# Shop locally!

For every dollar spent in our community this holiday season, \$7 is returned in jobs and taxes. 🖗

Your hometown newspaper serving Canton for 29 years

# SUNDAY November 30, 2003

75 cents

VOLUME 29 NUMBER 43



# Cash and carry

The Canton Historical Society will offers residents a chance to buy holiday poinsettias and wreaths from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Cherry Hill School on Ridge Road, just north of Cherry Hill.

For sale will be various sizes ranging from a 6inch pot to 8.5-inch pot with four or three plants, as well as 16-inch decorated wreaths and hanging plants. Prices range from \$6 for the 6-inch pot of poinsettias to \$25 for the hanging plants.

While at the schoolhouse you may drop off non-perishable foods and new toys for the Canton Goodfellows.

# All adlow

You're invited to the annual Tree Lighting Dec. 3 and 4 at Summit on the Park. The treelighting ceremony of the Canton Township tree will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 3. Activities will follow until 8:30 p.m.

Family fun is in store with magic shows, caroling,



OBSERVER Life Section C.

Heritage Organization helps keep Swedish Americans in touch with their roots.



# Airport fare A joint effort brings healthy eating to travelers at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport.



www.hometownlife.com

**Observer** 

©2003 HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

# Canton ranks as one of safest towns

For the second year in a row, Canton has been ranked one of the safest communities in America with populations above 75,000. The rankings,



released this week by



Santomauro

Morgan Quitno, a Kansas-based research firm, ranked Canton as the 16th safest city in the nation overall among 350 cities studied. Among 120 communities with populations of 75,000-99,999 Canton was ranked Number 10.

Public Safety Director John Santomauro credited a number of reasons for Canton's high rating.

"I think the community by and large has continued to be very supportive of public safety," he said. "Quality of life is a top priority in this community and always at the forefront of that is public safety. By the funding they have provided, our elected officials have contributed to that significantly."

Santomauro also credited the quality of the department with making Canton a safe place to live.

"Our community policing philosophy that we've used for years is beginning to pay dividends now," he said. "Our organization has a unique approach to

PLEASE SEE SAFETY, AS



refreshments, out door ice carving demonstrations, and a visit from Santa Claus, Heritage Park will feature other holidav activities including hayrides, seasonal displays and hot chocolate.

If you can't make it Dec. 3, there's still time on Dec. 4 when activities will run 6:30-8:30 p.m.

# One and all

St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church will host its annual Christmas Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. More than 80 crafters will sell their wares. A baked goods sale and lunch also will available. Admission is \$2. Children 12 and younger are admitted free. The church is at 555 S. Lilley.

They're angels

The Friday Plymouth

Rotary Club has become

the first "Angel" donor

Symphony's Nutcracker

Rotary Club's weekly 50-

purchase tickets for stu-

Saturday afternoon per-

Individuals or organizations interested in donat-

50 raffle were used to

dents to attend the

ing additional tickets

**Plymouth Symphony** 

would otherwise be

unable to attend.

office at (734) 451-2112

Beneficiaries will be stu-

dents from the area who

should contact the

formance.

production, on Dec. 6

and 7 at Salem High

School Auditorium.

Proceeds from the

for the Plymouth

Discovery Middle School student Ashley Shaffer drops pineapple on Principal Roche LaVictor, who agreed to become a sundae if students met a fund-raising challenge. For the story and more photos, see page A6.

# Land buyer found for 'soft corner'

After sitting vacant for several years, a parcel of township-owned land on the northeast corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill has found a buyer.

The seven-acre property, which was the site of the old fire station, will be purchased by William Broucek who, with his wife, owns Approved

Mortgages Inc. and Great Land Title Company.

According to Bryan Amann, attorney representing the buyers, a two-story office building will be constructed on the site along with some other commercial development. Canton Trustees approved the sale

Tuesday night for a total price of \$1.6 million. "We've had a number of inquiries on this particular parcel over the years," Canton Supervisor Tom Yack told the board. "It's always been the feeling of the administration that what

PLEASE SEE CORNER, A5

# Classmates give their gift of hope, friendship

When kindergarten students at Canton Charter Academy learned that someone who was supposed to have been their classmate could not be in school because he was battling cancer, they decided to raise some money for a Christmas gift. Kindergarten teacher Teri Scott, said the child, 5-year-old Tyler Ewing, was pulled from school



PLEASE SEE CLASSMATES, A5





	· · ·	
	Apartments	
4	Automotive	
	Classified	D,
R	Classified Index	
	Crossword Puzzle	
	Health	

INE	DEX	
D5	Jobs	E
E8	Obituaries	A
,E,F	Observer Life	1
E3	New Homes	
D4	Real Estate	. 1
C6	Service Guide	: 1



LOOKING AHEAI Sounds of the season We round up all the sights and sounds of the holidays. Only in Thursday's Filter.





# Muse on a new idea for Ford

What do you do with an empty big-box store, like the Super Kmart on Ford Road?

That's been a question bothering Canton officials since the beleaguered retailer closed the store down earlier this year.

Now a Western Michigan businessman has come up with an answer: Turn it into a family fun center.

That's the plan, according to Jeff Goulet, Canton community planner. Craig's Cruisers, which has four locations in the western part of the state, is eving the site for an indoor fun center complete with Go-Karts,

# LOCAL NEWS

# Diego Rivera, move over: Kids take on fine art of frescoes

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

### BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

A2 (C)

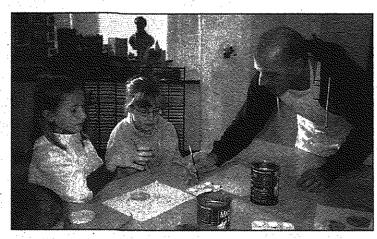
It's not every fourth-grader who gets a chance to paint with real fresco artists.

In this case, more than 70 fourth-graders at All Saints Catholic School in Canton picked up the brush and a bit of the age-old techniques used by the early masters and contemporary artists such as Detroit's Diego Rivera.

"I painted hills with a sunset," said Sarah Kawsky. "I liked painting with the paint."

Her mom, Deborah, couldn't have been happier. Especially when the art historian arranged for fresco artists Debbie and Rick Zuccarini, who were unavailable for comment, to work with the students for three days in the world of frescoes.

"This really inspired the kids because they understood the techniques. Painting a fresco is not a 'this moment of inspiration and the artwork is done'



All Saints Catholic School students in Canton gets hands on experience from fresco artist Rick Zuccarini.

kind of thing," Kawsky said. For starters the Zuccarinis spent time talking to the students about frescos and how they come to be. The second day was a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts and a chance to get acquainted with Rivera's historic frescoes.

"They told us what all the paintings mean," Sarah Kawsky said. "They showed us how the mistakes were painted out."

True enough. But frescoes are not the easiest of art forms. To ensure that understanding, the Zuccarinis spent the third day letting the students do their own frescoes. And what a time it was!

"They started with jar lids," Kawsky said. "They put layers of





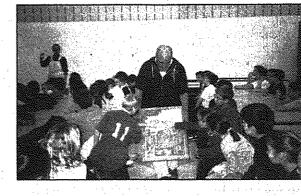
Artist Debbie Zuccarini talks about Diego Rivera's frescoes with fourth-graders from All Saints Catholic School in Canton at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

paint on them. We had them do a design."

Through their own efforts, students began to realize the difficulty Rivera had with his frescoes. "They are using the same techniques used since caveman times," Kawsky said.

A visit to see Rivera's Detroit industry frescoes was appropriate for the fourth-graders who study the history of Michigan this year. "The frescoes show our natural resources and the history of industry."

It may be art, but the Zuccarinis threw a little science



Artist Rick Zuccarini lets fourthgraders get a feel for what a fresco is all about.

into the mix for the students. Painting on walls is quite different than painting on canvas. "They described how the chemicals bond with the wall," Kawsky

said.

www.hometownlife.com

# Resident tries one more time to tweak Taco Bell/KFC plans

Henry Moore tried one last bit of tweaking Tuesday night, but without a huge amount of success. The president of the Woodlands of Canton homeowners association has been the chief spokesman for resi-

the chief spokesman for residents concerned about the construction of a Taco Bell/KFC restaurant on Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Canton Center.

Through their efforts the project was reduced from two buildings to one, screening and But when the project came before the board of trustees for final approval, Moore approached the microphone.

"I would suggest one little tweak," he said. "Could it be possible for the berm to be raised about three feet?"

His property faces the back of the project.

But Township Planner Jeff Goulet said because of setbacks there was only about 10 feet of space to work with.

"You're only going to get a call one to one-and-a-balf berm was already about four feet high from the road. "We've provided a lot of

screening and landscaping," he said.

Moore replied that "if you can't go any higher then you can't."

Trustees approved the project unanimously.

In other business the board: Approved an amendment to the Cherry Hill Village Planned Development District to allow higher density in phases 3 and 4. Approved a request to apply for a liquor license for the Village Theater.

berming were included and the mechanicals on the roof are to be screened.

foot berm," he said. Eric Rauch of Desine Inc., sponsor of the project, said the

ted Detro

# It's the end of the year and the beginning of a new you.



Not valid with any other offe

Expires Dec. 31, 2003





Good at Canton store only. Not valid with any other offer

Expires Dec. 31, 2003

Curves has helped over two million women reach their goals. And with each one, we've learned a little more that will help you reach yours. There's only one Curves, but we have over 6,000 locations to serve you.

www.curvesinternational.com

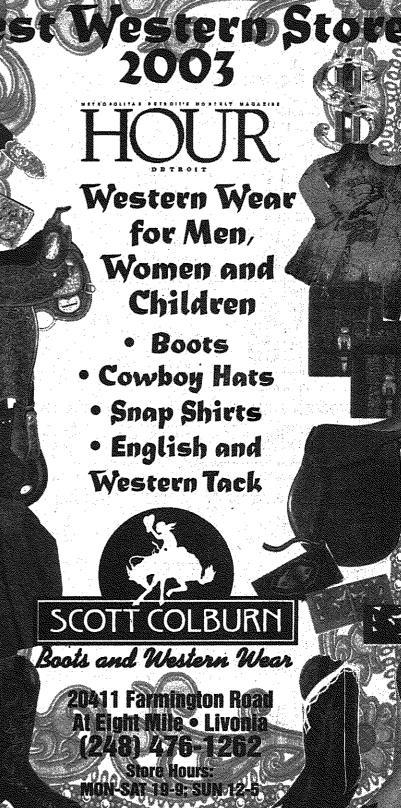


(734) 844-6741 44248 Cherry Hill Road CANTON

(734) 414-0515 44717 Five Mile Road PLYMOUTH <u>ç</u>



Offer based on first visit enrollment, minimum 12 mo. c. d. program. Service fee paid at time of enrollment. Not valid with any other offer. Valid only at participating locations. Offer valid 11/17-12/31.



# LOCAL NEWS

### Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

# Kettle campaign kicks off

Annual Salvation Army drive aims to help needy

## BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

www.hometownlife.com

The Plymouth Salvation Army's year-round mission to help needy families kicked into high gear last Friday with the annual Red Kettle Kickoff.

The ceremony, which featured the choir from West Middle School and a brass band ensemble, begins the annual campaign, which features bell-ringers stationed outside various locations collecting money for the Salvation Army.

It is the Army's biggest fund-raiser of the year.

We're providing services in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville," said campaign coordinator Kelly Zmudczynski. "The kettle campaign is how we fund the majority of that."

Last year's campaign drew some \$129,000 and Zmudczynski hopes to top that this year. With 24 kettle locations, including half-adozen in Belleville, she hopes the campaign can bring in some \$140,00.

In addition to the kettle stands, located outside places like grocery stores and hardware retailers and other businesses, the Salvation Army also uses "counter" kettles, placed on counters near cash

31,22,347



The West Middle School choir, under the direction of Mary Anne Martin (right), sings Christmas songs at the kickoff of the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign.

registers in some businesses. For \$100, a business can

also sponsor a kettle location, a donation that buys them a sign bearing the business name for an entire day of bell-ringing.

It all continues a tradition that started back in 1891, according to the Salvation Army's Web site, when a Salvation Army officer, Capt. Joseph McFee, promised to share free Christmas dinners and provide other assistance to families of shipwrecked sailors who were povertystricken.

Recalling his days as a

ورار المنابع المراز والمحافظ

sailor, when something called "Simpson's Pot" was placed on the wharf for passersby to toss in charitable contributions, McFee transformed the idea, and the Red Kettle Campaign was born.

By 1895 some 30 Salvation Army corps were using the kettle, and three years later it had spread across the country.

Today, passersby continue the tradition, tossing coins and dollar bills into the red kettle, to the tune of millions of dollars each year.

"The generosity of the people is amazing," said Maj.



Salvation Army Ensemble members Angus MacKenzie of Livonia (from right), Carol McDonald of Warren and Russell Dobney of Farmington Hills play Christmas music to kick off the Red Kettle Campaign at the Salvation Army in Plymouth.

Stephen Hull, commander of the Plymouth Salvation Army. "Every year, people give of their time to help us man the kettles, and people open their hearts to the needy in our community."

Anyone interested in volunteering to man the kettles, or businesses interested in sponsoring a kettle location or hosting a counter kettle, can call Zmudczynski at (734) 453-5464.

bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net



Plymouth Salvation Агту Commander Stephen Hull, praises volunteers during the kickoff ceremony for the 2003 Red Kettle Campaign, the Army's largest fund-raiser.

A3-(C)



The Junior Varsity Chiefettes ranked third for high kicks at the annual AidAmerican competition.

# Chiefettes honored at **MidAmerican contest**

The Canton Varsity and Junior Varsity Chiefettes pom pon teams walked away with honors from the Nov. 2 MidAmerican competition at Eastern

Michigan University. The varsity team was named State High Kick Champs. The 28-members perform at half-time Canton home basketball

games. The squad is

coached by Kristen Barkoot and Andrea Rentz. The junior varsity team was ranked third in the state for high kicks . The team is comprised of seven sophomores and 14 freshmen. The squad will perform at all Canton home junior varsity basketball games. They are coached by Jenny Kesler and

Coleen Wydendorf.

The Varsity Chiefettes were recognized at the annual MidAmerican competition Nov. 2 at Eastern Michigan University.

NON NARY **Borsao Vina Borgia** Borsao 1998 Crianza 100%Campo Garnacha De Borja \$5.99<sub>750 ml</sub> 8.99<sub>750 ml</sub> Michigan's Fines Joe's Specials Spanish Italian Freixenet Brut **Cavit Pinot** Cordon Negro Bright, Colorful Grigio 4" \$3.99 ca. 1M \$7.99 ca. .99 750 ml. **JJ** 1.5 Lite 2M<sup>\$</sup>14.99 ca Vermont's Finest **Quality Since 1929** Ben & Jerry's Klondike Bars Ice Cream Pints Silk 2/\$5.00 \$2.50 ea 6 Pk 2/\$5.00 Soy milk \$2.50 ea. **2∕⁵5.0**0 ∺ Lactore Free U.S.D.A. Organic California **Organically Grown** Sweet & Juicy **Apples & Pears Navel Oranges 99**¢<sub>lb.</sub> 6/\$2.00 Holiday **ruit Baskets** <sup>\$25.00</sup> & Up Garden Fresh Flavor California Fresh fruit, gourne candy & cookies, cheese & crackers. Broccoli Crowns Roma Tomatoes  $99^{e}$ lb.  $99^{e}$ lb. Fresh Christmas 4 Idaho Wreaths **Baking Potatoes** Mushrooms 12.99 er 99¢ 8 oz. Pkg. 5 lb. Bag Come In For A Fresh Cup of Coffee! Joe's has a coffee roaster that roasts raw green coffee beans to fresh roasted coffee in 8 minutes! We have a variety of flavors, Our House Blend, Colombian, Hazelnut and Holiday Favorites like Butter Rum. Specially Priced at \$4.99 lb. Prices Good Through Dec. 3, 2003 **Joe's Produce** 33152 W. Seven Mile • Livonia, MI 48152 www.joesproduce.com (248) 477-4333

E-mail the Canton Observer editor at jmaliszewski@oe.homecomm.net

# warm hearts warm feet



# A gift of cozy cotton socks for the needy.

The most important gift you give this year may be easier to get than you think. Simply present \$200 in Cotton Receipts at Customer Service and a holiday stocking filled Such a small thing can make a big difference.



Marshall Field's, JC Penney, Sears, Kohl's and over 70 Specialty Stores Wayne & Warren Roads, Westland 734-421-0291 www.westlandcenter.com

# LOCAL NEWS

# **Commissioners review** amusement center

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30,2003

# CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA FOR **MONDAY, DEC.1 PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**M** (C)

> 1a. 071-PDD-006c Cherry Hill Village PDD amendment No. 2. Consider request to amend the PDD. Property is located south of Saltz and west of Beck Road.

1b. 072-PDD-010C Uptown PDD amendment No. 2

Consider request to amend the PDD. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and west of Beck Road. 2. 044-SLU-076/044-SP-076 Craigs Cruisers - consider request for Site Plan and Special Land Use approval for a coin operated amusement device establishment. Property is located north of Ford and west of

# Haggerty Road.

3. 111-SLU-023 The Abbey's of Canton. Consider request for Special

CANTON 6

Land Use approval for elderly housing. Property is located north of Geddes Road and east of Beck road. (Tabled from Nov. 3, 2003)

# **Old Business-Site Plans**

4. 116-SP-017 Charing Cross Site Condominiums. Consider request for Final Site Plan approval, Property is located north of Geddes Road and east of Beck Road. (Tabled from Nov. 3, 2003)

5. 067-SP-032. Canford Park Site Condominiums. Consider request for Final Site Plan approval. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and west of Beck Road.

# New Business-Site Plans

6. 072-SP-016 Meadows at Cherry Hill Village. Consider request for Preliminary Site Plan approval. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and west of Ridge Road.

Please recycle

this paper

# Help us Longtime help others firefighter with our promoted Cheer Club to captain The holiday season is here and

so is the Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club.

Please join us by bringing donations of new toys and canned or boxed food to our office at 794 S. Main in Plymouth during business hours, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The items will be collected

until Monday, Dec. 15, when we'll turn them over to the good folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army. They'll distribute the donations to needy people in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

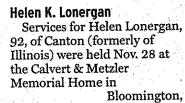
When you bring your donations by our office, we'll ask you to leave our name and hometown. That's because we like to print donor names in the paper while the Cheer Club drive is on. Of course, you may remain anonymous if you prefer. Call at (734) 459-2700.

Lt. Dennis Draplin, a 28year veteran with the Canton Fire Department, has been promoted to captain. His new position became effective Nov. 23.

Draplin joined the department in November of 1975 as a cadet/firefighter. For the past eight years, he has served as a lieutenant and station officer. He was responsible for handling daily duties and staffing requirements for Fire Station 2 on Warren Road east of Lilley.

In an effort to improve the quality of services within the Canton Fire Department, Draplin took a series of leadership classes and specialized training that led to his promotion.

He graduated from the Fire Staff and Command School, which, according to Draplin, "offered a wide range of leadership experiences" and also became Fire Officer III Certified. In honor of his distinguished service to the department, Draplin was also awarded with the Unit Award two years in a row.



Ill., with the Rev. Gary L. Ford officiating. Burial followed at East Lawn Cemetery in Bloomington, Ill. Mrs. Lonergan

Mrs. Lonergan was born July 18, 1911, in Eureka, Ill. She had formerly worked in the office of McKesson & Robbins, Peoria, Ill. During WWII, she worked at Pabst Brewing Company in Peoria Heights. Later she and her husband operated Bayless TV & Appliance for ten years. After her husband passed away, she moved to Pekin, Ill. where she joined Grace Methodist Women and Friendship Club. She was also a member of Pekin Women's Club and Home Extension. In 1997 she moved to Canton to be close to her son, where she resided at Waltonwood Retirement Center of Canton.

Mrs. Lonergan was preceded in death by husband, Kenneth Lonergan in 1983.

Survivors include son, Jerry Lee (Mary) Lonergan of Canton; grandchildren Mark (Darlene) Lonergan of Almount, Mich., Steven (Laura) Lonergan of White Lake and Lee Anne Powell of



# **OBITUARIES**

Canton; and seven greatgrandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to a hospice program of the donor's choice.

www.hometownlife.com

Arrangements made by Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home in Bloomington, Ill.

# Minnie Gabbard

Services for Minnie Gabbard, 91, of Plymouth, were held Nov. 26 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Young and Bishop Jeremy Hyde officiating. Burial followed at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Gabbard was born April 29, 1912, in Jackson County, Ky. and died Nov. 22 in Plymouth. She lived in Plymouth for the past four years. She previously lived in Livonia from 1956-1999. She got married in 1928 to Bennie Gabbard. She was a member of the Lighthouse Worship Center since 1956 (formerly the Livonia Church of God). She was very active in the church. She quilted hundreds of quilts for family and friends and she loved to cook. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Gabbard was preceded in death by husband, Bennie Gabbard; and son, Aaron Gabbard.

Survivors include son, Raymond (Joan) Gabbard of Georgia, James (Zelma) Gabbard of Georgia, and Charles (Deanna) Gabbard of Florida; daughter, Wanda Smith of Plymouth; 18 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-greatgrandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gabbard Family Fund, c/o Wanda Smith. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

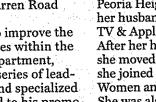


# stock recommendations rank FIRST in returns

A recent study by a Pennsylvania State University professor has shown that returns from our stock recommendations ranked first among 26 leading firms during the past 10 years. The results are based on data compiled by Zacks Investment Research and published in The Wall Street Journal.

Along with my advice and support, and in light of your long-term objectives, Raymond James stock recommendations can become part of an overall plan designed to help you reach your financial goals. Of

\$5.50 Kids all shows 844-FILM \$7.00 Students & Late Show Fri & Sat 6.00 DAILY Matinees til 6pm ALL SCREENS O No Passes **DIGITAL STERE** Unlimited Free Drink & .25¢ Corn Refills MOVIE GUIDE THE GIFT OF MOVIES \$10 Book Plus \$1 Free GIFT CERTIFICATES \$20 Book Plus \$2 Free EDDIE MURPHY Haunied Mansion SHOWTIMES 11/28 - 12/04 THE HAUNTED MANSION (PG)



### www.hometownlife.com

CORNER FROM PAGE A1

we'd like to see is something different from on most commercial corners."

And Amann said that's what they'll get.

"This is the actual geographic center of Canton," he said. "The township wanted a 'soft corner.' The major structure will be a two-story office building. We're trying to figure a way to provide a block for the residents from the adjacent post office."

**Residents of Pheasant Glen** have expressed concern in the past over the potential development of the site. Yack and township officials met with those residents earlier this year to discuss the issue.

"The offer was put together

# SAFETY FROM PAGE A1:

dealing with crimes. Our community policing teams are directly responsible for strategizing the approach in four different areas of the township."

He said Canton is also one of the few departments of its size that has a full time crime analysis officer.

"Our crime prevention and

151

12

in such a way through price and everything else to address the residents concerns over buffering and screening," Amann said. "The township has already planted a double row of evergreens to help minimize any impact on the residents."

Amann said the Canton Center corridor is quickly becoming the medical and financial district for the township and another bank is a possibility for the site. Under the purchase agreement an automobile service/fueling station is specifically prohibited. Amann said the purchase

will allow Approved Mortgages to stay in Canton.

"They (the Brouceks) are major players on the philanthropy scene in the community," he said. "They are primary sponsors of Relay for Life and other activities.

# FORD

FROM PAGE A1

kiddy rides, arcades, food and concessions and numerous other family attractions.

"I think it's a real good use for the property," Goulet said. "The site won't change. The impact on the adjoining

A special land use public scheduled at the regular **Planning Commission meet**ing on Dec. 1.

The brainchild of Craig Cihak of Hart, Mich., Craig's Cruisers operates locations in Holland, Muskegon, Silver Lake and Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids features indoor electric Go-Karts, rookie

carts, a game room, laser tag, a dance club, a restaurant, bumper boats and a 36-hold miniature golf course.

It is billed as an ideal meeting site for corporate meetings, leagues, families, church, school and birthday parties.

Cihak said the company is adjusting its concept to conform to the Canton location and the building. "We are totally indoors," he

said. "And we're expanding into much more of a restaurant type facility in conjunction with the indoor Go-Karts."

He said part of the concept of the fun centers is becoming a part of the community and be a good neighbor.

"We work with schools, churches, local businesses. We and met the students, although hold lots of community functions there," he said.

# CLASSMATES FROM PAGE A1

two days before classes were scheduled to begin.

"He has neuroblastoma," she said. "He's had it for awhile. He was doing better, then it came back on him."

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

Tyler is the son of Tracey and

Katarra Ewing of Canton. His mother said he was diagnosed with cancer on Oct. 31 of last year.

"He's been through intense chemotherapy, surgery, a stem cell transplant," she said. "He didn't respond to the treatment. We're told the chances are less than 5 percent of longterm remission."

Tyler came to the academy he did not enroll.

"They wanted to raise money for Tyler to buy him something special for Christmas," Scott said. "The kids started bringing money from their piggy banks. We had a small goal - \$400 to buy a gift."

But the money started com-

ing in and the students decided to try to raise even more by holding a concert. They're selling tickets at \$3 a ticket for the concert, which will be held at the academy, at Ford and Ridge roads, from 6-7 p.m. on Dec. 11. All 80 kindergartners will sing.

**A5** (1

(C)

"All the proceeds will go to Tyler and his family," Scott said. :-"We'll probably raise over \$1,000."

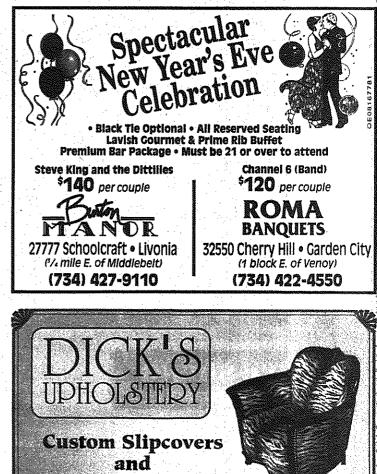
And that could come in handy, as Tyler's family is planning to take him to New York to undergo an experimental treatment as soon as he's ready.

"There's an antibody that's only available there," said Katarra. "He'll be going a total of four times."

She said they'll probably go in February, but doctors say Tyler's blood count needs to recover before he undergoes the treatment. And he may need another stem cell transplant.

Tyler has three sisters, Takayla, 9, at fourth-grader at the academy; Kiersten, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; and 3 Karis, 9 months.

For more information on the concert, or to make a donation, call the academy at (734) 453-9517.



data analysis go hand-in-hand," he said. "We can identify crime patterns by hour or day or week. That helps us use directed patrols. If there's a problem, you can direct your work force to that specific area." Santomauro said Canton

also operates with the philosophy of having a high police visibility on the street.

"About 85 percent of our work force is on the street on patrol," he said. "I think that

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 THRU WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 HOLIDAY STORE HOURS: SHOP SUNDAY 11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM; MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM TO 9:00 PM HOLDAY SALE 40-50%

tion."

PLUS. USE YOUR COUPON FOR EXTRA SAVINGS

**ALL FINE JEWELRY** 

neighborhood will go way down." hearing on the request is

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE A1** 

The newest location in

has a lot to do with crime prevention and public percep-

This is only the second year that Canton has been counted in the Morgan Quitno survey, which only looks at communities with populations above 75,000. Before the 2000 census, Canton was not included.

Last year Canton ranked 14th in the 75,000-99,999 category.

Other Michigan communities in the top 25 safest list

this year include Farmington Hills, 11; Troy, 12; and Sterling Heights, 15.

Ranked as the safest city in America for the fourth year in a row was Amherst, N.Y. At the bottom of the list, ranked the most dangerous city, was Detroit, a position it also held in 1999, 2000 and 2001. Last year it was edged out of that dubious distinction by St. Louis, Mo., which was rated the second-most dangerous this year.





## A6 (C) Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

SCHOOLS

# Principal keeps sundae promise

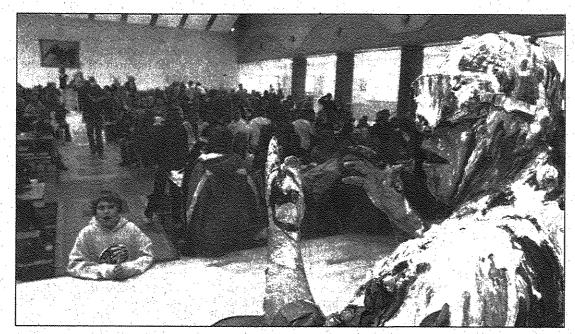
Discovery Middle School Principal Roche LaVictor said he imagined his 15-minutes of fame much differently than what actually occurred last Friday.

"I never thought it would be as a chocolate sundae," said LaVictor,

Students watched and cheered as LaVictor sat in a plastic wading pool, wrapped in a rain poncho, a swimming cap on his head, ears plugged and wearing a pair of goggles; while they dumped vanilla ice cream, pineapple slices, chocolate syrup, whipped cream – with M&M's as the final topping – on top of their principal.

"The ice cream was the coldest, and the pineapple made a sickening sploosh sound as the kids slapped it on," said LaVictor. "And, even with taping the neck on the poncho, it still got underneath and I could feel it running down my back and front; between my toes; and it got inside the goggles."

Believe it or not, it was



Discovery Middle School Principal Roche LaVictor reacts to becoming a sundae at lunch period.

Room Additions & Sun Rooms
Kitchen & Bath Remodeling

Basement Remodeling

Decks & Awnings

LaVictor's idea to become the human sundae, promising students he would give the top homeroom from each of the three middle school grades a chance to participate if they increased sales in the annual magazific sale fund-raiser. Ari Patel, a seventh-grader from Canton Township, sold 82 subscriptions – most in the school – and had ample opportunity to pour it on.

"I poured the chocolate all over him, and whipped cream and pineapple ... and it was fun," said Patel. "I'd do it again next year."

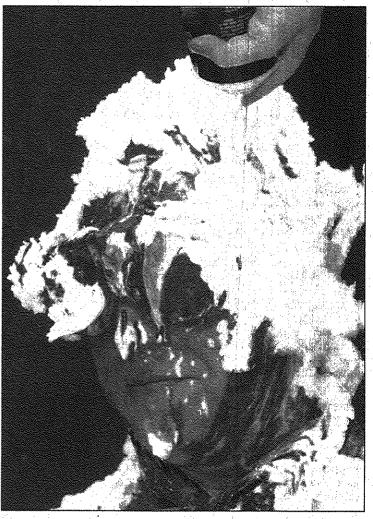
By the time sixth-grader Brittany Brodie was ready for her turn with the whipped cream, she said "He was really messy. It didn't look like our principal.

"As I was doing it, he kept telling me 'Miss Brodie, I have three more years with you," she said. "I was thinking this was payback for all the homework."

At the end, nearly 50 people had the opportunity to participate in creating the human sundae. "I left my clothes on and went right into the shower," said LaVictor. "It was really disgusting."

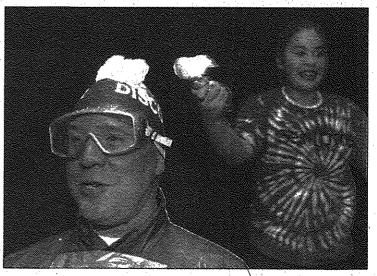
It was just a week earlier that Assistant Principal Clint Smiley allowed students to duct tape him to the wall as part of the same fund-raiser.

"There has to be something to show kids we're really just people, and we can have a good time with them," said LaVictor.

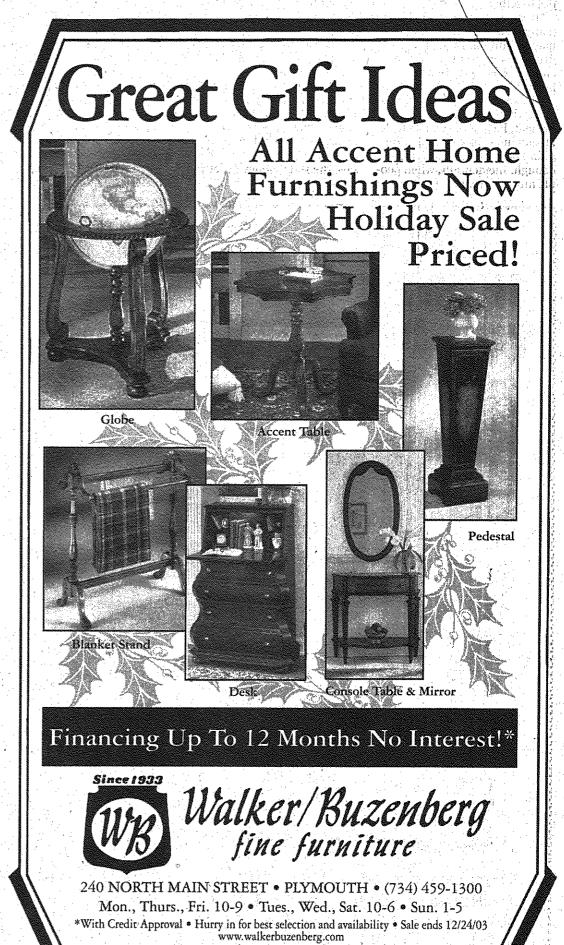


www.hometownlife.com

Discovery Middle School Principal Roche LaVictor became a human sundae.



Discovery Middle School student Jessica Lee puts the first scoop of ice cream on Principal Roche LaVictor's head.







A huge THANK YOU to all loyal customers who donated food items to the Canton Goodfellows during our Anniversary Sale. We took in 35 boxes for our community. We could not have done it without you. Thank you so much!

CONTEST WINNERS

Ist Prize-2.5 ct Tennis Bracelet *Rose Messina* 2nd Prize-14K Omega with Diamond Slide *Frank Tracy* 

0% off

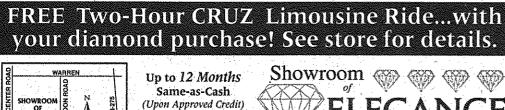
3rd Prize-Ruby & Diamond Ring Janice Moncrieff

4th Prize-Sterling Silver Citrine Pendant Bill Tokarz

Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. 9:30-6:00, Thurs. 9:30-8:00

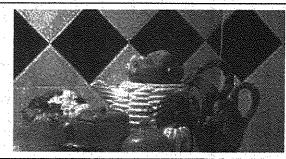
6th Prize-DVD Player Vanessa Knott 7th Prize-Toaster Oven Terry Jobbitt 8th Prize-Rechargable Flashlight Nancy Spencer

5th Prize-Home Safe June Hudson



CANTON: 6018 Canton Center Road (North of Ford Road) • (734) 207-1906

Find new decorating ideas each Thursday in At Home



# **CONTINUED FROM PAGE A1**

# CORNER FROM PAGE A1

we'd like to see is something different from on most commercial corners."

