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Sesame Street Live

Bring *Sesame Street* home for your kids with the help of Canton Leisure Services. For \$24 per person, Canton Leisure Services will provide a main-floor reserved seat and bus transportation to the Feb. 7 performance at the Fox Theater. *Sesame Street's* friendly characters will perform 1-2-3 *Imagine*, described as a story of adventure and fun that teaches children they can be anyone, do anything and go anywhere with imagination.

The bus will leave the Summit on the Park at 9 a.m.; the show begins at 10:30 a.m. The bus will return to the Summit at approximately 1:30 p.m. Reservations may be made at the Summit front desk.

Euchre it up

You're invited to play your hand at a Euchre Party, hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Plymouth Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the games begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$20 per couple. The club's first annual Euchre Party is a fund-raiser with prizes. Reserve your seats by calling Debby at (734) 453-9904.

Good morning

State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) will be the guest speaker at Good Morning Canton at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Summit on the Park. The breakfast will be hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and sponsored this month by Approved Mortgages. For more information, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

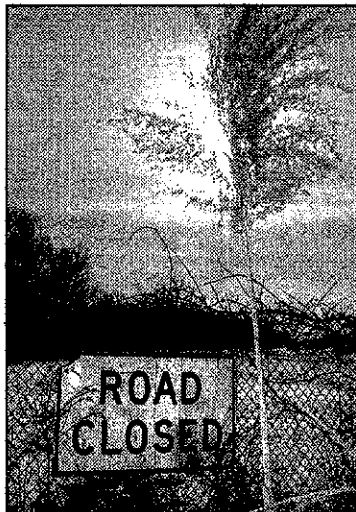
Students join

Two Canton resident are new members of Albion College's Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service.

The Ford Institute is designed to give exceptional students a chance to broaden their education through concentrated study in areas of government and public service.

Christine M. McKeegan is a sophomore at Albion College. She is the daughter of Colleen McKeegan of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. Maralyn I. O'Brien is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Issam Akleh and Elizabeth Akleh of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Incidents prompt look at bike paths



The bike path near I-275 is fenced off, closed and nearly overgrown by brush.

Abandoned or waiting for repair? Desolate and dangerous or peaceful and tranquil? Apparently it depends on your point of view.

Those were some questions raised about the bike path that parallels I-275 after a woman's body was found Dec. 29 near the path south of Michigan Avenue and, earlier this month, a makeshift "camp" was located just off the path north of Ford Road.

A similar camp consisting of a large tent was found in the same location last summer. Police discovered the tent was being occupied by a Vietnam veteran whom they described as "homeless by choice." He

was told to move on and the camp was torn down.

No one was found at the site of the latest camp, but police suspect the same man.

While Canton police don't think the man is a threat, Canton residents Alfred and Bernadette Brock say it makes them feel uncomfortable about walking in the area.

And resident Bob Walker, who found the body of the woman on the rear of his property near the bike path, said that portion of the path has been abandoned for years. While no cause of death has been determined, police say privately they do not think it was a homicide. There were no

signs of trauma to the body. They are awaiting the results of toxicology tests.

Canton Police say they receive very few calls about incidents occurring on the path. The discovery of the woman's body was the first "major" incident since a series of rapes occurred near the path in the 1980s. Those were determined to be the work of one man.

The path was constructed about the same time that I-275 was built in the 1970s and parallels the freeway from Monroe County into Oakland County.

For jurisdictional purposes, it's something of an anomaly.

Officially, since it parallels the freeway, it is the property of the Michigan Department of Transportation because it is on MDOT right of way.

The path is maintained by Wayne County under contract with MDOT. Repairs are made when MDOT gives the word and the money to the county.

As far as patrolling the path, that is technically done by Michigan State Police who patrol the freeways. While local police will respond to calls involving the path, it is not patrolled in the same sense as local streets. That, in fact, would require bicycle

PLEASE SEE BIKE PATHS, A5



Strong as steel

Spotlight Players (from left) are M'Lynn (Maureen Paraventi), Clairee (Barbara Bloom), Annelle (Salam Fadlallah), Truvy Jones (Kathy Booker), Ouiser (Tiffany Mitchenor), and at center Shelby (Laura Jerome) in 'Steel Magnolias,' which debuts Feb. 6 at Summit on the Park. For the story, see page A4.



After more than 34 years, Doris Kelley, Canton Township's longtime receptionist, is saying goodbye.

She wasn't sure her job would last

When Doris Kelley took a job with Canton Township in 1969, she was a divorced mother of two who needed a job. Her previous experience had been working for her ex-husband's insurance company in Garden City.

She didn't know if it would last or not.

On Friday, more than 34 years later, the 72-year-old Kelley retired. She is one of the longest tenured employees in the township, and for the last several years has been the familiar voice on the phone and face in the lobby as she managed the receptionist and switchboard desk.

Philip Dingleday was township supervisor in '69 and Kelley was one of two women who worked in the office. Canton was still a rural community with a population of 11,000.

"We did everything," Kelley said last week. "Taxes, the tax board, the zoning board of appeals, the planning commission."

PLEASE SEE KELLEY, A5

Make a 100-day commitment to health

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER



If you're ready to give up on that New Year's resolution for the sake of your health, don't. There's help and you don't have to go it alone.

The timing couldn't be better for the second annual 100 Days to Health program designed to make Canton residents healthier. Registration is under way for the program that will begin Saturday, Jan. 17, with a breakfast at 8 a.m. at Summit on the Park.

"Yes, you can change your life," said Amy Lockmondy, health and wellness specialist for Canton Leisure Services. "Through this program we make it easy. There are a lot of

health areas that are a challenge for many people: exercise, weight management and stress management. "These three areas keep popping up," Lockmondy said.

Beginning Jan. 17, 100 days of programs, activities, classes and special events will be offered at the Summit to help educate participants on healthy lifestyle choices. Participants will also learn about which community resources are available to them and how to have fun while improving your

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tap into."

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program
is based
on three

For more details on the 100 Days to Health program, see page A4.

health. Last year, the program drew more than 350 participants. Lockmondy is hoping to at least double that this year.

"The goal for Canton is to bring the community together," she said.

This year the program, which is co-sponsored by Leisure Services, St. Joseph Mercy Health Center and the Canton Community Foundation, is open to non-residents.

To join the program, residents will pay \$10 for adults ages 18 and older, \$5 for youths 4 years and older. Non-residents will pay \$20 for adults,

\$5 for youths, and children ages 3 and younger are free.

"The goal is to create a healthy community," Lockmondy said. "Canton is a big family community. We're finding that the old way of doing things are not good. We pass these habits on to our children, so it's important to have family education."

The 100 Days to Health is actually an activity started by the St. Joseph Mercy advisory committee.

"It was a good program then and we thought it could be replicated. We are targeting families and individuals. We are trying to promote healthy lifestyle changes," said Joan Noricks, Canton Community Foundation executive director.

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District lands middle Kroger center will expand on Ford school property

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has approved the purchase of three parcels of land on Cherry Hill Road, which someday could become the location of a new middle school.

The nearly 24 acres of land north and west of Canton Center Road — which the district has coveted for nearly two years — cost \$100,000 an acre, or \$2.4 million.

"We bought this in case we need property for a middle school," Supt. Jim Ryan said. "We had a short window once it was decided the owners wanted to sell. If we didn't purchase it, there were others in line waiting to buy it."

"It's the very best piece of property available," he added. "It's centrally located, not backing up to any boundaries, and has a great potential for a high percentage of walkers. It was a good move."

As Ken Jacobs, the district's executive director of support services, told the board, "As we begin to look at property, a lot of it is not desirable for possible school sites. The good stuff is gone."

Despite the continuing discussion whether to build a new middle school in Canton Township or refurbish Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth, Trustee Carol Saunders said the purchase of

the land doesn't signal that a decision has been made.

"We want to make it perfectly clear, there's been no decision as to what we'll do with this land," Saunders said. "We're not real bright if we get into a position where we're scrambling, trying to find some acreage with our backs to the wall."

"I think this will be an investment for our district," she added. "And, if we find we don't need to use it, we can sell it and hopefully make a few dollars."

Board Vice President Mark Slavens said the district needs to look further down the road as growth moves west.

"We need to look at property in Salem Township, also, because we've got a whole other area there that's going to fill in," he said.

Plymouth-Canton Schools purchased property in October 2002 at Cherry Hill and Denton for a possible elementary school to absorb some of the student growth in southwest Canton.

That property cost the district \$1.2 million.

The Board of Education has yet to decide whether to build either an elementary school or middle school on the properties purchased in Canton. Ryan is expected to give the board his recommendation on a possible bond issue at the Jan. 20 workshop meeting.

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The last vacant commercial property on the southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford Road has been sold to developer Stuart Frankel, who proposes to expand the existing Centre Village (Kroger) shopping center by more than 40,000 square feet of retail space.

The property is presently occupied by Crosswinds Community Church, which is moving to a new location in Canton.

The Canton Planning Commission approved the request for special land use and site plan at last week's meeting.

The expansion will bring the total square footage of the center to 270,000 square feet.

The present center includes Kroger, Bailey's Pub & Grille, Adray's, LaShish and other retail outlets. The commission also approved a request for rezoning of 7 acres of township-owned land at the northeast corner of

Cherry Hill and Canton Center from single family residential to community commercial.

The property, site of the old fire station, will be sold to Bill 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.

In other business the commission:

■ Approved a site plan for a 10-unit condominium development south of Joy Road and west of Beck.

■ Approved a site plan for a two-story office building on the southwest corner of Ford and Morrison.

■ Approved a site plan for a 45,000-square-foot health care facility south of Warren and west of Lilley.

FOR THE RECORD



"For the Record" appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. This column soon will include district court proceedings. To view paid obituaries inside today's paper, look for Passages.

Deaths

A
Atkins, Elizabeth "Betty," 84, of Birmingham, died Jan. 6

B
Barone, Anthony J., 84, of Pueblo, Colo., formerly of Birmingham, died Jan. 3

C
Couveau, Franklin Joseph, of Farmington Hills, 68, died Jan. 1
Cyrol, Dorothy, 66, of Livonia, died Jan. 2

D
Delya, Loddio Joseph, 90, of Haslett, died Jan. 5

M
Miller, Alfonso H., 81, of Plymouth, died Jan. 4

Ott, Charles J., 86, of North Ft. Myers, Fla., formerly of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 6

S
Sova, Walter A., of Livonia, died Jan. 6

W
Wirtz, Catherine P., 86, of Livonia died Jan. 6

Y
Yaele, Herbert Frederick, 92, of Rochester Hills, formerly of Troy, died Jan. 2

Births

D
Dakhilallah, Hassan Ali-David, born Dec. 22, 2003, to Ali Dakhilallah and Chistina Wilson Dec. 22 at Garden City Hospital

R
Raffler, Camden Mark, born Nov. 21, 2003, to Marlene Bryson Raffler of Wayland, formerly of Troy and Mark Raffler of Wayland

S
Simmons, Kyle, born Nov. 26, 2003, to Kevin and Crystal Simmons of Westland at Providence Hospital, Southfield

Trustees to talk arts

The Canton Board of Trustees will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Summit on the Park. Agenda items include:

PRESENTATIONS:

Civilian citations to Joseph Donald Winslow, Malcolm Hughesdon and Gerald Mayes.

GENERAL CALENDAR

1. Consider Broucek/Canton Township Rezoning.
2. Consider preliminary site

plan for the Meadows at Cherry Hill Village.

3. Authorization to purchase vehicle.

4. Sale of Michigan Avenue property (approximately eight acres).

5. Canton Public Art Committee.

6. Approve Space Care Interiors Inc. proposal to provide moving services for the relocation of miscellaneous department items.

7. Purchase of 78 Dell computers as workstation computers. Purchase Compaq brand file servers.

AROUND CANTON

WINTER BALL

Tickets for Canton's premier event, the Winter Ball, are still available. This 10th anniversary event is the major fund-raiser for the Canton Community Foundation. The evening will feature dinner and dancing to Mel Ball and Colours. Canton Winter Ball tickets are still available. Tickets are \$75 per person. Contact Nancy Williams at the foundation, (734) 495-1200.

LEARN TO SKATE

The Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton is offering a Winter Learn to Skate program for various levels of instruction. Tot Time is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while Learn to Skate classes will be on Saturday mornings. All classes are eight week, beginning Jan. 31 through March 20. Call (734) 487-7777.

TELL A STORY

Canton's sixth annual Storytelling Festival returns to the Summit on the Park Saturday, Jan. 24. Canton Project ARTS sponsors the event, which features a family performance at 1 p.m. and an adult performance at 7:30 p.m.

The cultural program features the storytelling talents of Barbara McBride-Smith, LaRon Williams and Corinne Stavish. Storytelling is an ancient art form that both entertains and educates, said Stavish. Tellers engage audiences when they give lively, dramatic interpretations of folk and literary tales.

Tickets for the family performance are \$3 each and tickets for the adult performance are \$5 each.

Tickets may be purchased at the Summit front desk or at the door.

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New prosecutor planning big changes

Wayne County's new prosecutor says she'll maintain programs from her office that she thinks are successful and revamp those that aren't.

Kym Worthy, a Wayne County Circuit Court judge for nearly nine years and, before that, an assistant prosecutor for more than a decade, was appointed interim prosecutor by the court's judges Monday. She replaces Livonian Mike Duggan, who left after three years when he was named chief executive officer of the Detroit Medical Center.

Worthy, 46, of Detroit, will oversee a staff of just more than 300 people, including between 140 and 150 assistant prosecutors.

Worthy, reached Friday, said she is planning major changes for her office's trial division, changes she expected to announce soon.

"We were losing way too many cases because resources were not adequately appropriated," Worthy said.

She said she also wants to expand the juvenile division. "I don't know how we can say we're serious about juvenile justice when the juvenile division doesn't have the resources

that it needs," she said.

Worthy said she'll maintain what she called "social programs," such as the abandoned house program, which she said has helped clean up the community. She said she'll aggressively pursue grants for such programs.

She stressed her management will emphasize good relations between the community, lawyers and the judges.

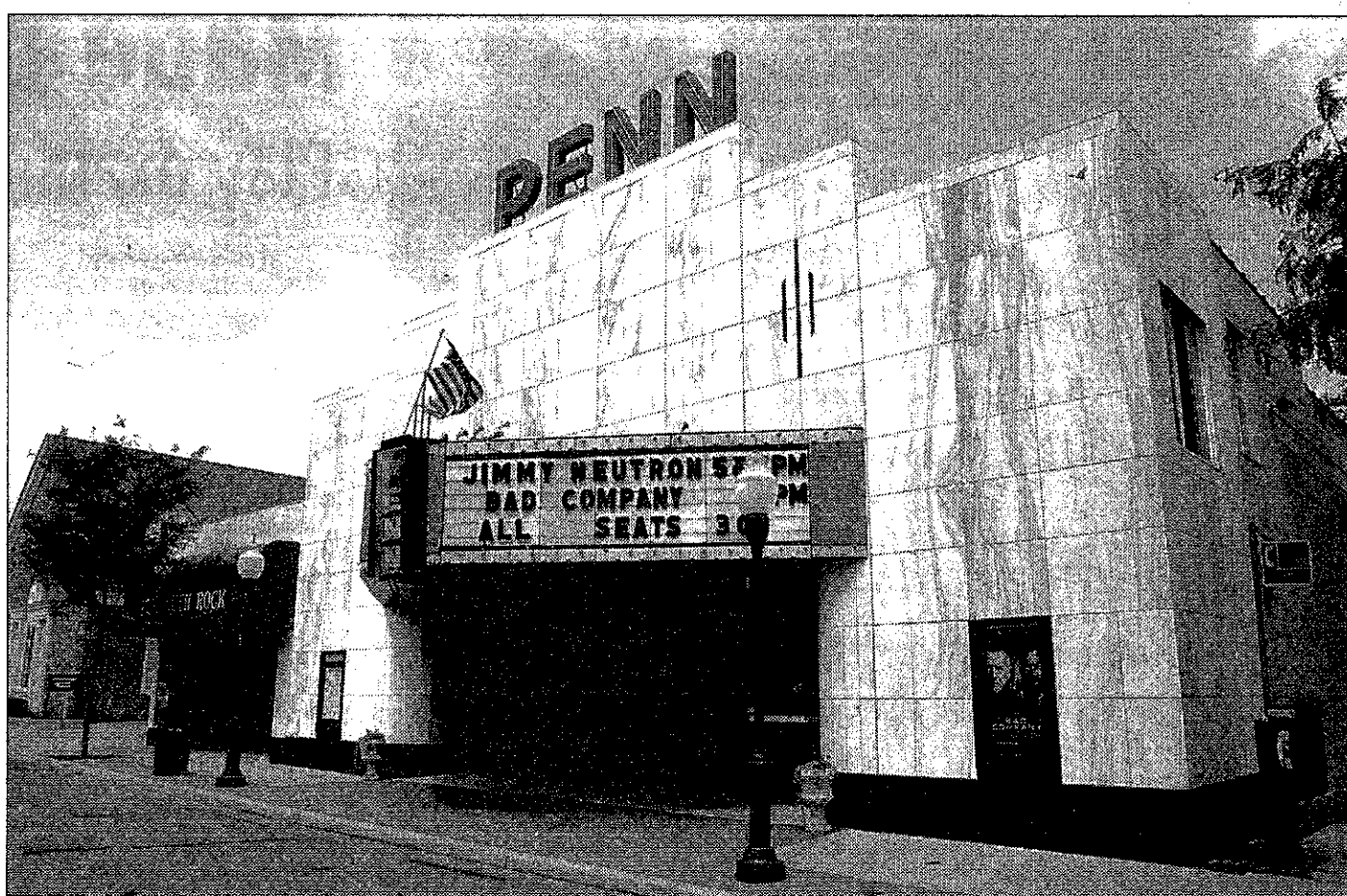
"We can be very zealous in our advocacy, but we can still be respectful," she said.

Worthy earlier in the week dismissed five of Duggan's top managers — three lawyers and two administrators. But she kept Deputy Prosecutor Virgil Smith, who was also in the running for the appointment.

Worthy said she'll be committed to those who work for her and strive to improve morale, which, she said, has been dropping.

"This is not a job I took on a whim because there was nothing else to do," she said.

Worthy had already announced her intention to run for the prosecutor's job this year, and had resigned from the bench in August in order to do so.



The Penn Theatre will be returning to second-run movies, and reviving its comedy performances, soon.

Comedy is coming back to Penn

Local theater to stop showing first-run movies

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 14 months after making a decision to drop second-run movies and comedy acts in favor of first-run movies, Penn Theatre owners have decided to return to what works best.

Co-owner Jim Courtney said the Penn will once again be home to second-run movies and comedy acts on weekends.

"The movie distributor requires us to keep a movie four weeks," added Courtney. "For the first couple of weeks the crowds are good. But, the next couple of weeks are terrible."

"The younger crowd wants to go to a theater with 10-20 screens and stadium seating," he said. "We're just not able to

keep the theater open as a first-run movie house."

The Penn began showing first-run movies in November 2002 when the Quo Vadis in Westland closed. It was the first time in 20 years the Penn, one of the last remaining single-screen theaters in the state, resumed showing newly released movies.

However, renovations are in progress at the Penn to make the move to comedy in the next couple of months more attractive to customers.

"We're in the process of taking out about 100 of the 500 seats so we can put tables in and serve drinks," said co-owner Ron Cook.

Cook said the improvements — which will include a new bar area as well as new ceiling and foyer — will cost about

\$200,000. He said movie prices will most likely drop back to \$3.50, and the comedy club tickets could see a few dollars' decrease to \$10.

As in the past, comedians will perform every other week, with two shows on both Friday and Saturday nights. The acts will be booked once again by Mark Ridley, co-owner — with Courtney — of the Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

"Based on the feedback from everyone involved, it went very well last time," said Ridley.

"We're hoping the spectrum of big-name comedians will go up."

"The New York and California comedians have said they liked the Penn because the audience is very attentive and appreciative," added Ridley.

"The Penn is a nice, small theater venue conducive to comedy."

Courtney and Cook said they plan to have local bands entertain on the remaining weekends.

Penn owners say the comedy brings in about a thousand patrons each weekend to downtown Plymouth. Chip Falcusan, owner of the Box Bar, said he likes the idea of comedians performing at the Penn.

"The comedy seemed to work well. I heard a lot of positive remarks," said Falcusan. "Anytime you bring people to the downtown area, it helps every business in the community. We're all in this together."

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Habitat will host organizational meeting

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County will hold an organizational meeting for its 2004 Circle of Churches program at 7:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, in Canton.

The program brings together any interested religious organizations in a community to sponsor and build a Habitat home. Habitat for Humanity builds affordable house for families in need using community volunteers. Each house costs about \$60,000 to build.

Clergy, outreach directors and other lay leaders interested in involving their congregation

in an inspirational, local outreach program that demonstrates "faith in action" are invited to attend.

Although the meeting is directed toward congregational leaders, all are welcome.

"We are inviting Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and all others interested in building up the Western Wayne County community to put aside religious, political and other issues and adopt 'the theology of the hammer,'" said executive director Alice Dent.

