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LETTERS TO Santa

All boys and girls naughty or nice know Santa Claus will soon be checking his Christmas List - and checking it twice that means Plymouth youngsters need to get their letters to the Jolly Old Elf written and on their way to the North Pole

Once again the Plymouth Observer is asking youngsters to send us their letter to Santa along with a school picture to appear in the Observer before Christmas Day To make sure we have time to forward the letters to the North Pole get the letters to us by no later than Thursday Dec 19

Individually post marked letters should be sent to Santa care of the Plymouth Observer 794 S Main St Plymouth MI 48170

City may withdraw Broe tickets

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Citing what could be a huge monetary loss that could financially strap the city of Plymouth, as well as a legal battle that could include the U.S. Justice Department, city officials are working on a deal to rescind the tickets issued against three supported-living facilities on Farmer Street owned by Broe

Rehabilitation of Farmington Hills

The attorney for Broe Rehabilitation, Gregory Bator, confirmed his office has been contacted by city legal representatives seeking a deal to end the confrontation The matter is scheduled to be heard by U.S. District Court Judge Robert Cleland Dec 18

"We have been contacted by the city about potentially rescinding the matter," said Bator "There's no resolution at this point

because there is no acceptable proposal by the city under consideration However, there are talks going on"

The city ticketed the Broe supported-living homes at 338, 347 and 378 Farmer in October, claiming they are businesses being run in a residential neighborhood

Neighbors have complained about being accosted by Broe residents, vulgarity, fighting and public nuisance issues at the homes

Attorneys for Broe Rehabilitation announced on Nov 20 they had filed a federal lawsuit, alleging discrimination against the closed-head-injury patients who live at the three addresses Broe is seeking a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction and permanent injunctive relief against the civil actions of the city

PLEASE SEE BROE, A5

Pipeline

Rockette helpers

Big Boy of Canton will provide the Salem Varsity Rockettes with a percentage of total sales from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday at the Big Boy at Canton Center and Ford Patrons must mention the Rockettes in order for their sales to count toward the fund raiser

Proceeds will provide help the Rockettes travel to a national competition Jan 30 to Feb 3 in Florida.

The Rockettes finished first in pom and second in dance at the UDA Great Lakes Invitational at Lake Orion High School Nov 9 and won both pom and dance at the 2002 Dance Team Championships at Eastern Michigan University Nov 10



Cheer club

The holiday season is here and so is the Plymouth Canton Observer Cheer Club

We're still taking donations of new toys and canned or boxed food at our office 794 S Main in Plymouth Items are being collected until Friday Dec 13 when we will turn them over to the Salvation Army They'll distribute the items to needy people in Plymouth Canton Northville and Belleville

We'll ask for your name when you bring in your donations so we can properly thank you when the Cheer Club drive is over You can remain anonymous

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DONALD J. ALLEY

Memorial candles

While Pat O'Donnell (on stage) reads the names of those lost, Lindsay Moyer (left), 19, of Livonia lights a candle in memory of her cousin during the annual candle-lighting ceremony in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Sunday Her friend, Michelle Bannestea (right), 19, of Redford, honors the memory of her mother The local remembrance, in association with International Children's Memorial Day, was organized by Barb Kilgore of Canton, whose son, Mike, a 16-year-old student at Salem High School, died in March 1998 after suffering a massive heart attack The ceremony is done in partnership with the Livonia chapter of The Compassionate Friends

Residents share priorities for district

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

More than 200 people who attended the second of three Plymouth-Canton Schools vision meetings Monday night had an opportunity to "vote" on what they want for the district in the next five-10 years

Among the priorities of district residents for Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

- Equity in athletic facilities, both indoor and outdoor, including a new swimming pool at Plymouth High School
- Adequate heating and ventilation systems
- Seamless access to technology, with

support

- Physical equity for all the high schools
- An additional middle school in Canton
- Air conditioning in all middle schools
- Facility equity in all the middle schools

Listed as top priorities for the middle schools

- Remodeling of classrooms
- An additional middle school in Canton
- Air conditioning in all middle schools
- Facility equity in all the middle schools

- Listed as major necessities for the district's elementary schools
- Air conditioning in all buildings
- Remodeling older classrooms to the same standard as newer schools
- Additional classroom space in south-

west Canton

- Safe, convenient and separate bus, auto and pedestrian zones
- Separate gyms and multi-purpose areas

"I'm looking for equity between the schools, that the facilities are even, such as air conditioning and storage," said Jean LaPointe of Plymouth, who teaches at Tonda Elementary "Buses are real important Right now we don't have afternoon buses for field trips"

A high priority is installing air conditioning in school buildings throughout the district

PLEASE SEE PRIORITIES, A5

District hires Ryan, eyes 4-year pact

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

In what can be termed the worst-kept secret in the Plymouth-Canton school district, the school board voted 7-0 to take the "interim" tag away from the title of Superintendent Jim Ryan

In a multi-goal evaluation that gave an average score of 4.3 out of 5, the board unanimously recommended Ryan be appointed the district's superintendent

The board will begin discussions on a four-year contract with Ryan, who currently earns \$133,700 A final evaluation of Ryan for the 2002-03 school year will be completed before May 1

There was no lack of accolades for Ryan, who has served as the interim superintendent since July when Kathleen Booher resigned her position

"He has true characteristics as a leader he is fair he is honest and most importantly he is a brave man," said Trustee Marcy Staley "We are a tough community, and it takes

PLEASE SEE SUPERINTENDENT, A4

Magazine finds local bank tops among working moms

BY PAUL PACE
STAFF WRITER

Being a working mom is considered one of life's most difficult tasks

And finding a company to work for that understands the struggles of raising a child is a true find, most moms would agree

The editors of Working Mother magazine know this That's why each year editors review and list the 100 best

companies for working moms

Republic Bancorp, and its better known subsidiary, Republic Bank, with a branch office on Main in Plymouth, has been included in that special list for the second year in a row

"Making working moms' lives easier is the reason the bank has a higher employee-retention rate than the industry average," said Denise Kiepper, senior

PLEASE SEE MOTHERS, A4



BRYAN MITCHELL | OBSERVER

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LOOKING AHEAD

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Observer seeks readers' top 10

In its final issue each year, the Plymouth Observer publishes an account of the year's top stories. This year, we'd like to know what our readers think those stories are.

We've culled the year's newspapers and put together a list of 15 stories. What we'd like readers to do is choose their Top 10, sort of a Letterman-esque list of the top stories in the Plymouth community. E-mail your responses to community editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net by Dec 19.

If you think of a story that isn't in this list, by all means add it to your e-mail.

In no particular order, here's the list:

1 Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher leaves for a job with the state, Jim Ryan is hired as interim superintendent.

2 Gov. John Engler signs the bill adding a third judgeship in the 35th District Court. Plymouth attorney Mike Gerou beats former Northville Township Supervisor Karen Woodside for the seat.

3 Long-time auto kingpin Don Massey sells off nearly all of his automotive holdings.

4 WSDP, the student-run radio station at P-C schools, celebrates 30 years of broadcasting.

5 Plymouth Township forms its own Downtown Development Authority.

6 Panera Bread and Starbucks become the first tenants in the newly completed Mayflower Centre.

7 The Plymouth Kmart avoids cuts that close nearly 300 under-achieving locations.

8 A budget crunch forces the Plymouth-Canton School District to lay off 19 teachers, all 19 are eventually hired back. The district had to make \$12 million in cuts to balance the budget.

9 State reconstructs Ann Arbor Road from General Drive to Eckles, an \$11 million project that affected traffic in front of township businesses significantly.

10 Residents in the city (14.8 percent) and township (20 percent) see significant hikes in water rates.

11 Township opens ethics inquiry of trustee Abe Munfakh over allegedly helping Salem Township get added to the Detroit water system, township hires attorney Michael Schwartz, whose report claims Munfakh violated ethics policy.

12 Gov. Engler cuts state revenue sharing, lopping \$450,000 from the city, \$700,000 from the township. The legislature over-rode the cuts.

13 Right to Life activists picketed Our Lady of Good Counsel in protest of the pro-choice stance of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jennifer Granholm.

14 As Plymouth Township balances its budget, cuts include \$300,000 in recreation funds that would have allowed the township and city to do a joint recreation plan.

15 Plymouth Township board settles lawsuits brought by former employees Rosemary Harvey and Karen Akans, moves that cost the township approximately \$250,000.

AROUND TOWN

CLARIFICATION

A story about the removal of the interim tag being removed from Plymouth-Canton schools superintendent Jim Ryan's title should not have said district officials showed a student a route to school that would have forced the student to cross Joy Road.

According to Melvin Latme, the district's director of transportation, a safe route on a cement path designed for students to walk to school, which did not cross Joy, was recommended to the student's parents. "I would never recommend putting a child in harm's way," Latme said. "I showed him how his daughter could get to Pioneer Middle School without crossing Joy Road."

The story also should have been more specific in pointing out the parent, Rand Harder, is a member of the Vision Committee's safety committee.

BOMB THREAT

Plymouth Township police found no validity to a bomb threat telephoned to Ibister Elementary Monday morning at about 8:30 a.m., just before classes were to begin.

"A secretary took the threat, and when she tried to talk to the caller he hung up," said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "Plymouth Township police responded very quickly, and within an hour they swept the entire building. We then decided to continue with classes."

Ruggirello said students were being dropped off at school during the search, and they were kept inside the gym until the all clear was given.

"We contacted parents, and some elected to take their students home," said Ruggirello, who said a small number of students left for the day.

SANTA PET PHOTOS

Want your pet to get his photo taken with Santa? Here's your chance.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is inviting residents to bring their pets — dogs and cats only — to get

their pictures taken with Santa Claus. The event takes place from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23 at Santa's house on Main Street, adjacent to Kellogg Park, in downtown Plymouth. Cost is \$5. For details, call (734) 453-1540.

TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

The 2003 Plymouth Township Calendar is near completion, and delivery to every township home is expected by mid-month, township officials announced this week.

This year's calendar is called "Images of Plymouth Township" and includes some photographs submitted by township residents for the '2003 Calendar Photo Contest.' Entrants were asked to submit photographs that capture the essence of Plymouth Township.

Those individuals whose photos have been selected to appear in the calendar will be recognized by the Board of Trustees at Tuesday's township board meeting. Scenes depicted in some of the chosen photographs include children enjoying Plymouth Township and Miller Family parks, flower gardens, nature scenes and holiday decorating. Features of the calendar that are back by popular demand are:

- An updated flip-out, detachable map and street guide of the Plymouth Community
- A list of frequently asked questions (FAQ's)

- A list of government officials with contact information for the various levels of government
- Information about individual Township Departments

- Notations on the days that Township offices are closed

"We are pleased to provide this calendar to our residents," said Supervisor Steve Mann. "We have tried to include as much useful information as we could and to present a calendar worthy of display in every home."

HOLIDAY CONCERT

St. Peter's Lutheran Church is hosting a Candlelight Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday with music of the Christmas season.

The concert will feature St. Peter's senior, children's and

handbell choir, along with the brass ensemble. The church is inviting the public to enjoy an evening of traditional Christmas music and hymns.

The church is located at 1343 Penniman. Call (734) 453-3393 for details.

Kickboxing seminar. World champion Nick Hewitson conducts a Muay Thai kickboxing seminar from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

The seminar will be conducted at East West Martial Arts on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 414-7789.

MUSEUM SPEAKER

The Colonial Kiwanis Club of Plymouth is inviting the public to a meeting with Richard Blouse, Jr., president of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, to be held at the Plymouth Historical Museum from noon-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19.

Blouse's topic will be "Fueling the Engine of Business in Southeast Michigan," and all members of the business community and the Plymouth, Northville and Wayne chambers of commerce are invited. Cost is \$10 per person, to be paid at the door.

For more information, call Dave Siegrist, (734) 453-7106, or State Rep. John Stewart, (517) 373-3816.

GIFT CERTIFICATES

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is offering gift certificates to some 50 restaurants and shops around town.

In addition to the 30 shops for which gift certificates are available, buyers can get certificates for 20 restaurants, including Atlantis, Bennigan's, Boulders, Bushel's Cafe, Cafe Bon Homme, Compari's, Cozy Cafe, Doyle's Tavern, E.G. Nicks, Dunleavy's, Karl's Cabin, LaBistecca, Little Bangkok, Maya's Deli, Papa Romano's, O'Callaghans, Station 885, Sweet Afton Tea room and the Main Ingredient.