And Amann said that's what they'll get.

"This is the actual geographic center of Canton," he said. "The township wanted a 'soft corner.' The major structure will be a two-story office building. We're trying to figure a way to provide a block for the residents from the adjacent post office."

**Residents of Pheasant Glen** have expressed concern in the past over the potential development of the site. Yack and township officials met with those residents earlier this year to discuss the issue.

"The offer was put together

# SAFETY FROM PAGE A1

dealing with crimes. Our community policing teams are directly responsible for strategizing the approach in four different areas of the

He said Canton is also one

in such a way through price and everything else to address the residents concerns over buffering and screening," Amann said. "The township has already planted a double row of evergreens to help minimize any impact on the residents."

Amann said the Canton Center corridor is quickly becoming the medical and financial district for the township and another bank is a possibility for the site. Under the purchase agreement an automobile service/fueling station is specifically prohibited. Amann said the purchase

will allow Approved Mortgages to stay in Canton.

"They (the Brouceks) are major players on the philanthropy scene in the community," he said. "They are primary sponsors of Relay for Life and other activities."

# FORD

FROM PAGE A1

kiddy rides, arcades, food and concessions and numerous other family attractions.

"I think it's a real good use for the property," Goulet said. "The site won't change. The impact on the adjoining neighborhood will go way down."

A special land use public hearing on the request is scheduled at the regular Planning Commission meeting on Dec. 1.

The brainchild of Craig Cihak of Hart, Mich., Craig's Cruisers operates locations in Holland, Muskegon, Silver Lake and Grand Rapids.

The newest location in Grand Rapids features indoor electric Go-Karts, rookie

data analysis go hand-in-hand," he said. "We can identify crime patterns by hour or day or week. That helps us use directed patrols. If there's a problem, you can direct

Santomauro said Canton

has a lot to do with crime prevention and public perception."

This is only the second year that Canton has been counted in the Morgan Quitno survey, which only looks at communities with populations above

ties in the top 25 safest list

parties. adjusting its concept to conform to the Canton location

and the building. "We are totally indoors," he said. "And we're expanding into much more of a restaurant type facility in conjunction with the indoor Go-Karts."

He said part of the concept of the fun centers is becoming a part of the community and be a good neighbor.

"We work with schools, churches, local businesses. We hold lots of community functions there," he said.

this year include Farmington Hills, 11; Troy, 12; and Sterling Heights, 15.

Ranked as the safest city in America for the fourth year in a row was Amherst, N.Y. At the bottom of the list, ranked the most dangerous city, was year it was edged out of that dubious distinction by St. Louis, Mo., which was rated the second-most dangerous this year.

# CLASSMATES FROM PAGE A1

two days before classes were scheduled to begin.

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

"He has neuroblastoma," she said. "He's had it for awhile. He was doing better, then it came back on him"

Tyler is the son of Tracey and Katarra Ewing of Canton.

His mother said he was diagnosed with cancer on Oct. 31 of last vear.

"He's been through intense chemotherapy, surgery, a stem cell transplant," she said. "He didn't respond to the treatment. We're told the chances are less than 5 percent of longterm remission."

Tyler came to the academy and met the students, although he did not enroll.

"They wanted to raise money for Tyler to buy him something special for Christmas," Scott said. "The kids started bringing money from their piggy banks. We had a small goal - \$400 to buy a gift."

But the money started com-

ing in and the students decided to try to raise even more by holding a concert. They're selling tickets at \$3 a ticket for the concert, which will be held at the academy, at Ford and Ridge roads, from 6-7 p.m. on Dec. 11. All 80 kindergartners will sing.

A5 \_

(C)

"All the proceeds will go to Tyler and his family," Scott said. "We'll probably raise over \$1,000."

And that could come in handy, as Tyler's family is planning to take him to New York to undergo an experimental treatment as soon as he's ready.

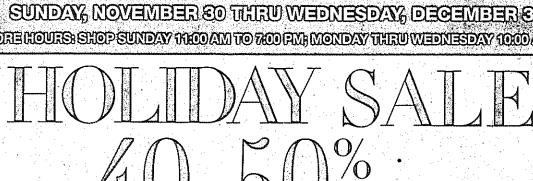
"There's an antibody that's only available there," said Katarra. "He'll be going a total of four times."

She said they'll probably go in February, but doctors say Tyler's blood count needs to recover before he undergoes the treatment. And he may need another stem cell transplant.

Tyler has three sisters, Takayla, 9, at fourth-grader at the academy; Kiersten, 21/2; and Karis, 9 months.

For more information on the concert, or to make a donation, call the academy at (734) 453-2 9517.





carts, a game room, laser tag, a dance club, a restaurant, bumper boats and a 36-hold

miniature golf course. It is billed as an ideal meeting site for corporate meetings, leagues, families, church, school and birthday

Cihak said the company is

# Principal keeps sundae promise

**Discovery Middle School** Principal Roche LaVictor said he imagined his 15-minutes of fame much differently than what actually occurred last Friday.

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

A6

(C)

"I never thought it would be as a chocolate sundae," said LaVictor.

Students watched and cheered as LaVictor sat in a plastic wading pool, wrapped in a rain poncho, a swimming cap on his head, ears plugged and wearing a pair of goggles; while they dumped vanilla ice cream, pineapple slices, chocolate syrup, whipped cream with M&M's as the final topping - on top of their principal.

"The ice cream was the coldest, and the pineapple made a sickening sploosh sound as the kids slapped it on," said LaVictor. "And, even with taping the neck on the poncho, it still got underneath and I could feel it running down my back and front; between my toes: and it got inside the gog-"gles."

Believe it or not, it was



SCHOOLS

Discovery Middle School Principal Roche LaVictor reacts to becoming a sundae at lunch period.

 Room Additions & Sun Rooms Kitchen & Bath Remodeling Basement Remodeling

Decks & Awnings

LaVictor's idea to become the human sundae, promising students he would give the top homeroom from each of the three middle school grades a chance to participate if they increased sales in the annual magazifie sale fund-raiser.

Ari Patel, a seventh-grader from Canton Township, sold 82 subscriptions - most in the school - and had ample opportunity to pour it on.

:"I poured the chocolate all over him, and whipped cream and pineapple ... and it was

fun," said Patel. "I'd do it again next year." By the time sixth-grader

Brittany Brodie was ready for her turn with the whipped cream, she said "He was really messy. It didn't look like our principal.

"As I was doing it, he kept telling me 'Miss Brodie, I have three more years with you," she said. "I was thinking this was payback for all the homework."

At the end, nearly 50 people had the opportunity to participate in creating the human sundae. "I left my clothes on and went right into the shower," said LaVictor. "It was really disgusting."

It was just a week earlier that Assistant Principal Clint Smiley allowed students to duct tape him to the wall as part of the same fund-raiser.

"There has to be something to show kids we're really just people, and we can have a good time with them," said LaVictor.

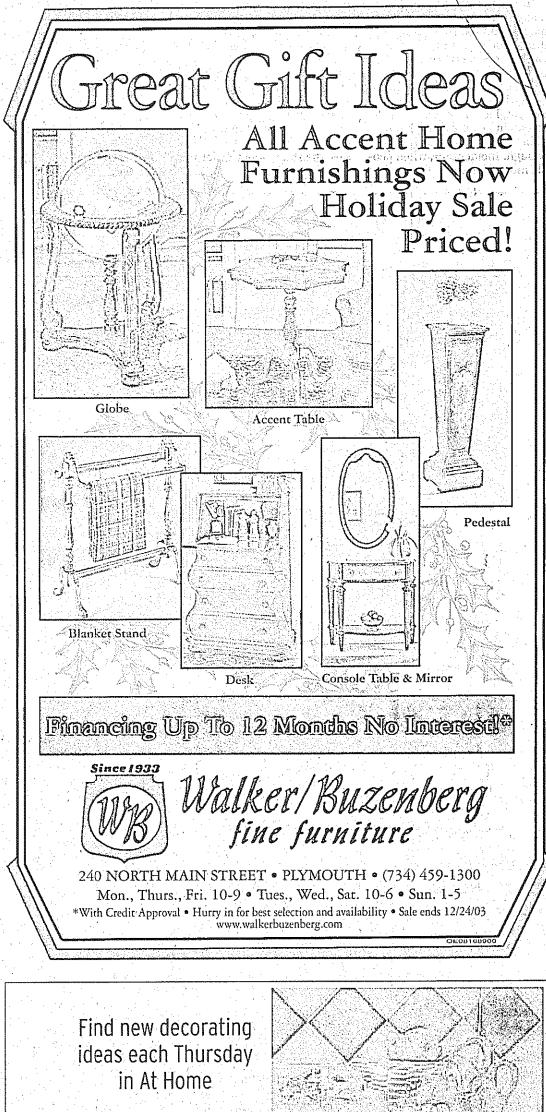


www.hometownlife.com

Discovery Middle School Principal Roche LaVictor became a human sundae.



Discovery Middle School student Jessica Lee puts the first scoop of ice cream on Principal Roche LaVictor's head.

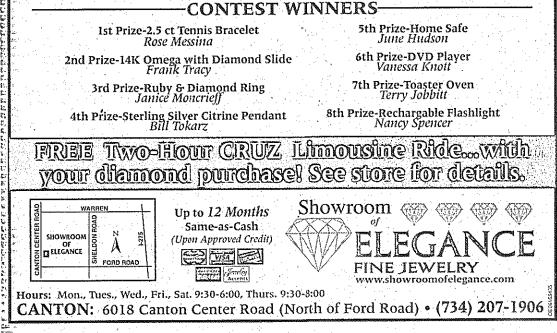


American Home Improvements "Quality Is What We're All About" Family Owned Since 1950 References on Request STATE Better **Business** GEBLEDL Bureau All Your Home Improvements and Remodeling Needs Alcoa Vinyl Siding with Insulation WINYL SIDING & Remodeling...No More Painting! Lifetime Werrenter Residential In-law & Teen Suites

to \$500 with this coupon



A huge THANK YOU to all loyal customers who donated food items to the Canton Goodfellows during our Anniversary Sale. We took in 35 boxes for our community. We could not have done it without you. Thank you so much!



# SUNDAY PERSPECTIVES

# State Sen. Hansen Clarke's political star shining again

<sup>3</sup> his is the story of a mixedup young man who couldn't find himself, and a black lady named Octavia Lyons who cleaned house for a wealthy family in the suburbs. Hansen Clarke was a 23-year-

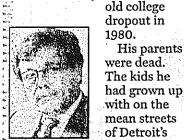
His parents

lower east side

were getting in

trouble, or

www.hometownlife.com



Jack Lessenberry

worse. And Octavia, who happened to be his godmother, gave him a talking to. Several talkings to, in fact. "She really was the one who made a difference," he said over a late lunch last week, soon after flying in from an economic development

 meeting in Africa. Today, State Sen. Hansen Clarke is one of the Democrats' brighter lights in the legislature. Four years after Octavia took him to task, she took the first and only plane trip of her life, to Ithaca, N.Y., to see him graduate from Cornell University. Three years later, he got a law degree from Georgetown. There have been ups and downs since then. But today, he thinks his particular past has given him a certain insight into the problems of his city: Simply put, he "says "Kids need two parents." Clarke's biggest cause in the "Senate has been pushing a bill for "grandparent rights," which he says would help keep families together.

"It is no secret that you have many cases where the parents may be non-existent, or on drugs, and where the grandparents are raising these children," he said.

Clarke knows that sometimes even when loving parents are present, kids need extra help. His main problem was that he didn't have his parents long enough. Incidentally, when people meet the senator for the first ... them keep at least part of the

time, it is amusing to watch them try to guess his age and ethnic background.

He could pass for an Italian-American in his early 30s, or get away with claiming just about any Middle Eastern or Mediterranean pedigree. But he is actually a 46-year-old native Detroiter with a twist - his father was a Muslim from India; his mother, African-American. Raised a Muslim; he is now a Roman Catholic.

Clarke's life has had its twists and turns too, ones that have taken him from the mean streets of the city's lower East Side to Philips Exeter Academy and back again. He has gone from homelessness and food stamps to Cornell University and a law degree from Georgetown. By the time he was 33 he was a rising political star. A decade later, after losing several contests, he was widely viewed as a washed-up loser.

Now, his star seems to be shining again. He defeated an incumbent to win election to the Michigan Senate last year, where he is one of only 16 Democrats, and where he has already moved into a key spot on the appropriations committee.

Incidentally, while he loyally praises Gov. Jennifer Granholm, he thinks what is needed to solve the budget crisis is more outside-the-box thinking. "We act as if we can only cut from a few areas," he said.

'Well, let's get a new model. We have a total state budget of what, \$38, \$39 billion? Let's look at this in an entirely new way. Yes, we need more revenue - and we shouldn't be afraid to ask for it," he said. "But I know we can find a billion dollars in there without doing much damage."

Whether that is right or not and whether or not he could ever get the majority Republicans to go along in restructuring the budget -Clarke at least has a can-do, entrepreneurial spirit. For instance, he would reward state employees who find ways to save the state money by letting

do you want

savings. "You need to put your employees first," he said. "You need to reward risk-taking and initiative."

What really moves him, however, is education. He thinks charter schools are not the answer to our educational problems; fixing the public schools is.

"My father died when I was 8 years old, and my mother took a job as a school crossing guard which paid nothing - so that she could keep an eye on me and on my education. But many kids don't have what I had. What about the mother who happens to be on crack? How is she going to know what is a good charter school?"

In September, he noted, **Beacon International Academy** on Detroit's east side suddenly and unexpectedly closed when Ferris State University revoked its charter, leaving parents or guardians of 300-odd kids scrambling to find new schools for their kids, with the semester already several weeks under way.

Clarke thinks it would be better to put our energy and resources into a system of reliable public schools that parents could count on, no matter where they might live. Such schools still existed when he was a little boy. He did well enough in one that when he was in junior high, he unexpectedly got a scholarship to Exeter. He didn't stay to graduate, but it changed his life. Later, there was Cornell and Georgetown.

So which school had the biggest impact on him? No contest. "Jones Elementary School,' a Detroit public school back in the old neighborhood, he grins.

Jones is still there today. Perhaps it isn't what it was in the 1960s, but he believes it could be again. He plans to keep an eye on it, and I plan to keep an eye on what promises to be an interesting political career.

Jack Lessenberry is editorial vice president of HomeTown Communications. He can be reached by phone at (248) 901-2561 or by e-mail at jlessenberry@homecomm.net.

# Gap in travel shows need to think globally, act locally

exchange programs. He made his first trip to

Observer, & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

ick Perry epitomizes the phrase "think globally, act locally." The Farmington Rotarian

was tapped to keynote the

Nov. 20 Student Government Day with good reason. As an economic development specialist for Brandenburg, Germany, Perry always has one foot in the U.S. and the other an ocean away.

Task Force Hubred-Golden on

Germany when his French teacher led a "sister city" German tour. She promised a side trip to France, so Perry signed on. After developing a friendship with an exchange student from Germany, he decided to go back. While in college, he elected to do an internship in Germany, a trip he extended for two months. Perry applied for a Rotary Ambassador Scholarship, which funds overseas study trips, after graduating from Central Michigan University. "They said, 'You can go

abroad, but you can't go to Germany," Perry said. "I chose Switzerland." He studied at the

University of Zurich, and the airfare, room and board was completely funded by Rotary - a scholarship valued at about \$10,000. Overseas trips heavily influenced Perry's career path; he holds a bachelor's degree in political science and marketing from Central and a master's degree in political science from Ohio State University. After the Gulf War, he purchased a travel agency focusing on international travel and doubled the business every year.

Perry now owns TransNational, which helps companies in Europe do business in America and seeks U.S. and Canadian investment in companies going to Europe. He's also a co-founder of the Cross-Cultural Leadership Forum, which provides training for business owners who want to do business internationally. Traveling to Europe four

or five times a year, Perry said, gives him a very dif-

other countries do - something he learned about in a high school history assignment.

A7

(\*)

To better understand 🥣 their forefathers, students were asked to explore what it might have been like to a come from a foreign country to a new land and see how people from other countries view America.

"I found out perhaps it wasn't them who were strange and different, but us," Perry said.

We make a lot of the fact that kids in Farmington Schools speak more than 80 languages in their homes; we spend a great ... deal of time talking about diversity and global education in our communities. But maybe we're missing an important key to understanding America's place in the world and gaining a more clear understanding of what it means to be an<sup>ati</sup> American. As Perry pointed out, global education is about more than reading books and visiting Web sites.

Students must be encouraged to travel abroad, to  $\frac{3}{3}$ learn a language other than English and to drink in as much as they can of the entire world around them. Rotary International offers a number of exchange and: service programs for both youth and adults. Learn more about them at www.rotary.org

It is important to encourage kids to believe America is a wonderful place to live. But we can no longer afford to gaze only at our own  $\frac{1}{2}$  reflection in the mirror of patriotism.

Joni Hubred-Golden is edi; tor of the Farmington Observer." She welcomes your comments in person or by mail at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150; by phone, (734) 953-2131; by fax, (734) 591-7279; or via e-mail, jhubred@oe.homecomm.net.



Education

Abroad.

Compiled for the

tional education and

International Educators,

which promotes interna-

exchange programs, the

deficit in "global compe-

a stunning imbalance in

overseas study programs. About 130,000 of 13 mil-

lion U.S. college students

participate in overseas

584,000 students from

other countries who study

While it's probably not

fair to compare one nation

with the rest of the world, a

"Americans are discon-

nected from the rest of the

world," Perry said. "If this is the case, we're going down

a risky path. But we can

change the course, if we

think globally and act

ratio of almost 5:1 is star-

study, as opposed to

in the U.S.

tling.

locally."

tence," evidenced in part by

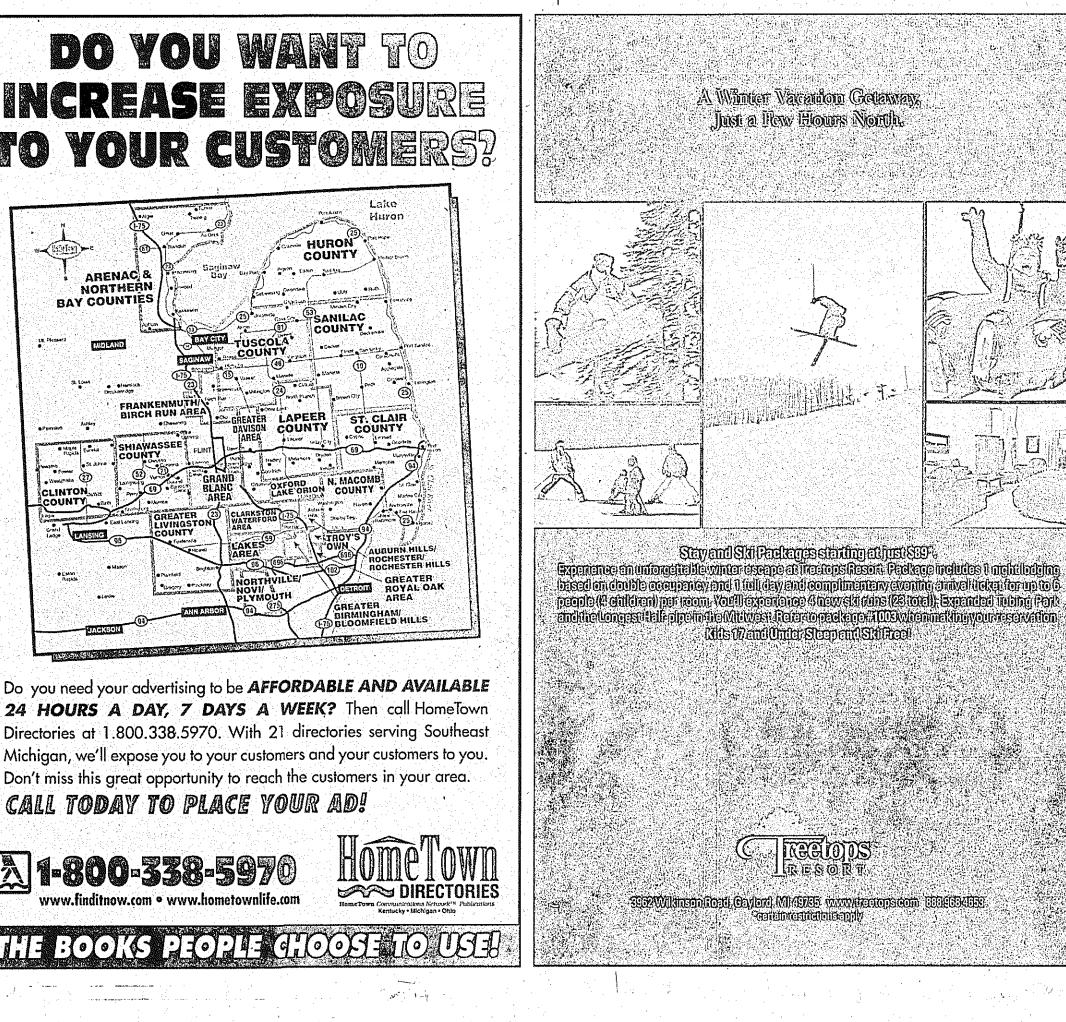
report found a serious

Association of

with that mantra, relating his own experiences as a three-time participant in

He challenged students

terent perspective about the U.S. It helps him see America the way people in



to your customers? Lake Huron HURON COUNTY ARENAC & NORTHERN COUNTIES BAY SANILAC COUNTY USCOLA FRANKENMUTH LAPEER CLAIR COUNTY COUNTY AREA SHIAWASSEE OUNTY බ N. MACOMB COUNTY LINTON OUNT AUBURN HILLS ROCHESTER/ NORTHVILLE PLYMOUTH GREATER BIRMINGHAM/ BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Do you need your advertising to be AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK? Then call HomeTown Directories at 1.800.338.5970. With 21 directories serving Southeast Michigan, we'll expose you to your customers and your customers to you. Don't miss this great opportunity to reach the customers in your area. CALL TODAY TO PLACE YOUR AD!



# COUNTY NEWS

## www.hometownlife.com

# Funds approved for Riverfront projects

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

A8

(\*)

The Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC), as part of its Greater Detroit American Heritage River (AHR) Initiative, approved the use of \$120,000 in Community Service Funds for three programs that will help , revitalize the Detroit Riverfront.

The Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy has been awarded a \$20,000 challenge grant that will help generate additional grant money to conduct a second phase of shoreline restoration in the Grosse Ile Nature Area. This past summer, the Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy, in partnership with the Greater Detroit AHR Initiative, rehabilitated 280 feet -of shoreline at the nature area using soft engineering techniques.

This first phase will result in a new natural shoreline with native emergent plants. The second phase of the project involves completing the remaining Detroit Rivershoreline using the soft engineering technique. Estimated cost of completing the shoreline is \$80,000. This project is one of 13 AHR demonstration projects for soft engineering of shorelines along the Detroit River.

MAC will use \$50,000 to retain Hamilton Anderson Associates Inc. for a Lower River Project Opportunities Assessment to identify, map, and describe projects in the lower Detroit River that may be suitable for a later phase of detailed planning, design, engineering, or immediate implementation. Possible projects to emerge from this assessment could include greenways creation, brownfield redevelopment, marina construction, or historic preservation efforts.

MAC will also use \$50,000 to provide technical support to fur-, ther the work of the AHR Initiative and the River Navigator John Hartig. This will enhance the capacity of the Initiative and help bring more river-related projects to fruition.

"MAC is proud to play a role in revitalizing the Detroit Riverfront and these projects do

As the lights came on, Eden Messner, 3, from Garden City (center) covers her ears thinking there would be some kind of loud noise when the switch was thrown. At left is County Executive Robert Ficano.

# Hines Drive sparkles with 1 million lights

Hines Drive is aglitter with 35 animated displays featuring 1 million lights for the annual Lightfest.

The Lightfest route is over four miles long, the Midwest's largest and longest light show.

Dec. 2, 9 and 16 will be Toy Nights. Wayne County will be lending a hand to provide toys to disadvantaged children in the county. On these three nights, the community is invited to bring a new, unwrapped to in lieu of the suggested \$5 donation fee. Visitors are also welcome to contribute the recommended donation and give a toy.

Outside of Santa's Workshop, there will be a giant mailbox where kids of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa. Santa's elves will pick up the letters each night. The Workshop at the

Warrendale Picnic area is at the end of the drive and has refreshments and gifts for sale.

Reindeer Nights will be held Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22. At the conclusion of the display, families and friends are invited to stop by for a visit with Santa's reindeer.

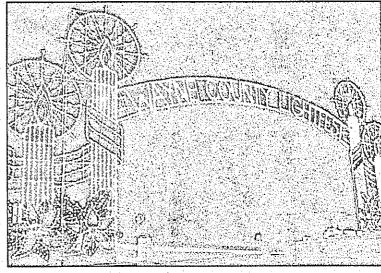
Hines Drive is closed to traffic beginning at 5:45 nightly. The Lightfest begins at 7 p.m. each evening. Enter the Lightfest at Hines<sup>2</sup>Drive and Merriman, 2-1/2 miles south of I-96 in Westland.

For more information on Wayne County Lightfest, call (734) 261-1990.

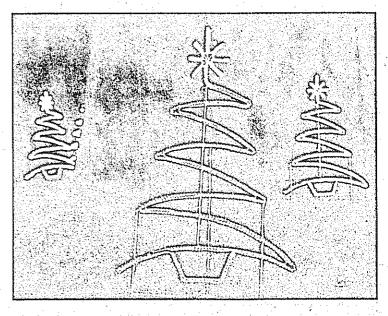
TOOLSITOOLSIT



Alex Zygmunt, 4, of Canton found the hospitality tent and some very good doughnuts.



The first cars of the season pass through the entrance arch to this year's light show.



Christmas trees line the entrance off Merriman Road.



Send a Mom, Dad or Grandparent on a treasure hunt with the Tiggywinkles Gift Card





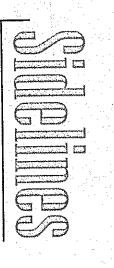


C.J. Risak, editor (734) 953-2108 Fax: (734) 591-7279 cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003 Bl (PC)



www.hometownlife.com



# WSU harriers 6th

The Wayne State University men's cross country team recorded its best finish in school history by placing sixth at the 2003 NCAA **Division II men's cross** country championships Nov. 22 in Cary, N.C. Adams State (Colo.) won the title with 68 points followed by Harding (Neb.), 86; Cal-State Chico, 147; Western State (Colo.), 150; and WSU, 212.

WSU senior Nick Allen (Salem) led the Warriors with an 18th-place individual finish with a 10kilometer time of 31 minutes, 44 seconds. Teammate Joe Verellen (Livonia Stevenson) placed 33rd (29th in the team scoring) in 32:18.7.

# Salem icers fall

Goals came fast and furious Wednesday as Livonia Churchill skated past visiting Salem in a



SVSU men claw past

Madonna University women's

volleyball coach Jerry Abraham

Tom Izzo school of scheduling.

To beat the best, you have to

Crusaders, 40-3 overall, take to

the court Wednesday in the

opening round in the NAIA

Championship at Point Loma

they will have faced 10 of the 20

Pool D play opponents Lubbock

Nazarene University (Calif.).

teams in the field including

Volleyball National

has taken the page from the

When the fifth-seed

play the best.

# **COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**

Christian (Tex.), 31-6; Spring Hill (Ala.), 35-14; and Georgetown (Ky.), 38-3.

'We knew we had a tough schedule, but we planned it that way," said Abraham, who is taking his Crusaders to their sixth trip to San Diego since 1993. Things turned out the way we had hoped. And we also played some other ranked teams that did not qualify. We put ourselves in strong tournaments to

have the opportunity to be in this (NAIA) tourney."

spikers face familiar foes at nationals

All told, the Crusaders have beaten eight of the 10 tournament teams they have faced including Spring Hill, Georgetown, Olivet Nazarene (Ill.), Lee University (Tenn.), Biola (Calif.), Walsh (Ohio), Columbia (Mo.), Houston Baptist (Tex.):

The only teams which have beaten MU this season are Cornerstone (not in the field), Indiana University-Southeast and Lubbock Christian, the

latter whom is MU's first-round opponent, 11:15 a.m. (PST) Wednesday.

Lubbock Christian, the Region VI runner-up, beat MU in the Houston Baptist Tourney on Oct. 10 in four games, 22-30, 30-22, 30-20 and 30-26.

They're very fast and play great defense," Abraham said of Lubbock. "They have a good right-side attack and a strong middle hitter who attacks all parts of the court. They're very consistent with their attack placement."

The top seed is defending national champion National American (N.D.), sporting a 30-1 record. The other remaining seven seeds, in order, include: Fresno Pacific (Calif.), 35-2; St. Mary (Neb.), 36-1; Dordt (Ia.), 33-4; MU; last year's runner-up Houston Baptist, 36-5; Dickinson (N.D.), 26-7; and host Point Loma, 27-5.

Last year, MU reached the Final Four before losing to Houston Baptist.

PLEASE SEE VOLLEYBALL, B3

# Salem's Shaw named All-Area

In each of Redford Catholic Central's trips to the Division 1 golf finals, the Shamrocks showed improvement.

They went from a 10thplace finish



finish in 2002.-The Shamrocks made a giant step this year in their third

in 2000 to a

sixth-place

**Bill Hayes** Coach - CC trip to the finals - all the way to the top

spot. Most of the reason for that was the Shamrocks were as lented as any team around

Madonna, 82-74

> BY ADAM LARK CORRESPONDENT

In the end, the tortoise beat the hare Tuesday night with both Madonna University's men's basketball team and Saginaw Valley State playing their respective roles convincingly.

The Cardinals, overcoming a sluggish first half and 19-point Madonna lead, fought back in the final 10 minutes to end up on top, 82-74.

The victory puts Saginaw Valley State at 3-2 overall.

The Crusaders were up 13 points, 47-34, at the end of the first half, but it was all Saginaw Valley State as the Cardinals started the second half with a 9-2 run, shrinking the Crusader lead to seven. Saginaw Valley State junior Anthony Parker knotted the game up at 61-all with 8:41 left, sinking an off-balanced three pointer. Junior center David Williams gave the Cardinals their first lead since early in the first half (when they lead 7-2), a cut to the basket resulting in an easy lay-up.

WLAA crossover, 9-2, at Edgar Arena. Churchill (1-1) led 2-0 after one period and 6-1 after two periods against the Rocks (1-1).

Mike Dziewit, Sean Burke and Brandon Mishowski each scored a pair of goals for the Chargers: Other goals were scored by Brandon Vacca, Wes Carpenter and Chris Barczuk.

Salem's Matt Van Hoet scored at 7:32 of the second period from Aaron Cheesman to make it 4-1. Dan Crockett added a goal at 4:14 of the third from Tom Cooper and Evan Melbers.

# CC icers lose

It had to end sometime against some opponent. But for the first time in more than two years. Catholic Central's hockey team lost to an in-state opponent - falling 5-2 to Orchard Lake St. Mary's at Compuware Arena.

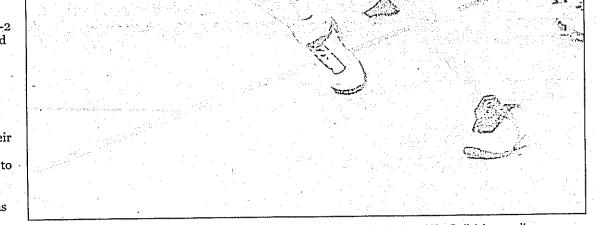
It was the first loss to a Michigan opponent for CC since Nov. 17, 2001 - a 3-0 loss to Port Huron Northern - in a streak that lasted 42 games over parts of three seasons. Grosse Pointe North came the closest with an 0-0 tie in the 2001-02 season.

It was 1-1 after one period with Albert Stanker scoring for the Eaglets and Jason Lewarne scoring (from Jimmy Burns and Harrison Niemann) scoring for CC.

Burns scored for the Shamrocks in the second (from Mike Monterey and Tim Buttery) but Zach Doven and Jonathan Connors gave OLSM a 3-2 lead. John Montrille made it 4-2 for the Eaglets (2-0), while Doven added an emptynet goal.

John Garza stopped 22 of 26 shots in goal for the Shamrocks (2-1), while Shane Trevler stopped 31 of 33 for the Eaglets.

"I don't think we took them as



PLEASE SEE MADONNA, B3 MU's Dan Kurtinaitis drives to the hoop with Saginaw Valley's Anthony Parker (44) and Tim Fralick in pursuit.

But a lot of it came from an attitude that they could win something they picked up from their Observerland Coach of the Year, Bill Hayes.

"I think they learned it from last year," said Hayes, who has been coaching at CC for the past seven seasons. "They really wanted to win and as this year progressed, it was more knowing and feeling that they were going to win than anything. They just

PLEASE SEE GOLF, B2

# Blazers stopped in regional final

Even on the eve of Thanksgiving, Tiera Delahoussaye was able to bring quite a bit to the table in Wednesday's Class B regional girls basketball final.

The 5-foot-7 junior guard scored a game-high 17 points as she and her **Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day teammates** carved up Livonia Ladywood, 48-35, at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

The Yellowjackets, shooting for their fifth state championship in seven years, will take their 18-7 overall record into Tuesday's state quarterfinal. Country Day will face 23-1 Detroit Renaissance, 5 p.m. at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall.

Country Day coach Frank Orlando couldn't have asked for a better start against the 14-11 Blazers, opening up a 14-2 first-quarter lead.

Five times the Yellowjackets converted Ladywood turnovers into baskets during a 12-0 run, including three layups by the cat-quick Delahoussaye, whose game reminds some of NBA guard Nick Van

Exel. "The start set the tone

for the game," said Country Day coach Frank Orlando, who hoisted his 12th regional trophy. "We didn't do that the other night against (Detroit) Crockett. It said we were ready to play. "We knew Ladywood is a well-coached and disci-

plined team, but I think the start took something out of them. "But we knew they'd

battle back." The Blazers, who com-

mitted a total of 16 turnovers to Country Day's six, never got closer than 11 the rest of the

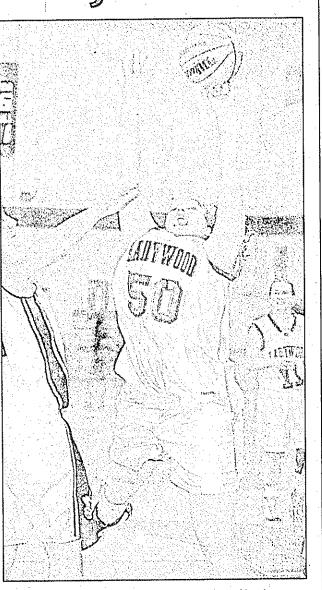
way. The only consistent scoring threat for Ladywood was 6-3 senior center Bethany Jury, who finished with a gamehigh 18 points to go along with nine rebounds.