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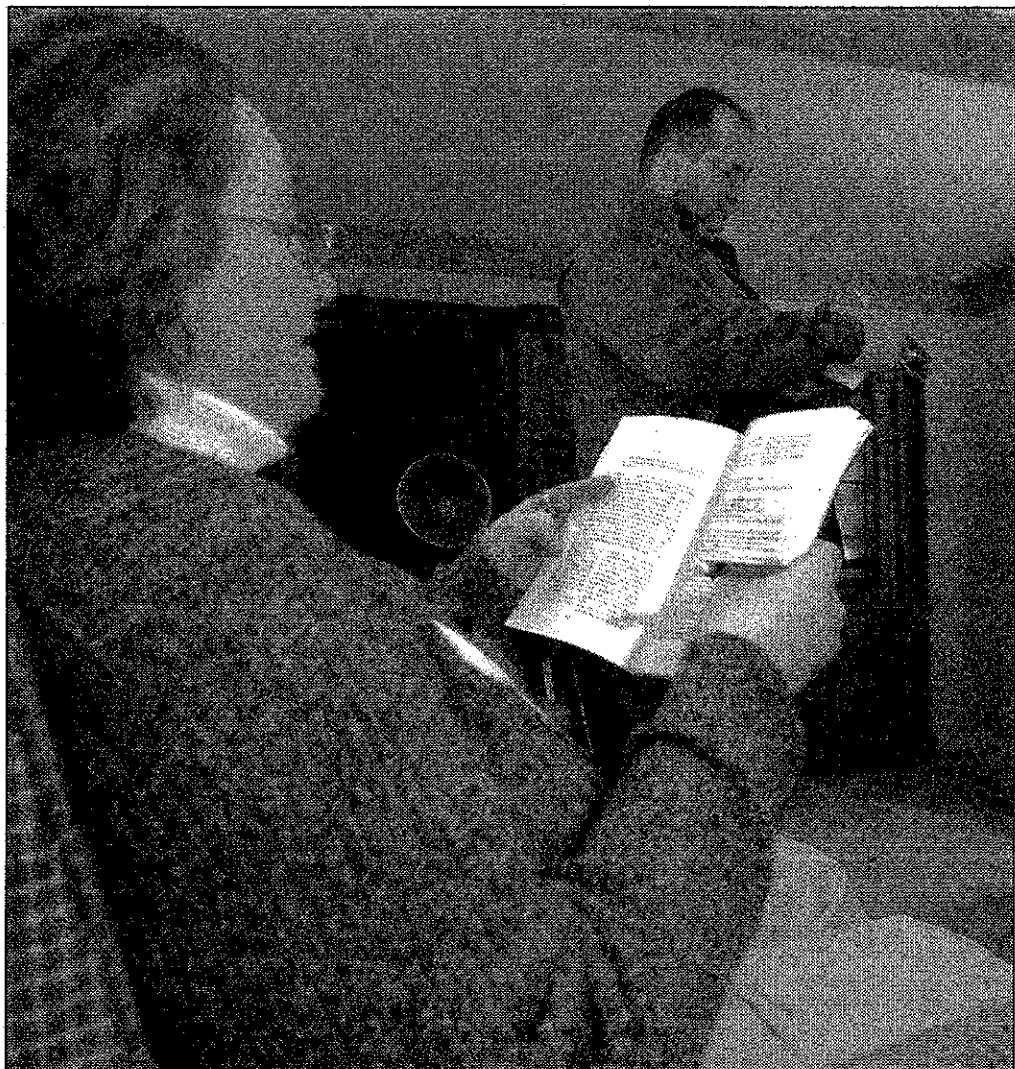
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Kari Tollefsrud is director and Dave Durham assistant director of the Spotlight Players production of 'Steel Magnolias.'

Made of steel

Play examines women's friendships

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Kari Tollefsrud grew up with the women portrayed in *Steel Magnolias*. Not literally, but figuratively — especially admiring the dedication and camaraderie shared by the six southern women depicted in the story.

It was no surprise when she asked to direct the Spotlight Players' dinner theater production of *Steel Magnolias*, which will run Feb. 6-8 and 13-15 at the Summit on the Park.

"I am a child of the '80s," said Tollefsrud, who has directed theater productions for almost 10 years, including for Spotlight Players.

"It tells the story of these six women, of their sisterhood," said the Royal Oak resident. "Their friendships cross the generations."

Forty women auditioned for the six roles. While watching the women audition, Tollefsrud looked for the chemistry between the auditioning actors before making final casting

decisions. "I love this cast. You can see the bonds forming already," Tollefsrud said.

Unlike the *Steel Magnolias* movie, there are no men in this play. Also unlike the movie, the play is set only in Truvy Jones' hair salon. "This story has not been done often on the stage. But it does follow the original story line. The story is the same," Tollefsrud said.

For those who did not see *Steel Magnolias* onscreen, the story is a glimpse into the lives of a group of southern women who, in one way or another, have befriended each other. The story is about the fun, as well as the dark side, of women's friendships. All come together when one of the friends loses her daughter to complications from diabetes.

"The final moment of the play is at the grave site," Tollefsrud said.

The cast includes Canton resident Barbara Bloom, who plays Clairee Belcher. Other members are Maureen Paraventi of Redford, who plays M'Lynn

Eatenton; Tiffany Mitchener of Whitmore Lake, who plays Ouiser; Laura Jerome of Royal Oak; Shelby Eatenton-Latcherie; Salam Fadallah of Dearborn; Annette Dupuy-Desoto; and Kathleen Booker of Highland as Truvy Jones. The assistant director is David Durham of Garden City; Jennifer Camilleri of Novi is the producer.

"We are having a blast," Tollefsrud said. "These women are just unbelievable, as is the production crew."

Tickets are available for \$30, which includes dinner and the performance. On Fridays and Saturdays, seating is at 7 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m. and the show at 8:30 p.m. On Sundays, seating will be at 1 p.m., with lunch at 1:30 p.m. and the show at 2:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased at least 48 hours in advance by calling Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460 or log on to www.spotlightplayers.net jmaliszewski@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459-2700



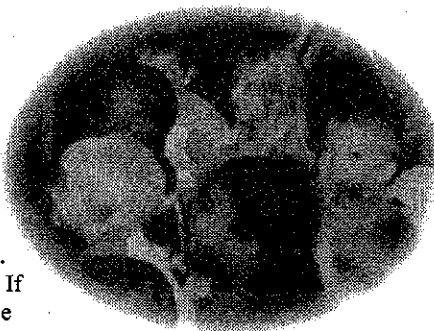
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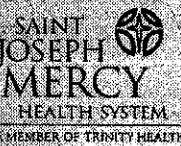
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Budget constraints forced some changes, but Mike Watts of Watts-Up, Inc., the festival's organizer, said spectators can still expect a high-quality show.

"People are still going to see a great festival, one of the best in the world," Watts said.

Some changes include:

- Elimination of professional carving competitions. Professionals will still carve, but only in exhibitions, meaning the board won't have to pay the expense of bringing in professional judges.

- Elimination of the dinner-dance. "It was a nice event, but it really didn't work well as a fundraiser," Watts said.

- Cancellation of the celebrity carving competition. "Again, it was a nice event, but it wasn't really cost-effective," he said.

Other features return, such as

the presence of the Japanese carvers — "We want to make sure the festival maintains its international status," Watts said — and the student and amateur carving competitions.

"That's part of our vision, part of our purpose," Watts said. "We're making hard decisions while trying to keep the flavor."

Now in its 22nd year, the festival is open during daylight and early evening hours, with lighting adding a thrilling aspect to the works of art. More than 100 sculptures are displayed along the downtown streets and in Kellogg Park. The ephemeral nature of ice sculpture makes the event a "must see" for hundreds of thousands.

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BIKE PATHS

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patrols because of the nature of the path.

As far as any portion of the path being "abandoned," Michael Sanders, area maintenance engineer for MDOT, said the section between Michigan Avenue and Van Born in Canton hasn't been abandoned, but has been closed until repairs are made.

"It's closed because that section of the path is nontraversable by bicycles," he said. "It's marked by barricades on either end. We closed it to prevent someone from getting hurt."

He said that portion has been looked at by engineers for repairs, but did not have a timetable as to when that would occur.

And Pat Hogan, Wayne County director of roads, said sometimes sections of the path do get closed until repairs are done.

"We have done a number of repairs and maintenance at various times in the last several years," he said. "But the level of maintenance is what MDOT dictates."

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said several years ago that MDOT had approached local communities about the path.

"They came to the communities and said we'll repair them if you then take over maintenance," he said.

In addition to the cost involved, he said there was a question of liability and communities rejected the plan since the paths are on MDOT property.

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KELLEY

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In the past 34 years, she has served under more township supervisors than she can remember.

But Tom Yack, the present supervisor, remembers her.

"I wrote in her memory book," he said, "that one of my first memories of Canton Township was when I first went to a board meeting in the old office on Cherry Hill and Canton Center. I couldn't tell you who was on the board at the time, but I remember Doris Kelley. She was sitting at the end of the table taking notes. I never imagined that 34 years later we'd be on the same staff."

And Terry Bennett, township clerk and Kelley's immediate supervisor, said she's going to be missed.

"She has so much history in her head about the township," Bennett said. "When people come in or call in looking for something, she'll ask them a few questions and then get them to the right department and the right people."

And Kelley says that's the part she's enjoyed the most, even though some of the questions are a bit off the wall.

"I just had a call from a lady yesterday," she said. "She was asking about meetings of the antique auction we had."

Perplexed, Kelley questioned her further.

"Then she said 'This is Canton, Texas, isn't it?'"

Kelley chuckled. "Sometimes

'When people come in or call in looking for something, she'll ask them a few questions and then get them to the right department and the right people.'

Terry Bennett
Township clerk

the operators get confused."

She swears that most of the bizarre questions she gets come around Halloween or during a full moon. Still, she takes them all good naturedly.

Colleagues are throwing a goodbye open house for her 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at Rose's Restaurant on Canton Center and Cherry Hill.

Anyone who'd like to say goodbye to her then can reserve a spot by calling the Canton clerk's office at (734) 394-5125. Cost is \$15 and checks may be made payable to Rose's Restaurant. Money is due by Jan. 13.

When she retires Kelley, who's lived in the same house in Garden City for 44 years, plans to spend time with her cat, Kit, work on her calligraphy, listen to the records in her collection that she hasn't had much time for and do some gardening.

"I'm going to find out what it's like to do whatever I want," she said.

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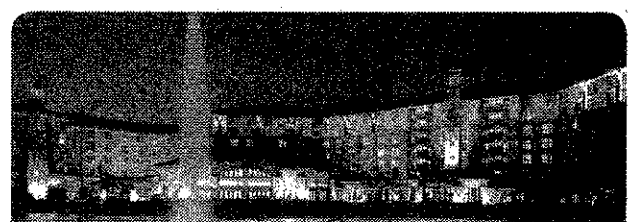
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Hip hop a la New York

Dance Center brings Broadway to kids

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The chance to study for even a moment with a Broadway dance instructor and choreographer comes maybe once in a lifetime. For dance students at the Children's Dance Theatre in Garden City, it became a reality recently.

"The Broadway Dance Center let our kids come in and take some classes in New York," said Debby Ash, who with Lynne Taylor, both of Canton, own the dance studio. "We then found a way to hire a teacher to come and dance here."

That was Bev Brown, a dancer and choreographer. "She brought a different style to the kids. It was total street hip hop dance. She was very New York."

The experience actually began when 45 students in the dance competition team raised money to visit the Big Apple and the world of dance last summer. While there, Taylor and Ash did some talking and hired a master dance teacher from the Broadway Dance Center.

"Our kids raised a lot of money to go to New York," Ash said. "They really liked the experience. We will continue to try to bring people in and expose the students to different dancers and dance styles."

Parents of the students are forming a booster club of sorts to continue fund-raising for their children's dance experiences, Taylor said.

The dance studio in Garden City is a home away from home for 250 young dancers who come from Canton, Westland, Livonia, Garden City, Redford and other western Wayne communities. Taylor also teaches an adult class. "There are grandmothers in it," she said.

Taylor and Ash go way back to their teens when they first met in a dance class. Life took them in their own directions, but dance remained the common ground.



Natalie Morrison, 8 of Livonia, works on hip hop moves at Children's Dance Theatre in Garden City.

And neither stopped dancing. Taylor, who attended Westland schools, went off to California to dance professionally. Ash studied social work in college. Both came to Canton and to their first love - dancing.

Then they heard about a vacant dance studio in Garden City. The time had come to take control. "It was one of those opportunities that drops in your lap," Taylor said.

Today, the studio is bulging at the seams and they have to turn students away. Both women are born teachers. "I love teaching more than dancing professionally," Taylor said. "We are passing it on to the kids. Dance teaches you discipline that passes on to other things in life."

Ash can't disagree. "I think that was always my strong point. I started teaching at a young age."

Taylor's specialty is jazz and Ash



Debby Ash and Lynne Taylor of Canton own the Children's Dance Theatre in Garden City, which draws students from much of western Wayne County.

prefers tap. But both teach and dance whatever style you can name, including ballet.

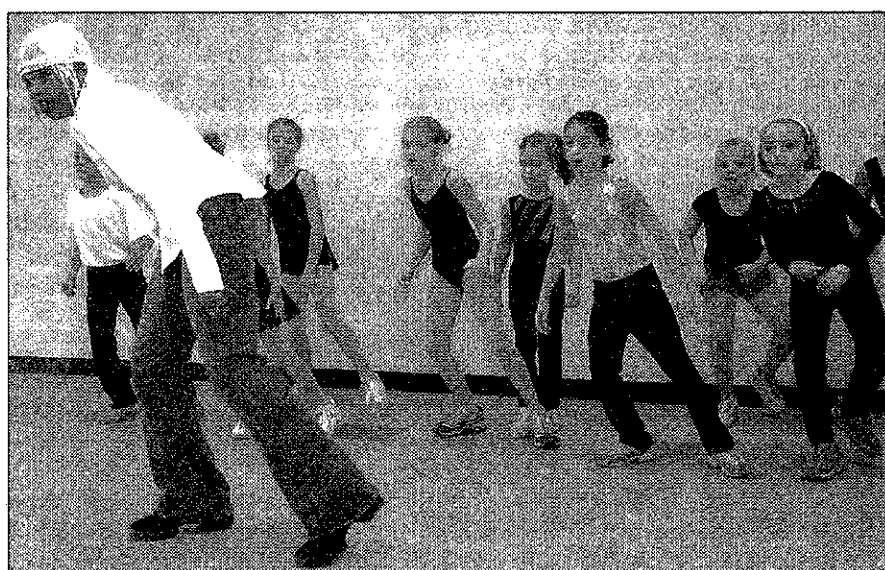
The women and three other dancers at the studio give lessons in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, point and even gymnastics.

Parents who accompany their children to dance classes have a waiting room of their own that features monitors by which they can watch their kids. Of course, more girls take dance lessons than boys, however, the dance center has boys in the competition classes.

"I love what dance teaches you - like self esteem," Taylor said. "There are so many life lessons to be learned, such as not being critical of yourself. Her son took lessons and it improved his athletic abilities, especially for his ice hockey playing."

Consider that ballet teaches you how to center your body. "I can't see how it would be negative for anyone to take it," Taylor continued. "These kids leave smiling every week."

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Minority candidates could be helped by new proposal

Every election, millions of Americans tempted by third party candidates face the same frustrating dilemma: Do they vote for the candidate they really like, even though they have little or no chance? Or do they vote for the "least bad" of the two major



Jack Lessenberry

party candidates, just to prevent the worst one from winning?

But what if voters could feel free to choose the candidate of their dreams without any worry about causing the

election of the "evil of two lessers?" Tom Ness, a political activist and former Green Party congressional candidate in Ferndale, has come up with a solution.

He and a dedicated band of activists call it IRV, which stands for Instant Runoff Voting. Basically, it allows voters to pick both a first and a second choice for any office. If any candidate receives more than 50 percent, the second-place votes are ignored.

However, if nobody has a majority, the second-place votes are added in. Take the most famous example in modern times: Florida. Four years ago, the official vote stood at George Bush: 2,912,790; Al Gore, 2,912,253; Ralph Nader, 97,488.

Surveys showed that the Nader voters would have split about 65 percent for Gore, 10 percent for Bush, and the rest wouldn't pick anyone else.

Allocating those votes would give a rough new total of Gore, 2,976,000; Bush 2,922,000.

The final result would likely have been closer, since the 34,000 Libertarian and Reform voters may have preferred Bush. But Gore would have won.

"We aren't, however, proposing to do this nationally, but locally," said Ness, who these days operates something of a political activist center and cultural salon called the Green House, on Woodward Avenue in Ferndale, an aging blue-collar Detroit suburb.

Ness and Howard Ditkoff, a non-practicing psychiatrist from Oak Park, are now working busily to get a proposal to adopt IRV on the Ferndale ballot in November, and their chances are probably as good here as anywhere. Ferndale, which has about 22,000 people, has in recent years marked itself as a gay-friendly city, and gay couples have moved in and rehabilitated many of the town's vintage-1920s homes.

While Green Party candidates elsewhere in Michigan have been performing abysmally, last year Greens won election to both the city council and school board.

"All we have to do is get a few hundred signatures and we are on the ballot," said Ditkoff, who says he decided not to practice after graduating from medical school "because the profession is so controlled by the drug companies."

Ness says IRV would benefit Greens and other third party candidates, because their first-choice vote would likely swell once voters saw that voting their conscience no longer meant risking electing the person they least wanted.

But the major parties would also benefit, since they would usually still win, he argues, and the winner would better be able to claim a clear mandate from the people.

What happens now is that third party candidates generally get fewer votes than polls show, in large part because voters end up returning to a major party in an effort to block the candidate they really don't want.

Four years ago, of course, the worst of all possible worlds happened for the Greens. Just

days before the election, Nader was running far higher in the polls than the 2.7 percent of the vote he received in the end, and Greens were confident he would get the 5 percent needed to get federal matching funds.

Much of his support evaporated in the final days. Yet while Nader got far fewer votes than he had hoped, he still got more than enough in Florida to deny Gore the election, and make for bad blood ever since between Democrats and Greens.

IRV would prevent that. The system wouldn't necessarily always work to the advantage of liberals; there is some evidence that most Perot voters in 1992 would have made the first President Bush their second choice. The choice would not always be made on ideological grounds, of course, especially in local elections.

For IRV activists, their cause is becoming somewhat of a crusade. They have been sparring with Michigan elections director Chris Thomas, arguing - so far unsuccessfully - that new voting equipment should be made IRV-compatible.

Last week, Ditkoff held a workshop for activists in other cities, including Royal Oak and Ann Arbor, where ballot efforts are also under way.

Whether IRV would make a big difference in election outcomes is unknown, but it just might stimulate a new wave of interest in politics and voting. "If people see that their vote will really count and really matter, more people will vote," Ness said.

Given that barely half of Americans vote in even the most closely contested presidential elections, that alone might be reason enough to give IRV a try.

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Be careful of information asked for through e-mail

About a week ago, I logged in to my Internet account to check my e-mail and I came across an official-looking message from "Citibank." It said:

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Thank you for using Citibank!

I do not have a Citibank ATM card, so I figured that either Citibank had made a mistake or that it was a scam. To find out, I paid a quick visit to Citibank's Web site and found a document that listed a series of bogus e-mails being sent out by

scammers under Citibank's name.

My e-mail was on that list. I learned that if I clicked on the link in the e-mail, I would be taken to Citibank's Web site, but a second, small form would pop up where I could enter my account number and PIN. If I entered information into this form, it would not be sent to Citibank but instead to a thief who would use it to get into my bank account.

In this e-mail, the sender address was Citibank143@citibank.com. Citi.com is the actual Web address of Citibank, but they did not send the e-mail. It is actually very easy to "spoof" an e-mail address; in other words, it is easy to make an e-mail seem as if it is sent by someone else. This "spoofing" adds a false sense of legitimacy to the message.

A good acquaintance of mine who manages Information Technology received an e-mail supposedly from "PayPal" about two months ago. PayPal is a service used to pay for items purchased on the Internet. The e-mail message had a similar tone to the "Citibank" message and it asked her to verify her account number and password. She felt that the e-mail was legitimate and responded to it.

Unfortunately, the e-mail was not sent by PayPal; it was a scam. Within hours, her checking account was tapped and her credit cards were used. Because the thief was able to obtain her Social Security number, she now has to check her credit report every six months and is contemplating having to change it.

Using e-mail messages to get you to divulge your personal financial information is called "phishing" and it is on the rise. No firm num-

bers exist on the number of people falling prey to this specific scam, but the FTC received over 100,000 Internet fraud complaints from consumers in 2002 and over 4,500 of those were from Michigan consumers. How can you protect yourself? I would recommend the following:

■ Be skeptical of any e-mail that asks for information from you and, if you are specifically asked for a password, PIN, account number, Social Security number or any other bit of private information, absolutely do not respond to it. A legitimate company will never ask for that information via e-mail.

■ Do not rely on sender addresses as a gauge of legitimacy. It is simply too easy to fake a sender address.

■ If you are not sure about any e-mail you receive, contact the company directly by phone and ask them about the e-mail. Verify its legitimacy. Many companies also post information on bogus e-mails right on their Web site.

■ Visit some of the Web sites devoted to documenting these scam e-mails. Examples include: www.antiphishing.org, www.ftc.gov, and www.privacyrights.org.

E-mail is a wonderful tool, but it is easily abused. Stay vigilant, use common sense and be skeptical when communicating with this medium. Once you are scammed, you could have a problem that will stay with you for a very long time.

