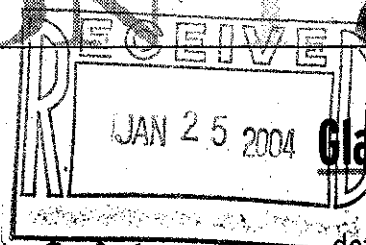


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Memo

Creating jobs

The public is invited to attend a Southeast Michigan Rapid-Fire Manufacturing Summit to discuss creating jobs in the manufacturing sector 1-4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth.

Speakers will be Wes Smith, president of E&E Manufacturing; Phil Power, chairman, HomeTown Communications; Donald Jakeway, CEO, Michigan Economic Development Corp.; and David Marvin, senior vice president, Comerica Bank.

The forum will be hosted by state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) and Fran Toney, executive director, Plymouth chamber. For more information, call Beth Stewart, Plymouth Historical Museum at (734) 455-8940, or John Stewart at (517) 373-3816.

Time to play

Summit on the Park Aquatic Center will host its first event in the winter Come Out and Play series on Saturday, Jan. 31. From 6-8 p.m. you can play aqua football, join a cheerleading clinic if you don't want to get wet, play some games and win some team spirit prizes. Hot dogs and chips will complete the party.

For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

Artful fun

In conjunction with Canton Leisure Services, D&M Studios will offer Tiny Picasso classes for preschoolers ages 3-6 beginning this week, as well as All Day Student Paint Workshops during the school winter break. Sign up is also underway for Summer Art Camp. For more information, call D&M Studios, (734) 453-3710.

Tax help

The AARP sponsors free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for taxpayers with middle- and low-income with special attention to those age 60 and older.

Preparation will be offered at the following places:

■ Canton Recreation Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., starting Feb. 3. Call (734) 394-5485 for an appointment.

■ Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady, Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m., starting Feb. 3. Call (248) 349-4140 for an appointment.

■ Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. starting Feb. 4. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 236, for an appointment.

Ford Road seeks its own identity

Roundabouts on Ford Road? High-rise buildings and monumental towers along I-275? Vertical signs marking the 22 "villages" of Canton?

Those were some of the ideas thrown out at a design seminar sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority Wednesday. The purpose of the seminar was to examine ideas for enhancing the

Ford Road corridor.

About 25 people representing the DDA, the Chamber of Commerce, the Planning Commission and Canton Township officials attended.

"I thought it was very enlightening," said Dianne Cojei, executive director of the chamber. "I like the idea of those tall thin signs and the concept of villages on

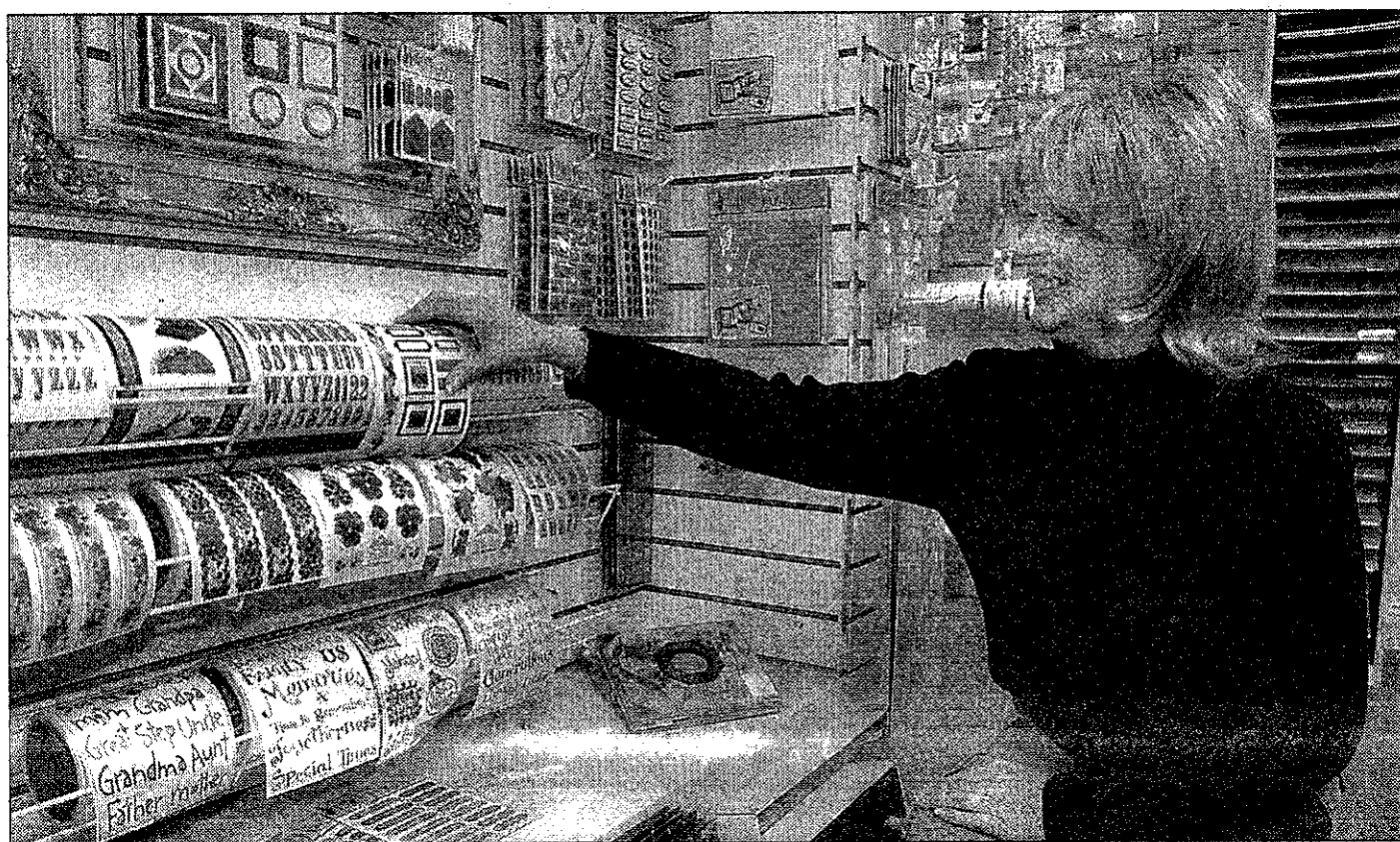
Ford Road to establish an identity for Canton."

And identity was pretty much the focus of the presentation, which was conducted by the Community Design Advisory Program, a non-profit design information and technical assistance program of Design Michigan, which is a project of Cranbrook Academy of Art

and is a funded statewide Partnership Program of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Design team professionals were given a tour of the Ford Road corridor early in the day, then met for a briefing session with various local officials and business

PLEASE SEE FORD ROAD, A5



Scrapbooking store

Sharon Snowdon McNamara opened The Scrapbook Co. with her daughter, Sandra Lee Gates, just after Thanksgiving 2003 in the Canton Corners shopping center. For the story and more photos, see page A3.

Younger bus fleet sails through inspection

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Linda Wallace is confident when her three children step on school buses each morning, they will make it to their destinations safely.

However, that doesn't mean Wallace, who lives in Salem Township, isn't concerned about the safety of the buses her children ride each day to Plymouth High and West Middle schools.

"I have concerns, because of recent budget constraints, that they have enough money to maintain

PLEASE SEE BUSES, A5

Travel light, read eBooks

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Ever have to make the decision between packing your hair dryer or the four best-selling novels you plan to read on vacation?

The Canton Public Library has a better idea for you. Try eBooks. They're just like the best-selling novels you're trying to pack - except they don't take up space.

"To think you can have 10 books at your disposal," said Ophelia Lo, adult services librarian.

Ten books is the maximum you can have online at one time when you log on to the Canton library's home Web site at www.cantonpl.org. When you get there, just click on the eBooks logo and a whole new world will open up.

So what's an eBook? It's an electronic book. It's like the book you're packing in your suitcase, but it's a digital version. That means you can access it with your personal computer or laptop and download it to either, or even your PDA device.

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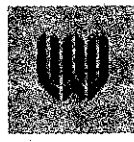
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Pop Stars
Amici Forever is a Pop Opera band, and they're on their way to megastardom. Read about them in Thursday's Filter.



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Construction The Big Chill equals winter delights

sites are theft targets

Canton Police are investigating at least two incidents of thefts from construction sites last week.

■ In one case at the site of the Village Theater on Cherry Hill and Ridge Road, a construction foreman said someone stole a hydraulic bender sometime between 3:30 p.m. Jan. 16 and 7 a.m. Jan. 19.

He said the machine was chained and locked inside the open building. Someone cut the chain. The machine was valued at \$4,000.

■ In another incident, an employee at a model home at a construction site at Palmer and Morton Taylor said someone broke into a lock box and stole construction equipment valued at more than \$4,000.

There were no witnesses. Police have no suspects.

Twinkie theft?

An employee at a Ford Road motel reported that sometime between 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 19, someone broke into a vending machine on the second floor and took an undetermined amount of cash.

It was not known if any food was taken or not.

Theft from car

A Canton resident reported that while he and his girlfriend were at the movies at the Canton 6 between 7:20 and 9:20 p.m. Jan. 22, someone broke into his vehicle on the parking lot.

He said when they left the theater, the passenger door was damaged and unlocked.

An in-dash satellite radio and color television were stolen.

Model break-in

An employee at a model home in a construction site told police someone entered the house sometime between Jan. 16 and Jan. 17 and stole a desktop copy machine.

The machine was valued at \$300.

For the second year in a row Canton Leisure Services will host a spectacular winter event - Big Chill. The festival will be on Friday, Jan. 30, and Saturday, Jan. 31, at Summit on the Park and Heritage Park. Some events may include a fee or may require pre-registration. Following is a complete schedule of activities. Some activities are weather permitting.

FRIDAY, JAN. 30:

■ Big Chill Family Movie Night (Fee)-Summit Gym 7:30-9 p.m. Families can enjoy Pixar's *Finding Nemo* on the big screen.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

■ Big Chill Family Aerobics-Summit Maple Oak Room 8-9 a.m.

■ Owl's Winter/Big Chill Performance (Fee)- Summit Walnut Room 10-11 a.m. Wild Swan Theater Presents Owl's

Winter.

■ Big Chill Board Game Bonanza - Summit Parkview Room 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ Frosty-Fingers Kite-Fly (WP) - Heritage Park 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This fun program is not for the timid. Participants can bring their own kite, or make a new one.

■ Big Chill Pizza with a Purpose Program (Fee) - Summit Walnut Room 12:30-2 p.m. Advance registration will begin at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23. The cost to attend is \$3 for children ages 4-12 and \$5 for teens age 13 and up.

■ Build-A-Better Snowman Contest - Summit Maple/Oak Room 1:30-2:30 p.m. A snowman that will never melt? That's what contestants who enter this contest will assemble using items found in the home. Snowmen and snowwomen will be judged in two age divisions: 5-12 and 13 & up. Prizes will be given in a variety of crazy categories!

■ Family Polar-Road Rally (Fee, Weather Permitting) - Summit Walnut Room 6-9 p.m. Contest is open to family teams of four to five people.

Advance registration is now open and will end at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26. Teams cannot be registered the night of the program at the door.


■ Animals of Australia - Summit PDC Room 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. It may be winter here in Canton, but it's summer in the Land Down Under.

■ Cardboard Sled Derby - Heritage Park Amphitheater 11:30 a.m. to noon. Kids between the ages of 4 and 13 should grab some cardboard, tape, paint, markers, and paper - but nothing else.

■ Kid's Klondike Carnival-Summit Gym 2:30-4:30 p.m. The Summit's gym will turn into an indoor wonderland of fun for kids ages 12 and under.

For more information about these events call the Summit at (734) 394-5460.

FOR THE RECORD

 "For the Record" appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. This column soon will expand to include births and district court proceeding. Other obituaries can be found inside today's paper. Look for Passages to view paid obituaries.

Deaths

A
Adams, Frederick, Sr., 78, of Shelby Township, died Jan. 3.

B
Boudreau, Violetta, 88, of Rochester, died Jan. 3.

C
Calvert, Caroline, 88, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 4.
Catanzarite, Eleanor S., of Livonia, died Jan. 21.
Conti, Marilyn M., 82, of Richland, Ind., died Jan. 21.
Cuchetti, Rosemary, 86, of Rochester, died Jan. 5.

F
Fierke, Kenneth R., 73, of Redford, died Jan. 19.

G
Glass, Emma, 101, of Hazel Park, died Jan. 1.
Goodwill, James, 74, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 3.
Grant, Clara Marie, 80, of Canton, died Jan. 20.

H
Horsch, Lolita, of Clarkston, died Jan. 22.
Hosbach, Henry, 88, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 1.

K
Kutni, Adam M., 80, of Walled Lake, died Jan. 20.

M
Morrison, William Spencer, 45, of Birmingham, died Jan. 20.

P
Parker, Christine Ngoc-Bich, 32, of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 20.

S
Septak, Joseph, Jr., 84, of Detroit, died Jan. 20.
Skowronski, Lucy, 86, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 2.
Stelter, Olive, 92, of Rochester Hills died Jan. 3.

Y
Yezman, Marjorie, 83, of Rochester, died Jan. 2.

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Did You Know?

■ On Jan. 29 at 7 p.m., teens can create a personalized dinner plate to use at home? To register, call the library at (734) 397-0999.

■ The Year of the Monkey, 4701, has arrived? In honor of the 15-day Chinese New Year celebration, why not check out our special multimedia collections on Chinese Cooking and Travel to China, online at www.cantonpl.org/special/.

■ You can learn to scrapbook at the library? We will be hosting a special program on this popular craft on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. Register beginning Jan. 29 in person or by phone.

■ Americans consume 1.1 billion pounds of popcorn a year?

Web Watch: Check out these new web sites

■ www.cyberdance.org

■ www.ghosttowngallery.com

■ www.seussville.com

New Adult Books

■ "The Darkest Jungle" - Todd Balf (nonfiction)

■ "The Anatomy of Hope" - Jerome Groopman (nonfiction)

■ "Retribution" - Jill Hoffman (fiction)

■ "The Fairy Godmother" - Mercedes Lackey (science fiction)

New Children's Books

■ "Boris's Glasses" - Peter Cohen (picture book)

■ "Hatching Magic" - Ann Downer (fiction)

■ "Circle of Doom" - Tim Kennemore (fiction)

■ "Bertil and the Bathroom Elephants" - Inger Lindhal (picture book)

New Audio Books

■ "Full Cry" - Rita Mae Brown (fiction, CD)

■ "Getting in Shape" - Carol Dannhauser (nonfiction, CD)

■ "Gatekeeper" - Archer Mayor (fiction, cassette)

New CD-ROMs

■ "Kasparov Chessmate"

■ "Hot Dog Stand: The Works" (Ages 9+)

New CDs

■ "Let It Be Naked" - The Beatles

■ "Lost Dogs" - Pearl Jam

■ "This Left Feels Right" -

AGENDAS

CANTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, in the Chestnut Room at Summit on the Park.

Agenda items include:

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing for Pickwick Village Subdivision request to create street light special assessment district.

GENERAL CALENDAR

1. Consider preliminary site plan for Autumn Court Estates site condominiums.

2. Recommendation to sign contract with CDPA Architects to design fire station III.

3. Consider award of bid for construction management services to George W. Auch

Company for fire station III.

4. First reading of ordinance #161. Adopt the code of ordinances for the Charter Township of Canton.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth.


Agenda items include:

Reports from the superintendent on the elementary math program, fall athletics and budget amendment/forecast.

Action items include approval of a resolution for a contract for telecommunications services, approval to adopt budget amendments.

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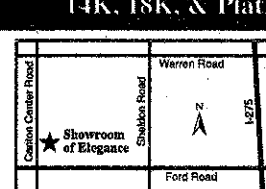
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eBooks target library non-users

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

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Other members are Farmington, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Township, Independence Township and the Baldwin Public Library. The consortium hooked up with OverDrive, a firm that engineers eBooks for libraries.

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With the two eBooks sources, patrons have a choice of more than 13,000 titles from which to choose. netLibrary offers more than 12,300 and OverDrive more than 800, with new titles added monthly. Believe it or not, eBooks and other Internet services provided by the library are not designed to replace paper materials and the physical use of the facility. But there's a certain percentage of Canton residents who have said - according to a library survey - that they don't visit the library because they use the Internet.

That's the group eBooks definitely are designed to target. "We have 45 databases here. Online doesn't replace the paper. They are just used differently," said Rebecca Baumgold, library marketing and communications manager.

"This library is so committed to online data services," Baumgold said. "To provide eBooks is just another way to make materials accessible. I think Canton is high up on the technology front." jmaliszewski@oe.homecomm.net

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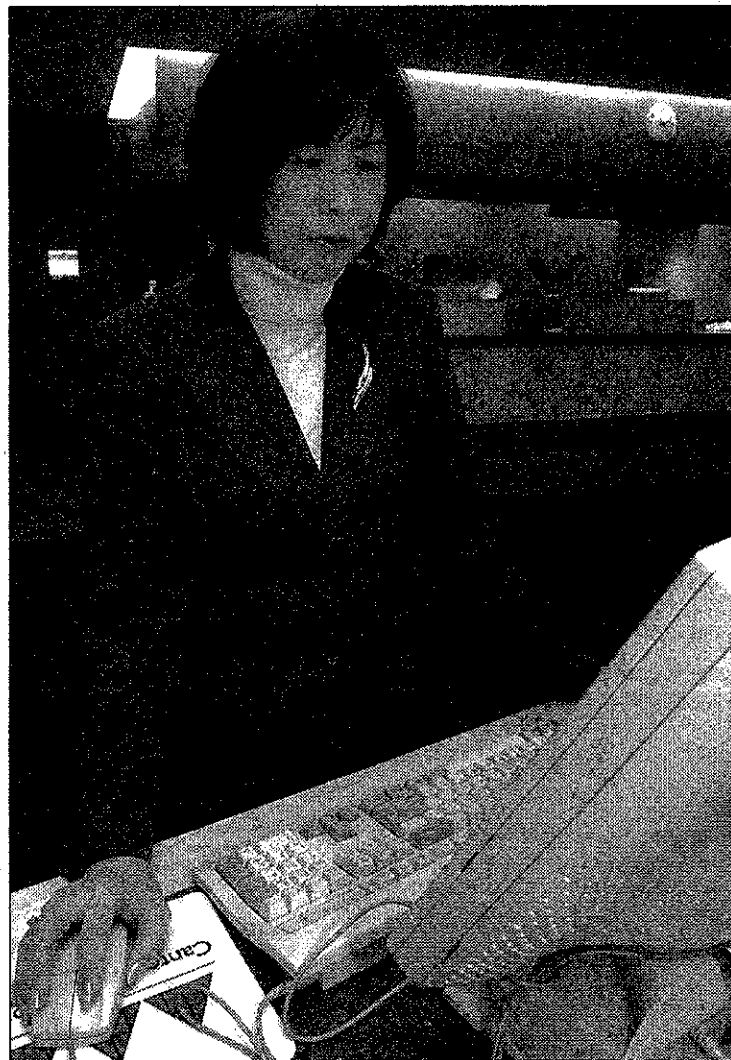
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Ophelia Lo, adult services librarian, reviews an eBook at the Canton Public Library.

Canton Community Junior Baseball Softball Association Spring 2004 Registrations for Boys and Girls Ages 4-18*

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4-18* who are residents of Canton, Plymouth or the PCCS school district. All new registrants must show proof of age and residency at time of registration.

Fees range from \$75 to \$120 for recreational leagues, with travel team fees slightly higher. All fees are NON-REFUNDABLE. Payments made to CCJBSA in cash, money order or personal check. Credit cards or debit cards are NOT accepted.

Games will start middle to end of May and run thru mid July.

All registrations will take place in the **Ballroom of the Summit in the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.** For more info call 734-394-5489 and leave a message...or call:

- Chris Angel (teeball/baseball ages 4-12*)...734-981-3007
- Jay Obsniuk (baseball ages 12-18*).....734-981-3272
- Rich Rohn (rec. or travel softball).....734-981-5989
- Dave Urquhart (rec. or travel softball).....734-254-0016
- Ron Goble (travel baseball ages 10-12*).....734-207-8889
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FORD ROAD

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people. They then spent the rest of the day brainstorming for their 4 p.m. presentation at Summit on the Park.

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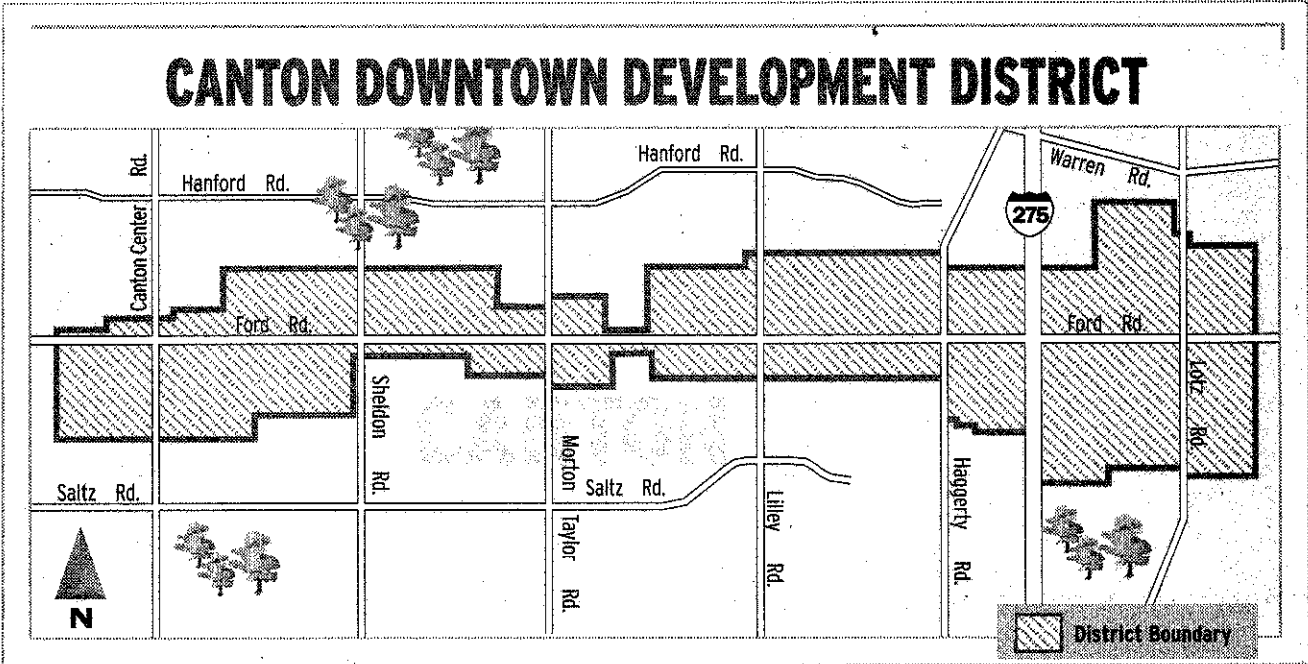
"Be honest about who you are," Howard Deardorff told the audience. "The idea that Ford Road can be made into a pedestrian area is not true. It's not a plausible approach. We have to look at what can we do to influence what people see from a car." Deardorff, one of three presenters, is president of Deardorff Design Resources of Ann Arbor. Other presenters were Jeffery Corbin, president of Jeffery Corbin Designs of Traverse City, and Jack Williamson, executive director of Design Michigan.

"Scale matters and access matters," Deardorff said. "We're still a shopping area for people who live in Canton. We're not a regional shopping area." Corbin told the group there were four goals they should keep in mind when looking at Ford Road: improve traffic, establish a community identity, improve access to shopping and make it pretty. For traffic improvement, Deardorff suggested looking at the idea of some roundabouts on Ford Road instead of

the traditional intersections with traffic lights. "Traffic flow increases dramatically with roundabouts," he said. "The number of crashes at intersections goes down." He said roundabouts at Haggerty and Morton Taylor should be considered. He also suggested some monumental markers in the center of the roundabouts to help identify the community. Picking up on that thought, Corbin said symbols of the community could be used to create sculptural elements, such as a soccer ball, representing the soccer fields, or a Liberty Bell, representing the Liberty Fest. Such symbols could also be used as directional markers. "Take I-275 to Ford Road, go west on Ford until you see the soccer ball, then turn left," he said. "It helps speak to the rest of the world about what your community is all about."

LOOKING BETTER

The group also suggested a series of tall, narrow, vertical signs at each of the 22 strip malls along the corridor, with signs listing the stores inside each center. That brought some questions from the audience about how the signs would conform with Canton's sign ordinance, which at times has become controversial as being too restrictive.



"The ordinance should talk about what the signs say, not what they look like," Corbin replied. "You should align the sign ordinance with size and scale. Many of the signs are too small already." As part of the vertical sign markers, the group also suggested calling the strip malls "villages" – as in "the villages of Canton." The strips would then be known as Canton Corners Village or Harvard Square Village.

Deardorff said the trees along Ford need to be reviewed as to how they can be used to enhance the appearance. "Trees don't grow in rows," he said. "They grow in clusters. You can use them to break parking lots into different districts, separated by trees and plants. The type of planting at WalMart and Sam's Club is the kind of parking lot design you need." While acknowledging that reorgan-

izing trees and plantings would not be a short term project, Deardorff made one observation. "In our culture," he said, "we're too impatient to wait for a tree to grow. We'd rather build miles and miles of walls than wait for a hedge." Kathleen Salla, downtown and community development coordinator, said the members of the various groups will get together to discuss the ideas and what the next steps may be.

