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Athletic proposal would increase costs

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

A plan to restructure the Plymouth-Canton Schools athletic department would cost \$52,000 more for a school district which has already cut the athletic budget by \$546,600 over the past three years. The Athletic Leadership

Committee's report to the Board of Education Tuesday recommended that Plymouth-Canton's athletic model include a district-wide director to oversee both high school and middle athletics, along with three athletic coordinators to supervise the athletic programs at each of the high schools.

The district currently has an athletic director at each high school.

"The goal we started with was to provide the best athletic leadership model for the Park," said Trustee Barry Simescu, chairman of the 18-member committee. "We looked at what student athletes are involved in, the three high

schools sharing facilities and what other districts do. Cost wasn't a major concern."

Committee member Jim Fox said the key is to have three building coordinators to run the day-to-day athletic operations, while letting an athletic director look at long-term goals.

"We felt very strongly that

with a growing community, and with the impact of student athletes and people that participate in athletics, that this is a great future idea for our community," said Fox. "But, it is also a strain on our budget."

The increased athletic budget is an issue with board

President Mark Slavens and Treasurer Judy Mardigian,

both of whom thought one charge of the committee was to cut costs in the athletic department.

"I can't support a cost increase," said Slavens. "When the committee was initially put together, I didn't expect to see that it will cost more. I

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DONALD J ALLEY

Artist takes a hint from nature

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Most artists have to make a trip to the local art supply store to get the materials they need for their creations. Not Shelley Xie. The 41-yearold Canton resident merely walks outside, and gathers what she needs from the natural world around her.

The China native, who works as an engineer for Ford Motor Co., gets most of her materials from her garden or the plants in the landscaping around her home. Everything she uses is produced by nature, including flower petals,

leaves,

skin from fruits and vegetables. In fact, she finds herself continuously expanding the materials she uses. Whatever might help her create the vision in her head when she starts a project.

When I'm searching for materials, I look at the colors and the textures. You need a spectrum of colors," Xie said. "I never add artificial colors in my work. Everything is 100-percent natural."

Some of Xie's favorite materials are Japanese maple leaves, hydrangea petals, and eggplant

skin. Of course, using such PLEASE SEE ARTIST, A





Alternative Valentine's Day **INSERTED SECTION**

Benny Halit (left) of Plymouth and Mike Kovach of Canton play Counterstrike during a tournament at Canton Computers Saturday evening

Battleground

All-night computer tourneys gaining popularity

BY RUSS HAMMOND CORRESPONDENT

n two dark rooms in a Canton strip mall on Saturday night, 20 young men attempted to maim, butcher and kill each other. They yelled commands, groaned at mistakes and heckled the opposition.

Seated side by side in large leather chairs, in teams of five players, they battled for eight hours on state-of-the-art computers playing a simulation game called Counter-Strike. The game, which is gaining in popularity, pits terrorists against counter-terrorists.

Instead of sitting in their homes and annihilating each other online, the players gather at the Gate, an area in the rear of Canton Computers in Canton, where they pay \$25 to play in its monthly Counter-Strike tournament. Coming to this event allows them to socialize, play the game they love with other like-minded people, and maybe even win the top prize, which usually ranges from \$400 to \$600.

"It's exciting. It brings people together," said Mark Maletic, 15, of Canton.

Maletic, and two of his teammates, James Wolf, 17, of Plymouth, and Tom Stanford, 17, of Canton, were taking a breather and milling around the store after their team won the first game of the tournament.

'This has been real good for the kids. It's a safe environment with plenty of

high-end computers.'

John Wisniewski **Canton Computers**

"The game went back and forth," Wolf said. "But we came back and won."

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Stanford said they're at the store, which is located at Canton Center and Ford roads, at least once a week playing various computer games and spend plenty of time at home with Counter-Strike. Maletic added that while it's okay to play online with people from around the country, there is "trash talk on the Internet but at the computer store, there's lots of joking around."

According to John Wisniewski of Canton Computers, the store charges a \$5 hourly fee to play.

"This has been real good for the kids," he said. "It's a safe environment with plenty of high-end computers."

He said that the Counter-Strike tournaments are very popular - slots fill up very quickly.

"We even have a team from Ohio tonight," Wisniewski said Saturday. In fact, Wisniewski said Counter-Strike tournaments are gaining in popularity throughout the state, with several taking place in East Lansing and Southgate. There are also computer gaming tournaments in Texas, Florida and California.

The winning team on Saturday night was Motown, led by Ben Robinson from Ann Arbor. Members of the team ranged in age from 18 to 22. They came from Waterford, Macomb County, Troy and Livonia. They won \$600.

Canton Computers, which opened in September 2004, is a full-service computer store. Wisniewski said that the Gate was an outgrowth of the corporate computer training course that they offer. Some of the younger employees suggested they use the space and equipment to set up a computer gaming center, or as they call it, "a Multiplayer Network Gaming Center."

Benny Halit, 20, of Plymouth, and a computer information systems student at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, is the guy in charge of the Gate. He refers to himself as the "gate keeper." He also hand-built every computer in the Gate - he knows the computers inside and out. His job is to set everything up and main-

PLEASE SEE GAMERS, A4

Shelley Xie uses a variety of natural materials in her work.

Christmas in Action looking for volunteers

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Some extreme home makeovers are going to take place in Canton on April 30, and volunteers and donors are needed to help with the projects.

Seven low-income senior households have been chosen to win repairs through Canton's first Christmas in Action program. Canton resident Jim Cisek is president and treasurer of the local chapter of the program, founded in 1973 in

Midland, Texas. "We will take help of any kind," Cisek said.

Since its inception, Christmas in Action has repaired 6,000 homes in Midland and sprouted more than 250 chapters nationwide.

Cisek heard about the program while working in Oakland County. He is project manager for Velmeir Companies of West Bloomfield. Also the chairman of the Canton Zoning Board of

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Clarifications

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The feature story in the Observer Life section (Page C1) on the Children's Christian Alliance should have said the organization's Web site was http://www.swiftglobal.com/cc a,

■ In the Feb. 3 Observer, it was reported Miller Elementary will receive \$3.5 million in renovations as a result of the bond issue passed by voters in September. The correct figure, according to Plymouth-Canton school district officials, is \$5.5 million.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Celebrate the Chinese New Year at the Canton Public Library on Thursday, February 17.

This year the annual event features traditional clothing from ancient China through modern times. A collection of traditional outfits worn by princesses and kings of the Qin Dynasty will be modeled and local dancers will perform an interpretation of various forms of dress. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. with a 15-minute intermission for refreshments.

Registration begins on February 10 by calling (734) 397-0999 or in person at the library. Last year the library's Chinese New Year program filled quickly, so you will want to register early.

This program is part of the library's Connect With Your Neighbors series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton

Public Library. These free informative programs highlight the diverse cultures found in Canton.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 South Canton Center Road.

Euchre, anybody?

The Exchange Club of Canton will hold its second annual Euchre Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 19 at Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway.

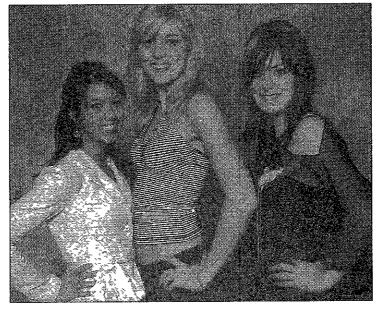
Proceeds from the event will benefit local scholarships and the prevention of child abuse. There will be door prizes, a silent auction, raffles and more. There will also be championship prizes for the top three players.

Tickets for the event, which runs from 4-10 p.m., are \$50, which includes food and an open bar. For more information, call Richard Piwko at (734) 981-1149, Jon LaFever at (734) 394-5482, or David Loveland at (734) 207-8943.

LaJoy visit

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will meet with residents of his district on Monday, Feb. 14 at Van Buren Township Hall, which is located at 46425 Tyler Road. He will be there from 3:30-5 p.m. LaJoy will discuss state gov-

ernment concerns and other issues. No appointment is necessary.



Sharp-dressed women

JoAnna Richardson (from left), Jennifer Fidorra and Ashley Maloney of Donoven's Salon in Canton recently upgraded their skills at the Redken 2005 International Symposium held at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. The three women, along with co-worker Donald Rodriguez, spent three days with other stylists from around the globe and learned advanced techniques in hair design and haircolor from leading experts in the industry. Donoven's is located at 42839 Ford Road, and can be reached at (734) 981-9977.

Scholarship deadline extended

The Canton Community Foundation scholarship application deadline has been moved back to Feb. 25. The organization is offering more than 30 scholarships this year, including four new ones. In total they will be giving out more than \$30,000 to high school seniors and students already enrolled in collége. For a complete list of the scholarships being offered,

please visit the group's Web site at www.cantonfoundation.org, or call (734) 495-1200.

Open forum

The Canton Homeowner's Advisory Council, an organization of homeowners and homeowner associations who come together to discuss resident and neighborhood issues, is holding an Open Forum Night on Feb. 14. Bring all your questions and concerns, and the group will try to provide answers.

The Homeowner's Advisory Council meets the second Monday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Fire Station No. 1 meeting room. **Contact President Charles** Mott at (734) 397-5495 for more information.

Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is looking for businesses to participate in the twice-annual Consumer Expo (formerly known as the Business Expo), to take place Feb. 24 at the Summit on the Park.

The Expo will feature nearly 50 local businesses that will demonstrate their products and services to each other and to the general public. The event is a great way to let the community know what your business offers, as well as a great opportunity to network. Businesses are invited to participate by renting booth space.

For more information and applications for booth space, call the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Radio birthday

WSDP 88.1-FM celebrates the past with a return to days gone by for Retro Day Saturday, Feb. 12.

In celebration of the station's 33rd birthday, WSDP will turn the airwaves over to station alumni. For the second straight year, former staff members will play music that was popular when they were students. WSDP will also air sound clips from throughout

the station's history.

The station's Web site, www.881TheEscape.com, has more details and a list of the participants.

O'Leary Play Festival

Sean O'Leary and a professional troupe of actors from West Virginia will visit the Village Theater at Cherry Hill to perform the Sean O'Leary Play Festival. Pound, the first show of the festival, is O'Leary's third play. Ezra Pound was America's greatest poet, a literary critic, fascist and a politically controversial figure. This new drama questions whether words are as powerful as actions, revenge is just, and sanity is possible. "Pound" will be performed Feb. 17-19 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 20 at 2 p.m.

The second play of the festival is Rain in the Hollows, which focuses on a journalist who returns to his native West Virginia hollow to confront his larger-than-life brother whose legendary deeds are accompanied by a maddening disregard for rules, laws, or the consequences for his struggling family. Rain in the Hollows will be performed at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill Feb. 24-26 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 27 at 2 p.m.

O'Leary began his play writing career in 1999 with his first play Wine to Blood, and has gone on to win more than a dozen awards for his plays, including a back to back win for "Rain in the Hollows" and "Pound."

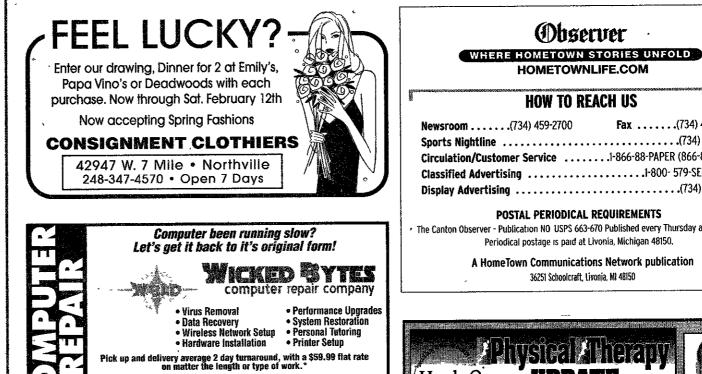


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Get your wings

Upcoming Mettetal event geared toward aviation enthusiasts

BY KURT KUBAN ` Staff Writer

If you've ever been fascinated by airplanes and would like to learn more about them, there is an upcoming event at Mettetal Airport that might strike your fancy.

The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 113 is holding an open house and Chili Fly-in from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19 at the group's new aviation center located near the south end of the state-owned airport, which is located at the southeast corner of Lilley and Joy roads. Planes from all over Southeast Michigan are expected to be on display at the event.

The chapter, which is part of the national EAA organization, has been based at Mettetal since 1961. In 2004, the group completed the new aviation center, which includes a heated hangar, meeting facilities, and the Robert Paulson Aviation Library.

The group's main focus is to provide an active local organization for anyone interested in aviation. The members have monthly meetings, provide hands-on training workshops, and organize several youth programs - most notably the Young Eagles Program, which provides youths between the ages of 8 and 17 with an introductory flight.

Fly-ins, according to chapter president Dave Buck, are basically when pilots fly their planes in to show off a little bit, but mostly to socialize with others that have a common interest - a love of aviation. Buck said the group typically organizes fly-ins during the summer months, when the weather is more predictable. He said there could as many as 100 pilots flying in for this event, though the weather could play a factor.

"Typically fly-ins begin in April, and take place in warmer weather. So this will be the first fly-in of the year. We're hoping to have a good showing," he said. "We're inviting the community to come see our new building, and to see what we're all about."

As the name suggests, the Chili Fly-in will feature plenty of food, including bratwurst, sauerkraut, and the aforementioned chili.

The chapter is always looking for new blood, and the members are hoping to use the fly-in to show prospective members what the group has to offer. People of all ages are welcome to join.

The chapter is open to all aviation enthusiasts, not just

pilots. In fact, only about half the chapter's 100 or so members actually fly planes. Livonia resident Mike Scovel, who is chair of the fly committee, said the event will be held even if the weather isn't ideal.

The heated hangar will offer shelter from the elements.

"We're really trying to showcase the friendliness of this airport, and get people interested in our organization," Scovel said.

The open house is free, but the chapter is asking for donations to help fund some of its programs, including the Young Eagles.

For more information about the event or the Experimental Aircraft Association, visit the chapter's Web site at www.eaa113.org, or call Mike Scovel at (734) 462-1176.

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Michigan executive, has collected \$25,000 so far through his Michigan India Disaster Relief Fund. And Mina Jaura, a cultural

BY KEVIN BROWN

STAFF WRITER

And Mina Jaura, a cultural awareness trainer and Canton mom, is organizing a tsunami relief event from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the Canton Summit on behalf of the Hindu Temple of Canton.

"It's something we see maybe once in our lifetime," she said. "It would be nice if we could help them, especially little children who are homeless and orphans."

Since publicizing his Michigan India Disaster Relief Fund in recent weeks to Metro Detroit newspapers and television stations, Kumar said \$10,000 of the \$25,000 he has received in donations has been sent to the Rotary Club in Madras, India and the Fisherman's Association of India.

"Right now we're focusing on distributing the money appropriately," he said. "We have people making assessments, helping the children, helping them long term -- possibly setting up an orphanage. We get reports on a weekly basis directly from friends of ours. We're still receiving checks on a daily basis."

Checks should be made to Michigan India Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 871171, Canton, 48187.

"We will be organizing a fund-raiser to fund the orphanage," Kumar said, adding the event has yet to be scheduled. "We want to help people espeMina Jaura, a cultural awareness trainer and Canton mom, is organizing a tsunami relief event from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the Canton Summit on behalf of the Hindu Temple of Canton.

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cially the kids."

Already scheduled is a Summit event to aid tsunami victims organized by Jaura on behalf of the Hindu Temple.

"We will be talking about what so far has happened there and the relief effort," Jaura said. Those who attend can pose questions about how donations should be spent. "Anybody could come there and donate," she said.

Jaura also serves as chairwoman of the Canton Human Relations Commission.

Both she and Kumar have heard of relations or friends affected by the tsunami. "My husband's family from is from the south of India," Jaura said, adding none were injured, but homes were damaged. "Your heart goes out you see the effect. In India people do not have insurance."

Kumar talked with friends who were near the beach in Madras when they noticed a large wave followed by a monstrous wave. "They started running; luckily they weren't too close to the water."

For more information on his relief effort, go to www.miindia.com.

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'Passion for education' puts mom in school race

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

With children at home ranging in age from 6, 3, 2 and six months, Emily Florence of Canton Township said the quality of education they receive in the Plymouth-Canton school district is of prime importance to her.

And, with that in mind, Florence is challenging incumbent Tom Wysocki for the one four-year seat on the Board of Education in the May 3 election.

"I have a passion for education, and I want to be aware of what is going on with the schools," said Florence. "I want to have some say, and work with the board as to what's best for students." Florence, a stay-at-home mom who volunteers at Gallimore Elementary, where her son is a kindergartner, said another issue of concern is the cost of the current school board election, which

is the cost of the current school board election, which has escalated because of a new state law. "The voter apathy is distressing when it comes to

tressing when it comes to school board elections," she said. "And, with the implementation of the new law, the cost for Plymouth-Canton (to conduct the election) is increasing. I'm hoping voterswill see how much this is costing, and it will spur them to get government officials to overturn the law and put more money back into schools."

Florence said the district's state funding, allocation of those funds and hiring "the best faculty" are high priorities.

"A district like Plymouth-Canton has high expectations and is perceived as one of the top school districts in the state," said Florence.

A SECOND TERM

Wysocki is seeking his second four-year term on the board.

 "I really enjoy the work on the school board, it's something you can give back to the community," said Wysocki, who lives in Plymouth.
 "There are a lot of challenging times coming up for us, and exciting times. The whole funding issue will come to a head pretty soon, and this is a good time to be involved."

Wysocki said other issues for the coming year will include contract negotiations with several unions, including a wage reopener for the 1,000-member Plymouth-Canton Education

Association. The last day to register to vote in the school board election is April 4 at the municipal clerk's office.

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FROM PAGE A1 thought we were looking for ways for cost savings.

"I would like to see if there is any way we can configure this athletic directorship so that we can save dollars," he said.

The committee, which has been meeting since September, did come up with an alternative plan that would save the district about \$100,000.

"We all felt very strongly we needed to have someone in the athletic director position, but we didn't feel financially we could afford it right now," said committee member Nancy Eggenberger. "(Salem High School Principal) Jerry Ostoin said he would be willing to step in and ... take over this role."

Currently, the three athletic directors and their secretaries total cost is at \$356,751.in. salaries Canton athletic direction service the three athletic director Sue Heinzman is the highest paid at \$94,981. Tom Willette at Salem and Terry Sawchuk at Plymouth each earn \$81,102.

Under the athletic committee's proposal, the athletic director would begin duties in the 2006-07 school year and eårn \$98,526 annually. The three athletic coordinators would receive a yearly salary of \$78,246. The total athletic

COST OF THE PROGRAM

Here's how the costs for athletic staffing look now, and a comparison of how things would look under a proposed new plan: SED

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budget, including secretaries, would increase to \$408,872.

The committee outlined a transition plan in which the three current athletic directors would be notified their positions will be eliminated in 2006-07, giving them time to seek other employment. They would also be considered for the new positions.

"We feel very grateful for the tors have provided for this district," said Michael Bender, director of secondary education. "We felt it only fair we give them an opportunity to look into the future for their own personal careers."

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski, also a member of the athletic committee, said the group looked at 22 different models, but it came down to the best model for more than

2,000 students per season who participate in sports.

"All the activities at the Park today really warrant at least three separate people doing full-time functions," said Ham-Kucharski. "Before, we thought the perception was these athletic directors were making a lot of money. When we looked at the rest of the athletic directors out there, they (Plymouth-Canton's) are being paid less."

Mardigian said she can't support the proposal the way it stands.

"I respect the work of the committee, but I think we have some more work to do," said Mardigian. "If we have to look at cuts, athletics is a likely place we'll have to look. And, we don't have a contingency plan."

Willette, who graduated from Salem in 1975 and has been the athletic director since 1999, said the committee's plan is one that has been discussed for sev-

tee's desire to have a district athletic director," said Willette. "My feeling is the current system is good. We have quality athletic programs at the Park, and part of the reason is we

athletic director's position.

GAMERS

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tain the structure of the tournament. When there is no tournament in session, he keeps an eye on things and sometimes helps the younger kids who don't have as much experience playing. He said that the kids who come in and play are polite and show a great deal of respect.

"I have no complaints," he said. "I have no trouble from anyone.'

Wisniewski said that they hold the Counter-Strike tournaments once a month, all-night game sessions every few months and they also host birthday parties on a daily basis. Children who attend an all-night game session must have parents sign a permission slip. Once the session starts, no one leaves the store until it ends the following morning.

Food and drink are important elements while playing games at the Gate. Sprinkled throughout the two game rooms, there are soft drink bottles, pizza boxes and bottles of Bawls, a highoctane energy drink similar to Red Bull that keeps the players

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Appeals, he recognized the program could help some local seniors and disabled people.

Patricia Van Dusen, a volunteer organizer with Christmas in Action, said about 15-20 individuals and companies have so far come forward to donate time to projects, but

"We anticipate we'll probably need a couple of hundred vol-

STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (Feb. 25, 2005), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM. 3371.24 - 11.11. TT ----

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home and hook them up to play.

"Some of these kids have real-

Participants in Canton Computer's Counter-Strike tournament duel with one another Saturday evening. Counter-Strike is a 'first person' tactical ops game.

zipping along during their session. Besides Counter-Strike, some of the games that people can play when they come in are Doom III, Halo, Half-Life, Need for Speed, Diablo and Warcraft. There is an XBox system with eight controllers on large-screen projectors. Some of the games available for the XBox include Halo 2, Grand Theft Auto, Madden 2005 and Silent Scope.

Wisniewski said that the computers in the Gate all have

logo placed on a lawn sign at Besides seeking skilled help, the repaired home and on T-Christmas in Action will also shirts distributed and worn by use help from high school students who must complete comevery Christmas in Action volunteer. Businesses can also munity service projects. Joining the volunteers are coach Lori become T-shirt sponsors for \$1.000 and have their logo Callahan's 19-member Plymouth-Canton girls varsity printed on the T-shirts.

hockey team. "I thought that could be a good community service project, and it would be a little

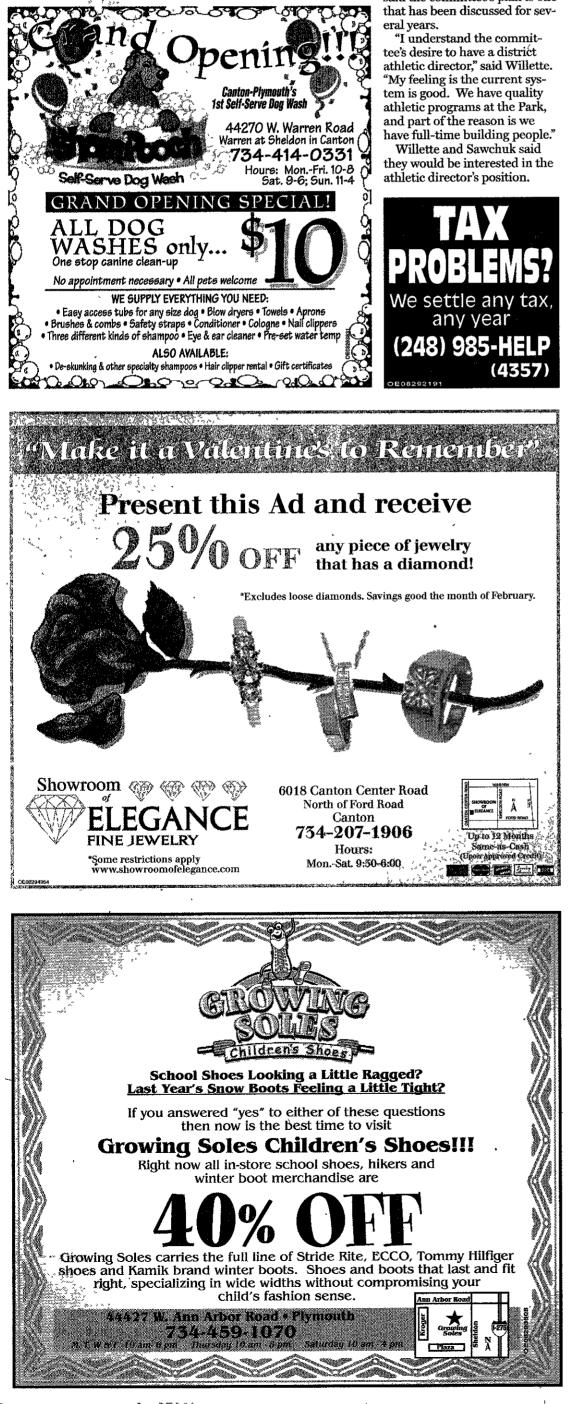
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and landscaping. To donate services, money, or to inquire about the program, call (734) 844-8900. Canton donations are collected by the Canton Community Foundation and used for Canton projects. The program has been endorsed by the Canton Board of Trustees.

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more are needed. unteers," she said.

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Brian Leving (right) and Jimmy Wang form the head of the lion for this traditional dance during the Michigan Chinese School's New Year of the Rooster Celebration. Musicians (from left) Mike Leving, Stephanie Poe, Allan Lee look on.



Bee Wu and her nephew Eric Wu look at the lantern decorated with recycled paper and materials. The Wu family made the lantern, and it earned a ribbon award.





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Jimmy Wang creates the drumbeat as the Lion Dance begins, marking the start of the Michigan Chinese School's Chinese New Year celebration.

Chinese School honors the Year of Rooster

Food, music, colorful handmade lanterns and the traditional Lion Dance were all part of the holiday mix Saturday at the Michigan Chinese School New Year celebration.

Families from throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties ushered in the Year of the Rooster (Year 4702 by the Chinese lunar calendar) at a special dinner and program in Livonia's Stevenson High School,

Some 300 people enjoyed a seven-course traditional Chinese dinner catered by Best China of Canton Township and a talent show that celebrated Chinese culture in music, dance and art.

Taking home honors in the lantern decoration contest categories were Jerry and Eric Wu (father and son), Charles Fan, Rachel Wang, Justin Fan and Ingrid Fan (family); Jenny and Angela Wu (mother and daughter); Frank and Jason Hsu (father and son) and Michelle Ho and Emee Ta (student group).

The Michigan Chinese School meets Saturdays throughout the school year at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Students from Canton, West Bloomfield, Livonia, Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Farmington Hills study traditional Chinese language, heritage and culture. Students from preschool through grade 12 are enrolled in the school which started in 1978 at Isbister Elementary School in the Plymouth Canton School District. Classes are taught by parents who are trained teachof language instruction followed by a session which focuses on Chinese culture and d enrichment.

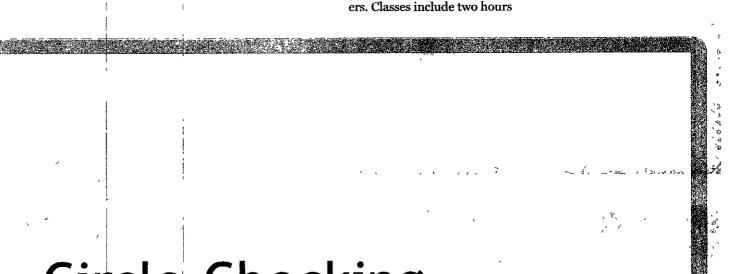
Chinese New Year started with the first new moon of Feb. 9 and ends on the full moon 15 days later. The Chinese calendar uses 12 animals to mark the year.

The rooster is described as flamboyant and unpredictable.

For more information about the Michigan Chinese School . contact Steve Poe of Canton at (734) -306-5689.



Tiffany Lyn of Novi High School performs during the Year of the Rooster celebration.



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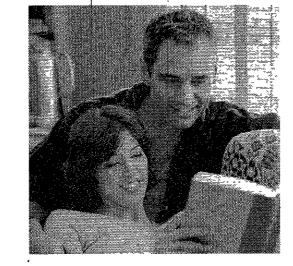


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Margaret Evelyn Davidsen (nee Cripps), 87, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 5. Jeanette A. Dorvee, 76, of Redford Township, died Feb. 5.

Stephen M. Galida, 36, of Coshocton, Ohio, died Feb. 6.

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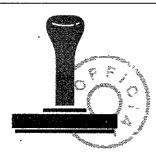
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Oxford, died Feb. 5.



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Joanne L. Jackson, of Garden City, died Feb. 4.

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Marian C. Korth, 98, of Clarkston, died Feb. 3. Priscilla T. Lightfoot, of Redford Township, died Feb. 5.

Irene H. Marcinkowski, of Plymouth Township, died Feb. 3. Amelia Dolores McKee (Ruppersberg), 90, of Troy, died Feb. 7. Lawrence Lyndell Moore, of Canton Township, died Feb. 3. Minnie Myers, 94, died Feb. 2. Esther J. Parrott, 73, of Westland,

died Feb. 5. ₽ Sandra J. (Sandy) Rosaen died Feb. 4.

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Edna Trombetta, of Canton Township, died Feb. 3.

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Kenneth E. VanderVen, of Livonia, died Jan. 31. Phillips Buick Van Dusen, 74, of Chapel Hill, N.C., died Feb. 4.

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George F. H. Schaeler, of Westland,

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CANTON COP CALLS

Attacked

An Ypsilanti man, 20, was attacked Feb. 2 by two Canton men on Cambridge Street and sent to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia for two cuts to the head after being struck by a beer bottle. Police responded to the incident call at 11:11 p.m. Witnesses told officers that two men, who are white, also hurled racial slurs at the victim, who is black, before fleeing the scene.

Police wrote in the report they were waiting for the victim to decide whether or not to press charges. Lock your vehicle A 19-year-old Canton man reported

going on now

his \$400 I-Pod was stolen overnight Feb. 1 from his unlocked Chevy Astrovan parked in his driveway, along with auto stereo equipment. The theft happened in the 2000 block of East Roundtable. Police have no suspects. Glue you

A man who used Elmer's Glue to fix "Please don't park here" signs to the windows of a 24-year-old woman's car faces a date in Canton 35th District Court on a charge of malicious destruction of Property. -Police were called Feb. 1 to the 7000 block of Foxthorne, where a woman found the signs on her car. She told police that while she stayed overnight at a nearby residence, she parked at the nearby apartments believing it was legal to do so.

As she approached her car the next morning, the woman told police she felt threatened when the man who placed the signs approached her to explain she shouldn't park there.

The man offered to wash off the glue, but the woman told police she didn't want him near the car. The man was ticketed and must appear in court at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 15.

Revenge suspected

A Canton mom, 35, told police on Friday her home and car sustained several hundred dollars damage from BB shots.

The woman said she suspected her daughter's boyfriend or an accomplice in the vandalism, as she had been seeking criminal sexual conduct charges against the boyfriend, in an incident involving her daughter.

Trailer taken

A 12-foot flat-bed trailer with construction tools was discovered stolen Feb. 4 from a job site near the Cherry Hill Village Theater. Police have no suspects in the theft.

ARTIST

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materials isn't exactly like squirting paint onto a palette and going from there. Xie said her method can be a much more time-consuming process. For example, all the flowers and leaves she uses must be pressed first, so she can extract any moisture and to get them to stay flat. Timing also plays an integral part in the process, because most flowers are only in bloom for a week or two.

Before starting a project, the elf-taught artist spends weeks gathering materials and getting them ready, She then spends another couple weeks actually

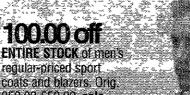
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working on a particular piece, working through the initial frustration and eventually seeing the piece to fruition.

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"I start with a pile of leaves over me, and find myself cursing it. But little by little, it begins to take shape," she said.

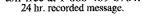
Xie, who is married and has a 13-year-old son, is submitting two of her more recent works, "Apple Blossom" and "Freedom," in the annual art competition at the famous Philadelphia Flower Show.

Xie doesn't sell her original pieces, because they fade over time. Instead she makes prints of them, which she sells from her personal Web site at www.artbyshelleyxie.com. Normal prints cost \$25. She also sells limited edition prints on acid-free paper, which are signed and numbered, for \$85.

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Westland surgeon returns from tsunami disaster with hope

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

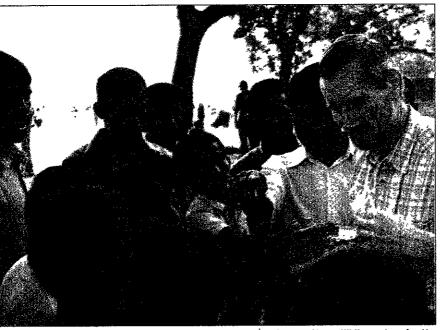
Dr. Karl Bandlien had just completed rounds at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and was on his way to church when news about the tsunami tragedy came on the radio.

For the next week he couldn't eat and hardly slept until turning to prayer. An answer came and by Monday he was on a plane to Sri Lanka. Bandlien knew living conditions were below standard even before the tidal wave struck because he'd spoken at a conference for Healthcare Christian Fellowship in Sri Lanka in 2003.

"I had been in those areas, knew the people and had worked with them," said Bandlien who has a surgery practice in Westland.

"I'd never seen anything in regard to destruction of all the structures and massive loss of life. It was something that was beyond anything you could possibly imagine."

As senior medical officer for the Michigan Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Bandlien had been called upon to assist survivors of hurricanes in Hawaii, an earthquake in California but had never experienced destruction and death of this proportion. After traveling 24-hours by plane, he rode another seven hours in a van to reach the area where he, and physicians from San Francisco, Australia and Sri Lanka along with a dentist, would treat every-



Dr. Karl Bandlien passes out Band-Aids with cartoon characters on them. While useless for the types of wounds he was seeing, Sri Lankan men, women and children had never seen anything like them.

thing from infections to wounds.

Bandlien says it was a miracle how they all came together. His contact was the Healthcare Christian Fellowship, an interdenominational organization representing more than 100 nations. HCF coordinated all of the relief agencies providing assistance.

"It struck me as an impossible task," said Bandlien. "I had surgeries scheduled, meetings. I'm medical director for Visiting Physicians Association. It didn't seem possible. It was amazing in the next 24-hours, I got plane tickets that would take me there on Monday. To me personally this was a miracle. From there it was an amazing set of events.

"It was a miracle how all these things came together, an answer to a prayer and an answer by God to the cries of these people." Part of the miracle was along with the wound care, bandages and medical supplies Bandlien came equipped with, the San Francisco doctor brought a \$30,000 donation of antibiotics and medications. It wasn't long before all were in Trimcomalee on the northern part of the east coast.

Along the way they saw parts of the peninsula where 1,200 were killed. They drove down the road to the local hospital where 65 patients plus all of the nurses and doctors died.

"It hit us so hard. Our stomachs were upside down. We tried to process what happened," said Bandlien. "They took us to where there was still a standing structure, a school house. We put up chairs and tables, set up stations.

"It was wall to wall patients. I'm convinced many would have had serious consequences or loss of life. They had open draining wounds and infections. Many were dragged across areas after the wave hit them and sustained injuries."

When Bandlien talks about the experience his voice shakes at certain points. He tells the story of a school teacher who studied tsunamis and remembered the warning signs. When he saw the ferry boat rise 30 to 40-feet in the air, he knew to run for his life. He screamed to his neighbors, but they didn't heed the warning. He and his family were the only survivors.

Bandlien brought back stories of hope as well. As he was gathering up supplies on the last day, Bandlien found colorful Band-Aids with cartoon characters in the bottom of his bag.

"They were useless for the types of wounds I was seeing," said Bandlien. "I had an audience of kids around me all day, pulling foreign objects out of legs. I looked at their faces. It was like on Christmas day. They came from everywhere requesting these Band-Aids.

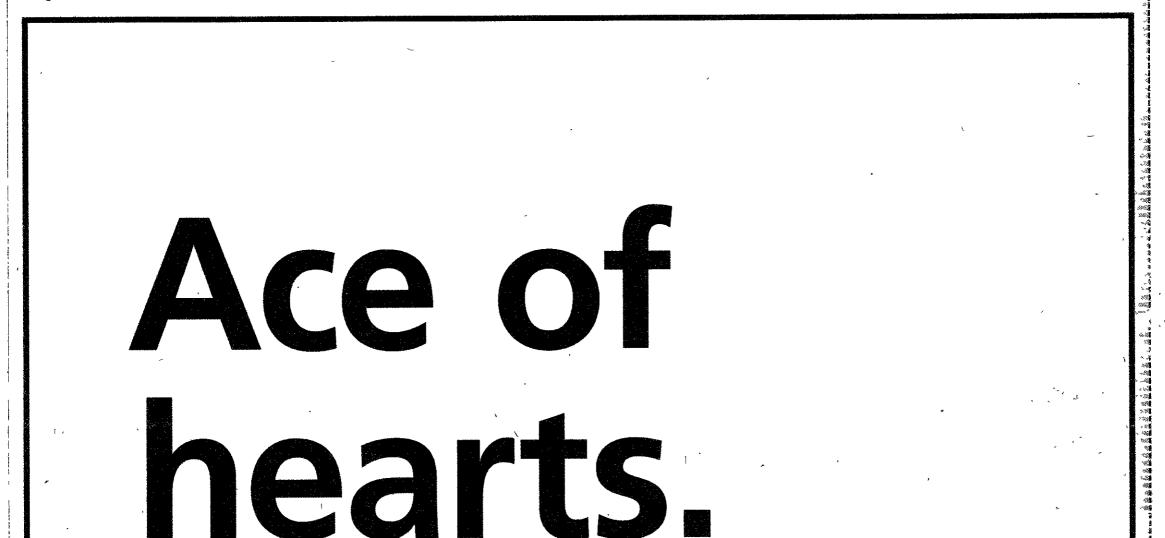
"I shared with these kids that God really cared about them. That's why we were there. It's not a Christian area – Hindus, Buddhists, Moslems. There had been a lot of tension, Christian churches burned and rebels fighting. There was a healing taking places between many of these different areas of conflict. Members of a church had gone to a Hindu area and started cleaning up and a Hindu priest wanted to apologize for something he said earlier.

"I'm still trying to understand what can we learn from this. Life is very fragile. It could have been any one of us in the vacation spots in Thailand. God is speaking to get our priorities in order." Bandlien is home now and reassessing his life. He wants to share his experiences

He wants to share his experiences and create awareness so others will help.

"Before I came home I met with my (HCF) counterpart in Sri Lanka and we prayed together. Since then I've been able to direct this in a positive direction rather than be overwhelmed by it and see solutions."

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We've all heard about farmers who pray for rain during the long, hot summer months, when a prolonged drought could mean the difference between making a slim profit and the bank foreclosing on the family farm.

Well, Plymouth-Canton Schools officials should be doing just the opposite over the course of the next year and a half. Instead of doing a rain dance, they should be doing a sun dance, because poor weather is just one of the pitfalls that could seriously hinder the district's ability to get its new elementary school in Cherry Hill Village built by the summer of 2006.

The district needs to get the school done by then, because the plan is to shut down nearby Miller Elementary for the entire 2006-07 school year, so it can undergo \$5.5 million in renovations. All of the students attending Miller, with the exception of those in the Talented and Gifted program, will be housed for a year in the new school while Miller is renovated.

District officials said the groundbreaking for the school at the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Denton roads should happen soon. Surveys and soil borings are currently being done on the site, but the main hang-up is getting the designs to meet the stringent architectural standards in the village. The goal is to have the plans submitted in time for the March 7 Canton Township planning commission meeting.

If the designs are approved, the township board will also have to OK the plan, probably sometime in mid-March, though that will most likely be a formality. That will leave the district about 17 to 18 months to construct the building and be ready for the students in August of 2006. While admitting there is a razor-thin margin of error, district officials said they are still on schedule to get the project done on time.

Yet, there are so many things that could jeopardize the plan, including problems at the 20-acre site. District officials also hope to avoid labor problems and material shortages, factors that often hinder projects of this magnitude.

But the biggest factor will most likely be the weather. Project managers have a lot of control over the other issues, but they can't do anything about the weather. All they can do is hope for the best, including an early and dry spring. Last year, we had an unusually wet spring, which delayed many construction projects, including a number of road projects. Another spring like that would force district officials to alter their plans.

So they might want to start practicing their sun dance techniques. Perhaps there are some how-to books in the school libraries.

The best Valentine's gift: a healthy heart

LETTER'S

The winter blues

Just a few days ago, I had the sudden realization that it was 5:30 in the afternoon, and there was still plenty of daylight.

I felt somewhat encouraged — the winter "ho-hums" usually get to me by early February. Of course, with this "extra daylight" and no 4 p.m. twilight to signal "time to start dinner," I have entered into the "I want to be outside" mode — that stretch of about four weeks where I stand by the window gazing through perceived bars.

Foolish me. It is only early February and the "outside" is way too cold to actually be outside longer than it takes to go from my heated driver's seat to my semiheated classroom of the hour. (I keep asking myself, why do I live in a colder climate?) Besides, there are still heaps of snow around every entrance, ponds of frozen water around my mailbox and a snowplow berm at the end of the driveway. Alas, it is still winter, even if there is ever so much more light at the end of the tunnel ... I mean day.

How depressing is it when that prognosticator of spring, Punxsutawney Phil - the pampered marmot in Pennsylvania - saw his shadow and predicted another six weeks of winter? Just look what Phil did with extra daylight! As I was grousing about my brittle bones aching in the cold winter weather, I discovered — purely by chance — the antidote to a groundhog's guess! This happened when I drove into my driveway (over the glacier that has formed at the street) and began my lethargic process of leaving the warmth of that heated seat, crawling out of the vehicle and dragging my groceries into the house. That's when I heard them. They sounded so familiar yet out of context. You usually don't hear such a pleasant sound on a brisk Michigan day in early February. There, between my house and the next, prying up pebbles in the neighbor's dormant flower bed next to the house's foundation, was a familiar bird. Could it be that it was really finding beetles or bugs or slugs? Could it really be possible that there was a frozen feast to feed him? Robins leave before Michigan is snowy and cold only to return for "dinner is served" springtime. True, sometimes they get here just as the appetizers are presented - but earlier than that? Yet there he was. I could hardly believe my eyes. On Feb. 3 I saw my first robin. Take that, Punxsutawney Phil! And just in case you think that a returning robin doesn't trump a guessing groundhog ... well, I have a flock of them! Indeed, I offer a robin and maybe five more just for show! A full (bird) house. Maybe even a royal thrush. They were all squabbling, feet over feathers, over the same turf. I do hope that my neighbor's flower bed is infested with enough freezedried "antipasto" bugs to keep these adventurous birds here. I mean, even Michigan's elderly human "snowbird" population hasn't returned from Florida yet. Oh, how I hope these feathered friends are not just on their "mid-winter break" up north!