Jury tallied Ladywood's first 12 points before Nicole Koterba drained a three-pointer - that coming with 2:52 left in the third quarter. With Jury, we wanted

to front her and help out on her," Orlando said. "She's a strong player who plays under control and we just couldn't guard her unless we fouled her."

Country Day's top two

PLEASE SEE BLAZERS, B4



Livonia Ladywood's Bethany Jury goes in for two of her teamhigh 18 points in Wednesday's 48-35 regional final loss to Country Dày.

# Sting fight way past Whalers in OT

# **OHL HOCKEY**

The old adage about going to a fight and having a hockey game breaking out?

It was true to form on Thursday night as both host Sarnia Sting and the Plymouth Whalers had at least 38 minutes in penalties.

With penalties so even, it isn't surprising that the score was too – until Sarnia's Daniel Carcillo's goal at 3:13 of overtime gave the host Sting a 3-2 Ontario Hockey League win.

It spoiled a solid comeback by the Whalers (12-7-5-2), who tied the score at 2-2 with four seconds left in regulation. Plymouth pulled goalie Paul Drew for an extra attacker and it paid off as Tim Sestito scored from James Wisnewski.

The rest of the scoring came in the second period. Sarnia got on the board first with Marek Chvatal scored a power-play goal with 8:35 to play from Joev Tenute and Drew Larman. The Whalers tied the score 53 seconds later with Gino Pesellini getting a power-play goal from Ryan Ramsey and Mike Letizia.

But 42 seconds after that, Tenute gave the Sting the lead from Daniel Sisca.

Drew made 39 saves in goal for the Whalers while Ryan Munce stopped 30 shots.

The Whalers had 15 penalties on the game

- including three five-minute majors for fighting. The Sting had the same, with a 10-minute misconduct thrown in for good measure.

On Wednesday, three first-period goals gave the Whalers the cushion they needed, and Drew's return to goal made certain they maintained it in a 4-1 win over the Windsor Spitfires at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

Windsor slipped to 10-13-1-3 (24 points), fourth in the West Division.

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, B4

# GOLF FROM PAGE BI

went out and did it."

(PC)

In addition to winning the Division 1 title, CC also won the regional as well as its first Catholic League A-B Division title under Hayes, after several years of coming close.

Along the way the team set three school records and two course records. Not surprisingly, five Shamrocks highlight our top two All-Area teams.

One of them, Adam Hogue, is a repeat first-teamer along with Redford Thurston's Chris Sidor. Two other members of the squad made the leap from the second to first team, with one newcomer from CC and state-qualifier Pat Shaw from Salem.

Here's a look at the 2003 all-Observerland golf team. FIRST TEAM

Mike King, Sr., Redford CC: King is the first of five CC golfers on the All-Area team for good reason. He was named first team All-State, was the medalist at the Catholic League meet with a 72, shot a 76 at the regional and 76-85 at the state meet. For the year, King had a 37.8 9-hole scoring average and 75.2 for 18.

"He was an extremely hard worker because he didn't get to play in the state meet last year," said Hayes. "Being a co-captain, his presence, leadership and hard work were his biggest assets,"

Jimmy Burns, Sr. Redford CC: Burns set a team record during the year by never shooting above 39 in a dual meet. He had a 72 at the Brighton Invitational, shot 77-79 in the East Lansing Invitational, had an 81 at the Catholic League meet and shot 75-85 at the state meet.

It's his second trip to the all-Observer team, moving up from the second team last vear

"His hard work and leadership helped the team," said Hayes. "He never gave up, even when he had a lot of ups and downs. He was always there as far as the team was concerned.

Chris Ellason, Sr., Redford CC: Eliason was a second-teamer last year and moved up this year. He was sixth overall at the state meet, shooting 72-84, had a 73 at the regional at Oak Pointe and set a course record at the same course earlier in the year with a 66. His 9-hole average was 38.3 and 75.9 for

18 holes. He also shot a 79 at the Catholic League meet. "He was a leader like Burns and King, but

he was the quietest of the three," said Hayes. "He led by example, knew what had to be done and did it."

Pat Shaw, Sr., Salem: Best for last.

That's what Shaw did in his final prep season. After spending much of last summer honing his game on the junior league, he came into the fall and played - well, O.K., at least at first.

"He had five rounds in the 70s," said his coach, Rick Wilson. "He worked very hard on his game.

**ALL-AREA GOLF** 

It paid off in the end-of-the-season tournaments. At the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, Shaw shot a 76 to earn all-conference honors. Then a week later at the Division J Regional Tournament he shot a 73 to qualify individually for the state tournament.

For the season, Shaw averaged 82.8 in 18hole tournaments and 41.2 for 9-hole meets. When it mattered most, however, he came through

Adam Hogue, So., Redford CC: Hogue is a repeat first-teamer and an honorable mention All-State pick. He was second in the state finals among players whose teams particlpated at 77-82, shot 76 at the Catholic League meet, 75 at the U-D Invitational, had a 71 in East Lansing and 74 in Brighton.

He also had a 38 at Oakland Hills, a 38.2 scoring average for nine holes and 76.7 for

He had some growing pains this year because of his growth spurt," said Hayes. "His game had to catch up to it. But he played big when it counted."

Chris Sidor, Sr. Redford Thurston: Sidor was also a repeat selection from last year. He's a four-time MVP for Thurston and was the medalist in 11 of his 13 dual meets.

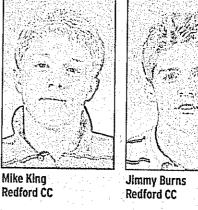
He was fourth at the Mega Blue meet with an 80, but with the dual meets figured in, easily won the league individual title. He also shot 74 at the regional meet and 77 at the Western Wayne meet, averaging 76 for 18 holes and 37.3 for nine holes.

"He's been the star of this team ever since he got here," said Thurston coach Brian

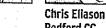
2003 ALL-OBSERVER **BOYS GOLF TEAM** FIRST TEAM Mike King, Sr., Redford CC Jimmy Burns, Sr. Redford CC Chris Eliason, Sr., Redford CC Pat Shaw, Sr., Salem Adam Hoque, So., Redford CC

Chris Sidor, Sr. Redford Thurston SECOND TEAM Brad Schmitz, Sr. Liv. Stevenson Aaron Cheesman, Sr., Salem Dave Denyer, So. Redford CC Paul Seguin, Jr., Liv. Franklin Andrew Dodson, Sr., Garden City

Tommy Lucko., Fr., Liv. Churchill THIRD TEAM Matt Haskell, Jr., Westland John Glenn Brent Medlen, Sr. Liv, Stevenson Ryan Leidal, So., Liv. Franklin Kyle Hardey, Sr., Liv. Churchill Chad Johnson, Sr., Canton James Congdon, Jr., Wayne Memorial COACH OF THE YEAR Bill Hayes, Redford CC HONORABLE MENTION Plymouth: Jeff Selasky: Salem: Andy Thackaberry, Chris French; Churchill: Matt Kruczynski, Mike Dolmetsch, Matt Robinson: Redford Union: Caleb Leg'er; Thurston: Steve Bergy, Chucky Hughes; Canton: John Palmer, Bryan Wioncek, Mike Yates; Garden City: Bryan Dutton, David Sheppard, Eric Frankowicz; Franklin: Kevin Minier, Steve South, Matt Kahkonen, Jeff Burda; John Glenn: Mike Galunas: Stevenson: Sean Sachau, Brad Fischer: Wayne: Mike Zimmerman, Justin Ables,

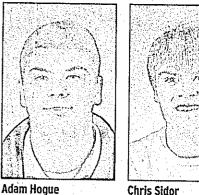






**Redford CC** 

www.hometownlife.com



**Chris Sidor** Red. Thurston



Aaron Cheesman

10.00

**Redford CC** 



Tommy Lucko Liv. Churchill

Ron Pummill. "He played solid golf in the summer and continued it throughout the season."

Tommy Lucko., Fr., Liv. Churchill: The ninth-grader averaged 39.9 for nine holes to lead the Chargers.

Lucko took a third at the Pinckney Invitational, held at Rush Lake Hills, with a 74. He also shot a 77 at the Oak Pointe regional.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STINKE ON BIDYANY ORGHISTIRAG மெல்லாள் licitery windel.

> TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 7:30 PM Costick Center, 28600 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills

TICKETS: Adults \$18; Seniors \$15, Students \$15, At the door or in advance at the Costick Center, (248) 473-1857 Presented by the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division Bedard. "Other teams knew who he was when we played them. He's definitely the No. 1 guy."

Kris Light.

SECOND TEAM Brad Schmitz, Sr. Liv. Stevenson: The three-year varsity player capped off his senior year by making All-Western Lakes with a 76 at Huron Meadows. Schmitz averaged 39.2 for nine holes. He also led the Spartans at the Oak Pointe regional with a 77 and also at Western Wayne Invitational at Huron Meadows with a 79."Brad had a solid season, he was our medalist five times," Stevenson coach John Wagner said. "This year he was our gun. He's a good kid, too.'

Aaron Cheesman, Sr., Salem: Cheesman has been an integral part of the Salem golf team for four years. He provided the Rocks with the leadership expected of him.

hole averages. In 9-hole duals, he averaged 39.6 strokes; in 18-hole tournaments, he averaged Tournament to earn all-conference honors.

He was a joy to have on the team,"

Paul Seguin, Jr., Liv. Franklin: The junior finished tied for sixth overall at the Western Lakes meet with a 76 to earn All-Conference honors. Averaning 39 per a school-record 33 in a dual match. "He's certainly one of our top players this



Paul Seguin

Liv. Franklin year," Franklin coach Steve Mato said. "He's a kid out there giving us 100 percent every time and playing with only one purpose - to win."

matches and 82.6 for 18 holes a won the White Division title. "He was our best golfer," said GC coach

Andrew Dodson Garden City

Andrew Dodson, Sr., Garden City: Dodson had a solid performance this year - finishing as the Cougars' MVP for the second of his three years on the team. He's a two-time All-Mega selection, averaged 40.6 for 9-hole

# **Brad Schmitz** Liv. Stevenson

Pat Shaw

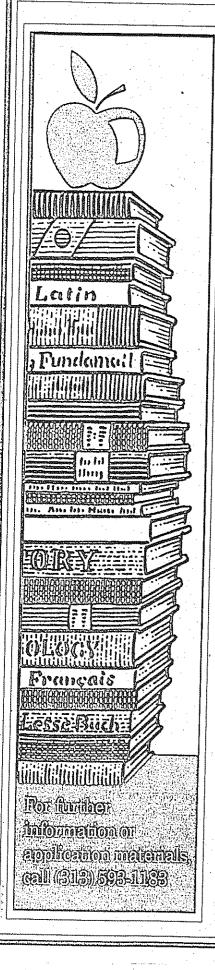
Salem

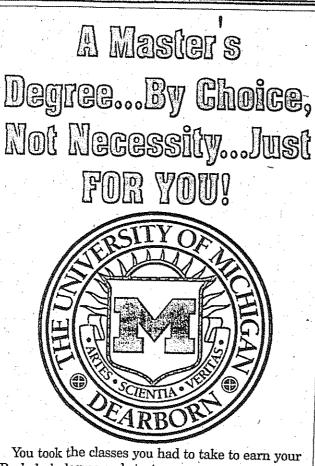
Cheesman paced Salem in both 9-hole and 18-

79.3 strokes. He finished second at the Riverview Tournament and shot a 73 at the WLAA Dave Denyer, So. Redford CC: Denyer had a solid season in his first year on the varsity.

He averaged 38 for nine holes and 77.1 in 18hole matches. He shot 79 at the Catholic League meet, 80-86 at the state finals, 73 at the regional at OakPointe, 73-77 at the East Lansing tourney and 74 at the U-D Invite. "He did exceptionally well considering it was his first year on the varsity," said Hayes. "He was a different person once he got on the first tee. He was all business and had a great year.

> Tommy played in every match and probably was one of the best freshman in the state," Churchill coach Dave Higham said.





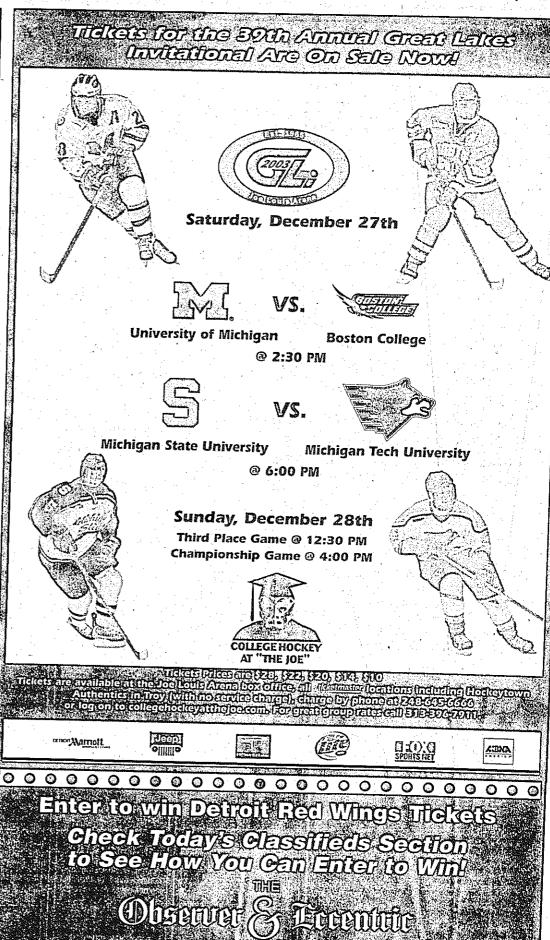
ARTS and CULTURAL AFFAIRS and MICHIGAN HUM

Bachelor's degree and start you on your career. Now you have reached the point at which you can take the classes you want to take, for the joy of learning, for the excitement of intellectual discovery. That's another kind of educational experience, and that's the point of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree program offered at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Make no mistake, it will be challenging, but our students say that it is also a thoroughly enriching and rewarding experience. The interdisciplinary courses will develop your critical thinking skills and intellectual flexibility, and you will become more knowledgeable about yourself as well. The program offers focused tracks as well as the opportunity to develop your own individualized track, and all required courses are offered during the evening to accommodate those with busy schedules.

# From U of M-Dearborn A Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

Winter term classes start January 12th. For general information and an application portfolio, please call (313) 593-1183, visit our website on the internet at http://casl.umd.umich.edu/MALS or send an e-mail to coslgrad@umd.umich.edu. We are conveniently located at 4901 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn, MI. 48128-1491.



# **CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1**

# Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

**B**3

(PC)

# VOLLEYBALL

www.hometownlife.com

# FROM PAGE BI

Five players return from last year's squad including Abraham's niece, defensive specialist Amanda Suder (Salem), the team's only senior who is making her third nationals appearance and leads the team in digs (4.89 per game).

Also back is Tera Morrill (Livonia Franklin), who ranks second in total digs (4.68 per game); Natalja Tinina, the team's ace server and kills leader (4.89 per game); setter Ashley Frost, the assist leader (13.43 per game); Laura Lesko, third in kills (4.44 per game); and Caryn Inman, the team's leader in total blocks (156).

Also making the trip is Sharyse Bush, second in kills; Heather Spooner, Kelly Kosek and Becci Crane.

"Every year brings

# MADONNA FROM PAGE A1

serious coming into the game," Saginaw Valley State coach Dean Lockwood said. "We didn't play with the toughness like we have in past games. Giving up 47 points (in the first half) bothered us."

The Cardinals were outrebounded 22-13 and just shot 11-of-34 (32.4 percent) from the field, while committing nine turnovers in their problematic first half.

One of four 3-point field goals by senior Tim Fralick, who finished with 17 points for Saginaw Valley, put the Cardinals up by nine points with 5:20 left.

Madonna (3-3 overall) got within six points of the Cardinal lead after a pair of Dan Kurtinaitis free throws with 4:16 remaining.

Kurtinaitis, who scored a game-high 26 points, did his part in the second half by scoring 15 points while shooting 4of-9 from the field, including a pair of 3-pointers. That would be the closest the Crusaders would come as the Cardinals got back on track with the

'Every year brings something different. I'm sure all the teams we've faced are better than when we saw them earlier in the season. They're all pretty tough.'

# Jerry Abraham

Madonna volleyball coach

something different," Abraham said. "I'm sure all the teams we've faced are better than when we saw them earlier in the season. They're all pretty tough.

"You just have to get on a roll and get a few breaks. You have to get better as the tourney goes along and you've got to get hot."

MU should be at full strength when they begin play on Wednesday.

scored a team-high 21 points. Senior Maurice Brown, meanwhile, added 14 points and 13 rebounds. The Cardinals also registered 10 second chance points while shooting 13-for-25 (52 percent) from the foul line.

A two-handed dunk with 1:33 left by Williams put an exclamation point on the victory, putting the Cardinals ahead 80-70. "We came to life in the second half," said Lockwood, whose team outscored the Crusaders 48-27 in the second half. "It seems that we need to be in threatening situations to respond."

The Crusaders committed 12 turnovers in second half compared to only five in the first half, totaling 17 on the night.

"We didn't maintain the ball or handle their pressure, they wore us down," Madonna coach Bernie Holowicki said. "We haven't yet learned how to close a game out. In each of our last six games every team as made a run at us in the second half."

Silenced in the first half by the Crusaders' troublesome 3-2 zone defense, the Cardinal offense had three players score in double figures in the second half with Williams leading the

way with 13.

Pool Play continues Thursday with the Crusaders facing Spring Hill at 11:15 a.m. (PST) followed by another match at 8:15 p.m. (PST) against Georgetown.

The final pool play match is 11:15 a.m. Friday vs. No. 4 seed Dordt. The top two teams in each of the five pools advance the same day into the quarterfinals followed by the semifinals and finals on Saturday.

"It comes down to three things..." Abraham said, "passing, serve receive and block consistently. And what we have to do is continue our fast-attack style of play. That comes with good passes. We have to distribute the ball to different players.

"Another key is that we have to block consistently to slow our opponent down. Our serve receive has been up-and-down, but if we serve-receive well, we have a good chance to attack from antennae to antennae. "And if we can do that we can be dangerous."

The Cardinals shot 9-for-19 (47 percent) from the threepoint line on the night while the Crusaders made 9-of-21 (42.8 percent) from long range.

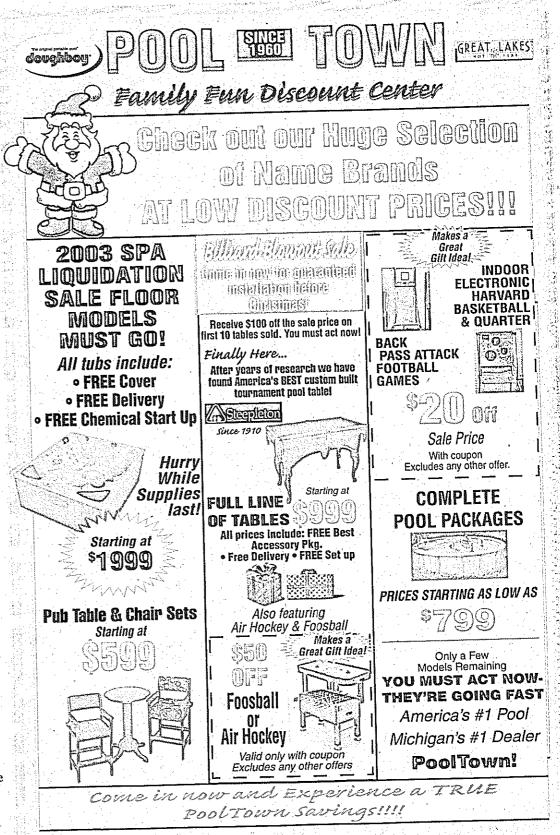
Coming off multiple screens and cuts to the basket, MU senior Noel Emenhiser scored 16 points in the first half, but managed just six in the second. He finished the night with 22 points and six assists.

"The cylinders were firing in the first half," Emenhiser said of MU's high-scoring first half. "Everyone got the open looks and really got going. We just, need to carry that over into the second half."

Lack of depth remains the biggest problem facing Holowicki as the Crusader bench managed to score only six points.

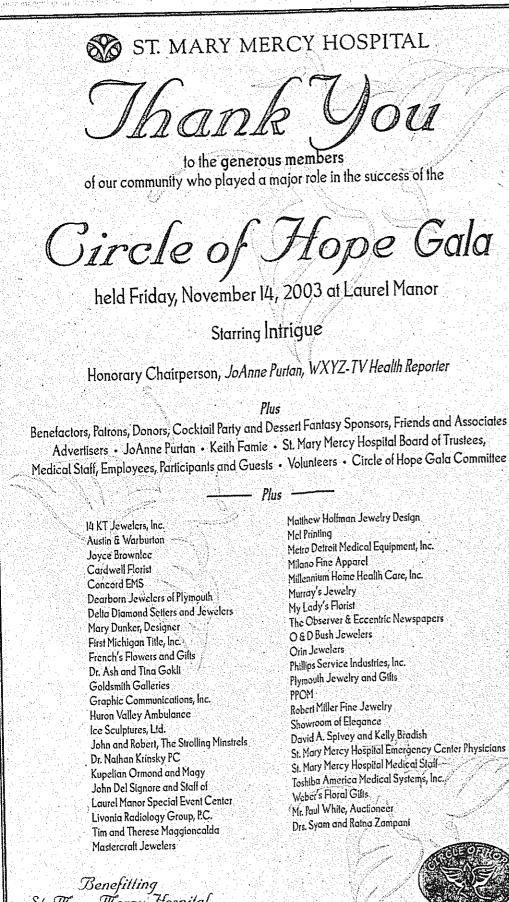
"We need to get guys to come off the bench and play hard," the MU coach said. "We have guys that play a lot of minutes, they need a break. We're still looking for those two or three players to come out and play hard (off the bench)."

The Crusaders finished the game shooting 29-of-65 (44.6 percent) from the floor, while shooting 7-for-10 from the free throw line



M-F 10-8; SAT. 9-6; SUN. 10-4 7875 Telegraph • Taylor, MI, 48140 • (313) 292-7550 26041 Plymouth Rd. • Redford, MI 48239 • (313) 937-2220 14514 Eureka Rd. • Southgate, MI 48195 • (734) 284-1550 34873 Harper • St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 • (586) 773-580

emergence of Parker, who



St. Mary Mercy Hospital Cancer Center and Services WINTER SOCCER January 5th-February 29th

Team Fee: \$850 Individual Fee: \$85

Under 5—7 Leagues Team fee: \$500 Individual Fee: \$65

Registration Deadline: December 8th



# KID'SCAMP HOLIDAY FUNDAYS

During Christmas Break: December 22<sup>-23</sup> & 29<sup>-30</sup> Full-Day \$35/day (Ages: 5-8) (8:30 am-4:30 pm) Half-Day \$20/day (Ages: 7-10) (8:30 am-12:00 pm or 1:00 pm-4:00 pm)

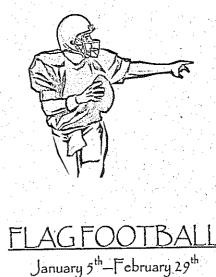
Multi-sport camp for boys and girls. Soccer, flag football, floor hockey, volleyball, basketball, & much more!

TRAMIENVESPORT

JHIVEL (

PORTS

46249 Midhigan Ave in Canton



January 5<sup>th</sup>—February 29<sup>th</sup> Team Fee: \$850 Individual Fee: \$85 Elementary School—Adult Leagues Registration Deadline: December 8<sup>th</sup>



# PLAYGROUPS

Kids bouncing off the walls at home? Bring them to HVS to play. Monday—Friday 11:00 am—1:00 pm Ages: 1-4 (younger siblings welcome too) \$5/day Soccer, t-ball, football, and basketball equipment provided. Play tents and other fun items just added. Plus, bring scooters or big wheels to ride on our roller hockey rink!

www.hvsnods.com

Wire of 734 655 2980

For more information call the Foundation Office at 734.655.2980

# LOCAL SPORTS

(PC)

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

www.hometownlife.com

# WILDCAT MEETING

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 in Room 401 of Plymouth High School. All

parents of current football players are asked to attend. We will be voting on the nominations for the 2004 Board of Directors. Please plan on attending and casting your vote.



SHOCK AAU

Join Our Team

# SPORTS ROUNDUP

# SOCCER REFEREES Training for new soccer ref-

erees will be conducted at the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association office, located at 9401 General Drive in Plymouth.

Classes will be from 8 a.m.noon on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14.

All four sessions must be attended.

Those interested must be at least 12 years-old. Cost is \$50. Class size is limited. Register on-line at www.msysareferee.net, or call

(734) 454-7335 for more information.

# BLAZERS FROM PAGE B1

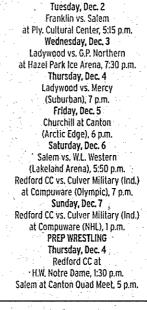
inside players, 6-1 junior Kristen Morris and 6-1 junior Keriann Laimbeer, both got into foul trouble, finishing with nine and six points, respective-

But Ladywood's two other top scoring threats, 6-foot senior Stephanie Day and 5-11 junior Megan Szczypka, were each held scoreless.

# HOCKEY

FROM PAGE B1

John Vigilante was the difference at the offensive



PREP HOCKEY

"For some reason we came out timid instead of being assertive," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "It was surprising because I thought we'd come out with confidence. It's disappointing because they (Country Day) didn't do anything we hadn't seen or prepared for.

"We expected their halfcourt trap. We got baited into some long passes that we shouldn't have made.'

Delahoussaye was the big reason for Country Day's early

Vigilante assisted on the then scored the second (from Wisniewski and John

Madonna vs. Dordt (lowa) at Point Loma Nazarene, 2:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 NAIA semifinals & finals, 7:30 p.m. (PST) MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Tuesday, Dec. 2 Madonna at Olivet College, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 (Oakland CC Rotary Classic) surge. She feasted on Ladywood's miscues. "Tiera's explosive, the kind of player with good skills, an ath-

WEEK AHEAD

**Riverview Richard** 

at Plymouth (Arctic Edge), 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 6

Franklin Patriot Tourney, 9 a.m.

Hudson Invitational, 9 a.m.

Lake Orion Invitational, 10 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

(NAIA National Tournament

at Point Loma Nazarene, Calif.)

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Madonna vs.

Lubbock Christ. (Tex.), 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Madonna vs.

Spring Hill (Ala.), 4:30 p.m.

Madonna vs. Georgetown (Ky.), 11:15 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5

lete who can run and shoot it a little bit," Orlando said. "She goes 100 percent all the time. She's into the game with her mind and she's a total team player. She's a big asset to our team."

Delahoussaye's two other mates at guard, 5-7 junior Latisha Luckett (eight points) and 5-8 sophomore Adrena Walker (six points) also made

Wisniewski, a Canton native, accounted for Plymouth's third goal, with assists from Mitchell and Vigilante.

Jonas Fiedler got the Whalers final goal, on the power play at 7:20 of the third

1988 PLYM.

1992 OLDS

**1986 CHEVY** 

1984 MERC

Schoolcraft vs. Olney (ill.), 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 (Oakland CC Rotary Classic) Schoolcraft vs. Southeastern (III.), 6 p.m. (Mount Vernon, Ohio Tourney) WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Dec. 3 Bethel (Ind.) at Madonna, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 (Schoolcraft College Invitational) Kalamazoo Vallev vs. Sinclair (Ohio), 6 p.m. Schoolcraft vs. Olive-Harvey (III.), 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 Schoolcraft Invitational, 1 & 3 p.m. Madonna at Central St. (Ohio), 2 p.m. **ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** Friday, Dec. 5 Whalers vs. Saginaw (Compuware), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 Whalers vs. Sarnia (Compuware), 7:30 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.

life miserable for the Blazers, who trailed 22-8 at halftime.

'You can't turn the ball over 40 feet away from the basket and you can't let them get out and run," Gorski said of the Yellowjackets.

"We wanted to let their guards beat us, and their guards ended up beating us."

Ladywood was just 2-of-13 shooting from the floor in the first half and just 4-of-9 from the foul line.

period. Vaclay Meidl and David Liffiton assisted. Paul Giallonardo scored

MAYFLOWER AUTO TRANSPORT NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Windsor's only goal. Drew had 31 stops in goal for Plymouth. Kyle Knechtel had 22 saves for Windsor.



NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 10, 2003, for the following:

> **DEICING PELLETS** TREE REMOVAL

Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the office of the Administrative Services Director during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and to waive any irregularities.

> CAROL A. STONE Admin. Services Dir.

Notice is hereby given that on December 4, 2003 at 10:00 am at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI a public auction of the following: 1989 FORD ESCORT 1FAPP919XKW344419 1991 FORD TAURUS 1991 FORD ESCORT 1983 BMW 1993 FORD ESCORT 1992 LINCOLN CONT. TAURUS 1987 FORD 1982 BUICK RIVIERA 1986 LINCOLN TOWN 1989 PLYM, VOYAG. **1992 CHEVY** VAN CUTLASS 1989 OLDS

VOYAG.

S-10

ACHIEVA

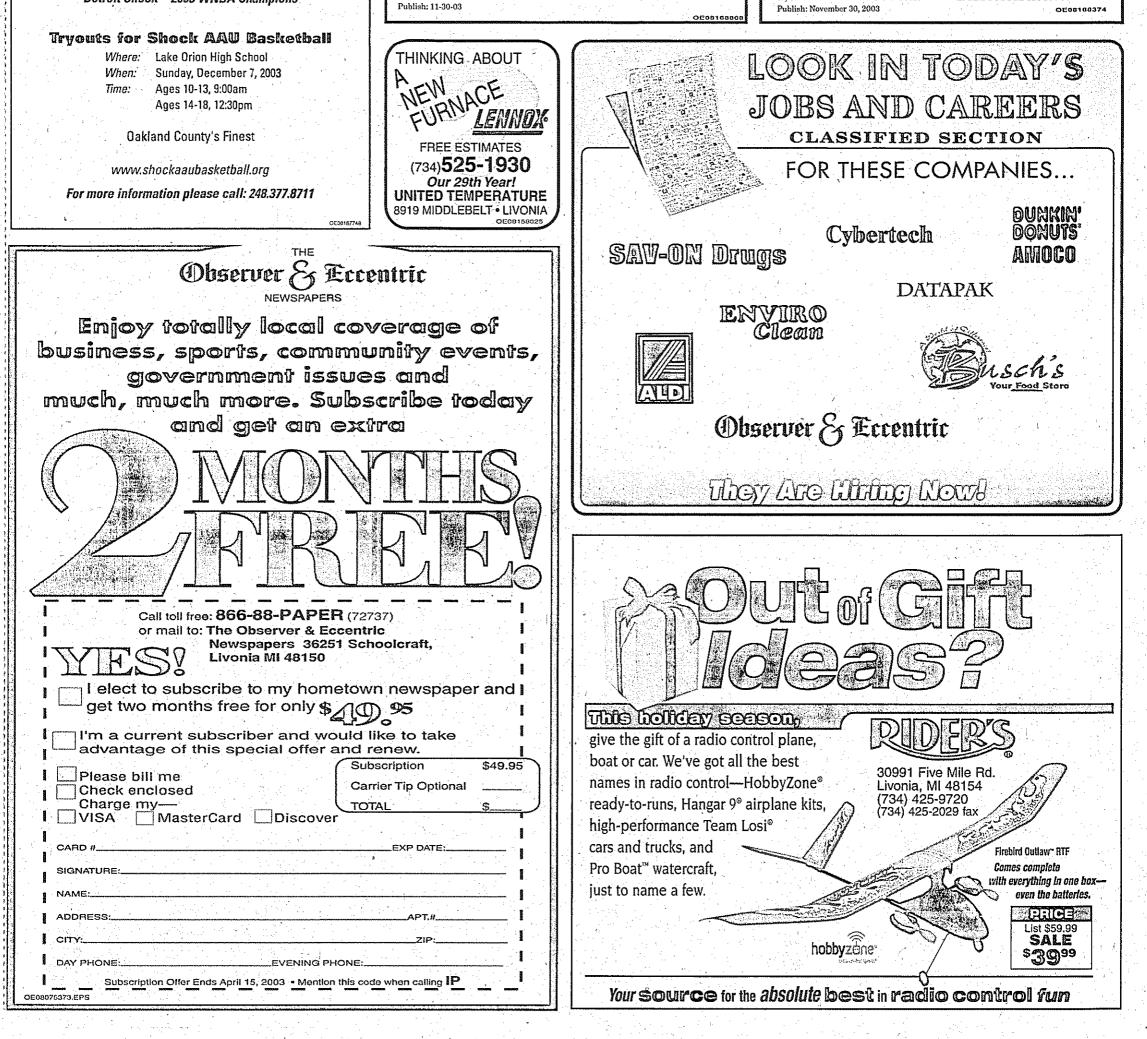
COUGAR

1FACP5OU9MA257991 1FAPP11J6MW398508 VBAEB7403D6725546 1FAPP15JXPW100962 1LNLM9744NY756496 AFABP52U0JG144891 1G4AZ5747CE409017 1LNBM81F9HY685767 2P4FH45K4KR111028 2GCEG25H0N4147893 1G3WH14T7KD381578 1P3BJ46K9JC231100 1G3NF54N0NM436841 1GCCT14RXG2206668 1MEBP9231DH640966

Detroit Shock - 2003 WNBA Champions

Mitchell).

end of the ice. Whalers first goal, scored by Ramsay (Drew also assisted),



# "Last year, Blues' members saved more than \$4 million out of their own pockets by choosing generics. Now that's an easy pill to swallow."

Envie Harwell

www.hometownlife.com

With the help of our generics program, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan members are getting the same active ingredients in the bottle—with more savings in their pocket.

One of the ways we've been helping our members save out-of-pocket expenses is by urging everyone to get the facts about generic drugs. Starting in 2001, we began telling physicians, employers, legislators, members and the general public about the safety, effectiveness and cost-savings offered by generics.

One thing we all need to remember is the FDA requires generic drugs to meet the same standards for strength, purity and quality, and to contain the same active ingredients as the brand name drugs. Which means that generics give you the same therapeutic effects—for less. Last year, Blues' members saved more than \$4 million in out-of-pocket costs due to lower

copays for generics.