BUSES

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the buses," said Wallace. "I'm making an assumption that someone in charge is watchful." Plymouth-Canton's fleet, unlike the recent past, has newly purchased buses, making it easier to maintain. In the annual Michigan State Police inspection completed earlier this month, only four of 105 buses were red-tagged by the inspector from the Motor Carrier Division. The other 23 buses, received this school year, were already inspected at the factory. "The red tags were for structural rust, which we corrected on the spot," said Melvin

Latnie, director of transportation for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "We also received a yellow tag for a rear door buzzer malfunction, which was also corrected the same day." Latnie said his job has been made easier since he arrived almost three years ago because 60 percent of the aging bus fleet he inherited has been replaced with new, yellow buses. "When we get 15 new buses (this summer), we won't have any bus more than 10 years old," Latnie said. "In the past, we had buses that were 16 years old. We've eliminated a majority of those vehicles." "The mechanics appreciate it because it makes their job a whole lot easier," said Latnie, who hired two additional

mechanics to help with maintenance. Latnie also credits the bus drivers with helping to keep the fleet in good shape. "The drivers have stepped up to the plate and reduced the number of accidents," he said. "If mechanics aren't doing major work from accidents, they have more time for preventative maintenance. All of it plays a hand in getting the kind of exceptional scores we get in the inspections." Latnie said bus driver accidents have gone down significantly the past several years, in part because of a new driver safety program. "If a driver is found responsible for an accident, that driver then goes through retraining," Latnie said. "The first year of the program we had a

nearly 40 percent reduction in accidents; the following year we had another significant reduction; and we're expecting another drop this year. "The fewer accidents also saves the district money on insurance premiums," he said. "I always feel my kids are in a safe and controlled situation," said Nadine Burke of Plymouth Township, whose four children attend Salem High, West Middle and Isbister Elementary schools. "I feel the buses are properly maintained, and the bus drivers do a great job. "The drivers have my respect and support," she said. "They have a lot of demands, and have to focus on driving with 50-60 kids on their bus."

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James Freed of Livonia tells animal jokes during the 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars' talent show sponsored Saturday by Speech, Language & Sensory-Motor Systems Inc. of Plymouth.

One bright, shining moment

Talent show allows students to sparkle on a stage set for them

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The original idea behind the "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars" talent show sponsored by Speech, Language & Sensory-Motor Systems, Inc., is to allow special-needs kids to shine and to show they can go on to lead successful lives.

For the fifth-annual show held Saturday at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, clinic staffers called on a shining example: former student Joseph DeCarlo.

DeCarlo, now 22 and with cerebral palsy, was the guest speaker and brought the audience to its feet, and some to tears, with his speech about achieving one's dreams.



Evan Parker (from left), Madison Barry and Ryan Basista perform 'It's My Turn to Play the Drum' during Saturday's talent show.



Ariana Seward of Westland sings 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' at the beginning of the talent show.

"The only way to achieve your goals is to go the distance," said DeCarlo, who holds an associate's degree from Schoolcraft College and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science. "You can never give up, no matter what obstacles you face."

That's pretty much the gist of the talent show, put on by SLSMS, the Plymouth clinic that works with special-needs children. Some two dozen students danced, sang or told jokes to entertain a thrilled audience of parents, family members and friends.

There was 3-year-old Ariana Seward of Westland, who sang the show's theme song, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," and James Freed of Livonia,

who told jokes like, "What's a shark's favorite game? Swallow the leader."

"It's great," said Ariana's mom, Tara Seward of Westland. "They focus on the positive instead of the negative."

The show also featured dancing and tumbling, choreographed for the fifth straight year by Joanne Zavisa and volunteers from her Canton dance school, Joanne's Dance Extension. Her students have made helping the SLSMS a priority.

"When they sign up every August the first thing they ask is, 'Are we doing the talent show?'" Zavisa said of her students, who spent some 30 hours working on the show.

"They would be upset if we didn't come back. They love what they do."

The talent show is entirely voluntary, and the students decide what acts they're going to perform.

According to clinic director Lorraine Zaksek, all of the decisions are made by the children.

"It's totally up to them," she said. "They think of what they want to do, anything they've accomplished and that they're proud of."

The show is a hit with students, staffers and parents. Sally Freed of Livonia (James' mother) had all four of her children in the show.

"It gives them confidence," Freed said. "I think it's a great thing."

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The workshops are:
■ 7-9 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Southfield Parks and Recreation, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. Co-sponsored by Detroit Audubon Society.

■ 10 a.m.-noon, Feb. 14, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

■ 7-9 p.m. March 3, at the Summit on the Park, 46000

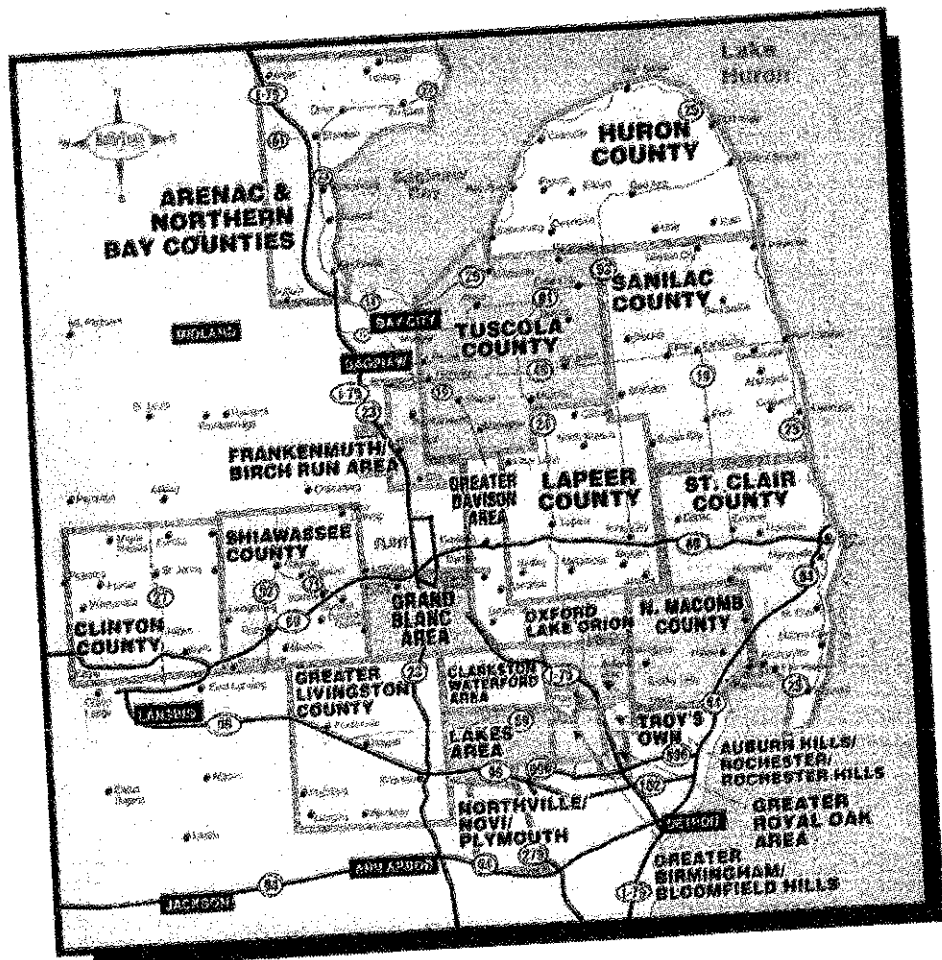
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Belafonte lends support to a 'people's agenda'

For the most part, Michigan voters trying to get a handle on this year's presidential campaign are still grappling with names that were totally unfamiliar six months ago.



Jack Lessenberry

Howard Dean. John Edwards. John Kerry. But Al Fishman, a longtime peace activist from Detroit, is hoping politics in America will be shaken up by one very familiar name which, up to now, absolutely no one has thought about in connection with the presidential election.

Harry Belafonte.

No, that's not a misprint. We are talking about the "Day-O, Day-O," 1950s calypso singer, who on Jan. 31 is coming to Detroit to lead a town hall meeting aimed at creating a "national people's agenda" designed to create a continuing pressure group that will affect politics and issues in this country for years to come.

"What we want to do is build something that isn't tied to a particular candidate or campaign," said Fishman, who, at an athletic and healthy 77, is a veteran of more causes and campaigns than he can count, stretching back to the 1948 Progressive Party effort.

Too often he has seen young people excited about a candidate, only to be disillusioned and drift away when that candidate loses or "sells out." Others lose interest when the media stops paying attention to a particular issue, like the 1980s nuclear freeze movement.

This year, however, a progressive think tank called the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., has another idea. They are sponsoring a series of events in cities across the nation called "Grassroots America Shapes the Debate," which are designed to energize people and move them to form a national agenda.

There is, it seems safe to say, a politically leftist slant to all this. The 10 cities involved are all members of "Cities for Peace," a group of more than 100 cities that adopted anti-war resolutions last year. Yet though the organizers are clearly liberal, they say they don't plan to put any restrictions on what people may think the issues should be.

"The idea is to work towards building something — a document — that will not only offer an alternative political platform for this year, but which will serve as a guide for united action for years to come," said Fishman, who, with U.S. Rep. John Conyers, is one of the key Detroit-area organizers of the event.

But what does Harry Belafonte have to

do with it? Though few of his fans may know it, the 76-year-old singer has been a longtime crusader for civil rights and peace causes, and volunteered his services for a total of 10 such meetings.

He was also a close friend of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and on Jan. 31, will be the keynote speaker at Detroit's Martin Luther King High School, an all-day town hall meeting billed as the opportunity "to help create a national people's agenda for the election and beyond." How that will work isn't quite clear — even to the organizers — but the plan is to lead people to shape their thinking on perhaps a dozen topics, from criminal justice to national security to health care.

How much can really get done in a day is questionable, and the event's organizers aren't too clear on what the next step will be after that. Bringing a group of people together for a day is fairly easy. Mobilizing them over a long period of time is far harder, as generations of activists on all sides have painfully learned.

Detroit-area organizers don't yet seem to have thought much about how to keep things going after the first meeting, or how and where to bring people together again.

But Karen Dolan, who is coordinating this whole effort at the Institute for Policy Studies, said continuing work has been going on in Cincinnati, where the first such town hall was held in a poor neighborhood last September.

"They have already developed a draft for what they call their City of Hope project," and hope to make it public soon, she said. Eventually, she hopes each city will share their draft platforms, and some sort of national agenda will emerge.

That may be a long shot; the number of citizens who are willing to engage in sustained political activity has never been large. But polls show voters seem increasingly worried about a wide number of issues, and that millions feel neither party is doing much to address people's concerns on subjects from health care to jobs.

"Our governing slogan will be leave no voter behind," said Fishman. And if it may seem doubtful whether his movement can form a policy pressure group with enough interested members to have true staying power, it is beyond dispute that a whole lot of citizens have been left so far behind they don't even bother to vote.

If "Shape the Debate" can rock that world even a little bit, Harry Belafonte's trip to the frozen north may not have been in vain.

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Talent show's best feature is kids' smiles

Sally Freed, a mother of four from Livonia, could scarcely sit still during Saturday's "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" performance.

It's not so much that she was a nervous mom — although that was surely part of it — as it was a mere matter of being busy, what with all four of her children performing.



Brad Kadrich

"Twinkle" is an annual event put on by Speech, Language & Sensory-Motor Systems Inc. of Plymouth, a clinic dedicated to working with special-needs kids with afflictions such as autism. For five years now, SLSMS (that's much less a mouthful) has put on "Twinkle," a talent show that gives these kids a chance to shine on a stage all their own. They vary in degree of need and in courage to get up on stage at first. But the one thing that never changes — for parents and students — is the size of the smiles that follow each performance.

"It's not often they get to showcase their positives (because) their therapy so often focuses on their negatives," said Lorraine Zaksek, a speech pathologist and the director at SLSMS. "They have the pleasure of being appreciated for the positive things."

It's also pretty nice for the parents, all of whom wear bright smiles going in and brighter ones coming out. Freed had quadruple the reason for cheer, with all of her children shining brightly. Tommy gave a presentation about hamsters, and then James took the stage to tell some jokes (We'll lace this space with a few of them in italics for your comic enjoyment).

What do cows like to do for fun? Go to the moo-vies.

"It's a lot of fun," Freed acknowledged. "It gives the kids confidence. It's definitely a boost."

Zaksek has been a speech pathologist for more than 15 years, and the clinic she runs with her husband, Don, has been doing the talent show for five years now. After the first year, the show moved to Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, where it has now played to a packed house for four years.

The Zakseks and their amazing staff spend several months putting the show together, with the help of a

tremendous volunteer force. Among the volunteers for all five shows has been Joanne Zavisa, the owner of Joanne's Dance Extension in Canton, who gets a dedicated effort from 18 of her own students to choreograph the show. Ask Zavisa why she keeps coming back, and she points out she literally has no choice, even if she wanted to back out.

"My kids register in August (for classes), and the first thing they ask me is, 'Are we doing Twinkle, Twinkle?'" said Zavisa, whose 18 students put in some 16 hours of classroom work and another 10 hours outside the classroom getting ready. "My kids would be upset if we didn't come back. They love what they do."

When does a duck wake up? At the quack of dawn.

Here's how good the staff and the volunteers have gotten at their work: The Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association last year handed SLSMS its Clinical Service Award, the highest honor it awards in direct delivery of service.

The award wasn't based entirely on the talent show, but it certainly helped. It also wasn't based on the pleasure derived from everyone on stage and in the audience, the payoff from months of rehearsal and hard work. The rehearsals got so concentrated that the Zakseks' neighbors, Plymouth Physical Therapy, started wondering what was going on.

"I was getting treatment for my back, and they told me they kept hearing a pounding," Don Zaksek told the parents Saturday. "When I explained it was rehearsing the drum-playing, they were relieved. They said, 'For three months, we've been wondering what you've been doing to those kids.'"

What is the shark's favorite game? Swallow the leader.

What they were doing was what SLSMS has been doing all along, helping youngsters with special needs to be all they can be.

And age doesn't matter. Performers vary from older — former student Joseph DeCarlo, now a college student, gave the opening remarks Saturday — to the very young, including 3-year-old Ariana Seward, who sang the program's theme song, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." She captivated the audience, including her mom, Tara Seward of Westland, who is a big fan of SLSMS.

"They are great, because they focus on the positive instead of the negative," Seward said.

The show presents the occasional

problem, generally when a student gets stage fright and either won't come onto the stage or dashes right off it. But the Zakseks and their staff simply roll with the punches and the show goes on.

"They do fine when we're rehearsing and nobody's there," Don Zaksek said of the children. "Then they get up there with all these people and sometimes it scares them."

Where do cows go to dance? The meat ball.

That kind of fright is just one of the obstacles these kids must overcome in their pursuit of life. DeCarlo knows it, having overcome them to achieve an associate of arts degree from Schoolcraft College and going on to work on a bachelor's degree in political science. DeCarlo told his audience Saturday the key is to never lose faith in yourself.

"The only way to achieve your goals is to go the distance," DeCarlo said. "You can never give up, no matter what obstacles you face."

It's a message echoed by the Zakseks and their staff, who have proven the last two years they don't ask students to do anything they're not willing to do. Staffers again closed the show with a skit all their own, with adoring students and loving parents watching.

It was a variation of "The 12 Days of Christmas" that brought down the house and, more importantly, shows the kids the teachers are right there with them and eases the fears, even if just a little bit.

What do cows read? The moos-paper.

What the kids do is what they choose to do. When the staff begins preparing for the show, all the students are invited to participate, with an event of their own choosing. That is perhaps the most important part of the whole program.

"It's totally up to the children," Lorraine Zaksek said. "We ask each child if they want to be in it, and what they want to do. They think of what they want to do, which gives them a chance to show off an accomplishment, something they can be proud of."

The show gives these kids a chance to excel in a society where such chances are fewer for them. And they do succeed; the teachers know it, the parents show it.

Best of all, when the show's over, the kids know it, too.

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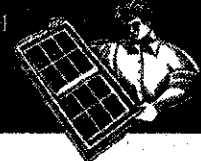
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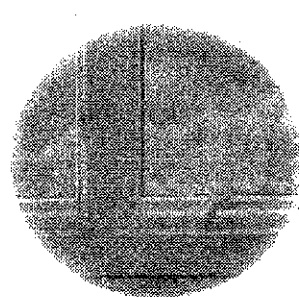
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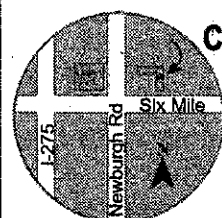
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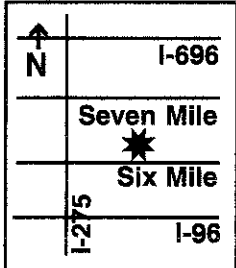
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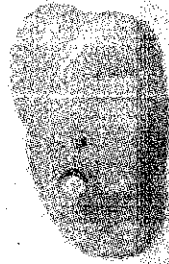


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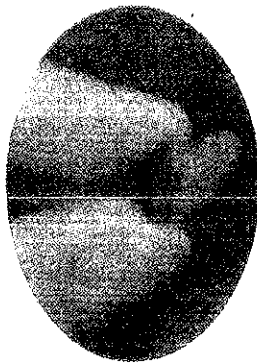
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Sidelines

Awards banquet

Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team was honored last Thursday at its team banquet, with the Ocelots' championship trophies from College of Lake County and Ocelot Invitational tournaments on display.

Also on display were the Region XII championship plaque, the District D championship trophy and the National Tournament third-place trophy. The NSCAA third-place National Ranking plaque was also presented. Individually, Michele Kittla (Brighton HS) and Sarah Plymale (Canton HS) received awards for their contributions as team captains. Kittla was also recognized for being selected to both the NJCAA and the NSCAA All-Region teams, and Plymale was presented with her NJCAA All-Region XII team certificate.

All players received their varsity awards, their NJCAA Region XII championship medals and their team pictures.

The Top Forward Award went to Erica Ahrens (Canton HS), who led the team in scoring with 22 goals and eight assists (52 points). Ahrens also received her NJCAA All-Region XII team certificate.

Liz DiPonio (Livonia Stevenson HS) was presented with team captain and Top Midfielder awards, as well as certificates for being voted to the NJCAA and NSCAA All-Region Teams. DiPonio was also recognized as a member of the All-National Tournament Team, as well as receiving NJCAA and NSCAA All-America awards.

The Top Defender Award and NJCAA All-Region XII team certificate went to Arielle Bryant (Canton HS). Bryant was also honored with her NJCAA All-America certificate.

Lindsey Turkington (Sterling Heights Stevenson HS) and Andrea Dunn (Garden City HS) were co-recipients of the Coaches Award for their extraordinary academic and athletic accomplishments. Andrea Dunn has also been nominated to the NJCAA academic All-America team for attaining an overall 3.97 GPA.

The team MVP award went to Andrea Wright (Flint Powers Catholic HS). She had 18 goals and 14 assists for the season (50 points). Wright received her team captain award and certificates for being selected to the NJCAA and NSCAA All-Region teams. She was also selected to the NJCAA All-National Tournament Team and to both the NJCAA and NSCAA All-America teams.

Clarifications

In the Jan. 22 *Observer*, a photo of Canton Agape Christian basketball player Charlie Henry was incorrectly identified.

Also, in a Jan. 18 photo, Agape's Derek Leathers was incorrectly identified.



Canton's Travis McKinney (11) gets this shot away before Churchill's Eric Felner can block it. The Chiefs got a lot of their shots to go in in their 27-point victory.

Canton's fast start leads to an easy win

Salem edges Central in overtime

Everyone got into the act Friday for Canton's basketball team, and it was at Livonia Churchill's expense.

The Chiefs rocketed to a 19-4 lead after one quarter and expanded that to 41-16 by halftime, en route to a 73-47 triumph at Churchill.

Canton improved to 5-4 overall, 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Churchill is 2-8 overall, 0-4 in the division.

"Offensively, this was our best first quarter all season," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "We went with full-court man-to-man pressure, and I think that was the difference."

The Chargers were without Tim Van Dusen, one of their leading scorers, who did not play.

Although the Chiefs got their scoring from an abundance of sources, only one player — D.J. Bridges — reached double figures; he scored 14 points. Matt Paye and Corey Stewart each netted nine points and four steals, all of Paye's points coming on three-pointers. Two of his triples came in Canton's 19-point first quarter.

Andy Cortellini added eight points and Julian Smith had seven assists.

For Churchill, Nick Mansfield had 13 points and Cortne Diaz scored 11.

Salem 58, W.L. Central 55 (OT): Salem had a couple of chances to put this game away in regulation, but in the end the Rocks relied upon Dominique Washington in overtime to gain an important WLAA Lakes Division victory Friday at Walled Lake Central.

Salem improved to 4-6 overall and remained unbeaten in the Lakes at 3-0. Central slipped to 4-5 overall, 1-2 in the Lakes.

After a slow start — the Vikings led 13-6 after one quarter — the Rocks got it going, leading 23-20 at halftime. Central regained some momentum in the third period and led 39-38 going into the final quarter, but Salem was ahead going down the stretch.

However, the Vikings' Nick Van Dike, limited to six points in the first three quarters, struck for 10 in the fourth, including three three-pointers (he had four in the game). Still, in the closing seconds of regulation, the Rocks got two good looks at the basket, but missed both shots.

That wasn't the case in overtime, with Washington scoring six of his team's seven points in the extra period. He finished with 11 in the game.

Brad Clark led Salem with

PLEASE SEE **HOOPS, B4**

Former U-M standout facing charges

FOOTBALL

Former University of Michigan standout and Westland John Glenn All-State running back Tony Boles is in trouble with the law again.

The 36-year-old Boles faced a Thursday arraignment before a Washtenaw County magistrate on charges of armed robbery and larceny for allegedly stealing a 66-year-old woman's purse Jan. 18 in downtown Ann Arbor.

The woman told police that a man grabbed the purse off her shoulder. She was pulled into the street before he got the purse and ran to a waiting vehicle, according to the *Ann Arbor News*.

The vehicle was reported stolen from

Pittsfield Township, and the person driving the car was arrested on a warrant during a traffic stop in Dearborn Heights, law authorities told the *News*.

Boles entered a plea of not guilty before Magistrate George Parker. A preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 4. Parker set bond at 10 percent of \$100,000, citing Boles' past criminal history, which contains a drug conviction and retail fraud conviction.

Boles, a two-time All-Big Ten running back, led the Wolverines in rushing in 1988 (1,408 yards) and 1989 (839 yards)

while making 19 starts.

After going down with a season-ending knee injury against Minnesota in the Metrodome in 1989, Boles opted to forego his final year of eligibility to turn pro. In 1991, he was drafted in the 11th round (291st overall) by the Dallas Cowboys before being released in training camp.

Boles played briefly in the World Football League for the San Antonio Gunslingers.

In 1994, Boles was arrested in Naples, Fla., when local police said he attempted to sell drugs to an undercover officer.

Crack cocaine was found in his car when he was stopped minutes later.

Salem settles for a tie vs. Franklin

Livonia Franklin erased a two-goal, first-period deficit to deadlock Salem, 2-2, in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover hockey game Friday at Edgar Arena.

The Rocks remain at .500: 7-7-2 overall. Franklin is 7-4-2.

Andy Thackaberry got Salem on the board at 4:47 of the first period from Kyle Emmons and John Maurer. Emmons made it 2-0 at 7:38 from Thackaberry.

Franklin got both of its goals in the second period — Dave McCall on a power play from Keith Robert and Joe Kozlowski at 5:38 followed by Matt Kahkonen from Garrett Radford and Matt Sgriccia at 7:24.

There was no scoring in the final period. Franklin outshot the Rocks, 30-19. Salem netminder Joe Moore, a freshman, made 28 saves, while Franklin's Jeremy Peer had 17.

"The second and third periods we played quality hockey," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "Even though we outshot them 16-6 in the first period, we came up sloppy and played a slow first period."

"But Salem is an improved team and they came at us and scored twice."

Redford Unified 1, Canton 1: Redford Unified scored first, but penalties caught up to the team in the third period as Canton forged a tie Thursday night.

"We played well in the first period, but then slowed down a little," said RU

coach Kirk Hunter as his team moved to 7-4-1 overall. "Then we started to run into a penalty problem. I won't say anything else on that other than it's bad when the other coach says something to you about being hosed in your own building."

Ryan Valeri put Unified on the board first with a goal from Ryan Ostrowski and Bobby Lippe at 10:32.

Canton matched that with 1:59 left in the game and sporting a 5-on-3 advantage as Reece McCabe scored on a scramble in front of the net from John Suchia and Matt Oliver.

Chris Donahue made 34 saves for Unified, while Tony Hylko had 29 saves for Canton (3-9-2).

"I thought Donahue played very well," said Hunter. "It's the fourth game in a row where he's played that way."

G.P. North 6, P-C-S 5 (OT): The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins battled back from three goals down against a tough Grosse Pointe North team and managed to forge a 5-5 tie to force an eight-minute overtime Tuesday. But North scored the game-winning goal with :46 left in the OT to get the girls hockey victory.

The Penguins fell to 5-6-1 overall. Last Saturday, they lost 5-4 to Northville at Novi Ice Arena.

In the loss to North, PCS got two first-period goals in a seven-second span, the first from Erika Perkovich (with assists from Jessica Rzetelny and Stephanie



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Salem's Kyle Emmons had plenty to celebrate in the first period against Franklin Friday, scoring one goal and assisting on another.

Murray) at 6:01 and the second from Murray (unassisted) at 5:54, to go up 2-1. The Norsemen added two goals to their total before the period expired, however, to take a 3-2 after one.

A pair of goals in the first few minutes

PLEASE SEE **HOCKEY, B4**

Knights hold off Whalers for a 3-2 win

Go up against the best and you'd better bring your best.

The Plymouth Whalers did just that when they faced the London Knights, the overall leader in the Ontario Hockey League with 71 points, Friday in London. A concerted effort, which included two power-play goals, kept the Whalers close, but they couldn't quite overtake London, losing 3-2.

The Knights improved to 34-8-1-2, first in the OHL's Midwest Division. Plymouth dropped to 20-15-8-3 (51 points), second in the West Division, three points behind Sarnia.

The Whalers never did have the lead in the game. Brandon Prust put London up 1-0 at 1:27 of the opening period; the Whalers tied it at 8:59 with a power-

play goal scored by Brent Mahon (from James Wisniewski and Sean Thompson).

The Knights took control with two second-period goals, scored by Corey Perry and David Bolland. Prust, Perry and Bolland each had a goal and an assist in the game.

The Whalers made it a one-goal game at 5:34 of the third period, Gino Pisellini getting his 12th of the season (from John Vigilante and John Mitchell) on the power play. But they couldn't get the equalizer.

Paul Drew was outstanding in goal for Plymouth, making 38 saves. Ryan MacDonald had 14 stops in goal for the Knights.

The Whalers hosted London last night at Compuware Arena, then complete their second-straight three-games-in-three-days weekend with a game at 2 p.m. today at Saginaw.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 27
Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.
Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 7 p.m.
Lutheran East at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Brother Rice at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian at B.H. Roeper, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 28
Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30
Churchill at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Lutheran Westland at Liggett, 7 p.m.
Oak Christian at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m.
H.W. Notre Dame at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Jan. 26
Churchill at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Salem, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 27
Huron Valley vs. Macomb Christian at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
Mercy at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Oak Christian at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 28
Salem at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Wayne at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 29
Huron Valley vs. Ypsi Calvary at Livonia St. Paul's, 5:30 p.m.
Lutheran North at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Liggett at Lutheran Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Marian, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31
U-M-Deerborn Tourn., 9 a.m.
A.A. Greenhills Tourn., TBA.