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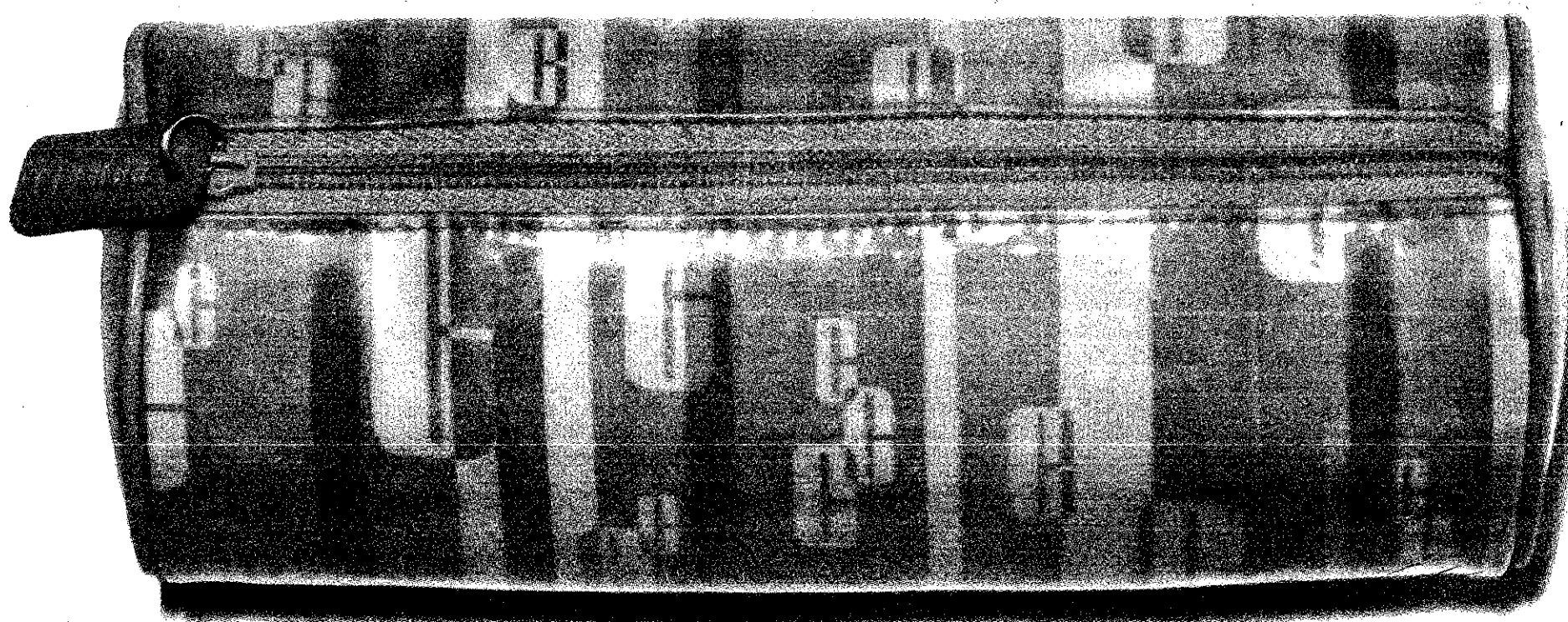
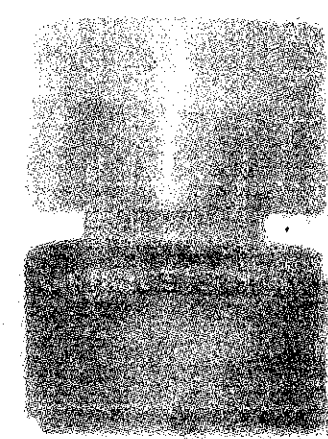
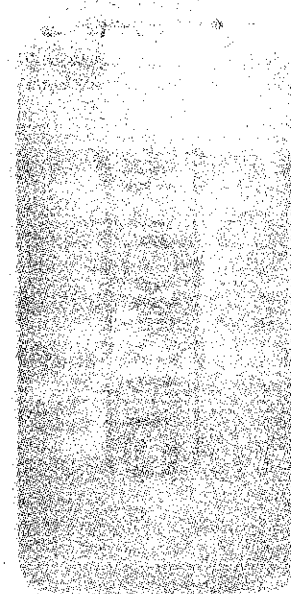
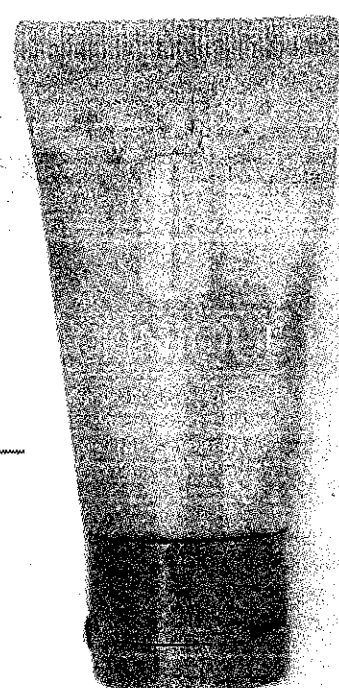
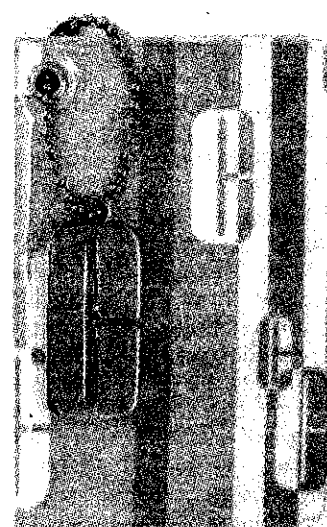
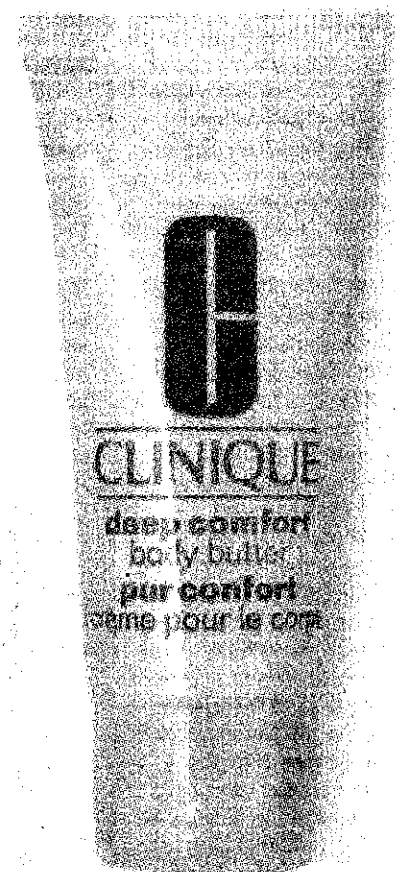
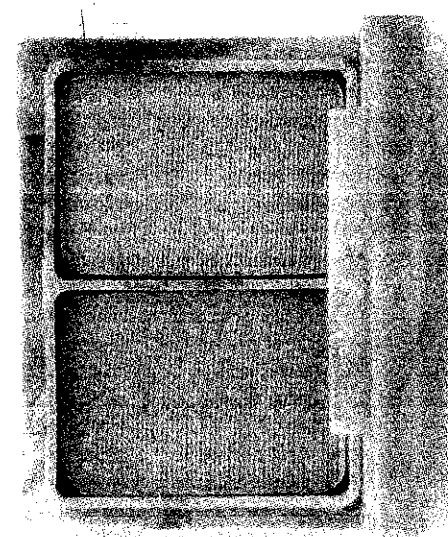
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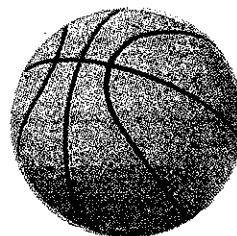
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Agape tips Hawks

The first set went to Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, but Canton Agape Christian regrouped and won the next two to edge the Hawks 9-15, 15-11, 15-7 in a non-conference volleyball match played Thursday at Huron Valley's home court at Livonia's St. Paul's Lutheran.

Agape improved to 2-0 with the victory. Huron Valley is 1-1.

Service aces were certainly a factor in the Wolverines' triumph. A.J. Creps had six of them, and Emily Tong and Ashley Paul finished with three apiece.

Creps also had six kills and two blocks, while Tong got seven set assists and Paul contributed four kills. Brianna Chrenko also had three blocks.

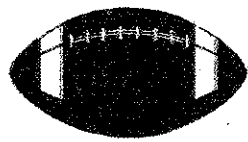
The Hawks were paced by Becky Schultz, who had five kills and four digs. Other standouts for Huron Valley were Brittany Hickman with four set assists and Kristen Merian, who served 13 points.

Huron Valley hosts Taylor Baptist Park at 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran, while Agape entertains Auburn Hills Oakland Christian at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Discovery Middle School.

Football honors

Two area football teams received honors from the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association for their academic efforts.

Catholic Central had the top team grade point average in Division 1 with a GPA of 3.974, while Garden City received honorable mention in



Division 2 with a team GPA of 3.652.

Livonia Stevenson's Brian Alpert and Canton's Ray Eisenbrenner were named to the MHSFCA Academic All-State team, and two area coaches received regional coach of the year awards - Wayne's Craig Hnatuk and Canton's Tim Baechler - while CC's Roy Dudas was honored as a varsity assistant coach of the year for his 25 years of coaching.

Young wrestlers

Any first- through eighth-graders interested in wrestling, here's your chance. The Canton Wrestling Club will have registration at 6 p.m. Jan. 13 outside the Canton HS wrestling room, next to the Canton HS gym.

The \$45 registration fee includes a T-shirt and membership in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association. Practices will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For a list of tournaments, visit the Web site at www.cantonchiefswrestling.com.

For more information, call Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph at (734) 697-2083.



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Dominique Washington (23) of Plymouth Salem runs past Martez Robinson (12) of Wayne Memorial Friday night.

And who are those guys?

Salem stuns Wayne, 69-60

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
CORRESPONDENT

Don't look at the record when evaluating Salem's basketball squad - look at the team.

Salem, which had won just one time in six tries previously, put together four solid quarters Friday night for the first time this season to defeat a tough Wayne Memorial squad, 69-60, in the first game of the Western Lakes Activities Association for each team.

Salem's 2-5 record remains deceptive, however, since Friday night marked the first time this season coach Bob Brodie had his full team together. The Rocks had been depleted by injury and also done in by a Tom Izzo-style schedule, so you could say Brodie's boys are really 1-0.

"We had a lot of guys play and a lot of them (10) scored," Brodie said. "Sometimes injuries can improve your depth. We had guys coming off the bench in this game who had been starting. That improves your confidence. You're not as nervous."

"Hopefully we can continue to move through the league and improve more."

The Rocks have been beaten by unbeaten Allen Park, Belleville (one loss) and Saline (undefeated). Now it enters WLAA play.

The loss was Wayne's second of the week in a 2-3 season and coach Wayne Woodard spent a lot of post-game time chatting with his charges, who missed a boat-load of baskets and a bushel full of free throws.

"I didn't see anything I liked," Woodard said. "We didn't guard anybody. We didn't make good decisions. But that's not to take anything away from them."

"They had a good game plan and they executed well. They deserved to win the game."

The Zebras are a team that lives and dies by their shooting. This time, they shot themselves in the foot.

Wayne was 6-for-22 in three-point shooting and 6-for-21 from the free-throw line, where nobody puts a hand in your face.

Salem played perhaps its strongest first quarter of the season in jumping out to an 18-8 lead. Still, the Rocks were just 3-for-8 before hitting their last five shots of the period.

"We played well," Brodie said. "We did defensively what we wanted to, which was to slow down the game and take the fast break away from them."

"Plus we played zone defense a good deal of the time because we wanted them to shoot from the outside. We didn't want them to be able to pound the ball in."

"And I thought we handled their pressure well. I was happy with the way we weathered the storm."

Brad Clark, who had been hurting, had three triples and led all scorers with 17 points for Salem.

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Big debut for newest Whaler

Talk about a trade paying immediate dividends.

The Plymouth Whalers picked up right wing Rane Carnegie and defenseman Mike Knight from Belleville on Monday for left wing Mike Lombardi (draft choices were also involved), and in their first game with the Whalers Friday at Sault Ste. Marie, Carnegie scored two goals in the first period.

Which got Plymouth headed in the proper direction. Goalie Paul Drew was instrumental in the rest, turning away 38 shots as the Whalers posted a 4-2 triumph.

The win pushed the Whalers' record to 18-12-8-3 (47 points), one point behind first-place Sarnia in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. The Greyhounds fell to 20-22-1-1 (42 points), third in the West.

Carnegie's goals came at 4:01 and 14:10 of the first period, giving him eight for the season. John Vigilante assisted on both; Ryan Ramsay also assisted on the first, and James Wisniewski (from Canton) - the Whalers' captain playing in his first OHL game since returning from the World Junior Tournament, where Team USA won a gold medal - assisted on the second.

Sault Ste. Marie trimmed the Plymouth lead to one on a goal by Brad Staubitz at 18:26 of the first, then tied it with a score by Jeff Carter at 16:05 of the second period. But the Whalers took the lead for good on Brent Mahon's goal with one minute left in the second period (Sean Thompson assisted).

John Mitchell's goal at 3:35 of the final period (Jonas Fiedler assisting) provided Plymouth with some cushion. For the Greyhounds, goalie Kevin Druce had 25 saves.

Stevenson frustrates Canton in shutout

It was a defensive spectacle Friday night as host Livonia Stevenson held Canton to only eight shots on goal, with the Spartans easily cruising to a 4-0 hockey victory.

Stevenson, which had 29 shots on goal, got its first score from Dave Kubert at 12:15, with Marcus Voran and Adam Stoner notching the assists.

In the second period, Stoner acquired his second point compliments of a power-play goal, assists coming from Shawn Sacuau and Jimmy Nawrocki. At 11:57, Nawrocki scored which made it 3-0 with John Fritsch assisting.

Stoner put the game out of reach in the third period, netting his second goal at 1:10, with Kubert and Brent

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Melden registering assists.

Stevenson netminder Ryan Benett got the shutout, as the Spartans' team defense showed improvement.

"Our strategy was to keep the opponents' shots down and limit their scoring chances," Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said. "We played strong and that was good to see."

Stevenson moves to 6-4-1 overall, 3-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Canton drops to 3-6-1 overall.

P-C-S 6, Walled Lake 1:

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls hockey team

pushed its record over .500 thanks to four second-period goals in a win over Walled Lake Tuesday at the Arctic Edge in Canton.

The Penguins are 5-4-1 overall.

Six players scored goals for P-C-S. Jessica Rzetelny scored the game's first goal 8:50 into the first period; she would later add two assists to her total. Kelli Bargowski and Stephanie Murray each had a goal and an assist.

Bargowski's goal with 3:14 left in the first period gave the Penguins a 2-1 lead, which they would not relinquish. Murray, Katie Lindow, Olivia Pennebaker and Lisa Ealy scored second-period goals, allowing P-C-S to pull away to

an easy win.

Amanda Watkins was in goal for the Penguins, stopping 11 of 12 Walled Lake shots. P-C-S had 31 shots on the Wild's net.

Canton 3, Chelsea 3: The Chiefs returned from the holiday break with a bit of drama, as Reece McCabe scored the game-tying goal with just nine seconds left in regulation in a non-league game against Chelsea Wednesday at Canton's Arctic Edge.

The goal was McCabe's second of the game. Matt Oliver assisted on both, with Mike Stewart also getting an assist on McCabe's game-winner. Stewart also scored a goal in the game.

Chiefs beat Northville in WLAA opener

Starting your conference season with a win is always a big step. Starting your conference season with a win over a team that beat you by 45 points the previous year is gigantic.

Last season, Canton's wrestling team was clobbered by Northville in their dual meet, 60-15. The Chiefs repaid the Mustangs on Thursday with a 46-28 triumph at Canton.

Canton improved to 8-6 overall, 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Northville is 0-1 in the WLAA.

"They beat us 60-15 last year, and they only graduated two people," noted Canton coach Casey Randolph. "It shows we've caught a lot of teams. Now we've just got to take it to another level."

There were ups and downs in this dual for the Chiefs. The meet started with the 160-pound match, which Canton's Alex Freitag lost to Jeff Ponder, 12-2.

It didn't get any better for the Chiefs, at least not right away. They lost their next three matches, but Randolph was hardly discouraged.

"Those were their studs," he explained. "And (three of four of) our kids didn't get pinned, then we got that huge pin at heavyweight."

That came from freshman Donnie Laramie, and it took just :18 against Northville's Bob Lacey. Ryan Schnettler followed with another pin for Canton at 103, but the true turning point came when Jay Fleischmann pinned Joe Marretta in :40 at 125.

"That's when I knew we could win, because our studs were coming up," said Randolph. "This is a huge win for us. We can start to see everything starting to come together."

Canton wrestles at Plymouth at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.



On the mat

CC's Scott Schwarlose (top) puts a move on John Glenn's Brad Fairchild at 171 pounds during their match on Thursday night. See results inside.

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Dominique Washington, who also had been ailing, made a pair of three-point shots and finished with 16 points.

Samad Mohammed scored nine and Eric Vanston had eight for Salem while Brian Bradley scored six, all in the fourth quarter.

The Rocks scored first in the second period to take a 20-8 lead but the Zebras got back into it with nine unanswered points. Salem countered with a seven-point run but Wayne outscored the Rocks, 8-3, the rest of the quarter and only trailed by five, 30-25, at half-time.

"People kept waiting for them to take control of the game," Brodie said. "But we countered what they threw at us every time. I was proud of our team. I was happy for them. We had a good week of practice."

Salem extended its margin to 40-27 in the first 2:35 of the second half to take control of the game. Wayne trailed after three quarters, 49-40, and got to within five again, 52-47, with 5:28 to play.

But the Rocks ran off five in a row, then countered another Zebra rally (59-53 with 2:04 to play) with another flurry to close out the game.

Daniel Walsh led the Zebras with 12 points. Genoio Safford, Brian Hearst and Gene Nix scored 10 apiece while Maurice Nelson added nine. Safford didn't start due to a team rules violation and sat out the first 5:24.



Salem's Kyle Price (40) dribbles past a Wayne defender during the Rocks' win Friday night.

"We haven't been without our share of problems, either," Woodard noted. "In order for us to be good, we've got to correct our mistakes."

"From start to finish they had our number. We just never had

it."

Salem was playing only its second road game of the season and will have its next two on the road - Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson and Friday at Walled Lake Western.

Saints run past Madonna

Some memories die hard. Siena Heights' men's basketball team, currently ranked third in the NAIA, didn't forget what happened last February when it visited Madonna University. The Saints were ranked sixth in the NAIA at the time and were unbeaten in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, but Madonna knocked them off, 97-92.

So when Siena Heights returned to Madonna Wednesday, that memory lingered - but not for long. The Saints followed a solid finish to the first half with an 11-0 run to start the second, leading to a 104-74 triumph.

Siena Heights is 15-2 overall, 1-0 in the WHAC. Madonna is 6-10 overall, 0-1 in the conference.

Turnovers doomed the Crusaders in this one. They

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had 25 of them, leading to 26 points for Siena Heights. They got 10 points on the Saints' 15 turnovers.

Five players reached double figures in scoring for Siena Heights, led by Andre Johnson with 17 points (and four assists). Doug Gray collected 15 points and nine rebounds, Greg McPherson had 14 points and seven boards, Jason Rennie totaled 13 points, and Lloyd Cowles finished with 12 points, 10 steals and eight assists.

Madonna got 18 points from Noel Emenhiser, 13 points from Joe Kofahl, and eight apiece from Jim Woodworth and Dan Kurtinaitis.

Kurtinaitis also had five assists and three steals.

The Crusaders were within 21-14 with just under 11 minutes left in the first half, then were outscored 30-20 during the remainder of the half to trail 51-34 at halftime.

Schoolcraft 107, St. Clair CCC 51: Five players scored in double figures Thursday as Eastern Conference leader Schoolcraft College (12-2, 3-0) demolished visiting St. Clair County Community College (7-7, 1-2).

Guard Ty Scott (Highland Park) led a balanced scoring attack with 20 points. Others in double figures included Ray Metcalf (16), Ryan Baumgartner (15), Derrick Ponder (14) and Ricky Morgan (12).

Michael Frontz tallied 13 for St. Clair, which trailed 41-24 at halftime.

Crusaders hold off Siena Heights

A strong first half gave Madonna University's women's basketball team a 13-point lead at halftime Wednesday at Siena Heights, and they needed every bit of it, holding off the Saints in the second half to record a 65-64 victory.

The win, in their Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener for both teams, gave the Crusaders a 4-12 overall record. Siena Heights is 3-13 overall.

Decent shooting in the first half, particularly from the free-throw line (15-of-18, 83.3 percent), allowed Madonna to go up 38-25. But after converting 11-of-27 of their first-half floor shots (40.7 percent), the Crusaders were just 7-of-31 (22.5 percent) in the second half.

Rebounding and free throws were the difference for Madonna. The Crusaders outboarded the Saints, 56-39, and hit 26-of-36 (72.2 percent) free

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

throws, compared to 13-of-18 (72.2 percent) for Siena Heights.

Marwa Ayoub paced Madonna with 19 points; she also had nine rebounds, three blocked shots and two steals. Courtney Rehbine added 14 points and seven boards, and Sarah Thomson totaled 13 points and 14 rebounds.

Siena Heights got 17 points from Shannon Roach, 13 points from Emilie Klinger, 12 points from Laura Panezzo and eight points, 11 rebounds, seven assists and four steals from Nicole Coffey.

Schoolcraft 72, St. Clair CCC 65: Five players reached double figures in scoring for St. Clair County CC, compared to one for Schoolcraft College. The Skippers also outrebounded SC, 45-36.

Register for youth bowling leagues

Registration is underway for the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation 14-week fall and winter bowling leagues for boys and girls 18-and-under.

Age divisions (as of Aug. 1, 2003) include Major, 15-and-over; Junior, 12-14; Prep, 9-11; Bantam, 8-and-under; and bumper bowlers, 7-and-under.

Among the local bowling centers offering leagues

include: 4:15 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, Cloverlanes, 38900 Schoolcraft Road, and Merri-Bowl, 30950 Five Mile Road (all ages and bumpers); 4:15 p.m. Monday and Friday, Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Road (all ages and bumpers); 4:15 p.m. Friday (ages 7-and-up), Wonderland Lanes, 38455 Plymouth Road; 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (ages 7-and-up), Wonderland Lanes.