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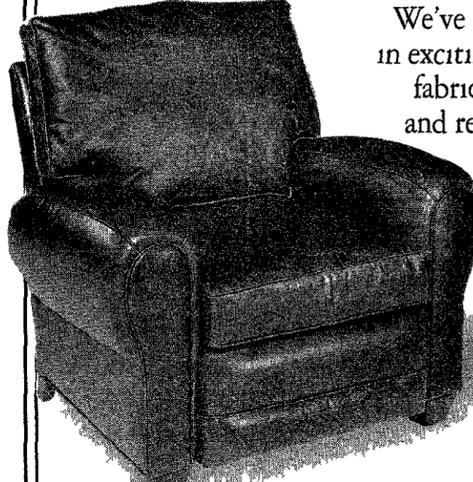
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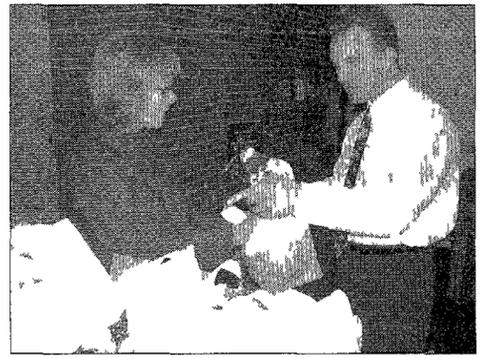
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Plymouth A M Rotary members Tim Phillips and Debbie Madonna prepare to distribute gifts to the seniors. Gifts were donated by Gabriela s



Andrea Burdette 13 of Plymouth and Larry Slavin of Canton share a basket of rolls at the Plymouth Rotary A M Rotary s Celebration of Seniors dinner Sunday

Retired Plymouth police Chief Bob Scoggins was master of ceremonies for the Celebration of Seniors dinner on Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The large turnout enjoyed dinner, desserts, a concert by The Chapels and gifts.

Annual party gets bigger, better

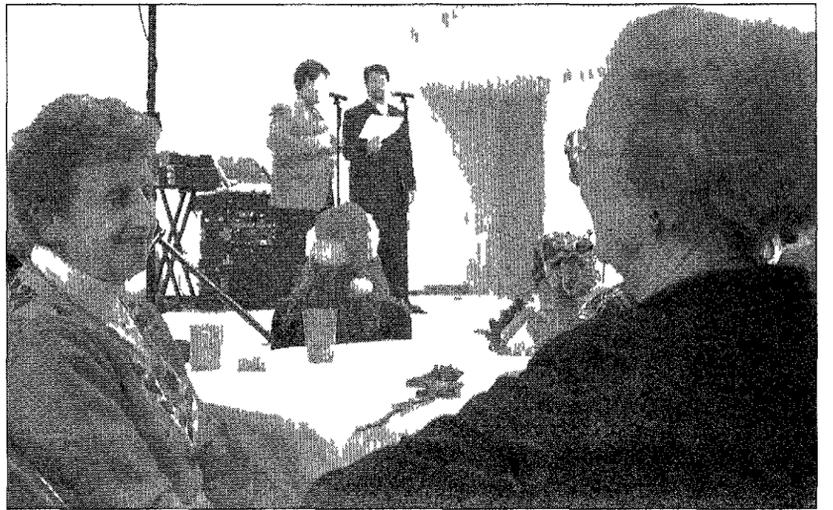
Rotarians host 3rd gala for area senior citizens

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Ron Chaudoin is hoping the trend of bigger parties continues. Chaudoin, president of the Plymouth A M Rotary Club, was happy to see nearly 140 seniors turn out for the third annual senior party hosted by the morning Rotarians at the Plymouth Cultural Center Sunday. We had the biggest crowd we ve ever had, and everyone had a great time. Chaudoin said. It was one of the better events we ve had. The seniors were treated to a lasagna dinner along with salad and dessert. The gospel group The Chapels were on hand to provide the party s entertainment. The music added a great deal to the party s

atmosphere. The type of singing they did really hit home with this group, Chaudoin said. It was very age-appropriate. Chaudoin said the assistance Rotarians got from various senior citizen homes was crucial to the party s success. We got a lot of cooperation, especially in terms of transportation, he said. That helped a lot. If the response was any indication, next year s party may continue the trend and be bigger and better than ever. We had more positive feedback this year than ever before, he said. We hope to be able to do this for a long time.

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Ruth Ekieberry of Ypsilanti and Leonna Margrove of Plymouth listen to the gospel singers The Chapels.

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MOTHERS

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vice president of regional human resources for Republic Bank

According to the article, the company takes strides to allow moms to adjust work schedules to their personal lives. It's done through flexible hours and the ability to work at home and taking time off when needed.

The company also works at getting discounted day care rates near branch offices, and it offers paid leave for six weeks for new moms and dads.

Kiepper said the bank works with two major child care providers in the area to get discount rates.

"We also have a child care resource and referral service," she said.

Offering new fathers paid leave is a popular feature,

said Kiepper, who has two young children of her own.

"I've worked here for six and a half years and as a working mom, it's definitely a supportive environment."

The company's annual employee turnover rate is around 15 percent, compared to the industry average of the high 20 percent bracket, Kiepper said.

"Seventy percent of our workforce is women. It's nice to see the same person at the same branch, and I think our program gives that personalized feeling to the customer."

"It's tough to balance personal life and working life, and we are flexible to make it work."

Employees tend to be much more productive when their personal lives are in order, she said.

When Diane Alexander went to work for Republic in 1995, one of the things she worried about was making

sure her then 10-year-old daughter would still be priority No. 1 Republic, she said, made sure that's how it was.

"It is an extremely family oriented company," Alexander said. "It's helpful knowing that family comes first, even though you work. When you have children at home, that's your No. 1 priority. It's nice the bank helps with that."

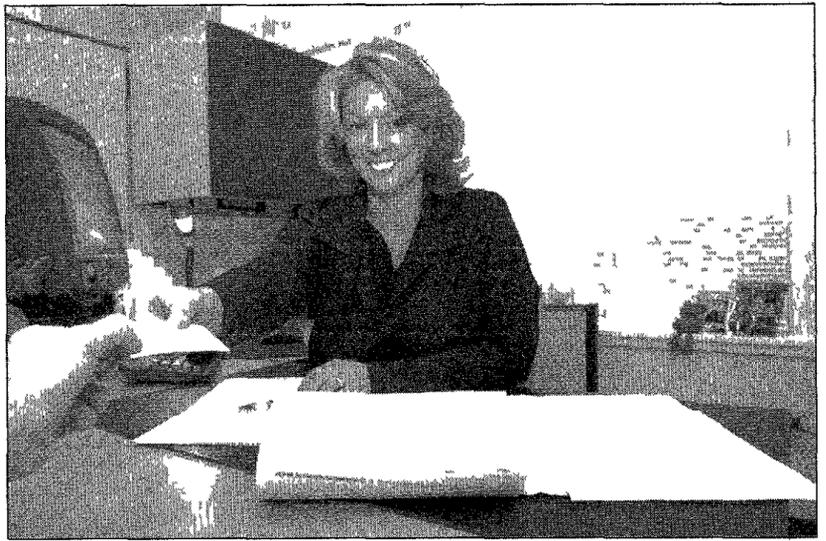
Of the 19 employees in the Plymouth office, 10 are women.

The bank also has branches in Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills, Northville, South Lyon and Commerce.

The parent company, Republic Bancorp, based in Michigan, is the state's third-largest bank with \$4.7 billion in assets.

Staff writer Brad Kadrich contributed to this report.

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BRYAN MITCHELL | OBSERVER

Karen Palmer is the branch manager at Republic Bank in Plymouth. The bank's parent company was recently named one of the country's best companies for working mothers.

SUPERINTENDENT

FROM PAGE A1

someone with courage to take those calculated risks and to help us see through all of those things that come our way.

Jim brings out the best in the district, in his core team and the best in the board, added Trustee Joanne Lamar.

The sense of calm that we didn't used to have in this district is there now."

"I am thrilled at how united we are as a team, and how united we are with you," said Treasurer Judy Mardigan. "It's a tough job, but I know you have everything that it takes to do an excellent job as our superintendent, and I am grateful to have you."

Ryan is no stranger to the top position in a school district, having served as the CEO in both the Reed City and Waverly school districts in the past. He was hired nearly 18 months ago as Plymouth-Canton's deputy superintendent, a position that will now be filled with the elevation of Ryan.

Ryan admitted he didn't have any worries about getting the job. However, he wanted to make certain the Board of Education knew it wasn't just about him.

My only worry was I wanted to make sure they know there are other people that do the work," he said. "I didn't want too much credit. It's important for them to know it's a total team effort."

"You want it to be a good

match, and the board keeps demonstrating over and over again we're moving along in a pretty positive relationship," said Ryan. "I work for them. I'm not their boss."

Ryan said he and his core team will now sit down and talk about what needs to be accomplished before the end of the school year.

"I think we're going to focus on the big issues, with number one being the high school renewal, with the bond issue and the vision planning 1-A," said Ryan. "Budgeting may be next because if we don't get the (state) foundation increase that was budgeted, and the retirement rate goes up, we could be looking at a serious deficit."

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Neither Mayor Bill Graham nor any of the other six city commissioners will discuss on-the-record talks aimed at stopping the federal lawsuit. However, attorneys, judges and other legal authorities have said "the case isn't winnable and could end up costing the city huge amounts of money in damages, especially if the Justice Department becomes part of the case. The Federal Housing Act will supersede anything on our books. The needs of the handicapped outweigh interest in any other issue."

It is likely that the federal government would get involved in the lawsuit, Bator said.

"We received a call from the U.S. Justice Department shortly after we filed the complaint, and they expressed an interest in the case," said Bator. "They couldn't get involved by next week's court date but said if the case wasn't resolved by then, they intended to recommend the Justice Department pursue entry in the case. They reviewed our complaint and briefs and felt we had a very strong position."

The negotiations revolve around a settlement involving the city paying Broe's attorney fees and court costs, Bator said.

"The city has literally made a federal case out of this and cost my client plenty of money to defend himself. If they drop the tickets, we'll consider dropping the federal court case. We are willing to have all of these issues handled in a responsible way, out of court, anytime."

If the negotiations are successful, the tickets likely will be rescinded by the end of this week. Both sides would then appear before Cleland next Wednesday to complete the deal.

Both sides were planning to ask that a 35th District Court hearing in Plymouth on the same day be

FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between Dec. 2-8:

■ **Sunday, Dec. 8** — Rescue run on southbound I-275 at Ann Arbor Road; single-family fire on Main; residential rescue runs on Tavistock, on Hartsough, on Northville Road and on Newporte; commercial rescue run on Plymouth Road.

■ **Saturday, Dec. 7** — Vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; residential rescue runs on Sutherland and on Haggerty.

■ **Friday, Dec. 6** — Industrial rescue run on Galleon; residential rescue runs on Pine Ridge Court, on Parkview and on Newport; vehicle accident on N. Mill; commercial rescue run on Northville Road.

■ **Thursday, Dec. 5** — Residential rescue runs on Brougham Court and on Northville Road; vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

PRIORITIES

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postponed, pending outcome of the federal case.

The cost of the lawsuit became a point of contention when the city's insurance carrier, St. Paul Fire and Marine, reportedly told city officials they would cover legal fees but not any damages awarded in a prospective judgment.

The city's attorney, Jim DeGrazia of O'Connor, DeGrazia and Tamm of Bloomfield Hills, said, "We're talking with our clients to see if there is any way the matter can be resolved."

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"When the weather condition inside the school is 104 (degrees) and it's a sheet of heat, that affects learning and productivity," said Kathy Dascenzo, a kindergarten teacher at Bird Elementary.

The Canton Cruisers had plenty of representatives looking for a new pool at Plymouth High School. "We have a hundred kids on our waiting list, and that's a problem," said a Cruiser coach.

Central Middle School continues to be a topic of discussion. Laura and Robert Simpson of

Plymouth Township, who have children at all levels in the Plymouth-Canton school district, believe the Plymouth community is losing its identity, which is why they want Central to remain viable as a school.

"It's right across from the main Plymouth library, and kids can go there after school where there are more opportunities and resources," said Laura Simpson.

Plus, Central's athletic facilities have better tennis courts than the high school, they've got a football field, they've got baseball fields, they've got a pool," said Robert Simpson. "Why tear it down when it's already got it? How much is it going to cost to replace it somewhere else?"

However, some teachers are questioning the utility of Central as it is today.

"Teachers are very isolated in that building, and if it continues as a school, we really need to look at a major restructuring to make a viable learning environment for students and a good place for teachers to work," said Mary Ann Foss of Plymouth Township, a seventh- and eighth-grade teacher.

Jeff Phillips of Plymouth, who has three students in the district, felt too much effort was being devoted to brick-and-mortar and not enough to improving MEAP scores.

"What are we doing to make education better? We're here to educate kids, and we need to

keep that in mind. We've really lost our goals."

The information gathered at the vision meeting will be passed along to the 26-member Bond Steering Committee and condensed into what they believe are the top priorities in the district.

The information will be presented at the third vision meeting, scheduled for Feb. 3. The steering committee plans to present the findings to the school board next spring, with the possibility of a bond issue to be decided by voters next fall, said Ken Jacobs, the district's executive director of support services.

