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Variety series

The first date in the annual winter variety series at the Summit is Saturday, Feb. 28, featuring an hour of family entertainment with "Magic With Gordon Russ." The event will be in the Chestnut Room 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Summit for \$3 per person. (100 Days to Health participants can purchase tickets for \$2).

Road Rally

The Canton **Thunderbirds Girls** Fastpitch Softball is organizing a Road Rally for Saturday, March 13. Tickets are \$25 per person and include clue solving fun, buffet dinner and soft drinks. prizes and music. Cash bar available. Entries are limited. Contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or look on their Web site at thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.



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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth commissioners voted in the late 1960s to shut down city wells and begin receiving water supplies from the Detroit Water Department, one of the major concerns was losing local control.

"At the time, many thought moving to the Detroit water system would mean we'd be at the mercy of Detroit," said City Manager Paul Sincock. "And, here we are, in 2004 ... '

Today, many of the 125 communities supplied by the Detroit Water Department feel they're being held hostage as water rate increases - some as high as 45 percent-are. expected to be approved by the Detroit City Council.

Canton Township has received a proposed 12.4 percent water rate increase from the Detroit Water Department. John Spencer, budget and water billing manager, said he's been to a number of engineering

meetings and believes the increase is reasonable.

"They have to improve the treatment plants to take care of terrorist issues, as well as modernize the plants," said Spencer. "Being a larger community, our peak demand factor is higher than some other communities."

In Plymouth's case, the proposed rate increase of 7 percent is much lower, but still under scrutiny by city officials.





Bentley diversity fest is next Friday

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Fixup expo

The popular Canton Home Improvement Expo is being held on Saturday, March 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 7, 2004 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Summit on the Park. The Expo will showcase display booths from local businesses to give homeowners tips and information on a wide range of home improvement and repair projects. Several thousand people attended

the two-day event last

year. The Parade of

Homes is also returning this year after a popular debut last year. Local builders will open their model homes to run concurrently with the Home Improvement Expo.

A special appearance will be made both afternoons by Murray Gula, host of the radio call-in show Home Improvement on WJR 760 AM.

The Expo is being hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Observer. For more information call Brenda Katulski of Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division at (734) 394-5200.

Touch of England

Michael Michaud, owner of Dartmoor, is with British native Jaye Haugh from his wait staff. The Plymouth pub has been open since May. For the story, see page A2.

Donation means a lot off the top

Abby Phillips went to some lengths - about 14 inches - to help a child cope with hair loss. Abby, an 11-year-old from Canton Township, had her blonde tresses cut off Thursday to donate to Locks of Love, a Florida-based charity that provides hairpieces for needy children who suffer from medical conditions that have led to baldness.

"It feels a lot lighter," Abby said at the Cardinal Barber Shop in Redford as stylist Siham Jasmund gave her a layered bob. "I hated blow-drying my hair because it takes, like, hours," Abby said. (Not hours, her mother, Carol, corrected her.)

Carol Phillips, who said the new cut made Abby look older, was obviously proud of her daughter.

"I heard about it and mentioned it to her, and as soon as I did, she was all over it," she said. Abby, her mother said, hadn't had more than a trim since the first grade. She's now in the sixth grade at Pioneer Middle School.

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Abby Phillips holds her cut hair as Siham Jasmund cleans up the ends.

Abby has two older brothers and a younger sister.

Abby said she's told schoolmates about her plans to donate her much-admired hair. "They said it was cool," she

said. A couple of her friends had already donated their hair, she

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"The need is so tremendous."

said Jasmund, who said she has perhaps three or four clients a year who donate their hair to Locks of Love. She showed off a lock of dark

hair, with gray in it, that she said she recently cut from a man in his 60s. She is sending that hair to Locks of Love along with Abby's.

Human hair is used in Locks of Love hair prosthetics, Jasmund said, because it looks more natural and is easier to manage than synthetic hair. The hairpieces are custom-made to fit recipients.

Jasmund attends NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township, where Abby's father, Nick, is a pastor.

Abby was getting compliments on her new look Thursday at Cardinal, and was starting to tally up the benefits of shorter hair - a lighter feel, less shampoo, less fuss.

"It'll be a whole lot easier to brush," her mother added.

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BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

Bentley Elementary School will host its annual diversity festival 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the school, 1100 S. Sheldon Road in Canton. The Bentley Cultural Diversity Festival has received statewide recognition. Mina Jaura, a native of India,

explained recently where the idea came from: "It all started four years ago when I attended a day-time hour-long celebration of the Martin Luther King Day at Bentley. I thought that there is something bigger that we need to do so we can encompass the larger diverse picture of the student body mix to learn and enjoy this rarity in our society.

"We know that in addition to excelling in education, sports and community events, our students should also be able to learn about cultural, racial and economic differences, sort of a first-hand 'touch and feel.' I recalled the annual day celebrations we used to have at school when I was growing up in India," she added.

Jaura had a chat with her husband and he gave her some ideas, too.

The festival began in 2002

as an evening where students, teachers and parents display cultural diversity in various forms.

"This is a homegrown event and it has expanded every year," Principal Jerry Meier said.

"It means about a month of intense work; the students have really been practicing for the entertainment."

The evening is broken into roughly three sections: first, entertainment with ethnic dancing, singing and native costume displays, and the Pledge of Allegiance and national anthem; second, classroom activities with a variety of displays; and third, food tasting from different cultures. Local merchants and restaurants participate by donating food.

Meier, in his fifth year as principal, guesses there are about 16 different ethnic groups in the 605-student population at Bentley.

As a way to thank the businesses and to honor the donors, an "Honor The Donors" list is prepared and posted on the school Web site.

"Personally, I have a passion for diversity and am a diversity ambassador, always trying to build the bridges of cultural awareness," Jaura said.

LOOKING AHEAD Untied knot?

Filter's Valentine's issue on next Thursday is dedicated to the world of singles.





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LOCAL NEWS

British native brings touch of **England to Plymouth restaurant**

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

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Michael Michaud wanted a restaurant that "promoted English pub culture" and he got it when he opened the walnutpaneled

Work is an Dartmoor eight months occasional series looking at local ago in downbusinesses. town Plymouth. The pub

was a labor of love; he and his father did all the remodeling of the old ice cream store (Cloverdale),

adding a long bar, and a big fireplace. Michaud's mother was British but he has lived in America all his life, the last five years in a home in downtown Plymouth.

And it was mostly serendipity that he added a genuine touch of England when he hired Canton resident Jaye Haugh last summer.

The way she tells it, Michaud heard her British accent and hired her on the spot as a waitress.

The way he tells it, it was her wonderful "British manners" that got her the job.

Either way, it's a matchup both seem to be enjoying. For the Canton mother of a little boy (Scott, age 2) and the wife of Irish native Dave Haugh, it's a great part-time job.

For Michaud it "brought us



Work **(a**)

Business: The Dartmoor Address: 447 Forest Ave. **Owners: Michael Michaud** Established: 2003 Principal products: British pub

Number of employees: 10

'Plymouth has totally exceeded my expectations,' Michael Michaud.

some professionalism. We needed her maturity and with her out front it has made my job much easier."

"Plymouth has totally exceeded my expectations," Michaud said. "The hometown restaurant is a dying breed but we beat corporate places with freshness and ingenuity. We are the polar opposite of chains."

The Dartmoor's head chef is from the Schoolcraft culinary arts program. Craig Pierson, a Plymouth resident and gradu-

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ate of Salem High School, has been with Michaud since they opened. "It's nice to have this home-

grown talent," Haugh said. "The food is so well presented. You taste with your eyes first. And I think we are finding our niche in Plymouth."

The Dartmoor features a variety of beers and ales (naturally) as well as four dozen or so wines. The menu lists classic British fare such as bangers and mash, and Sheperd's pie, as well as American dishes. Each night several supper specials are offered including Maple Raspberry Salmon and Dartmoor Mixed Grill.

"We have a lot regulars and they have their preferences. One Friday we had every table full and I took a count and about 40 percent were repeat customers we knew," Haugh said.

One of the events at the restaurant that Haugh has found interesting are wine dinners. Wine experts come in to speak and a variety of food and dinner specials are offered. "It's fun when we get complete novices at wine dinners," Haugh said.

Michaud explains that in England pubs are often "community centers for local culture. People all meet there. You knowthe owners and most times you'll see someone you know."

Both Michaud and Haugh love the big downtown events in Plymouth - Ice Spectacular, Art in the Park, Fall Festival - and use the venues to get the restaurants name out with fliers. Works from area artists hangs on the Dartmoor's walls.

For Michaud the restaurant is in a perfect place - one minute from home. As he tweaks the restaurant he also devotes time to remodeling his older Plymouth Union Street house where he lives with his wife and family.

The Dartmoor is open Tuesday through Thursday for

Detective: Murder suspect made conflicting statements

Murder defendant Leslie Gordon made conflicting statements about her involvement with a gunman who left a bloody trail of dead and wounded bodies last Sept. 11 at Neil's Party Store, a Westland police sergeant testified Friday.

Gordon, 24, initially told Sgt. David Heater that she was afraid of Michael Lamont Schofield, who murdered four men and injured two others before eventually killing himself with the same 9mm handgun.

On the way out of the store, Schofield shot and killed Kenneth Sherman Littlefield, 63, and his nephew Keith Gaddis, 44 - Canton men who happened to drive up in a truck.

One statement made by Gordon appeared to support defense attorney Marvin Barnett's claim that Gordon cooperated with Schofield because she feared for her own life inside the party store, on Newburgh north of Ford.

"I'm scared because I don't want him to shoot me," Heater said, reading from notes he took during an interview with Gordon. Describing her feelings as the massacre unfolded, Gordon told Heater, "I'm standing there praying he don't shoot me."

Contradicting herself, Gordon later gave a written statement admitting that she and Schofield, 30, intended to commit a robbery, Heater said. She admitted that they robbed a Novi party store before going to Neil's to commit another holdup, he said.

Gordon confessed to standing by the door, letting in customers who were gunned down, and then using a glove to wipe fingerprints from the door, Heater said.

Barnett pointed out a por-

and said, according to Heater's notes, "This man is crazy. He's going to kill me."

But Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Christine Kowal questioned why Gordon, if she feared Schofield, didn't escape while Schofield was away from a Novi hotel room they were sharing.

"If you're scared, why not leave?" Kowal asked in court.

Kowal also questioned why Gordon, if fearful of Schofield, admitted in her own statement that she handed him the 9mm gun when it fell on the floor of a Corvette in which they were fleeing from police after the massacre. Kowal raised the issue of why Gordon would put a gun in Schofield's hand, if she feared he might kill her.

Gordon's jury trial on multiple charges, including firstdegree murder, will continue Monday in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette Jurkewicz Berry. The Detroit defendant will face life in prison, if convicted as charged.

Gordon didn't fire any shots, but she is accused of serving as Schofield's lookout during the party store murders. Inside the store, Schofield shot and killed worker Feras Yousif, 29, of Oak Park and customer James Kuebler, 35, of Westland. He also wounded employee Conrad Hasper, 24, and customer Fuad Abuali, 29, both of Westland.

In court, Kuebler's mother, Linda Cantrell, held a small picture of her son and his wife. She initially had the photograph in a small, glass frame, but court security officers took the frame from her. Of her three sons, Cantrell said Kuebler was the middle child.

Comforted by her husband, John, Cantrell covered her

crime scene where her son was slain.

In other testimony, witness Sonya Funchez testified that she was riding with her sister. on the Southfield service drive just after Gordon and Schofield crashed.

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Although Barnett earlier indicated that Gordon fled from Schofield after the accident, Funchez testified that Gordon was running in the same direction.

Funchez said her sister's car hit Gordon when Gordon ran onto the service drive, but she said Gordon got up and continued running.

In her statement, Gordon wrote that she and Schofield separated briefly after the crash and then met up in a residential back vard, where Schofield shot himself dead. Although Barnett has indicated that Gordon was a virtual hostage of Schofield, authorities said Gordon didn't appear relieved when they arrived near the crash site.

"There was no sign of relief . like she was being held hostage or anything," said Michigan State Police Trooper Jack Taeff.

Meanwhile, Barnett accused Heater of initially failing to turn over certain statements made by Gordon, including her claim that she feared Schofield would kill her. Earlier, Barnett had accused Westland police of misrepresenting certain facts.

But Judge Berry told Barnett, "The Westland Police Department is not on trial here."

Barnett and Kowal have often clashed during the trial, which ended its first week, Friday.

Kowal told Berry at one point that Barnett "is out of control" due to his aggressive questioning of witnesses.

After Berry momentarily dismissed jurors, Barnett and insults, prompting the judge to threaten to jail them unless



A big crowd showed up for an after-school workshop to audition for the 60-member cast of '42nd Street.'

Park Players take on Broadway's best

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

It didn't take Kristen Quesada long

to start thinking big. Quesada, in just her second year as director of the Plymouth-Canton Schools' Park Players, puts on the biggest show in more than a decade when her Players hit the stage in the

annual spring musical next month. The Players will do 42nd Street, an ambitious production that features nearly 60 cast members and 10 sets, in a production scheduled to run March 25-27 in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

The show, one of Broadway's most decorated, is currently running in revival in New York, and Quesada thought the timing was right.

"It's a show I've always liked, they did it here about 14 years ago,' Quesada said. "It's running again on Broadway, so I thought it would be cool to do it again."

Cool perhaps, but it's also going to be a lot of work. Quesada, who has a strong dance background, looked for potential cast members who also had some dance experience. The parts she couldn't fill with dancers, she filled with students with strong voices and equally strong hearts.

In a play that features some 60 actors and "nine or 10" dance numbers, those were the important qualities.

"I'd say about half of the people cast have some prior dance knowledge from outside studios," Quesada said. "The other half have strong voices and have the heart and energy to learn. Between myself and my four dance captains, we're going to do our best to teach them the ropes and hope everything goes well."



Alison Sarsfield helps lead the dancers. The Park Players' spring production features some 10 dance numbers.

a bit early yet to tell how it's going. Quesada cast the four leads, choosing senior Courtney Gromacki to play dancer Peggy Sawyer; senior Joe Drake to play Billy Lawler, the play's romantic lead; junior Ashleigh Rotondo as Dorothy Brock, the leading lady the director thinks is "over the hill;" and junior Nathan Gardner to play Julian Marsh, the director hoping to put on a smash hit.

Gromacki, 17, has taken tap since she was 5, and was a Hot Box girl in last year's Players' production of Guys and Dolls. She had no lines in that play, and so must make the adjustment to a huge speaking part this year.

"I'm gonna have to be involved and get inside my character and really portray her," Gromacki said. "You have to understand your character. I never thought I could be the lead in a Broadway show, and that's how Peggy



HEATER

Joe Kowaleski and Keith Brown were ready to dance at an audition for the upcoming student production.

feels, too, so I think it'll be easy for me to portray Peggy."

While the actors, especially the ones who aren't as well-versed in dance, will have their hurdles, the biggest challenge will come for the crew of set designers, who have to



come up with nearly three times the normal number of sets in a musical, including a pair of two-story sets and one three-story set.

Paul Bird has been the technical director for seven years, and next month's production is the largest put on by the Players in his tenure.

"They're all challenges, but this one is going to be just a bit more of a challenge because of the size," Bird said. "You never have time, so you make do with the time you have. The kids are great kids who do quality work, so I have no qualms about it at all. I know what the kids are capable of doing."

11 years, feels the same way.

"The most challenging part is teaching the people who have never tapped before and putting them on stage with experienced dancers and trying to match the level so they look the same," Quesada said. "But it can be done. We're going to have to work constantly, bring 'em in over winter break, add some Friday rehearsals. We'll do whatever it takes to make it good."

42nd Street hits the stage with 8 p.m. performances March 25-27, with a 2 p.m. matinee

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"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

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B Charles E. Brook, 92, of East Lansing, died Feb. 3. F Donald J. Fournier of Westland, died Feb. 4. H Karl A. Hamilton, 53, of

Farmington Hills, died Feb. 2. K Virginia K. Kliza of

Redford, died Feb. 3. 0

Lucille Orlewicz, 81, of Canton, died Feb. 1.

Josephine K. Vukicevich of Plymouth, died Feb. 3.

Angela M. Wilson, 77, of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 31.

DEAN'S LIST

The following students from Canton have earned a spot on the fall semester Dean's List at Schoolcraft College: Lori Michelle Aitken, Denise June Alcodray,

George Frysinger, Lance

Patrick Fuchs, Leesa Jill

Elizabeth Ann Gierada.