School response

I feel the need to respond to the letter to the editor written by Mark F. Tooze of Plymouth Township that was published in the Jan. 27 *Observer*. The letter, titled "Not a Bad Law" discussed my unhappiness with the new Election Consolidation Law.

Mr. Tooze asks why our Board of Education and I did not work to find an alternative to the May date. What it comes down to is that the school district's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The board begins to develop its goals and the goals for the superintendent and district at its July organizational meeting and works hard to complete those goals by early September.

To have a newly elected board member start in January after a November election does not work well for this important goal-setting process.

Also, in response to the second issue raised by Mr. Tooze, the school district holds elections every year because for three out of four years, there are two board seats available in every election.

A big win

I always enjoy reading Phil Power's insightful pieces in the Observer & Eccentric. It probably helps that I agree with almost everything he says. I'm a member of the Nature Conservancy, my favorite of the many environmental/conservation groups I

belong to. It's going to be a long four years with Bush. It was helpful reading your Jan. 27 article ("U.P. land deal epitomizes the

article ("U.P. land deal epitomizes the spirit of cooperation") to get a flavor on the difficulty and complexity of preservation efforts. A big win for everyone in the U.P. and Michigan.

> George Dilgard Birmingham

Successful mission

Operation Desert Storm successfully liberated Kuwait and destroyed the Iraqi army. All military objectives were accomplished, so President George H.W. Bush halted the war and invited Iraqi citizens to overthrow their government. Many tried and were slaughtered allied forces simply abandoned them. For years, any discussion of that war concluded, "We stopped too soon," "We should have removed Hussein" and "We should have established a new government." Hussein resumed torturing citizens, purchasing weapons and supporting terrorists. We returned when 3,000 Americans were murdered in our Twin Towers. Again, we destroyed the Iraqi army, but this time we did not stop too soon. We removed Hussein and are establishing a new government. These same critics now argue that we shouldn't have used force, these people don't want our government and our troops must come home quickly. As Anne Coulter said, "Some people think history started 10 minutes ago," but Iraqis remember being abandoned in 1991 and have good reason to fear being on the losing side again.

This Valentine's Day, be kind to your heart - it's the best gift you can give those you love.

The American Heart Association — whose goal is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke — observes February as American Heart Month to educate Americans about preventative measures.

Despite recent news reports that cancer deaths surpass those from heart disease, the latter remains the No. 1 killer in the United States for the population as a whole, according to the American Heart Association.

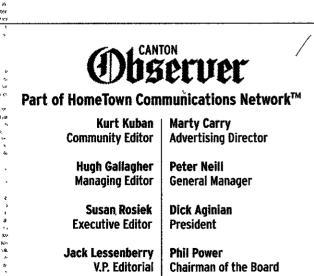
The American Cancer Society's January report indicating more people under age 85 have died from cancer than heart disease each year since 2002 included deaths from heart disease only — not related cardiovascular diseases, the AHA says.

Nearly 100,000 Americans under age 60 die each year from heart disease — and another 17.9 million live with the ravages of coronary heart disease and congestive heart failure.

For women, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death — a fact the local branch of the American Heart Association is attempting to educate the public about through its Go Red for Women Luncheon on Tuesday at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. (For more information, call [248] 827-4214.)

This Valentine's Day, commit to making these lifestyle changes — and increase your chances of living a longer, healthier life with your loved ones.

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Linda Newberry Canton This guarantees the public has the opportunity to review the leadership and makeup of the board every year at a reasonable cost to the school district.

If you have heard me make a public presentation, you know I have a "no whining" rule. It is difficult for me to hold to my rule and "manage this situation to a positive outcome instead of whining about the law."

The intent of the law is to increase voter participation and consolidate some precincts, if possible. What used to cost us \$15,000 may now cost us \$60,000 to \$75,000. In these very challenging financial times, that is a tough pill to swallow. If the state wanted election consolidation, all it had to do was tell us to run our elections on the dates it selected. It made a simple solution much more complicated. As always, I am proud to be the super-

intendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Jim Ryan

superintendent of schools

Social Security myth

In trying to sell the idea of private accounts for Social Security, President Bush advertises that, "Your children can inherit your account."

But that's only if you die before your private account is exhausted. If you die before it is exhausted, you are simply out of luck. Unlike the current system of benefits, it does not continue until death.

If your private account runs out, you will be stuck with minimal Social Security benefits, reduced once because the system is already underfunded and reduced again because you opted for private accounts.

If you have a good pension or a wellfunded retirement plan, this may be an acceptable risk for you. But for millions of people, Social Security is their only income. You can expect to see a lot more stories of elderly people living on cat food if this program is adopted. Hank Borgman

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"It's far shorter than what we would feel extremely comfortable with. But if everything goes right, we should be OK. We can't afford any trip-ups along the way, because there is no room for maneuvering."

- Ken Jacobs, assistant superintendent of administrative services for Plymouth-Canton schools, on a timeline to build a new elementary school in Cherry Hill Village, so it is open in time for 2006-07 school year

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OTHER OPINIONS

We need to view Detroit's problems as ours, as well

s stories about Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's evident shenanigans (putting it mildy) have flooded the media, I've started musing about Coleman A. Young, Detroit's first black mayor.

Like Kilpatrick, Young was a former state legislator, first elected to the state Senate in 1964 and then chosen Democratic floor leader in 1966. He was bright and capable; people in Lansing affectionately called him "Coalie" and thought of him as the smartest black politician of his day.

After the 1967 Detroit riot shook Michigan to its core, it became perfectly clear that the city



would become a majority African-American town - and that civil peace would depend on the election of a black mayor. Young ran in 1973, narrowly defeating John Nichols, then Detroit's police chief, charging "blackjack rule" by the mostly white police department.

Phil Power

For a time, the elite of Michigan media, opinion makers of all stripes - welcomed Young as the savior of our largest city. But his blunt language began to poison

the well of general public approval. Early on, he invited criminals in Detroit to "hit Eight Mile Road," a remark interpreted by suburbanites as an invitation to invade their communities. Worse, as time went on, Young built and maintained a power base in Detroit by using essentially racist rhetoric to appeal to an essentially segregated black constituency.

By the time Young decided to call it a day in 1993, most serious people were happy to see him leave office.

Even at this early juncture in Kilpatrick's career, the parallels between him and Young are striking. Except that the city of Detroit is far, far worse off today than it was a decade ago. And Kilpatrick, at 34 and prone to youthful impulsiveness, is hardly the seasoned pro that the 55-year-old Young was when he took office.

Here's a quick look at some of the most awesome problems:

The city faces a nearly \$400 million budget shortfall that will require hundreds of city employees to be laid off and draconian reductions in already skimpy city services.

The city has lost more than a million residents in the past half-century, and experts predict another drop of 50,000 in the next five years. More than 15,000 businesses have left the city since 1972, and the unemployment rate is 14 percent, compared with 7.4 percent statewide.

Yet the city's payroll is, well, bloated. According to a recent story in The New York Times, Detroit still has 18,000 employees (the same as a decade ago!) and 1.4 administrative employees for every 1,000 residents, far higher than the 1.0 median for other big cities.

The Detroit school system sent last week a deficit

reduction plan to Lansing, which calls for hundreds of layoffs and the closure of more than 100 schools. The district figures enrollment will fall to 100,000 by 2008, half of what it was in 1999, the result of desperate families fleeing to suburban districts or to charter schools.

All in all, the situation facing Detroit constitutes the worst potential for crisis for Michigan since 1967. "To the extent bad politics continues to swamp good economics, I see no turnaround imminent," said David Littmann, just-retired chief economist at Comerica, who recently told The New York Times, "It does gravitate to a graveyard spiral."

Incurable deficits at the city of Detroit and the Detroit schools could reach a combined \$500 million or more; nobody knows for sure. But both organizations are required by law to balance their budgets. And their situation could trigger a state law forcing the appointment of financial receivers to run the city and the schools, which would be, in effect, an involuntary state takeover of Detroit and its school system.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who needs unions and minority votes to turn out big time if she is to win reelection, won't welcome the prospect. Yet Kilpatrick's months-long struggle with the Detroit City Council over refinancing the city's debt suggests local politics are still in full denial and hardly clear-eyed about financial matters or tough-minded management.

Perhaps it's time to begin the politically very sensitive yet very badly needed discussion of just what, really, we are going to do about Detroit.

Up to now, most opinion can be summarized by the late U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's memorable phrase, "benign neglect," which was originally used to characterize government policy toward the breakdown of black families. But neglect, whether benign or malign, doesn't seem to be working. And the thought of a financial storm provoking another crisis of racial hostility is something nobody wants to entertain.

Maybe it's time to revisit the issue of just how Detroit fits with the rest of the state, either as an imploding black hole propagated by benign neglect or - shocking idea! - as part of a broader region.

An article on Cleveland in a recent issue of The New Yorker magazine put the point well: "Increasingly, Cleveland was becoming the shrinking center in a crazy quilt of suburbs and edge cities, connected by freeways and spread over eight counties. Each one competed for people, jobs and commerce, while contributing nothing to the city's eroded tax base."

The article goes on to quote the mayor of Cleveland, Jane Campbell: "We need a new mentality if we're going to turn things around. We've been thinking of Cleveland as a special problem where we need to be thinking of it as part of a regional problem."

This is hardly a popular idea. But I wonder if there are any better alternatives.

Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

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Death shouldn't have to be the catalyst for making things right

🎢 y kid brother's dad died last week. That's a pretty blunt way to put it, but that's how death really is. One second you're alive, the next you're not. Sounds like the beginnings of a "downer" column, but maybe it doesn't have to be.

My kid brother's dad died Sunday afternoon, and maybe there are lessons in his death - for all of us.

He was my dad, too, but for fewer of my growing-up years. He married my mother March 1, 1973, when I was 14. My older brother was 16 and my sister was just about 12, but my little brother was only 10. He was

in our lives for several years

before that. He owned a bar with his mother on Detroit's east side, and one of the two jobs my mother worked was tending bar there. It was a little neighborhood bar called Henry's, at Seven Mile and Gratiot, back when that area thrived more than it does today. There was a Montgomery Ward across the street, a Fretter's appliance store on the corner and a Woolworth's down the block.

My mother found love in that bar and, for a long time, we found happiness, or at least our version of it. When I was a teenager, it was the coolest place in the world to be, much like the fictional Cheers would be years later on televi-

sion. The "regulars" were all young, vibrant people. There were pool and foosball tables in the back, there were three pinball machines up front. Guys named Dale and Tommy and Gary taught me how to push the pinball machines to get the right bounces.

They weren't skills I'd need later in life, but at the time there wasn't anyplace on Earth I'd rather have been. Those guys were heroes to me then.

I remember how happy my mom was the Christmas Eve she got her engagement ring. She'd moved us out of riot-torn Detroit to south Warren in 1967, and had struggled to put food on the table and clothes on our backs. My grandmother lived with us to take care of us while Mom worked two jobs.

The night she got engaged, she was running all over our small house, the one she'd bought with her own money and on her own terms, screaming, "See my ring! See my ring!" It was the happiest I'd ever seen her, or ever would, looking back on it now.

Christmas Eves we'd have the regulars over for drinks and fun, we'd play touch football in the street, snowy or not. We'd have annual picnics with softball games and other activi-

When I was in the Air Force, I'd come home to visit, and we'd pick up a bag full of White Castle hamburgers and watch football before I had to go back to the base. It's actually one of my favorite memories.

ties. We had jackets made, proudly proclaiming we were from Henry's.

When I was in the Air Force, I'd come home to visit, and we'd pick up a bag full of White Castle hamburgers and watch football before I had to go back to the base. It's actually one of my favorite memories.

But as the years wore on, the regulars grew older, got married, had children and moved on. So did we, my brothers and sister and I. Mom and Dad didn't and, as the area worsened and the business deteriorated, so did their relationship, and ours. Mom died in 1986, just weeks after the birth of her first grandson.

Dad swore at the time he'd be part of our lives, and he tried - for a while. He showed up for family parties, remembered birthdays, though not for all the kids. He attended the christening for my son, Robert, who was named partially after him. I called him when Andrew was born 18 months later, but the call wasn't returned, and I hadn't really spoken to him since. That was more than six years ago.

That wasn't true of my kid brother, who grew up with Dad as more of a father figure than we did. He made the effort, made the trek frequently from his Oxford home to Dad's St. Clair Shores condo with his wife and two daughters. He called Dad and his new wife on birthdays and anniversaries and holidays.

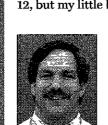
They had much more of a father-son relationship, and that's actually a good thing. He doesn't have the same issues his two older brothers had when Dad died. My older brother and I rushed to the hospital to make things right, as estranged family members often must do. For my kid brother, it was already right.

In retrospect, in light of death, I wish it was right for me, too. My dad died Sunday, too. Not my father, but my dad. And in his death is a lesson for everyone.

Make things right while you still have the forchance.

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Working together

Want to get even closer to your spouse - emotionally? Home improvement projects may be the perfect way to go, says a study conducted by a tool manufacturing company based in Mineola, N.Y.

According to the results, 54 percent of all couples (married or living with a significant other) who do home improvement projects together actually enjoyed working with each other. Proving their ability to work together as a couple was cited as a key factor. Only a small percentage (7 percent) said the experience was terrible and wouldn't repeat it again. In fact, doing home improvement projects together was listed as a favorite couples activity among going out to dinner, socializing with friends and shopping. What's the No. 1 activi-

ty to do together? More than half of American couples like to do lawn and garden projects, at 51 percent.

Stop mold, mildew

It's not unusual to find mold and mildew in bathrooms, basements, laundry rooms, kitchens and other high-numidity areas of your home. Cleaning can remove it, but the trick to controlling mold and mildew growth is to prevent it before it starts.

Here are tips on mold and mildew prevention from Zinsser: 🗰 Keep airflow contract stant. Consider installing an exhaust fan, ceiling 64 fan or replacing solid doors with louvered ones to improve ventilation in mold and mildew-prone areas. This alone can increase airflow and significantly impede the growth of interior mold. 🖬 Eliminate moisture. 🖉 Stagnant water produces moisture in the air and creates an ideal environment for the growth of mold and mildew. Limit moisture by using a dehumidifier in highhumidity areas. Remove excessive moisture bys? wiping down shower walls after each use and cleaning up spills from leaks, wet raincoats or laundry immediately. Clean infected areas. Wipe surfaces with a simple solution of one cup household bleach to one gallon of water and rinse thoroughly with clean water. Tip from the experts: mold and mildew often look like dirt. If you're unsure, apply a drop of household bleach to the discolored area.4f the stain disappears or lightens, it's mold and mildew. Prevent the growth of mold and mildew on painted surfaces. Apply two coats of a mold and mildew-proof paint like Zinsser's Perma-White mold- and mildew-proof paint. The paint's white finish is available in satin, semi-gloss and eggshell sheens and can be tinted to any off-white, pastel or medium-tone color. For more information about preventing mold and mildew before it starts, call Zinsser at (732) 469-8100 or visit ~ www.zinsser.com.



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This kitchen features a solid maple fireplace mantel with a ginger glaze finish and a cherry door style used on the island and finished in chocolate glaze.



A cleaner, less ornate style cooks in today's kitchens

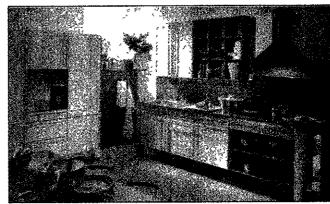
BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

itchens are sleek in 2005. Contemporary horizontal surfaces, stainless steel, metal and frosted display windows on cabinets are appearing in more and more kitchens. But dark woods and traditional kitchens are still tried and true for many home-

owners, too. 'What they don't want is carvings," said John DeGiulio, owner of **DeGiulio Kitchens in** Birmingham, "They don't want it overly detailed. It's not a main thrust of the design."

Scott Douglass, owner of Kitchen Solvers in Rochester Hills, agrees. "There's a lot more of it," Douglass said. "We saw a really big turnaround in that the last year."

Kitchens also have grown in size and in stature. "(Homeowners) really like a lot of wide open spaces," Douglass said. "They like the two-person kitchens with prep sinks.





This kitchen features cherry wood with a black glaze.

"It's a cleaner style, there's less attention to the ornate details, like grapes," said Candise Waller, designer at DeGiulio.

Bob O'Brien, general manager for Kurtis Kitchens in Livonia, said glazed finishes in cabinets remain a "very strong" trend.

Glazes used to be featured exclusively in more expensive kitchens, but now are more affordable for the average client who is looking for upscale finishes.

Granite also has dropped in price. "Sales of granite have skyrocket-

ed. In the old days, it was affordable only by the rich," O'Brien said. 'Granite is affordable for anyone vith a realistic budget."

Kitchens contain wide open spaces with a horizontal look in many of today's kitchens created by DeGiulio Kitchens in Birminoham. This modular look gives the room a vibrant composition.

LOOK SHARP

DeGiulio's clients love the contemporary look.

"Contemporary is very popular at this time," Waller said. "We still live in the Midwest and it is still a traditional area, because it is the Midwest. We still get requests for glazed (cabinetry), but they want it

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Answering those computer questions

ou've got questions. (Have you tried Google? Just kidding.) I love hearing from readers and wanted to answer some of the great questions I've received lately.



Tech

Savvy

hand-me-down com-Bloomfield Township) donate old PCs locally.

site that aims to match computer donations izations that need them; its listings are Rick Broida at Techsoup.org by

Recycling link. Siegrid from Rochester Hills asked

In response to a recent column on puters, several readers (including Dennis from asked where they could Recycles.org is one

with people and organdivided by state. You'll find similar resources

er to block all "cookies" - the tiny datagathering files that are covertly placed on your hard drive upon visiting certain Web sites. clicking the Computer

As a result, she began to have trouble with stores like Amazon. "It won't keep track of my shopping cart items," she

tings and data.

to the new system.

program on eBay.

PC to a new one. She'd lost her CD for

she couldn't just copy the program files

would be to seek out a used copy of the

Another option: a migration utility

(\$29.95), which greatly simplifies the

transition from old PC to new. It's one of

the few programs of its kind that prom-

ises to move applications as well as set-

Concerned about security, Claudine

from Canton configured her Web brows-

such as Alohabob PC Relocator

Alas, that won't work. My advice

Though often likened to spyware, about transferring programs from an old cookies tend to be pretty harmless and are often quite necessary, like when Microsoft FrontPage and wondered why you're shopping online.

They also save time by storing registration information (such as username and password) so you don't have to enter it every time you visit a particular site.

To check the cookie settings for Internet Explorer, click Tools | Internet Options, and then click the Privacy tab. If the Settings slider is set to Block All Cookies, try lowering it a couple of notches. I recommend the Medium setting.

Speaking of spyware, Deb from Rochester said she often runs the SBC Yahoo anti-spyware software provided by her ISP, but doesn't know which flagged items to delete when the program has finished its scan.

Sure enough, many such programs don't supply sufficient information about potential threats.

As a result, you could wind up erasing

cookies or other items you actually need.

That's why I recommend Lavasoft's Ad-Aware SE and Microsoft's Windows: AntiSpyware,

Both programs provide detailed information and rank each item's threat level.

Finally, while we're on the subject of security, lots of readers have asked how to protect themselves against spam, spyware, trojans and other threats.

I'm considering holding a seminar on the subject.

If that sounds like something you'd be interested in attending, e-mail me at the address below.

Either way, keep the questions coming!

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said.

Moisture behind mirror creates black edges

eggy from Northville asks, "We have decided to remodel our master bath and would like to keep the large mirror over the sink as the bathroom is small and also because the mirror seems to expand the room size. "Here's the problem: The

bottom edge

I would also

like to add

wall sconces



it looks as if the silvering is coming off. Is there an affordable fix for this or are we doomed to replace it? Terri

Guastella

mounted right on the mirror. Is this possible? Also, where do I begin when choosing a color for the walls?'

. First I'll address your technical question and then your decorating questions. For the specifics on mirror issues, I contacted Al Bologna of Mirror Image in South Lyon (248) 446-8440. He says that, when too much moisture gets behind the mirror, it causes the blackening you are noticing around the edges of the mirror. This blackening also can occur when using a glass

cleaner that contains ammonia. Ideally, you should use a glass cleaner with no ammonia and with an inexpensive paper towel (not quilted) to eliminate lint. Always remember to spray your paper towel and not the mirror directly. This will prevent the cleaner from dripping down and getting under the mirror's edge.

INSTALL BEVELED EDGE

As far as an affordable fix goes, Bologna suggests installing 2-inch or 4-inch beveled strips with mitered corners. These strips would frame the existing mirror and conceal the blackening at the edges. This is quite affordable with an installed price of about \$50 per 100-inch strip. So, to answer your question, no, you are not doomed to replace the mirror.

For the decorating aspects of the bathroom, I agree with vou on the benefits of a large mirror in a small bathroom. It not only visually increases the size of the room; it also doubles the available light with its reflective quality. Wall mounted sconces are a beautiful way to bring in additional light with style and panache. To add wall-mounted

sconces to an existing mirror, you will first need a qualified and competent mirror

installer to remove the existing mirror.

This is definitely not a task for the do-it-yourselfer. Once removed, the wiring for the new sconces will need to be installed. It will be much easier to choose the height of the wall sconces if you've already selected a style of sconce.

After the electrical work is complete, bring back the mirror installer. He will be able to cut the appropriate holes in the mirror, install the glass and mount the light fixtures. Once complete, you will be amazed at the difference these changes will make in your bathroom remodel.

Now, let's move on to paint color. This is an area where many people freeze up.

Don't be afraid of color. In just a weekend, you can totally change a room with a gallon of \$20 paint.

When deciding on a color for any room, you have to take into consideration the activities that take place in that room.

A master bath can be the home of a luxurious soaking bath, as well as the place to apply makeup or style your hair.

A dark, saturated color can make some of these tasks difficult to perform because the darkness, without adequate

lighting, can limit the ability to see details clearly.

VIEW PAINT SAMPLES

If your tiles in the bathroom are neutral, then you can do just about anything on the walls. The other factors in a bathroom that can dictate the wall colors are the countertops and the cabinet color. Any paint samples you are considering should be brought into the bathroom and viewed with these other items.

Establish an overall palette and stick to it for a cohesive look in the bathroom. Too many things going on can quickly overcome a small room. Since this is a master bath, this room should coordinate with the master bedroom.

Find a color you love, purchase neutral or coordinating towels, an attractive piece of art on the wall, refurbish that mirror, add a couple of gorgeous sconces, and your bathroom will have that updated look you desire.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella with your questions at: exclusiveinteriordesign@hotmail.com.

Simple curtain

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. In Simple Curtain, Thursdays, Feb. 10-24. make a simple rod-pocket window treatment, lined or unlined, to use alone or over blinds or shades. You 🔹 🖝 will leave class with a custom curtain that fits your decor. Beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room, bedroom, kitchen or bathroom windows. Fee is \$60.

Antique radio show and sale The Michigan Antique Radio Club will sponsor a show and sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Costick Activity Center in Farmington. The center is at 28600 W. 11 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. The public may attend. Membership information will be available. Admission is \$5, free for under age 14. This is the "road show" for collectible radios, where MARC members offer free appraisals as well as sources for the repair and restoration of vintage radios.

Attendees will have the opportunity to view and buy antique radio sets, and radio-related items of all types, including repair parts.

Doll show

The We Love Barbie Fashion Doll Show will take place Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Road in Wayne.

Hours are 11 am, to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5, free for under age 10. The show will feature dealers, collectors and doll artists selling new, used and collectible fashion dolls and doll accessories of all kinds.

You just might find that doll you or someone special had as a child; a special, limited edition Barble; or a certain one of the many other collectible fashion dolls. You will also find one-ofa-kind porcelain dolls by local doll artists.

For show information or directions, call R.R. Promotions Inc. at (734) 455-2110.

Design/home decor

Interior Concepts and Wildflower Painting are among the design/home decorating classes scheduled at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

HOME CALENDAR

In Interior Concepts (Wednesday, Feb. 23), learn about applying principles of design in creating an interior concept for your home, and how to select a designer who can assist you in presenting a lifestyle plan tailored to your needs. Fee is \$21.

Instructor Shirley Maddalena, owner of Maddalena Designs LTD in Birmingham, has 25 years of experience in residential, corporate, commercial and condominium interiors throughout the country.

Wildflower Painting (Thursday, Feb. 24) will teach the techniques of painting foliage, stir roses, backgrounds and petals, which can be used on a variety of craft projects as well as furniture. You will complete a wood plaque during the class to take home. Fee is \$22, plus a \$15 materials fee paid to the instructors.

Instructors Bob and Esther Kerr are experienced interior decorating professionals who own their own store and teach extensively on interior decorative finishes. Bob is a licensed builder and Esther a licensed Realtor in addition to their design background.

Rochester Community House

The Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, presents a variety of classes. For information, call (248) 651-0622 or visit www.rochestercommhouse.org. In Stamp a Stack, Monday, Feb. 21, make and take home 10 cards appropriate for all occasions. Fee is \$15; a \$10 materials fee is payable to the teacher on class day.

Ornamental

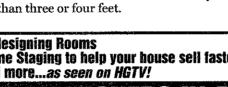
Ornamental, a show of sculptural metal wall pieces in powder-coated steel by Cranbrook Academy of Art metalsmithing graduate Amy Haskins, continues to March 12 at P.F. Galleries, 213 E. 14 Mile, just east of Main/Livernois in Clawson. Call (248) 989-8889.

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

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CLARIFICATION

A story in last week's At Home section on lawn care should have indicated that there are 10 to 15 varieties of yews that don't get higher than three or four feet.



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Master Gardener club

The Master Gardener Association of Wayne County (MGAWC.org) invites former and current master gardeners and master gardening students to attend membership meetings the second Thursday of the month, September through June. MGAWC volunteers meet in the Environmental Interpretive Center at. the northwest corner of the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen between Ford and Michigan Avenue.

Celebrating 20 years of community service, MGAWC has refreshments at 7 p.m., activity announcements at 7:30 p.m. and a speaker at 8 p.m. Cooking will be discussed at the meeting Feb. 10.

MGAWC.org has links to a campus map. Call (734) 786-6860 for a 24-hour recording.

Cactus and succulent society

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will have a program, Growing Cactus and Succulents Under Lights, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell in Roval Oak

Guests are welcome. Admission is free.

For more information, call (248) 524-0227

Roses

English Gardens presents free gardening seminars Saturdays this month at its stores in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200). Roses: What's New for 2005 will be the topic 11 a.m. Feb. 12. The rose is America's national flower and the only perennial that blooms all season. Learn about the new introductions for 2005 and how to care for them properly throughout the growing season. For the nearest English Gardens, call (800) 335-GROW or visit www.englishgardens.com.

of Rochester Hills will present a pro-

gram, Le Grand Tour de Champagne, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.

The event is part of Goldner Walsh's Cabin Fever Lecture Series. Admission is \$25 per person. You must be 21 years of age (with ID) to attend. Reservations are limited. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations or information.

Vincent will share the history of champagne and sparkling wine and how they are made, describe the different types of champagne, and explain how to pair food with champagne to enhance your entertaining. The lecture includes a champagne tasting with food pairings. The event is a perfect outing for both singles and couples to enjoy a light-hearted and entertaining Valentine's Day. **Michigan Orchid Society**

The Michigan Orchid Society will meet 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits.

Steve Benjamin, an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, will talk about Dendrobium Orchids. The public may attend. First Baptist Church is at Willits and Bates, north of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Southfield Road in Birmingham.

Herb study group

The lunch meeting of the University of Michigan Nichols Arboretum and Matthaei Botanical Gardens Herb Study Group is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 21, in the auditorium at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, Lunch will be at noon and the meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Joan Wysocki will discuss Essential Oils for Skin Care. The public may attend. Admission is free.

For more information, contact the Gardens at (734) 998-7061, Lesley Chace at ledsbeaken@aoi.com. or Joan Wysocki at (248) 349-5310 or jdwysocki@aol.com.

t started out as a scrub board held by a few scraped knuckles and placed in hot water in a large aluminum tub. You rinsed in cold water and hung the clean clothing on clothesline with pins. The

sun and a light breeze took care of the drying. Cost of energy to you: nothing. Then, along

came the Wringer Washer with a gasoline oper-

ated engine Joe where water Gagnon was boiled on an outdoor

cooking stove, clothing washed, then the garments were sent through two moving rollers designed to squeeze the water out.

Cost of energy: about a cup full of inexpensive gasoline. As the washer evolved, the

wringer became a transmission with an agitator and a belt, the round tub became a square tub and eventually a square cabinet frame. It always maintained a top-loading concept.

Manufacturers became very aware of what homeowners wanted to put in their laundry rooms and "the beast" was beautified to what we have today. The features, colors and flowing body lines outdo some automobiles on the highways of America.

I watched my mother using the products described above. I will never forget her frequent comments about a washing machine, God bless her soul. "My old wringer washing machine could outclean this square box type by 2-to-1."

The costs associated with heating water, operating motors and retail prices (unbelievable as it may seem) remained rather dormant for three decades. Up until the 1990s a washing

machine was not an expensive appliance that would break the family bank account.

And that decade we witnessed many leading retailers go out of business along with several manufacturers being absorbed by others.

As we rolled into the 1990s, the subject of energy consumption became a big focus for the appliance industry. Government got involved and mandates were given to industry that would forever change not only the products, but also our buying habits.

We were told that the only way manufacturers could meet a lower energy consumption rate on their washing machines would mean everybody would have to purchase the new front loader.

They said that the top load washer could not meet lower energy standards and that it would be phased out of production in the course of time.

In this very newspaper I wrote about the concept of front load washers and that they were not a new design.

Westinghouse had been building them back in the 1950s and they were a bear to work on.

They were never a big hit with consumers because most people don't like to bend down to lift a heavy load of clothes from the washer.

Because they use so little water, I have often questioned how well they wash the clothes.

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It is true that front loaders are selling today but you should go to the Internet and log onto major home appliance sites and ge see the list of complaints filed angle by the average homeowner. I -4know of a major player in the washer industry who has published a study of a certain ques-" tion about the appliance.

Yes, consumers much prefer a top loader over a front loader. I, along with many service technic cians do not like the front loader for service and other reasons.

I said it at the beginning of this era and I will say it again. "Have you noticed the price of a new washing machine today?"

In an upcoming column I will show you how a company with the finest reputation for quality can do so much harm to themselves by introducing a product, or r which has the label of "service sig nightmare." Stay tuned.

.J. Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His $_{\rm sub}$ phone number is (248) 455-7281, or you, ... can e-mail him care of ・東 丁 ノ点点 V品 kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net 6 x + } - >> x

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Champagne Back by popular demand, Curt Vincent

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to be lighter and not so antiqued and heavy."

Metals are popular, ranging from stainless steel to pewter. Stone also graces scores of kitchens.

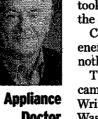
"We're seeing very little interest in solid surfaces. Waller said. Instead, Waller shows what some homeowners are now considering - a concrete countertop. In DeGiulio's showroom, two Euros ar embedded in the counter top, a memento from a favorite trip. "You can put in (concrete) a child's award, like a medal in track, or foreign currency from a favorite destination," Waller said. DeGiulio features Draper DBS cabinets with handsculpted wood panels, including a walnut wood species with a honey stain. "Every (Draper DBS) cabinet has its own craftsman. It's furniture-type cabinetry," Waller said. Each door is solid wood and its authenticity is truly revealed, when a scratch carries completely through the wood. "It's extraordinary," she said.

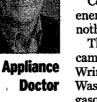
O'Brien said. (A custom cabinet maker builds one piece, whereas semi-custom cabinets will be built with variations of 3 inches (from 9 inches, 12, 15, 18, all the way up to 45 inches.) "The difference in cost is huge, about 50 to 70 percent less," he said about the semi-custom units.

and more high end homes,

Douglass sees in his projects a lot more dark woods, like cherry and mahogany. "You see these dark woods in the larger kitchens, and the lighter kitchens are in the smaller ones," Douglass said. "But you're seeing a lot more high end ones, because the kitchen is where people are gathering more than anywhere else." But horizontal is hot. "People have a nice feel for it and nice access to it," Waller said. Frosted glass further adds to the contemporary ambiance. "You're able to allow the feeling of depth and light," Waller said. Accent lighting on glass shelves has evolved in today's kitchen. "New Xenon lighting is now available," Waller said. "Halogen is popular, but it's too hot for the function of the cabinetry. Fluorescent isn't as desirable because it doesn't diffuse the light as well as the Xenon." Homeowners used to purchase their appliances around the cabinetry, but more of them are doing just the opposite, Douglass said. "They're going for the commercial style stoves from Wolf and Viking that are 48 inches wide. We're building cabinets around that."

Washers slowly evolve into front loaders





NEW AND OLD TRENDS

In cabinetry, maple has overtaken oak in terms of overall popularity, O'Brien said, and Kurtis sells more cherry than ever in the Kraftmaid line. "Glazed maple can take on a contemporary or traditional look," O'Brien said. "Kitchen cabinetry isn't cabinetry anymore, it's furniture."

Semi-custom cabinetry also has made its way into more



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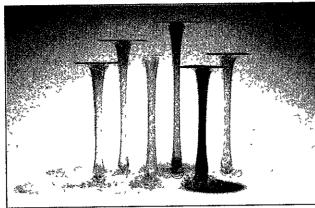
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Trumpeting affection

Chocolates get eaten. Flowers can't last forever. What valentine gift could be cherished for years to come and show a sense of style, too? One answer is a bright, handblown glass trumpet vase by local artists Jason Ruff and April Wagner, collectively known as epiphany glass. The trumpet vase shines on, and is beautiful when displayed with flowers or as a freestanding sculpture.

The pieces vary in height between 20 and 26 inches. Prices range from \$500 to \$1,000 each. They can be ordered online at

www.epiphanyglass.com, by visiting epiphany studio's "open house" 4-9 p.m. the first Thursday of every month, or by calling for an appointment at (248) 745-3786. The studio is at 770 Orchard Lake Road at Sylvan Lake in Pontiac.

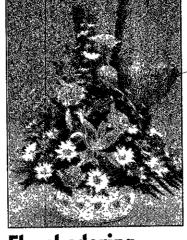


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Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it!

Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken´ Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.





Floral adoring Valentine's Day gifts from Thrifty

Florists include these bouquets: Sweet Romance (in the white basket), \$32.99; and Cupid's Surprise, \$14.99. Thrifty Florist flower expert David Calcaterra shares suggestions on ways to use flowers to make Valentine's Day - or any day - special: Create a rose petal trail leading to a



special location. Once he or she arrives at the spot, have a romantic picnic. ■ Buy a bunch of tulips and let them open up. After they open, place a small note in each of the tulip heads. You can also do the same with roses.

Rose petals can be used to express sentiments or create the perfect mood. Floating rose petals in a warm bath with candles and soft music can create one of the most romantic evenings you'll ever imagine.
 To add ambiance to a room, place rose petals on a fireplace mantel with votives and candlesticks. You can also place a simple framed mirror on a coffee table with three pillar candles at different heights and sprinkle

rose petals around the candles on the mirror. This is also a nice centerpiece for a dining room table. A champagne breakfast cannot become more romantic than by adding rose petals to the serving tray. Imagine his or her eyes when you enter the room with a tray garnished with rose petals and a wonderful

breakfast served with champagne.
 Instead of driving or taking a cab to the airport for a romantic get-away, order a limo service. Before that special someone gets into the limo, place a dozen roses on the seat. Inside the bouquet, include a note inviting him or her to a romantic dinner once you arrive at your destination.



'Smart' glass helps control light amount

AP - Looking for the ultimate in natural daylight control? There's something new that's growing fast.

It's slick and simple and called "smart glass" – window panes that go from clear to black with the flip of a switch.

And the panes can achieve virtually any shade of gray in between. The secret lies in millions of microscopic particles suspended between two panes of glass. With no power, the particles lie horizontally, allowing full light to pass through. But as power is increased, they become vertical, until they line up to block all light.

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Oui Baby offers grown-up style for little ones

BY MARY KLEMIC Staff Writer

They'd smile at Bozo's antics rather than take serious note of Coco (Chanel) showings, and they're more into (Dr.) Seuss than InStyle, but these customers are chic.

They are infants and tots who use items by Our Baby, a primarily Internet business that offers baby car seats, blankets and changing pads in stylish, designer fabrics.

Oui Baby was created by Tamara Mitchell of Birmingham and Kimberty Swider of Royal Oak.

The two young mothers, and others they knew, had often talked about the blandness of the usual dark colors and grays of fabrics on infant car seats.

"When I was expecting ... I was just bored with what I saw," Mitchell said.

Fun and functional, the Oui Baby collections include western or animal motifs, brocades and bubble fur.

Among the patterns are Party Time French Poodle on pink; Restoration Ivory in plaid; others featuring large, colorful circles dancing across blue or pink; and a circus theme toile.

Some patterns look as though they'd go with a room or accessories of Daddy, Mommy, big brother or big sister, such as those called Social Tally Ho Toile, Amour Pink Paris (a street scene), Great Green Vintage Train, and Bella Pink Bag (which features an arrangement of colorful purses).

The blankets and changing pads are available in the car seat cover fabrics, so the pieces can be coordinated.

Mitchell and Swider select the fabrics and give them to local seamstresses, who make them into the items. New collections are introduced each season. Nothing is mass produced.

All covers, blankets and changing pads are washable. The blankets become cozier and softer with each washing.

The covers fit standard infant car seats, and are easy to put on and take off. Each plush blanket has a soft minkee on the reverse side; the reverse side of each changing pad is a soft, wide-wale corduroy.

The blanket size is 13 by 18 inches. The changing pad measures 16 by 22 inches, and rolls up to a size of 3 by 8 inches tied with a satin ribbon. "I love their products and I love them," said Patience Wright, owner of The Purple Bear in Birmingham. The Purple Bear is one of only two stores in the country where Out Baby merchandise is available. The other is in

Florida. Jack White (of the White Stripes) stopped in and bought a car seat cover for a producer. He was drawn in by the window display," Wright said. "Everyone stops and looks... We've sold six covers since December, None has been returned."

Prices range from around \$95 to \$150 for car seat covers. Changing pads are \$38, blankets are \$30. Orders take no longer than two weeks.

Since Oui Baby started last August, its customers have included mothers and shoppers looking for baby shower gifts.

"We've gotten a really, really good response," Swider said. Gustomers have been attracted by seeing Mitchell and Swider walking on the street with the items, the women said.

Swider and Mitchell have donated Oui Baby items to the Suite Dreams Project, which helps seriously ill children, and to an auction at Pierce School in Birmingham. Visit www.ouibabyinc.com

or call (248) 594-8156.

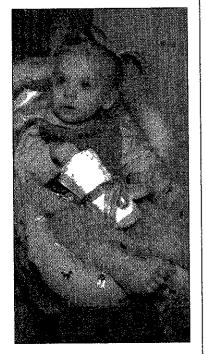
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Kimberly Swider and Tamara **Mitchell offer** infant car seat covers, changing pads and blankets in fashionable collections through their business, Oui Baby. The pattern of the fabric covering the car seat Mitchell is holding is called Restoration lvory.



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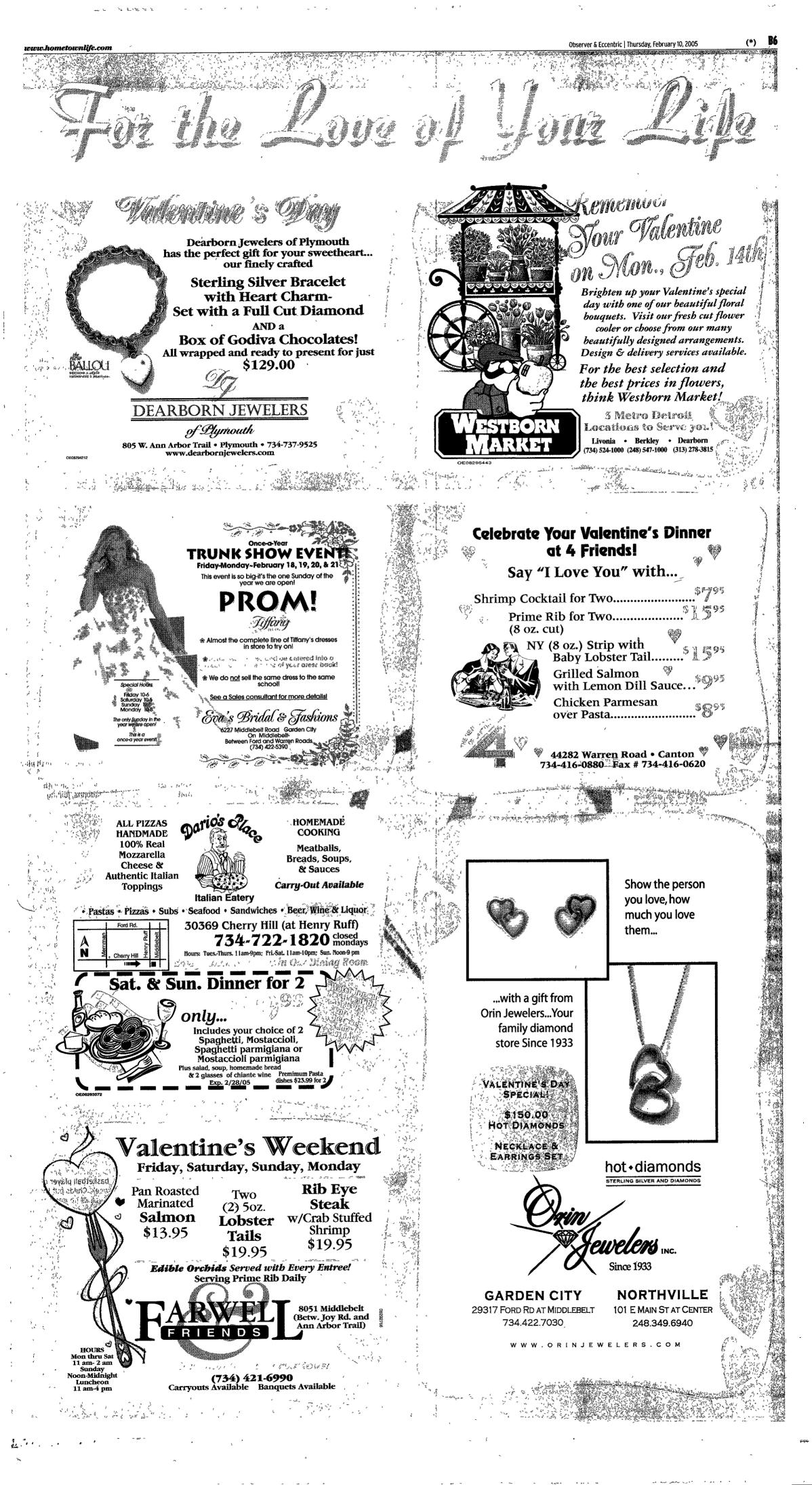


Sophia Mitchell, $1\frac{1}{2}$, models the Party Time French Poodle car seat cover by Oui Baby. Sophia's mother, Tamara, and Kimberly Swider started the business to provide an fashionable alternative to the usual fabrics on baby and toddler items.