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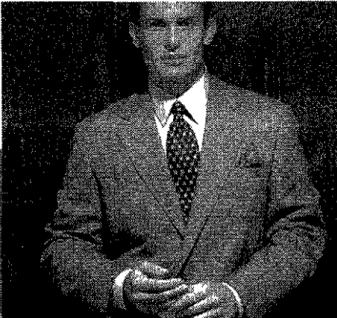
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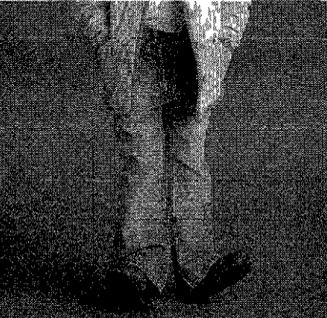
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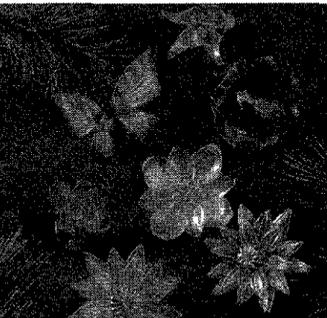
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Foundation to award local scholarships

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Community Foundation has more than \$20,000 in scholarships available this year for qualified applicants who live in Canton, Plymouth or Plymouth Township.

The 29 scholarships range from \$300 to \$2,000. About half are for \$500.

Most of the scholarships are available to adult non-traditional students as well as high school seniors, said foundation president Joan Noricks.

"As more and more adults are returning to school, many of them apply for and are recipients of these scholarships. We are unique in that sense."

Since the program began in 1990, when five were given out, the foundation has awarded \$190,000 in scholarship money.

In the beginning the scholarships were all from the foundation itself, she said, but five years ago Noricks approached other organizations that were offering scholarships and offered to let the foundation serve as an umbrella group.

"As we continue to expand, the foundation is set up to administer the scholarship funds."

To qualify, applicants must have been accepted to a post-high school educational institution, have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and complete an application packet.

Canton residents who live in

the Wayne-Westland or Van Buren school districts are also eligible to apply.

Application forms are available at the reference desks of the Canton Public Library and the Plymouth District Library, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce or any high school counselor's office. They may also be picked up at the foundation offices on the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon.

Deadline is Feb. 21. Applications can be mailed to the Canton Community Foundation, P.O. Box 87892, Canton, MI 48187. After Feb. 1 they can be delivered to the foundation's new office in the Human Services Building on Ridge Road just north of Cherry Hill.

Scholarships are provided by the following businesses and organizations:

- Boyer's Meat Processing, Canton Community Foundation, Eastern Michigan University, Regal Construction, Wade-Trim, Canton Business & Professional Women, Canton Historical Society, Kiwanis Club of Plymouth/Canton, Schoolcraft College, Meredith L. Whalen Memorial Fund, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Paul Desnk Jr. Family, Lawrence Technological University, University of Michigan-Dearborn and Yazaki North America.

For more information, call the foundation office at (734) 398-5000.

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Jeanette E. Rank

Services for Jeanette Rank, 84, of Chelsea were held Dec. 7 at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home with the Rev. William C. Moore of Trinity Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial followed at Maple Grove Cemetery in Sylvan Township.

Mrs. Rank was born March 3, 1918 in Belleville and died Dec. 4 in Ann Arbor. Mrs. Rank graduated from Belleville High School and received her Bachelor and Master Degrees in teaching from Eastern Michigan University. She taught special education in the Livonia school system for many years. She enjoyed reading, sewing, shopping for clothes and jewelry, and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Rank was preceded in death by her husband, Donald R. Rank, and daughter, Karen J. Herter.

Survivors include son, David (Virginia) Rank of Grass Lake, grandchildren, James (Anna) Herter of Grass Lake, Christopher (Cynthia) Herter of Madison Heights, and Matthew E. Herter of San Diego, Calif., great-grandson, Benjamin, sister, Winifred Wolfe of Plymouth, brother, James (Joan) Sayre of Belleville, and sister-in-law, Lucile Sayre of Tuscan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salem Grove United Methodist Church.

Arrangements made by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

Jennie Irene Arasmith

Services for Jennie Arasmith, 88, of Canton were held Dec. 11 at Grand River Baptist Church with the Rev. Ernie Beverly officiating. Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Arasmith was born April 9, 1914 in Arvonia, Va., and died Dec. 8 at Heartland-

Dorvin Health Care. She was a registered nurse.

Mrs. Arasmith was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Todd, and husband, Charles Arasmith.

Survivors include children, Jim (Ann) Todd, Norma (Fred) Wilder, Vicki (Mark) Davidowitz, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, sister, Lou, and brothers, Victor and Ben.

Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

Gregory J. Bien

Services for Gregory Bien, 52, of Plymouth were held Dec. 10 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia.

Survivors include wife, Karen, children, Joseph and Dawn, mother, Jean Bien, brother Ken (Kathy) Bien, sister, Diana McPherson, and nephew, Kenny Bien.

Arrangements made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

Marjorie V. Kleinschmidt

Services for Marjorie Kleinschmidt, 101, of Pigeon, Mich. (formerly of Plymouth) were held Dec. 10 at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Berne with the Rev. James A. Gorseger officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Kleinschmidt was born March 27, 1901 in Waterford and died Dec. 7 in Pigeon after a long illness.

Mrs. Kleinschmidt made her home in Plymouth for over 50 years, moving to Freeland in 1968. She was a member of the St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Berne. Her many interests included gardening, reading, needlework, music, and playing the piano daily, but her special enjoyment came from her family.

Mrs. Kleinschmidt was preceded in death by her husband,

OBITUARIES

Walter G. Kleinschmidt in 1971, sons, Kenneth and Marvin Kleinschmidt, two daughters-in-law, Naomi and Lois Kleinschmidt, brother, Claude Taylor, and granddaughter, Jaye Hignite.

Survivors include daughter, Marian (Richard) Dast of Pigeon, 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care Unit or St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church. Arrangements made by Meyersieck-Busse Funeral Home.

Carolyn Smith

Services for Carolyn Smith, 62, of Plymouth were held Dec. 9 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia.

Ms. Smith died Dec. 5 in Plymouth. She was a journalist and writer by profession.

Survivors include sister, Diane Doyle of Senellville, Ga. Arrangements made by Fred Wood Funeral Home.

Jeanne Van Aken

Services for Jeanne Van Aken, 86, of Plymouth will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16 at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Van Aken was born July 5, 1916 in Rockford, Mich. and died Dec. 9 in Ann Arbor. She was a teacher and librarian for the Livonia Public Schools, and retired in 1986 after 25 years of service. She came to the Plymouth community in 1950 from Wayne. She and her husband built their own home. She was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, where she

was part of the Library Committee. She enjoyed gathering with her retired friends from teaching. She received her bachelor's degree and master's degree from the University of Michigan. She received both degrees after the death of her husband. She loved to read and be with her animals. She loved to bake and attend family gatherings.

Mrs. Van Aken was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth S. Van Aken.

Survivors include daughters, Sydnee (John) Paul of Plymouth, and Meri-Lyn (Jim) Hill of Plymouth, son, Daniel Van Aken of Brutus, Mich., 10 grandchildren, and nine grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth or the American Heart Association.

Doris M. Oakley

Services for Doris Oakley, 91, of White Lake Township, were held Dec. 10 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. William C. Moore officiating. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Mrs. Oakley was born Aug. 22, 1911 in Detroit and died Dec. 5 at Marywood Nursing Care Center.

Survivors include daughters, Helene Kutz and Doris Murdock, granddaughters, Diane (Kerry) Kukhahn, Cynthia (Mark) Lyons, Elaine (Stephen) Scheppele, and Suanne (Donald) Bell, grandchildren, William (Shina) Murdock and Richard (Maeve) Murdock, and 17 great-grandchildren.

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Foundation Director Scott H. Dodge indicated the grant would be used to make improvements to the sound system in Kellogg Park. Dodge indicated the new sound system would be able to be used by the various groups using the park facilities.

Scott Baker, the city's assistant director of Municipal Services, said the staff put a lot of planning and effort into the grant process, because there has been an identified need for improvements to the sound system for a

number of years.

The newly established partnership with the Wilcox Foundation will allow the city to take this project from a future planned project to reality. Baker said the city expects to prepare bid documents in the next few weeks and have the new system installed in the spring. Baker said the city would be required to provide some local match to the project, which he estimated to be between \$3,000 and \$6,000. Improvements to the city's

number of years. The newly established partnership with the Wilcox Foundation will allow the city to take this project from a future planned project to reality. Baker said the city expects to prepare bid documents in the next few weeks and have the new system installed in the spring. Baker said the city would be required to provide some local match to the project, which he estimated to be between \$3,000 and \$6,000. Improvements to the city's parks and public spaces is a goal of the city commission and during this past summer the city and the Downtown Development Authority partnered on an improvement project to install new brick walkways in Kellogg Park. The city also made significant improvements to the park lawn sprinkler system during this past fall. Also, the city completed a significant rehabilitation project to the Plymouth Gathering open air pavilion located next to the park.

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Holiday Music

Village Music presents Celebrate Christmas, a holiday program featuring music students and the Rising Star Singers of Village Music in the Old Village of Plymouth. The program will be presented on Saturday Dec 14 at Canton Little Theater, Canton Center Road in Canton. A free will donation will be accepted at the door. For further information call (734) 354-9825.

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Enjoy a special performance of The Christmas That Almost Wasn't and have a snack with Santa at the Millennium Center 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive in Southfield. This delightful show is a unique behind the scenes peek at the hustle and bustle and near disasters of the Christmas season. A single performance is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Dec 15. Call (248) 557-PLAY for information.

Arts and Crafts

Handcrafters will be sponsoring its 20th annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Show Dec 13-15 at the Northville Recreation Center 303 W. Main Street. Over 70 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as floral stained glass seasonal items including Christmas decorations, jewelry, wood items and clothing. Call (734) 459-0050 for further info.

Christmas Musical

Plymouth Baptist Church will present the recently released Christmas musical Repeat the Sounding Joy on Dec 13 and Dec 15 at 7 p.m. This 60-minute concert features a variety of musical styles in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. For further information call (734) 453-5534.

Toy Drive

Cornerstone Chiropractic accepting toys on Friday Dec 13. New patients bring an unwrapped toy and receive initial exam and x-rays at no charge to you. Help those less fortunate this Christmas season. Call (734) 207-7770 or (734) 207-7773.

Open House

New Hope Center for Grief Support will be hosting a holiday open house at Northville Hills Golf Club's Somerset model home. The evening of Dec 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. will include a leisurely model home tour, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction, complimentary valet parking and the Angel of Hope Memorial Tree. Call (248) 348-0115 for more details. PCAC



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Frozen in time

Thousands of spectators get another chance to watch ice sculptors work again when the Plymouth International Ice Show comes to town Jan 15-20. It's the 21st year for the well-loved ice festival in downtown Plymouth. The biggest ice carvings will be in Kellogg Park and under the roof at The Gathering.

The Arts Council is accepting entries for its December art exhibit. International Seasonal Celebrations. This religious-themed non-juried exhibit is open to the first 40 artists submitting framed two-dimensional work and the first 30 three-dimensional pieces such as religious icons. Call (734) 416-4278.

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

Entertainment Book Sale

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Free Blood Pressure Screening

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Recreation Registration

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Colonial Kiwanis

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

MOPS-Westland

Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church September through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact Nikki Guenther at (313) 937-2479.

Tai Chi

Taoist Tai Chi Society offers ongoing tai chi classes for all ages in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills at 7 p.m. Afternoon classes at 1 p.m. available in Livonia. Observers welcome. Visit our Web site at www.taoist.org. For more information call the society at (248) 332-1281 anytime.

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port group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations please call Michelle at (734) 397-0197.

Canton Rotary Club

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join us for lunch for more information on our community and international service projects. For more information call Laura at (734) 207-8517 or e-mail to ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

TOPS

Are you unhappy with your weight? Why not join TOPS? We weigh in weekly and meet to share ideas about losing weight, exercising, etc. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Geneva Presbyterian Church 5835 N. Sheldon Canton. For more information call (734) 459-4387.

Astronomy Discussion

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

MOMS Club

A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested stay-at-home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community

service opportunities and a lot more! For more information please contact Wendy at (734) 398-6957.

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

Community Democrats

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District. For further information call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 398-5845.

Toastmasters

Develop your public speaking, communications and leadership skills. Guests welcome. No pressure to speak. Being held at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. This group meets at 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month. Please call (734) 459-0715 for more information.

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OUR VIEWS

'Interim' tag gone, Ryan eyes future

The Plymouth-Canton school board Tuesday night unveiled perhaps the worst-kept secret in district history when it removed the "interim" tag from Superintendent Jim Ryan's title.

For those of you who have been living under a rock since the summer or are just returning from months in the Australian outback, Ryan was hired on an interim basis to replace the departing Kathleen Booher, who left the superintendent's post to take a job with the state.

The board at the time agreed to hire Ryan, who had been brought in by Booher as her assistant, and review his performance in December before deciding whether to hire him permanently or go through the search process for a new schools chief.

But it became quickly apparent board members were enamored of Ryan, and rightly so. He said all the right things, was aggressive in his approach to problem-solving and, most important, obviously wanted to be here. That was a key, particularly since Booher spent much of her time in the district looking for another district.

In our opinion, Ryan has proven in his short time on the job he deserves the full-time shot. He's been an excellent communicator with staff and residents, he seems to have a solid vision for the future and he's pragmatic about it.