PREP HOCKEY

Monday, Jan. 26
Ladywood at G.P. Univ.-Liggett, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 27
Cranbrook vs. P-C-S, 6:30 p.m.
at Arctic Edge
Wednesday, Jan. 28
Ladywood vs. Canton-Salem-Plymouth at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. Chelsea (Edgar), 6 p.m.
Redford CC vs. U-D Jesuit (City), 6:30 p.m.
Churchill vs. Canton (Edgar), 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30
Churchill vs. Stevenson (Edgar), 6 p.m.
W.L. Western vs. Salem, 8 p.m.
at Ply. Cultural Center
Redford CC at Culver Military (Ind.), 8 p.m.
Canton vs. W.L. Central, 8:20 p.m.
at Lakeland Ice Arena
Saturday, Jan. 31
Franklin vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 11:20 a.m.
Redford CC at Culver Military (Ind.), noon.
Ladywood vs. G.P. South (City), 5 p.m.
P-C-S vs. H.W. Regina, 9 p.m.
at St. Clair Shores Arena

PREP WRESTLING

Wednesday, Jan. 28
Clarenceville, Lutheran Northwest at Harper Woods, 5:30 p.m.
Hamtramck, Lutheran North at Lutheran Westland, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 29
CC, Adrian at A.A. Pioneer, 6 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31
Observerland Inv. at Churchill, 9 a.m.

PREP BOYS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Jan. 27
South Lyon at John Glenn, 6 p.m.
Stevenson at Dexter, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Trenton, 7 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Rochester High at Liv. Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 29
Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Ann Arbor Huron at Liv. Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.

PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Monday, Jan. 26
Livonia Unified at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wayne-Westland vs. Walled Lake at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 28
Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31
Troy Invitational, 9 a.m.
Troy Athens Invit., 10:55 a.m.
A.A. Pioneer Invitational, noon.
PREP SKIING
Monday, Jan. 26
Ladywood vs. Lakeland at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 27
Ladywood vs. W. Bloomfield at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 28
Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC, 7:30 p.m.
UM-Deerborn at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 28
Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
Siena Heights at Madonna, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Sunday, Jan. 25
Whalers at Saginaw, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 28
Whalers at Sault Ste. Marie, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30
Whalers vs. Owen Sound at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 31
Whalers vs. Toronto (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

Crusaders clobber Cardinals

Overmatched.
No other way to describe a team like Concordia University's women's basketball squad, which lost its sixth-straight game in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, 81-41, to Madonna University Wednesday at Madonna.

The Crusaders improved to 6-14 overall, 3-2 in the WHAC. Concordia is 0-6 in the conference, 3-18 overall.

The Cardinals played their way out of this game early, making just 4-of-21 first-half shots (19 percent) en route to a 34-10 deficit by the intermission.

Madonna was 30-of-64 from the floor (46.9 percent) for the game; the Crusaders also converted 5-of-9 three-pointers (55.6 percent).

Marlene Dietrich came off the bench to lead Madonna in scoring, making 7-of-10 from the floor (70 percent) to score 16 points. Sarah Thomson had 14 points and seven rebounds, Lydia Prusinowski scored 10 points and Amy Henry (from Canton

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Agape Christian) netted 10 points, three assists and two steals. Marwa Ayoub totaled eight points, five blocked shots and three steals.

Concordia was paced by Andrea Savage with 13 points. Sarrah Palmer added 10.

Wayne CCC 70, Schoolcraft 69: In a game that featured 17 lead changes, Wayne County's Sierra Harlan knocked down the game-winning basket with eight seconds left to allow the Wildcats to edge Schoolcraft College Wednesday at Wayne County CC.

The Wildcats stayed in the race with Oakland CC (5-1) for first place in the MCCA's Eastern Conference. Wayne County is 4-1 in the conference, 11-3 overall; SC fell a game behind at 5-2 in the conference, 11-6 overall.

Tara Charles, a sophomore guard from Redford Bishop Borgess, tied the school record set by Kelly Grenan by nailing six three-pointers.

Charles, who was 6-of-7 from three-point range and 12-of-15 overall (80 percent), led the Ocelots with 31 points; she also had three assists.

India Monteiro contributed 19 points, 13 rebounds, three assists, two blocks and two steals.

Wayne County had five players in double figures in scoring, led by Britni Cooper with 17 points. Sabra Wimberly added 14 points and 16 rebounds; Harlan had 12 points, five assists and four steals; and Ebony Brannen and Deanna Jennings each scored 10 points.

SC had the advantage in shooting accuracy, making 28-of-57 (49.1 percent) compared to the Wildcats' 29-of-75 (38.6 percent), but the Ocelots were badly out-rebounded (46-38) and committed 28 turnovers compared to Wayne's 18.

Ocelots keep their win streak going

Ricky Morgan pumped in 19 points and Anton Palmer added 15 points and 13 rebounds Wednesday as Schoolcraft College earned a 92-78 men's basketball victory over host Wayne County Community College.

The Ocelots, who won their 13th straight, improved to 16-2 overall and 7-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Wayne County, which handed Schoolcraft its only confer-

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ence loss last season, falls to 7-5 and 3-2.

Ryan Baumgartner contributed 15 points in the SC victory, while 7-foot center Lamont Arrington had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Marcus Johnson also scored 10 points.

Mark Williams led Wayne County, which trailed 52-36 at

halftime, with 17 points.

Madonna 80, Concordia 68: Chad Nadolni scored 20 and grabbed eight rebounds Wednesday as Madonna University (8-12, 2-3) a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win at Concordia University (5-12, 2-4).

The Crusaders and Concordia were deadlocked at 28-all in the first half before MU pulled away thanks to 50 percent shooting from the floor (15-of-30) and 79.2 percent

accuracy from the foul line (19-of-24).

Guard Dan Kurtinaitis added 17 points and seven assists, while Noel Emenhiser finished with 16 points, hitting 3-of-6 from three-point range. John Bennett (Livonia Churchill) came off the bench to score eight in five minutes of action.

Jared Adamson paced Concordia with 18 points and eight rebounds. Damon Friday added 13 and Farmington's Matt Mikel had 10.

Chiefs keep plugging with depleted lineup

GYMNASTICS

Cunningham. "Only our (uneven parallel) bar performances were subpar.


"As a team, we are improving every meet. When we get back to full strength, we're going to be a force to be dealt with."

Alyssa Kelley and Megan Chappo have been at the top of the Canton lineup — when


they've been in it. They were instrumental in the Chiefs setting a new dual-meet scoring record in their opening meet of the season. Against Hartland, Canton did indeed dominate on the beam, led by Kara Ahern, who was first with a 9.35. Audra Ahern placed second (9.25), with Kate Staley third (8.9), Chelsea Selden fourth (8.5) and Mina Pirzadeh fifth (8.45). The Chiefs also scored

well in the vault, with Pirzadeh tying for second overall (8.45) and Heather Wagner and Kara Ahern tying for fourth (8.4). Kara Ahern was third in floor exercise (9.1) and Audra Ahern was sixth (8.7), and in bars Kara Ahern was fourth (8.5) and Pirzadeh was sixth (8.05).

Canton is idle until Wednesday, when it takes on Plymouth HS at Plymouth. On Saturday, the Chiefs travel to the Troy Athens Invitational.



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Lakes are icing up: Turkey application deadline nears

Frigid arctic air has taken residence over Michigan and rendered most area lakes safe for ice fishing. Unfortunately, the heavy snow blanketing the ice acts like an insulator and retards the formation of new ice. Still, most lakes are safe for foot traffic, but snowmobile and ATV riders are advised to use extreme caution and to check the ice before venturing out.



Outdoor insights

Bill Parker

Inland lakes like Cass, Pontiac and Orion are giving up decent panfishing opportunities. Tear drops and wax worms fished along drop-offs in eight to 12 feet of water are producing pretty good results. A few decent pike are hitting live baits fished on tip-ups and a few walleyes are also being landed – both on jigging spoons and tip-ups.

On Lake Erie, anglers fishing in Brest Bay report good walleye action and perch are hitting minnows fished right on bottom at Pointe Mouillee.

Perch are also hitting minnows in Lake St. Clair's Anchor Bay, in front of the Selfridge Air National Guard Base. A decent bite is also being reported at the mouth of the Clinton River.

It's been a long time coming, but ice fishing season has finally arrived in southeastern Michigan. The long-range weather forecast calls for highs in the 20s and lows in the teens for the next couple weeks so the ice should hold up for a while – a luxury we don't always get to enjoy.

TURKEY TIME

While contemplating your next fishing trip, or when buy-

ing supplies at your favorite bait and tackle shop, don't forget to apply for a spring wild turkey hunting license.

You've got about a week left to apply. The application deadline is Feb. 1.

The DNR is issuing over 111,000 licenses through the lottery this year.

Hunters who are unsuccessful in the lottery can purchase a license for the late hunt period (Hunt 234), which runs May 3-31. If you prefer this hunt, you can purchase your license over the counter and forgo the lottery and an additional \$4 fee.

You can also apply on the Internet at the DNR's web site, www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Results of the drawing will be available online on March 1 and successful applicants will be notified by mail by March 5.

The state's turkey population is stable in the north and growing in the southern third of the state. DNR biologists estimate the statewide flock to be approximately 150,000 birds.

The Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association and the National Wild Turkey Federation both conduct winter turkey feeding programs to help the birds get through the harsh winter conditions.

Special deer-proof feeders are filled with corn and erected in strategic areas that hold wintering birds. Winter feeding programs are in full force in the north country and even some areas of southern Michigan.

Former Birmingham resident Linda Gallagher, who now resides in Antrim County,

is an active member of the MWTHA and personally distributes thousands of pounds of corn to the various feeders in her area. Gallagher says winter is already taking a toll on turkeys in the northwestern corner of the Lower Peninsula.

"The Traverse City Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association has already gone through 50 tons of corn and it's only January," she said.

"There was very little mast crop this year and we've already got a ton of snow and more on the way. This frigid weather also takes a toll on them. I think we're looking at a pretty rough winter."

Anyone interested in donating money or time to assist the wild turkeys should contact the MWTHA at (231) 544-3302 or visit their web site at www.MWTHA.net.

DEER FEEDING BAN

Residents are reminded that supplemental feeding of white-tailed deer is against the law.

With Bovine tuberculosis established in our deer herd in the northeastern corner of the Lower, and chronic wasting disease looming nearby in Wisconsin, the state Natural Resources Commission last year imposed a statewide ban on supplemental feeding.

Biologists feel that supplemental feeding allows deer to exceed the carrying capacity of the land. A deer population above the carrying capacity can cause habitat damage and becomes susceptible to disease.

Recreational feeding of no more than two gallons is still allowed, as long as it is placed within 100 yards of a residence.

(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)

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

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 for more information.

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 p.m.-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 non-boaters 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 fourseasons-fishingclub@yahoo.com.

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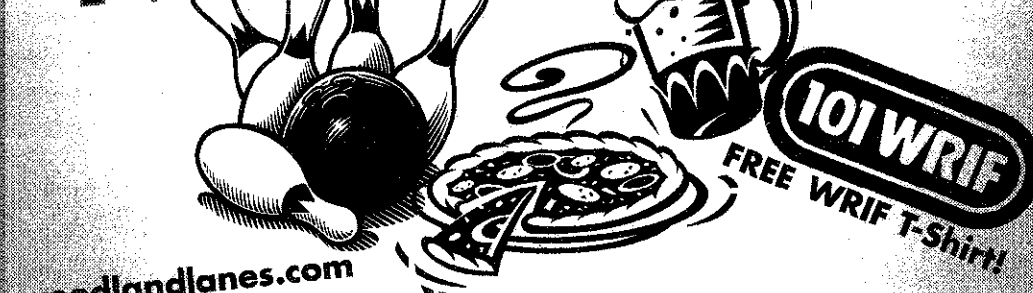
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SWIM RESULTS

CANTON 95.5 NORTHVILLE 90.5
Jan. 22 at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Will Bickie, Brad Farris), 1:46.47; 2. Canton (John Faraoni, Steve Reasor, Shogo Uno, Neal Brunner), 1:49.74.

200 freestyle: 1. Chris Keady (N), 1:49.86; 2. Joe Le (C), 1:51.16.

200 individual medley: 1. Bickie (N), 2:07.35; 2. Reasor (C), 2:15.08.

50 freestyle: 1. Farris (N), 23.57; 2. Joe Hogan (N), 23.96.

Diving: 1. Brad Lempke (N), 200.55 points; 2. Jon Chapman (C), 115.60.

100 butterfly: 1. Uno (C), 57.08; 2. Bickie (N), 57.43.

100 freestyle: 1. Le (C), 49.09; 2. Farris (N), 51.09.

500 freestyle: 1. Keady (N), 4:55.40; 2. James Sattler (C), 5:08.10.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Uno, Jon Templeton, Matt Carlson, Le), 1:35.88; 2. Canton (Jordan Champine, Neal Brunner, Sam Manes, Sattler), 1:37.34.

100 backstroke: 1. Schwartz (N), 58.61; 2. Greg Calabrese (C), 1:04.16.

100 breaststroke: 1. Reasor (C), 1:08.39; 2. Laabs (N), 1:08.60.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Farris, Hogan, Bickie, Keady), 3:29.35; 2. Canton (Sattler, Champine, Faraoni, Le), 3:34.14.

Dual-meet record: Canton, 3-0. Next meet: Canton at Plymouth HS Thursday.

SALEM 112 WAYNE MEMORIAL 74
Jan. 22 at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Matt Jurcak, Casey Johnson, Nick Dixon, Mike Higgs), 1:46.78; 2. Wayne.

200 freestyle: 1. Penn Chou (S), 1:59.17.

200 individual medley: 1. Jurcak (S), 2:12.25; 2. Andrew Drennen (WM), 2:13.4.

50 freestyle: 1. Dixon (S), 23.28.

Diving: 1. Andrew Murawski (S), 205.50 points.

100 butterfly: 1. Patrick Sautural (S), 1:01.05.

100 freestyle: 1. Chou (S), 52.83.

500 freestyle: 1. Jurcak (S), 5:09.02; 2. Bill Horgan (S), 5:40.58.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Casey Johnson, Sautural, David Xia, Chou), 1:40.73; 2. Wayne.

100 backstroke: 1. Dennis Hermatz (WM), 1:04.31; 2. Higgs (S), 1:05.08.

100 breaststroke: 1. Dixon (S), 1:06.16; 2. Drennen (WM), 1:06.2.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Jurcak, Chou, Horgan, Dixon), 3:34.25; 2. Wayne.

Dual-meet records: Salem, 4-0 overall, 2-0 WLAA; Wayne, 6-1 overall, 1-1 WLAA; Next dual meets: Salem at Northville, 7 p.m. Tuesday; Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m. Thursday.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 111 PLYMOUTH HIGH 57
Jan. 22 at Franklin

200-yard medley relay: 1. Franklin (Chris Nolan, Sean Hovell, Steve Wurster, Dan Rais), 2:11.74; 2. Franklin (Robbie Glab, Scott Silva, Jeff Douglass, Wood), 2:28.89.

200 freestyle: 1. Wurster (LF), 2:14.51; 2. David Kong (P), 2:14.72.

200 individual medley: 1. Vinny Babu (P), 2:37.59; 2. Scott Silva (LF), 2:37.72.

50 freestyle: 1. Casey Malloy (P), 28.95; 2. Jeff Osiwala (LF), 29.87.

Diving: 1. Rais (LF), 225.40 points; 2. Justin MacGill (P), 138.10.

100 butterfly: 1. David Kong (P), 1:18.68; 2. Andrew Goy (LF), 1:31.82.

100 freestyle: 1. Sorin Oprican (P), 1:05.82; 2. Osiwala (LF), 1:09.91.

500 freestyle: 1. Wurster (LF), 6:12.11; 2. Nolan (LF), 6:22.92.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Franklin (Andrew Goy, Rais, Archie Hewett, Osiwala), 1:59.63; 2. Franklin (Wood, Keeth, Glab, Douglass), 2:07.70.

100 backstroke: 1. Hewett (LF), 1:14.11; 2. Babu (P), 1:14.35.

100 breaststroke: 1. Silva (LF), 1:15.69; 2. Sean Hovell (LF), 1:16.42.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Kong, Oprican, Babu, Malloy), 4:18.29; 2. Franklin (Wurster, Hewett, Goy, Nolan), 4:22.08.

HOOPS

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18 points; Chris Haar added 14. "All three of them played well, especially Haar, who got his points coming off the bench," said Salem coach Bob Brodie.

Brad Guldán joined Van Dike in double figures in scoring, netting 11 for the Vikings. Jason Goltz, one of their top players, scored nine and was forced from the game after spraining an ankle in the fourth quarter.

Plymouth 53, Ply. Christian 37: The Wildcats ruined Plymouth Christian Academy's homecoming game played at Eastern Michigan Friday, taking command with an 18-6 run in the second quarter.

"We're pretty excited," said Plymouth coach Dave Van Wagoner, his team of freshmen and sophomores now 6-1 overall, 3-1 against other varsity teams. "We're playing really good ball right now."

"The second half turned into a defensive struggle. And I think the pace of the game slowed down a bit."

Indeed it did. In the first half, the Wildcats took a 19-16 lead after one quarter and built it into a 37-22 halftime lead.

The second half, however, was a 16-16 stalemate.

"I think we played good, tough defensive basketball," Van Wagoner added. "And our conditioning paid off tonight."

All but four of Plymouth's points came from four players. A.J. Davey led the Wildcats with 15 points; D.J. Coleman had 14 and Kuraj Sandhu and Josh LeDuc scored 10 apiece.

LeDuc also had five blocked shots.

Coleman led Plymouth with six points in the second quarter.

PCA, which slipped to 6-4 overall, got 12 points from Aaron Ciborowski and 10 from Ben Baloga.

Canton Agape 56, S'field Christian 52: In a game that was close throughout, Canton Agape Christian rallied in the fourth quarter behind the play of Charlie Henry to edge Southfield Christian Friday at Discovery Middle School.

The Wolverines improved to 9-2 overall, 2-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Southfield Christian is 1-6 overall, 0-3 in the MIAC.

Henry did most of the damage for Agape, scoring 35 points. Jordan Napier added 12. Matt Parker totaled 19 points for the Eagles; John Frith had 17.

The Wolverines led 23-22 at the half, but fell behind 42-39 after three quarters.

A.P. Inter-City 68, Ply. Christian 59: Fouls and illness proved costly to Plymouth Christian Academy Thursday against visiting Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The Eagles led 16-9 after one quarter and 32-23 at halftime. They still had a seven-point advantage (48-41) after three periods.

But when four of their players fouled out, with two already missing due to illness, PCA was forced the play much of the fourth quarter with four players on the court. Which is why Inter-City was able to pound

them with a 27-11 period.

Inter-City improved to 6-3 overall, 3-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. PCA is 1-2 in the Blue.

Dan Carty did most of the damage for the Eagles, collecting 14 points, seven assists and six rebounds. Steve Sumner and Drew Gallagher each added 12 points, and Lew Tripp had 10 rebounds.

The Chargers got 18 points from Byron Tremble and 14 from Kevin Newsome.

CC 67, DeLaSalle 59: Redford Catholic Central did what it was supposed to do down the stretch Friday night — hit free throws.

As a result, the Shamrocks finished with a win over Warren DeLaSalle.

"They were very patient and deliberate offensively and made us work hard defensively," said CC coach Rick Coratti. "But Derek Brooks hit a big three-pointer that put us up five and we hit free throws down the stretch."

The number was 12-for-13 in the fourth quarter and 6-for-6 in the final minute, which helped the Shamrocks improve to 9-2 overall and 3-0 on top of the Catholic League's Central Division.

Kyle Smith led CC with 24 points and 10 rebounds, while Dan Waterstradt had 15 points and 14 rebounds, Jim Cash had 11 points, Brooks had eight and Rob Fragosio had five points with 11 assists. Andrew Grauzer led the Pilots (7-3, 1-2 Central) with 15 points, while John Novak had 13 and Jake Jakubek had 12.

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.

■ Salem HS is in need of a varsity girls track coach. All candidates must be high school graduates and have experience coaching at the high school level or competing in track at the collegiate level. Those interested must have a schedule compatible with that of the high school; CPR and/or first aid training is preferred, as is a demonstrated ability to work with parents and children.

To apply or for more information, call Salem athletic director Tom Willette at (734) 416-7775.

■ Livonia Ladywood has openings for a girls junior varsity golf coach and girls varsity and junior varsity tennis coaches. Interested candidates can fax their resumes to Ladywood High School at

(734) 591-2386.

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ Plymouth Christian Academy needs a varsity track coach, a junior high school track coach and assistants for both positions.

For more information or to apply, call PCA athletic director Doug Taylor at (734) 459-3505, ext. 138, or email him at dtaylor@plymouthchristian.org.

■ 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.

■ Livonia Stevenson High School has openings for the following coaching positions: Freshmen girls track, 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.

■ Livonia Clarenceville is seeking a junior varsity boys soccer coach for the upcoming season.

Those interested should call athletic director Tim Wilson at (248) 473-8926 or varsity coach Cassandra Gray at (734) 564-0993.

HOCKEY

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of the second period allowed them to increase their advantage to 5-2. However, thanks in great part to Rzetelny's finishing ability and Murray's passing, the Penguins stormed back. Rzetelny's goal (with an assist from Murray) at 8:42 of the second period narrowed the gap to 5-3; another score by Jenn Emmert (from Murray) at 3:09 made it a one-goal game.

The tying score came from Rzetelny (with an assist by Murray) at 7:15 of the third period, making it 5-5. It stayed that way until North got the game-winner with :46 left in OT.


Murray finished with a goal and four assists in the game. Rzetelny had two goals and an assist.

Against Northville Saturday, the Penguins again found themselves trailing by a substantial margin. With six players out of action for a variety of

reasons, PCS was down 4-0 at the end of the second period.

But the Penguins didn't give up. Two third-period goals by Lisa Ealy, one by Emmert and another by Olivia Pennebaker made it a one-goal game with 1:53 remaining. The PCS goalie, Amanda Watkins, went to the bench for an additional attacker, but it was to no avail. Sharla Gilliespie had two assists in the game; Emmert and Pennebaker had one apiece to go with their goals. Watkins made approximately 30 saves.

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Wayne forced to forfeit match

A much-anticipated prep wrestling meet Thursday between Wayne Memorial and host Westland John Glenn never got off the mat.

The Glenn gymnasium was empty as Wayne athletic director Dewie Cole verified that his team had forfeited the dual meet vs. the Rockets and did not participate in Saturday's Hartland Invitational (Jan. 24).

"All I can say that it's a team disciplinary thing and there's an ongoing investigation," Cole said. "I don't want to be evasive, but everything is up in the air right now. There are a lot of different issues."

The Observer learned Friday that Wayne coach Tony Venturini was ejected from last Saturday's (Jan. 17) Highlander

Dual team tourney in Howell against Grandville after splitting a pair of matches, one against Howell's varsity and the other against the Highlanders' B team.

Howell athletic director Douglas Paige was not at the event, but said "Wayne did not stay for the competition."

"It's my understanding there were seven matches left," he said.

Venturini also confirmed Friday that he had been ejected and the team had to void the remainder of its matches against Grandville because an assistant coach was not available to take over the squad for the rest of the meet.

"My assistant had a previous obligation that day, he was in a car accident that morning so

we had to void the meet, we did not walk out," Venturini said.

Wayne, despite a 8-7 dual meet record, was expected to challenge 23-4 Glenn.

"I'm not too happy about the whole thing because it took away a meet from us and we have to suffer, too," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "It was our parent night and a whole lot of people were coming out."

WRESTLING RANKINGS

OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING RANKINGS (as of Jan. 20)

TEAM RANKINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill; 2. Westland John Glenn; 3. Catholic Central; 4. Salem; 5. Wayne Memorial.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

103 pounds: 1. Jesse Gardocki, Livonia Franklin; 2. Steve Ludke, Garden City; 3. Ken Nelson, Redford Union; 4. Alex Fowler, Livonia Churchill; Sam Santilli, Canton.

112: 1. Jason Crothers, Wayne Memorial; 2. Nick Poole, Canton; 3. Andrew Nadhir, Redford CC; 4. Mike Warren, Franklin; 5. Rowdy Glasgow, John Glenn.

119: 1. Justin Smith, Churchill; 2. Ryan Stump, Salem; 3. Justin Keatts, Wayne; 4. James Jones, Franklin; 5. Rob Carmichael, RU.

125: 1. Kris Felice, Churchill; 2. Mike Dendinos, Salem; 3. Steve Hogg, Canton; 4. Saul Fuentes, Stevenson; 5. Josh Wischmeyer, RU.

130: 1. Jim Moore, RU; 2. Corey Phillips, Canton; 3. Dave Burr, Salem; 4. Ryan Hawkins, Franklin; 5. Robert Bytner, Lutheran Westland.

135: 1. Tim Hammer, Wayne; 2. Ryan Webb, Canton; 3. Jamie Murray, Churchill; 4. Zak Vaughan, Salem; 5. Darryl Rice, John Glenn.

140: 1. Rece Cox, John Glenn; 2. John Gourlay, RU; 3. Rex Fugaban, Wayne; 4. Konrad Konsitzke, Canton; 5. Dave Watkins,

Franklin.

145: 1. Dario Mainella, Stevenson; 2. Chris McGlone, Wayne; 3. Ali Ismail, Clarenceville; 4. John McCahill, John Glenn; 5. Danny Clement, Churchill.

152: 1. Daron Cruickshank, John Glenn; 2. Brad Bartram, Redford CC; 3. Ben Adams, Churchill; 4. Doug Fellows, Stevenson; 5. Will Schultz, Salem.

160: 1. Trevor Stewart, Redford CC; 2. Emilio Perez, Garden City; 3. Brandon Noble, Lutheran Westland; 4. Josh Loar, RU; 5. Kyle Lis, Stevenson.

171: 1. Manuel Schubert, Churchill; 2. Scott Schwarzlose, Redford CC; 3. Bryan Longton, Wayne; 4. Jeremy Sparks, Garden City; 5. Dan Haller, Lutheran Westland.

189: 1. Jake Fairchild, John Glenn; 2. Neal Kemp, Lutheran Westland; 3. R.J. Ramsey, Wayne; 4. Jordan Schaefer, Salem; P.J. Caram, Canton.

