Op. 59, No. 33*.

"That's one of the benefits of being around this long. We only play works that are our favorites," said Tree who passes along all his experience to students at the Curtis Institute, The Juilliard School and Manhattan School of Music. In addition to teaching, he and the rest of the quartet give master classes to aspiring young music students at the University of Maryland eight times a year.

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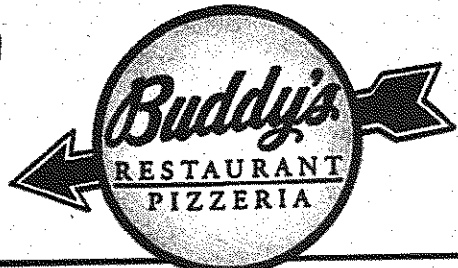
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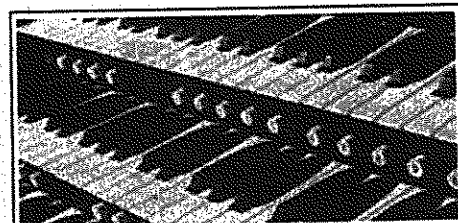
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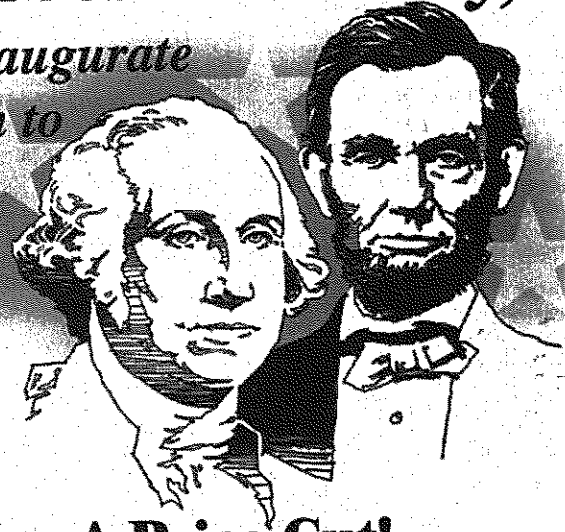
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P.I. BLUES

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is "a really fun film" that's reminiscent of studio movies from the 1940s, and "a joy to watch."

Fritz is a "wannabe" private detective who works in a pet store. One day, his friend, a private detective, asks him to watch his reptile while he leaves town on a case. Fritz agrees, but begins to pretend he's a private investigator. The lovable, fumbling Fritz manages to get involved with a down-on-her-luck woman who needs a P.I. to find her brother. Murder, intrigue, comedy, silly friends, and the Russian Mafia soon take over.

Jim Dudek wrote, produced and directed the movie that took more than two years to complete.

"It's a story driven by likable characters," Dudek said. "I enjoy movies from the 1940s, movies without graphic violence ... that left something to the imagination. In *P.I. Blues* even the bad guys are likable."

"The production of *P.I. Blues* has been a blast," Dudek said. "I hope audiences have as much fun watching this film as we've had making it."

"We really liked shooting in Michigan, there was great energy. Shooting in L.A. is old hat there and people are inconvenienced by it, but here people are excited about it. Everybody on the set took my ideas and made them better."

Also starring in the film is Dolores C. Reyes, Alex Safi, Peter M. Brown, and Alan Madlane. Much of the movie's crew, including Dudek and DeMerrell are hardly newcomers to the business.

DeMerrell, raised in White Lake, earned a bachelor of arts in theater from Western Michigan University. He's toured with a national company of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, and the *Little Shop of Horrors*. Entertainment is his lifelong passion.

"When I was a child I walked on a stage at Frankenmuth and started entertaining ... they couldn't get me off the stage," DeMerrell said.

He also worked at Jeff Daniels' Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea. Tow of his favorite roles were Valmont in *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* and the Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*.

"It's ironic that I got my (paying) jobs here at home rather than when I lived in New York," DeMerrell said.

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A "musher" drives his dogs through the home stretch during a race at the Double JJ Resort in Rothbury.

Ready, dogs? Let's mush!

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

Ten barking, straining-at-the-leash husky dogs. One wooden sled with narrow runners. Ready to "mush?" Hold on tight, lean into the curves and watch that first hill. "Isn't as easy as it looks, is it?" said Dave Alvarez, stopping his snowmobile after I tumbled, flying off a hill and ripping my snowsuit, on the sled dog trail at Double JJ Resort near Muskegon.

Alvarez, head musher, was teaching me to drive a dog sled, pulling me around the resort's lake with a snowmobile in preparation for the real thing -- a pack of 10 dogs.

"The dogs won't run as fast as the snowmobile," Alvarez said. "If you can do it with the snowmobile, you'll be OK with the dogs."

He was right. After falling off four times, the dog sled drive was a cinch. I didn't even have to use my new musher's vocabulary ("Gi" for right, "Ha" for left) to guide my pack. The dogs knew the trail so well, they practically ran on automatic.

"We have about 30 dogs. Ours give rides," said Bob Lipsitz, resort owner.

Adults pay \$30 (\$20 for children) to sit on the sled while a skilled musher, like Alvarez, takes the team on a 20-minute ride. For another \$15, resort guests can learn to handle the reins themselves, as I did on a recent visit. Get good enough and you might consider joining a dog sled organization, like the statewide MUSH club, which held its annual races at the Double JJ last month.

"Our dogs aren't racing. These guys would be going right past our dogs," Lipsitz

said, watching MUSH teams race against the clock as they crossed the finish line.

Several competitors traded sleds for skis and raced in a dog and ski sport called juring. The skier wears a leash with one or more dogs attached.

"I trained her on my Roller Blades first," said Holland resident Austin Stauffer, who hooked his dad, Brian, to a leash pulled by their Springer Spaniel, Maddie.

Lipsitz said dog and skier must "work together" to stay in control and on the move.

"You'll see skiers with two and three dogs and then for sure you have no control," he said, laughing.

Where can a cross-country skier learn to ski jury?

"Right here at the Double JJ," Lipsitz said.

Thanks, but after those tumbles off the dog sled, I'd better save that class for the next trip.

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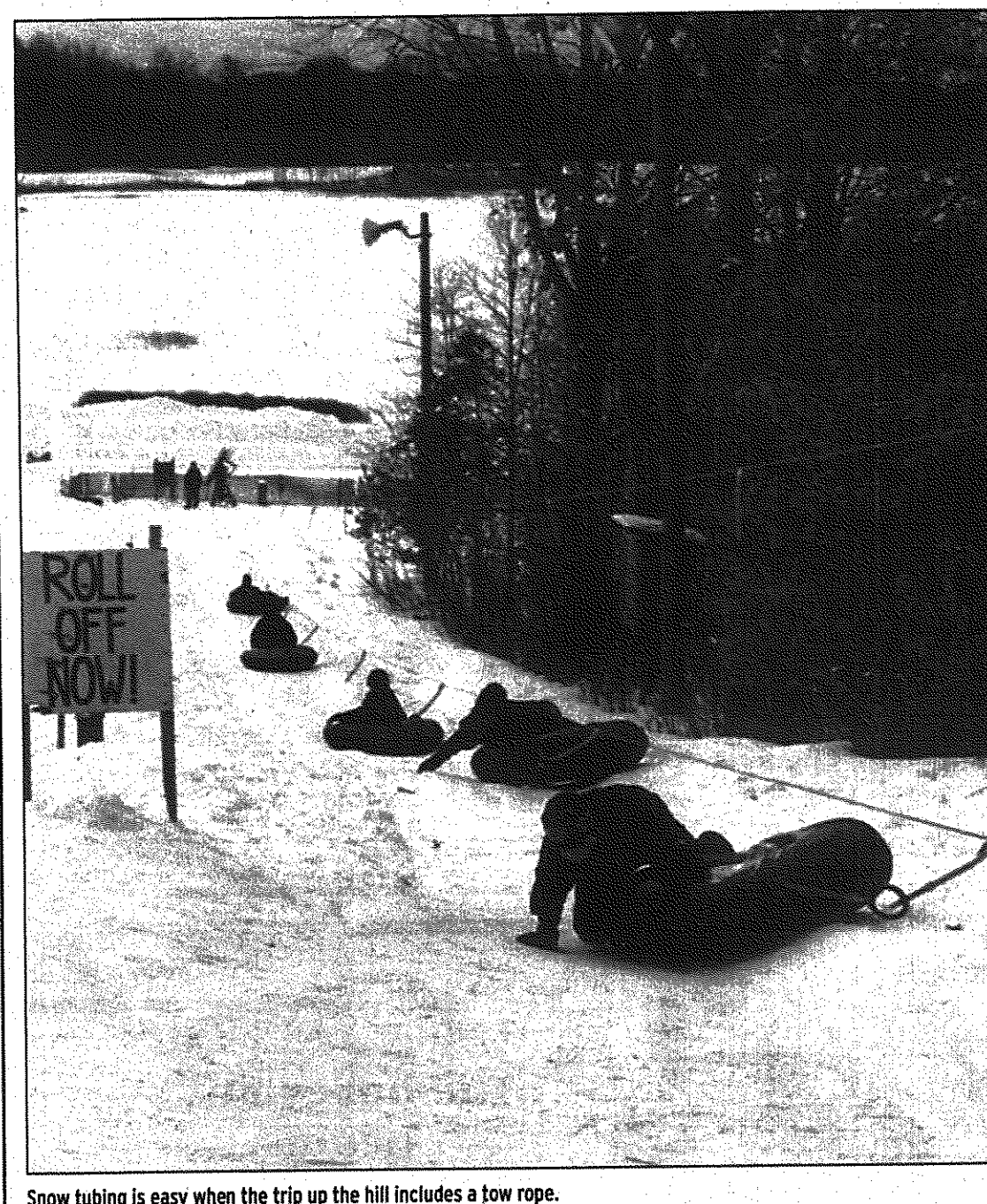
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DOUBLE JJ

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was the original Club Med. You had to be single and the age was between 19 and 29. It's amazing how many old-timers from the area stayed in the area because they came here and met their spouse."

Lipsitz operated the resort as a summer-only facility, adding a golf course in 1993. He built a winterized conference center and restaurant, hotel, condominiums and tubing hill in 1997. The "Back Forty," which includes water slides, a Western town, cabins, horse barn, snowmobile track and RV park, opened in 1999. The original summer-only ranch operates from May through October. The rest is open year-round.

WINTER FUN

Lipsitz said he draws the majority of his customers from the Detroit and Chicago area for tubing, sled dog rides, snowmobiling, horseback riding and cross country skiing during the winter.

"Most places don't allow people to run horses, but we do," Lipsitz said. Guided advanced rides take horse and equestrian over trails at a fast clip. Beginning and intermediate riders walk or canter.

He said the resort's quarter mile snowmobile track is its newest attraction.

"It's got jumps and curves. It's not a straight oval track. The average snowmobiler can't go fast, but you can go around 12 miles per hour."

The resort can make snow for its tubing hill and snowmobile track, but Gail Zemmol, public

relations director, says there's plenty of natural white stuff to keep sleds and skis gliding.

"We have a ton of snow," said Zemmol, a former Farmington Hills resident. "There's about a foot and a half out there."

A Plymouth-Canton Girl Scout troop spent a recent snowy weekend at the resort. It's a favorite destination for Scouts and other groups.

"The kids love it. But the people who really love it are the troop leaders because house-keeping will come in and make the beds. You don't have to bleach down the mattresses when you leave," she said. "And it's not camp food. It's resort food."

"We get a lot of letters from kids. They count down the days until they come back. They say it's better than Disney."

There's love and voodoo in 'A Bayou Legend'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Patricia Willington is doing her part to bring about diversity on the opera stage by producing the Great Lakes Lyric Opera's *A Bayou Legend* Thursday, Feb. 13, and Saturday, Feb. 15. Written by African-American composer William Grant Still in the 1930s, the story centers around a love triangle and the practice of voodoo.

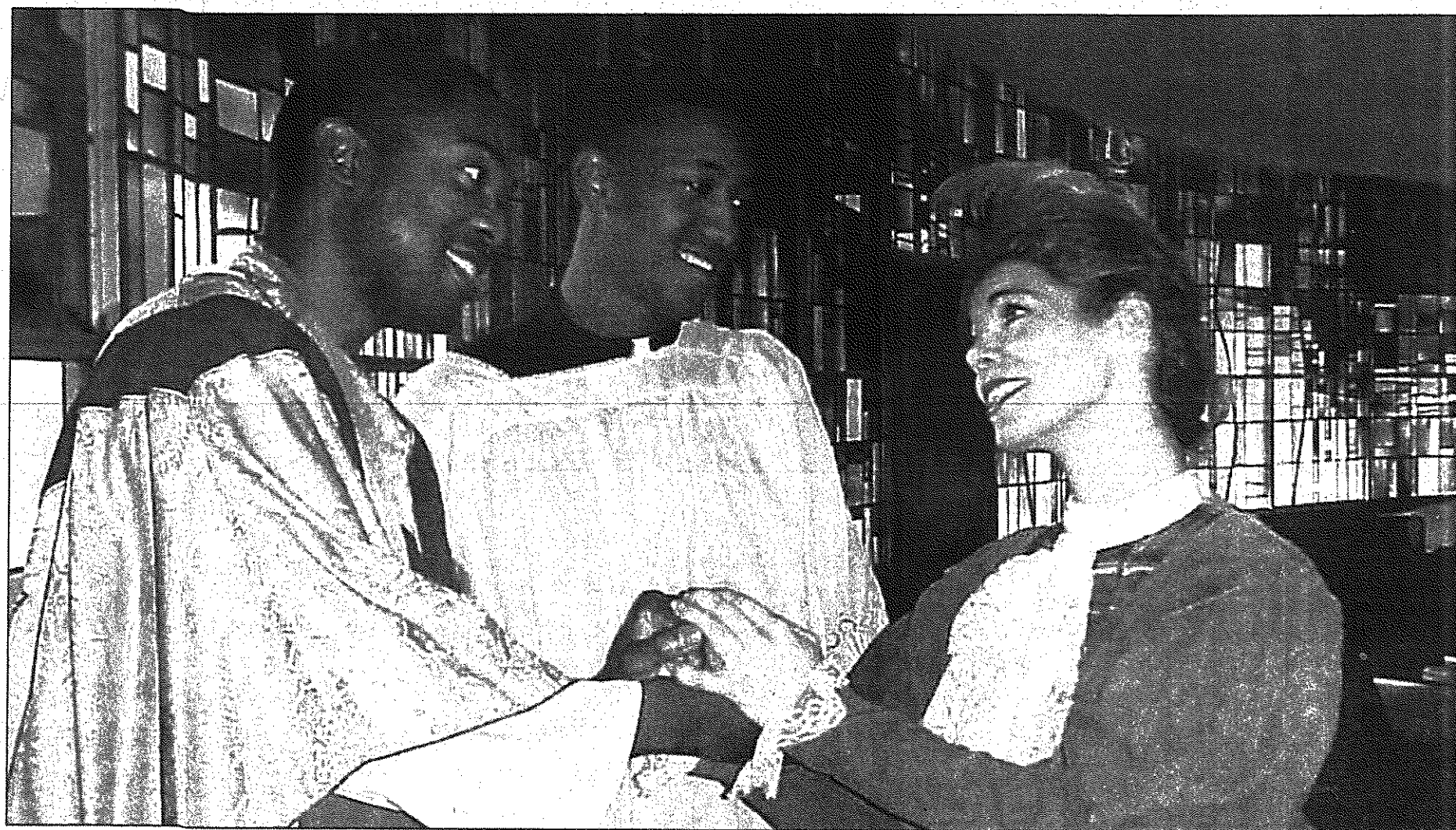
As a composer, Still (1895-1978) has many accomplishments to his credit including the first African American to have an opera performed by a major company in 1949 and the first to have an opera (*A Bayou Legend*) performed on national television in 1981.

"I'd heard of Still so several of us met at the Detroit Public Library a year ago to look at four of his operas. After reading the score I wondered why isn't anybody doing this?" said Willington, a Southfield resident who grew up in Livonia. Willington directs the choir at Birmingham's Seaholm High School, and the boy's choir at Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills.

After Willington and Great Lakes Lyric Opera members selected one of Still's opera the work began. Assembling an 18-piece orchestra came easy. It was the African-American cast that became a regional task. Willington's search for vocalists took her as far away as Interlochen Arts Academy and Ohio.

"Still was a contemporary of Gershwin who wrote *Porgy & Bess*," said Willington. "This is worthy music of any color that really deserves to be heard. It has so much texture and color. It's very lyrical for a contemporary piece and it's written in the English language."

Celeste Headlee loves the music but admits to being biased about the composer. Still took the place of her father who died when she was 9 months old. Headlee grew up admiring her grandfather and eventually followed him into the world of classical music. An arts reporter for WDET, she's appeared on stage many times as a soloist since earning a master's degree in vocal performance from the University of Michigan. She's especially excited about playing the role of the minstrel narrator, the first



Leslie Hill (left), Ivan Griffin and Celeste Headlee perform in *A Bayou Legend* composed by African-American composer William Grant Still. Headlee is the granddaughter of Still.

'This is worthy music of any color that really deserves to be heard. It has so much texture and color.'

Patricia Willington
Great Lakes Lyric Opera

character to take the stage in *A Bayou Legend*.

"It's a mystery why no one performs it," said Headlee. "We as a society have to question why. It's hard for me to say it's because of prejudice but it's hard to say it's not."

"It's melodic and in English. It's the perfect kind of opera for those who think they don't like opera. It's tuneful with comic relief. There are the Three Blades who are town drunks. My grandfather had an incredible sense of humor. You can bring the whole family and enjoy it."

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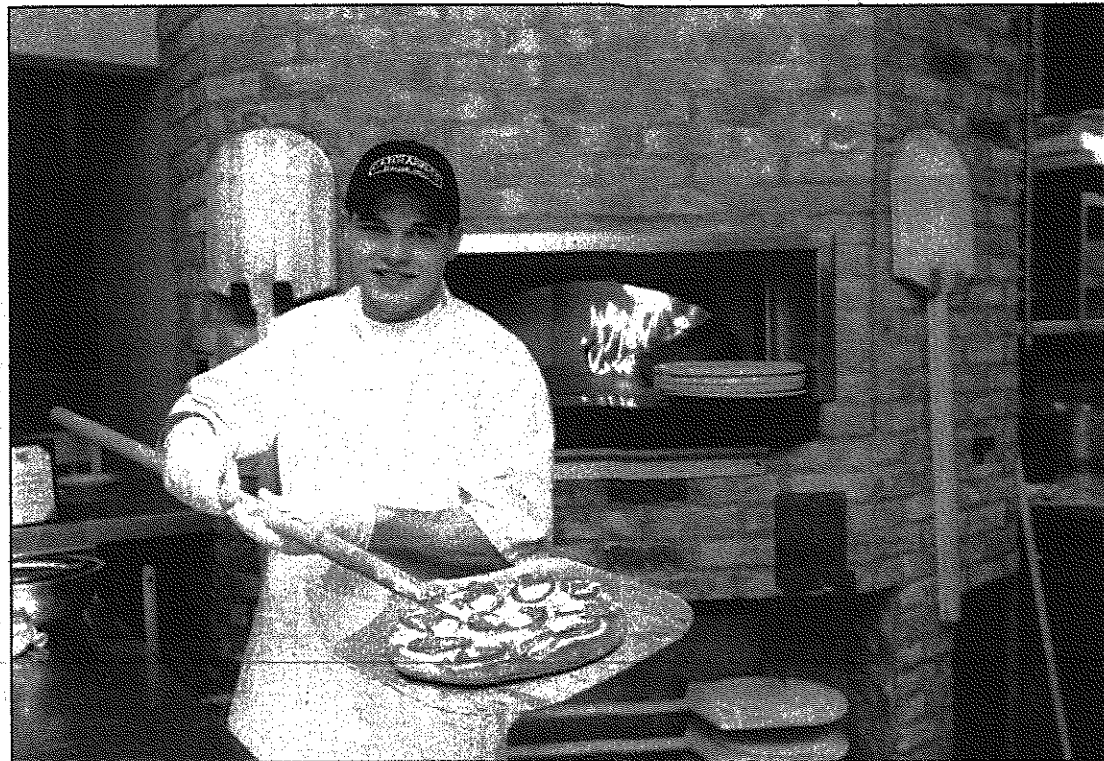
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Josh West shows off a Margarita pizza fresh out of the stone oven at Carrabba's.



Members of the Carrier and Wingfield families of Canton enjoy a meal at Carrabba's in front of la Cucina (the kitchen).

Carrabba's emphasizes personal service and fresh foods

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
CORRESPONDENT

Walk in, feel the warmth of the wood-burning pizza oven and you'll be sure to make yourself at home at Carrabba's Italian Grill.

"We still have people come in and tell us they didn't know we were here," said Gary Harchelroad, managing partner of the new Canton restaurant.

The eatery, which opened late last year, has a great view of I-275, but patrons might have a tough time finding it with its proximity to the freeway. Look for the huge Lifetime Fitness facility on the east side of Haggerty, south of Ford Road, and Carrabba's is between that and the Extended Stay America motel.

This summer, you will surely recognize the eatery by its luscious rooftop garden, complete with evergreens and other indigenous vegetation.

"We offer a Tuscan landscape even in Michigan," said Andi Jacobs, marketing vice president. "We hired an architect who is known for including landscaping into the architecture."

GOOD TASTES

The warm ambiance of Carrabba's wood and tile decor is sure to draw in patrons. But it's the freshly made cuisine that is bound to develop repeat business for the casual, family restaurant.

The 6,300-square-foot eatery offers seating for more than 200 patrons, and a staff of 80. Personal, family service is a Carrabba's theme, with staff serving sections with only two-three tables each.

When you go to Carrabba's, keep this in mind: Italian cuisine is not limited to spaghetti. Developed by Johnny Carrabba and his uncle, Damian

Mandola, members of one of Houston's largest culinary families, Carrabba's specialty is meat.

"Johnny and Damian incorporated grilling as an essential part of the menu. Grilling is very Italian. The family is Sicilian. Grilling is about that area of Italy," Jacobs said.

If you think the Carrabba and Mandola names are familiar, you're right. They host the Italian cooking show, "Cucina Amore" on PBS. A cookbook, "Ciao Y'all," will be in bookstores this year.

From the wood-burning grill come specialties such as filet fiorentina, chicken gratella - basted with olive oil and herbs - chicken or sirloin marsala, both which feature the fiorio marsala wine sauce. Other grilled specialties are pollo rosa maria, a chicken breast stuffed with fontina cheese and prosciutto, and spiedino di mare, shrimp and sea scallops coated with Italian breadcrumbs.

Grilled entrees range from \$12.49 to \$18.99 for the filet fiorentina, and \$15.99 for the fish of the day that is grilled and completed with a special sauce.

A large, open kitchen allows patrons to watch the creation of their meals. Large pots of pasta cook at the pasta bar. The pizza bar - on the other side of the kitchen - also serves as entertainment.

"Kids like to sit here and see them (chefs) make the pizzas," Harchelroad said.

Pasta specialties range from pasta Carrabba, which is fettucini alfredo tossed with grilled chicken, sauteed mushrooms and peas for \$11.99 to pasta weesie, shrimp sauteed in a garlic, lemon butter and wine sauce for \$13.99, and mezzaluna, which are delicate half-moon-shaped ravioli filled with chicken, ricotta and spinach in a tomato cream sauce for \$10.49.

DINNER'S SPECIAL

Carrabba's is not open for lunch. And there is a reason.

"Everything is made fresh. It is too hard to do it for lunch. It would take away from the quality of the product," Harchelroad said.

While a takeout venue may not set Carrabba's apart, the eatery, however, does one better with its car side service. Call in your order, tell the staff member what type of car you're driving, and when you arrive at the restaurant, your order is brought to you.

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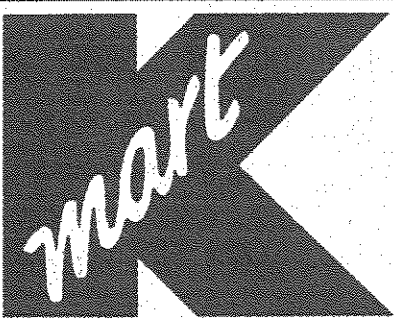
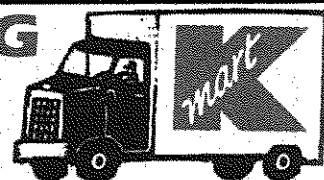
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A filet with a side of zucchini and Fettucini Alfredo, Pescatore (mussels, shrimp and scallops with marinara over linguini) and a Margarita pizza are among the offerings at Carrabba's.

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Accents

Nesting box

Here is habitat tip No. 2 in the series celebrating the National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat™ program's 30th anniversary.

Installing nesting boxes for birds is an easy way to help create habitat in your yard. Here are some suggestions from the naturalists at the NWF: Install your birdhouse before the nesting season begins (mid to late winter). Late February is best for most areas.

Boxes built of untreated wood are best.

Your box shouldn't have a perch. Perches are unnecessary and allow predators access to eggs and nestlings.

Hang your box from a pole with a predator guard. Hanging boxes in trees allows predators easier access and can harm the tree.

The box should have a drainage hole in the bottom, ventilation holes toward the top (but not in the roof), and a hinged side to allow easy access for cleaning and monitoring.

Don't use insecticides in the yard. Birds rely on insects to feed their young. And the chemicals are harmful to the birds themselves.

Plans for building a nesting box can be found in the Backyard Habitat Planning Guide, available from the NWF for \$14.95 by calling (585) 461-3092.

More information on creating habitats and how to have them officially certified by the NWF is available at www.nwf.org/backyard-wildlifehabitat.

Grand opening

CoCo Interiors, a new home furnishings store in Orchard Lake, will have a grand opening for the public 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20.

The store is in the Village Plaza shopping center at 4111 Orchard Lake Road, just south of Pontiac Trail.

Owned by interior designer Dorian Hayes, who grew up in Livonia, CoCo Interiors offers elegant, classic fur-



nishings and hand-painted pieces, as well as high-end home accents and gifts, including Boehm porcelain and collectibles by Faberge. In Michigan, the Boehm line is exclusive to CoCo Interiors. Each of the classic pieces in the shop was selected by Hayes during frequent buying trips to New York.

During the grand opening celebration, visitors can leisurely browse the shop's wares while enjoying food and refreshments provided by Cucina Leone of Birmingham. Patrons can also enter a drawing to win a limited edition Americana Rose porcelain by Boehm valued at \$300.

CoCo Interiors is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday. Call (248) 855-6080.



Certified Feng Shui practitioner Catherine Hilker, far left, offers suggestions for making bedrooms more romance-friendly at a seminar held Monday at Studio Jewell in Royal Oak.

PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The right place for love

Feng Shui in the bedroom, for better romance

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Looking for love in all the wrong places?

Then look no further than your own bedroom.

A few changes in the room's layout and decor might improve your love life, according to Feng Shui, an ancient Chinese design philosophy.

Enhancing romance was exactly what Lynne Affolder of Rochester Hills had in mind when she attended a seminar on Feng Shui for the bedroom, held Monday just a few days before Valentine's Day at Studio Jewell in Royal Oak.

"I learned a lot," said Affolder, who is single but foresees a relationship and more romance in her future. "I didn't really think about it before, the idea of making the bedroom romance-friendly. It seems like common sense."

Affolder's bedroom decorating plans following the seminar: "Get rid of all my family pictures in the bedroom and cover up my television."

Neither family photos nor the television set belong in the bedroom, said Catherine Hilker, the certified Feng Shui practitioner who taught the two-hour seminar.

"TVs are very distracting and very demanding. If you have a TV in the bedroom, you're probably

going to be watching TV. Make it go away or get rid of it. It will be interesting to see what happens," Hilker said, leaving the rest to the imagination.