Preserve clippings in club soda

AP - Got newspaper articles you'd like to save? And you want to keep them from getting brittle, yellow and fading? Here's how to whip up a special brew that'll keep them looking good as new. Whereas there are a number of products made for this purpose, one of the best preservatives is made by adding one tablet or capful of milk of magnesia to a 1-liter bottle of club soda. Allow it to sit overnight; the next day, pour it into a shallow glass dish. Before soaking and treating your clippings, make photocopies, and try a few test pieces first. Then, soak your clippings for a few minutes. This process neutralizes the paper's destructive acids. Carefully dry the clippings on white paper towels.

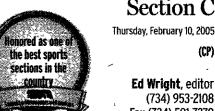
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Section C

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Surge lifts Plymouth over Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Salem's season of horrors continued Tuesday night thanks largely to some scary second-half defense by Plymouth.

After trailing at the half by a point, the Wildcats amped up their defensive intensity in the third quarter and walked out of the Rocks' gym with a solid 61-45 boys basketball victory, which improved their record to 9-7 overall and 5-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, The falling Rocks dropped to 1-15 and 1-9. It was the first varsity meeting between the two P-CEP teams.

"It took us a while to turn up the heat tonight, but we finally did in the second half," Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said. "I thought we played well as a team. We hardly had any assists in our

PREP BASKETBALL

game against Canton Friday night, so before tonight's game we talked about sharing the ball. We tried to emphasize that this was a team game, not an individual game."

The scoresheet mirrored the Wildcats' emphasis on teamwork as three players hit double figures in scoring and two others just missed. Brent Jones led the way with 15 points, Kulraj Sandhu contributed 11 and Josh Le Duc netted 10. Jim Wilbur scored all nine of his points in the decisive third quarter and A.J. Davey added seven points despite being plagued by fouls for most of the night. Plymouth played without its leading scorer, D.J. Coleman (coach's decision).

Le Duc did much more than score for

the Wildcats. The junior power forward pulled down a game-high 16 rebounds, blocked eight shots and threw down the team's first-ever slam-dunk with just over six minutes left in the game. The Rocks rarely got more than one shot off thanks to Le Duc's dominance in the paint.

Billy Leddy shined for the Rocks, twining 14 points and hauling in seven boards. Kevin Bradley had 11 points and nine rebounds and Brad Zonca contributed six points.

"I thought both teams struggled in the first half," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "Even though we didn't play well early, we hung around. But Plymouth woke up in the second half and we didn't. When they started to make their run in the second half, we panicked and shot too fast."

Salem built a 12-5 lead after one quarter, but Plymouth stormed back by scoring the first eight points of the second to grab a 13-12 advantage with six minutes left in the half.

Jeff Lake's free throw with 6:05 to go in the third quarter put Salem ahead 30-27, but the Wildcats proceeded to outscore their hosts 13-2 to secure a 40-32 lead.

Plymouth led 49-36 at the end of the third and put the game on ice by scoring the first five points of the fourth quarter.

The winners drained 21-of-53 shots from the field (39 percent) and 14-of-22 free throws (63 percent). Salem was ice cold from the field (24 percent) and the foul line (48 percent).

Both teams' regular-season schedules conclude Friday night when the Rocks host Canton and Plymouth hosts Walled Lake Central. Both games are set to tip off at 7 p.m.

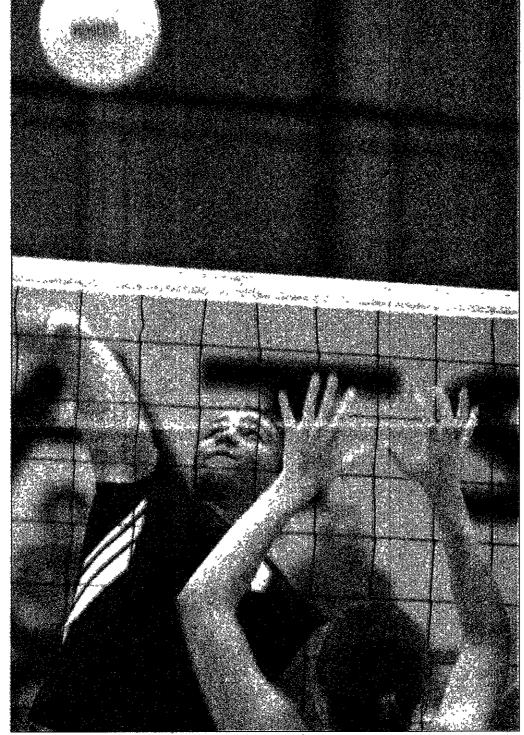
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Plymouth earns big net win

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

From frustration to elation. That describes the path the Plymouth volleyball team traveled in a five-day span that started Feb. 2 with a disappointing, one-sided loss to Northville and ended Monday night with a history-making, three-set victory over crosscampus foe Canton, 25-20, 27-25 and 25-22.

The Wildcats' triumph over the Chiefs not only gave them temporary P-CEP bragging rights, but it clinched a share of the Western



Volleyball action is appealing

'll admit it: My volleyball IQ was off-the-charts low when I walked into the Salem gym to cover a high school match for the first time back in December.

My limited knowledge of the sport had been



Ed

Wright

collected from playing a lowkey version of the game at my family reunion each year and from watching a few televised Olympic beach volleyball matches last

summer.

Reeder said. "We are all very proud of Lauren, and it is really exciting to be a part of." Madonna signing Madonna University softball coach Al White announced the signing of Alvssa Wagner of Novi to a letter of intent. The

standout pitcher becomes the fourth player from the class of 2005 to sign with Madonna, joining Chelsea's Mary Setta,

State record

Lauren Seroka, a member of the Plymouth-**Canton Cruisers swim** team, recently set a state record in the 500-yard freestyle event for girls age 10-and-under. Seroka set the mark at the Michigan Open, held Feb.

4-6 at the University of Michigan. Seroka's time of 5:44.74 eclipsed the old standard of 5:47.12, which was set in 2003.

Seroka, who is a fifthgrade student at Isbister **Elementary School in** Plymouth, has been swimming for the Cruisers since 2001. Along with swimming all of the freestyle events, she also excels at the

breaststroke and individual medley. "Lauren is certainly deserving of the accom-

plishments that come her way, thanks to her dedication and hard work," Cruisers coach Aaron

Lakes Activities Association's Western Division with Northville and Walled Lake Western. The two teams had met nine days earlier in the championship match of the Gibraltar Carlson Invitational, which was won by Canton.

Between Plymouth's forgettable loss to the Mustangs and the memorable victory over the Chiefs was Friday's first-place performance in the weather-delayed Madonna Invitational Tournament, in which the Wildcats ousted four other schools to earn the rights to the championship hardware.

"We had a great team effort tonight," said victorious Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland, whose team improved its overall record to 24-10-1 and became the first

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Plymouth's Jeanine Moise prepares to finish off a kill during Monday night's match against cross-campus opponent Canton. The Wildcats won in three sets to clinch a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title

That said. the only things about the sport I knew for certain was that it was. played with a ball and a net, and that each player had to bump, set and spike while holding a cold beverage in one hand and a paper plate filled with baked beans, potato salad and macaroni and cheese in the other.

At least, that's the way it was played at our reunions.

You haven't seen true athleticism until you've witnessed my cousin Phil shift his beverage from his right hand to his left, lay out for a dig, get back up, take a swig, then finish off a spike - all without spilling a drop.

It's poetry in motion.

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Penguins peaking at the right time

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Quick starts and strong finishes were trademarks of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team the past week

The Penguins bolstered their record to 14-5-1 (13-4-1 in the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League) with a pair of recent wins: 5-2 over Harper Woods Regina on Saturday at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, and 8-2 over Port Huron on Tuesday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

PCS, which has just two games remaining on its regular-season schedule, currently sits in second place in the MMHSGHL behind unbeaten Grosse Pointe South.

"Both of those wins were very big for us," PCS coach Lori Callahan said. "Now we need to win our remaining two games (against Cranbrook Kingswood and Grosse Pointe North) to stay in the upper part of the standings.

Following a scoreless first period against Regina, the Penguins exploded for four second-period goals to take a commanding lead. Olivia Pennebaker and Kristen Schwan both scored two goals each in the decisive 15minute span, while Lisa Ealy, Keely Kowalski, Kelli Bargowski, Stephanie Murray and Nicole Sensoli were credited with assists.

Pennebaker completed her hat trick when she added an insurance marker late in the third period.

On Tuesday night, the Penguins swarmed the visiting Port Huron squad with a five-goal barrage in the



Tara Boliard (68) and her Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey teammates upended Harper Woods Regina on Saturday and Port Huron on Tuesday to raise their record to 14-5-1.

first period. PCS only outshot PH, 19-18, but it made the most of its opportunities.

Pennebaker was the star again, recording her second hat trick in as many games. Sharla Gillespie, Sarah Skonieczny, Adrienne Cercone, Bargowski and Murray scored single goals, while Ealy and Schwan both had a pair of assists.

Goalie Kristie Kowalski picked up both victories for PCS.

Local gymnasts excel at Canton Invitational

See complete results on Page C2.

The Plymouth-Canton area's gymnastics talent took advantage of an opportunity to shine at Saturday's Canton Invitational, which was held at Plymouth High School. The host Chiefs finished third in the 17-team field with a school-record total of 145.025, just over two points behind first-place Farmington (147.900) and less than a point behind runner-up Livonia Unified (145.625). Salem also excelled, finishing fifth with 142.525 points.

"Thirteen of the top 15 teams in the state were at the invitational, so there was a lot of good competition," Canton coach John Cunningham said. "Every single girl who competed for us did as well as she could do."

Canton was led by Jessica Murray, who finished eighth all-around among the Division 1 competitors with 35.725 points. Chief sophomore Alyssa Kelley was 17th in the Division 1 all-around standings with 28.200 points, while Canton's Kara Ahern was 19th (27.525).

Salem's Sarah Bugosh earned a 12th-place showing in the Division 1 all-around with 35.350 points.

The Rocks had two competitors finish in the top three spots in the Division 2 all-around standings. Ashley Aquinto was the medalist with 36.500 points and Elena Georguiev was third with 36.350. Teammate Brittany Young notched 18th with 33.675.

Carleton Airport's Alison Grant and Waterford Mott's Hannah Godfrey.

Wagner committed to the Crusaders after a junior season that saw her earn all-conference accolades as a pitcher in the tough Kensington Valley Conference. Wagner was named the team's "hardest worker" after earning her third varsity letter in as many years. Wagner has four career no-hitters to her credit, reaching the feat twice in her freshman and sophomore seasons.

Adult soccer

The Canton Soccer Club will be forming an 18-and-over open team for this coming summer. Interested players should contact John Kiefer at johnkiefer@aol.com or Pete Alexander at palexander@chartermi.ne

MU's Childs lauded

Madonna University sophomore guard Stephanie Childs was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's women's basketball player of the week. Childs put together a pair of double-figure scoring games, including her first career doubledouble with 22 points 引 and 10 rebounds in a 97 🐳 94 overtime victory against Siena Heights. Childs followed that effort with a 12-point, seven-rebound effort at Aguinas in an 81-68 MU victory. For the week, Childs averaged 17 points, 8.5 rebounds and 4.5 assists while shooting 44 percent from the floor and 55 percent from the charity stripe. Her play helped the **Crusaders extend their** current WHAC win streak to five.

LOCAL SPORTS

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Agape cagers shoot down Bethesda

Canton Agape Christian continued to cruise through its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division schedule Tuesday night, knocking off Sterling Heights Bethesda, 72-62, in a game played at Canton's Discovery Middle School. The victory propelled the firstplace Wolverines' record to 10-5 overall and 7-0 in the MIAC Red Division. Bethesda slipped to 8-7 overall and 5-3 in the league.

Agape roared to a 25-15 lead after one quarter and a 46-31 halftime advantage

Bethesda cut its deficit to 56-43 after three quarters, and to just six with six minutes to play, but the Wolverines held on for the crucial league victo-

Senior guard Gabe Molnar paced the winners with 19 points. Senior forward bryan Horning contributed 17, Derek Leathers had 12 points and 13 rebounds, and Matt Molnar netted 10 points and six boards.

The Eagles were led by Sean Clancy, who scored 20, and Chris Seitz, who twined 17.

"We ran a box press in the first half and we had nine steals off it," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "Our defense

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generated a lot of offense for us.

Agape was red-hot from the free-throw line, burying 16-of-18 attempts (88 percent). The Eagles were successful on just 10-of-16 tries from the line (62 percent).

The Wolverines have a huge game Friday night when they take on Taylor Baptist Park, which is also unbeaten in the MIAC Red. The game will be Agape's homecoming and will be held at Ypsilanti Calvary. The opening tip is set for 7:30 p.m.

CANTON 52, STEVENSON 37:

Senior guard Andy Cortellini and David Calille each tallied 13 points Tuesday as the Chiefs (10-6, 6-4) racked up their fourth straight Western Lakes victory at the expense of host Livonia Stevenson (4-12, 2-8).

Junior forward Andre Bridges added nine points for Canton, which led by only one at halftime, 17-16, before outscoring the Spartans 35-21 in the second half.

Junior guard Tony Lenardon led Stevenson and all scorers with 17 points. Junior guard

Andy Madeleine added six. A.P. INTER-CITY BAPTIST 62, PCA

52: The visiting Chargers overcame a 14-6 first-quarter deficit to earn a somewhat comfortable Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win over the Eagles. The victory left Inter-City with a 12-4 overall mark and 8-0 record in the MIAC Blue Division. PCA slipped to 7-8 overall and 1-6 in the league.

Plymouth Christian, which lost by 17 points the first time the two teams met in December, led 29-24 at the intermission, but Inter-City charged out of the halftime lockerroom and outscored its hosts 20-6 in the third quarter.

"We played well," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "I was happy with the effort from the boys. The third quarter hurt us.

The Eagles were led by Aaron Ciborowski, who had 17 points and 13 rebounds. Matt Saagman (13 points) and Stephen Sumner (11 points) also played well. Sumner scored nine of his points in the first half before drawing double-coverage in the second.

B.J. Fite led the winners with 19 points. Stephen Draber added 11 for the Chargers. The Eagles connected on

just 5-of-11 free throws (45 percent) while Inter-City hit 11-of-14 from the stripe (78 percent)

BELLEVILLE 64, MONROE 56: The Tigers improved to 14-1 overall and 6-1 in the Mega Red while the Trojans' record dropped to 0-7 in the league. "We built up a comfortable

20-point lead through three quarters, but we may have subbed a little too early in the fourth," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel. "We didn't take care of the ball in the fourth quarter and we missed too many free throws, which allowed them to get back into the game. It was a matter of taking care of business in the fourth quarter, and we didn't do it."

Josh Samarco paced the Tigers with 21 points. Samarco hit three triples and drained all six of his free-throw attempts. Tommie Clark complemented Samarco's big night with 20 points of his own. Anre Parker netted five for the winners while DeMarcus Boone, Leon Freeman and Mike Donaldson all had four.

Jay Thompson was Monroe's high scorer, twining nine.

Belleville was 12-of-20 from the free-throw line (60 percent).

The Tigers visit Ypsilanti on Friday night. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

Rock setters sweep Mustangs

The Salem volleyball team celebrated "Senior Night" Monday night with a convincing three-set victory over Northville. The Rocks won 25-14, 26-24 and 25-21.

Salem's lone senior -- Kelly Lepper — was recognized as each Rock player presented her with a rose and captain Lauren Price read a short speech about Lepper and her numerous achievements. Unfortunately, Lepper missed her senior season due to an injury.

Chelsea McPhail earned the Rocks' player of the day honors by accumulating 28 service points (five of which were aces), six kills, five blocks and 14 digs. Other standout Salem players included Teresa Coppiellie (11 blocks, 10 digs and five kills), Price (12 kills, six blocks and six digs) and Lauren Kurtz (12 blocks, four digs and seven kills).

"Northville's starting setter was unable to play due to the flu and, therefore, they had to use a freshman setter," said Salem coach Jennifer Peterson. 'The freshman worked hard and did a good job."

The Rocks also played well at Saturday's Schoolcraft Community College Invitational held at Brighton

who played outstanding defense and contributed solid serving, according to coach

"The team played excellent in pool play and really came together as a team," said Peterson. "We are looking forward to the upcoming games and will be pushing ourselves to elevate our play even more."

'Cats win MU tourney

Plymouth captured Friday night's Madonna University Invitational Volleyball Tournament held in the Wildcats' gymnasium. The event was originally scheduled for Dec. 18, but was postponed due to a snowstorm.

The Wildcats advanced to the finals by upending Belleville (21-13 and 21-7), Dearborn Heights Crestwood (21-13 and 21-14) and Detroit Chadsey (21-5 and 21-0). In the championship match, Plymouth ousted a talented Wyandotte squad, 21-15, 18-21 and 15-6.

Plymouth was paced by Jeanine Moise (33 kills, 25 digs, 24 blocks), Jackie Dorre (10 kills and four blocks), Janet Hanchette (nine kills and 11 service points), Brandi Swyhart (24 digs and 26 assists), Lindsay Vogelsburg (19 digs) and Sarah Haskins (20 assists).

Eagles soar

The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team earned a thrilling, five-set decision over Warren Zoe Christian Tuesday night, 25-19, 28-30, 25-19, 24-26 and 15-8.

"It was back and forth all night," said PCA coach Missy Henry, whose team improved to 13-9 overall and 7-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

CANTON INVITATIONAL Feb. 5 at Plymouth High School OVERALL RESULTS

1. Farmington, 147.900; 2. Livonia Unified, 145.625; 3. Canton, 145.025; 4. Brighton, 143.350; 5. Salem, 142.525; 6. Grand Rapids Forest Hills, 142.300; 7. Rochester Adams, 141.200; 8. Northville-Novi, 140.975; 9. Rockford, 139.275; 10. Traverse City, 138.125; 11. Troy Athens, 136.875; 12. Hartland, 135.850; 13. Fraser, 133.025; 14. Portage, 132.925; 15. Freeland, 129.900; 16. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 124.625; 17. Troy, 120.275; 18. Western, 118.275;

1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.55; 2. Shannon Jodoin oman (FRF), 9.



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Plymouth athletic team to earn a WLAA division title. "The girls were mentally ready tonight and they were 110 percent focused from the very first point. It was a huge win for the team, especially after we played so poorly against Northville. I think we got some momentum. from winning the tournament on Friday and it carried over to tonight."

Junior Jeanine Moise orchestrated the Wildcats' victory by compiling 17 kills and nine blocks. Junior Janet Hanchette also had a strong night for the winners with seven kills and 18 digs.

Canton coach Alex Perrin said his team was done in by a combination of strong play from Plymouth and a string of its own ill-timed errors. The loss dropped the Chiefs to 15-14-4 overall.

"We had some crucial errors at crucial times," Perrin said. "It's understandable when we don't return one of Moise's hits, but we had too many other that were unforced.

"I thought Andrea Johnson (14 kills, 22 digs) played extremely well for us tonight. We couldn't get her the ball enough." All three games were tight and featured several exciting rallies that produced some tense moments.

The largest lead in the first game was the five-point final score. After jumping out to a 2-0 early advantage, Canton trailed the entire game until it forged an 18-18 tie on Laura McKendry's service ace.

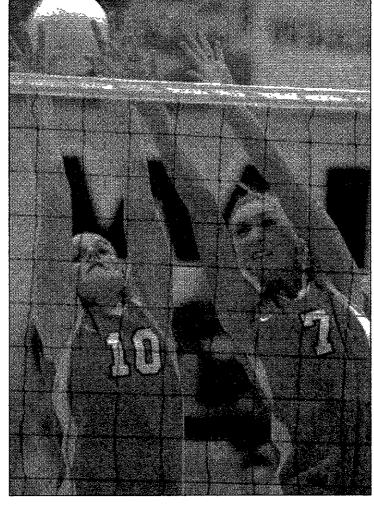
The game was tied at 20-20 before the Wildcats scored the final five points. Lauren Stemberger picked up service points on the last four points.

Game 2 was even tighter than the opener as the lead changed hands eight times. The Chiefs led late, 24-23, on freshman hitter Marie Martin's kill. However, two non-returnable hits by Moise put the Wildcats up 25-24. Canton tied the game at 25-25 when another Moise spike went just wide, but the hosts scored the final two points when the junior contributed a kill and a tip.

Game 3 was knotted at 20-20 before the Wildcats won it down the stretch on the strength of Stemberger's serving and a pair of timely kills by Hanchett.

McKendry had a solid match for Canton, recording 20 digs and six kills.

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Canton's Stephanie Price, left, and Lisa Western attempt to block a shot during Monday night's match at Plymouth.

PREP BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 11 Canton at Salem, 7 p.m. W.L. Central at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Agape at Taylor Baptist Park at Calvary Christian, 7:30 p.m. PCA at Reeper, 8 p.m. BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Feb. 10 Livonia Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 MISCA Meet at EMU PREP HOCKEY Friday, Feb. 11 Livonia Franklin at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central at Lakeland Arena, 8:20 p.m. Plymouth at Titan Classic at Southgate Civic Center, TBA Saturday, Feb. 12 Plymouth at Titan Classic at Southgate Civic Center, TBA WRESTLING Thursday, Feb. 10 WLAA Cross-over matches Salem at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m. Westland John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 WLAA Conference Meet at Plymouth, TBA GYMNASTICS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Feb. 10 Zoe Christian at Agape at Discovery Middle School, 7 p.m. Oakland Christian at PCA, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 Salem at Bedford Invite, 8:30 a.m. PCA at Whitmore Lake Tourney, TBA MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb. 12 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 3 p.m. Madonna at Cornerstone, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb. 12 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 1 p.m. Cornerstone at Madonna, 1 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Feb. 11 Whalers vs. Saginaw (Compuware), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 Whalers at Saginaw Spirit, 2 p.m.

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EYE-OPENER

So when I sat down with my legal pad and pen prior to Salem's match against Westland John Glenn a few weeks back, I knew the level of play I was about to see was somewhere between that displayed at my family reunions and that displayed at the Olympics, and I was pretty confident it was going to be closer to Olympics-caliber than reunion-caliber.

Boy, was I right. I was blown away by the talent, skill and communication that was exhibited by both teams that night.

I was hooked immediately by the slam-dunk-like spikes, the diving, point-saving digs and the way in which the teams recovered from nearly losing a point to setting up a perfect kill — all within a matter of a few seconds.

In just a short time, it was obvious to me that the sport combined the athleticism that is necessary in basketball, the teamwork and chemistry that are vital in football and the hand-eye coordination that is so important in baseball to form an appealing package.

COMING TO TERMS

When my Observer sports department colleagues explained to me the terms and jargon that are used in volleyball before I attended my first match, I was kind of stunned when I found out that a successful spike was referred to as a "kill."

"Geez, that's kind of violent," I thought.

But after I saw Plymouth's

Jeanine Moise, Salem's Lauren Price and Canton's Andrea Johnson, to name a 'few, hammer the ball at about a 60 mph clip into the floor on the opposing team's side of the net, I thought to myself, "Hmmmm ... maybe 'kill' isn't a strong enough term."

Personally, I think I'd have better luck trying to hit a Randy Johnson fastball than returning one of the abovementioned hitters' rocket-propelled spikes.

NICE PACE

One of the unique things I've noticed about volleyball is the pace of the matches. Except for the short breaks between games and the rare one-minute timeouts called by the coaches, there is a continuous flow of pretty much nonstop action that is very refreshing.

And the fact that there is no clock involved gives teams that are facing monumental deficits at least a flicker of hope that they can string together a momentum-grabbing run of points that will get them back into the match.

At Monday night's showdown between Canton and Plymouth, the Wildcats won the first two games and led late in the third, but there was still that feeling in the air that anything could happen until that final, victory-clinching point was earned.

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With only six matches under my belt, I'll admit my knowledge of volleyball is still pretty low, but my admiration for the sport and those who play it at the high school level is through the roof.

I haven't witnessed any moves as incredible as my cousin Phil's yet, but that's probably a good thing.



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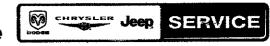
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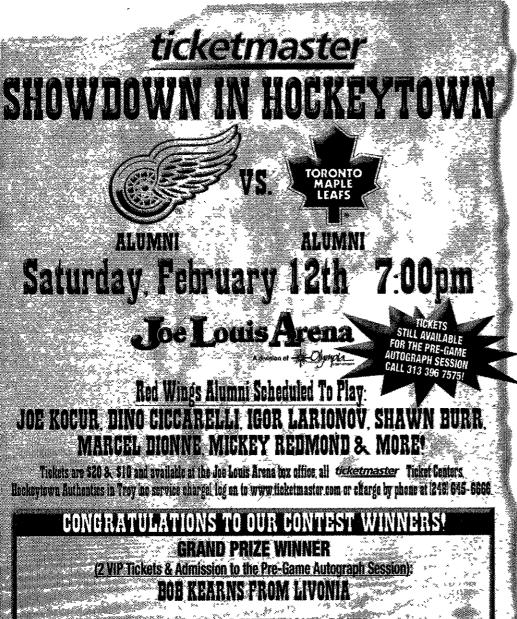
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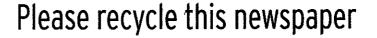


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New Hall of Famer Benny Friedman revolutionized football for U-M and NFL

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM STAFF WRITER

[\]One of the greatest quarterbacks in football history was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame last week. Oh yes, Dan Marino and Steve Young were elected as well.

The other great quarterback who'll enter the Hall this summer is Benny Friedman, a University of Michigan star from the '20s who revolutionized college and pro football by making the pass a viable offensive weapon.

During his pro career, from 1927-34, Friedman led the NFL in touchdown passes at least four times (statistics from his era are incomplete). Like Marino, he set the league's single-season record for TD passes. Unlike Marino, Friedman accomplished the feat in his rookie year (with 11 TD's), then broke his own mark two seasons later (with 20). Despite a brief, eight-year career, he held the league's career record for touchdown passes, with 66, for 10 years.

But comparisons to Marino aren't justified. It's more accurate to say that Friedman was the NFL's Babe Ruth.

After Ruth demonstrated the excitement of the home run, baseball officials livened up the ball, to permit other hitters to join in the long ball fun. Likewise, when Friedman entered the NFL the league played with a watermelonshaped ball that was very difficult to throw. A quarterback who completed a third of his passes was considered successful. Friedman completed about 50 percent of his passes. His success helped convince NFL officials to make the ball leaner and easier to throw.

Chicago Bears' coach and owner George Halas agreed that Friedman was the first pro quarterback "to exploit the strategic possibilities of the pass...Benny demonstrated that the pass could be mixed with the running plays as an integral part of the offense."

After Friedman played his second pro season, with the Detroit Wolverines, New York Giants owner Tim Mara tried to acquire Friedman. Mara was not only impressed by Friedman's onfield performance, but also craved a star Jewish player to attract fans from New York's large Jewish community. When Detroit refused to trade Friedman, Mara bought the entire team, solely to add Friedman to his squad.

Friedman developed his passing skills at the University of Michigan. He chose Michigan after the Penn State coach (no, not Joe Paterno) decided that the 5-8, 172-pound Friedman was too small.

At U-M Friedman was a two-time All-American and was voted the Big Ten's most valuable player as a senior. Wolverines coach Fielding Yost called Friedman "one of the greatest passers and smartest quarterbacks in history. He never makes a mistake, and as for football brains, it's like having a coach on the field when Benny is out there calling signals."

Again, in Ruth-like fashion, Friedman's play at Michigan was credited for generating the interest that led to the building of the then 70,000-seat Michigan Stadium, which has since grown into today's 110,000-seat "Big House."

Friedman was a unanimous All-NFL choice in each of his first four pro seasons. In 1928 he led the league in passing touchdowns, rushing touchdowns and in scoring. In addition to playing quarterback, Friedman played defensive back, punted, kicked and returned punts. A knee injury began slowing his career in 1931, but he was still a third team All-NFL

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FRIEDMAN

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selection in 1931 and a second team choice in 1933.

Many have considered Friedman's absence from the Pro Football Hall an injustice, caused in part by his outspoken nature. He lobbied unsuccessfully for early NFL players to be included when the league began its player pension plan. He lobbied equally as loudly, and just as unsuccessfully, for his inclusion in the Hall for many years.

Meanwhile, Friedman was selected to the college football Hall of Fame, the University of Michigan Hall of Honor, the

state of Michigan Sports Hall of Fame and the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. Friedman and Hank Greenberg were among the initial inductees to the Michigan Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

Friedman, who served in the Navy during World War II and was a college coach, athletic director and businessman after his playing career ended, died in 1982.

In a 1998 editorial, Pro Football Weekly editor Ron Pollack wrote "...professional football will shed tears of sorrow as long as Benny Friedman is not a member of its Hall of Fame."

Pro football can dry its eves on August 7, when Friedman ioins Marino, Young and Fritz Pollard in the Hall.

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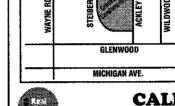
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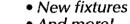
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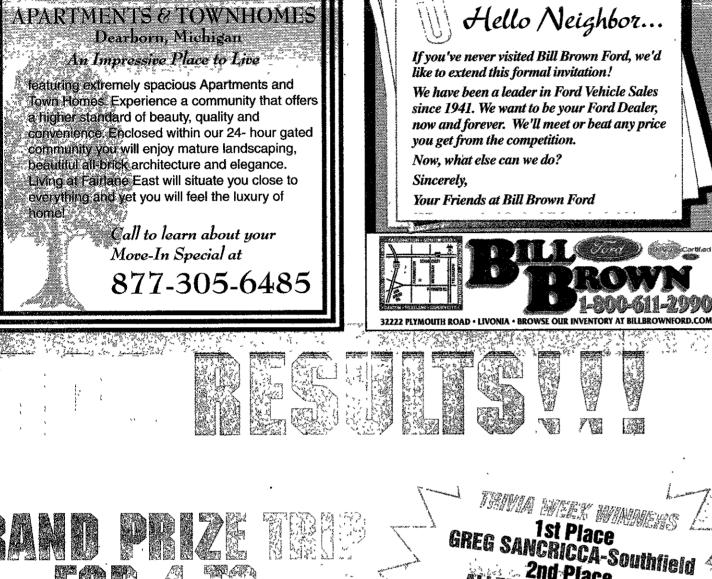
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DWM, 54, HPTW, fit, degreed, financially and emotionally stable, varied interests including travel,

music, sports, intelligent conversa-tion, NPR, art and more. Seeking beautiful, independent SW/HF, 44-54, w/similar interests, for friend-big gr525202

ARE YOU MY GIRL?

HOLLA' AT ME

LET'S HAVE SOME FUNI

bowling, movies, clubbing, possi-ble relationship. 27578950

CALL ME!

SWM, 20, light smoker, wants to meet a SF, 18-40, to spend some time with and get to know. 12581325

ARE WE A GOOD MATCH? SWM, 50, /artist/musician/tennis

pro, looking for a kind, witty SW/AF, 18-55, sensitive, intelligent, unin-hibited, who likes outdoors, ani-

TALL, STRONG, AND SOLID Patient SWPM, 47, hoping to meet thin, slender SBPF, 22-44, for friend-

ship or more, Let's talk! 2582171

LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL GUY Sincere GWM, 39, honest, down-to-earth, fun-lowing, enjoys the country, dining out, movies. Seeking GWM, 35-41, same quali-

ties, for old-fashioned romance.

DEARBORN AREA

SWM, 35, 61", 190lbs, blond/blue, Scorpio, N/S, with degree in psy-chology, works in sales, enjoys movies, watching sports, and movies. Seeking WF, 21-41, N/S. #592591

MAGIC IN THE MAKING

White mystical man, 39, trusting

and warm-hearted, enjoys life's adventures, exploring and taking new chances. Seeking mysterious, magnificent female companion.

LOVE IS LOOKING

Sharp, supportive SWM, 45, good listener, can make you feel special and appreciated, seeks special

GOT HUMOR?

Very outgoing DBM, 55, 6'1", 230lbs, brown complexion, easy-

going, smoker, seeks BF, 48-55, medium to average build, for friendship maybe more. 27906509

MUST LIKE CHILDREN

MOST LIKE CHILDHEN WM, 5(°, 150lbs, very outgoing, enjoys spend a lot of time with my daughter. Looking for very attractive female, 18-24, who loves camping, the outdoors and more. **17**532099

SEEKING SURVIVOR PARTNER

SWM, 44, black/brown, fit, romantic,

honest, communicative, spiritual, attractive, Immunity Challenge sur-

vivor. Seeking SF, 32-44, passion-

ate, confident, enlightened, who

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SWF, age open. 278661

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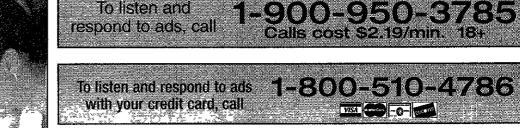
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MUST BE RESPECTFUL Very attractive BF, financially/emo tionally secure, looking for a laidback, easygoing man, 34-47, who likes travel, dining out, more. ₫595277

ONE OF A KIND SF, 38, blonde/blue, 5'6", mother, enjoys bowling, pool, concerts, long park walks, cycling, music, especially Rod Stewart. Seeking Macomb man, to share happiness. 22404691

SEE FOR YOURSELF SBF, 42, 5'2", 170lbs, compassion ate, hard-working, enjoys 700/80s rock/dance, scenic drives, movies, fishing, playing pool, reading. ISO active SM, who's up for a little adventure once and a while. Friendship/LTR. #580735

LOYAL LOYAL SWF, 43, Leo, N/S, blonde/blue, professional chef, green thumb, petite, enjoys cooking, boating, seeks compatible SWM, 43-50, N/S, for dating and possible rela-tionship, #956732

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DWF, 45, N/S, has 4 grown chil-dren, enjoys theater, movies, danc-ing, would like to meet SWM, 40-60 for internetable recently 40-60, for friendship, romance, possi-ble LTR. 2595540

VERY ROMANTIC 45-yr-old, SJPF, N/smoker, N/ drinker, social worker/masters de-gree, who loves, music, dancing, singung,and sports.Over weight but charming, parent of one, looking for SWPM, 45-65, who is honest, romantic, and sensual. 7559964

FRIENDS BEFORE LOVERS SF, 20, seeks attractive, outgoing, available SW/BF, 18-30, for friendship possibly more. Why not call? **a**576322

MR. RIGHT

Are you a tall, big, handsome man, that could be my Mr. Right, for a SWF, 5'8", attractive, loving and fun, let's share life together. **17**443339 FRIENDS FIRST

SWF, 42, one child, looking for af-fectionate, outgoing SWM, 34-44, N/S, with good sense of humor and can make me laugh. I love sports, pool, concerts, long walks, more. **m**579622

SEARCHING FOR A MAN.. 40-50, who's looking for commit-ment, love and laughter. I'm a 43year-old DJF who's bright, spunky and pretty. Please only Jewish men inquire. 27962317

FOR YOUR LOVE SBE 37, N/S, likes to travel, see plays and movies, seeks commit-ted, respectful, honest SBM, 40-47. N/S, who is interested in find-

ing long-term love. 2593559

LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL... in a SBM, 38-50, 6'+, 190+. Must be honest and laid-back. I enjoys movies, going out, walks, nice con versation, dining, more. 2531635

GET IT TOGETHER SBF, 28, 5'5", N/S, plus-sized, brown/ brown, would love to spend some time with a nice SBM, 30-40, N/S, who has his life together. 12543576

TAKE A CHANCE SBF, 33, seeks SBM, 30-35, for friendship, possible LTR I enjoy movies, walks, dining out, sports and more. 2568333 CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, con-certs, quiet evenings. \$\$74342 SLOW DANCING, ROMANCING DWF, 45, N/S, H/W proportionate, perky brown-eyed girl, honest and outgoing, seeks SWM, 40-50, for good friendship, dating and special times \$\overline{\pi}576279\$

MACOMB COUNTY SWEETIE I am a 5'2", brunette, dark eyes, early 60s, searching for a tall, finan-cially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady. 2578564

GET TO KNOW THIS ... petite, attractive SBF, 57, N/S, enjoys music, concerts, dining. Looking for SBM, 57-63, for friendship, possible LTR. 2402995

STRIKING ... blue-eyed blonde! Slim, sensuous, romantic, fun, caring, seeking attractive, fit, fun-loving male, 47-57. Friendship, LTR. I enjoy mo-vies, walks, music, hugs, laughter, quiet times. Let's get to know each other! #962332

FULL-FIGURED BEAUTY Light-complected SBF, 25, 5'5", 265lbs, brown eyes, dimples, enjoys movies, parks, playing pool. Seeking SM, 18-32, who is sweet, treats a woman with respect. 27112932

WHERE ARE YOU? Attractive, outgoing, honest, sexy SBF, 32, ISO SM, any race, 31-37, for relationship. I enjoy movies,

rollerblading, comedy clubs, bowl-ing, etc. Serious replies only. ing, etc. 11/10/10231 ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB

Financially secure, independent SBCF, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys con-certs, movies, dining, quiet times and more. Seeking SCM, 30-45, similar interests, for possible LTR. 2217475

BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE Sports-oriented BF, 39, two teenage daughters, physically challenged, loves jazz, sports, gospel, picnics, amusement parks. Seeking SF, 29-45. 2223080

NEW TO WAYNE CO. AREA SBPF, 40ish, 5'6", nurse, with chil-dren, marriage-minded, smoker, loves drama movies, dancing, and crossword puzzles Seeking WM, 45-60, smoker, who enjoys music and sports. 2245545

LIFE IS TOO SHORT Mature and outgoing SBF, 50 years young, 5', 175lbs, thick not fat, great figure, interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously. 27276032 HONESTY REQUIRED Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, is looking for tall, dark, handsome looking for tall, dark, handsome SBPM who is honest and down-toearth, to spend time with. 2401088 GET TO KNOW ME! SF, 38, N/S, mother of two, looking for working man, 28-55, N/S, for friendship first. **24**31382

SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE

Full-figured African-American wo-man, attractive, 44, no children, ISO African-American male, 32-38, to spend quiet evenings. I'm carefree, love laughter, good times, concerts, plays, sporting events, traveling, and quality time. 2290167

A PRECIOUS JEWEL Very attractive BPF, Christian, 47, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown, N/S enjoys outdoors, movies, traveling, cooking Seeking romantic BPM, 40-55, financially secure, similar interests, for LTR. 2432793

EBONY SEEKS IVORY DBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, full-figured, seeks to date SWM, 40-50, in the Mount Clemens area. 22455323

LOVING AND CARING Independent, active, loving, caring, down-to-earth SF, 46, N/S, vegetanan, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel. Looking for handsome SW/AM, 45-49, H/W proportionate, N/S, professional job. 27421896

LIBRA DBF, 50, looks much younger, enjoys music, long walks, quiet times. Seeking W/A/HM, 35-50, for friendship, possible long-term rela-tionship. 2253857

LONESOME Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest, healthy Need the attention of a WM, 65-75, enjoys everything, easy to please. So hurry up and call me! 8449585

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM SWF. 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smoking man, 35-53, who likes outdoors, bicycling, walking, family. 2115795

FABULOUS AND FULL-FIGURED

Cute, sexy SBF, 41, N/S, will try anything once, loves movies, plays, dancing, holding hands, cuddling. Seeking attractive, sexy BM, 31-50, N/S, with similar interests 2113224

FRIENDSHIP FIRST God-fearing, loving, intelligent SBF, 43, enjoys church, the out-doors, laughter, dining out, gospel music and more. Seeking god-hearing, honest, caring SBM, 40-

45, for friendship first. 221725 DARK EBONY SBF, 42, 5'8", full-figured, seeks in-telligent man, 48-60, 5'8"-6'2", medium build or heavyset, for pos-

sible relationship. 2232593 SOMEONE SPECIAL Classy, attractive SBF, 50, 5'3", 120lbs, ISO SWPM, 50+, for special

friendship. I love boating, music, quiet times, movies at home, romance, outdoors, travel. 2233568

SHALL WE? DWF, 40, 5'4", H/W proportionate, light brown hair, N/S, loves golfing, suspense movies, and travel. Seeking active, outgoing WM, 40-49, N/S, for friendship. 27245969 WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?

SBF, 41, 55°, average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBM, 43-47, pro-fessionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. **a**408635 ARE YOU THE ONE

RESCUE ME!