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CANTON 46
NORTHVILLE 28
Jan. 8 at Canton

103 pounds: Ryan Schnettler (C) pinned Colin Appleford, 4:11; 112: Joel Shanne (N) pinned Sam Santilli, 3:44; 119: Adam Blunk (N) pinned Nick Poole, 3:58; 125: Jay Fleischmann (C) pinned Joe Marretta, 4:01; 130: Corey Phillips (C) pinned Nick Giammarco, 4:27; 135: Pete Bonneau (C) won by void; 140: Ryan Webb (C) pinned John Manica, 3:52; 145: Konrad Konsitzke (C) pinned Stefano Giammarco, 3:34; 152: Steve Hosey (C) maj. dec. over Brad Ashby, 12:31; 160: Jeff Ponder (N) major dec. over Alex Freitag, 12:21; 171: Bill Ringer (N) dec. over Alex Amberg, 5:11; 189: Steve Minier (N) pinned P.J. Caram, 1:25; 215: Ben Mason (N) dec. over Dave Kersten, 5:01; **Heavyweight:** Donnie Laramie (C) pinned Bob Lacey, 1:18.

Dual-meet records: Canton, 8-6 overall, 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association; Northville, 0-1 in the WLAA.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 64
PLYMOUTH HIGH 12
Jan. 8 at Franklin

103 pounds: Jon Roos (LF) pinned Kenny

Peterson, 3:50; 112: Jesse Gardocki (LF) p. Bon Rosmalis, 1:35; 119: Mike Warren (LF) decisioned Ali Youssef, 15:21; 125: Steve Korpys (P) dec. James Jones, 13:11; 130: Jon Hagar (P) dec. Zach Campbell, 5:11; 135: Ryan Hawkins (LF) p. Jeff Schwartz, 1:22; 140: Kayle McCart (LF) p. Mark Rosier, 4:27; 145: Nate Turco (LF) p. William Gripman, 1:15; 152: Blake Karkoska (LF) p. Sean Dillon, 3:43; 160: Chris Weiss (LF) p. Ramin Parkay, 0:24; 171: Chris VanCamp (LF) p. Alex Minellor, 3:31; 189: Taylor Fox (P) p. Mike Skoglund, 5:51; 215: Greg Schuyler (LF) p. Danny Vamma, 1:51; 275: Ryan Pokryfky (LF) p. Bob Miller, 2:32.

Franklin's dual meet record: 6-1 overall.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 49,
LIV. STEVENSON 25
Jan. 8 at John Glenn

103: Scott Lowry (CC) won by void; 112: Andrew Nadhir (CC) p. Jon Reale, 3:01; 119: Paul Cassar (LS) d. Brett Schwarzlose, 5:21; 125: Saul Fuentes (LS) maj. dec. Robert Price, 8:01; 130: Alex York (LS) p. Ryan Brown, 3:03; 135: Shane O'Connor (CC) won by void; 140: Adam Kokenakis (LS) p. Matt Stack, 2:39; 145: Dario Mainella (LS) p. John Cox, 1:29; 152: Brad Bartram (CC) p. Billy McNally, 1:29; 160: Trevor

Stewart (CC) p. Kyle Lis, 1:15; 171: Scott Schwartzlose (CC) maj. dec. Joe Bargerstock, 15:21; 189: John Kinville (CC) d. Edgar Fuentes, 3:11 (OT); 215: Eric Vojtkofsky (CC) p. Steve Bronsted, 1:11; HWY: John Morasso (CC) p. Chris Roth, 2:48.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 39,
CATHOLIC CENTRAL 29
Jan. 8 at John Glenn

103: Scott Lowry (CC) p. Brandon Nikula, 2:46; 112: Andrew Nadhir (CC) p. Robbie Weck, 4:46; 119: Mike Weck (JG) d. Antonio Cosme, 18:15; 125: Mike McHenry (CC) d. Sais Naber, 8:51; 130: Jimmy Wood (JG) p. Ryan Brown, 2:24; 135: Darryl Rice (JG) p. Shane O'Connor, 5:22; 140: Recc Cox (JG) p. Matt Stack, 1:42; 145: John McCahill (JG) p. John Cox, 5:23; 152: Darren Cruickshank (JG) d. Brad Bartram, 9:21; 160: Trevor Stewart (CC) p. Tony Colusemo, 2:37; 171: Scott Schwartzlose (CC) tech. fall Brad Allen, 20:41; 189: Jake Fairchild (JG) p. Brandon Albrecht, 2:58; 215: Eric Schambers (JG) d. Eric Vojtkofsky, 2:11 (OT); HWY: John Morasso (CC) Stefan Bozman, 2:01.

CC's dual meet record: 4-2 overall; John Glenn's dual meet record: 16-4; Stevenson's dual meet record: 12-7.

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 13
Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Holy Redeemer at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Canton Agape at Det. Business Tech, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. East, 7 p.m.
Harper Wds. at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Mt. Zion, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15
Huron Valley at Acad. Bus. Tech, TBA.
Friday, Jan. 16
W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian vs. Canton Agape, 7:30 p.m.
at Discovery Middle School
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.
Liggett at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Benedictine at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Jan. 10
Ply. Christian at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 13
Huron Valley vs. Taylor Baptist
at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
Marian at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Oak Christian vs. Canton Agape
at Discovery Middle School, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 14
Clarenceville at Plymouth JV, 5:30 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Northern, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15
Huron Valley vs. Lutheran South
at Livonia St. Paul's, 5:30 p.m.
Canton Agape at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. East, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Troy Invitational, TBA
Fraser Invitational, 8 a.m.
Wayne Invitational, 8 a.m.
UM-Deerborn Tourney, 9 a.m.
E. Kentwood Tourney, 9 a.m.
Midland Dow Invitational, 9 a.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 13
Churchill vs. Salem
at Ply. Cultural Center, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 14
P-C-S Penguins vs. G.P. South
at Grosse Pointe, 5:30 p.m.
W.L. Western vs. Canton
at Arctic Edge, 6 p.m.
Ladywood vs. G.P. North
at Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. Woodhaven,
Stevenson vs. W.L. Northern
at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
Franklin vs. Churchill (Edgar), 6 p.m.
Redford CC at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
Canton vs. Northville
at Novi Arena, 6 p.m.
Churchill vs. W.L. Central
at Lakeland Ice Arena, 6 p.m.
P-C-S Penguins vs. Northville
at Novi Arena, 8 p.m.
Ladywood vs. H.W. Regina
at St. Clair Shores Arena, 9 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Tuesday, Jan. 13
Redford CC at Lake Orion, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 14
Clarenceville at East Jackson, 6 p.m.
Luth. Westland, Memphis
at Det. Holy Redeemer, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15
Divine Child at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Canton at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Williamston Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Stevenson Team Tourney, 9 a.m.
Highland Dual Tourney, 9 a.m.
Springport Tournament, 9:30 a.m.
Redford CC Super Dual, 10 a.m.
Luth. Westland Invitational, TBA.
John Glenn at South Lyon, TBA.
PREP BOYS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Jan. 13
A.A. Huron at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15
W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Brighton
at Liv. Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
Wayne Invitational, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Wayne Invitational, 1 p.m.
PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Jan. 12
Livonia Unified at Roch. Adams, 7 p.m.
Wayne-Westland vs. Hartland
at John Glenn H.S., 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 14
Liv. Unified at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
Liv. Unified at Berkley, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Holland Invitational, 10 a.m.
PREP SKIING
Thursday, Jan. 15
Ladywood vs. Marian
at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.
COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Jan. 17
N.B. Huron Invitational, 10 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 14
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Cornerstone at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 14
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 5:30 p.m.
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Madonna at Cornerstone, 1 p.m.
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Jan. 15
Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
Whalers vs. Mississauga
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Whalers vs. Kitchener
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

Mustangs catch Chiefs in final quarter

Canton recovered from a slow start in its first Western Lakes Activities Association basketball game of the season, overtaking Western Division foe Northville by halftime. But the Chiefs could not maintain their momentum, while Northville's just kept climbing. The end result was a 55-49 Mustang win. The loss gave Canton a 2-3 overall mark and an 0-1 start to the WLAA season. Northville is 1-0 in the conference.

"We were down 11-2 to start," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, "but we had a nice second quarter and went up (25-23) at the half. But down the stretch we had some turnovers, and we fouled and they made their free throws. (Northville) shot the ball well, real well tonight. I saw them play twice before and this was by far the best they played."

The Chiefs, who fought back to make it 13-8 after one quarter, were still ahead by a point (39-38) heading into the last quarter. But the Mustangs owned that period, outscoring Canton 17-10.

Julian Smith paced the Chiefs with 12 points and 13 rebounds. Matt Paye contributed 12 points and Brad

BASKETBALL

Waidmann had 11.

Brett Asher topped Northville with 17 points. Tim Singleton added 12 and Marcus Davis scored nine.

The Mustangs were 11-of-17 at the free-throw line (64.7 percent); Canton was 6-of-13 (46.2 percent).

Zoe Christian 54, PCA 49:

They had a chance.

Going up against unbeaten Warren Zoe Christian, on the Warriors' homecourt no less, Plymouth Christian Academy had a shot at a major upset. With :13 left, the Eagles had the ball, trailing by three points. And they already had converted 10 triples in the game.

But PCA couldn't get that last chance. A turnover on its inbounds play put the Eagles into a must-foul position, and the result was a five-point win for Zoe Christian.

The loss dropped PCA to 3-2 overall. Zoe is 7-0.

"I'm pleased with the way we played," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "You always want to come out of a game with a win, but we played hard all the way and we played well."

It was close throughout, neither team's advantage ever reaching 10 points. The difference was in the Warriors' frontcourt, which dominated.

Chris Czubek, a 6-foot-7 junior center, led Zoe with 14 points; he also had two three-pointers and helped keep PCA center Aaron Ciborowski completely off the scoreboard.

C.J. Feril added 12 points for Zoe and Dereck Winicki had nine.

The Eagles, who were down 27-26 at the half and 45-37 after three quarters, got 16 points from Dan Carty, including four triples; 13 points from Ben Baloga, with another four three-pointers; and 13 points from Steve Sumner.

Free-throw shooting also favored the home team. Zoe had 21 attempts (making just seven), while PCA had just seven (hitting three).

CC 63, UD-Jesuit 62 (OT):

Redford Catholic Central never led by more than four points in the final 12 minutes of Friday's game with University of Detroit-Jesuit and didn't score in the last 47 seconds of the contest.

But the Cubs couldn't score in that last stretch either, allowing CC to come away with

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an overtime win over its Central Division foe.

"It was back and forth," said CC coach Rick Coratti as his team improved to 7-2 overall and 2-0 in the Central Division. "Dave Herberholz had two big baskets in overtime and that did it for us."

CC wasn't out of the woods after the Cubs pulled to within one point. Both teams missed free throws in the final stretch of overtime, and the Cubs (5-2, 1-1) had a chance to win. But Dan Waterstradt blocked a shot and grabbed the rebound to ice the win.

Waterstradt led all scorers with 25 points and added 19 rebounds. Jim Cash kicked in with 17 points for CC and Herberholz had nine. Robert Williams-Hinton led the Cubs with 20 points, while Connor Barwin and Pat Clancy had 14 each.

Adult rec hockey leagues offered

Adult recreation hockey leagues playing out of the Plymouth Cultural Center, Arctic Pond in Plymouth and Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, will be offered Sunday evenings now through March.

Among the leagues offered include men and women over-21, -30, -40 and -50, along with an adult novice league.

Drop-in hockey for seniors over-50 is available each Tuesday and Friday morning at the Arctic Pond.

For more information call the Arctic Pond at (734) 207-7663, or to obtain a registration form, visit www.rspi.net. You can also call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658; or e-mail him at john@rspi.net.

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WRESTLING TOURNEY

Garden City High School will hold its 38th annual novice wrestling tournament for high school freshmen and sophomores beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17.

Admission for fans will be \$4 and is good for the whole day. Concessions will be available.

The 28-team tournament is one of the largest in the area and includes such area teams as Canton, Livonia Churchill, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, Livonia Franklin, Garden City, Westland John Glenn, North Farmington, Plymouth, Salem, Livonia Stevenson, and Wayne.

For more information, please call (734) 762-8363.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Player registration for the Plymouth-Canton Little League will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Jan. 17 at the Plymouth Public Library, located at 223 S. Main Street. Proof of birth date and residence required.

For more information, call (734) 207-7793.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking spring youth soccer registration during business hours (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) throughout January at the recreation

office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer.

All first-time registrants must provide proof of birth date. The fee for under-six through under-eight divisions \$60 for city of Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents; for under-nine and older divisions, the fee is \$65 for city of Plymouth residents and \$95 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620, or check the web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

The Canton Soccer Club is currently accepting registrations for the spring season. Registration forms may be obtained either on-line at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or at the club office, located at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan in Canton. Office hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Registration fees for under-five division players is \$50; for under-six through under-eight division players, the fee is \$65 for Canton residents and \$90 for non-residents; for under-nine through under-19 divisions, the fee is \$100 for residents and \$125 for non-residents.

Registration closes March 1. Registration form, copy of birth certificate and payment may be mailed to: Canton Soccer Club, P.O. Box 87244, Canton, MI, 48187. For more information, call (734) 480-7046.

COACHES WANTED

Plymouth High School is looking for a ninth-grade softball coach for the 2004 season.

For more information or to apply, please call athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700/02.

Canton HS is accepting applications for a freshmen softball coach. Experience in fastpitch softball is necessary.

For further information, contact Canton athletic director Sue Heinzman at (734) 416-2925.

SOFTBALL PLAYERS

The Canton Thunderbirds softball girls fastpitch 12U team is still looking for a few players. The coaching staff is good enough to help both the experienced or novice player. To qualify, players must be 12 years or less on January 1, 2004.

For further information contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355.

RUNNING WORKSHOP

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will sponsor a Running Symposium from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

The gathering aims to inform about conditions associated with running, how to rehabilitate common injuries

and how to choose the right running shoe.

Peter Galea, doctor of podiatry medicine, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Department physical therapists, and representatives from Running Fit will be speaking.

Pre-registration is required.

For more information, or to register, call Kevin Moore at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department at (734) 655-2419.

PRO BASEBALL EVENT

Tickets for TigerFest 2004, the Detroit Tigers' annual fan-focused winter event, are on sale. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24, at Joe Louis Arena.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids 14-and-under and are available through Ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets, the Joe Louis Arena box office or by calling (248) 25-TIGER.

The event will feature autograph sessions, photo booths and instructional clinics by Tiger players and coaches. Fans can take swings inside a baseball stadium or in the major league batting cage. There will also be a shuttle to Comerica Park for special tours throughout the afternoon.

For more information, such as participants and activities, visit www.detroitigers.com.

FASTPITCH CLINICS

Madonna University will conduct three sessions of Girls Fastpitch Softball Clinics, each session lasting four weeks.

Session One will be from 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24 and 31, Feb. 7 and 14; Session Two will be from 3:30-6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22.

The cost for each four-week session is \$120, or \$35 for one day.

All phases of fast-pitch softball will be covered in the clinics: hitting, bunting, infield/outfield play, base-running, pitching/catching and defensive positions.

Pre-registration is required. There is a maximum of 30 girls per session. Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball.

For more information, call Madonna softball coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 or assistant coach Curt White at (810) 844-0109.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

The Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Spring Youth Soccer registration during January during regular business hours - 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The office is at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. All first-time registrations require a birth certificate.

The fees for U6-U8 are \$60 for Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents. For U9 and older, the fee is \$65 for residents and \$95 for non-residents. For more information, call (734) 455-6620. You can

download forms and get more information at the web site www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

AAU BOYS HOOPS

The Michigan Chargers, a 14-and-under (eighth grade) boys basketball team will be staging tryouts Friday, Jan. 9 to fill a guard position for the 2004 travel season.

Candidates should have at least one-to-two years experience playing travel basketball and fit the team concept.

If chosen, a commitment is required through the end of June, along with fees and costs. Pre-registration is required to arrange a tryout for a cost of \$5.

For more information, call coach Pete Bader at (734) 354-9621.

CC GAME REPLAYED

In case you missed it the first time, Fox Sports Net will replay the Michigan High School Athletic Association football and girls basketball finals over the holiday season at least once.

Of local interest, Redford Catholic Central's Division I football win over Utica Eisenhower will be shown at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16.

SKATING LESSONS

Basic skills classes in skating are being offered by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department now through March 13. These classes range from beginning to advanced freestyle skating. Each class is 25 minutes, with an additional 25 minutes for practice either before or after the lesson (depending on ice scheduling). Cost is \$70 for city of Plymouth residents, \$90 for non-residents. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation office at (734) 455-6620, ext. 304, or check out the web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

COACHES WANTED

Redford Thurston is looking for a varsity girls basketball coach.

For more information, please call athletic director Al Chambo at (313) 535-4000, Ext. 1166.

Troy High and Troy Athens high schools are in need of girls water polo coaches. Interested candidates are asked to contact Troy Director of Athletics Jim Feldkamp at (248) 823-5093.

Farmington High School has a position available for someone willing to serve on a volunteer basis as a strength and conditioning coach for the football program. The position would involve approximately nine hours per week, starting in January. To inquire, call the athletic department at (248) 489-3352.

SOFTBALL CAMP

The Annual Mercy Softball Camp for girls in grades five through 12 will take place 9 a.m. to noon on six Saturdays in early 2004.

The dates are Jan. 10, 17, 24

and 31 and Feb. 14 and 21. The camp will take place at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$50 for six sessions. To register contact Sue Graves at (734) 981-5455.

BASEBALL TRYOUT

The WaCo Wolves U-9 travel baseball team will hold winter tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50-60 games during the season plus a World Series.

For more information, please call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

GOALIE WANTED

The under-17 Wings, a boys premier soccer league team, is seeking an experienced goalkeeper to begin play immediately for all three indoor sessions and spring outdoor season.

You must be born Aug. 1, 1986 through July 31, 1987. For more information, call Jim Morye at (734) 425-2666

TOURNEY OPENINGS

Madonna University has openings for a high school girls volleyball tournament on Saturday, Jan. 10 (JV teams).

Interested coaches should call MU coach Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612.

WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its River Challenge classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Community Center Aquatics pool.

The River Challenge class is a 50-minute class. (Webbed water gloves provided. You must wear your own water shoes to each class.)

The Deep Water Exercise class will provide effective resistance to strengthen and tone the upper and lower body, as well as an abdomen workout to achieve greater flexibility. It is also therapy for sports injuries. Swim ability is not necessary. Water jogging belts are available, or you can bring your own. You must wear your own water shoes to each class. For more information, or to register, call (734) 466-2925 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us

CHEER INVITE

Oxford High School still has openings for its competitive cheer invitational, which it will host Jan. 17. The Oxford Invitational will feature divisions for varsity, junior varsity, freshmen and middle school teams.

For further information, contact the Oxford athletics department at (248) 969-1881, or call Oxford coach Kristy Gibson-Marshall at (248) 969-1875, Ext. 1625.

TOURNEY OPENINGS

Lake Orion High School has openings for its 12-team varsity-only volleyball invitational to be held Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Fieldhouse. For further information, contact the Lake Orion athletics department at (248) 693-5458.

COACHES SOUGHT

Livonia Stevenson High School has openings for the following coaching positions: Freshmen girls track, varsity boys tennis and assistant boys track. Letters of application should be sent to: Stephen Smith, assistant superintendent of human resources, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5474.

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Prized polar bear rug stolen from archers' clubhouse

Members of Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield were shocked and saddened recently when upon opening the clubhouse one morning they found that



Outdoor insights

Bill Parker

the prized polar bear rug from a 9-foot polar bear Fred Bear shot had been stolen. Polar bears mounts and rugs are rare in the United States because strict regulations make it tough to import them into the states. Because of this, Detroit Archers members are hopeful that the culprit who stole the rug will have a diffi-

cult time passing it off.

If you have information on the theft, or know of someone who recently came into possession of a polar bear rug, please call the West Bloomfield Police Department at (248) 682-9200.

NEW CO'S HIRED

One of the biggest gripes law-abiding hunters and anglers have is the lack of visibility by conservation officers. It doesn't matter if you're recreating up north or right here in southern Michigan, CO's seem to be few and far between. Let's face it, with less than 150 CO's employed by the state, and 83 counties to cover, that averages out to less than two per county. That's a lot of ground to cover, per CO.

Poachers here in Oakland and Wayne counties had better beware. Four new CO's,

three assigned to Oakland County and one to Wayne County, were among 17 new CO's who began working for the state earlier this month. The DNR released the following information on the new, and much needed, conservation officers:

■ **Oakland County**
Officer Jair Kollasch attended Lake Superior State University and Michigan State University, and worked as a Howell Area Firefighter prior to joining the DNR.

Officer Kenneth Kovach earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University in 1999, and graduated from Delta College's Kirtland Regional Police Academy in 2001. Kovach worked as a police officer for two years prior to joining the DNR.

Officer Richard Nickols is a

2000 graduate of Lake Superior State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. His previous work includes the Ingham County Sheriff's Department, where he was a deputy and a narcotics officer.

■ **Wayne County**
Officer Chad Foerster completed Delta College's Northeastern Basic Police Academy in 1997 and worked as a Saginaw police officer for six years prior to joining the DNR.

SUNDAY BANS REPEALED

The long-time bans on Sunday hunting in Washtenaw, Hillsdale, Lenawee, St. Clair and Tuscola counties have been repealed. State legislators earlier this month passed a pair of bills that bring those counties inline with the rest of the state

and allows hunting on private property on Sundays.

The outdated laws banning hunting on private property on Sundays in these counties were put on the books in the 1920s and, for some strange reason, had never been removed.

They banned hunting on private land in Hillsdale, Lenawee, St. Clair, and Tuscola, and made it illegal to hunt on the land of another on Sundays in Washtenaw County.

Fortunately, our state legislators saw the absurdity of these laws and repealed them, retroactively, earlier this month.

GIFT IDEA

Looking for a late holiday gift? For the outdoor aficionado on your list consider 2004 state park motor vehicle per-

mit.