Gaydos, Amie Lynn Geisler,

Victoria Jane Giesler, Prabhjot

Gill, Lisa Ann Gillis, Elizabeth

Aimee Gale Hamlin, Lawrence

Ann Graham, Eric W. Grewe,

Carter Henkel, Amy Marie

Herberholz, Nicole A. Hlady,

Amy Marie Holmes, Timothy

Robert Hope, Gurleen Kaur

Hora, Stacey A. Humphrey,

Patricia Ann Hursin, Carrie

Lynn Irwin, Christina Lou

Jacobi, Kimberly Marie

Deborah Kay Allen, Jessica Mayra Arenas, Sophia Ashraf, Stephanie Elaine Baker, Daran Daniel Baloga, Sarah Elizabeth Bammel, Kyle Stephen Bansberg, Frances Andrea Barbero, Elizabeth Louise Barnes.

And Kristin Jean Bence, Bhawanjit K. Benipal, Jayna Ruth Berger, Marcia Marie Bessey, Dhatri Bhatt,Canton Nirav Vinodrai Bhavsar,

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Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

Road update lists plans for spring

The following is an update on various road construction projects currently taking place in the Canton community, as well as an update on locations of resurfacing road projects.

Saltz Road paving (Canton Center to Beck): Construction to occur in the spring of 2004. Detroit Edison has relocated utility poles and are awaiting relocation of telephone and cable lines.

Saltz Road paving (Beck to Ridge): Construction to occur in the spring of 2004.

Lotz Road paving (between Ford and Warren): Project to start in the spring of 2004. The portion of the water main on the east side of Lotz Road will be relocated before the road is constructed.

Lotz Road (Michigan Avenue, south 1,500 feet) -Construction of the paving and drainage improvements to occur in the spring of 2004.

Michigan Avenue (Belleville to Denton): Construction to begin in April 2004. Detroit Edison is relocating utility poles to the south side of Michigan Avenue before construction begins. New concrete pavement will be placed for the reconstruction.

Warren Road (Canton Center to Morton Taylor): The road will be widened to five lanes and cross-section will be 10-inch non-reinforced concrete pavement. Construction is scheduled for summer 2004.

Cherry Hill Road and N. Ridge Road: Construction for paving and drainage improvements will begin in the spring 2004.

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Mast arms to be placed at the intersections of Cherry Hill Road and Denton Road, Cherry Hill Road and N. Ridge Road, and Cherry Hill Road and S. Ridge Road.

Denton Road Extension (N. Cherry Hill Road): Construction for the future extension of Denton Road to begin in the spring 2004.

COUNTY WORK

Resurfacing projects by Wayne County during construction season:

■ Canton Center Road: 0.04 miles N/Geddes to 1.07 miles N/Geddes.

Cherry Hill Road: Beck to 0.95 miles E/Beck (widening for Dodson school buses).

■ Sheldon Road: Canton Center to Sheldon.

■ Sheldon Road: Ford to 0.27 miles N/Ford.

■ Palmer Road: 0.05 mi. E/Canton Center to 0.40

E./Morton Taylor.

■ Ridge Road: County Line to Cherry Hill.

For up-to-date project information and detour maps, or for most projects, call 734-595-ROAD or call Canton Public Works. Residents may also check out Canton's Web site at www.canton-mi.org.

For more information about project development in Canton, call Canton Planning Services at 734 394-5170. Questions about infrastructure improvements and new subdivision construction should be directed to Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150.

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Phase one of Canton's new

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"I still have some significant

Supervisor Steve Mann, whose community is expected to receive one of the lower water rate increases at 2.3 percent, said that despite two consecutive years of low rate increases he's not completely satisfied.

intensive studies on how Detroit sets rates, and some studies," said Mann. "So far, Detroit is hesitant to take up those recommendations."

pumps an average 500 million gallons a day to its customers, making it the third largest system in the country.

"For the third year in a row we have not increased our

Plymouth Township

Mann also said Plymouth

munities say they'll compile costs of water, sewerage, distribution, administration and ects-such as new water mains - to come up with a total water and sewerage cost



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Manufacturers worry about job losses

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Michael Aznavorian, owner of Clips & **Clamps Industries in Plymouth Township's** Metro West Industrial Park, said the loss of manufacturing jobs has forced his plant to struggle for the past three years.

"In fact, we haven't made any money over the three year period," said Aznavorian. "We're hanging on. We see a little brightness coming in 2004, only because we're getting a little business; not that we're getting higher prices for our product.

Aznavorian said he tries to do the right things as a businessman, but he wishes consumers would stop looking at the low prices of goods dumped into the U.S. from abroad and learn to Buy American.

"There are responsibilities of corporations to their communities," said Aznavorian. "And, there's responsibilities of consumers. They keep buying those goods with the little label that says 'Made in China.'

"One day, we're not going to have any jobs here, and there's not going to be any income or taxation ... no income to buy things," he said.

Aznavorian employs 60 people at his 50year-old business. He hasn't laid off anyone, yet.

"I probably should have, but I didn't because they are my family," said Aznavorian. "I can't lay them off. How are they going to make it?"

Aznavorian was one of nearly 60 people who attended an afternoon-long Manufacturing Summit sponsored by Rep.

John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) last Friday.

Stewart also represents the eastern part of Canton.

What Stewart heard was bad news

- with some solutions suggested - about the hundreds of thousands of manufactur-

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Plymouth Housing Commission is seeking conceptual proposals for

an office expansion. Work consists of architectural, structural,

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many factors including but not limited to qualifications, knowledge of federal reporting guidelines, construction experience, and knowledge of local codes. Design proposals to include preliminary conceptual prints, costs for providing construction drawings and

construction inspection. Tours of the proposed project can be made by calling 734-455-3670 ext. 222 or 226. Proposals to be submitted

to Plymouth Housing Commission, 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, MI 48170 no later than EOBD Friday, March 26, 2004.



Phil Power, publisher of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers as well as others, spoke at the summit in Plymouth.

ing jobs lost in Michigan as a result of the economic downturn, and companies who are sending jobs to places like China and Mexico.

David Martin, senior vice president of Comerica Bank, said he's traveled to some border towns in Mexico, which are looking more and more like "Main Street corporate America."

"Every Fortune 500 company in the United States has major representation in these cities; who have literally explored millions and millions of manufacturing jobs across the border, where the wage rate is roughly \$1.50 an hour," said Martin. "Those jobs won't come back ... they're gone for good."

Wes Smith, president of E&E Manufacturing, one of Plymouth's largest employers and taxpayers, said while manufacturing is the engine of economic growth, there are a number of factors that are con-

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tributing to manufacturing job losses.

"Regulatory (mandates) cost manufacturing roughly \$8,000 per employee; rising healthcare costs is an epidemic hitting all segments of the economy; and rising energy prices ... " said Smith. "There is no incentive for research and development in the U.S, which is being outsourced to lowcost foreign countries.

"The Japanese and Chinese are holding more than a trillion dollars of our money to manipulate the currency ... to keep our currency strong against there's," he said.

The chairman of HomeTown Communications, Phil Power, said the playing global trade playing field needs to be leveled.

"We need to change the playing field that global corporations are now free to exploit," said Power. "We have to do that seriously, powerfully and more radically than less." tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459-2700

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Gotta have heart

Detroit Red Wings scout Craig Channel addressed the Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week. Channel also coaches at the Arctic Edge, where the luncheon was held. What does he look for when he's scouting players? 'Courage and determination,' he said. And pointing at his heart he added, 'You have to play from here.'

Canton officer part of unity event

Officer Andrew Curry will represent the Canton Police Department in the annual Police Unity Tour. The bicycle tour will be held in May 2004, coinciding with Police Week. The tour is the single largest supporter of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

The Police Unity Tour was first organized in 1997 and has grown from 18 members in New Jersey to more than 450 members in 11 states. Each year, these officers ride bicycles from the New York/New Jersey area to the Memorial in Washington, D.C., to raise awareness and

financial support for the NLEOM.

In an effort to honor Officer Lew Stevens, who was killed in the line of duty last year, the Canton Police Department has agreed to provide Curry with the use of a department bicycle and equipment and the required uniform. Curry must raise \$1,500 in sponsorship dollars prior to the ride. He is currently seeking donations.

For tax deduction information contact Police Unity Tour Inc., P.O. Box 528, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Phone: (973) 443-0030 or fax: (973) 443-0808.

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A city's 'czar' stays firmly in total control - for now

ast week, as politicians seeking the presidency crisscrossed Michigan, Lou Schimmel, who has more power in a smaller space than any of them ever will, paused to look forward to the day he could give up his.

Nearly four years ago, he was named Emergency Financial Manager of perennially fiscally troubled Hamtramck, a tiny city long famous as a Polish cultural



Jack Lessenberry

ets curse his name in city bars. So do the politicians – though most will admit that the place was a fiscal mess, and bringing an economic dictator then was, damn it, probably necessary. But that was the fault of all those other guys, they add, and it is high time the man they call "Oscar Schimmel" was sent packing.

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Nothing doing, says their emergency financial manager. Not yet. "The fact is that I would be happy to finish this task. I am planning on being out of here by the end of the year. But my first condition is that the mayor and the council and the unions independently adopt a balanced budget – and show good faith that they'll live up to it."

That has been the problem for a long time.

Time was when you could spend a lifetime in Hamtramck and never need a word of English. John Paul II came here, as have acres of presidential hopefuls courting the national Polish vote. Hamtramckans were solid people who crowded into tiny frame houses and mostly worked at the huge Dodge Main auto factory.

They kept the streets tidy and paid their bills. But the city

often didn't. Squabbling politicians who couldn't get along or balance a budget have been as much a part of Hamtramck's history as the enormous jelly doughnuts called paczki. Scandals were common in the

Scandals were common in the old days; and at least one mayor was trundled off to jail. But in the old days, there was always lots of tax revenue from Dodge Main and prosperous auto workers. But the great plant closed in 1980, and the city's fortunes have been drifting, mostly downward, ever since. Four years ago, things came to a head.

Michigan cities are required by law to balance their budgets. Despite the national prosperity, Hamtramck – which has 23,000 people, less than half its population in its "glory days" – was running a \$2.9 million deficit.

Exasperated, the state, after repeated warnings, took over the city. Now 66, Schimmel, who had absolutely no ties to Hamtramck, was starting to ease out of the public bond business when he got a call. Would he consider becoming what amounted to the czar of Hamtramck, with total financial powers? That was on a Wednesday night.

"They wanted me to start Friday. That may have been crazy, but I love a challenge." So he did. The place where his tidy office is today was a derelict room in a long-abandoned hospital turned city hall, littered with what pigeons produce.

He took immediate control. "Yes, I fired people, I eliminated positions. We had early retirements. I had to get the place's financial house in order."

On the streets and in the tough union bars, he became the most hated man on the planet. Noticing he had a Germansounding name, there were the inevitable Nazi jokes. Yet the garbage was getting picked up again.

Gary Zych, then the mayor, was a particular foe. He was essentially disenfranchised, as were the five city councilmen. For some months the EFM stopped paying their salaries. They battled him tooth and nail, but he had the power and the purse. Campaigning largely against Schimmel, Zych was reelected – by five votes – in 2002. But last November, he lost to a tavern owner, Tom Jankowski, who pledged to try for better relations with Schimmel "since he is going to be leaving."

Or maybe not. The EFM, never one to mince words, says the new mayor is a vast improvement over the old one. But the problem, as he sees it, is not personality, but form of government. The city has long had a weak mayor and no city manager, and consequently, nobody has overall responsibility.

"What Hamtramck needs is either a strong mayor or a city manager." Last fall, a new city charter that would have provided for a city manager form of government was offered to the voters. It was denounced by most of the usual politicians, and lost 55-45.

The city can try to pass the charter again. If voters do, Lou Schimmel would likely gratefully turn over the keys and go home. Last year, a new governor took office in Lansing, and some discreet inquiries were made as to whether he was about ready to declare his task done. "I can quit tomorrow," he offered.

"And they said, well, uh, no, that's not what we had in mind ...," he laughed. The state backed down. His department heads quickly got wind of that, however.

They promptly presented him with a certificate, which now proudly hangs in his conference room.

"We, the loyal few, do hereby attest that tyranny, wickedness and insolvency still reign upon the land. Let all men know, by affixing our signatures below, we freely and knowingly resolve to support our EFM in his quest to vanquish evil." He may have hired them, but at least a few Hamtramckans don't hate the boss.

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Report cards may be helpful, but don't tell whole story

ome wags call the No Child Left Behind plan No Schools Left

Standing. They argue that the remedies hurt schools that are already at a disadvantage. They also argue that funding is inadequate to provide the remedies recommended. Some conservatives are

scratching their heads over how a conservative Republican president could have instituted such a centralplanning, federally controlled

system. Some liberals are wondering what his real scheme might be. This week

Michigan released its first annual

Gallagher report cards for schools, a part of the state's

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Education Yes! program in compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind act. Some of the state's best high schools failed to meet AYP (for those who haven't been paying attention that's adequate yearly progress). The reason they failed to make AYP is because many of their students opt out of taking the MEAP, which isn't mandatory. To make AYP a school has to show 95 percent of students took the MEAP.

Among those schools are Plymouth Salem and Canton, Birmingham Groves and Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills Andover and Lahser. Of course, those schools and their highly motivated students did great on all other criteria and the sum ends up being far less than the parts.

Reaction to the report cards has been less than enthusiastic, though educators allow that the report cards are "one" and only "one" measure that parents can look at to evaluate the quality of a particular school or system. One area educator said the report card might have more importance for a family thinking about moving to a particular community.

But the report cards for our school systems might just be as questionable as the report cards students receive, because they don't take into consideration enough factors and don't weigh differences adequately. For years, schools have struggled to perfect a report card that fully evaluates a student's growth, potential and special qualities. It might also take years to develop a report card that can properly evaluate our schools and provide for proper remedy.

Jay Young, director of communications for the Livonia Public Schools, says educating children is too complicated to reduce everything to a letter grade.

"It is frustrating to deal with such an arbitrary indicator of school success, especially given the lack of good, timely data from the state," Young said in an interview in Thursday's *Livonia Observer.* "As a result, the validity of the state report card is questionable."

The old computer term GIGO, garbage in-garbage out, might apply here. When districts received the report cards last fall, several districts appealed because of errors which delayed public release of the grades until last week.

Livonia actually did very well in the report cards, but Young stresses that what goes on the school buildings every day is more important than a letter grade from the state.

"We are heavily involved with and remain focused on our school improvement processes and strategies. They are much more comprehensive, timely and meaningful for our staff and students," Young said.

This might be a case of a program with a strong potential for good that has a long way to go.

Educators and parents have been frustrated for years about the quality of our public school systems. Public schools have become a target for some politicians, many with an agenda to move more students, into private education.

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In the late 1950s, Americans woke up one morning to find that the Soviet Union had sent a satellite into orbit and began to question whether our children were receiving an education that could compete with an accomplishment like that.

In the 1980s, America was confronted with strong competition for business supremacy from Japan. Story after story began to appear about the superiority of Japanese schools and about how Japanese students practically never slept as they were so focused on academic achievement.

Columnists ruminate regularly about the pitiful state of public education.

Some of our schools are in trouble, many of them in our most economically distressed areas – big cities and rural communities. And some might question the rigor of our school curricula even in our better suburban schools.

But it seems a growing number of young people are finding their way into universities (if they can scrape up the money somehow) and are continuing to achieve higher levels of education than their parents. Most of our public schools are turning out students who're literate, computer savy, technically aware.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union doesn't exist anymore and Japan has been going through a 10-year economic slump.

We do need to work hard on improving *truly* failing schools and the underlying social conditions that make them failing schools.

And our local educators need to continue doing the generally outstanding job they do under sometimes trying circumstances.

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PCA star signs Rachel Rudzis, an all-

Michigan Independent **Athletic Conference** keeper at Plymouth Christian Academy and a Canton resident, has signed a national letter of intent to attend and



play soccer at Indiana State University.

A senior at PCA, Rudzis has been part of the **Olympic Development** Program state team since 1999 and made the ODP regional pool in 2000.

Her club team, the Michigan Hawks, won back-to-back Michigan State Cup championships the last two years, and Rudzis was the MVP keeper both times.

She was all-conference in 2001 and 2002 and was third team all-state in 2002.

"Rachel is a goalkeeper who has found success at all levels of her playing career, high school, club and ODP," said ISU coach Vernon Croft. "She is a very athletic goalkeeper who is more than capable



Jordan Napier (left) collected 16 points and 10 rebounds for Canton Agape in its win over Plymouth Christian Friday. Daniel Carty had eight points for PCA.

Agape adjusts, **bounces PCA** Poor shooting dooms Eagles

With the first quarter just past the halfway mark, **Plymouth Christian Academy** basketball coach Doug Taylor saw something he didn't like and called time out, his team trailing archrival Canton Agape Christian, 9-4. A half-dozen seconds after the timeout, PCA's Daniel Carty swiped the ball from Agape and dribbled in for an easy layup to make it a three-point game.

It was to be the Eagles last highlight of the half. Agape, embarrassed 67-58 on its homecourt by PCA in the two teams' first meeting Jan. 16, returned the favor by taking advantage of - and causing some - PCA shooting woes in a 54-40 victory Friday at PCA.