DBF, 53, H/W proportionate, out-going, loves the arts, plays, dancing, movies, outdoors, scenic drives. ISO SM D/D-free, w/similar interests, smoker, social drinker ok. No gamesl 2417236

AFFECTIONATE & ATHLETIC SBF, 45, 5'2", 130lbs, enjoys cook-ing, roller skating, dancing. Seeking SBM, 40-55, 5'5"+, N/S, N/Drugs, for friendship, dating, possible LTR build on honesty, trust, respect. **21**/425305

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

t could be it! Attractive SWF, 50, 5', 105lbs, willing to try just about any thing with the right person Seeking SBM, 32-50, for special relationship. 2418068 SEMI-RETIRED

SF, 62, 59", slim, fit, likes jazz, concerts, symphonies, theater, travel and outdoors activities Seeking intelligent, honest, caring, humorous gentleman, 55-70, with similar interests 22467917

TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE SBF. tall, medium build, N/S, who ser, tail, medium build, N/S, who enjoys music, traveling, comedy shows, seeks man, 45-55, N/kids, N/S, outgoing, affectionate, stable, for LTR. **1**444748

VERY OUTGOING Catholic DWF, 59, looks much younger, N/S, very tall, looking for gentleman, 56-63, w/upbeat per-sonality, to enjoy family activities, camping, 2455079 travel, much more

QUIET, QUALIFIED SBF, 47, N/S, attractive, shy, w/great sense of humor, enjoys nature, skiing, plays, movies, music, tries to savor the joyous moment. Seeking BM, 42-55. \$460494

ROMANTIC LADY Beautiful, voluptuous DBF, 42, 5'6", likes traveling, outdoors. Seeking man, 45+, race unimportant, to enjoy life together, for friendship maybe more. **1**7464984

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NO BAGGAGE SWM, 32, Virgo, N/S, loves to trav-el, watch sports, and dine out. Seeking WF, 23-42, for friendship and dating. 2568293

PRECIOUS AND FEW SWM, 25, 6' 3", average build, Cancer, N/S, seeks WF, 18-28, N/S, who is honest, funny, has a great sense of humor, loves to cuddle 3586382

WEST SIDE OF DETROIT Very cool, laid-back, down-to-earth, drama-free SBM, 25, independent, no kids, N/S, seeks sweet, intelligent BF, 20-40, N/S, who wants to be treated right. **5**594802 DREAM DATE

A QUALITY GUY DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and

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secure. Seeks honest S/DWF. sense of humor, enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, movies, for friendship, possible LTR. 2269646 **REGULAR GUY** Sometimes shy SWM, 49, 6, 250lbs, N/S, blue eyes, carpenter, likes

bowling, movies, staying in for the evening, seeks SWF, 26-55, N/S, for meaningful romance 2590018 DWM, 42, two children.not into the

bar scene, looking for a nice lady, 32-46, to spend some time with and get to know 2589993 YOU WILL LIKE ME

DWM, 51, 5'6", 140lbs, cute, slim, great heart, good fun, seeks romantic lady, 40+, who values friendship, loyalty, cuddling. Pick mel 2587223

PEACE SWM, 40, homeowner, Pisces

smoker, involved in a bowling league, seeks an honest, Godly woman, 25-45. 3595394

A SINCERE GENTLEMAN DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest, caring S/DWF, with a sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, dancing, concerts, boating, movies, for friendship, possible LTR. 2507073

SEEKING ART LOVER

Good-looking SM, 46, 5'8", 155lbs. college graduate, outgoing, easygoing, seeks slim, attractive SF, who enjoys concerts, movies, dining out, art, theater, symphony, long walks, and romance. 2331159

SHALL WE DANCE ...

our lives together? Adventurous yet humorous, daring yet caring, active yet easygoing DJM, 63, 6', 195lbs, ISO honest, independent, pretty, slender SJPF for LTR 2469069

I WILL NEVER ...

you for granted. SWM, 53, take 185lbs, salt-n-pepper hair, 5'9". N/S, dye setter, seeks WF, 48-53, N/S, for LTR. **2586818**

TIRED OF BEING ALONE SWM. 41, 6', 250lbs, muscular,

HI THERE SM, 51, 5'10", 180lbs, in good shape, seeking SBM, 35-50, for dat-ing and possible relationship. average build, marriage-minded, N/S. works full-time. Seeking woman, 30-55, N/S, for something serious. 2587141

HOW ABOUT ME LADIES? Hard-working, loyal SBM, 33, 6'1", 255lbs, seeks appreciative, kindhearted SWF, 27-35, for quiet times together, cuddling, picnics, BBQ's, more 2988622

SINGLE PAINTER...

designer, artist. Attractive, trendy SWM, 35, 5'8", athletic build, brown/ green, seeking adventurous, artis tic, culturally active female, 21-40.

m586930 **EVENINGS AT HOME** Respectful SM, 39, 5'11", slim build, N/S, delivery man, likes to

Ladies, wish to meet a truly nice watch movies, eat dinner, go danc-

GOOD TIMES GUARANTEED SBM, 27, 6'1", 160lbs, enjoys din-ing out, movies, the outdoors, traveling, good conversation, weekend getaways, laughter and more. Seeking outgoing, intelligent, slen-der SBF, 18-27, for friendship and more. 2596577 A SEXY SHORT SBF WANTED,

age 37-60, 4'5"-5'9" tall enjoy music, movies, dining, talks, and more with SBM, 6'1", cute face, lips, and hair. Own home and car. 27496852 LOVE ME TENDER

SBM, 22, 6', nice complexion, enjoys movies, hanging with friends, bowling, more. Seeking funny, intelligent SF to share the good times with. **27**576253 SWM, 38, N/S, likes sporting events, movies, dinner dates, look-ing for SWF, 32-45, who knows SM, 19, looking for respectful girl, 18-20, nice personality, with a good head on her shoulders. \$\$758668_____ how to treat a guy right. 2573879 SO SPONTANEOUS SBM, 23, light complexion, brown eyes, black braids, a few tattoos, smoker, seeks woman, 18-38, for

Dark-complected, spontaneous, humorous SBM, 6', 206lbs, aver-age build, Capricorn, smoker, seeks SWF, 28-50, smoker, who is down-to-earth, loves to communi-cate. 2574173

BE COOL

Fit SBM, 33, 5'10", N/S, occasion-al drinker, no kids, seeks SWF, 24-25, who is honest and will enjoy being around me. 2574817 GET AT ME SBM, 25, 6', smoker, likes to chill at home with a good movie, enjoys writing poetry, seeks large, lovely SBF, 18-34, smoker, who is real and plays no games. 2575283

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE Educated, good-looking, energetic, open-minded SAM, 59, Aquarius, N/S, seeks single woman, 34-50, who wants to receive unconditional

love. 2575907

ARE WE A MATCH? SWM, 29, N/S, 6', 200lbs, brown/

brown, one daughter, goatee, tat-tooed, carpenter by trade, seeks SF, 20-50, for possible relationship. **2582014**

SEXY SBM

29, 6', 260lbs, H/W proportionate, seeks SBF, 20-40, for friendship, possible dating. Call me! \$\$78573 **ITALIAN SEEKS SBF** Italian SWM, 35, dark/dark, fit, ath-

BEST OF THE BEST

SM, 55, outgoing, professional, enjoys life, antiques, weekend get-aways, sports, seeking a SF, who enjoys life, can have fun in any sit-united CF00001

A LOT TO OFFER

Handsome SBM, 45, 6', enjoys movies, dinner, travel, seeking

attractive SF, race open. 2450960

ISO SOMEONE SINCERE SWM, 54, 5'7", 190lbs, N/S, works

in road construction, enjoys fish-ing, boating, camping, and danc-ing, Seeking WF, 40-54, for LTR.

NICE GUY

letic, enjoys dining, dancing, movies, jazz. Seeking attractive SBF for LTR. 2583240

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uation. 2588391

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT SBCF, grandmother, N/S, likes dining in/out, movies, plays, bowling, shooting pool, parks, traveling, cooking. Seeking gentleman, 45+, sense of humor, values, knows how to treat a lady. No game play-ing. 27479737

CAN YOU CANOE? Professional SWF, 30, N/S, seeks SWM, 35+, independent and pro-fessional, for casual dates, talks, possible LTR. 17575003

SOULMATE SEARCH Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. \$\pi\$589875

58 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty SWF, successful, kind, com-passionate, lots of fun looking for her knight and shring armor, any caucasian, sincere, successful, spiritual, 55-80. \$\$592074

READY TO FALL IN LOVE How sweet are you? Seeking fun and laughter with genuine honest man, emotionally/financially secure, over 40. In return, you will enjoy the best. DWF, 40s, petite, dark brown/hazel. 17983784

GAME-FREE

SBF, 37, 5'9", N/S, works out, enjoys leisurely walks and laughter, seeks man, 35-50, with sense of humor and sense of fashion. 2592847

LOST IN MICHIGAN SBPF, 29, 5'5", 190lbs, no children, never married, very attractive easygoing, laid-back, loves travel Looking for sincere, open-minded, laid-back male who has his stuff together. 2229089

CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR Me: 26, 4'9", 155lbs. brown-compiected, employed. You: 5'9"-6'4", 190lbs-240lbs, single, drama free, handsome. Friendship first, maybe long-term later. 271252

LOOKING FOR GOOD FRIENDS SBF, 38, is looking for SW/H/AM who is educated, fun, outgoing, adventurous, spontaneous. Laughter and conversation are good things. Must be a gentleman. 17292589

CALL ME ..

if you are a business man, 60-70, SWM, N/S, N/D, homeowner. In-terests in homelife, nature, pets, alternative medicine, sports. I'm a SWF, 73, w/the above. 2416289

SINGLE FATHER WELCOME WF, 38, 5'4", 108lbs, two children, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, beaches, art, museums, theater, movies, fine dining. Seeking attractive WM, 37-52, who is fit and secure. 2579528

PRECIOUS ONE

SWF, very pretty, a young 39, medium dark/green, works in med-ical field, seeks attractive SWM, outgoing, honest, canng, sensitive and creative, for best friend, more. **a**230588

A LOT TO OFFER

Outgoing SBF, 24, 5'6", 350lbs, pro-fessional employed, loves the fun and excitement of festivals, enjoys new movies and concerts, seeks handsome, honest SBM 12286633 SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE SWPF, 5'7", long brown hair, look-ing for an educated man, 35-55, who likes politics, reading and going to movies. 2529129

MAKE ME LAUGH

SBF. 45, smoker, wants to find friendship, possibly more w/gentleman, 40-60, who appreciates music, travel, spending time outdoors. **\$460269**

ARE WE A MATCH? SWF, 26, enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading, biking, long walks and romantic dinners. Looking for SWM, 25-30, for LTR. 12465764

SOUND LIKE YOU? SWF, 18, 5'6", blonde/hazel, 150lbs, sweet, honest, outgoing, likes con-certs, movies, hanging with friends. Seeking honest, attractive, funny, outgoing SM for casual dates, fun and friendship. 2562708

SEEKING TALL GENTLEMAN SWF, 62, 5'2", dark hair, dark eyes, N/S, likes travel, casinos, dining ntiques, movies. Seeking WM, 60-70 \$578566

MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES SWCF, 51, 4'11", 115lbs, blonde hair, two grown children, loves animais, church, children, sports. Seeking a good Christian man, 50-62, for friendship first, possible LTR @530353

LOVES TO DANCE Tall brunette, very attractive, 5'9", long black/green, looking for an available WM, 53-70, 5'10+, who loves to dance also. \$\pi 531151

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5"10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. 2548938

NO NONSENSE

Nice-looking, active, no-nonsense gal, seeks good-looking, active, no-nonsense guy, 35-49, white or Hispanic. DWPF, young 43, athlet-ic. Companionship and fun des-ired. 12448655

VERY SPICY

BBW, passionate, SBF, 46, honey-complexion, dimples, seeks outgo-ing, fun-loving gentleman, 35-55, ing, fun-loving gentleman, 35-55, N/S, N/Drugs, any race, for movies, pool, dancing, music, and romance. Dating, possible LTR. 2752243

EDUCATED AND POSITIVE SWF, 55, 5'10", Polish, N/S, likes the outdoors, movies, acod conversation, trivia, genealogy, restau-rants, traveling, dogs. Seeking intellectual SWM, 47-60. 2260061

ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF 49, H/W proportionate, medium build, enjoys cruises, concerts, din-ing out, movies, traveling. Seeking honest, passionate SM, 45-60, with similar interests, for dating, possibly more. 2134441

WORTHWHILE Tall, slim, attractive, intelligent, extroverted SPF, 58, who enjoys music, theatre, art, and nature. Seeking fit, cultural, educated man w/sense of humor \$\$543917

SF, 46, likes dancing, bowling, romantic evenings, swimming. Seeking SM, 40-55, with good

sense of humor. 2257065 ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND? But gentle of heart? Good-looking, trim SM, 42-55, N/S? Very cute SBF, 53, emotionally and physically in shape, with eclectic interests, currently accepting applications.

2263684 SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing, 'active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. 2271793 NOT INTO GAMES

Petite WF, 50s, with herpes, willing to give it another chance, seeks one-on-one relationship with SM. Race, age unimportant. 2405796

Well-spoken, intelligent SBM, 28, 6'1", athletic build, smoker, likes to watch television and try new things, seeks single woman, 21-38, for potential relationship. 2596323

WORTH YOUR TIME Very attractive SBM, 30, 5'9", slim build, N/S, looking for sexy SBF, 21-34, to spend a little time with. **2**596371

LET ME SEE YOU SMILE SBM, 39, 5'9", fit build, Taurus, smoker, looking for a female, 18-55, race open, who wants to share good times. Possible LTR if the feeling is right. \$596664

MAYBE IT'S YOU SWM, 52, Aries, N/S, seeks friend-ship first with SWF, 35-48. Call now I would like to hear from you. **2**546509

5BF, 23-35, N/S, for LTR. 2527179

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. 2547524

STRAIGHT UP. LOW-KEY Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds, enjoys art, wine tastings, charity,

seeks similar-minded lady for friendship, maybe more 2548455 WANTED: SEXY BLACK FEMALE

Sexy, Italian SM, 5'6", 170lbs, fit, athletic, runs daily, has herpes, sensitive, understanding, good sense of humor, likes comedy clubs, theater, dining, more. Seeking attrac-tive BF, 21-40, for LTR. \$\$130446

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guy? Passiona romantic. enjoys travel, fine dining, sports, and theater. To enjoy life. \$\pi 663189\$ variety of interests, seeks WF, 22-50, for possible LTR. 2584721 in thoughtfulness, understanding, sincerity, everyday warmth, coupled with romantic play being paramount

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE Bilingual SHM, 32, good body, N/S, enjoys the outdoors, dancing, movies, if you are romantic, pasaffectionate, and love life, call. 2590390

LET'S HAVE FUN

SWM, 38, muscular build, 5'8", 170lbs, hardworking, enjoys life, outdoors, working out, movies, romantic evenings at home. Seeking attractive, physically fit WF, 25-45, for fun and laughs, leading to LTR. 27452643

SEE FOR YOURSELF

Employed SWM, 39, 6'1", 155lbs, brown/brown, attractive and fun, enjoys biking, the beach, movies, road trips more. Seeking SF, 20-45, for friendship and possibly more. 2573191

I WILL CHERISH YOU

Good-looking, attractive, tall SWM, 30, smoker, great job, seeks single woman, 18-45, kids ok. Get in touch! 2575553

SEARCHING FOR YOU SBM, 5'11", 200lbs, medium build, great sense of humor, likes movies and going out. Would like to meet a fit female, 3045-, with similar interests. 2531157

WAITING Nice-looking BM, 34, one chid, looking for female, 26-35. Give me a call. **2**533025

SEEKS OUTGOING SISTER SBM, 34, works in sales. loves bowling, going to shows, seeking a nice SBF, 26-34, no dependents where established, outgoing. 2533322 EVERYONE LOVES A COOK

ef, eats SWM, 46, professional chef, eats healthy, likes to get away to romantic bed and breakfasts on the weekends, ISO SF, 35-48, for relationship. 2555727

HOLY COW!

SWM, 23, 6'2", 170lbs, blond/blue, Leo, smoker, no kids, homeowner, owns a construction company, loves camping, four-wheeling, and bon-firres. Seeking WF, 20-25. \$\$588991 GET IN TOUCH

SBM, 34, 577, 180bs, slim build, N/S, likes shows, trying new things. Seeking SBF, 19-37, N/S, w/good head on her shoulders. \$572848 LOOK NO FURTHER

Affectionate, strong, gentle, kind, well-educated SBM, 42 5'5", 140lbs, shaved head, mustache/ goatee, seeks SWPF, a woman of substance and social grace, to share a little romance, happiness and new adventures. 22412524 COMMITTED

SBCM, 37, 5'8", 140lbs, slim muscular build, seeks pretty honest and mature SF, 27-40, for friendship possibly more. 2575938

LOVEABLE LEO Outgoing SBM, 23, 5'10", smoker, athletic, seeks SBF, 20-29, smoker, who wants to make the most out of life. Get back to me! 2571328

CARPE DIEM SBM, 18, 5'8", Sagittarius, N/S, seeks SBF, 20-21, N/S, who respects herself and understands SBM. 18. the value of life. 2571617

to a long-term, monogamous, romantic relationship? SWM, 42, 6'1", 190lbs, seeks slim, trim, romantic woman for LTR. 2538958 TAKE ME OUT TONIGHT Lonely SBM, 51, 6'2", 195lbs, Cap-ricorn, smoker, enjoys family activ-ities, seeks SWF, 35-47, who loves children and dancing. 2547574 YOU KNOWS WHAT'S GOOD?

Spending time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. 2550046 WELL-CONNECTED

SWM, 49, 6'2", athletic build, N/S, with 2 dogs, works in energy management, loves art galleries. Seeking woman, 40-54, for friendship, possible romance. 2554995

CHURGOER SBM, 48, 6'3", 265lbs, glasses, fast food restaurant manager, N/S, enjoys chess, checkers, bowling, enjoys criess, crieckers, bowling, and playing basketball. Seeking woman, 42-60, full-figured a+, for friendship, possible romance. \$583282

ROCHESTER GENTLEMAN

DWM, 59, 6'1", blue eyes, handsome, fun-loving and active, but heavyset with cane, retired engi-neer, financially secure, enjoys local theater, cooking and road trps. Seeking S/DWF, 50-60, for LTR. 2533085

SELF-SUFFICIENT SENIOR Retired SWM, 72, 5'11", N/S, has a taste for all different kinds of cuisine, would like to meet SWF. 60-N/S, who loves the outdoors. **2**455402

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT WiWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easy-

going, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. 2265340

ONE AT A TIME SWM, 46, 5'8", 205lbs, soft brown harr, blue eyes, loves old cars, and a girl that melts in my arms. No drugs, booze, kids. **2**114917

WANT TO JOIN ME? SM, 68, 5'10", in good shape, attractive, weil-groomed, looking to meet an attractive lady who has time and love to share, someone who enjoys travel, talks, golf and simple times. 2591601

HONEST AND HUMBLE

Nice-looking SWM, 50, warm and tender, enjoys concerts, plays, cof-fee shops and good conversation. Seeks somewhat attractive, good-natured lady friend. 12232195 NEW DATE UPDATE

Sentimental, self-assured SWM, 40s, enjoys family and friends, can laugh and cry, can cook and clean, seeks fun, smiley face SWF, 37-53. m240388

LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND SWPM, 44, 5'7", dark har, mous-tache, father of one, loves children, outdoors. Seeking SWF, 35-46, to enjoy life together. I want to know your inner soul. I'll treat you right. **2**266345

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LOCAL SPORTS

Canton grapplers 4th at BC tourney

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton may have been shorthanded at Saturday's Battle **Creek Central Wrestling** Invitational, but the Chiefs were still long on points.

Competing without three of its top grapplers, Canton finished fourth in the 16-team field, compiling 172 points, 37 less than champion Coldwater. All 13 Chief wrestlers who competed placed in their respective weight classes. Chippewa Valley earned second and Plainwell was third with 177.

"The tournament wasn't on our schedule originally, so some of the kids had made plans for

this weekend a while ago," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "One of our wrestlers was visiting a college, another had his wisdom teeth taken out and another had mouth surgery, so they were things that couldn't be rescheduled. Even though we were missing three of our top guys, we still wrestled well. I think if we had everybody, we would have had a good chance of winning it."

Randolph said the highlight of the day was senior Ryan Webb's first-place showing at 135 pounds. Webb's 5-0 performance improved his record to 36-1.

"Ryan was phenomenal," Randolph said. "It was an extremely tough weight class. In fact, the kid who was seeded eighth at 135 had 30 wins. In the finals, Ryan won 5-0 against a kid from Union City who finished second in the state last vear."

For his efforts, Webb was voted the MVP for the lower weight classes at the tournament. Randolph also praised the performance of junior Tom Bonnell, who finished third at 215 pounds, and junior Sam Santilli, who took third at 112.

"This was the first time Tom has placed in a varsity tournament, so I'm happy for him," Randolph said. "I have never seen him wrestle like he did this weekend. He did a great job.

"Sam wasn't even seeded, so to take third is a great accom-

SWIM RESULTS

1:52.36 200 IM: 1. Will Blickle (N), 2:04.37; 2 Brody Blickle (N), 2:04.93; 3. Greg Sheppard (N),

2:12.72 50 freestyle: 1. Joe Hogan (N), 23.73; 2. Hunter Schwartz (N), 24.76; 3. Jon Templeton (C), 24.86

Diving: 1. Kevin Cafarellı (C), 219.50; 2. Brad Lempke (N), 211.95; 3. Scott Lee (N), 131.40. 100 butterfly: 1. Will Blickle (N), 55.96; 2. Shogo Uno (C), 56.89, 3. John Faraoni (C),

Keady, Brody Blickle, Joe Hogan, Brad Farris), 1:34.41; 2. Canton (Shogo Uno, Matt Carlson, Derek Schmitt, Jon Templeton), 1:37.14; 3. Northville (Mark Stuber, Weston Laabs, Chris Culkin, Paul Young), 1:39 49.

100 backstroke: 1. Chris Keady (N), 56.96; 2. Brody Birckle (N), 58.46; 3. Hunter Schwartz (N), 59.68.

plishment. He lost in the semis

Canton's Konrad Konsitzke

Other placers for Canton

at 103); Pete Bonneau (fifth at

125); Corey Phillips (fifth at

Alex Amberg (eighth at 160);

Donnie Laramie (seventh at

Glenn tonight in a Western

Lakes Activities Association

cross-over match, which is set

Canton hosts Westland John

heavyweight).

to begin at 7 p.m.

and won in overtime in the

third-place match."

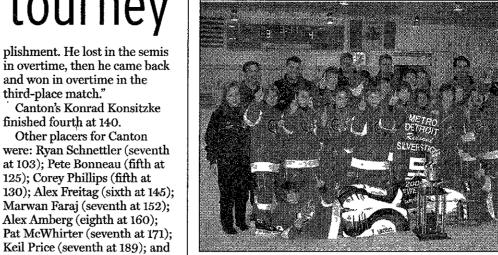
finished fourth at 140.

100 breaststroke: 1. Weston Laabs (N), 1.05 40; 2 Matt Carlson (C), 1:07.21, 3. Greg Sheppard (N), 1:08 45 400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Will

Blickle, Brad Farris, Brody Blickle, Chris Keady), 3:26.07; 2 Northville (Ryan Smith, John Bardsley, Mark Stuber, Chris Culkin), 3:37.77; 3. Canton (Shogo Uno, Jon Templeton, John Faraoni, Matt Carlson), 3:40 05.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-February 1, 2005

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:30 p.m. in closed session to discuss pending litigation. Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Members Absent:Zarbo Staff Present:Director Durack, Ron Witthoff, Hemming, Polacayk, Cronin, Smith & Witthoff, P.C. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to move from closed session to open session at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. A regular study session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Members Absent: Zarbo Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Conklin, Director Minghine Additional Staff Present: Kathleen Salla, Downtown and Community Development Coordinator, Michael Ager, Community Services, Dave Harris, Cable Specialist, Lori Rysdorp, Canton Web Designer, Kristen Thomas, Communication Specialist for Administrative & Community Services, RaeChell Garrett, Communication Specialist for Leisure Services, Renee Armstrong, Communication Specialist for Municipal Services Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **ITEM 1: Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement Policy ITEM** 1.5: Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association (GCYBSA) Director Conklin is asking the Township to be the Trustee for funds until the organization receives their 501C3 status. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to serve as trustee for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association and authorize Canton to receive funds on behalf of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association. Motion carried by all **ITEM 2: Communications Team** members present. Presentation Other: Next Board meeting on February 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, 1st Floor, Board Room. Adjournment: Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn the study session at: 9:35 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -



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Crush PeeWee wins title

The Canton Crush PeeWee hockey team recently captured the Metro Detroit 2004 Silver Sticks title. The team is pictured above along with its coaching staff.

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 21, 2005, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 0. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WESTBURY ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) – (PRELIMINARY PLAN) – CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 01 7 99 0001 713, 01 7 99 0001 7 14 and 0 17 99 0001 723. Property is located south of Joy and west of Beck Road. (First Public Hearing.)

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NORTHVILLE 133, CANTON 52 Thursday, Feb. 3 at Canton 200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville

(Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Will Blickle, Joe Hogan), 1:45.27; 2. Northville (John Bardsley, Greg Sheppard, Ryan Smith, Mark Stuber), 1:51.06; 3. Canton (John Faraoni, Kevin Karlinski, Ben Eberlein, David Conzelman), 1:54,28

200 freestyle: 1. Chris Keady (N), 1:46.60; 2. Brad Farris (N), 1:48.67; 3. Chris Culkin (N),

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN **FY2005 CDBG ACTION PLAN**

On March 2, 2005, at 3 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be hearings on the above captioned activities. The purpose of the Consolidated Plan hearing is to identify needs in the community to be identified in the 5-year plan for the community development block grant program. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2005 CDBG program. Written comments or requests for information should be-directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION FOR CASH TO SATISFY LIEN PURSUANT TO F.S. 713.78 ON 2-17-05 AT 10:00 AM

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1993	FORD	F-150	1FTEE1Y46PHB35203
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58.11 100 freestyle: 1. Brad Farris (N), 49.50; 2 Joe Hogan (N), 53.00; 3 Derek Schmitt (C),

500 freestyle: 1. Chris Culkin (N), 4:59.29; 2. Nick Landis (C), 5:07.08; 3. John Bardsley (N),

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Chris

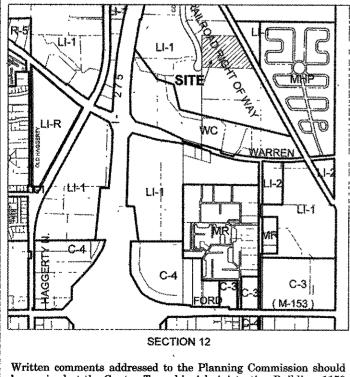
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special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

LOTUS INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RESEARCH FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.08D FOR PARCEL NO. 045 99 0008 702. Property is located south o f Koppernick and east of Commerce Drive.



be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 18,2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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Charter Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.cantor after Board

PLANNING COMMISSION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold

a Public Hearing on Monday, March 7, 2005 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning

PULTE REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE

PARCEL NOS. 121 99 0012 000, 121 99 0013 000, 121 99 0024 002,

121 99 0025 000, 121 99 0026 000, 121 99 0027 000, 121 99 0028

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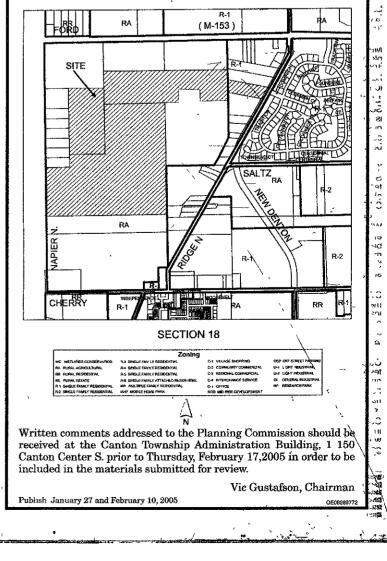
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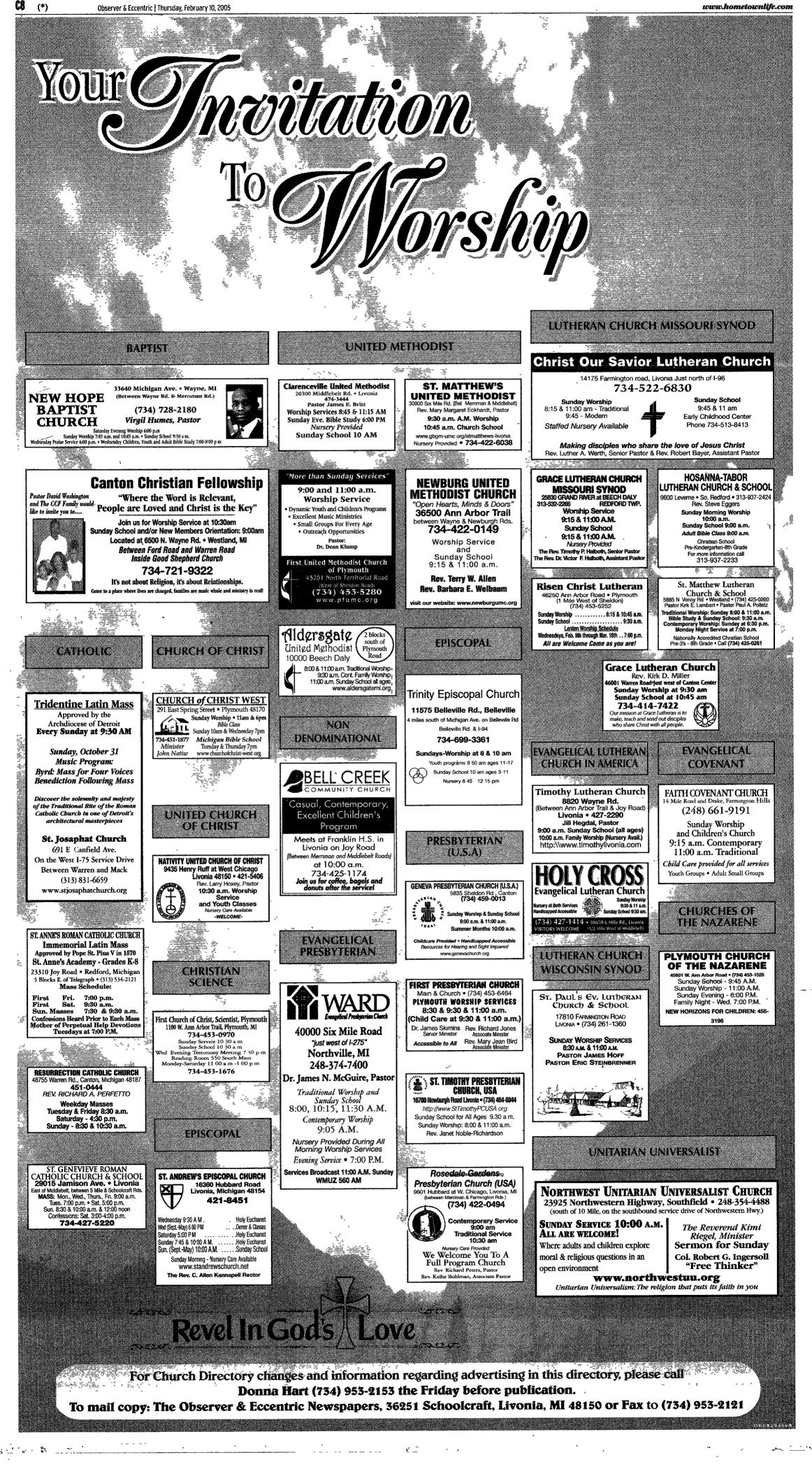
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ROSEWOOD PLACE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - JPRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 069 99 0010 000,069 99 0015 000,070 99 0002 000 AND 071 99 0003 000. Property is located west of Ridge between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads. (First Public Hearing.)





If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar. **Observer Newspapers**, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

FEBRUARY

Evening praver

7 p.m. weeknights during Lent at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville road, 4 miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville, Call (734) 699-3361 for details.

What Presbyterians Believe

Rev. Rick Peters delves into the basics of Christian faith as interpreted through the eyes of the Presbyterian denomination 7 p.m. Tuesday, and 10 a.m. Thursday throughout February at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0494

Lenten services

Began Ash Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Feb. 9 and continues for six Wednesdays, at Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, A soup and sandwich supper will be held 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday. Call (313) 532-8655

40-day spiritual study

Based on the book, The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren, those attending will have the opportunity to look at themselves introspectively, four different classes offered 10-11:30 a.m. and 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays began Feb. 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday beginning Feb. 10, and 7-8 p.m. Sunday beginning Feb. 13, at First United Methodist Church of Farmington. A copy of the book is available at the church for \$12 if you don't own a copy. Call (248) 474-6573.

Praying with a spouse

Catholic counselor Joseph Elwart talks about how to pray with your spouse 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. No charge. For details, call (734) 425-5950.

Forgive, and Get Your Life Back

Lenten Forgiveness Series begins 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. with Soup and Salad Dinner at 6:30 p.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road. Call (734) 699-3361 for more information.

Fish Fry Dinner

Begins Friday, Feb. 11 and continues every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Menu includes baked or batter fried fish (\$7, senior Citizens \$6, senior early bird Special 4:30-5 p.m. \$5.50). Children's Menu includes pizza or meatless pasta (\$4), and Grilled Special of the Day \$9. All

meals include baked potato or fries, clam chowder or soup d'jour, slaw, roll, coffee or punch, at St. Genevieve. 29015 Jamison (east of Middlebelt, 2 blocks south of 5 Mile, Livonia, Carry out available. Call (734) 427-5220. Fund-raising concert

7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 featuring the Motor City Brass Band, at O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt. Proceeds to Garden City Foundation for Educational Excellence. For tickets, call (734) 762-6323. For information, call (248) 788-6618. Concert

Come to the Abundant Life (a gathering for young adults in their 20s and 30s) featuring the Greg Traviss Band 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham. Nate Polzin, campus pastor at New Life Christian Fellowship in Mt. Pleasant, will be the speaker. Freewill offering helps defray the band's costs. The band will also play during the contemporary worship service at 6 p.m. that evening. If you would like more information or a fiver of the band, call Todd Merz at (248) 414-4511 or send e-mail to toddmerz@freeway.net.

Blood drive

11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 2 Town Square, Wayne. Call (734) 729-7550 to set-up an appointment. Walk-ins welcome

Worship Technologies Workshop

Learn about the science behind worship technologies at a workshop 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, learn about the equipment and technologies, mixing sound and drums, video camera operation, lighting basics, and putting it all together in a worship service, at Orchard Grove Community Church, 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake. Cost is \$15 advance, \$20 at door. For class descriptions and registration, visit www.reinforcement.com or call (248) 477-4859. Concert

4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 featuring the Light Metal Band, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia, The public is invited to hear this brass quintet (www.lightmetalband.com) which has performed at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, various aviation related functions at The Handleman Sky Ranch (Oxford), holiday and special services at local area churches, educational programs at local schools, numerous concerts and services with The Michigan-Ohio Chorale, and in Europe including Berlin, Vienna, and Prague. For information about the concert, call Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830. Lenten study

A video series by Philip Yancey, What's so Amazing about Grace beginning noon Sunday, Feb. 13, at Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 West Chicago at Inkster road. A simple meal of soup and bread will be served to enjoy during the study. For information, call (313) 937-1199 or send e-mail to trinitycob@sbcglobal.net.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Healing prayer service

3-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 West Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 422-6038.

Lenten series

Adult education series discussing the Gospel stories of Jesus' passion. death and resurrection 7:30 p.m. Mondays of Lent, Feb. 14, 21, 28, and March 7 and 14, at St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 North Wayne road, Westland. No charge. Call (734) 425-7310 for details. Blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at Church of Christ, Plymouth, Call 1-800-GIVE-Life. **Combined Lenten services**

7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, March 2 and 16, at Timothy Lutheran, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia, and Feb. 23 and March 9 at Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia. On March 24 Timothy Lutheran hosts a 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service and Church of the Holy Spirit a noon service of Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar, and on Good Friday, March 25 Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, hosts a 7 p.m. Good Friday service on March 25 with Timothy Lutheran and Holy Spirit. At noon Holy Spirit presents a noon Good Friday service. For more information, call (734) 591-0211.

Lenten services

Continue Feb. 16 and every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. until Holy Week, the program is entitled Healed, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 West Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Lenten prayer service

6:30-6:50 p.m. Wednesdays during Lent, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-1470.

DaVinci Code

Pastor Tom Eggebeen, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, is leading a three-session review of The DaVinci Code 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 and 23 and March 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. All are invited to attend this free event. If you would like to attend or for more information, call (734) 422-1470. Registration not required but appreciated, St. Paul's is at Five Mile and Inkster roads. Organ concert

Dame Gillian Weir, one of the world's premiere concert organists, will perform in concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. at Metropolitan United Methodist

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Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit, For more information about Weir, visit her Web site at www.gillianweir.com. Tickets are \$15; students \$12 with college ID, free for children age 11 and under. Call (313) 875-7407 ext. 324 or visit the Web site at www.metroumc.org. Free, lighted, supervised parking available.

Summer programs

International Christian Education Association presents its Vacation **Bible School/Summer Ministries pre**view featuring over 25 workshops and 20 exhibitors Saturday, Feb. 19, at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. Cost is \$35, \$40, \$45, depending on your prompt

response. A puppet ministry workshop (\$25) will teach you to make and take a quality puppet the same day. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

Concert

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2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South



Sheldon, Plymouth, Call Carolyn Liebau at (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in. Agape' Power Concert

Contemporary Christian music concert sponsored by Agape' Power 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Birmingham. A freewill offering will be accepted with all proceeds going to support the Mexico House Building mission trip 30 members of Our Shepherd will be taking in May. Nursery services available during the concert for guests with babies or young children. For more information, call the church office at (248) 646-6100.



AMELIA DOLORES MCKEE

(RUPPERSBERG)

Age 90, February 7, 2005 of Troy formerly of Highland Park. Beloved wife of William McKee. Loving mother of Jean McDonald (Doug), Patricia Pease (Donald) and Susan McKee. Dear grandmother of two and great grand-mother of five. Memorial Service Saturday, February 26, 2005 at 2pm at the Central United Methodist Church, 23 East Adams Road (at the corner of Woodward and Adams at Grand Circus Park), Detroit. Arrangements by Price Funeral Home, Troy, 248-689-0700. Memorials to the Central United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

ESTHER J. PARROTT

February 5, 2005. Age 73 Westland. Beloved wife of the late Harold Parrott. Dear mother of Sharon (Ralph) Pucketti, Jerrold (Cynthia), Sheila Wiles, Hilda (Steven) Piper and Barbara (Martin) Somerset. Grandmother of 13, Great Grandmother of 19. Sister of Marvin and Garland Boone. Funeral Thursday 1PM at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Westland. Please visit and post a trib-



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Dear mother of Rose (Bruce)

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David (Trish) Dorvee. Sister of Walter

Stockwell and grandmother of 3. She

was preceded in death by her husband.

George. Visitation and services were

held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral

Home, Livonia, on Wednesday, February 9, 2005. Interment in Mt.

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VAN DUSEN

Died Friday, February 4, 2005, at his

home in Chapel Hill, N.C. He was

born May 12, 1928, in Toledo, Ohio, the son of Bruce Buick Van Dusen and

Helen Campbell. He was survived by

his wife of 54 years, Patricia McKean

Van Dusen and two sons, Robert Bruce

Van Dusen of New York City and Theron McKean Van Dusen of Chapel

Hill, N.C. and five grandchildren:

Zane E., Dara C., Wynn Van Dusen of

New York, and Hunter McKean and

Alexander Grant Van Dusen of Chapel

Hill, N.C. He is also survived by his

mother, Helen Cambell Van Dusen of

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, four

brothers, two sisters, seven sisters-in-

law, and thirty-six nieces and

nephews. Mr. Van Dusen was prede-

ceased by his father, Bruce Buick Van

Dusen, his step father, Charles Theron Van Dusen and a brother, Richard

Campbell Van Dusen. He was a grad-

uate of Deerfield Academy (Class of

1946) and Williams College (Class of

included newspaper reporter and edi-

tor, advertising copywriter and execu-

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Mr. Van Dusen's careers

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MARGARET EVELYN **DAVIDSEN** (nee Cripps)

Beloved wife of the late John Henry Davidsen II: devoted mother of Martha (the late William) Lemond and John Henry (Susanna) Davidsen III; loving grandmother of Aimee, David, and Scott Lemond and John Henry IV and Kristian Davidsen. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. February : 2005. Age 87 years. Resident for 17 years of Maple Knoll Village, Cincinnati, OH. Former resident of Farmington Hills and Saginaw. MI. Retired physical education teacher for 30 years in Michigan Public Schools. No Visitation. Memorial service will be held Sunday, February 13, 2005 at 5 PM at Maple Knoll Village Chapel, Springdale, OH, officiated by Rev. Lisa Bernheisel. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd., Springdale, OH 45246



STEPHEN M. GALIDA, M.D. ge 36, of Coshocton, passed away Sunday, February 6, 2005 at his home. Stephen was born on July 26, 1968 in Cleveland, Ohio. On April 19, 1997 he married Patricia A. Hippley, who survives. Stephen was a graduate of the University of Michigan, Dearborn in 1990, Wayne State Medical University in Michigan in June of 1994. He did his residency at Saint Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown, Ohio and Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, Illinois. Stephen and his family attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Coshocton, Ohio. He was American Board of Family Practice certified and a member of the Coshocton County Memorial Hospital Staff. Son of Carol (Palan) Galida (deceased) and David and Alice Galida of Livonia Michigan, Stephen is also survived by his son, Geoffrey S. Galida; sister, Sharon (Robert) Douglas, of Plymouth, Ohio; uncles John Palan of Colorado, John Galida of Campbell, Ohio, William Galida of Hartville, Ohio, Brian Hippley, of Canfield, Ohio, Mahlon (Elaine) Hippley of Boardman, Ohio, Brian Hippley of Boardman, Ohio, Brian Hippley of Salem, Ohio; grandmother, Sue Palan of Colorado; and Mahlon (Betty) Hippley Sr. of Salem, Ohio. Stephen is preceded in death by a daughter, Hattie Rose Galida; grandparents John and Mary Galida, and John Palan. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005 at Given-Dawson Funeral Home, Coshocton, Ohio and from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005 at Wasko Funeral Home, 216 Coitsville Rd. Campbell, Ohio 44405. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, Feb. 11, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Michaels Byzantine Catholic Church in Campbell, Ohio with burial following at Saint Michaels Byzantine Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society Designated for Starzl Transplant Institute, Attn: Dr. Carr Research, or Hospice of Coshocton County.