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The permits are available at state parks and DNR Service Centers. Contact the Livonia Service center at (734) 953-1539 to purchase a permit.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

SPORTS FISHING EXPOSITION

Wayne County Community College District's first annual Michigan Sports Fishing Exposition will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 at the Downriver Campus, located at 21000 Northline Road, in Taylor. The event will feature major fishing and retail equipment from participating retailer including: Bass Pro Shops, Dick's Sporting Goods, Cabela's, Gander Mountain and the Big Bear Lodge restaurant, which will offer cooking demonstrations and samples. Other vendors will display boats, motors, electronic fishing equipment and a variety of fishing supplies. Fishing clubs such as the Downriver Walleye Federation and Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc., will also participate. Mini-seminars will be hosted by the Michigan United Conservation Club, Cabela's, Downriver Walleye and the Wayne County Sheriffs Department. Gander Mountain will provide a marine biologist to speak

on the challenges of steelhead fishing. All activities are free for young and old novices. Food and wares will be sold by individual vendors. For more information, or to pre-register, call (734) 946-3500, Ext. 3244.

BOAT SHOW AT FORD FIELD

The 21st annual Michigan Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be Wednesday through Sunday, March 3-7, at Ford Field in Detroit. Show hours will be 2-9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 3-4; noon-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 5; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, March 6; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-14 (5-and-under free). One dollar off coupons are available at all Speedway stations. Park is \$3 in lots adjacent to Ford Field. For more information, call (800) 328-6550 or visit www.MichBoatFish.com

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656-0556.

SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's Web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to river-rat122@home.com.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile. Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258-5502 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets

at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and nonboaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasonsfishingclub@yahoo.com.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River

Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178; Hudson Mills, (800) 477-3191.

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Kirk Miller

Forgive at family occasions

Don't get me wrong, I love my family, it's just ...

Holiday gatherings of the clan can induce more stress than two college students analyzing *The Matrix* over cold Coronas sporting green crescents of lime. It's not the evil trinity of cleaning, cooking and cleaning that tempts many good souls to go postal during the holidays. For some, it's the pain of enduring the obligatory visit with relatives who don't relate. Can I get an "amen," anybody?

Recently a dear friend confided in me she'd been blessed with a private epiphany about family and holidays. "Every year I sit at the table and look around wondering to myself, 'How did I ever get involved in this gene pool?'"

Such unspoken feelings turned her holidays into a bittersweet occasion. Finally, after years of guilt and frustration, her burden of mind was lifted by the simple truth imparted by her private epiphany: It's OK to admit to yourself that you can sincerely love your family, but hate hanging with them.

I agree. "Picture this," my friend said, "at the head of the table is my father-in-law, the Mangler, clutching the electric carving knife like a Red Wing goalie hugging the Stanley Cup. He insists the turkey be sliced 'the right way' — it's an alpha male's job. While he saws the bird, he drones his political views over the electric hum with the air of one reading a Papal Bull from Fox News."

Sound familiar? Times change and with change comes the need for innovative methods of coping. Being honest about your feelings is one way of coping with relatives who don't relate.

Everyone should wake up to the new reality about families in America. The one-size-fits-all template of a Norman Rockwell holiday is becoming just one among many alternative family experiences. With single-parent homes, kids raised by grandparents, foster care, cohabiting couples, same-sex couples and couples practicing different religions, statistics reveal that the two-parent, two-children model is shrinking in numbers. Today, we need to develop an understanding of how we make these new family models function in a wholesome way. Sitting for a holiday meal with relatives is not equal to condoning all the lifestyles of the people who share a plate.

Another proven method for reducing holiday stress is developing your "end game." There's a time to arrive and a time to leave. Always have handy a plausible "exit story." Get out your dictionary. Find a three-syllable Latin word and add the word, procedure, to it. No one will fault you for leaving early if you need to get home and get some rest for tomorrow's "procedure." Remember, the length of your stay is not supposed to be a measure of your love.

There are other methods. Limit the influence of alcohol. Don't get sucked into a negative rehash of some past conflict. Focus on the future. Stay positive. Practice the art of forgiveness and pray.

Kirk Miller is pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, Canton. He may be reached at (734) 637-8160.

Santa's little helper

Local woman's letters help keep magic of Santa Claus

BY BRAD KADRACH
STAFF WRITER

Kristy Swanson hopes to be a writer when she grows up, and hopes one day to have Santa grant that wish.

Until that time comes, however, she's content trying to help children communicate with the Jolly Ol' Elf in a way that benefits a charity near and dear to Swanson's heart.

Swanson, a former Westland resident who now lives in Brighton, just finished her sixth year writing letters from Santa to children all over the area. Each of the letters, which Swanson writes based on information submitted by the parents, is personalized to give the child the sense that Santa "knows everything."

"I use some filler things, like about Frosty or the reindeer," Swanson said. "But I put it in the context of the child. If the child plays hockey, then I write about Rudolph or Frosty playing hockey."

Swanson started writing Santa letters in 1997, when she officially became an elf with the Professional Association for Santa's Elves. She found the calling while surfing the Internet.

"I've always wanted to be a writer, and I've written short stories, poems, freelance stuff," said Swanson, who works in the human resources department for Northville Schools. "I have little kids, and I thought this would be perfect, so I tried it. I bonded with some of the other elves, and I've been doing it ever since."

PASE, which strives to maintain the spirit of Christmas year-round, was the brainchild of Mary Jewett, who founded the organization in September 1997. Since then, interest in PASE has been on the rise, according to information found on the PASE Web site.

There are now elves in 46 states, including 10 in Michigan. Elves can also be found internationally



Kristy Swanson helps Santa with his letters.



Kristy Swanson writes more than 300 letters from Santa every year.

in Australia, Bermuda, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

"I believe the letters are something fun to add to the excitement of the holidays for children," said Michelle Peterson, president of the board of directors for PASE. "Having two young children myself, I know and understand the importance of preserving the innocence as well as the magic of Santa as long as possible because they are hearing things about wars and terrorism every day, which is very unfortunate."

Good deeds are part of the business. According to the PASE Web site, many of the elves donate a portion of their earnings to charity. Swanson, who charges \$6 per letter, this year gave part of hers to Wide Smiles, an organization that offers support, inspiration, information and networking for families dealing with the challenges of children born with a cleft.

According to information on the Wide Smiles Web site (www.widesmiles.org), one child in 700 is born with a cleft, making it the fourth most-common birth defect and the most common facial defect. Swanson's son, Connor, was born with a cleft.

"(Wide Smiles) is near and dear to my heart," Swanson said. "Without them, I don't know how I would have survived. This is my small contribution to try and say, 'Thank you.'"

Swanson's Web site, which gets about 1,000 hits a year, contains a form, and Swanson also distributes fliers all over the area. Parents contact her, largely via e-mail, with details to be included in the letters.

She writes more than 300 letters a year, including to some 120 repeat customers. Among letters are the ones sent to her own children, 6-year-old Connor and 9-year-old Micaela, who know Mommy is an elf. This year the effort became a family affair as Swanson's husband, Joseph, got in on the act.

"I love getting e-mails back from the parents, saying they couldn't believe how their children's eyes lit up because Santa knew everything," Swanson said. "When I had children of my own, I delighted in seeing their smiles when they received the letter."

It's a lot of work for a woman who works a full-time job, spends the holidays writing the letters, and is even studying business management at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. But the load, and the season, seem to fit right in with Swanson's personality.

"I'm not happy if I'm not stressing," she said with a laugh. "I guess this is the right season for that."

More information can be obtained at Swanson's Web site, www.aurorawebsolutions.com/SANTALETTERS/index.php

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Pamper yourself in old world customs

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Forget the usual mud body wraps and hot stones.

Instead, experience the mystique of the Middle East with two old world pampering techniques.

The first is the age-old art of henna temporary body art called Mehndi. Its decorative designs are intricate and alluring. Customary among Middle Eastern women for special occasions such as weddings, Mehndi is now catching on as a trendy form of self-expression for women of all cultures.

"It's popular, especially during the summer," said Neelam Rajput, owner of Neelam Creations beauty salon in Canton. "People come in to get it done on their ankles or belly, just for fashion."

In the Middle Eastern culture, bridal parties typically have Mehndi done prior to the wedding ceremony.

"We usually do it for weddings and other special occasions," said Rampi, a West Bloomfield woman who belongs to the Hindu religious sect Sikh from northern India. "Now it's becoming more of a fad. It's probably more accepted now than it was when I was growing up."

Applied like cake frosting, the all-natural paste is made from the henna leaf and creates a vibrant brownish-orange stain on the skin, which lasts for a couple weeks.

"It's a very old technique," said Neelam, who learned the art while in beauty school in New Delhi, India. "It's just beautiful."



Neelam Rajput draws intricate designs in the traditional art of Mehndi using a henna paste.

Women, particularly those who are getting married, usually get the lacy, intricate Mehndi designs on their hands and feet as a token of good luck.

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'There's a special ceremony in Middle Eastern cultures the day before the wedding where all the ladies get together and get Mehndi done. ...

Sometimes it's a bigger ceremony than the wedding.'

Gina
Neelam Creations

ladies get together and get Mehndi done," said Gina, who works at Neelam Creations. "Then, they have a feast. Sometimes it's a bigger ceremony than the wedding."

Threading is another Indian beauty service offered at Neelam Creations. It's a facial hair removal technique using a long strand of thread. Neelam learned threading in India and said it's also catching on in America.

She takes the thread, holds one end in her mouth and makes a loop in between her fingers. In a slightly jerking motion, she grazes the looped thread along the skin and tugs to pluck the tiny hairs. She is able to shape eyebrows to perfection.

"I like the way she shapes my eyebrows," said P.K., who lives in West Bloomfield. "I get compliments all the time, that's why I've been coming here to get them done for about three or four years."

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Neelam Rajput creates a Mehndi design on the hand of a West Bloomfield woman. The henna paste dries, leaving a brownish-orange stain on the skin, which lasts about two weeks.

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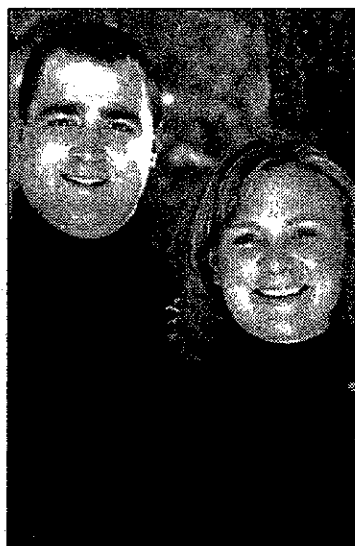
Sandstrom-Parrish

Van and Patricia Sandstrom of Ann Arbor are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Sandstrom, to Donald Earl Parrish, the son of Earnest and Penny Parrish of Canton.

Sarah is a graduate of Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan. She is currently employed as an engineer with Johnson Controls.

Donald graduated from Plymouth Salem High School and went to Adrian College.

An Oct. 2, 2004, wedding is planned in Ann Arbor.



Bedoun-Thomas

Megan Jessica Thomas and Jason Hussein Bedoun were married July 12, 2003 at the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, with Deacon Jim Ward officiating.

Attending the bride were maid of honor Kristen Kukhahn and bridesmaids Corianne Bedoun, Terry Kowalczyk, Lauren Pullins, Monica Batsford, Heather Schacht and Deanna Bedoun.

Attending the groom were best men Ryan Bedoun and Erick Bedoun and groomsmen David Thomas, Britten Richardson, Hussein Bedoun, Casey Bedoun and Ali Beydoun.

Flower girl was Angelina Callahan, and the ring bearer was Tehsen Beydoun.

The Huron String Quartet — Chris Mark, Phil Wagner, Jessica Lipon and Nick Field — provided music for the ceremony.



After honeymooning in Hawaii this spring, the couple will reside in Belleville.

Walker- Vidusic

Kara Lynn Vidusic and Michael W. Walker were married Sept. 6, 2003, at the University of Michigan Botanical Gardens. A reception was held at the Portage Yacht Club.

Kara, the daughter of George and Denise Vidusic of Canton, is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is a firefighter and EMT studying to become a paramedic. She graduates from Baker College in April 2004. She is employed at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Mike, the son of Brian Walker of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Donna Walker of Novi, is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is the operations manager for Accededyne of Novi. He is presently working to finish a degree in physics from Thomas Edison Institute.

Attending the bride were maid of honor Kristy Werner and bridesmaids Shanna Foley and Jaclyn Vidusic. Attending the groom were best man Nick Potochick and groomsmen Jim Korona and Curtis Brouse.



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LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library, (734) 453-0750.

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1. "The Da Vinci Code," Dan Brown
2. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," Mitch Albom
3. "Big Bad Wolf," James Patterson
4. "Bleachers," John Grisham
5. "The Dark Tower: Volumes 1-5," Stephen King

Nonfiction

1. "Who's Looking Out For You," Bill O'Reilly

2. "Lies (and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them)," Al Franken
3. "Dude, Where's My Country?" Michael Moore
4. "Flyboys," James Bradley
5. "A Short History of Nearly Everything," Bill Bryson

Parents' Choice New Children's

Picture Books

1. "Jumbo Book of Art," Irene Luxbacher
2. "Golden Tales from the Arabian Nights," Margaret Soifer
3. "Glam Girl," Diana Kapp
4. "Fantastic Flights," Patrick O'Brien
5. "Lizards, Weird and Wonderful," Margery Facklam

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(Jan. 11-Jan. 14)

By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

There will be times this week when you feel like the proverbial square peg in the round hole and you won't seem to fit in. That doesn't mean that you're no longer wanted, but it does suggest that you have to rely more on yourself now rather than approval from others.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Brilliant planetary activity is turning the unlikely into the possible now. Beware, however, of overreacting to the suggestions of someone who is less committed to the cause. Your own beliefs count more than those of someone whose opinions are tainted by insecurity.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

There is a saying: "To be true to the best of yourself, fear nothing but live up to your nature. Then you will be happy." Something else you might ponder: "Is it not the strangest thing in the world how long it takes us to learn to accept the joys of simple pleasures?"

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

As much as you dislike confrontation, it's time to put a stop to the shenanigans of someone whose actions are more misguided than malicious. Just remember that a calm reaction will serve you better than an emotional explosion, MoonKid.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Although a reappraisal of a situation will reap immediate benefits, you better think twice— you need to know why someone is acting in a particular way before making any long-term decisions. This is not the moment to compromise your ideals, Lion!

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

What you enter the new week with will be better than anything you've had since 2004 began. Experiences as tough as you have been through take a lot of dusting off, so is it any wonder that you're feeling shaky? People who fly into a rage always make a bad landing.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Let family and friends have their own way right now, even if you don't agree with what they're doing, because you're going to ask for their assistance soon and it will help if they owe you a favor. Got it? You're being honest and upfront... just a bit 'dreamy' now.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Even if you hate to say you're sorry, you'll find it easy to ask for forgiveness now. The planets don't think that you much to apologize for. But don't let others play on feelings of guilt. Make amends, speak your peace, and move forward!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Things may not be a barrel of laughs at the moment, but they shouldn't be a punishment, either. Walk a mile in the shoes of someone who appears to be disruptive or hypercritical, and you'll have a much better chance of getting to the root of the problem.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

What you are told or discover with the Moon in your element now will give you all the information and ammunition you require to confront those who betrayed your trust. Don't pull your punches over intensely personal issues and long-term financial interests!

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

The only thing that might hold you back over the coming days is a fear that you're not good enough. Logically, you know that this is irrational, but it will continue to haunt you until you do something about it. Stop thinking and start acting! Be grand; believe!

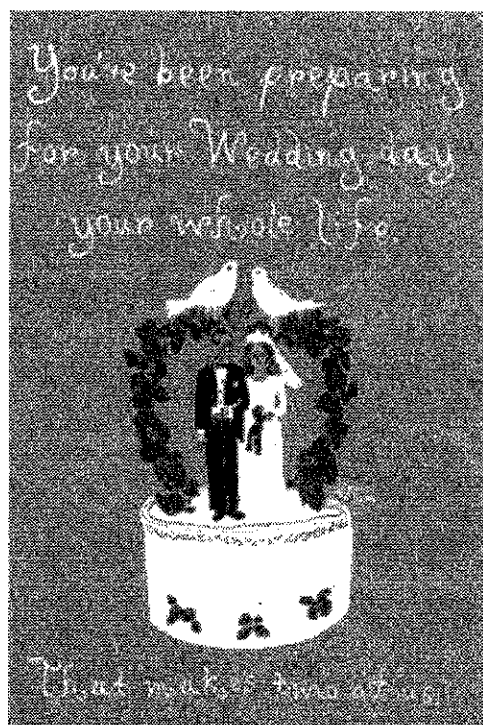
PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Planets are urging you to take friend's advice before tackling a work or domestic dilemma. Don't rely on your own somewhat distorted view. You may be your own best friend, but there's a big problem— you are also your worst enemy. Kiss the face in the mirror, kid!

Dennis Fairchild is the Birmingham astrologer-author of several books on divination. For personal astrological-intuitive consult info, call (248) 646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

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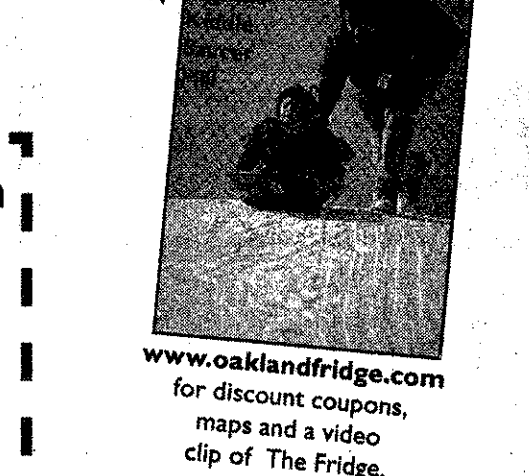
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Founder directs plans for troupe's next stage

Nancy Florkowski's retirement won't include taking it easy.

Florkowski, who will retire in the spring after 30 years in teaching, plans to throw more energy into her second full-time career, artistic director of Motor City Youth Theatre.

Florkowski founded the group, which draws members from Redford, Livonia, Canton, Westland, Farmington and many other area communities, in 1990 as a master's degree project. MCYT, now a registered nonprofit, has dozens of alumni, some of whom — including her daughter — have launched successful theater careers.

"It's more work and less pay. Definitely," Florkowski said recently of her devotion to youth theater.



Nancy Florkowski of the Motor City Youth Theatre.

First on Florkowski's to-do list is putting an end to the troupe's nomadic existence.

MCYT (formerly Redford Youth Theatre and later Tinderbox Productions) lost its rent-free home of five years, Masonic Temple, in October, two weeks before it was to open a production of the musical *Godspell*.

Yes, the show did go on, at Berkley High School, where auditorium rent on top of show and music royalties meant a loss, Florkowski said, of about \$3,000.

LOOKING FOR A HOME

The group needs a place to call home, she said, in order to plan, in order to have regular seasons.

"Right now we can't plan anything further ahead than half a year maybe," she said.

Florkowski has her eye on a 7,000-square-foot building on Eight Mile in Redford that, with donations and volunteers' elbow grease, she said, would make a perfect home.

But she'll look at all possibilities.

"I'll work on a bare floor with nothing," said Florkowski, who teaches drama at Pierce Middle School in the South Redford School District. "I just want a place to work." The troupe now rehearses at Rhythm Station, a dance studio in Livonia.

Florkowski envisions not just a theater, but a place to teach, to dance, to design and build sets, to store costumes and props. A theater that can reach out with programs for

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Nancy Florkowski
group founder

senior citizens and developmentally challenged youths (whom MCYT welcomes). A theater that can become a vital part of the community.

Fund-raising toward that goal has netted \$7,000 so far.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Despite the setback of being booted from Masonic, other things have gone MCYT's way recently.

The group partnered with Redford's new Starbucks, where manager Tom Stevenson invited members to perform during a one-day grand opening event in November. MCYT benefited from patrons' donations on that day, and the coffeehouse on Telegraph was packed, they said.

"It just seemed like a great environment for the youth theater," said Stevenson, who described the store's commitment to MCYT as in keeping with Starbucks' philosophy of being involved in local communities.

The connection led to another opportunity, and the troupe plans to perform a series of short fairy tales at a Starbucks in Dearborn Heights early in 2004.



Nancy Florkowski and Tom Stevenson discuss plans for the troupe.

MCYT also found a new venue, the Genesis Worship Center for the Arts in Westland, for its next show, a junior version of *Once On This Island*. The musical opens Friday, Jan. 16.

Florkowski is also planning to bring Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to Livonia and Redford this summer. There will be one performance at Redford's Capitol Park and another at the Wilson Barn in Livonia.

She is optimistic that MCYT, which she views as a family, will find a home and the means to expand its offerings. Its dedicated corps of parent volunteers will find a way, she

said. "They really want to make this work for us," she said.

Florkowski traces her interest in children's theater back to her own strong desire to perform as a youth. But a bad experience auditioning for her junior high school glee club, she said, instilled a fear that didn't lift for years.

"I never, ever went back to anything until after college," she said.

Now, her whole family is involved in theater.

Husband Fred, with no formal training, got into Wayne State University's graduate program in scenic design and is now an assistant professor

there and the technical director at its undergraduate theater. Daughter Jenny, 21, is based in New York City and is currently on tour with the musical *Cats*. Son Jody, 25, teaches and directs for MCYT. *Godspell* was his most recent effort.

Other MCYT alums have found theater success too, she said, and all bring lessons from their stage experience into other parts of their lives — as drama critics.

"They never see a show the same way again," she said.

Motor City Youth Theatre can be reached at (313) 535-8962.

Youth theater troupe opens musical 'Island'

Motor City Youth Theatre opens a junior version of the musical *Once On This Island* on Friday, Jan. 16, at the Genesis Worship Center for the Arts in Westland.

Featuring a cast of 38 children from age 5 to age 15, *Once on this Island* is the story of a peasant girl who has fallen in love with someone above her class. The story is told around a fire by Caribbean peasants as they wait out a storm.

The show by Lynn Ahrens, with music by Stephen Flaherty, debuted on Broadway during the 1989-90 season. Motor City Youth Theatre's version is appropriate for children 5 and older.