Family photos, too, belong elsewhere, she said. "It's not good to have things that take you out of your relationship in your bedroom." Replace them with photographs of you and your partner or symbols of love and romance like fresh flowers, heart-shaped objects and red accents.

Clutter, even hidden clutter in closets and drawers, also causes problems for couples in the bedroom. It, like the television set, calls out for attention, beckoning clean-up and distracting occupants from the task at hand, whether it be sleep or something else, said Hilker.

Other bedroom no-nos include exercise equipment, computers and religious symbols, according to Hilker. If spirituality is a bedroom essential - or you're a hopeless romantic - set up a love altar. Hilker uses lit candles, incense, rose quartz and a scarlet scarf to encircle a photo of her and her partner on a bed-side table.

If you're single, can you set up a love altar, asked Cathy Nall, 54, of Sterling Heights, hoping such an addition would help her find love.



Not sure how to decorate a bedside table? Create a love altar. Feng Shui practitioner Catherine Hilker uses lit candles, incense, rose quartz and a scarlet scarf to encircle a photograph of she and her partner, but a love altar can be comprised of anything that's meaningful and soothing to the couple.

"Yes, I would set one up," Hilker said.

The love altar idea also intrigued 33-year-old Susan Handorf of West Bloomfield. But, aside from an armoire, she and her husband don't have a place for it.

Simply set up a love altar inside the armoire, said Hilker.

At its core, Feng Shui is common sense, she said. It asks homeowners to use their head when designing and decorating their home. And a room that guarantees privacy, inspires intimacy, feels sensual, serene and safe sounds like a place conducive to love and romance.

"The function of the bedroom is sleeping and lovemaking," Hilker said. So, follow your instincts. "If it feels good to you, that's good Feng Shui."

Catherine Hilker, a practitioner of Essential Feng Shui, teaches classes at Studio Jewell and other locations in metropolitan Detroit. She can be reached at (248) 547-4965. For information about design classes at Studio Jewell, 501 South Washington in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 414-6114.

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Feng Shui ways to love

Decorate with symbols of love and romance. Flowers, heart-shaped items, candles, couple photographs, accents in tones representing passion, as well as objects in pairs, are all good choices.

Objects meaningful to a couple are excellent bedroom decor accents.

In a larger bedroom or one with high ceilings, create a room within the room or add a bed canopy for a sense of intimacy.

Make sure the bedroom feels private. If it abuts a public area, create a transition space in between.

Use matching night stands or tables of equal size. The amount of space on either side of the bed should also be somewhat equal.

Make a sumptuous, not a mundane, bed with linens in sensuous fabrics like silk and satin.

Pay attention to safety in the bedroom. Opt for furniture with rounded corners. Avoid using objects and artwork that look dangerous or appear as if they might fall. An overhead ceiling fan, for instance, can look threatening.

Situate the bed away from the room's entrance pathway against a solid

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Exhibit focuses on 19th-, 20th-century pieces

There'll be plenty of antiques for the picking next week in Southfield.

The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition is scheduled Friday-Sunday, Feb. 21-23, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, Evergreen at Civic Center Drive.

In its 23rd year, the exposition offers hundreds of antiques, among them a selection of American, European, Oriental and African pieces, for purchase.

"There is some 18th century, but there is more 19th and 20th century," said Michael Butler, co-owner of M & M Enterprises, the antiques show management and promotion company that holds the exposition.

"The broad range of merchandise is what people like about the show," Butler said, estimating that 6,500 people annually attend.

While the exposition's popularity is partly due to timing - it's one of the first major local antiques shows of the year - merchandise prices have broad appeal, Butler said.

"Prices run the full range with pieces geared toward beginner collectors just starting out and more advanced collectors, too. Where we don't go is extremely top-end on prices."

One hundred twenty merchants are expected to display their antique wares this year. About half are based outside Michigan.

New exhibitors include Illinois-based Fermette Antiques-Belgium, which specializes in French pottery and copper pieces, and East Lansing's Global Imports Gallery, which is owned by a native of Tanzania and focuses on antique tribal art from east and west Africa.

By Staff writer Nicole Stafford

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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.

Here's how to fix double-hung windows

Some news from the appliance world

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We brothers grew up in our grandmother's house, a turn-of-the-century home with double-hung wood windows. Guess who was assigned the task of repairing and maintaining those contraptions? Even though Dad was the handiest guy in the neighborhood, we were the chosen ones.

Every time a sash rope broke it was our responsibility to make the repair.

If you have an older home with double-hung wood windows, you know that every so often the ropes that hold the counterweights rot and break, sending the counterweight into window oblivion.

You also know that there is nothing harder to open than a double-hung window without the help of both counterweights. In time, we got rather good at making this repair.

Here is how it's done: First, prepare the work area. Put a drop cloth on the floor to protect the carpet. If the floor is hardwood, cover it with a sheet of 1/4-inch wallboard. This will prevent damage to the floor if a tool or window part drops.

Next, remove the trim pieces from either side of the window opening that keep the lower window in place. Nothing else prevents that window from

falling out, so be careful.

Use a sharp chisel to pry the trim away from the frame of the window. First, break the paint connection by running a razor knife blade the full length of the trim. Doing so will reduce paint chipping and, in many instances, will eliminate damage to the trim.

(Note: Use a wedge between the side of the window and the frame to hold the window in place while you remove the trim. Once the trim is removed, the wedges are pulled out and the window and its frame will fall out of the opening.)

The next step is to remove the lower window. The weight ropes usually are held in place with a small nail or screw.

Remove the fastener from each side, being careful not to drop the window, and then pull the rope away. Move the window to a safe location. This would be an ideal time to repair the frame, reglaze the window and sand and paint the frame.

REMOVING TRIM

With the bottom window safely out of the way, the center trim easily can be removed so that the top window also can be removed. Even if there is nothing wrong with the weight ropes attached to the top window, it is wise to replace them as well.

Removing the trim is a big part of this job. Once the trim is out, it is a mistake not to renew all the ropes at once. When one rope goes, it indicates what soon will follow with the other ropes in that opening. Make sure to slide the top window to the lower position and wedge it in place before beginning to remove the center trim.

(Note: The outer trim that holds the lower trim in place is mounted onto the inside face of the frame. However, the center trim piece is usually recessed into a dado. So, be careful to keep that in mind as you use your chisel to pry it loose. In other words, the back of the trim is below frame surface.)

After using a sharp razor knife to break the paint seal on both sides of the trim, slightly imbed the tip of a sharp chisel into the side of the trim.

Tap lightly with your hammer so you don't split the trim.

Next, place a wedge or small block between the chisel and the frame to act as a fulcrum. Prying the trim out will be easier using this technique.

Next, remove the upper window in the same way as the lower window was taken out. Place the upper window away from the work area.

Remove the four weight chamber covers; these are

usually held in place with screws. If painted, they might require some tweaking.

To loosen the paint connection between a screw and the surrounding area, insert a screwdriver into the slot and tap lightly with a hammer. This will accomplish three things:

1. It will clean the screw slot.
2. It will break the paint seal.
3. It will slightly loosen the bond between the screw and the wood that it is imbedded in, making the removal of the screw easier.

With the covers removed, replace the ropes, making sure the new ropes match the old ones in length. Put everything back together in reverse order.

One last note: This is a good time to make sure that the weather-stripping is up to snuff. For more home improvement tips and information, visit our Web site at www.onthehouse.com.

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Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Today the company is owned by Electrolux, which is a \$14 billion publicly held company with operations in more than 100 countries. It is hoped the products will carry the same type of quality built into them some 50 years ago.

As an example of why appliance consumer complaints are ranked the second worst in a national survey, let me tell you what happened in Peoria, Ill.

A customer had an icemaker installed, and the technician hooked up the water line to the copper line sticking out of the compressor. This line is used to recharge the compressor with refrigerant should the need arise. The copper water line for an icemaker should always be installed to the plumbing in the house. A Superior Court judge in California has given Black & Decker a lesson in the difference of products made in the United States and Mexico to the tune of \$3 million. The fine was levied because 32 models of Kwikset locks were stamped as made in this country when they were made in Merical, Mexico.

Misleading the public today is the quickest way to draw negative attention to a company brand. This is a new era and the American consumer is smarter than ever.

ICEMAKERS

A recent service repair tip sent to the appliance industry says that an icemaker produces hollow cubes that cause clumping or jamming of ice in all Maytag 1998-to-current side by sides with or without ice and water dispensers.

To resolve the problem, which has been traced to inadequate air flow (too little cold air moving across the bottom of the icemaker mold), Maytag has developed two icemaker tunnel kits that direct colder air across the mold. Complete instructions,

including illustrations, are supplied with the kits. Standard warranty terms apply.

From the sound of this bulletin, it appears that a few million customers might be having this problem. I wonder how many of them had to pay for repairs?

MOTORS

Since the invention of refrigerators, the fan motor inside the freezer has always been a fast speed motor, but recently energy standards demand variable speed motors.

Whirlpool/Kitchenaid has sent a service memo that ice and frost balls appearing on the freezer front ceiling are a result of slow freezer evaporator motors. The solution is a kit that includes a new electronic control board.

The 25-cubic foot side by sides affected are models GC5SHGXX, GC5TGXX, GC5SHGXL, GC5THGXL, KCSB25FK, KCSB25FK and KCSB25FK.

You may be saving energy with this model, and if you don't get the repair done under warranty, what will it cost after the warranty is up? We are talking about an electronic control board and it isn't cheap. There is a clothes dryer vent booster motor that is very easy to install for those of you who have dryer vent lines that are too long. This motor hooks into the vent line and can be a lifesaver in many homes across the country. E-mail acemiamail.com or call (800) 654-2154.

GARAGE DOORS

The garage door tracks that the rollers ride in should be clean and free of any grease.

I had a least a dozen calls from consumers during our cold spell who were going to call for service. Their complaint was that the door would go up a little ways and then stop or come back down.

I told them to get some denatured alcohol from the hardware store and clean those tracks, making sure not to cut themselves on the sharp edges of the tracks. Each one of them called to tell me they fixed the problem by cleaning the track. Not one of them used Jack Daniels. Stay tuned.

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

OurPet's introduces triple-action cat litter

The OurPet's Company has just introduced OurCat's Choice, a triple-action premium clumping cat litter that's safe, effective and completely flushable. Developed after extensive research, OurCat's Choice features a special combination of three key components that absorb, trap and eliminate odors before they're even noticed.

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To order, call (877) 634-8697 or visit www.cattoys.com. Suggested retail price is \$7.99 for a seven-pound package.

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National Garden Bureau names 2003 the year of the bean, poppy

If you're looking for a place to vacation this spring, you might consider going to Washington, D.C.

The National Garden Bureau is a sponsor of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History spring exhibition, *A Passion for Plants: Contemporary Art from the Shirley Sherwood Collection*.



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Children and families are invited to a Sunflower Fest 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, which is on the National Mall.

Many activities are being planned to involve children as well as adults. For more information about this museum and its programs, call Michele Urie at (202) 786-2950.

The NGB has named 2003 the Year of the Bean and the Year of the Poppy.

BEANS

There are many varieties of beans, plants that are easy to grow and are a healthy staple in the kitchen.

Basically there are three types of beans: snap, green shelling, and dry shell.

Snap beans got their name from the sound they make when broken apart. Green shelling beans, such as limas,

are green seeds inside the pods fresh (or frozen). Dry beans are left on the vine to dry before being harvested and then shelled.

Beans are in the legume family (*Leguminosae*), as are peas and some flowers such as lupine, sweet pea, and baptisia. They fix nitrogen in the soil, which makes that nutrient readily available to plants.

Breeders are always looking for ways to improve beans, yet we still find some older kinds being offered. Some people prefer to grow bush beans, others pole beans.

Bush beans produce a lot of pods in a short time, but take up more garden space.

While pole beans take up less space because they are grown on trellises or teepees, they produce later in the season, and because of their longer stay in the garden, they are more susceptible to pests and disease.

Wait until the soil has warmed up and all danger of frost has passed before sowing, and soil and night temperatures remain at 55 degrees or higher. Lima beans want warmer soil (about 65 degrees), so may not do well here. You may wish to start them indoors.

Light, well-drained soil is preferred, with a pH of 6.0 to 6.8. Dig to a depth of 6 to 8 inches and incorporate organic matter into the soil.

When sowing the seed 1 to 1-1/2 inches deep, you may want to sprinkle an inoculant in the row to help increase the nitrogen-fixing ability and help the growth. Find inoculants

at garden centers and mail-order companies. Follow package directions for best results.

POPPIES

Beautiful poppies are popular in many gardens, and the profusion of colors will please most any gardener.

The Iceland poppy produces flowers up to 7 inches across above attractive blue-green, segmented foliage. The Shirley poppy bears single or double crepe paper-like blooms edged with white. Field, or Flanders, poppies sport single, crimson flowers that suit wildflower plantings perfectly.

The NGB says that the poppy is probably the most popular wildflower in America.

These versatile wonders fit many garden situations. They combine well in the border garden with lamb's ears, cornflowers, larkspur, Shasta daisy, and veronica.

In a meadow, plant them with lupine, coreopsis, Indian blanket, black-eyed Susan and cornflower.

Shorter Iceland poppies look lovely at the front edge of a border, in the middle or toward the rear of perennial beds, or in rock gardens.

Some poppies are annuals, others perennials.

Annuals include corn poppy *Papaver rhoeas*, which grows 2 to 3 feet tall, blooms late spring through summer, and comes in a variety of colors, each having a distinctive dark blotch at the base of each petal.



MARTY FIGLEY

We look forward to summer when these poppies bloom in our back garden.

The Shirley poppy, a selection from the species, grows to 4 feet tall; its pastel blooms lack the blotch but have a narrow white or tinted edge on each petal.

Perennial poppies include Alpine poppy *P. alpinum*, which grows 5 to 10 inches tall, and blooms late spring to summer with white, yellow, orange or red flowers.

Iceland poppy, *P. nudicaule*, grows 1 to 2 feet tall, and blooms at the same time as the Alpine with many colors of blooms.

Oriental poppy *P. orientale* grows 2

to 4 feet tall and also blooms when the others do.

Usually the petals have a black blotch at the base. The foliage dies back after flowering but begins to regrow in the fall.

All of the perennial poppies mentioned are hardy in our zone. Follow seed package directions for best results.

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.

GARDEN CALENDAR

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes these classes, which take place at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza: Propagation: Secrets for Making More Plants (\$92.50), Mondays, Feb. 17 to March 3; the seven-session Landscape Design (\$212.50), beginning Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Trees and Shrubs for Small Spaces (\$39.50), Thursday, Feb. 20.

Bromeliad society

The S.E.M. Bromeliad Society will present Tim's Jungle Adventures 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. Nursery owner Tim Travis will talk informally about his trips to the

rain forest. The greenhouse provides a beautiful tropical setting, with ample seating. The society will have a display of bromeliads. The event is free. Reservations aren't necessary. Call (248) 380-7359.

Roses

English Gardens presents free gardening seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays at all five locations, including stores in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak (phone (248) 280-9500) and Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433). Roses: The Tried, The True and What's New will be the topic Feb. 15. Start planning your rose garden now. Preview new varieties of roses, and get a healthy dose of growing advice to get you started. For the nearest English Gardens, call (800) 335-GROW or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Michigan Orchid Society

The Michigan Orchid Society will have a general meeting 2:30 p.m. Sunday,

Feb. 16, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits in Birmingham.

Antique gardens

Landscape historian and preservationist Scott Kunst, owner of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, will talk on Antique Gardens: American Home Landscapes 1800-1940 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Orion Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn Road. Admission is free. Sign up by calling (248) 693-3001.

A fast-paced presentation of colorful slides will be featured in the discussion on historic landscapes, garden restoration, preservation, and uncovering landscape relics. The program will show how plants, outdoor furnishings and the design of American yards changed dramatically through the years. It is an eye-opening primer on the landscape relics that survive all around us, and will offer essential background for gar-

deners wanting to restore a historic landscape or enliven any garden with a touch of the past. Old House Gardens is the country's only mail-order source devoted to heirloom flower bulbs. Kunst also teaches graduate courses on historic landscapes in the Historic Preservation Program at Eastern Michigan University.

Winter botany

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Adult Education Program offers a variety of classes. Call (734) 998-7061 for registration and other information. The schedule includes Northern Winter Botany Friday-Sunday, Feb. 21-23 (\$195; \$175.50 for members), a weekend trip based at the UM Biological Station near Pellston, 18 miles south of the Mackinac Bridge.

HOME CALENDAR

The Storytellers

The Storytellers will visit with guests 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at Art Van Furniture, 29905 Seven Mile in Livonia, to share stories about African-American heritage and the celebration of Black History Month, and demonstrate ethnic musical instruments. This enthusiastic duo performs lively presentations and encourages the participation of the children attending.

Home improvement

The Palace Home Improvement Show will run Friday-Sunday, Feb. 14-16, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. The show will have more than 300 exhibitors, who will display products and services for kitchens, baths, windows, doors, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories,

electronics, heating, cooling and appliances. 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. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens. Admission is free for under age 12. For more information, call (248) 862-1019 or go to www.builders.org.

Auction

DuMouchelle's, 409 E. Jefferson in Detroit, will conduct an auction Friday-Sunday, Feb. 14-16. Times are 6:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. Saturday, and noon Sunday. Exhibition hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Call (313) 963-6255 or visit www.dumouchelle.com. Among the featured items will be sterling silver flatware, Orientalia, American art pottery, large fountains, furniture and art works.

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Design center showcase to benefit DSO

The Volunteer Council of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, in cooperation with Michigan Design Center (MDC), will present a major fund-raiser, Orchestras for the Home, Friday-Sunday, March 7-9.

This inspiring design showcase, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, will give the general public a special opportunity to enter the world of professional designers at MDC in Troy.

MDC is at 1700 Stutz Drive, north off Maple Road, between Coolidge and Crooks.

The open house will be preceded by a gala opening the evening of Thursday, March 6. Proceeds from both events will support concert and educational activities of the DSO.

Orchestras for the Home will offer an open house of 40-plus showrooms at MDC, which is normally open to designers and their clients only.

Inside, patrons will be able to view primary sources for designer furniture and fabrics for the home. Local interior designers will create more than 50 different vignettes or special room settings for the occasion.

Local interior designers, architects, landscape architects and garden and floral artists will be on hand each day to offer demonstrations and lead informal discussions on a wide variety of topics. Showcase tickets are \$18 in advance, and \$20 at the door. Advance tickets are on sale now at the Orchestra Hall box office; Suite 25 at MDC; the Somerset Collection Concerge, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy; Blossoms in Birmingham; Hagopian in Novi; all English Gardens locations; and the League Shop in

Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets can also be bought by calling (313) 576-5111 or visiting www.detroitssymphony.com.

Groups of 15 or more are eligible for a pre-opening docent-led tour, beginning at 9:30 a.m. March 8 and 9. Space is limited. Call (313) 576-5154 to make arrangements.

Additionally, Orchestras for the Home will present a series of design-related seminars featuring internationally renowned guest speakers, including Mariette Himes Gomez of her namesake firm, Carlton Varney of Dorothy Draper and Company, and Jeffrey Simpson of *Architectural Digest*.

Lecture tickets for Varney, Himes Gomez and Simpson are \$15 and are in addition to the general admission ticket.

A special Sunday brunch, catered by Opus One, will take place March 9 with designer Alexa Hampton, president of the design firm founded by her father, Mark Hampton. Tickets to the brunch are \$50 and include general admission.

The gala opening will start at 6:30 p.m. March 6, offering patrons an advance look at this celebrated designer event.

Opus One restaurant will cater the gala's cocktail reception and buffet supper, and chamber music performed by members of the DSO will be heard throughout the design center. For gala tickets, call (313) 576-5154. Benefactor tickets are \$400 per person, patron tickets are \$250 per person and donor tickets are \$150 per person.

A 24-hour design showcase information hotline is (313) 576-5155.

Laminate flooring gaining popularity

Laminate flooring is steadily gaining popularity in the marketplace.

Many people recognize this material by one of its brand names, Pergo. There are, however, many other manufacturers. Two major manufacturers beside Pergo are Wilsonart and Formica.

Most people see the name Formica and think of countertops. By and large, laminate flooring is the same material as Formica counter material.

Laminate flooring is available in square or rectangular pieces made to look like stone or tile and in planks that simulate wood. Both look pretty much like the real thing, with the tile and stone looking surprisingly so.

The laminate surface is bonded to a medium density fiberboard (often called Masonite) substrate. The individual pieces have tongue and groove edges, which are glued together. The result is a smooth, gap-free surface.

Unlike conventional flooring, laminate isn't attached to the sub floor. It "floats" on a thin layer of foam underlayment.

A quarter-inch gap must be left at all edges of the floor to allow for expansion due to changes in temperature and humidity. These gaps are easily covered with quarter-round molding or other trim, which would normally be used to finish flooring.

Installation of the laminate flooring is easy and can be done with ordinary tools. The instructions supplied by the manufacturers are generally simple to follow. Do-it-yourselfers will be able to efficiently install laminate flooring and create a very professional looking job.

Laminate can be applied over many existing surfaces including wood, vinyl and concrete, even some carpeting. I personally wouldn't recommend the latter, however.

Major manufacturers require vapor barrier when installing the flooring directly over concrete. All offer their own brand of 6-mil poly but just about any 6-mil poly should work. Check with the packaging, however, to verify whether using another brand of vapor barrier will cause warranty problems.

Most manufacturers have both standard and premium grades of foam underlayment. I highly recommend the premium grade because it has better sound deadening properties.

My wife's parents have a Pergo floor with standard grade underlayment in their home. When we visit them along with our two dogs, the noise the dogs' nails make

clicking across the floor can be rather irritating.

One criticism of laminate flooring I heard from Dan Murphy, owner of 4 Floors, a Livonia-based flooring installer, is that the warranty on scratching of laminate floors is fairly weak by some manufacturers.

Laminate is quite hard, however. My wife's folks have had theirs for many years with little signs of scratching or wear.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dan for contributing labor and flooring materials on several of our Habitat for Humanity projects this year.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

TIPS

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wall but in an area where the door is visible from the bed. Such a location is more empowering. If possible, try to place the bed in a position where there is a pleasant view in the morning.

- Opt for a solid headboard, which tends to make occupants feel more grounded and safe.
- Rid the bedroom of electronics, especially television sets, exercise equipment, clutter and other items with the potential to distract from romance.
- Use serene colors in the bedroom to create an environment that's conducive both to sleep and romance.

By Nicole Stafford

Vinegar helps paint last longer on concrete

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

If you've just painted your garage floor and now the paint is peeling, here's a tip that will make paint on concrete stick the next time you paint.

When you paint concrete, you can keep the paint from peeling off by washing the floor first with warm water; then rinse, and let the floor dry thoroughly for a least a day. Using a clean paint brush, apply a coat of white vinegar as a pre-paint primer.

Once it dries, it will increase the bond, and the paint you apply will hold and last much longer.

This works on most things made of concrete, and benefits many other types of surfaces, too, such as metal, wood or plastic.

Charlotte Ford to speak in area on etiquette

Charlotte Ford, the author of several books on manners and etiquette, will be the keynote speaker at the kickoff luncheon Thursday, Feb. 20, for The Community House's 13th Annual Antiques Festival.

She will discuss her book, *21st Century Etiquette*, at The Community House, 380 S.

Bates, south of Maple between Southfield Road and Woodward in Birmingham.

A patron reception will take place at 10:30 a.m. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Patron tickets for the reception and lunch are \$75. Lunch tickets are \$50. For tickets, call The Community House at

(248) 594.6403, or e-mail info@communityhouse.com.

The festival will take place Friday-Sunday, March 14-16, at The Community House.

Ford's grandparents, Henry and Clara Ford, attended the grand opening of The Community House's current site March 17, 1930.

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Let me count the ways

One Saturday afternoon my 6-year-old daughter walked into the bathroom where I was on my hands and knees scrubbing the toilet.

She looked at me and said, "Ooooh, that's gross! When I grow up I'm going to marry a man who cleans the potties."

"Good luck," I said. Now to be fair, my husband does clean the bathroom on occasion, but not nearly enough.

Another time I noticed my daughter had a genuinely disappointed look on her face as she examined a potato chip. I asked her what was wrong.

"Mom? Is it true if you eat a potato chip with black on it, the chip will kill you?"

"No, of course not. Who told you that?"

"A boy at school. I didn't believe him. I guess he's not very smart if he thinks a black spot on a potato chip will kill you, right?"

"I guess not."

"I guess I won't marry him, then."

It's interesting to note the qualities our first-grader is already beginning to value in the opposite sex, and appreciating someone who is helpful and smart is certainly a good starting point.

I realize now how we spend so many years of our lives discovering and searching for the qualities we value in a partner, yet once we're married it's easy to forget what attracted us to our spouse in the first place.

So as Valentine's Day approaches, it's time for me to tell my husband some of the reasons why I love him.

For your smile.

For making me laugh.

For trying to make me laugh even when I don't.

For letting me sleep in on the weekends.

For all the projects you do around the house (but never quite finish ...)

For making me feel beautiful.

For giving me beautiful children.

For being understanding.

For encouraging me.

For seeing and living life with hope.

For putting up with me when I greet you with a grunt instead of a smile.

For putting up with me when I tell you what to do instead of ask you.

For loving me, even when I take you for granted.

For saying "I love you," even though I don't say it nearly enough.

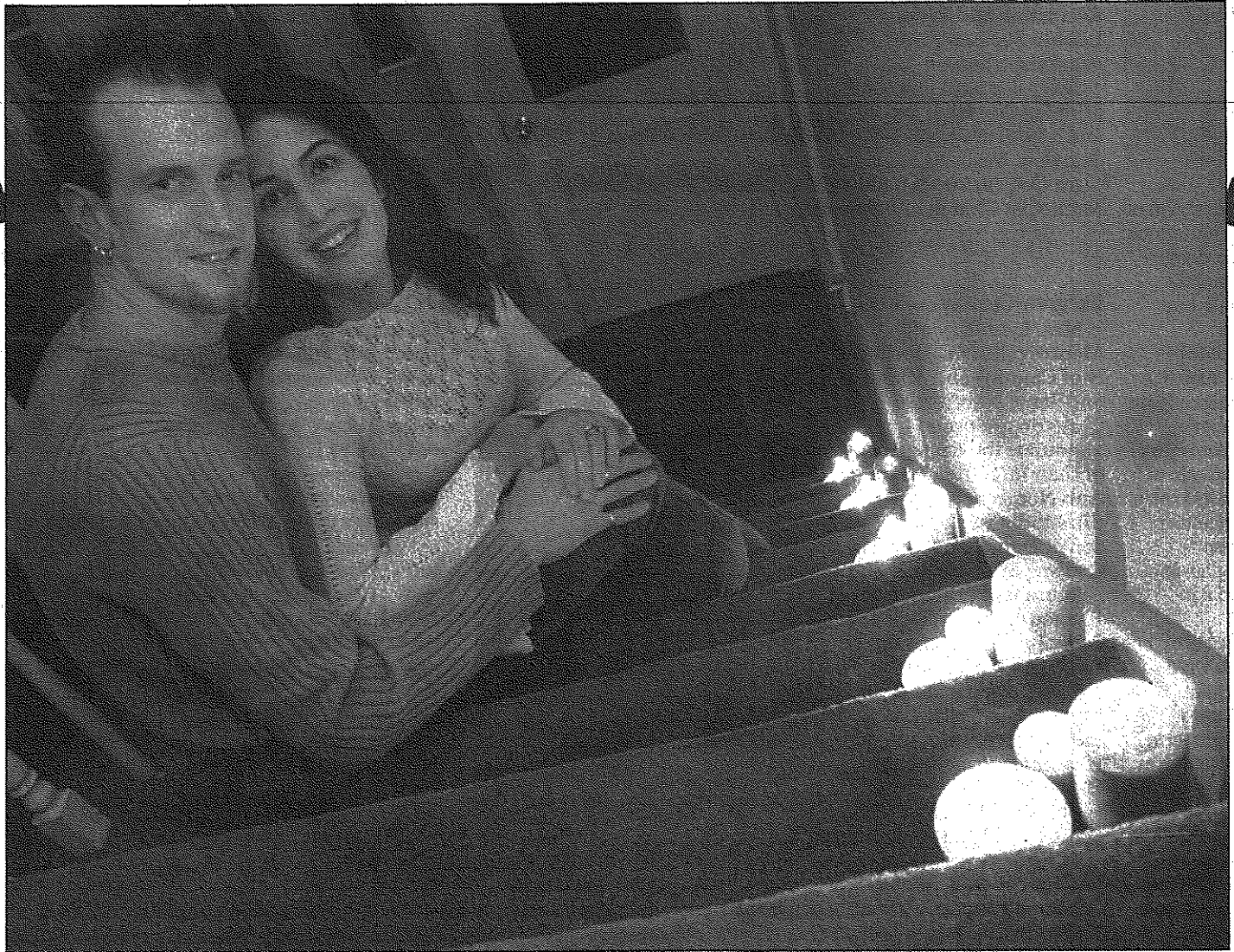
For always being there when I need you.