The Wolverines improve to 10-3 overall, 3-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. PCA is 7-6 overall, 3-3 in the MIAC.

"Our kids were really focused," said Agape coach Chuck Henry. "Maybe after losing at Discovery (Middle School, Agape's home court) we had a psychological advantage. But I was surprised we jumped 'em and got that big of a lead."

Certainly some of the things the Wolverines did differently this time around made a difference in the outcome, but PCA didn't help itself. After Carty's basket with 3:33 left in the first quarter, the Eagles missed sixstraight shots. By the time they got their next basket, by Aaron Ciborowski with 5:36 left in the second quarter, Agape was already up 24-9. PCA would go another 3:18 without a point.

When halftime mercifully (for the Eagles) arrived, the gap had grown to 20 points, 35-15. PCA would either have to make every shot in the second half or play perfect defense to catch the Wolverines – or both.

As it turned out, the Eagles could do neither. They played good defense in the third quar-

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Wolverine comeback catches Eagles

One game into Thursday's match at Plymouth Christian Academy, it looked like a repeat of the first meeting Canton Agape Christian's volleyball team had against its nemesis.

That one ended with a PCA win on Agape's home court (Discovery Middle School). The Eagles' 15-7 win in Thursday's first set didn't indicate anything substantial had changed.

But it had. The Wolverines rallied, edging PCA in the next two games 15-12, 15-13 to take the match. Agape improved to 5-9 overall, 2-5 in

the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. The Eagles are 10-9-1 overall, 4-2 in the MIAC.

VOLLEYBALL

played a great defensive game. She was our backbone."

Armbrester finished with five digs, two kills and a service ace. A.J. Creps had 11 kills, Ashley Paul got five kills, Emily Tong totaled 17 set assists, and Danielle Mosier finished with five aces and nine digs.

Agape plays at Deerfield Monday. PCA travels to Southfield Christian.

Canton clubs Western

This match had none of the suspense of last Monday's Western Lak Activities Association match against Wayne Memorial. Canton had to rally from a 14-3 deficit in the second set to

get a win over Wayne.

Against Walled Lake Western Wednesday at Canton, the Chiefs were methodically efficient, dispensing with the Warriors 15-6, 15-8.

The victory improved Canton's record to 15-10-4 overall, 3-1 in the WLAA, 1-0 in the Western Division. Western is 1-3 in the WLAA, 0-1 in the Western Division.

Katie Esper led the Chiefs' attack with six kills; she also had four blocks and two digs.

Other Canton standouts were Kristen Lillie with 12 set assists and six digs, Heather Richardson with 10 digs and five set assists and Andrea Johnson with three service aces, three digs and two

Canton jolts Franklin; CC wins, 6-1

Records meant nothing as Canton upset host Livonia Franklin 4-2 Wednesday in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division hockey encounter at Edgar Arena.

The Chiefs improved to 4-11-1 overall, 1-3 in the division with the victory. Franklin is 11-5-2 overall, 2-2 in the division.

Franklin, playing its fourth game in eight days and missing three players, couldn't overcome a 3-0 deficit after two periods. Franklin beat Canton in a Dec. 12 meeting, 8-3.

competing for the starting role on our team this fall."

Cheer champs The Plymouth HS junior

varsity cheerleaders came in first place at the Wolverine Regional Cheer Competition recently.

It was the first competition for the newlyformed squad, which had to overcome injuries and an adjusted routine just 48 hours before the event.

The win earned the Wildcat cheerleaders a bid to the National Cheer Competition in Orlando, Fla.

Team members are Ashley Altman, Alie Bates, Jenna Beauchamp, Adrianne Bielak, Carrie Brooks, Samantha Esper, Kalee Fox, Laura Freitag, Beth Gutowski, Katie Hale, Molly Howard, Amanda Kanaan, Samantha Panek, Brittany Petty, Chelsey Pickard, **Courtney Pickard, Allison** Poremba, Amy Quiambao, Alie Saker, Laura Tremonti, Amanda Waite, Breana Wallace and Emily Zelenak. The team is coached by Alisha Cieslak.

Gymnasts win

The Plymouth HS gymnastics team got a dualmeet win Wednesday, beating visiting Berkley 126.9-119.95.

The top all-around score went to the Bears' Gabby Mayes, who scored a 33.75.

Next best were two Wildcats: Amy Quiambao was second for Plymouth with a 32.85 and **Courtney Pickard was** third with a 30.25.

Plymouth clashes with Salem at 7 p.m. Monday.

It was a very, very good comeback,' said Agape coach Gretchen Sexton, singling out in particular the performance turned in by Tarah Armbrester. "She

kills.

Canton hosts Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. Monday.

Letizia's goal lifts Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers withstood a wild third-period comeback by the Erie Otters, then got the game-winning goal from Tim Letizia with just six seconds left in overtime to gain a 5-4 victory Friday in Erie.

The Whalers improved to 23-18-9-3 (58 points), solidifying their position in second place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. For Erie, it was its third-straight loss, leaving the Otters at 23-18-6-4 (56 points), fourth in the OHL's Midwest Division.

Plymouth got off to a fast start, getting first-period goals from Vaclav Meidl (from Jonas Fiedler and John Mitchell) and Tim Sestito (from Fiedler and Rane Carnegie), the latter coming on the power play. Erie's Rob Hisey narrowed the gap to 2-1 with a second-period score, then tied it with a power-play goal 1:38 into the third period.

The Otters got their first lead at the 3:33 mark of the third period, Geoff Platt getting the goal to make it 3-2.

But the fireworks were just beginning. The Whalers had an answer, getting two goals in a 38-second span to retake the lead, 4-3. John Vigilante got the first on the power play, with assists from Ryan Ramsay and Mike Knight; the second came from Brent Mahon, from Carnegie and Sestito. Mahon's goal came with 8:50 left in regulation. With just :04 on the clock, Ryan O'Marra knocked in a shot for Erie to knot it at 4-all and force overtime.

Which set the stage for Letizia's OT heroics with :06 left. Carnegie got his third assist of the game on the game-winner, and Mitchell got his second. Fiedler also had two assists.

Hisey finished with two goals and an assist for Erie. Sean O'Connor had two assists. Paul Drew stopped 22 of 26 shots on goal for the Whalers. Jhase Snidermar and Josh Disher divided time in goal for the Otters. Erie was 1-of-9 on the power play; Plymouth was 2-of-5.



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Mike Letizia got the game-winning goal with just six seconds left in overtime to lift the Whalers to a 5-4 win over Erie Friday.

First-half barrage boosts SC women to win

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team got it going early Wednesday at Alpena CC's Park Arena, and the Ocelots never let up in posting a 68-43 victory. SC improved to 15-6 overall, 9-2 in the MCCAA's Eastern Conference. Alpena is

4-15 overall, 2-9 in the conference. Shooting was the difference. The

Ocelots connected on 15-of-34 first-half shots (44.1 percent) compared to the Lumberjacks' 8-of-32 (25 percent) - one reason SC led 33-19 at the intermission.

Alpena wasn't much better in the second half; for the game, the Lumberjacks hit 16-of-60 (26.6 percent), SC was 29-of-70 (41.4 percent). It wasn't any different from the free-throw line: SC was 8-of-12 (66.7 percent), Alpena hit 6-of-19 (31.5 percent). Six Ocelots scored nine or more points. Only two Lumberjacks managed that, and their top scorer, Megan

VanSchoten (16 points on 6-of-13 shooting, plus 10 rebounds and two blocked shots) fouled out.

Amantha Combs topped SC with 16 points (7-of-8 from the floor) and eight rebounds. Ashley Gibson and Tara Charles (from Redford Bishop Borgess) scored 11 points apiece, Gibson dishing out eight assists and Charles grabbing eight boards and making two steals.

Sara Tyree (Westland John Glenn) added 10 points and two blocks; Tiffani Pattillo totaled nine points, seven

rebounds, five steals and four assists; and Crystal Pittman had nine points and five boards. Joni Ames added 15 points for Alpena.

Aquinas 70, Madonna 57: Aquinas didn't exactly light it up against visiting Madonna Wednesday in Grand Rapids, but the Saints were more accurate than

the Crusaders. Aquinas took advantage of Madonna's 9-of-37 first-half floor shooting (27.8 percent) to open up a 36-26 halftime lead. The Saints never let it get away, improving to 12-13 overall, 4-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Madonna fell to 9-15 overall, 5-3 in the WHAC.

Two Crusaders reached double figures in scoring: Marwa Ayoub and Havley Myers each scored 11 points, Ayoub also grabbing nine rebounds, three steals, two blocks and two assists. Jackie Pingston added eight points and three assists.

Aquinas was paced by Kim Pomeroy with 13 points and 10 rebounds; Jackie Braspenninx with 12 points, 10 rebounds and nine blocked shots; and Cassie Chan with 10 points, three assists and two steals. Leslie Hoffman chipped in with nine points.

HOCKEY

"Canton's team is much improved," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "They played great hockey and they were the better team. They weren't the same team we faced the first time. They outplayed us the entire night. They beat us to the puck."

Matt Oliver gave Canton a 1-0 lead on an assist from Mike Stewart at the 0:47 mark of the first period.

Garrett Hyman made it 2-0 on a power-play goal from Stewart and Nick Leadford at 4:51 of the second period. Leadford, who is Jobbitt's nephew, scored at 6:24 of the same period from Stewart and Kyle Tollison,

"We were just better prepared," said Canton coach Jim Wheaton. "We've been improving as a team. It was just a matter of time before we started winning again.

"Before we couldn't seem to put it all together. We were finally able to play three strong periods. Now we want to build on it and get ready for the (state) playoffs.'

Franklin got on the board at 5:28 of the final period – Matt Sgriccia from Dave McCall and Brad Garbutt. But Canton iced the victory on Kevin Tollison's goal at the 6:00 mark from Hvman.

McCall scored with 2:33 left from D.J. Tracy and Keith Robert.

Canton goaltender Chris Garrett made 28 saves, while Franklin's Sam Burrows stopped 18 shots.

CC 6, Trenton 1: Trenton scored first, but Redford Catholic Central got the next six as the Shamrocks got the win Wednesday night against the host Trojans at Kennedy Ice Arena.

"We played a really good game," said CC coach Todd Johnson as his team improved to 9-6-3 overall. "Our one line of Drew Kahle, Dan Barczuk and Derek New got the puck into the net, but our other three lines were solid as well

"I think our guys are starting to realize that we're a good team when we work hard and move our feet."

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LOCAL SPORTS

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Tournament not likely to visit Detroit

recently published article reported that the Detroit Metro Sports Commission was attempting to land the Women's International Bowling Congress 2008 national convention and cham-



Super Bowl Lanes in Canton was one of five local area bowling centers bidding for the tournament.

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of entrants during that timespan resulting -in a significant boost for the -local economy, typically 180,000 bowlers plus guests.

The decision will be made at the WIBC annual convention this May in Wichita, Kan.

The chosen city expects to have an impact on its local economy to the tune of more than \$22 million. In addition to Super Bowl in Canton, other area bowling centers interested in bidding include Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Taylor Lanes and Skore Lanes in Taylor.

Do not get your hopes up for this to happen. In fact, it is very unlikely to go to the Detroit area at all.

A few years ago Detroit put in a very serious bid, aided by the Detroit Visitors and Convention Bureau. They created a very impressive videotaped program showing the

The Canton Soccer Club is

www.cantonsoccerclub.com or

at the club office, located at

currently accepting registra-

tions for the spring season.

Registration forms may be

obtained either on-line at

finer points of our metropolitan area including Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum, along with the three casinos.

They also pitched area shopping malls, great hotel accommodations, our neighbor to the south. Windsor, Ontario, a revitalized downtown, including the Fox Theatre, Comerica Park, Cobo Hall, etc.

The bid was presented at the WIBC convention, only to fall a distant second to Tulsa, Okla.

Hey, what happened there? Detroit is definitely the bowling capital of the world, boasting more centers, more lanes and the largest concentration of bowlers anywhere on earth. Tulsa, Okla.?

C'mon. How can there even be any comparison between these two cities? Therein lies the rub. People in other parts of the country have a very negative perception of this city. We supposedly have a higher crime rate than most other places. Even though much has been accomplished, the nationwide public image for Detroit remains poor.

If you travel, you know exactly what I mean.

This may all be a moot point, however, as this year's American Bowling Congress and WIBC conventions will probably both vote to merge the two into a single organization. It is most likely to pass this year.

It is undecided, at this stage, how the national conventions and tournaments will be structured in the future, and if a merger will take place.

It remains to be seen whether the new Single Membership Organization, with all factions voting as one,

could alter the vote regarding the national convention and tournament.

The 101st annual Michigan State Bowling Tournament is under way in nearby Monroe. It is a 16-week run from start to finish, now at the quarter pole, coming into the fourth week of statewide competition.

Rather than going through all the event leaders in each category, you will see those that are among the leaders from our own and neighboring cities.

These are the early leaders with 13 weeks remaining:

In the Team Actual, Gold Crown Pro Shop No. 2 of Waterford currently holds down third place with 3,259. For Team Handicap, Larke Wood Floors of Royal Oak is in first place with 3,534, while Larke Wood Floors team No. 2 is in fourth spot with 3,501. Fifth place is held by Gold Crown Pro Shop No. 2 with 2.494.

In Doubles Actual, Clint Berryman and Bob McDonald of Oak Park are in third place with 1,381. Michelle Berryman of Ypsilanti has a nice 748 in Singles Actual, giving her possession of second place.

Clint Berryman is currently in fifth place for the All-Events Scratch with 2,051.

There will be updates as the tournament progresses and more of our local bowlers hit it big on the lanes.

The Wayne-Westland Metro Bowling Association and Tri-City Women's Bowling Association are in the midst of their 32nd annual Mixed Doubles Tournament, going on this weekend and next week-

end with squads filling up the lanes at Wayne Bowl on Michigan Avenue.

There are two squads on Saturday and at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. today, which leaves some time for last minute entries (if space is available), as well as for bowling enthusiasts to come on down and watch. For more information, call

Elizabeth Campbell at (734) 721-1759.

The Western Wayne Men's Bowling Association is also conducting its traditional 700 Tournament, which has already staged all of its qualifying rounds at Super Bowl, located on Ford Road, in Canton.

The semifinals will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. The field will then be pared down to the final five players at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. To be eligible, a bowler must

have rolled a sanctioned 700 series at some point in their bowling career. First place pays off a nice

prize of \$1,500, followed by \$750 for second, \$400 for third place, \$350 for fourth, \$300 for fifth and \$200 to the sixth place finisher.

Random thought: How about Super Bowl coming up with a special bowling event to tie-in with the 2006 Super Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit?

It would make a nice cross promotion, to have a Super Bowl event for football fans to bowl for prize money during the Super Bowl.

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WRESTLING RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 41 SALEM 28

Feb. 5 at Salem 103 pounds: Brandon Nikula (WJG) pinned Jeremy Stanietwitz, 4:29: 112: Rowdy Glasgow (WJG) won by technical fall over Ryan Wallace. 15-0; 119: Matt Kessler (S) dec. Mike Weck, 12-6; 125: Rvan Stump (S) decisioned Orlando Carswell, 17-5: 130: Dave Burr (S) dec. Jim Wood, 11-4; 135: Zach Vaughn (S) pinned Saif Naber, 1:41: 140: Rece Cox (WJG) pinned Matt Sammut, 0:49; 145: Greg Wacker (WJG) pinned Jacob Bennett, 5:19: 152: Daron Cruickshank (JG) pinned Corey Mervyn, 2:34; 160: Brad Allen (WJG) dec. Brian Danville, 4-1; 171: Jordan Schaefer (S) p. Chris Stephenson, 1:07; 189: Jake Fairchild (WJG) dec. Jeremy Henderson, 10-4; 215: Eric Schambers (WJG) p. Alex Smith, 1:10; 275: Jeremy Walker (S) pinned Shanir Garcia, 1:38.

Glenn's dual meet record: John Glenn, 28-5 overall, 5-0 in the WLAA-Lakes Division (clinched title).

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 34 CANTON 30 Feb. 5 at Canton

103 pounds: Jesse Gardocki (LF) pinned Sam Santilli, 2:41; 112: Mike Warren (LF) decisioned Nick Poole, 10-6; 119: James Jones (LF) p. Jay Fleischmann, 1:01; 125: Steve Hogg (C) dec. Zack Campbell, 7-2; 130: Corey Phillips (C) p. Josh Billiau, 1:14; 135: Kayle McCartt (LF) dec. Pete Bonneau, 10-2; 140: Ryan Webb (C) won by void; 145: Konrad Konsitzke (C) p. Dave Watkins, 2:46; 152: Steve Hosey (C) p. Matt Warren, 1:39; 160: Blake Karkoska (LF) dec. Marwan Faraj, 3-2; 171: Chris Weiss (LF) dec. Alex Enberg, 3-2; 189: P.J. Caram (C) dec. Chris VanCamp, 13-12 (OT); 215: Greg Schuyler (LF) dec. Dave Kersten, 8-1; 275: Ryan Pokryfky (LF) p. Donnie Laramie, 3:56.