.B6

(OF)(B5\*)

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

There are times when a generic equivalent is not available. But choosing a generic when possible can help hold down rising health care costs—and can add up to extra money in your pocket. To learn more about what generics can do for you, please visit our consumer Web site, www.theunadvertisedbrand.com.



# You and the POWER of Blue!

www.bcbsm.com



Brad Kadrich, editor (734) 459-2700 Fax: (734) 459-4224 bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net

C1 (PC) Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003



# Any chance of canning 'Spaces'?

John S. Hendricks Founder, Chairman **Chief Operating Officer Discovery Communications**, Inc.

Dear Mr. Hendricks,

You don't know me, but you're the one person in the country who can help me.

Normally, I know this sort of problem would be directed to the leadership at The Learning Channel. However, they almost certainly won't be willing to do what is necessary to cure this headache for me, because the solution makes absolutely no sense from either a ratings or fiduciary point of view.

But it must be done, not only for my sake, but for that of husbands across America. We need you to cancel

Trading Spaces.

Now, I know this would be a painful cut, considering Trading Spaces' popularity has helped spawn countless imitation shows, including your own Trading Spaces Family.

And I'm sure you would get objections from the home decorating lobby. ACO

# Keeping the heritage alive Jenny Lind helps Swedes stay in touch with their cultural roots

## BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

When Marie-Louise Capote was 12 years old, her mother presented her with a Sonja Heine doll. By her own admission, Capote was too old by then

to be playing with dolls. But she was old enough to realize the significance of such a gift to a person of Swedish heritage.

The doll, now a collector's item, is a symbol for Capote, who recently joined (and became the publicity chair for) the Jenny Lind Society, an organization dedicated to perpetuating all things Swedish.

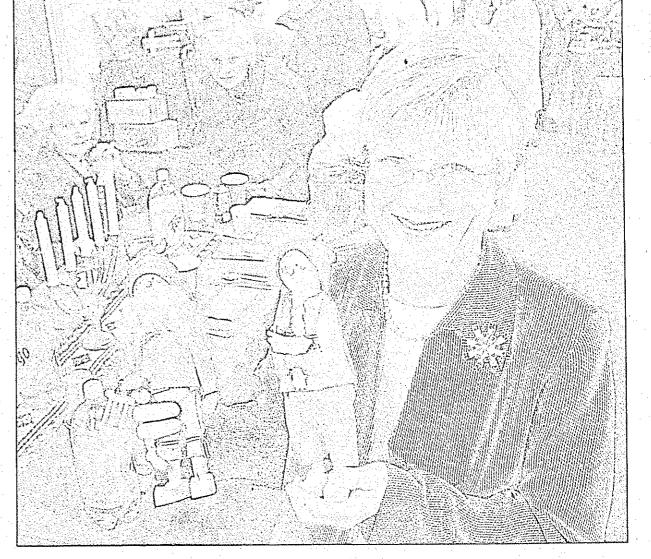
The group's meetings revolve around things Swedes find important, among them, according to Capote, cooking and music.

"I was raised that music is important," said Capote. "My dad did a lot of singing. I grew up believing if you're Swedish, you have to be musical.'

The club is named after Jenny Lind, born in Stockholm in 1820, who became known as the "Swedish Nightingale." Lind made her formal operatic debut at age 17, and two years later was appointed Court Singer by King Karl XIV Johan.

She made her American debut in 1850, doing a 21month tour that saw her perform 137 concerts in 37 cities under legendary showman P.T. Barnum. The majority of the proceeds from the tour went to charitable groups both in America and in Sweden.





Jenny Lind Club president Margareta Anden holds traditional Swedish holiday figures that were on sale at the club's recent smorgasbord in Farmington.

Now, Lind serves as the icon for the club named in her honor.

"She actually made her fame in this country," said club president Margareta Anden, a Swedish native who's lived in the United States more than 30 years. "It was very befitting for the club to take her name."

The club's focus is largely on things musical. For instance, the local club hands out two \$1,000 musical scholarships every year.

In addition, the club hosts a concert every June for the winner of the Jenny Lind Scholarship given out in Sweden. The winner, generally a woman going through operatic training, gets not only a stipend, but an American tour.

"That's one of the major things we do," Anden said. "The club is really to preserve the Swedish traditions, including art, food and music."



Ebba Slomeana recites a poem by Swedish poet and scholar Victor Rydberg. The recitation is an annual tradition at the Jenny Lind Club.

www.hometownlife.com

Hardware, Home Depot, JoAnne Fabrics and similar retailers would surely picket you. Not to mention my wife, Lisa, who would personally lead a protest rally.

But surely there's room for sympathy for husbands. After all, my family room has been painted three times – and we've only owned the house for 17 months.

Some of it is brought upon ourselves. For instance, the first time we painted the family room, Lisa didn't like it at first. I said, "Let's finish it and THEN judge." So we finished, she judged, and we repainted.

Twice.

I've been to ACO so many times, I have my own red vest with a nametag. When we bought the paint for the bedroom, the guy mixing it heard me mutter, "I can't wait until they cancel Trading Spaces."

The clerk, noting Lisa's pained look, allowed as how that probably wasn't going to happen anytime soon. However, he clearly wasn't a fan.

"I don't believe they can do all that work in two days," said the clerk, who spent 12 years as a commercial painter. "I think they have a lot more help than they show you on television."

I tend to agree with him, because I can't get an entire room painted in less than a day, much less sewing pillow cases, hanging luxurious draperies and building complex headboard projects.

It took me three weeks to get the little rubber thing across the bottom of my back door to keep the cold air out. Are you telling me Ty Pennington can really do half-a-dozen huge woodworking projects in less than two days?

Perhaps someday Trading Spaces will be out of fashion. My paint pans can only hope.

Brad Kadrich is community editor of the Plymouth Observer, and a pained viewer of Trading Spaces. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net or by phone at (734) 459-2700.

Matie-Anne Halladay watches Lisa Klein light decorative candles before the meal begins.

According to Anden, the Jenny Lind Club was the only one of its kind when it started some 70 years ago. Now, there are other organizations dedicated to the same cause, and the groups intertwine frequently at each other's functions.

For instance, the club hosted a smorgasbord earlier this month in Farmington. Next month, the club along with Swedes everywhere - celebrates St. Lucia Day, named for, ironically, an Italian who Swedes feel is the symbol of light amid the darkness for Sweden.

According to information available on various Web sites, Lucia became a Christian after seeing her mother miraculously healed, then vowed to give the money that would have been her dowry to the poor.

While the reason an Italian woman is the symbol of light in a country that has been Lutheran is something of a mystery; one legend has Lucia bringing food to people who were dying of hunger during a, famine. To this day, candles are lit all over Sweden for St. Lucia Day (Dec. 13) to bear light against the darkness

The local club will recognize the day with a tradi-

tional Lucia Procession and a dinner dance, Capote said.

Today, 25 percent of the local club's membership was born and raised in Sweden, including Anden, the president.

"The others are either daughters, or they're married to husbands of Swedish descent," Anden explained.

The Jenny Lind Club, in addition to the scholarships it hands out, performs a very important service for Swedes. It allows them to stay connected.

"When you're a first-generation immigrant, that's very difficult, because it's always tugging at you a little bit," Anden said. "When you're born here (in the U.S.), you really want to know about Sweden. Especially the kids, they want to know what it's like, what they do there. That's important when you're spread around the world."

For more information on the Jenny Lind Club, call Marie-Louise Capote at (734) 459-0596 or Margareta Anden at (248) 540-2653.

bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700

Kids learn safety lies in making smart choices

## **BY JONI HUBRED-GOLDEN** STAFF WRITER

What do a local funeral home and a nationally recognized children's safety program have in common?

Affiliated with Dignity Memorial, a national network of funeral, crematory and cemetery services, R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home is a local presenter for "Escape School," which teaches kids how to make smart choices, rather than react out of fear.

Tia Macklin and David Cash brought the program to Grandview Elementary in Livonia last Friday. They've made more than 50 presentations in communities Harris Funeral Home serves.

"It's geared toward ages 6 to 12," Macklin said. "Any younger than that, they don't get it. Older than that, they think they're too cool for it."

Grandview students gave rapt attention to the presentation, which started as Macklin explained why a funeral home receptionist like her and a funeral director like Cash would be helping kids learn how to beat the odds with stranger abduction.

"We have families, too. We've seen the sad side of losing a child, and we want to prevent that any way we can," she said.

Students first watched a video featuring Escape School founder Bob Stuber. The school is based in Texas, but Dignity Memorial acquired the

'When we're scared, we're predictable. The bad guy knows what we're going to do. When we make smart choices, we're in charge.'

Bob Stuber Escape School founder

rights to bring the program to a nationwide audience.

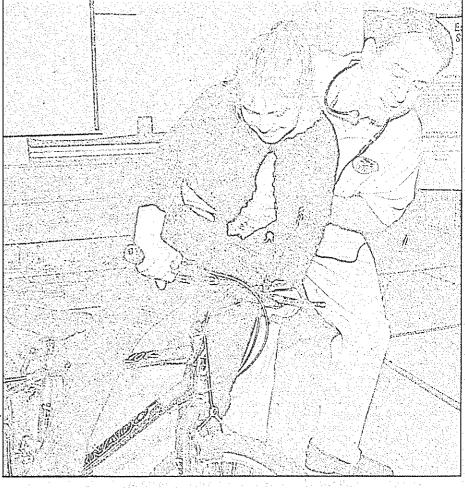
Stuber said the key to staying safe is to think smart, rather than let fear take over.

"When we're scared, we're predictable," he said. "The bad guy knows what we're going to do. When we make smart choices, we're in charge.

He said it's not possible to tell by someone's appearance whether he may be dangerous. A stranger, Stuber said, is an action not an appearance,

He reminded children an adult should not be asking a child for directions. Nor should an adult ask a child to help search for a lost pet.

"It's a trick," Stuber said, pointing out several techniques to help children escape dangerous situations.



Fifth-grader Brittany Taliman demonstrates with David Cash how to prevent being taken away by a PLEASE SEE SAFETY, C4 stranger by holding on to your bike and not letting go.

### C2 (PC) Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

# COMMUNITY LIFE

**Millerwise-Shoemaker** 

Mark and Cheryl Millerwise of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Denise, to Luke Lloyd Shoemaker of Canton, son of Benny and Dianne Shoemaker.

Stephanie is a 2000 graduate of Churchill High School. She is a 2003 graduate of Schoolcraft College with a degree in nursing. She is employed at Westland Convalescent Center.

Luke is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is a 2003 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in business administration.

Luke and Stephanie are planning to wed October 2004 in

following:

Dated: 11/25/03

Chrysler

Tran's Van

Nissan

Publish: Sunday, November 30, 2003

1989

1978

1989

 $\circ$ 

 $\bigcirc$ 

0

0

C

0

PLYMOUTH TWP. PD

734-453-3869 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 12/05/03 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto

Transport 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth MI a public auction of the

488600D2490

ST. THOMAS a'BECKET

Saturday, Dec. 6th

9 am- 4 pm

SE corner of Lilley & Cherry Hill

3C3XJ41K1KT922158

JN1HJ01PXKT228619



Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Neikirk-Simms**

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Neikirk of Farmington Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Neikirk, to Bernard Simms, son of Mary Simms of Middletown, Ohio.

The bride is a graduate of Harrison High School in Farmington Hills and of Central Michigan University with her bachelor of science degree in elementary education, special education. She also received her master's in early childhood special education from Wayne State University. She is currently employed in the Plymouth-Canton school district as an early childhood special education teacher.

The groom is a graduate of Madison High School in Middletown, Ohio, and of **Bowling Green State University** with his bachelor of science degree in education. He also received his master's of arts in education from Eastern



Michigan University. He is currently employed in the Birmingham Public Schools as a high school robotics and computer drafting instructor.

A July 10, 2004, wedding is planned at Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills with a reception at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi. They plan on residing in Berkley.

# Read Taste Thursday for great recipes



 $\mathbf{O}$ 

00

 $\mathbf{O}$ 

 $\mathbf{O}$ O

O

0

0

## **CITY OF PLYMOUTH** NOTICE OF HEARING **2003 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW**

The December Board of Review will convene on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2003 from 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The 2003 December Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will be held in the Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Board will review only the following types of appeals: Homestead Corrections, Hardship Appeals, Clerical Errors, and Mutual Mistakes of Fact.

No appointments are necessary.

All appellants will be sent a letter by first class mail indicating the decision of the December Board of Review and a revised tax bill will be issued.

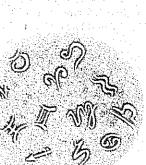
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact (734) 453-1234, extension 244.

# Horoscope



# Star Struck

(Nov. 30-Dec. 3) By Dennis Fairchild



www.homctownlife.com

# ARIES (March 21-April 20)

- Because the rather baleful planet saturn dominates your horoscope heavens now, you're bound to feel iso-
- lated, neglected, put down, rejected or rebuffed. Maybe you just need a jolt to make you realize that it's one thing to praise discipline and another to submit to it?

# TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Your main concern must be to overcome resentment - either on the home front or at work. Not an easy task, but current planetary activity signifies that a new format for the future must be agreed upon. The fine line between fantasy and reality is a bit blurry now.

# GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Be careful who you antagonize during the next few days because the planets are giving the esoteric upper hand to Twin's rivals at the moment. No matter how many battles you've won in the past, the only way you'll win is if you get along with everyone.

# CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You'll either begin a new love or an old love will burn more passionately than it has for quite some time. Lively planetary activity in the relationship sector of your chart means that you'll get along well with acquaintances, but affairs of the heart will bring you to

# LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

life.

You'll feel on top of the world during the days ahead. No matter where you go or what you do, your positive astro-attitude will also inspire others to feel good about themselves. Now is the time for going out and having fun - it's what you do best!

# VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

If you want to get ahead right now, you're going to have to learn to see people as allies rather than rivals. Watch your back by all means, kiddo, but don't become so preoccupied that you miss all the wonderful folks who are trying to attract your attention!

# LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

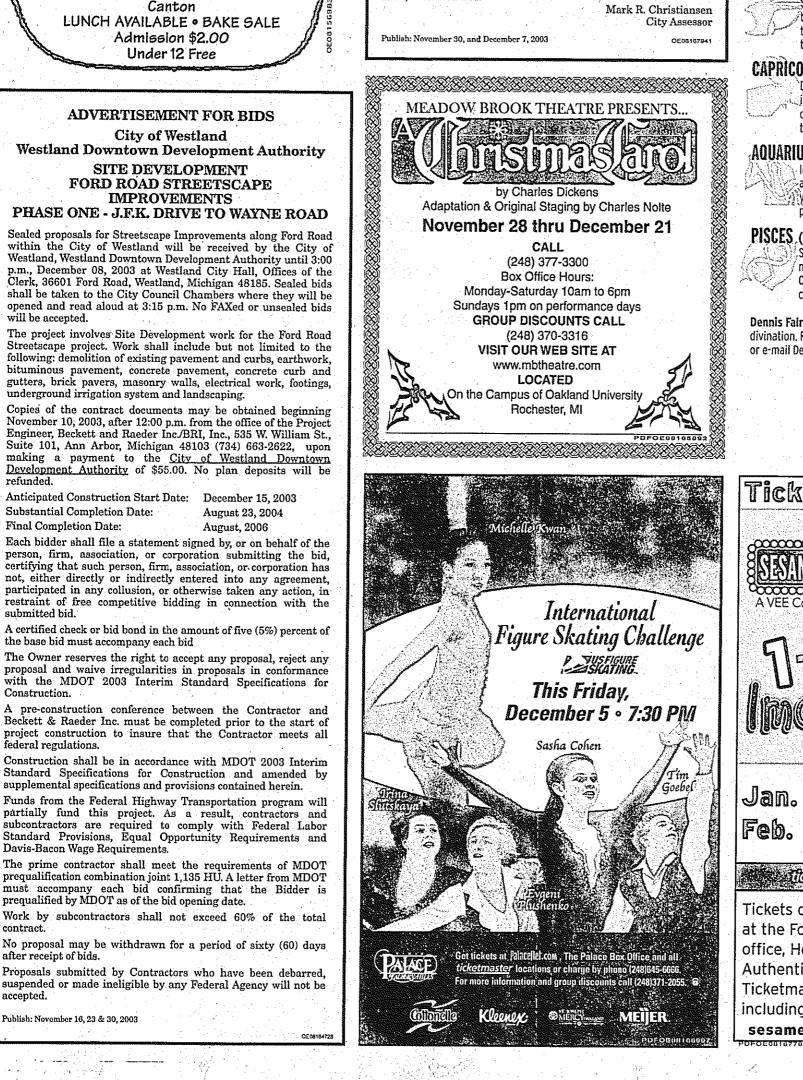
/ At some stage in the days ahead, you're going to have to decide whether or not to forgive someone who has let you down. The choice is yours to make, but don't let the situation drag on or go unresolved. Your astro-aim should be to empty your anxiety closet now.

# SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

It would appear that you're too attached to something or somebody, and that you have an excessive fear of losing "it." What happens in the next few days will teach you that the best way to hold on to what you value most is to handle it gently.

# SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Sudden changes are likely at this time, but they're changes that, in the long run, could end up working in your favor, so don't fight



them. This could be one of those rare occasions when something that appears to be negative turns out to be positive.

# CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

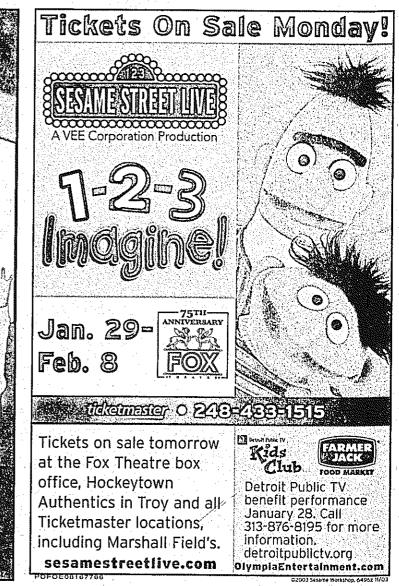
Don't get cosmically carried away and say so much without thinking now, because loved ones are unlikely to forgive your lack of discretion. Just because you think it's all a big joke doesn't mean that others will be laughing. Lighten up, and open up your eyes!

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19) around you now and only focus on things that mean something to you. Don't push too hard; relax and retreat! What is meant to happen will happen when the time is right. Be patient a little longer.

# PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Someone you either work or talk with is proposing certain changes now, and if you're smart, you'll go along with them cheerfully. Currently, all planets indicate that you have nothing to fear financially. In fact, they'll make life easier and more profitable for you.

Dennis Fairchild is the Birmingham astrologer-author of several books on divination. For personal astrological-intuitive consult info, call (248) 644-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.



bituminous pavement, concrete pavement, concrete curb and gutters, brick pavers, masonry walls, electrical work, footings, underground irrigation system and landscaping. Copies of the contract documents may be obtained beginning

November 10, 2003, after 12:00 p.m. from the office of the Project Engineer, Beckett and Raeder Inc./BRI, Inc., 535 W. William St., Suite 101, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103 (734) 663-2622, upon making a payment to the <u>City of Westland Downtown</u> <u>Development Authority</u> of \$55.00. No plan deposits will be refunded.

Anticipated Construction Start Date:	December 15, 2003	
Substantial Completion Date:	August 23, 2004	
Final Completion Date:	August, 2006	
<b>T 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1</b>		

Each bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid.

A certified check or bid bond in the amount of five (5%) percent of the base bid must accompany each bid

The Owner reserves the right to accept any proposal, reject any proposal and waive irregularities in proposals in conformance with the MDOT 2003 Interim Standard Specifications for Construction.

A pre-construction conference between the Contractor and Beckett & Raeder Inc. must be completed prior to the start of project construction to insure that the Contractor meets all federal regulations.

Construction shall be in accordance with MDOT 2003 Interim Standard Specifications for Construction and amended by supplemental specifications and provisions contained herein.

Funds from the Federal Highway Transportation program will partially fund this project. As a result, contractors and subcontractors are required to comply with Federal Labor Standard Provisions, Equal Opportunity Requirements and Davis-Bacon Wage Requirements.

The prime contractor shall meet the requirements of MDOT prequalification combination joint 1,135 HU. A letter from MDOT must accompany each bid confirming that the Bidder is prequalified by MDOT as of the bid opening date.

Work by subcontractors shall not exceed 60% of the total contract.

No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after receipt of bids.

suspended or made ineligible by any Federal Agency will not be accepted.

Publish: November 16, 23 & 30, 2003

C4 🗌 (PC) Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

# COMMUNITY LIFE

www.hometownlife.com

# SAFET

# FROM PAGE CI

□ The Velcro technique: If someone scares you, find another adult and stick like glue until he or she finds you help

G Windmill: While kicking and fighting when someone grabs you is predictable, simply rotating your arm in the direction of the person's thumb will break the hold.

□ Attract attention: Set off car alarms and find a place to hide near the car, so the car owner can be called for help.

Stuber said children should run to a fire station, business or store close by if they find themselves being followed. If they're being followed by a car, they should run in the opposite direction, which provides lead time while the car turns around.

Kids who find themselves in a car they shouldn't be in have a number of options for escape: open the door and get out, jump in the driver's lap and honk the horn, jump to the floor and pull out wires underneath the dashboard.

Macklin talked about a young girl who was placed in a car trunk and escaped by kicking out the tail light. That technique draws additional attention to the car.

She told students the Friday presentation was just the beginning; they could earn their Safety Pro certificate by going to

www.escapeschool.com. After completing a simple quiz, children can print out a certificate and take it to Harris Funeral Home to be laminated.

For information, call (734) 422-6720.

jhubred@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2131

### **Basic Training**

Navy Fireman John P. Potesta, son of John P. Potesta of Canton, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, III. Marine Corps Pvt. Casey J. Maloney, son of Lisa M. and John E. Maloney of Canton, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Maloney is a 2002 graduate of Canton High School in Canton, Navy Seaman Recruit Michael C. Miller, stepson of Michael G. and son of Laura L. Campton of Canton, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, III. Miller is a 1996 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland,

## **Basic Combat Training**

Army National Guard Pfc. Christopher N. Green has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. Green is the son of Gayle and Bob Green of Canton. Green graduated in 1991 from Plymouth Canton High School in Canton. Army Spec. Robert L. Woods has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Robert Woods of Canton. He graduated in 1986 from Plymouth Salem High School in Canton and received a bachelor's degree in 1993

# MILITARY NEWS

from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Reported for Duty

Navy Seaman Cassie M. Pingston, granddaughter of Larry Pingston of Canton, recently reported for duty aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Gonzalez, homeported in Norfolk, Va. Pingston is a 2002 graduate of Skyline High School of Longmont, Colo., and joined the Navy in 2002. Deployment

Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Scott C. Koskinen has deployed overseas to Kuwait and Iraq to support the missions of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The reservist is a member of the 946th Transportation Company based in Lewes, Del. Koskinen is a bulk petroleum transporter with 10 years of military service. His parents are Clara E. Parton of Canton and William C. Koskinen of Red Oak, Texas.

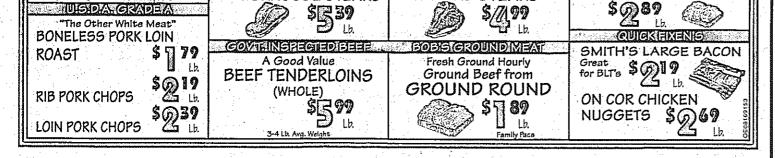
### **Cavalry Scout Advanced Training**

Erik A. Nelsen has graduated from the Cavalry Scout Advanced Individual Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. Nelsen is a 2002 graduate of Salem High School in Canton and is the son of Keith E. Nelsen of Canton.

Please recycle this newspaper







# CONNECT INSTANTLY HERE.



# **INSTANT NATIONWIDE** CONNECT PLAN

500 anytime cellular minutes Unlimited Push To Talk<sup>sM</sup> walkie-talkie Unlimited nights and weekends \$49.99 Other monthly charges apply. See below.\*\*

# DATA APPLICATIONS

Available data services include: Two-way Messaging, AOL® Instant Messenger" and Wireless Web Access.

MEXI

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

810.632.9300

BIRMINGHAM CANTON 2519 W. Maple Rd. 44011 Ford Rd. (SW corner of Cranbrook & Maple) (3 blks. East of Sheldon Rd.) 248.723.8600 734.981.7440 **BLOOMFIELD HILLS** FENTON 4036 Telegraph Rd. 18010 Silver Parkway (Next to Starbucks) (in Silver Lake Village) 248-593-3665 810.629.7440 BRIGHTON HARTLAND 315 E. Grand River (East of Main St.) 10112 Highland Rd. (M-59 & Old US-23)

810.227.7440

number pooling and wireless number portability.

their respective owners. All rights reserved.

HOWELL 4207 E. Grand River Ave. (in Sears Plaza) LANSING

517.545.7220 440 E. Edgewood (in front of Sam's Club) 517.394.7441 MILFORD 101 E. Commerce (at Main St.)

248.684.7440

Stop in and ask how you can keep your same phone number and switch wireless carriers. Coming Scont

\*\*Nextel also imposes a Federal Programs Cost Recovery (FPCR) fee of \$1.55 or \$2.83. The FPCR is not a tax or government required charge. The fee is charged for one or more of the following: E911,

Offers expire December 31, 2003. Nextel reserves the right to extend these offers without notice. In-store purchases require two forms of valid identification. Requires new activation and credit approval.

Solution and the second state and federal taxes, a Universal Service Assessment of either 1.20% or .75%, a TRS charge of approx. .07%, and a state-required E911 (ee. Other Terms: Nextel reserves the right to modify or terminate these offers at any time. Offers may not be available in all markets. Other conditions may apply, Read service agreement for details. Instant Nationwide Connect Plan: Requires one-year service agreement. Direct Connect minutes and Nationwide Direct Connect access are unlimited and do not include Group Connect calls, which are \$0.15/min and are calculated by multiplying the minutes of

use, number of participants, and the applicable rate. Group Connect can only work with members of the same network while in their home market. Nationwide service is not available for Group Connect

calls. Cellular overage is \$0.40/min. Cellular calls round to the next full plan Two-Way Messaging Is \$0.15/message. Nextel's Nationwide Network serves 293 of the top 300 markets. @2003 Nextel

Communications. NEXTEL\*, NEXTEL DONE., NEXTEL ONLINE \*, PUSH TO TALK, PTT, DIRECT CONNECT, GROUP CONNECT, NATIONWIDE DIRECT CONNECT and the Driver Safety logo are service marks, trademarks,

and/or registered trademarks of Nextel Communications, Inc. MOTOROLA and the Stylized M Logo are registered in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. All other product or service names are the property of

SOUTH LYON 226 S. Lafayette NEW HUDSON 56754 Grand River (Next to S. Lyon Bakery) 248,437,5300 (East of Milford Rd.)

248.437.5353

27793 - C West

Oaks Dr. (in West Oaks II) 248.596.1900

4738 Central Park Dr.

(Next to Panera Bread)

**OKEMOS** 

517.349.0300

NOVE

313.291.2912 WILLIAMSTON 725 W. Grand River (next to Famous Taco) 517.655.9898

TAYLOR 8237 S Telegraph Rd.

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

> Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

Publish: Sunday, November 30, 2003

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2003 7:00 P.M. (734) 453 - 1234

Dr. Gugneja trained at Northwestern

University in Chicago, Illinois and

Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Andrew Mitchell, MD

Practicing in Livonia Since 1986

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

Z 03-01

Sajiv Gugneja, MD, PhD

**Board** Certified

(248) 474-8440 20216 Farmington Road • Livonia

In Pinebrook Office Park

Diseases of the Skin, Hair and Nails Including Skin Cancer and Mole Evaluation

**Cosmetic Procedures Include** 

Sclerotherapy

REZONING REQUEST FOR: Change in Zoning, R-1, Single-Family Residential to ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor (40 foot wide parcel, purchased from the school district) 260 Ann Arbor Road

APPLICANT: Patrick Tortora, Pilgrim Motorsports

LEGAL: Part of lots, 166, 167, 168 and 169 and part of the adjoining vacated alley, "Maple Croft Subdivision", City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 43 of Plats, Page 78, Wayne County Records, described as: Commencing at the Center of Section 35, Town 1 South, Range 8 East; thence along the East West Quarter Line of Section 35 and the Centerline of Ann Arbor Road, Due West 891.82 feet; thence North 00 degrees 23'00" West 382.70 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence along the South Line of "Maple Croft Subdivision", South 89 degrees 55'00" West 150.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 23'00" West 40.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55'00" East 150.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 23'00" East 40.00 feet to the point of Beginning. Contains 6,000 Square feet or 0.138 Acres.

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL FOR: SP 03-03 **Proposed Condominium Development** 333 W. Pearl ZONED: I-1, Light Industrial **APPLICANT: Crosswinds Development LLC** SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR: SP 03-10 Gas/Convenience Store 129 W. Ann Arbor Trail ZONED: I-1, Light Industrial **APPLICANT: Gallup Properties** All interested persons are invited to attend.

0000100000

# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### www.hometownlife.com

To submit an item for the Plymouth-Canton community calendar, mail it to 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170; e-mail it to burick@oe.homecomm.net or fax it to (734) 459-4224.

## AROUND TOWN

### Handcrafters Arts and Crafts Show Twenty-first annual show Dec. 12-14 at

Northville Hillside Recreation Center in Hillside Middle School. Admission is \$2 and no baby strollers, please. Call (734) 459-0050 for further information.

### Snowman Sing-A-Long

Sing-along with a snowman at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Great Harvest Bread located at 136 E. Main in Northville. Call (248) 344-4404 for info.

## **Christmas Holiday Brunch**

Fox Hills presents a holiday brunch featuring foods from all around the globe. Being held Sunday, Dec. 7. Seating from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The price is \$20.95 for adults and \$10.95 for children ages 3 thru 12, **Holiday Concert** 

PCEP Bands will perform their Holiday Concert on Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Gloria Logan Theater located in Salem High School. Four bands will perform a variety of holiday music. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free. The community is welcome.

# **Holiday Cards**

The Ann Arbor Art Center will be selling seven different holiday cards to benefit the ArtMakers youth outreach program. The cards feature holiday themes and were all designed by children at the Art Center. For more information, call (734) 994-8004.

## **Jazz Pianist**

Nationally renowned professional jazz pianist Sue Downs gives a free plano concert open to the public at Evola Music in Canton at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3. Call (734) 455-4677 for further information.

### Art Collage Workshop

Three Cities Art Club presents a free workshop that will be fun for anyone who would like to participate in creating a collage. The theme is "Dining Room Art" with Lisa Filar from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at the Plymouth Township Municipal Building. Call Marilyn at (248) 262-9711 for further info.

## **Musical Stage Show**

"Christmas Bells are Ringing" will be performed live on stage at the newly renovated Marguis Theatre in downtown Northville. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19; 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 6, 13, and 20, Tickets are \$12, seniors and students get in for \$10. For ticket information, call (248) 349-8110. **Jewelry Festival** 

Native West presents its annual Jewelry Festival Dec. 4-7. A fantastic assortment of sterling silver using fabulous turquoise, sparking opals, brilliant coral and glittering gold. Call (734) 455-8838 for further info.

### **Preschool Open House** Plymouth Children's Nursery located on

Sheldon in Canton, is holding an Open House from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004. The school agrees and warrants that it will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on grounds of race, sex, color, religious creed, or national origin. Call (734) 455-6250 for further information.

### **Fish Fry**

The Plymouth VFW is again featuring Friday Night Fish Fry for only \$7 from 5-7:30 p.m. Also. Sunday brunch is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month. The post is at 1426 S. Mill St.

# Marquis Theatre

The "Wonderful Wizard of Oz" will be performed at the newly renovated Marguis Theatre in downtown Northville through Jan. 18. For ticket information or group rates, call (248) 349-8110.

# **Holiday Greenery**

The Plymouth High School Pompon Squad is having a fund-raiser of fresh cut holiday greenery for your homes, businesses, gravesites, gifts, etc. To place an order, please call (734) 455-4318. **Basic Skating** 

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department offers classes through Dec. 20, every level. Each class is 25 minutes with additional 25 minutes of practice time at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena. Call (734) 455-6620, Ext. 304, for further information.

# **Crafters Wanted**

Annual craft show at Hawthorne Valley in Westland is looking for crafters for the Holiday show being held Sunday, Nov. 30, For information, call Suzanne at (734) 844-3128.

# Learn to Skate

Roller skating or Rollerblading classes for November now forming for ages 4-12 at Skateland West. Registration for winter Inline Hockey is Dec. 7.

### Teens Using Drugs

A free, two-night series on identifying and helping teens harmfully involved with alcohol and other drugs. Part 1 "What to Know" is presented 7:30-9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month from October through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Part 2 "What To Do" is presented the second Tuesday of each month October through June at same time and place. Call (734) 973-7892 for information.

### Foster Care

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is a foster care agency in the community that places children in loving foster homes. The agency is in need of loving and stable homes committed to parenting children ages 10 to 17 years old. Call (734) 971-5776 to find out how you can help.

### Learn to Skate

Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton is offering a fall Learn to Skate program for various levels of instruction. Call (734) 487-7777 for more information.

## Senior Golf Special

Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center is offering a



# **Historical honor**

State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) recently presented a special tribute signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to the Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., of Plymouth marking the group's 85th anniversary. The group is an advocate for working women by working for equality of rights under the law, economic equity, health care and civil rights for women. Stewart was a guest at a recent meeting and posed with club members (from left) Susan Pohto, Connie Fitzner, Marilyn Alimpich, Marlene Danol and Joanne Delaney.

Senior Special of 18 holes of golf any weekday. Monday through Friday, before noon. The cost is \$25 with cart. Offer good through Nov. 30. Entertainment books

Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2004 Entertainment Books to help fund their musical scholarships and charitable activities. They can be ordered by calling (734) 459-6829.

Inline Roller Hockey Leagues Skatin Station II in Canton is accepting registration. One game a week. Call (734) 459-6401 for more information.

### **Preschool Registration**

The Plymouth Salvation Army is opening registration for its preschool programs for fall 2003. The 3-year-old program is on Tuesday and Thursday and the 4-year-old program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call Peggy at (734) 459-1358 or (734) 453-5464, Ext. 25.

### Fish Fry

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is again hosting an "All You Can Eat" Friday night fish fry or pasta dinner at the Fox Classic Clubhouse from 5-9 p.m. The cost is \$8.75 per person. Storytime

Peggy Price Heiney presents a special story time 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.