And for never once telling me that a black potato chip will kill me.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Lynn Waldsmith Pawlik and her family live in Plymouth. You can e-mail her at pawlwald@comcast.net.

Yes, I'll marry you!



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A candlelit stairway was a path to love for Andrea Paparelli-Simpson and her husband, Michael.

Couple wins contest for most romantic wedding proposal

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

When Andrea Paparelli-Simpson returned from an errand to the home she shared with Michael on a hot August afternoon in 2001, she found a note pinned to the front door. "Find me," it said.

Andrea walked into a house aglow with candles that lit a path lined with Hershey Kisses. The path led her upstairs where she found "enticing" clues to unexpected destinations. Her final destination was the bathroom. There, her soon-to-be fiancé awaited her on bended knee in a pool of rose petals. In his arms were two dozen red roses and a diamond engagement ring.

"Now that I have kissed the ground you walk on and showered you with roses, will you be my wife?" he said.

And that's how Andrea Paparelli-Simpson and Michael Simpson, both 24, won the *Observer Newspapers* "Lessons in Love" contest for the most romantic wedding proposal. On Thursday, Feb. 13, they'll head out for a night on the town that includes a Red Wings game, dinner at Little Italy's in Northville, transportation by J.R. Tours of Novi, and a night at the Fraser Inn in Northville. They'll also receive candy, roses and a \$250 gift coin from Orin Jewelers in Garden City.

The couple, married since Nov. 2, were surprised they won.

"I was like oh, my gosh, are you serious?" said Andrea, after receiving a call from the *Observer's* promotions manager.

"I was surprised. I thought there was some better marriage proposal out there. I was actually thrilled," said Michael.

It all started two years ago in a club called Faces when Michael spotted Andrea sitting with her friends and was instantly smitten. He sent over a drink.

"Her looks struck me while I was sitting at the bar," said Michael. "She looked unlike any

'He keeps quiet and then every once in awhile he comes up with something like this.'

Andrea Paparelli-Simpson
'Lessons in Love' contest winner

other girl. I sent over a drink to say I'm here. She didn't know where it came from. She may have thought I was just a nasty guy hitting on her."

"He caught my attention," said Andrea. "He sent a drink over to my table, sort of one of those across-the-room things."

Angela then asked Michael to dance, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Now pan this picture to a day eight months later. Andrea and Michael are sharing a home. Michael is fidgety. He asks Andrea if she has errands to do, maybe at the supermarket or the mall. No, she says. She's cranky and wants to stay home and watch television. Michael goes to the basement and calls Andrea's father. Your daughter is not leaving the house, he says. Do something.

Andrea's father, Paul Paparelli, who owns a Canton catering business, asks her to come over and pick up a bank deposit. She's gone over an hour, enough time for Michael to strew the house with Hershey's Kisses and poise himself in the bathroom.

Ah, romance. Michael, who describes himself as "quiet and shy," doesn't know exactly where he got the idea of chocolate kisses and rose petals. "I was looking around, asking other couples how to propose. I wanted to do something totally off the wall ... I'm not really

the one (who's) always romantic. I just come up with things in spurts to keep things alive," he said.

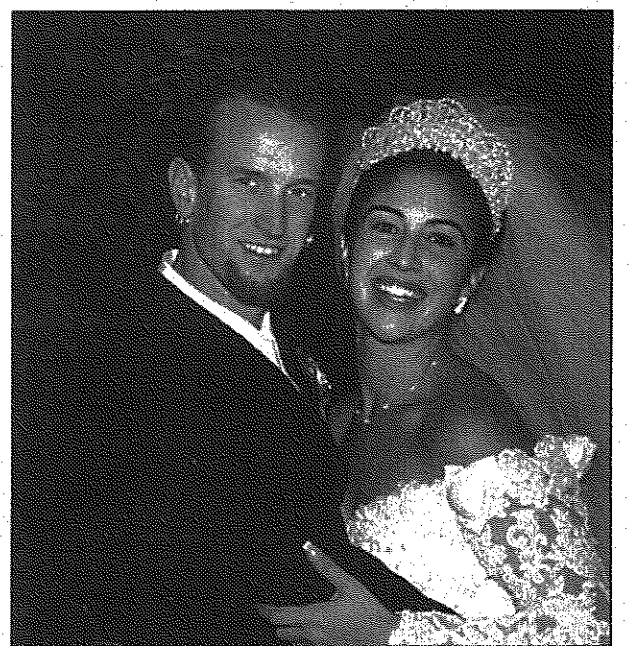
Even the engagement ring's design was Michael's idea, said Andrea. They previously had talked about getting engaged and had looked at a few rings, but it hadn't been a serious search. Apparently, Michael was making notes.

"He smooched a couple of ideas together about the ring. We were just talking. I didn't think it would happen that year."

Married just three months, the couple is refinishing their kitchen. It's been a few weeks since they found out they won, but Andrea is still amazed at her husband's creativity ... and romantic nature.

"He keeps quiet and then every once in awhile he comes up with something like this," she said.

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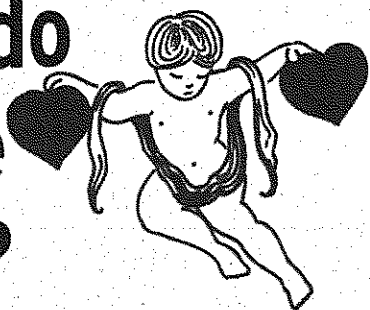


A romantic gesture led to this happy wedding day for Michael Simpson and Andrea Paparelli.

How to submit an announcement

Local engagement, wedding anniversary and birth announcements run in the Thursday editions of the *Observer*. There is no charge to submit an announcement. Submit pertinent information along with a black and white or color photograph, or digital images (sent via e-mail and saved as JPEG's). All announcement photographs will be published in a vertical, 2-by-3 format, with no exceptions. We will not be responsible for lost or damaged pictures. Send information to: the *Observer*, attn: Brad Kadrach, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Or call (734) 459-2700.

How do I love thee?



Choosing a winner for the *Observer Newspapers'* second annual "Lessons in Love" contest once again proved difficult. We received samples of so many unique, funny and heartwarming ways to propose marriage. Here are a few:

■ Garden City resident Nancy Murray's husband proposed to her on Valentine's Day. He took her to a special restaurant. In the parking lot, he started unbuttoning his shirt, saying his doctor was concerned about a particular area on his chest. Finally, he flung open his shirt, displaying a chest that read: "Nancy, will you marry me?" He had gone to a barber shop and had a heart shaved on his chest with those memorable words.

■ Joyce Anspach of Livonia wrote: "I don't recall

the words that my husband used to propose to me, but I do recall the yellow moose tag that he placed around my ankle for me to wear until he purchased my ring."

■ When Jessica Oliverio's boyfriend, Ben, asked her to go for a car ride, the Livonia resident didn't realize he had arranged for her to go sky diving. When they got to the airport, Ben told her he was not jumping with her. She went up in the plane, jumped, and after she pulled her parachute she looked down at the airport. She could read a huge sign that said, "Jessie Q, will you ...?" She landed and Ben was waiting on bended knee.

■ During his travels as a young adult, Gregory Yanik of Plymouth came across an ocean cliff overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge. He thought it the perfect place to get engaged someday. When he found his special woman, they flew to San Francisco and climbed along the cliffs.

He brought nine silver and one pink balloon, the pink carrying the marriage proposal inside. Soon the sun sank, the fog rolled in, and it began to rain. His future wife, dripping wet, let go of the balloons. He proposed in the car and has been happily married ever since.

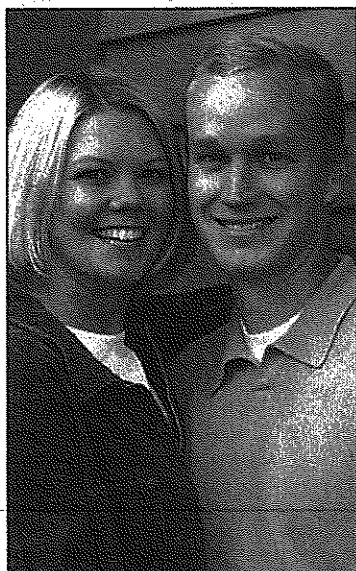
■ When Rob Feldman of Farmington Hills invited his girlfriend, Alisha, to the movies, she had no idea

she would be the featured event, wrote his mother, Joan Feldman. Alisha was confused. The movie appeared to star family and friends talking about her and Rob. There were old college friends singing "Do wop, marry him." Next, Rob appeared on the screen and asked Alisha to marry him. When the lights went on, co-conspirators held up signs reading "Say yes!" She did.

■ Scott Tarach of Westland wrote Darius Rucker of Hootie & the Blowfish several times before one of the band's concerts asking him to propose to Scott's girlfriend, Jaime. Darius complied. During the concert, he spoke of Scott's love for Jaime and told her Scott wanted to marry her. A spotlight was put on Scott and he bent down, pulled out the ring and proposed. Jaime said yes, and "the crowd went nuts," wrote Scott.

■ Canton resident Julie Baechler, whose husband is the head football coach at Canton High School, had her wedding proposal announced over the PA. The principal came on and said he had an announcement. She soon heard her future husband's voice saying, "Julie Tortora, will you marry me? If so, I'll meet you in the hallway. If not, I'll see you in your room." Soon Julie heard screaming from all the surrounding classrooms and music blaring from the band room. She accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VanderLaan-Greywall**

Ron and Cheryl VanderLaan of Plymouth are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to David Kenneth Greywall, son of Kenneth and Joyce Greywall of Novi.

Sarah is a 1995 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in English and communications, and a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University with a master's degree in curriculum instruction. She is currently employed teaching English at Hudsonville High School in Hudsonville, Mich.

David is a 1992 graduate of Novi High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in packaging engineering, and will complete his master's at Michigan State University in business administration this April. He has accepted a position with Intel for later this year.

A June 21, 2003, wedding is planned at Trinity Evangelical Church in Plymouth.

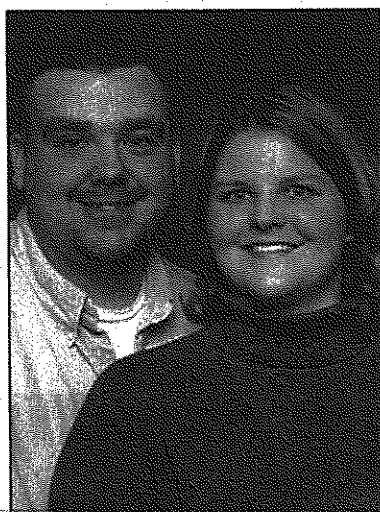
Foreman-Mallets

Lon and Donna Foreman of Canton are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Marie Foreman, to Jeffrey Howard Mallets, son of Raymond Mallets of Fair Grove.

Sarah is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2002 graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in Recreation and Parks Leisure Services Administration.

Jeffrey is a 1994 graduate of Imlay City High School and a 1999 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University with a degree in Business Management.

An Oct. 18, 2003, wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

**Norgren-Conway**

Mrs. Lynn Ray of Mooresville, N.C. (formerly of Canton) and Michael and Janie Norgren of Carleton are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Ann Norgren, to Christopher John Conway, son of Daniel and Patricia Conway of Kalamazoo.

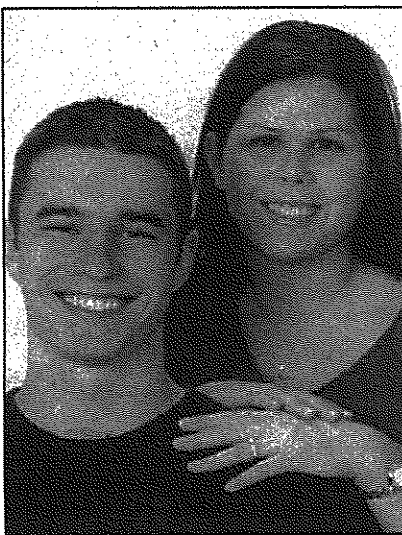
Laura is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Western Michigan University.

She is working as a family worker in the Community Action Agency HeadStart Program in Hastings.

Christopher is a graduate of Hackett Catholic Central High School and Western Michigan University.

Chris is working as a substitute teacher in the Kalamazoo public schools.

A June 14, 2003, wedding is planned at St. Valentine Parish in Redford.



CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

Nursery Co-op Registration

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op registration has begun for the 2003-04 school year. Openings for 3-4 year olds, various class times and days. Call Nola Wellman at (734) 453-0595 for information.

NAMI

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill holds its Public Education Meeting 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard, Ann Arbor. This is a free event and NAMI may be reached at (734) 994-6611.

Boating Safety

Boating Skills and Seamanship Class conducted by Flotilla 10-11 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, beginning Thursday, Feb. 20, and held each Thursday evening for 11 weeks from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Plymouth-Canton High School, Room 98. To register, call (734) 416-2940.

Basic Computer

This course is designed to teach basic mousing skills to Plymouth residents within the context of the Public Access Catalog for Windows. Being held at the Plymouth Library. Register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Arthritis Self Help Course

Do you have arthritis? Learn about arthritis, how to help reduce pain, protect your joints, deal with stress, work best with your physician and much more. A three week course is being held at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia from 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays, March 5, 12, and 19. The cost is \$20 which includes the 350 page Arthritis Handbook. Call (734) 655-8940.

Looking for Artists

PleinAir Painters of Canton Township have an opportunity for a limited number of qualified artists to be sponsored at an outdoor summer event. Artist profile required. Deadline is Feb. 14. For more info contact Sharon Dillenbeck of D&M Studios at (734) 453-3710.

Open House

St Mary Catholic School hosts an open house from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, for families interested in having their children attend. If you have any questions, call (734) 721-1240.

Art for the People

The PCAC is hosting the Arts League of Michigan exhibit, "Art of the People," through March 3. For more information, call (734) 416-7278.

Valentine's Day Auction

Ladies will receive a free Valentine's Day flower and will be treated to a complimentary pre-auction buffet at Blue Willow Auction on Lilley in Canton. Call (734) 414-5890 to reserve your seat. A portion of the proceeds go to New Hope Center.

Teen Advisory Board

The Teen Advisory Board meetings Feb. 8 and Feb. 22 at the Plymouth Library is a group of teen volunteers who meet twice a month to enjoy muffins and juice while sharing ideas for improving the Library's teen programs and services. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

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.

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, March 4 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, Ypsilanti, with presenter Ron Harrison, SW. Part Two, "What To Do" will be presented from 7:30-9 p.m. March 11. Call (734) 973-7892 for further info.

Grief Workshop

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

Willow Creek Preschool

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

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.

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.

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

BNI Plymouth II

The Plymouth Chapter II BNI Group meets Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant located at I-275 and Ann Arbor Road. We are actively looking for new members. Please call (734) 459-5696 for further information.

West Suburban Stamp Club

Meetings are the first and third Fridays at 8 p.m. at The Plymouth Historical Society in Plymouth.

BPW

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann

Arbor Road. Guests are welcome. For more info and dinner reservations, contact Mary Brooks at (734) 420-0320.

SEPAC

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets every second Monday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information, please contact Rich Ham-Kucharski (734) 844-1714.

Plymouth VFW

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

MOPS-Plymouth

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

Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth

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

MOPS-Westland

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

La Leche League

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

Canton Rotary Club

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

TOPS

Are you unhappy with your weight? Why not join TOPS? We weigh in weekly and meet to share ideas about losing weight, exercising, etc. They meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 7000 North Sheldon Road, Canton. For more information call Debbie at (734) 207-3626.

Astronomy Discussion

Plymouth Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7-8 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older. Door prizes, slides, video and handouts. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

MOMS Club

A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested stay-at-home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and a lot more! For more information, please contact Wendy at (734) 398-6957.

Plymouth Canton Jaycees

Looking for people 21-39 interested in making friends, helping with good causes and having a good time. The Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Call (734) 453-8407 or show up at the group's monthly meeting.

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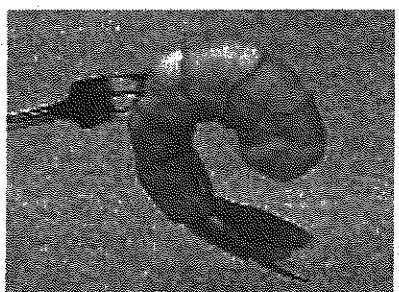
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EVENTS

Valentine card party

SS Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland, will hold a Valentine card party 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14. Door and table prizes, 50-50, light meal and snacks. Bring your friends and play cards and games of your choice. Tickets \$7. Call (734) 728-2090 or (734) 729-2716.

Casino night

Our Lady of Good Counsel will host "Queen of Hearts Casino Night" 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 15, at the church social hall, 47650 N. Territorial Road (at corner of Beck), Plymouth. Must be 21. Black Jack, Roulette, Craps, 50/50 raffles, beverages and pizza. Call Terry (734) 453-5655, Janeen (734) 453-1243 or Susan (734) 416-1033.

Women's retreat

St. Mary's Retreat House in Oxford offers the following retreats for women: Feb. 14-16, "Women of Faith" with St. Ginny Silvestri, OSM; Feb. 21-23, "Singles Retreat"; Feb. 28-March 2, "It's a Closer Walk" with the Rev. John Lehner, OSFS. The cost is \$100 per retreat. St. Mary's Retreat House is located 40 acres at 775 Drahn Road, Oxford. Call Zora at (586) 977-8993.

St. Damian activities

St. Damian Catholic School, 29891 Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Merriman), Westland, will host Bishop Earl Boyea at 9 a.m. Mass on Friday, Feb. 14. The school will hold a registra-

tion and open house noon-2 p.m. Sunday, March 2, for Pre-K through 8th grade. Call (734) 427-1680. The dedication of St. Damian's new church will take place at the 11 a.m. Mass, Sunday, March 23. Call the parish office at (734) 421-6130.

Casino night

Our Lady of Good Counsel will hold a "Queen of Hearts" Casino Night 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 15, at the OLGCC Social Hall, 47650 N. Territorial Road (at Beck), Plymouth. Black Jack, roulette, craps, 50/50 raffles, beverages and pizza. Must be at 21 years old. Call Terry at (734) 452-5655, Janeen at (734) 453-1243 or Susan (734) 416-1033.

Bible conference

The International Christian Education Association will present a "Vacation Bible School/Summer Ministries Conference" 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Choose from 30 workshops covering storytelling, scripture memorization, techniques for working with children, use of music, recruiting workers, retreats, etc. Cost is \$35 in advance; \$45 at door. Lunch included. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit ICEA Web site at www.iceaonline.org.

Marriage encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled Feb. 14-16, March 14-16, and April 11-13 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. \$50 registration fee. Also scheduled March 14-16 at the Columbiere Center, 9075 Bib Lake Road, Clarkston. For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at

(810) 286-5524, or visit www.rc.net/detroit/wmme.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Walk-ins are welcome. Call (734) 453-7630.

Hymn festival

Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road (two blocks west of Middlebelt), Livonia, will host a "Hymn Festival" beginning 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. Robert Hobby, director of music, Trinity English Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., will be the featured musician. Reception to follow. Call Beth Hare at (734) 421-7249.

Preschool open house

Ward Daytime Preschool will host an open house for parents interested in enrolling children in the 2003-2004 school year 7-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24. Available programs are as follows: 3-year-olds, 9:20-11:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday; 4-year-olds, 9:20-11:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday; 4-year-olds, 12:50-3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 5-year-olds, 12:50-3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Registration begins 9 a.m. Monday, March 10. Located at 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5911 or contact Carol Nowacki at carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

Coffee talk

Single Point Lighthouse Cafe offers an evening of relaxation and fun while listening to live entertainment provided by other Single Pointers. Cost is \$5. Hot dogs, goodies and coffee provided. Call Single Point Ministries at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road (near Haggerty), Northville, at (248) 374-5920.

Pancake supper

First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne, invites everyone to its "Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper" 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4. Meal includes pancakes, sausage, ham, applesauce, coffee and mile. Adults, \$5; children 12 and under, \$2. Call (734) 721-4801.

Pasties

The pasties are coming...again! The good folks at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will be baking up loads of pasties as a fund-raiser. Orders will be taken on March 2 and 9, with pick-up on March 13 and 14. This is your last chance to order. Next pasty fund-raiser is in November. Call (734) 422-0149.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sunday, March 9. Donors must be over 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in reasonably good health. Call (734) 422-0149.

Concert

"Jack Bailey and Friends" perform inspirational songs by Bailey 7 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0211.

Lenten retreat

The Bethany Peer Support Group of the Archdiocese of Detroit will host its annual Lenten retreat April 4-6 at St. John's Center, Plymouth. Titled "Sons and Daughters Come Rest in Me: I Call Your Name!", the retreat features daily Mass, a reconciliation service and inspirational speakers. Registration deadline is Monday, March 24. Call Jane at (248) 548-2765; Patrick at (248) 545-2566; Loretta at (586) 264-0284; Christina at (313) 565-1457; or Angela at

(734) 324-2332. Also visit bethanyof-southeasternmichigan.org.

ONGOING

Bible study

St. Priscilla, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia, will hold an adult Bible study 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday mornings. For information, call (734) 421-5240.

Contemporary Worship

Contemporary worship services are held the third Sunday of every month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church,

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NEW VOICES

Michael and Christine Mass of Livonia announce the birth of their son, **Aaron James**, on Dec. 18, 2002, in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. He weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces, and was 22 inches long.

Michael joins big brothers, Nicholas, 5, and Jacob, 2 1/2.

Grandparents are James and Virginia McCarty of Garden City, Ed Mass and Cheryl Barr of El Paso, Texas, and Darlene Sellers of St. Petersburg, Fla. Great-grandmother is Mildred Schrejb of Columbia, Tenn.

Aaron's Godparents are Julie Spencer of Plymouth and Tim McCarty of Livonia.

Steven Sawulski and Amy Schuller of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Brittany Marie Sawulski**, on Dec. 19, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Brittany joins big brother and sisters, Stevie, 5 1/2, Melissa, 4 1/2, and Allyson, 3.

Her grandparents are Richard and Gloria Suttle of Canton, and Karen Sawulski and Richard Sawulski of Redford.

Raymond and Susan Gilreath of Livonia announce the birth of their son, **Joel Robert**, on

Dec. 20, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, and was 21-1/2 inches long.

Joel joins big sisters, Amanda, 11, and Allison, 6. Grandparents are Robert Burns and Elaine Harris of Redford, and Raymond and Marie Gilreath of Plymouth.

Brian and Melanie Conn of Plymouth announce the birth of their son, **Charles John**, on Dec. 21, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Charles's grandparents are John and Rosemary Dean of Westland, Madeline Labhur and Charles Conn.

Gregory Gill and Lisa Dienes of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Kimberly Lynn Gill**, on Dec. 24, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Kimberly's grandparents are Steve and Deneen Dienes of Westland, and Joe Gill and Jalene Anderson of Byron Center.

Brian Johnson of Inkster and Fallon Pool-Donahue of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Aviana Emajae**

Lynn Pool-Donahue, on Dec. 22, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Diane Pool and Timothy Donahue of Westland, and Carrie Johnson of Inkster.

Daniel and Kimberly Nowak of Livonia announce the birth of their son, **Joshua Michael**, on Dec. 24, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. Joshua weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

He joins big sisters, Kayla, 3, and Katlynn, 1.

His grandparents are Dale Walker Jr. and Margie-Beth Cooper of Roseville, Walter Nowak Jr. and Trudy Mindick of Detroit.

Scott and Dena Williams of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter, **Madelyn Grace**, on Jan. 4, 2003, in Garden City Hospital.

She weighed 8 pounds 15 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Madelyn joins big brother, Mathew, 3.

Her grandparents are Paul and Marion Wint of Garden City, and Ed and Lynne

Williams of White Lake.

Frederick and Johnna Canty of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Breanna Kay**, on Jan. 6, 2003, in Garden City Hospital.

Breanna weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Kirk and Colleen Thompson of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Caden Wade**, on Jan. 7, 2003, in Garden City Hospital. Caden weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

He joins big brother, Kyle, 3. Grandparents are Bert and Karen Edwards of Garden City, Sharon Wallen of Westland, and Curt Thompson of Deckerville.

Rashad Johnson and Trista Gladden of Romulus announce the birth of their daughter, **Makayla Veronika Johnson**, on Jan. 8, 2003, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

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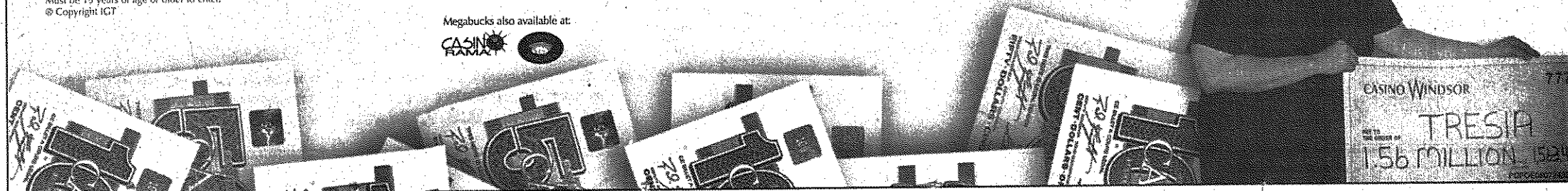
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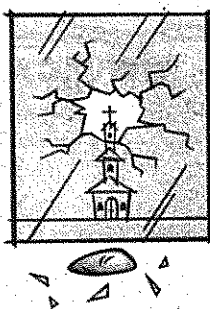
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Throwing Stones....

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.

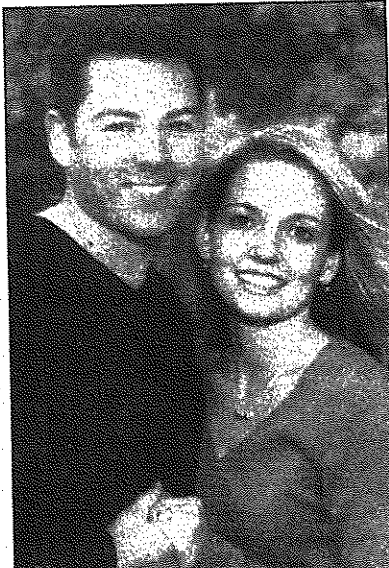
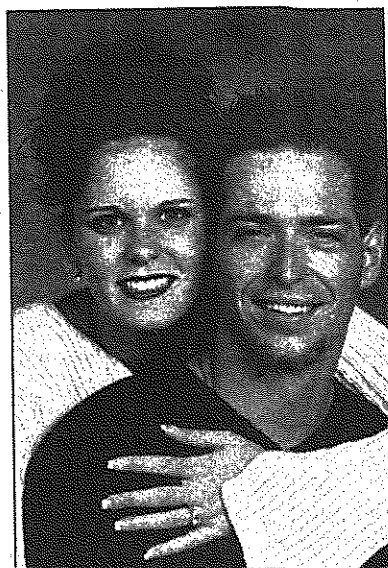
For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give with be the measure you get.
R.S.V. Matthew 7:2

Rohruff-Zgorzelski

Doug and Linda Rohruff of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Vicki Rohruff, to Scott Zgorzelski of South Rockwood.