Dual-meet records: Franklin, 11-4 overall, 2-3 in the WLAA-Western Division; Canton, 11-11 overall, 2-3 in the WLAA-Western Division.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 64 PLYMOUTH 12 Feb. 5 at Plymouth

103 pounds: Tim Hecksel (LC) pinned Sasha Besco, 1:05; 112: Ben Franklin (P) p. Allen Frantsen, 1:32; 119: Greg Roberts (LC) p. Ryan Hoeman, 0:22; 125: Justin Smith (LC) p. Ali Yousef, 2:30; 130: Kris Felice (LC) p. Steve Korpus, 2:58; 135: Erik Brace (LC) dec. John

Hagar, 7-2; 140: Jameson Murray (LC) p. Jeff Schwartz, 0:54; 145; Josh Kelly (LC) p. Will Gripman, 3:29; 152: Ben Adams (LC) p. Sean Dillon, 2:48; 160: Ramin Pakray (P) p. John Vandenbossche, 2:48; 171: Danny Gaffke (LC) won by major dec. Danny Jammoul, 11-2; 189: Manuel Schubert (LC) won by major dec. over Taylor Fox, 16-5: 215: Hafeez Qureshi (LC) p. Brad Kraft, 0:30; 275: Pat Draheim (LC) p. Sean Bailey, 1:58.

Churchill's dual meet record: 16-0 overall and 5-0 WI AA-Western Division (clinched title).

SAGINAW 43 **REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 27** Feb. 4 at Rochester Adams

103: Ronald Irazier (S) pinned Nieko Janni, 3:22: 112: Andrew Nadhir (CC) won by technical fall over Andrew Lint, 21-6; 119: Rolando Jackson (S) p. Brett Schwarzlose, 2:58; 125: Robert Price (CC) decisioned Courtney Sears, 9-2; 130: Luis Vasquez (S) p. Mike McHenry, 3:49; 135: Terry Moncado (S) dec. Shane O'Connor, 8-2; 140: Demetrius Maso (S) won by major dec. John Kenny, 10-2; 145: Duane Banks (S) p. John Cox, 2:34; 152: Albert Williams (S) p. Mike Carrier, 5:11; 160: Trevor Stewart (CC) p. James Bibbs, 2:37; 171: Scott Schwarzlose (CC) dec. Nayvon Hill, 4-1; 189: John Kinville (CC) won by major dec. over Jacoby Moore, 12-0; 215: David Morris (S) p. Brandon Albrecht, 3:48; 275: John Morasso (CC) p. Ronnie Latimore, 0:53.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 56 **ROCHESTER ADAMS 15** Feb. 4 at Adams

103: Nieko Janni (CC) pinned Jason Jock, 1:22; 112: Andrew Nadhir (CC) won by technical fall over Ryan Hendricks, 23-14; 119: Brett Schwarzlose (CC) p. Mike Anton, 0:58; 125: Robert Price (CC) decisioned Addison Pierce, 8-2; 130: Mike McHenry (CC) p. Sean Quigley, 2:33; 135: Shane O'Connor (CC) p. Chris Ouimet, 2:31; 140: Ryan Dean (RA) p. John Kenny, 3:18; 145: Alex Zeali (RA) dec. John Cox, 6-1; 152: Brad Bartram (CC) p. Wayne Sanders, 1:55; 160: Trevor Stewart (CC) p. Eric Stoner, 1:48; 171: Scott Schwarzlose (CC) p. Roger Heiple, 4:16; 189: John Kinville (CC) dec. Karan Mehta, 8-3; 215: Brandon Albrecht (CC) dec. Baher Faik, 11-10; 275: Steve Thatcher (RA) p. John Morasso, 1:36.

CC's dual meet record: 9-10 overall

SWIM RESULTS

W.L. NORTHERN 54 SALEM 132

- Feb. 5 at Salem 200-yard mediey relay: 1. Salem (Nick Dixon, Penn Chou, Casey Johnson, Matt Jurcak), 1:46.82
- 200 freestyle: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 2:08.57
- 200 individual mediey: 1. Biliy Horgan (S), 2:21.21; 2. John Kline (S), 2:28.03.
- 50 freestyle: 1. Joel Rinkevich (WLN), 23.51; Nick White (S), 24.11.
- Diving: 1. Andrew Murawski (S), 214.10 points
 - 100 butterfly: 1. Patrick Sautural (S),

1:00.93 100 freestyle: 1. Rinkevich (WLN), 51.87; 2. Horgan (S), 55.54

- 500 freestyle: 1. Underhill (S), 5:45.33; 2. Eric Martin (S), 6:09.97.
- 200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Jurcak, White, Mike Higgs, Dixon), 1:33.80.
- 100 backstroke: 1. Kline (S), 1:06.33. 100 breaststroke: 1. Johnson (S), 1:07.49; 2.
- Dave Xia (S), 1:14.72. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Jurcak,
- Higgs, Chou, Dixon), 3:28,26.

Salem's dual-meet record: 5-4 overall, 3-2 in the WLAA.



High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan in Canton. Office hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Registration fees for underfive 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 undernine 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.

Soccer club accepting registrations for spring

ROTARY

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Aquinas outlasts Madonna

Madonna University ran out of gas down the stretch Wednesday, allowing Aquinas College to escape with an 83-76 victory at Madonna.

The Crusaders dipped to 8-15 overall, 2-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Aquinas is 15-9 overall, 4-3 in the WHAC.

Madonna was in the battle throughout the first half, taking a 37-29 lead on a Joe Kofahl three-pointer with four minutes left. The Crusaders couldn't hold it, however, getting outscored by the Saints 14-2 the rest of the half to trail 43-39 at the break.

A couple of threes by Noel Emenhiser enabled Madonna to tie it at 48-all early in the second half, and it staved close until the final four minutes,

AGAPE

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ter, limiting the Wolverines to seven points; unfortunately, they only scored 10, converting 3-of-18 shots.

'We just didn't shoot the ball well," said Taylor. "Some of our bad shooting can be attributed to their defense . . . don't get me wrong, they played well. "But we had some wide-open

looks. We just didn't make them."

Certainly those misses crippled PCA's comeback hopes. But the Wolverines' efforts at the other end made a difference, too. In the two teams' first meeting, PCA had concentrated its defensive efforts on containing Agape's one-two punch of Jordan Napier and Charlie Henry.

And it worked. But Taylor had no illusions as he readied his team for the rematch.

when Aquinas outscored the Crusaders 10-3 for the winning margin.

Emenhiser finished with a game-high 26 points, including five three-pointers. Dan Kurtinaitis added 17 points, four assists and two steals, and Chad Nadolni had 16 points, 10 rebounds and three assists. Kofahl finished with nine points.

The Saints were paced by Damien Mayo with 24 points. Jeff Jayson contributed 17 points, Tom Kuslikis netted 14 and Kevin Murphy scored 10.

Aquinas hit 32-of-61 shots from the floor (52.9 percent); Madonna was 27-of-64 (42.2 percent).

Schoolcraft 97, Alpena 51: Anton Palmer scored 24 points

"Our double-teamming defense had a lot to do with that first one," said Taylor. "But trick defenses usually don't work more than once. We knew it wouldn't work again."

It didn't. PCA gave it a go, doubling both Napier and Charlie Henry to start the game, just to see how Agape adjusted. But the Eagles didn't stick with it. And the Napier/Henry twosome didn't dismantle PCA by themselves.

They did their damage, to be sure. Each scored 16 points, Napier also grabbing 10 rebounds and Charlie Henry dishing out four assists and making three steals. But Chuck Henry felt it was the rest of the team's scoring efforts that proved pivotal.

"Their defense the first time concentrated on stopping Charlie and Jordan," Chuck Henry said. "We've been working on that ever since. The first time we had shots, we just couldn't knock them down.

and collected 17 rebounds Wednesday as Eastern Conference co-leader Schoolcraft College (19-3, 10-1) routed cellar dweller Alpena Community College (4-15, 2-9).

The Ocelots, who bounced back from Saturday's 74-67 loss to Flint Mott, jumped out to a 49-22 halftime lead.

Ty Scott added 12 points for Schoolcraft, while Ricky Morgan contributed 11 points and seven assists. Ryan **Baumgartner and Derrick** Ponder each finished with 10 points. Ponder also grabbed 10 rehounds.

'We came out and played well as a team," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. We're only as good as when we played together as a team."

"This time we did. Eight of nine of our guys scored. They earned (the win) the first time, we earned it this time."

Matt Cross was next highest scorer for Agape with seven points.

Gabe Molnar totaled four points and five boards.

Also in the first meeting, four Eagles scored in double figures. That didn't happen in the rematch - Ciborowski led PCA with 14 points, Steve Sumner added 10 and Carty scored eight.

What makes that team so effective is their inside-outside game," Chuck Henry said of PCA. "All five of their kids can score. Our focus on defense was apparent: They go from four in doubles (in scoring) to two in doubles."

PCA was able to narrow the gap to 14 in the second half. But that came against the Agape bench, and by then the gap was too big and the time was too little.

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Trenton's Jake Schering opened the scoring two minutes into the game, but Wade

Lafever tied it from Barczuk and Tim Buttery.

Kahle gave CC the lead for good four minutes into the second period from New, then CC scored four times in the third period to close it out. Pete Pfeffer, Barczuk, Buttery

and Lafever all scored as Kahle added a pair of assists and Mike Monterey, Jimmy Burns and Michael Evans had one each. John Garza made 11 saves in goal for CC, while Neil Callahan had 30 saves for Trenton.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

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at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m. Stevenson at Utica Eisenhower, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 P-C-S Penguins vs. Cranbrook at Cranbrook Arena, noon Stevenson vs. Redford Unified at Redford Ice Arena, 2:15 p.m. Redford CC vs. Grosse Pte. North at Compuware (Olympic), 7 p.m. PREP WRESTLING Wednesday, Feb. 11 Clarkston at Redford CC, 5 p.m. Luth, Westland at Harper Wds., 6:30 p.m. Clarenceville, Hamtramck at Lutheran East, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 Churchill at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 WLAA Tourney at Churchill, 9 a.m. Metro Conf. at Clarenceville, 10 a.m. PREP BOYS SWIMMING Tuesday, Feb. 10 Saline at Canton, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Wayne, 7 p.m. John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m Saturday, Feb. 14 MISCA meet at EMU. 8 a.m. GIRLS GYMNASTICS Monday, Feb. 9 Salem at Plymouth 7 p.m. Livonia Unified vs. Hartland at Churchill, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 Wayne-Westland at Brighton, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 Livonia Unified at Royal Oak, 7 p.m. PREP SKIING Thursday, Feb. 12 Regional at Alpine Valley, 9 a.m. COMPETITIVE CHEER Saturday, Feb. 14 Livonia Public Schools Invitational at Stevenson, 10 a.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Feb. 11 Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m. Madonna at Cornerstone, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 3 p.m. Concordia at Madonna, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Feb. 11 Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m. Cornerstone at Madonna, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m. Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 3 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Thursday, Feb. 12 Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 Whaters at Guelph, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15 Whalers at Saginaw, 2 p.m.

LACROSSE SIGN-UP

The Canton Leisure Services is sponsoring a Youth Lacrosse League, with the league running from March through June.

New and experienced players may join either the fifthsixth grade team or the seventh-eighth grade team. Indoor practices are available in February.

Players must supply their own equipment, including helmet, stick, mouth guard, protective equipment and shoulder pads.

Teams must have a minimum of 10 players and no more than 25.

Included in the \$100 per player fee is a uniform, indoor practice time, a 12-week league schedule and an end-of-the-

COACHES WANTED

Redford Union is looking for several coaches for its athletic programs.

For the Spring season, RU is seeking a girls junior varsity soccer and junior varsity baseball coach. For the Fall 2004 season, RU is seeking a varsity girls swimming coach, an assistant varsity football coach and a boys junior varsity soccer coach.

For more information or to apply, please call athletic director Brett Steele at (313) 242-4270.

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.

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.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SOCCER CLINICS year jamboree tournament. Players may register right

The Michigan Wolves and Hawks Soccer Club is hosting two free clinics open to the public at Total Soccer's Wixom facility.

The girls clinic will feature Oakland University women's soccer coach Nick O'Shea, former Schoolcraft College and Livonia Churchill coach, and will be Feb. 11. The clinic times are: U13, U14 - 5:30 -7 p.m.; U15, U16 - 7-8:30 p.m.; Ú17, U18 − 8:30-10 p.m.

The boys clinic will feature University of Michigan men's soccer coach Steve Burns and will be Feb. 19. Clinic times are: U13, U14 - 5:30-7 p.m.; U15. U16 - 7-8:30 p.m.; U17, U18 - 8:30-10 p.m.

Again, the clinics are free. The Wixom Total Soccer

Facility is located at 30990 Wixom Road, 11/2 miles north of I-96.

For more information, call Amy Richters are (248) 478-6692.

JERSEY RAFFLE

St. Agatha is raffling off a Pavel Datsyuk autographed Detroit Red Wings' jersey with wall mount display case with proceeds to benefit the school's youth sports program.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from St. Agatha athletic director Tim Sweeney at (248) 722-4036 or by emailing Jim Reed at original6@comcast.net.

The drawing will take place on Feb. 21.

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Atkins Diet: the next 'Survivor'

he cold of February has settled in, the deep freeze keeping us huddled in our warm homes. Only the heartiest of stock seem willing to venture out in the bone-numbing cold.

The beautiful sculpted ice art in downtown Plymouth still glistens. The snow crunches beneath our boots. The wind chills take our breath away, and we huddle in our homes, before our fires, finding entertainment in family activities, games such as Monopoly, Sorry! or Clue.

We read, we chat, and after we tire of all of that, we switch on the television.

The television treats us to heady fare as we curl up on the sofa, wrapped in a blanket, sipping hot chocolate.

We watch programs where bad hopeful singers get a dose of reality, we watch starving people stranded on remote islands get a dose of reality, and we watch seven young, drunken strangers living in a dream house get a dose of reality.

Christmas is long forgotten, the trees and lights are long put away. As we sit in our homes, hiding from the cold, we reluctantly remember our New Year's, recall the resolutions. It is from these resolutions that a twinkle of an idea starts to form, a glimmer of a plan, and a twinge of a plot.

A concept for a reality show, so innovative, so unique, yet so cruel. "Survivor: The Atkins

Diet." Seven women, all of middle age, picked to live in a condo, existing in a world without carbs, living in a world without pretzels, in a world without bread, without chips, without chocolate or peanut butter cups. As the camera rolls, we watch as the women sit and gossip, we giggle as "the cast" works to sabotage each other's diets and we anticipate each new week's offering of challenges and excitement.

Anyone can tell by looking at Jeannie and Jeff Louks that they're in love. But sometimes daily life gets in the way so Jeannie likes to spice things up with a surprise getaway for just the two of them.

She was delighted to receive a phone call that her entry won the Observer Newspapers' Magic Moments contest so she could surprise Jeff. He was practically cheering when a reporter called to tell him they'd won a Valentine's Day package including two tickets to the Detroit Red Wings game. While Jeannie is looking forward to the game, she's especially excited about winning the \$200 gift card from Murray's Jewelry in Redford as well as dinner at George and Harry's in Dearborn and a singing valentine by a barbershop quartet from the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

The Redford residents are avid hockey fans. Jeannie plans to replace the Red Wings necklace Jeff gave her on Mother's Day with the gift card. The necklace was lost when she had to be put on a respirator during an illness.

TOUGH CHOICE

It was difficult to choose a winner after reading through all of the romantic moments. There were so many that brought a tear to the eye or a chuckle. Special getaways were the topic of several readers.

Laura Zain wrote about reuniting with former Churchill High School sweetheart Dave Pennington. She hadn't heard from him in 23 years until he e-mailed her in August 2003 from California where he was living. She agreed to meet him in Chicago in mid-November after e-mailing and talking on the phone. Both were going through divorces. From the moment he stepped off the plane carrying a large box of lavender roses Zain says, she "felt like Cinderella." After retrieving their bags, a white stretch limo took them to the Embassy Suites. When the door to the room opened there was a crystal vase with a dozen red roses and a bottle of wine. The Livonia resident felt like she was dreaming. The magical moments continued as she pulled Red Wings tickets out of a Jersey he'd sent earlier. The next night it was off to the theater in a black Mercedes Benz. All weekend the surprises kept coming and on Feb. 10 Pennington moves back to Livonia to pursue their relationship.

Magic Moments Couples share the romance

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Jeff and Jean Louks will be enjoying dinner and a Red Wings game as winners of the Magic Moments contest.