215: 1. Eric Schambers, John Glenn; 2. Eric Vojtkofsky, Redford CC; 3. Hafeez Qureshi, Churchill; 4. Jacob Galindez, Lutheran Westland; 5. Jeremy Henderson, Salem.

275: 1. Jeremy Walker, Salem; 2. Pat Draheim, Churchill; 3. John Morasso, Redford CC; 4. Ryan Pokryfky, Franklin; 5. Jameson Higgins, Lutheran Westland; .

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
(734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z 04-04	129 W. Ann Arbor Trail	Non-Use Variance Requested Rear Yard & Sign Variance Zoned: I-1, Light Industrial Applicant: T. S. Quatro Co.
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under New Business: Item J.5, request from Johnson Controls to declare a currently owned facility located at 49200 Halyard Drive as a Plant Rehabilitation District; Item J.6, request from Johnson Controls to declare a currently leased facility at 47912 Halyard Drive as a Plant Rehabilitation District; and Item J.7, request from Johnson Controls to declare a currently owned facility at 47700 Halyard Drive as a Plant Rehabilitation District. She then moved to approve the Agenda for the January 13, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as amended. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the January 13, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Item G.1, Public Hearing on the request for a twelve (12) year Industrial Exemption for a new facility, including machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures for Karmann Manufacturing LLC, Resolution No. 04-01-13-01, was tabled upon request of the Karmann Manufacturing LLC representative until later in the meeting.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. C-2003-07, revising Chapter 58.150 of the Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance to make the exemption consistent with the prohibition section. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Munfakh moved to authorize the engineering firm of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., to prepare plans showing the improvement, location and estimate of costs for the paving of Plymouth Colony Subdivision as submitted and described on the received petitions, for a cost not to exceed Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00). The scope of work for the above shall include:

1. The procurement of soil borings from a qualified agent.
2. Preliminary field shots and necessary field review.
3. Meetings with Wayne County to review preliminary plan, cross sections and other information.
4. Prepare preliminary cost estimates.
5. Any and all activities needed to proceed with the public hearing of necessity.

Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to award the contract for Location 1 of the Streambank Protection Project to Cameron Contracting Company, LLC, in the amount of \$18,620.00, and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Grant Writer to accept the "FIREACT" Grant in the amount of \$74,000.00, with a cost-sharing of 10% or \$7,400.00 by the Township. Funds to be expended as outlined in the "FIREACT" Grant Budget. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved that Tuesday, February 10, 2004, be established for public hearing based on the request received from DeMattia Group to declare 102 acres of land located south of Five Mile Road, east of Ridge Road, and immediately north of Metro West Technology Park, an Industrial Development District. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

The Board then removed from the table Item G.1. Public Hearing, which was tabled earlier.

Mr. Edwards moved that Resolution No. 04-01-13-01 be approved, granting the request from Karmann Manufacturing LLC for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for a new leased facility located on the east side of Pilot Drive and south of Five Mile Road in Metro West Industrial Park Phase 7, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, subject to the lease being submitted to the Clerk and reviewed by the Township Attorney. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

It was brought to the attention of Supervisor Mann that the public hearing had not been held.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Jim Karell asked Mr. Olind if cars were going to be brought into the facility and where they would be stored. Mr. Olind answered that

no cars would be brought in.

There being no further public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:46 p.m.

Ms. Arnold moved to reaffirm the foregoing action. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

The Board then returned to the New Business portion of the agenda.

Mrs. Massengill moved that February 10, 2004, be established for Public Hearing on request from Johnson Controls to declare a currently owned facility located at 49200 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, as a Plan Rehabilitation District. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved that February 10, 2004, be established for Public Hearing on request from Johnson Controls to declare a currently leased facility located at 47912 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, as a Plant Rehabilitation District. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved that February 10, 2004, be established for Public Hearing on request from Johnson Controls to declare a currently owned facility located at 47700 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, as a Plan Rehabilitation District. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann announced Plymouth Township was selected by MONEY Magazine as one of the hottest places to live.

Also, Johnson Controls has abandoned their plans to move to Salem Township. They're continuing their search for a new site, and Plymouth Township is in the running.

The new ice rink at Plymouth Township Park should be open in the next few days.

The Equalizer Program update in the Assessing Department has been going well and should be up and running by next Monday.

Mr. Munfakh asked to be notified of the next meeting of the Township Hall Committee. Mrs. Massengill stated that she would need advanced notice if a quorum of the Board would be present. The meeting would then have to be posted.

Mr. Curmi requested that a report be provided showing the type of runs the Police and Fire Departments make on the freeways.

At 8:00 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Ms. Arnold that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing RE: COAM and IAFF Contract Negotiation; and Cable Franchise Lawsuit - Trotter v Plymouth Township This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraphs (c) and (e). Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Massengill moved to return to Open Session at 9:45 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Steven Mann, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on January 13, 2004. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on February 10, 2004.

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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.

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.

BOAT SHOW

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. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit www.MichBoatFish.com

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The first 16 teams in each age group to submit their \$235 entry fee will be guaranteed a spot.

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Deadline for team entry is Feb. 24. Mail a \$235 check payable to Jeff Curtis and player roster to: Jeff Curtis, Tournament Director, 4911 Drake St. Midland, MI 48640. Contact Jeff Curtis at (989) 633-8409 or at curtis@northwood.edu.

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.

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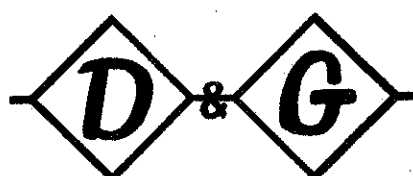
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IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD VOJTKOFSKY
P-3503

IN THIS CAUSE, IT APPEARING THAT THE RESIDENCE OF KIMBERLY DALE VOJTKOFSKY AND STEPHANIE LYNN VOJTKOFSKY ARE UNKNOWN AND CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED SO THAT ORDINARY PROCESS CANNOT BE SERVED UPON SAID KIMBERLY DALE VOJTKOFSKY AND STEPHANIE LYNN VOJTKOFSKY. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT SAID KIMBERLY DALE VOJTKOFSKY AND STEPHANIE LYNN VOJTKOFSKY FILE AN ANSWER IN THE PROBATE COURT OF ROANE COUNTY, AT KINGSTON, TENNESSEE, AND WITH BRENDA Y. HALL, ATTORNEY FOR TERRI VOJTKOFSKY, WHOSE ADDRESS IS 104 COURT, KINGSTON, TN 37763 AND WITH KIM R. NELSON, ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD VOJTKOFSKY, WHOSE ADDRESS IS P.O. BOX 605 KINGSTON, TN 37763 WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE LAST DATE OF PUBLICATION OR A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AND THE CAUSE SET FOR HEARING EX PARTE, AS TO SAID KIMBERLY DALE VOJTKOFSKY AND STEPHANIE LYNN VOJTKOFSKY, FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

THIS NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE OBSERVER FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

THIS THE 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 2004.

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BY: AMANDA LEMONS D.C.
DEPUTY CLERK & MASTER

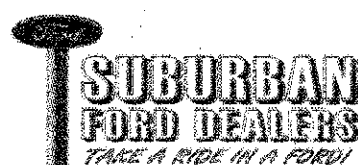
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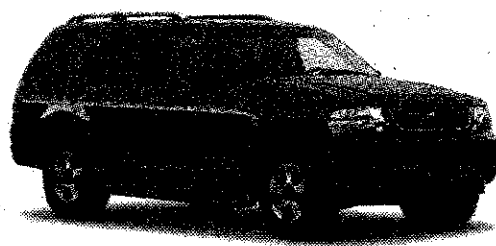
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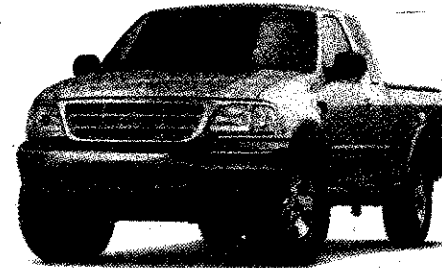
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There are many suggestions from designers, like checking out your closet for the dominant color you personally gravitate toward. I personally don't think your clothes closet is the place to start. Come on designers, just because someone has a majority of one color in their closet, doesn't mean they should paint their dining room that color.

As a color consultant and decorator, my suggestion is to follow these simple steps when trying to change the color of a room. First you need to decide what is staying in the room, as far as furniture, window treatments, carpeting and flooring. If you have a completely empty room as in a new home, the process of selecting your wall color would be a different challenge than to having to work with existing furnishings in a present room.

Everyone has a different comfort zone when it comes to color. You should rate yourself and your significant other as either: (1) very conservative, (2) mildly conservative or (3) not conservative or extravagant. If both of you have the same comfort zone it will be easier, otherwise, you will have to compromise in this area, as you probably already do in other areas. It is better if you have to compromise to do this with the accessories, like pictures, pillows and decorating items that are less expensive than the carpeting and the furniture, and not labor intensive like the painting.

Consider your painting project to be a moderate investment of time and money. It can be changed quite easily. Unless you really love taping, moving furniture and climbing on ladders, you can save wasting precious time and create the right atmosphere by just a little preplanning, instead of repainting.

If you are not changing the carpeting and furniture, then picture your room with only the carpeting and select the color of your walls to blend with the color of your carpeting. Matching and blending are different. When wearing a black suit you match black socks, and shoes. When color selecting for walls, you don't need to match the floor. You can choose to either stay in the same family of colors, which would be blending.

If you rated yourself as very conservative or mildly conservative, your comfort zone will probably be to stay within the same color family as the carpeting or the furniture. A less conservative person may choose a contrast color for the walls, which would be more extravagant taste. A conservative dresser would wear matching blazer with slacks or skirt. A less conservative dresser could choose a blend of the same colors in a print with texture but in the same color family as the blazer. Actually your style of dressing is more helpful than choosing dominant colors in your closet. Compare your choices of how you dress when rating how conservative your style lends in decorating.

Next week, I will offer some great tips on how to narrow down your color schemes and start your project.

Sandra Anselm is the owner of Awesome Room Makeovers. She can be contacted at (734) 748-9403 or www.awesome roommakeovers.com, decogoddess@earthlink.net

Pick a card

Diners eating up magician's restaurant act

BY BRAD KADRACH
STAFF WRITER

When Rudy TwoMoon was a little kid, his aunt bought him a magic kit, and the youngster got plenty of fun out of it for awhile.

The concept of magic lost its allure for TwoMoon for awhile, but his love for the art was rekindled when he happened to stop in at a magic shop nine years ago, and he's been honing his magician's act ever since.

TwoMoon, a Plymouth Township resident, practices what he calls "close-up" magic, performing at local restaurants for dinner patrons passing the time between ordering and eating.

He'll use cards or coins, or he'll borrow objects from the patrons in an effort to entertain them and make their experience more pleasant.

"It makes them want to come back," said TwoMoon, who moved to Plymouth from Oregon a few months ago. "I try to make their 'down' time more pleasant. It's like having free entertainment while you wait."

TwoMoon went to high school in Colorado, lived in Hawaii, then in Oregon. His magic influences have come from what might be thought of as normal — people like David Copperfield and Lance Burton — but also by friends who occupy smaller stages, guys named Jason Hanes and Jim Pace in Portland.

The glitzy stage shows used by Burton and Copperfield don't necessarily appeal to TwoMoon, though.

"I still watch them; I look for people who can entertain well," said TwoMoon. "This is nice because the spectator gets to experience the magic. They're right there."

The part TwoMoon likes most is the illusionary aspect of magic. The stuff he enjoys — and tries to perform — isn't the pull-the-quarter-out-of-your-ear kind of magic your Uncle Joe plays on you at family gatherings.

He got completely hooked when he saw a television show called "The World's Greatest Magic," and saw a magician apparently producing playing cards out of the tips of his fingers.

"I could have sworn he had some sort of gadget feeding them to him, but it turns out he didn't," said TwoMoon, who takes the traditional magician's stance about not revealing secrets. "It was just great card manipulation."

Once TwoMoon decided this was the direction in which he wanted to take his life, he started small, playing small gigs like parties to fine-tune his act.

He's still on the small stage — and enjoying it. He plies his trade in restaurants, at weddings and private parties. Corporate gatherings are a fertile performance ground for him, as well.

He moved to Plymouth from Oregon when his wife Julie, a doctor, got "a great job" at Michigan Pain Specialists in Ann Arbor.

The TwoMoons brought their 19-month-old son, Liam, and TwoMoon's bag of tricks with them.

The move paid off quickly when TwoMoon landed jobs at a pair of Plymouth restaurants — The Dartmoor and Station 885. So far, he's been a hit.

"He's not only talented, but he understands how to approach people," said Michael Michaud, who owns The Dartmoor. "Part of the art is being able to tell when people want to be entertained and when they don't. He's very good at that."

TwoMoon says he accomplishes that by simply



Rudy TwoMoon performs a trick for Dennis Bila of Plymouth at The Dartmoor in Plymouth. TwoMoon plays The Dartmoor Saturdays from 7-10 p.m.



Rudy TwoMoon of Plymouth has spent the last nine years honing the magic act he performs at two Plymouth restaurants weekly.

ply being nice. He approaches diners and asks if they'd like to see some magic. If they say no, he simply walks away, being careful not to force it on them.

Increasingly, however, they're saying yes.

"People come back to see me constantly," TwoMoon said. "The reception has been mind-boggling, really."

He hopes to use such reception to increase his audience. Close-up magic, TwoMoon said, can be a 24-hour marketing campaign for himself. It advertises the restaurants, which he lists on flyers he distributes, and it obviously sells his magic.

He hopes to graduate to corporate parties and bigger and better things, but for now he's satisfied plugging away at what he's doing.

"I like what I do," TwoMoon said. "Any time people can get away into a mystical world, it's kind of nice. I want them to say, 'Wow, that guy was cool. I can't wait to see that guy again.'"

"You want people to remember you in a positive way."

Rudy TwoMoon appears at Station 885 from 7-9 p.m. on Fridays, and at The Dartmoor from 7-10 p.m. Saturdays. Anyone interested in booking him can call (734) 667-2571.

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Actress makes good on childhood dream

When Kristin Mellian was 5 years old she knew she wanted to be a performer. That's not unusual. Many 5 year olds take to the make-believe stage and "perform."

But Mellian, a 2000 graduate of Salem High School, was determined. "I started in the church choir at Tri-City Assembly of God (in Canton where she lived)," she said last week. "Then I started singing in talent shows and things."

By high school she joined the Thespians and began doing theater productions and a lot of community theater.

"I decided to become a musical theater major," she said. "I auditioned for a lot of schools in Michigan. I went to Central where I got a lot of scholarships."

She continued to perform, but was not always encouraged by her professors.

"Some professors in college told me they didn't like my acting," Mellian said. "Some even told people not to go into acting."

But the young woman who knew at age 5 she wanted to perform was persistent. And on Jan. 16, she debuted with a theater out of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in the musical *West Side Story*, playing the lead role of Maria.

And, despite what her professors may have said, the theater critic for the Miami Herald wrote: "Kristin Mellian, who suggests a younger Sandra Bullock, has the crystalline, operatic soprano to optimally serve Bernstein's music. Together, (David) Sattler and Mellian make beautiful music, both dramatically and vocally."

Mellian had pretty much achieved her dream. But it wasn't an easy trip.

When she was 18 she understudied for the lead role in *Annie* in Ft. Myers, Fla., her first professional job. The next summer she studied in London as part of a program run by Michigan State University.

Last summer she also understudied for the role of Dolly in *Annie Get Your Gun* in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.



Actress Kristin Mellian of Canton just won the role of Maria in a Miami, Fla., production of *West Side Story*.

scene out of Hollywood, or maybe Broadway.

"I had never been there before," she said. "I showed up with my two bags. I knew maybe two or three people tops. It was hard."

She went through several auditions — including one for *Fiddler on the Roof*,

"It was an important show for me because the girl I was understudying had been to New York," Mellian said. "She had been on two national tours. We became really good friends. She convinced me to move to New York."

It was like a

scene out of Hollywood, or maybe Broadway.

"I had never been there before," she said. "I showed up with my two bags. I knew maybe two or three people tops. It was hard."

She went through several auditions — including one for *Fiddler on the Roof*,

in which the aspiring actors ("there must have been 600 people and they were looking for one female role") lined up on the sidewalks at 5 a.m., along with the cockroaches.

Then she heard that a Florida company was holding auditions for *West Side Story*.

"I submitted my material but no one ever called me," Mellian said. "I finally called the theater and somebody gave me an audition, although I don't think they were supposed to."

She made it through the auditions, but was then asked two questions:

"What's your availability?"

"I'm available," she said.

And, "Would you be willing to lose 10 to 20 pounds for this role?"

That was a tough one.

"I'd gained the college 15 pounds," Kristin said. "But I said yes."

From Nov. 17 through the beginning of January she lost 15 to 20 pounds. "I had such an incentive," she said.

And the 5 year old who wanted to perform had finally achieved her goal.

Symphony, middle schoolers play side-by-side

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, will present "Winter Dreams," a Valentine's Day concert, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on the corner of North Territorial and Beck.

The concert will feature Anthony Iannaccone (guest composer), Elizabeth Schellhase (French horn), the Plymouth-Canton Middle School String Orchestra, and the Celebration Strings.

As part of the Instrumentorship program, the Plymouth-Canton Middle School and the Celebration Strings will open the concert performing "side-by-side" with the Plymouth Symphony in Englebert Humperdink's *Prelude to Hansel and Gretel*. Elizabeth Schellhase will then perform the first movement of Gordon Jacob's *Concerto for Horn & Strings*. The concert closes with Anthony Iannaccone's 2002 composition, *Escape* and Peter Illych Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 1, *Winter Dreams*.

Prior to the performance, patrons will have the opportunity



Elizabeth Schellhase, a junior at Salem High School, will perform on the French horn at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's Winter Dreams concert Feb. 14. She is a drum major in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band. She is currently principal horn of the University of Michigan Youth Symphony Orchestra.

nity to hear a special on-stage talk at 7:15 p.m. featuring music director/conductor Nan Washburn and guest composer Anthony Iannaccone. This is a special introduction to and a chance to ask questions about the evening's musical program.

Following the performance patrons are welcome to stay for the Afterglow reception. The concert is sponsored by New Liberty Bank, the Plymouth Symphony League, and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Guest composer Anthony Iannaccone studied at the Manhattan School of Music and the Eastman School of Music. His principal teachers were Vittorio Giannini, Aaron Copland and David Diamond. His catalogue of approximately 50 published works includes three symphonies, as well as smaller works for orchestra, several large works for chorus and orchestra, numerous chamber pieces, a variety of large works for wind ensemble, and several extended a cappella choral compositions. His music has been performed by major orchestras and professional chamber ensembles in the US and abroad.

Since 1971, he has taught at Eastern Michigan University, where he conducts the Collegium Musicum in orchestral and choral music of the

late 18th century.

Soloist Elizabeth Schellhase began her musical studies on piano at age four before beginning the French horn in the sixth grade. She is the 2003 Plymouth Symphony Youth Artist Senior Division Winner and the 2002 Junior Division Winner.

A junior at Salem High School, she is a drum major in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band. She is currently principal horn of the University of Michigan Youth Symphony Orchestra, U-of-M Youth Band, PCEP Wind Ensemble, and Orchestra. She also plays in the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra. She is a student of Louis Stout, retired Professor of Horn at U-of-M.

Tickets for the performance are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Students up to 12th grade are admitted free to all subscription concerts. Groups of 10 or more receive a 10-percent discount. For tickets, season subscriptions, or more information, please contact the Symphony Office at 734-451-2112 or at plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

Star Struck

(Jan. 25-Jan. 28)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

With the Moon in your sign over the next few days, what others say may bear little or no relation to what they actually mean. However, if you must point out their failures, wrap your words in a sugar coating otherwise, you could make a difficult situation worse.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Because you are what is called an 'Earth sign,' you know only too well that great works are achieved by perseverance rather than strength. However, no amount of effort will be enough unless and until you open up now, confide in and allow others to share the load.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

The foundations of your day-to-day involvements are now undergoing a profound series of changes. Few signs are under as much pressure, and fewer still are so well-equipped to deal with it. So take life as it comes at this time, and keep your plans flexible.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

There is more to being a MoonChild than being home-loving, caring and protective. And this certainly is one week when your powers of observation, perception and communication enable you to turn awkward or extremely challenging situations to your advantage.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Although money seems to be at the root of your problems, having more of it won't necessarily make life easier. You're starting to understand that happiness doesn't depend on what you have, but on who you are. Honesty with oneself is the only measure of an individual.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

There is more than one way of looking at a problem, as you are about to discover — especially in relation to a business or money-related affair. Excuses aren't the same things as reason. Don't be tempted by short-term gains when your long-term security is at stake.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

The moment, realized, is like a bud blossoming, and whatever your age and no matter how accomplished you are, something is about to occur that opens up a whole new world for you. This moment in time is sacred — recognize it, preserve it and enjoy it to the full!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

You will need patience and a sense of humor at this time when it comes to putting up with the antics of business and loved ones. Don't even try to compete if they want to lead the parade. There is much to be gained by taking a back seat — if only for a while.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Many people long to do something different with their lives, but few have the courage to change. Cosmic forces are urging you to alter your approach to life. What you feel and believe is worth more than what you earn and own, Archer!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

With Mercury, the planet of communication, now in your sign for a while, you cannot expect to get away with anything less than the absolute truth. In fact, on this occasion, it is true to say that honesty with oneself is the only real measure of the individual.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

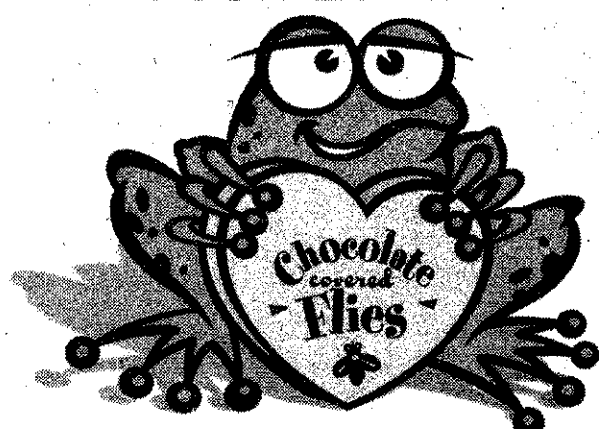
The Sun in your sign now is the kind of planetary activity that fires the imagination and inspires. Therefore, follow your dream. If you stumble, don't stop or lose sight of your goal but press on to the peak, for only from the top will you be able to take in the whole view.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

The Sun in Aquarius at this time of year tends to make you more thoughtful than usual, but don't waste time lamenting what might have been. Whether you make yourself miserable or make yourself strong, the amount of energy you are required to put in is the same.

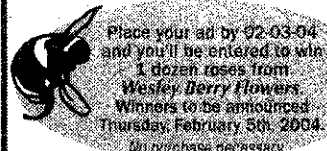
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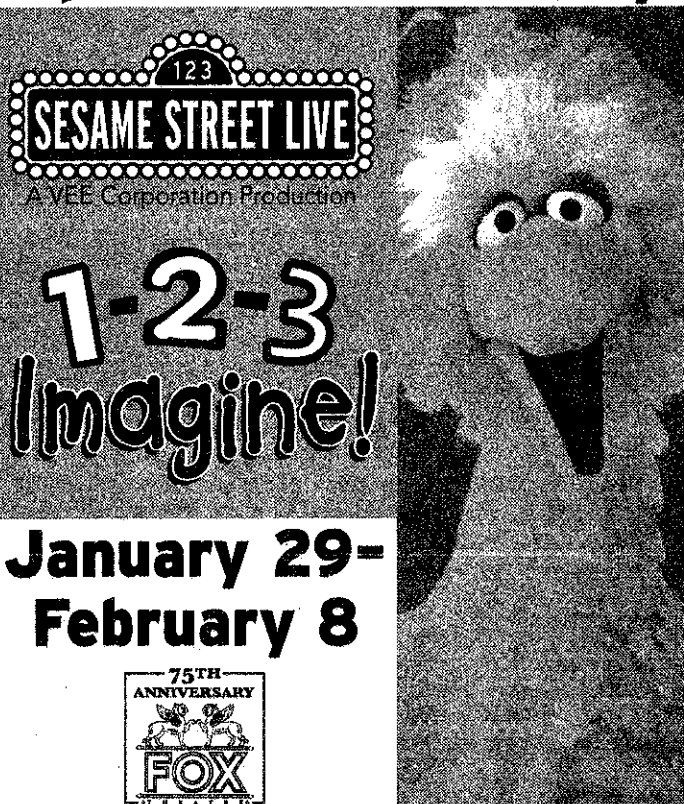


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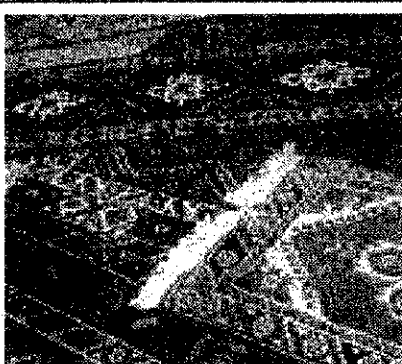
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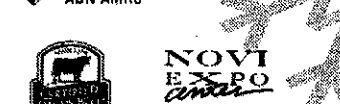
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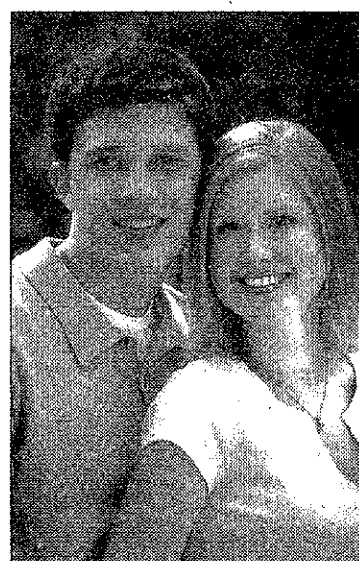
**Geyer-Sedore**

John and Cindy Geyer of Albion, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Betsy Lynn Geyer, to Stephen Robert Sedore, the son of Robert and Alyce Sedore of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Albion High School and graduated from Albion College in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in biology. She completed the University of Michigan Law School in 2001 and is currently employed as an assistant prosecutor in Wayne County.

The groom-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and graduated from Albion College in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in German and computational mathematics. He earned his master's degree in educational studies from the University of Michigan in 2002 and currently teaches German and mathematics at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn.

A July 31, 2004 wedding is planned in Ypsilanti.