Vicki is a 1992 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. She is employed with Dearborn Cardiology Associates.

Her fiancé, Scott, is the son of Bill Zgorzelski of Temperance and Tina Lamb of Fishers, Ind. He is a 1993 graduate of Bedford High School. He is employed at Meijer's Warehouse and is attending college. The couple are planning to wed in February at St. Mary's in Wayne. They will be making their new home in South Rockwood.

**Rivard-Fontaine**

Robert and Debra Rivard of New Baltimore announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Rivard, to Rick Fontaine of Westland.

Lisa is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is a teacher at Duncan Elementary, Utica Schools.

Her fiancé, Rick, is the son of Richard and Lauren Fontaine of Westland. He is a graduate of Michigan State University. He teaches at Dakota High School, Chippewa Valley Schools.

The couple are planning to wed July 2003.

**Bol-Jastrzebski**

Keri L. Jastrzebski and David R. Bol were married Oct. 19, 2002, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church in Canton.

Parents of the bride and groom are Linda Jastrzebski of Canton, Sheryl Bol of Livonia and Kenneth Bol of New Boston.

Attending the couple were Meredith Havenhill, Diana Jastrzebski, Julieann Jastrzebski, Lindsay Lamberty, Jason Gradinac, Brian Butchart, Michael Mautone and Nathan Hunt.

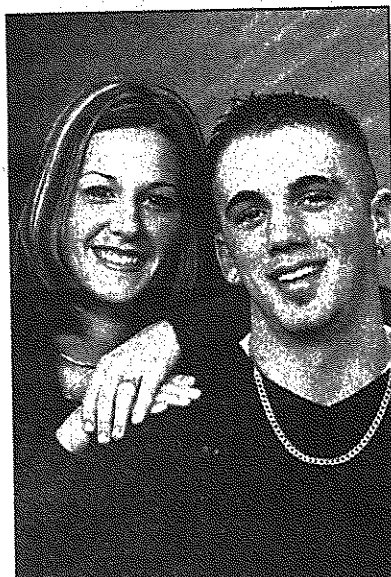
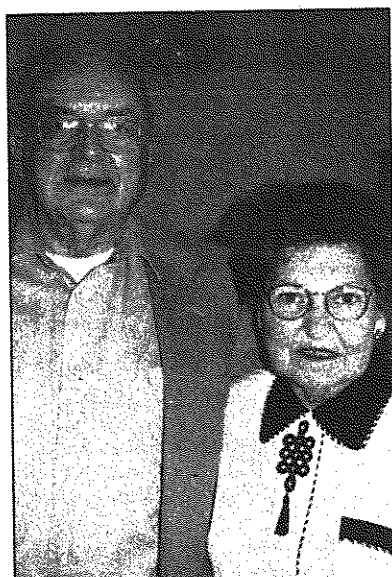
Keri and David are making Kalamazoo their new home.

Chapin 50th

Richard and Lois Chapin of Livonia are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Valtneines day. They were married Feb. 14, 1953, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit. They have been Livonia residents 47 years.

Richard and Lois have four children, Gary (Mona) Chapin, Bruce (Jennie) Chapin, Kirk (Julie) Chapin and Sally (Doug) Free.; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A family celebration is planned in Cancun, Mexico.

**McCuean-Carcone**

Donald and Karen McCuean of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Christine McCuean to William Joseph Carcone of Redford.

Shannon is a graduate of Redford Union High School and is pursuing a degree in dental hygiene from Oakland Community College. She is employed by Dr. Decapites as a dental assistant.

Her fiancé, William, is the son of Steve and Linda Carcone of Redford. He is a graduate of Redford Union High School. He is employed by Reflections Building Co.

**Militello-Boedigheimer**

Len Militello III of Allen Park and Marti Boedigheimer of Livonia were married Jan. 18, 2003, in The Little Wedding Chapel at Heritage Park.

Len is a 1993 graduate of Allen Park High School and Marti a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. They met two years ago through best friends.

The couple is making their new home in Westland.

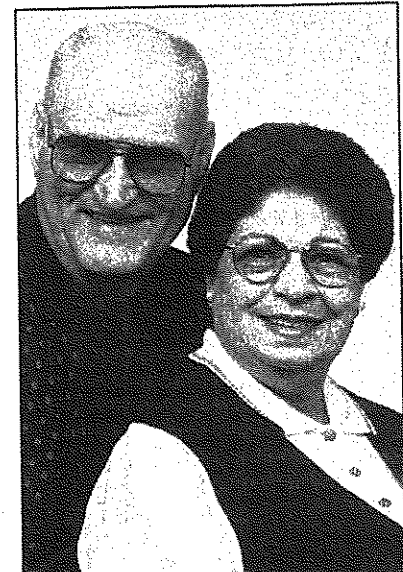
Toye 50th

Samuel and Gloria Toye of Westland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was married Feb. 7, 1953. They have lived in Westland 35 years.

Samuel and Gloria have two children, John Toye and Linda Toye; and two grandchildren.

Samuel has been retired 10 years.

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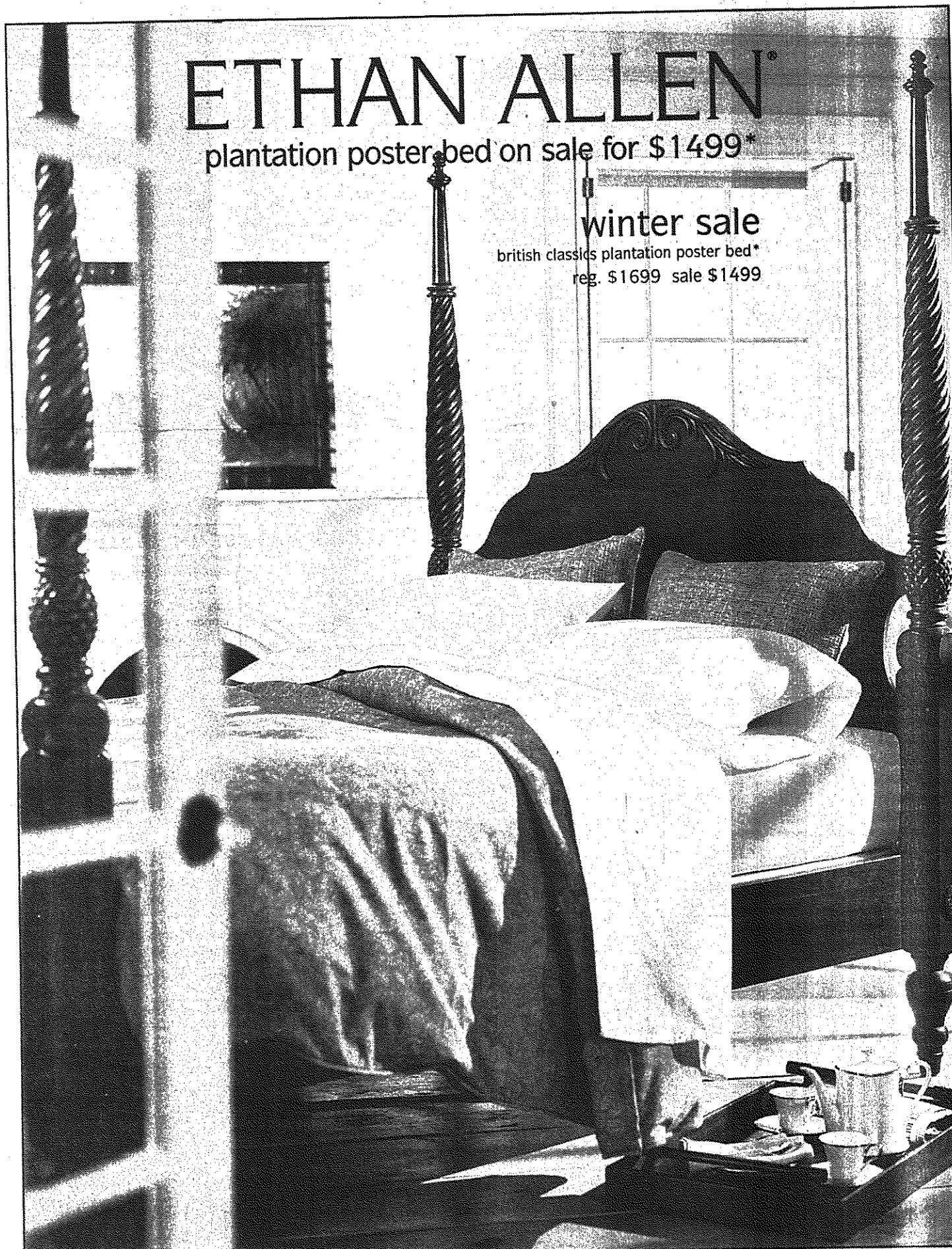
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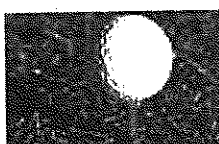
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Class of 1973
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Class of 1961
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Class of 1958
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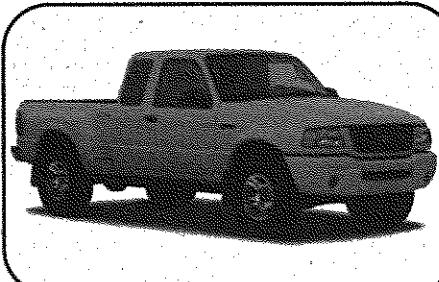
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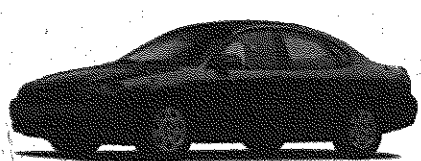
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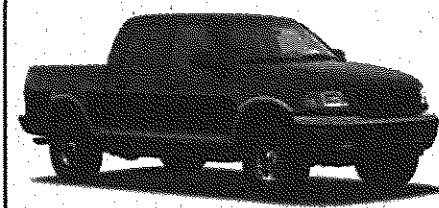
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Sidelines

Canton gridders will continue playing in college

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Football will help provide a future for a half-dozen Canton HS graduates. Six members of the Chiefs' football team have accepted scholarship offers from NCAA Division II programs. A couple of them, at least, could soon be seen on national TV, if the future remains

as bright as the past for both them and their soon-to-be-team. Defensive tackle Dan Farkas and offensive lineman Andy Ray will both attend Grand Valley State in the fall. The Lakers won the NCAA Division II national championship last November and have a strong D-II program in place. Hopefully, Farkas and Ray will contribute to its longevity.

"He's strong for a senior in high school," said Canton coach Tim Baechler of Farkas. "And he runs real well." The question is where will Farkas play. At Canton, the 6-foot-2, 247-pounder was a defensive tackle — and a good one at that, named to the all-Western Lakes Activities Association team and given a slot at the East-West Coaches' All-Star game this summer.

Baechler won't predict when Farkas will play, either. "As a junior or a senior, he could be really good," Baechler said, figuring it could take a couple of seasons to adjust to the college game. "He could have gone to Wayne State, but he wanted to play for a winner." Ray has the potential bulk — he stands

PLEASE SEE GRIDDERS, D6

■ Salem rules

Salem's volleyball team had few problems subduing Northville Monday in a Western Lakes Activities



Association crossover match. The Rocks rolled to a 15-3, 15-2

victory at Salem. Amanda Bradley turned in an outstanding performance, collecting eight service aces and seven kills. Jordan Falcusan added two aces, five digs and 10 set assists. Other contributors were Ellen Canale with three kills, Jill Niemi with six digs, Macy Lepper with five digs, Maggie Tudor with three digs and Lauren Price with four kills. The win gave the Rocks a 19-7 overall record, 5-2 in the WLAA.

■ Coaches needed

■ Canton HS is looking for a boys soccer coach. Longtime coach Don Smith has resigned as boys coach; however, he will continue as the girls varsity coach.

Anyone interested should send a letter to athletic director Sue Heinzman at 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187, or fax it to her at (734) 416-2923.

■ Salem HS is searching for a girls junior varsity softball coach for the spring season. Applicants must have previous experience in fast-pitch softball, either playing or coaching. Interested applicants should call Salem athletic director Tom Willette at (734) 416-7775.

■ 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.

■ Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic is dividing. This spring there will be two separate sessions, on consecutive Saturdays, March 22 and

March 29, in the Salem HS gym. Three hours of baseball instruction from Salem varsity players and coaches, for those 7-15 years old, is included. So is lunch. Registration is \$20. To reserve a place or for more information, call Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

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■ Hoop tourney

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Salem's Stevland Davis (with ball) drives past Canton's Dave Nicoloff. Davis nailed three 3-pointers, scoring 11 points for the Rocks.

PLEASE SEE SALEM, D3

Rocks earn 3 top spots at WLAA

All things considered, the Western Lakes Activities Association Wrestling Tournament went about as well as can be expected as far as Salem HS is concerned.

The Rocks finished fourth in the 10-team tournament, hosted by Plymouth High School. Westland

WRESTLING

John Glenn was first with 181.5 points, followed by Walled Lake Western (161) and Northville (145.5).

Salem had 137.5, finishing just ahead of Wayne Memorial (136) and Livonia Stevenson (134.5). Canton placed ninth with 53 points (see statistical summary).

A major factor in the Rocks' performance was the three first-place finishes.

Ryan Stump took top honors in the 103-pound division, beating John Glenn's Saif Naber 10-0 in the title match. And Mike Goethe was a winner at 135, edging the Rockets' Rece Cox 3-2 in the final.

And at 275, Jeremy Walker defeated Stevenson's Paul Bargerstock 4-2 in overtime.

The Rocks' problem was an overall

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, D2

Penguins earn a victory over N'ville

Meghan Depp scored two goals and Olivia Pennebaker got a goal and two assists to lead the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team to a 5-2 victory over Northville Tuesday at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena.

Pennebaker got the Penguins started well, scoring in the first period with an assist from Depp. Lisa Ely got an unassisted goal in the second period; so did Kara Marsh, giving PCS all it would

HOCKEY

need offensively.

But the Penguins weren't through yet. Depp made sure the victory would stand up with two third-period scores, Marsh and Pennebaker assisting on the first and Pennebaker and Amanda Rowley assisting on the second.

Amy Cauzillo scored both Northville

goals.

The win was the Penguins second this season over Northville. They beat the Mustangs 4-2 Jan. 29 at the Arctic Pond.

How times change

The first time PCS went up against Port Huron, Dec. 3 at the Arctic Edge, the Penguins were pummeled 7-2. In the

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, D6

Smith resigns as boys soccer coach

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

What a run he's had.

But after last season, which ended with a 7-8-5 record — one of the few losing seasons Canton soccer coach Don Smith endured — he decided it was time for him to leave. He submitted his resignation after the Chiefs lost in the first round of the state district tournament to Ann Arbor Pioneer by a 2-1 margin.

However, his decision has just been made public. Smith, who has coached the Canton boys soccer program for the last 13 years, will leave; however, he will remain as the Canton girls soccer coach.

"I just didn't want to coach the boys any more," Smith said. "I'm still going to coach the girls. I just want some time to do some other things."

Smith retired from teaching five years ago. He now coaches and works part-time at a golf course.

"The girls are a bit easier to coach," he

admitted, adding (partly in jest), "We had young groups the last couple of seasons and they wore me out."

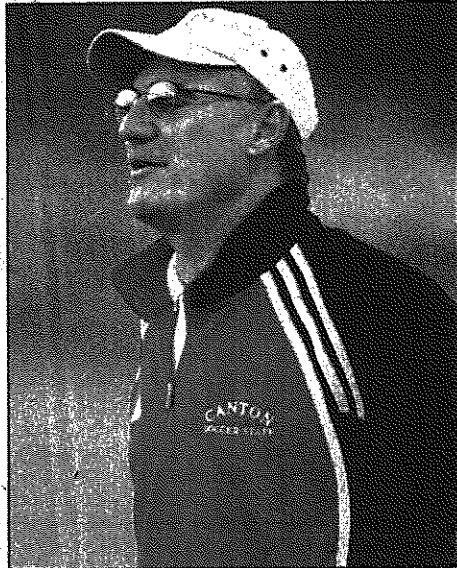
Last fall's boys squad wasn't easy to handle, to be sure — simply because it was nearly a complete rebuilding job. The Chiefs had graduated 18 players from the previous season's team.

There's no doubt Smith has guided Canton to lofty heights in both boys and girls soccer. The Chiefs have three girls state titles to their credit under Smith, and in 1994 they captured the boys state championship, Graham Wilk scoring the game's only goal in overtime to give them a 1-0 win over defending champ Warren DeLaSalle.

Their next best finish in the boys tournament came in 1998, when they lost to Brighton in the state semifinals.

Asked what his fondest memories were in his 13 seasons as boys head coach, Smith replied, "That (champi-

PLEASE SEE SMITH, D6



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Don Smith had 13 strong seasons as Canton's boys soccer coach, compiling a 169-81-35 record that included a state championship in 1994.

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Thompson's unassisted goal at 15:44 of the first made it 2-0 in the Whalers' favor.

The Spirit countered with a goal with :10 left in the first period, scored by Alex MacDonnell; they tied it at 17:43 of the second period on a goal by James Edgar, then won it at 2:31 of overtime on a goal by Geoff Platt.

Jeff Weber had 30 stops in goal for the Whalers. Tyson Kellerman had 29 saves for Saginaw.

Plymouth plays at Windsor tonight, then hosts Saginaw once again at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Mississauga at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Compuware.

Bryan Longton (WM), 4:51.
171: Steve Wallace (WM) won by major d over Eric Chambers (WJG), 10: 3rd: Robb Freeman (LC) dec. Steve Minier (N), 2:18; 5: Doug Fowells (LS) p. David Mathis (WLC), 0:43.
189: Casey White (WLC) dec. Jake Fairclough (WJG), 8:1; 3rd: R.J. Ramsey (WM) p. Steve Cain (N), 2:18; 5th: Hafeez Queshi (LC) dec. Jordan Schaefer (S), 5:53.
215: Lance Shuniah (WLC) won by major d over Alex Murray (LC), 11:1; 3rd: Dave Cuique (WM) won by major d, over Brad White (WLC), 18: 5th: Jeremy Henderson (S) dec. Nick Orr (W), 2:0.
275: Jeremy Walker (S) dec. Pat Drahe (B) p. Bargerstock (LS), 4:2 (OT); 3rd: Pat Drahe (LC) dec. Marc Mueller (N), 4:0; 5th: Rhy Pokrycky (LP) p. Chad Steyer (WLW), 2:05.

The state team district tournament will be today, with Canton hosting a district. The state individual tournament is slated for Saturday.

Nadolin tallied 20 points to lead six players in double figures Tuesday as host Madonna University (14-12, 6-5) outlasted the Springfield Arbor University (14-15, 4-7) in a Wolverines Hoosier Athletic Conference game. The 6-foot-6 junior from Novi also grabbed eight rebounds in the victory. Other scorers in double figures included WHAC Player of the Week Kurtinaikis (17), Noel Emmenisher (15), Joe Ko (12), Chris Behrens (11) and Aaron Cox (10).

AQUINAS 80, MADONNA 63: After pulling an upset Tuesday for first place Siena Heights, Madonna University (13-12, 5-5) came back down to reality Saturday in Grand Rapids as six players scored in double figures for host Aquinas College (15-11, 5-5) in a WHAC triumph. Aquinas led virtually from start to finish. The Saints scored 38-28 at halftime and maintained a double-digit lead throughout the second half.

20 (45 percent) at the line. Couple those figures with a 51-44 Henry Ford rebounding advantage, and it could easily have spelled defeat for SC. But it didn't, mainly due to the 26 turnovers by the Hawks (SC had 11).

Crystal Pittman led the Ocelots with 22 points. Mia Henderson added 13, with three blocks and three steals, and Pam Wingate had nine points and nine rebounds.

Henry Ford got 27 points from Katie Van Goethem, 14 points from Stacy Copeland and 12 points (and eight assists) from Dawn Allen.

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BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

OBSERVER'S BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES
Through Feb. 11200-yard medley relay
(Division 1 state cut: 1:44.09)

Salem	1:43.11
Catholic Central	1:46.59
Canton	1:46.73
Stevenson	1:50.55
Livonia Churchill	1:51.46

Dan Rais (Franklin)	249.05
Joe Rohde (CC)	233.50
Cody Stafford (Stevenson)	193.05
Ed Moore (Franklin)	191.05
Nick Reilly (CC)	180.90
Andrew Murawski (Salem)	178.10
Tyler Flood (CC)	174.85
Brad Sokolowski (Salem)	172.80
Kevin Cafarelli (Canton)	172.45
Kyle Mullen (Redford Union)	172.15

(Division 1 state cut: 1:32.99)

Catholic Central	1:32.59
Salem	1:32.65
Stevenson	1:33.87
Canton	1:37.21
Livonia Churchill	1:38.24

100-yard backstroke
(Division 1 state cut: 57.09)

Nick Dixon (Salem)	56.78
Yuhei Uno (Canton)	56.92
Nick Stone (John Glenn)	59.75
John Faraoni (Canton)	1:01.01
Matt Jurcak (Salem)	1:01.14
Greg Scully (Churchill)	1:01.36
Rob Cyrek (CC)	1:01.48
Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson)	1:01.52
Nathan Phillips (Canton)	1:02.01
Jeff Nevi (Salem)	1:02.03

100-yard breaststroke
(Division 1 state cut: 1:03.49)

Ben Dzialo (Salem)	1:04.47
Matt Showalter (Salem)	1:05.90
Andrew Carlin (CC)	1:07.21
Andrew Knisley (Plymouth)	1:07.25
Kris Kinsvater (Stevenson)	1:07.98
Casey Johnson (Salem)	1:08.36
Steve Reasor (Canton)	1:09.40
Penn Chou (Salem)	1:09.49
Rob Cyrek (CC)	1:09.51
Jason Anderson (Stevenson)	1:09.62

400-yard freestyle relay
(Division 1 state cut: 3:25.39)

Salem	3:24.12
Catholic Central	3:24.59
Canton	3:33.43
Stevenson	3:39.30
Churchill	3:39.73

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.

Nick Dixon (Salem)	1:50.00
Ben Dzialo (Salem)	1:50.56
Joe Le (Canton)	1:51.12
Yuhei Uno (Canton)	1:53.21
Andy Grant (Churchill)	1:53.56
Nick Stone (John Glenn)	1:54.73
Andrew Carlin (CC)	1:54.91
Rob Cyrek (CC)	1:55.21
Matt Jurcak (Salem)	1:55.98
Joe Aumiller (Salem)	1:56.29

Ben Dzialo (Salem)	53.86
Rob Cyrek (CC)	54.69
Nick Dixon (Salem)	54.97
Yuhei Uno (Canton)	55.65
Andrew Carlin (CC)	57.03
Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson)	57.00
Joe Faraoni (Canton)	58.47
Shogo Uno (Canton)	58.89
Joe Le (Canton)	59.11
Mike Horgan (Salem)	59.32

Rob Cyrek (CC)	2:01.81
Ben Dzialo (Salem)	2:03.78
Nick Dixon (Salem)	2:04.59
Andrew Carlin (CC)	2:05.72
Yuhei Uno (Canton)	2:09.09
Joe Aumiller (Salem)	2:11.19
Joe Le (Canton)	2:11.35
Steve Reasor (Canton)	2:13.43
Andy Grant (Churchill)	2:14.11
Mike Horgan (Salem)	2:15.58

Ben Dzialo (Salem)	49.21
Joe Le (Canton)	49.68
Rob Cyrek (CC)	50.26
Andrew Carlin (CC)	51.06
Andy Grant (Churchill)	51.33
Nick Dixon (Salem)	51.42
Morgan Truscott (Churchill)	51.79
Dan Jones (CC)	52.34
Matt Vivian (Salem)	52.79
Joe Aumiller (Salem)	52.80

Ben Dzialo (Salem)	22.51
Matt Vivian (Salem)	23.04
Joe Le (Canton)	23.05
Andrew Carlin (CC)	23.52
Dan Jones (CC)	23.54
Morgan Truscott (Churchill)	23.71
Kris Kinsvater (Stevenson)	23.86
Bill Clark (Salem)	24.02
John Faraoni (Canton)	24.18
Rob Cyrek (CC)	24.21

Nick Dixon (Salem)	4:56.76
Ben Dzialo (Salem)	5:00.92
Andy Grant (Churchill)	5:10.65
Joe Zatkoff (CC)	5:11.99
James Sattler (Canton)	5:12.01
Nick Stone (John Glenn)	5:12.57
Rob Cyrek (CC)	5:20.38
Andrew Carlin (CC)	5:20.58
Joe Aumiller (Salem)	5:21.60
Andrew Drennen (Wayne)	5:22.35

Diving

200-yard freestyle relay

SWIM RESULTS

CANTON 125
SALINE 58

Tuesday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Yuhei Uno, Shogo Uno, John Faraoni, Jordan Champine), 1:50.24.

200 freestyle relay: 1. James Sattler (C), 1:56.25.

200 individual medley: 1. Joe Le (C), 2:10.75;

2. Steve Reasor (C), 2:16.26; 3. Ryan Cafarelli (C), 2:31.3.

50 freestyle: 1. Warner (S), 24.63; 2. Faraoni (C), 24.69.

Diving: 1. Kevin Cafarelli (C), 196.65 points.

100 butterfly: 1. Yuhei Uno (C), 55.34.

100 freestyle: 1. Le (C), 50.25; 2. Faraoni (C), 55.40.

500 freestyle: 1. Sattler (C), 5:14.04; 2. Sam

Manees (C), 5:34.14; 3. Ben Eberlein (C), 5:44.3.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Le, Sattler, Neal Brunner, Greg Calabrese), 1:38.50.

100 backstroke: 1. Yuhei Uno (C), 57.56.

100 breaststroke: 1. Schuttlinger (S), 1:08.42; 2. Reasor (C), 1:08.76.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Sattler, Faraoni, Yuhei Uno, Le), 3:38.34.

Dual-meet record: Canton, 7-3 overall.

Softball, baseball registration scheduled

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have its spring registration from 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 CCBASA). Call (734) 394-5469 and leave a message. For tee-ball or coach-pitch league information, call Chris Angel at (734) 981-3007.

SALEM

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half. The Rocks scored eight unanswered points in that final stretch, a basket by Hoskins and 3-pointers by Davis and Brad Clark, to take a 31-23 lead into halftime. It was a lead they would never surrender.

"We tried to wear them down a bit," Brodie said. "There's always some sort of pressure (by Canton defensively). We wanted to disrupt that and get them out of their offense."

"Their big guys are a load, we didn't want them to get comfortable."

For the first five minutes of the third quarter, the Chiefs struggled. Salem outscored them 16-9 in that stretch to build a 15-point advantage, 47-32.

It would prove to be the Rocks' biggest lead of the game. "We worked through a bad part of the third quarter and got back to within five," Rheault said. "I really liked our effort."

Canton scored the final 10 points of the third, Thornton getting two baskets, including a buzzer shot to end the period and make it 47-42 entering the fourth.

It was still a five-point game with six minutes remaining in the final quarter when Salem took command by scoring seven consecutive points, four of them by Hoskins.

The closest the Chiefs could come after that was seven.

Hoskins finished with 29 points, but he got help from Davis, whose three first-half 3-pointers led to 11 points. Salem's biggest problem was its 6-for-15 (40 percent) free-throw shooting. The Rocks made 26-of-46 floor shots (56.5 percent).

Canton was 22-of-51 (43.1 percent) from the field and 6-of-7 on free throws (85.7 percent).