# **Plymouth Symphony**

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2004 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. 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-

### **CLUBS**

### German/American Club of Plymouth Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road. American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F.

more information.

Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining, contact club president, Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

**Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club** 

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further info.

### LBN

- Local Business Network is a business networking organization dedicated to helping you grow your business. The Plymouth chapter meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at Old Village Law located at 771 N. Mill in Plymouth, Please call Eric Morris at (313) 278-5070 or Scott Montgomery at (734) 462-2277 for further information.
- **Plymouth Optimists**
- Entertainment 2004 Books on sale with all proceeds to help children throughout southeast Michigan. Price is \$30 and is home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

**Klwanls Evening Club** Meetings are held at Atlantis Restaurant 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, at 6:30 p.m.

each Tuesday. Visitors are always welcome. For 1more information, contact Charline Miller at (734) 455-4782.

### Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

- Exchange Club of Canton
- Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at the Roman Forum, 41601 Ford Road in Canton at 6 p.m., Areas of activity are Americanism, Community Service, Youth Activities and the Prevention of Child Abuse.
- P/C Vietnam Vets of America
- Chapter No. 528 meets every second Monday of the month at the Plymouth VFW Post No. 6695 on Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road at 7:30 p.m. If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1964 and 1975, you can join the Vietnam Vets. Visit Web site

www.geocities.com/tedenright/PlymouthCanto nVVA528.html.

**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. The group is looking for new members. Call (734) 459-5696 for further information.

West Suburban Stamp Club Meetings are 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays

at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main 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 information 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 7-9 p.m. every second Monday of the month at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information, contact Rich Ham-Kucharski, (734) 844-1714.

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003 (PC) 65



The Westland Chamber of Commerce proudly presents



# "A Taste of the Arts'

Treat yourself to an evening of fine dining and art appreciation at the luxurious Hellenic Cultural Center.

Join us for this gourmet adventure featuring the area's finest restaurants and culinary artists. Graze on gourmet goodies while enjoying music and art. Silent auction of art by professional artists & Wayne-Westland students. Special guest appearance by WCSX DJ Pam Rossi.

Partial List of Participants to Date:

Applebee's Restaurant **Big Boys** Stick Café Famous Dave's Hellenic Cultural Center Marquis Food Service Max & Erma's

Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train Red Robin Toarmina's Pizza William D. Ford Career Tech. Center Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe Sam's Club Olga's Restaurant - Vintage Market

December 2, 2003, 6 until 9 o'clock in the evening Hellenic Cultural Center

36375 Joy Rd., Westland, Michigan (between Wayne and Newburgh)

Mission:\$20\$15Seniors & StudentsTickets on sale in advance at the Westland Chamber of Commerce office Admission: \$20

or purchased at the door. Seniors, 55 + up; students 18 and under. For more information, call the Westland Chamber of Commerce 734/326-7222

2003 Holiday Taste Fest Major Sponsors:

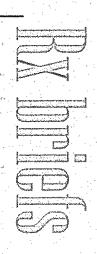
Westland Shopping Center Standard Federal Bank - Nancy Barrons, Loan Specialist C&M Printing and Imaging • Hellenic Cultural Center **Observer & Eccentric Newspapers** RC and DJ Video Productions Westland Chamber of Commerce



Proceeds from the event go to the Joseph Benyo Scholarship Fund and the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

Hugh Gallagher, editor (734) 953-2149 Fax: (734) 591-7279 hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

C6 (\*) Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003



# Center opens

Henry Ford Eye Care Services has opened a new Visual Rehabilitation Center In Livonia to serve patients with low vision.

People with low vision experience impaired sight due to macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes, or other causes. While there are treatments that can slow progression, these conditions are usually irreversible and there is no cure.

"Our therapists help people with vision loss achieve their maximum level of independence, using excel-Tent magnifying tools, lighting and other practical solutions, said Dr. Lylas Mogk, Henry Ford physician and founder of Henry Ford Health System's first Visual Rehabilitation and Research Center. Patients are also taught subtle ways to make life with low **Evision** easier on a daily basis. <sup>•</sup> For more informa-

tion, call (734) 523-1070, or visit henryford.com/eyes.

# Healthy eating and travel go hand in hand at airport

Travelers don't have to forgo a healthy diet when flying out of Detroit's Metropolitan Airport thanks to a joint venture between Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute and the Wayne County Airport Authority. Grilled chicken breast, almond rice salad with fewer almonds and less fat, and beef kabobs are among 50 items available at 13 of the restaurants now offering Heart Smart choices in the McNamara Terminal.

Dietitian Jeanne Stevenson worked with chefs to lower fat, saturated fat, cholesterol and sodium in recipes. Stevenson sees the effects of a poor diet every day at the Institute, where she teaches patients in the cardiac rehab program about nutrition. In keeping with American Heart Association guidelines, items qualified for a Heart Smart designation based on a 2000-calorie-aday diet. Heart Smart logos have been placed on menus to show they meet Institute criteria.

"I made suggestions to qualify as Heart Smart, if they offered salad dressing to put it on the side," said Stevenson, who educates patients at Institute locations in Detroit and Livonia, and formerly West Bloomfield. "Some restaurants were really interested in making changes, like the Mediterranean Grill, who were more than willing to offer falafel baked instead of fried. Some were low in fat, low in saturated fat and cholesterol, but sodium was above the Heart Smart recommendation, so we gave them a special designation: Heart Smart plus sodium. Some people may not be as concerned about sodium or may adjust their intake the rest of the day."

Developed by the Institute in 1986, Heart Smart is a nutrition education program designed to help individuals reduce their risk of cardiovascular disease. Stevenson stresses the importance of eating healthy every day not just during travel. She offers several Heart Smart tips for eating at any restaurant o Heart Smart dining

**FITNESS**MEDICINE



Jeanne Stevenson (center) tries some of the Heart Smart dishes available at Mediterranean Grill in the McNamara Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute dietitian worked with restaurant manager Ric Frievalt (left) and owner Andrea Hashem (right) to adjust recipes so they meet American Heart Association guidelines.

at home.

Ask wait staff about how selections are prepared. Instead of fried, ask for it to be baked, broiled or grilled. If a menu item comes with sauce or gravy, order it on the side so you can decide how much to put on, the same with salad dressing.

In addition to the 13 participating restaurants at the airport, Chili's Too offers low-fat Guiltless Grill items. Franchises such as Taco Bell and Burger King offer health-conscious selections as well.

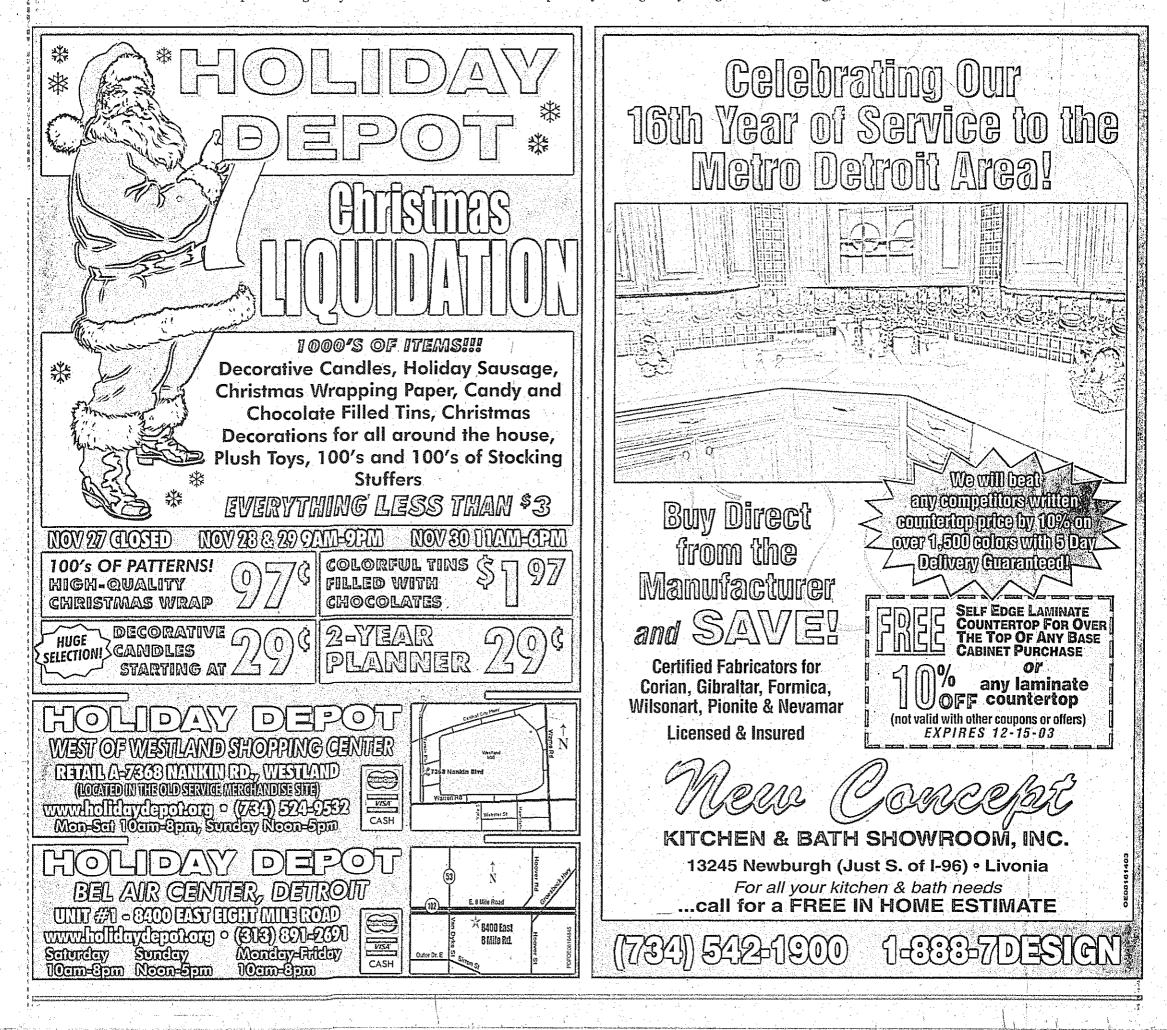
The trademark Heart Smart logo can be found next to heart healthy food items at the Detroit Renaissance Center Food Court and on items at local grocery stores. Stevenson is presently working with Aunt Mid's produce company to evaluate recipes on the back of spinach and Yukon gold potatoes packages to be prepared at home.

"Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of men and women in this country," said Stevenson. "Some risk factors are not controllable, for example, family history; some are – like a healthy diet.

"A lot of times portion sizes are larger than what we would normally recommend. There's sometimes enough to feed three or four people. Reduce portions or consider sharing an entree or take some home, and skip condiments like mayonnaise, cheese and salad dressing You don't always have to skip dessert, but you might consider sharing, not eat the 1600 calories worth of carrot cake yourself.

www.nometownlife.com

"Sometimes when people deny themselves, they start craving things, where if they allow themselves a small portion once in a while it won't be such a big thing. Eat everything in moderation, and the recommended 5-9 servings of fruits and vegetables a day."At the Institute Stevenson teaches patients to make Heart Smart pumpkin and sweet potato pie using evaporated skim milk, egg white instead of whole egg, and graham cracker in place of traditional crust. With all of the holiday parties in the coming weeks you might want to consid-



# HEALTH

# Aiding student health: Tips on how to wear backpacks

Young children are suffering from back pain much earlier than previous generations, and the use of overweight backpacks is a contributing factor. The Consumer Product Safety commission cites more than 6, 500 injuries in the year 2000 as a result of the use of heavy book bags and carriers.

www.hometownlife.com

According to the American Chiropractic Association, two recent studies reinforce the need for public education on the proper use of backpacks. The first study, published in the May 2003 issue of the journal Spine, found that the use of backpacks during the school day - and the weights of the backpacks - associated with back pain. A second study, presented by researcher Dr. Heidi Orloff at a May 28 meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in San Francisco, concluded that children actually hunch their bodies forward and lower their heads to accommodate the burden of wearing heavy backpacks.

"Most school-age children carry backpack loads that are too heavy for their bodies. This can negatively impact a child's body during the developing years, resulting in harmful physical effects that can last a lifetime," said Dr. Jennifer Turnbull, a chiropractor and director of the Birmingham Wellness Center, a holistic wellness and chiropractic center located in Birmingham, offering chiropractic, massage, applied kinesiology and nutritional counseling.

There has been an alarming increase in the number of young children complaining about back, neck and shoulder pain. The culprit, almost always is that they carry a backpack to school."

What can a parent do? Dr. Turnbull offers nine tips to help prevent the needless pain that backpack misuse could cause the students in your household:

II Make sure your child's backpack weighs no more than 5 to 10 percent of his or her body weight. A heavier backpack will cause your child to bend forward in an attempt to support the weight on his or her back.

The backpack should never hang more than four inches below the waistline. A backpack that hangs too low increases the weight on the shoulders, causing your child to lean forward when walking.

A backpack with individualized compartments helps in positioning the contents most effectively. Make sure that pointy or bulky objects are packed away from the area that will rest on your child's back.

🖬 Bigger is not necessarily better. The more room there is in a backpack, the more your child will carry - and the heavier the backpack will be.

Urge your child to wear both shoulder straps. Lugging the backpack around by one strap can cause the disproportionate shift of weight to one side, leading to neck and muscle spasms, as well as low-back pain.

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

**C**7

(\*)

🖬 Wide, padded straps are very important. Non-padded straps are uncomfortable, and can dig into your child's shoulders.

The shoulder straps should be adjustable so the backpack can be fitted to your child's body. Straps that are too loose can cause the backpack to dangle uncomfortably and cause spinal problems.

□ Observe your child's posture. If the child leans forward while walking, takes shorter. strides while walking or uses his or her hands to protect the shoulders from the straps, it is an indication the backpack is too heavy.

□ If the backpack is too heavy, talk to your child's teacher. Ask if your child could leave the heaviest books at school, and bring home only lighter hand-out materials or workbooks.

## NOVEMBER

## Conditioning for skiing

- Learn how to get in shape for skiing at a community education program 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Oakland Physical Therapy, 47601 Grand River at Beck, Suite B124 in the Providence Park Medical Center, Novi. Participants should use the northeast entrance. No charge. Space is limited. RSVP to (248) 380-3550. Frank Kava, M.S., P.T., will identify common musculoskeletal weaknesses in skiers, demonstrate proper stretching tech-
- niques for muscles important in skiing and proper exercises to strengthen key muscles
- used for skiing.
- \*Healthy cooking classes
- Classes include candy making the healthy way, desserts, and breads and loaves. Call (734) 261-2856 or visit www.macroval.com. Sharing & Caring
- All are welcome at a series of lectures presented by Sharing & Caring in the first floor conference room at Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak.
- Sharing & Caring offers educational programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends. Upcoming topics include

## Tamoxifen Dec. 4. The series runs weekly through Dec. 18. To have a schedule mailed to your home, call (248) 551-8585. Prior to meeting, call (248) 551-8588 for schedule change information.

### Women's fitness class

Women: Be Fit and Fabulous offers a variety of exercises - aerobics for cardiovascular health, strength training for muscle tone, easy yoga for flexibility and relaxation. Four week series began Nov. 25. All sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, between Raggerty and Meadowbrook, Novi. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

## Volunteers wanted

SandCastles, a grief support program for children, teens and their families offered through the Hospices of Henry Ford Health System, seeks volunteers for its sites in Southfield, Rochester, Clinton Township, Detroit, St. Clair Shores, and Downriver. SandCastles provides a supportive environment for children and teens, ages 3-18, and their families who have experienced the death

of a loved one. The free meetings are held biweekly, and families are encouraged to participate for as long as they need support for grief.

## To register for training or for more information. call (313) 874-6881.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### Fitness classes

Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi is offering exercise programs to people with chronic diseases and disorders such as osteoporosis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or other chronic illness. Ongoing . classes include Bones in Motion, a program of monitored exercise and nutrition counseling to promote bone health for people with osteoporosis, and Kinetics, a low-intensity program to increase flexibility and strength for those with musculoskeletal or endurance limitations. Exercises are performed while in standing, sitting or lying positions. For more information, call (248) 473-5600.

### **Red Cross safety courses**

Continue with CPR/Standard first aid with AED (automated external defibrillation) and Infant/Child CPR at the Livonia Service Center, 36650 Five Mile. Among the offerings are CPR review, CPR for the professional rescuer (and review), First aid/CPR/AED instructor, and nurse assistant training. Costs vary. For more information, call (734) 542-0442 or visit www.semredcross.org.

### Therapeutic group

Feeling sad, lonely, empty? You are not alone. Here is an opportunity to share in a therapeutic setting with other women who feel the same way. The Madonna University Psychological Services Clinic is offering this unique experience 7-8:30 p.m. Sundays through Jan. 11. Cost is \$15 per session. Call (734) 432-5771.

### Flu shots

FluMist nasal vaccine is being offered by appointment at Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's Oak Park office for \$60. VNA accepts cash, check or Medicare Part B. Home bound service available (service fee applies). For more information, call (800) 882-5720, VNA's flu hot line at (800) 296-8660, or visit the Web site at www.vna.org.

## ONGOING

Alliance for the Mentally III The Wayne/Westland chapter, a self help and advocacy group for relatives and friends of the mentally ill, meets 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at the Red Apple Restaurant, 32711 Michigan Avenue at Venoy, Westland. For more information, call (313) 562-

## 8498, All are welcome.

CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group Meets 7 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. For information about the group, call (248) 346-as 3164 or visit the Web site at www.geocities.com/LivoniaCFSFMS. Self-help groups

Anyone seeking information on a variety of 😔 self-help groups may visit the Michigan Self-+ Help Clearing House at the Michigan Protection Advocacy Service Web site, www.mpas.org. If & you have a disability rights issue, contact the, MPAS at (800) 288-5923.

### Medicare counseling

Senior citizens with Medicare questions and concerns can get assistance through Beaumont Hospital's Department of Older Adult Services. Trained volunteers can provide counseling on Medicare, long-term care insurance, and insurance plans that supplement Medicare. Call toll-free Senior Resource Line at (800) 328-2241 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday to make an appointment.

er bringing a fruit tray or vegetables with low fat dip so there's a healthy option. At restaurants, be careful of the bread basket. One or two

"If you're going to a dinner





(\*) Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

Dearborn Ballet Theatre members Megan Morrison (left), Chris Coffee, Casey Quinn, and Molly Shelton perform with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra Saturday, Dec. 6.

68

# United Way raises \$64 million in '03 Torch Drive

**COMMUNITY LIFE** 

United Way Community Services has announced that it raised \$64,257,747 for the 2003 Torch Drive, which include funds raised for New Detroit Inc. and the joint campaign with United Way of Oakland County.

The results were reported to an audience of nearly 800 guests at United Way's Victory Celebration in Dearborn.

"This has been a very challenging year," said Nick Scheele, president and COO, Ford Motor Co. and chair of the 2003 Torch Drive. "In times of challenge, the determina-

tion of the human spirit shines. This campaign is a great example of people rolling up their sleeves to help, never losing focus of what they were doing and why they were doing it, no matter how difficult. Our campaign theme, Change Matters, represents the positive change that's created when everyone pulls together for a common goal to serve the people of metro Detroit."

Scheele said that the \$70 million goal was a stretch but felt the campaign team needed to set its sights high to meet the increased community needs.

Although this is the close of the campaign, there are company campaigns under way and others that haven't yet started. In addition, proceeds from United Way's second Ticket to Ride Auto Raffle will also benefit the 2003 Torch Drive.

www.hometownlife.com

Companies whose corporate and employee gifts total more than a million dollars as of Nov. 21 were recognized for their generosity. They include Comerica Inc., DaimlerChrysler Corp., DTE Energy, Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp., Lear Corp. and Visteon Automotive.

# Livonia Symphony 'Nutcracker' family affair

Meghan O'Connell can't wait to put on her green tutu, red false eyelashes and pointe shoes to become the Ballerina Doll in "The Nutcracker Ballet" presented by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and Dearborn Ballet Theatre Saturday, Dec. 6, at Churchill High School.

It's a moment the Plymouth dancer began dreaming about four years ago when she was playing one of the younger Baby Dolls. Finally at age 13, O'Connell's dancing the role on toe. But almost as important is the fact she's performing with sisters Ashley, 9, and Caitlin, 16, and father Tom. Ashley makes several entrances as a soldier, angel, and clown, Caitlin as a snowflake. Caitlin also dances the Arabian and Waltz of the Flowers. Tom is a natural in his role as one of the parents.

"It's fun and it's easy because dad drives us to the practice," said O'Connell, an eighth grade student at Divine Child School in Dearborn where she's also student council president.

"The Nutcracker" has always appealed to families with its timeless story of dolls coming to life. It makes children of all ages want to put on colorful costumes and dance to the



memorable music Tchaikovsky wrote in 1892.

"I never tire of the music or performance and apparently -neither does our audience," said Livonia Symphony president Robert Bennett.

This year will be no exception when the Dearborn Ballet Theatre takes to the stage with guest dancers Kara Wilkes as the Sugar Plum, and Chris Fellows as Snow King. Both are members of the Milwaukee Ballet. Lance Lardin, who's performed with Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and North Carolina Dance Theatre, is the Cavalier. Lane's son Corey Padesky returns from Florida as the Mouse King.

"It's the 25th anniversary of the ballet company," said Loni Lane, Dearborn Ballet Theatre's artistic director. "We have new costumes for the snow flake and flutes, and the Spanish dance is a completely revised version. The guest dancers want to come and do performances. They feel we're very professional. They call me in the middle of August, dying to do it."

"The Nutcracker Ballet" begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday (box office opens at 6:15 p.m.), at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia. Tickets are \$17, \$8 students and children, and may be purchased at all three Livonia libraries, through Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (248) 645-6666, and at the door before the performance. For more information, call (734) 425-4855.

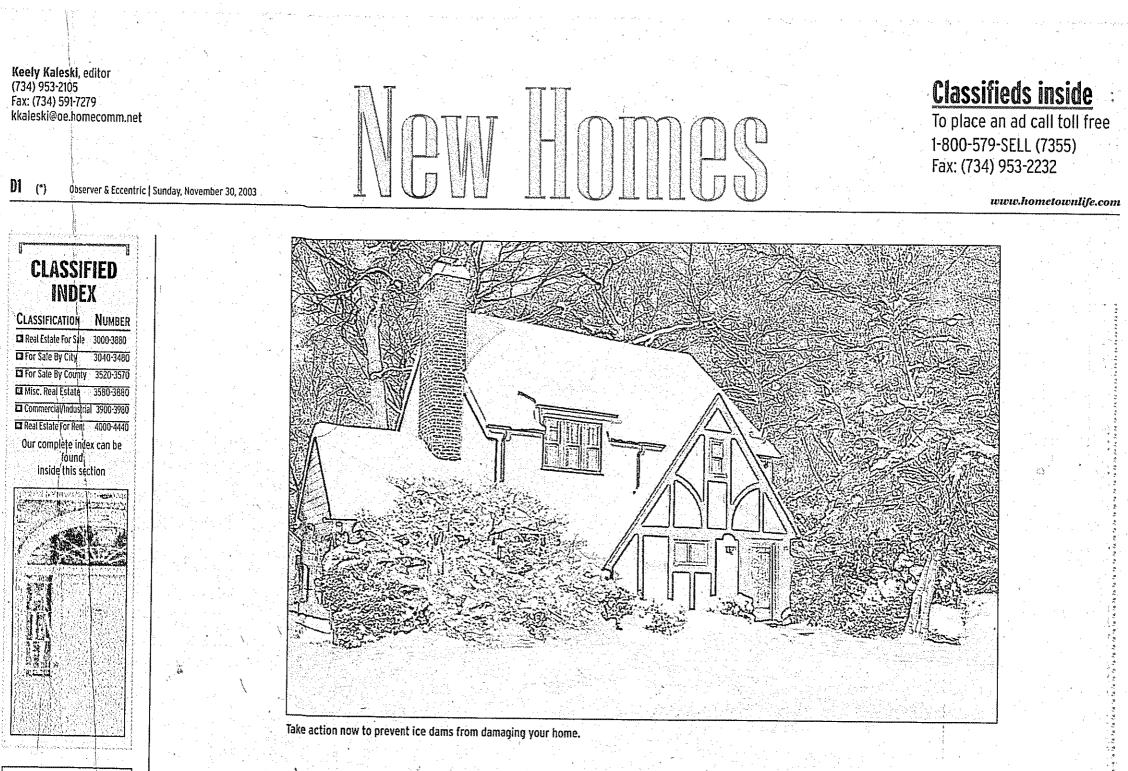
Read

Observer

Sports

1001 ......

Kroger 10 lb Idaho Potatoes or 15 lb Half Gallon Russet Wilk Potatoes 12 6 12 110755  $\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc$ SAVE AT LEAST 54c EA SAVE AT LEAST \$1.61 0 018. 1.08 U All Varieties 12 oz Pkg (Excludes Beef) 15-20 oz Oscar Selected Varieties Kellogg's Mayer Cereal Bologna E SIL SAVE AT LEAST \$1.02 EA SAVE AT LEAST \$1.59 EA U 9-13.5 oz Veal Patties, Chicken Patties, Chicken Strips or **On-Cor** 9.6-16 oz All Varieties Taste Fast, Links, Patties USDA Inspected Sold in 10 lb Box for \$12.90 Ee Chicken **Jimmy Dean Danish Pork Roll Sausage Spare Ribs** Nibblers lb (a)m. 1019 SAVE 70¢ LB SAVE 49¢ EA SAVE AT LEAST 99c EA and Items Good at Your Local Kroger Store Nov ADVENTISED ITEM POLICY: WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES, Each tised items is required to be available for sole. If we do run out of an advertised item, we your choice of a comparable item, when available, reflecting the same savings, or a r will antitive you to purchase the devertised item at the advertised reflective to the Some Items may require a deposit. visit our Website at www.Kroger.com or call Customer Service at 1-800-KROGERS



# **Call Toll Free** 1-800-579-SELL (7355) Fax Your Ad: (734) 953-2232

Walk-In Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. After Hours: Call (734) 591-0900

Bondlinger Te place	1
Deadlines: To plac cancel or correct a	ds.
Sunday	
5:30 p.m. Friday	
Sunday Real Estate	
5:30 p.m. Thursday	
Thursday	5
6 p.m. Tuesday	
Thursday Real Estate Display	
3 p.m. Monday	i. 
<i>1</i>	

View the Observer & **Eccentric Real Estate Classifieds on the Web** 



(MS) - You may not know what ice dams are, but they cost the public millions of dollars each year. Ice dams form when warmth from inside a home causes snow on the roof to melt and trickle to the roof's edge, where it refreezes, blocking gutters and drains. Since water cannot flow over the built-up ice, it seeps into the home under the shingles, often causing extensive damage to the roof decking and a home's interior - particularly ceilings, walls, interior carpets and flooring.

Fortunately, there are things that you can do to protect your home.

"If your house is susceptible to ice dams, the best time to take action is now," says Bill Mullaney, senior vice

see hundreds of claims caused by ice dams. An ounce of prevention during the warmer months can help keep things from snowballing out of control during the cooler ones." Here are some tips to consider:

# **KEEP GUTTERS CLEAR**

Keep all gutters and downspouts clear. Be sure that sticks and debris are removed from your home's gutters and downspouts. During the winter, periodically check their condition, removing any snow or icicles that accumulate.

Give your roof an overcoat. The most effective way to eliminate ice dams is to stop snowmelt by making the roof coldair from the interior can rise into the attic.

Identify water entry points within the home. You may wish to contact a contractor to locate these entry points and take the appropriate actions to create a waterproof barrier.

Once winter has arrived, there are still ways to prevent an ice dam or to minimize the effects if one has already occurred. After a snowfall, consider the following:

If possible, keep snow off the roof with a snow rake. Use a roof rake or push broom to reduce the amount of snow that could melt. Do not climb on the roof to clear the snow as serious injury may result. Also, be cautious of

ings filled with snowmelt over an ice dam is an effective way to melt the dam and create a channel for the water to run off. Be certain to lay the stockings perpendicular to the gutter near the edge of the roof.

In an emergency situation, where water is seeping into the house, notify a professional contractor at once.

Although other temporary solutions do exist, it's a good idea to leave the work to the professionals. In the meantime, it's possible to capture entering water before it causes significant damage by placing a bucket under the leak.

For additional information on how to forestall future problems, MetLife Auto & Home offers a free brochure Protecting Your Home Against Damage From Freezing Weather, by calling (800) 638-5433.

uniol Anomedication

president of customer service and claims for MetLife Auto & Home. "During the early spring, we routinely er. This can be achieved by insulating the floor of the attic and under the roof, and by blocking all crevices where warm old set of legs. Placing old nylon stock-

electrical wires. To melt the icc, bring new life to an

# The holidays are happier when they're spent in a safe house

## BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

One of the best ways to ensure holiday gatherings are a success is to make sure everyone remains happy, healthy and safe.

Hosts go to great lengths to spruce up their homes, feed relatives delicious meals and give guests warm welcomes. But, while intentions are good, often when people open their doors to guests, they also open a path to potential dangers.

The holidays are so hectic, you need to make adjustments before your guests come," said Meri-K Appy, president of the Home Safety Council. "Otherwise, an injury can totally ruin a holiday."

Children and seniors are dis-

proportionately affected by home injuries and being in unfamiliar territory only compounds the problem. Grandparents or other older relatives, though, might be embarrassed if they are seen as having special needs so it might be best to characterize any safety checks or changes as general household improvements, Appy said.

Each room of the house should be examined from the perspective of each guest - and that might mean crawling on the floor looking for sharp table corners if a toddler will be around.

Parents also need to do this walkthrough when they are the visitors, Appy says, no matter how uncomfortable it might be to ask a host for permission to

basically snoop through every room of the home. Surely everyone would appreciate someone stopping an accident before it happened, she added.

# SUPERVISE LITTLE ONES

"With little ones, it's supervision, supervision, supervision. You are the one between a child and grave danger," she said.

According to the safety council's recent study "The State of Home Safety in America," 5.6 million people are hurt each year in slips and falls within the home.

If everyone either picked up throw rugs or used adhesive to hold them down, and if they cleaned the clutter away from walkways and stairs, that number would probably fall significantly, Appy said. Other ways to reduce the risk of falls are:

D Put handrails on both sides of stairwells.

□ Improve lighting. Also keep flashlights on the bedside tables in all bedrooms.

Put a nonslip mat or adhesive decals inside bathtubs and showers. And, since bathroom floors can be slippery, provide guests with rubber-sole flipflops or slippers.

D Make sure window guards are installed to keep youngsters from leaning too far out.

Use belts on high chairs and changing tables.

□ Put up baby gates at the top and bottom of the stairwells. Appy also noted that December is the peak time for candle fires.

FIRES

'You can never trust a candle. I love them, they are beautiful, and it's OK to love them but don't leave the room if they're lit," she said. People usually are very aware about the potential fire hazard a Christmas tree poses, Appy noted, but, statistically, a fire caused by an "everyday" haz-/ ard such as a candle or a pot on the stove is more likely.

She urges parents to treat matches and lighters like guns: Keep them under lock and key, not in mom's purse or. next to dad's tools in the garage.

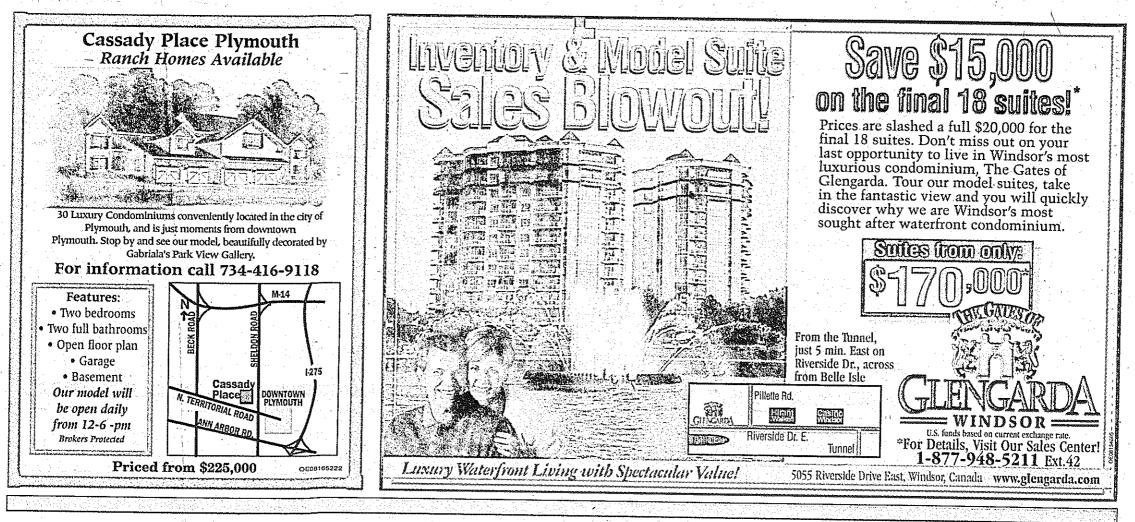
Families already should have in place an evacuation plan - and they should share it with all guests. Existing plans,

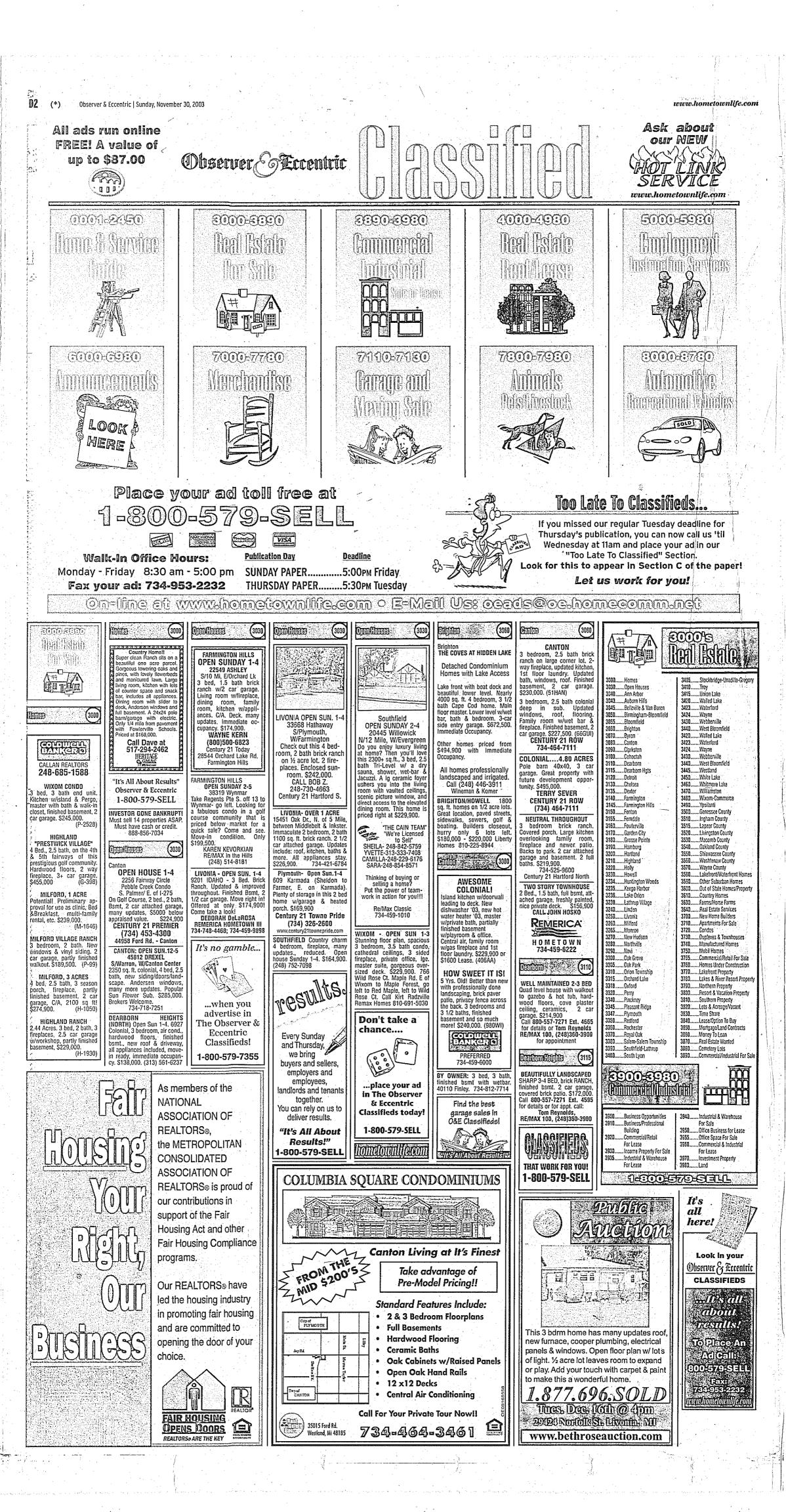
which should include two exit routes and a place to meet outside the home to make sure everyone is accounted for, might need to be adjusted to accommodate visiting children and seniors who may be in need of assistance.