**Rahaley-Schrieber**

Dennis and Pam Rahaley of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Elizabeth, to Ryan Patrick Schrieber of Plymouth.

Andrea is a 1998 graduate of Ladywood High School and graduated in 2002 from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in biology. She is currently a second year student at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

Her fiancé, Ryan, is the son of Tom and Karen Schrieber of Plymouth. He is a 1997 graduate of Catholic Central High School. He graduated in 2001 with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan and in 2002 he received his master of science degree in mechanical engineering also from the University of Michigan. Currently he is working as a product design engineer with Daimler Chrysler.

Andrea and Ryan are planning a September wedding at Old St. Mary's, in Detroit's Greektown.

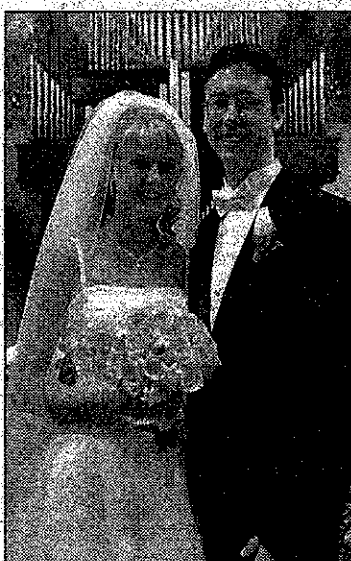
**Swiderek-Sacovitch**

Michelle Anne Swiderek of Canton Township and Stephen Nicholas Sacovitch of Worcester, Mass., were married Nov. 22, 2003 at the St. John Center Chapel in Plymouth by Fr. Edward Prus.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Pam Swiderek of Canton Township. She is a graduate of Divine Child High School and Madonna University, and worked as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She is currently working at the Digestive Care-Endoscopy Center in Dayton, Ohio.

The groom is the son of Larissa and the late William Sacovitch of Worcester, Mass. He is a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. He is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, pursuing a master's degree in fire protection engineering.

WEDDINGS

**Hanson-Montgomery**

Lora Eileen Hanson and Lucas Charles Montgomery were married Aug. 2, 2003 at St. John's Center Chapel by Fr. John Riccardo.

The bride is the daughter of Barton and Diane Hanson of Canton. She graduated from Michigan State University in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in microbiology and molecular genetics, and is currently in the College of Veterinary Medicine, scheduled to graduate in 2005.

The groom is the son of Douglas and Kathleen Montgomery of Plymouth. He currently attends the

University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and Arts and is set to graduate in June 2004. He is also a substitute teacher for the Lansing area school district.

The bride was attended by Maid of Honor Lisa Hanson, bridesmaids Leah Hanson, Julie Wolf, Kristin Gerhard, Rebecca Hattle, Krystin Duncan and flower girl Genevieve Wilson.

The groom was attended by Best Man Jacob Montgomery, groomsmen Vinnie Ikeh, Andy Schmidt, Mathew Schmalzigan, Jeremy Martin and Jameson Stewart, ring bearer Dylan Hanson and ushers Eric Hanson, Jeff Hanson and Scott Hanson.

The couple held their reception at Embassy Suites in Livonia, then honeymooned in the Cayman Islands, British West Indies. They are currently making their home in East Lansing, Mich.

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.

Fiction

1. "The Da Vinci Code," Dan Brown
2. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," Mitch Albom
3. "New Spring: The Novel," Robert Jordan
4. "Retreat," W.E.B. Griffin
5. "The Amateur Marriage," Anne Tyler

Nonfiction

1. "My Prison Without Bars," Pete Rose with Rick Hill
2. "Dude, Where's My Country?" Michael Moore
3. "Lies (and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them)," Al Franken
4. "Who's Looking Out for You," Bill O'Reilly
5. "Flyboys," James Bradley

Parents' Choice New Children's Picture Books

1. "Zigby Camps Out," Brian Paterson
2. "Alligator Sue," Sharon Doucet
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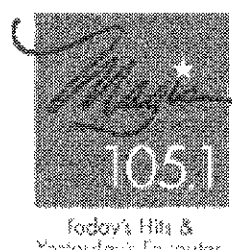
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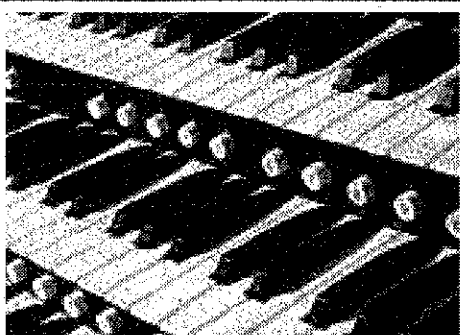
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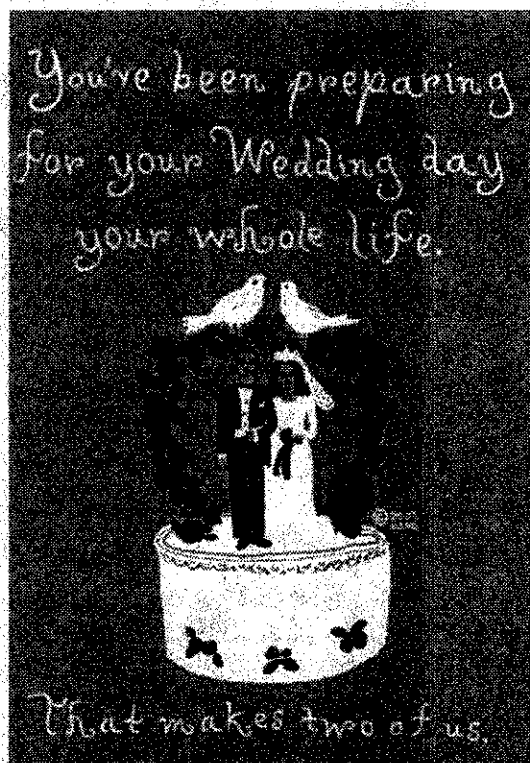


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AROUND TOWN

Open House

The Oakwood Physical Therapy and Fitness Training Center hosts an open house at its new facility at 6487 Canton Center Road from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. Complimentary refreshments, giveaways, door prizes and a raffle for a free fitness training assessment are offered. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 454-8144.

Doll Fashion Show

The "We Love Barbie" Barbie & Friends Fashion Doll Show takes place from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8 at the Wayne Tree Manor located at 35100 Van Born in Wayne. Admission is \$5; children under 10 are admitted free. For information, call (734) 455-2110.

House Tour

The second-annual "Heart of the Home" house tour, sponsored by the Groves High School Seniors' Parents Committee of Beverly Hills, takes place from noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8. The tour will showcase six homes ranging in style from historic to ultra-contemporary. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call (248) 626-5158 or (248) 626-2231.

Black History celebration

To recognize the accomplishments of African Americans, Madonna University's Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) is sponsoring activities to celebrate Black History Month. From 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, there will be an opening reception for an exhibit sponsored by the National Conference of Artists (NCA), Michigan Chapter. The invitational exhibit entitled Heritage II - Reflections will run in the Madonna University Art Gallery from Tuesday, Feb. 3 through Sunday, Feb. 29. Participating artists include Gilda Snowden, Shirley Woodson, Eileen Monteiro and Ivan Stewart. All types of media - oil, watercolor, sculpture, acrylic - will be featured. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Health Fair

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a Prostate Screening and Men's Health Day from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, March 6. Prostate screening consists of a blood test, a prostate exam and a blood pressure check. A \$10 donation to the new St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center is optional. To register, call (734) 655-8963.

Diabetes support

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a discussion on "Why It's So Hard and

What You Can Do" from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 in the hospital's auditorium. The speaker is Dan Diepenhorst of the Michigan Department of Community Health. For information or directions, call (734) 655-8961.

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.

Health screenings

The St. Mary Mercy Hospital Laboratory Patient Service Center hosts a mini Health Fair from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Jan. 31. The center is located in the Orangelawn Professional Center, 10535 Farmington Road, between Plymouth and Joy Roads in Livonia. Screenings include cholesterol, blood pressure, stroke and pre-diabetes testing. For details, call (734) 655-2580.

Women business owners

Women Business Owners of SE Michigan hold their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3 at the Lake Forest Golf Club, 3110 W. Ellsworth in Ann Arbor. The speaker will be Carol Hoffer of Northwestern Mutual. Refreshments start at 6:30, with the program from 7-8:30 p.m. Free to members, \$10 guest fee at the door. Call (734) 332-9300 to register or for more information.

Women's Economic Club

Carole Leigh Hutton, the first woman publisher in the 172-year history of the Detroit Free Press, is the guest speaker for the Women's Economic Club noon lunch Thursday, Jan. 29 at the Detroit Marriott - Renaissance Center. Tickets are \$30 for members, \$40 for guests. For more information or reservations, visit the WEC Web site at www.womenseconomicclub.org or call (313) 578-3230.

Fibromyalgia workshop

A workshop has been scheduled at the Livonia Civic Library for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at which what might be causing Fibromyalgia, which doctors say is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood. The workshop is sponsored by the National Wellness Foundation. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201.

Divorce support

A dance for divorced and separated Catholics is being sponsored by "Bethany Together," a peer support group in the metro Detroit area, from 8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Jan. 31 at Divine Providence Parish hall, 25335 W. Nine Mile, between Telegraph and Beech Daly. Proper attire (no jeans); \$10 admission includes refreshments. Call Phyllis at (248) 373-1286.

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.

Pre-School Open House

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

Fish Fry

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

Teens Using Drugs

A free, two-night series on identifying and helping teens harmfully involved with alcohol and other drugs. Part I "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

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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 Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

Mothers & More

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

Exchange Club of Canton

Meetings are the 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.

BNI

The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) meets 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Denny's, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Family Restaurant on Plymouth Road, east of Merriman, Livonia. The Plymouth I Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Center Island on Plymouth at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

Mothers of Multiples

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month. Call Ann Davis at (248) 449-9337, or e-mail to pcmom@hotmail.com.

Human Rights Group

The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to helping people meet others in the community through its monthly meetings and variety of interest groups such as book discussions, children's playgroups, adult social outings, church, and a baby-sitting co-op. Call Colleen Abb at (734) 455-1647.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Training

First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence, is looking for volunteers. Call (734) 416-111, Ext. 202, for more information.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Heartland Hospice of Southfield, are looking for caring, compassionate and dedicated individuals that would like to be trained as hospice volunteers. Call Mary at (800) 770-9859 for further information.

Home Care & Hospice of Michigan


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New beginning

Rainbow conference celebrates faith in young people

Joe Steenburg is a little nervous about the activities he's coordinating for 2,000 teenagers attending the Archdiocese of Detroit's annual youth conference that runs through Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Marriott Hotel in Detroit. Presented by the Catholic Youth Organization, Rainbow XXII brings Catholic youth together to share and grow in their faith. Steenburg, a junior at Garden City High School, is overseeing the leadership team which is planning prayers, skits, and workshops on suicide, drug abuse, relationships, social justice, diversity, and peer pressure for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors.

In 1982, originators named the first conference after reading about God using the rainbow as a sign of a new beginning for Noah and his family after the flood. Steenburg hopes all of the activities make it fun for teens to celebrate and renew their faith.

FAITH IN ACTION

Steenburg, who is coordinating the conference, meets every Monday with the youth group at St. Priscilla's Catholic Church in Livonia. Steenburg is an inspiration to teens himself. This summer as a member of the St. Priscilla's youth group, he went to Benton Harbor to paint homes in poor neighborhoods and worked in the soup kitchen.

"It's special because you see all of these Catholic youth come together," said Steenburg. "At the beginning of the weekend everyone's awkward and in their own little group. By the end everyone is coming together and sharing

their faith. You see it's not just you against the world. You see there are people out there sharing your faith. There's a lot of peer pressure on Catholic teens today showing their faith outside of the conference. Outside the conference a lot of people had mouth you. The youth groups talk about that faith."

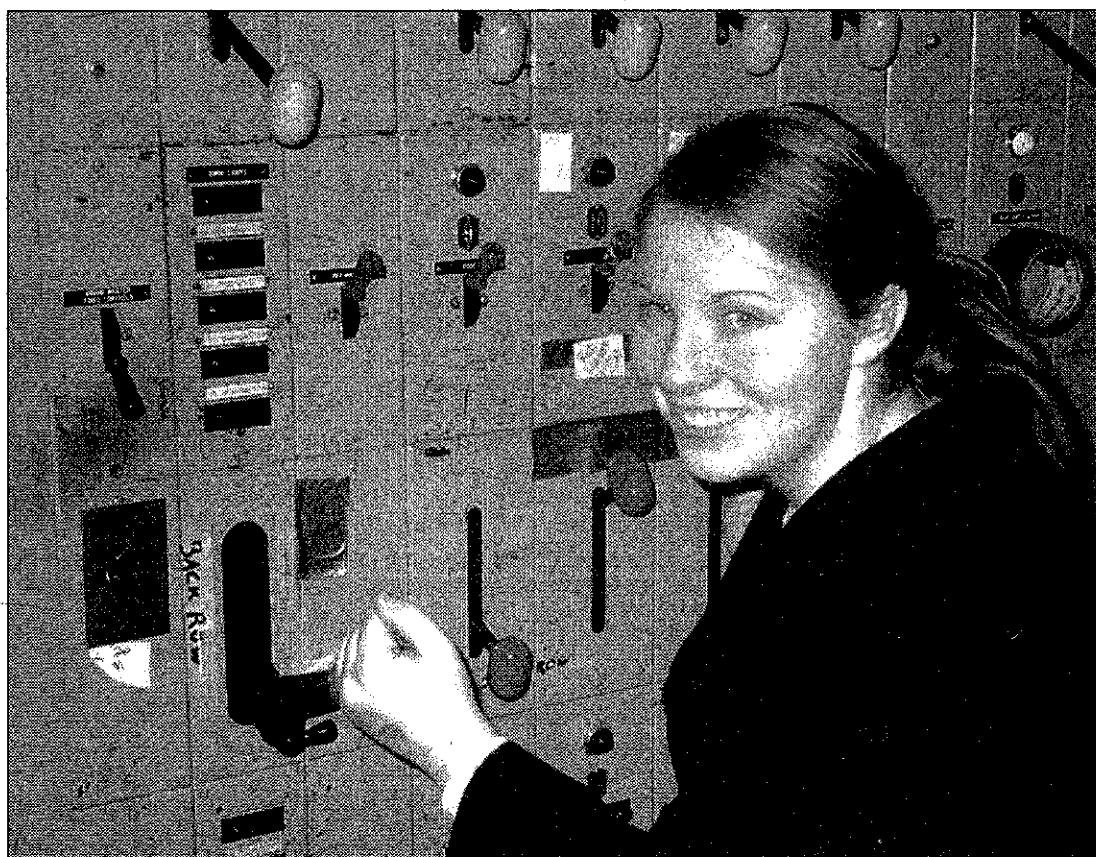
Steenburg said suicide is another big issue for teens. A few of his friends have had thoughts of taking their lives.

"There is a lot of pressure on teens in high school to do well in school, pressures in your faith. For inspiration we have guest presenters like Renee Bondi, a general sessions speaker, who's handicapped in a wheelchair. She tells her story about her accident and faith. Stu Saunders from Canada is a comedian who uses laughter to tell us about faith and open us up to the message - Let Go of Doubt. Anyone high school age is welcome to join us for meetings for the conference at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit."

Catherine Tappan thinks the fact the conference is "run by youth for youth" makes it fun for anyone attending. A junior at Ladywood High School in Livonia, Tappan is coordinating the service project for this year's conference - Reach Out and Read. To encourage literacy, new and gently books for up to age 5 will be collected at the conference then donated to Detroit Children's Hospital.

NEW, EXCITING

"We'll have funny skits, prayers and kids on council performing tap, jazz, hip hop. We'll have skits to encourage people to join council, buy T-



Stephanie Renshaw works the light board at a rehearsal for the Catholic Youth Conference.

shirts, and tell the rules of the conference such as dress code, curfew," said Tappan. "The theme this year is 'Faith: Pure Refreshing. Faith can be something new and exciting. Faith directs every aspect of my life. I won't cut someone off when I'm driving. I say thank you and give praise to God. After graduation I hope to go to U of M to study business and not do the Enron thing, to have morals and ethics and get ahead the right way."

In the meantime, Tappan continues to study tap and Hawaiian at Miss Jean's Dance Arts in Livonia, swim and bowl on Ladywood High School's teams, teach sixth-grade cate-



The CYO Leadership Team pause between skits they're preparing for the Archdiocese of Detroit's annual youth conference. Pictured are Monica Ricks (left front row), Catherine Tappan, Joe Steenburg, Brittany Winters, and (left back row) Melissa Willman, Margie Howell and Edessa Smith.

chism at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia, and encourage other teens to have a good time with their faith by helping produce a fun conference.

"They're coming from all over Michigan to the Ren Cen Marriott," said Tappan. "The feedback is all positive. They all have a very good time. They all learn something and take something back with them. For me I've been counting down for three months. It's a lot of work, but it's a lot of fun."

Brittany Winters is as excited about the weekend as Tappan and Steenburg. As spirituality coordinator, the Westland resident is coordinating the liturgy to be celebrated by Cardinal Adam Maida and music by the Ladywood Ensemble and University of Detroit Jesuit Choir.

She'll arrive at the conference about 8 a.m. and stay till 6 p.m.

"I'm coordinating the opening and closing prayers, pick out all the music. It's quite a big job coordinating all the materials for liturgy," said Winters, a junior at Ladywood High School where she plays on the varsity soccer and cross country teams and is a member of the National Honor Society and writers club. "We want people to celebrate our faith with prayers and skits to help bring everyone closer to God, and so they're open about faith. People are afraid to say they have faith. They don't really talk about it in front of other people."

"At the conference I've met really good friends, and we celebrate our faith."

For more information about CYO or the conference, call (313) 963-7172, Ext. 143.



CARL

Margaret Anne (Peg), formerly of Troy, Jan. 17, 2004. See detailed obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

DONALDSON

Ralph Louis Donaldson, died January 18, 2004. Ralph Louis Donaldson, 74, of Traverse City, died on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at home with his family by his side. Born on March 18, 1929, in Mt. Clemens, he was the son of Ralph Harrington and Laura Elise (Lehner) Donaldson. On June 14, 1952, at the First Methodist Church in Mt. Clemens, he married the former Caroline Adeline Horning, who survives. Also surviving are four children: Tamara of Royal Oak, Brian (Diane) of Williamsburg, Todd (Debbie) of Sudbury, Mass., and Holly (Alan Cooper) of Williamsburg, and nine grandchildren: Kristina, Karla, Kate, Todd Andrew, Casey, Colby, Bailey, Austin and Nolan. He graduated from Tri-State University in Angola, Ind., in 1952, with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi. After college, Ralph served as a corporal in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954, and was stationed in Japan. He and his wife then settled in Rochester, where they resided and raised their family from 1954 to 1989. They later resided in St. Clair through 1993, and then moved to Traverse City. Ralph worked for General Motors for 35 years, where he held a variety of engineering and management roles. He retired as Director of Plant Engineering at GM's Orion Plant in Lake Orion, in 1997. Ralph was the lead project manager responsible for building the Orion Plant. He was recognized by GM and the local press for being on time and under budget. On July 5, 1994, the Orion Plant was dedicated by President Ronald Reagan. After retiring from GM in 1997, he was a volunteer for the International Executive Service Corps (IESC). His volunteer work took him and his wife to Calcutta, India, and to Cairo, Egypt, four times, for two to three months at a time. He also volunteered for SCORE and was a member of the Lions Club. Ralph's main passion outside family and work was sailing. His favorite places to sail his 30 foot sloop were in Georgian Bay and the North Channel. He also loved to hike, snowshoe, cross-country ski, fish, and watch hockey. Visitation will be held at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City, on Friday, Jan. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 8 to 9 p.m. A memorial service to celebrate Ralph's life will take place at the Old Mission Congregational Church, on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Northwestern Michigan College (NMCC) Foundation. Contributions will support the Maritime program, where Ralph's passion for teaching young people about engineering and the sciences will continue.



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Robert E., age 73, of Troy, Predeceased by wife, Janet. Dear Father of Robert E. (Lori), Greg L. (Kim), Michael K., Tim E., Gretchen J. Brother of Frederick (Joan), Jack, David (Rosemary), and Rosemary (Pete) Grisham, and the late Richard (Patsy). Nine grandchildren. Visitation Wednesday 4-9, Thursday 1-9 at Spaulding & Curran Funeral Directors, 400 W. Nine Mile Rd. (1.5 blocks W. of Woodward), Ferndale, in state Friday, 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More Church, Troy. Burial White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial Donations to American Diabetes Assoc., P.O. Box 2690, North Canton, OH 44720.

LLOYD

MARJORIE, age 93, Jan. 20, 2004. Beloved wife of the late Jack, deceased mother of Ronald (Donna). Loving grandmother of Danielle (Kyle) Kopper. Visit Fri. at the Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile, Redford Twp. from 1-8pm. Funeral service will be held at 11am Sat. followed by interment at Detroit Memorial Park West. Contributions to American Lung Association would be greatly appreciated.

PETERS

Irene, 91 of Bradenton, FL and Pontiac, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, January 15, 2004. She was born September 6, 1912 in Martin County, Indiana, and has resided in Bradenton since 1985. Mrs. Peters was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bradenton. She formerly worked for State Bank in Oden, Indiana and then went on to work for the State of Indiana Banking Department with the State Senate and House of Representatives for many years. She eventually retired from the FDIC as Chief Office Clerk with 18 1/2 years of service. Following her retirement, she became a partner with her husband Don, at Chief City Motors Automobile Dealership in Pontiac, Illinois from 1952 until 1979. Mrs. Peters was predeceased by two brothers and three sisters, and is survived by her husband of 52 years Don G., sister-in-law, Darlene Porter of Bradenton, brother-in-law and his family Paul T. Peters of Livonia, Michigan and several nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held at a later date with interment at the Abe Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois. Arrangements by Shannon Funeral Home, Bradenton, FL.



SANTILLAN

Dennis C. born Manila, Philippines, died January 18, 2004 at home in Farmington Hills. Age 64. Beloved husband of Pearl for 45 years. Dearest father of Anna Marie (Bliss) Mamari Lourdes (John) Townsend, Suzanne (Shaun) Williams & Dennis (Michelle) Santillan, Jr. Loving Grandfather to Lauren Mamari & Nicolas Williams. Also survived by his sisters: Phoebe, Rosalie & Shirley & brother Augustus. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, West Jan. 21st. Memorial contributions may be made to Karmars Cancer Institute or S. L. D. - Detroit in care of the family. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

WELTON

Elizabeth Hage BS, of Blaney Park, Michigan (formerly of South Bend, IN and Birmingham, MI) died January 18, 2004 at the Schoelkopf Memorial Hospital in Monette, Michigan. She was born January 13, 1909 in South Bend, Indiana. She was married to Phillips Welton and he preceded her in death. Elizabeth was employed as a teacher in South Bend, Indiana and also in Birmingham, Michigan. She is survived by 2 nieces and 2 nephews and her friend, Elsa Storm of Blaney Park, Michigan. There will be no service. Arrangements are being handled by the Messier-Broullier Funeral Home of Marquette, Michigan.

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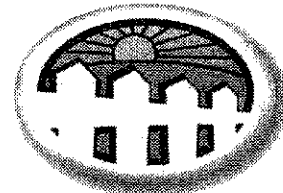
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Sr. Jeanne Gamache, director of Spiritual Care Services at SJOH, and clinical psychologist Kimberly Bialik, Ph.D., will conduct the sessions presented in conjunction with the St. John Health Chronic Headache and Migraine Institute. Family members are welcome as well. Participants are asked to bring a pillow and blanket.

The sessions will be offered again May 12 and 26.

To register, call 248-967-7988.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross has issued an urgent plea for blood. You can help meet this need by donating 2-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, two blocks south of Ford Road, Garden City. To schedule an appointment, call Pam at (734) 844-7099.

Early diagnosis and treatment prevent blindness

Dr. Mark Rubinstein sees the future of glaucoma treatment moving more and more toward the use of laser – but there's still no substitute for early detection and compliance by patients who are prescribed eye drops or medication.

When Rubinstein started treating glaucoma patients more than 20 years ago, the only options were drops and surgery. Today, 15 new drugs and the latest laser technology control the disease better.

While advances are being made, a cure is elusive. The sad fact is that three million Americans have glaucoma. Half of those remain undiagnosed and may lose sight before seeking treatment. Damage to the optic nerve from glaucoma is irreversible. Worldwide glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness.

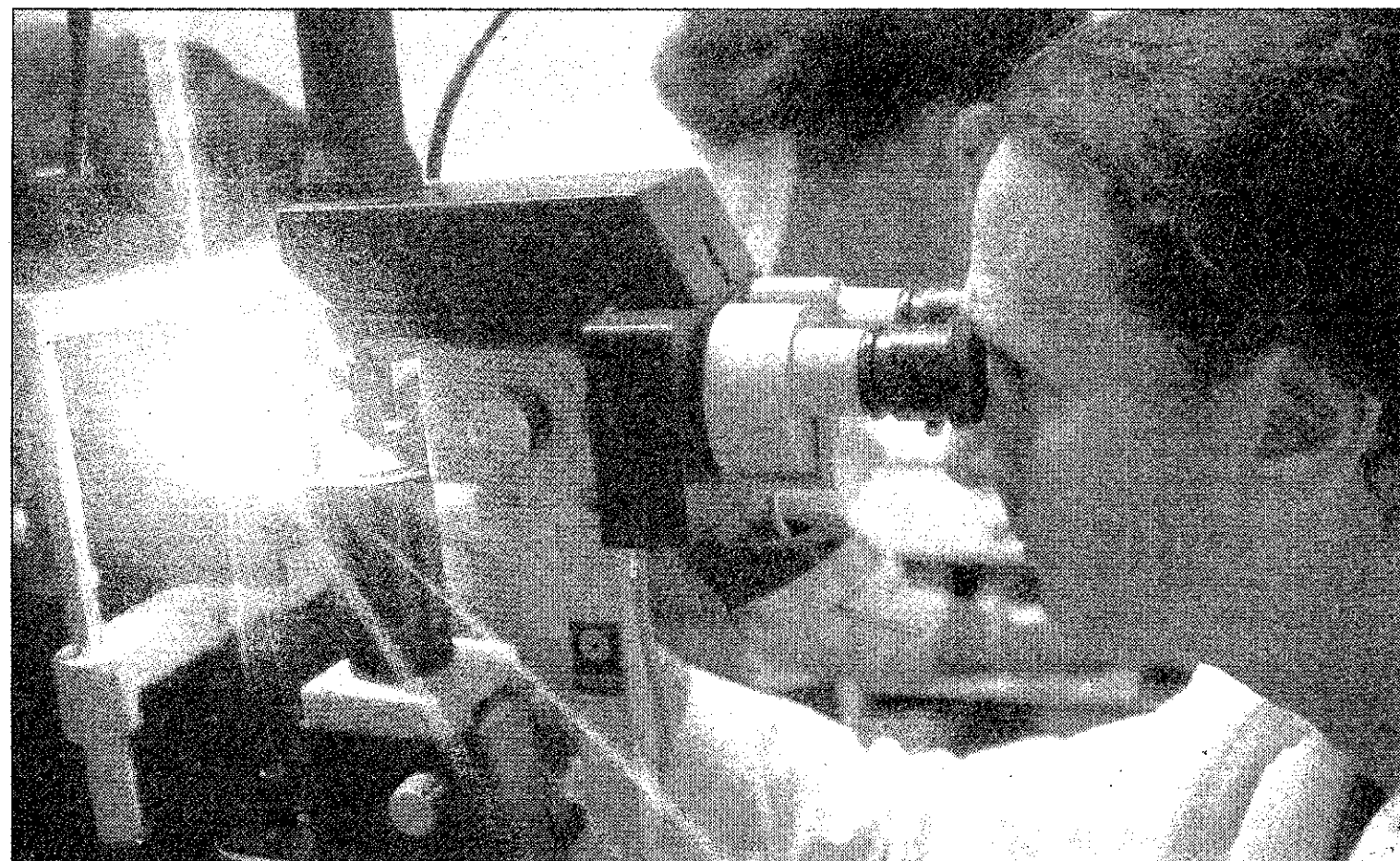
Eye drops, oral medication, laser and surgery treat the disease by lowering pressure in the eyes. Early treatment may eliminate the need for surgery – and prevent irreversible loss of vision.