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Of Fort Pierce, Florida (formerly of Bloomfield Hills). Passed away on Monday, January 17, 2005 in St. Louis, Missouri. Beloved wife of the late Hugh T. Carney II. Dear mother of Hugh T. Carney III, and Carol Lynne Carney. Dear grandmother, of Anne Elise Carney, Kyle Toland Boston and Andrew Carney Boston. She served as president of the Jenny Lind Club of Detroit and was a member of Oakland Hills Country Club and the Village Club. A Memorial Service will be conducted at the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan on Friday, February 18, 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund.

JOHN HAZEN WILSON

Age 83 of Plymouth passed away Sunday, February 6, 2005 at Angela Hospice sur-

rounded by loving family and friends. Hazen retired in 1983 from Michigan Bell Telephone Co. and served in the Army Air Corps as a B-17 navigator stationed in England during World War II. He will be remembered for his Rotarian involvement, his many community contributions, his avid love of golf, and his sense of humor. He will be dearly missed by his wife Margaret and his children: Barbara (Thomas) Olson, John (Christine) Wilson, and Marilyn Wilson. He is also survived by stepchildren: Edward (Penny) Shaw, Katherine (Peter) Schroeter, Susan Shaw, and Robert Shaw. Also surviving are Hazen and Margaret's 8 grandchildren, sisters, Jean Jurow and Louise (Fred) Parker, brother, Martin Wilson, and many nieces and nephews A Memorial Service will be held on February 10, 2005 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church in Plymouth Twp. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154, or the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

MARYJANE HERBOLD

Passed away October 12, 2004. She is predeceased by her husband, Dr. W.C. Herbold, long time physician. She is survived by daughter, Karla Herbold & Jane Donato; 5 granddaughters & 2 great granddaughters.

MINNIE MYERS

Age 94, February 2, 2005. Dearest mother of Barbara (Skip) Chrysler, Richard J. Bjork and Susan E. (Robert) Cohoe. Also survived by 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchil-dren, Visitation was Wednesday (Feb. 9, 2005) 7-9 PM at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral on Friday, February 4, 2005 with CDR. Fred Renfroc, CHC, USN (Ret) Home, 22546 Michigan Ave. officiating. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Burley Funeral Procession to Parkview Cemetery, Thursday 1 PM from the Funeral Home for Committal Services.

College of Education, N.C. State University. He was a board member of the Traveler's Aid Society of N.Y. and was a member and chairman of the New Canaan, Connecticut Board of Education. Memorials may be sent to Williams College, Williamstown, MA, or to Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, MA. A Memorial Service will be held at the University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill on Friday, February 11, 2005 at 2:00 PM. Arrangements are with Walkers Funeral Home, Chapel Hill, N.C.

ROBERT JAMES WALTERS AT-3, USN

Robert James "Rob" Walters,

age 23, died in a one-car accident on Ault Field Road on January 30, 2005, while enroute to work. He was borne September 29, 1981 in Englewood, Colorado to James H. and Marlene A. (Dryer) Walters. Rob moved to Rochester Hills, Michigan while in the second grade and attended St. John's Lutheran School. He graduated from Lutheran High School Northwest with the Class of 2000. While in high school, Rob was a member of the Varsity cross-country team. He was also a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at school and enjoyed music and movies. He was a devoted Christian and a true friend. He was a member of the Living Word Lutheran Church. Rob joined the U.S. Navy on a delayed entry program and following graduation, was sent to Great es Naval Training Center. His sister Marjorie also entered the Navy and the two were honored for simultaneous service in their hometown of Rochester Hills. On January 3, 2001, Rob or "Wally" as his shipmates at NAS Whidbey knew him, was trans-ferred to NAS Whidbey Island and assigned to VAQ-134. During his tenure with the squadron he was assigned duty in Turkey and Saudi Arabia and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch. Rob was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, two Sea Service Deployment ribbons, the National Defense Service medal, two Air Force Outstanding Unit with Valor, three Joint Meritorious Unit Awards and the Battle "E" and the Navy achievement Medal. Rob is survived by his mother, Marlene Walters of Little Elm, Texas; his father, James Walters of Tucson, Arizona; two sisters, Christine Catrib, and her husband Moussa of Dayton, Ohio, and Marjorie Walters of Hampton Roads, Virginia. Funeral services for Robert J. Walters were held at NAS Whidbey Base Chapel, Oak Harbor, Washington on February 3, 2005 with Lt. Alfred V. Pena, CHC, USNR officiating. Interment with full military honors followed at Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, Washington

Chapel, Oak Harbor, Washington.



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LOCAL SPORTS



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PURE ENTERTAINMENT! Suery Thursday!

Lady Ocelots find selves in 2-game slide

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team lost twice in a three-day period to suffer the first blemishes on its Eastern Conference record.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft fell 76-71 to host Flint Mott CC and followed that up on Monday with a tough 67-66 setback to visiting Wayne County CC.

The losses dropped the Lady Ocelots' record to 17-5 overall and 9-2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

After falling behind 36-22 to the Lady Wildcats at halftime,

WOMEN'S HOOP

Schoolcraft poured on the offense in the second half, outscoring their opponent 44-29. But it wasn't enough.

Forward Charlese Greer led Schoolcraft with 26 points and 11 rebounds while forward Ashley Gibson (10 points) and Westland John Glenn alum Sara Tyree (eight points) provided additional scoring.

Leading WCCC to their seventh win in 21 outings including a 5-6 mark in the MCCAA — was guard Kimyanna Jones, with 26 points. Jones hit all three of her triple tries to keep Schoolcraft at bay.

Guards Deanna Jennings and Valerie McQueen scored 13 and 12 points, respectively for the Lady Wildcats.

On Saturday, the host Bears were a formidable foe.

Mott improved to 16-4 overall and 11-0 in the Eastern Conference with the victory.

A poor-shooting first half put Schoolcraft behind the eight ball. The Lady Ocelots connected on just 10 of 33 field-goal attempts before intermission (30 percent), falling behind 41-33.

Although Schoolcraft shot better in the second half (16-of-28, 57 percent) the team could not muster enough of a rally to overcome the Bears, who hit on 26 of 55 field-goal tries in the game (47 percent).

Greer had another solid outing for Schoolcraft, scoring 22 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. The top scorer for Mott was Delores Hughley, who tallied 29 points.

Schoolcraft bounces back from Mott loss

BY BRAD EMONS

Maybe it's just as well that Eastern Conference games don't count this season for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team.

The five-time defending champion Ocelots, on probation and banned from postseason play for off-season rules violations by both the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, lost Saturday

MEN'S HOOP

afternoon to perennial rival

and power Flint Mott, 99-83.

Mott, 20-2 overall, leads the

Eastern Conference with a 9-0

record, two games ahead of

which also has a rare win this

season over the 22-3 Ocelots,

who are 7-2 in the conference

Schoolcraft grinded out a 77-71

victory over Wayne County CC

second-place Henry Ford,

(if you're keeping track).

as 6-foot-4 guard Martin

Samarco (Belleville) led the

On Monday night,

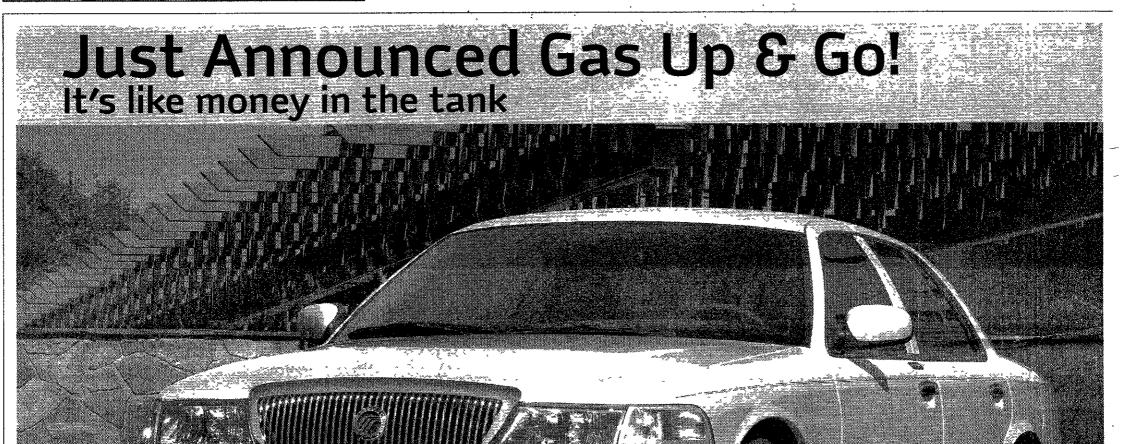
way with a game-high 24 points, including 5-of-11 from three-point range.

Marcus Moore, a 6-6 transfer from Central Michigan University, finished with 19 points and eight rebounds, while Kevin Massiah added 17 points. Courtney Williams snared 13 rebounds and Ty Scott's two free throws with only 20 seconds remaining clinched the victory.

Wayne County (8-11, 5-5) got 22 points and eight rebounds from Ricky Henderson. DeShawn Kenney came off the bench to score 18, while Leon Kennedy added 12. The Ocelots won despite making only 8-of-17 free throws.

Massiah had a game-high 25 points, including 13-of-14 from the line, but the Ocelots couldn't overcome a 55-38 halftime deficit. Samarco added 20, while Moore and Scott contributed 10 each.

Carlos English was one of six Mott players in double figures with a game-high 17 points. Curtis Gilmore and Jerel Allen contributed 15 apiece, while Robert McRae added 14. Andre Britton and Richard Field had 10 each.



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Education plays role in turnover

We purchased a condo. I am a member of the advisory committee and we are getting ready for the turnover. Could you briefly explain what we need to do in preparation?

See a good condominium attorney who can give you a checklist of items that the association should be getting from the developercontrolled board. You should also use the attorney to assist you in preparation for the turnover to get the records and documents necessary from the developer. Understand that the turnover of control of the association does not eliminate the developer's responsibilities as a developer, but simply gives the members of the association, who have purchased units, control of the condo association board to make their own decisions regarding the retention of their management company, their contractors, accountant, lawyer and insurance consultants. The lawyer chosen by you should educate the members of the association as to their responsibilities as board members and as participants in the operation of the association, hopefully, before or at the turnover meeting.

Do you have any information on

Since shorter days make moving harder in winter

'They really appreciate coffee or cold drinks and usually have their lunches with them. Some customers bring in pizza.'

Bertie See Frisbie Moving & Storage Co.



BY NORMAN PRADY CORRESPONDENT

The guy on the moving truck never met your Aunt Martha.

He's not going to stop to readther last letter to you. And he won't be flipping through the family album and remembering when Stella lost her first tooth or Mud runners throughout the house and sheets of cardboard at the entry help control the mess.

Packing for a winter move, See said, is not greatly different than packing in summer. But it's important, she said, to consider anything that could freeze if left on the truck for an extended time, especially on an overnight long-distance fees range from \$75 to bring the container to you, from \$129 to leave it there for up to 30 days, and from \$30 to take it where you want it.

Professional packers and movers caution that self-movers tend to load containers the way they'd put things in a cupboard, failing to provide proper wrapping and adequate protection. Bits Timothy Phillips

Mortgage

Choose a credible lender

A s spring nears, the warming real estate market will begin to show its annual sprouts – House for Sale – signs around every corner. You can increase the chance of success during this house hunting season, and perhaps even avert disaster, by doing a little mortgage homework first.

Researching your mortgage possibilities does not mean merely getting a dozen price quotes on a 30-year loan. This tack will only get you 12 lavish promises designed to lure you into the door. It's your family's largest purchase. You should consider other important factors besides just interest rate.

First, your best "quoted" interest rate is worthless if that loan officer cannot deliver as promised. Seasoned Realtors will (cuss and) tell you that failed real estate deals are usually due to botched financing. You need a lender who will get your money to the closing table on time, every time.

Some mortgage lenders show up for business when the market is hot, then close up shop during the off-season. Fair weather lenders may be a bad choice. Would you select a part-time or "discount" heart surgeon to operate on a family member, or an "e-attorney" to handle your family's estate?

There are competent and ethical loan officers scattered throughout the industry. No single bank or mortgage company has cornered the market on top talent. Consequently, you are as likely to find a "schlep" loan officer in a well-advertised mortgage company or bank as in a smaller Mom-and-Pop shop. A safe bet for choosing a winning mortgage loan officer is "word-of-mouth." Beware: This is not a movie. so make sure you use a strong, credible referral source. Finally, tech-savvy lenders can make your life much easier. Make sure they have automated underwriting systems for timely approvals. Underwriting speed can sometimes be more important than interest rate. A loan officer who employs time-saving technologies is more apt to have his or her mind on your transaction. Today's TIMBIT: Always put your best foot forward in case you find yourself having only one leg on which to stand. Choose your mortgage professional wisely. Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www.PhillipsHQ.com or phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516.

how the law determines the ownership of a lake bed, as we are having a dispute with our neighbor concerning the boundary.

Obviously, each case has to be decided on its facts, but the law generally provides that if the lake is circular, the shoreline is the base and the center line is the vertex of a triangle. If the lake is oblong, the lines are drawn perpendicular to the median center. If neither of these methods are possible, the lake bed is divided in proportion to the shoreline owned. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable real estate attorney.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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when Benjie graduated from kindergarten.

That's why, said Bertie See, movers can pack your belongings in a single day, a job that might take you weeks or months. Unlike you, they won't review every letter, every photograph and every box of childhood pottery projects you've saved.

"Of course," See said, "when they're packing their own homes, it takes them just as long as everyone else."

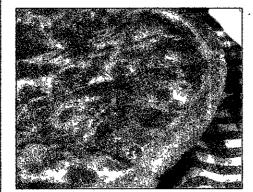
See is vice president of Frisbie Moving & Storage Co., agent for United Van Lines, serving southeastern Michigan from its Detroit headquarters.

"Moving can be very stressful," See said, "even if it's a positive move — going to your dream house. We try to make it as easy as possible."

But easy can be harder in winter, See said, when shortness of the daylight can limit work time, sometimes turning a one-day job into two.

And winter driving can be an issue, she said: "But if we can get there and have access to the house, we'll do the job."

It might take longer to load, she said, with the crew trekking through slush and snow drifts between truck and house.



move.

The average crew for the average house, she said, is three or four workers. "They really appreciate coffee or cold drinks," she said, "and usually have their lunches with them. Some customers bring in pizza — an unexpected and very welcome treat."

Remember, too, See said, that these workers are temporary guests for the day in your ever-emptying house, so make sure a bathroom is available to them.

Fees for local moving, See said, are based on man-hours; long distance moves are based on a formula of weight and mileage.

OPTIONS

If you're thinking of being your own mover, a rental truck might serve your needs. According to the person on duty at the U-Haul office in Farmington, "It's just like driving a car. Snow's not a problem."

A do-it-partly-yourself choice is a movable storage container that gets dropped onto your driveway for you to fill as you have time and is then trucked to your new house or shipped to Greece, if that's where your new job is.

One company offering this service is Portable On Demand Storage, headquartered in Florida, with offices in 40-some states.

PODS will bring you a container eight feet wide by eight feet tall and either 12 or 16 feet long. There's a charge to deliver it to you, a monthly rental and another charge to move it.

Sometimes this company has some special prices. Its regular pricing can be complicated if your destination is not in one of its regular service areas. Published Some items are not allowed in containers: car, no; motorcycle, yes without its gasoline; power mower, yes if drained; fire extinguisher, no.

GET MOYING

The Atlas Van Lines Web site, www.atlasworldgroup.com, offers a truckload of packing and moving information, including a planning calendar. Learn how to move plants and other perishables. It's one thing to move the frozen fish from the freezer, but the fish from your aquarium probably will freeze during a winter move. Give them to the kid next door and take the empty tank with you.

Items you cannot put into a moving van include ammonia, ammunition, charcoal, darkroom chemicals, loaded guns, nail polish and remover, scuba tanks and weed killer. There are also tips for moving sentimental and personal items, legal papers, jewelry, school records, sterling silver and much more. General information about truck rental can be found at the Penske Web site, www.pensketruckrental.com. You'll also find tips about winter moving. Go to www.podsusa.com for information about Portable On Demand Storage.



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Presented by Standard Federal Bank, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Lighthouse Community Development, 46156 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 19. at Peoples Community Hope for Homes Westshire Place Community off Middlebelt Road, south of Michigan Avenue in Westland. Tips on the entire homebuying process. Upon completion of the seminar, participants will receive certificates entitling them to apply for a mortgage loan under Standard Federal's Community Home Buyer's Program. The program is designed to make home ownership more affordable. No charge, call (800) 643-9600, Ext. 22532, to register. **CREW-Detroit**

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Buying a home

Seminar for first-time homeowners and those who have purchased a home before, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, RE/MAX Alliance, 37569 Five Mile. Livonia. No charge, reservations requested because seating is limited, call (734) 462-3600.

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education

Builder's Licensing Exam Prep, 6-10 p.m. beginning Feb. 15 for four weeks, \$288. Invest in Real Estate, 6-10 p.m. for four weeks beginning March 22, cost \$135. Landlording Series, 6-10 p.m. for four weeks beginning March 24, \$199. The series is made up of the following class topics which can be taken individually: "How To Deal with Problem Tenants," "Risk Management for Landlords," "Leases & Lease Clauses" and "Making Money & Reducing Taxes on Your Rental Properties. "Home Staging with Style," 6-9 p.m. Feb. 17 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$175. "Home Staging with Style," 6-9 p.m. April 7 and 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 16, \$175. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, (734) 462-4448.

Certified Graduate Builder seminars

Building Technology: Structures and Exterior Finishes, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, BIA headquarters in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein, president of Madison Heights-based Builders Professional Group will provide an introduction to structural and exterior finish systems used in residential construction. Breidenstein will provide insight into customer expectations and behaviors and practical techniques for working successfully with customers from the initial selling stages to the construction period at a Graduate Builder Seminar Course 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at BIA headquarters in Farmington Hills. Cost

for both seminars is \$140 each for Remodelors Council members, \$160 each quests, Call (248) 862-1033 for reservations/information.

Refrigerant Recovery Course

Sponsored by the Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council, 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Course will give maintenance professionals who maintain, service, repair or dispose of appliances that contain regulated refrigerants the opportunity to be certified in compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act. Cost \$85

for PMC members, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and AAM members and quests, Call (248) 862-1033 to register.

Basement Remodeling

Farmington Community Education with Oakland Builders Institute is offering a seminar on basement remodeling, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and March 5, at Farmington High School. 32000 Shiawassee in Farmington. Seminar is designed to help people make better use of space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling. The instructor will also discuss working with

subcontractors and finishing techniques. The cost is \$95 plus \$10 for textbook. Register by Thursday, Feb. 17, by calling (248) 489-3333. For information, call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 or visit www.buildersinstitute.com.

Build your business

A marketing plan is crucial to your new business success. Join Tara Kachaturoff, a certified marketing coach, for her latest course offering, Build Your Business: Marketing Plans 101. Call (248) 644-5832 or go to www.communityhouse.com to register. Class meets 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24.

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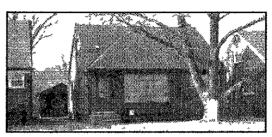
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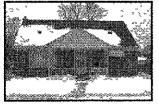
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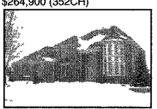
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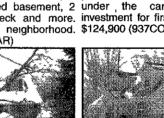


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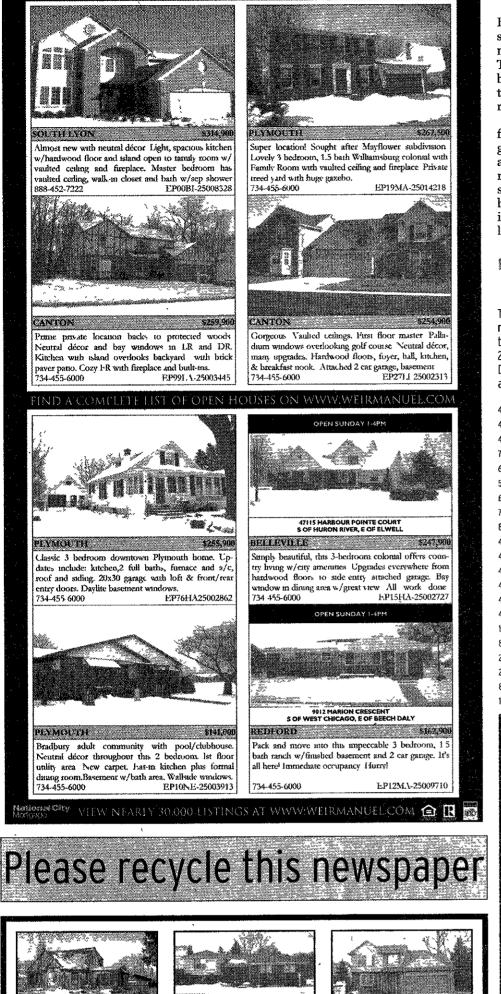


NICE STARTER HOME 3 COUNTRY CONTEMPORARY INDULGE bedroom ranch w/1.5 baths, Wonderful country contemp- bedroom, 3 bath Canton condo. right here in this brick ranch well central air, orary ranch in Huron school Skylights in cathedral ceiling, with 3 bedrooms, nice updated beauty. kitchen w/appliances, finished district. Plenty of cabinets in fireplace, kitchen w/appliances, finished district. Plenty of cabinets in Tireplace, maple kitchen, kitchen with oak cabinets, screened porch, mad room, basement w/lav & glass block, Kitchen w/deep sink & hardwood floor in foyer, tons of refinished hardwood floors, a plaster walls and hardwood 2 car garage, wood floors and spacious breakfast nook. storage, neutral décor, daylight partially finished basement, 2 under the carpet. Perfect a great location – close to Master suite w/WIC & jetted basement, deck w/awning & a car garage, deck and more. investment for first time buyer. everything. \$131,900 (201BE) tub. Home is located on 2.79 lovely view of the woods! Nice family neighborhood. \$124,900 (937CO)

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Consulting group begins work on project

The redevelopment of Birmingham's vacant Jacobson's store at 325 N. Old Woodward moved a step closer to reality when Troy-based G2 Consulting Group began geotechnical and construction engineering work on the site recently.

G2 analyzed the 38,000-squarefoot site's subsurface, soil and groundwater conditions in and around the existing multi-level retail structure. G2's engineers and scientists used the information to help develop plans to safely demolish the existing building and its large basement, while protecting

the adjacent structures. G2 also used it to design foundations for the new structure, says Dave Wanlass, G2 project manager.

"We've also designed a special shoring system that will support Old Woodward Avenue and Willits Street during demolition of the existing building's multiple basements and foundations. We'll provide observation and inspection services during demolition of the existing store and its basements, and during the construction of the new building," Wanlass said.

Bingham Farms-based developer Burton-Katzman and Southfield-

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

based Gershenson Realty & Investments plan a four-story building with first-floor restaurants, two stories of retail and office space, top floor residential lofts, and one level of underground parking.

G2 Consulting Group (www.g2consultinggroup.com) is a full-service engineering firm serving Fortune 500 companies, major utilities, property owners, government agencies and leading architectural, engineering and construction firms across the United States. G2 also has offices in Detroit and Chicago.

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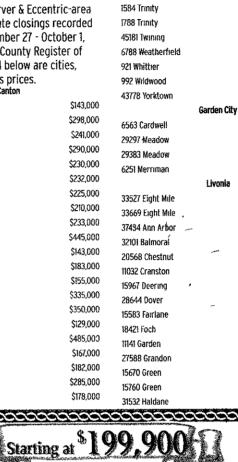
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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of September 27 - October 1, 2004, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office . Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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48249 Antique	
46713 Camelia	
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7562 Charrington	
626 Cherry Grove	
598 Cherry Orchard	
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1553 S Hambletor

846 Summerfield

850 Summerfield

854 Summerfield

1757 Rose

1650 Sarah

LIVONIA - Gorgeous 1,621 sqf, 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath brick bungalow in "Rosedale Gardens" sub. Beautiful LB w/nat'l FP. Fantastic updated kitchen w/cherry wood cabinets & all appls. Formal dining area w/bay window. Updated baths. Excellent fam rm w/doorwall to Irg wood deck. Fin. basement. 2.5 garage. \$245,000



DEARBORN - Exceptional solid built 3 bedrm, 1 5 bath brick & alum trim Bungalow in a great area of "Divine Child", Large LR w/nat'l FP. Formal dining room. Full bsmt w/glass block windows. Newer furnace & C/A. New vipyl windows thru-out 2.5 car garage Great price. Check the comps \$180,000



WESTLAND - Exceptional! Fully up-dated brk ranch with 4 bdrms, 1.5 baths in Surrey Hgts. Updates galore include: kitchen, both baths, furnace, carpet, 2 level deck, glassblock bsmt windows, entry doors, vinyl siding on trim & gar and roof. All freshly painted in neutral colors. Fin bsmnt, pool w/2 level deck. \$172,900



LIVONIA - Move-in condition describes this 4 bedrm, 1.5 bath brick/ vinyl Colonial. Charming LR & Forma DR w/hdwd floors. Beautiful updated kitchen w/maple cabinets, corian counters & doorwall to irg wood kitchen deck. Fantastic family rm w/nat'l FP. Full basement. 2 car attached garage \$230,000



REDFORD - Many updates in this 1st fir end unit condo including refin hdwd firs thru-out, kitchen fully updated w/countertop, sink, dishwshi & special flooring Lg living rm w/ dining area looking onto pool. Bath updtd w/new counter, sink & toilet. Common bsmt w/game rm, laundry rm & locked storage, \$49,900

CANTON - This one has it all! Last house on dead end street. This 2,300 SQF, 4 BR, 2 5 BA house is extremely clean. Recent updates include a new kitchen, newer roof & windows Family Rm & Living Rm are good size for family or entertaining. Neutral carpet & tile in bathrooms await your redecorating ideas. \$244 500



DETROIT - Pride of ownership shows throughout this home!! Great investment or 1st time buyers. 2 bed-rooms, large eat-in kitchen w/oak cabinets & newer flooring, updated bath, nice carpeting & oak trim in living rm and hall, hardwood firs in bedrooms, newer 3-D roof w/tear-off, 2 car gar. & fin basement. \$69,900



LIVONIA - Lowest price in Dover-Arbor Estate, the city's nicest sub for this 3 BR, 2 BA brick ranch. Brand new honey oak kitchen. Updts incl furnace, C/A, roof w/tear-off, vinyl wndws. 2 car gar, patio, fin bsmt and HW firs t/o make this a real bargain. Priced well below apprsl value due to need for cosmetics. \$173,800



BRIGHTON - Outstanding Ranch in Woodlake Village, Skylights, cathedral ceiling, open fir plan, expanded 1st fir laundry provides add'l pantry & counter space Fin.bsmt has separate home office w/closet, every room wired for home network, 2+ car att garage. Private backyd has deck & storage shed. Priced right at \$189,900



WAYNE - Prime traffic area for new commercial business with frontage on Van Buren Utilities available. Part of larger parcel \$250,000



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LIVONIA - Beautiful country setting. Excellent 4 bedrm, 2 full bath Colonial with over 2100 sq.ft on large lot. Updated kitchen w/oak cabs w/all appls LR w/nat'l FP & bay window.

LIVONIA - Gorgeous home & what a value on this fantastic 4 bedrm, 25

bath brick Colonial. Lrg Island kitchen

w/oak cabinets, built-in dishwasher &

microwave. Doorwall to Irg wood deck w/built-in swing overlooking beautiful lot. Sharp family rm w/gas

log FP. Full basement. 2 car attached garage. \$314,900

1st floor bath w/jetted tub. Formal DR w/slate floor. Full fin bsmt. w/ possible bedrm/office. Newer vinyl windows. 2 car att gar. \$250,000



PLYMOUTH - Historic Timepiece in the heart of downtown Exquisitely decorated, remodeled & updated Carriage house feat 2 stes each with private ent, sep bath w/pooltub, FP & balcony. 7 bdrms (6 w/priv baths). mstr ste feat sitting rm, priv 3rd fla ba, kitchenette & skylights. Superb landscaping w/sprink sys. \$1,190,000



LIVONIA - Nice upper 2 bedrm Condo. 1,123 sqf. Kitchen w/newer counters, flooring & all appls Formal dining rm. LR w/doorwall to balcony Bath w/dual entrance & access to Master bedrm & closet organizer Updates include: gas furnace, 6 panel doors. 1st floor laundry w/washer & dryer. Great location. \$125,000



LIVONIA - Gorgeous 4 bedrm, 25 bath brick & alum Colonial. Beautiful living room w/hardwood flooring. Excellent updated kitchen w/hickory cabinets & all appls. Formal dining room. Fantastic family rm w/nat'l fireplace Updated full bath. Partly finished bsmt. 2 car att garage. \$242,500



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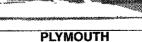
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GREAT ROOM RANCH! 3 bedrooms, 2 5 baths Great room w/vaulted ceiling, gas fireplace Formal dining, krichen has walk-in pantry. 1st floor laundry Professionally finished basement has rec room, office, exercise room Lots of storage 2 car attached garage Deck & paver walks Call today¹ (P80ROC) \$304,000 PLYMOUTH

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FAIRWAYS AT GATEWAY SUB! 3 bedroom, 3 5 bath, 1st floor laundry, 1st floor master suite & finished basement, great room w/ipic Metivated seller! Must see! (P23CRY) \$219,900

WESTLAND COUNTRY IN THE CITY! This must be the place Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial sitting on just about an acre With over 2,300 sq. ft. Custom built Family room (32x20), it's gorgeous Oak kitchen, formal dining room, & finished ment add to the list.. MUST SEE! (P27COW) \$285,900

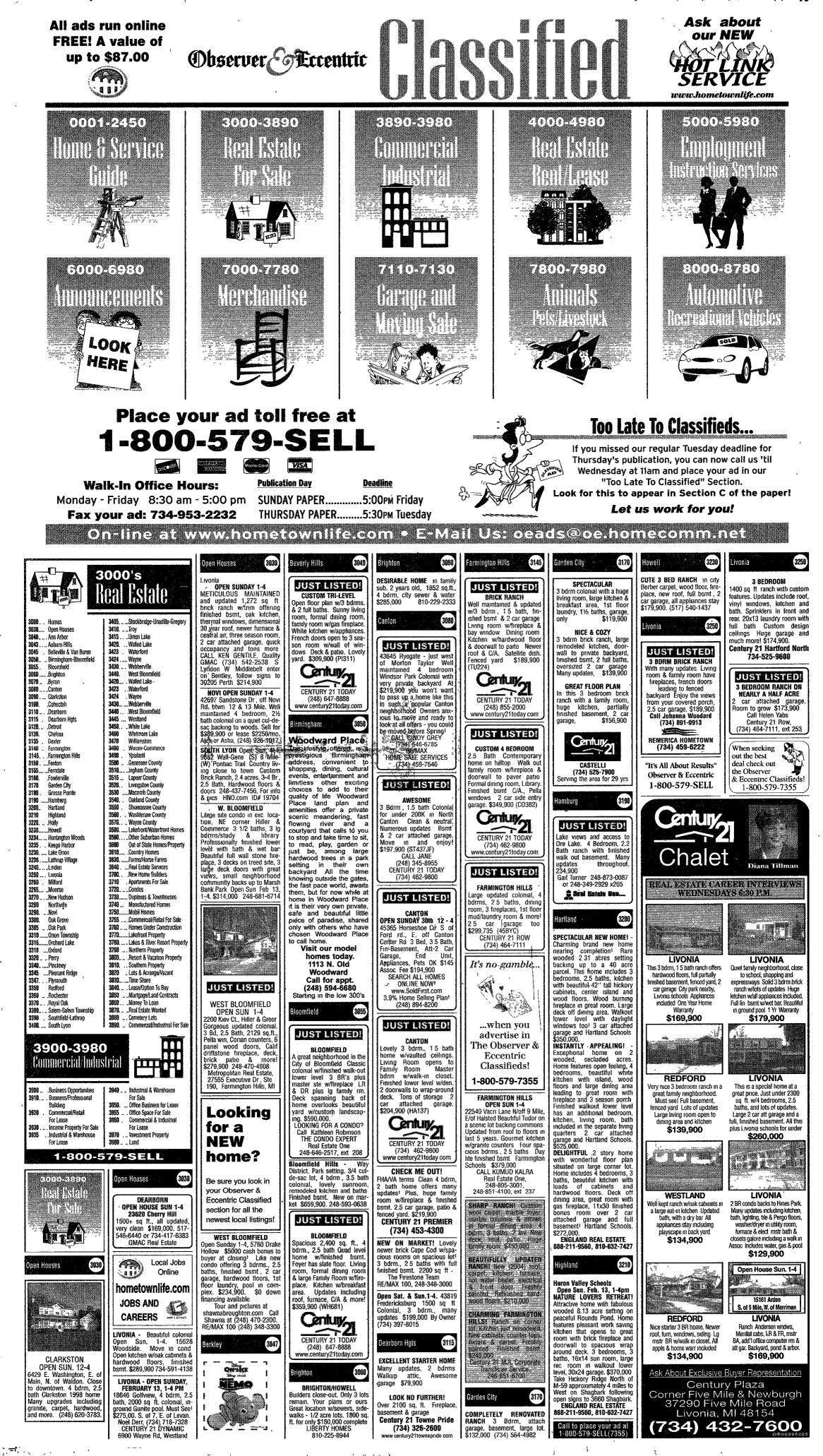


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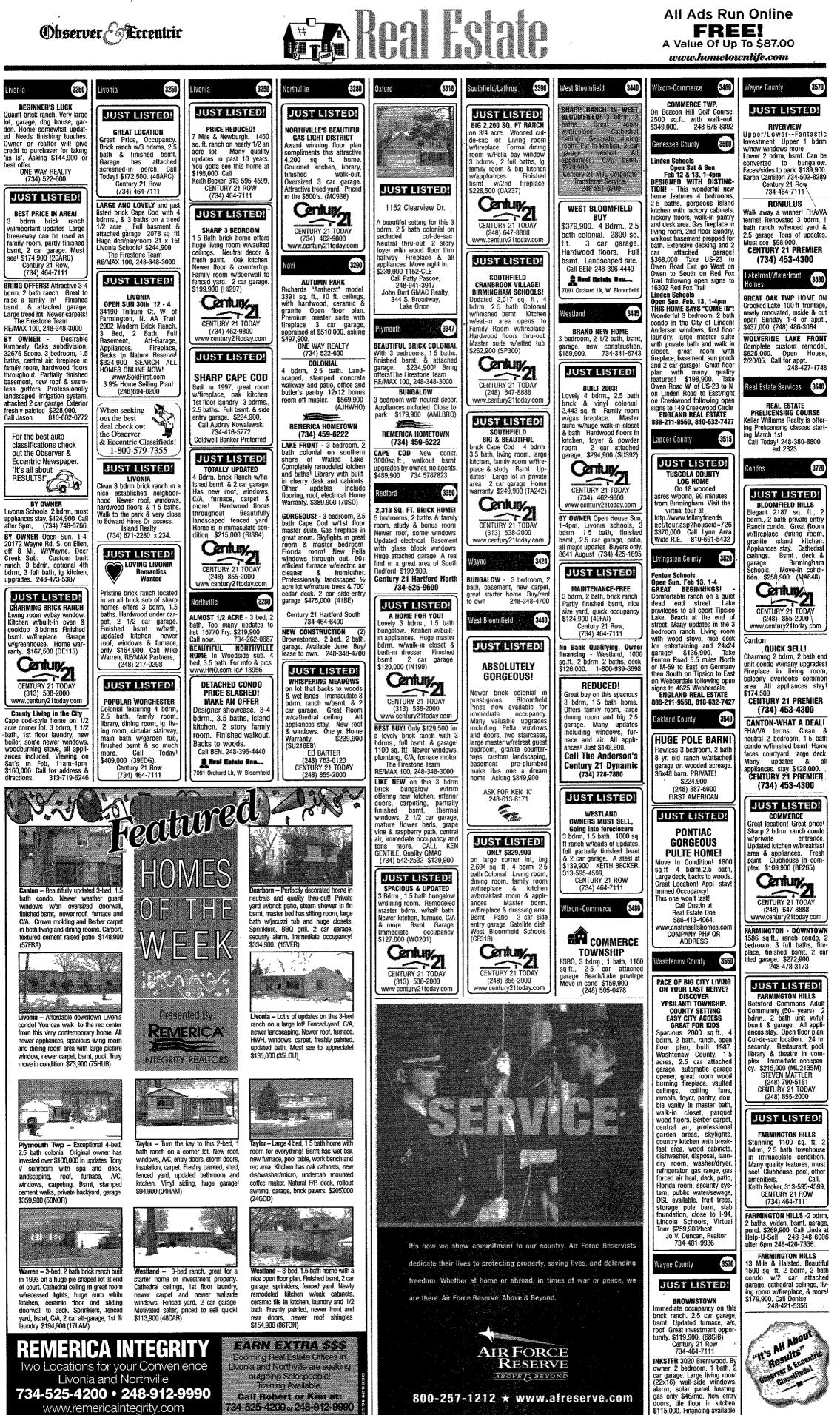
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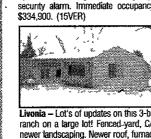
















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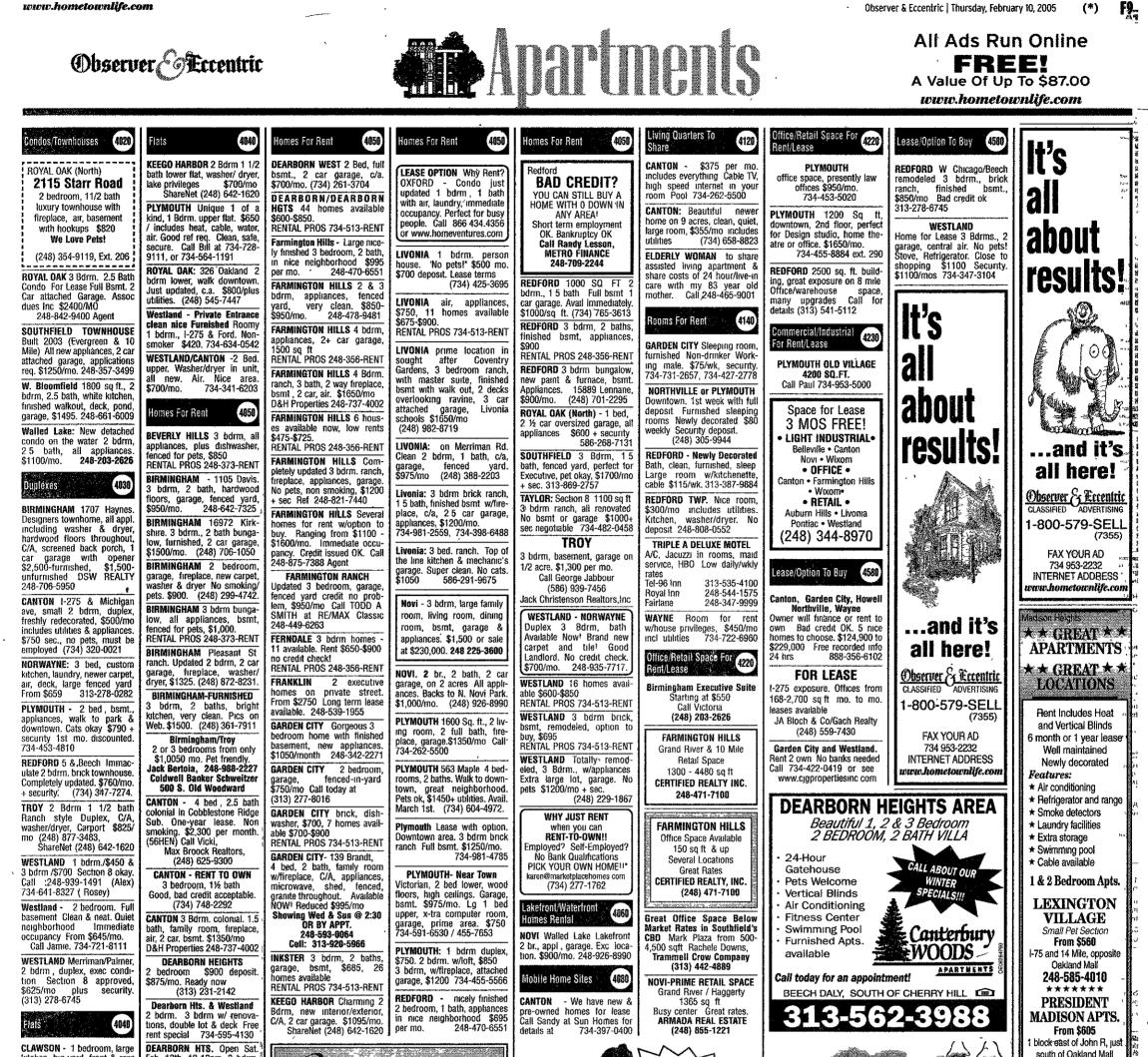
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kitchen big yard, front & rear Feb 12th, 10-12pm. 3 bdrm. entrance, garage. Dogs ok \$625/mo. 2248-515-4791 bsmt, garage, appliances \$1095/mg. 248-231-0074

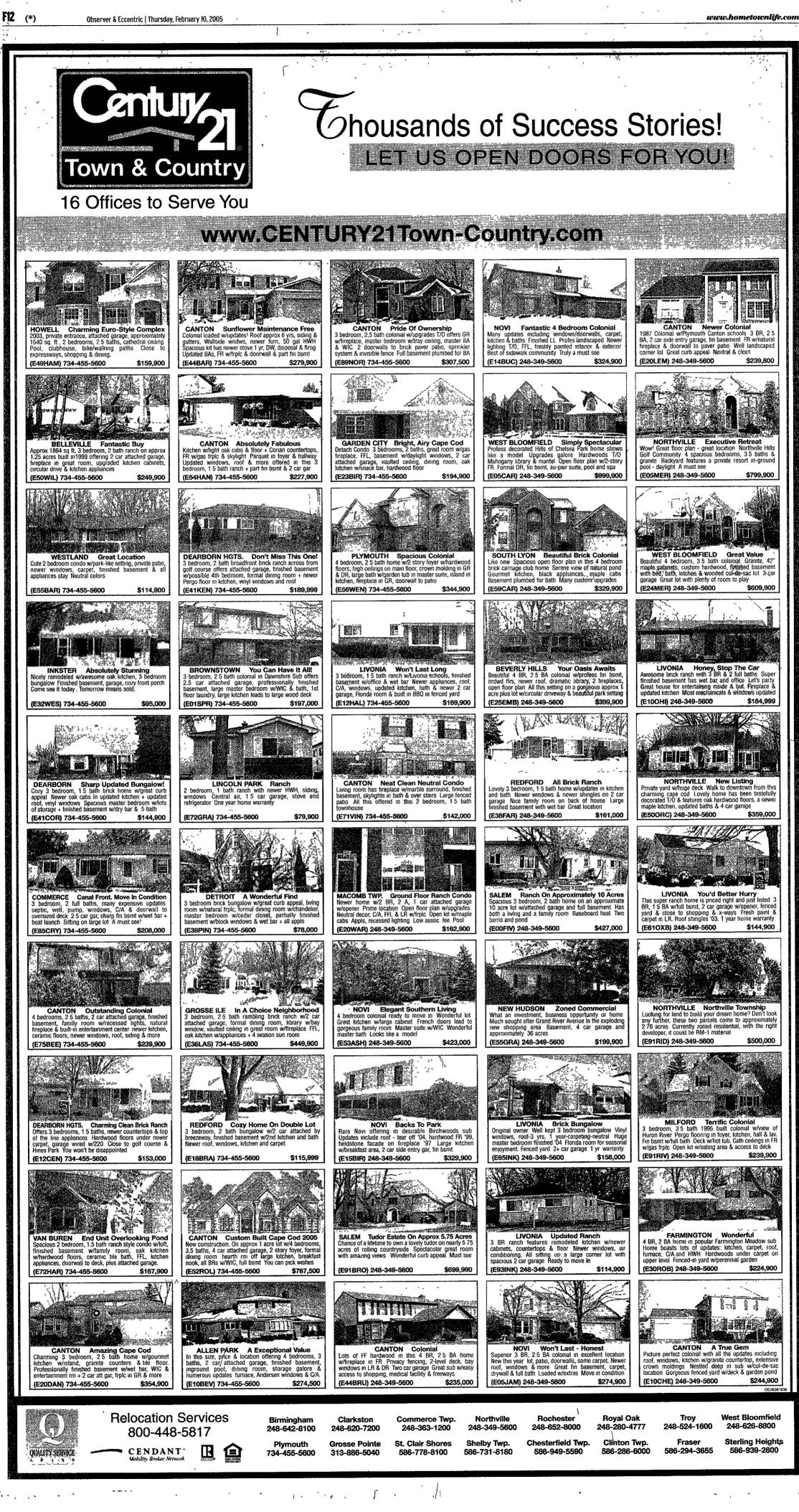


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DEARBORN

734-326-2000 BUILDER'S HOME! First flr Indry, 3 full baths, fin bsmt w/2nd kit. MBR has private bath. Hdwd floors. Lg 3/4 acre lot w/private yard, 4 car plus gar w/workshop. (1630) \$327,000



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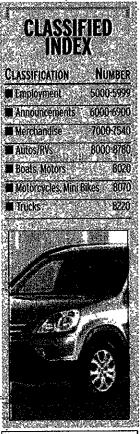
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BY DALE BUSS

General Motors Corp. has had a long time to figure out what it wants to do with Buick, the division that really helped save the company's bacon in the Eighties and early Nineties. The first step was to determine that Buick and Oldsmobile were becoming too much alike – and appealing mainly to the same aging clientele – and to jettison one of the marques. Done: Oldsmobile died rather quietly a couple of years ago.