A six-show run of *Island* is planned for Genesis, 35248 Palmer Wayne Road. The show begins at 8 p.m. opening night and on Saturday, Jan. 17, Friday, Jan. 23, and Saturday, Jan. 24. There are so 2 p.m. matinees on Jan. 17 and Jan. 24.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets must be reserved but can be paid for at the door.

To reserve tickets, call Nancy Florkowski, Motor City Youth Theatre's artistic director, at (313) 535-8962.

CAMPUS NEWS

ALBION CHOIR

Several local students have been selected as members of the Albion College Concert Choir.

The singers in the concert choir are selected each fall by audition. The choir performs at a variety of concerts and functions each year.

Darcy A. Crain is a senior majoring in psychology and theatre. She is the daughter of James Crain and Audrey Crain of Northville and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Alexander J. Oatley is a senior majoring in computer science and religious studies. He is the son of Jon Oatley and Diana Oatley of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

HOWE MILITARY SCHOOL

Howe Military School has announced its Superintendent's List for the second six-week grading period of the 2003-04 school year. Cadet Richard Clark, an eighth-grader at Howe and the son of Susan Clark of Plymouth, received this special award by attaining at least a 3.5 B+ average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Cadet Clark has attended Howe Military School since August 2003.

Howe Military School has announced its Headmaster's List for the second six-week grading period of the 2003-04 school year. Cadet Mark Lewallen, a tenth-grader at Howe and the son of Anita and Steven Lewallen of Plymouth, received this special award by attaining at least a 3.0 B average in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Cadet Lewallen has been attending Howe Military School since July 2002.

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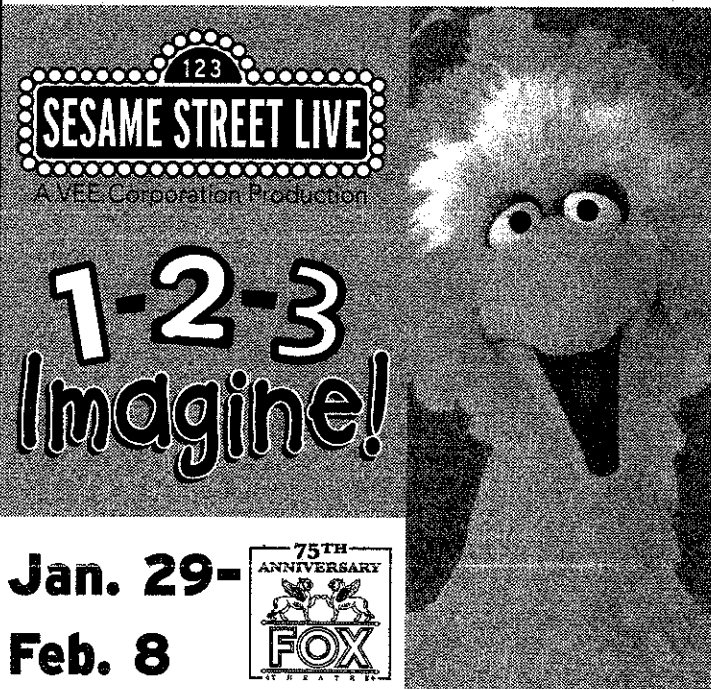
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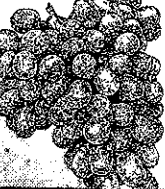
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AROUND TOWN

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.

Running symposium

St. Mary Mercy Hospital sponsors a Running Symposium from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. Students will learn about conditions associated with running, how to rehabilitate common injuries and how to choose the right running shoes. Pre-registration required. To register or for more information, call Kevin Moore, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department, (734) 655-2419. The Livonia Recreation Center is located at 15100 Hubbard, at Five Mile.

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. 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 Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville through Jan. 18. For ticket information or group rates, call (248) 349-8110.

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.

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.

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 more information.

Sustainable living

Mia Mahalo sponsors an informative lecture on organic consumer choices and sustainable living from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3. Chef Timothy Young, owner of Food for Thought, Inc., leads the lecture. Mia Mahalo is located at 407 S. Washington in Royal Oak. For details, call (248) 546-1900.

Intro to Yoga

Mia Mahalo sponsors "Introduction to Partner Yoga" from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12. Lucile Palancher and Anton Simper of Full Spectrum Training and Spectrum Yoga lead the class. Admission is free. Mia Mahalo is located at 407 S. Washington in Royal Oak. Call (248) 546-1900 for details.

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, Plymouth. Call (734) 453-3966 for further information.

American Legion

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

Kiwanis 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 more information, contact Charline Miller at



Book lovers

Young book lovers wrap up the holiday season at the Plymouth District Library. The library offers a variety of programs for youngsters. For information, call the library, (734) 453-0750.

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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 mother-sandmore63@onebox.com.

Exchange Club of Canton

Meetings are the second and fourth 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/edenright/PlymouthCantonVVA528.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.

SEPA

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPA (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.

MOPS-Plymouth

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

Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth

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

MOPS-Westland

The group is looking for moms who are interested in meeting with other mothers for encouragement, teaching, support and friendship. Meetings are the first and third Fridays of each month from September through May. Child care provided for ages birth to 5 years. Call (734) 728-2600 for more information.

La Leche League

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

Canton Rotary Club

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join in for lunch for more information on the community and international service projects. For more information, e-mail Mary Beardsley at ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

Astronomy Discussion

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

MOMS Club

A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested at-home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and more. For more information, contact Wendi at (734) 394-2542.

Plymouth Canton Jaycees

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

Community Democrats

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 11th District. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi at (734) 398-5845.

Kiwanis Breakfast Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (888) 209-6424.

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HOLLIER,

William Penn, age 82, formerly of Birmingham, died January 7, 2004. For a full obituary, visit www.lynnfuneraldirectors.com

YAEKLE

Herbert Frederick, age 92, of Rochester Hills, MI, and formerly of Troy, MI and Hamilton, Ohio area, passed away on January 2, 2004. Mr. Yaeckle was born on May 28, 1911 in Hamilton, Ohio. He married Jeanette, who preceded him in death in 1984. He retired in 1978 as a Landscape Engineer from Department of Highways for the State of Ohio. Mr. Yaeckle served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was a graduate of Ohio State University with a B.A. in Landscape Engineering in 1935. He is survived by step children: Sarah Albright (Donald) of Lake Forest, CA and L. Arthur (Nicky) of Troy, MI; 8 step great grandchildren and 16 step great grandchildren. Funeral visitation will be Wed., Jan. 14, 2004, from 5pm-7pm, and funeral services will be held Wed., Jan. 14, 2004 at 7pm, at Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Rd., (btwn Big Beaver & Westland) in Troy, with Rev. Richard B. Cryderman officiating. Memorials may be made to The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

BARONE,

Anthony J. Born May 24, 1919 in Detroit, Michigan, died January 3, 2004 from a stroke in Pueblo, Colorado. He was 84. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Grace and his beloved son James. He is survived by his son John and his wife Audrey of Pueblo, Colorado, his granddaughter Caroline Brown and her husband James of Columbus, Ohio, and his granddaughter Lisa Mair her husband Richard and their two children, David Walker Mair and Madeline Grace Mair all of Naples, Florida. He is also survived by his sister Bea Wind and his brother Lou Dallas. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Hospice Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, 220 W. Garfield Avenue, Charlevoix, MI 49720. A Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday, January 17th at 11:00 am at the William R. Hamilton Bell Chapel, located at 520 E. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI.

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M. Patricia, born Oct. 22, 1913 Detroit, Michigan, died January 8, 2004 Royal Oak, Michigan. Age 90 years old. Beloved wife of the late Donn for 49 years. Loving Mother of Brian (Rita) Dates, Dear Grandmother of Stephanie, Courtney and Lindsay. Preceded in death by her brother Stanley Graham. Memorial Service to be held: Tuesday, January 13th at 11am at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to: AAUW Educational Foundation, c/o Joan McGilley, 33866 Glenview, Farmington 48335. Resident of Farmington, MI for 56 years. Employed at Wayne State University Dept. of Art & Art History as an Administrative Asst. for 18 years. Retired in 1981. Attended Northwestern High School and Wayne State University. Recognized as a 50 years member of the Farmington Branch of the AAUW, American Association of University of Women. Served as Secretary of the Farmington Public Schools School Board from 1958-1962. Member of the following: Farmington Universalist Unitarian Church, Second Church Congregational in Farmington, Mass. Farmington School Board from 1958-1965. Founders Society, Great Books Club of Farmington Library. Mrs. Dates was an avid reader and enjoyed art & music. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

DOOLAN

George A., age 78 of Port St. Lucie, FL, formerly of Dearborn and Redford, MI, December 21, 2003. He served in WWII, earning a Bronze Star in the Northern Solomons Campaign in the Pacific Theater Operation. Prior to retirement, he was a Labor Relations Supervisor at Great Lakes Steel in Ecorse. Served as Commander of VFW Post 1494 in Dearborn. Member of the Moose. Survived by his wife of 55 years, Emilia (Ralko) Doolan, children Ron (Marie), Mike, Nadine and Peggy (Brian) Sloma, four grandchildren, brother Stanley (Joan) Walker of Raleigh, NC and many nieces and nephews. Memorial service 5:00 p.m. January 16, 2004 at St. Valentine Catholic Church on Beech Daly Rd., south of Five Mile in Redford. Memorials may be made to Alzheimers Disease Research, P.O. Box 1950, Clarksburg, MD 20871.

GLOVER

William A. Age 82, of Kentwood, formerly of Redford, died Wed. January 7, 2004. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen. He is survived by his sons, Lee and Robert (Carol) Glover, grandchildren, Owen, Greg, Alicia and Jahanna Glover. Mr. Glover was a veteran of Plymouth, Mass. Farmington School Board from 1958-1965. Founders Society, Great Books Club of Farmington Library. Mrs. Dates was an avid reader and enjoyed art & music. Arrangements by: Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

ORMISTON

Vivian V. Age 76 of Livonia, MI, passed away January 6, 2004 in her home. Preceded in death by her husband John R. She is survived by her children: Terry Fowler, Karen Ormiston-Engel and Jennifer; grandchildren: Eric, David, Ian, Colin and Craig. Funeral Service Saturday, January 10 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia, 734-422-6720. Memorials to: YMCA National Breast Cancer Organization, 212 W. Van Buren, Ste. 500, Chicago, IL 60607; VNA Hospice 25900 Greenfield, Ste. 600, Oak Park, MI. 48237

WARD

Harriette F. age 87 of Middletown, died Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at the Mount Pleasant Retirement Village. She was born October 29, 1916 in Cincinnati, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Fisher. She graduated from Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio. Mrs. Ward was a collector of antiques. Garden Club member, and a volunteer for the Red Cross during World War II. She was extremely artistic with drawing and crafts. Mrs. Ward is survived by two sons, Kenneth F. (wife, Barbara Kay) Ward of Cary, Illinois and Terry (wife, Barbara Ann) Ward of Appleton, Wisconsin; four grandsons, Robert (wife, Bobbie) Ward, Jason Ward, Adam Ward, Kevin (wife Emily) Ward. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald Reynolds Ward in 2002; and a son, Terrance Ward. Memorial services were held 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Mount Pleasant Village with Chaplain Stan Gockel officiating. There was no visitation. Graveside services will be at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are by the Breitenbach-McCoy-Laffer Funeral Home. If desired memorial contributions may be made to P.A.W.S. (Progressive Animal Welfare Society), 2790 Cincinnati-Dayton Road, Middletown, Ohio 45044

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Rx briefs

Fitness program

A division of the American Heart Association, the American Stroke Association is recruiting residents to join Train to End Stroke, a team marathon training and fund-raising program to help fight stroke. Members can run or walk a full 26-mile marathon or a half marathon in the San Diego Musical Marathon on June 6, or the Kona, Hawaii, marathon June 20, on behalf of someone who has had a stroke.

For the five-month period leading up to the event, participants will work with a professional coach. Team members will also raise funds for stroke research and educational efforts in the area. For more information, call (248) 827-4214 or visit www.strokeassociation.org/ttes.

Information sessions will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Plymouth District Library; 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest; 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the Farmington YMCA; 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Ann Arbor Courtyard by Marriott.

RSV season

Virus especially harmful to preemies, chronically ill kids

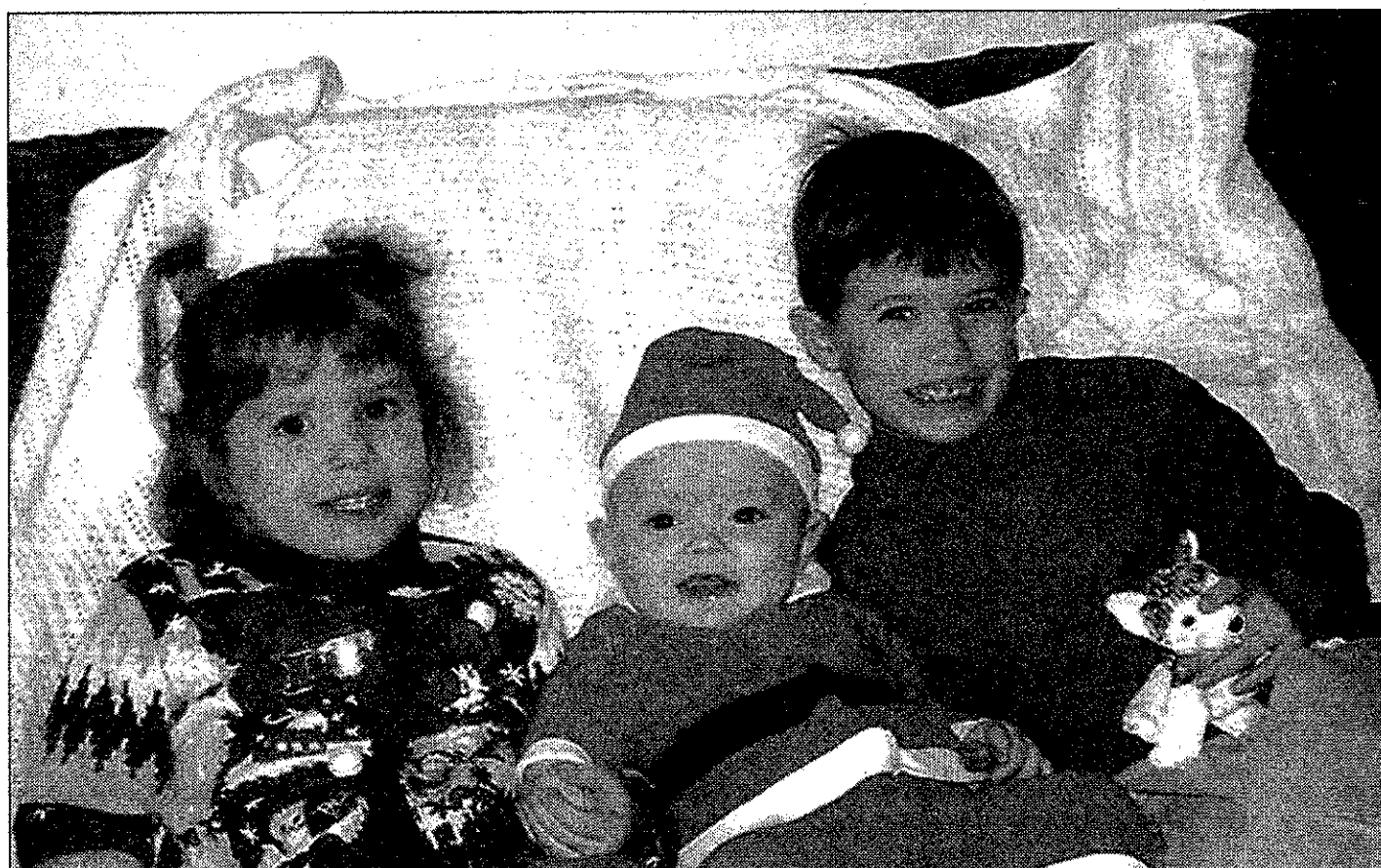
Dr. Daniel Batton doesn't want to alarm parents, but says they should be concerned about taking their infants, especially preemies, into crowds now that RSV season is in full swing. RSV, or Respiratory Syncytial Virus, is the most common cause of lower respiratory infection and viral death in children under age 5. Children under age 1 are especially vulnerable, according to an article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in 2003. As director of Beaumont Hospital's neonatal intensive care unit, Batton often sees preemies readmitted to the pediatric floor due to the virus. Up to 125,000 children under age 1 are hospitalized annually in the U.S. because of RSV-related illnesses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

RSV is easily spread by sneezing or coughing, or when hands carrying the virus touch an infant or child. It can survive about six hours on hands, 12 hours on a hard surface.

"It's not an exotic or new infection, but the most common cause of colds in infants," Batton said. "It's a concern of all parents, but the immune system isn't as complex and efficient in a premature baby and results in a more serious illness."

"The main way to prevent it is to keep the baby away from sick individuals, crowded rooms, where it's more likely if there's a sick person there they can spread the infection. No parties and malls. It's spread by hand contact by them touching the babies. Have people wash their hands before touching or interacting with the baby."

In addition to these precautions, Batton recommends that parents speak with their doctor about preemies receiving injections of palivizumab, a monoclonal antibody, once a month during the RSV season which runs from late October through late March. He



Courtney (left) and Joshua Geary (right) both had RSV so mother Katie (not pictured) isn't taking any chances with youngest son Campbell (center). The 8-month old is receiving injections of a monoclonal antibody to prevent the lower respiratory tract disease.

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Dr. Daniel Batton
Beaumont Hospital neonatal intensive care unit director

says, "it doesn't interfere with most vaccinations, but check with your physician."

"It hasn't been shown to decrease death, but the likelihood of being admitted to hospital," Batton said. "The American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines suggest it be given to all babies more than two months premature, and for selected babies."

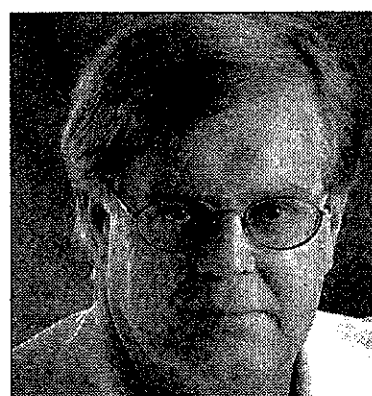
Katie Geary is relieved that her 8-month-old son Campbell is receiving the antibody. Even though full term, he suffers from tracheomalacia.

"He has a floppy windpipe and if he gets congested he gets horribly sick," said Katie

Geary, a Waterford resident and teacher at St. Bede Catholic School in Southfield. "My first two children had RSV. Joshua at 6 months was in the hospital for four days. He had no medical problems, but the risk factor was he was in day care. It went from a cold to the next day throwing up. Twelve hours later he was in the hospital."

Geary's daughter Courtney most likely also picked up RSV in day care, but didn't require hospitalization. She was able to take breathing treatments every four hours around the clock at home.

"It looks like a really bad cold," Geary said. "One minute, they have a cold and next minute are super sick. After you've been through it once, it's unmistakable. At first it's a runny nose, cough and then turns into wheezing. If parents aren't paying attention, they could end up with some serious RSV. A baby can't tell you, 'I can't breathe.'"



Dr. Brian Gendelman admits about 20 to 30 infants and children a year to the hospital after diagnosing them with RSV at Edgewood Center Pediatrics in Commerce Township.

"Fifty percent under age 1 get it, 90 percent by age 3," said Gendelman of West Bloomfield. "Parents may not know it because it presents itself as a cold."

"It's almost predominantly that preemies wind up in the hospital. Underdeveloped lungs can take several years to develop, so nowadays RSV is generally a discussion doctors of preemies have with parents before they leave the hospital. The focus is on parents not exposing premature babies to other people, limit exposure to sick contacts, avoid taking them out in public, inviting sick people to your home, and use common sense in hand washing, in touching the infants."

For more information about RSV, visit the American Lung Association Web site at www.lungusa.org, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.org, or pick up a copy of Timothy Smith's book *Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!* available at all major book stores or by calling (800) 225-5800, or at www.greenwood.com. For information on the book, visit www.littlethumbsup.com. Smith's daughter, Elizabeth, was born 3 1/2 months premature. Batton was her neonatologist during her stay in the NICU and then in the pediatric unit of which he is vice chairman at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

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Flu shots available in Wayne County

It's not too late to receive protection against the flu. Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano announced Tuesday that the Department of Public Health now has 1,000 additional doses of influenza vaccine to immunize high-risk individuals who want protection against influenza and were unable to get it earlier due to the unexpected high demand that quickly depleted many national supplies. Another 1,730 doses should be available by Thursday, Jan. 15, for a total of 2,730 more flu shots for this flu season.

"Flu season continues through April, so protection remains very important, especially for school-aged children, senior citizens, and other high-risk individuals," said Ficano.

The typical flu season runs from

November to April. During the 2002-2003 flu season, Wayne County gave 2,500 flu shots in a six-month period. Between October and mid-December this flu season, the county gave 3,000 flu shots in just 11 weeks.

Public Health director Anahid Kulwicki said the additional 2,730 doses of vaccine "is designated for persons who are at increased risk for influenza - youngsters age 4 and older, adults over 65, pregnant women, and individuals with chronic disease. Also, health care workers or people that work with the public should consider inoculation against the flu."

Kulwicki added: "We want everyone who is considered at high-risk for influenza and related complications to be protected."

A special flu vaccine clinic is scheduled 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at the Public Health Administration Building, 33030 Van Born Road, Wayne. Flu shots will be given on a walk-in basis for a \$10 donation. However, no one will be turned away due to inability to pay.

According to Wayne County health officials, there are several hundred cases of flu each season. The Wayne County Public Health Department keeps health-related data for 42 of the county's 43 communities. The City of Detroit has its own health department.

For more information regarding influenza, please call (734) 727-7000 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JANUARY

Weight management for teens

Free talk introducing teens and their families to Botsford's new weight management program 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi. To reserve a seat, call (248) 473-5600. Classes begin Jan. 26.