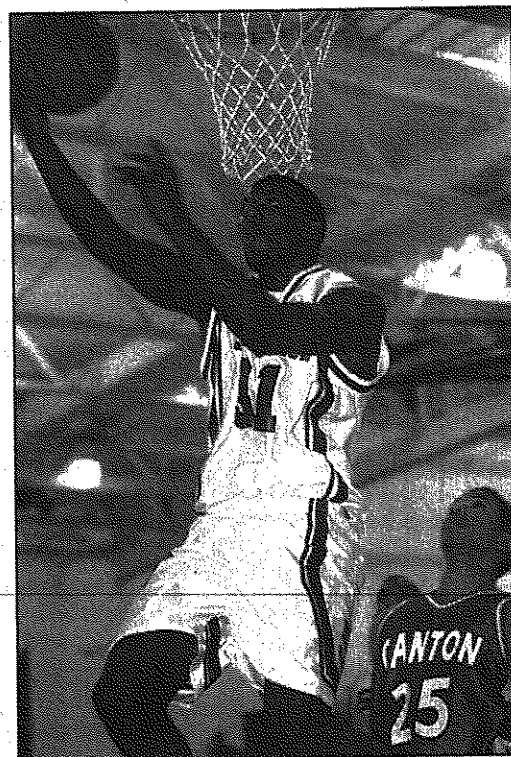
The Chiefs' leading scorer was Thornton with 21 points; he also grabbed 10 rebounds. D.J. Bridges added 16 points and five boards, while Brad Waidmann scored eight points.

"Our bench performance was real good tonight," Brodie said. Asked if his players are beginning to understand the multiple offenses and defenses he employs, Brodie answered, "Now they are. The kids didn't understand their roles before. Now they do."

That can't be good news for anyone the Rocks may run into come the state district tournament.

Agape 60, Britton Macon 45: A strong first half was enough to carry Canton Agape Christian to a victory Tuesday over host Britton Macon.

The Wolverines led 19-10 after one quarter and 39-21 by halftime. A strong push in the final period enabled Britton Macon to narrow the gap to six with three minutes left in the game, but that's as close as it got.



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Dave Hoskins was, once again, nearly unstoppable, scoring 29 points for the Rocks.

Jordan Napier and Charlie Henry each scored 18 points to pace Agape. Matt Cross contributed eight points and 10 rebounds.

Britton Macon got 15 points from Justin Preece.

Agape improved to 12-5 overall. Britton Macon is 4-12.

A.P. Inter-City 71, PCA 65: A furious second-half rally came up short for host Plymouth Christian Academy in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game Tuesday.

The Eagles trailed Allen Park Inter-City Baptist by seven at halftime (30-23) and by 10 after three quarters (48-38). But they poured in 27 points in the final period, 11 of them by Ben Pew, to trim the deficit to a point with 4:31 remaining.

PCA was still within striking distance, trailing by three with 31 seconds to go, but could not get the tying 3-pointer to fall.


It was a game of contrasts, according to PCA coach Doug Taylor. The Eagles had 18 turnovers in the first half, but just six in the final two periods. They followed a 23-point first half with a 42-point second half.

Pew paced PCA with 26 points; he also grabbed eight rebounds. Clay Welton contributed 18 points, seven boards and three assists, while Dan Carty totaled 14 points and three assists.

Inter-City Baptist got 26 points from Levi Wild and 11 from Trevor Daniel.

The loss left PCA with a 6-9 overall record, 3-6 in the MIAC. Inter-City is 9-7 overall, 6-3 in the conference.

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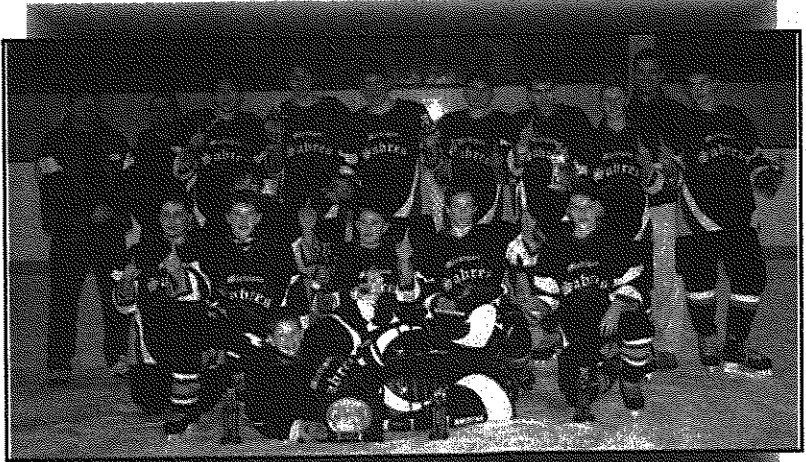
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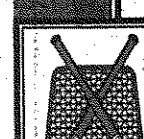
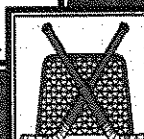
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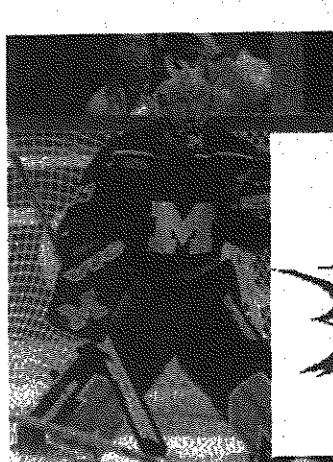
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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL Friday, Feb. 14		PREP BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Feb. 13	
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.		Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.	
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.		Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.	
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.		John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.	
Catholic crossover at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.		Wayne at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.	
Catholic crossover at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.		Friday, Feb. 14	
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 7:30 p.m.		Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.	
PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Feb. 13		Saturday, Feb. 15	
Redford CC at P.H. Northern (McMorran), 6 p.m.		MISCA meet at Eastern Mich. Univ., 1:30 p.m.	
Friday, Feb. 14		Thursday, Feb. 13	
Stevenson vs. Farm. Unified (Edgar), 6 p.m.		Liv. Unified at Walled Lake, 7 p.m.	
Saturday, Feb. 15		Canton vs. Wayne-Westland at Glenn, 7 p.m.	
Churchill vs. A.A. Pioneer (Veterans), 2 p.m.		PREP SKIING Thursday, Feb. 13	
Franklin vs. W.L. Western (Lakeland), 2:20 p.m.		Class A regional at Mt. Brighton, 9 a.m.	
Ladywood vs. G.P. South (City Center), 5 p.m.		COMPETITIVE CHEER Saturday, Feb. 15	
Stevenson vs. Northville (Novi Arena), 6:10 p.m.		Livonia Public Schools meet at Stevenson, 8 a.m.	
Redford CC vs. Cranbrook (Redford Arena), 8 p.m.		MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb. 15	
PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Feb. 13		Cornerstone at Madonna, 3 p.m.	
Catholic League finals at Madonna, 7 p.m.		Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.	
Luth. Westland at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.		WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb. 15	
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.		Cornerstone at Madonna, 1 p.m.	
Saturday, Feb. 15		Macomb at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.	
Wayne State Tournament, 8:30 a.m.		ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Thursday, Feb. 13	
PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Feb. 13		Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 7:30 p.m.	
Division III district at M.H. Madison, 5 p.m.		Friday, Feb. 14	
Division I districts at Wayne, Redford CC, W.L. Western, Garden City, 5:30 p.m.		Whalers vs. Saginaw (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.	
Saturday, Feb. 15		Saturday, Feb. 15	
(Individual District Tourneys)		Whalers vs. Mississauga (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.	
Division I at South Lyon, TBA.		TBA - time to be announced.	
Division III at Melvindale, TBA.			
Division IV at New Haven, TBA.			

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

The TSI Thunderbirds, the TSI Silver Bullets and the TSI Krush are planning tryouts, registrations and informational meetings at 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17; Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Monday, March 3 at the Doug Gillis Hitting and Pitching Academy in Wixom. There are girls teams in age brackets from 10-and-under to 18-and-under. TSI is one of the largest girls fastpitch organizations in the area. For more information, email TSI at playfastpitch@hotmail.com, or call the director of team development, Bruce Horste, at (734) 981-1796. Also, check out the organization's website at Thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

RUGBY TRAINING

The search is on for high school boys (grades 9-12) interested in learning rugby football and participating in the Michigan Youth Rugby Association's spring season. Rugby is a rugged contact sport enjoyed around the world. The Michigan Youth Rugby Association plays against clubs from Brighton, Berkley, Howell, Dearborn, Livonia and Northville. The team has a "no cuts" policy. Everyone who practices will play. No experience is necessary. The sport of rugby football features 15 players to a side with limited substitution; no blocking or padding, which makes it safer; and continuous play, like ice hockey, basketball

and soccer.

It is a sport in which fitness, brains and brawn come together. Everyone is a ball-handler, scorer and defender. There are no playbooks; players make on-the-field decisions.

Winter (indoor) training will be 5:30-7 p.m. every Monday evening beginning Jan. 27 at the University of Michigan Coliseum (located on the corner of Fifth & Hill streets), with the possibility of additional sessions being scheduled.

For more information, call (734) 761-1988 or e-mail magnette@umich.edu.

NORTHVILLE RUN

The Galyan's Northville Solstice Run will be held Saturday, June 21. The event is designed to promote healthy lifestyles and fitness while providing amenities and entertainment within the Northville community.

For more information, please call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 449-9941 or race director Alan Whitehead at (248) 420-1376.

PLAYERS WANTED

The Motor City Volleyball Club is seeking players to fill teams at 12-, 13- and 14-and-under levels for the upcoming spring season.

All teams are pay to play. For more information, call Larry or Amber Wyatt at (734) 522-1680 or e-mail MCVBC@aol.com.

SOFTBALL OPENINGS

The Thunderbirds Softball Incorporated (TSI) Girls Fast Pitch Softball has player openings for the 2003 season.

Parents with girls between the ages of seven and 16 years are invited to contact either Mike Roberts (734) 397-1355, Tom Ciotti (734) 748-6081, Brian Starling (734) 718-3360 or Ray Barnes (734) 981-7281, or visit our web site at Thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, is helping kids 6-18 improve their game with private lessons starting at \$35 per half-hour, or five private lessons for \$160.

Instruction will be led by Von Joshua, the Toronto Blue Jays hitting coach, the Oakland University softball coaching staff, Big Ten/MAC All-Conference softball/baseball players and former professional players. Individuals will receive instruction through a series of pitching, hitting and fielding drills.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166.

PITCHING PROGRAM

Total baseball is offering a seven-week training program for pitchers.

Former USA Jr. Olympic Team member and Montreal Expo Aaron Knieper will be teaching arm strengthening techniques, pitching mechanics and philosophy.

The cost is \$325 per player. Classes will be 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

To register call Total Baseball at (248) 668-0166 or e-mail at totalbaseballwixom@aol.com.

HIGH VELOCITY CAMPS

A series of soccer camps for players of all ages are offered at the High Velocity Indoor Soccer facility, under the instruction of former pro player and college coach Andrew Crawford, a Livonia resident.

Small Stars is for 3-4 year-olds, just starting out. The class encourages parent participation and works on the basics: dribbling, passing and receiving, and shooting.

Kicks with Kids, for 4-5 and 6-7 year-olds, will teach the basics plus the proper techniques for turning with the ball and volleys.

Skill Acceleration Camp is for 8-9, 10-11, and 12-15 year-olds. This clinic focuses on one-on-one moves to beat an opponent, combination passing and volleys.

Striker Camp participants will work on shooting drills, including volleys, side-volleys

and creating space with and without the ball. Striker camp is available for 9-12 year olds.

Goalkeeper Camp teaches advanced goalkeeping techniques to 9-12 year olds and includes shot-stopping and ball distribution, and is intended to increase skills and develop technical awareness.

The Women's Clinic concentrates on the basic skills of soccer, building a strong foundation of dribbling, passing and receiving, and shooting. This program is designed for the beginning to intermediate player.

All the above clinics begin with instruction and end with a scrimmage. Individual and team training is also available.

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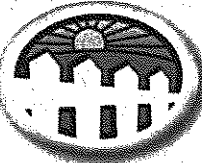
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Cochran No. 1 in Challenge

The eighth annual Senior-Youth Challenge is now history and what a day it was for both the kids and oldsters alike.

Eight of the youth bowlers divided the spoils, which consisted of \$5,000 in scholarship money.

These funds are held in escrow by the Smart Fund, administered by the National

headquarters in Greendale, Wis. Winners in Singles included 16-year-old Richard Cochran, who carried a 182 average. His games of 231-233-235 totaled 794 with his 75-pin handicap. Cochran earned the top singles prize of \$1,000 in scholarship.

Second place went to Redford's Sydney Davis with an average of 183. He bowled games of 115-133-133/381 with a 342-pin handicap added, good for \$500 in scholarship money.

Third place went to 11-year old Jake Potruski of Plymouth, who rolled games of 144-178-136 with a 264-pin handicap gave him a total of 722 and a \$500 scholarship award.

Chris Ehrenberg, 16, sporting a 195 average broke the event open with an almost perfect game, a 297 actual, followed by a 192 and 167 for a total of 695 with his 39-pin handicap, earning another \$500 scholarship. His 297 was the highest actual game of the event.

In doubles competition, Redford's Cameron Mitchell, 12, and senior bowler Bob Wilson took first with a total of 1,432, capturing a \$1,000 scholarship.

Second place money (\$500) was won by Steve Cunningham, 13, of Redford, who was aided by senior bowler Ted Mack with a combined net of 1,432 pins.

Kevin McClenic, 14, of Oak Park, teamed up with grandfather Harper McClenic for a total of 1,349, good for third place and a \$500 scholarship.

Len Lightner of Redford was paired with senior Mike Krywy. The pair totaled 1,347 good for fourth place and another \$500 scholarship.

In addition to the scholarship awards, all players received a souvenir printed towel, pizza and pop, and over 140 door prizes, which meant that just about everyone who bowled came away with something of value.

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It's cold, but pike-spearfishing season heats up

Raised during warm weather for its smallmouth bass and muskie fisheries, the northern pike population in Lake St. Clair is often overlooked. Until the lake freezes over that is.



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

people spearing seem to do better than people using tip-ups. With the onset of

spring, and the pike spawning season, just around the corner, northerns are feeding ravenously in preparation for the rigors of spawning. They're moving into the weedy flats and shallows of Anchor Bay.

"Most of them are taken in shallow water, five feet or less," Ward said. "The secret is to be patient and to be quiet. They're pretty spooky when they're in shallow water like that."

Permanent shanties are nice, but a portable will allow you to move around and finds the fish.

Most spearkers cut a hole at least two-feet-square. A decoy "live suckers in the 14- to 16-inch range are killer" is then lowered into the hole and the wait begins. Spearkers sit attentively above the ice and wait for a pike to approach.

"Northern pike are big predators and they cruise through looking for a meal," Ward said. "You have to stay ready, because you never know when they'll show up. And they usually dart in, take the sucker, then they're gone. If you're

not paying attention you can miss everything."

Spears range from five times to eight times and weight is a variable.

"Most guys like weighted spears, so they can get them down to the fish in a hurry," Ward said.

The north end of Anchor Bay off Fair Haven features lots of heavy weed beds, which tend to hold plenty of fish. The area north of the Selfridge Air Force Base, at Brandenburg Park, is another winter hot spot.

Access to Lake St. Clair is available at several public launch facilities including Algonac, off Highway 43 at the mouth of the North Channel and in Fair haven, north of Selfridge, and at Brandenburg Park south of New Baltimore. Spearing season runs through the end of February. The season is open on inland waters, except designated trout lakes. In addition, there is no spearing on Oakland County's Tipsico and Heron lakes. For other lakes closed to spearing check the

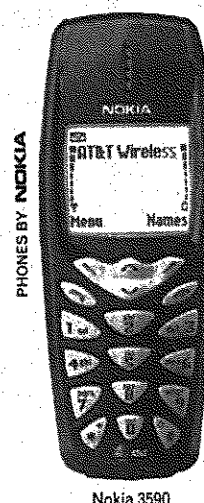
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It should also be noted that there is no muskie spearing on Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair or Detroit rivers. Don't make a mistake and inadvertently spear a muskie. Pike are darker in color with light spots while muskies have a lighter background and dark spots. Be sure of your target before you let the spear fly.

The legal size limit for northern pike is 24 inches on most lakes and there is a five fish daily limit. (That limit includes walleyes, sauger, flathead catfish and northern pike in any combination.) For updates on ice conditions, fishing updates and bait and tackle needs call Selfridge Sport and Tackle at (810) 949-2998.

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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GRIDDERS

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6-4, 265 pounds — to make an impact, but Baechler thinks “he has a lot of development to do. He’s got to get stronger, quicker.” While both Farkas and Ray may have to wait and learn to earn their position, Brandon Wilcox is hoping he’ll get a shot much quicker as a free safety at Wayne State.

“They liked (tight end Chris) Smilo last year,” said Baechler. “He made their traveling squad

(as a freshman).”

Wilcox, 5-11 and 195 pounds, had enough speed to prevent opponents from getting behind him (4.6 in the 40-yard dash), and his agility in the Pro Shuttle drill impressed WSU scouts. “They saw he was fast enough,” Baechler said.

One other thing: Wilcox, a team captain and all-WLAA selection, returned two punts and a kickoff for touchdowns last season, which should increase his value.

Zach Caswell, a 6-2, 210-pound offensive tackle, and Mike Lafata, a 5-11, 190-pound strong safety, were both signed by St. Joseph’s College in Indiana, another NCAA Division II program. Caswell, who was all-conference at offensive tackle, doesn’t have the size for that position in college.

“They want to move him to tight end,” Baechler said. “He’s got good size and he runs real well. He’s a good athlete — he’ll be able to make that change.”

As for Lafata, “his football savvy and intelligence are exceptional,” Baechler said. “He’s working on his speed.

“We’ve been telling him, his head will get him there, but his feet have to, too.”

Both Caswell and Lafata could be instrumental in helping a program rebuild.

The final Canton football signee is placekicker Ankit Kachhal. Possessor of a strong leg, Kachhal converted 29-of-34 extra-point placements this season (including two that were blocked) and was 2-for-2 on field goals, making them from 39 and 27 yards.

Kachhal was the all-Western Division placekicker and punter; he averaged 36.0 yards per punt. Kachhal will take his talents to Saginaw Valley State, another strong Division II program.

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SMITH

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onship) team for sure. And the team the season before (last fall) had the talent to go to the final. Then there was that '98 team that lost in the semifinals.”

In 2001, Canton had posted an 18-2-1 record going into the state district final against Ann Arbor Pioneer, a team the Chiefs had beaten earlier in the season. But on a short Wayne Memorial field dominated by a cold, stiff wind, they were upset by the Pioneers 2-1.

The '98 squad also had plen-

ty of potential, but the Chiefs were ambushed by Brighton.

Still, the recollections are, for the most part, happy ones. And why not? Smith-coached boys teams posted a 169-81-35 overall record in his 13 seasons. Twice he was named regional coach of the year.

“It will be nearly impossible to replace Don Smith,” Canton athletic director Sue Heinzman said. “He is a master coach who brings so much knowledge and character to the program, he will truly be missed.”

Smith gives much of the credit to the players he

coached — standouts like Jeff Fliss, Graham Wilk and George Tomasso, all of whom played on the state championship squad; T.J. Tomasso and Johnny Kaczmarek, who played on the team a couple of seasons ago; and Scott Wright, the speedy forward who was instrumental in the Chiefs’ run to the state semifinals in '98.

“The boys need someone who can give them more time, can get them inside during the off-season lifting weights,” Smith said. “The girls are no problem. They’re actually dedicated to getting into shape.”

Conditioning was always an

integral part of Smith’s program. While other soccer coaches would have rosters with 15 or 16 players, Smith would keep 25 or more — and use nearly all of them.

Now Smith will hand over the reins to someone else. Whoever does take over can be certain of one thing: This program is on solid ground.

Anyone interested in the Canton boys soccer coach’s position should send a letter of interest to AD Sue Heinzman at 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187, or may fax it to her at (734) 416-2923.

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HOCKEY

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rematch Feb. 1 in Port Huron, it was a different game, each team’s offense in high gear as they battled to an 8-8 draw.

Four first-period goals got PCS going, Depp scoring two of them (the first assisted by Marsh, the second by Rowley); Marsh got the Penguins’ first goal (assisted by Sharla Gillespie), Rowley got the second (assisted by Pennebaker).

Pennebaker (unassisted) and Marsh (from Depp and Jessica Rzetelny) scored in the second period for PCS. Marsh (unassisted) and Depp (from Rowley) completed their hat-tricks with third-period goals.

Amanda Watkins was in goal for the Penguins.

CC adds to win total

A night after playing one of their sloppiest games of the year, Catholic Central’s hockey team bounced back with one of

their best. CC avenged a Friday loss to Gates Mills (Ohio) Gilmour Academy with a 5-1 win on Saturday.

“It was one of our better games,” said CC co-coach Todd Johnson. “We had very little energy when we played on Friday, but Saturday we had high energy. We moved the puck, we finished checks. We did the things that we hope to maintain heading into the playoffs.”

Pat Coldren opened the scoring in the first period, making a goal four minutes into the game on assists from Mike Monterrey and Eric Reinhardt. Two minutes later, Jason Lewarne scored a power-play goal from Brandon Naurato and Andrew Eggert.

Coldren scored in the second period on another power-play goal (from Monterrey and Reinhardt), while CC (16-3) added two more in the third period — one from Naurato (from Drew Kahle and Tommy Mullen) and the other from

Travis Hamway (from Naurato and Tim Buttery).

Gilmour (40-10-3) got its lone goal in the third period, scoring off Andrew Godoshian, who played the last 10 minutes in goal for CC. The Shamrocks outshot Gilmour, 39-18, with Jimmy Blanchard making 15 saves for CC.

Franklin 2, South Lyon 2: Livonia Franklin pulled goaltender Jeremy Peer for the extra attacker in the final 1:30 and Dave McCall responded with the game-tying goal with only 55 seconds to go as the Patriots and host South Lyon settled for a draw Monday at the Kensington Ice House.

Adam Bierley and Joe Kozlowski assisted on McCall’s goal as the Patriots’ season record now stands at 12-6-3 overall.

South Lyon goaltender Vinny Falaher was outstanding, making 33 saves.

Sam Burrows started in goal for the Patriots, making seven

saves in the first two periods. Peer came on in the final period to hold the Lions scoreless, facing four shots. South Lyon’s Vinny Diroff scored just 18 seconds into the game, but Franklin’s Keith Robert tied it at 13:05 of the first period from Dennis Reetz.

Dearborn Unified 4, Churchill 1: Three unanswered goals in the final five minutes gave host Dearborn Unified (8-9-3) a non-league victory Saturday over visiting Livonia Churchill (8-9-4) at Adray Arena. Dearborn took a 1-0 lead into the final period on Troy Brown’s unassisted short-handed goal, but Churchill tied it with 9:25 remaining on Chris Barczuk’s goal from Justin Toni and Josh Jones. Dearborn’s Ken Barbour scored what proved to be the game-winner with 4:17 remaining. Jonathan Ottenbreit and Brown sealed the victory on goals with 3:07 and 1:35 remaining. Brown’s was an empty-netter.

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Tuesday, March 4	9 a.m. - Noon	Organizational Meeting
	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Monday, March 10	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Tuesday, March 11	9 a.m. - Noon	Hearings by Appointment
	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Tuesday, March 15	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	First Come - First Served

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CONTACT ME A.S.A.P!

Attractive divorced white female, professional, college degree, petite, 5'1", weight proportionate, optimistic. Enjoys exercise, good conversation, movies, concerts, music, sports. Seeks professional divorced male, 45 to 55, no beard or mustache, sense of humor. BOX 30884

ONE OF A KIND

Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40-ish. Seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 40, for dating and relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

LIFE'S BETTER SHARED

Divorced female, 52, 5'3", 125 lbs, dark hair, green eyes, non-smoker, caring, thoughtful, blue collar worker, no children. Enjoys movies, festivals, dining out, picnics, barbecues, reading, museums. Seeks caring, kind male in Down River area to share life with. BOX 25679

SEEKS PERFECT MATE
Attractive, 50+ widow, fun loving, physically fit. Seeks male desiring travel, working out, bicycling, golf, mountain hiking, skiing, swimming, dancing, dining out, family, cooking, quiet evenings, closeness, sharing, intimacy, love. Requesting too much? Tell me. BOX 24980

NEED A COMPANION!
Single white female, 53, dark hair and eyes, 5', physically fit, social drinker. Enjoys bingo, bowling, casinos, funny movies, yard sales, garage sales, sports, dining out and just having fun. Seeking a single male, 45 to 55, who likes cats. BOX 13728

ARE YOU...
Looking for someone special, who is sincere, honest, and fun loving, could be me. I am a divorced white female, 54, non-smoker, who likes to do almost everything. West Side area. Let's talk! Wayne County BOX 36084

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An attractive brunette, 49, 5'4", 115 lbs, single white professional female, with great smile and good heart, enjoys family and friends, boating, Red Wings and you, if height weight proportionate, humorous, caring, financially stable and emotionally available. Wayne County. BOX 25014

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CHILL PARTNER

Single mother of one, is looking for a chill partner. No game players. BOX 14944

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LET'S CHILL 2GETHER!

30 yr old, single mother of one, enjoys movies, dining out, the mall and more. Seeks a single gentleman with similar interests, friendship first, possibly leading to a meaningful relationship. Must like children! BOX 31000

GOOD TIMES AWAITS US

Single female, 5'2", brown skin, short hair, wear glasses. Would like to meet a single male who enjoys bowling, listening to music, shopping, watching videos and just chilling together. BOX 31001

FIRST TIME AD

Educated, well traveled, loving professional single female, 5'2", medium build, non-smoker. Enjoys conversation, music, travel, quiet times, and theater. Seeking refined gentleman, 60-70, for friendship first. Oakland county. BOX 35999

ALL AMERICAN GUY

Single white female, 40, 5'5", non-smoker, brown hair, medium to husky, loving, caring, likes a variety of activities, sports. Seeking a husky, honest, white guy, 36-46, serious long-term relationship. Macomb County. BOX 36039

WAITING AND HOPING

27 yr old, single black female with light brown eyes. Likes having fun, playing pool, video games and outdoors. Searching for a caring male, 26 to 35, who likes having fun. BOX 11904

MOTOWN GAL

Looking for a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long-term, monogamous relationship. I am 51 yr old divorced female. I love Motown music and classic cars. I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area. BOX 14471

TRY THIS OUT

White female, young, 40's, with blue eyes, light brown hair. Enjoys traveling, the beach, new places, music, dancing. Looking for a non-smoker, non-drinker, emotionally fit male who enjoys new adventures. BOX 14866

DON'T MISS OUT!

45 yr old female, 5'7", medium build, brown eyes and hair, lives in Troy area, enjoys sharing activities with the right person. Give me a call and I'd be glad to get back to you! BOX 23444

LET'S GET TOGETHER

You found her! Adorable, petite, prefers gentleman 48-60, full of life, great sense of humor, likes to have new experiences. Call, you won't regret it. Oakland County. BOX 25008

CUTE AND CLASSY

Single black female, mid 50's, enjoys jogging, concerts and walks in the park. Seeking a gentleman over 50, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 26066

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Outgoing, petite, and live in Plymouth. Looking for an attractive, non-smoking, single white male, 48 to 58, who is trustworthy, emotionally/financially secure, with no dependents. Someone with a zest for life. Wayne County BOX 27026

GEM SEEKS TREASURER

Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, former model, looks 40's and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 59 to 65, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY

Well traveled, educated, loving, white, professional female. Seeking a sophisticated, Christian man, 62 to 72, who can also be down-to-earth. Interests are classical music, art appreciation, world events and travel. Comfortable one-on-one and in social situations. Oakland County. BOX 35911

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN

Petite, divorced, white female, seeks honest and secure, single, white male, 49-55, who likes to laugh and have fun, for friendship, possible long term relationship. Dearborn area. Wayne County BOX 35950

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

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN

Soft spoken, non-smoker, white female, 5'11", size 11, wishes to meet a white male, 6'2", or taller, 49 or older, no games, no heavy drinkers, no drugs, height/weight proportionate. Wayne County BOX 36053

I HAVE ELAN

Eclectic, attractive, slender, romantic, quality lady, enjoys most music, dancing, golf, tennis, boating, sports and theater. Seeks special, non-smoking, gentleman, over 59, and 5'10" plus, that is honest, loyal and fun. Oakland county. BOX 36061

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I'LL PLAY U A LOVE.