Contest winner Jeannie Louks wrote about the 1995 Valentine's Day she arranged with the help of Jeff's boss. The Loukses never had a honeymoon after they were married 15 years ago. Jeannie stayed home to raise their three sons while Jeff worked 12-hour davs. Jeannie writes "raising three sons

the door in a red negligée. It was a Magic Moment when he realized it was his wife and he didn't have to return to work until Monday. To celebrate Valentine's Day, the hotel staff sent them chocolate roses and a gift certificate for dinner. They ate the chocolate and

gant river horses - spouted fountains as they gamboled in the water. It was incredible."

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Miss Michigan Madonna Emond told us about her boyfriend proposing at the Eiffel Tower in Paris, not in English but French. Emond said she'd never heard such romantic words. Once the Livonia resident passes on her title, she will gain a new one - Mrs. J.P. Ladouceur. To her, "there is nothing more romantic than a supportive man." He has been right there for every pageant, cheering her on.

Caring actions like those have kept Tom and Helen Oppat together for more than 50 years, 47 of them in Livonia. For them romance can be as simple as hearing their song, *I Just* Called to Say I Love You, and Tom reaching across the table to squeeze Helen's hand. "No words were spoken then. No words were needed. It was a magic moment."

Several readers wanted to share the extensive lengths they or their significant others went to demonstrate love. Bernice Delewsky wrote about her husband refilling a bottle of perfume that he first bought when he was stationed in Paris 50 years ago.

Emily Sikorski will never forget husband Jason's proposal in an empty theater. She never thought the lack of patrons was unusual considering this was a late weeknight movie. Then the film broke and Jason went to check on the problem. Within minutes slides began appearing on the screen as their favorite song played over the speakers. Jason entered the theater dressed in a tuxedo, carrying a dozen long stemmed red roses and a ring box. The box even had a built-in light to shine on the ring in the darkened

theater.

One unsolved romantic mystery is still driving Pat Bellingham crazy after more than 50 years. The Livonia resident

Fun lights up the screen as the battling dieters play "toss the scale," "find the hidden calories" and "can you live " without seconds?"

Viewers will look forward to special guest visits by the always bubbly, sometimes weepy, ever portly Richard Simmons. Susan Powter will stop by with tips on exercise and hair care, and Oprah herself will provide her insights on diet, exercise and life.

Even Simon Cowell takes a break from his weekly series to stop by and tell each and every contestant just how fat and out of shape she really is.

Each week the biggest loser will be voted off, sent back into the cold, cruel world of fast food and pizza.

Back in the house, the camera turns to the remaining "contestants" and the drama continues. The viewing public reels in horror when a plate of Danish is left unattended and an apprentice is fired for the error. The winner walks out with a cool million and starts a new diet craze set to launch in January 2005.

Network bidding for this new and innovative dose of reality is rumored to be beginning soon. Remember to check your local listings for air times and dates. In the meantime, could you please pass the rolls?

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident. She can be reached at Cate1956@aol.com.

is not easy or cheap. I felt we needed a mom and dad only time for one night."

SPECIAL TIME

So she asked Jeff's boss to send him on a bogus errand to pick up a check at a hotel suite on the east side. Jeff tried to get out of it and even asked a coworker to go with him. But the entire office knew of the plan. Jeannie's surprise almost turned into a disaster when Jeff arrived and thought he had the wrong room when she answered

never left the room. Loren Warnemuende's Magic Moment happened thousands of miles away in Kenya. The Canton resident and her

boyfriend, Kraig, flew there to visit his parents who were missionaries. He proposed at the end of a romantic walk down the beach that ended with a glimmering lake where "hippopotami - truly ele-

wrote about a secret admirer who sent her a beautiful orchid in 1946.

One of the entrants didn't want her identity known either. The anonymous writer brought tears to the eyes with a letter about her late husband leaving roses on the pillow next to her. Although he told her every day, the rose was an extra "I love you." Her husband died a number of years ago. She still misses him very much - and her morning roses.

Civil War era history comes to life at museum

Don't get Dave Tennies started talking about the role the 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry played in the Civil War unless you have a couple of hours to spare. The Canton resident is especially proud to be one of the civilian re-enactors for the regiment during February when the Plymouth Historical Museum celebrates Black History Month and President Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

On Feb. 14-15, Tennies will don his top hat to portray Sen. Jacob M. Howard who drew up the 13th Amendment to the Constitution that ended slav-

ery. "Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation didn't free all of



Dave Tennies of Canton represents Sen. Jacob Howard.

the slaves. He went to Congress and said we need a law to end slavery," said Tennies. "When I went to research Sen. Howard, I discovered he was a very important man in our history. He served two terms as senator and came up with the words for the 13th Amendment. Sen. Howard was one of the founders of the Republican Party in Jackson, Michigan, in 1854 while he was attorney general for Michigan.

HOME FRONT

"At the museum I'll do some first person to teach about civilian life during the war – what were the people at home doing, how did they support the war? Instead of re-enactments we like to refer to it as Civil War living history."

As a a second lieutenant with Company E of the 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Westland resident Bill Ziemba will talk about life as an officer. An electrical engineer for Ford Motor Co. in Livonia, Ziemba joined the group five years ago. He'd been interested in the Civil War ever since reading Stephen Crane's Red Badge of Courage as a child. His curiosity continued to grow after attending the Muzzle Loaders Festival at Greenfield Village. When his daughter went off to college, he had extra money to

invest. He chose Company E, a unit comprised of university students and nicknamed the Normal Company. It was mustered in at Eastern Michigan University, then known as the Michigan Normal School. The unit won more medals of honor than any other unit from

Michigan during the Civil War. When President Lincoln called for volunteers from every state in the Union in 1861, Michigan answered by supplying more than 90,000 men to the war. The 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment was one of 31 infantry regiments mustered in Michigan for service. As living historians, the 17th's members re-enact Civil War battles and camp life. They hold general meetings at the Plymouth Historical Museum on the second Sunday of the month when not traveling to locations such as Gettysburg. For more information, visit the Web site at www.17thMicoe.org.

"Initially, it's expensive," said Ziemba. "I'm a lieutenant so I have a sword, pistol and uniform that costs \$1,000, but you can survive a weekend on probably under \$5. You bring hard tack or biscuit issued as a rations and jerky and live out of your haversack, a black oil cloth pouch that carries mess utensils. I really enjoy the hobby, the people, the living

history. When you're out in early spring and your canteen freezes overnight you get a good idea of what the soldiers went through."

LOTS OF LEARNING

The Lincoln Family Weekend on Feb. 14-15 is just one of the happenings at the museum. In celebration of Black History Month, the Underground Railroad Quilt Exhibit tells the story of how quilts and quilt patterns were used as codes to help lead fugitive slaves along their way to freedom.

February is an especially good month to visit the Abraham Lincoln Collection at the museum. On Lincoln's birthday Feb. 12, Dr. Martin Herschock from the University of Michigan-Dearborn will speak at 7:30 p.m. about Lincoln and the founding of the Republican Party in Michigan. The Lincoln Family Weekend follows Feb. 14-15, with the Civil War re-enactors, demonstrations of toys and games from the Civil War, and free admission for children.

On Saturday, Feb. 21, a Victorian Tea recognizes our area's contributions to the Underground Railroad movement with a program by Sarah McChristian, a social worker and Salem historian, and Margaret Green, a professor at



Members of the 17th Michigan Volunteer infantry reenacted the Battle of South Mountain that took place during the 140th anniversary of the Antietam Battle. Pictured are Bill Ziemba (left with the black feather), Jeff Lindsey (carrying regimental colors), Mike Steuwey, Ed Vitez, and Gerry Turlo.

Washtenaw Community College. Tickets are \$15 and include a Victorian Tea. Reservations are required. Call (734) 455-8940.

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Livonia Symphony presents evening to share

REUNIONS

Robert Bennett doesn't have any special plans for his wife, Janet, on Valentine's Day - except to share their love of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra at a chamber concert that evening.

The former Livonia mayor probably would have taken his wife of 50 years to dinner first but as president of the LSO he's spending a good portion of the afternoon picking up ticket receipts and writing what he's going to say as emcee of the concert.

He and Janet will arrive at Churchill High School Auditorium around 6:15 p.m. then go their separate ways. Bennett will be getting the box office ready and making sure the stage manager has everything under control. Janet will be selling tickets. Their Valentine's Day fun won't begin until after the concert when they're on their way to Florida for a few weeks in the sun.

Bennett would like to suggest anyone looking for a special way to celebrate Valentine's Day consider taking their significant other to dinner and then to the LSO's "Heart Strings" concert

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy, Livonia. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$8 children and students. For more information, call (734) 425-4855.

"It's such a fun selection of music," said Robert Bennett. "It's a nice mix of some great songs as well as some classics - You Made Me Love You. We both just love the Titanic selections."

Conductor Volodymyr Shesiuk has selected music that tugs at the heart strings including Rodgers & Hammerstein's My Funny Valentine, The Greatest Love of All, Lara's Theme, and Burt Bacharach's What the World Needs Now.

Bennett said most of all he doesn't want to forget to recognize the support of the National Parts Distribution Center at Plymouth and Middlebelt for a grant from the Ford Motor Co. The money made possible this evening of the heart.



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

The time has come to decide which is more important to you: Your work or your relationships. It's possible to have both, but these sides of your life have been rather out of balance recently, and if you don't mellow out, you may lose someone/something you treasure.

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TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

you do, you may lose your sense of perspective and make the kind of silly mistake that Bulls usually manage to avoid. Don't take anyone or anything too seriously. And that includes yourself!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You'll receive a certain amount of criticism now both at work and at work, and although some of it may be unwelcome, some will get to the heart of what you're doing wrong. If you're prepared to listen and Tearn, you'll end the week a lot wiser. Get off "it," Twins!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

This is one of the most difficult times of the year for you because your spirits are low and you're inclined to latch onto anything that makes you feel better about yourself. What you need is a fresh way of looking at life. Start searching today- you'll find it soon, MoonChild!

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Blame it on Venus in Aries, but for some strange reason you'll be at odds with almost everyone as the week begins. No matter what others "say, both at home and work, you'll take the opposing viewpoint-just for laughs. But not everyone will see the humor.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Because Virgo is a sign of fixed, conservative opinions, you may not approve of some of the strange and unexpected things that happen as the week begins. However, it won't be hard to adapt. It'll be easier for everybody when you accept that there are many things still to learn.

There is only one thing worse than deception, and that is self-decep-tion. There's a real danger now that you'll see things the way you want to see them rather than the way they are. Listen to what your friends/family tell you: They're seeing more clearly than you now.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

be on your guard. But you don't have to curl up into a ball and hide yourself away from the world! Carry on as usual: Just be aware of what's going on around you now. Do "fun" not "fear."

Somewhere along the line you appear to have miscalculated or been too over-optimistic about a financial or business arrangement. Therefore, your main aim must be to cut loose and salvage what you

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

You have nothing to prove, either to yourself or to the world at large, so don't be tempted to take silly risks simply to show what a big bad

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Nou've come a long way, but you're still not satisfied; you want to do more. That will only be possible if you accept that you've gone as far as you can on your own. It's time to stop being so "my way" and start working with people who love you and share your ideals.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

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Brighton High School

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Class of 1984 The class of 1984 is planning their 20vear reunion on Aug. 7, 2004. For more information call Sally Rector-Langley at (517) 505-4970.

Cabrini High School Class of 1984

If you're interested in working on the 20-year reunion, please contact Debbie (Scott) Paulus at (734) 737-9743 or Laurie (Marra) Makavewicz at (734) 981-7263. **Cody High School**

Class of 1957

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person which includes sit down din-

ner, open bar, music, and many sur-

Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Livonia Marriott (not Courtyard) located at Six Mile Road and I-275. A reception will be at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. An informal gathering will be held on Friday, July 16, in a hospitality suite at the Marriott. A bus tour of Cooley High School is also in the planning stages. Call Daneen (Stark) Gallo at (734) 462-2786.

Dearborn High School Class of 1954 A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004. For information, call Helen Kramer Turchan at (313) 565-4816 or Sally Hicks Williams

at (734) 464-8263. **Dearborn High School**

Class of 1974 A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Looking for classmates. Please pass the word. Contact Ann Kennedy Hutchins at (734) 591-6866.

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Class of 1954 Now organizing, Call Fay (Bolton) Reeves at (248) 349-2094. **Detroit Henry Ford High School**

Class of 1964, Jan., June & Aug. A 40-year reunion is planned for July 17, 2004, at Ypsilanti Marriott Eagle Crest. For more information call C. Christo (313) 255-9764 or jramseyer@bloomfield.org.

Ferndale High School

Class of 1979 A 25-year reunion being held on Aug. 7, 2004, at St. John's Armenian Banquet Center in Southfield, Contact Ferndale 1979 Reunion, c/o Richard Broder, 31700 Middlebelt, Suite 165, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

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Class of 1988 A 15-year reunion is being planned. Classmates are being sought. Respond to either www.classmates.com, classreunion1988@yahoo.com, or mail your name, address and telephone number to: Class of 1988 Reunion, 11349 Fenton, Redford, MI 48239. Garden City High School

Class of 1984 A 20-year reunion is tentatively scheduled for June 2004 at the cast.net. Livonia Holiday Inn-West. More information on classmates.com or e-mail Class of 1993 Michelle (Pietrvka) Tavlor at misidrew@comcast.net. **Grosse Pointe North** Class of 1991 Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com. mail.com. Lincoln Park High School Read Taste each Thursday

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Class of 1974 A 30-year class reunion is being held

> with a five-night Western Caribbean cruise from Feb. 21-26, 2004. For more information, call Cindy (Conaway) Shaffer at Scottie Travel, (313) 277-3800, or scottietravel@vacation.com. Livonia Bentley

Class of 1984

A 20-year class reunion is being held Sunday, Sept. 5, 2004, at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information contact April (Greig) Santori E-mail: april santori@sbcglobal.net Mumford High School

Class of 1964 & 1965

A joint 40-year reunion is being held Aug. 4, 2004. Contact Andrea Hoberman Lewiston at (248) 738-3699 for further details.

Plymouth Canton/Salem Class of 1984

A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information www.plymouth-canton-salem-1984.org. or call (313) 533-2599. **Redford Thurston High School**

Class of 1964 A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct.

2, 2004, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information, call Barb Smith (734) 427-1123.

Class of 1993 Looking for classmates to assist in planning reunion. Contact Daune Koester at either (517) 432-3949 or emáil dkoester@msu.edu.

St. Cecilia

Class of 1964 A 40-year reunion is planned for May 1, 2004 at Rocky's of Northville. For reservation/information call Anne Marie Dailey (O'Leary) at (248) 698-8553 or e-mail stephenoleary1@com-

Western High School

A 20-year reunion is being planned and organizers need help in finding classmates. Please pass the word on to everyone you keep in contact with from the class. Please e-mail the information to wlw93reunion@hot-

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New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers grief support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month. The groups for widows and widowers of all ages are offered in Wayne, Oakland, Livingston and Macomb counties. Groups will be provided for parents who have lost a child, parental loss, widows and widowers, suicide loss, and other losses due to death. Call (248) 348-0115.

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Symphony to perform

The Redford Civic Symphony presents a Family Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, at Thurston High School on the I-96 service drive between Beech Daly and Inkster roads.

Priscilla Marino will perform the first movement of the Haydn Violin Concerto No. 2 in G. After admission, Ralph Stillwell narrates and conducts a section on musical curiosities. He will discuss some of the zany compositions such as Furniture Music and The Joke. Quartet that that have made their way into the repertory.

The program includes such selections as The Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America, Straussiana Waltzes, No, No Nanette, El Capitan March by Sousa, Barnum & Bailey's favorite march, Symphony No. 3 in D by Schubert, the Toy Symphony by Mozart, 1812 Overture Finale by Tchaikovsky, and Over There, the World War Medley.

Marino, along with being a member of the Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra, is a member of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, the Birmingham Musicale String Ensemble, and co-founder of the Varino String Quartet.

The symphony's next concert, a Cabaret, takes place 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Hilbert Junior High School in Redford.

All concerts are presented free. However, it costs approximately \$1,000 per performance to cover expenses. Music trust funds, which helped to defray some of this cost in the past, no longer have monies available for use. The Redford Civic Symphony relies strictly on donations from members of the community and industry to sustain the orchestra. Lately, contributions have diminished substantially putting the concert season of four performances in jeopardy. Checks can be sent to Treasurer, Dr. Eileen Pydyn, 7934 Lawrence St., W. Bloomfield, MI 48322-2634. These donations are taxdeductible.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.redfordsymphony.8m.net.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

All aboard!

Gary Rollins greets visitors to his Have Trains, Will Travel Entertainment Center in the long black coat and stiff round hat of a train conductor.

Inside the small store at Five Mile and Merriman in Livonia is a railroad fantasy for all ages created by Rollins and his wife, Laurie. Eighteen large LGB model trains wind their way through two layouts, featuring factory buildings, bridges and overpasses, cable cars and towns.