Burns are a risk – even when there isn't a fire.

Hot drinks placed precariously on table edges coupled with children racing around tables create a hazard, said Appy, whose easy solution is to put coffee and tea in travel mugs.

Scald burns from hot faucets are easily avoided if homeowners turn down their water thermostats to 120 degrees, which is hot enough to sanitize dishes but won't cause such a severe burn.





NEW HOMES

# Carport makes classic ranch stand out

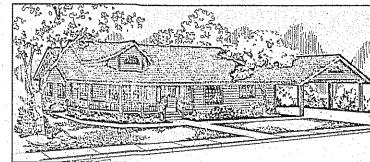
This classic ranch styled home has an interesting twist. The Kelli has a carport instead of a garage. It also has a wraparound covered porch with wooden rails, a dormer over the dining room, and half moon accent windows on the dormer and the carport.

www.hometownlife.com

The interior of this 2,131 square foot home is open and easily accessible. On the left of the entry is a vaulted dining room with four bay windows. A direct view of the living room can be seen from this room. The living room has a corner fireplace with beautiful French doors opening onto the patio in the rear. A big window, in the rear along with the doors, brings lots of sunlight into this area.

## KITCHEN

An eating bar separates the living room from the kitchen. A Lazy Susan, next to the microwave, makes stored items easier to reach. There's an island is in the center of the kitchen opposite the range/oven and dishwasher. Over the double sink is a huge



window with a view of the front yard. The nook also faces the front and is surrounded by windows.

Off the nook is an enormous utility room. It has a washer/dryer, freezer, water heater, forced air unit, sink, and counter space for folding clothes. A door opens into the carport from here.

The right side of the Kelli has two bedrooms, each with large windows and wall closets. Bedroom 2 has a built-in desk. The bathroom with a tub is situated between the two rooms. On the opposite side of this home is the master suite. It has a large main suite area with French doors opening onto the rear patio. Side-by-side are the walk-in closet and master bath.

Knocking pipes usually not serious

### BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Richard asks: We have a slow knocking sound coming from Inside a wall. The sound occurs when the upstairs bathroom faucet is turned on. I have been told that this could be the pipes banging against the wall. Is this a serious problem?

Knocking pipes usually are not a serious plumbing problem, but they can drive you nuts. Knocking or banging pipes can be caused by several things – very high water pressure (over 55 psi), air in the water lines or a failing faucet washer. Sometimes the knocking radiates along hot water pipes from a sedimentladen water heater that is in need of flushing. However, the bang-

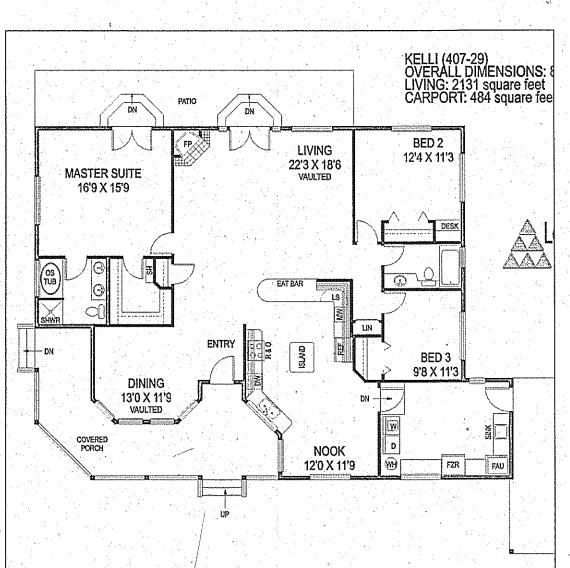
ing would occur at more than

one faucet (not just the upstairs bathroom faucet as you describe) if the source of the problem were any of the aforementioned.

We have hunch that the knocking is caused by vibration due to a brittle or deteriorating washer. If the faucet has two handles, try to determine whether the knocking occurs when you're using hot or cold water. Once you have narrowed it down to one or the other, close the shut-off valve (usually in the cabinet below the faucet), and remove the decorative handle. packing nut and valve stem. The washer is attached to the bottom of the valve stem with a small screw. Remove the existing washer and replace it. Reassemble the faucet in the

took it apart.

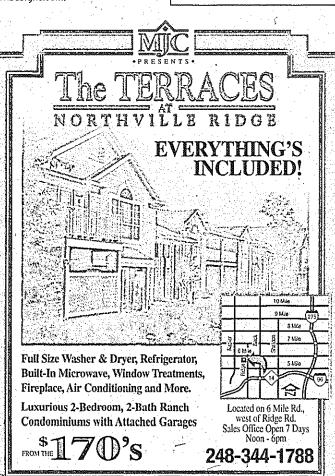
An oversized tub and corner shower along with "his and her" sinks have been incorporated into this bathroom. For a study plan, including scaled floor plan(s), elevations, section(s), and an artist rendering, send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Please specify plan name (KELLI) and the number (407-29). A catalog featuring hundreds of home plans is available for \$12.95, or save by ordering both for \$29.95. For faster processing, call (800) 562-1151 or visit www.landmarkdesigns.com.



Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

D3

(\*)



NO 21



Meadowbrook Townhomes Condominiums

Conveniently located South of 13 Mile Road. West off Meadowbrook Road. Easy Access to M-5 and Twelve Oaks Mall.

# Affordable Pricing Starting at \$229,900

Offering 12 distinct two story floor plans, a few with first floor master suites, 2 & 3 bedroom plans, ceramic baths, 9 ft. ceilings on main floor, first and second floor laundry rooms, full private basement with rough plumbing for bath, some daylight and walkout sites, 2 car garages, volume ceilings, walkout paths, and low maintenance fee. Walled Lake Schools.

# **INCLUDED IN PRICE**

- Electric Range
- 21 cu. ft. Refridgerator
- Microwave 
   Dishwasher 
   Disposal
- Central Air
- Deck (200 Series Units Only)
- Hardwood Floors in Kitchen and Nook (100 Series Units Only)
- Rough Plumbing in Basement-3 piece (buildings 16, 18, 19, & 21 Only)

Model Hours are Saturday & Sunday 12:00-5:00 pm. Weekdays 1:00-5:00 pm (Closed Thursday). For additional information call 248-349-6900 • Brokers Welcome Website: <u>www.meadowbrooktownhomes.info</u> or e-mail jstockton1@aol.com

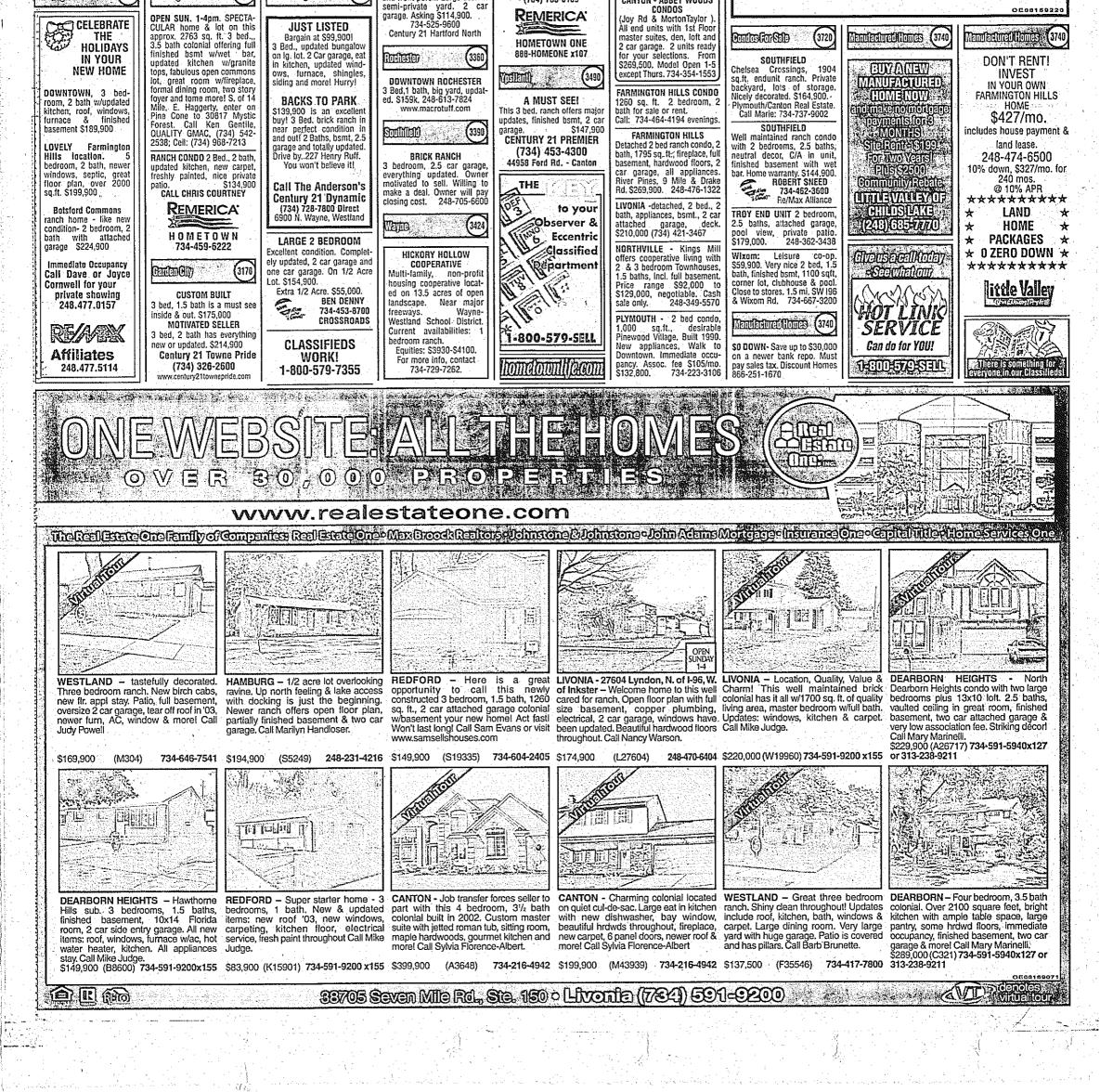


<u>D</u>4

www.hometownlife.com

OE0018922

All Ads Run Online FREE Observer & DEccentric A Value Of Up To \$87.00 www.hometownlife.com aketron()&Waterfront (3170) (3445) 3580 Westland Garlenelly CROSSWORD PUZZLER Thomas Ervin HARBOR SPRINGS-RANCH 3 Bed, 1059 sq. ft. BEAUTIFUL natural fireplace in living room, partially finished bsmt, w/4th bed., 2.5 car garage welectricity. \$139,900. LAKE MICHIGANI 2-STORY CONDO 6 bedroom, 4.5 bath home. Large porches, privacy! 125 ACROSS 36 Submerged Let's Talk About 37 Joke 38 Write on glass 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths an Answers 11-30-03 over 1500 sq.ft. in a Lake Mich. shoreline 1 Cupboard \$1,750,000 6 Not together 42 Had lunch www.crosswindsrealty.com fantastic location 3 bedroom, 3 bath cottage. 11 Cocoon 810-217-7882 Dramatic cathedral **K** VOTO 43 Corral Real Estate natural stone fireplace, good family space, 170' shoreline. dwellers 12 Kind of bliss 44 Cold and windy cellings, gorgeous wood CITIES IIII SEIS IN BOSSA AEHA SJSIUI deck, attached 2 car 45 Elected (3230) Hovell \$1,295,000. Brand New 5 bedroom, 7 bath 4 Joule fractions garage, security system. 46 Domineering 1st floor laundry, full basement and updated WAR ATE PEN 48 Exceedingly 49 Municipalities 15 Lobby home, 8500 + sq. ft., 3 fireplaces, 170' shore-line. COLONIAL WITH WALKOUT ELCH turnishings bath. The list goes on and on! \$224,900 (294AM) 17 Cajun st. 18 Gorilla 51 Tall flowers 1 acre, pond, 3 bedrooms Master craftsmanship. 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, appli ances, \$342,900. www.see 53 Japan's old \$3,999,000. 4 bed. Main house, 2 bedroom guest apt. 270" of NIS NIMADARM **"BUYER MISCONCEPTION"** 19 Arctic bird capital 54 Garlic juicer LARGE LOT IN 20 Carry homephoto.com ad# 28973 (517) 540-9860 on a trade 21 Dull-witted one WESTLAND shoreline, expansive lake Most buyers have a major misconception DOWN 196' deep lot in a desirable design regarding their use of the services of a Realtor 23 Web site addr. Nestland sub. 4 bedroom (3250 Livonie Several Lake parcels available also. Call for details. 24 Lose some 1 Marx brother Colonial with updates when purchasing a home. This causes buyers to 2 Encouraged HUTCH APART 25 Fastens galore from rooftop to the Graham Real Estate 231-526-6251 BRICK RANCH w/vinyl trim, 1000 Sq. ft., 3 bed, 1 bath, updated kitchen, hardwood -27 Copy 28 Book-to-be receive less than the high quality of service basement. Family room. strongly with fireplace, 1.5 baths 3 Appliance sales@grahamre.com www.grahamre.com they should be able to expect from their agent. (abbr.) 30 Computer and a 2.5 car garage. Close to the Elementary store display floors, large fence in yard, partially finished bsmt., 1.5 car detached garage. 4 West Coast st school. \$179,900 (870WI) This common misconception is, "Two Agents language 31 Beat the field **Bucks and Toms** 10 Bank clerks items car detached garage \$195,000. 248-890-1318 11 Pencil point 13 Wright 20 Orange seed 22 Missouri range Real Estelo Services (3640 Really bad COLOMENC DAN (CRO 6 are Better Than One." 32 Tin, in the lab Mountain top By Owner 15000 Bainbridge 33 La Scala 8 Magazine brothers' Knowing about all properties for sale I WILL BUY or lease Your 4 bedroom home on 3 acres production 35 Rose fruit fillers home sweat PREFERRED Home. Make your payments, 9 St. or blvd. 16 Boathouse 24 Tightly packed For information call 734-392-6000 repairs, close quick, any area, price, cond. 734 377-1674 Many buyers feel that they should work with 734-422-2001, 734-751-9674 26 Actres – Lupino more than one agent when searching for their IN TONQUISH SUB FABULOUS HOME & wooded 27 Tear 28 Composite Updated 3-4 bed, RANCH lot on this 2828 sq. ft. colonial offering partially finished walk out bsmt w/day light window, home. One of their assumptions is that Contos Conselo (3720) tio, bsmt, large master T tub. SHARPI \$165,000 photo 29 Space-race multiple agents will bring more potential properties to their attention. This assumption huge family room w/fieldstone fireplace, 2 full and 2 half baths, 3 car side entrance Call 800-557-7271 Ext. 4605 starter --BIRMINGHAM-or Tom Reynolds, RE/MAX 100, (248)360-3900 First floor 2 bedroom renovat-ed condo. New white kitchen, 31 Fashion baths, 3 car side entrance garage w/circular drive, super landscaping w/sprinkler, Pella Windows, private court & wooded, ravine lot w/creek and was valid in the past when agents maintained for details. accessory white wood blinds throughout 34 Compass pt JUST MOVE INI their own listings files and one agent may laundry in unit. Private and 35 Painter This ranch offers 3 bed.'s, has common entrances. Carnort Holbein Private patio, Completely fur-nished, \$229,900, Also, for know of a property not available to others who tons morel Call Ken Gentile, QUALITY GMAC, (734) 542-2538; Cell: (734) 968-7213 many updates, including 37 Artist's plaster siding on house and garage. \$136,900 39 Ringlet 40 Gives a dam did not maintain their files as accurately. lease, \$2200/mo. (OLD885) **CENTURY 21 PREMIER** HANNETT · WILSON 41 AAA recom-All listings are now maintained on a central **GREAT DEALI** (734) 453-4300 & WHITEHOUSE # mendations 3 bedroom brick & vinyl home (248) 646-6200 43 Frost or Poe computer system of the multiple organization, 44958 Ford Rd. - Canton w/over 1500 sq. ft & a 2 car 46 Sci. class garage. Newer roof, windows, of which all agents are members. This central LIVONIA SCHOOLS 47 Sharp bark BIRMINGHAM siding & more! Stevensor 48 Engage in rivalry 3 bed. brick ranch Spacious kitchen, fantastic filing system permits each agent to have High. \$169,900. \$153,000 Priced to Sell1 (32MEL) CENTURY 21 ROW 50 Baseball's finlshed Two story with finished basecomplete access to all available listings at any bsmt, Florida (734) 464-7111 ment, 900 sq.ft end unit - 2 - Cobb room, 2 car garage, 1 1/2 52 Union Pacific, time. bedrooms, 1 bath. Great loca-tion. Very clean. Private Must See baths. S174,900 e.g. appreciate. Nori (3290 Motivated agent entrance. Close to park, Short **BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM** walk to downtown. Central air. NOVI 40539 W. 10 Mile, BY Brick ranch w/ a family room, remodeled kitchen Some buyers deliberately use more than one Hardwood floors under carpet. All appliances included. OWNER- 3 bed, 2 bath, brick ranch, garage, Lease also avail. Price reduced \$168,500. agent in an effort to motivate each to do his or full bsmt, huge 2 1/2 ca 248-703-8098, 248-231-0442 garage, doorwall to patio, newer windows & root. her best. As logical as this may sound, it 407-677-7753 Bionmfleid usually has the opposite effect. \$134,900 NOVI New listing! Lochmoor Village. 4 bed, 3.5 bath colo-Compliments of the MCAR **NEW HOME FOR** REALTOR **CENTURY 21 CASTELLI** THE HOLIDAYSI It is in the buyer's best interest to use one nial, large kitchen, FL room, wood floors, finished garden view bsmt, 2 car, \$429,900. (248) 449-6534 (734) 525-7900 Move into this inviting agent who knows that his or her efforts will be Serving the area for 28 vrs ranch condo in time to celebrate the holidays. Wetropolitan Consolidated Association of KEALTORS rewarded by devoting the necessary time and **NEW CONSTRUCTION** Many special features and a beautiful view. \$400,000. energy to serve the buyer throughout the Brick ranch, side entry Cellon ...... (3350 garage, vaulted ceilings, wall Kathleen Robinson STUMPED? Call for Answers • Touch-tone or Rotary phones buying process. in closets, master bath, 248-646-2517, Ext. 208 jaccuzi tub. OPEN SUN. 1-4. MUST SEE INSIDE! 95¢ per minute • 1-900-454-3535 ext. code 708 🔒 Real Estate Dea... Updated kitchen with island. 2 2155 N. Norma, W. of Hix, S bedroom (possible three). Newer furnace, windows, root of Ford Rd. \$194,900 BILL KOKENOS (3170 Visit www.tomervin.com for relocation materials. Remission(1111) (3145) General Genera Emilipiton Ullis-(3145) م مراجع ( المحمد ا and front porch, Large deck in semi-private yard. 2 car garage. Asking \$114,900. 734-525-9600 Century 21 Hartford North (734) 788-0109 **CANTON - ABBEY WOODS** REMERICA **OPEN SUN. 1-4pm. SPECTA-**





(OF\*) Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003 www.hometownlife.com

# FINE HOMES & ESTATES



WOODED VIEWS. Well built 2 year old brick 2-story home w/almost every option. 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, sunroom, large dream kitchen, 2-story fieldstone fireplace, enlarged family room & 2-level deck. 3 car garage, 6' whirlpool, alarm system, skylights, central air, basement & much more. \$859,900 (99ABE) 248-349-5600

BETTER THAN NEW. Almost 3 years old

and all decked out. 4 BR & 3.5 BA cape

cod w/professionally finished basement.

Premium setting w/extras & upgrades everywhere. GR, den, hearth-room,

kitchen, 1st floor master suite + 3 car gar.

Meticulous in every way. Speciacular.

\$519,900 (75HIL) 248-349-5600

11

(85COM) 248-349-5600

GREAT NORTHVILLE HILLS

COURSE LOCATION. Gourmet maple

kitchen w/granite, Kitchen Aid SS appli-

ances. 4 BR, w/1st floor MBR, 3.5 bath.

See thru FPL kit-living room. Extra win-

dows & French doors added to DR, MBR

& FR. Professionally landscaped. Invisible fence. \$699,900 (77BAY) 248-349-5600

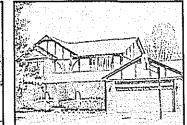
GOLF

D6

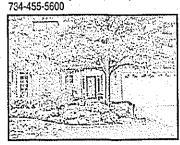




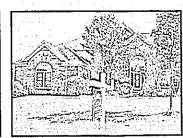
baths, 2 car att gar, bsmt w/glass blks, master bedroom w/full bath & Jacuzzi tub, great room w/fireplace, dining room, cedar deck, brick paver walkway, central air, sprinklers, gorgeous, gorgeous thruoutl (25MOR) \$259,900 734-455-5600



TIMBERS EDGE SUBDIVISION 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2003 updates includes: kitchen w/Corian counters, AC, roof, finished basement & upstairs cpt. Mstr ste w/2 WIC, oversize FR, library w/bit-ins. Formal DR, 2 car att gar. Home warranty incl: (36SIL) \$374,900



SPECTACULAR & TRANQUIL bests LAKE LIVING AT ITS BEST. Beautiful 3describes the view of the 9th fairway from bedrooms, 3 bath 2-story home in a quiet bay location on Walnut Lake. Spacious the soaring 2 story window, spacious living master suite with his & her's baths & walkroom, open floor plan, hardwood floors in in closet, GR w/travertine marble fireplace foyer, kitchen & family room, w/fireplace, 2 and great view of lake. White kitchen & car attached garage, basement & appli-ances. (39TUR) \$514,900 734-455-5600 sun-filled breakfast room. \$949,900



EXQUISITE ENTERTAINING HOME boasts 4 bdrm, 2.5 baths, cathedral ceilings, hardwood fover, oak Island, 2 way fireplace, basement & 3 car attached garage. A wonderful find. You must see! (84DEE) \$499,900 734-455-5600



TROY Outstanding custom split-level in mint condition and neutral thruout. Oak island kitchen, library with French doors, first floor master suite, finished basement and a wooded lot. Great room with gas fireplace. Elegant yet warm. \$394,990 (44GAT) 248-524-1600



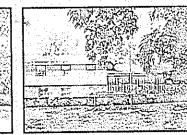
TROY Spacious three bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch in desirable Emerald Lakes with lake privileges. Large private lot with numerous pine trees, side entrance garage and great curb appeal. Spacious rooms. Finished basement. One year home warranty. \$319,900 (28SMA) 248-524-1600



ROCHESTER HILLS Park like setting. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Custom kitchen with granite counters. Hardwood and tile through out. Finished basement all on approximately 1/2 acre. Mature trees surround home. Large deck with privacy fencing. \$319,899 (33LEI) 248-652-8000



ROCHESTER HILLS Traditional colonial with contemporary feel. Loaded with quality. Great room with fireplace and dining , gourmet kitchen with Jenn-Air, ceramic floor, spacious master bedroom with walk in closet and bath with jetted tub. Finished basement. \$308,900 (38LEX) 248-652-8000



SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME 5 bedrooms, 3.5 bath quad with lake privileges on 3 lakes, family room w/FP, large kit w/breakfast nook, dining room, master BD w/full bath & WIC, very large bedrooms, possible separate living on lower level, double lot, nice storage barn. This home is a must see. \$319,900 (17DUN) 248-363-1200



GOLF COMMUNITY LIFESTYLE House overlooks 13th green. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, garage, 3 car + brick paver court yard, cedar closet, fireplace, crown moldings, wainscoting panels, thermo massage tub, rev. osmosis sys, large kit., oak cabinets, snack bar, lot of house to own. \$289,900 (17HAV) 248-363-1200

detail. 4 bedrooms, 4.1 baths, butler area, 2 fireplaces and home theatre. Jack and Jill bath, 5th bedroom and bath in lower level. Skylights, kitchen with island, formal dining room and a master suite to die forll \$1,050,000 (20PLE) 248-642-8100 

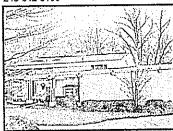
BIRMINGHAM New construction on a pre-

mier street! High quality with attention to

E



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Brick colonial with 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, built in 1995. Neutral decor, hardwood floors, 9 ft. ceilings, marble entry way, some hardwood floors, recessed lights and 1st floor master suite, White kitchen, all appliances, deck and 3 car garage. \$775,000 (47MAR) 248-642-8100



BIRMINGHAM Great contemporary sitting on approx. 2/3 acre lot, backing to Fairway Park and the Rouge river. Remodeled T/O, white kitchen, private master suite with bath and walls of windows overlooking park like yard. \$695,000 (01LIN) 248-642-



BLOOMFIELD COLONIAL Very updated

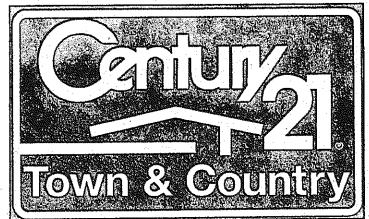
home in West Bloomfield. Must see this

great home. Bioomlield schools. \$499,900

(51BLO) 248-626-8800

HURRY ON THIS 3 BEDROOM RANCH. Professionally decorated and landscaped. Master bedroom has WIC, bath with separate shower and jetted tub. Beautifully fin-Ished basement with wet bar. GR w/cathe-dral ceiling & frplc. Open flr plan. 1 yr home warranty and much more. \$315,900 (08BUC) 248-626-8800

HARBOR BEACH Lake Huron waterfront on approx. 4 acres. Watch the sunrise and the freighters go by from the large deck on this 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home in the thumb area. 2.5 car attached garage, large pole barn with 1.5 bath, heat and electricity and 1 car garage by beach. Well maintained. \$525,000 (22LAK) 248-642-8100



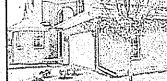
Michigan's #1

Century 21 Firm!

FINE HOMES SHESTATES



BETTER THAN NEWI Why build? This 2 year old 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial has all the upgrades. Cherry cabinets, granite counters, Jack & Jill baths, 2 story foyer & FR, conservatory, princess suite, finished LL w/BR, BA & FR. Backs to woods tool \$699,000 (10CHE) 248-349-5600



TROY Luxury two-story condo with basement, two car attached garage, deck and loft overlooking great room. First floor master bedroom with Jacuzzi tub. Hardwood floors in kitchen. First floor laundry. Great room with gas fireplace. \$39,900 (64MAY)



OAKLAND-Fabulous model home. Luxurious new build in secluded sub is loaded with extras. Cherry cabinets, granite, hardwood floors, 9 ft ceilings, 2 fireplaces, 2 laundry rooms, 2 powder rooms, spacious master suite, guest room with private bath. \$784,000 (56PAR) 248-652-8000

OAKLAND Newly built cape cod. Located

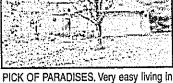
in Oakland Townships most secluded sub-This luxury home features cherry cabinets and granite counters, two way fireplace in great room, octagon breakfast room, 9 ft. ceilings, stainless appliances, spa-cious master suite. \$679,900 (45WOO)

248-652-8000



GORGEOUS COUNTRY SETTING Over an acre rolling treed lot. Privacy & seclusion abound. Spacious quad 4 bedroom, 2 full bath & 2 half bath, huge living room with fireplace, dining room, spacious kit & bedrooms. Inviting sunroom. New furnace & AC, newer roof. Bloomfield Schools. \$505,000 (49RIS) 248-363-1200

III JUJUUU



this 3 bedroom condo. 1st Il master suite w/his & her closets, 2 bedroom on upper level. White kitchen w/black granite counters & lots of upgrade throughout. 2 decks. The garage is even clean. \$340,000 (47BUR) 248-626-8800



BEVERLY HILLS A perfect home! 5 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 half baths with open floor plan. Master and junior suites and large family room. 3 decks, great for entertaining and 3 car attached garage. Priced for quick sale \$499,900 (00LAH) 248-642-8100



FRANKLIN A pleasure in every way, 4 BR, 3.5 BA home blends contempo. w/traditional, creating spaces suited to family & entertaining. Cathedral ceilings, HDWD firs, updated BA & Pella drwll to Ige deck in beautiful yard bordered by woods. Newer rf, furn, C/A & possible in-law ste, lib & fin bsmt. \$469,900 (11CHE) 248-642-8100



HIGHLAND First time on the marketll bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/master bedroom with 2 sided fireplace and 2 large closets. Family room w/built in entertainment cove & remote blinds. Very neutral w/tasteful decor. Golf community. \$394,800 (67PRE) 248-642-8100



COMMERCE Wonderful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath '99 built colonial with terrific views of #1 fairway on Beacon Hill golf course. Club house, driving range and family member-ship available. Large kitchen with pantry, island, huge master & neutral thruout. \$319,900 (35IVY) 248-642-8100



See it for yourself. Quality built T/O. 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial w/open floor plan with views from every window. Nice location siding to a pond. Long wood walk path to serene Tree island. Nicely finished walkout with French door. \$599,000 (89DIX) 248-349-5600

FEED THE DEER AT HOME Approx. 14.5

acres offeiting 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath, ranch

w/2.5 car att gar, pole barn, lots of closet

space, beautifully tiled foyer. All this built in

2001. Custom kitchen & cabinets. A walk

to Belleville Lake, Great location, \$299,900

backing to woods & golf course offers 3

bdrm, 2.5 bath, 3+ car attached gar, base-

ment, private patio, 1st floor master suite

with his & her walk-in closet, great room

with gas fireplace & cathedral ceiling.

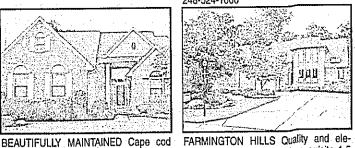
(65MAR) 734-455-5600



ROCHESTER Neutrally decorated fourbedroom colonial with 4.5 baths, two-story family room and foyer and dual staircases. Two-way gas fireplace in white kitchen and family room. Large master bedroom suite. Side entrance garage. \$490,000 (45LOG) 248-524-1600



TROY New construction colonial with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, full basement, 2 car garage & Troy schools. Oak kitchen with pantry and large nock. Great room with gas fireplace and tile surround. Library with bay. Master bedrooms with tub and separate shower. \$399,900 (66HAR) 248-524-1600



FARMINGTON HILLS Quality and elegance can be found in this exquisite 1.5 story home with 1st floor master suite, library, great room with fireplace and finished walk-out with fireplace, sauna and rainforest shower. Deck, private yard. \$549,900 (21HID) 248-524-1600

bath. Orion schools. \$579,900 and (01EAG) 248-652-8000

OXFORD-Lake of Indianwood. Builders

own ranch style home, loads of details and

a wooded private lot. Large first floor mas-

ter with spa tub. All season sunroom,

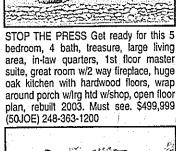
paver patio, hardwood, ceramic, crown

moldings, finished basement with kitchen

OXFORD-So many extra touches. Designer show place, professionally landscaped, gas fireplace, four skylights, 9 ft ceiling with granite Island, lavish master bath with jet tub. 3 car garage, finished basement with bath and second kitchen.



\$419,000 (31BAY) 248-652-8000



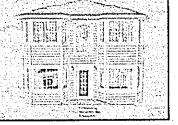


unfinished walkout with carpet, 3 car garage and deeded, dock. \$489,900 (62WOO) 248-363-1200.