For instance, he recognizes — much to the chagrin of the folks here in Plymouth — the bulk of growth in the district is coming in Canton, therefore, he realizes, something must be done about getting those children to school.

Ryan knows that to get anything substantial done in the district, he's going to need to pass a bond proposal, and he's already laying the groundwork for it. His long-range plan looks a lot like the program Booher outlined in what one local publication dubbed her "master plan," a much more sinister name for it than the plan implied.

The difference is Ryan has already shown his willingness to have the public involved. Right or wrong, Booher was perceived as too much a behind-the-scenes operator. Ryan has shown no such inclination.

Ryan needs to figure out what to do with Central Middle School. He needs to figure out whether a pool at the new Plymouth High School is a viable desire. He knows a new elementary school is going to be needed at Cherry Hill Village, now he's got to figure out how to convince voters to pay for it.

The district has challenges and, with the interim tag removed, they've got the right person to address them. Ryan got the full-time gig because he showed he's open to ideas, and particularly open to dialogue with the residents of his district.

He'd do well to remember that now that the interim tag has been removed.

Truck enforcement should be kept local

We have to hand it to folks in the trucking industry — they're persistent.

They've gone through the courts twice now trying to wrest control over motor carrier enforcement from the hands of city officials. Judges have ruled in favor of local enforcement both times, and we hope now the industry will just keep trucking along.

Two years ago, cities prevailed in state appellate court when truckers fought their authority to collect fines. The most recent lawsuit, a class-action filed to recover fines paid since 1996, was tossed out of U.S. District Court after cities in Ohio won a similar case.

The industry contends some municipalities use motor carrier enforcement as a "cash cow." Leaving enforcement authority with the state patrol, said Walter Heinritz, Michigan Trucking Association executive director, would make the whole system more "consistent."

He's right. With the Michigan State Police in charge, enforcement would be consistent. It would also be virtually non-existent, because the state patrol simply doesn't have the resources to do the same job local law officers are doing now.

How important is motor carrier safety? Consider this: According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, last year, more than 5,000 people died and 131,000 were injured in large truck accidents.

Let's face it — under the best of conditions, driving a semi is a tough job. If the truck driver has been on the road too long, if his load is too heavy, if his vehicle's not safe, his rig is a disaster waiting to happen.

We're not trying to indict the entire trucking industry, which has made a concerted effort toward improving motor carrier safety. It simply makes sense to have more specially trained officers keeping track of those few companies that allow sleepy drivers and overloaded trucks.



Catherine Stradtner (left) of Canton and Jennifer McCraith of Redford light a candle in memory of Jennifer's daughter Marissa. The annual ceremony in Kellogg Park gave parents who have lost children a chance to gather in their memories.

DONALD J. ALLEY

LETTERS

CC does not recruit

This letter is in response to the column written by Mr. Risak regarding private schools, and his claim of recruiting. Mr. Risak makes the analogy of MSU playing UCLA and MSU can only draw players from Michigan while UCLA can draw players from around the country. Mr. Risak failed to complete the analogy. UCLA players are also required to pay \$6,000 per year to play while the MSU players pay nothing. Also the facilities at MSU will be far superior to those used by the UCLA players.

Claiming CC's football success is based solely on the fact they are a private school able to draw students from a wide area leaves one with many questions.

First, how is Farmington Hills Harrison so successful? They are subject to the same district limitations as other public schools, yet they continue to dominate high school football. Could it possibly be coaching and a rich football tradition that the current and future players strive to uphold?

Second, how do you explain the fact that in the four largest divisions in football no other private school, other than Detroit Catholic Central, is able to dominate as CC has? Divine Child, Brother Rice, DeLaSalle, Country Day and others have not been a football juggernaut the way CC and Harrison have.

Third, if private schools can recruit (as Mr. Risak claims), why have they not had success in basketball, soccer or wrestling? CC wrestling, once a powerhouse program, has been an above average program at best the last 10 to 15 years.

Fourth, how does Mr. Risak explain the success of the Canton football program over the last few years? Comparatively speaking, the success Canton has enjoyed to that of Salem is far greater than that of CC compared to an average high school. Are we to assume that coach Baechler is recruiting every good football player in the Plymouth-Canton school district? Because, if the only reason to explain the success of Catholic Central football is recruiting, then surely that must explain the success of Canton football.

Lastly, Mr. Risak makes the statement "Restrict private schools to recruiting sorry, I mean drawing" obviously indicating that private rules recruit players, which is a clear violation of MHSAA rules. If Mr. Risak has any evidence (either actual or circumstantial) why has he, or anyone else, not presented it to the MHSAA? I can only conclude that Mr. Risak is either a "liar" — sorry I mean a fiction writer — or a coward. If he has the evidence and has not presented it to the MHSAA, then he is a coward for not acting on his convictions.

As an alum of Catholic Central, I am not only insulted but amazed that a publication such as the Observer & Eccentric would allow Mr. Risak to write such an article. While I do not agree with his opinion, I do not object to Mr. Risak writing his opinion on private schools being able to draw students from a wide area. I do object, and am very offended by,

his statement indicating that Catholic Central recruits football players. I would expect that a publication such as the Observer & Eccentric would ensure that if one of their writers presents something as fact they would present the evidence to support the claim.

If I am wrong and Mr. Risak does indeed have such evidence, I would immediately respond to him with an apology. If he does not have any such evidence, I would expect that he apologize to the entire Catholic Central community as well as to every private school.

Anthony Vendittelli
Commerce Township

Sagear thanks

Last Thanksgiving, we were asking for help to build the Sagear Memorial Wall. And this Thanksgiving, we can say that construction was completed on Aug. 12 and that we were able to raise all the money needed for this project. The cost of the memorial wall was \$30,000. This project would have remained just an idea if it weren't for all the people who supported this project with donations and helping hands.

And now, it is our pleasure to acknowledge and thank everyone. It's not only right to thank these people, but it also feels incredibly great!

It was the Plymouth-Canton Interact Club, Steve Mann and Plymouth Concrete who helped us complete the fund-raising for the wall, as well as begin the funding for the Sagear-Rotary Scholarship. And it was a friend, Ruth Niemic, who started the fund-raising off with the first donation.

There were many more who pitched in. Donations came in from Plymouth and Canton, Georgia, Maine, Colorado, Pennsylvania and New Mexico. (All donors will be acknowledged on a plaque near the memorial wall.)

Sandy Sagear contracted polio when she was 18 months old. She went to East Middle School and graduated with the Plymouth High School class of 1969. She loved music and the Beatles. She even stood backstage when the Beatles performed at Olympia.

Her family and friends will tell you that she didn't complain, she didn't want to be a poster girl for disabilities, she was smart, hard-working, she was the first to offer help and the last to take it.

But it was her love for school and her determination to be a student that inspired a group of people to create a memorial wall that honors Sandy. This memorial wall was designed to acknowledge Sandy for her strength, courage, spirit, and perseverance. We thought the best way to honor her was to add names of other students who shared her optimism, hope and tenacity. And we hope this wall sends a strong message that all children are welcome in our schools.

Dennis Jones, local architect, artist and sculptor, designed and constructed this wall. He developed a dramatic presentation featuring an 18-foot by 9-foot multimedia design, which includes an alabaster sculpture and an extraordinary frame to display the names of all honorees.

The theme of the wall is "Imagine." In order to overcome obstacles, Sandy had to "imagine" she could. And she did. Sandy Sagear's motto was "Can't never did anything, Can did it all." She believed it. She lived it. Sandy was right.

Jerry Trumpha
Debra Madonna
Plymouth

Scouting pride

I agree girls matter (Judy Berne Thursday Nov 21). Their thoughts, their actions, their achievements, their goals — it all matters. I am actively involved in many facets of the Girl Scouts organization, and love every moment of it because I know I am making a difference in the lives of my small group of young girls.

However, as I claim the title of service unit manager, as well as leader, it is my responsibility to at least try to reach the population of young girls in the area that are unaware of the Girl Scouting program or of the intense pride of achievement that Scouting instills.

As you stated in your article, girls between the ages of 8 and 11 are the most confident in themselves and their abilities. Girl Scouting is available for young girls ages 5-17, yet as the girls reach 12 years of age and their lives become somewhat more complicated than before, they choose to set aside Scouting in favor of other activities.

This is understandable — the need to make choices — yet I would say most are not aware of the Cadette and Senior Girl Scouting program and the benefits therein. The personal and group achievements of all facets of Scouting can be astounding, and I feel such a pride to be involved in so worthy a program. The need to keep the image of Girl Scouting "out there" for everyone to see is important. It is not a private club, it is for every girl everywhere.

I think it would be wonderful to have the Plymouth Observer devote a few lines every month to these young girls, not only to recognize their successes, but to keep the image of Girl Scouting and all the good that it can do alive.

Connie Kwiatkowski
Plymouth

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— Colleen Pobur, Plymouth mayor pro tem

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Gov.-elect Granholm could surprise critics

As this is being written, Gov John Engler is preparing to leave office after 12 years as undisputed king of the political hill, but leaving a state budget barely in balance after exhausting virtually every accounting gimmick available. For her part, Democrat Jennifer Granholm is about to become Michigan's first woman governor, but faces an enormous projected deficit for the coming fiscal year and a



Phil Power

Legislature controlled by Republicans. Most media pundits have already reached the conclusion that the Granholm administration is in deep trouble. The general argument goes like this:

■ The budget deficit, now estimated at \$1.8 billion, is truly horrendous. The Budget Stabilization Fund has been drained, the recession continues to sap state tax revenues with no clear upturn in sight and the kind of cuts Gov-elect Granholm will have to make will surely anger everybody in sight.

■ Granholm may be governor-elect, but she's pretty much without Democratic allies in Lansing. Sen Ken Sikkema (R-Wyoming) will lead the state Senate, Rick Johnson (R-LeRoy) will be Speaker of the House, and fellow Republicans Mike Cox and Terri Lynn Land will be attorney general and secretary of state, respectively.

■ The criminal investigation launched a couple of weeks ago against Granholm's patron, Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, had a bunch of FBI agents waving subpoenas at everybody in sight, including a fair number of people she had considered appointing to major positions in her administration. Despite U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Collins' reputation for integrity and fair dealing, this probe could run on and on and on, a la the Whitewater investigation that dogged President Clinton for years.

No wonder Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics (and a savage, long-time Granholm critic), concluded last week that Granholm would be a weak governor, hemmed in by the opposition, especially if she has no program, no mission that's been certified by the voters.

My own reaction? It's far too early to project the demise of the Granholm administration, especially before it has even taken office. My thinking is rooted precisely in the factors the pundits are using to predict woe for Jennifer Granholm.

■ Budget. No doubt it's very bad. But a terrible budget situation provides a Granholm administration with a wonderful opportunity to conduct a fundamental and sweeping review of the operations and costs of state government. A far-reaching, cost-cutting, special interest-bashing, results-oriented agenda could be just the thing a Democratic governor needs to disable critics and assemble a new coalition of support.

■ Republican dominance. OK, the GOP won virtually everything in the November election, but what's the party going to look like in a year or so? Consider Oakland County, once reliably Republican. County Executive Brooks Patterson, astoundingly cast as a moderate interested in pitching the big tent, is engaged in fierce civil war with a bunch of right-wing fundamentalists led by Tom McMillin of Auburn Hills and outgoing state Rep Bob Gosselin of Troy. And incoming state Republican Chairman Betsy DeVos is a handy symbol of a party that may be conservative, but not likely particularly compassionate.

■ FBI investigation. So Granholm won't have the freedom to appoint "persons of interest" such as her campaign manager Dave Katz and others to big jobs in Lansing. She's already said she would appoint on the basis of merit, not past connections. Maybe the investigation will give her the opportunity to reach out beyond the usual Democratic suspects and bring in capable outsiders. My sense is that Granholm, a self-described moderate, will wind up governing from the center by both personal preference and political necessity.

Don't get me wrong. I think the Granholm administration has a tough row to hoe. But I also think it's both unfair and premature for the pundits to write off any prospects for success before she even takes office.

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.



Brad Kadrich

Plymouth mayor pro tem contemplates suit against litigation-happy magazine

Colleen Pobur can't do much right now but shake her head and try to shrug off the weight of everyone hoping she'll sue the pants off of Your Community Crier, the news magazine she believes libeled her.

That hope springs eternal now - from the police department, where one lieutenant can empathize with Plymouth Mayor Pro Tem Pobur. It comes from businesses that have felt threatened, that believe they've put up with enough. And it comes from the halls of City Hall, where a \$100 million lawsuit could be tossed out, replaced by a libel suit legal observers believe would have a good chance of winning.

Pobur, the news magazine's favorite punching bag the last couple of years, feels the pressure, if not the obligation, of everyone hoping she'll be the one to take on a rich, powerful doctor, who owns the Crier, in court.

"I don't know that I feel an obligation (to stand up for others)," Pobur said this week. "But I do think this is the most egregious offense he's done to me."

She's talking, of course, about the story that appeared in the local news magazine two weeks ago attempting to connect Pobur with the investigation into county executive Ed McNamara. "FBI raids home of Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur," the page-three headline screamed.