...Song! Single male, 48, light brown hair, blue eyes, employed, home-owner, smart, intelligent and handsome. Enjoys music, playing guitar, the outdoors. Seeking a single lady, children okay, for a possible relationship. BOX 21314

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YOU AND I

This sweetheart is a sociable single white male, 40, well groomed, physically fit, has many interests yet open to yours. Seeks friendly female friend and possible lover. BOX 30914

MUSCULAR FRIENDLY

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

COME FLY WITH ME!

Handsome, professional, 57, 18 on the dance floor, 6', fit, looks and feels younger, spiritual, charismatic, enjoys sporting events, arts and travel. Seeks attractive, slender female who is ready to enjoy life to its fullest. BOX 25779

HOLISTIC GENT

Single white male, 40's, enjoys affirmations, meditations and yoga. Seeks spiritual spark, peace and love with his angel; single white female, 35 to 55. BOX 10468

GIVE AND TAKE

47 yr old, white professional male, non-smoker, 5'8", 155 lbs, fit. Loves animals, the ocean, long walks with someone special. Looking for someone special who is down to earth, honest, sincere, good looking inside and out, height weight proportionate. BOX 11282

SUBURBAN GENT

49 yr old male, keeps fit and healthy, with nice looks and good attitude. Seeks charming and cheerful single white female, 40s to 50s, for sharing, caring, dating and relating. BOX 13717

JUST THE FACTS

36 yr old male, looking for someone, 36 to 39, to talk to and spend time with. BOX 20694

LOVE ME TENDER

Sensual single white male, 44, enjoys adult board games, massage oils, body paint, etc. Looking to share secret dreams and desires with creative, impulsive single white female. BOX 21299

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 27006

GIVE ME A TRY

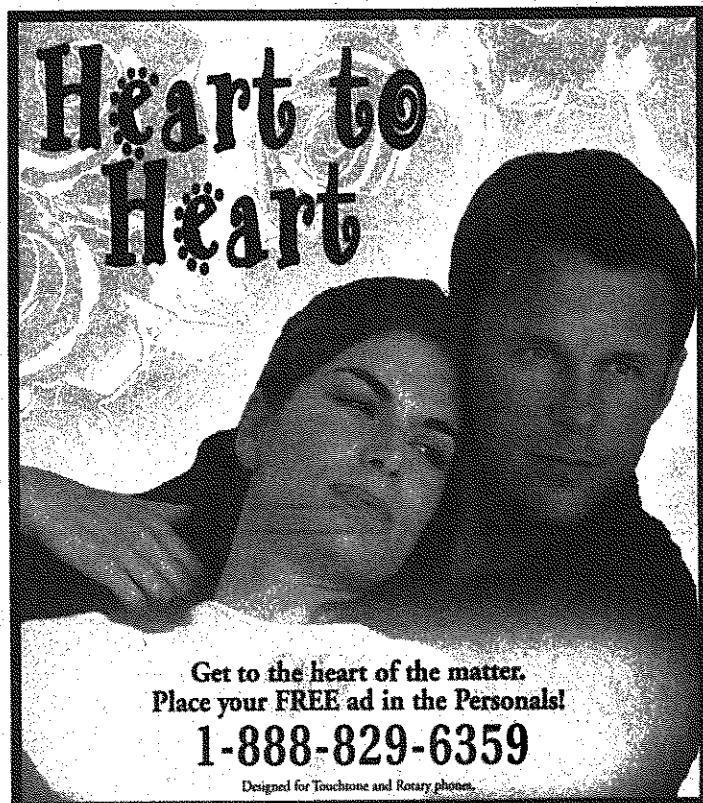
Divorced white male, 45, brown hair, eyes, tall, slim, good healthy, fun loving, easy going. Searching for a single white female, 35 to 50, who enjoys going to galleries, camping, fine dining and more. BOX 30979

EX-MARINE

Divorced, attractive, fit, white, easy going male, 6'1", 200 lbs, 50's, ex-Marine, engineer. Seeks attractive, younger, fit, shapely female for a lasting relationship. Troy area. Material status not important. BOX 30981

READY TO GAMBLE?

46 yrs old, attractive, healthy, single, white male seeks lady like, single, white female, 40's to 50's. BOX 14811



STOP...LOOK...CALL!

Divorced white male, 49, medium build, looking for a single woman, late 40's early 50's, shape, looks important, that wants a long term relationship. Loves the outdoors and home cook meals. Stop here and call and will talk more! No games, always calls back. Redford area. BOX 25753

HONEST

Tall, divorced white male, 6'4", good physical condition, 55, non-smoker, self-employed, honest, sincere, sense of humor. I would like to meet a slender lady, 45 to 53, who is easygoing, with good values, for companionship, and possible long-term relationship. BOX 35984

IS SHE OUT THERE?

30, brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, 5'8", enjoys cooking, blockbuster nights, camping and more. Seeks honest woman, with religion in her life, for romance. BOX 10476

LOOKING FORWARD

Caucasian male, 29, 6'2", dark hair, hazel eyes, teddy-bear, seeks nice, attractive, fun, active lady. Enjoys cars, hot rods, shooting pool, movies, camping, travel and more. BOX 13757

LOOKING 4 THAT GIRL

Hard working, divorced white male, 49, 5'9", 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 games please. Redford area. BOX 14640

JUST LOVABLE

Single white male, 44, loves hugging, cuddling, kissing and lots of affection. Seeking female with the same interest, age, race, size open. BOX 14939

DO U FIT THE BILL?

Professional white male, 52, 5'11", brown hair, blue eyes, handsome, good listener, sense of humor, college educated with multiple degrees, non-smoker, no dependents. Enjoys physical fitness, reading, movies, theater, dining, concerts, golf. Seeks professional lady, affectionate, non-smoker, same interests. BOX 15090

FATHER OF ONE...

...in Livonia. Single white father of one, 39, 6'1", 190 lbs, handsome, fit, fun, honest, sincere. Enjoys reading, running, biking, skiing, family activities and much more. Looking for a positive, fit and loving female, for great relationship. BOX 14942

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

FALL RIGHT INTO...

...My arms! 39 yr old, single white male, 5'8", 210 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, physically fit. Enjoys hunting, fishing, movies and going for walks. Seeks a smart, caring, loving, understanding lady with similar interests for friendship first, possibly leading to a long term relationship. BOX 25306

IS THIS YOUR MATE?

Divorced white male, early 50s, dark hair, blue eyes, 6', looking for Carol, Charlotte, Chris, Debbie, Diane, Denise, Donna, Joy, Karen, Kathy, Linda, Lori, Nancy, Pat, Sally, Sandy, and Sue. I'd like to meet you. Ages 38 to 54. Possible long term relationship. West Side. BOX 26039

WANTING UR OPINION!

...Please be aware of this available, adorable, single white male, if I'm one of your choices, you'll meet a fine, educated gent, with many talents and interests. Single white female, 30 to 50, responses preferred! BOX 15072

POLISH ITALIAN GUY

50, attractive and healthy, youthful and light hearted. Enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeks lady to spend time with and get to know. BOX 20745

GETTING IT RIGHT!

Handsome teacher, 50, 6', 210 lbs, divorced, likes hunting, fishing, movies, playing the guitar, cooking, gardening, dining out and being with that special person. Seeks single female, same interests for a long term relationship. NO HEAD GAMES! Children welcomed. BOX 21155

PLEASANTLY PLUMP?

Go ahead and call open minded, single white male, 39, easy to talk to, romantic and adventurous. Seeks single white female 24-42, for meaningful relationship. Wayne county BOX 25010

DO YOU QUALIFY?

White male, 48, muscular, attractive, financial and self secure. Seeking selective, classy, attractive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 25970

LET STAY 2GETHER...

For ever. Single white male, 45, honest, faithful, trustworthy, caring, loving, up front, smoker, social drinker, 6', 165 lbs, looking for a white female, 35-50, on the slim side, 100-140 lbs, who has the same qualities as I do. Looking for a very serious relationship, no head games. Oakland County. BOX 26014

WHY BE ALONE!

57 yr old divorced male, 5'7", 175 lbs, fit, retired, silver hair and mustache, financially secure. Loves golf, movies, biking, travel, the beach, dining out. Seeks female, not too much baggage, thin to medium build, non-smoker. BOX 26857

SEEKS LADY 2 BE...

...My wife! White male, dark hair, nice looking, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys sports, dancing and more. Looking for a single woman, 26 and up, for a long term loving relationship. BOX 27318

I'M LOOKING FOR YOU!

Single African American male, 34, slim, wears glasses, likes going to parks, basketball, football, playing video games. Looking for a single, adventurous female, with similar interests who believes in God, 26 to 35, slim, casual dresser for a meaningful relationship. BOX 27341

JUST BE YOURSELF

I might like you anyway. Realistic, respectful, single white male, 45, believes in destiny and chemistry, ready to embrace female sweetheart. Age unimportant. BOX 30879

PICK UP THE PHONE

50 yr old, 5'4", 135 lb, single white male with mustache, from Wayne County area. Likes golf, bowling, dining in and out, music, dancing, art, crafts, weekend travel and much more. Seeks female with similar interests. BOX 30991

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CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

Single white professional male, 45, 5'8", fit, communicative humorist, introspective. Enjoys bicycling, concerts, being outdoors. Seeking fit, emotionally available, single, white professional female. Oakland County. BOX 36049

MORE THAN FRIENDS

Attractive, single white male, 40's, warm hearted and outgoing. Enjoys travel, photography, concerts and the outdoors. Seeking a bold lady with a sense of humor. 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, intelligent, 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, terrific white male, 44, with versatile, flexible personality. Seeking creative, sweet, smiling, significant, other. For friendship and whatever. Macomb County. BOX 36085

DREAMS/DISILLUSIONS

Reality based single white male, kinda cute, energetic, 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 and soul mate. Single white female, 33 to 49, comfortable with real life, yet able to enjoy playful escapism. Oakland County! BOX 36111

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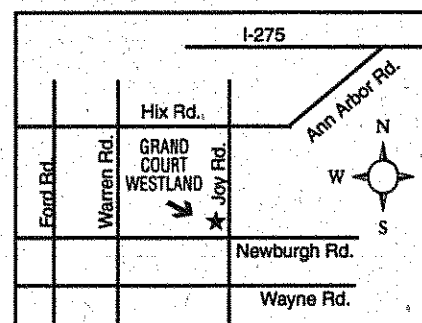
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

State law supersedes on lot split

We are attempting to split our real estate and believe that we have complied with the requirements of the State Land Division Act. However, our local municipality seems to be giving us a problem and has rejected our request for it because they claim it doesn't comply with the local ordinance. What recourse do you think we have?

Based upon a recent case issued by the Michigan Court of Appeals, although unpublished, the court held that where a person's proposed land split complied with the State Land Division Control Act, the township couldn't exercise discretion under a local ordinance that denied the lot split on the ground that the proposed split was neither harmonious nor compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood. The court indicated that the statute doesn't permit such a determination of harmoniousness and compatibility except as a factor for allowing a depth to width ratio different from that authorized from a local ordinance and mandates approval of any proposed and split that meets the requirements of the particular sections of the statutes cited in that decision. If the local ordinance directly conflicts with the statute, it's pre-empted. You should check with a real estate lawyer as to the applicability of your local ordinance to this particular case.

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.

PRICES NATIONALLY			
Median (half above/half below) sales prices of existing homes during third quarter, 2002, in selected metro areas			
State	Price	1-Yr Change	
Washington D.C.	\$259,300	17%	
Milwaukee	174,900	5.4	
Boston	455,800	3.2	
Chicago	230,200	8.7	
Las Vegas	163,200	7.5	
Atlanta	148,500	6.1	
Grand Rapids	127,500	5.7	
Seattle	261,500	5.5	
Denver	233,600	4.3	
Cincinnati	137,000	3.5	
Dallas	137,000	2.1	
Indianapolis	120,400	0.2	
Detroit	N/A		

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

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There is a variety of commercial real estate available along Northwestern Highway in Oakland County.

Commercial real estate impacts tax base, jobs and quality of life

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes, the obvious escapes homeowners who don't realize just how much they depend on commercial real estate activity.

It provides places to acquire necessary goods and services like groceries, clothing, supplies for home repairs and gasoline for cars in the course of day-to-day living.

It provides employment hubs for breadwinners with all of their financial responsibilities, summer and part-time earning opportunities for college students, and spending cash for teens with entry-level jobs. And, by extension, the actual products that people buy.

It provides entertainment venues - restaurants, movie theaters and clubs - for all to enjoy.

It provides a substantial portion of the local tax base and municipal services - police and fire protection, trash pick-up, plus funding for public school education.

Then there's the jobs and spin-off economic impact with all the folks involved in the actual design and construction of the buildings.

"A lot of times, people don't want it in their back yard or don't like the looks, but commercial is a great contributor to the tax base," said Susan McGrann, Redford assessor. "We need it. Otherwise, taxes would be higher."

Or fewer municipal services provided, on the other side of that coin.

IT'S SIGNIFICANT

In Redford, generally considered a bedroom community, the commercial component comprised 23 percent of the township's total \$1.4 billion state equalized valuation last year.

In Southfield, heavily developed commercially, nonresidential was 58 percent of the total tax base of \$3.9 billion.

Birmingham's trendy, tony business district and other nonresidential properties accounted for just under 20 percent of that city's total property tax base of \$2.1 billion.

Michele Hodges, president of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, is pretty direct about the commercial-job connection.

"Without commercial activity, one doesn't have the ability to have a livelihood, no place to go to work," she said.

Hodges also touched on another issue. "We've consistently been beating drums carrying to the public at large the importance of a good, quality business district and intrinsic relationship to quality of life," she said.

Commercial real estate activity here has been down for almost two years now, Realtors said at a recent forecast luncheon.

But things appear to be on the upswing, they added.

"All major economists have outlined the fundamentals of Michigan and the national economy as very strong - low inventories, low interest rates, no inflation and 6-7 percent unemployment which until recently was considered full employment," said Steve Morris, principal at GVA Strategic Real Estate in Southfield.

Office vacancies in metro Detroit hovered at 14 to 15 percent - "pretty evenly spread" throughout the region - said Mason L. Capitani, a Troy-based commercial Realtor.

"I think the overriding factor in 2002 was an abundance of sublease space with corporate downsizing," he said. "I think the trend going forward is landlords will be aggressive with deals. We've seen concessions."

Some buildings 90 percent occupied lose money, some 70 percent occupied make money, Capitani said later in an interview. A 20-percent vacancy level may be considered a break-even point, he said.

Fortunately, fewer office and industrial buildings are under construction now compared to the last major downturn in the early 1990s to better allow for absorption, several Realtors said.

"There will be a recovery; I can't tell when," said Tyson McCarthy, a vice president with Redco in Southfield.

"I recently searched the Internet and since 1818 there have been 11 downturns and 10 recoveries. I acknowledge that sitting at the bottom of a cycle it's hard to see the top," he said.

A recent trend in the industry is to renegotiate leases before they expire, Tyson added. "They require more work and more communication ... to make a win/win situation," he said.

HE'S ENCOURAGED

James C. Bieri, a Detroit retail consultant, was upbeat about prospects for retail

following office and residential activity into the city's central business district.

"Population comes first. Retail comes second," Bieri said.

"In 2003, we'll get 5,000 new employees with Compuware and EDS, primarily young, high-tech employees," Bieri said. "GM with a Kresge grant, will remake the waterfront. One hundred million dollars will be spent on new school buildings."

"Kmart - it's a sad thing with lawsuits, employees getting laid off ... stores closed," he said. "I believe they have pretty strong leadership. Clearly, that's very important."

"My personal experience is the stores seem cleaner, brighter, easier to shop," he said. "A lot of people are loyal."

"They will have 1,500 stores and \$2 billion in financing when they come out of bankruptcy in March," Bieri said. "I'm going to take the positive approach that when we come back next year, they will still be here."

Big-box stores like Wal-Mart and specialty stores like Casual Corners, Chicos and E.B. Games who know their niche will enjoy the most success this year, Bieri said.

"Retailers now are very adept at finding who their customers are," he said.

The news may not be so good for older, smaller shopping centers, Bieri later said in an interview.

"There's a lot of de-malling going on," he said, citing a lack of prospective tenants unwilling or unable to compete in the "no-man's land" of that kind of retail environment.

Around the country, larger box-stores and mixed-use retail/residential have replaced floundering malls, Bieri added.

Bradley A. Olsen, a North Carolina consultant who specializes in overseas money sources, painted a more pessimistic picture of the economic landscape than did local speakers.

"I don't think there will be significant improvement (in 2003)," he said. "There will be conflicting signals and at the end, we'll say we're better off. In 2004, we'll see meaningful growth and some strengthening of the real estate market and in 2005, things should look much better."

Olsen's advice to commercial Realtors here - consider refinancing from adjustable to fixed rate mortgages before rates increase (like homeowners) and look to Germany for capital funding sources.

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Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



Credit scoring differences affect weight

Today's column is the third of four in a series.

Most of us can become pretty territorial when faced with the possibility of losing something which is rightfully ours, especially if it is something that took a lot of time and effort to achieve. Along these lines, if you have a strong history of paying your bills on time, you have the right to expect a credit score that would be representative of your efforts. If you are denied that right, you should be angry, and you are allowed to demand recourse.

Everything on your credit report has been posted voluntarily by your creditors. The lack of standardization in reporting practices introduces significant variances in credit scoring. Not reporting good credit will necessarily prevent scores from reaching their proper levels. Yet, it's totally legal not to report good credit.

Credit scores may also vary greatly from one repository to another due solely to varying weights that they each put on different factors. A recent late payment with one credit repository may weigh as much as an open collection with another. One may hammer you for an unpaid medical bill while the other may give it little credence.

The intellectual property contained within the credit scoring modules has quickly gained the attention of consumer watchdog groups and lawmakers alike. The big question now: How can we be certain that these "black boxes" are not latently programmed to produce scores that discriminate according to age, race, religion or gender?

Do older borrowers unduly benefit from having longevity on established credit? Do religious zealots suffer by opting to pay cash for their purchases? Are borrowers living in largely ethnic ZIP codes subject to regional biases? We do not know the answers, but we may soon in the wake of several pending Equal Credit Opportunity Act cases now pending.

Next week, you will discover how to best protect your credit scores by overcoming the perils that are within your control.

If you need assistance in resolving major credit issues, you may contact Tim Phillips at (734) 797-5522, or via e-mail at PhillipsHQ@cast.net. Tim Phillips is a residential mortgage specialist serving all of Michigan. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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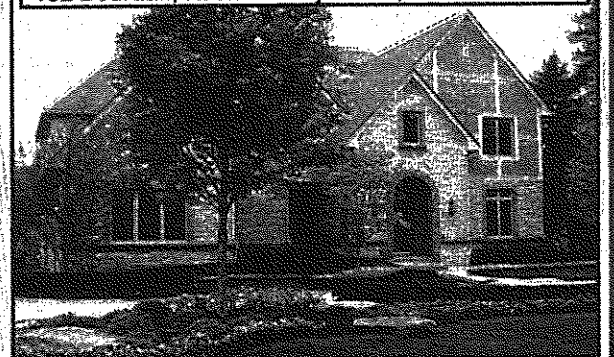


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(AP) - Some southern Indiana residents are seeing red and hopping mad about new, 96-gallon red "Hoosier Hoppers" delivered recently to their homes for trash collection.

Callers have complained to area radio stations and to the local newspapers about the bins, which were delivered to customers in and around the home of Indiana University.

The containers were given to

customers of Hoosier Disposal and Recycling Services, a company owned by Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based Republic Services Inc.

But Jeff Wilson, manager at Hoosier Disposal, said Tuesday that only about 50 of the company's 8,100 customers have called with complaints about the bins or to request additional ones.

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 30-Oct. 4 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	43612 Abbey Cir.	\$288,000
	46303 Bartlett Dr.	\$272,000
	48791 Greenwich Cir.	\$355,000
	45599 Hanford Rd.	\$268,000
	47154 Labana Dr.	\$405,000
	45495 Michael Ct.	\$233,000
	1751 Ranier St.	\$220,000

3831 S Canton	\$165,000
45302 Seabrook	\$330,000
1691 Stonebridge Way	\$391,000
Garden City	
29590 Balmoral	\$56,000
29933 Balmoral	\$120,000
29933 Balmoral	\$125,000
31541 Marquette	\$145,000
30910 Pierce	\$115,000
Livonia	
32006 Bretton	\$177,000
9145 Frederick	\$185,000
32647 Hees	\$193,000
20318 Hugh	\$134,000
37351 Seabrook Dr.	\$480,000

34742 Summers	\$259,000
34302 Trillium Ct.	\$100,000
32730 W Chicago	\$170,000
30529 Wetfield	\$188,000
Plymouth	
241 E Liberty	\$250,000
40552 Newport Ct.	\$120,000
Redford	
13125 Arnold	\$130,000
12870 Columbia	\$156,000
19247 Five Points	\$76,000
15215 Garfield	\$53,000
18832 Glenmore	\$131,000
9006 Grayfield	\$180,000
9585 Hazellon	\$131,000

19410 Indian	\$120,000
19410 Negaunee	\$88,000
26080 Southwestern Hwy	\$109,000
20407 Summer	\$119,000
11323 Virgil	\$120,000
26131 Wetfield	\$48,000
Westland	
33955 Avondale	\$210,000
2644 Barns Dr.	\$276,000
32511 Fernwood	\$158,000
7606 Gilman	\$139,000
1955 Mel Ct.	\$79,000
31905 Sandra Ln	\$152,000
34753 Somerset	\$171,000
39337 Worcheer	\$157,000

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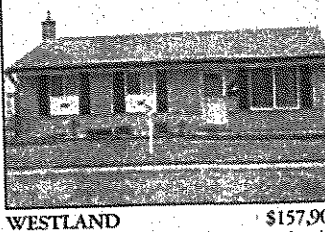
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SmithGroup, an architecture, engineering and planning firm in Detroit, announces the promotion of six new principals.

Kevin Shultis, AIA, is a learning studio leader for the firm's Michigan office. He has a master's degree in architecture from the University of Michigan and 20 years of design and management experience in the profession.

Shultis is vice chairman of American Institute of Architects Michigan government affairs committee and a member of the Society of College and University planners. He lives in Birmingham.

Terry Guitar, AIA, is architectural core team leader of the firm's learning studio. He holds bachelor of science and master's degrees in architecture from the University of Michigan. Guitar resides in Troy.

Jill Stewart, AIA, is a senior project manager and marketing leader in the firm's office/workplace studio. She holds a bachelor's degree in environmental design from Texas A&M and a master's in architecture and urban design from Arizona State University. Stewart lives in Troy.

Laurie Catey, PE, is a senior mechanical engineer in the building technology studio specializing in laboratory and research facilities. She has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, energetic and thermal sciences from Michigan tech University and a Master's in Business Administration from Baker College. She resides in Royal Oak.

Gregory Jones, AIA, is a preservation architect with 18 years experience. He has a bachelor of science degree in architecture from the University of Michigan. He's a member of the Association for Preservation Technology, National Trust for Historic Preservation and Michigan Historic Preservation Network. Jones lives in Ann Arbor.

John Sobetski, PE, is senior structural engineer and core team leader for the office/workplace studio. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Detroit Mercy. He's a member of American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Institute of Steel Construction. Sobetski resides in Chesterfield Township.

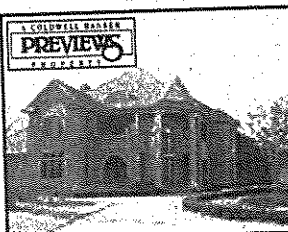
The Detroit area Commercial Board of Realtors has installed 2003 officers.

Van Martin, CCIM, SIOR, CB Richard Ellis, is president; **Randy Thomas**, Insite Commercial Group, vice president; and **Ray Kisor**, Commerce Realty and Management Co., treasurer.

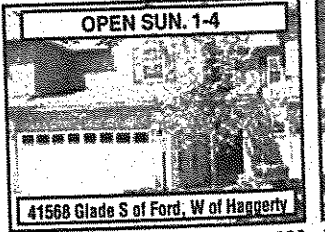
Peter Dow, Brushwood Corp., outgoing president, and **Scott Griffin**, Griffin Properties, former board member, have been specially honored for outstanding service to the organization.

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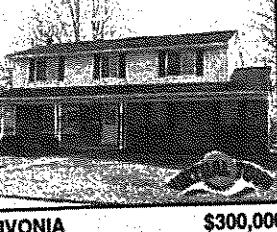
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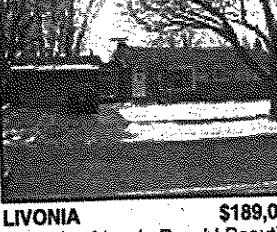
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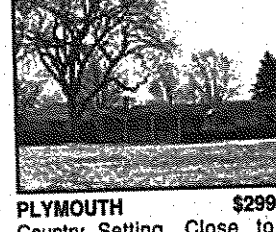
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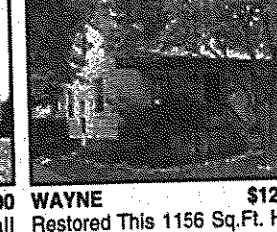
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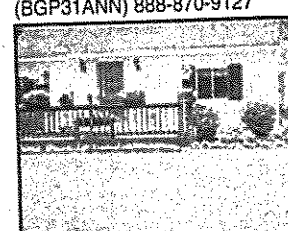
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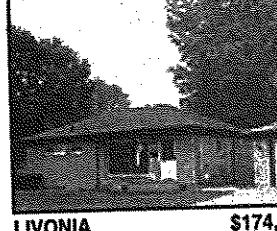
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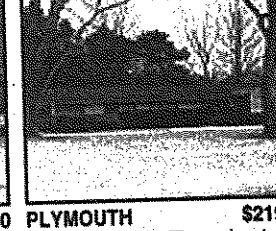
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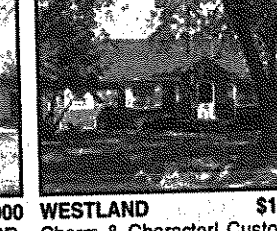
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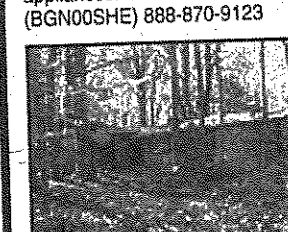
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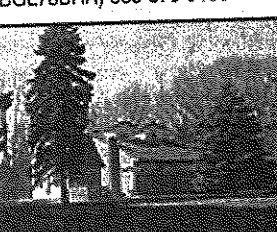
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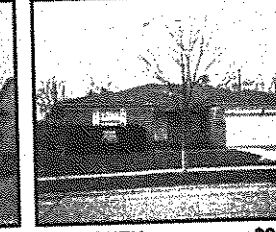
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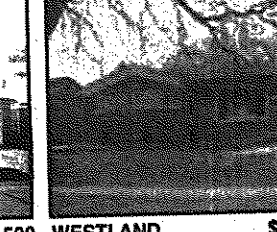
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BUILD HOME CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education sponsor a 16-hour seminar, "Home Building: Protecting You & Your Money," 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 17-26, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost is \$207, plus \$30 for textbooks. To register, call (734) 744-1020.