COME LIVE YOUR DREAM Exceptional gracious colonial in prime location backing to scenic nature trail, exposed thru walls of glass. Huge walkout basement w/patio. Extension deck off fabulous great room w/vaulted ceiling & marble fpl to x-way & mall, \$459,900 (46SUN) 248-363-1200

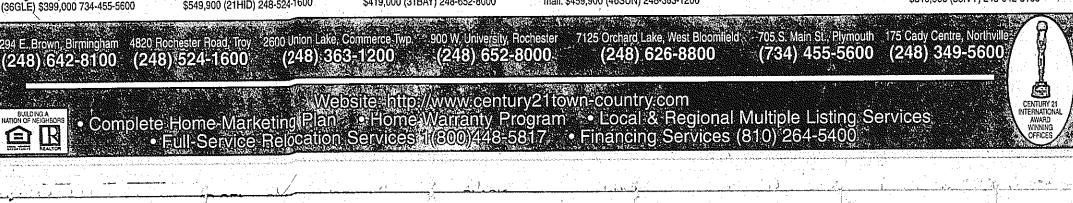




BIRMINGHAM COLONIAL Heart of Birmingham, Being built in 2004. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath. Walking distance to \$475,000 downtown Birmingham. (03FOU) 248-626-8800

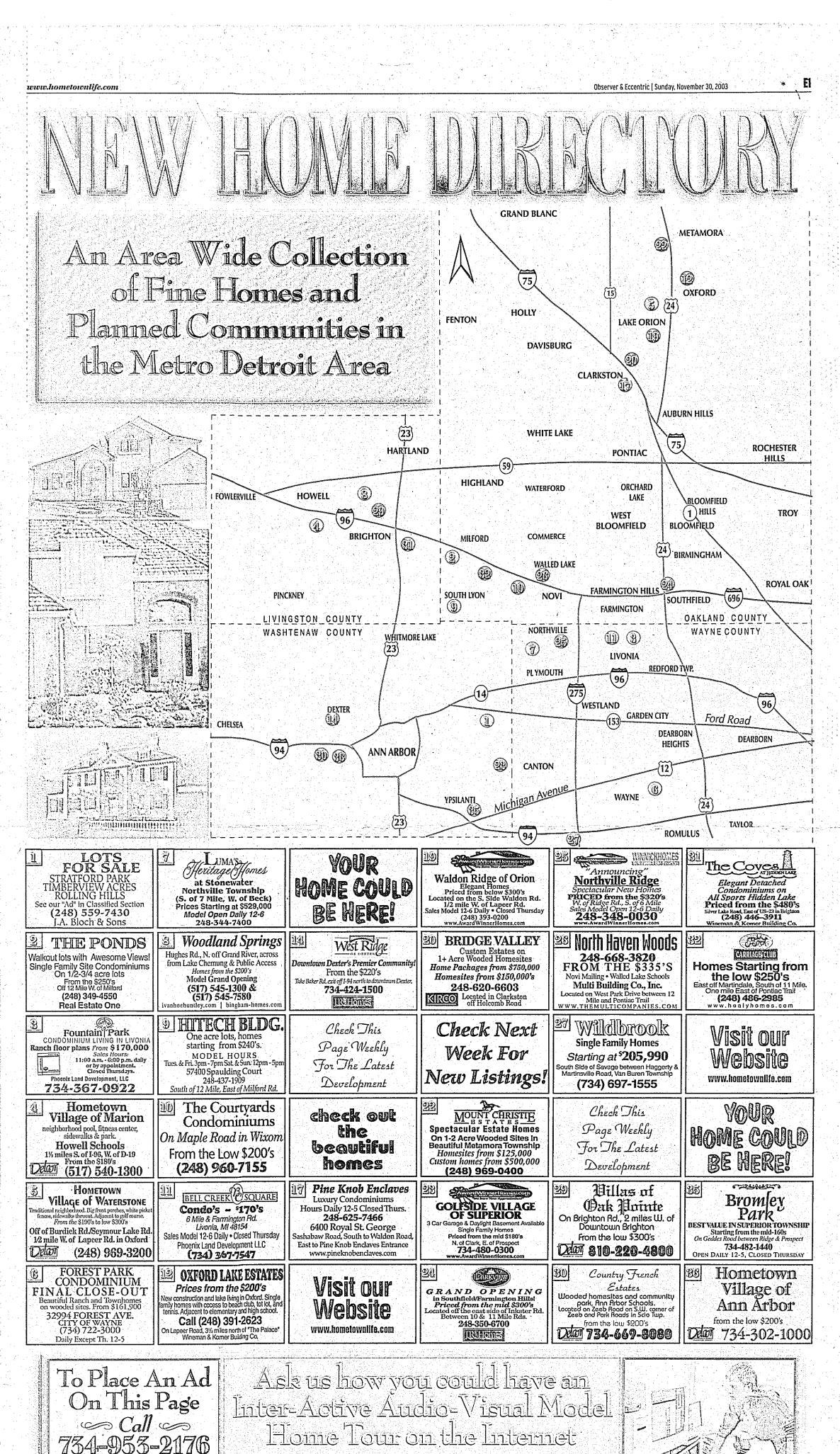


A SHARP 2 BEDROOM HOME Double entry door entry, ceramic tile throughout. Updated kitchen, huge deck with gazebo, recessed lights throughout. Bay windows, newer exterior paint, ceiling fans throughout. \$334,900 (22WAT) 248-626-8800





EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES Brand new Forest Bay home displaying wood flooring, marble, huge great room, kitchen with island and appliances, master bedroom, with closet large enough to live in,



Ų.

121

Observer & Eccentric

www.hometownlife.com

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

www.hometownlife.com





E4 (\*) Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

www.hometownlife.com



www.hometownlife.com

5030

Mailtall

Adhadho 4 a 🖓

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003 (\*) E5

three years White Table Cloth exp. For small kitchen in upscale gentlemen's club. and holidays. Type 40 wpm required. MA exp. preferred. EXPERT Apply in person only. No calls. Play House Inc. 13201 Middlebelt Rd. Apply in person, mail or fax resume to: (between Northline & Eureka) HOSPITAL CONSOLIDATED LABORATORIES 23775 Northwestern Hwy COOK INSIDE SALES hiring full & part-time days & Join one of the fastest grow nights, exc. pay, exc. working conditions. Apply within Southfield, MI, 48075 ing service companies in the Fax: 248-226-2075 340 N. Main St. Plymouth. email to: resume@Providence COUNTER PERSON/ Hospital.org Subject: Lab Aid/SpecImen SANDWICH MAKER For carry-out deli, Good pay interview with Lynn Processor NW company benefits. Call 248-248-349-4505, ext. 204 352-7377, ask for Sid or Harry Inside Sales/ LPN'S NEEDEDH CREW MEMBERS - Colfee beanery cafe. Full or Part Immediate openings.Must have trachcare experience Home Health care case locatompetitive wages. 734-213-0238 Full-Time. Dutles include Sales/Order Entry Inside ed in Belleville area. Part-time.Must have Friday, Saturday, Sunday availability Earn S20/hrl Call Sarah at Cybertech (734) 742-0167 handling Customer Issues 810-227-9550 Material experience Building DAYTIME COUNTER & KITCHEN HELP NEEDED preferred. Email resume to: Attn: Controller at 5040 Elite Sweets, Livonia (248) 476-3600 iwisniewski@lenovers.com or fax to 734-427-0986 LPN/MA NEW HOME SALES ASSISTANTS Busy dermatology practice EXECUTIVE seeks natient-oriented person challenged by the potential of **CHEF/BANQUET** expanded duties. Mon,-Thurs, Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Rd., Milford, Fax **Dental Assistant** Home Sales Assistants for area Fax resume to 313-563-5517, communities. Position assists New Home Sales Manager resume: 248-684-9402 MAMMOGRAM TECH Full or part-time, Good benefits, Livonia & Southfield JIMMY JOHN'S (313) 937-2626 areas. Call 734-462-2700 puter knowledge and must be PLYMOUTH ndable. Weekends a must Qualified candidates please MEDICAL Working at Jimmy John's will prove that hard work can be funl Be part of a team serving fax resume to (248) 324-2066 **RECEPTIONIST / NEW HOMES** ASSISTANT sandwiches to great great customers. Join us for a Jan. needed part & full-time for opening. Flexible scheduling for students, retirees, and parents. Shift Managers that busy podiatrist office, Exp. residential builders is seeking DENTAL ASSISTANT preferred, will train. New Home Sales Associate Fax resume to 248-474-0575 Position requires local travel can lead responsible by example, in-Shop Per-Sales experience, New Hon or call: 248-474-0040 sonnel, and Drivers with good records call 734-737-0770 248-851-1034 MEDICAL ASSISTANT Full-time for busy Internal medicine office. Great pay, benefits & hours. No holiday LOGAN'S ROAD HOUSE or weekends, Exp. preferred. Call Lisa (313) 561-4540 PERIENCED SERVERS GRILL COOKS & MEAT CUTTER MEDICAL BILLER Full Royal Oak. Experienced, references, efficient, honest. or part time Employer of choice, fun REAL ESTATE atmosphere. Fax resume to: 248-737-0285 casual DENTAL HYGIENIST Apply in person 28599 Schoolcraft, Livonia. **CAREER SEMINAR** MEDICAL BILLERS fo Join us for a FREE information session about growing billing company seeking experienced billers: starting a Career in Real NIGHT MANAGER Full-time Estate With cooking experienced. Great pay. Call Daniel after 2pm, Mon. - Fri. Benefits Great opportunity
 Fax resume to: 313-240-7301 Tues. Dec. 9 @ 7:00pm 248-474-3533

Food/Beverage/ Pastaurant

(5080)

Sales and the set

(5120

Sales

(5120)

(5060)

DENTAL HYGIENIST For established Northville general practice. Full time, benefits, no evenings or weekends. 248-347-4250

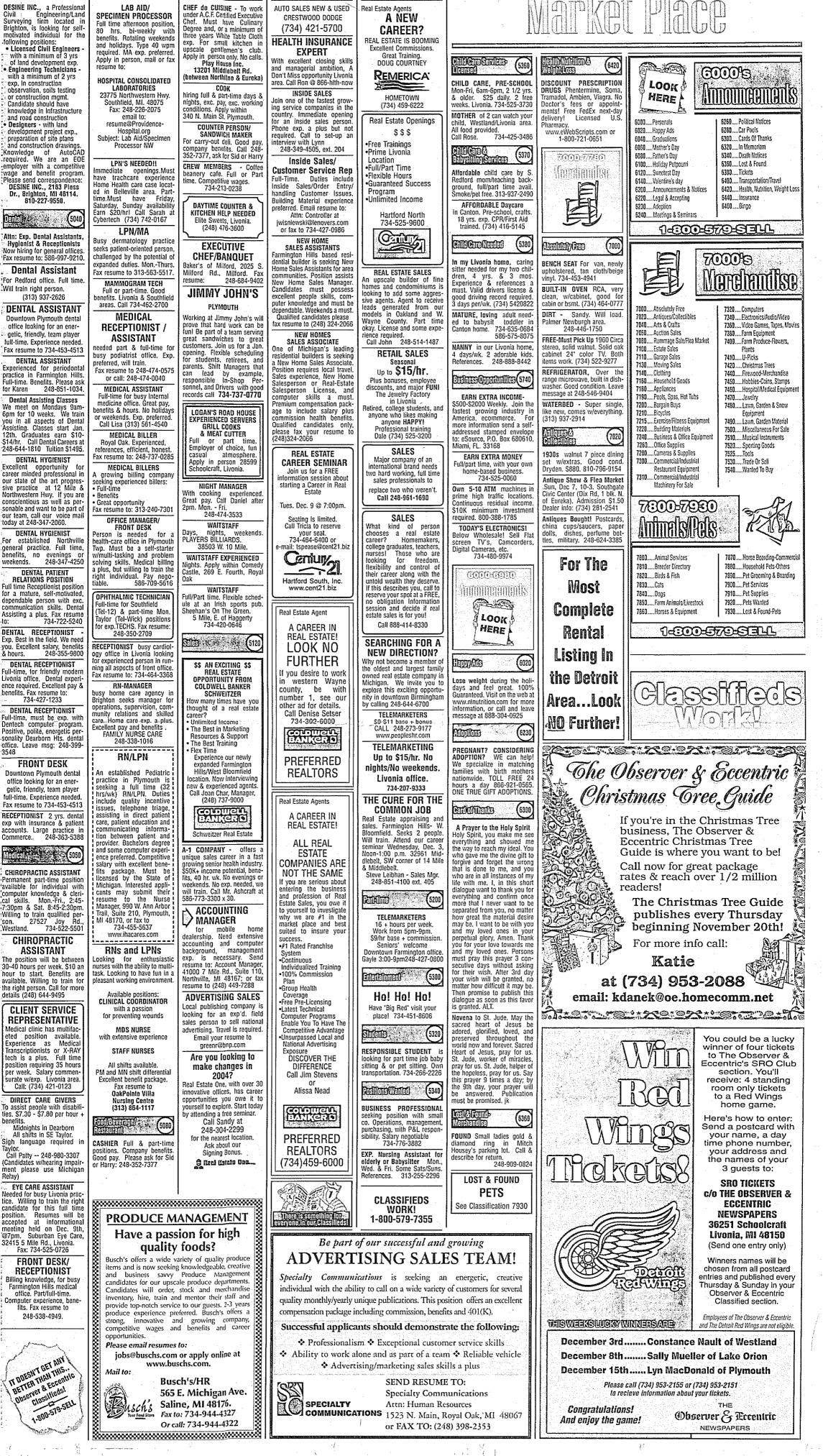
Full time Receptionist position for a mature, self-motivated dependable person with exc. communication skills. Dental Assisting a plus. Fax resume to: 734-722-5240

Exp. Best in the field. We need you. Excellent salary, benefits & hours. 248-355-9800

Full-time, for friendly modern Livonia office. Dental experi-ence required. Excellent pay &

**RN-MANAGER** home care agency Brighton seeks manager for







build for a sincere iong term relationship. Preferably N/S and social drinker; I love hockey, music, movies, dining out and much more, Westland area, Ad#:570055

## HIGH ON LIFE

Ad#:570006

Friendly, quiet, SBF, 51, pleasantiy plump. Enjoys the arts, walking, movies, & Church activities, 1 I'm a very nice, attractive SBF: 38, with jet black hair. Enjoys music, dining and live concerts. Seeking respectful, handsome, SM, under 48: Waiting to hear from you. would like to meet a loving partunder 65, to enjoy 48: Waiting to hear from you. Ad#557230 life

CHALLENGE ME

ARE WE ALIKE? 🔊 🖉

VISIONS OF LOVE

Ad#:558695

heart. Ad#:557779

**SUGAR & SPICE** 

SWF, 50, with above average-

looks, good communicator, amus

ing, loving soul mate. Seeking DWM, 45-60, clean-cut gentleman.

looking for serious relationship.

I'm 5'3', with dark brown hair/eyes. A personable, SWF, 44,

ured, enjoys spontaneous fun, fishing and horses. Seeking best

## SEARCHING 🔊

SWF, 44, who loves the loud pipes, Harley's, also likes The Red Wing's. Seaking SWM, 45-55. Ad#:501033

# QUEEN OF HEARTS

Ad#:482566 This 55 year old, SWF is a full-fig-ured 5'10' beauty with brown eyes COLORFUL 🔄 🔎 and a pretty face. She is intelligent Generous-hearted, impulsive, care-free, professional, SBF, 41, a rare humorous, compassionate and loving. She enjoys antiques, golf. find, i'm seeking bonorable, jun Lake Michigan and is seeking an SWM, 36-55, cheerful, yet can be humorous. Ad#:557303 attractive SWM, 45-50, to spend

# time with. Ad/:568864

**FUN-LOVING** SBF, 50, 5'5\*, with brown hair and eyes. Interests are time with friends, basketball, football, music, shows, etc. Looking fo Intelligent; sincere, trusting SBM, over 45, who is fun to be with and has similar Interests. Ad#:568473

### **FLL BE WAITING**

Calm, laid-back SWF, 62, 5'2", 110 Ibs., blonde hair, blue eyes. Loves family activities, cooking, crocheting, cultural events and more. Seeks a kind, quiet SWM, 56+ friend, companion first, N/S, N/D, professional DB/WM, with real who cares about other people, and loves animals. Ad#:567481

### **BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT**

DWF, 55, loves animals, God, nature, interior decorating and more. I'm seeking companionship SWF, 57, 5'4\*, red curly bair, brown eyes. Enjoys movies, thewith SWM, 54-65, someone to talk ater, boating, swimming, cooking and time with family. Seeking a with and care about. Ad#:557587 spiritual, successful and fun. Ad#:473611 SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP (3) SWF, 60, 5'2', medium build, brown hair, outgoing, looking for personable, caring, SWM, 60-70,

## YOU WILL LIKE ME

A DECENT LADY

with. Ad: 567167

Ad#:503750

Attractive, blond, fun-loving, SWF. 66. medium-build, artist, Enjoys travel and cuddling with someone special, seeks a SWM, 60 plus. Let's meet. Ad#:567287 Ad#:444245

# **BIG & BEAUTIFUL**

Happy to meet you, outgoing, sociable, artist, 70, avid reader, movie fan, with many, many hob-bles. Seeking well-groomed SWM, Attractive, Intelligent, fun-loving, SWF, 66. Enjoys simple pleasures. Willing to meet a SWM, 60 plus, honest gentleman, to share fur 65-75, down-to-earth. Let's meet. Ad#:556080

### DON'T HESITATE.

**BIG & BEAUTIFUL** I'm ready for fun & laughterl SBF, 46, 6', a smoker, social drinker. I Lald-back, loving SWF, 33, values family and friends. Seeking friendly, upbeat, humorous SWM, 26-29, enjoy watching sports and traveling, I'm searching for a SBM, 55with similar characteristics. who shares my interests. platonic relationship, Ad#:556339 BEAUTIFUL

### ARE YOU THE LOVING TYPE? SB Mom, 24, 5'5', 130 lbs., seeks Respectful, SBF, 29, 5'2", light skin, red hair. Enjoys sports, nica-looking SBM, 24-30, who likes to have fun, Ad#:555886 wow, row nart, chigys sports, movies and shopping. Looking for an attractive, SM, 18-35, who is loving, open-minded & intelligent. Ad#:565558 SUNSHINE IN YOUR LIFE SBF, 30, 5'7', 127 lbs., light skinned, short hair. Funny, outgo-

# ROMANCE

ing, and always bring sunshine to the room. Enjoys bowling, skating, partying, and cooking. Looking for a SM, 25-42, with similar interests, can make her smile. who 59-70, who likes dancing, cards Ad#:555400 travel, and wants a long-term rela-FROM THE HEART

### tionship. Ad#:403303 HOW ABOUT US?

easygoing, Ad#:564711

SWF, 61 years old, social drinker. Enjoys walks, working out, pho-tography, dining out and more. Seeks a warm, honest, secure, SWM, 57-68. er. Ad#:539251

tant thing... the other half in my life, Ad#:406107

# GET IN TOUCH

Confident, humorous, fun, sponta-neous SWF, 23, 5'2', medium build. Looking for a SWM, 23-31, N/S, N/D, drug-free. Ad#:545721

FLINT AREA Family-oriented, SWF, 55 years old, green-eyed blonde, temporarily disabled. Loves concerts, dining out etc. Seeks honest, kind, SWM 50-60, with a sense of humor and similar interests. Ad#:545505

## WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING? SW Mom, 39, 5'4", blue-eyed blonde, fun to be around. I love long walks, movies and time with my daughter, I'm seeking a tall, honest, SWM, 34-45, who likes

children, Ad#:544961 FOLLOW ME Gregarious, SWF, 53, 5'7', silm, brunette with many interests. Looking to meet a handsome and financially secure SWM, 45-55, who is 5'10' or above with a slim build. Ad#:544561

### who enjoys quality time with my children, race cars & a variety of interests. Seeking a loving relation-HONESTY ABOVE ALL (S) Want to be spolled? I'm a fun-lov-ing SWF, 55, tall, with green eyes shin, with a creative SM, 42-58. who's happy & confident. & blondish-brown hair, who enjoys movies, camping, sewing, cooking and time at home. Looking for a DO WE CLICK? Professional SWF, 45, 5'2", full-flg-

sincere, warm, genuine SWM, 55-68, who enjoys life. Must be a non-smoker, Ad#:543693 SB Mom, 19, short, light complex-

# lon, funny and sweet. Seeking a respectful, kind, fun-loving SBM, 18+. Ad#:543345

THERE'S STILL HOPE DWF, 28, affectionate, honest, sin-cere, with one child. Seeking SWM, 28-40, non-smoker, emofinancially secure man. tionally. Ad#:542629

### ENJOY LIFE 5'9"+, with time to devote to a relationship. Likes to go places, quiet times and is able to show affection. quiet

Friendly, caring, SWF, 57, 5'3', medium bulld, dark halr/eyes. Enjoys spending romantic evenings at home, cuddling and holding hands. Looking for a SWM, social-drinker, 56-60, who shares the same interests, for ship and possible more Ad#:504863

## LETS TALK Outgoing and friendly SWF, 19, 5'8', brown hair, blue eyes, smoker, Enloys animals, crafts, the outdoors and loves roller coasters. Looking for an honest and up-front SWM, 40-51, with similar interests who has a get-up-and-go attitude. Ad#:539780

### BROWN EYED LADY

SWF, S'4, 48, enjoys barbecued ribs, funny movies, page turning books. Desires SWM, N/S, 40-55, that I can look up to, who can make me laugh, is sort of handsome and secure in finances and self. Ad#:473551

### TIME FOR YOU

Short, petite, funny, honest SWF, 38, sarcastic. I like movies, local shows, reading, computer, etc. Seeking monogamous relationship with SWM, 40-45, long walks, good coffee, dancing, Ad#:540074

Funny, honest, outgoing SWF, 49, 5'6', medium build, auburn-brown hair, hazel eyes, Enjoys bowling darts, shooting pool, long walks & dining out. Hoping to find an open, tunny SWM, 45-60, with like interests, to share special times togethSlim, easygoing SWF, 58, is seri-ous-minded, confident, knowl-edgeable. Enjoys summers and winters, going places, golf, boat-ing. Seeking SWM, 55-68, for sharing, caring and warmth. Ad#:505784 STABBY NIGHT DRIVE SWF, 60, 5'6' medium build, auburn hair, green eyes. Enjoys travel, outdoors & gardening. Seeking tall, educated, Indian descent M. 55-60, with same interests & family values. Ad#:534311 LOVES TO TALK

CALL ME

WALK MY PIER

Faithful SW Mom, 37, 5'2", with brown, highlighted hair & bluelshgreen eyes. Interested in movies, dining out, cuddling and family outings. Seeking an honest, lun-loving SBM, 28+, who isn't alraid to be himself. Ad#:534212

TIRED OF BEING ALONE SWF, young 50 years old, medium build, easygoing, fun-toving. I'm a versatile, loves home life to museums. Seeking warm, gentle, down-to-earth SWM, 45-65, for long walks, conversation, Ad#:533968 PATIENTLY WAITING FOR YOU SWF, 60, auburn hair, green eyes, professional. Enjoys travel, weekend get-a-ways, camping, cuddling and more. Seeking a SWM, 57-70, who is loving, humorous, N/S, N/D, lun and alfectionate.

Ad#:405309 KINDRED SPIRIT Looking for conversational com-panionship with a quality gentle-man, 72-76. L am attractive, fun SWF, 72. Christian local 72, Christian, local. Ad#:533625

ENJOY LIFE SWF, 37, 5'7", with blue eyes and brown hair. Interests are time with her children, camping, basketball, golfing, music and concerts. I onking for a SWM. 30-45, who is fun to be around. Ad#:444655 THIS IS IT

DWF, 52, young-looking Jewish lady, medium to large build, humorous. Enjoys art fairs, crafting, Seeking supportive, financially stable SWM, 40-65, Give me a try Ad#:532334 SHARE A MOONLIT NIGHT

dish/blonde hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys bowling, sports and exerclse. Looking for a sincere, good-humored SWM, 50-62. Ad#:493215

& anonymously. 1-800-487-2038 ARE YOU EXCEPTIONAL? 23 year old single black female, searching for a protessional, out-Educated, well-traveled, energetic, warm, SWCF, 45, N/S. Enjoys going single white male, 30-40. Ad#:536248 working out, cooking, pool, golf, antiquing, etc. Looking for an active, engaging, sweet SWM, under 55. Ad#;529268 KISSES REQUIRED DWF, 50, green-eyed blonde, needs tender, loving care. Enjoys animals, the arts, conversation and nature. Looking for an intelligent SM, 40-60, for friendship, and possibly more. Ad#:529249 HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Chat NOW with singles one-to-one, securely

> I'm a SBF, 52, 5'5', with black hair & brown eves, who enjoys bowling jazz. Seeking an outgoing, smart SBM, 48-58, with a great sense of humor, Ad#:528909 **MULTI- INTERESTED AAF**

SBF, 50, homeowner, has teenage son, enjoys gardening and meeting new people, Seeking SM, 40-60, race unimportant. Ad#:528623 CALL ME

SNA Mom, 26, 5'4", 160 lbs., seeks tall, thin SM, 21-29, with a mustache & cycbrow plercing. Ad#:519034

HONORABLE Bright, Jun, SWF, 50, 5'8\*, slender, long blonde hair, brown eyes, new to the area. Enjoys skiing, running daily, eating well & staying active. In search of an outgoing, tall, slen-der, sincere, intelligent SWM, 45-60, with various interests. Ad#:516494

LIFE OF THE PARTY Attractive, fun, creative SBF, 39, loves to laugh. Enjoys dinner parties, travel and scrap booking, Looking for a chivalrous SM, 35-50. Ad#:512335

MAKE TIME FOR ME I'm a 46 year old SWF, with blonde hair, who's been looking for romance in all the wrong places. Seeking a good-natured, humorous, talkative, gentle, kind SWCM, 34-45, for romance and companionship, I prefer someone without children, Ad#:505052

HAPPY GO LUCKY 🔊 SBF, 31, 5'6", great sense of humor who enjoys decorating, cooking and reading. Seeking honest, trustworthy, respectful, intelligent SM, 31-50, has zest for life. Ad#:506016

# Bubbiy SWF, 55, 5'4", 135 lbs, red-

DINNER? Easygoing, attractive SWF, 29, enjoys dining out, clubs and long walks in the park. Looking for a laid-back, good-looking SBM, 29-39. Ad#:506117

men seeking women Call 1-900-226-9950

\$2.19 per minute, \$2.19 per call connect fee

LOVE THE OUTDODRS SWM, 56, 5'7', medium Loves the outdoors, Seeks fit lady, 45-57, for weekend activities, possible romance. Ad#:403918

### THE PERFECT MAN Handsome, SBM, 35, 5'10, nice smile, I'm nice, honest & respectful. I enjoy cars, sports, sightseeing, & life in general. I am ready to meet an attractive, slim/medlumbuilt, respectful, sincere SF, 100-160 lbs, who's marriage & familyminded, Ad#:561918

GENTLE SOUL

Others say, i'm funny, compas-sionate, loving, huggable, SBM, 33, 242 lbs., bald, love to joke around. Looking for an voluptuous, SHF, 29-36, someone who is nonludomental just like ាត Ad#:572149

DON'T USE ME... 🔊 Very fit SWM, 40, 6'2', with areen eyes and blond hair, I'm fun, dependable, outgoing, hardworking, and I love NASCARI Hope to meet a caring, honest, responsible SF, under S5, who has time for a strong relationship. Ad#:564348

NUBIAN KING SBM, 31, strong, sincere, gentle. Just here to meet a nice SF, whose caring and interested in a one-onone relationship, Ad#:571594

WORTH A CALL Quiet, shy SWM, 51, 6', 210 lbs., disabled, brown eyes, sait & pep-per hair. Enjoys woodworking, movies, and working on cars & his house. Seeking a well-balanced, SWF, 45-57, to share life with. Ad#:571450

HIGH ON LIFE SBM, 19, with a nice smile.

Looking for long term relationship with a beautiful, intelligent, SBF, 19-29. has future goals.

## Ad#:571433 HABLEY DAVIDSON MAN

I am 6', with brown hair, outgoing, fun, SWM, 42, with many hobbies, Seeking fun, adventurous, out-doors woman, 30-45, with similar Interests, Ad#:571055

Questions? Contact Customer Service - call 1-866-281-2976. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9a.m.-10p.m. EST or visit us online and click CONTACT US to send us an e-mail. Customer Service provided by DRMOC.

M-Male, B-Black, El-East Indian, F-Female, C-Christian, W-White, A-Asian, S-Single, WW-Widowed,

N/S-Non-Smoker, NA-Native American, H-Hispanic

Place your FREE word ad, call toll free 1-800-487-2038

•FREE Print Ad • FREE Voice Greeting • FREE Message Notification

biking, crystal blue eyes. Enjoy biking, volleyball, frisbee, or relax-ing in the sun. Seeking I//S SF, 21-45, with an intuitive personality, good sense of humor and who is into sports. Ad#:556013 SHARE MY WORLD Witty, honest, SWM, 43, 5'9', 160 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes. Enjoys fishing, the beach/ocean, walking my dogs, and woodworking. Looking for SWF, 32-51, who likes

to try new things, including sports. Ad#:565685 LIFE IS BETTER SHARED White male, dentist, 6', 173 ibs., 54, very successful and attractive. Seeking a white female, 38 to 53, 5'4" plus, slim, non-smoker, very attractive and physically fit, who and seeking a best friend. Ad#1403950

EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL SWM, 45, 5'8', fit, light brown hair, blue eyes. Looking for a passion-ate, compassionale, professional SWF, 28-45. LIVONIA area only. Ad#:449863

DON'T SETTLE FOR LESS... SBM, 21 years old, a fun; caring person. Enjoys fishing, writing, strolls in the park and vacations. Seeking a loving, kind, warm SF, 19+, who is willing to give him her all, Ad#:564284

UNIQUELY DIFFERENT real twist from the ordinary. SWM, 40, athletic-build, good-looking, shy at first. Looking for a sensitive, SWF, 22-48, to develop a loving relationship. Ad#:564208

HOW QUAINT Attractive, professional, secure, DWM, 59, would like to meet lady of quality values, for growth, com-munication and sincere relation-ship. Ad#:564207

END MY SEARCH 🏵 DWM, 47, 5'11', 160 lbs., enjoys sports, quiet times and more. Seeking a slender, petite SWF, 25-50, to share interests together. Ad#:563734

ALL AROUND GUY SBM, 42, brown eyes, easygoing, fun, lovable, chef. Enjoys basketball, cooking, spending time with family and friends. Seeking SBF 40-45, who loves to lauch 40-45, who loves to laugh. Ad#:563199

SOMEBODY'S MAN SWM, 55, smoker, seeking slender to medium-build SWF, 45-55, to chat with, go places, enjoy variety of fun, etc. Give me a call. LAVO-NIA area. Ad#:536393

NO EXTRA BAGGAGE SWM, 48, who likes the outdoors. lishing, camping, boating and ani-mals. Seeking SWF, 38-48, for a soulmate, to have some nice times togelher. Ad#:480941

A POEM 4 U Just two ugly oysters needing two pearls, we're two lonely guys in search of two girls. One drinks, the other smokes, one is serious the other lokes. One is 44, the other is tun, and possibly more Ad#:562082 10 more, good triends looking for fun and possibly more.

SWM, 23, 61, 150 lbs., black hair, brown eyes. Enjoys sports and out-door activities. Seeking a sweet, honest and fun, SWF, 18-32, with a gorgeous smile. Ad#:558084 MUSCLE FEVER New to Michigan. Attractive, 36, 6'3', SWM, Enjoys sports, con-certs, travel, dining out and much more. Seeks female bodybuilder YOU+I= US Brown eves, easydoing, what homebody, DWM, 45, up front, doesn't lie, yet enjoys for dating and possibly more. Ad#:532058 canceing, campfires in backyard, kids, carnivals. Love to meet S/DF, under 50, for dating, possi-ble permanent relationship. STOP. LOOK & CALL! Ad#:531101

DWM, 49, medium build. Enjoys the outdoors, home cooking and more. Seeking a SWF, 45-52, who is seeking a long-term relationship, Serious replies only, no names please, Redford area, Ad#:411537

Easygoing, sincere, romantic, down-to-earth SWM, 33, 5'9', 180

down-Id-earth SWM, 33, 54, 180. Ibs., brown hair/eyes. Enjoys cud-diling, movies at home and dining out. Looking for an outgoing, affac-tionata, happy SHF, under 35, who knows where she is going in life.

COULD THIS BE IT? SWM, 44, 5'9", 175 lbs., dark hair, Looking for a fun, SWF, 36-46, for

a possible permanent relationship.

Ad#:558339

Ad#:558264

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

**Rehatting By Phon** 

Hev Bob.

PIESS

IO CHATLIVE OF

leave avoice message for any of them right now!