But that hasn't necessarily meant that GM has Buick all figured out yet. The new 2005 LaCrosse sedan, Buick's biggest new-product introduction in several years, is a huge illustration of that. It's a significent step forward for Buick – but without being all that satisfying to drive.

The aim of LaCrosse is to serve as a transitional vehicle to help the entire brand move from its current demographic, where the average age of buyers is 68, down to baby boomers who then, presumably, having bought back into Buick as they near retirement will want to stick with the brand as it continues to satisfy their needs and tastes. The fact that GM considers LaCrosse a bridge vehicle is underscored by the fact that Buick designed LaCrosse on the same basic chassis that used to underpin the Buick Regal and Century (which are now defunct) as well as other GM mid-sized models including the Pontiac Grand Prix, Chevrolet Impala and Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

A couple of years ago, GM Vice Chairman Robert Lutz, who has been behind the company's relatively radical experimentation with design lately, scrapped a more conservative concept for LaCrosse so that Buick could move even further in a pioneering direction. But while the shift added a costly 14 months to the wait for the new LaCrosse, the car's designers and engineers arguably didn't innovate enough – even for a



The Buick LaCrosse CXS gets 19 mpg in the city and a nifty 27 mpg on the highway.

transitional model.

What we're left with, and what you can buy, is a vehicle that certainly is more interesting and satisfying to drive than Buicks past. But don't expect to climb into a Buick that your father wouldn't recognize.

In fact, my very first impression of LaCrosse was how much its exterior and interior design represented a strong underscoring of Buick's design theme for the last decade or so. LaCrosse resembled a mid-Nineties Buick Regal every bit as much as it reminds one of the midrange Lexus models of today that LaCrosse must compete with Buick's concept cars at auto shows display a planned return of some of the design cues that Buick was famous for, such as the "ventiport" porthole. But for now, we have to settle for the reminiscent design of LaCrosse.

The design isn't without its charms. It has a rather low roofline and narrow window glass, the latter a design theme that Chrysler executed well with its new 300 models. LaCrosse also has a relatively long hood and a new taillight design in which the lamps are separated instead of running across the whole rear. And like most modern designs, LaCrosse also puts the wheels.

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flush with the body sides instead of tucking them under.

Fortunately, I reviewed the CXS model, which is outfitted with a zippy 3.6-liter, six-cylinder engine and a high-tech, sporty suspension. The combination made LaCrosse very responsive and fun to drive, and in that respect a far cry from its predecessor Buick sedans. But my understanding is that lower-price CX and CXL models offer more of a standard, lolling suspension and only a modestly powerful engine. I was pleasantly surprised by the mileage put out by the LaCrosse CXS – 19 miles a gallon in the city and a nifty 27 on the highway.

Inside, the feel of those old Buicks continued with an instrument-panel design that is not that much different from an old Regal. But LaCrosse definitely has stepped up the amenities, with great control of noise and plenty of room throughout the cab. Amenities such as cruise control and the like are there, but I wondered why Buick didn't include available adjustable pedals, navigation system or a rear-seat DVDentertainment system.

Maybe the next Buick sedan will do that.

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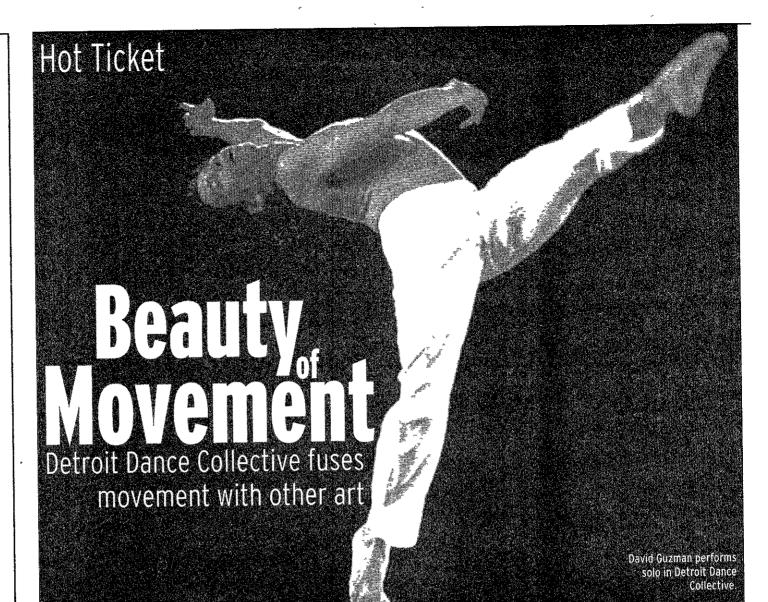
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BY NICOLE STAFFORD Staff Writer

As an art form, dance explores how movement and the human body occupy space. But the interplay between

environment and motion runs deeper for Detroit Dance Collective co-founder and choreographer Barbara Selinger. What becomes the backdrop

for a performance can also serve as the initial inspiration for choreography, said Selinger, whose work is featured in *Together*, a performance by Detroit Dance Collective, slated Saturday and Sunday at the Maggie Allesee Studio Theatre on Wayne State University's Detroit campus. Wellspring, a Kalamazoo-

based troupe, joins DDC in the show and plans to perform four pieces. "That's what is different

about our work," said Selinger, who lives in Farmington. "It integrates other art forms. We do many collaborations with many Michigan artists." DDC, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, began as a small, local ensemble that presented the work of its four co-founders, all Wayne State University dance program graduates. And though Selinger always has been inspired by other artistic disciplines, she didn't stumble upon the company's signature style until the mid-'80s.

"I thought it would be interesting to work with painters and visual artists," she said. "And then, rather than just be inspired by it, let others see the work. That's maybe where it started."

Selinger is fond of projecting, for example, computergenerated visuals onto the performance space as a way to create an environment.

- "It's just a whole different kinesthetic for the dancers and the audience because in multimedia work, you never really know what it's truly going to look like until you're in dress rehearsal or performance."

Among the four works by Selinger being presented this weekend, *Behavior of Circles* best represents her multime-

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What: Together, featuring six works by Detroit Dance Collective with four pieces by guest company Wellspring. When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13.

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dia approach, featuring paintings and prints by two Michigan artists.

But Selinger collaborates with non-visual artists, as well. An excerpt from her work PHOTO COURTESY OF DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Momentum, which will debut in full at DDC's gala concert Friday, April 22, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn, is set to a Michigan composer's original score.

My Father's Favorite Game, Selinger's tribute to her dad's love of baseball, goes up to the infamous Abbott and Costello sketch "Who's on First?" with no music at all.

The performance also debuts the choreography of 25-year-old Erin Lakosky, a Harrison Township resident and recent Wayne State University graduate.

Although DDC tours nationally, the company continues to make supporting young local performers and choreographers, as well as education outreach in area schools, a key component of its work.

"I think there's talent here, but artists need to have the opportunity. As a dance company, it's part of our mission to give young dancers and choreographers a venue for their work."

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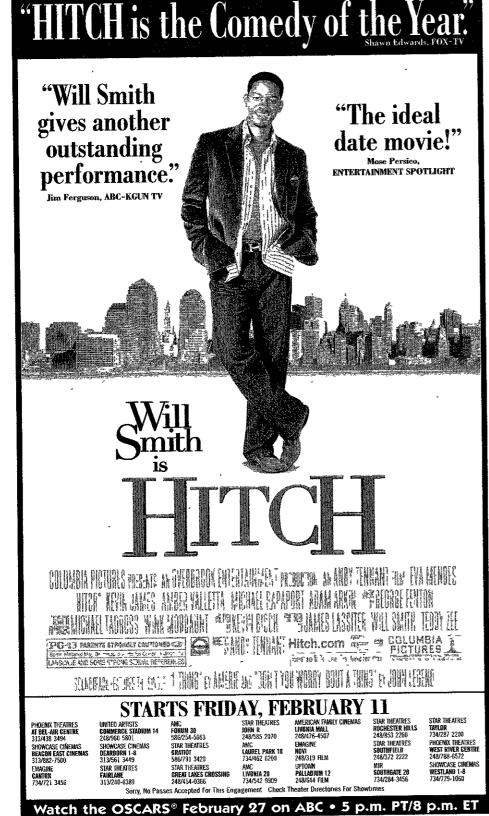
Big Screen **'The Wedding Date' has many flaws, clichés**

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE Associated Press

Even if you'd never seen a single romantic comedy, *The Wedding Date* would still seem painfully stale.

They're all there – every cliché of the genre. You could sit in the audience with a

list and check them off. At least that would be an entertaining distraction. A neurotic and slightly klutzy heroine who has closed off her heart to the possibility of love? Check. (Oh, and she lives in New York, but remarkably Debra Messing's character, Kat, doesn't work at a magazine.)



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A dashing suitor who seems all wrong for her but might just be Mr. Right? Got it. (And Dermot Mulroney's character, Nick, is a male escort, so you can also check off the hooker-with-aheart-of-gold cliché.)

A wedding as the setting for all of the movie's cataclysmic contrivances? Of course. Think about it: The Wedding Planner; The Wedding Singer; My Best Friend's Wedding (which also co-starred Mulroney); Four Weddings and a Funeral. Which brings us to

our next rom-com cliché: The ensemble of daffy British friends who are always ready with a drink, a ciggie and a saucy quip (though Sarah Parish, as Kat's cousin, gets the two or three funny lines in first-timer

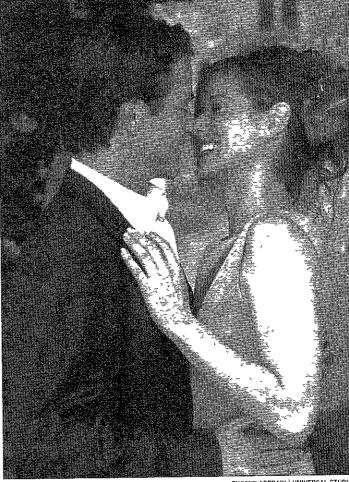
Dana Fox's script).

Kilner, who also directed the Mandy Moore teen-angst drama *How to Deal*, may have wanted to give single girls (and married women who like chick flicks) the cinematic equivalent of a cup of chamomile tea or a favorite sweater – warm, comfortable, familiar. What she's come up with is tepid, awkward and flat.

It's flawed from the premise alone: Kat has to fly to London for the wedding of her younger sister, Amy (Amy Adams). The best man is her ex-fiance, Jeffrey (Jeremy Sheffield), who inexplicably jilted her. Kat isn't dating anyone, and she certainly can't show up alone, so she takes \$6,000 (euro 4,600) out of her retirement savings account to hire Nick to pose as her boyfriend.

Wait a second. We're supposed to believe that any character played by Messing can't find a date? As frenzied and controlling as Kat is, she still looks like Messing.

It's sort of a bummer that the likable Will & Grace star, who's had supporting parts in Along Came Polly and Hollywood Ending, stumbled into such a forgettable movie for her first starring role. But another must-see-TV icon, Jennifer



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Debra Messing as Kat Ellis and Dermot Mulroñey as Nick Mercer in the romantic comedy, 'The Wedding Date.'

Aniston, spent years making lame romantic comedies before finding the right film for her talents: *The Good Girl* in 2002. So there's still hope. (And we're not counting the cult classic *Office Space*, which was completely great.)

Anyway, Kat and Nick fly to London for the wedding. They hastily deflect questions from family and friends about how they met.

They're forced to share a bed at her parents' house. Nick warns her that intimacy will cost her extra.

Kat has nothing to worry about, though. Everybody loves Nick. The women think he's hot, the men are astounded by his wisdom about relationships.

What follows is a series of ill-timed confessions and well-timed changes of heart. Kat and Nick have a fight but find themselves falling in love all over again in the next scene when they're forced to take a dance lesson together.

You'll find that you know the steps by heart, too.

The Wedding Date, a Universal Pictures release, runs 80 minutes. One star out of four.

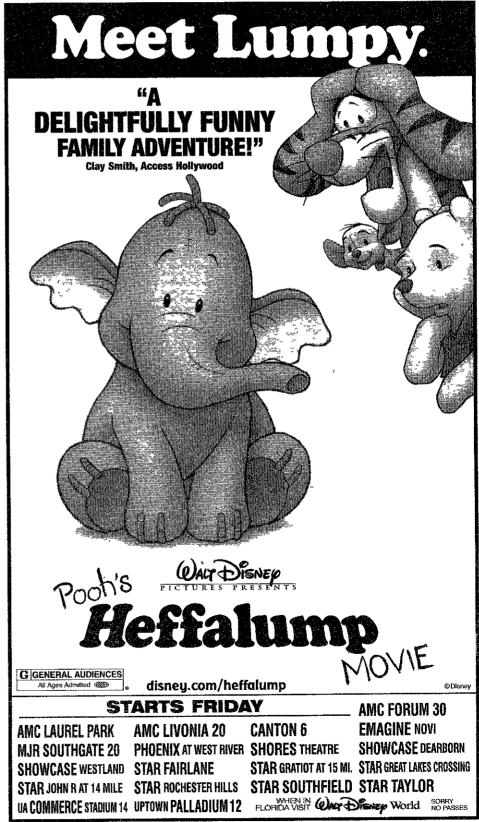
NEW DVD RELEASES

BY DAVID GERMAIN Associated Press

Here are some new home-video releases:

Ray – A well-timed release to remind those Academy Awards voters why they're voting for Jamie Foxx as best actor. As Ray Charles, Oscar front-runner Foxx simply vanishes into the role. ("Sometimes I couldn't tell the difference between Ray and Jamie," says longtime Charles pal Quincy Jones in an interview on the DVD.) The disc has nearly half an hour of deleted footage, most of which also can be viewed incorporated into an extended cut of the film. Director Taylor Hackford, who struggled for 15 years to make *Ray*, recounts the odyssey of the film in detail on audio commentary. A behind-the-scenes featurette captures a jam session between Charles and Foxx in summer 2002, when they sat side-by-side at keyboards so the actor could emulate the pianist's musical body language. A pricier two-disc set adds 20 minutes of uncut musical performances and more detail on Hackford's long journey to make

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Skye McCole Bartusiak shares Barry Watson's concerns in 'Boogeyman.'-

Keep door closed on movie 'Boogeyman'

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE AP MOVIE CRITIC

Boogeyman is one of those horror movies in which everyone would be fine if they just turned on the light.

they just turned on the light. Tim Jensen (Barry Watson of the WB series 7th Heaven) has been afraid of the dark, and of the dark forces he thinks are lurking in the closet, since he was 8.

That's when he watched his father get gobbled up by a creature – supposedly the boogeyman – who had been hiding amid the clothing and Little League gear.

Or maybe not. Dad may have just taken off, and Tim may just be delusional.

Now at 23, he's still afraid to reach for his coat, whether he's at work at the magazine where he's an associate editor or visiting the wealthy family of his hot, blonde girlfriend Jessica (Tory Mussett) for Thanksgiving.

His phobias are repetitive and annoying, actually, especially after we learn that he has been in therapy for them for the past 15 years. It's time for him to come out of the closet – literally – which he tries to do by spending the night in his childhood home following the death of his estranged mother (Lucy Lawless, stripped of her *Xena: Warrior Princess* powers).

"Something happened in that house but it wasn't supernatural," Tim's psychiatrist assures him.

It also isn't that cohesive. As directed by Stephen T. Kay (who also directed the Sylvester Stallone remake of *Get Carter*) and written by three people (Eric Kripke, Juliet Snowden and Stiles White), *Boogeyman* is a slapdash amalgamation of horror sights and sounds.

Tim gets help in overcoming his fears from childhood friend Kate (Emily Deschanel, who bears the same husky voice, big blue eyes and comfort on camera as sister Zooey) and a creepy little girl named Franny (Skye McCole Bartusiak) who follows him around and shares his concerns about closets.

Not to give away too much, but Boogeyman clearly owes a huge debt to the far superior Poltergeist.

It also shares something with last year's Japanese horror remake *The Grudge*: the presence of Sam Raimi as producer. And like *The Grudge*, it features Raimi's name up high in the movie's ads.

The movie is sufficiently moody, and you may find yourself jump a couple of times – even though you know better – but it degenerates into laughably ridiculous territory toward the end when it strays from the idea of a vague threat and becomes far too literal. It certainly isn't so bad that it needed to be kept from critics before opening day, a tactic usually reserved for films that are truly abominable.

Boogeyman, a Screen Gems release, is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of horror and terror/violence, and some partial nudity. Running time: 86 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

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Small screen Hearts and flowers and dead bodies

Il right you lovebirds, get ready for Valentine's Day. Pick up a box of candy, pluck a bouquet a flowers and cozy up together in front of the TV with a copy of the tender yet tragic love story *The Hollywood Strangler Meets the Skid Row Slasher*.

This masterwork by Ray Dennis Steckler, who gave us *The Incredibly Strange Creatures Who Stopped Living and Became Mixed-Up Zombies*, is available on DVD. There's a version wonderfully narrated by Joe Bob Briggs, and if you don't know who is he, you should.

Anyway, *The Hollywood etc.* is not your typical love story. As you might imagine. In fact, this is more of a story of missed opportunity and love that never blossoms as it should.

Jonathan is the Hollywood Strangler, a lunatic photographer who is obsessed with strangling hookers he meets



through answering ads is sleazy Los Angles newspapers. Why? That is a secret Jonathan only shares with his pet pigeons, but he keeps referring to "Marsha," whoever that may be, and that she seems to have been unfaithful. He keeps saying each "model" is "no different from all the rest" as he proceeds to strangle them on a bed, in a pool, on the living room floor and so on.

Jonathan roams L.A. skid row where he meets a young woman who runs a used bookstore that is stocked with very few books.

Little does he — or we know that she is the Skid Row Slasher. She hunts down winos and slits their throats as they lie in a drunken stupor in various alleys. Why? That's another secret Steckler doesn't share with us.

Of course, it's rather hard for him to share anything with us in this medium – this medium being the silent movie. Yes, indeed, this is a silent

film. Steckler, directing under the name Wolfgang Schmidt, originally made this movie with no soundtrack at all.

Steckler has said he preferred the silent medium. Never mind that making films without sound is cheaper than with sound and that Steckler rarely spent more than \$10,000 on a film. We're talking about art here. Fancy camera angles and intense closeups.

The distributor actually paid Steckler to add a soundtrack that consists of narration, incidental dialogue and background noise that were added in post-production.

Ānyway, with such similar interests it is inevitable that Jonathan should become fixated with the book store woman.

Unfortunately, it is not to be. Their first face-to-face encounter is speechless but there is a definite attraction between them. Their last meeting ends with them both doing what each does best. He strangles her and she stabs him.

In the mix is plenty of blood and bared bodies. If that doesn't warm your heart I don't know what will.

Joe Bob Briggs calls this a "neglected masterpiece." It is. It is also a piece of junk. Don't miss is.

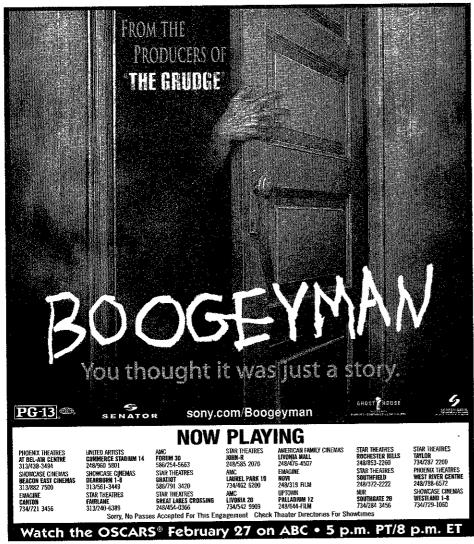
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DVDS

the film. The only beef: The studio didn't invest the time and money on a fully integrated extended cut, whose deleted scenes kick in with clunky transitions and do not quite match the full film's image quality. Single DVD, \$29.98; twodisc set, \$44.98. (Universal)

The Grudge – Sarah Michelle Gellar faces terror from beyond the grave without her Buffy the Vampire Slayer superpowers in this horror hit based on a Japanese fright flick made by the same director, Takashi Shimizu. Gellar stars as an exchange student in Tokyo caught in the grip of a vengeful spirit centered on a house where bloody deeds occurred. Gellar collaborates with producer Sam Raimi and his brother, co-star Ted Raimi, on commentary. DVD, \$28.95. (Sony)

Shall We Dance? – The fluffy Richard Gere-Jennifer Lopez remake and the vastly superior Japanese version debut on DVD. Both films follow the lead of a successful but bored businessman who takes to dance class because of a fleeting infatuation with the beautiful instructor, only to find his ballroom stepping turns into a life-altering passion. Last year's remake comes with commentary from director Peter Chelsom on the full movie and deleted scenes, plus featurettes on the film's music and the art of ballroom dancing. DVDs, \$29.99 each. (Miramax)





Family fun 'On the Record' brings new meaning to Disney music

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

The Lion King gave us the song 'Can You Feel the Love Tonight,' and the tune

'Heigh-Ho' sprang from another beloved Disney movie, Snow White. Can't you almost see the elves marching and the Lion King dancing? Movie soundtracks have a way of triggering our recollection of what happened on screen, but a new production featuring Disney's cine-

all the focus on contemporary recording studio. sound. On the Record,

a musical featuring more than 60 songs from Disney's most popular movies, runs / sions," each of which takes up a particu-

through Feb. 27 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

'We wanted to take the animation away from it, so you won't see the original context, but just hear the music," said

Robert Longbottom, the show's director and choreographer. "This is to listen, as if for the first time to just the song and the lyrics fresh."



The music's new context is a modern-day recording studio where a group of singers - a young unknown, a pop diva and a matinee idol - have gathered to record the ulti-

mate Disney album. The two-act

show is divided into 15 "recording ses-





The musical 'On The Record,' presents a catalogue of beloved Disney movie songs.

lar theme or topic, from love to taking charge of one's life to the behind-thescenes technology of sound effects. Along the way, all the music-making changes the characters' lives. Likewise, the

audience is present-

ed with a fresh per-

Someday My Prince

spective on the

music. The song

Will Come' from

Snow White, for

example, is per-

formed by a older

female singer, rather

a young woman who

still idealizes love.

"She finds the

whole new mean-

ing," commented

"Everybody has dif-

ferent associations

and meanings con-

Lasting approxi-

production has no dialogue.

and featuring an on-stage orchestra, the

We had 65 songs and all hits. These are

craftsmanship," said Longbottom, who

hopes the musical causes audiences to go

very, very beautiful songs with great

We didn't want to go down that road.

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Longbottom.

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SOUNDS LIKE DISNEY

What: 'On The Record,' a new musical featuring more than 60 songs from Disnev's most popular movies. When: Through Feb. 27, shows 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Where: Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. Tickets: \$32.50-\$72.50, call

Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or the box office at (313) 872-1000 or visit www.nederlanderdetroit.com.

home with a greater appreciation of the music behind Disney's movies. "It's a component of this art that is, if not under-appreciated, then under-exposed. There's a lot going on to make animation work. One of those is

the voice work." Films represented span 75 years of production from the early black-andwhite Mickey Mouse animated shorts of the late '20s and '30s to recent blockbusters like Toy Story, Tarzan and Aladdin.

A handful of selections were taken from Disney's live action films, television shows and amusement park attractions. But all the music imparts that unmistakable Disney feeling.

"There's a goodness to these songs," said

Longbottom. "They're about trying to be the best person you can be. Stay with your dream. Don't give it up. It's there in almost all these movies."

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City bites

City Bites lists special dinners/promotions, menu changes, restaurant renovations, promotions and other news. To get listed, send, fax or e-mail information to Hugh Gallagher, Features, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314, or e-mail hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net.

Walsh Gala

Walsh College offers business education in the classroom daily; but on Saturday, March 12, Walsh is offering fine art appreciation in the ballroom at the Hotel Baronette in Novi. The third annual Walsh Gala features fine wine, an art exhibit and strolling supper catered by Unique Restaurants. VIP tickets are \$150 and the reception begins at 6 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 for general admission tickets which are \$75 and \$40 for current Walsh students. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information contact Andrea Richards at (248) 823-1204. All funds raised will benefit the Walsh College Novi Student Scholarship and an art endowment for the college.

High tea

At Tenny Street Roadhouse, 22361 West Village Drive , Dearborn, (it's the former post office, one block south of Michigan Avenue, one block east of Military), 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. Music - jam and open mic - and delicious food Hosted by Leo Papa & Bill McGettigan, call (313) 278-3677 for details. Offered on the second Sunday of each month.

Seldom Blues

Will host a Valentine Weekend Jazz Concert featuring jazz musician, Alexander Bugnon, on Sunday-Monday, Feb. 13 -14 First seating at 5 p.m. followed by a concert at 6:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy a threecourse dinner featuring Blues Salad, Surf and Turf and a Valentines Dessert The cost is \$75 per person exclusive of gratuity and beverages. Reservations are required and can be made by callıng (313) 567-7301 Ext 112.

The second seating on both days begins at 9 p.m. This seating features a concert only and appetizers and full bar at an additional cost. Guests can purchase tickets in advance through Ticketmaster for \$25 or pay \$30 at the door. Seldom Blues is in Tower 400 of the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

Morels

Valentine's Day feast 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12. Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon will offer a special wine package at an additional cost. Reservations can be made by calling (248) 642-1094 Ext 1. The cost is \$79.95 per couple. Morels is at 30100 Telegraph Road in Bingham Farms. Visit www.mattprenticerg.com for menu and more information.

Majestic Cafe

Valentine's dinner for two, \$80, offered Saturday, Feb. 12 and Monday, Feb. 14, five course dinner includes appetizer, soup, salad, entree and dessert with choice of glass of wine or champagne, 4124 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

Century Grille

Offered Friday-Saturday, Feb 11-12, dinner and live entertainment by The Project, featuring Jennifer Consiglio. This dynamic group of talented local musicians will surround you with classic love songs and jazzy favorites. Packages start at \$85 per person; Call (313) 963-9800 for reservations The Historic Gem & Century Theatres and Century Grille are I at 333 Madison Ave. (at Brush) in downtown Detroit. For directions and more information call the box office at (313) 963-9800 or visit www.gemtheatre.com

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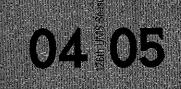
Rennie Harris, creator of Rome and Jules, the 2002 hip-hop interpretation of Shakespeare's tragedy, brings his new work Facing Mekka to Ann Arbor.

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Cover story

Hey Cupid, kiss this!

You can hide yourself under the covers or embrace your single status

o, you're single on Valentine's Day and wondering what to do. Here's my advice: Lock yourself in your bedroom in the dark with a bottle of bad wine and a pint of Haagen Daaz. Then crawl under the covers where it's even darker. The truth is, you have absolutely no right to show your face in public on this particular evening even if you could bear the shame of singlehood — so embrace this fact and take it to the extreme. Utterly submit to your singleness and everything that it means. Go ahead, relish in your apparent lack of worth and life's apparent lack of meaning. Cry uncontrollably. Take an hour or two, depending on your needs.

Next up: blame yourself. That means take inventory of every single one of your less-than-stellar personality characteristics, physical flaws, annoying habits, neurotic insecurities and dysfunctional behaviors. Anything and everything that could possibly turn off the opposite sex. Prioritize and color code the list for future reference.

Now it might be a good idea to take a journey into the past — your deep, dark, awful, embarrassing history of failed relationships. After all, if one had been successful, you wouldn't be single on Valentine's Day, right? Relive in vivid detail every eerily tense moment you've had with men — every breakup, every fight, every neurotic, girly-girl clingy conversation. Note the bad choices you've made in partners and the stupid things you did to drive away the good ones. Berate yourself for all the things you wrongly believed were true about love, romance and men. Good, good, are you feeling better now?

At last, do whatever else you feel you must to free yourself from the hold that Cupid's curse has over you. Finish up the wine and the chocolate-chocolate chip.

Now, crawl out from under the covers, wipe away the black mascara under your eyes and resolve to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Seriously, girls, have we not learned a single thing about being single from Sex in the City?

All this stuff we women go through is just the pregame show. The pomp and circumstance of our emotional journey through life and relationships. And whether you're single, taken or married, Valentine's Day is merely the halftime hoopla. You know I'm right. Think of V-days past: Mandatory card exchange in elementary school, flower day in junior high, high school dances with pink corsages and sappy love



Get a little giggly in the bathtub – no bubbly, and best of all, no man required. Philosophy's Cocktail Party, a trio of cocktail-inspired hair and body cleansers, will have you flying, \$30 Sephora stores and www.sephora.com.



songs. Then there's that one perfect Valentine's Day date you had. You know, your rocking hot boyfriend who totally loved you romanced you all night long with dinner, wine, chocolate, flowers and pair of diamond studs. Yet, mysteriously, inexplicably, you were still disappointed. Yeah, you thought Cupid had brought you everything for Valentine's Day because you had been a good girl all year long, but something — you're not sure what — was missing. Now doesn't that tell you something

about Valentine's Day? I realize many ladies disagree.

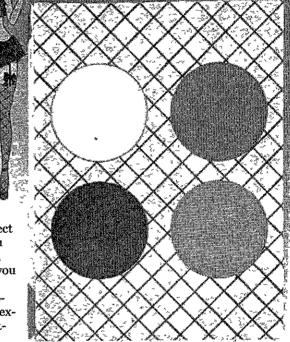
Valentine's Day is as real to them as their waistline. Good for you. Keep it up. Enjoy! I quite seriously couldn't be happier for you. The rest of us need to look hard and deep — straight into the abyss of Mr. Cupid's eyes — and then laugh or wink or stick out your tongue or whatever else helps you kick off a good time all by your lonesome.

So that's the plan — kiss this, Cupid. And if you're still in need of assistance, here are few thoughts from people in know.

PLEASE YOURSELF - THE OBVIOUS SOLUTION

You don't need a man to be happy in bed. It's an obvious solution, but perhaps you're willing to take it to the next level.

The girls at Noir Leather in Royal Oak recommend buying a copy of Meow! Stila's Pussycat Dolls 4 Pan Palette, a cosmetic color constellation that merges femininity and power. Take it home, play, purr and show yourself that no girl needs a guy to complete them, \$30 at Sephora stores and www.sephora.com.



Tickle Your Fancy.

"It's a guide to experimenting with female masturbation," the girls said. "It's one of our better guides. We sell quite a bit of them, and it's ideal for the timid to the professional."

If you're feeling less bold, consider throwing a Passion Party to get things started.

"Something like this gives you a chance to get together with some girlfriends, have an evening of fun, and give yourself a chance to open up and learn some things that you may or may not be aware of about your own body," said Patricia Pelto, a Passión Parties consultant from Westland. "You can incorporate a theme — wine and cheese or a pajama or a chocolate party. And learning about your own body boosts your self-esteem."

A RELATIONSHIP IS JUST CONNECTION

Along the same vein, remember that any relationship is just that -a bond

Galleries Exhibit portrays soul of an artist

BY LANA MINI Staff Writer

Artists often say that painting is therapeutic.

Painter Nivek Monet says that, too. But being an intuitive, creative person, his idea of "therapy" isn't necessarily traditional. If he's feeling melancholic or sullen, his paintings might not reflect those emotions. He cares more about energy.

"I try to transfer my own energies, and sometimes the energies of those around me, onto the easel and if the feeling is bad, I try to transform it into something good on the canvas," Monet said.

An exhibit of at least 10 oil paintings by Monet titled Deep Passion; a Journey into the Soul of an Artist will be on exhibit at The Johansen Charles Gallery in Detroit through Friday, Feb. 25. The exhibit, he said, describes the passionate,

rather than the technical side, of painting. • Monet's works reveal the emotional side of the creative

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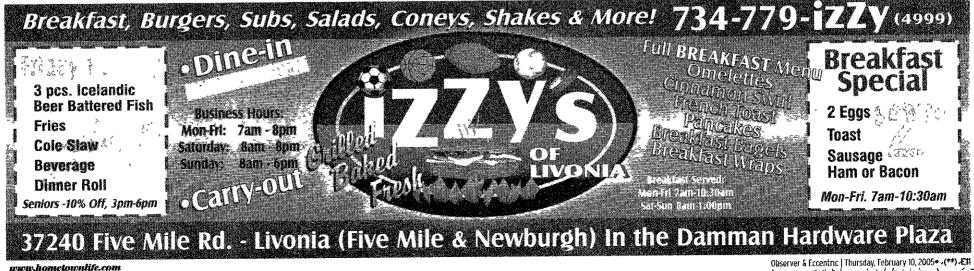




Table hopping





Linger over latte after a romantic dinner at Cafe Cortina.

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 Highway, Southfield (248) 356-6600.
 Cafe Bon Homme - 844
 Penniman, Plymouth (734) 453-6260.
 Cafe Cortina - 30715 W. 10
 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033.

■ Coach Insignia – GM RenCen main tower, Detroit, floors 71 and 72, (313) 567-2622.

■ Eve – 415 N. Fifth Avenue (at Kingsley in Kerrytown), Ann Arbor (734) 222-0711.

Jeremy Restaurant & Bar – 1978 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor (248) 681-2124.

 The French Gourmet – 23421 Woodward Ave. (west side, between Nine and 10 Mile roads)
 Ferndale (248) 541-1200.
 The Lark – 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield (248) 661-4466. STORY BY ELEANOR HEALD I CORRESPONDENT

With Valentine's Day next Monday, many restaurants are jumping the gun this weekend, taking three or even four days to celebrate. You could, too! If your leaning is toward a romantic spot, eight suggestions follow. Reservations are highly recommended.

INTIMATE

Since 1986, Plymouth residents have made Cafe Bon Homme a restaurant of choice when seeking a small and intimate spot. For those from other area communities, it has become a destination dining choice. Chef/owner Greg Goodman is the bon homme or "good man" as it translates from French. A well-designed, tightlyedited menu is more than palate pleasing.

The skills of former Tribute Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi live on in his protégé Chef Jeremy Grandon at his Jeremy Restaurant & Bar in Keego Harbor. Casual and intimate mark this 70-seat neighborhood eatery that has also attracted destination diners since opening in June 2003.

Chef de Cuisine Kyle Ketchum offers his finest interpretation of French cooking techniques in the intimate European country inn setting of The Lark. Two fireplaces add to a romantic touch, as does a fabulous red wine from one of the finest lists in the area. Generally, The Lark is not open on Monday, but for Valentine's Day this year, it will be with seatings at 5:30-6 p.m. and 8:30-8:45 p.m. only.

Three lines on the menu set the tone at The French Gourmet. "Never rush l'amour or la cuisine. We prepare your food with love. Your patience will be rewarded."

If you couldn't afford to take your sweetheart to Paris this weekend, then The French Gourmet is your best area bet. It's run very much like a French family bistro where the husband, in this case proprietor Marvin Bernstein, runs the front of the house with his wife Lina in the kitchen as chef.

French dishes rule the menu with well-chosen and moderately-priced French wines, the mainstay of the list.

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Ann Arbor's Eve is on the "edge" of romantic, but the food will make you swoon and, more than that, if you like ethnic-inspired dishes, this is your spot. Whether it's North African, Moroccan, Indian or Thai-based, each dish is perfectly crafted with no holds barred on ramped-up flavors. The wine list and service are first-rate. When it comes to small plates, fabulous wine and an outstanding view, nothing beats Coach Insignia, the latest sibling in Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corp. The view from atop the GM RenCen is splendid.



Jimmy V. and Anna Cavallo, married only nine months, toast each other at romantic Cafe Cortina.

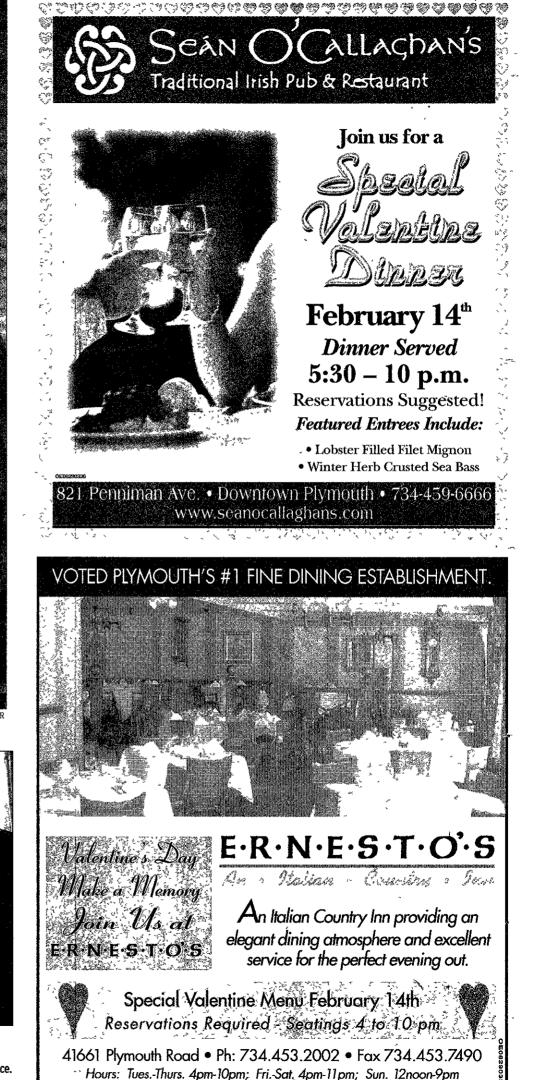
The menu is upscale steakhouse in style with a knockout wine list designed by Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon. Here's a restaurant where eating solely off the appetizer menu offers you the most creative dishes.