Beneath it was a two-paragraph claim that the home of Pobur, former director of concessions at Metro Airport, was raided by federal and state agents as part of the sweeping investigation of the McNamara political machine.

No sources cited, not even anonymous ones. No attribution. Just the one simple statement.

The one simple, untrue, statement.

We'd heard the story. We called the FBI. We called the state police. We called the U.S. District Court. With three easy phone calls, we determined the story to be unfounded. The "raid" never happened.

By virtue of her position as mayor pro-tem, Pobur is a public figure. In Plymouth, she's a very public figure, a lightning rod for controversy in her time on the city commission. She's been the target of negative press much of that time, some of it (when warranted) from this newspaper.

The standards about what you can say and write about public figures differ from those of everyday citizens. Newspapers can generally get away with printing rumors and innuendoes about public figures. But there still has to be some basis in fact in what gets reported. Newspapers aren't allowed to just make stuff up.

That's what Pobur says was done here, and it's tough to argue with her. This is a news magazine, after all, that once offered a \$10,000 reward for dirt on city officials. And it was an unattributed story. Reputable newspapers doing that kind of story would at least attribute such a fact to anonymous sources, so their readers could believe they'd done

their homework and were protecting their sources. Is anything that noble being done in this case? Pobur doesn't think so.

"For all the drama (the city) attracts, you have to wonder where it all comes from," she said. "Most of it is generated by that publication."

To his credit, and to be fair, it must be pointed out the news magazine's publisher told us they "double and triple check" their sources. But a top corporate attorney, who has advised a major newspaper operation on libel matters for 15 years, took one look at the story and told us, "I wouldn't want to have to defend that."

Want to know how bad it looks? The former editor of the news magazine, who wrote negative stories about Pobur ad nauseum during his tenure, wrote a letter to McNamara, with a copy to Pobur, apologizing and distancing himself from the practice.

We're not trying to be apologists for Pobur here and, frankly, she isn't looking for any. Just because the FBI hasn't come calling yet doesn't mean they aren't going to come calling, and Pobur knows it. The investigation seems to be targeting county employees who worked on Granholm's campaign, and none worked harder for the governor-elect than Pobur.

The problem, as she sees it, is that no one knows for certain where the investigation is going or who's going to get snared in its net.

"The fact is, they're investigating the airport, and I worked there for four years," Pobur said. "I don't have anything to hide."

So where's the damage? To her reputation, according to Pobur, who is trying to plan her next professional move. Many think she'll end up working in Lansing, but she also has attractive offers in the private sector. Either way, having the public (and prospective employers) thinking she was the target of an FBI raid can't do her much good.

After all, as she aptly points out, "the FBI doesn't raid the homes of law-abiding citizens. It carries a negative connotation."

It's a negative connotation for which she may try to make the news magazine pay. Pobur is contemplating a lawsuit, though with a week-long vacation and the holidays coming a decision might wait until the first of the new year. There are also financial considerations.

"(Suing) is very expensive, and these guys litigate for recreation," Pobur said. "(But) it's a winnable case."

It may very well be, but that's for the courts to decide. There are people lining up in the hope Pobur finds the financial wherewithal and intestinal fortitude to find out for sure.

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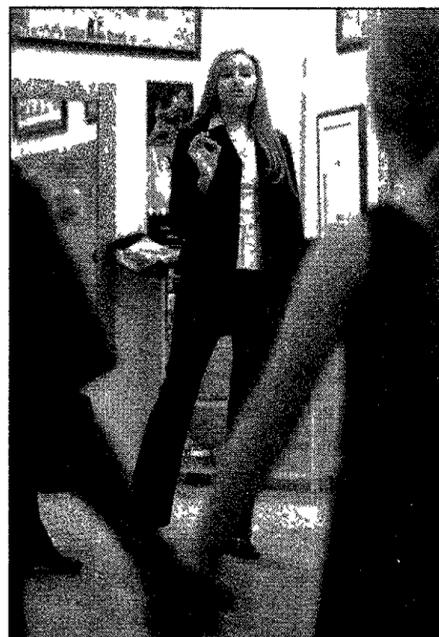
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'Babes' not afraid to dance

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER



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Students at the dance studio of Justine Blazer range in age from 7 to 15

One thing is for certain about Justine Blazer's song-and-dance class — if you're afraid of the spotlight, it's not for you

Blazer, 19, inspired by spotlights directed toward Cedar Point stages last summer, decided to share her love of performing with young dancers. She formed "Blazer Babes" and named Blazer's Dance Studio, founded by her mother, Cindy. Her sister, Genevieve, teaches dance to toddlers.

All the "Blazer Babes" are at either an intermediate or advanced level in their dance skills. They all take voice and dance lessons privately with her each week and rehearse together once a week, too. Their first performance was at the Plymouth Fall Festival. There, they donned tattered orphan clothes and sang "Hard Knock Life," from the Broadway musical "Annie."

The girls range in age from 7 to 15, and include a pair of sisters.

"They do get along very well," Blazer said. "You wouldn't even think age is an issue."

The girls began brushing up on their holiday repertoire well before Halloween.

Justine Blazer gives pointers to her performers during a rehearsal of Christmas carols at the Blazer dance studio

"The girls thought it was pretty strange working on the Christmas show in September," Blazer said. "Now, it feels right because it's so close."

Some of Blazer's students said they are beginning to feel the holiday spirit. Kristianna Mayo, a 10-year-old All Saints student, said he has recently begun to enjoy "The First Noel" more than she did previously. "It's such a pretty song," Mayo said.

"It's a really fun class - we dance, we sing, we talk together and play together."

Kristianna takes the song and dance class with Alexandra, her 8-year-old sister. They have a dance studio in their basement.

"A lot of my friends are in the class and we really like to sing and dance," Alexandra said, adding that her favorite song to rehearse is "Let It Snow."

Blazer, a Canton High graduate, is attending Washtenaw Community College and wants to become a teacher - once she gets the performing bug out of her system.

She became a dance teacher

for the first time as a 13-year-old to help her mother, who was suddenly without a dance instructor. She agreed and has been teaching ever since. She already had 10 years under her belt as a dancer the first time she taught.

Since then, Blazer has nurtured her love of singing and dancing by singing in Canton High's Madrigal Choir and, most recently, modeling in auto shows for Chevrolet.

She is constantly eyeing her next audition - and has set her sights on the Big Apple. She's not ruling out working in another theme park, or even on a cruise ship.

Other Blazer Babes include Amanda Bednarz, Kacie Burns, Alexis Hotz, Allison Kirby, Carrie Olson, Morgan Rice, Brittany Schmidt and Danielle Gornick.

Their first gig was Dec. 8 at Waltonwood, an assisted living development on Canton Center. A 1950s-themed show is also planned.

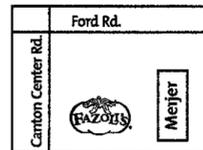
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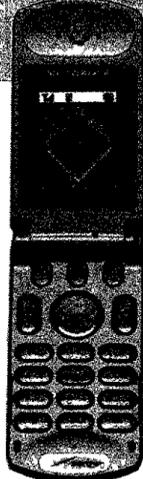
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Dennis Robertson (left) plays Scrooge and Scott Crownover is Nephew Fred in



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A celebration calls for face-painting at The Detroit Children's Museum

Bored no more: Vacation week things to do, people to see

BY ALICE RHEIN
CORRESPONDENT

For Mary and Dennis Beauregard of Canton, the week between Christmas and New Year's is traditionally spent Up North near Manistee, where Mary's family resides.

It's a time to see faraway friends and family, said Mary, a speech-language pathologist who currently stays home to care for her 8-year-old daughter, Lauren, and 4-year-old son, Eric. "We go sledding, ice skating and take walks in the snow. It's a wonderful family time."

And while Dennis, an engineer for Ford Motor Co., typically has that week off of work, the family plans do change from year to year.

"If we don't go Up North, then we do a lot of different things here. We have sleepovers, hit the sales and later in the week we go to see something like the Rockettes or another big show so we end the week with a big bang," said Mary. "Some years, we've gone to Frankenmuth or Greenfield Village."

And, of course, there's always playing with those new toys like the craft bead set

and the Easy Bake Oven. But if there's no trip planned, and the kids have lost interest in their new toys, vacation week can turn into a torturous time of "I'm bored."

Rather than get into that old "How can you be bored?" scenario, why not see what's out there for the kids to do? With a little research, you can find all sorts of events happening around town, many geared especially to kids with "nothing to do" during vacation week.

ART, MUSIC AND MORE

At the Detroit Institute of Arts, public relations manager Pamela Marci says holiday week is the busiest of the year because so many families attend. During this week, the DIA is open every day, including Monday, Dec. 23 and 30, and Tuesday, Dec. 31, and there are extended hours most days.

Each year, the DIA tries to program around the special exhibitions, and since the highly regarded Degas and the Dance is currently on exhibit through Jan. 12, 2003, programs include storytelling "Stories that Dance," "Performance in the Galleries" and a special performance of *The Nutcracker* at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

"On our Friday nights (the museum is open until 9 p.m. every Friday), the crowd is diverse in every area, not only racially and ethnically, but also in all different age groups — seniors, teens and families," said Marci.

And during holiday week, diversity is also the theme. There are performances of African and African American folktales by Miz Rosie, the Detroit Puppet Art Theater — one of the city's cultural gems — presents *Cinderella* with music by Tchaikovsky, and the Peter Sparling Dance Company performs *Les Parisiennes*, which brings to life the 19th-century paintings of Edgar Degas.

All events are free with museum admission, and a complete listing is available on the DIA Web site (www.dia.org) or by calling (313) 833-7900.

Though there are few Wayne State University students around during vacation week, the Cultural Center really teems with life during this time. At the Children's Museum, which moved last year from its house across from the DIA to its new loft-like space at 6134 Second Ave., community



A youngster learns about gears at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum

relations manager Leshe Williams says many events are planned. "The museum is open noon until 4 p.m. with make-and-take crafts and a 1 p.m. planetarium show of the winter sky."

Also featured are several exhibits including "Feel Like a Kid Again" featuring artwork of Detroit elementary students, and a Native American exhibit called "First People, One with Nature."

Williams said that the museum will be decorated for the holidays, including Fiesta time, which is celebrated in Mexico.

CELEBRATING ETHNICITY

For Kris Femminneo, the celebration of different cultures has become an annual tradition during vacation week. "When I was working in the Detroit schools, I learned about Kwanzaa from the kids I taught. I thought it was such a wonderful celebration of spirit that I started teaching my daughter, Sara, about the holiday last year when she was 3," she said.

This year, Femminneo plans to expand the education and celebration to her whole household, which includes her husband, Tony, her father, Phil Berger, and her four stepchildren who attend Guardian Angel School in Clawson and Bishop Foley High School in Madison Heights. And a trip to the Cultural Center may be on the docket for the family as well.

At the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, vacation week will feature two photography exhibits with works by Chester Higgins Jr. and Ernest C. Withers. And *The Nutcracker* is at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30. The muse-

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Artistic Expressions

Linda Chomin

It doesn't take much to brighten the holidays of those in need

Cold snaps leave Brother Vincent Reyes wondering about where some of the homeless people are that he feeds at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. They disappear and no one ever knows what happened to them.

Reyes' chilling story is just one of many I've heard while writing about fund-raisers and benefits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. I'm making my list just like I do every year. How could I not after learning about men, women and children without homes? Something as small as a teddy bear, blanket or socks can brighten the life of someone less fortunate than myself.

I'm lucky because my more than 12 years as an arts & entertainment reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers have introduced me to organizations that are working to help feed, clothe and house those struggling to survive. Now I want to share their needs with you. But there are organizations in all of our communities that help people living on the streets and those leaving their homes in the middle of the night to avoid abuse. Find out what they do. It's always good to see firsthand, you'll want to do even more to help them.

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Livonia Churchill alumna stars in *Shear Madness, The Foreigner*

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG
CORRESPONDENT

Robin Lewis-Bedz didn't have an epiphany about acting in the theater. It was just something she always wanted to do. "I gravitated towards theater early on. I just enjoyed doing it. I felt I could earn a living at it," she said.

The actress, 29, who currently is in *Shear Madness* at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, was active in the Creative and Performing Arts Program (CAPA) at Livonia Churchill High School, where she graduated in 1991. She went on to receive her bachelor's of fine arts degree in theater from the University of Detroit Mercy. From there, she studied in the Professional Actor Training Program at Ohio University, where she earned her master's of fine arts in theater. While at Ohio University, she interned at the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park in Cincinnati, OH, where she starred in *Miss Julie* and *Rough Crossing*. Additionally, Lewis-Bedz specializes in children's theater and improvisational comedy. She's also an expert in juggling and has a green belt in karate.

The oldest of three children, Lewis-Bedz lives in Dearborn with John, her husband of nearly three years.

In *Shear Madness*, which has

an open ended run at the Gem, she is the understudy to the roles of Barbara DeMarco and Mrs. Schubert until mid-January.