**HIGH SPIRITED** 

to Ideas, Ad#:553800

HARDWORKING

ests. Ad#:551892

KISSES FROM ME 🖉

DWM, 42, adult children, reliable.

enjoys the water, bowling, Cedar Pointe, cider mill and more,

knows how to show affection to a

talented, SWF, 32-43, witty, open

Honest SWM, 46, seeking a SWF,

ous relationship. Not looking for

municator and with similar inter-

Athlatic, outgoing, energetic and happy SWM, 43, 5'9", who enjoys

sports, working out, animals and

more. Seeking an honest, caring, warm and sensitive SF, 35-50,

slim to

intelligent

build.

and hold

11/25/03

reply to same. The advertise

and respondents agree that

they are at least 18 years old

Advertiser voice arectinas w

TIRED OF BEING ALONE SWM, 49, hardworking, 5'8', 175 Ibs. Seeking a SWF, 45-48, who is easygoing, intelligent and fit, for a long-term relationship in the Redford area only. No E-mails please! Ad#;406401

35-50, who speaks her mind and is willing to do her part in a seri-CATCH OF THE DAY Light, dimpled, educated, fun, lov-ing, SBM, 22, likes reading poetry games. Ad#:552061 and watching television, seeking SBF, 18-29, head turner. PERFECT PARTNER Physically fit, attractive, healthy, Ad#:556358 pleasant, gentleman, 55, for a pretty, good-looking, slin medium, SF, 50-56, good

A GOOD CATCH A GOUD CATCH Tail, sensitive SWM, 33, brown hair/eyes, likes hunting, fishing, reading, campfires and social events. Seeking an open, honest, goal-oriented SWF, 24-36, Ad#:556156

VERY COMMITTED Funny, considerate, SWM, 33, 6', 230 lbs., with brown hair & eyes. I who can carry on an inte conversation. Ad#:468065 enjoy restoring my sports car, bik ing, miniature goit, movies, and cuddling on the couch. Hoping to meet an open, outgoing, assertive, SWF, 28-38, who likes to smile. Ad#:555410

LIKE TO PLAY GOLF? SWM, 68, 5'6\*, medlun gray hair, hazel eyes, N/S, N/D. Seeks active, attectionate, attrac-tive SWF, 58-60, who is looking ALL CALLS RETURNED honest relationship. Ad#:545431

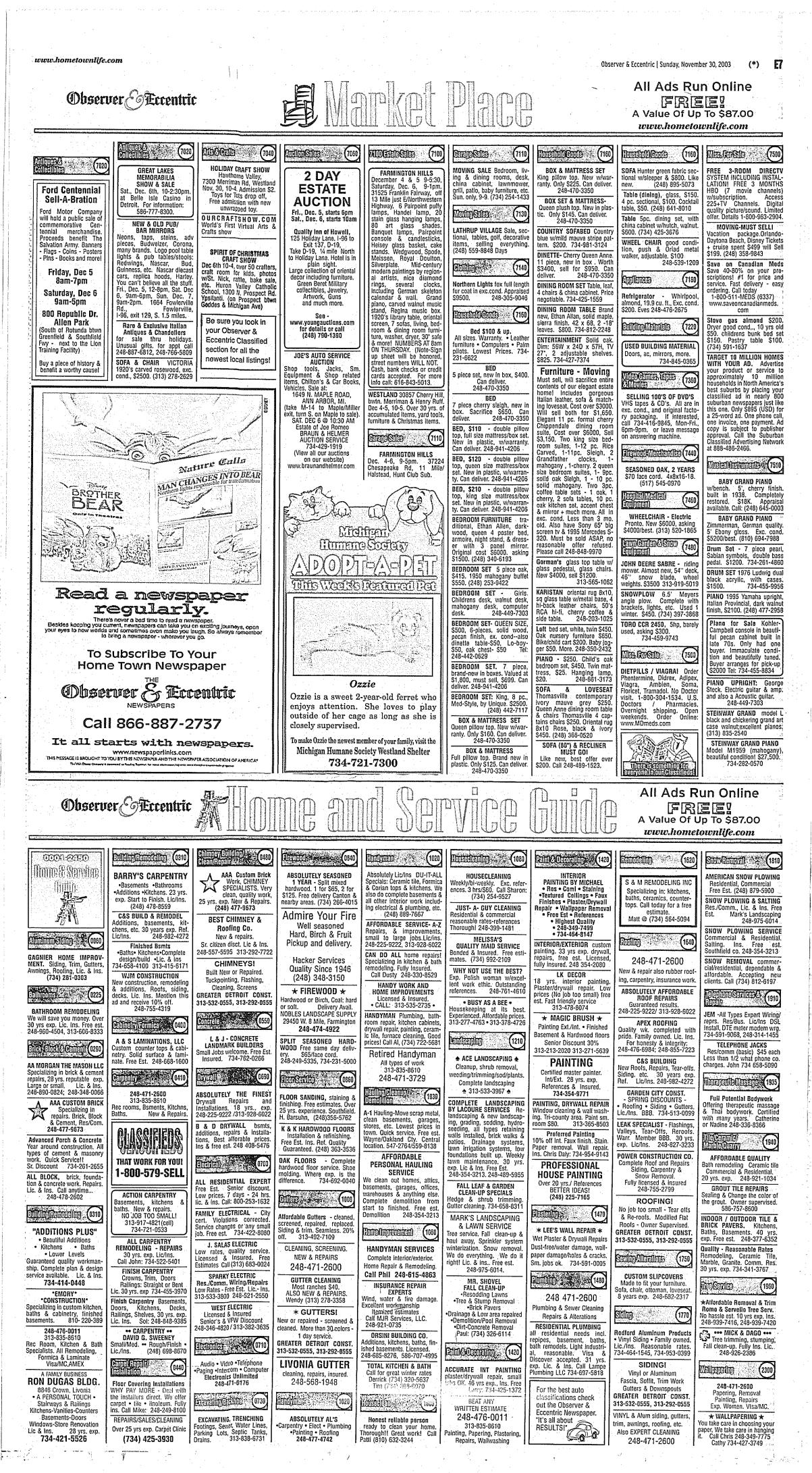
Very nice, SWM, 22, humorous, loyal, Enjoys skating, movies, watching television. Seeking a pret-ty, SW lady, drug/acohio free, just for conversation, time out and The Publisher assumes no lia-bility for the content of, or chilling, Ad#:555152 replies to, any advertisement of voice greeting. Such liability RESPECTFUL ests exclusively with th Dark hair, medium-build, polite, fun, SWM, 35, he plays racquet ball, golf and jogs. Good communiadvertiser or respondent. The advertiser and responden gree to Indemnity and hold his publication and UltiMate Seeking direct, SF. this publication and UtilMate, lis employees and agents harmless from all costs, expenses, liabilities and dam-ages resulting from or caused by this publication or recording placed by the advertiser or any role to same. The advertiser

cator. Seekin goals/interests - important. Åd#:554870 EXTREMELY NICE

Young/attractive-looking SBM, 48, no\_dependents, transportation. prefer/appreciate larger-sized woman, 200-350 lbs., D/SWF, 40-55. I like dining out, gardenin long drives, cudding with som one special. Ad#:554832

LOVE & LIFE Broad-minded SBM. 32, darkskinned, slim, homeowner, one daughter is sending warm wishes to a SHF, 18-35, with the same attributes, Call and lets see where this goes. Ad#:554516

Advertiser voice greetings will be rejected if they contain last names, phone numbers, any addresses, e-mail addresses or expicit sexual language. You should screen your responses carefully. First meetings should be held in a public place. The use of cordless or collular chones is discouraced. phones is discouraged. Copyright UltiMate 1



nan Ang Agina na guna na guna na ma

.

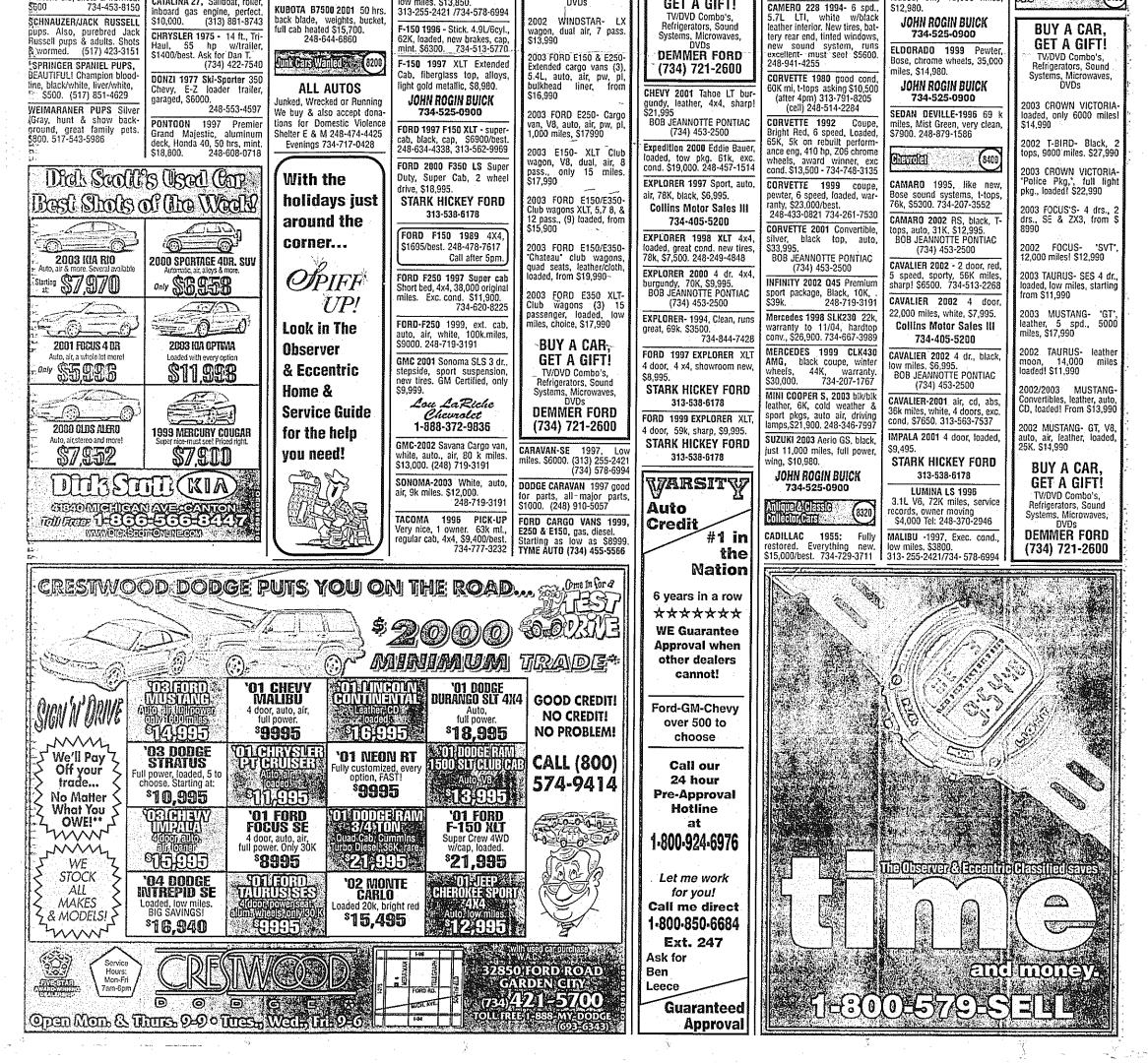
E8 (\*) Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003

Observer & Eccentric

### www.hometownlife.com

# All Ads Run Online FREE! A Value Of Up To \$87.00 www.hometownlife.com

nlique&Classic offectorCars Mini Vanskov (8240 Boells & Molors and We (8020 INCESTOR Sales Stress (8220) Valis - State 1, 18 (8260 Spinully 8290 (8400) (8320) coms Cievala Tiolo DA AULOS/IN'S\* SEA DOO 1997 GTX 52 hrs. AEROSTAR 1994 Eddle Bauer FORD- 150, Cargo, 1989, V-8. 118K, air, exc. cond. Must see! FORD 2002 EXPLORER 4 MALIBU 2003 LS Gray metal-Cadillac 1975 Coupe Deville • 0 with trailer, 3 seater, mint \$4500. 248-608-0718 BUY A CAR. 4.0L, V6, loaded, new door, only \$15,000 miles, Roxanna red, white leather ton. lic. Just 4,000 miles. Loaded. tires/battery/shocks. 70K. 248-851-2639 /248-851-1089 original owner, must see \$14.995 \$12.980. **GET A GIFT!** good cond. \$3800. After 5pm 248-431-3249 appreciate: Woodward Dream Cruise "10". 248-471-1234 SEA RAY 1986 Sundancer STARK HICKEY FORD JOHN ROGIN BUICK TV/DVD Combo's, 8000 ..... Airplanes Exec. cond. Must sell AWI cell Dride & Sect (8280) ... Antique/Classic 8320.. Refrigerators, Sound Systems, Microwaves, 313-538-6178 734-525-0900 \$15,000. /offer. 734-374-0218 Dodge 2000 Caravan excel-CHEVROLET CAPRICE 1975 **Collector Cars** 8020.....Boats/Motors FORD 1991 Bronco XLT, 4x4, lent condition, loaded, 52K \$6900. 734-669-4433 PRIZM 2001 air, cruise, CD. 8340.....Acura THOMPSON 1995 20 ft., 8030 ..... Boat Parts/ DVDs White convertible, V8, exc. auto, power locks, 21K, WOWI Only \$6999, GM Certified. BAD BOY 1986 Ford Pickup, Equipment/Service silver & black, V-8, \$4,995. cond. \$7000 248-545-1391 8360.....Buick cuddy, many extras, low hrs., w/trailer, (734) 416-3955 4x4. Sacrifice, \$3,300. 2002 FORD F150- 'Super-8040.....Boat Docks/Marinas 8380.....Cadillac **Collins Motor Sales III** FORD 2000 WINDSTAR SEL 734-421-8784 ELDORADO'S 1983, crews", (3) 4x4, XLT/ Lariat, from \$22,990 Lou LaRiche '8050..... Boat/Vehicle Storage 8400 Chevrolet cruise, PS/PB/PL, power slid-ing doors, leather, 7 pass, TV-734-405-5200 Boall&Vehicle Slorage CHEVY 2002 Trail Blazer LS 4 dr., 4WD, full power, 4 new tires, 35K. GM Certified, only \$18,999. southern cars, needs repair \$2300/best. (248) 426-9812 Chevrolet 8060.... Insurance, Motor 8420 ..... Chrysler-Plymouth FORD 2001 EXPLORER Sport VCR, many extras! 50K Extended Warranty \$10,900. 1-888-372-9836 8070 ..... Motorcycles/Minibikes/ 8440.....Dodge 2003 FORD F250- Super duty Supercab, 4x4, XLT, V10, auto, air. \$25,492 FORD GALAXY 1965 - 390 LDR, 4 x4, Certified, \$14,595. 8460.....Eagle Go-Karts. CHEAP CHARLIE'S STORAGE 734-819-1205, 734-451-1251 STARK HICKEY FORD black/black, 69K miles, original TAHOE 1996 TAHOE - V8, -8080 ..... Motorcycles-Parts & Service 8480 ..... Ford Inside Heated & Alarm Boats, RV's & Classic Cars Lou LaRiche Chevrolet paint. \$4500. (248) 347-6089 Auto, AC, Cruise, Tilt, CD/Tape, Tow PKG, 139K 8090 ..... Off Road Vehicles 8500.....Geo FORD WINDSTAR 2000 Sport 313-538-6178 2002 & 2001 FORD F150-8100 ..... Recreational Vehicles 8520.....Honda W/Braun passenger compan-ion seat & Bruno wheelchair lift. \$13,500. (734) 981-7892 MGB 1980 - Limited edition Michigan Ave, Wayne (734) 721-7177 XLT Supercabs (4), 4x4, 5.4L, low miles, from FORD 2002 Explorer Eddie 1-888-372-9836 Hi-way Miles, \$8000/best. 8110.....Snowmobiles 8524.....Hvundia must sacrifice, moving \$9,000/best. (248) 342-8120 8120..... Campers/Motor Homes/ Bauer, red metallic, 3 seats. 248-446-0197 8527.....Kia DAKOTA 1996, extended cab. HEATED STORAGE \$19,900 sunroof, leather, heated seats, 853D....Jaguar Trailers GMC 1996 Safari SLE, low Monte Carlo 1987 SS Aero Any size, fire-protected, alarmed. Shelby Twp. Canton. \$19.980 TAHOE 1999 4 Dr., air 8535\_\_\_\_leep 4x4, cheap 8140..... Construction, Heavy TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566 2003 miles, full power, \$5,980. Coupe, exc. cond., very rare model. Apprasied at \$10,000 alarm, Auto, pl, cruise, CD anti-lock brakes, pw JOHN ROGIN BUICK Equipment 8540....Lexus Edition 'Heritage 586-405-4210, 586-405-4700 8150 ..... Auto Misc. 8550.....Lincoln **JOHN ROGIN BUICK** F-350 1999 - 4x4, low miles, supercab, 4x4, \$23,990 734-525-0900 Must sell \$6500/best INSIDE STORAGE motorcyleather. Heated Seats dually, 9 foot Fisher snow-plow. \$19,500. 248-347-6089 8160 ..... Auto/Truck-Parts & Service 8580.....Mazda 734-525-0900 248-471-7033 FORD EXPLORER 1994 Eddie 100,000 cles \$149 for season or can be use to store small items. miles, 4WD 2002 FORD F150- "Harley 8170 ..... Auto Rentals/Leasing 8600.....Mercury Bauer, loaded, tow package, 81K, \$5,500.248 615-1498 **GRAND CARAVAN- LE 1996** \$9,500 Tel: 248-302-7566 Davidson<sup>\*</sup> supercrew, supercharger! Reduced, MONTE CARLO LS, 1987, 8180...., Auto Financing 8610.....Mitsubishi GMC 1996 1500, ext cab, 3rd loaded, 88K, \$2500. (734) 981-5245 734-968-9430 one owner, good cond., \$4900. 734-844-0162 8190 ..... Autos Wanted 8620 ..... Nissan door, leather, custom cap, exc. cond. \$8400. 248-477-5899 FORD EXPLORER 2001 Sport \$28,310 Moloreyles Minibilies (8070 & Goltaris (8420) 8200.....Junk Cars Wanted 8540.....Oldsmobila Chrysler Rymouth 8220 ..... Trucks For Sale 8680.....Pontiac GRAND VOYAGER- 1998, Silver, loaded, Warranty, exc. MUSTANG 1966 3 speed man-2001 FORD F150-GMC 2000 2500 Z71, 4x4, cond. \$13,900. 734-513-5171 Superior cond., lady owned 83k, \$6999. 248-224-2712 ual, 6 cyl. Very good cond. \$5000. (734)-620-8225 8240..... Mini-Vans 8700., ....Saturn "Supercrew" XLT V8, auto, air, \$18,488 CIRRUS 1996 Good condition, 18,000 miles, \$21,980. GMC 2001 Jimmy SLE, 4x4, 9260.....Vans 8720 ....Toyota HARLEY DAVIDSON 1999 95K, pb/ps, air, 6 cylinder, \$2800/best. 734-591-0449. 8280.....4 Wheel Drive Electraglide Classic. Like new. 4K. \$15,000. 734-420-2703 pewter, sunroof, full power, 8740 Volkswagen **MERCURY VILLAGER 1999** JOHN ROGIN BUICK PONTIAC 1962 "Star Chief", all 2003 FORD F350- 4x4 8750.....Volvo 8290 ..... Sports Utility \$12,980. Auto, air, power, very clean 734-525-0900 original, restorable, \$1750 /best. 248-356-0322 CONCORDE 1994 Loaded, dually supercab, Larait Chassle cab, 40 miles. 8300..... Sports & Imported 8760.....Autos Over \$2000 HONDA 2003 70cc, perfect for JOHN ROGIN BUICK reliable, clean. 1 owner. Must SATURN OF PLYMOUTH 8780.....Autos Under \$2000 734-525-0900 youngster, only used in back-Spalling 👾 (8290) PONTIAC 1962 "Star Chief", all see. \$3000, (734) 634-7326 CONCORDE 1999 silver gray, \$27,990 734-453-7890 yard. Brand new. Spotless. \$1500+extras. 734-522-5207 GMC 2002 Envoy, blue, sun-roof, 4x4, air, loaded, alloy wheels, \$22,995 restorable original, 1-000-070-071 Plymouth 1993 Voyager 2003 & 2002 FORD 248-356-0322 S1750/best. new tires, good cond, RANGER- Supercabs, XLT, 4 dr., auto, air V6, low miles, from \$12,990 AZTEC 2003 AWD, only Looks านกร well & (248) 615-4027 \$7700. 248-652-9953 11.000 miles, leather, XM BOB JEANNOTTE PONTIAC (734) 453-2500 **ROLLS ROYCE 1978. Silver** \$2250/best. Recreational Vehicles 1 8100 Shadow II, mint condition., 22,600 miles, brown/beige, \$28,000, 419-535-7293 or LHS 1999, good condition, 7920 radio, loaded, \$16,980. PolSupilles (7525) PONTIAC MONTANA 2002 ms 60K, \$10,500. (248) 641-5067 **JOHN ROGIN BUICK** POLARIS. 2000 4x4 2000 FORD F450- 'Stake loaded, dvd, must see! Very GMC JIMMY 2801 Auto, air, well-maintained Sportsman, 500 mi, Must sell. 734-525-0900 truck", 12 ft. dlesel, 10K miles, \$20,990 vindows, locks, clean, \$9995 SATURN OF PLYMOUTH 419-276-8138 SHOPSMITH Mark V band WANTED: 1 to 3 year old \$16,500. (248) 258-6829 PT CRUISER 2000 Limited, \$3900/firm. 734-462-1356 saw, jointer, belt sander. 12 planer \$3300. (734)453-7537 black dachshund dark blue, \$11,995. **BUY A CAR** 734-453-7890 SAFARI 1997 Very good (248) 644-4259 3063 (8360) 2001 FORD F150 "Lightning" 15K miles cond., runs very well, \$3200. (248) 624-1971 **STARK HICKEY FORD** Silovinolojies 👘 (8110) GMC SONOMA 2000 Ext cab, **GET A GIFT!** 313-538-6178 (7820 auto, air, and much morel UNDOGRAD Los la Compage (7930 showroom new! \$21,910 **CENTURY 2000** Florida car TV/DVD Combo's. \$8975 ARTIC CAT 1999 ZL500 EFI, TOYOTA-PREVIA 1991, All SEBRING 1998 LX, auto, air, Refrigerators, Sound Systems, Microwaves, leather, loaded, 22k, \$13,000. After 6pm, 248-433-3436 SATURN OF PLYMOUTH 734-453-7890 track, exec. cond., 175k, \$5800. 734-667-2315 full power, very clean, exc. maintenance, 135,500 mi, studs, low mi, \$2,820. 810-220-1481 **BUY A CAR** FISH TANK SET UP FOUND CAT Black/lt brown DVDs 180 Gallon, \$450 hair. GET A GIFT! CENTURY 2002 LIMITED Dark \$3300. (734) 261-7254 Short Long GMC YUKON 2003 SLT Call 734-326-4059 Lake/Rochester Rd. area. SKI DOO'S 1998 MXZ583, VENTURE 1997, Ext., new blue, leather seats, 18K miles, loaded, exc. cond! \$12,500. TV/DVD Combo's, 2002 EXPLORERS- (4) 4 Loaded, quad seating, dvd, \$28,500. (248) 895-3166 \$2550, 1995 SL-500 loaded, \$1950. Mint. 734-462-1118 (248) 879-1101 tires/brakes/struts, exc Refrigerators, Sound Systems, Microwaves dr., auto, air, low miles From \$16,990 (7830 \$5600. (734) 261-8726 <u>GI</u>B 248 476-3265 LOST CAT Black (sable) male, LINCOLN NAVIGATOR- 1998 SNOWMOBILES- (2) Ski-Doos', 1990 Safari,\$1200. 1996 Grand Touring 2-up, \$2800. Drive on Drive off Flo DVDs VOYAGER 1996 SE ps/pb. 14 yrs. old, needs special diet CENTURY 2003 Loaded, like Mint, loaded, comes with 20\* **DEMMER FORD** 2003 ESCAPES- (6) auto, AVENGER 1996 Coupe, auto; "Alex", Redford, Reward \$100. Tom Shaker, 313-532-7470 pw/pl, cassette, tinted win-dows, \$3995. 248-813-9314 Christmas Cuties - Young MKW wheels & tires along w/winter wheels & tires. 80k. new! \$11.995 air, light teal, \$3,995. BOB JEANNOTTE PONTIAC air, loaded, low miles. From \$15,990 SATURN OF PLYMOUTH 734-453-7890 (734) 721-2600 adults & kittens, Fixed & shots Call Barb (248) 363-2676 LOST: cat, black w/white feet VOYAGER 2000, auto, air, S17.500, 734-458-3888 trailer, \$1200. 734-422-7976 (734) 453-2500 & chest, declawed, "Hallie" Reward.Livonia 248-417-8094 stereo, front & rear air, \$49 down, \$108/mo. No cosigner 2003 EXCURSIONS- (6) CHEVY 2003 S-10 LS Ext-MOUNTAINEER 2002 AWD, REATTA 1991 Exc cond, 62K, AVENGER 1998 SPORT V6, Campers Molor Homes & Trailers 7840 <u>U</u> 'Eddle Bauer, Limited & ended Cab, auto, red, \$11,995 sage, V-8, sunroof, leather, make an offer! Super second PS, PW, cd, keyless entry, spoiler, AC, newer brakes & tires \$5495, 734-397-7969 XLTs", low miles. From loaded, \$20,980. car. (248) 276-0210 STARK HICKEY FORD \$24,990 TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566 Chihauhau - black & fawn, 3 CORRECTO JOHN ROGIN BUICK Regal 1998 - Anniversary 313-538-6178 1980-1997 Class C year old female, \$300. No papers. (734) 261-5672 WINDSTAR 1997, real nice 2003 EXPEDIDTIONS- (5) edition, loaded, exc. cond. \$7,000. (734) 453-9407 MOTOR HOMES WANTED. Call Dale, (517)230-8865. NEON 2002, loaded, 18K, 734-525-0900 van., low miles, \$3800. 313-255-2421 /734-578-6994 CHEVY-1996 Duly Crew Cab, "Eddie Bauer & XLTs" 4x4 NISSAN 2001 Pathlinder SE 4X4, \$10,700. (313) 2552421 (734)578-6994 3rd seat, from \$25,993 CHOC. lab puppies, AKC reg. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566 REGAL 2000 LS, leather, burlise a constant a const like new, 49K mi, CD, extend-ed warranty, \$19,500/best. Coachmen 2001 32' 5th Great with kids \$400 7 wks gundy, 28K, S11,995. BOB JEANNOTTE PONTIAC (734) 453-2500 STRATUS 1997 ES, white, wheel, rear kitchen, 2 slide 2003 NAVAGATORS- (2) 51d Nov. 21. (248) 437-8205 A Com 4 (8260 A DODGE RAM 1996, nice truck. 313-442-1076. 313-220-535 outs, \$22K/best 248-542-3753 Moon, leather, loaded \$39,900 loaded w/power moonroof, INGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL (313) 255-2421  $^{\circ}$ S5800. \$3,995. **GULF STREAM EI Capitan** PUPPIES Liver & White, Black & White, field lines. (734) 578-6994 1988-1998 HANDICAP VANS SpaleOliopated (8300 **Collins Motor Sales III** 1987 fully equipped, 27 ft., 31K mi, very good cond. Must selll Best offer, 734-427-0478 2002 EXPEDITION- XLT, WANTED. Call Dale anyday, Gatillee (8380 DODGE RAM 1997, 4x4, nice 734-405-5200 4x4, 5.4L, V8, 3rd seat 18K miles, \$22,990 Pick out your puppy new (517)230-8865. 234-420-3134, 810-735-8285 truck, \$7400. 313-255-2421 734-578-6994 BMW 1988 3251s Black STRATUS 2002 SE 4 door, LABS - Cute & cuddly pups. Just in time for gifts. 1st shots, B0213 (8020 TERRY LITE 1999, 25', extras leather, moonroof, exc. cond. Cadillac1991 Limo 6 passen BUY A CAR. 2003 EXPLORERloaded, \$9,295. \$6500. Call am, 248-689-9174 ger, fully loaded, sunroof, very clean, 88k miles. One owner, \$9400, 734-777-3232 + hitch assembly. \$13,690 many options. 734-427-6743 DODGE BAM- 1997, LIKE STARK HICKEY FORD 4X4, auto, air, only 4000 GET A GIFT! 8MW 1996 5281 - Auto, CD. vet checked, great w/kids \$150/each. 734-721-4247 NEW. \$6300. (313) 255-2421 BASS BOAT- 20 ft., 1994 miles! \$19,990 313-538-6178 sunroof, premium package TV/DVD Combo's. Astro, 200 merc, must sell! \$12,000. 313-670-7353 (734) 578-6994 Construction Heavy Refrigerators, Sound Systems, Microwaves, heated seats, like new, 49K ml, \$18,000. 248-651-4006 CATERA 2000 green, sunroof, 8140 PUG PUPPIES **BUY A CAR** DODGE RAM-01 Quad cab, 8480 loaded, only 13,000 miles, GOO. weeks old, shots & wormed CATALINA 27, Sailboat, roller, low miles, \$13,850. DVDs GET A GIFT!





(OF\*) Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 30, 2003 E10

# **Classifieds** inside

www.hometownlife.com

To place an ad call toll free 1-800-579-SELL (7355) Fax: (734) 953-2232

Observer & Eccentric |Sunday, November 30, 2003

**BY ANNE FRACASSA AVANTI NEWS FEATURES** 

Advertising Feature

[0](0)

The 2004 Toyota Camry Solara is a little small and impracti-

There are three engines available on the Camry Solara and all are good choices, depending on the type of driver you are and

The standard engine is a 2.4-liter double overhead cam 4cylinder that provides you with 157 horsepower. It has Toyota's own Variable Valve Timing with intelligence that lets you have an

The previous year's 3.0-liter engine has been replaced this year

with a 3.3-liter VVT-I all aluminum V6 that nets you 225 horsepower. The previous engine output was rated at 195 horses. The

V6 is also mated to a 5-speed automatic transmission that replaces

the 4-speed automatic in the 3.0-liter. You can also opt for a 5-

speed manual if you're so inclined to have the ultimate control of

It flew away from a full stop and accelerated without as much as

a whimper. Never had any problems merging on the freeway or

traversing around a slow-moving semi tractor truck. It's truly fun

of new sheet metal and interior and exterior refinements. The

styling of the Solara is really beautiful and doesn't mimic any

The Camry Solara is brand new this year and contains a host

From the roof line to the tires touching the ground and from

Look at a Solara from last year and then look at one from this

And if you think the exterior is well done, slip inside and give

I loved the amount of information you could get from the

the rear to the front, the Solara is a work of art. It hugs the road

like a fine sports car. The headlights and tail lights really set it

year and the difference is phenomenal. The looks are different and

distinctive. The rear tail lights are "teardrop"-looking and very,

yourself a real treat. Everything is really high tech-looking. From

the instrumentation to the key fob, it all seems to fit together quite

very seductive. It's got a rear spoiler to please.

The V6 was as quiet as a mouse and had the spunk of a cougar.

cal for a growing family, but it sure is big on heart.

And it's all under the hood.

whether you worry about the environment.

even spread of power for sporty response.

your driving experience.

other vehicle on the road right now.

apart from the rest of the pack.

to drive.

nicely.

Аппе

Fracassa

# CLASSIFIED INDEX CLASSIFICATION NUMBER 5000-5999 D Employment Announcements 6000-6900 🗖 Merchandise 7000-7540 8000-8780 Autos/RVs D Boats, Motors 8020 8070 🗖 Motorcycles, Mini Bikes 8220 Trucks;

CHINA LA

# **Call Toll Free** 1-800-579-SELL (7355) Fax Your Ad: (734) 953-2232

Walk-In Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. After Hours: Call (734)591-0900 Deadlines: To place,

cancel or correct ads. Sunday 5:30 p.m. Friday Sunday Real Estate 5:30 p.m. Thursday

Thursday 6 p.m. Tuesday Thursday Real Estate Display 3 p.m. Monday

View the Observer & **Eccentric Automotive** Classifieds on the web:

monstomedamiliewith

2004 Toyota Camry Solara grows on you

2004 Toyota Camry Solara Vehicle class: Sports Coupe. Power: 4- and 6-cylinder engine options Mileage: 24 city / 33 highway. Where built: Georgetown, KY. Price: About \$25,995.

instrumentation. It's not just speedometer, fuel gauge and tachometer. It's got a 5-feature trip computer that will tell you fuel consumption, average speed, "miles to go" and elapsed time. Right of that, in the center is the digital clock and right of that is the outdoor temperature gauge and passenger airbag status.

There's more than twice the interior storage space than the previous model. There are in a front console box, cupholders that double as auxiliary storage and a center console that offers dual compartments for additional storage.

I have to comment that my girls did not like the rear seating area. They complained they didn't have enough room. They were so relieved that we weren't taking the Solara on a trip up north.

Safety issues are all addressed on the Solara.. There are side impact airbags and optional front and rear side curtain airbags. New seatbelt extensions are supposed to make it easier for front passengers to gain access to the seat belt, but if you have rear passengers coming in and out, it moves too far back for you to reach

There are three models to choose from: the SE, SE Sport and the SLE, which has most of the options and wood grain interior trim.

The SE model comes standard with 16-inch alloy wheels, air conditioning, anti-lock brakes, cruise control, AM/FM/CD with six speakers, power windows with driver's-side automatic up and down, 60/40 split fold-down rear seats, power auto door locks, eight-way adjustable driver's seat, keyless entry, power mirrors,

tilt steering wheel with audio and information controls, intermittent wipers and two 12-volt outlets. Base price of this model is \$19,950.

The SE Sport has a sport-tuned suspension, stiffer front and rear springs and 17-inch allot wheels, sport-fabric seats, sport gauge design and trim, leather-trimmed steering wheel and shift knob and aluminum trim pedals. This one starts at \$21,445.

Finally, the SLE is the all-inclusive luxury model with automatic climate control, power moon roof, heated exterior mirrors, auto-dimming inside a, premium audio system with six-disc CD, HomeLink garage door opener, security system, leather-trimmed interior with heated seats and 17-inch alloy wheels. All for \$25,995, which, by the way, is only \$1,320 above last year's model that had fewer features.

I really enjoyed my week in the Toyota Solara. I thought it was a wonderful vehicle at a wonderful price. Go take a look,

# Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

Last Sunday's Avanti NewsFeatures truck column by Anne Fracassa on the Mazda Tribute should have said the small sports utility vehicles assembled in Kansas City, Not Flat Rock, Mich. The incorrect information was due to an editing error at Avanti Newsfeatures. The error was pointed out by readers who e-mailed us to set the record straight. We regret the mistake.

## ADVERTISEMENT

# Used car prices take hard tumble New car incentives push used car marketplace to record low

by G. Moore Independent ad features

Farmington Hills, MI - A Farmington Hills dealer is selling 2003 vehicles for one-half of the original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other 2003 models far below normal market values. The 0% financing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned 2003 models.

How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2003 model? In the instance of the Buick Century, financing \$21,960 plus tax vs. \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$233 monthly at 3.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2003, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

The Bob Saks Superstore sold over 150 Buick Centurys in the first 30 days of their sale.

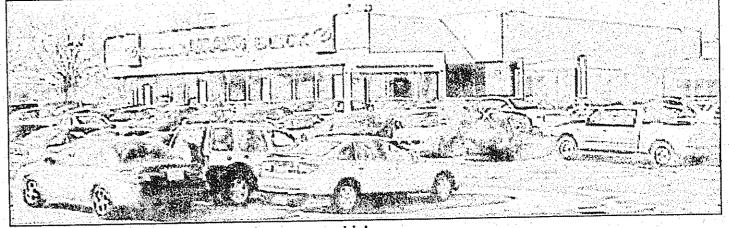
A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private owners.

Saks Buick-Oldsmobile Used Car Superstore in Farmington Hills has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling

more 2003 Buick Centurys than any other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Centurys were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2002 Chevrolet Luminas and Oldsmobile Intrigues in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons.

Today's real bargain can be found at Saks in the pre-owned 2003 vehicles. The 0% financing on new 2003's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So, with far fewer dealers purchasing these units, the prices have dropped to record lows.

So, once again, Bob Saks has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2003 program vehicles

General Motors, bringing in truckload after truckload from across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, Bob Saks had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive

acquisition of vehicles. And they currently stock the largest inventory of 2003 program cars in Michigan.

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2003's. In another month or two,

these vehicles will all be gone, along with the incentives. In the meantime, the 2003 program vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain ... But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals.

The Bob Saks Superstore is located at 35300 Grand River Avenue at Drake Rd., Farmington Hills. Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at (888) 551-6917.