Nothing says romance more than a fine Italian menu. For this, you can't get better than Bacco Ristorante or Cafe Cortina.

At Bacco, chef/owner Luciano Del Signore focuses on the simplicity of Italian dishes and showcases their natural flavors. Attention to details from decor to the finest Italian wines, fresh flowers atop whiteclothed tables and contemporary Italian music create a romantic mood. At Cafe Cortina, a heartfelt greeting by owner Adrian Tonon lets you know that you're special and a table near the glowing fireplace is the most romantic seating. Service is five-star European and the menu is truly authentic.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally-published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

Adrian Tonan presents Lingini La' Aragosta – handmade pasta, fresh lobster, finished with a light panna sauce.





Drinkology **Drink an Amore** Frizzante for Valentine's Day

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD CORRESPONDENTS

Amore Frizzante (Sparkling Love) is sure to add romance and sizzle to any Valentine's Day celebration.

To make one, shake 1 ounce of quality vodka, 1/2 ounce imported GranGala Triple Orange Liqueur (\$19/750mL) and 1/2 ounce peach nectar over ice in a mixing glass and strain into a champagne flute. Top with Prosecco, such as Brunetto (about \$12/750mL) and garnish with a fresh peach slice or two fresh rasp-

GranGala Triple Orange Liqueur is a flavorful blend of three types of Mediterranean oranges infused with Italian VSOP brandy. The citrus character adds zing to Amore Frizzante.

A velvety mouth-feel is created by peach nectar, available in a supermarket juice section.

Prosecco, an Italian sparkling wine



made from the grape of the same name, adds the all-important bubbles for a lightly effervescent effect.

Enjoy an Amore Frizzante on its own as a cocktail or with a light first course, such as a simple fish preparation.

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process and of human nature.

One piece in particular, called *Causalities*, portrays the emotions of human life. *Casualties* meaning that while going through life we often kill or hurt the feelings of others without much concern.

"You can compare it to the president sending soldiers off to war ... or the way we treat people," Monet said. "Doing things to others without enough thought."

Monet, born Kevin Cartwright, is a native Detroiter who discovered art through the support of a creative uncle. His artistic name was bestowed by his grandmother, Wendalynn Minus. Monet studied art at the Center for Creative Studies.

Today, he also teaches a variety of media to teenagers and is skilled in mosaic, fresco and airbrush. His goal is to help youth discover their own creativity.

His numerous paintings of Detroit and inspirational works can be seen at various Detroit police precincts, Horizon High School in Hamtramck, Vandenburg Elementary School in Southfield and many other locations.

"In the schools and youth institutions are pieces that are positive, something pleasant for the kids to look at," Monet said.

Deep Passion, he said, required personal exploration. The exhibit

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NIVEK MONET'S DEEP PASSION: A Journey into the soul of an

ARTIST

What: An exhibit of oil paintings depicting the creative process of art Where: The Johansen Charles Gallery, 1345 Division St., between Russell and Rivard, in the Eastern Market area of Detroit When: Through Friday, Feb. 25 Open: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday For more information: Call (313) 586-9499, or visit www.subtlecreations.com

reflects personal history and the greater human experience.

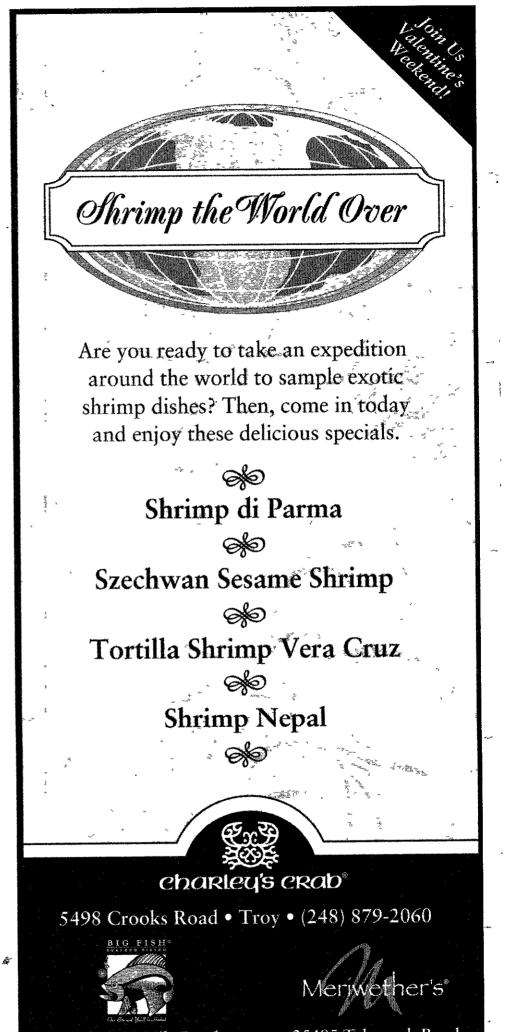
"Anything worth having takes a little pulling, torque ... there is pain involved," Monet said.

While the exhibit pieces are large, he also creates smaller pieces to suit the needs of his clients. Monet also works as a commissioned artist.

"Large and small pieces are an equal challenge," he said.

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Music AJ Lovefest celebrates slain Detroit musician

BY LANA MINI Staff Writer

AJ Abdallah wanted to be your friend.

And he wanted all of you, people who read this, to know one another.

He would've wanted to meet you on Valentine's Day at The Magic Bag in Ferndale at the AJ Lovefest, friends say.

It's an event to celebrate Abdallah, the beloved Detroit musician who was slain last month in his Ferndale recording studio. It doesn't matter if you knew him or not — everyone is welcome at this event, his friends say. The Lovefest celebrates a musician who was well-loved and respected in Detroit. The goal is to raise money for the 15 year old son he leaves behind. The Howlin' Diablos, Twelfth

Hour, Zug Island, The Reefermen and Scattercat will play along with Middle Eastern drummers. Guests appearing in special jam sessions include



Friends describe percussionist AJ Abdallah as someone with a bright, friendly spirit.

Jerome Day of Uncle Kracker; Kenny Olson and Jimmie Bones of Twisted Brown Trucker; Jody Raffoul, Eliza, Tim Diaz, Shakey Fowlkes, Kenny Robinson and also Vinnie Dombrowski of Sponge.

Abdallah, who immigrated from Jordan more than 10 years ago, was a percussionist for the Howlin' Diablos and singer in Scattercat as well as other bands. He was known also as a talented recording engineer but recently planned to sell his studio so he could visit his family in Jordan who had not seen since he left.

"He was planning to eventually move to New York," said Anne Silke, a longtime friend of Abdallah. "But what was most important was his son, everything boiled down to his son."

Abdallah was killed in January. Police arrested one of Abdallah's clients in connection with the shooting.

DIDN'T KNOW HIM? NO PROBLEM

Bubbly. Eccentric. Happy. Always smiling. Giving. Warm. Silke used those words to

describe her friend who often spent Sunday afternoons dining at her home and socializing with her family.

"He was a close friend and the kind of person who was always trying to keep friends together," Silke said. "He was always trying to introduce everyone he knew to each other. He was really positive."

Visit www.ajlovest.com and see that Abdallah is smiling in nearly every photo. That big smile and bright white teeth against olive skin and dark hair is what friends remember. Mostly the smile ... and of course his music.

"He inspired a lot of people," Silke said. "He inspired me. Ever since that day (of his death), I've been painting everyday."

One of Silke's pieces, a portrait of Abdallah will be on display at The Magic Bag.

"We want to raise money for his son," Silke said. "That's what he would've wanted."

There will also be a short memorial video of Abdallah to capture his happy disposition. The event is a celebration of love.

Is there a more appropriate way to celebrate Valentine's Day?

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AJ LOVEFEST

What: A musical event to celebrate the memory of AJ Abdallah, a well-known Detroit musician who was fatally shot in his Ferndale music studio last month. When: 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14 Where: The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (248) 544-1991 Entertainment: Nova, Twelfth Hour, Zug Island, Reefermen, Scattercat, The Howling Diablos and iam sessions with Jerome Day of Uncle Kracker, Kenny Olson and Jimmie Bones of Twisted Brown Bucker, Jody Raffoul, Eliza, Tim Diaz, Shakey Fowlkes, Vinne Dombrowski of Sponge and Kenny Robinson. A short memorial film of AJ will be shown. Donation: \$10. Proceeds go toward AJ's son, Ian Abdallah, 15. For more information visit: www.ajlovefest.com



Night spots **Cinq combines basement-party** comfort with industrial lounge

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

Sipping a beer inside Cinq feels like you've hit a basement party thrown by a guy friend.

You're downstairs, the bar stools and counter are in the back, the music is blasting, and there's a bunch people standing around talking and drinking - all the comforts of the oh-so-familiar house party scene.

But Cinq is no ordinary basement bar.

The space is washed in mood lighting and decked out in exposed metal duct work a la industrial chic.

Not everybody at the party is standing around either; there's a bevy of low-to-the-ground lounge seating tucked away in semi-private gathering areas.

Of course, you do have to pay for your drinks, Cinq being a commercial venture and all. But most of us would trade in keg beer for a crisp,

house-brewed Belgium ale anytime. 'The brewery is downstairs," said

Josh Daniels, manager of Cinq and its upstairs restaurant counterpart, Bastone. The house-made beers are served in both locations and include blonde, pale ale and seasonal concoctions.

"It's a different arrangement," Daniels said of the multi-level restaurant/bar setup. "It's a European concept that's pretty popular there."

But Royal Oak bar patrons have hopped on board; there's a line to get in to the 200-person capacity bar on most weekend nights, said Daniels. "It's smaller, and we're pretty adamant about keeping it intimate. It's kind of a different vibe."

Patrons - mostly 20- and 30somethings - can order light appetizers off the Bastone menu, including thin-crust pizza, mussels and pommes frites. Prearranged group gatherings have their pick from the

DOWNSTAIRS

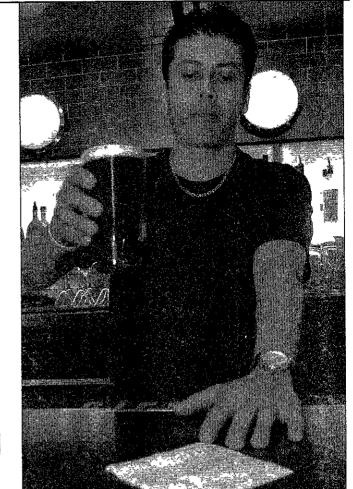
What: Cing, Jounge-style basement bar.

Where: 419 South Main St., beneath Bastone restaurant. in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 544-6250. Hours: 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6-11 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

Offerings: Semi-private seating areas, full bar featuring house-brewed Belgium beers and light appetizers.

full restaurant menu.

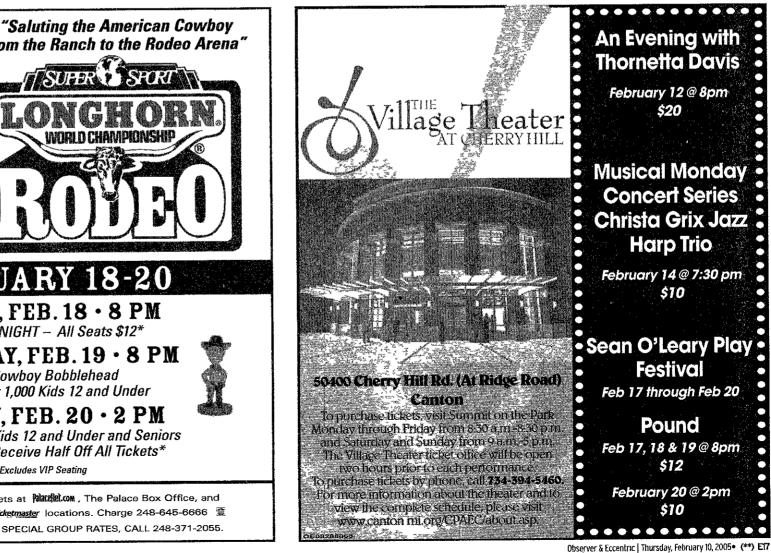
The bar stocks all of today's standard offerings - a high-end vodka selection, martini menu and more. "We're on par with most of the bars in Royal Oak," Daniels said.



LAWRENCE MCKEE 1 STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Bartender Santi Bernate serves a Belgian beer at Cinq. The bar, which has an industrial aesthetic, is beneath the French-Belgium restaurant Bastone in Royal Oak.





Your Guide to Entertainment

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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Jewish Ensemble Theatre

Door to Door by James Sherman through Feb. 13, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900, www.jettheatre oro.

Meadow Brook Theatre

Noel Coward's Private Lives, through March 6, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Show times vary, call (248) 377-3300 or www.mbtheatre.com.

Detroit Repertory Theatre

Intimate Apparel by Lynn Nottage, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday through March 20, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, \$17, (313) 868-1347, www.detroitreptheatre.com **Detroit's City Theatre** Mitch Albom's Duck Hunter Shoots

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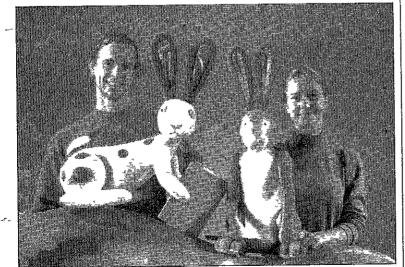
schedule through Feb. 27, Tickets \$25 -\$40, (248) 45-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com. For information, call (313) 872-1000 or www.NederlanderDetroit.com. Susannah York

The Loves of Shakespeare's Women, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth at John R. Detroit. \$50, benefit's the club's building fund, (248) 932-0090, afterglow follows performance.

YOUTH THEATER

PuppetArt Oh Anansell, a west African folktale, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 19 & 26, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit, \$5 children, \$7 adults, (313) 961-7777. Starlight Theater

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott presented by Oakland Theatre Guild, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12; 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the theater inside Summit Place Mall, 315 N. Telegraph, corner of Elizabeth Lake Road, \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 children 12 & under at the door, on line at www.starlighttheater.net, or call (248) 335-1788.



Youtheatre presents The Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's Arianna Bardesono and Zach Frazer in 'Guess How Much I Love You,' a puppet show based on the awardwinning children's storybook by Sam McBratney and illustrator Anita Jeram, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. Tickets \$8 per person, call (248) 557-7529 or www.youtheatre.org for ticket reservations and information. For information about the show, visit www.mermaidtheatre.ns.ca.

Seasame Street Live

Out of the This World! through Sunday, Feb. 13, Fox Theatre, Detroit, shows 11 a.m. & 7 p.m., Thursday-Friday; 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m and 5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, \$10, \$15 & \$20, (248) 433-1515, (313) 471-6611, www.olympiaentertainment.com or www.sesamestreetlive.com Paper Bag Productions

Alice in Wonderland, lunch noon, show 1 p.m. Saturday, noon lunch Sunday, 2 p.m. show, Feb. 12-13, Feb. 19-20, Feb. 26-27, March 5-6, March 12-13, March 19-20, Theatre Livonia in Livonia Mall, 29516 Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt, use "G" entrance on north side of mail, (586) 344-7774, \$10 show & lunch, \$7 show only.

COMMUNITY THEATER

St. Dunstan's

A trio of short plays by Steve Martin -WASP, The Zig-Zag Woman, and Patter for the Floating Lady, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 10-12, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, \$8, (248) 644-0527, www.StDunstansTheatre com

Farmington Players

Proof, 8 p m curtain, 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10-13, Feb. 17-19 at the Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 Twelve Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads, Tickets \$13, \$10 on Thursdays, (248) 553-2955, www.farming-

tonplayers.org

Stagecrafters Pippin through Feb. 13, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$16 and \$18, call (248) 541-6430.

Rosedale Community Players

The Melville Boys by Norm Foster, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, 18-19; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, (1/4 block east of Lahser) Detroit. \$12, (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010.

Main Stage Theatre Guild No, No, A Million Times No, a musical mellerdrammer, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17-19, Feb. 20-27, Theatre Livonia in Livonia Mall. 29516 Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt, use "G" entrance on north side of mall, \$12, \$6 students and seniors, (586) 344-7774 **Buku Productions**

Let Nobody Turn Me Around, gospel



Jane Fader and Taylor Gray in a scene from 'The Zig-Zag Woman,' one of a trio of short comedies by Steve Martin on stage at St. Dunstan's Theatre, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, 8 p.m. today, and Friday-Saturday. Tickets for '3 by Steve,' are \$8 each, call (248) 644-0527 or visit www.StDunstansTheatre.com.

musical about Martin Luther King Jr.,

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bling brothers who compete for the

affection of their attractive and newly

widowed sister-in-law, while a tornado

threatens to blow apart their plans.

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ding cake. Live band provides music for

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AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

American Ballet Theatre

The Wayne State University Maggie Allesee Department of Dance and the Detroit Opera House are the location sponsors of the Detroit Summer Intensive 2005 by the American Ballet Theatre, June 27 to July 22 Pre-professional dancers ages 12-18 perform a closing concert at Detroit Opera House Auditions Saturday, Feb 19. 3rd floor Old Main Building, Wayne State University, Detroit, call (313) 577-2143 or visit www.abt.org/education/sites.asp for details.

The Henry Ford

Auditions for spring and summer shows. 3-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21; 3-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, Anderson Theatre inside Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Call (313) 982-6100, Ext. 2154 or visit www.TheHenryFord.org (click on employment or Greenfield Village for the audition page).

Oakland Community College

Just for You arts and entertainment series call for entries in the 10th annual Through Our Eyes photo contest and exhibit, March 10 through April 1, second floor Student Center, OCC Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Submission deadline 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. For entry forms, information, call (248) 942-3241. **City of Troy**

Artists needed to design and customize beaver sculptures for Troy's community art project, Troy Beaver Tales. Portfolio of artists' designs to be presented to prospective sponsors 4-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at Somerset Collection South. Deadline for artists design is Feb. 18. Call for entry information (248) 823-5088.

Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Art Fair Call for artists for the fair Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 10-11 around the historic schoolhouse at Cherry Hill Village, northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton. Deadline for submissions is April 29. Download application at canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5174.

DANCE

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble

New Dance Fest III 7 p.m. prelude, 7:30 p.m concert Saturday, Feb 12, Troy High School Auditorium, 4777 Northfield Parkway, \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 students, (248) 559-2095, www.ededance.org. New choreography from Artistic Director Laurie Einsenhower and guest choreographer Gesel Mason as well as some of EDE's most popular repertory.

Bertram Weston

Presents / Believe / Can Fly 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 at Oakland Community College's Highland Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, and 7 30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. A professional dancer, Weston, who has been deaf since childhood, combines the art of dance and communicative singing. \$15, \$13 students/seniors, (248) 942-3241.

UMS

Rennie Haris Puremovement Facing Mekka 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor, \$18-\$40, (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org

Moon-Dusters

Ballroom dancing to a live band 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday, Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington

JAZZ

Edison's

John D. Lamb, 8 p.m. to midnight, today; The Brothers Groove, 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150. No cover. Jazz tribute to Larry Nozero

Features Matt Michaels, Dan Jordan, Ray Tini, Tom Saunders, Alexander Zoniic and others, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, Clarenceville's Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, between 7 & 8 Mile Road, Livonia. \$20 per person, reserved only, call Midge (248) 474-2720 or Louise (734) 421-7374.

CLASSICAL

Motor City Brass

Fund-raiser concert for Garden City Foundation for Educational Excellence, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, O'Leary Auditorium - Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. \$16, (734) 762-6323.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

Pacific Overtures, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, corner of North Territorial and Beck in Plymouth, \$17 adults, \$15 seniors, no



The Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents The Pacifica Quartet, Masumi Per Rostad, viola, Simin Ganatra, violin, Sibbi Bernhardsson, violin and Brandon Vamos, cello 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, Tickets \$33 to \$70; students \$23, call (248) 737-9980 or www.comehearcmsd.org.

charge for students up to grade 12. (734) 451-2112 or www.plymouthsymphony.org DSO

A Gershwin Valentine featuring pianist and conductor Peter Nero, 8 p.m. today, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, \$15-\$63; Young People's Concert, Land and Sea, 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, \$10-\$26; Peabo Bryson with the DSO, Straight from the Heart, 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, \$29-\$74; Kenny Garrett, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, \$18-\$52, the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313)

576-5111, www.detroitsymphony.com Ten Tenors At the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, \$47-\$77, www.royaloakmusictheatre.com or call (800) 919-6272 For more informa-

tion: Call (248) 399-2980 or visit www.thetentenors.com **Birmingham Concert Band**

A Day at the Park, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. Bershire Middle School on west 14 Mile Road between Lahser and Cranbrook. No charge, www.birminghamconcertband org

Michigan Chamber Players Free concert features music by Kodaly. Schubert, Biscogli and Reinecke, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, www.ums.org

FOLK

Trinity House Theatre

Delta 88 and Bill Bynum and Jason Dennie 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, \$10;

Songwriters in the Round featuring Dave Boutette, Timothy Monger, Lisa Pappas and Jere Stormer, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 38840 W Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-6302.

The Ark

Storytelling Festival, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13; Leo Kottke, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb 13 and 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14; Paul Brady, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15; My Folky Valentine featuring Annie and Rod Capps, Jan Krist and Alan Finkbeiner, CJ and John Milroy, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16; Clumsy Lovers, Celtic Bluegrass Rock 8 pm. Thursday, Feb. 17, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451 or www.theark.org.

COMEDY

Paisano's Joey's Comedy Club

At 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb 13, a special local comedian, Mike Green, 8:15 p.m. & 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19; 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn, dinner packages available, (313) 584-8885

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Rob Little, 8 p.m. today, \$9; 8 p m & 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, \$12; 314 E Liberty, Improv Comedy Jamm Nightl 8 p.m. Wednesdays, \$5, (734) 996-9080, www.aacomedy.com. Discount for tickets purchased in advance.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Valentine's Day dinners to go For couples dining at home, offered by

Maggiano's Little Italy, 2075 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Customers can choose from two packages, Venus tomato bruschetta, salad, linguine with chicken pesto, salmon with lemon and herbs and Tiramisu, or Mars - stuffed mushrooms, salad, lasagna, stuffed chicken breast with spinach and smoked mozzarella cheese and New York Style Cheesecake Packages are \$55.95, customers must call (248) 205-1070 at least 24 hours before Valentine's Dav to order. For couples who want to dine out, Maggiano's offers house specialties such as veal and mushroom ravioli, chicken and spinach manicotti, and Rigatoni "D" with chicken, mushrooms and Marsala sauce For reservations, call (248) 205-1060, www.maggianos.com

Village of Rochester Hills

Weekend of ice sculpting, shopping and dining, Nearly three-dozen romantic, entertaining, and artistic ice sculptures will grace the streets and parks of the Village on the northeast corner of Walton and Adams Roads in Rochester Hills, Friday-Monday, Feb. 11-14. The openair center's 52 shops and restaurants are open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Fantasy and romance is the theme for the ice carving For more information, call (248) 375-9451

Guitar Center

Meet Joey Gaydos Jr. Zack from School of Rock, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Guitar Center, 29555 Northwestern Highway, north of 12 mile and just east of Inkster, in Southfield call (248) 354-8075 for details, Autographed CD \$10. **Detroit Boat Show**

At Cobo Center in downtown Detroit. 11 a m. to 9 p.m. Saturday-Wednesday, 11 a.m to 6 p.m Sunday, 3-9 p m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, Feb. 12-20. \$11 adults, no charge for children under 12 with adult. (800) 224-3008 or www.detroitboatshow.net

Dinner auction

An Evening of Black Satin and Pearls is planned for this year's Artful Affair presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

As the only major fundraiser for the Arts Council each year, the goal for the Dinner Auction is \$50,000 with proceeds going toward their many and varied educational and community arts programs. The VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia will be the location for this elegant evening of fine dining, fun dancing to the sounds of Channel 6, and wonderful live and silent auction Items

The Saturday, March 19, event will begin at 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$85 per person, call (734) 416-4278. Camp & activities fair

The 16th annual Super Summer for Kids: A Camp & Activities Fair offering onestop shopping for interesting and stimulating camps is set for Sunday, Feb. 27 in the Birmingham Public Schools Corporate Training and Conference Center, 31301 Evergreen, Beverly Hills (behind Groves High School). More than

70 U.S. and Canadian Camps, both day and overnight, will be showcased at the event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many new camps will attend this year, according to Elaine Sturnam, camp fair organizer In addition, new programs for older children that include overnight travel programs, computer camps, sports camps, and programs that have a community service component will be represented Admission is free.

In addition, high school and college students interested in summer employment will also have the opportunity to obtain information. The camp fair is presented by Elaine S Events and co-sponsored by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Metro Parent Magazine

ART

Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center & Gallery

Two events on Saturday, Feb. 12, Storytelling for All Ages with Genevieve and Johnny Bellamy, 12.30-2.30 p.m. free film series. Mission Against Terror : The Case of the Cuban Five, discussion 1 p.m., film 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb 12; Central Methodist Church, second floor, corner of E. Adams & Woodward Ave. in Detroit, (313) 963-7575

Art Leaders Gallery

The Great "Life" Photographers, champagne and book signing with Life magazine photographer John Dominis, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19. Exhibition continues to March 15. 33030 Northwestern Highway, West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, (888) 264-4887, www.artleaders.com

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery The Forgotten Photographs: The Work of Paul Goldman continues to March 20, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 432-5448.

Plymouth Community Arts Council Our Gang, paintings and drawings depicting life before TV, by Byron Reed, through Feb. 28. Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, and 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278 Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Jim Cogswell: Definite Article continues to March 5, 407 Pine St , Rochester, www.pccart.org

Cranbrook Academy of Art Network Gallery at Cranbrook Art Museum, Cranbrook to Lancaster and Back: Contemporary works in clay, fiber and metal from the Robert L. Pfannebecker Collection, continues to March 26, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3312. www.cranbrookart.edu/museum Symmetry Gallery

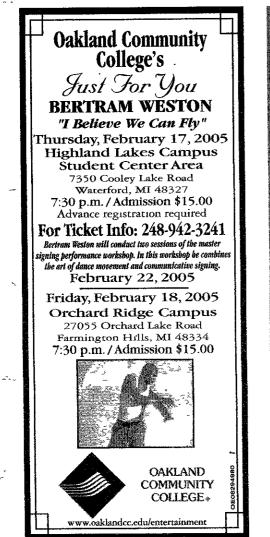
Two solo exhibitions - Sylvia Vigiletti, photographic images & abstracts and Paul Runde, cast & sculpted glass/mixed media, through Feb. 28 in the industrial building at 1433 Rochester Road, two drives south of Maple on the west side of the street, (248) 585-0996. www.symmetryArtgallery.com

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you have with another person. So throw a slumber party for the girls with pizza and videos (see female film guru's picks for the best films to rent), head to the spa for a day with your best friend or just go out and celebrate together. If you really want a man in the picture, head to a venue that hosts partner dancing. Argentine Tango Detroit in Utica, for example, is hosting a tango party just a few days before V-day. The lesson and party are free, and you'll probably end up dancing with more men than you care to. What you'll realize through the physical connection of dance is "a sense of all these different relationships that you can experience," said Lori Burton, Argentine Tango Detroit owner. "Everybody you dance with will give you a different feeling romantic, friendship, repelling, spiritual. It doesn't have to be romance to be a relationship."

FEEL PRETTY, BE PRETTY - VANITY, **SHOPPING & OTHER SINS**

Of course, one of the best ways to celebrate one's female potential is to pump it up like only girls know how. The choices here are practically endless. Spend a day shopping at the Somerset Collection. To make it a real ladieswho-lunch outing, stop by Neiman



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PICKS BY DETROIT'S FEMALE FILM GURUS

Chris Walny, founder of Detroit Docs, likes: Chocolat Harold & Maude Thelma & Louise 9 to 5 Searching for Debra Winger Mulan

The Last Seduction Mrs. Parker and the Viscious Circle Norma Rae Erin Brockovich Tank Girl Baby Boom Alien Silkwood Gorillas in the Mist Batman Almost any Katherine Hepburn movie Chene Koppitz, marketing director, Landmark's Main/Maple Art Theatres, likes:

Lady From Shanghi Night of the Hunter The Abyss Elizabeth The Station Agent Harold and Maude

Marcus' Zodiac Cafe for a salad and warm, English popover.

If you're working with limited cash, shop for, play with and indulge in a few cosmetics, bath products and the like. For the ultimate in beautification, head



WHAT'S A GIRL TO DO?

■ Tango with too many ~ not only is no partner reguired, you'll get paired up with all the boys who show up. Argentine Tango Detroit's Valentine's Day party, 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, starts with an introductory lesson, free, 7758 Auburn Road, Utica, (586) 254-0560, www.argentinetangodetroit.com

Make a date with leisure - grab your best girl and head to the spa for a few choice treatments, including a killer foot rub that no man could ever match. Julie Vanameyde, coowner, Spa Julianna in Plymouth suggests the Reflexology Massage, with lavender foot bath, full reflexology treatment plus hand and scalp massage, \$75, 444 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 455-4445, www.juliannaonline.com.

■ Girls just want to have fun - so throw a Passion Party and let happen what will, no cost for party and consultation, (734) 595-9111, www.plpproducts.com. On the tamer side, throw a girls-night-in slumber party and watch a few flicks (see picks from Detroit's female film gurus).

Pursue a higher education - than any guy can give you. Your assignment from "the girls at Noir Leather" is to read "Tickle Your Fancy," an experimental guide to female masturbation with 30 techniques and 60 illustrations, \$12.50, Noir Leather, 124 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 541-3979.

Invoke the bra-burning days and throw away your thong - in its place substitute what all smart women know to be the sexiest and most comfortable lingerie: The boy-cut leg pant, Chantelle's version from France, \$40-\$42, Harp's Lingerie, 265 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, (248) 642-2555.

It's every girl's dirty little secret - shopping is transcendent. If you're looking to elevate the experience, head to the ultimate in metro Detroit shopping, the Somerset Collection, 2800 W. Big Beaver, Troy, (248) 643-6360, www.thesomersetcollection.com.

Play on your vanity - and indulge in a few choice cosmetics. Sephora suggests Philosophy's Cocktail Party, a trio of cocktail-inspired hair and body cleansers, and Stila's Pussycat Dolls 4 Pan Palette of face color, both \$30, Sephora stores and at www.sephora.com. Makeup artist and metro Detroit beauty guru Todd Skog suggests Slatkin & Co.'s candle in "Sexual Energy," \$24, Dessert's lip gloss in chocolate buttercream flavored "Luscious," \$22, and Skin Allison Raffaele's Inner Glow cheek blush in "Sexy," \$26, Todd's Room, 239 Pierce St. Birmingham, (248) 594-0003.

■ No guy is a girl's best friend - but gold is a different story. Steve Tapper says forget the hearts and find yourself a truly original pair of earrings, \$500-\$5,000, Tapper's Diamonds & Fine Jewelry, 6337 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 932-7700.

to Todd's Room in Birmingham where thanks to a staff of trained makeup artists to assist you, you're sure to emerge more beautiful than when you walked in.

"Nothing makes a woman feel more beautiful than the belief that she is beautiful," said Todd Skog, owner of the studio and pre-eminent Detroit makeup artist. "And it doesn't take a man to make her beautiful, although it takes her friends and maybe even her makeup artist."

Another good shopping pick: lingerie. Yes, lingerie because not all things silky need exist to please a man. They can please you, too, said Elizabeth Harp, owner of Harp's Lingerie in Birmingham. Harp's recommendation: Throw away your thong, girls and indulge in the latest and greatest in underthings - the boy-cut pant. "It's very pretty, it's very flattering, it's sexy, you wonder what's under it," Harp said. "And it's comfortable."

Now if cash isn't an issue, consider making the more sizable purchase of

The name of the movie may be 'Batman,' but everybody knows it's all about Michelle Pfeiffer's 'Catwoman.'

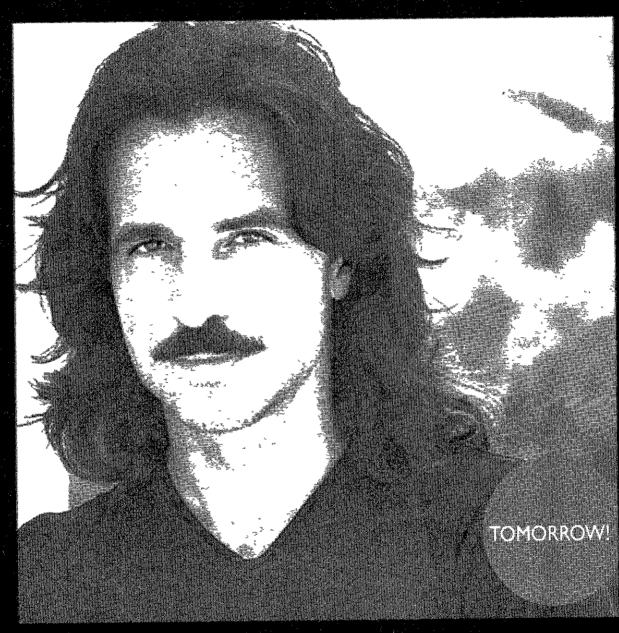
fine jewelry come Valentine's Day. You'll feel drunk on your own materialistic power and emerge with a trinket that enhances your good looks. Steve Tapper, co-owner of Tapper's Diamonds & Fine Jewelry in West Bloomfield suggests among other pieces a pair of unique earrings.

"Earrings are really the best thing a woman can buy herself. Women feel special when they wear a unique pair of earrings," he said. "Part of it is they're close to your body. Also, a great pair of earrings can be become part of you."

Of course earrings are a piece of jewelry that a woman can see on herself. Whenever she gets a glance of herself in the mirror."

And as we know, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. So shut up, stop crying and go behold yourself until it hurts.





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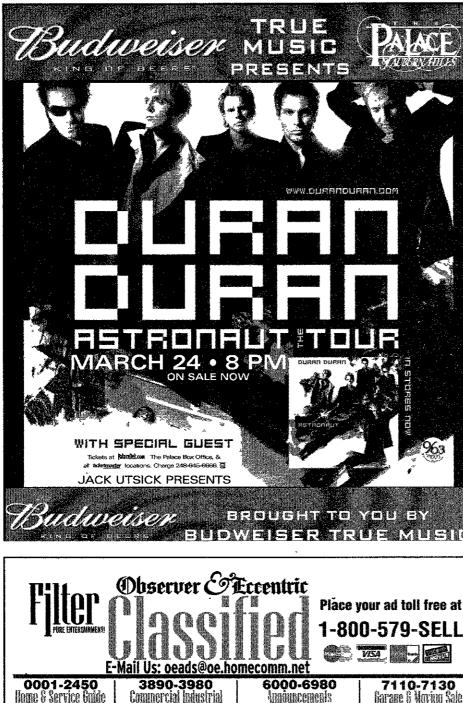
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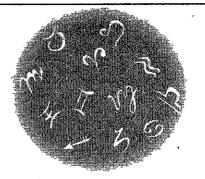
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(Feb. 10-13) By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Hey, Ram – it is simply a question of removing all the dead wood and cosmically-concentrating on what is rewarding and productive. You certainly could not wish for a more favorable planetary setup to reorganize your financial affairs and make those in positions of power appreciate your worth.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

L(ve and let live (a Bull motto if there ever was one) is a simple rule that, when practiced, produces lasting results and peace of mind. Added to which, the planets aspecting you now indicate that you are in a unique position to make your mark in your chosen field of endeavor ... and your loved ones.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Some guandaries are solved by trial and error; others require an objective and informed approach.

- The latter dilemma you face falls into the latter category, but you still must keep your mind and
- options open, Twin! Think twice before rejecting an offer of help. It's your life and the choice is yours.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Go easy yourself, Moon Kid! The combined influences of the inner planets now urge you to take these words of Mark Twain to heart: "We get other people's approval if we do right and try hard, but our own approval is worth a hundred times more." Got it? Take an honest look at your personal needs and requirements.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

C'mon: you know that you "read" people pretty well, right, Lion? Well, don't be surprised if colleagues or loved ones start behaving out of character now. They are simply trying to alert you to the changes in their lives. Play along – you can always react more later, kiddo. Nothing is designed to cut you down, only setting you a different course.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

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- Wear your most bullish, stable demeanor over the coming days, Virgo. Pay attention to work or
- \gtrsim money issues that are threatening to take on a life of their own. If someone accuses you of
- overreacting, explain that you are merely sticking up for your rights. To expect life to be tailored to our specifications is to invite frustration.
- LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
 - Hey: one door closes, another opens and plans made now should reach fruition by the end of the month. Your ruling planet-shift heralds a new direction for your career, finances or domestic arrangement. Don't, however, fall into the trap of taking on more than you can handle, Balancer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

"Do not climb a hill until you get to it" is the message now. Personally and professionally, you may

be going through one of the most difficult and demanding phases you have ever experienced, but by the same token you are facing up to reality – and realities are far less dangerous than fantasies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

February will make you aware that you have become over concerned with family and family concerns. Don't despair - those who have tricked or deceived you certainly won't get off scot-free.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

The heat is on, Cap, but you should also be improving your image and bargaining power - so

- much so, in fact, that an incredible buildup of planetary activity in your ambitious sign now signifies that nothing can really daunt or deter you. Show everyone what you're made of! Examine
- your feelings and embrace them!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

- Your knack for looking at the bright side could get you into trouble this week, when a realistic approach
- to a plan, project or affiliation is vital. The Sun in your birth sign says to recognize the minuses as well
- as the pluses and you will gain in the long run, Water Bearer. Life is a process, not a direction.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

With both romantic Venus and passionate Mars entering your sign next month, existing partnerships as well as new ones stand to benefit. Even so, there is no reason to let people take you for granted, Fish. By demonstrating your independence, you will force them to acknowledge their true intentions.

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Pure Picks

If you're a music fan, you've found yourself at one point or another ripping a rock poster off a venue wall. Go on, admit it. Whether it was your favorite band in high school and you just had to have the ink and paper

OFF THE RECORD

recently at the Lager House and you had your boyfriend distract the bartender because the show hadn't even happened but you had been starring at the design all night. Rock posters turn music fans into thieves. Art of Modern Rock: The Poster Explosion (Chronicle Books) is a comprehensive sequel to Art of

Rock: Posters From Preslev to Punk. Yes, you guessed it, these are posters of the past 15 years. All the big rock artists, and a ton you haven't' heard of, are here in almost 500 pages of full color. On the local front, at least four Detroit artists are featured within its pages as well as countless local bands. The White Stripes are littered throughout the pages - no surprise there since the red, white and black motif makes for a poster designers fantasy. But the book moves beyond just

displaying the work and includes

about many of the

artists and design

this book is truly

absolute must-have

for art and music

fans. And maybe it

will help with your poster stealing guilt.

Now enough writing

room for displaying

some of the posters

inside. For more, check

out www.artofmodern-

rock.com.

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Mark Arminski

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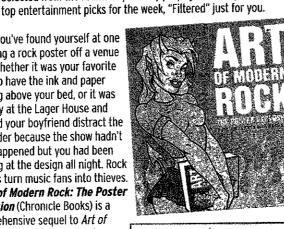
ART OF MODERN ROCK

Number of local artists: I counted four: Infamous artists Mark Arminski, Glenn Barr and Gary Grimshaw, and the man responsible for those awesome Lager House posters Tom Deja. Number of local bands: Too many to count. Number of White Stripes posters: At least 16. Common themes: Rockin' skeletons, anti-authority animals, apocalypse partying, religious imagery, deathdeathdeath. sexv ladies doing sexy things.

Number of wardrobe malfunctions: At least 147, give or take 15.

All numbers are approximate because I only counted once

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who strives to be your information burrito, overflowing with facts, layered in tasty observational detail. You can state your peace, piece, peas, gruff by e-mailing her at stardy@oe.homecomm.net or snail mailing Pure Picks c/o Stephanie Tardy, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009. As always, information regarding local entertainment events is also something you should really send to her.

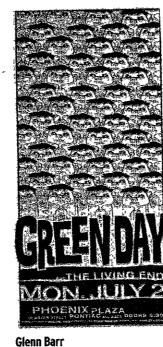


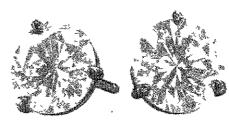
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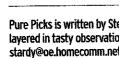
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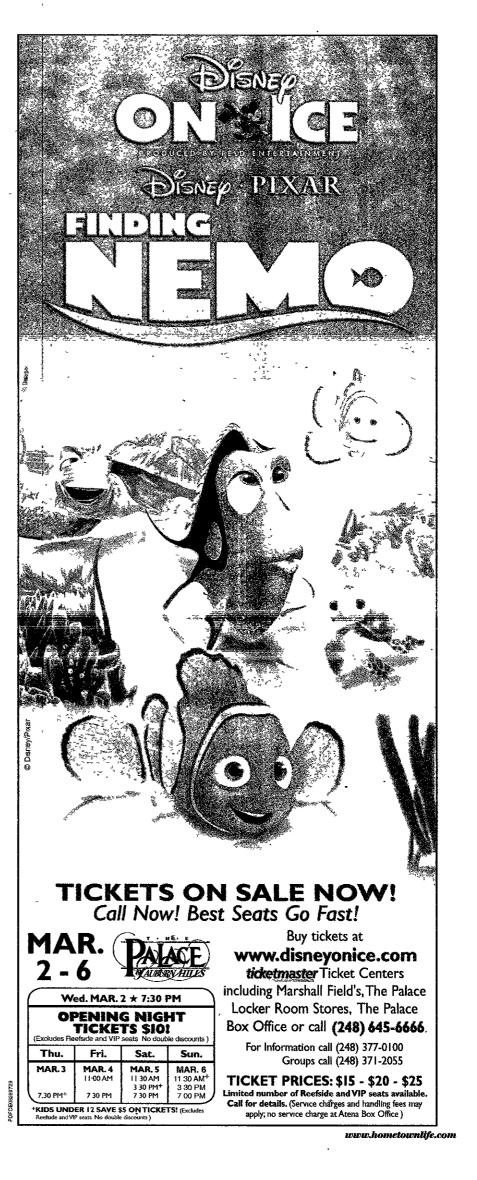
Starts with Champagne and Chocolates and ends with Breakfast



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Fishing for meals

Versatility, ease make fish popular during Lent

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Fish. It's what's for

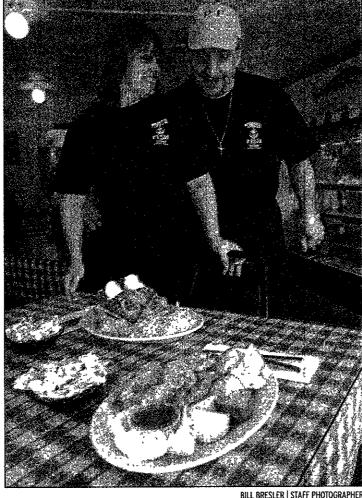
dinner. At least it is on Fridays during Lent for many Christians who abstain from eating meat and don't want an entirely vegetarian meal that day. Lent began Wednesday and continues until Easter Sunday, which this year falls March 27.