Michigan Thyroid Support Group

Meets 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, with speaker Dr. Clinton Greenstone, director of Alternative Medicine at Oakwood Hospital speaking at 7 p.m. Dr. Greenstone will talk about how he treats thyroid disease at his practice in Westland. The meeting is at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For more information, call (734) 453-7945 or send e-mail to mithyroid@yahoo.com.

Alzheimer's workshops

The Alzheimer's Association and St. Mary Mercy Hospital are hosting workshops on the challenges of the disease. Sue Koons, B.S.N., discusses facts about the disease and the latest in medical and research 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13. Kelley Fulkerson, MPA, talks about understanding difficult behaviors and coping with caregiver stress 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, in the hospital's auditorium, 34675 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia (use the Five Mile entrance). No charge. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 337-3827.

Grief support workshops

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. January meeting dates are 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Jan. 13, and Jan. 27, at Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia. All groups are free of charge and open to the community. Call Joan Lee at (734) 464-7810.

Michigan Nurses for Life

Quarterly meeting featuring discussions of pediatric respite care and hospice 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1100 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Cost is \$5 members, \$10 nonmember nurses, free for the public. For more information, call (248) 561-6197.

Carpal Tunnel seminar

Many people are diagnosed with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, but too often, treatments are not successful. Dr. Nicole Whitehead will be appearing on Wednesday, Jan. 14, for a free seminar

on focusing on how proper structure, nutrition and exercise can help you to manage CTS naturally so you can live life to the fullest again. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited, so reserve seats early.

Weight management for children

Free talk introducing children ages 6-12 and their families to Botsford's new weight management program 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi. To reserve a seat, call (248) 473-5600. Classes begin Jan. 28.

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

The Livonia CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. A guest speaker will discuss Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy. Call (248) 346-3164 for meeting details and to reserve a seat.

Health talk

Hypertension is the topic of a health talk sponsored by Savior's Grace Home Care Health Ministry 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at Our Savior's Manor in Westland. What is hypertension? What are the signs? What increases your risk? How do you control it? What are possible complications and what are available resources? Have your blood pressure checked by a registered nurse. For directions and reservations, call Jane Hilger at (734) 595-4663.

Prostate Cancer Lecture

Jeffrey Forman, M.D., and James Montie, M.D., discuss surgery versus radiation as the treatment of choice for prostate cancer 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the Weisberg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern Hwy. Supper provided. For reservations, call (248) 538-6514.

Lunch with the doctor

Eyelid Alert - What Everyone Should Know is the topic of oculoplastic surgeon Shoib Myint, D.O., noon Wednesday, Jan. 21. Myint discusses the potential health concerns regarding eyelids and possibilities for cosmetic modification, at St. John Oakland Hospital's Education Center, 27351 Dequindre, north of I-19, Madison Heights. Lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. and costs \$5 for the public, \$4 for CareLink members, no charge for lecture. Reservations for lunch are limited. To register, call (888) 751-5465.

Give life at critical post-holiday blood drive

The American Red Cross is holding its Critical Post-Holiday Blood Drives at a variety of locations around town.

Holidays are an especially hard time for the Red Cross to collect the 800 units of blood they need on a daily basis to fulfill local hospital requirements. Platelets only have a shelf life of five days and are used for treating patients undergoing cancer therapy, open-heart surgery, leukemia, or aplastic anemia. One donation of blood will help three hospital patients.

Southeastern Michigan is chronically short of blood. Each year, patients in our community use about 250,000 units of blood, but only 200,000 of those are collected locally. We depend on areas nation-

wide for the other 20 percent of the blood supply.

Thanks to generous donors, donations have increased over the years but the need is still great.

To qualify you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. There is no upper age limit.

The whole process takes about an hour. It begins with registration, a health history, then a blood sample and mini-physical are done by one of the Red Cross nurses. To ensure donor safety, a sample of blood is taken to test the amount of hemoglobin (iron) in your blood. Actual donation usually takes no more than 10 minutes.

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with a blood-transmittable disease while donating.

Donors will not only be helping someone else, but possibly themselves as well. Two recent studies, published in *The British Medical Journal* and the journal *Heart*, found a possible link between donating blood and reduced risk of cardiovascular problems. Women may be protected from hardening of the arteries due to lower body storage of iron. Men who donate blood have similar iron levels to pre-menopausal women. Some men in the studies reduced their risk of heart disease by 86 percent.

For locations or information, call (800) GIVE-LIFE.

Web site provides news on emerging diseases

A new state Web site is providing information to Michigan citizens on emerging diseases such as chronic wasting disease and bovine tuberculosis. The new site is www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases.

"This site provides a centralized place for Michigan citizens to get information about diseases that can pass from animals to humans," said Lt. Gov. John Cherry. "This is especially useful information during hunting season when

many people are out enjoying our state's great outdoors."

The Web site contains information about chronic wasting disease, bovine tuberculosis, Lyme disease, West Nile virus and rabies. There is also a section on the web site dealing with lesser known diseases such as monkey pox and avian influenza.

"The best prevention often is being prepared and informed," Cherry said. "This Web site provides detailed information about prevention, signs and

symptoms, transmission, treatment and where to get certain game animals tested for diseases. Also, it provides information regarding certain human, plant and fish diseases."

The Web site is a collaborative effort between the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Community Health, Michigan Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Michigan State University. Previously,

separate Web sites contained information about bovine tuberculosis and West Nile virus - the new emerging diseases Web site houses all information about those two diseases and several others. It is the only site on the State of Michigan's Web site that is multi-agency in its scope.

"This is a valuable tool not only for the science community, but for the general public and education community as well," Cherry said.

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The results of laboratory testing for arthritis are difficult to interpret. Many causes other than joint diseases give you a positive rheumatoid factor or a high sedimentation rate. Past exposure to infections including viruses, and previous antibiotic use are just two reasons for such results. In the case of rheumatoid factor, age itself increases its incidence.

Furthermore, many people with no rheumatoid factor and normal sedimentation rates have raging arthritis. Your doctor makes a diagnosis based on what you tell him is the pattern of your pain, and the number of swollen painful joints and their distribution that he finds on examination.

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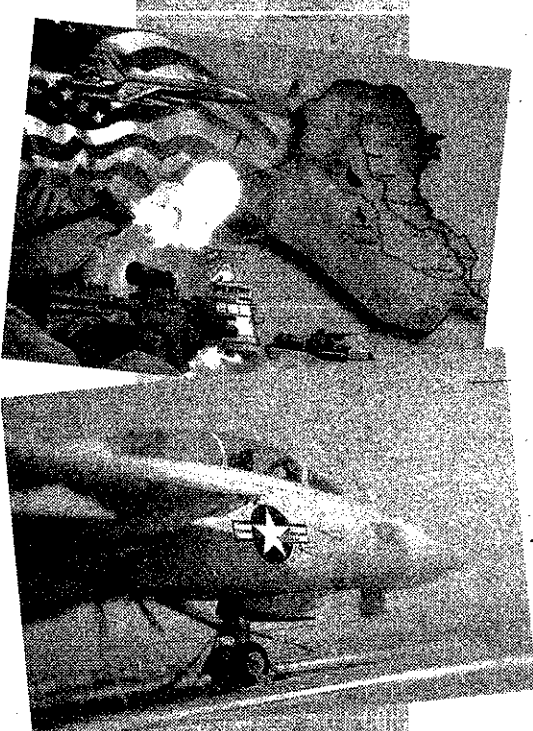
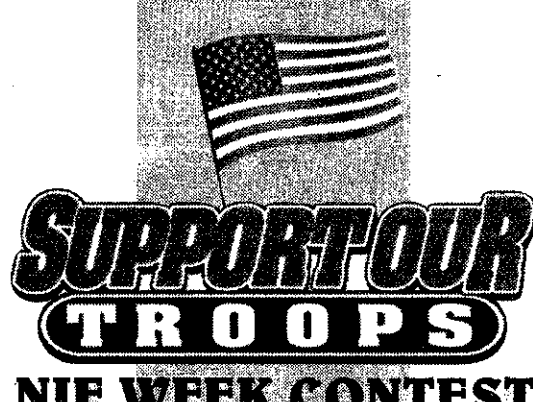
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Students from 2nd through 12th grade are invited to use the theme of "We Care About Our Troops" to enter our contest in one of the following categories:

- **Editorial**-Write a brief editorial (under 250 words) about how much you appreciate what the troops are doing and why you agree or disagree with the reasons we sent the troops to Iraq.
- **Cartoon**-Draw a cartoon for the troops to bring a smile to their faces (maybe about something that they're missing or what they're not missing over here).
- **Photograph**-Take a picture of something that's being displayed in your school or community that shows the troops are being remembered locally.
- **News Story**-Imagine that you're serving in Iraq. Write a story about your experiences there and include the 5 W's-who, what, when, where and why.

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Reality meets abstract in exhibit at Fine Arts Gallery

'There's a juxtaposition. The contrast between the two styles is great.'

Connie Cronenwett
artist

Two views should have been the title of the January exhibit in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Connie Cronenwett and Phil Dimmer paint vastly different yet similar versions of landscapes. Cronenwett realistically captures the beauty of tran-

quil places such as the Cross Village-Harbor Springs area in northern Michigan while Dimmer uses wide sweeping gestures to create abstracts open to interpretation. Yet each of their palettes is vibrant.

Cronenwett's waterlilies dance on a rich blue lake. Dimmer's Sleeping Bear "Sand Dunes" give off a sparkling red glow. Both are at home with color.

But see for yourself and talk to the artists at an opening reception 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. The exhibit continues to Jan. 30.

"There's a juxtaposition," said Cronenwett. "The contrast between the two styles is great."

Cronenwett paints what she sees - a tranquil bridge over the Rouge River, the fiery red of a sumac in fall. Dimmer allows the viewer's imagination to do the work. He interprets nature by using geometric and organic shapes that play off each other.

Even though each comes to the easel with similar backgrounds - Cronenwett retired as chairperson of the art department at Stevenson High School after 32 years - Dimmer is chairperson of the Churchill High School art department and exhibits at shows such as the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair - each peaceful place draws viewers in for a closer look.

"We look at things differently," said Dimmer. "Mine is more interpretive. I paint places like Bay Harbor, Charlevoix, Traverse City. Even if that's not the exact place, it reminds people of somewhere they've been."



Phil Dimmer kindles the imagination with this abstract painting of a landscape.



Waterlilies dance on a vibrant blue lake in this 40-by-28-inch canvas by Connie Cronenwett.

Britney shows we can't protect marriage

Say what you want about marriage, it was popular in my family last year.

Both of my children made trips to the altar, as did I, in 2003. Our weddings couldn't have been more different, but my daughter took the most interesting route, marrying her sweetheart in a ceremony at the Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas.

Yes, my youngest child got hitched at the site of the greatest pop-star practical joke of all time: Britney Spears' wedding.

I doubt the two ceremonies had much in common. For one thing, my daughter and son-in-law talked about marriage for months - instead of saying, "Hey, let's get married just for

the hell of it."

In a brilliant move, Britney and Jason Alexander had their vows annulled a few days later, telling a judge they just didn't know what they were doing.

These 20-something, educated, wealthy young adults stated in court documents they didn't really know each other well enough to get married. They reached this conclusion only after they had done the following:

Took a limousine ride from



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the Palms hotel to the chapel, a 20-minute trip for a quick driver;

Spoke to staff at the chapel and learned they had to get a marriage license;

Rode by limo to the city's license bureau to obtain said license;

Rode back to the chapel, another 20 minutes.

Call it two hours. Plenty of time to consider consequences. Instead, they jokingly promised to love each other in bad times and good, until death did them part.

It's not impossible to understand how someone raised in a country with a 50 percent divorce rate might come to the conclusion that marriage makes a decent practical joke.

Still, it's hard to believe we've sunk so low, culturally speaking.

What I do know is this: Britney Spears is a pop icon idolized by millions, and her nonhusband is a college junior from a small town in Alabama. These two crazy kids somehow didn't learn marriage vows are sacred.

So go ahead - lobby for laws that "protect" marriage, offer special incentives for "covenant" marriages or make divorce expensive, messy or horribly embarrassing.

As long as there are people in the world like Britney and Jason, none of it will make a bit of difference. Joni Hubred-Golden is editor of the Farmington Observer.

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Volney Park Place has lots to offer local families

BY BARRY JENSEN
CORRESPONDENT

It was the talk of Redford - 56 single-family houses were going to replace the vacant Volney Smith Education Center, a former school building in the northern end of the township.

The new houses are going up on 6.4 acres on the west side of Lexington, just north of Seven Mile Road. But there is still plenty of room for children to play in Volney Park with its play structure, swings and baseball diamond. The park is across Lexington, just north of the new subdivision.

"The township government people have worked really hard to help us build this development in Redford," said Tony Farrugia, who is sales manager for the homes built by Chesterfield Homes. Two builders are putting up homes - Chesterfield Builders will build houses on 36 lots, Fresh Image will build on 20 lots.

LONG, NARROW LOTS

Each house is built on 40-by-125-foot lot. "Before the school was built, the land was platted for single-family homes. We're using that original layout," Farrugia said.

The Chesterfield model home is a two-story colonial. A one-story ranch floor plan was considered but, so far, everyone has been interested in the colonial, Farrugia said. The colonial has 1,420 square feet of floor space. It will sell for \$153,900.

The other builder in Volney Park Place, Fresh Image, also has a model up, a two-story colonial. That house has nine-foot ceilings on the first floor and a basement laundry.

"We have five houses going up right now," said Cary Moore of Fresh Image Construction of Commerce Township. The houses range in size from 1,400 to 1,600 square feet.

MORE BATHROOMS

Fresh Image started Volney Park Place with just two floor plans, but now has five. "The model is our least-expensive house," Moore said. "It has just one and one-half baths. We changed our mind. Now most of the houses have two and one-half baths, and the basements are plumbed for an additional bath. We can



The Chesterfield, a two-story colonial, is one of the home styles available in the new Volney Park Place subdivision.

still build that original plan, but people are interested in garages, wood floors, air conditioning, things like that."

Fresh Image also does a lot of customizing. Of the five houses going up now, three are built from the owner's plans.

"We're the new guy, and we're eager to show what we can do," Moore said. This is Fresh Image's first major project. Houses range in price from the mid-\$150,000s to \$186,000.

Chesterfield's colonials have three bedrooms, including a master suite on the second floor with walk-in closet and its own bath. The houses also have two-and-one-half baths, a full basement and a porch across the entire front of house.

Chesterfield has built or is building 18 houses at Volney Park Place, said Rob Schwartz, managing director of Chesterfield Builders.

Fresh Image has two occupied houses, two that were sold and two more awaiting completion on Delaware Street.

FEW OPTIONS

"There aren't too many options in the Chesterfield house - not many are needed," Farrugia said. "These houses are sold as turn-keys ... ready to be moved into."

"We've had a couple people add garages or family rooms. The builder is willing to customize. The Volney School site had above-ground utilities, but the builder of the new subdivision preferred underground utilities, so homeowners will get underground utilities."

Other options include a fireplace in the living room, bay window in the dining room, upgraded cabinets and central air conditioning (the heating system is prepared to accept central air).

GOING PLACES

Getting around town should be easy for residents of Volney Park Place. The

subdivision is on Seven Mile Road. Eight Mile Road is an easy drive up Lexington. Grand River Avenue is a half-mile north via Lexington. Telegraph Road is less than two miles east. I-96 is three miles south.

High school students will attend Redford Union High School. Junior high students will attend Hilbert Junior High. Elementary school students will attend MacGowan.

If you would like to drive to Volney Park Place, take Telegraph to Seven Mile Road. Turn west onto Seven Mile. Drive 1.5 miles to Lexington (which runs into Seven Mile on your right). Turn right onto Lexington. The models will be on your left.

To find out more about the Chesterfield houses in Volney Park Place, call (248) 848-3001. You also can drive out to the model. It's open 1-5 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Thursday. To learn more about the Fresh Image houses, call (248) 568-1910.

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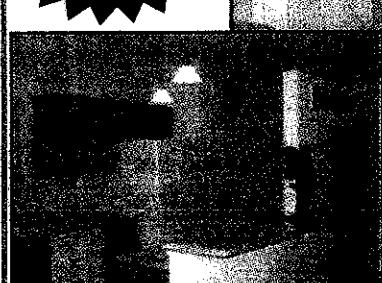
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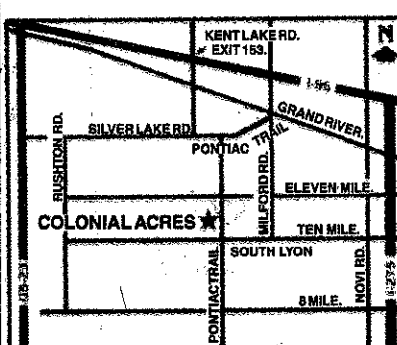
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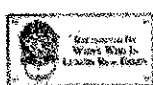
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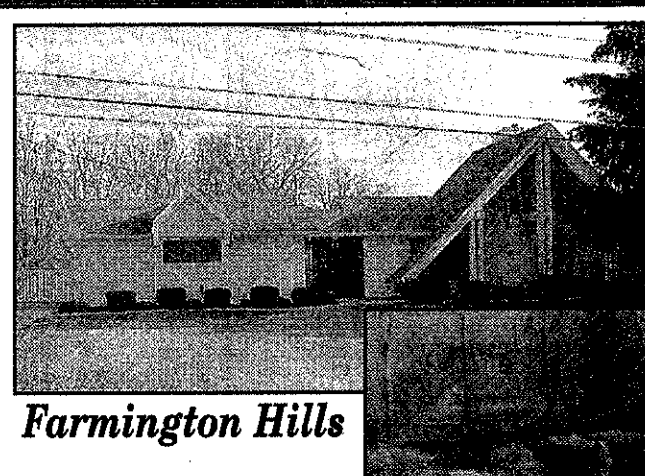
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Modify homes to make them safe and friendly for seniors

It's no surprise that a recent study by the AARP revealed that the majority of Americans over the age of 45 prefer to remain in their own homes as they age. However, in order to "age in place," most homeowners will need to make modifications to their homes to meet their changing needs.

Deciding on what types of modifications should be made, and finding someone to make these modifications, can be challenging. But the Senior Housing and Remodelers Councils of the National Association of Home Builders can provide guidance in this area.

Home modification ideas to help seniors live comfortably, safely and independently (often referred to as universal design) can range from simple modifications such as installing lever handles on sinks, to complex modifications such as creating a multifunctional first-floor master suite. Modifications for seniors can also encompass every area of the home, including the exterior, where materials such as vinyl and brick are recom-

mended for ease of maintenance. A 2003 builders' survey indicated inclusion of universal design features by a substantial percentage of senior housing builders.

SMART IDEAS

The NAHB has a "Smart Ideas Checklist" which contains more than 100 ideas for home modifications that are "senior-friendly." This checklist, as well as many other senior housing resources, can be found on its Web site at www.toolbase.org (Seniors: Resources). The Web site also contains a database of products that support independent living, regardless of age or ability. It can be found at (Seniors: Product Database).

Finding a dependable and competent builder or remodeler to complete these home modifications can be a challenge, according to AARP survey respondents. Because of this perception, and the needs of the growing senior population, the NAHB, in col-



Richard Komer

laboration with the AARP, has established a program that teaches builders and remodelers the technical, business management and customer service skills needed to make these home modifications for seniors.

The Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist program was first offered in May 2002 at the Senior Housing Symposium in Orlando, Fla. Fifty builders and remodelers were initially certified. There are now approximately 167 Certified Aging-in-Place Specialists nationally, including 10 in Michigan, and the number of CAPS is growing.

The graduates of the program are knowledgeable about such issues as the physical traits and health issues that affect older people and how homes can be modified to better

accommodate people as they age. The coursework also includes detailed information on the technical aspects of home modifications for seniors, and provides guidance on marketing to, and developing good working relationships with, older adults.

For years, our company, Wineman & Komer Building Co., has developed and built "empty-nester" condominium developments. Our involvement as a construction manager for Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills, a continuing care senior community developed by Botsford Hospital, further advanced our interest in developing housing with universal design features.

GETTING OLDER

As our population continues to age, more products and services will be available to assist people to live independently their whole lives. The public and the building industry are now becoming aware of universal design

and easy living features that benefit not only seniors, but all age groups. The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, an affiliate of the NAHB, and its member builders and remodelers, are committed to continually expanding our knowledge to better meet the needs of the senior market. We are dedicated to providing safe, comfortable and accessible housing for all segments of the home-buying public, especially seniors.

Richard L. Komer received the Builder of the Year award from the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan in 1998. He has more than 30 years of experience in the building industry and is president and chief executive officer of Wineman & Komer Building Co. in Southfield. He is vice president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and also serves on the Board of Directors of the BIA, the Michigan Association of Home Builders and the National Association of Home Builders. Komer also is vice chair of the Seniors Housing Council of the NAHB.

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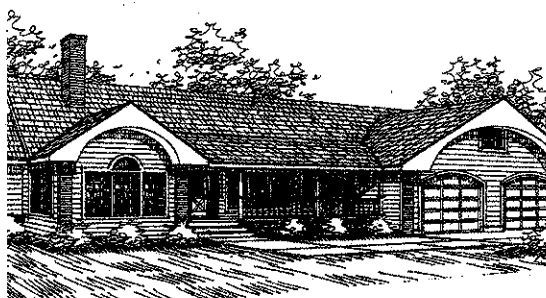
The facade of the Snowdrop is accented by gabled rooflines and arched soffits. To further the look, arched garage doors and a half moon window carry across the ranch-styled home. A covered porch with wood railings and numerous windows add eye appeal, as well as providing sunlight to the interior.

The entry and the dining room adjacent are both vaulted. The dining room is separated from the entry by a wall, but is open to the kitchen through a pocket door. The kitchen forms an open "U" with the range and oven on the left and the refrigerator on the right. The center island has a double sink and an eating bar.