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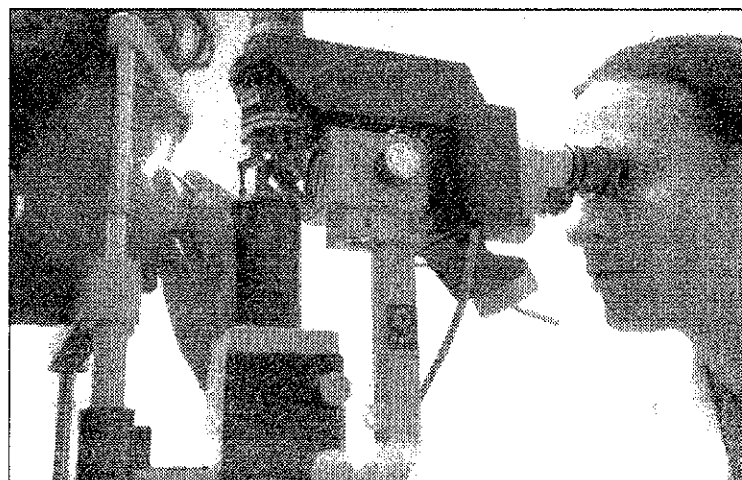
"The biggest problem is poor compliance," said Rubinstein of the Michigan Eyecare Institute in Southfield, Livonia and Dearborn. In 1982, Rubinstein participated in a pioneering study of lasers as a treatment for glaucoma at Sinai Hospital.

"Laser is relatively safe. When it comes to drops or laser, there's a great number of patients who don't use their drops. Laser has a huge advantage because compliance is not a factor. Laser is 95 percent successful with few complications. Drops are not free of side effects and can cause dryness, decrease in vision."

The cost can also deter a patient. Eye drops can run more than \$100 a month. For the uninsured and seniors on



Dr. Mark Rubinstein removes a stitch from the eye of glaucoma patient Sandra Lawson with a laser.



Dr. Mark Rubinstein checks the eye of glaucoma patient Sandra Lawson at the Michigan Eyecare Institute in Southfield where Lawson had extensive surgery. As she heals Dr. Rubinstein needs to release the stitch with a laser.

Medicare that's an out-of-pocket expense.

The latest laser treatment, SLT (Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty), leaves no damage to tissue but may need to be repeated over time. Even with well-controlled glaucoma, a patient needs to be seen every three months.

Rubinstein doesn't expect that to change anytime soon. Genetic studies probably won't help to eradicate glaucoma but the picture isn't all gloomy. Recent studies have

yielded findings of one more possible risk factor to add to those of family history, diabetes, high blood pressure, and African descent. African Americans are especially at high risk, four to eight times that of Caucasians. These are the knowns.

Dr. Nauman Imami, an ophthalmologist and director of glaucoma services at Henry Ford Hospital, is investigating the unknown as part of the Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study, which has

been ongoing for the last 10 years.

"We've learned that treating high eye pressure can reduce the risk, and measuring corneal thickness is important," said Imami, a glaucoma specialist who primarily sees patients with advanced disease at the Henry Ford Medical Center in Livonia and West Bloomfield in addition to Henry Ford Hospital. "Corneas thicker than normal read pressure higher than what they are. People with thin corneas we thought they were normal but their eye pressures are really greater than that. We think thin corneas are a risk factor but is it just a measurement difference?"

Future studies will reveal possibly more tools for predicting and treating glaucoma. Henry Ford Hospital is in the research stage of finding a medication to strengthen the optic nerve so it can fight the pressure that causes glaucoma.

SEE THE DOCTOR

"The most important thing is glaucoma is a painless, gradual disease that gradually takes their vision," said

Imami. If they don't come in, they can lose a lot of their vision.

"I tell my patients to have their family examined, especially children around 40 or 50. Catch it at that point and you can prevent most of the problems. They're looking at a lifelong process that can't be cured, only controlled. With treatment pressure is down but you're never rid of glaucoma. You need to follow up. In my experience, if detected early enough they can control it enough so they don't lose their vision. The problem with glaucoma is it's an irreversible loss of vision, not like cataracts. With cataracts they can't see but if removed can start seeing 20/20 again. With glaucoma what you lose is forever lost."

Rubinstein recommends anyone over age 40 have their eyes checked for glaucoma every two years, over 50 or at high risk every year. Glaucoma can affect anyone at any age but especially individuals over age 60.

"The goal is to diagnose it earlier. Untreated glaucoma gets worse, and don't be afraid to ask for a second opinion," said Rubinstein.

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Stress Management Seminar

7:30 p.m. Jan. 27, 29, and Feb. 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Presented by Better Living Seminars, the sessions teach how to make stress work for you rather than against you. By donation. Call (313) 531-2179 or (248) 349-5683.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free "Divorce Support Group" 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, and Feb. 10, the workshop takes place the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

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. 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.

Opening reception

"Make a Wish," a show of watercolors by Marilyn Wolff opens 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, in the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery in the Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Nov. No charge. The show continues to Feb. 29. For more information, call (248) 465-5455.

Restless Leg Syndrome

Support group meets 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at OptiMeyes in Westland across from Marshall Fields north side. Hear the latest good news. For more information, call (734) 453-4847.

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. 28, for a free seminar 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.

Volunteers needed

The Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter is looking for volun-

teers to answer its Help Line. For more information, call Brenda Bridgett at (800) 337-3827 or send e-mail to brenda.bridgett@alz.org.

Weight management for children

New weight management classes begin Jan. 28 for children ages 6-12, at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi. To reserve a seat, call (248) 473-5600.

Caregivers Support Group

The Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter sponsors several support groups in the area which meet mornings, afternoons and evenings. For more information, call (800) 337-3827. All meetings are free.

Hospice volunteers needed

Heartland Hospice of Southfield is looking for caring, compassionate and dedicated individuals that would like to be trained as a hospice volunteer. Heartland Hospice serves patients with a limited life expectancy and their families in the tri-county area. Training classes are offered throughout the year at different time and in a variety of locations. For more information, call Mary at Parmentier at (800) 770-9859.

Red Cross safety courses

Continue with CPR/Standard first aid with AED (automated external defibrillation) and Infant/Child CPR at the Livonia Service Center, 36650 Five Mile, call (734) 542-0442 or visit www.semredcross.org, and Bloomfield Service Center, 2388 Franklin Road, call (248) 322-2500. Among the offerings are CPR review, CPR for the professional rescuer (and review), First aid/CPR/AED instructor, and nurse assistant training. Costs vary.

Volunteers wanted

SandCastles, a grief support program for children, teens and their families offered through the Hospices of Henry Ford Health System, seeks volunteers for its sites in Southfield, Rochester, Clinton Township, Detroit, St. Clair Shores, and Downriver. SandCastles provides a supportive environment for children and teens, ages 3-18, and their families who have experienced the death of a loved one. The free meetings are held biweekly, and families are encouraged to participate for as long as they need support for their grief. To register for training or for more information, call (313) 874-6881.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Fitness classes

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

Women's fitness class

Women: Be Fit and Fabulous offers a variety of exercises - aerobics for cardiovascular health, strength training for muscle tone, easy yoga for flexibility and relaxation. Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook, Novi. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

UPCOMING

Grief recovery series

Presented by Saint Joseph Mercy Hospice beginning 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, for five consecutive weeks in the Education Center on the hospital's campus, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor. Registration is required. No charge. Call (734) 327-3409. The series will help people who have lost a loved one adapt to the loss and develop new skills in coping.

Blood drive

The Red Cross will be operating a blood drive 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, at St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. For information, call (734) 464-1222.

Boost Day Camp

A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information, and new perspective on healthier living through wholeness presented by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River, Novi. Cost is

\$45. Registration required. Call (248) 465-5455.

Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a free eight week grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope beginning 7-8:45 p.m. Monday Feb. 9, for 8 consecutive weeks. The workshop is presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. Ward Church is located on 6 Mile & Haggerty Roads in Northville. For registration information call Dorothy at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5966. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support, call (248) 348-0115.

Stop the Worry Cycle

Learn techniques to help defuse your worries and handle life's tough times 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads, Novi. Instructor is registered nurse Caroline H. Smith, a certified medical hypnotherapist. After earning a master's degree focused on psychology and anthropology, Smith continued her professional training at Harvard Medical School Mind/Body Institute, the National Institute for the Clinical Application of Behavioral Medicine and the Academy for Guided Imagery. The fee is \$45. To register, call (248) 477-6100.

Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia hosts a discussion on Diabetes Self-Management: "Why It's So Hard and What You Can Do" - 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan (use the main entrance on Five Mile), Livonia. The speaker is Dan Diepenhorst, BA, MSW, Michigan Department of Community Health. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is

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In practice, the elbow joint is rarely the cause of a problem. More commonly the medial or lateral epicondyle is the source. The epicondyles are the bony projections at the elbow, the outside bony prominence is called the lateral epicondyle and the inside prominence is designated the medial epicondyle. These bones are where muscles to the front and back of the hand originate. These muscles can experience strain with attendant pain that you feel as an elbow ache.

Just below the elbow, the biceps muscle anchors. Strain on that muscle can cause a pull on the biceps tendon. The result is a discomfort close enough to the elbow joint to give the impression that the joint is the source of the pain.

Your doctor is aware that different causes of elbow pain can give the same presentation. He will inquire about a history of strain, or of repetitive motion as occurs in playing tennis. He will ask if the pain came on quickly and suddenly or developed over weeks as an ache. Such information provides the means to identify the reason for the pain.

Examining you is also helpful. What motions your elbow can make and how your pain radiates, aid in arriving at a diagnosis. Once made, effective treatment usually follows.

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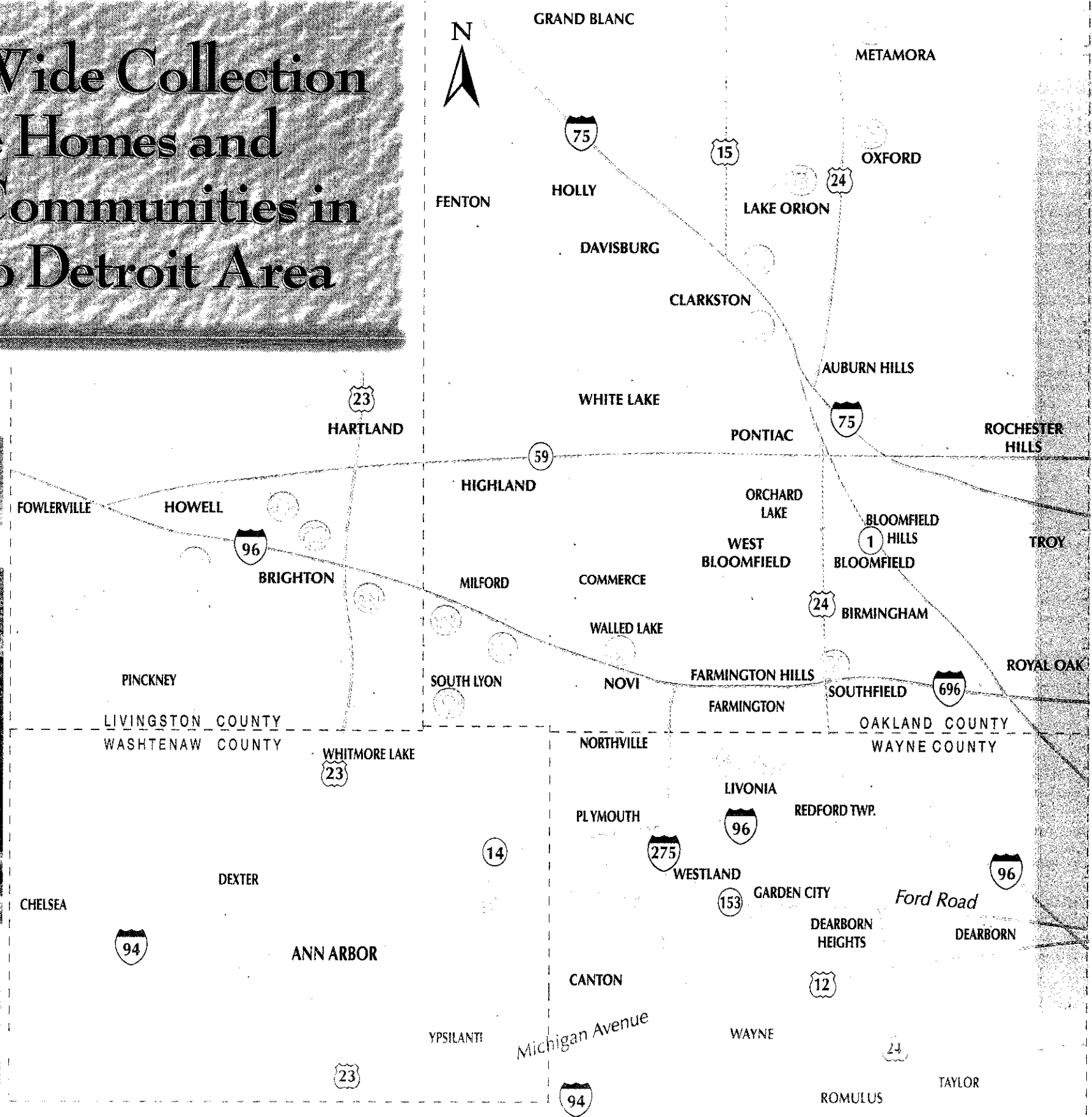
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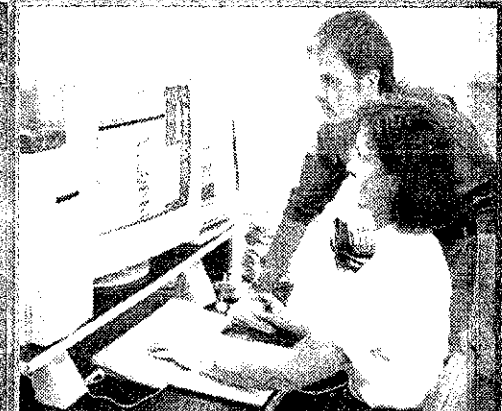
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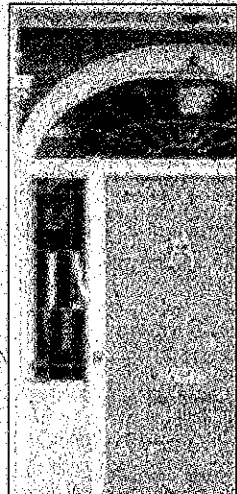
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Greene Farms offers good value, lots of features

BY BARRY JENSEN
CORRESPONDENT

More and more people are moving to little-known Ypsilanti Township. Never heard of the Ypsilanti Township and its Lincoln Consolidated school district? The township is southwest of Detroit, southeast of Ann Arbor and south of Ypsilanti. Its 1,300-student high school has fielded a boy's lacrosse team since 2001 - and wherever there are lacrosse teams, good economics and good standardized test scores usually can be found.

One of the most popular subdivisions in the township is Greene Farms. When it was begun in 1999, Greene Farms stressed affordability. You could get a mortgage with just 5 percent down. The two companies building homes there partnered with a mortgage company to offer low rates.

VALUE

Curtis Building Co., one of the original builders of Greene Farms, is still stressing value in the homes it's building at Greene Farms. Excluding lot premiums, the houses sell for \$200,000 to \$242,000.

"You get features in these houses you rarely see in \$200,000 houses," said Mel Menuck, vice president of Curtis Building. "The construction is the same as you'd get in a half-million-dollar home."

Prospective buyers can choose from ranch and colonial houses ranging in size from 1,300 square feet to 2,000 square feet. Eight plans are offered.

"All the houses in Phase Four should be built by the middle of next year," Menuck said. "We have a few 'specs' (houses built before they are sold.) We



Like ranches? Oakhurst is one of the options offered by Curtis Building Co. at Greene Farms.



Yorktown is one of the house styles offered by Curtis Building Co. at Greene Farms.

also have 13 vacant lots."

This is the fourth phase of the development. It has 48 houses. The houses are site condominiums - they look just like freestanding houses, but there is a yearly fee to maintain the entrance and common areas.

"We try to offer palaces that are affordable," Menuck said. "We have eight styles of homes. The least-expensive is a ranch for less than \$200,000."

Greene Farms is appealing to all types of people, said Greene Farms saleswoman Virginia Cox.

"We're getting all age - couples, families, empty nesters," Cox said. "It's an up-and-coming area, so it appeals to many types of people."

Despite the seemingly rural location, all the houses are served by city water and sewers. The development has sidewalks and paved streets throughout. There's also a walking trail and pond.

Among the standard features are land-

scaping, brick fronts and partial sides and rear of brick. A two-car garage, central air conditioning, and carpeting throughout are standard, along with a built-in microwave oven, high-efficiency furnace and 7-foot-10-inch poured basement.

MOVING IN

Four unsold houses are just about ready to go.

Williamsburg, a 1,900-square-foot, three-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath colonial, will be done in February, and is listed at \$235,000.

Meadow II, a 1,700-square-foot, three-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath colonial, which also will be ready in February, is priced at \$220,000.

The owner of a new house costing \$200,000 would pay about \$4,000 in property taxes the first year.

Curtis Building Co. is headed by Allen and Melvin Menuck. The company has

been around since 1945. In that time, it has built more than 3,000 houses and condominiums.

Other Curtis communities include Brookwood and Deercreek in Livonia, Abbey Knoll and Northville Commons in Northville, New England Village and Rolling Oaks in Plymouth and Copper Creek and Copper Woods in Farmington Hills.

GETTING THERE

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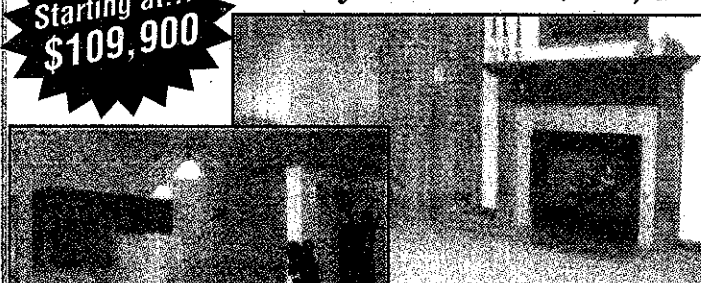
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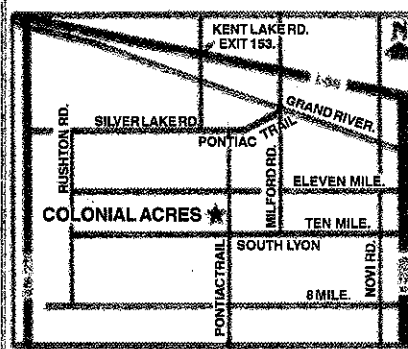
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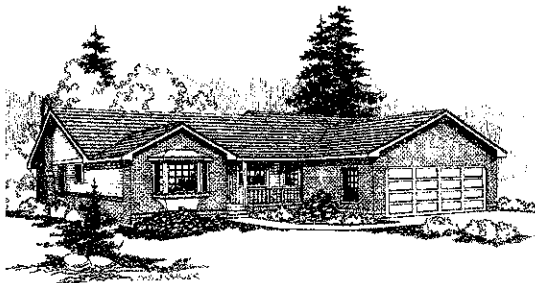
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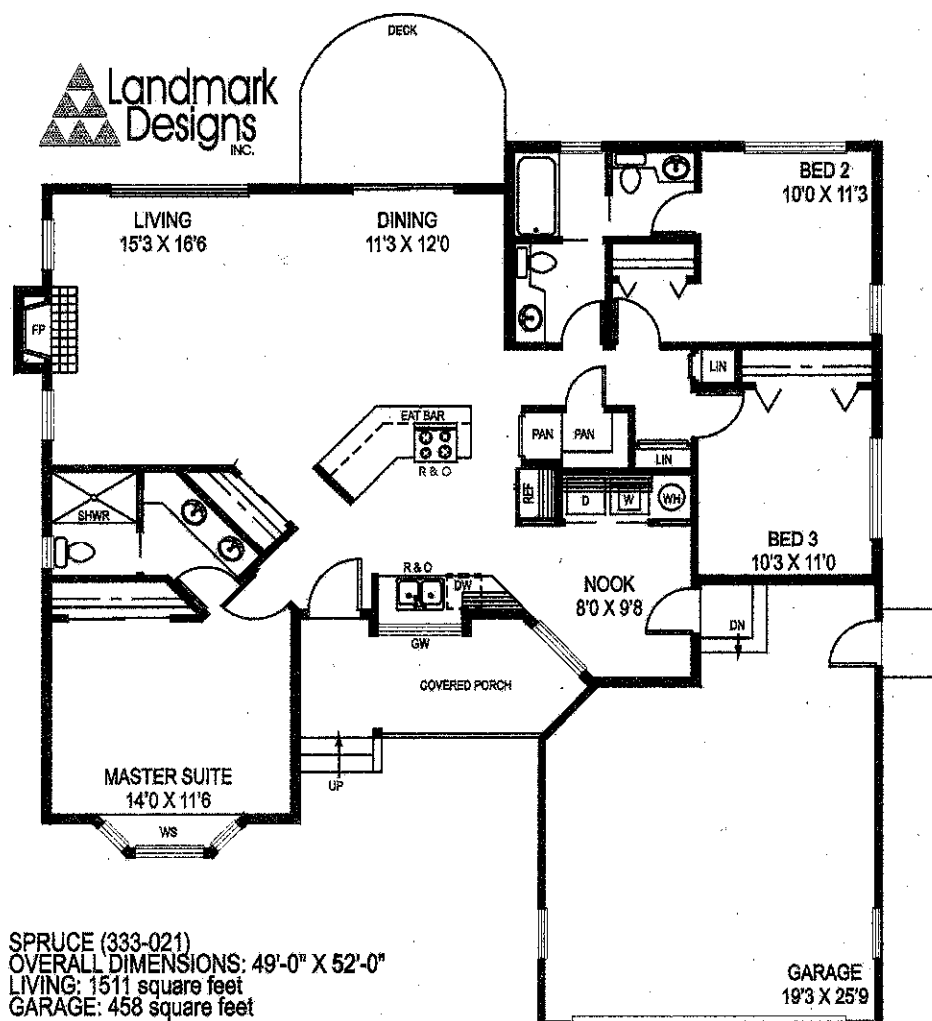
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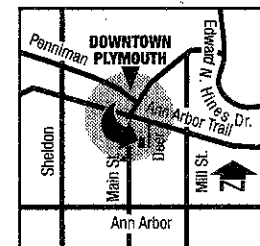
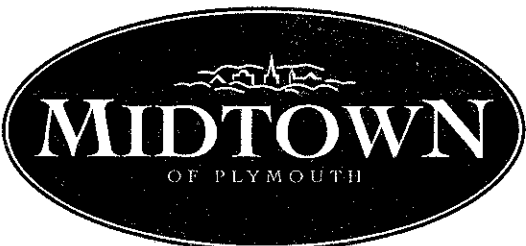
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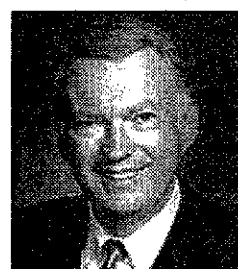
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DO listen to your Realtor's advice regarding the proper asking price. Too many prospective sellers ignore their Realtor's market facts about recent sales and demand that their Realtor ask us unrealistic price. These are often the very same people who blame the Realtor for a lack of showings.

DON'T make the buyers feel uncomfortable while they are looking at your home. An over-anxious seller can scare off an otherwise interested buyer by exercising too much pressure. Let the Realtor do the selling.

DO allow the Realtor to use a 'for sale' sign. Some sellers don't permit signs for one reason or another. This is a mistake. An interested party, who sees a sign and makes a phone call, is obviously interested in the area and this particular house. Many homes are sold to buyers who notice the 'for sale' sign.