Have Trains, Will Travel, which has been at its current site for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years, offers children and adults the opportunity to play with trains and have rail-roading parties.

"We originally got started doing large commercial displays for Greenfield Village, the Festival of Trees, Frankenmuth," Rollins said. "My wife and I discovered we had a knack for doing these large layouts in a matter of hours. We turned that into a side business."

The Rollinses started by taking the train party on the road to birthday parties. Instead of a magic act or clowning, they brought a model train setup complete with building models, landscapes and several trains for children to operate.

They still have a truck to take the show on the road, but they found that during the winter most people didn't have enough room inside to set up the layouts. Now the parties come to them.

Rollins said that when he was a kid the hot toy was slot cars not model trains. But trains have a special meaning.

"I got interested in trains because of my brother," he said. "My brother was born with leukemia and he was pretty much bedridden all his life. The only thing he could play with was what he could fit on a hospital tray. So I made him a little train set he could easily take off and put back on."

Rollins renewed his association with trains in 1984 when he did a display window for another business he had.

"This is not a business," he said. "We're financially secure, but it's a passion I love. I love kids, so does the wife. I'm trying to introduce the kids into the hobby. You go to a train show and you can't touch, can't do anything. Here it's hands on."

The business is a family affair. In addition to Gary and Laurie, their children, Chelsea, 22, Robert, 14 and Mason, 3, help out. The former Livonia residents now live in Grosse Pointe.

Rollins the conductor greets visitors to the store and gives them a rundown on the rules before let-



Large-gauge train layouts are part of the fun at Have Trains, Will Travel.

ting them lose to operate the controls, handle the cars and play train-related games. There's a TV train with a camera in the engine and a bubble car. The room is also decorated with Rollins' collection of model cars.

On the road, Rollins brings two tracks about 20 feet long by 8 feet wide. He said they have a number of train games they play but the favorite is always "crash the trains."

The store also does adult parties, using the open train cars as holders for traveling veggies, chicken wings and dip.

The store is open for individuals 2-8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 2-6 p.m. Sundays. It's \$8 an hour for a child, \$5 for an accompanying adult. But the primary business is parties. The base one-hour party is \$13.95 a person and includes paper products (cups, plates, napkins, silverware), two liters of pop, an engineer's hat for the birthday child and four free adult admissions. Food is available for an extra \$3 per person and additional time can be purchased.

Rollins said he has bookings three months in advance. The business has been so successful he'd like to expand.

"We're about ready for a bigger store. We've out-

grown this one," he said. "We'd like to put in five layouts. We can accommodate only about 30-35 here and want a place for 100 people. I would also like a ride-on train and more train stuff."

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Gary Rollins is the engineer at Have Trains, Will Travel.



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Bailey Lake Elementary	Kathy Noble
Independence Elementary	Laurie Stevenson
Carpenter Elementary	Ms Becky Gretel
Webber Elementary	Mr. Dave Mick
Paint Creek Elementary	Mrs Storts
Daniel Axford Elementary	Shanie Williams
Lone Pine Elementary	Mrs Michaelson
Meadowbrook Elementary	Jennifer Morris
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St John Lutheran	Jan Brautnick
Hugger Elementary	Lori McKinney
Musson Elementary	Mrs. Jean Dertouzos
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To submit an item for the Plymouth-Canton community calendar, mail it to 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170; email it to bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net or fax it

to (734) 459-4224.

AROUND TOWN

Blood drive

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts a blood drive from 2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, Call Carolyn Liebau, (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment; dropins are also welcome. The church is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. Fibromvalgia workshops

A complimentary lecture on fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome will be held from 7:15-8:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Plymouth District Library. Guest speaker will be Dr. Barry Hobbs, specific chiropractor. New research on the cause and relief of chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia will be discussed. For reservations or more information, call (734) 416-2411.

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.

Business seminar

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is inviting area business to take part in a free seminar on The Taste of Northville Business Showcase from 8-10 a.m. Feb. 11 at Northville City Hall. Reservations are required; call (248) 349-7640.

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. to 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 to 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. **Health Fair**

Prostate Screening and Men's Health Day from 8 a.m. to 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.

Madonna auction Madonna University's "Down Under"

Scholarship Dinner and Wine Tasting Auction Gala, featuring the finest of Australian wines, fabulous jewelry, crystal, cigars, and collectibles, takes place at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, at Laurel Manor Special Events Center in Livonia. One lucky winner will have their choice of either a fully-equipped 2004 Chevrolet Corvette two-door coupe, courtesy of Madonna University and Tennyson Chevrolet in Livonia, or \$25,000 cash. Only 650 tickets will be sold at \$200

seating tickets are \$125 before April 9: after April 9, tickets are \$150. For more information, contact Rose Kachnowski, University Advancement, at (734) 432-5421.

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.

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. Preregistration 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. 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.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a

each. Reserved seating is \$150. Open

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Plymouth community after moving

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Robert (Katie) Paul of Missouri, her mother-in-law, Joan Splan of Northville; and many nieces and

held at the Schraer-Howell Funeral

Home, Plymouth, on Thursday,

Attn: Sue Maher Rehabilitation

Memorial Fund, C/O OT Division UH1G225, 1500 E. Medical Center

Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0046

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Teens Using Drugs

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

Foster Care

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

Entertainment books

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

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2004 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

Recreation Registration

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots jump-a-rama, tae kwon do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information. 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 Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the 1.0.0.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-

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 Friday of each month from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at Old Village Law located at 771 N. Mill in Plymouth. Please call Eric Morris at (313) 278-5070 or Scott Montgomery at (734) 462-2277 for further information. **Kiwanis Evening Club**

Meetings are held at Atlantis Restaurant 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact Charline Miller at (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

P/C Vietnam Vets of America

Monday of the month at the Plymouth

VFW Post No. 6695 on Mill Street, just north of Ann Arbor Road at 7:30 p.m., If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1964 and 1975, you can join the Vietnam Vets. Visit Web site

www.geocities.com/tedenright/Plymou thCantonVVA528.html. **BNI Plymouth II**

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

West Suburban Stamp Club

Meetings are 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth. BPW

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road. Guests are welcome. For more information and dinner reservations, contact Mary Brooks at (734) 420-0320.

SEPAC

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

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. Fore more information, contact Wendi at (734) 394-2542. **Plymouth Canton Jaycees**

The Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. every

second Wednesday of the month at the Plymouth Township Clerk's office. Call (734) 453-8407 or show up at the group's monthly meeting.



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JOHN MARTIN, Age 62 of Beacon, NY died Thursday, February 5, 2004 in the Sloan-Kettering Memorial Hospital, Manhattan, NY. Burial will be in he Fishkill Rural Cemetery, Fishkill, New York.

FARRIS

John C. Feb. 4, 2004 of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved husband of Virginia. obit@DesmondFuneralHome.com



Good

Donna M., age 77, died February 6 2004. Beloved wife of Jack. Loving mother of Larry (Rhonda), James (Diana) and Dennis (Gloria). Dear grandmother of Tracy, Kristie & Katie. Visitation Sunday 3-9PM and funeral Monday 11AM at the Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech-Daly Rd. (between 6-7 Mile Rd.). Interment Grand Lawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the Make-A-Wish Foundation appreciated.

LEKAR

Bertha Age 90. February 3, 2004. Beloved wife of the late Louis. Loving mother of Barbara Hanshaw, Dear grandmother of Sandra L. Boals and James C. Hanshaw. Great grandmother of Logan. Lindsay and Nicole. A funeral service was held Friday, February 6, 2004 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia.

PEARCE Susan Lee, age 48 of Westland, died Ruth Gilbert Feb.1, 2004 formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late February 1, 2004. She was born February 18, 1955 in York, Pennsylvania. She was raised in the Dr. James Pearce.

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STONE

graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1973, and then went EDWARD MARTIN 79 of Lake Worth Florida, formerly of West Bloomfield, MI. Died January 24, from Schoolcraft College. She was 2004. He was a Tire Executive and owned Birmingham Tire Company for over 20 years, retiring 17 years ago. A the past 15 years. In addition to enjoying her children, she read, Navy Veteran, Mr. Stone served on a Destroyer Escort in the Northernenjoyed her pets, and was an avid Detroit Red Wings fan. She is sur-Pacific. He was a 32nd Degree Mason at Perfection-Mosaic Lodge. Mr. Stone vived by her daughter, Amanda (James) Walker of Garden City; her son, Christopher Maher of was also a Shriner and a member of Temple Beth El from the age of 18. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Renee Salon Stone; daughters and sons-in-law, Leanne and Dr. Jon Paul Carmichael of Golden Colorado, Lori Mary (Richard) Forbes of San Antonio, TX., Nancy (Dennis) Dodge and Mark Cohn of Bloomfield Hills; and son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Thomas and Marni Stone of Farmington Hills; Grandchildren, Morgan Carmichael, Alex and Scott Stone, Ryan and Taylor Cohn; Brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Barbara nephews. Funeral services were Stone of Franklin. He was the beloved brother of the late Hermine Cotton and the late Joshua "Jim" Stone. Interment February 5. Memorials may be made to the U Of M Health System, was at Beth El Memorial Park Cemetery. Contributions may be made to The Fountain Chapter of Womens American Ort. c/o Jackie Winters. 4801 Eserda Ct. #208, Lake Worth, FL 33467. Arrangements by The Ira Kaufman Chapel (248) 569-0020 Or visit us at: www.irakaufman.com



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'Heartburn free'

Anyone who has experienced heartburn knows it has the potential to ruin a romantic evening. The chest pain and burning throat that come along with acid reflux will leave you reaching for antacids instead of that special someone. With Valentine's Day approaching, Paulo Pacheco, M.D., author of Living with Chronic Heartburn (Healthy Living Books, \$15.95), offers tips for avoiding heartburn:

Be creative with gifts. Chocolate can trigger heartburn symptoms.

Eating spicy foods can aggravate heartburn by irritating the tissue in your esophagus that has been worn away by past acid reflux.

Alcohol consumption increases blood flow to the stomach and that increases production of acid. If you don't want to cut out the wine, drink in moderation.

Don't rely on antacids. Using antacids daily or a few times a week may control heartburn, but the chronic acid reflux causing symptoms may damage your esophagus.

Surgical robotics State-of-the-art in prostate cancer treatment

The robotic arms slowly begin to move as Dr. James Relle places his hands on the control of the computer console. The eerie sight is like out of a sci-fi movie. In just a few minutes a cancer patient will be wheeled

into the Beaumont Hospital OR for surgery to remove his prostate. Robotic prostatectomy is the way of the future, according to Relle. Two years ago, prostate cancer patients took about

four-six weeks to recover from traditional open surgery. Relle expects today's patient to return to his normal routine in half of the time.

In January of 2003, John Morad went back to work as an attorney a little more than a week after surgery using the latest in robotic technology at Henry Ford Hospital.

BENEFITS TO PATIENT

Relle's patients are enjoying the shorter recovery time as well since Beaumont Hospital invested \$1 million dollars in the surgical robot and trained a team of seven surgeons to use it 18 months ago. Beaumont, Henry Ford and the University of Michigan are the only hospitals in the area equipped with surgical robotics.

On this day, Relle and Dr. Brian Seifman, his partner in the Southfield-based practice Preferred Urology Consultants, removed prostates from two cancer patients with the assistance of the robot. Removal of the prostate and surrounding tissue is one of the most effective therapies for the cancer.

The robotic laparoscopic procedure requires a team of two surgeons and typically lasts about two hours. Instead of an open incision across the abdomen, a surgeon makes several smaller ones to insert a laparoscope or lighted telescope, and instruments. Smaller incisions mean a shorter recovery time.

Both Relle and Seifman were fellowship trained in laparoscopy after their residency. About six months ago, the company which makes the da Vinci surgical robotic system approached them to instruct urologists around the country in the technology.

"Beaumont realized this would be cutting edge," said Relle, a 42-year old Bloomfield Township resident. "Open surgery, popular for 20 years, is now being replaced by telescopic under minimally invasive conditions. We can see incredibly well with the 3-dimensional technology. Patients leave the hospital sooner, require less narcotic because of reduced pain, less time with catheter, have less blood loss.

"I see the patient satisfaction in my office. There's less fear of surgery. I see it being increasingly demanded by patients. In five years, it will be commonplace." At Henry Ford Hospital, Dr. James O. Peabody says



Dr. James Relle checks the robotic controls before a prostrate surgery. While Relie is at the console, Dr. Brian Seifman will stand alongside the patient in the background. Seifman changes instruments in the robot arms (covered with plastic) about three-four times during surgery. Above Selfman's head are five 2-dimensional monitors.



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A nurse gets the surgical robot ready for prostate surgery while Dr. James Relle looks on.

his prostate cancer patients are recovering urinary and sexual functions more rapidly than with conventional surgery. Henry Ford Hospital leased their first robot in November 2000 then bought one the following March.

"We wanted to find a better way to do prostate cancer surgery," said Peabody, who works as a team with Dr. Mani Menon, director of the Vattikuti Urology Institute at Henry Ford Hospital.

"It's a step over the laparoscopic program. The robot was a boost because of better visualization with a 3-D image so it's lifelike, better magnification. Instrumentation are wristed so can do more precise movements. The miniaturized instruments are passed through narrow tubes. We can go in and rotate them with two joy sticks. As you open the thumb and forefinger the instruments do the same thing like little hands. It's much more precise than laparoscopy."

BRIGHT FUTURE

John Morad stayed in the hospital less than 24 hours and within four days was working at home. More importantly, because the prostate cancer was discovered early, his prognosis is good.

Morad had no symptoms but he did have a PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) blood test annually with his physical exam. When the numbers steadily increased, he had it checked every six months. When it reached a level of 5.6, his doctor did a biopsy. The results came back positive.

Today, the 65-year old Bloomfield Township resident is back in his office, and doing commercials for Henry Ford Hospital.

"A good friend of mine had the traditional surgery and didn't feel good for six months," said Morad. "The side effects were nothing, a little continence problem that cleared up three months later.

"They said they got it all. Now I just want to help other men any way I can. I tell them try to get it detected early. There's much less chance the cancer has spread. Make sure you get the PSA as early and often as you can, at least once a year. Inquire about it, this is a disease men are so susceptible. If you do get cancer, you can beat it. I've had two friends with prostate cancer, the one who discovered late has died."

Early detection, healthy lifestyle are key

Dr. James Relle says the good news about prostate cancer is "increased awareness is leading

"There are two things men can U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico. do – go for an annual physical exam then, starting at age 40, a

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men over a number of years with a preset vitamin regimen to see if it can reduce the risk of getting prostate cancer," said Relle.

"Another factor may be diet. The Western diet is high in animals fats and protein. The Asia or Eastern diet is high in soy we feel may be the reason their cancer rate is virtually nonexistent. It's almost rare to have prostate cancer in Asia. Antioxidants cancer-stopping agents like green tea and selenium - mop up free radicals that attack DNA.

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Michigan Thyroid Support Group Meets 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, with

speaker Dr. Pamela Smith starting at 7:00. Dr. Smith is the author of "HRT: The Answers." She will be speaking on how she treats thyroid disease along with how she treats it with hormone replacement. The meeting is held at the Plymouth Library 223 S. Main St. For more information, call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or send e-mail to mithyroid@yahoo.com.

Help, I'm Burning Out

Are you elated on Fridays and depressed on Mondays? The reason may be burnout. Learn from a biochemist how certain minerals, protein, reduced caffeine, increased water intake, and more sleep can reduce burnout during classes 6:30-8:40 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9 and 16, at Henry Ford Community College, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail at Warren, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$43; nursing contact hours are available for extra fee. To register, call (313) 317-1500 or visit the Web site at www.hfcc.edu/CL2.

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 eight 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 Six Mile & Hadderty 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.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free "Divorce Support Group" 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, the w 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.

charge, and pre-registration is not required. For more information or directions, call (734) 655-8961, or visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org. **Diabetes Support Group Leader** Training

There is a need to develop additional Diabetes Support Groups in this area, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health. Sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the Michigan Department of Community Health, a Diabetes Support Group Leader Training class will be held 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, in Classrooms 1 and 2, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. Please use the Marian Professional Building/Road Entrance. Training is presented by Dan Diepenhorst, MSW, Public Health Consultant, Michigan Department of Community Health. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8950. For directions or additional information please visit our Web site www.stmarymercy.org.

Blood pressure, bone density clinic 12:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in RCD room of Presbyterian Village of Redford, 17383 Garfield. Also available education literature. Open to the public.