BUY HOME CLASS

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Great Lakes hosts a free, no-obligation information class for home buyers 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at her office, 33966 Eight Mile Road, Suite 102, Farmington Hills. To register, call (248) 553-4448.

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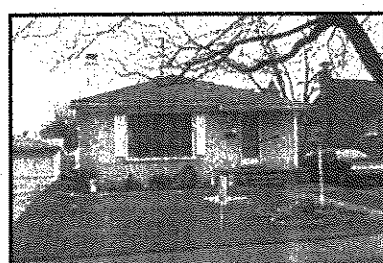
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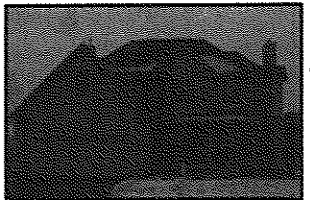
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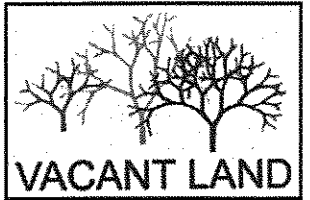
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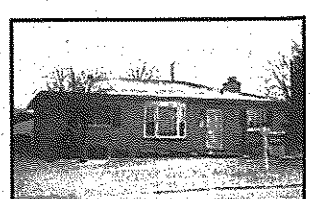
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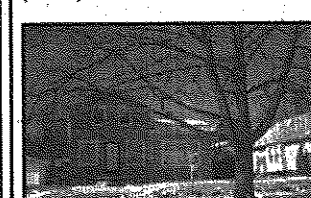
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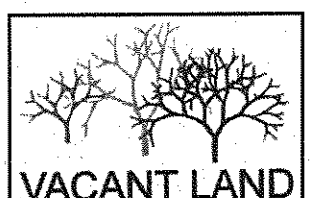
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BIRMINGHAM - Sharp, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, A/C, pool & tennis courts. \$950/mo. ShareNet (248) 642-1620

BLOOMFIELD TWP - 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, all appliances, laundry/storage unit, includes all utilities & easy access to major highways. \$950/mo. Mike. 248-641-1650

CANTON
Carriage style 2 bedroom condo, all appliances, garage. \$850 deposit. 810-919-7081

CLAWSON Luxury Townhouse
147 Rochester Rd. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath townhouse with central air, fireplace, kitchen appliances & basement.
Pets OK. \$920.00
(248) 354-9119, Ext. 206

FARMINGTON HILLS 2 bedrooms, scenic view, appliances, large closets. \$795/mo. Includes heat water & association fee. (248) 539-0534

FARMINGTON HILLS
Luxury Living! Newly completed, renovated 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Great location. All new appliances, fireplace, security system. A must see. \$1099/mo. 248-592-0867

LIVONIA
Luxury 3 bedroom townhouse. No pets. \$1300/mo. Call (248) 477-0189

MOVE IN SPECIAL
2 bedroom, updated, private, S. Lyon schools. \$650-\$800 a month short term lease available (248)640-7531

NOVI
Brand New Condo For Rent
3 bedroom with 1st floor master, 2-car private attached garage. Full unfinished basement. \$1895 per month. For information call (248) 343-2034 email: wexfordcsinghmail.com

Duplexes **4030**

WESTLAND - Remodeled 3 bedroom duplex. Section 8 okay. \$675/month.
313-278-6745

Westland - Norwayne
Merriman & Palmer area. 2 bedroom, \$450/mo first two mo's + deposit. 734-525-1797

WESTLAND
2 bedroom. Clean. Must see. Under \$580.
Call 734-416-9799

FLATS **4040**

PLYMOUTH TWP. - 2 bedroom, 1 bath lower, large living & dining rooms, shared access washer/dryer, water & lawn included. \$675. 248-735-5464

W. BLOOMFIELD - 2 bedroom, beautiful residential neighborhood. Heat & water included. \$750/mo. Call 248-739-2693

WAYNE - WESTLAND
2 bedroom lower, fireplace, jetted tub, all appliances, clean, 2 car garage. Available NOW. \$800/mo. 734-812-1082.

BERKLEY - 3 bedroom ranch, carpet, fenced, new windows. \$825/mo. Small charge. RENTAL PROS 248-356-RENT

BIRMINGHAM DOWNTOWN
2 bedroom ranch, 1.5 bath, den, 488 Harmon. \$3000/mo. (313) 570-9626

BIRMINGHAM - Custom home for lease. 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. Park setting. \$3000/mo. 248-647-4860.

BIRMINGHAM - FURNISHED
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, very clean. Neutral colors. Bright kitchen. \$1500. 248-644-8092

BIRMINGHAM 2 Bedroom, basement, garage. \$1100 plus utilities/deposit. No smoking/pets. 248-647-2891

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BARTENDER POSITIONS

Make up to \$300 per Shift in an Exciting Environment. No Experience Necessary. Call 1-800-806-0084 ext. 201. Mon-Fri.

MOVIE EXTRAS \$100-\$400/day all looks needed. No experience required. TV music videos, film, print. Call Digital Exposure. @1-800-260-3949 Ext. 3600

2nd Shift Supervisor

A rapidly growing non-union facility in Livonia, Michigan specializing in state of the art assembly is seeking an experienced and motivated manufacturing supervisor to join our team. Experience should include supervision of employees, familiarity with robotics, injection molding, welding and automated assembly. College degree required along with at least 3-5 years of experience supervising in a pro-active manufacturing environment. This is an exempt-salaried position which may require a substantial amount of overtime. This is a permanent second shift position. We offer a comprehensive benefit package including medical, dental, life insurance, short-term and long-term disability, 401k, and paid vacations.

All interested candidates may email cover letter and resume with salary requirements to tjenkins@admiral-liv.net

NO PHONE CALLS OR RECRUITERS PLEASE

5 DAYS Naps & day care, 12pm-9pm.

Classroom Assist. Experienced required. 12pm-9pm or 12pm-3pm. Nov/Nov/Nov/Nov/Nov. (248)348-3033

AVR, PAYROLL OFFICE DUTIES

Experience/computer knowledge required. Full time with benefits. Send resumes: 12275 Dixie, Redford 48239 or fax to 313 531-1797 email to rich@boomstone.com

ACCOUNTANT

Engineering/manufacturing firm looking for a detail oriented individual able to complete all accounting functions. Position will also require various administrative tasks.

Requirements included a minimum of 5 years accounting experience or degree, strong Microsoft Excel skills, and good communication skills.

Company offers competitive wages and excellent benefits. Fax resume and references to 734-456-3691

Activity Assistant

Part time position available for activity assistant with a geriatric population. Must be flexible & self-directed. Geriatric experience preferred. Contact Brenda Obizzi at Marycrest Manor, 734-427-9175

AIRLINES

Now Hiring: \$12-\$20 hr. for Flight Attendants. Reservations, Baggage Handlers, Security. Ameriforce. Part time training. (586) 758-7000 ext. 203

ALARM TECH - Est co in Northville, MI. Benefits. Fax resume: 248-735-1654 or call: 248-735-1650

All Students

Part-Time Work Full-Time Pay!

Vector has many part-time job openings in customer service/sales which are ideal for students. Scholarships and internships possible. Make your own schedule. \$14.05 base-appt. Livonia 734-522-4140 Troy, 248-655-0130 workforstudents.com

AMERICA'S Choice for apartment living. Apartment community in Oakland County seeking career minded part-time Leasing Consultant. We offer competitive wages & excellent commission package. Experience a plus. Please call (248) 353-1372 fax (248) 353-1960

Help Wanted General 5000

APARTMENT LEASING CONSULTANT

Full time position at River Bend Apartments in Westland and Green Hills Apartments in Farmington Hills. Opportunity to work with professional apartment management and marketing team. Experience preferred. Call for an appointment at (313) 565-9850 or fax resume (313) 565-5807

Assistant Product Manager

HoMedics, a large supplier of personal care products, has an opening for an Assistant Product Manager. The ideal candidate will have a 4-year degree, 3+ years Marketing, or related business experience, and strong proficiency in all Microsoft applications as well as Outlook.

Competitive salary and excellent benefits, including 401(k). Interested applicants must include a minimum salary requirement to be considered for this position. Please fax or email resume to:

HoMedics, Inc.
3000 Pontiac Trail
Commerce Twp, MI 48390
Fax: 248-663-3139
email: resume@homedics.com

HoMedics is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

ATTENTION

Local company has many openings in our Pollution Control Department.

*** No Experience Necessary**

*** Must Have Own Transportation**

Call Mon & Tues 10-4pm 313-382-6022

Auto

Part Time Security

Red Holman Pontiac GMC Toyota has two positions available for part time security personnel. Apply in person to Richard Dawkins, 35300 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185.

Auto

Westside GM Dealer seeks person for shipping/receiving. Some computer experience and inventory knowledge required. GM experience a plus. Pay commensurate with experience. Apply in person or contact Ken C. @Holiday Chevrolet. (248) 474-0500 ext. 246.

AUTO BODY TECHNICIAN

CRESTWOOD DODGE

(734) 421-5700

AUTO PARTS COUNTER SALES

CRESTWOOD DODGE

(734) 421-5700

AUTO SERVICE ADVISOR

Mercedes Benz of Novi has an excellent opportunity waiting for you. Dealership & rentals exp. a plus. Individual must have good people skills. Full time, no weekends or late nights. Exc. pay plan, blue cross, 401K, vacation & holidays. Fax resume or apply within Tony Slipcak or fax 248-426-8686

AUTO SERVICE ADVISOR

Immediate opening. Benefits, bonus & retirement packages included. Apply at: 30250 Grand River, Farmington Hills. 248-474-0500

AUTO TECHNICIANS

CRESTWOOD DODGE

(734) 421-5700

BOOKKEEPING - Looking for positive person. Part time permanent position. Fax resume to 313-255-4973 or email dan@liscap.com, 25941 E Mile Rd, Redford, MI 48240.

CAD OPERATOR

needed for non-automotive plastics manufacturer in Southfield. Good math skills & CAD exp. required. Exp. with Cavity, mold design or CNC's helpful but not necessary. Stable co. offers good annual income, health benefits & pension plan. Fax resume to: 248-352-0445 or call 248-352-8108

Ask About Our

HOT LINK SERVICE

1-800-579-SELL

Help Wanted General 5000

CANTON TOWNSHIP JOB FAIR

The Charter Township of Canton is holding a **JOB FAIR** on Friday, February 21st, 4pm-7pm and Saturday, February 22nd 10-12pm at the Summit on the Park, Banquet Facility 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188, 734-594-5460.

Township is hiring several full-time positions including: Police Officer, Public Safety Service Officer (Dispatcher) and Firefighter. Also hiring for several part-time/seasonal positions including: General Grounds, Building Attendant, Facility Attendant, Preschool Instructor, Pro-Shop Assistant, Program, Jr. Counselor, Jr. Counselor and Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator. Come prepared to complete an employment application and learn more about some great opportunities with Canton!

APPLICANT MAY BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR HIS/HER DRIVING RECORD, AT OWN EXPENSE, THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

WWW.CANTON-MI.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

CAREGIVERS Needed to assist elderly in their home. Exp. required. Wailed Lake & other areas. 248-350-8700

Carpenter - Experienced

Laminate/Cabinet Maker. Good pay & benefits. 734-522-6190

CASHIER POSITIONS

Join the best golf team! Full & part-time. Mature, outgoing individuals. Career exp. required. Some evenings & weekends essential. Knowledge of golf helpful - not required. Good pay. Free golf. Oasis Golf Center: 734-420-GOLF (4653) www.oasisgolfcenter.com

CATCH YOU ON THE Flip Flop

CPI is now Hiring Company "Owner Operators" Singles and Teams • Loads with miles available immediately! Ask about our spouse-traveling program. Call 1-800-CPI-DRIVE www.cfidrive.com

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently accepting applications to establish an eligibility list for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic. Work to be performed includes saving lives and reducing property loss through rescue techniques and fire suppression operations. Applicants must be a certified Michigan Firefighter Level I and II and must be licensed as a Paramedic by the State of Michigan. Evidence of license and certification must be presented at the time application is submitted. Additional requirements: Must be 18 years of age or older, U.S. Citizen, possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, must have and maintain a valid State of Michigan driver's license and must have and maintain a good driving record. Successful completion of the written and physical agility tests through the Conference of Western Wayne (Schoolcraft College administers this program) is required. Additional requirements are listed in the position specifications. Applicants must successfully pass an oral interview, drug screening, background investigation, psychological exam and post offer, pre-hire physical examination. Annual base wage is \$32,003.27 to \$53,338.77

Applications are available during regular business hours, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. from the Clerk's Office, Building #3, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, and must be returned by 3:00 p.m. no later than March 7, 2003.

The Charter Township of Plymouth does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, handicap, height or weight in the employment or provision of services.

CHILD CARE - Full & part-time for Farmington Hills nursery school. Paid benefits. 248-476-3110

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

For Infants, Toddlers & Pre-Schoolers. Call: (248) 471-1022

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Looking for a sharp, mature experienced person with degree in Business Administration. Good salary & benefits. Call Loretta Mon-Fri, 9-4pm. 248-213-4770, Ext. 1164

CLEANING PERSON

Full-time. Apply: Motor City Harley Davidson, 34900 Grand River, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-7433 or call:

CLEANING PERSONS

For a medical equipment company in Livonia is looking for a full-time person to work in our equipment cleaning department. Hours are Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Please fax inquiries to 734-522-9380.

CNC LATHE PROGRAMMER / OPERATOR

Mastercam a must. Carbon Tool 734-422-0380

CNC

Vertical Mill Operator with 3D/CAM experience, benefits, Westland area. 734-729-4452

Help Wanted General 5000

COLLECTIONS ASSOCIATE

Specialized Pharmacy, located in Livonia, is seeking a Collections Associate. This position will involve a heavy volume of inbound as well as outbound calls. We are seeking an experienced collector with at least two years of experience, medical collections preferred and experience with insurance and third party payors is a plus. Specialized Pharmacy provides competitive wages and a comprehensive benefits package. For immediate consideration, please forward your resume and salary requirements to Human Resources Collections, SPS, Inc., HR Dept., P.O. Box 3247, Livonia, MI 48151-3247, e-mail: jobs.sps@omnicare.com or by fax to (734)513-9418, attention Collections Associate. EOE

COLLISION SHOP is expanding its team player and possesses excellent people skills. The ideal candidate will have Kyocera/Mita experience. We have an immediate position available. We offer competitive salary & bonus program and great benefits. Please fax resume to 248-848-1733 or E-mail to: bmcmanus@dcsdial.com

CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT

Residential. Salary/benefits Min. 5 yrs. exp. Send resume: P.O. Box 773 Wayne, MI 48184

COPIER TECHNICIAN

We are looking for an EXPERIENCED Copier/fax Technician who is a team player and possesses excellent people skills. The ideal candidate will have Kyocera/Mita experience. We have an immediate position available. We offer competitive salary & bonus program and great benefits. Please fax resume to 248-848-1733 or E-mail to: bmcmanus@dcsdial.com

COSTING CLERK

needed for large GM dealership. Dealership experience and Reynolds & Reynolds experience necessary. We offer excellent pay & benefits. Please send resume to: Box 0473, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

CREDIT/COLLECTION

Construction supply co. headquartered in Livonia, has immediate openings for several credit/collection personnel to oversee company branch locations. Full benefits + 401K. 8-5pm, Mon-Fri. Previous credit/collection exp. necessary. Please send resume to: F.T.C.F. 48575 Downing St. Livonia MI 48393 or Fax to: 248-344-8979

CURVES FOR WOMEN - 30 minute fitness center, hiring part-time staff. Must have flexible day/evening hours, some 1/2 day Saturdays required. Westland, Livonia & Novi areas. Energetic, self-motivated & loves to work with people. Sales included. Fax resume: 734-468-5009 or call: 734-458-5004

CUSTOMER SERVICE COORDINATOR needed for manufacturer housing dealer in Northville. Some computer knowledge, well organized and good people skills required. Send resume to Customer Service, P.O. Box 530854, Livonia, MI 48154-0854 or fax resume to (248) 449-7288

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Part-time; days/evenings or weekends; flexible hours; competitive wage. Fax resume to: M. Skeagan (248) 432-5540 or mail to: JCC 6600 W. Maple W. Bloomfield, MI 48322

The JCC is an equal opportunity employer

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS

Minimum 1 year of Call Center experience needed to work in a high volume inbound/outbound call center. Must be flexible to shift. Southfield area. Drug screen and background check required. Send resumes to 248-350-9376

CUSTOMER SERVICE/SALES

enthusiastic person needed with great people skills. Fitness minded. Part time, afternoons, evenings & weekends. Must be willing to work at Northville and/or Plymouth locations. It figures. Women's only fitness center. For more information call Michele at 248-342-6233.

CVT / EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGIST

for busy Farmington Hills Cardiology office. Experience necessary. Must be dynamic personality who is self-directed & flexible. Send resume to Cindy 248-865-9423

DAY CARE - Christ Our Savior Church looking for loving/caring person. 15-20 hrs/wk. Call Maureen (734) 513-8413

DEBURR

Aerospace company needs an experienced set-up person for Deburr & Finish Bench Dept. Blueprint reading & experience with close tolerance dimensions required. We offer an excellent wage & benefit package. Apply in person at Ventura Industries, Inc., 46301 Port Street, Plymouth, MI or fax: (734) 459-6147

DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED

for rapidly expanding local ice cream distribution company. Must have experience and be familiar with the Metro Detroit area. Chauffeur license required. Apply in person at Pars Ice Cream Co. 12500 Greenfield Rd., Detroit, MI 48227.

Earn extra \$\$

advertise with O & E **1-800-579-SELL**

Help Wanted General 5000

Direct Care: Positions available working with people in their homes; competitive pay & benefits; all shifts; paid training, great people, meaningful work. 734-728-4382

Disney ONCE UPON A TIME

Observer & Eccentric GAME PIECE

FEB. 26 - MAR. 2

DRIVER (CDL A or B)

67 year old wholesaler needs drivers for roof-top delivery. Qualified candidates will have:

- Stable work history
- Experience w/construction, remodeling, working with heights
- Good driving record
- Be able to lift up to 100 pounds repetitively.

\$12.50 start (negotiable), 8C/BS, 401K & on-going training! Apply at: Wimsatt Building Materials 36340 Van Born Rd., Wayne, MI 48184

DRIVER NEEDED

For Canton mailing service. 40 hrs., days. Drug free, 2 points or less. Chauffeur license. Personable & experienced. Benefits. 734-455-9811.

DRIVER NEEDED

For local car hauling. CDL required. Call 734-416-1386 after 6pm

DRIVER

Part time. 20 hours per week. Weekends a must. \$8.50/hr. 37497 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI (734) 953-6760

DRIVER/OTR SINGLE START

UP to \$37/mo. Team Start \$35 - \$39. Industry leading benefits. Gainey Transportation 800-326-8889

E/COAT OPERATORS

Working Foreman with knowledge of maintenance of equipment & capable of supervision of workers. Send resume: PO Box 53117 Livonia, MI 48153

eBay Resellers Need!

Supply Product 80% Below Retail. No Inventory. No exp req'd. Call today for more info. 1-800-588-1636 ext 4827

Electrician (Apprentice)

Start immediately. No Experience needed. Electrician Apprentice training and job placement assistant. Tuition financing. Available. CALL TODAY!!! 1-800-266-9800

ESTIMATOR

Insurance repair general contractor in Northville seeking experienced estimator. Minimum 3 yrs exp. required. Please fax resume to: 248-465-1441

ESTIMATOR

Large excavating contractor seeks experienced individual to generate earthwork quantities using a computerized dirt take-off program. Position pays competitive wages and provides good benefits. Please send your resume to Sunset Excavating Inc. 12770 Fairlane, Livonia, MI 48150 Equal Opportunity Employer

FEDERAL POSTAL/WILDLIFE JOBS

Now Hiring. Free Call. FT PT. Paid Training. Full Benefits. Application Exam Info. 877-282-4091 ext 150

GENERAL LABOR

Growing mail facility in Novi is looking for individuals to fill full-time days/afternoons/midnight shifts. Candidates should be self-starters, quick learners, and have excellent communication skills. Entry level positions available, will train. Excellent benefit package. Please send resume to Box 0480, Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax to 248-926-9001

GENERAL LABOR

Small diamond manufacturing co. seeking qualified individual with experience in PC/CBN diamond tool making. Benefits, full time, overtime. Call 9am-5pm, Mon-Fri. 734-591-1044

Generator Service Tech.

Self motivated person. Background in generator, maintenance & repair required. Fax resume: 248-624-6940

GOVERNMENT JOBS \$11-\$48/hr.

Paid Training. Full benefits. Available 7 days/wk. 1-800-320-9353 Ext. 2220

GOVERNMENT JOBS

Wildlife and Postal 40K+ per year. Full benefits. Paid training. No experience necessary. For application and exam call toll free 1-888-778-4266 ext. 930.

Government Postal Jobs

\$18.35/hr. Wildlife Jobs \$21.60/hr. Paid Training, Full Benefits. No Experience necessary. Application and exam information. Toll free 1-888-778-4266 ext. 151.

HAIR CARE

John Ryan Associates is looking for friendly, outgoing stylists to service our growing clientele. Advanced training for all levels of stylists. Base + commission, paid vacations, insurance, 401K, Dearborn, Livonia, & Farmington. Call: 1-800-552-4870

HAIR DRESSER

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM 248-227-8533

HAIR SALON Looking for a change? We are an upbeat salon looking for hairstylists and nailtechs. Reasonable rent. Must have clientele. Call Kimberly at: (248) 478-7870

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HAIRDRESSERS & NAIL TECH - working and experienced. Charisma Salon, Novi. Call Ken (810) 813-3628.

HEATING & COOLING DUCT WORK INSTALLERS

wanted. Hourly & benefits. Call between 8:30am-4pm. 248-615-3680 or fax resume to: 248-615-3707

HELP WANTED: Get a weekly listing of newspaper positions available in Michigan. To subscribe, send an e-mail to: MPAmesubscribe@yahoo.com.

Housekeeper

Full-time for Southfield Apts. Experience preferred. Apply at 29235 Lancaster Dr. 248-352-2554

HOUSEKEEPER

Apply at: Days Inn 40500 Michigan Ave, Canton

INSPECTION & REWORK

needed immediately for inspecting of parts for the automotive industry. First & second shift. Apply in person, Mon. thru Thur. 9-10:30am or 1-3pm. IHC, 28100 Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

INSURANCE

Independent agency seeks part time CSR with agency exp. P & C license & a true desire to assist clients. Livonia. 734-421-9900

IRRIGATION FOREMAN / SERVICE TECHNICIAN

Experience needed. Good pay. Please call (734) 454-3704

JEWELER, FT & PT

Diamond set, Repair. Top pay. Date: (734) 525-3200

Journeyman Plumber

\$25-\$28. hr. to start. Medical insurance & vacation. Restaurant & commercial knowledge. Layout skills a must. Fax resume to: 248-471-2056

LABORERS for Commercial Roofing Firm. No exp. necessary. Own transportation & valid drivers license required. Must have clean driving record. Pre-employment drug screening. Please contact Date at: 734-722-7600

LANDSCAPE FOREMAN/SALES

Exp. a must. Salary. Yr. round position. Health insurance. Canton area. (734) 455-3220

LEASING CONSULTANT

We are seeking an outgoing, reliable smiling face who enjoys working w/people to join our team. You would be showing & selling our apts. This is a full-time position, includes weekends & benefits. Waynewood Apts. 734-320-6270 EOE

LIGHT ASSEMBLY AND MANUFACTURING

Dependable. Ability to use basic tools. Days. Apply in person: Aggressive Systems, Inc. 24361 Indopex Circle Farmington Hills, MI 48335

LOAN PROCESSOR

Experienced, for Livonia Mortgage company. Please call Carolyn at 313-690-6655.

LUKE TECHS

Immediate opening. Benefits, bonus & retirement packages included. Apply at: 30250 Grand River, Farmington Hills. 248-474-0500

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Capable of painting, minor repairs, plumbing, electrical. Familiar with floor care machines. Fax resume to: 248-267-9503 or apply in person: 4900 Northfield Parkway, Troy. 248-267-9500 ask for Jeanie.

MAINTENANCE

Canton Apt. complex needs EXPERIENCED part-time Maintenance Assistant. 25-32 hrs. Must have own tools. (734) 455-7440

MAINTENANCE PART TIME

Canton Township is accepting applications for Part-Time Maintenance, performing primarily custodial duties. Monday through Friday 8am to 12pm. \$7.50 per hr. Must possess a current, valid Michigan Drivers license with a driving history that does not create liability concerns; which includes, but is not limited to, convictions for reckless driving, careless driving, suspended license, or convictions involving drinking and impaired driving. Applicant must have no record, at own expense, through the Secretary of State. Applications must be picked up at the Canton Township Human Resources Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. An application form is also available at the Canton Township website at: www.canton-mi.org

A completed Canton Township application form must be completed in its entirety and on file with the Canton Township Resources Division by

Jobs and Careers

Help Wanted General 5000

TEACHERS/ TUTOR/STUDY HELP

Premium \$\$\$ for Speech Therapy and Music Lessons
National in-home service.
Great pay! Great part time job.
734-844-0078, 888-817-5225

TELE-MARKETERS WANTED
Are you looking for an established company with a great working environment? Part/Full time needed, 8-12 hourly based on exp. Call Patrick Rouse 734-416-3333 for appt.

TELEMARKETERS
Livonia residential service company is seeking part-time telemarketers for afternoon-evening shifts. Experience wanted for lead generation on our automated equipment. Very competitive wages plus incentives offered. Flexible schedules available for those that qualify. For more information, call Kim: (734) 522-1155

TELEMARKETERS
Farmington Hills home improvement Co. is seeking experienced appt. setters. This is a sales position! MUST have telemarketing sales exp. Position offers an hourly rate of up to \$10/hr. along with a GENEROUS weekly bonus! Must be able to work full-time, Mon.-Fri., 1:30 to 5pm & Sat. 10-3pm. We are only seeking those with exp. along with an outgoing personality & positive attitude. Only those serious & qualified should call. Ask for Keith 248-478-9500

THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY'S
Team in Training program is seeking candidates for a campaign coordinator position based in Madison Heights area. Responsibilities include: event coordination, managing multiple tasks in fast paced environment, public speaking, managing volunteers, social travel, working with the public and most importantly - enthusiasm! Candidate must be detail oriented, reliable, a team player and have good written and communication skills as well as 1 year fundraising experience. Please fax or e-mail resume and cover letter with salary requirements to: 248-252-2925 or duquette@ml.leukemia-lymphoma.org

TRAVEL AGENT
Sabre/CRP. Experienced only. Pleasant work place. Full/part-time. Good salary if qualified. Westland. 734-729-1400

TRUCK DRIVER, LOCAL
CDL Class A, HAZ MAT. Crane exp. preferred, but not required. \$10/hr. w/o medical. dental optical benefits after 90 days. 5% 401K matched. Send resume to: Box 0511, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN / LICENSURE
Needed at Beach Road Veterinary Hospital in Redford. For information, call Heather: (313) 538-0900

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN
Licensed or equivalent only need apply. Full-time with benefits. Bring resume/references to: Strong Veterinary Hospital, 29212 Five Mile, Livonia, ask for Eva.

VINYL INSTALLERS
Experienced vinyl floor installer needed for builder and residential customers. Material is cut and delivered to job site. Must have comp & liability insurance. Contact Paul at Riemer Floors Inc.: 248-353-4050, Ext. 3080 or visit us at our web site www.riemerfloors.com

WAREHOUSE - Entry position available in our packing dept. Must have valid drivers license & able to lift up to 70# Starting \$8-10 per hr. Hours 9am-5:45pm. Applying applications from 9am-1pm at J. Thomas Distributors, 8230 Goldie Street, Walled Lake.