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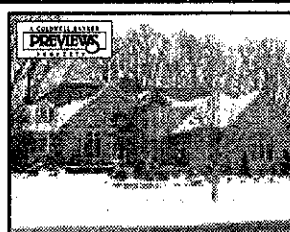
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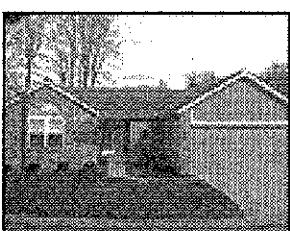
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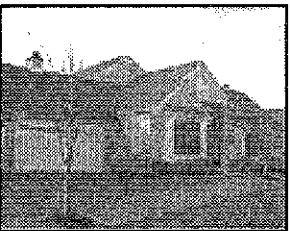
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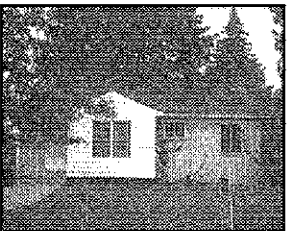
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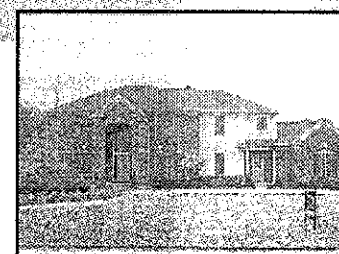
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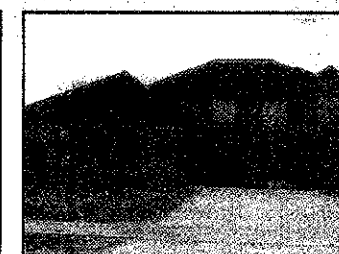
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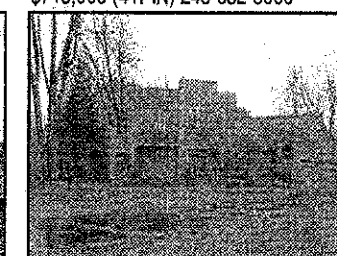
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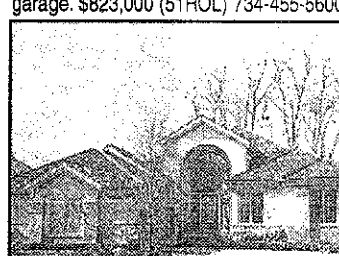
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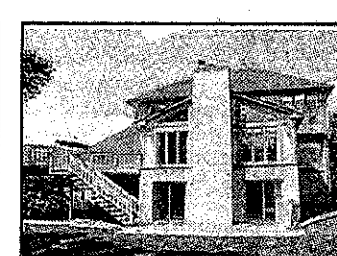
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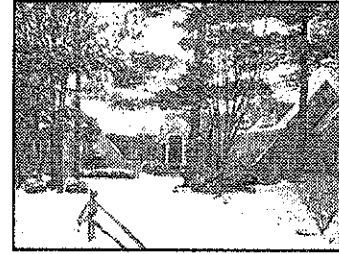
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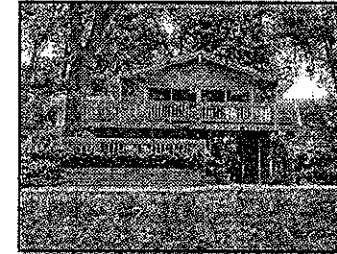
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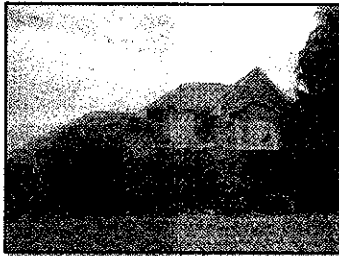
BIRMINGHAM – Lovely colonial located in Poppleton Park w/4 bedrooms, 3 full baths and one half bath. Located on large lot w/deck, near nature preserve. Deluxe updated kitchen, newer large master bedroom and bath with built-ins. \$649,000 (57TOT) 248-642-8100



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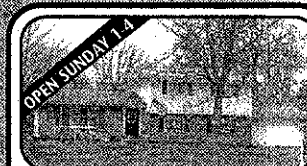
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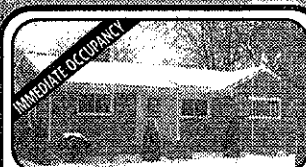
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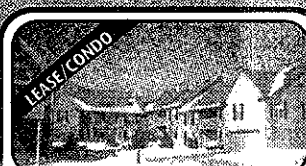
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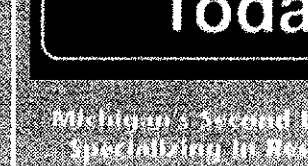
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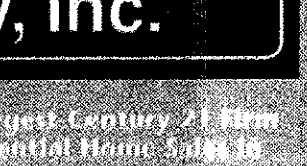
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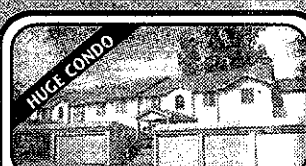
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■ Set thermostats between 65 and 70 degrees during the winter, and at 58 degrees when away from the house for an extended period. Warmer temperatures are recommended for homes with ill or elderly people or infants.

■ Turn down thermostats automatically without sacrificing comfort by installing an automatic setback or programmable thermostat.

■ Change or clean furnace filters once a month during the heating season. Furnaces consume less energy if they "breathe" more easily.

■ Warm air rises, so use registers to direct warm airflow across the floor.

■ Close vents and doors in unused rooms and close dampers on unused fireplaces.

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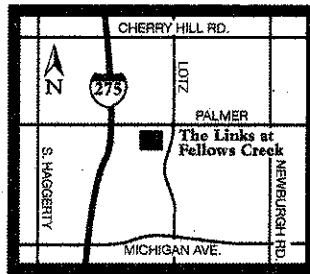
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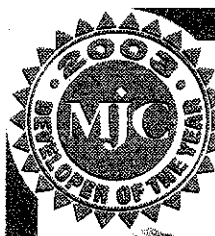
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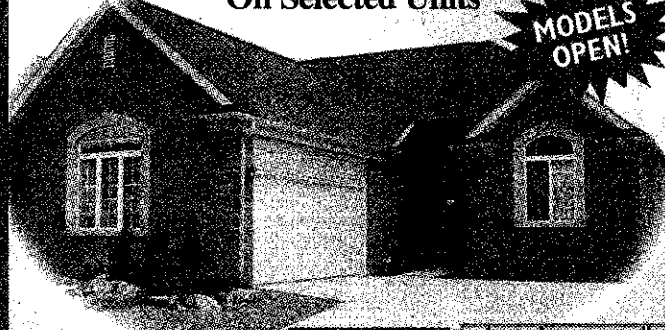
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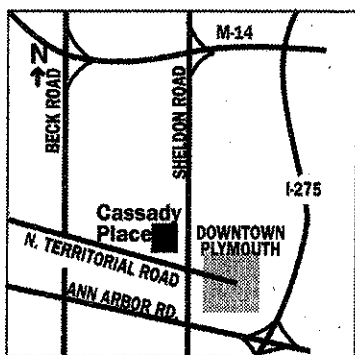
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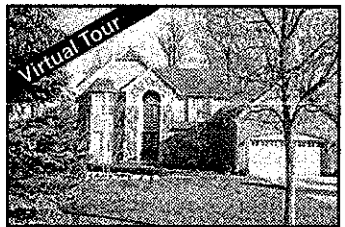
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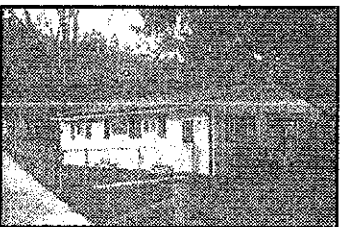
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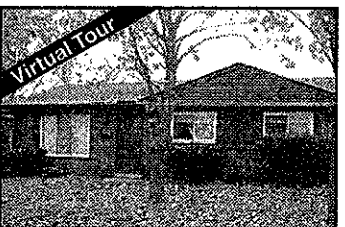
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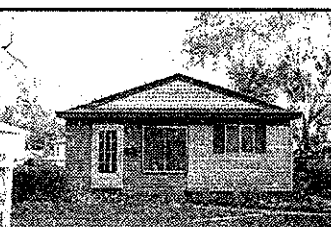
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1. Shop around. Check with different companies to get rate quotes. Use the Internet to get online quotes, such as the ones at MSN Money.
2. Raise your deductible. The deductible is the amount of money you have to pay toward a loss before your insurance kicks in. While they typically start at \$250, increasing it to \$1,000, for example, could save you 24 percent.
3. Buy your home and auto policies from the same company. Some companies will give you a multi-line discount.
4. Consider insurance when buying a home. A newer home's electrical heating and plumbing systems may be in better condition than those of an older home and

can lead to a discount on your premium.

5. Insure your home, not the land. Don't include the value of the land in deciding how much homeowner's insurance you need to buy.
6. Improve safety and security. Items such as deadbolt locks, burglar alarms and smoke detectors usually bring discounts of 5 percent each, depending on the company. An insurance company may also offer a significant discount of 15 to 20 percent if you install a sophisticated home security system.
7. Stop smoking. Smoking accidents account for more than 23,000 residential fires every year. Some insurers offer to reduce premiums if no one in the home smokes.
8. Senior discounts. If you're at least 55 and retired, you may qualify for a discount.
9. Group coverage. Alumni and

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10. Stay with an insurer. If you've kept your coverage with a company for several years, you may receive special consideration.
11. Check your policy annually. If you review your policy every year, you will be able to make the necessary adjustments.
12. Look for private insurance first. If you live in a high-risk area and think you'll be forced to buy homeowner's coverage from your state's high-risk insurance pool, check first with an insurance agent. You may be able to buy insurance at a lower price in the private insurance market.

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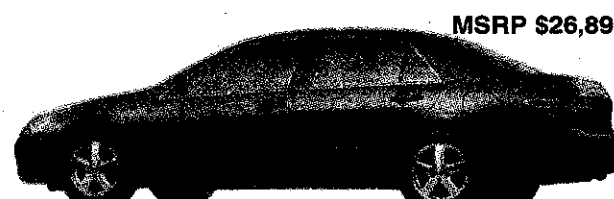


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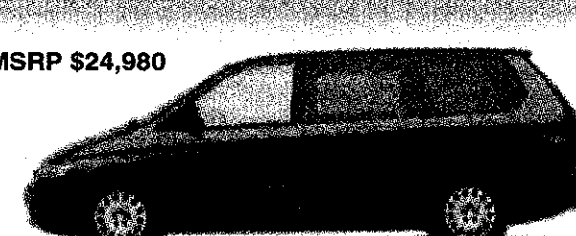


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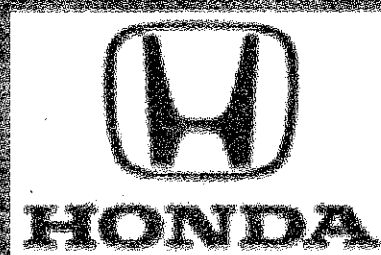
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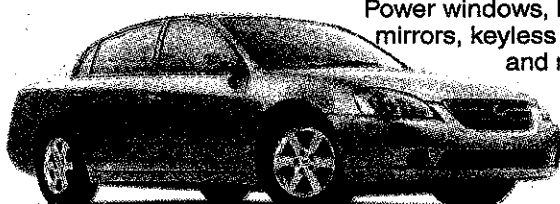
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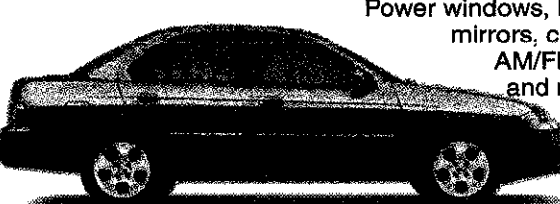
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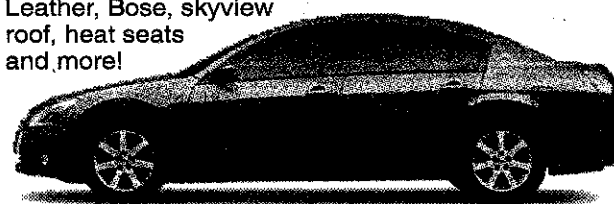
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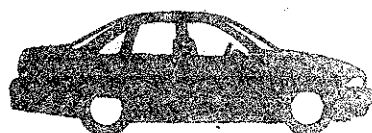
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Honda's new Element is a real looker

Advertising Feature

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The 2004 Honda Element turns heads. People stop. People stare.

It's really, really different.

The Element is so many different vehicles rolled into one. The floor is hard and flat, like a pickup truck. The rear cargo area is modeled after a sport utility vehicle. It rides and drives like a passenger car. And you get a lot of versatility out of this value-driven vehicle.

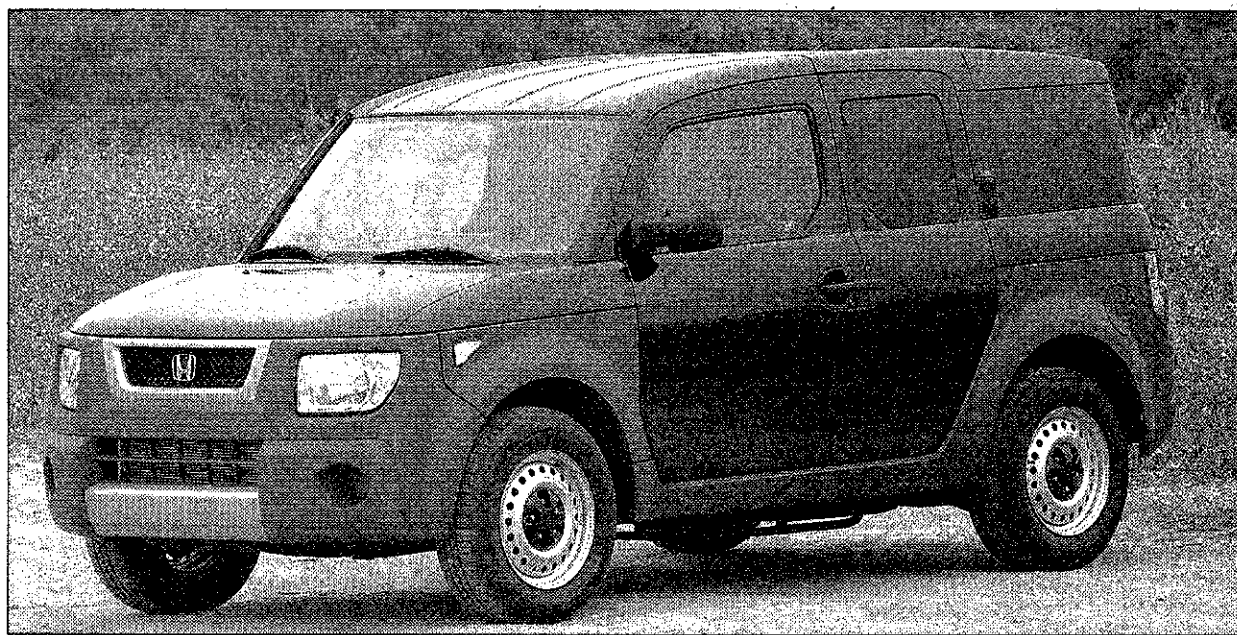
Let's start with the price. Bottom line is around \$16,000, but if you want a few extras, count on spending around \$20,000 for this honey. The standard equipment list is as long as a felon's rap sheet, though. It seems like everything is included that you would ever hope for.

The Element, as you would expect, appeals to the younger set, but I can see more than one mom or dad opting to purchase one. Its utility and versatility could appeal to the masses, especially when you're talking about hauling around stuff like kids' bikes, sports equipment and the like.

The side cargo doors open without a B-pillar, so loading items is a snap. The rear seats can be removed and the front seats fold down to form a bed. Live in the Element? Sure you can.

We did find one thing totally annoying about the Element, and I'll get that off my chest right now. Because there is no B-pillar and both doors open wide, your passengers in the rear seat will have to close both doors before seating themselves. With kids, it was annoying. I can't imagine how much more annoying it would be with a couple of adults in the rear seats.

But roomy back there? My kids loved all the



The 2004 Honda Element is unusual - but a good value.

room the rear seats provided. They could almost have a party back there and not even disturb the driver. And like I said, the rear cargo area is large enough for even the major hauler to be happy. With its easy-to-load rear deck, even a little person can put stuff they need in there without a headache.

Every surface on the inside of the Element is waterproof, including the seating surfaces. That's reminiscent of the pickup trucks of yesteryear, where you could literally take a hose to the inside without much fuss.

The floor of the Element is coated with urethane, so clean-up is a breeze. From mud to just everyday muck, it can be wiped out with ease.

Something that was much easier to get used to than I imagined was the placement of the gear shift lever. It's not mounted on the floor or on the steering column. It's actually placed in the middle of the instrument cluster. I thought it would be really awkward, but it wasn't. I was able to get used to it really quickly.

Many of the outside body panels are made of composite material, so dings and scratches are going to be minimal for you. That only adds to the ruggedness of the Element. Take it where you want, it'll go and attack whatever you throw at it.

Underneath the hood, you'll find a 2.4-liter i-

VTEC 4-cylinder engine that promises 160 horsepower and delivers a 161 lb.-ft. of torque.

This engine is more than adequate for a vehicle of this size. Power is not a factor on city roads and in highway driving, that's for sure. Be confident it can handle whatever you have in store for the Element.

By the way, driven was the 4-speed automatic transmission model. It's available in a 5-speed manual, by the way, but the automatic was just a joy to drive and didn't impact fuel economy adversely.

The Element is outfitted with a four-wheel-drive system and also comes with 16-inch wheels as standard equipment.

Safety issues are not a concern with Element.

Driver's and front passenger's air bags are standard, as is an anti-lock braking system, three-point rear seat belts, LATCH for kids, side impact door beams and an immobilizer anti-theft system.

The Element is fun to drive, has a lot of utility and versatility and can make heads turn all over town.

What more would you want in a vehicle? Go check one out.

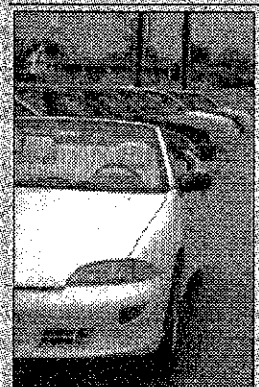
2004 Honda Element. Mileage: 21 mpg city/24 mpg highway. Built, Ohio. Price as tested: \$21,310.

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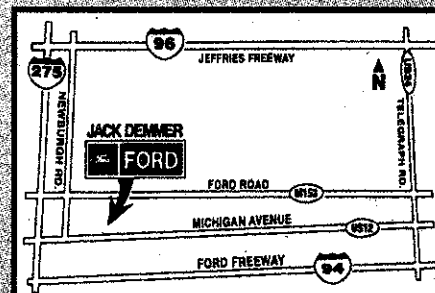
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Advertising Feature

Driving Through The Cold And Snow

Winter tips From NAPA'S Top Tech

Old man winter is here. In his weathered luggage he's carrying cold, snow and ice. If you and your car weren't ready for his arrival, you may want to start thinking about the handful of tools and tasks that can keep his patented brand of frozen corrosion at bay.

Having lived and worked in Buffalo, New York – winter's unofficial U.S. Residence – Jim Piraino knows a thing or two about the freezing season. As the 2002 NAPA/ASE Technician of the Year, he knows a thing or two about car care, as well, and offered his top-five tips on getting your vehicle ready for winter regardless of the climate in your community.

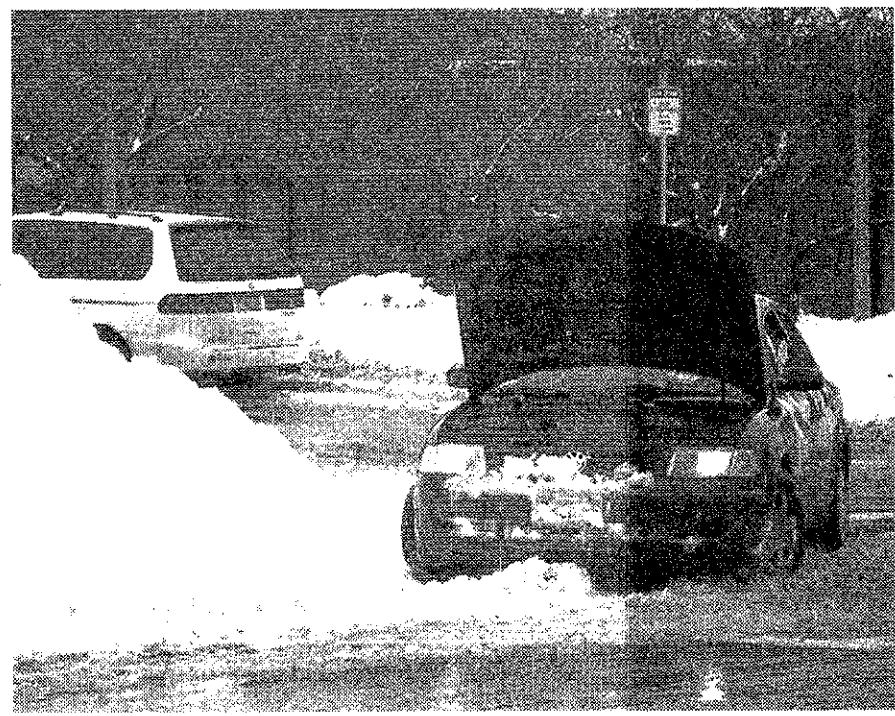
Whether your winter is more mild than wild, your car's cooling system deserves a seasonal assessment. Keeping your engine coolant from freezing in the wintertime is the job of the antifreeze. Keeping this vital fluid up to snuff requires an annual flush and regular maintenance, according to Piraino. He also warns those with aluminum radiators to keep an eye out for oxidation. That flaky white crust can form on the outside of the radiator and slowly erode its effectiveness.

Tire care is the second item on Piraino's list of top tips. Severe conditions in your area may require a tire change for winter. In most cases, though, proper maintenance of your all-season

tires is all that's required to ensure safe travel, worry-free wear and optimum mileage. Keeping your car properly aligned and your tires inflated to the recommended pressures are the best exercises. Refer to your owner's manual or the sticker inside your doorsill for the manufacturer's suggested tire pressures.

Windshield wipers and washer fluid are two tools that keep the road in plain view. Their proper operation is imperative if you expect to keep the windshield clean and free of ice and salty residue. Piraino suggests replacing your wiper blades every two years if wear and tear doesn't demand it sooner. Keeping your washer fluid reservoir full is the best way to make sure you don't lose visibility at critical times this winter.

While it may not be something you think about in terms of winter car care, Piraino says brake maintenance is among the most important upkeep items this time of year. Because braking efficiency declines when roads and brake systems get wet, winter is when you can expect troubles to turn up. Now is the ideal time to get your brake parts and brake fluid inspected and, if necessary, replaced. Piraino also suggests getting familiar with your anti-lock braking system (ABS) before a risky winter situation demands



Cold weather can leave you stranded

it. Applying your ABS brakes in a safe place will allow you to re-familiarize yourself with the feel and function of the system before you have to employ it in earnest.

Piraino's fifth tip is to check your battery. This simple test can be performed by your local car care specialist in a matter of minutes and save you from being unnecessarily stranded for hours out in the cold.

Taking these few simple steps today can make all the difference in the world when old man winter

is here. If time is short, see the friendly folks at your neighborhood NAPA AutoCare Center for a simple pre-season inspection. Their ASE-certified technicians can help with all of your winterizing needs. If you're a do-it-yourselfer, stop by your local NAPA AUTO PARTS store for the fluids, parts, accessories and advice to face the winter cold with confidence. Call 1-800-LET-NAPA for the NAPA AUTO PARTS store or NAPA AutoCare Center nearest you.

Winter Weather Windshield Advisory

Many car owners make special preparations with the advance of winter's colder temperatures and extreme weather conditions. They equip their cars with snow tires, make sure their car's antifreeze is topped off, and might even buy special winter windshield wiper blades. But what about your windshield?

The windshield is a critical component of a car's safety system and needs extra attention during harsh winter months when extreme variations in temperature can make existing damage more severe. Rick Robertson, vice president of Auto Glass of Indiana, offers some tips to protect your car's glass in winter weather.

"Make sure you have any existing chips in the windshield repaired as soon as possible," suggests Robertson, "preferably before cold weather becomes a factor. By repairing a chip early, you not only restore the structural integrity of the windshield's glass, you also prevent the chip from turning into a crack, which may require a windshield replacement."

In addition to safety, windshield repair is also a cost saving option, as most insurance companies will waive the deductible for policyholders with comprehensive coverage.

"Most chips can be

inexpensively repaired, depending on their location and severity, but larger ones and ones in the acute vision area mean a windshield must be replaced." The acute vision area is the area on the windshield above the steering wheel than can be covered by an 8.5"x11" piece of paper. Inspection laws governing windshield repair vary from state to state, so Robertson suggests checking with a certified windshield repair and replacement specialist, where staff and technicians can advise you on repair regulations in your state.

If your windshield has damage when a cold spell hits, turning your cold car's heat and fan settings to their maximum can be bad news, says Robertson. The extreme temperature difference of heated air from your car's defroster hitting cold, air temperature glass can cause any existing chips to worsen and potentially end up as cracks. "By gradually warming up your car and the air inside, you reduce the probability of causing further damage to your windshield," he said.

Robertson says he has also seen car owners defrost their car's glass with hot water. "As tempting as it might be on a frosty winter morning, using hot water left over from morning tea to melt the ice and snow on your car's glass can also turn repairable chips into

costly cracks."

Car owners should also be careful when scraping ice and snow off their vehicles, warns Robertson. Chipping or stabbing at icy patches on the windshield can scratch the surface of the glass and can reduce visibility, particularly in sun-glare and on-coming headlights. "Wait until your car's defroster has partially thawed the ice and snow on your windshield before using a scraper. Then, the ice will slide off without any damage."

He adds that the windshield isn't the only glass about which it is made, side and rear auto glass can suffer catastrophic damage under extreme temperature changes, shattering into small pieces and requiring immediate replacement.

Robertson notes that cold temperatures can affect the quality of repairs and replacements, as well. Temperatures lower than 40 degrees Fahrenheit, and rain or snow compromise the quality and safety of outdoor or mobile glass service. Robertson recommends taking your vehicle to a glass shop that uses original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts and adhesive that won't be affected by freezing temperatures.

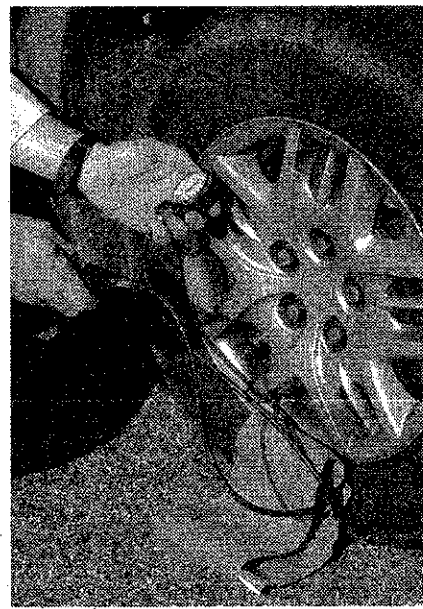
"Having your damaged windshield repaired or replaced by a reputable, reliable, quality auto



Small windshield chips can grow in the cold

glass shop is important to your safety no matter what the season," he says.