MYSTERY-COMEDY

One of America's longest-running comedies, *Shear Madness*, which is filled with countless double entendres and sexual innuendo, takes place in a unisex hair salon. The story centers on hair stylist Tony Whitcomb and his customers talking about the eccentric pianist who lives above the salon, who later ends up murdered with a pair of barber scissors.

Things get interesting from there as the audience votes on who the murderer is and the thespians play out that scenario accordingly. *Shear Madness* director Matt Callahan also localized the play, making references to Grosse Pointe, Inkster, and other cities within the Metro-Detroit area.

Originally written as *Scherenschnitt* by Swiss playwright Paul Portner in 1963, Marilyn Abrams and Bruce Jordan transformed it in 1979 from a serious murder mystery to a mystery-comedy.

"*Shear Madness* is a big farce," Lewis-Bedz said. "You have to find the ultimate core of

reality within that.

After her run with *Shear Madness* ends, Lewis-Bedz is looking forward to performing in playwright Larry Shue's *The Foreigner*, which will run from late-February to late-March at Meadow Brook Theatre, at Oakland University's campus in Rochester.

The Foreigner is about a shy man named Charlie who doesn't say much. His friends tell people he's foreign and doesn't understand English. People freely talk about others in front of him, oblivious to the fact he understands every word. Lewis-Bedz plays Catherine, the female lead, who befriends Charlie.

LENGTHY RESUME

The actress has performed at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea, the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield, Second City in Detroit, as well as the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park and Meadow Brook. She has appeared in *The Tropical Pickle*, *Let It Be All My Sons*, *Dance Like No One's Watching*, *The Day We Met*, *Measure for Measure*, and *A Christmas Carol*.

Whatever I'm working on at the time is my dream project. I've met so many great people, who are fun to work with and learn from. Lewis-Bedz explained. Every show pres-

ents its own unique set of challenges. The longer you're in this business, you have different challenges. There are days when you show up and you're tired. You have to depend on the other actors to support you and engage you in order to be in the moment, so it's fresh. I'm always learning."

Lewis-Bedz has no Broadway dreams, she likes the work she's doing now, saying that she finds it fun and challenging. In fact, she lived in New York City for under a year and found it too crowded.

There were way too many people. It got very claustrophobic," she recalled.

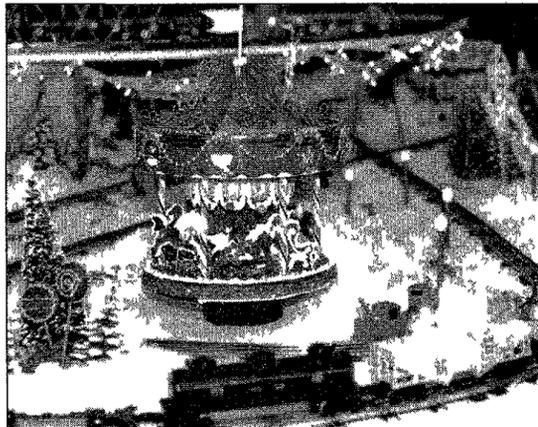
In addition to appearing on the stage, Lewis-Bedz had a bit part in Chelsea resident Jeff Daniels' film, *Super Sucker*, as Bobby Jo Bartholomew. "(Daniels) is no different than working with anyone else. He's just a regular guy who's very down-to-earth. He cares very much about the work and the art. He's very fun and accessible."

However, she prefers theater to film because she said there's something magical about performing in front of a live audience, it's true art.

"You don't revisit a scene in film and do it differently than when you (revisit) it eight times a week on stage. That's just not as much room to do that in film."



Robin Lewis-Bedz



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Young vocalist focuses on true meaning of the season with *A Classical Christmas*

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Tired of *Jingle Bells* and *Frosty the Snowman* and ready to hear music that brings out the true meaning of the season? Popular songs are good for getting in the mood to celebrate the holidays but the week leading up to Christmas should be a time for reflection. What better way to start the process than by listening to Franz Schubert's and Bach's *Ave Maria*, Cesar Franck's *Panis Angelicus*, Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus*, Beethoven's *Sonata in E flat Major* and Pietro Yon's *Gesu Bambino* along with favorites

like *Silent Night* and *O Holy Night*? Young soprano Rebekah Walker sings all of this music and more at *A Classical Christmas* concert Thursday, Dec. 19, in the Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Livonia.

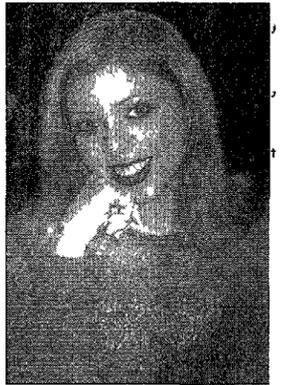
Some of the selections are on the first CD, *Classical Favorites*, she recorded two years ago at the age of 17.

"I love Christmas music. It makes it so special to hear songs you grew up with," said Walker, who studies voice with Barbara Wiltsie at Madonna University in Livonia. "My favorite is *O Holy Night*. It's written so beautifully."

Walker first sang the religious song as a student in the choir at Ladywood High School in Livonia. It was there that her father Brady Walker first realized Rebekah's talent. Now he's doing everything he can, including promoting and producing the concert, to further her career.

Walker's already sung in front of large audiences with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra but he never dreamed this concert would turn into such a large event.

"We were originally going to do it at the Livonia Civic Center and switched to St. Mary's basilica, a bigger venue where we need to sell 600 tickets just to break even," said Brady Walker. "It's become a tremendous promotional effort but I knew I had to do something when I heard her sing at school. I'm in it for the long haul trying to get the right people to hear her. We're going



Rebekah Walker sings classical Christmas music accompanied by John Boonenberg Thursday, Dec. 19

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Crew members use an assortment of items to produce sound effects for the radio play, *It's A Wonderful Life*

Ensemble goes back in time to prove *It's a Wonderful Life*

An ensemble cast and crew will perform a radio play-style production of *It's A Wonderful Life* Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 14-15 and Dec. 21-22 at The Second City, Detroit.

Director-actor Marty Bufalini of Grosse Pointe leads the group, which includes actors Tim Wolf of Royal Oak, Tommy Ventumiglio of Chesterfield Township, Brian Taylor of Plymouth, Carrie Fisk of Grosse Pointe, Michelle Hooks Stackpole of Harper Woods, Aaron Letrick of Clinton Township, Steve Sabaugh of Sterling Heights, among others.

The group transports the audience to a 1940s-style radio studio when radio shows were performed live before a studio audience, with the aid of minimal set decor and show preparations. The crew in Bufalini's production creates 98 percent of all sound effects live, using mechanical devices. Actors recreate footsteps, a half-size door on wheels provides door effects, bells are rung, a water tank is used for water effects and a wind machine creates the wind.

Performances are 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 21 and Sunday, Dec. 22 and 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, at The Second City Theatre, 2301 Woodward, Detroit.

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$9 for senior citizens and students. They're available at The Second City box office, Hockeytown Authentics (without service charge), in Troy and at all Ticketmaster locations. To charge by phone, call The Second City at (313) 965-2222.



Marty Bufalini of Grosse Pointe directs an ensemble cast in *It's A Wonderful Life* at Second City Theater, Detroit.

National Board of Review picks *The Hours* as top movie

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — *The Hours*, starring Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore and Nicole Kidman, is the year's best movie, according to the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures.

Based on Michael Cunningham's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, the film follows three women in three eras who are all tied to Virginia Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway*.

Moore also won the board's best-actress award for *Far From Heaven*, in which she plays a 1950s New England housewife who learns her husband is gay, then begins a relationship with her black gardener. Campbell Scott was named the best actor for *Roger Dodger*, in which he

stars as a shallow womanizer. The group's supporting actor prize went to Chris Cooper for *Adaptation*.

Kathy Bates won best supporting actress for *About Schmidt*, in which she plays a bohemian divorcee. Philip Noyce was the group's director of the year for two films: *The Quiet American* and *Rabbit-Proof Fence*.

The documentary honor went to *Bowling for Columbine*, Michael Moore's examination of America's gun culture. Pedro Almodovar's *Talk to Her* was the board's choice for best foreign film of the year. The Spanish film follows two men who are in love with women in comas in the same hospital.

Completing the list of the top 10 movies for 2002: *Chicago*, *Gangs of New York*, *The Quiet*

American, *Adaptation*, *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, *The Pianist*, *Far From Heaven*, *Thirteen Conversations About One Thing* and *Frída*.

The National Board of Review awards represent the first step in anticipating Academy Award winners, but they're usually not in step with what Oscar voters prefer. Last year, board members chose Baz Luhrmann's revisionist musical *Moulin Rouge* as the best movie, the Academy Award for best picture went to Ron Howard's *A Beautiful Mind*, a far more traditional pick for its inspirational themes.

The National Board of Review, made up of teachers, writers, actors and movie production workers, will award the winners at a ceremony Jan. 14, 2003, in New York.

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COLLEGE THEATER

Hilberry Theatre

The Good Doctor Neil
 Simon's tribute to Anton



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA ZAYTI

A musical version of the *Velveteen Rabbit* hops into the Marquis Theatre through Jan 19. Curtain times are 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday Dec 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, and Jan 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19, and 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec 26-27, and Jan 2-3. Tickets are \$7.50. Call (248) 349-8110 for school reservations, birthday parties and group rates. Please no children under age 3. Pictured are Valerie Mould (back row left), Aubrey Quinley, Chris Kuoric, and Melissa Harris, and Ken Haering (front row left) and Alexandria Moffo. The Marquis Theatre is at 135 East Main, Northville.

Chekhov plays in rotating repertory to Feb 4 at the theater on the campus of Wayne State University corner of Cass and Hancock Detroit \$12 to \$20 *King Lear* Tuesday Saturday Dec 10 14 (313) 577 2972

WSU Bonstelle Theatre

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YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

Junior Actors of Ridgedale Holiday Zoobille includes a musical play snack visit with Santa and a gift 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 14 and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday Dec 15 at the Ridgedale Players play house 205 West Long Lake Road between Crooks and Livernois Troy \$7.50 (248) 988 7049

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

A Classical Christmas

Rebekah Walker sings classical sacred and popular holiday music 7:30 p.m. Thursday Dec 19 in the Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church 18200 Merriman one half mile north of Six Mile Livonia \$8 advance \$10 at door (734) 422 0010 (248) 427 2122 or (248) 477 7120

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church/First United Methodist Church

A Boychoir Christmas concert by The Boychoir of Ann Arbor 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 14 at St. Andrew's (Division at Catherine) Ann Arbor 7:30 p.m. Sunday Dec 15 at First United 128 Park Street Chelsea \$5 \$40 (734) 663 5377 or e-mail www.aaboychoir.org

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The Jazz Gospel *Messiah* 8 p.m. Saturday Dec 21 4 p.m. Sunday Dec 22 The Detroit Opera House (313) 237 7464 or Ticketmaster (248) 645 6666

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Holiday Pops concerts with the Livonia based Classical Bells Handbell Ensemble



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Monk returns to Trinity House Theatre 8 p.m. Friday, Dec 13 Tickets are \$12, \$9 for theater members and can be reserved by calling (734) 464-6302. Trinity House Theatre is at 38840 West Six Mile Livonia

Madrigal Choral of Southfield and the Highland Park Baptist Church Chancel Choir of Southfield 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday Dec 19 8:30 p.m. Friday Saturday Dec 20 21 and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday Dec 22 at Orchestra Hall Detroit \$15 \$55 (313) 576 5111
 Young People's Concert Series continues with the Southfield choirs 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday Dec 21 \$10 \$26

Farmington Community Chorus

Yule Cheer 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Dec 20 21 Mercy High School Auditorium corner of 11 Mile Road and Middlebelt Farmington Hills \$10 (810) 632 4067

First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

Christmas by Candlelight concert 8 p.m. Friday Dec 13 529 Hendrie Boulevard Royal Oak \$12 adults \$6 children (248) 541 0108

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Greenmead Historical Village

Christmas tours of the six village building decorated for the holidays 1:4 p.m. Sunday Dec 15 and 22 \$2 \$1 students 'Twas the Night Before Christmas program features reading of Clement Moore's poem crafts to take

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Jackson Choral

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Lunch with Santa 11 a.m. noon and 1 2 p.m. Saturday Dec 14 at the house located on Farmington Road south of 11 Mile in Farmington Hills Includes lunch visit with Santa a craft and storytelling Tickets are \$12 Children must be accompanied by an adult (248) 477 8404

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Motor City Brass Band

Holiday brass concert 7:30 p.m. Friday Dec 13 Waterford Cultural Center 5860 Andersonville Road Waterford \$15 adults \$10 students & seniors (248) 623 9389

Motor City Lyric Opera

Amahl and the Night Visitors 7:30 p.m. Thursday Dec 19 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday Dec 21 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday Dec 22 at Music



The Contours will sing Motown favorites at 7:30 p.m., Saturday Dec 14, at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. The group recorded the hit tune, *Do You Love Me*, in 1962 and has been honored with two lifetime achievement awards for contributions to the Motown sound. Original members of the group, Joe Billingslea and Sylvester Potts, will play with Al Chisholm, Charles Davis and Gary Grier at Temple Beth El. General admission is \$18. Patron tickets which include an after-glow reception and photo opportunity, are \$50 per person (248) 851-1100, ext. 3142

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Farmington Community Chorus

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For those who want to venture a little further from home, Ann Arbor is a great destination during holiday week. Finals are over, students are gone, and the city is at one of its prettiest times.