WARRANTY/ SERVICE TECHNICIAN
Growing NW Wayne County Builder seeking highly organized, self motivated individual for warranty/service repairs, quality inspections & customer service. Call 248-433-7350 or fax 248-646-3529

We are a leading manufacturer of Mechanical Power Transmission and Material Handling Products seeking enthusiastic individuals for our growing team in Livonia. With 28 locations across North America, our Arlington, Texas based company is redefining customer service and quality in our industry. If you desire a growth oriented and empowered work environment then this is an opportunity for you!

Shop Position:
• Extensive hands on training program
• Emphasis on career growth
• Dynamic, fast paced and multi-tasking environment
• Exercise a team approach to achieve high performance
• Un-yielding commitment to customer service
• Opportunity to apply mechanical skills in shop environment

Critical Skills:
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Must be proficient in Word. Call: 734-427-0190

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SECRETARY/CLERK
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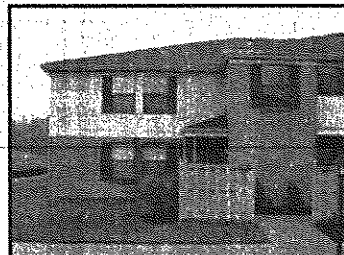
DEARBORN HEIGHTS – Brick Ranch, 3 bedroom home offers central air, newer windows, hardwood floors, partly finished basement with full bath & glass block windows. Appliances included. 1½ car garage. \$148,950 (55RIV) 734-455-5600



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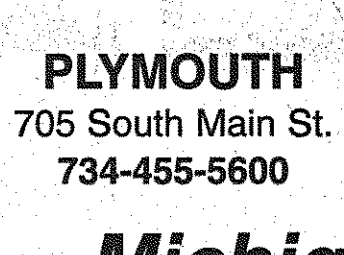
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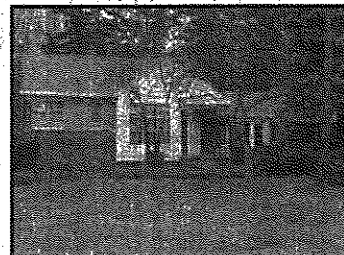
DEARBORN HEIGHTS – Don't miss out on this! Great home. Original owner. Kitchen, bath, roof, windows, electric, furnace, central air, neutral paint and carpet. Large closets. This one you don't want to miss. \$125,900 (76WED) 734-455-5600



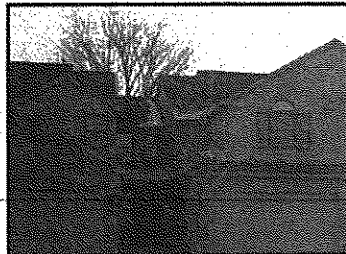
LIVONIA – In the heart of Livonia. This large Ranch is sitting on an oversized lot with 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths, partially finished basement, 2 fireplaces & more. Living room, family room & great room. There's plenty of room for the family. \$199,900 (30FLA) 248-349-5600



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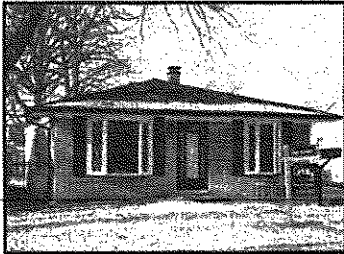
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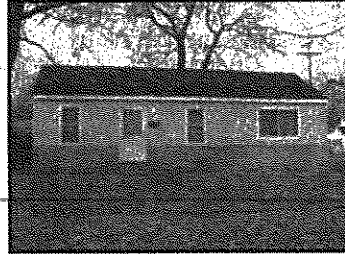
REDFORD – Sharp brick Ranch! Great 3 bedroom, 1½ bath, family room with fireplace, deck, finished basement, central air, newer cement, windows, carpeting, hardwood floors, updated bath, some appliances stay. Steel entry doors, glass block windows & home warranty included. Must see! \$146,900 (66NOR) 734-455-5600



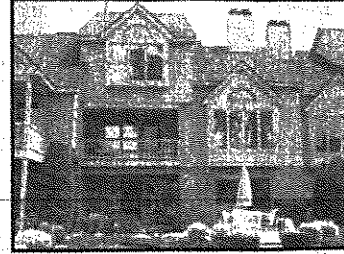
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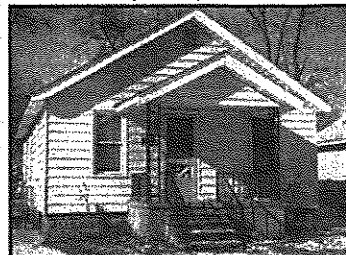
WAYNE – Updated 2 bedroom Ranch on a double lot. Kitchen oak-tone cabinets, stainless steel sink & newer counter tops. Updated bath, newer roof, vertical blinds, living/great room, closet space & carpet thru-out, 2½ car garage, fenced yard, wood deck & patio. Vinyl siding & replacement windows. \$109,900 (08WIN) 248-349-5600



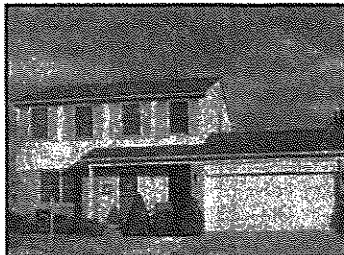
NORTHVILLE – A cut above. Resort-style living with perfect waterfront views. Two bedroom, 3½ bath Condo. Loft/study, 2 fireplaces, mirror wall, dining room door to private deck. Finished walk-out lower level, door to terrace leads to dock. First floor laundry. Meticulous landscaping. \$419,900 (53BLU) 248-349-5600



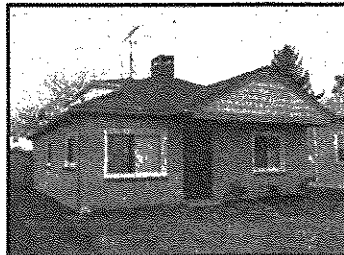
PLYMOUTH – Downtown Plymouth charm! Beautiful home with enclosed porch, refinished hardwood floors, spacious living room & dining room. Gorgeous remodeled bath with marble floors & claw-foot tub, part finished basement, newer driveway, central air, fenced yard and 2 car garage. Must see! \$214,900 (09HAR) 734-455-5600



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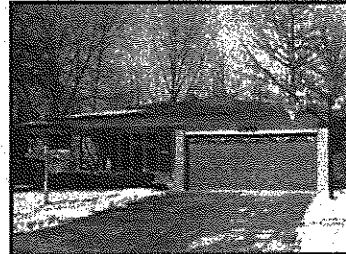
REDFORD – Wonderful family home. Four bedrooms, 2 full updated baths, first floor laundry, fireplace in living room. Partially finished basement. Heated garage, large kitchen & breakfast room. Tree-lined neighborhood. Newer windows, appliances & warranty included. \$139,900 (35BRA) 248-349-5600



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CANTON – Fantastic updated Ranch. Open floor plan, formal living room, oversized family room with fireplace, sky lights & doorwall overlooking scenic lot. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, first floor laundry. Updates: Pergo floors, carpet, doors, windows, baths, furnace, garage door & sprinklers. \$219,900 (32HAN) 734-455-5600



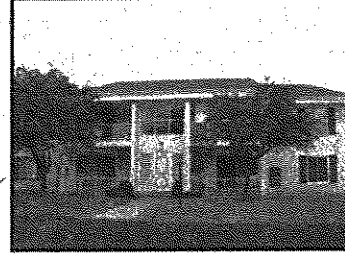
LIVONIA – Clean Livonia Ranch. Brick 3 bedroom, finished basement with glass block windows, family room with gas fireplace, newer windows and 2½ car garage. Neutral decor. One year home warranty. \$152,900 (010XB) 734-455-5600



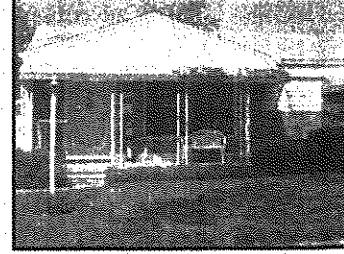
PLYMOUTH – Custom contemporary. Exquisite thru-out! Three story atrium foyer, spiral oak staircase, great room fireplace, sun room, newer granite kitchen counters, formal dining with hardwood floor, library or music room, master fireplace, jetted tub & finished walk-out with family room, lav. & Berber carpet. Opens to patio. Two car garage. \$685,800 (77WES) 734-455-5600



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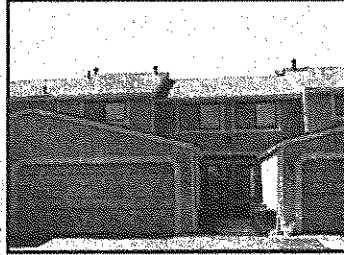
WESTLAND – Beautiful Westland Ranch. Everything has been done in this super clean home. Updated kitchen & baths - all with ceramic tiling. Newer windows and vinyl siding, finished basement with additional bedroom and full bath. Home warranty. Livonia schools. \$168,000 (40GLA) 248-349-5600



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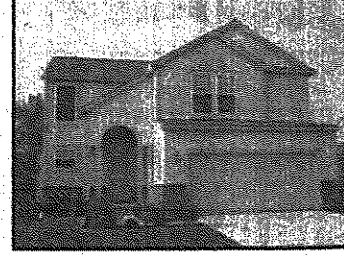
NORTHVILLE – Fantastic upper level Condo! Three bedroom, 2.2 bath with tranquility overlooking stream. Neutral decor. Kitchen updated in 2001 with cabinets, floor & appliances. Living room fireplace, finished walk-out with family room, lav. & Berber carpet. Opens to patio. Two car garage. \$212,000 (66WAS) 734-455-5600



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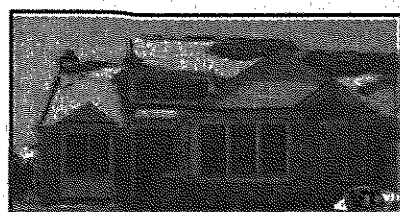
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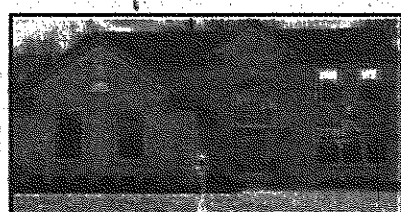
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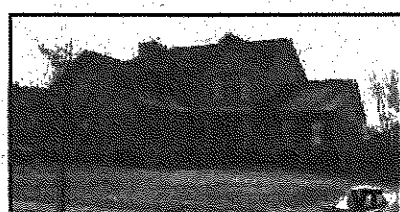
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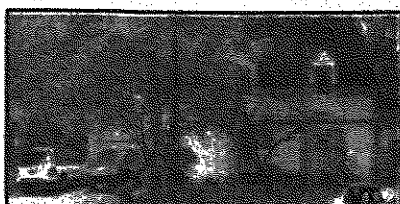
LIVONIA \$280,000
LIVONIA HIDDEN PINES SUB 4 BR, 2.5 BA brk colonial, FR w/FP, 2 car att gar, bsmt, indscpt, 1/4 acre lot, paver brk patio, hot tub, many updates incl rf, carpet, kit, hrdwd flrs, & more. (S18638)

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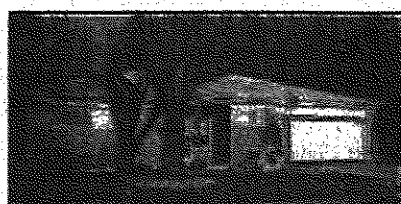
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FARMINGTON \$232,900
NOT A DRIVE-BY! MUST SEE! Farmington 4 BR, 2.5 bath ranch! FR w/frpl, full bsmt, some hwd flrs, over 1,500 SF, 20 foot covered patio, 2-car attached garage & gorgeous private backyard! (02MAP2)

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WESTLAND \$219,900
LARGEST OF THE BROWNSTONES CONDOS Plenty of room to enjoy. Your new home has a fireplace in the living room w/vaulted ceilings. 3 Floors of comfort. Close to shopping & entertainment. (C704)

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LIVONIA \$199,900
4 LEVELS OF ROOM TO ROAM! Lg mstr ste, 4 BR, some fresh paint & carpet. FR, living rm, DR, 2.5 ba, over 2160 sq ft, beautiful yd. In great area of Livonia. This one will go fast, hurry! (W32031)

PC 070112 734-591-9200



FARMINGTON \$186,900
WALK TO DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON! Cozy 3 BR, 2 bath ranch w/large, private yard! Roomy oak kitchen, sunroom, fieldstone fireplace, family room & 2-car heated garage. (00NIN2)

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LIVONIA \$179,900
CHARMING & COMFORTABLE HOME IN LIVONIA! Open floor plan, refin'd oak flrs, new tilt-in windows '01, copper-plumbing, newer roof, CA, fin'd bsmt, oversized garage, lg stone patio & lovely landscaping! (04SUN2)

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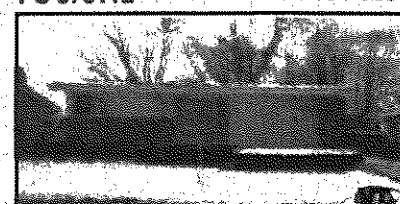
FARMINGTON \$179,900
GREAT HOME IN MOST CONVENIENT LOCATION! Updated kit w/beautiful cabinets, dishwasher & disposal. Formal DR, 3rd BR, fin'd bsmt w/lg rec rm, lav & sm office/BR. Florida room, new roof '02. Lovely home! (S3MAR2)

248-348-6430



LIVONIA \$174,900
MINT CONDITION RANCH! Features abound in this fabulous home w/oak kitchen, soaring ceilings, vinyl windows, newer roof, c/a, hwd flooring & 2-car garage. Won't last long! (121OW2)

248-348-6430



DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$169,900
BUY A DREAM! With this 3 bed brick & vinyl ranch in North Dearborn Hts. Full fin base, 2 1/2 baths, C/A, remodel kit & baths, newer carpeting, furn, copper plumbing and more. (C750)

PC 220312 734-326-2000



LIVONIA \$164,999
GREAT CENTRAL LIVONIA LOCATION! Walk to schools & parks. Updated kitchen, newer windows, roof, C/A. Cozy family room with natural frplc. Fenced yard with mature trees. Attached 1 car garage. (23B14984)

734-455-7000



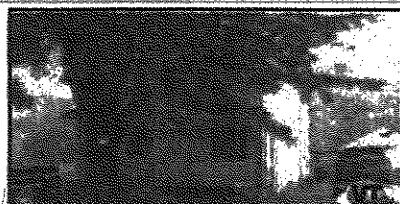
LIVONIA \$159,900
DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS CUTIE! 3 BR brick bungalow in great neighborhood w/Livonia schools. New rf, wndws, drvwy, HWH, furn, & more! Gar & fin area in bsmt for entertaining too! Call today! (C11396)

734-591-9200



DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$155,000
OPEN NEW BIG BRIGHT KITCHEN all updated and freshly painted. Updated throughout entire home, ceramic bath, hardwood floors, good size living room and family room. Two driveways! (K596)

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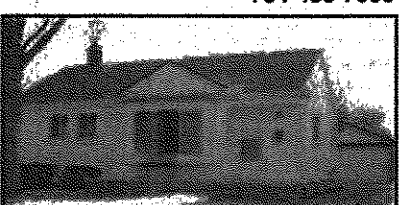
WESTLAND \$154,900
HUGE HOME, HUGE LOT, HUGE POTENTIAL 1800 Sq. ft, 4 BR, 2 full baths, newer white kitchen, windows, roof, siding, ceiling fans, wiring, drywall, top 1/2 added 1995, elec. Needs a little TLC. (F356)

734-326-2000



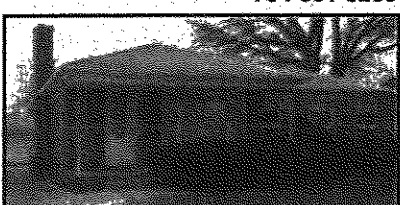
REDFORD \$149,900
LOVELY UPDATED REDFORD HOME! Beautiful new gourmet kitchen, breakfast room, 4 BR, bsmt & 2-car garage. Updts incl; furnace, windows, roof, electric & more! Shows pride of ownership. (95NOR2)

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GARDEN CITY \$142,900
WHAT A NEIGHBORHOOD! This 3 bdrm ranch makes a great start for some lucky buyer. Hrdwd flrs in bdrm & under carpet in LR. Newer furnace & c/a. Deck off back. 2.5 car gar w/opener. (23R30955)

734-455-7000



REDFORD \$134,900
EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY Live in a 1143 SF brick broadfront ranch in South Redford. Complete w/all appliances, 2 car garage, basement, & more! (M8829)

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WESTLAND \$134,900
GREAT STARTER HOME In a quiet neighborhood, 3 BR, fresh paint, brk ranch, lg 2+ car gar, partially fin bsmt, great front sunporch, new kit flrs, many updates. All red brk. (R723)

734-591-9200



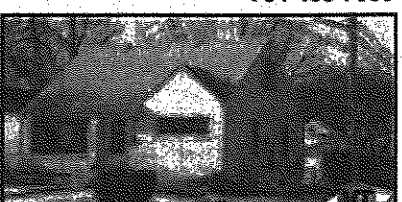
GARDEN CITY \$133,900
GORGEOUS GARDEN CITY BUNGALOW 3 bed, 2 bath. Fabulous professionally finished basement, new windows, new furn/AC, new roof and super sharp refinished hardwood floors. (E294)

PC 220452 734-326-2000



LIVONIA \$132,900
GOOD VALUE Good condition, good location. Clean as a whistle and immediate occupancy. 3 BR, 2 car garage, c/a. (R20151)

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GARDEN CITY \$130,900
EASY LIVING In this well maintained 3 bedroom bungalow with full basement and 2 1/2 car garage. Enc porch to deck with hot tub. C/A. Newer carpeting, furnace & electrical. (L575)

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CANTON \$130,000
HOME SWEET HOME! Updated ranch condo in excellent condition. Features neutral decor & all appliances including a new dishwasher. Handicap accessible. A must see! (23L42595)

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REDFORD \$129,900
BE YOUR OWN LANDLORD in this 3 bedroom brick Redford ranch with full finished basement, 2 baths, central air & 2 car garage, large fenced lot and more. (O204)

PC 220502 734-326-2000



CANTON \$127,900
GREAT CONDO, CONVENIENT CANTON LOCATION! Upper level Condo w/vaulted ceiling, open floor plan, neutral, 2 BR, 2 baths & all appliances. Quiet location! (36LIL2)

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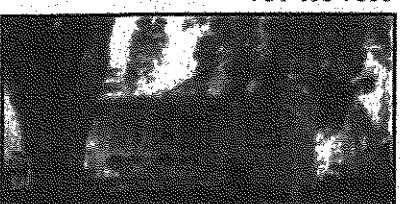
REDFORD \$114,900
WITH PLENTY OF CHARACTER this 1929 charming Redford bungalow - some new wndws - rf 8 yrs - furn approx 10 yrs, double lot - enclosed porch - 2 car gar w/opener - not a drive by! (A14861)

PC 070072 734-591-9200



REDFORD \$114,000
MOVE RIGHT INTO THIS SPOTLESS HOME w/3 bdrms & 2 full baths. Updates includes roof, bath w/oak cabinets. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, dryer & microwave included! (09FV2)

248-348-6430



REDFORD \$112,900
A GREAT STARTER HOME N. bound Telegraph, W. on 5 Mile N. on Garfield to Midland. This 3 bedroom Bungalow has a 2.5 car gar w/plenty to offer the handyman or mechanic. (M251)

734-326-2000



CANTON \$107,900
EVERYTHING YOU WANT! It's all here in this beautiful 2 bdrm condo! Completely updated in the last 2 yrs. New furnace, c/a, cnts and flooring. Owner is moving so make us an offer! (23S44489)

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TAYLOR \$99,900
INVESTORS TAKE NOTE! Quiet residential setting for nice income property! 3 BR, 1 bth ranch plus 1 BR, 1 bath apt over 2-car garage. New furnace in apt/ HWH in house in 2002. Lg yard! (62MAY2)

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INKSTER \$85,500
NOW OR NEVER A 3 bedroom aluminum bungalow with everything, full basement, 2 1/2 car garage, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen and bath. (O291)

PC 220462 734-326-2000

FARMINGTON
GREAT LOCATION! WALK TO DOWNTOWN! Mint, 2 BR condo in Farmington. Great room w/frpl, all appliances, master suite w/WIC & 2-person whirlpool tub. Deck, 2-car garage & bsmt. Don't wait! (91FAR2)

\$264,900 248-348-6430

LIVONIA
AN ENTERTAINER'S DREAM! Must see to appreciate this 4 lg BR, 2 BA ranch with lg LR w/FP & hrdwd flrs, finished bsmt w/bar & sep rec rm, 2.5 car gar, and private fenced yd. 1450 sq ft! (114089)

\$179,900 734-591-9200

WESTLAND
MINT CONDITION, WESTLAND CONDO! 2 BR, 1.5 bath condo has oak kitchen, new carpet, vinyl flooring & freshly painted, vinyl windows, ceramic foyer & huge mstr w/walk-in-closet. (92CAR2)

\$125,900 248-348-6430

REDFORD
AFFORDABLE REDFORD RANCH! Updated kitchen, electric, newer carpeting, freshly painted, finished basement, 2 car garage, corner lot. (K19798)

\$114,500 734-591-9200

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This Classification continues from Section E

Auction Sales 7660

PUBLIC AUCTION FORT KNOX SELF STORAGE
Sunday, Feb. 23 - 10:00am
39205 Ford Rd - Westland
(734) 981-0700

- Unit #
021 - Matthew R. Kingsley
Microwave/video/books
092 - John R. Stinson Jr.
Boxes, suitcases
134 - Angela L. Farstrom
Mattresses, bed parts
138 - Dennis P. Helfrich Jr.
Mens clothes, briefcase, large mirror
164 - Ardy Bloomer
Longshaw - Sewing machine, fans
287 - Richann V. McKee
furniture/furnishings, toys
294 - Angela Rollins
Boxes, bags of clothes
332 - Philip Moore
TV, clothing, framed art
351 - Kristina M. Harrell
Treadmill, bike
390 - Matthew C. Sandy
Furniture/furnishings
411 - Laura L. Desmit
Table saw, golf clubs
429 - Patricia Tomlinson
Desk, office chair, table
441 - Keith A. Wethington
Refrigerator, stove, patio furniture
456 - Jason R. McKeehan
Misc. furniture

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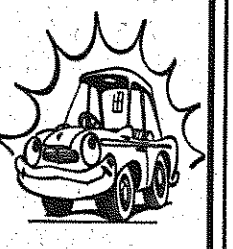
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February 14, 15, 16
Fri. 9-4 Sat. 10-4 Sun. 10-3
(Sat. 9-5)

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Fri & Sat, Feb 14 & 15, 10-4

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SYLVIA 734-981-1625.

Estate Sale Feb 15 & 16

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Fri. & Sat. Feb. 14 & 15, 10-4

6405 Maple Hills Dr., Knollwood Condos, W. Bloomfield, (N. off Maple, just E. of Inksler, go left to end) Baker, Henredon furniture, Queen Anne chairs, glass dining table/marble base, antique lamps, etagere, white pedestal table & chairs, king bed, stunning contemporary art & pottery, mint jacket, great hats. 586-662-7373

Garage Sales 7110

Southfield - Indoor tag sale. Furniture, framed prints, jewelry, leather cases, 1st edition books, & much more. Chelsea Crossing Condo, Franklin Rd. S. 13 Mile. Fri., Sat., 10-6.

Moving Sales 7130

LIVONIA 28239 Gita, Inquirer to Buckingham (1 blk. N. of Schoolcraft), W. 4 bks. to Riga & W. 1 blk to Gita. Fri. & Sat. Feb. 14 & 15, 10am-4pm. Refrigerator, washer, sofa/chairs, dressers, bed, linens, dishes/glassware, LP records, garden tools, etc.

NORTHVILLE maytag neptune washer & dryer, front loading 3 yrs old. \$900. Frigidaire upright freezer 1 yr old. \$125. Solid oak computer desk 1 yr old. \$350. All items mint cond. (734) 420-3532 or 734-658-2770

Clothing 7140

OTTER COAT size 14-16, \$450. Mink skins (4), \$150. Mink stole \$300 734-425-7160

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VERA WANG strapless wedding gown, never worn, ivory, size 12-14. Original \$5,000. Must sell/best offer. 586-226-0382 or 586-246-6012

Household Goods 7160

2 piece sectional sofa cream & mauve stripe \$400. (734) 667-2555

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Dining Room Table

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Dining Room

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DINING TABLE

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Household Goods 7160

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US

Single female, 52", brown skin, short hair, wear glasses. Would like to meet a single male who enjoys bowling, listening to music, shopping, watching videos and just chilling together. BOX 31001

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White female, young, 40's, with blue eyes, light brown hair. Enjoys traveling, the beach, new places, music, dancing. Looking for a non-smoker, non-drinker, emotionally fit male who enjoys new adventures. BOX 14866

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Soft spoken, non-smoker, white female, 5'11", size 11, wishes to meet a white male, 6'2", or taller, 49 or older, no games, no heavy drinkers, no drugs, height/weight proportionate. Wayne County BOX 36053

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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 games please. Redford area. BOX 14640

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IS SHE OUT THERE?

30, brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, 5'8", enjoys cooking, blockbuster nights, camping and more. Seeks honest woman, with religion in her life, for romance. BOX 10476

LOOKING FORWARD

Caucasian male, 29, 6'2", dark hair, hazel eyes, teddy-bear, seeks nice, attractive, fun, active lady. Enjoys cars, hot rods, shooting pool, movies, camping, travel and more. BOX 13757

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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 galleries, camping, fine dining and more. BOX 30379

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I'M LOOKING FOR YOU!

Single African American male, 34, slim, wears glasses, likes going to parks, basketball, football, playing video games. Looking for a single, adventurous female, with similar interests who believes in God, 26 to 35, slim, casual dresser for a meaningful relationship. BOX 27341

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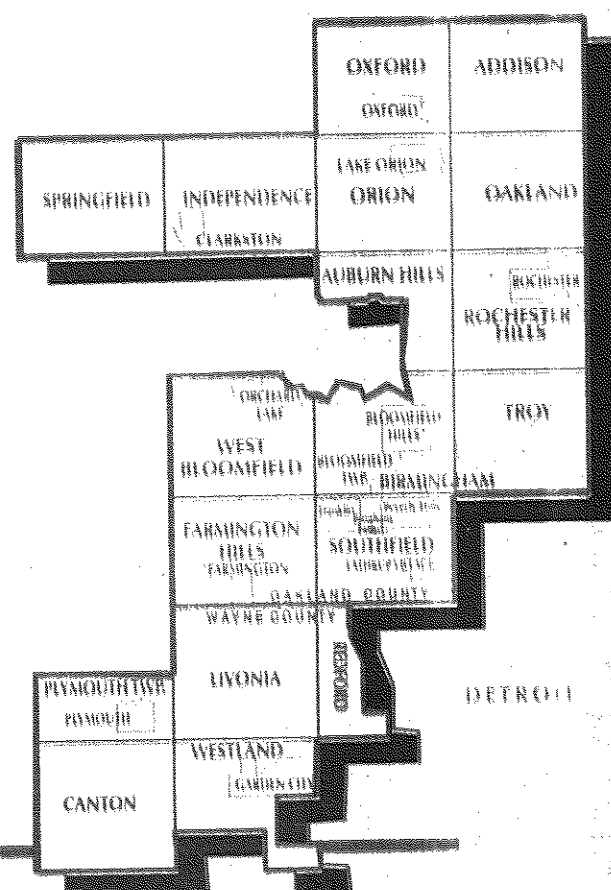
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