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Check your tire pressure

As the winter cold moves in to stay, many of us will get out our cold weather clothes to protect ourselves from the cold and wet. Your car also needs a winter wardrobe to maintain handling and control on icy or wet roads. The change in seasons affects how your tires grip the road's surface in several ways. Winter temperatures affect your tire pressure. Excess water on the road

means sufficient tread depth is important to help avoid hydroplaning. Furthermore, a tire's compound and tread design can improve your traction in wet or snowy conditions.

"Winter weather driving is a concern for everyone," says Mark Richter, Yokohama Tire Corporation performance marketing manager. "Stopping on a wet road can take up to four times the expected braking distance than on a dry road, making rain, sleet and snow treacherous hazards, especially if your tires aren't matched for the weather."

It is important to check your tire pressure once a month and before any long trips. This includes checking the spare tire as well. Keep in mind that winter temperatures can cause tires to lose about 1 pound per square inch (psi) of pressure for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit of temperature drop. In any season, check air pressure when tires are still cold (before you've driven a mile) to make sure that your tire pressure is accurate. As the seasons change, you may need to add air to keep

the tire at its optimum pressure.

Some people incorrectly believe reducing tire pressure can increase traction in snow, ice or mud. Under inflating tires can severely damage the tire. Instead, choose a well-designed all-season or snow tire that will resist hydroplaning, improve wet, ice and snow traction and enhance dry road stability.

All-season and snow tires that are worn close to treadwear indicators have significantly reduced traction and should not be used on winter roads. To check your tires for treadwear, look for "wear bars," which look like narrow strips of smooth rubber across the tread. These bars appear when a tire needs replacing.

"When tires are worn, these grooves don't handle as much water," says Richter, "which reduces a tire's ability to evacuate water out from under a tire."

When buying new or replacement winter tires, look for those marked, "MS," "M+S," "OR," "M+S" on the sidewall, like Yokohama's Guardex tire line or the Geolander I/T. For tires

designed to handle severe snow conditions consider only those marked by an "M+S" plus a mountain and snowflake symbol, like the Guardex 721 whose application is for performance vehicles like the 3 series BMW, and models of the Audi, Mercedes and Volvo lines. The shelled micro-bubble compound in the Guardex 721 and the serrated block edges deliver increased control and grip. Plus the dual "N" shaped center blocks work with the undirectional design to increase traction.

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45 yrs old, Looking for an honest, no games guy. I like to golf and enjoy anything outdoors. Ad#463534

ENJOY LIFE

SWF, 37, 5'7", with blue eyes and brown hair. Interests are time with her children, camping, basketball, golfing, music and concerts. Looking for a SWM, 30-45, who is fun to be around. Ad#444655

IT'S GOT TO BE ME!!!!!!

45 yrs old, female seeking non-smoking male for a break from my full-time college studies. I love nature, so anything that takes me outdoors is the way to win my heart. Looking for that someone 44-52. Christian man is a must!!!!!! Ad#450813

EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES

51 yrs old, Hi I'm a teacher with the summer off, enjoying my new found spare time. I enjoy hiking trails, traveling in Michigan and abroad, playing flute in local groups, singing in the church choir, going to wine tastings and learning about pairing foods with wines, and just sitting on my back deck, enjoying the breeze, watching the soybeans grow in the farmer's field behind my house Ad#465509

ACTIVE, ATTRACTIVE, & ADVENTUROUS

49 yrs old, 49 year-old, 5'4", redhead who enjoys many things is looking for an honest, intelligent, & stable man for a long-term relationship. I enjoy concerts, art fairs, gardening, dancing, golf, cooking, fine dining, trips, motorcycling, horses, and almost anything else Ad#446504

CALL ME!

Single black female, 43, I'm a nurse and I love to have fun. Looking for a single male, 18-99, who is mature. Ad#466602

AN OPEN BOOK

Funny, caring, outgoing SWF, 24, 5'5", 190 lbs. Enjoys drawing, writing poetry, sports and long walks. Looking for a loving SWM, 23-24, 6', brown/black hair preferred. Ad#466472

LOOKING FOR ME, WELL YOU FOUND ME!

19 yrs old, I am a SWF, seeking a SWM, that is outgoing and caring. I am 5'8", and about 185. I have light brown hair and brown eyes. Ad#449904

NEW MOM JUST BROWSING

29 yrs old, New mom in March, just kind of browsing to see what's out there. Browsing cuz I'm not sure that there are decent men out there who would be interested in a new mother. Ad#445753

CHRISTIAN WOMAN

48 yrs old, Christian woman who enjoys going to Church, camping, long walks, bike riding, spending time with family and friends. Ad#463094

DO YOU LIKE TO WALK IN THE RAIN...

32 yrs old, SWF, 32, hard working, shy at first, dedicated. Likes to spend time reading, working around the house and spending time outdoors. Looking for someone to spend time with and get to know. Ad#448396

MISUNDERSTOOD

31 yrs old, I love to read, fiction and non-fiction books. Visiting historical places or just going to museums. I love to cook and experiment how to prepare different foods. I also enjoy walks in nature and along beaches listening to nature. In addition, I love to watch movies and to cuddle up on the sofa Ad#459335

A TRUE ROMANTIC

SWF, 48, 5'3", Auburn hair, brown eyes, vivacious, outgoing and bubbly. Enjoys playing bridge, travel, dining, movies, quiet times and more. Seeking a SWM, 48-60, who is tall, well-educated, sincere, and has a great sense of humor. Ad#465339

NO PLAYERS, REAL MEN ONLY

28 yrs old, Hello, I am a single mother who is looking for that right person to be with. I am a honest, sweet, loyal, loving, caring, thoughtful, creative, intelligent woman. I have a lot of likes. I enjoy being outdoors in warmer weather. I enjoy anything I do with water Ad#468226

BACK IN THE DATING SCENE

47 yrs old, Hi, I like to do a variety of interests. I like to bowl, go to movies, casinos, karaoke or just spending time at home. What I'm looking for in a man is honesty, sense of humor, hardworking. Someone who has his head on straight and who is not afraid to take a chance and who can commit to one person and who knows what they want out life Ad#450580

ARE YOU READY FOR THIS!!!

24 yrs old, Hi, I'm a 24-year-old dental assistant and student. I just moved back to MI after four years in the Air Force. I'm looking for someone to spend my free time with. Ad#465761

LOOKING FOR RESPECT

Trustworthy SWF, 35, 5'1", red hair, hazel eyes, one daughter. Enjoys biking, swimming, boating and long walks. Looking for a sincere, fun-loving SWM, 30-45. Ad#466054

HONEST & FAITHFUL

52 yrs old, I'm 52, I don't smoke or drink, attend church. Loving family, children and more. Looking for a gentleman who has a good personality, likes just one woman in his life. Let's see where our first meeting takes us and go from there. Must be between 50-60 in age, no more than 190 lbs Ad#449335

READY FOR SUMMER FUN

32 yrs old, Well, here's the scoop about me. I'm a firm believer that honesty is the best policy and speaking my mind are paramount in any healthy relationship/friendship! I LOVE to have fun and tend to get along with everyone. I'm very outgoing (sometimes a little too) and promise I will do whatever I can to always make you laugh! I consider myself laid back and relaxed Ad#450845

HELLO

38 yrs old, Hey I! What's up fellows, this is a first for me, but just so that you know, I am a single (never been married) woman looking to meet some new people, hopefully make some new friends and have some fun. I enjoy being out, long walks, movies, sporting events, concerts and such, yet on the other hand I enjoy being inside relaxing with a good book or a good movie, playing cards with friends and/or family having a good time Ad#447257

CONVERSATIONALISTS

SWF, 48, 5'7", with a slim build and light brown hair. Interests are walking, hiking, dining out, movies, the water and much more. Looking for a tall SWM, 42-57, who is easygoing, with similar interests. Ad#465565

LEAVE ME A MESSAGE!

SWF, 43, 5'5", brown hair and eyes, 120 lbs., N/S, down-to-earth, humorous and honest. Seeking a SWM, over 34, for a possible relationship. Ad#421180

CUTE BLONDE WIDOW

I'm 5', 105 lbs, 58, romantic, secure SF, seeking a nice-looking male, 5'7" to 6', slim to medium build, who enjoys dancing, golf, live theater and good conversation. Macomb County. Ad#493592

ROMANTIC WALKS

SBF, 30, 5'8", sexy and attractive. Interests are basketball, football, playing pool, the beach and more. Looking for a SBM, 28-40, who is honest, romantic, funny and open-minded. Ad#459756

HONEST & SINCERE

SWF, 49, 5'5", brown hair and blue eyes. Outgoing and shy. My hobbies are outdoors, antiquing and cooking. Looking for a SWM, 49-57, honest and enjoys outdoor activities. Ad#458615

ANYONE HAVE FUN ANYMORE??

34 yrs old, I love to have fun, have a great sense of humor. Ad#449439

CONVERSATIONALIST

SWF, 43, 5'4", 114 lbs., with blonde hair. Interests are theater, antiques, shopping, reading, plays and much more. In search of a SWM, over 43, who is honest and sincere, for friendship first. Ad#451146

PRETTY & PLAYFUL

SWF, 42, 5'4", with short auburn hair and blue eyes. Enjoys time with her children, biking, walking and much more. Looking for a N/S SWM, 40-48, who is fun-loving, good-natured and enjoys kids. Ad#460939

EASYGOING & HUMOROUS

SWF, 55, semi-retired, enjoys the outdoors. Florida, concerts, walking, reading, etc. In search of a SWM, under 68, who has time for a relationship, with a great sense of humor. Ad#450241

SEEKING FRIENDS MAYBE MORE

30 yrs old, things I like are bowling, music, snowmobiling, local tracks, boating (with someone who has a boat)... fishing, being outside, swimming, snowmobiling. Ad#450482

FAMILY / FRIENDSHIP ORIENTED

36 yrs old, SWF, 36, 5'8" looking for someone that is honest, respectful, caring, open, trustworthy, and with a sense of humor. Ad#447918

DO YOU LOOK LIKE KEN?

Fun SWF, 57, enjoy walking, boating, motorcycles, dancing, love kids. I'm very family-oriented and get along with all types of people. Looking for a SWM, 45-65, to go out to dinner with and see where it goes from there. Ad#450091

CONTACT ME A.S.A.P.!

Attractive, divorced, white female, 50, professional, college degree, petite, 5'1", weight proportionate, optimistic. Enjoys exercise, good conversation, movies, concerts, sports. Seeking professional divorced white male, 45 to 55, no beard or mustache. Ad#403954

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?

Divorced professional female, petite, 50, 5'1", active, sense of humor. Enjoys exercise, good conversation, movies, concerts, animals. Seeks male counterpart, physically active, easygoing, sense of humor, non-smoker, professional, no beard or mustache. Ad#403597

WHERE ARE YOU?

50 yrs old, divorced WF, 5'2", 110 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair. Enjoys music, concerts, outdoors, Harley's, the Red Wings, dancing, etc. Searching for a honest, loyal, SM to enjoy life, someone who wants to casually date and has a sense of humor. Ad#403942

LOOKING FOR MY FROG:)

52 yrs old, I'm single looking for a honest, loving, open minded man that doesn't play games. I'm into the outdoors and family having fun with friends. Ad#449893

READY TO GET OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN!!!

37 yrs old, SWF 37, I have friends of all ages. Most are older... love summer, car shows, walking on the beach, campfires, walking in the woods, up north, casinos... I am independent, my only son is 18, have my own house and a full time job. Looking for someone to have some fun with Ad#448663

ONE OF A KIND

50 yrs old, Auwwwwww!!! I'm bored! Looking for a well rounded, easy going gentleman to enjoy life's little surprises with. I can be active and can be lazy! I am down to earth, enjoy life, family and friends. I like clean cut men, a good sense of humor, honesty, caring, and a bit on the crazy side personalities Ad#448657

WHERE HAVE ALL THE GOOD MEN GONE

47 yrs old, I'm very outgoing, love to dance, go to the movies, dining out and having fun. I've been single for six years. Ad#449042

PRETTY GOODY

SWF, 19, with a good sense of humor, enjoys life, loves to laugh, camping, the beach and is easy to get along with. Looking for a SWM, 31-37, who is fun to be with, honest, respectable, caring and enjoys children. Ad#449703

LETS HAVE FUN

37 yrs old, I'm easy going, down-to-earth type person. I enjoy camping and all things involved in that, rollerblading, hanging out with friends, and just kicking back sometimes. I also enjoy all types of music. Ad#449241

GIRL, INTERRUPTED

37 yrs old, I seem to have lost the years of my life which were meant for meeting, marrying and raising children. Would like to get started now. Ad#448896

DINNER FOR TWO

SWF, 68, 5'5", with blonde hair. Interests are painting, traveling, quiet evenings at home, the outdoors, dancing and much more. Looking for a SWM, 50-72, who is fun-loving and outgoing. Ad#449628

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

51 yrs old, Somewhat shy, enjoys reading, walking, outdoors, church and christian music. Seeking SWM who is kind & honest with a sense of humor, to share good and bad times with. Ad#448318

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LOOKING FOR AFFECTION

Professional, N/S, S/D, DWF, 45, with no children, enjoys dining in/out, movies, concerts, walking, biking, etc. Searching for an affectionate, communicative SM, 35-55 who is honest, with a great sense of humor and similar interests. Ad#449437

FUN & ENERGETIC

SWF, 38, 5'5", blonde, with blue eyes and wears glasses. Enjoys walking, reading, bowling, fishing, camping, NASCAR & playing with her cat. Seeking a SWM, 35-45, who is humorous, honest, sincere, energetic, likes to have fun, but has a serious side. Ad#449267

FIND OUT MORE TODAY!!!

SWF, 59, 5'6", slender brunette, with short brown hair and hazel/green eyes. Enjoys sailing, power-boating, golfing, fine dining, tennis and much more. In search of a honest, loyal, trustworthy, N/S SWM, 59-75. Ad#449205

SUNNY DAYS

Pretty, long brown hair, 37, divorced white woman, employed with two children. Enjoy camping, outdoors and bowling. Looking for white man, 32-45, with similar interests. Ad#429358

I MAY BE THE ONE

SWF, 52, enjoys gardening, the outdoors, camping, hiking, movies, theater, concerts, cooking and entertaining. Looking for SWM, 48-63, who wants to invest time in building a relationship with me. Ad#443461

SEEKING A TRUE GENTLEMAN

SBF, 26, 5'10", 150 lbs., dark complexion. Seeking a SM, 22-35, who is humorous, kind, considerate and goal oriented. Ad#446975

RECIPE FOR LOVE

Christian WWF, 68, 5'5", blonde hair, N/S, N/D, Enjoys my grandchildren, boating, church, flea markets, cooking. Looking for that special SWM, 68 or older, who has similar interests. Ad#446467

FUN & CARING

SWF, 59, 5'2", with brown hair and medium build. Enjoys quiet times, dancing, movies, casinos, long drives and more. Seeking a SWM, 65-73, who is honest, fun-loving, sincere, for a fun and caring relationship. Ad#444245

COFFEE?

SWF, 47, 5'8", blonde hair, blue eyes, fun and outgoing. Enjoys movies, walking, the outdoors and more. Seeking a SBM, 40-60, who is well established, trustworthy, honest and considerate. Ad#443926

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE

SWF, 23 yrs old, seeking SBM, 20-30, who is not into playing games. If this is something you want, then contact me! Ad#443897

WHERE HAS ALL THE GOOD TIMES GONE?

51 yrs old, I am a 50 yr old male, soon to be 51. And I am wondering why I can't meet someone who likes to have fun or just hang out watching TV or getting a cup of coffee somewhere. I enjoy football, driving around with the top down on my convertible and just lying by the pool reading a book Ad#450942

TIME TO GET BACK TO DATING

45 yrs old, well I'm new to this, tired of the club scene and all the games. I think that I have reached a juncture in my life to find a compatible partner. I am an honest man down to earth, looking for the same. Someone who will stand by me as I would them through the good times and the bad Ad#448075

R U MS. RIGHT?

31 yrs old, Hello, here is a little more on me... I'm very honest and do not play games. I enjoy concerts, movies, bowling, golf, sports, NASCAR and romantic dinners at home. I'm very easy-going and like to laugh and have a good time. Ad#449700

LONELY MALE

24 yrs old, in search of a female to love. Single white male, 24 years old, 5'9", brown hair, brown eyes. I enjoy spending time with my son, outdoor and indoor activities. In search of single white female, ages 18-30, who is honest and caring. Ad#466015

SWCM SEEKS SWCF

42 yrs old, thanks for considering my profile: I'm 42, divorced, 6'3", 190 lbs. and a couple of years or so into mate-searching. If you are a Christian (born-again/true believer), no older than I am, don't have or want children, preferably of athletic build or at least quite fit/without a weight problem (sorry, that's as tactful as I get) I would be interested in corresponding with you Ad#449025

THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE

SWM, 23, 5'10", 185 lbs., with a solid build. Interests are romantic dinners, breakfast in bed, sports and more. In search of a SWF, over 18, who is all about having fun. Ad#465707

LOYAL & COMMITTED

SBM, 32, committed, looking for his soulmate. He is hard-working, easygoing, fun-loving and romantic. Enjoys romantic dinners, time with special some and much more. She should be a SAF, 24-37, who loves to cuddle. Ad#465699

GET TO KNOW ME

SWM, 32, 5'4", with blond hair and blue eyes. Interests are reading, playing sports and time with friends. In search of a SWF, 24-32, for a serious relationship. Ad#465600

NEED TO BE LOVED

38 yrs old, Hi ladies, I like to play sports like basketball, golf, softball, etc to keep in shape. I have many friends that I enjoy to be with I love my family. Someday I'll have one to. To be continued. Ad#457435

JUST BE YOURSELF!

SBM, 45, 6', 205 lbs., attractive, easygoing, bubbly and open-minded. Enjoys working out, walking my dogs, long drives and more. Seeking a SWF, who is 5'7"-6", attractive, honest, trustworthy and loving. Ad#465425

HONEST & TRUSTWORTHY

39 yrs old, SWM, 39, 5'7", 180 lbs. I'm easygoing, honest and hard working. I like cooking, gardening, watching movies, TV and being outside. Looking for a SWF 30-45 who has similar interests. Ad#457834

LET'S ENJOY SOME SUMMER FUN

57 yrs old, Recently ended long-term relationship and prefer nothing too heavy just now. Seeking summer fun and mutual companionship with an attractive, likewise selective, height/weight proportionate lady, educated, witty and laid-back. Drug/disease-free, open-minded and secure in herself with minimal "baggage"! Come on, take a chance Ad#445650

LOVER NOT A FIGHTER

SEIM, 50, 170 lbs., hazel blue eyes, blond hair, nice and friendly. My hobbies are cooking, baseball, swimming and walking. Looking for a SEIF, over 18, who is attractive and fit. Ad#463016

FUN & HUMOROUS

SWM, 39, 5'9", blue eyes, light brown hair, has a great sense of humor, outgoing and honest. Enjoys biking, music, the outdoors, good conversation and more. Seeking a SF, 21-42, who is a N/S, open-minded, spontaneous, outgoing, humorous and loves music. Ad#464214

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Is All Wheel Drive Better For Michigan Winters?

Advertising Feature
by Dale Buss

When it introduces the Chrysler 300 replacement and the new Dodge Magnum this spring, Chrysler Corp. will be betting heavily that it can convince the car-buying public about the virtues of rear-wheel drive, especially in inclement conditions. But one reason the company could have trouble with such a pitch is the great success that it has had over the last 20 years in persuading Americans that front-wheel drive is best in rain or snow.

The dilemma underscores the fact that quality of traction remains a huge consideration for vehicle consumers, especially in the northern half of the United States where rain, snow and slush afflict the populace for so much of the year. Chrysler's challenge also points out that, for all the technological advancement in this arena, there remains wide differences in preferences by automotive engineers and consumers among front-wheel drive, rear-wheel drive and the increasingly popular four-wheel drive and "all-wheel" drive.

The truth is, each of them makes a case for itself—whatever the weather.

Rear-wheel drive dominated the industry through most of the second half of the Twentieth Century. And nowadays, General Motors, Chrysler and other auto makers are moving back in the direction of rear-wheel drive for many future models. Rear-wheel drive is the fundamental architecture for building a large car for driving excellence. It offers the best balance and handling and a performance-car experience without any compromises in performance or luxury.

All things being equal, a rear-wheel-drive car will handle better than a front-wheel drive car, largely because of how it distributes weight and power more evenly across the vehicle. The application of power through the rear tires pushes the chassis through a corner; the front tires are only taxed with cornering duties; and it is

possible to design a chassis to achieve dynamic balance. It also allows design studios more liberty in designing the vehicle in terms of being able to lengthen the hood and fenders and to position the front tires independently of the engine.

Front-wheel drive became popular in the Eighties because cars were becoming smaller and more fuel-efficient, and it allowed greater interior room. That was because designers could eliminate much of the space-hogging hump that ran from drivetrain to rear wheels in rear-wheel drive vehicles and because they typically mounted the engine cross-wise in front-wheel drive vehicles, allowing the windshield, doors and cabin to be shoved forward to maximize interior space.

Traditionally, there was better winter traction with front-wheel drive because the weight of the engine was directly over the driving wheels, optimizing the traction-enhancing effects of using the mass of the vehicle itself. That's what happens as well when you throw weight into the trunk of a rear-wheel drive vehicle to help get it out of a rut or a snowbank.

Four-wheel drive used to be a rarity, found only on trailblazing vehicles like the old American Motors Corp.'s Eagle model. But over the last 10 to 15 years, it has become an enormously popular design for powertrains because many sport-utility vehicles have incorporated it for its abilities to traverse muddy and other off-road terrain.

Today, traditional four-wheel drive largely has evolved into "all-wheel" drive. While four-wheel drive distributes power to all four wheels equally, in real time, enhancing its off-road appropriateness, all-wheel drive typically places the majority of power to one set of wheels—the rear, in most cases—and a minority of the power to the other wheels. They use a transfer case to



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divide power between the front and rear differentials and, often, sophisticated electronics to do so. All-wheel drive vehicles typically are designed to run in all-wheel-drive mode at all times over all surfaces.

By driving continuously on all four wheels, an all-wheel-drive system provides excellent cornering balance under all driving conditions, and it can then achieve better acceleration than can be achieved with either front-wheel or rear-wheel drive, especially when traction is limited.

A consumer might look at these options at first glance and say: Why wouldn't I get all-wheel drive? True—that reaction is why all-wheel-drive and four-wheel drive have become so popular in SUVs. The challenges, however, are that with more components, all-wheel-drive tends to be more expensive than front- or rear-wheel drive. And because the vehicle is hauling around more components, all-wheel systems get slightly less fuel economy than either front- or rear-wheel drive.

As for the Chrysler 300 and Dodge Magnum: The company says that technologies such as an electronic stability program and traction control have reached such sophistication in the last few years that the vehicles' rear-wheel-drive platforms will perform in rain and snow and ice nearly as well as front-wheel drive.

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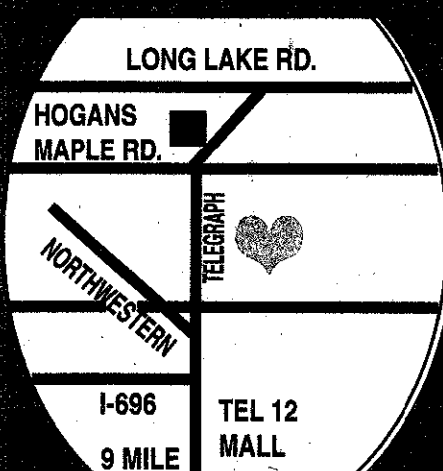
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Oil - Because winter weather exaggerates the effects of any harmful automotive situation, it's important that your oil/oil filter are changed according to your owner's manual. Many manuals refer to "severe service" driving. This is not necessarily a designation for semi trucks going on long hauls. In fact, this classification may include your car if it is subjected to stop and go driving or a number of short trips around town.

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Hoses and belts - Many new cars have several hoses but only one belt. This makes service an important issue. Ask your technician check these for any cracks or tears. Mushy feeling hoses need to be replaced. Check the owner's manual for a belt/hose replacement schedule. If you have lots of miles on your vehicle, you might want to do a complete changeover.



Wiper blades - Heat and the summer sun take their toll on windshield wipers. If your blades are cracking, chattering or smearing invest in new ones. Those designed to dislodge ice from the windshield can be especially helpful. Invest in an ice scraper, and keep your washer reservoir filled. This will ensure that you'll never have to peer through a grimy windshield.

Tires - Driving on worn tires is scary in any weather, especially winter. Make sure your tires are wearing evenly and that all treads are at least 1/16th of an inch in depth. Many motorists in cold climates replace all season tires with winter tires. These are designed with special compounds that grip ice and dispel water.

Too much air pressure reduces traction and handling; too little air also makes for poor handling and increases rolling resistance, which increases fuel usage. Keep tires inflated to owner's manual recommendations and check pressure monthly on "cool" tires. Don't forget to check the spare.

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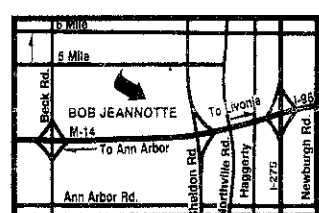
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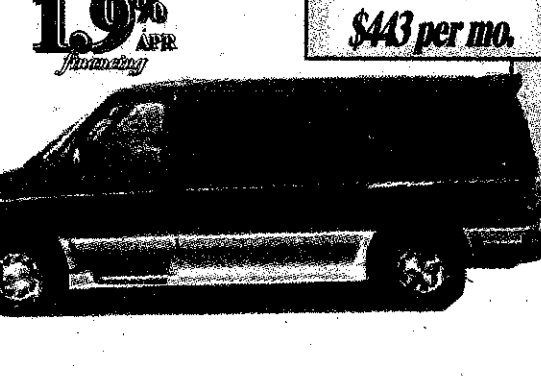
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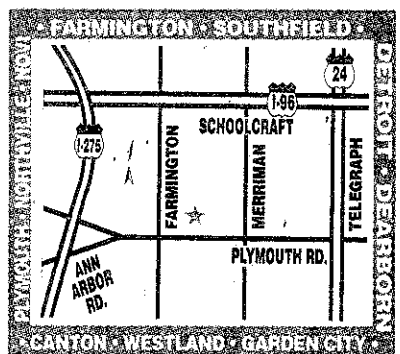
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