Healthy cooking classes

Warming soups 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11. Cost is \$25. Other classes include a beginning cooking series Feb. 9, 16, 23 and March 8, and Fun Foods including baked tofu fries, pinto bean dip and more 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25. Val will also be giving a free cooking class on miso soup and brown rice nori rolls 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Whole Foods, 1404 Walton, Rochester Hills, Call (734) 261-2856 or visit www.macroval.com. **Fibromyalgia and CFS**

A free lecture will be held on Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome 7:15-8:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Plymouth Public Library. Guest speaker is Dr. Barry Hobbs, Specific Chiropractor, New research on the cause and relief of Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome will be discussed. For reservations or information, call (734) 416-2411.

Doctors with a Heart program

Dr. C.J. Trupp III, a chiropractor, will treat anyone who can't afford care on Feb. 12, at Trupp Family Care Chiropractic. For an appointment time, call (734) 261-5677.

Latest Low Back Pain Exercises Lecture gives an overview of the most recent developments in the prevention of low back pain with exercise training and patient education 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in the Oakland Physical Therapy suite B124 at Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River at Beck, Novi. No charge. Snace is limited. Reservation required by calling (248) 380-3550. Presenter

Thyroid disease remains undiagnosed among many millions of Americans

Did you know that 1 in 10 Americans suffer from thyroid disease? That's more than the number of Americans with diabetes and cancer. The fact is an estimated 13 million Americans have thyroid disorders, but more than half still remain undiagnosed.

A few of the signs of an underactive thyroid are tiredness, dry coarse hair, dry skin, high cholesterol, loss of lateral eyebrow hair, puffy face and eyes, slow heartbeat, weight gain, headaches, depression, and constipation. Some of the signs of an

overactive thyroid are nervousness, difficulty sleeping, bulging eyes, rapid heartbeat, increased sweating, unexplained weight loss, fine tremor of fingers, muscle weakness, and infertility.

All it takes are a few simple blood tests to determine your thyroid levels. Fifty percent of thyroid disease patients' offspring will inherit the thyroid disease gene.

The thyroid gland is essential to the proper functioning of the body, regulating its metabolism and organ function. The

thyroid produces hormones that influence every organ, tissue and cell in the body. If the thyroid doesn't work properly, neither will you.

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The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group meets at the Plymouth Library with monthly speakers offering their knowledge about thyroid disease. For more information about the support group contact Tracy Green at mithyroid@yahoo.com or call (734) 453-7945.

Time between births may affect risk of development of childhood allergies

Children born within two years of an older sibling were less likely to develop childhood allergies by age 6 or 7 than children born to first-time mothers, according to a Henry Ford Hospital study.

Published in the January issue of the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, the study showed children born within two years of an older sibling were nearly 50 percent less likely to develop allergies compared to first-born children regardless of parents' allergy history, presence of pets or number of older sib-

lings.

The reduced risk of developing allergies was not seen in children born three or more years after an older sibling.

Ganesa Wegienka. the study's lead author and an epidemiologist at Henry Ford Hospital, says the link between birth order and allergies may be related to the hygiene hypothesis, which holds that exposure to bacteria and infectious agents protects against allergies and asthma.

"We theorize that siblings who are close in age are more likely to interact and share

germs that can help the younger child's immune system develop better," said Dr. Wegienka. "However, it's also possible that the changes in the mother's immune system to allow pregnancy may persist after birth and influence the immune development of babies in subsequent pregnancies. Only more research will explain this link.",

For the study, researchers followed 415 e children born from April 1987 to August 1989 until ages 6-7. At that time, the children were tested for six allergies including cats, dogs, grass, and dust mites.

Study shows virtual colonoscopy as effective

A study, which was published in December in the New England Journal of Medicine, reveals that virtual colonoscopy is just as effective as traditional optical colonoscopy in identifying colon polyps, from which most cancers arise. Study findings are good news for patients who have avoided traditional colonoscopy because it requires sedation, discomfort and recovery time.

HealthCheck Imaging Services provides out-patient virtual colonoscopies using the

world's most advanced 16-slice computed tomography (CT) scanning capabilities with Vitria 3D workstations. The procedure is fast, non-invasive and as accurate as optical colonoscopy in detecting lesions. Exams may be referred by a physician, or self-referred by the patient. A board-certified radiologist reviews every scan.

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Pavne, CEO of HealthCheck Imaging. "Our equipment is state-of-the-art and has the 3D workstation technology that is necessary to do effective colonoscopy imaging."

HealthCheck Imaging has facilities are located in Farmington Hills, Ann Arbor, † Dearborn, and St. Clair Shores. Visit their, Web site at www.healthcheckimaging.com. For more information, call (248) 225-1399 or (877),

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Diabetes Support Group Leaders are needed

There is a need to develop additional Diabetes Support Groups in this area, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health. Sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the Michigan Department of Community Health, a Diabetes Support Group Leader Training class will be held 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday March 19 in Classrooms Lar at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use the Marian Professional Building/Road Entrance. Training is presented by Dan Diepenhorst, MSW, Public Health Consultant, Michigan Department of Community Health. If you or someone you know is living with diabetes, you know it requires daily attention to diet, getting regular physical exercise, monitoring blood sugar levels,

For more information or to register, call the St. Mary Mercy Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950. For directions or additional inforthis change the lifestyle of those with diabetes, but for those who are caring for them as well. Support Groups assist diabetics and their families in education of diabetes, support from peers, discussion on a variety of topics, and getting questions answered.

Support Group Leader Training is ntended to help initiate more diabetes support groups in our community and to keep them ongoing. This program pro-vides training for both lay and profession-al persons who are leading or would like to keep them ongoing. This program prolead a diabetes support group.

ALS of Michigan Workshop

The free workshop for patients and their runs 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the ALS of Michigan offices at 21311 Civic Center Drive, between Lahser and Northwestern service drive. Southfield. The yearly workshop provides information for people dealing with various phases of ALS. On Feb. 11, Patti Seventko, OTR, and Pat May, RD, of Harry J. Hoenselaar Clinic, Henry Ford Health System will answer questions about activities of daily living, self-care, home adaptations and nutritional needs for ALS patients. For more information or to register for the workshop, contact ALS of Michigan at (800) 882-5764. For more information, visit the Web site at www.alsofmi.org.

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 no

will identify positions and postures to avoid and prevent low back pain. demonstrate the most stable position of spinal alignment for exercise and functional activity, and describe the most appropriate strengthening and stretching exercises to achieve spinal stability.

Smoking Cessation Program

Wellness Seminars present a two-hour session which combines the power of hypnosis and behavior modification to help you kick the habit of smoking without gaining weight 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 14, in Kalman Auditorium at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, 18101 Oakwood Blvd, main entrance. The first 45-minutes is a free orientation. If participants decide to continue with the program there is a one-time fee of \$59 with free unlimited repetitions. No reservations required. Call (800) 848-2822. Workshop for memory problems

The Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter is offering "Partnering with Your Doctor: A Workshop for Persons with Memory Problems and Their Care Partners" 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The workshop will provide strategies to form a doctor/patient/care partner relationship that allows you to more effectively manage and be a part of your health care. To register, call Lisa Dodson at (734) 655-8950. If you are living with Alzheimer's disease and need help or information, call (800) 272-3900 or visit the Web site www.alzgmc.org.

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and possibly taking medication. These will always be a part of the daily routine and a part of diabetes treatment. Not only does

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POLYMYALGIA RHEUMATICA

I last discussed this condition in 1998, an update is in order. Polymyalgia Rheumatica is a condition that strikes older people. The usual range is between age 65 to age 90. The condition comes on suddenly, its features include marked aching and profound stiffness.

The stiffness is worse upon rising in the morning and often improves enough so that by midday you can undertake activities like buying groceries or keeping appointments. However, by sundown, the deep aching returns and becomes worse overnight.

Small does of Prednisone, a form of cortisone, suffice to treat the condition. Ultimately, over 3 months to 6 months you can stop Prednisone altogether. However, in a small number of cases, the usual dose of steroid fails to control Polymyalgia, and in other instances the condition returns when you stop taking Prednisone.

In these cases, the ongoing use of steroids carries side effect such as weakened bone, high cholesterol, and weight gain. Researchers have investigated alternative treatment regimens that are steroid sparing, Unfortunately, to date all attempts to use medicine other than Prednisone has failed.

Steroids remain the treatment of choice for Polymyalgia Rheumatica. However, the medical community has improved its ability to catch the condition early. This change means that the time and amount you will need to take steroids is less than in the past. The effect is sufficiently steroid sparing to make taking Prednisone for polymyalgia free of serious side effects.

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New Homes

Begun in 1999, Greene Farms in Ypsilanti Township, is in its fourth and final phase of development. Farmington Hills based Curtis Building Co. stresses values in the single-family homes it is building. Excluding lot premiums, the houses sell from \$199,900 to \$242,000.

"There are features in these houses you rarely see in \$200,000 houses said Melvin Menuck, vice president of Curtis Building Company. "The basic construction is the same as you'd get in a far more costly home."

All 48 houses in Phase 4 should be finished by the end of 2004, Menuck said. "We have four 'spec homes' (houses built before they are sold) in various stages of construction, and 10 vacant lots. Prospective buyers can choose from eight plans ranging in size from 1,506 to 2,339 square feet.

"We try to offer quality at an affordable price," said Menuck. The Georgetown is the best selling model. It's a traditional Colonial with four bedrooms and $2\frac{1}{2}$ baths. Options include an alternate master bath or three bedrooms with a den. Standard features include landscaping, brick fronts and partial sides and rear of

brick; two-car garage, central air conditioning, hardwood floor in the foyer and carpeting throughout. The houses also have a built-in microwave oven, an 80% energy efficiency furnace, and 7-foot-10-inch poured basement walls.

Curtis is now a third generation company that's undergoing major expansion. Allen and Melvin Menuck head the company, which has been around since 1945.

Current Curtis communities under construction include:

Kirkway Ravines, condo – Farmington Hills Preserve on Fellows Creek, condo; Cherry Hill Village, site condo - Canton

Kirkways of Scio, site condo – Scio Township Peninsula at Stonewater, subdivision - Northville; Northville Hills Golf Club, subdivision - Northville

To get to the homes at Greene Farms, take I-94 to the Huron Street exit 183. Go south four miles on Whittaker Road to Greene Farm Drive, turn right. Stop at the first two model homes on the left side of the street.



The Georgetown is the best selling model at Greene Farms. It's a traditional colonial with four bedrooms and 2½ baths.

Model homes are open noon to 6 p.m. daily. Call (734) 482-1220 for information, or visit the Web site www.curtisbuilding.com.

Buyer's agent can help you find a home to suit all your needs

(NAPSI) - Economists call it the "housing industry" but everyone buying some place to live knows that they are looking for more than just a "house." They also want a "home," a way of living that is far more than just four walls with a roof. And that lifestyle is a vision probably as unique as every proud new homeowner.

Buyers might see themselves sitting in front of the fireplace in their cozy den. Or tending to the best garden in the neighborhood. Or entertaining friends in their formal dining room. Or getting caught up in the energy of a thriving metropolitan center. There's just no limit to how buyers see themselves in their new home.

But how do prospective homeowners find the right property with the right combination of "bricks and mortar" and the intangibles that create a distinctive "home?" Looking for that property can be a frustrating task. But many buyers have discovered a way to make that search easier, more efficient and less stressful.

These buyers enlisted the help of an Accredited Buyer Representative, a real estate licensee with specialized skills. To earn the ABR designation, real estate professionals must complete a comprehensive training program and meet experiential requirements that demonstrate a thorough understanding of the entire home buying process-including the "soft skills" that help them locate available properties that are compatible with the buyer's lifestyle ideal.

Before beginning the search for that dream house, ABRs make every effort to learn from buyers what "makes them tick." Then, having gained an understanding of what the buyers want and need in their new home, they evaluate the inventory of available properties to find those that best fit with the vision of the buyers' unique lifestyle. Just as importantly, ABRs work for buyers, representing their best interests.

Clearly, all the properties those economists call the "housing industry" should never be regarded as commodities. They are all unique. So are homebuyers. ABRs understand this, and they know that "to see one is definitely not to see them all." And this applies equally to buyers, their lifestyles-and the dream home they're looking for.

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(NAPSI) - More than six million Americans currently, own a second residence, and according to a recent study. by American Demographics magazine, the second home* market is growing by more than 5 percent annually.

This rapid growth is due, in part, to the aging of Americans. As baby boomers approach retirement age, many want a second home that works as either a vacation home or a seasonal residence.

Real estate traditionally has been a profitable investment. Since the interest paid on second mortgages is tax-deductible, homeowners are able to write-off a portion of their monthly payment during tax time.

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Contemporary Trenton has plenty of great features

The Trenton 1 combines the contemporary look with rambler style. There is a covered porch with posts and railings, and a dormer over bedroom three. The vent on the garage has been designed to look like a dormer for accent. A combination of wood and brick further adds to the unique facade.

On the right is the dining room. It has a builtin hutch and three large paned windows great room. The rear wall is lined with large windows. There is a two-sided fireplace on the right separating the great room from the nook. Imagine yourself sitting in front of the fireplace sipping a cup of coffee with bayed windows behind.

KITCHEN

The corner kitchen has a garden window over the sink, an eating bar facing the nook, a corner pantry, and built-in desk for keeping recipes and records. Behind the kitchen is a large utility room with a door to the two-car garage.

On the left side of the Trenton 1 is the master suite and bath. The main suite area has a raised ceiling and long windows, creating a feel of spaciousness. The walk-in closet is adjacent to the master bath. A shower, spa tub, and "his and her" sinks make up the amenities of the master bath.



Upstairs are two other bedrooms, each with a wall closet and large windows. A full bath with a shower is between the two rooms.

An unfinished basement is available and would add 1,421 square feet of additional space if desired.

For a study plan, including scaled floor plan(s), elevations, section(s), and an artist rendering, send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Please specify plan name (Trenton 1) and the number (D1330). A catalog featuring hundreds of home plans is available for \$12.95, or save by ordering both for \$29.95. For faster processing, call (800) 562-1151 or visit www.landmarkdesigns.com.



Building homes for long-term appeal

(NAPSI) - City planners have discovered that cutting construction costs by using inferior materials can be a bad idea - both for homeowners and the communities these homes are built in.

"The reality is that the builder owns the home for a few months, the new homebuyer may own it for a few years, but the community will own it forever," said Charles Ostrander, executive director, **Illinois Masonry Institute** Promotion Trust, who works with some Chicago-area towns.

A growing number of communities are revising building ordinances, increasing the amount of brick, stone or concrete masonry required in new home construction.

Orland Park, Ill., a Chicago suburb, now requires 100 per-

cent masonry for commercial construction, 90 percent masonry for residential construction and 50 percent masonry for multi-family construction.

Denver suburb Aurora, Colo., now requires a minimum of 50 percent masonry on new single-family homes and 60 percent masonry on all new multi-family buildings.

"We spend a great deal of time master planning our communities to ensure they are developed according to very high design standards," said Aurora Mayor Paul Tauer.

To help cities, suburbs and their residents learn how to enact or amend masonry ordinances, a City Planner's Toolkit is now available at www.buildingwithbrick.net.









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NEW HOMES

It's time to brush up on housing financing options

So, you've finally found your dream home after months of looking. Now you have to figure out how to pay for it. Before you shop for a mortgage loan, it's important to learn about the many options available to you.

A mortgage is a long-term loan used to buy a home. The home you are buying is generally used as collateral to secure the loan. Mortgages are most often described by their terms, such as the time frame for repayment, and whether the interest rate is fixed or adjustable. The most common loans available today include conventional mortgages, adjustable rate mortgages, Federal Housing Administration loans and Department of Veterans Affairs loans.

CONVENTIONAL MORTGAGES

A conventional mortgage is a loan that is not insured or subsidized by the government. Lenders typically require a down payment of at least 20 percent, although you can put down less if you are willing to pay private mortgage insurance. PMI protects the lender if the homeowner defaults on the loan.

Conventional mortgage loans are typically fully amortized. This means

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al mortgages have time frames of 15 or 30 years, and may be either fixed-rate or adjustable. With a 30-year fixed rate

mortgage, the buyer pays off the principal and interest on the loan in 360 equal monthly payments. The 15-year fixed rate mortgage is paid off in 180 equal monthly payments. A 15-year mortgage typically requires larger monthly payments than a 30-year loan, but allows an individual to pay off a mortgage in half the time, as well as substantially save on interest payments.

You can also save a considerable amount of interest if your mortgage lender allows you to make bi-weekly mortgage payments. With a bi-weekly mortgage, the borrower makes half the regular monthly payment every two weeks. Because there are 26 twoweek periods in the year, the borrower makes the equivalent of 13 monthly payments each year. This allows the borrower to complete payment of a 30-year mortgage within 16 to 22

ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGES

With a fixed-rate mortgage, the interest rate stays the same during the life of the loan. But with an ARM, the interest rate changes periodically, usually in relation to a specific index, such as the national average mortgage rate or the Treasury Bill rate.