At the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, "The Big Freeze" hits the museum just in time for holiday fun. From Dec. 26-30, kids can make their own ice cream and learn the science behind how salt and ice make cream freeze. There are also liquid nitrogen demonstrations, and kids can make their own Eskimo snow goggles. And from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, world champion ice sculptor Ted Wakar will create one of his world-famous carvings.

The museum also has a wonderful toddlers' and infants' area where little ones can learn what it's like to be a firefighter (the museum is actually part of an old firehouse) and don aprons to explore the water area. For a complete listing of events, check out www.aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

Ann Arbor is also home to the Exhibit Museum of Natural History where the exhibit "Native Fishes of the Great Lakes Region" is showing through Jan. 10, 2003.

Watercolors of regional fish are included along with an exhibit that compares modern collection methods with archival samples dating back to the start of the museum's collection which began in 1882. It's a bit heavy but that serious scientist of yours will love it. The museum's fish collection contains more than three million specimens. The museum's Web site is <http://exhibits.lsa.umich.edu/> or call (734) 764-0478.

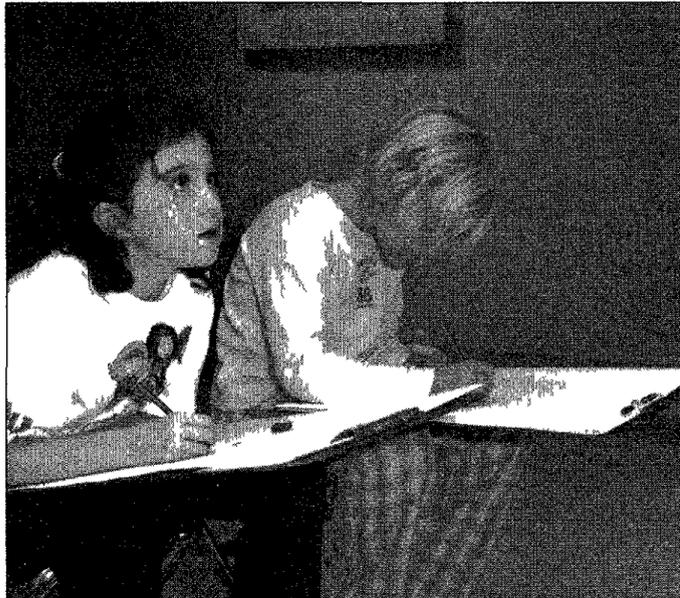
Another road trip destination might be to Toledo where "Toy Factory" is on display at COSI. The "fun, funky, hands on toy festival" runs through Jan. 5, 2003, and features your favorite toys and the science behind them. You'll even learn fascinating cocktail talk facts like the last names of Barbie and Ken (they're Roberts and Carson, but you knew that, right?) For details about COSI, visit costoledo.org or call (419) 244-2674.

BLOOMFIELD TO DEARBORN

Closer to home, Cranbrook Institute of Science has the traveling exhibit "Masters of the Ocean Realm: Whales, Dolphins & Porpoises" through Jan. 5 (www.cranbrook.edu or



Detroit PuppetArt Theatre presents *Cinderella* at the Detroit Institute of Arts



Youngsters sketch in the galleries at the Detroit Institute of Arts



Participants paint a festive mural at The Detroit Children's Museum

(877) GO-CRANBROOK.) And though Greenfield Village is temporarily closed for major renovations, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn is always a great family destination. And at the IMAX, *The Lion King* will be opening on Christmas Day (www.hfmgv.org or call (313) 982-6100).

For Briget Ebbing of Troy and her family, vacation week includes some travel, but sports tournaments are what consumes their time. Her oldest son John, 13, plays basketball and hockey for the Birmingham league. Her daughter, Amy, 11, plays basketball, and her youngest son Thomas, 8, plays hockey.

"We go to a lot of tournaments that week. The rest of the time we'll just try to catch a movie like *Harry Potter* or *Santa Clause*," she said. And if it snows, then the Ebbings head to Bowers Farm on Square Lake and Adams where the hills are lit at night for sledding.

After all the gifts have been unwrapped, the candles extinguished and the guests have gone, it's natural for there to be a holiday letdown. While adults may welcome it as a time to rest, children may still crave stimulation. Lucky for you there's plenty in and around town to keep everyone happy before, during, and especially, after the holidays.

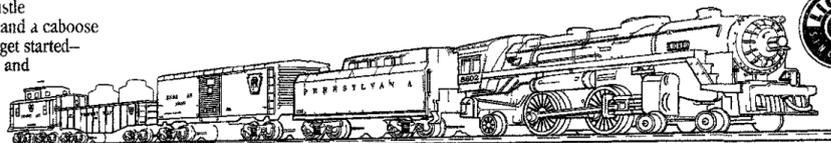
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The cast of Star Trek: The Next Generation returns on a diplomatic mission to initiate peace with the Romulans. But upon arrival to the alien planet, the crew is faced with a threat that could lead to the Earth's destruction and Picard meets his most dangerous adversary yet: a surprisingly personal nemesis. Stars: Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes, Brent Spiner, LeVar Burton, Marina Sirtis. Directed by Stuart Baird. (Paramount) Rating: PG-13

DRUMLINE
Set against the high energy, high stakes world of show style marching bands, the story tells of a talented street drummer from Harlem who enrolls in a Southern University expecting to lead its marching band's drumline to victory. He initially flounders in his new world before realizing that it takes a more than talent to reach the top. Featured players include Nick (Whatever It Takes) Cannon, Orlando (The Time Machine)

Jones, Zoe (Crossroads) Saldana, Leonard (He Got Game) Roberts, Charles Stone III helms the comedy marking his feature directorial debut (20th Century Fox). Rated: PG-13

EVELYN
Based on true events, Evelyn tells the story of real life Desmond Doyle and his young children Evelyn, Maurice and Dermot. Struggling to raise his kids alone in Ireland in 1953, Doyle is devastated when the power of the Church and the Irish courts take his children away and put them in orphanages. Vowing to reunite his family, he enlists the help of his friends and together they attempt to do what has never been done. Featured players include Pierce (Taylor of Panama) Brosnan, Julianna (The Man from Elysian Fields) Margulies, Aidan (Stolen Summer) Quinn and Stephen (FearDotCom) Rea. Bruce (Double Jeopardy) Beresford helms the drama (MGM/UA). Rated: PG

THE HOT CHICK
A popular but shallow and mean spirit

ed teenaged girl wakes up one day in the body of a 30 year old man. In the process of trying to figure out how to switch back, she comes to realize her shortcomings. Featured players include Rob (The Animal) Schneider, Matthew (Cheaters) Lawrence and Michael (The Glass House) O'Keefe (Touchstone Pictures). PG-13

MAID IN MANHATTAN
Jennifer Lopez stars as Marisa, a maid in a fancy New York City hotel. While trying on a wealthy woman's dress, a handsome rich man mistakes her for society woman. Marisa goes through a transformation when she falls in love with the British man. Featured players include Ralph Fiennes as Christopher, the British gentleman, and Natasha Richardson as Christopher's girlfriend. Of the story "She soon finds herself gaining insight into the life of a man she might otherwise have judged from a distance. When her real identity is revealed, however, the truth sets in about the disparity of their lives." Wayne Wang directed the modern re-telling of



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Cinderella (Columbia/Revolution Release) Rated PG-13

PERSONAL VELOCITY
Based on Rebecca Miller's acclaimed book of short stories, *Personal Velocity* tells three tales of women who have reached a turning point on their lives. Kyra Sedgwick is Delia, a spirited working class woman from small town New York who leaves her husband and sets out on a journey to reclaim the power that she has lost. Parker Posey is Greta, a cookbook editor who is rotten with ambition and struggling (not too hard) with issues of fidelity to her kind but unexciting husband. Fairuza Balk is Paula, a troubled young woman who takes off on a journey with a young hitchhiker after a strange, fateful encounter on a New York street. As each of the three stories unfold, the film follows its characters as circumstances force them into an awakening of their inner selves and an emergence on their own life's paths. (MGM/UA)

**SCHEDULED TO OPEN
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18**

LORD OF THE RINGS: TWO TOWERS
The sequel to *LORD OF THE RINGS: THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING* follows the continuing quest of Frodo Baggins and the Fellowship that has joined together to destroy the One Ring and stand against the Leader of the dark lord Sauron. The Fellowship has divided and now find themselves taking different paths to defeating Sauron and his allies. Their destinies now lie at two towers. Orthanc Tower in Isengard where the corrupted wizard Saruman waits and Sauron's fortress at Barad-dur deep within the dark lands of

CHARITY
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COTS

Instead of receiving gifts for herself in celebration of her 50th birthday, Beth McKeown asked for diapers and tube socks. Friends and family filled a van and she couldn't be happier. McKeown sees on a daily basis how much these simple items mean to the mothers and residents living at the homeless shelter on Peterboro in Detroit. For more than 20 years, COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter) has not only taken people in from the streets and given them shelter and food but turned their lives around.

A transitional program permits residents to stay for up to 24 months while looking or training for a job, or going to school to earn a GED. In 2002, COTS filled more than 4,000 jobs with homeless people. Clean used business attire is always needed for residents to wear to job interviews.

"It's hard to tell if the depressed economy has had any effect on homelessness because we're full all the time even in summer. There are just not enough shelter beds," said McKeown. COTS marketing manager "We always need blankets because the shelter still can be chilly. Donations are down so food (canned goods) would be more than welcome or if someone wants to give ham or turkeys.

"We always need disposable diapers, new men's and women's underwear, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant. Our large microwave in the lounge area for permanent residences went on the front so if anyone has one

they're not using we'd love to have it."

COTS, like all of the organizations, has other ways people can help. Buy a ticket to a benefit or volunteer a couple hours of your time. For information or tickets to the following COTS events, call McKeown at (313) 576-0219.

Michigan Design Center in Troy opens its doors to the public Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 25-26. Admission is \$6 with the majority of the proceeds from admission and a cafe going to COTS.

"Volunteers work in 3-hour shifts," said McKeown. "We're always seeking volunteers. We have opportunities in all areas. Once someone comes down and sees what we do they want to become involved."

SoupCity runs from 6-10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27. It's third-annual body and soul warming event at the Traffic Jam in Detroit. Enjoy signature soups from some of the top restaurants. Tickets are \$20.

MASKORAUDE, a gala benefit featuring an auction of ceramic masks decorated by more than 200 artists and celebrities, Saturday, April 5 at the Ford Event & Conference Center in Dearborn. Tickets are \$125.

FIRST STEP

If you love to dance, mark Friday, Feb. 7, on your calendar. That's when First Step holds its annual dinner/dance benefit to raise money to help women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. Violence in the home tends to increase during the holidays due to stress and increased use of drugs and alcohol. Many women and children flee in the middle of the night with only the clothes on their backs. Frightened children need cuddly teddy bears and stuffed animals to hold

**SCHEDULED TO OPEN
FRIDAY, DEC. 20**

TWO WEEKS NOTICE
Sandra Bullock is a brilliant but neurotic attorney and Hugh Grant is her charming, irresponsible and fabulously wealthy client in this story about whether or not it's ever too late to say "I love you." Stars: Sandra Bullock, Hugh Grant, Alicia Witt, Mark Feuerstein, Robert Klein. Directed by Marc Lawrence (II). (Warner Bros.) Rating: TBD. Running time: 100 min. utes.

WILD THORNBERRYS
The premise of the TV show upon which it's based is that the Thornberrys are a family that travels the world making nature documentaries. The thing is, their daughter Eliza has the amazing ability to speak to animals. This movie finds her traveling to Africa's Serengeti. Stars: (Voice cast) Lacey Chabert, Brenda Blethyn, Jodi Carlisle, Tim Curry, Rupert Everett, Flea, Danielle Harris, Tom Kane, Lynn Redgrave, Marisa Tomei, Alfre Woodard. Directed by Jeff McGrath. (Paramount Pictures.) Rating: TBD.