To the left of the entry is large formal living room with a centered fireplace surrounded by shelves for displaying treasures of the family. Windows on the front and side bathe the room with light.

A vaulted family room and nook are at the rear of this spacious home. The family room is large and open with windows and a door overlooking the patio. To the left of the family room is the master suite. It has a long walk-in closet with a corner master bath. The master bath contains a corner shower, single sink and an ample amount of cabinets.

The right side of the home has another bedroom, a crafts room, office and pantry. There is a second bathroom with a tub next to the bedroom, as well as a half bath across the hall. The craft room has lots of workspace and storage. The office has a large filing cabinet tucked under

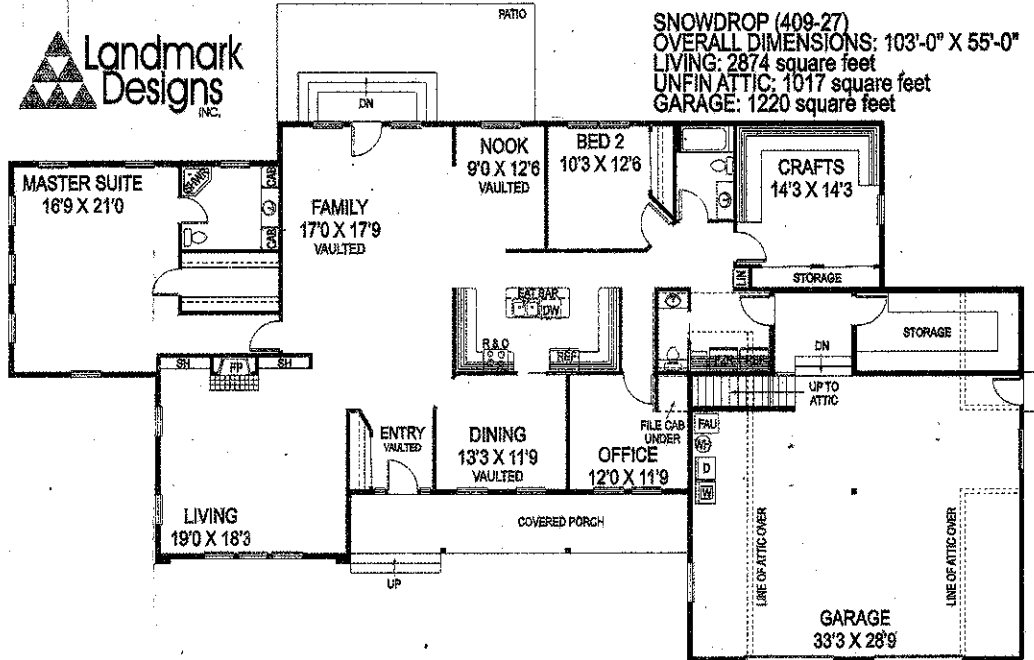


SNOWDROP

the stairs to the attic.

The pantry area has cabinets, a freezer and an extra refrigerator. The washer and dryer are in the garage. Across from the pantry is a large storage area with shelves. The large two-car garage has an attic overhead.

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Choice Homes opening new community in Gainesville

(BUSINESS WIRE) - Choice Homes, Inc. continues to bolster its presence in Georgia with the opening of a new community, The Bluffs at Lanier, in Gainesville.

The cozy neighborhood will be comprised of 45 townhomes. The two-, three- and four-bedroom homes range in square footage from 1,360 to 1,676, with prices starting in the \$130s. Exteriors of the homes will feature sodded front yards and privacy fences for the back yards. All homes offer a full basement with available space to even accommodate a boat.

"Homeowners in this community will be free from lawn care, giving them more time to enjoy the nearby lake activities," said Sean Frith, community manager. With the Bluffs at Lanier located in the city of

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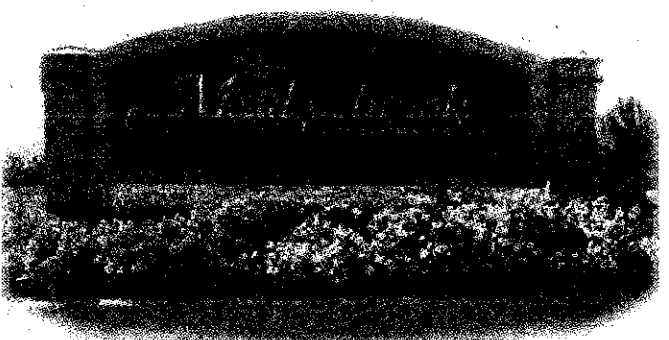
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The house loses the 'new listing excitement' while entering the market at an inflated price. The ideal buyers for the house won't come to see it while it is unrealistically priced. The property will become 'old news' in the minds of Realtors and their customers.

Don't Reduce Price Soon Enough

Despite the sellers' original intent to reduce the price after a reasonable period, they usually procrastinate and wait too long. This procrastination results from a mistaken feeling that the sellers are actually taking money out of their pocket

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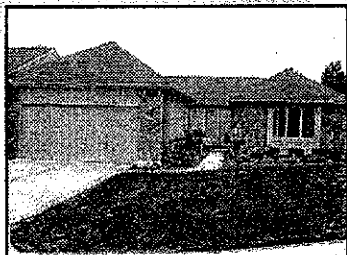
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ROCHESTER - Charming, in town Cape Cod w/extensive restoration and updates. Original character in tact such as DR/LR, chandeliers, knobs, etc. Hardwood floors, fabulous kitchen and remodeled 2 baths. Some Pella windows, tiered deck, pool and situated on deep lot. \$345,000 (17THI) 248-642-8100



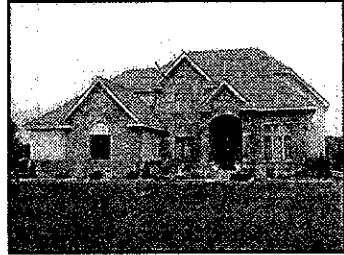
SOUTH LYON - Too many fine qualities. Spectacular best describes this stately 4 bedroom, 3.2 bath custom colonial deep in golf community. Certainly nothing spared. \$100,000 in upgrades & over \$40,000 in landscaping including pavers and custom deck. \$849,000 (57SAT) 248-349-5600



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TROY - New construction. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with two story foyer, four car tandem garage and a large wooded lot. Kitchen with oak cabinets, island and granite counters. Luxury master suite with large walk-in closet, jetted tub and separate shower. \$419,900 (43EVA) 248-524-1600



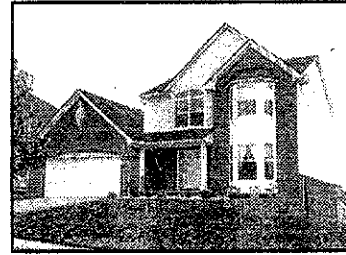
CLARKSTON - High interior design. Extraordinary detail. Majestic first floor master wing with fireplace, loft and sumptuous bath. 21st century parlor, great room, chef's kitchen, library, formal dining room with waffle ceilings throughout. Finished lower level w/theatre room. \$940,000 (08ELK) 248-652-8000



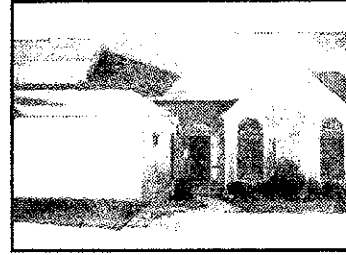
FARMINGTON HILLS - The Jewel of Copper Creek. Contemporary 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath on the 7th fairway. Professionally finished lower level has wet bar & entertainment center and 2 offices. Approx. total sq. ft. 5000 of living space. you simply must see this home. \$599,900 (45HID) 248-626-8800



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Sophisticated contemporary w/unique design, unmatched quality in materials. Built in 1997, 3 story colonial w/extensive use of maple, granite and glass throughout. 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, multiple exterior decks, open floor plan, gourmet kit & wine cellar. Total privacy. \$1,895,000 (00LAH) 248-642-8100



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BLOOMFIELD - Quality throughout this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with Andersen windows, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, newer furnace and central air. Hilltop cul-de-sac setting with numerous perennial gardens. Birmingham schools. \$399,900 (23DON) 248-524-1600



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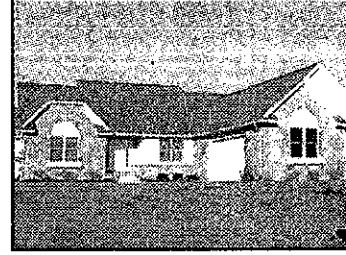
FARMINGTON HILLS - Exceptional home. 4 bedroom home w/finished basement, hwdw foyer, GR w/cathedral ceiling & fireplace. Large deck & patio, 3.5 baths, possible 5th bedroom in basement. First floor laundry, master bedroom w/cathedral ceiling, Jacuzzi in LL. 1 yr. home warranty. \$359,800 (30PIN) 248-626-8800



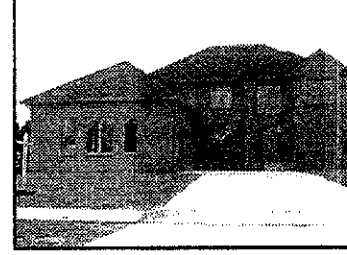
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TROY - Stunning new construction colonial with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and an extra deep lot. Dual staircase with 2-story foyer and bridge overlooking great room. Huge master bedroom with pan ceiling. Great room w/windows to ceiling and wet bar. Daylight basement. \$439,900 (37WIN) 248-524-1600



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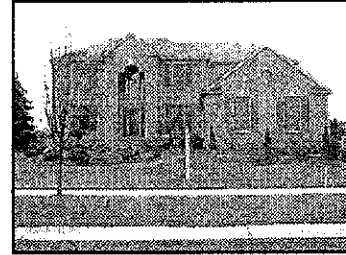
FARMINGTON HILLS - Bushels of appeal. Hilltop setting ranch. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 20x12 Florida room, almost half acre lot. Daylight windows in bsmt, some hwdw flrs. Oak kit, wet bar in FR. Very neutral decor & many updated items - call right now! \$300,000 (61STU) 248-626-8800



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CANTON - Absolutely stunning home. Large 5 bedroom, 4 full & 2 half bath colonial on an oversized lot. Offers professionally fin LL w/den, rec room, wet bar & bath. 2nd floor laundry, hwdw flrs, 3 car attached garage + stamped concrete patio, walkway & porch. \$479,900 (64LIB) 734-455-5600



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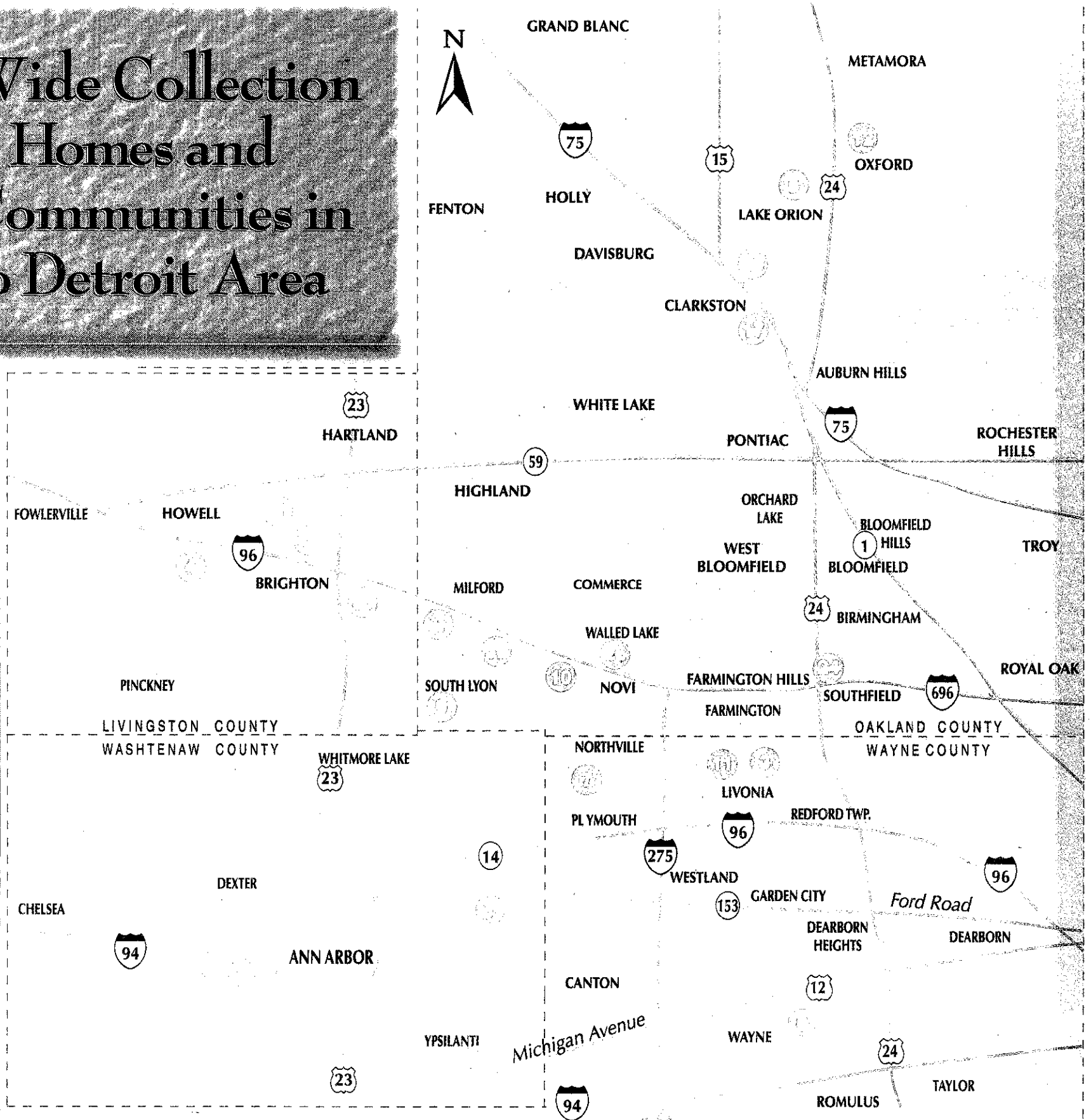


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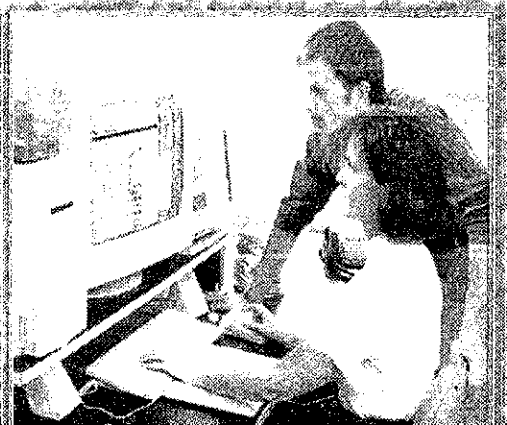
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AVANTI NEWS FEATURES

Detroit's North American International Auto Show, up until 1988, was called the Detroit Auto Show. It was sponsored by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association and was put on, primarily, by local auto dealers.

As the show gets ready for another year of showing us the latest and greatest cars and trucks, like the 2004 Ford F-150 pictured with this column, I wanted to take some time today to give you some show history as well as a primer on some of the most important people shaping the development of the industry. Enjoy:

- Today, the NAIAS competes with Los Angeles for top billing in the U.S.
- The world's first automotive show was held in London in 1895.
- Detroit's very first "auto" show, sponsored by Tri-State Sportsman's Automobile Association, was held at the Light Guard Armory. Most of the displays, however, were filled with hunting bows and equipment, elaborate fishing tackle and bicycles. Some local farmers brought their homemade "engineless" carriages. Also at the show were two Waverly electric vehicles and two steam mobiles.
- In 1898, Metzger founded the Cadillac Motor Car Co. as a tribute to Detroit's founder, Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac. That same year, Metzger became the country's first automobile dealer, selling steam-driven and electric automobiles on Woodward Avenue.
- In 1902, the auto dealership count in Detroit broadened to five and Metzger and Tri-State founders felt it was time to sponsor a show devoted exclusively to motorized vehicles.
- Five years later, 17 auto dealers who sold and serviced vehicles formed the Detroit Auto Dealers Association. Its first members were the true entrepreneurs of the era -- Ford, Oldsmobile, Buick and Cadillac.
- In 1907, Henry Ford announced he would build 25,000 of his new Model T cars during the coming year on what would become the world's first assembly line in Dearborn, Mich.
- The first Detroit Auto Show was held in Beller's Beer Garden on East Jefferson, right across from the Belle Isle Bridge. Seventeen exhibitors displayed 33 different makes of cars within 11,500 square feet of space.



2004 Ford F-150, "Truck of the Year."

- As interest in automobiles increased, the location of the Detroit Auto Show changed to Wayne Gardens on Third Street -- the largest accommodations in the city.
- In 1910, the first torpedo-bodied automobiles were shown at the show. It was the first year automakers started selling cars completely equipped. Before, new-car buyers were forced to purchase the top, windshield, speedometer and headlamps separately.
- By 1916, interest in the automobile and its future was evident as there were more than a million already on the road. Clearly, the Detroit Auto Show needed more space and larger facilities.
- Grindly Field, located on Canfield, between Woodward and Cass, was chosen as the site in 1916. An attendance record was set.
- Just three years later, the Detroit Auto Show was again bursting at the seams and moved to the Crosstown Garage, located on John R, north of Warren Avenue.
- In 1920, it was moved again, to the Ford Building on Detroit's riverfront.
- For the 1921 and 1922 shows, it was housed in the Morgan and Wright's building, which was part of the U.S. Rubber Co. tire factory. Both set attendance records.
- In 1923, after being bounced around the city for more than a decade, the DADA found a home for the Detroit Auto Show -- the Detroit Convention Hall. The site is now called Cobo Center.
- By 1946, the Detroit Auto Show ranked with New York and Chicago as one of the most prestigious in the country.
- In 1956, the show was moved to the Michigan State Fairgrounds.
- The 44th auto show in 1957 moved again, to the Detroit Artillery Armory. It was the first time foreign automakers -- Volvo, German Isotta, Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar and Porsche -- displayed their vehicles in North America.
- At the 1958 show, more than 100 foreign models were on display, and America began to whet its interest in import automobiles.
- Two years later, the show gained worldwide attention as President Eisenhower visited with many celebrities, industrialists and politicians.

- In 1961, the show was moved back to what was then called Cobo Hall.
- Soon after the lights went out in Cobo after the 1987 Detroit Auto Show, DADA officials gathered to plan the next one. Attendance was still setting records every year, but it wasn't enough.
- In 1988, auto journalists and enthusiasts throughout the world recognized the auto shows held in Chicago, Los Angeles, Frankfurt and Tokyo as the most prestigious in the industry. DADA wanted the Detroit Auto Show to recapture its luster and prestige. After more than a year in planning, the Detroit Auto Show was renamed the North American International Auto Show. The name change coincided with the \$220 million remodeling and refurbishing of Cobo Center.
- In 1989, more than 1,000 automotive journalists attended. And the show gained worldwide recognition when Toyota and Nissan introduced new luxury divisions -- Lexus and Infiniti.
- The NAIAS, sponsored by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, is the only North American auto show full sanctioned by OICA, the international organization of motor vehicle manufacturers.
- Detroit's is the largest single-room auto show in the country and is capable of housing a 600,000-square-foot event in one open-view hall.
- At the 1994 show, exhibitors represented France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Canada, the U.S. and Sweden.
- In 1994, there were 48 new vehicle introductions, 20 worldwide production introductions, 17 worldwide concept-car introductions, 10 North American production introductions and one North American concept-car introduction.
- Today, the North American International Auto Show is the largest and most-attended auto show on the continent, attracting thousands of auto journalists -- and spectators -- from around the world.

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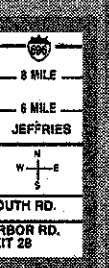
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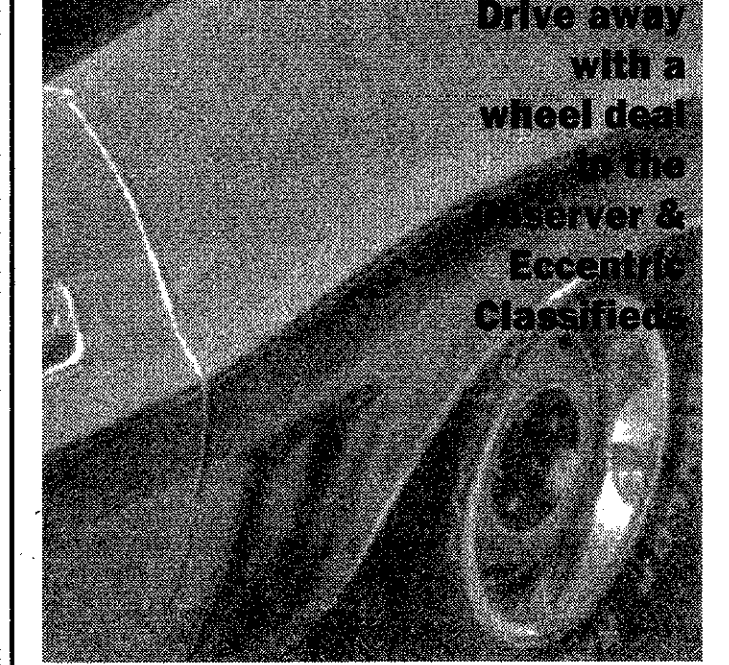
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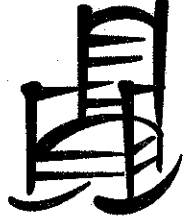


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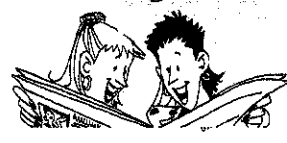
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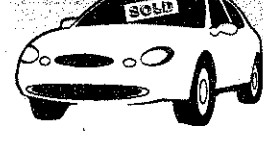
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