Lenders generally charge lower initial interest rates for ARMs than for fixed-rate loans. This makes the ARM easier on your pocketbook at first than a fixed-rate mortgage for the same amount. It also means that you

might qualify for a larger loan because lenders sometimes make this decision on the basis on your current income and the first year's payments. Moreover, your ARM could be less expensive over a long period than a fixed-rate mortgage - for example, if interest rates remain steady or move lower.

Against these advantages, you have for a one-family home in Wayne, to weigh the risk that an increase in interest rates would lead to higher monthly payments in the future. It's a trade-off. You get a lower rate with an ARM in exchange for assuming more risk.

FHA MORTGAGES

The Federal Housing Administration operates several low down payment mortgage insurance programs that buyers can use to purchase a home with a down payment of five percent or less of the sale price of the home. The most frequently used FHA program is the 203(b) program, which provides for low down payment mortgages on one- to four-family residences. The maximum loan amount

Oakland or Macomb counties is currently \$175,750. FHA-insured loans are available from most of the same lenders who offer conventional loans.

Veterans Affairs loans are also widely used to finance homes. Through the Department of Veterans Affairs Guaranteed Loan Program, qualified U.S. veterans, active service members, and reservists can obtain home loans without making a down payment. First-time VA borrowers only pay a one- percent funding fee, which can be rolled into the loan.

Stuart Michaelson is 2004 president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. He is also president of the Windmill Group in Farmington Hills, and has been a master builder for 20 years.

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By Anne Fracassa Avanti NewsFeatures

Refinements and upgrades are what make this new Nissan Maxima as close to a fine luxury vehicle as you can get.

As the flagship of Nissan's growing line-up of vehicles that seems to fit nicely into every way of life and lifestyle, the Maxima proves itself worthy of the maximum balance of performance, comfort and value.

Now five -- can you believe it?!? -- five generations down the road from the very first Maxima gracing American roads, there is no change when it comes to exactly what this vehicle is all about: A four-door sports car.

And, for the first time since its birth in 1981, the Maxima is now assembled on our shores, at the Nissan manufacturing plant in Smyrna, Tenn.

Nissan first billed the Maxima as a performance sedan and it quickly took the front seat as a top-selling V6 import. Today's Maxima is no exception. Two models are available, the 3.5 SE and 3.5 SL. Both offer a host of delightful options including a new Skyview Roof that's standard equipment on all models.

Nissan promises you'll fall in love with this new Skyview Roof. The premise behind this neat option is that it creates an open-air above the front and rear passengers, while maintaining a solid roof structure.

Okay, let me try to explain. The roof has rectangular glass panels that start in the front and end in the rear. It has sliding sunshades that can easily block out the sunlight if you wish.

The best feature about the Skyview Roof is that it alters the interior of the Maxima by making you believe that the interior is actually larger than it really is. And, if you don't like the Skyview Roof, Nissan will allow you to option for the regular power sliding front sun roof.

One thing you'll notice right away when you slip behind the wheel of the Maxima is the amount of room within



The 2004 Nissan Maxima is one fine luxury vehicle.

the cabin. There's a longer wheelbase, larger width and larger trunk cargo space. With that added space, you and your passengers will have more comfort zones and the added cargo space will allow a few extras to fit in. Comfort of the driver was of utmost concern when designing this new Maxima. Nissan engineers took many hours to bring everything toward the driver and his/her comfort.

The steering wheel, instrumentation cluster and even the gearshift knob were moved strategically closer to the driver. Instrumentation, the center console stack and console itself are cleaner and easier to read. In the center, you'll find the essentials like heating and cooling controls, audio controls and the trip computer.

No reason to ever not use the Maxima on ultra-long drives. Go ahead, take it across the country. Stop only for gas, if you wish. The front seats are designed for it. They're billed as "low fatigue" seats and have special cross sections of the cushions and seat backs to offer the best support possible.

The driver's seat is an eight-way power seat and the passenger's seat is a four-way power seat. Both have heightadjustable head restraints. Go ahead and splurge on the optional driver's seat memory system that readjusts the seat, steering wheel and outside mirrors at the touch of a button.

There are four seats in the Maxima, all of which virtually look the same. It was done that way for a purpose. Available on the Elite Package, the ever-so-boring rear bench seat has been replaced with two independent bucket seats. This treatment makes the Maxima even more sporty. Sure, it eliminates the five-passenger seating option, but it certainly looks cool and creative. Makes it look more like a two-door sports car without the hassles of getting in and out of the front doors. Just how many people really need the five-passenger seating option, anyway?

Nissan didn't ignore any safety issues with the Maxima, further enhancing crush zones, dual-stage front air bags with seat belt sensors, side curtain and front-seat sideimpact air bags. There are active head restraints, emergency inside trunk release and the child seat anchor system as well.

Let's get to the heart of the matter -- exactly what's under the hood. The Maxima is powered by Nissan's VQ 3.5-liter that has won eight awards as one of the ten best engines. This dual overhead can 24-valve V6 produces 260 horsepower and has a tuned exhaust that makes it sound just so sweet.

Of course, this engine is mated to a standard 4-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission with a gated shifter. The SE model allows you to have a 5-speed automatic with a manual shift mode, too.

And for the really serious driver, a 6-speed close-ratio manual is option on the 3.5 SE models.

Ride characteristics and handling are taken care of by a luxury-tuned and performance-tuned suspension that provides a solid feel and a superb ride. I can't image ever wanting to get out of the Maxima once you've started rolling.

Go ahead, take it for a spin.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

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SEEKING CHURCH-GOING MAN SHARE HER DREAMS SBF, 22. enjoys going to church. Looking for a fun, respectable, clean-cut, SB gentleman, 18-30, N/S, N/D, who is serious about a committed relationship.

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LOOKING TO BE SPOILED .. GET TO KNOW ME DWF, 30, smoker, with children, SBF, 27, mother of 3 boys. Seeking SWM, over 30, for a poslikes to go out and have fun, trying sible relationship. Ad#:640217 different things and the simple things in life. Looking for a sincere, honest, SWM, 25-35, who likes children and quiet times at home. LET'S TRY IT OUT

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SWF, 57, 5'4", red curly hair, brown eyes. Enjoys movies, the-WORDS CAN DESCRIBE. ater, boating, swimming, cooking and time with family. Seeking a SWM, 55-79, who is ambitious, spiritual, successful and fun. Ad#:473611 She is 36, milk chocolate complexed, petite, curvaceous, and sweet as can be! Are you a tall, thick SBM, 28-45 who shares her passion for jazz, the theater and ready for her sparkling personality? You know what to do ... leave a

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Swr, 42, 5, inclue har, oue eyes, friendly and bubbly. Enjoys long drives, walks, movies, cuddling and much more. Seeking an hon-est and caring SM, 35-52. Ad#:619145 spontaneous, level-headed, good-looking, SBM, 25-35. Ad#:636499

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Open-minded SWF, 49, financially and emotionally secure. Seeking mature SWM, 43-57. Enjoys reading, good movies, all music, open to newer interests. One who is looking for friendship first, and possibly more. Ad#:502459

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church functions and quality time with family. Seeking good-natured, attractive and open-minded SBCM, 40-48. Ad#:577548 LYING IS NOT AN OPTION

Ad#:578196

SWF, 41, 5'6", 130 ibs., with blond hair and brown eyes. Interests are loves fine dining, travel, cuddling camping, the outdoors. Harlev's and much more. In search of height/weight proportioned SWN GIVE ME A CHANCE... over 18, who is outgoing, with similar interests. Ad#:577503 GET ALONG GREAT Outgoing and fun-loving, SW Mother, 21, who enjoys dining, movies, walks and meeting new antiques cars. Looking for attrac-

people, especially a SWM, 21-30. Ad#:577137 **HONESTY ABOVE ALL** Want to be spoiled? I'm a fun-lov-ing, SWF, 55, tall, with green eyes & blondish-brown hair, who en movies, camping, sewing, cooking and time at home. Looking for a sincere, warm, genuine, SWM, 55-68, who enjoys life. Must be a non-smoker. Ad#:543693

SOMEONE TO TALK TO

SBF, 19, short, long hair, brown eyes, tattoos and piercing's. Enjoys going to the movies, talking on th phone and hanging out with friends. Looking for a SM, age Ad#:643089 unimportant, just to talk to, If inter STARTING OVER ested, please cail! Ad#:574234 Fun-loving, WWBM, 42, 5'10", with four children, loves cooking, LOOKING FOR FUN SWF, 35, enjoys races, flshing, camping and much more. In search of a tall SWM, 35-45, for friendship to start. Ad#:573872 bowling, going out and spending time with that special someone Looking for a SF, age and race unimportant, who's also fun-loving SAVVY LADY Ad#:642962 Cuddly, SWF, young-looking 52, short, full-figured, Irish look-a like, energetIc & good-natured, My BE THERE FOR ME

enjoyments are theatre, movies o staying at home. I would like to meet an easy going, good friend, SWM, 45-55, for nice times. Ad#:562687 R-E-S-P-E-C-T SBF, 34, looking for a stable, com-

municative, honest, respectful, educated, SM, 25-45. Could this be you? Ad#:573681 SOUND LIKE YOU? Outgoing, SBF, 21, 5'5", 155 lbs., seeking a tall, truthful, silly but serious, SM, 29-50, preferably

with no children, employed, with transportation. Ad#:573465

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White male, dentist, 6', 173 lbs.,

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Seeking a white female, 38 to 53,

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and is seeking a best friend.

SBM, 49, 5'11", 199 lbs, stocky

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laugh, and shares similar interests.

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SEEKING A QUALITY LADY SWM, 38, who enjoys pool, bowl ing, the outdoors, and watching vies. 5'10", 170 lbs, strawbe blonde hair. Searching for a SWF to spend time together, and who is

honest, caring, spontaneous, and adventurous. Ad#;640178 WALK WITH ME SBM, 39 seeking a SBF who shares his interests in fishing, movies, sports, a bike ride in the park and more. She would enjoy life and be ready to jump into love with a great mar who can treat a woman with

respect she deserves

GREAT QUALITIES

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Ad#:639508

SWM, 49, 5' 8", 150 lbs., hazel eyes, brown hair, athletic sportsmar., looking for special SF, 18-99 to share life with. Call me before you know it we'll be curied up in front of the fire with a good book after an active day outside Ad#:638998

SEEKING ONE GOOD WOMAN Fun, SWM, 36, blond hair, blue

ves, muscular build, nice-looking SBM, 32, 5'8", 170 lbs., profes-Enjcys dining out, movies and kids sional, financially, and emotionally Looking for an attractive slender stable. Enjoys movies, reading, SWF, 25-40. Ad#:621495 travel and much more. Seeking SWF, 20-36, who is down-to-earth, OPEN TO NEW IDEAS open-minded, and communicative, SWM, 23, 6'1", 202 lbs., medium build, social drinker. I enjoy doing

body work on cars and open to nev experiences. Looking for a SF, 21-SBM, 50, spontaneous, Seeking a 25, who would like to get together SF, 28-40, who is fun-loving, and - see what Ad#:638284 develops attractive, and trustworthy

home owner, with grown children. Enjoys boating, cook outs, travel-ling, movies, fishing and more. Looking for a slim to medium bull SWF, 56-64, for companionship possibly long term relationship. Ad#:637091

WELL-ROUNDED

SWM, 40, attractive, well-dressed and well-built. Looking for a SF, SBM, 19, 6'5", light brown eyes, 21-60, who has similar qualities. black hair, 200 lbs, Seeking a SBF, Ad#:637066 20+, to care for him and share time LOOKING FOR LOVE 👁 SWM, 45, 125 lbs., with blond hair.

SWM, 57, 5'7", medium build. Loves the outdoors. Seeks a fit lady, 45-57, for weekend activities, possible romance. Shiawassee County. Ad#:403918

has similar interests

together. Ad#:642601

LOVE THE OUTDOORS

IN THE SAME BOAT? Professional, DWM, 36, is looking for a SWF, 25-45, to hangout wit and see where it goes and what develops. Ad#:641350 40, N/S, Ad#:636413

special, holding hands and romance for a long term relation-RESPONSIBLE ship. Ad#:633005 Retired DWM, 64, 5'9", 165 ibs., FULL OF LIFE This DWM, 74 years young, enjoys travel, playing cards and going to the movies. If you are a SF with similar interests and a good hear he would love to hear from you!

GENEROUS HEART SWM, 42, never married, $6^{\circ}2^{\circ}$, 260 lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes. Enjoys playing music and more. Looking for a SWF, under 60, who is sincere and friendly. Ad#:631154 BALD AND BEAUTIFUL DWM, 42, 5'8", 150 lbs., easygo-ing, fun to be with, has a great sense of humor. Looking for an

Eniovs NASCAR, bowling, basket-

ball, football, working out and much more. Looking for a SWF, under 48, who has some simila interests. Ad#:636971 HIDDEN TREASURE

CHANGE OF PACE Hardworking, SWM, 34, 5'11", 220 lbs. Enjoys clubbing, dancing, and movies. Looking for a loving, car ing, fun, outgoing, stable, SWF, 31-

SBM, 42, height/weight propor-tionate. Seeking a SWF, who enjoys bowling, swimming, who is down-to-sarth and Ad#:621781

VERY HONEST SWM, 34, 5'6", with black hair and SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINbrown eves. Interests are movies

PIESS 2 martial arts, etc. Looking for a SHP 21-38, who enjoys the simple to CHAT LIVE or things in life. Ad#:615794 leave a voice message for

good hearted. Enjoys dancing bowling and pretty much every thing else. Seeking a SF, age unim-TIRED OF BEING ALONE portant. Hope to meet you soon!

SWM, 49, hardworking, 5'8", 175 Ibs. Seeking a SWF, 45-48, who is easygoing, intelligent and fit, for a long-term relationship in the VERY FASYGOING Redford area only. No E-mails please! Ad#:406401 SWM, 33, 6'2", 205 lbs., brown hair/eyes, honest and sincere.

J'M YOUR GUY

SWM, 49, looks 39, knows how to treat a lady, someone who has a nice build and a pleasant personal ity. I am looking for a woman that is looking for a good man. Hope to m vou as soon as possible hear fre Redford area. Ad#:411537

COLOR MY WORLD

Véry out going, SWM, 50, tall, brown hair, blue éyes. Enjoys racket ball, swimming, power This 23 year old SBM, is 5'8", 170 Ibs., with dark skin and a goatee. boating, traveling and cruises, Looking for a SWF, 18-50, who's He's looking for a SBF, age is not important, who wants to de together for some fun and good times. Ad#:615652 independent, outgoing, preferably with long brown hair, a nice floure with long brown hair, a nice figure and similar interest. Ad#;612448

EARN MY TRUST

SWM, 68, 6', medium build, N/S Would like to meet an honest, Honest, caring, SBM, 31, medlum build. 5'10", social drinker. Interests include movies, bowlattractive, slim, to medium build SWF, 50-62, to share times, with ing, camping and fishing. Seeking a SWF, 22-45, who's very honest similar interests. Ad#:615250 and some what out going. Ad#:612442

ARE WE A MATCH?

CAN WE MEET?

SWM, 38, 5'7", 155 lbs., hazel eyes, brown hair, honest, caring and respectful. Enjoys Seeking a ARE YOU READY? Do you have a passport? Do you SF, 26-40, who is healthy, fit, cor have a swimsuit? Do have dance and down-to-earth shoes? I'm 55+, tall, slim, active ready for friendship, compani

DINNER & MORE

animals, relaxing, working on and more. In search of a SWF,

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SEEKING SPECIAL LADY

SBM, 64, enjoys movies, bowling and much more. Looking for a SBF,

over 60, who has similar interests.

APTRECIAIES HOWEST SWM, 32, brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys writing poetry/songs, racing, dining and more. Seeking a down-to-earth, independent, sta-ble, SF, for a friendship first and

hopefully long-term down the road.

Easygoing, sincere, romantic down-to-earth SWM, 33, 5'10'

cuddling, movies at home and din-

ing out. Looking for an outgoing, affectionate, happy SHF, 18-35,

where she is going in

) lbs., brown hair/eyes.

romantic

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Ad#:614533

Ad#:614280

Ad#:613766

who knows

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real.

SWM, 40, brown hair and eyes. Enjoys dinner, movies and out-doors. Seeking a SWF, 37-45, with who is my equal! Ad#:612394 SPONTANEOUS SBM, 30, handsome professional. similar interests, for friendship and Enjoys traveling and being adven-turous. Looking for a SF, over 18, who is honest, adventurous and fun to be with. Ad#:612092 then let's see! Ad#:614756 ALWAYS SMILING SBM, 29, 5'5", 160 lbs., with

brown hair. Interests are boxing COMMUNICATIVE Single black male, 26, in search of

ship, romance with SW

48-60.

a single black female, over 18. who knows how to be herself. who is nice. Let's start out as friends and see where it goes from there. Ad#:612015 SBM, 47, 6'10", with brown eyes. Enjoys football, animals, etc. in search of a SF, 30-50, who has a nice personality. Ad#:614426

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