Many dine out at restaurants at this time of year, while others may attend a church fish fry on Friday evening. Still others fix fish or seafood at home.

Vincent and Lori Toia, who own Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant, enjoy fish and seafood because it is healthy, containing nutrients and protein. "It's fast, it's quick and it has a great presentation," Lori said.

The fish and chips remain the most popular dish for Lent at the Toias' restaurant, but tilapia and lake perch are other big sellers - not only at this time of year, but all year long. Today, many customers order fish grilled rather than fried, Vince said.

We also switched from the Atlantic salmon to wild, and that made a difference," Vince said. "Now we go through 30 pounds a week,"



Lori and Vince Toia, owners of Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant, prepare an array of seafood dishes, including shrimp scampi (front dish) and fish tacos, along with side dishes of cole slaw.

> Recipes for Lenten dinners from area fish markets. Page D2.

the National Fisheries Institute.

Dean enjoys tilapia, which is a mild, versatile fish. "I like it barbecued or broiled, with it marinated in a little cajun sauce just before grilling it," Dean said.

With salmon, he likes mixing lemon juice and a little water, then topping it with tomato, onion and green pepper. Dean wraps it in foil for five minutes, then opens the top of the foil to allow more direct heat to darken the top of the salmon.

Superior also sells unique selections of fish, including skate wings, which can be pan-fried or broiled. "You can stuff it by rolling it up with a crab meat stuffing," Dean said. "It's light, and it will melt in your mouth. It's not oily, but it has a rich flavor that's not overpowering."

Striped bass is a farmraised fish from California that can be sauteed or broiled with paprika and onion flakes, Dean said.

Shrimp, catfish, orange roughy, pickerel, scallops, fried clam strips, fried oysters, whitefish, fried crab

cakes, halibut, swordfish, tuna and rain-

Lemon pepper and a cajun seasoning used on t







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Blend of bistros

Officials at Sargento hope that when you zip open a bag of new Sargento Bistro Blends Shredded Cheeses, the aroma of herbs and other flavors will help entice you to create special recipes.

Much like the food found in bistros and cafes

bow trout all grace the menu at Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant.

David Dean, co-owner of Superior Market in Royal Oak along with his brother Kevin, enjoys fish because it is quick and easy. "It is a 'fast food' item," Dean said. "A nice fillet is good by itself with a little lemon juice, or you can use a topping or a marinade.

"You figure it takes about 10 minutes per inch of thickness, so when you cook a fillet about three-quarters of an inch thick, in about five to seven minutes, you're done."

Nationally, seafood consumption is on the rise. Americans consumed 16.3 pounds per person in 2003, a new record, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Shrimp topped the list at 4 pounds per person that year, followed by canned tuna (3.4 pounds) and salmon (2.2 pounds). Pollock, catfish, cod, crab, tilapia, clams, scallops and flatfish round out the top 10 nationally, according to statistics compiled by

the two primary wheat flour caramelizes the fish," Vince said, as he whipped up a batch of shrimp scampi.

His wife is a shrimp person. "I love all of it - grilled, fried, shrimp cocktail," she said. (It's a joke between the two of them, too. "My husband used to buy me shrimp," Lori recalls, "but when we bought the restaurant, we thought 'There goes the shrimp, we don't have to buy it anymore.")

The couple's two boys -- Lorenzo, 19, a student at Eastern Michigan University, and Santino, 16, a junior at Livonia Churchill - both have worked at the restaurant since they were children and share the same love for fish, Lori said.

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Italian wine producers you should know

🐃 olleen McKettrick, a former West Bloomfield resident, has more than 20 years of international wine trade experience. Her company, CMK Consulting, based in Castellina Marittima near Livorno, represents many renowned estates throughout Italy.

When McKettrick returns to her roots with clients, we're anxious to meet them, as we did recently. In this column, we introduce you to three and their outstanding wines.

FATTORI

Brothers Antonio and Giovanni Fattori began to lead the family wine business in the early 1980s, taking it from a base wine producer, selling wines under various labels owned by others, to the now heralded Fattori brand, known as one of Soave Classico's top producers in the Veneto region.

With Soave, it's important to note the word Classico on the



label. "There's a significant difference between Soave, which is made from grapes grown on the flat land, and Soave Classico, made from grapes grown on the hillsides," Antonio Fattori said. "Also, I make Soave Classico from 100 percent garganega grapes, which are indigenous to the region. I do not blend with the allowed 10 percent of trebbiano or chardonnay or sauvignon blanc as many producers do."

Fattori also produces an intensely flavorful pinot grigio with outstanding freshness, length and balance. Given the plethora of weak pinot grigios flooding the

market, Fattori Pinot Grigio is the real deal.

MORISFARMS

The name Morisfarms does not ring Italian. The reason: In 1700, the Moris family emigrated from Spain to the coastal area of Tuscany in Italy. Today, the family estate under the direction of Dr. Adolfo Parentini (husband of Caterina Moris) and his son Giulio focuses on sangiovese-based wines blended with cabernet sauvignon and syrah.

Morisfarms Avvoltore is a sought-after "Super Tuscan" (generally blends of sangiovese with cabernet sauvignon) which has received the highest recognition "tre bicchiere" from the noted Italian wine guide Gambero Rosso.

"The key to producing a great Super Tuscan," Giulio Parentini

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WINE PICKS

Wines from Italian producers featured in today's Focus on Wine are highly recommended for Valentine's Day. Hey, Italians are lovers! FATTORI from the Veneto

2003 Soave, S14:

2003 Pinot Grigio, \$15.50.

MORISFARMS from Tuscany

2002 Monteregio di Massa Marittima, \$24 (90 percent sangiovese, 10 percent cabernet sauvignon);

2002 Morellino di Scansano, \$19 (same blend as Monteregio);

2000 Morellino di Scansano Riserva, \$32 (same blend as the regular bottling, but grapes from better sites and one year in barrel and one year in bottle before release);

2001 Avvoltore \$52 (75 percent sangiovese, 20 percent cabernet sauvignon and five percent syrah).

CORTEFORTE from the Veneto

2000 Valpolicella Classico Ripassato, \$21;

1997 Amarone Classico "Osan di Vigneti" \$55/500mL;

1998 Recioto della Valpolicella "Amandorlato," \$53/500mL (an offdry red for a course of lighter blue cheeses).

All wines mentioned are available in metro Detroit. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

across Europe, and more recently, in U.S. cities, Bistro Blends offer bold flavors and convenient 🕤 cooking options that allow for quick and easy meal preparation.

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Add a signature dimension to your favorite, no-hassle recipes by sprinkling this cheese over grilled chicken breasts, garnishing atop a simple green salad, tucking inside warmed turkey and ham panini, and topping over diced tomatoes on toasted bread rounds for a satisfying bruschetta appetizer. (See inside Taste for 🗤 more recipes.)

For more ways to invite the creative, inspiring, soul-satisfying, and personal couture of bistro into your favorite recipes, visit the Sargento Bistro on sargento.com for recipes and serving suggestions featuring all three varieties of Bistro Blends.



SUPERIOR MARKET RECIPES

GRILLED TILAPIA WITH TOMATO, FENNEL AND CUCUMBER SLAW

Tomato, Fennel and Cucumber Slaw 4 large ripe plum tomatoes, seeded and julienned 2 medium cucumbers peeled, seeded and julienned ¼ cup chopped herbs (parsley and cilantro) 2.small red onions, diced 1 tablespoon olive oil ½ cup chopped scallions ¼ cup feta cheese,`crumbled 1 bulb fennel, julienned 1 jalapeno, minced 2 tablespoons lime, juice and

zest salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients until evenly combined. Top grilled tilapia with slaw.

Red Wine Vinaigrette: Htablespoon garlic, minced 🗄 teaspoon Worcestershire anchovy fillet, minced 🕴 cup salad oil atablespoon fresh oregano, chopped ¹1 tablespoon ketchup ্র cup red wine vinegar M teaspoon prepared mustard 1 cup olive oil ² tablespoons fresh basil, chopped Blend all ingredients. Sea-

son to taste with salt and pepper.

SPICED RUBBED HALIBUT WITH FRESH CORN AND ROASTED RED PEPPER SALSA

Spice Rub: 🏰 teaspoon garlic powder 2 teaspoons coriander A tablespoon garlic powder teaspoon black pepper 2 teaspoons cumin Combine all ingredients. Lightly sprinkle halibut fillets

with spice rub. In medium saucepan sear fillets meat side down, three-four minutes. Turn over and finish in preheated 350ºF oven or on

grill 4-6 minutes.

Fresh Corn and Roasted Red Pepper Salsa: 2 cups fresh corn (cut off cob) ½ bunch green onion, minced 1 cup roasted red pepper. seeded and diced 1/2 bunch cilantro, cleaned and chopped

Combine all ingredients.

Cilantro-Lime Vinaigrette Dressing: 3 limes, juice and zest 1/2 bunch fresh cilantro 5 ounces olive oil ½ teaspoon cumin 1½ teaspoons red wine vinegar 1/2 teaspoon coriander

Mix all ingredients together.

SCALLOPS WITH SAUTEED SPINACH AND ROASTED RED

PEPPER COULIS Scallops: 1 pound scallops salt and pepper to taste

Heat saucepan and saute until golden on each side.

Spinach: 1 pound spinach, picked and washed 1 onion, diced 2 tomatos, seeded and diced 1 tablespoon garlic, minced 1 tablespoon olive oil

Saute spinach in olive oil with tomatoes, onion and garlic. Season with salt and pepper. Cooking time, 1-2 minutes.

Roasted Red Pepper Coulis:

Wash red peppers, then roast 15-20 minutes. Blend with clam juice, olive oil, lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste.

Recipes courtesy of David Dean, co-owner of Superior Fish in Royal Oak. For more recipes and information, visit www.superiorfish.net.

FISH

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Vince enjoys crab cakes, fried catfish and fried oysters.

Toia grew up on an island so he appreciates fish, having eaten it at a young age. He was born in Chicago, but was raised in Italy on the island of Sicily, then returned to the United States when he turned 17.

Fish tacos are the latest rage in fish preparation. The Toias run it as a special, but they expect to add it to the menu once the menu is revised after Lent, Vince said. They prepare the tacos with two corn tortillas, refried beans, a piece of. cod and pico de gallo of tomatoes, red onions and cilantro. But the Toias like to keep fish

preparation simple. 'You've got a little light seasoning and parsley," Vince said, as he lightly sprinkles lemon pepper and parsley on a dish of shrimp scampi.

"The fish is fresh, it tastes good and you don't need all that stuff on it," Lori added.

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PLYMOUTH SEAFOOD MARKET RECIPES

BAKED COD FILLET

1 pound cod fillets 1 egg, beaten 2 cups cornmeal slice of lettuce slice of cheese lemon tartar sauce

Preheat oven to 350º F. Dip cod fillets in beaten egg. Drain excess. Roll fillets in cornmeal to cover evenly. Bake on baking sheet 15-20 minutes or until fish flakes. Garnish.

EASY LEMON PEPPER SCALLOPS

2 cups cornmeal lemon/pepper seasoning 1 to 1½ pounds sea scallops 2 eggs, beaten ¼ cup margarine 1 lemon, cut into wedges 1 flat trav

Spray Pam on tray. Preheat oven to 350º F. Dip sea scallops in eggs. Roll them in cornmeal and place on flat tray. Place in oven for 10-15 minutes. Brush with butter and place back in

oven for five minutes. Remove and sprinkle lightly with lemon pepper seasoning.

1 pound (21-25 count) black tiger shrimo

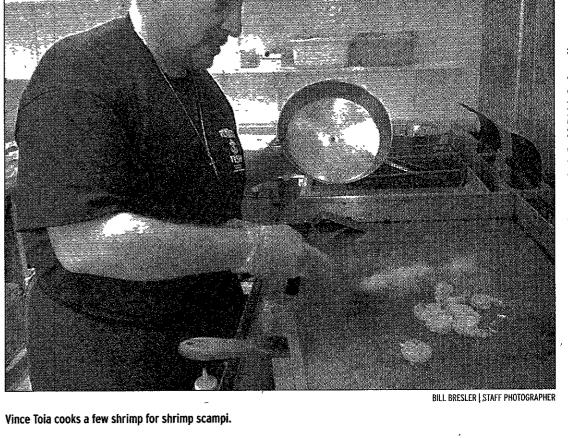
1 cup cornmeal ½ cup canola frying oil

Coat shrimp in commeal. Heat canola oil in pan over medium heat. Pan fry sh'rimp until color turns white and red. Add garlic.

BAJA-STYLE FISH TACOS

Take two tortilla shells, deep fry and shape. Use one shell with refried beans in between a second shell. Place cod (grilled or fried) in shell. Next, top with pico de gallo sauce. (Pico de gallo sauce consists of tomatoes, cilantro, red onions, olive oil, salt and pepper.) Top with a dollop of sour cream.

Recipes courtesy of Vince and Lori Toia, owners of Plymouth Fish and Seafood Market.



O'Charley's opens at former Cooker restaurant

The former Cooker restaurant has a new occupant.

Nashville-based O'Charley's opened Feb. 7 at its new restaurant at 37803 Seven Mile Road at Seven Mile Crossing between Haggerty Road and I-275. The restaurant has been renovated with a new kitchen, refurbished dining room and bar area. Residents can enjoy the history and culture depicted in a mural and photographs featuring the Livonia area.

Andrew Heningburg will serve as general manager. Other management team

members include: Chris Sorenson, kitchen manager; Ian Crowley, bar manager, and Eric Robinson, dining room manager.

O'Charley's offers a varied menu at mid-range, casual dining prices. Open seven days a week, O'Charley's serves lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Specialty menu items include O'Charley's lunch club and daily special selections in addition to a kid's menu that is inclusive of a beverage and dessert.

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2 tablespoons fresh chopped garlic

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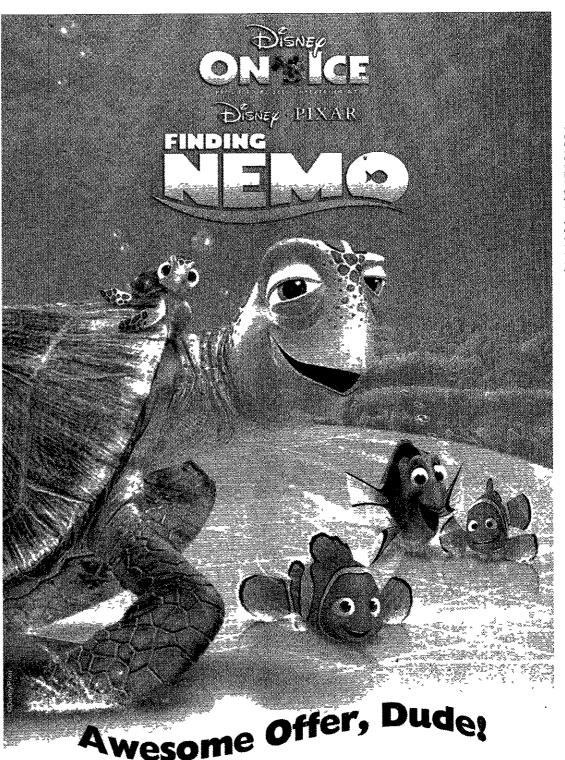
There will also be a silent auction where guests will have a chance to bid on the weekend use of a Bentley, and a Clavinova digital piano.

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Roasted monkfish makes elegant dinner FROM PAGE DI

BY DANA JACOB CORRESPONDENT

I discovered monkfish during the 1970s, in Europe, where this boneless and mildtasting fish is prized for its firm vet tender texture. Called lotte in France, it is also sometimes known as poor man's lobster because its pearly white color and unflaky texture vaguely resemble the meat of a lobster tail.

You see only long, tapering monkfish fillets at the fish counter, never the whole fish, which can be three feet or longer. Also, this Atlantic native is startlingly ugly. A voracious species, it has an immense head with an enormous, wide mouth full of pointy, sharp teeth. Also called angler-fish, it brandishes its own "fishing pole," an antennalike projection on top of its head, used to attract its prey, mainly other fish. Its other names are goosefish and bellyfish, presumably thanks to its huge appetite, which some believe accounts for its pleasant flavor.

Europeans prepare monkfish with the same care as Dover sole. I have had it studded with garlic and roasted over fennel. like a leg of lamb, and embellished with a classic cravfish sauce. Though it was rarely seen in America in the past, I have recently enjoyed it in many different restaurants. At one, medallions of monkfish were served on a bed of smoky, dark green French lentils.

Monkfish has increased considerably in price from its cost in the 70s, and is now around eight dollars a pound. When buying it, ask if the thin membrane encasing the filet can be removed so you do not have to



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Monkfish's mild flavor requires an interesting accompaniment, like these colorful roasted tomatoes stuffed with vegetables and drizzled with warm sherry vinegar.

do it.

When ready to prepare it, trim away any purple spots, which are fine for eating but turn brown in cooking. You can roast monkfish, poach or braise it in whole filets, or cut the pearly white flesh into inch-thick medallions, as in this dish.

ROASTED MONKFISH WITH TOMATOES AND RED PEPPER

4 medium tomatoes, halved crosswise

1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch strips 1 medium Spanish onion, cut in 1/2-inch wedges 3 peeled garlic cloves 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil Salt and white pepper, to taste 12 slices trimmed monkfish, about 1 pound

Canola oil spray ½ cup sherry vinegar 1 tablespoon sugar

Preheat the oven to 375º F. In a bowl, coat the tomato halves, red pepper, onion, and garlic clove with the oil. Arrange them in one layer on a baking sheet with tomatoes cut-side up. Lightly sprinkle with salt. Roast the vegetables 15 minutes. Transfer the tomatoes to a plate. cut-side down and cover with foil to keep warm. Roast the remaining vegetables 15 minutes longer, until tender but still firm. Set aside, leaving the oven on.

Coat an oven-proof skillet with cooking spray. Spray the fish with the oil and season with salt and pepper. Place it in the pan and set over high heat for 1 minute. Transfer the skillet to the oven. Bake the fish 6 to 8 minutes, or until opaque in the center. The fish will curl up into

nuggets resembling lobster meat.

Meanwhile, scoop out and discard the center of the tomato halves, leaving any juices. Chop the vegetables to resemble chunky salsa. Spoon them into the tomato halves. Boil the vinegar and sugar in a small pan over high heat until syrupy, like a sauce, about 2-3 minutes.

Place two tomato halves on each of four dinner plates. Add 3 nuggets of fish to each plate. Drizzle the vinegar sauce over the food. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 189 calories, 6 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 16 g. carbohydrate, 18 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 28 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi, author of The Joy of Sov. writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Another fish recipe for Lenten dinners

PAN-SEARED ALASKA SALMON WITH ORANGE VINAIGRETTE

4 Alaska salmon fillets or steaks (6-8 oz. each), thawed if necessary 1 cup orange juice 1½ tablespoons red onion,

minced 1¹/₂ tablespoons lime juice 1 teaspoon honey-Dijon mustard 1 teaspoon chili powder 1/2 cup fat free Italian salad dressing

4 teaspoons fresh cilantro,

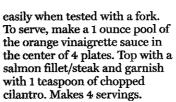
Cook orange juice in a small saucepan over medium-high heat until it is reduced to the consistency of syrup (makes about/4 cup); let cool slightly. Place onion, lime juice, mustard and chili powder in a blender; add cooled syrup. Blend 30 seconds. Then, with blender running, slowly drizzle in the salad dressing so that the mixture emulsifies.

Pan-Seared Salmon: Preheat

minutes, then add 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Sear the salmon fillets/steaks on one side for 2-3 minutes. Turn salmon fillets/steaks over and place the entire pan into the oven. Bake 4-8 minutes, or until fish flakes

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said, "is reduced yields from hillside vineyards. We pick the sangiovese and cabernet sauvignon separately. Then after six months aging separately in new French oak barrels, we make the blend and return the blend to barrel to complete aging."

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"Just as Soave has both a regular wine and a Classico," Cerutti siadd, "so does Valpolicella. Top producers arrive at quality by growing only in the best and limited areas - the meaning ofClassico – and controlling yields."

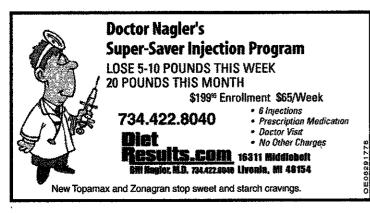
The full names of Corteforte wines we recommend and those of the other producers are listed in today's Wine Picks.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally-respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer $\delta_{\rm const}$ Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.



chopped 1 tablespoon ofive oil Salt and pepper, to taste

oven to 400°F. Lightly season the Alaska salmon fillets or steaks with salt and pepper. Heat and oven-proof saute pan 2





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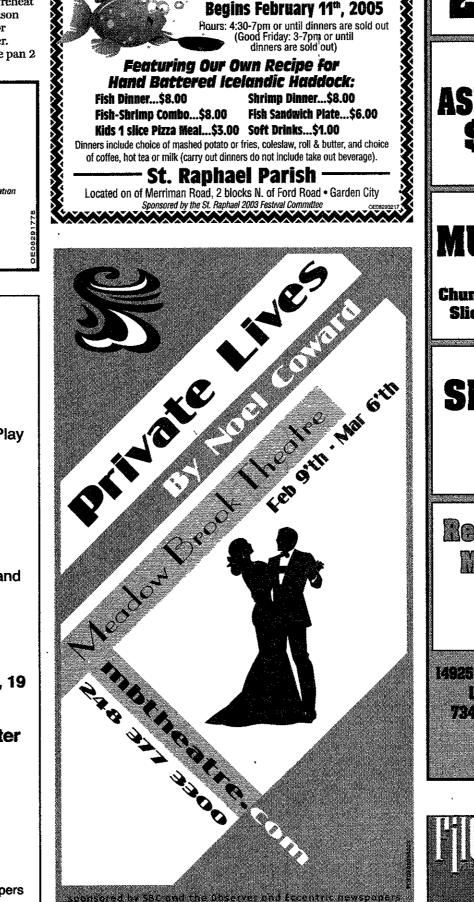
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taught by culinary arts instructors in the demonstration kitchens in the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Here is a list of classes for February:

Grand Tuscan Cuisine- Italy at its Best taught by certified executive chef Brian Polcyn, 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 23 (\$139); Help with Specialty Diets taught by Chris Tomassi, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 (\$89). March classes include: Swiss Chocolates taught by master pastry chef Joe Decker, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 10 (\$98): 30-Minute Meals taught by Bruce Konowalow, the director of Schoolcraft's culinary arts department and certified executive chef, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 12;

Good Morning Sunshine (Breakfasts) taught by Michelle Bommarito, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 15 (\$77); Meals 500: Start to Finish with Polcyn, 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 (\$139); Savory Soups and Stews with Gabriel 5-9 p.m. Thursday, March 17 (\$89); **Classic French Pastry Series (Pate a** Choux for You, Too and Mille-feuille to Die For) taught by Decker, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 24 and 31 (series classes can be taken separately for \$99 each or together for \$175) and Quick Easy Meals with Gabriel, 5-9

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p.m. Wednesday, March 30 (\$99). For more information on class fees for these classes and other culinary arts continuing education classes, visit www.schoolcraft.edu under **Continuing Education Schedule or call** (734) 462-4448.

Cooking Classes

Vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef, Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. Each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Upcoming classes include: Mexican Cooking three-week series on Feb. 23. March 2 and 9. Wilson also offers a four-week beginning series which she describes as the best place to start as this class is the most informative. Next beginning series dates are March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are held in Garden City, visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

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Macrobiotics is a dietary wellness system based on whole foods. The macrobiotic way of life is holistic, taking into account all aspects of human life and acknowledging the inter-relationship between body, mind, and spirit. Learn about foods used in macrobiotic cooking to create a quick and healthy menu plan, and to prepare a complete meal. Sample food and take home recipes. Linda Wemhoff, macrobiotic chef since 1985, was personal chef for Michio and Aveline Kushi while studying at the Kushi Institute in Boston and was head-chef at the International Macrobiotic Institute in Kiental, Switzerland. She has a cable television show featuring her menus and recipes. Sessions are scheduled 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15. A session costs \$29 and a fee of \$5 is paid to instructor the first day of class for the macrobiotic manual. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

SARGENTO RECIPES

ROASTED GARLIC PASTA BAKE

8 ounces tri-colored rotini pasta,

- uncooked 2 cups cut asparagus spears or small sugar snap peas 3 tablespoons butter 3 tablespoons flour
- 1½ cups 2 percent or whole milk
- ½ teaspoon salt 1³/₄ cups (7 ounces) Sargento Bistro Blends Mozzarella & Asiago with Roasted Garlic Shredded Cheese, divided 1 package (9 ounces) sliced fully cooked chicken sausage or 2 cups diced cooked ham

Cook pasta according to package directions, adding asparagus during last two minutes of pasta cooking time.

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Melt butter in a heavy medium saucepan over medium heat. Add flour; cook, stirring frequently until flour mixture is bubbly and golden grown, one to two minutes. Add milk and salt; bring to a simmer stirring frequently. Simmer uncovered one minute. Remove from heat; stir in one cup of cheese until melted.

Drain pasta and asparagus; return to same pot and add sausage and cheese sauce. Toss well and transfer to a greased shallow baking dish; top with remaining one cup cheese. Sprinkle with paprika, if desired. (At this point, casserole may stand at room temperature up to one hour before baking.) Bake in preheated 375º F oven for 20 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serves four.

SICILIAN STYLE PIZZA

1 (12-inch) prepared pizza crust ¹/₃ cup pizza or spaghetti sauce 1³/₄ cups (7 ounces) Sargento **Bistro Blends Mozzarella with** Sun Dried Tomatoes & Basil Shredded Cheese, divided 1/2 cup roasted red pepper strips ¹/₃ cup sliced pitted kalamata olives

¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

Place pizza crust on baking sheet; top with pizza sauce, one cup of cheese, pepper strips and olives. Sprinkle remaining cheese and pepper flakes over pizza.

Bake in a preheated 450º F oven 8 to 10 minutes or until crust is golden brown and cheese is melted. Cut into six wedges.

CHEDDAR, BACON & POTATO Frittata

4 slices bacon, diced 2 cups (8 ounces) frozen hash brown potatoes with peppers and onions, thawed

6 eggs

- ¼ cup milk
- ½ teaspoon salt 1³/₄ cups (7 ounces) Sargento **Bistro Blends Cheddar Salsa** with Tomato and Jalapeño Peppers Shredded Cheese, divided

Cook bacon in a 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat until crisp. Using a slotted spoon, transfer bacon to a paper towel; set aside. Pour off all but one tablespoon of the drippings. Add potatoes to skillet; cook two minutes, stirring occasionally. Preheat broiler.

Beat eggs in a medium bowl. Stir in milk, salt and one cup of cheese. Add egg mixture to skillet; stir to combine. Cover; simmer until eggs are set on the botton, six to eight minutes (center will be wet).

Uncover, top with reserved bacon and remaining cheese. If skillet is not ovenproof, wrap handle in foil. Transfer skillet to broiler; broil five to six inches from heat for two to three minutes or until eggs are set and cheese is melted. Cut into four wedges.

Recipes courtesy of Sargento Cheese.

DIAMOND CRYSTAL RECIPES

GRILLED FRESH HERB-COATED AND BRINED PORK CHOPS

The combination of a brown sugar and molasses brine and herb rub gives grilled chops an irresistible melt-in-your-mouth flavor. To complement this flavorful entrée, Bruce Aidells suggests Citrus-Marinated Red Onions, a side dish that can be prepared up to four days in advance and kept refrigerated until serving time. Round out the meal with oven-roasted red potatoes and steamed fresh vegetables from the garden.

dry with paper towels and either proceed with the recipe or wrap the chops in plastic wrap. They can be kept refrigerated for up to two days before being cooked.

To make the fennel and herb rub: Fit your food processor with the small bowl and add all the ingredients. Pulse several times to blend everything well. Scrape the rub mixture into a small bowl. Coat each brined chop generously on both sides with the herb rub. Set chops aside



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BROWN SUGAR AND MOLASSES FLAVOR BRINE

- 3½ cups water -¼ cup Diamond Crystal kosher salt ¹/₄ cup dark brown sugar 1 tablespoon dark unsulphured molasses
- 1 cup ice cubes 4 bone-in rib pork chops (11/4 to
- 1/2 inch thick, about 3 pounds total)

FENNEL SEED AND FRESH HERB RUB

- 1 tablespoon crushed fennel seeds 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 tablespoon freshly chopped sage
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped rosemary
- 2 teaspoons coarsely ground black pepper 1 tablespoon olive oil

To make the brine: Pour the water into a large bowl or plastic storage tub. Stir in the salt and continue stirring until the salt dissolves. Stir in the sugar and molasses and continue stirring until they dissolve. Add the ice cubes and stir to chill the mixture down. It should be 45º F or colder on an instant-read thermometer. Add the pork chops, cover, and refrigerate for four to six hours. Remove the pork chops and discard the brine. Pat them

while you prepare your fire.

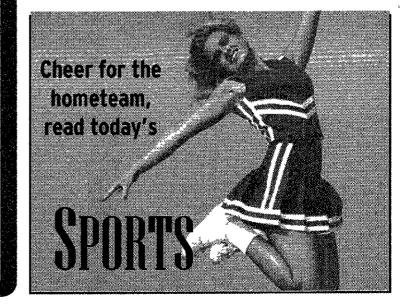
To grill the chops: Build a charcoal fire but spread the coals only on half the grill. Heat to mediumhigh. Lay the chops directly over the hot coals. If flaming occurs, move chops to an area without coals. Sear the chops over the hottest area for $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes per side. Then transfer the chops to an area without coals. Cover the grill and continue cooking for 8 to 10 minutes more. The chops are done when they are firm to the touch and the internal temperature measured with an instantread thermometer inserted in the center is 140° to 145° F.

To prepare for serving: Transfer the chops to a warm platter and let them rest for five minutes so that the juices can be reabsorbed and the chops complete their cooking.

CITRUS-MARINATED RED ONIONS

- 4 cups sliced red onions,//-inch thick
- 1½ teaspoons Diamond Crystal kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup freshly squeezed lime juice ½ cup orange juice
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro (optional) or 1 teaspoon dried Mexican oregano

Toss all the ingredients together in a medium bowl and let marinate at room temperature for three hours. To store, cover the bowl and refrigerate for up to four days.





AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

A broccoli-tomato salad is a nice winter vegetable, pleasing to the eye and good for the body.

Tomatoes, broccoli are a hot couple

Tomatoes and broccoli are one of today's hot couples in the diet and nutrition world. Research has found that eat-

ing broccoli and tomatoes together may maximize the amount of cancer protection both foods afford. In a recent study, lab animals fed a combination of tomatoes and broccoli had markedly less prostate tumor growth than both those who ate diets containing either food alone, and those on diets containing the specific cancerfighting substances isolated from tomatoes and broccoli.

Lycopene is one natural substance in tomatoes that has attracted a great deal of attention in the last decade as a prostate cancer fighter. Tomatoes also are rich in vitamin C and contain good amounts of vitamins A and B, potassium, iron and phosphorus

Broccoli also has been recognized for its anti-cancer potential. It is known to contain phytochemicals called glucosinolates, which break down into compounds that help enzymes flush carcinogens from the body. Broccoli also is an excellent source of vitamins A and C, as well as riboflavin, calcium and iron.

The "take-home message" of the recent study on broccoli and tomatoes is not to focus on specific foods to ward off serious diseases. The larger lesson of health-related research appears to be that the interaction, or synergy, between a variety of foods is more powerful in protecting our health than the unique features of particular foods. Nutritionists and other health experts advise that eating a wide variety of vegetables, fruits and other plant-

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based foods is a more effective approach to a healthy, longer life than concentrating on the "magic bullet" of individual foods. In other words, variety is not only the "spice of life," but the key to a healthier life.

When buying broccoli, select heads with a deep, strong color, tightly-closed buds, and crisp leaves. When choosing tomatoes, try grape tomatoes for a change of pace. They are sweet, firm and not overly juicy. They can be used interchangeably with cherry tomatoes, both as part of a meal and as a garnish. They should be stored at room temperature never be refrigerated, which turns them into tasteless pulp.

Broccoli and tomatoes look pretty and taste great together.

BROCCOLI TOMATO SALAD

4 cups broccoli florets 1 tablespoon sesame seeds 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved ¼ cup finely diced green onion (white and green parts) 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard 1 tablespoon rice vinegar 1 tablespoon chopped fresh

oregano or 1 teaspoon dried 2½ tablespoons sesame seed oil Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Steam broccoli until barely tender but still crisp, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to a strainer or colander and rinse briefly under cold running water to stop cooking process. Drain well and allow to dry.

Meanwhile, toast sesame seeds. Heat a small skillet over medium-low heat. Add seeds and toast, shaking pan gently or stirring constantly, until lightly browned.

In a medium bowl, gradually whisk together mustard with the vinegar and oregano, then the oil. Add broccoli, tomatoes and onion, and toss to coat. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer to a serving plate and sprinkle toasted sesame seeds over the salad.

Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 65 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 5 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 46 mg. sodium. Recipe courtesy of the American

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Grapefruit crops peak in February

In the 1970s, there was the grapefruit diet. The claim was that grapefruit enzymes would burn away fat. There's no scientific evidence to support this, but there is plenty of science that supports the claim that grapefruit is a nutrition-rich fruit.

February is National Grapefruit Month and grapefruit are at their peak.

All grapefruit are an excellent source of vitamin C, but red and pink varieties provide more of the phytochemical called lycopene. Lycopene is a carotenoid, a cousin to beta-carotene.

Although it cannot be turned into vitamin A like betacarotene, it is a much stronger antioxidant, so pick red or pink grapefruit instead of white when you can. The skins of all grapefruit are yellow, although some have a pinkish blush. Lycopene is also found in tomatoes and watermelon. This is the peak of the season for grapefruit. Choose those that have thin, fine-textured, brightly colored skin. They should be firm but springy when you hold them in your hand and press them. The heavier they are for their size, the juicier they'll be. Grapefruit should not be left at

room temperature for more than a day. They keep up to 2 weeks wrapped in a plastic bag and placed in the vegetable drawer of the refrigerator.

The following recipe pairs grapefruit with shrimp. The citrus and seasonings in the salsa are so refreshing that no one will notice it is fat-free.

SHRIMP WITH BLACK BEAN SALSA

2 pink grapefruits, peeled 3 plum tomatoes, seeded and

diced 1 medium (or pickling) cucumber, peeled and diced 1/2 cup diced red onion

3/4 cup canned or cooked black beans

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1 jalapeno or serrano chile pepper seeded and minced

- Juice of ½ orange
- Juice of 1/2 lime Salt and freshly ground black
- pepper, to taste
- 16 extra large shrimp (10 to 12 count), about 1½ pounds 2 tablespoons finely chopped
- cilantro 1 tablespoon finely chopped mint

Holding the fruit over a medium bowl to catch juices, release sections from the membrane and collect them in the bowl. Cut sections crosswise into 1-inch pieces. Add tomato, cucumber, onion, beans and chile pepper and mix to blend. Pour in orange and lime juice. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper. Set aside.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add shrimp and cook until pink, curled and opaque all the way through, 6 to 8 minutes. Drain immediately. When cool enough to handle, peel and devein shrimp, then slit them horizontally along the back, cutting almost all the way through, but not completely, from tip to tail.

Arrange 4 shrimp in a pinwheel design, on each of 4 dinner plates. Spoon a tablespoon of salsa into the slit in each shrimp. Mound remaining salsa in the center of the plate. Sprinkle^{1/+} of cilantro and mint over each plate and serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 146 calories, 1 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 25 g. carbohydrate, 10 g. protein, 5 g. dietary fiber, 199 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a request for information for District-wide Copy/Print Service or Equipment Provider. Specifications are available by contacting Dan Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Proposals are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 14, 2005 and should be addressed; Silvio Vano, Plante & Moran, LLP, 27400 Northwestern Highway, P.O. Box 307, Southfield, MI 48037. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids/proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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NOTICE PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

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PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

> MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - January 18, 2005

A study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 18, 2005, at 46000

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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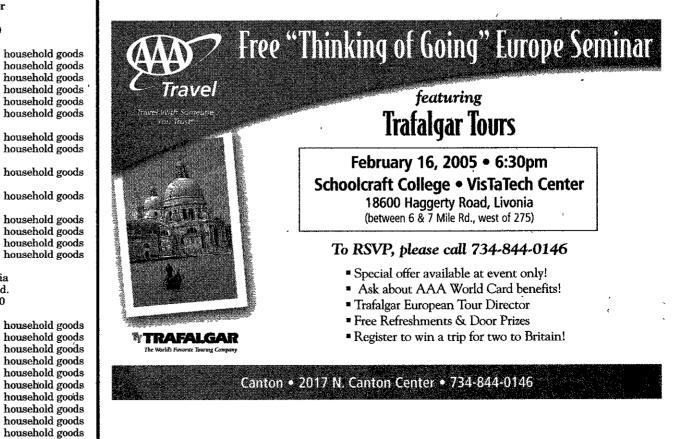
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Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Item 1. FIREARMS ORDINANCE Item 2. SCHOOL ELECTIONS Item 3. CANTON COMMUNITY'S GOALS AND **OBJECTIVES.** Areas of discussion were as follows: Sense of Community, Economic Development, Municipal Services, Communication, Technology, Administrative Services, Public Safety, Finance, Leisure Services, Management, Infrastructure, Image/ Marketing, OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated that the next meeting will be on January 24, 2005, will be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission, Downtown Development Association and the Board of Trustees on IKEA. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, Supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 10:52 pm. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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Salmon, artichokes make for easy dish

The high-fat, high-calorie holidays are over and it's the time of reckoning. But this doesn't have to be painful. There are many ways to bring your weight down and, at the same time, help safeguard your health as well.

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One of the keys is to remember that portion size is critical to success. The most healthful, low-calorie dishes won't lead to slimmer bodies and better health if they're eaten in super-sized portions.

Surveys show that U.S. portion sizes have never been bigger. And bigger portions lead to overeating.

Being told to "clean your plate" has long been a familiar rite of American childhood. The idea has become so ingrained in our society that seven out of 10 Americans (69 percent) surveyed by the American Institute for Cancer Research say they finish their restaurant entrées all or most of the time, regardless of the size. This passive approach to portions extends into the American home: 30 percent say they base the amount of food they eat on the amount they are served, while 42 percent say they determine their portions by the amount they are used to eating.

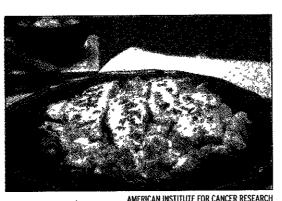
The survey also found that 60 percent (down from 78 percent last year) believe the kind of food they eat is more important for losing weight than the amount of food they eat.

Many Americans, the survey suggests, have lost sight of the relationship between how much you eat and how much you weigh, focusing instead on cutting out specific types of food such as carbohydrates or fat.

Research studies suggest that eating more plant-based foods is a smart strategy for managing weight. Along with eating smaller portion sizes and increasing physical activity, this strategy should lead to gradual and sustainable weight loss.

In our hearts we know it's smart to eat a balanced diet, with a larger proportion of vegetables, fruits and whole grains, reduce our portion sizes of animal protein and increase physical activity. No banned foods, no empty promises of fast weight loss – just a sensible way of living that leads to gradual and sustainable weight loss.

This recipe for baked salmon with artichoke hearts is designed for a healthy portion size. More recipes and ideas for a healthier approach



Red onion, celery and artichoke hearts combine with salmon for a tasty winter dish.

to eating can be found in AICR's newest edition of the brochure, "The New American Plate." You can print it out or order a copy from the website (www.aicr.org), or request a copy by calling 1-800-843-8114, extension 460.

BAKED SALMON WITH ARTICHOKE HEARTS

1 6-ounce jar of marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped %cup minced red onion % cup minced cefery >2 tablespoons reduced-fat sour cream % tablespoon Dijon mustard 4 4-ounce salmon filets, skin removed

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley

Preheat oven to 400° F. In a medium bowl, mix together artichoke hearts, red onion and celery. In a small bowl, mix sour cream with mustard. Place salmon filets on 4 individual sheets of aluminum foil. Sprinkle each filet with salt and pepper.

Spread equal amounts of the vegetable mixture, then the sour cream mixture on top of each filet. Sprinkle parsley on top. Fold edges and crimp to seal.

Place fish packets on cookie sheet. Bake for 12-15 minutes, or until cooked through. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 243 calories, 12 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 7 g. carbohydrate, 28 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 276 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.





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