GANGS OF NEW YORK
Set in the period from 1846 to 1863, this is the story of how Irish and Italian gangs got started in New York City in that time of Tammany Hall and Boss Tweed. The two gangs at the heart of this film are the Dead Rabbits and the Native Americans. Amsterdam Vallon is the son of the Rabbits' murdered leader and he vows vengeance on the man who killed him, Bill. The Butcher. Stars: Leonardo DiCaprio, Cameron Diaz, Daniel Day

Mordor (New Line) Not yet rated

Lewis, Jim Broadbent, Brendan Gleeson, Devon Murray, Liam Neeson, Pete Postlethwaite, John C. Reilly, Henry Thomas, Liam Carney, Ford Keirnan. Directed by Martin Scorsese. (Miramax Films) Rating: R

ABOUT SCHMIDT
Jack Nicholson stars as Warren Schmidt, a man who is set adrift following retirement and the sudden death of his wife. Uncertain about his future as well as his past, Warren packs up his 30-foot Winnebago to set out on a journey across the Nebraska plains to attend his daughter's wedding to a waterbed salesman. But every step he takes seems wrong and Warren seems destined to end his life as he lived it: a failure. But along the way, Warren recounts his journey and shares his observations with an unexpected friend, a poor Tanzanian boy he is sponsoring for 73 cents a day. In his long letters to the boy, Warren begins to see himself and the life he has lived with new eyes. Also featured in the drama are Kathy (Dragonfly) Bates, Dermot (My Best Friend's Wedding) Mulroney and Hope (Mumford) Davis as Warren's daughter. (New Line) Rated R

ADAPTATION
The story centers on screenwriter Charlie Kaufman's attempt to adapt *The Orchid Thief*, a best-selling novel by Susan Orlean about a dealer of rare orchids into a movie. The plant dealer clones the orchids and then sells them to collectors at outrageous prices. Featured players include Nicolas Cage as Charlie Kaufman, Meryl Streep as Susan Orlean and Chris Cooper as John Laroche, the orchid thief. Soke Jonze directed the comedy. (Sony Pictures) Rated R

onto in the shelter. A wish list is available by calling the Plymouth-based organization at (734) 416-1111. Here a few of the items needed: grocery gift certificates and phone cards, colored pencils for children, finger paint, trucks, toys of any kind except violent action figures. Women need new underwear, clothing and sweat suits, cosmetics (to help build self-esteem), household items and food, sheets, blankets and comforters. Teens need clothing, journals (also for women), books, painting supplies, calculators, backpacks, skateboards, roller blades, baseballs, mitts and bats, and gift certificates would be greatly appreciated.

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Reyes isn't forgetting about the homeless dying on the streets or the children served by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. He's collecting dolls, teddy bears and games - and proclaiming "no child will go without a toy this holiday season." The Capuchins are planning to deliver 18,000 of them beginning Dec. 21. If you can help call Reyes at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 203 by Tuesday, Dec. 17.

"We've seen an increase in the number of people because of cutbacks," said Reyes. "We serve people who are not emotionally or mentally healthy. Many living on the streets are mentally ill. There's no place for them to live. We lose people during these cold snaps. They die. They're on the streets and the coroner picks them up and no one knows.

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call Observer & Eccentric arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

Art student sells life and gets a book deal in the process

BY REED DUNN
AP FEATURES

John Freyer keeps things around a little less these days. He still shops at University of Iowa Surplus every Thursday.

He goes there to see the "\$1 million lasers that sell for \$100," but he takes few things home.

"My shopping's changed a little bit since the project," Freyer said.

The project the 29-year-old University of Iowa graduate student refers to is www.allmylifeforsale.com, an online art piece that used eBay to clear out 600 items from his personal inventory. It earned Freyer international recognition and a book contract highlighting some of the items and updates gathered from visits he made to the new owners of his old stuff.

A 16-city book tour to promote All My Life for Sale began last month.

Freyer is taking the semester off from school to promote his book. He is a class short of earning his master's degree, and he plans to return to college after his tour ends.

The Web-based art project started after Freyer spent summer 2000 working in New York, where his friends were raking in cash building catalogue Web sites for Martha

Stewart and J. Crew. Freyer was frustrated with his work at the university, which included continued updates to an online travelogue, and he wanted his own piece of the dot-com pie. He considered quitting school and starting over in New York, but he had too much stuff.

He tried to purchase domain names, including yardsale.com and garagesale.com, but everything seemed to be taken. Then he stumbled upon the availability of the allmylifeforsale site. "It was the name that really solidified what the project would be," Freyer said. "The word 'all' is pretty large."

He had a site, but no plan. Freyer hosted an inventory party in his Iowa City apartment, where friends spent the entire night tagging items they thought best showcased the frustrated artist's personality. A toaster, ashtrays, T-shirts, still-wrapped Christmas gifts and taco shells were among piles that would be auctioned off using eBay and the allmylifeforsale site. A few friends even tagged themselves.

Once items went up for sale in December 2000, the project began spinning out of control. An international media frenzy surrounded the idea.

Allmylifeforsale garnered the attention of the New York Post, Good Morning America and dozens of other major media

outlets in its first few months. "The only publicity I did for this was I sent out e-mail to my friends," Freyer said. His home-grown project soon was listed among cool sites to visit in publications all over the world, and allmylifeforsale.com quickly reached more than 1.5 million hits daily - three times the traffic successful, similar Web sites were getting at the time.

"The content on my site really defined what the project was like," he said. It was a project of memories.

There were pictures of the items and short scripts about each item's significance. As the second-hand merchandise sold, Freyer asked the buyers to send updates. Those were posted online, too.

The early success of the project led Freyer to visit his former possessions and the people who owned them. In July 2001, he took test trips to some New York-area buyers. He first met Jenn, a woman from Maine who bought his salt shaker filled with Hy-Vee salt.

"There was this amazing amount of trust that was going on," Freyer said.

It was evident the traveling portion of the project could be a success, too.

Freyer returned to Iowa City and prepared a journey to act on some 100 invitations he received during his sale. He had

\$6,000 from the auction, including \$1,165 the University of Iowa Museum of Art paid for the domain name.

"By the end of the sale part, I was pretty excited about the travel," Freyer said. His previous work included the www.temporama.com travelogue, which he revitalized and updated through his visits for allmylifeforsale.

He traveled from state to state, meeting strangers. His white Honda Civic was packed only with the essentials, including a tent for lodging.

"In the end, most people had me stay in their house," Freyer said. He stayed in the tent only once, and if truth be told, it was at one of his last stops in Texas, and only because he had not stayed outdoors during the entire trip.

While in Texas, Freyer realized he had only \$300 left in his pocket, so he decided to return to Iowa City.

"It was interesting to see the things from my life being incorporated into their lives," Freyer said. "The goal was to reflect on these objects. The reason we hold onto things is because of our attachment to them."

Today, Freyer lives with his fiancée, whom he met at his inventory party. The few possessions he did not sell on eBay or at a highly successful garage sale are stored in the basements

of his friends' homes and at the university.

Many of the items he sold via eBay are in Iowa City, too. Friend and adviser Margaret Stratton owns the famous green pants, which Freyer wore when the two met in Syracuse, N.Y., a can of chunky soup, a shirt and the artist's defining eyeglasses. His dining table sold for \$61 to Sasha Waters, his fiancée. It sits in the couple's Church Street home, along with some items Waters bought at the garage sale.

Freyer was uncertain about what was next once he returned to Iowa City from Texas in November 2001. He had a book to write, which he did mostly through six weeks of rewriting the content he already had posted online.

His personality is the same, two years after he put his toaster and two front teeth up for sale.

"My perspective on place has changed," Freyer said. "For the first time in my life, I've made a commitment to place."

Part of that is because of Waters. Another part is because

he has grown to love Iowa City, where he used to get \$1 beers any night of the week.

"It's a great place to live - even with the Foxhead making their drinks \$1.25," Freyer said.

The young artist continues to work following the second-hand theme. He most recently bought a 1977 ambulance - on eBay, of course - and traveled a portion of the country, filling the ambulance with goods from thrift stores along the three-week route. The video-based project ended with a screening of clips from the short trip, and a sale of the objects gathered along the way.

"He has an idea every five minutes," Stratton said. "He's incredibly prolific and he works really hard."

The proof is in All My Life For Sale. Freyer designed the 210-page book cover to cover, a commitment that matches his work with the University of Iowa Center for the Book. With the print catalogue in stores, Freyer feels good about how the project is ending.

"This is a way to put a period on it," Freyer said.

It's time to make New Year's Eve party plans

BY MARY QUINLEY
CORRESPONDENT

It's party time! And to help you plan your New Year's Eve bash here's a sampling of banquet halls and hotels that offer party packages. Enjoy and be safe!

■ The Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, in Westland, will host a celebration from 7:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. A price of \$100 per person includes dinner food stations, beverages, champagne midnight toast, continental breakfast, pizza snack at 2 a.m. and music. For more information call (734) 525-3550 or visit www.hellenicculturalcenter.com.

■ The doors will open at 7 p.m. at The Italian American Banquet and Conference Center of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile. Dinner, deluxe bar, champagne, late-night deli buffet and live music will be available for \$85 per person. Ticket sales deadline is Friday, Dec. 13. Call (734) 953-9724.

■ Two party choices are available at The Ritz-Carlton Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Dr. in Dearborn. The

first seating, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., features a five-course dinner, one glass of champagne per person and piano entertainment for a cost of \$125 per person. Option two, from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., costs \$199 per person. A five-course dinner, one bottle of wine per couple, champagne toast at midnight, three-hour open limited bar, band and party favors are included. Tax and gratuity extra. Call (313) 441-2000.

■ Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dinner, deluxe premium open bar, wine with dinner and live entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Pizza and subs will be served after midnight. The festivities end at 1:30 a.m. Cost is \$85 per person. For reservations call (734) 462-0770.

■ Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, will host a celebration from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. A rate of \$90 per person includes appetizers, dinner, deluxe bar, midnight snack and music. For reservations call (734) 394-5480.

■ Snack on salad and pizza at the AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman in Westland. A DJ and karaoke will be available from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Call (734) 721-9440 for more details.

■ Two options are available at Sandtraps on 5, 35780 Five Mile in Livonia. Early birds can order from a limited menu (prices vary) from 4-8 p.m. The second option, available from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., costs \$140 per couple. This package includes dinner, champagne toast, party favors, live music/dancing and cash bar. Call (734) 464-5555.

■ Tickets purchased by Dec 21 cost \$30 for a single and \$60 per couple for the party at the Wayne Tree Manor Banquet Center, 35100 Van Born in Wayne. After Dec 21, tickets are \$35 single/\$65 per couple. Dinner, bar set-ups, dancing, a live band and party favors are included. BYOB. For information call (734) 728-3020.

■ Celebrate with a surf and turf feast at the Hilton Novi, 21111 Haggerty. For a rate of \$269 per couple, dinner, champagne toast, DJ and dancing,

overnight accommodations and breakfast will be included. The package is available without dinner for \$169 per couple. Call (248) 349-4000 for times and more details.

■ The festivities at the Finnish Center Association, 35200 W. Eight Mile in Farmington Hills will begin at 7 p.m. with cocktails followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Dance to the tunes of a live band from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., enjoy a late-night snack and toast the New Year with champagne. Make a reservation by Dec. 23 by calling (248) 478-6939. Cost is \$35 per person.

■ Check out the Embassy Suites Hotel, 19525 Victor Parkway in Livonia, for an evening of dancing, dinner, eight beverage tickets, champagne toast and overnight accommodations. The rate of \$275 per couple also includes cooked-to-order breakfast on New Year's Day. Call (734) 462-6000.

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Westland eatery specializes in barbecued ribs, family atmosphere

BY MARY QUINLEY
CORRESPONDENT

Once or twice a week, Art Woodruff shows up at Alexander the Great for a meal. Some days, he eats alone. Other times, he shares lunch or dinner with a family member, friend or business client.

"I feel comfortable at Alexander's," said Woodruff of Westland, who has frequented the eatery for more than two decades. He enjoys the food and the friendly, family-style atmosphere.

"The ribs and the broasted chicken are my favorites," said Woodruff, who has sampled just about everything on the menu including the "awesome" corned beef sandwiches.

In 1977, Alexander the Great opened in Westland. This year marks the restaurant's 25th year in business.

"We specialize in barbecued ribs," said Pauline Tomovski, who is a co-owner with her husband, Tom. The ribs, the most popular menu item, are trimmed, seasoned, cooked on a rotisserie pit and then served with a "secret" sauce.

Rib dinners come with coleslaw or salad, choice of potato and garlic bread. Portions are plentiful. Choose either a whole slab for two (\$18.95), a whole slab for one (\$16.95), a half slab (\$13.95) or a snack size of five bones (\$8.95).

Be sure to check local newspapers for coupons that offer rib dinners for two people for \$14.95.

Combinations of barbecued ribs and chicken and/or shrimp are available. Depending on the combo, prices are either \$14.95 or \$15.95.

The Monday-through-Friday lunch crowd has an option to order from a special menu between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

"People are surprised at how much food there is," said Tomovski, who updates the items on the lunch menu every few months.

A Reuben Grill, Chicken Tender Salad, Mostaccioli and Tuna Pasta are currently featured for \$4.95. The \$6.95 lunch specials are served with potatoes, coleslaw and garlic bread. Some of the choices are Fish and Chips, the Half Broasted Chicken and the BBQ Rib Snack.

Appetizers include Shrimp Cocktail, Windings, Fried Pickles and Onion Rings. There are a variety of salads, several soup choices and a Kids Klassics menu for the 10 and under customers.

Smiley Fries are the one of the newest items on the menu. The round, smiley-faced fried potatoes are a hit



Tom Tomovski, owner of Alexander the Great in Westland, offers many dishes including barbecue ribs, fish and chips, barbecue chicken, mostaccioli, broiled orange roughy, broasted chicken and reuben sandwiches.



Barbecue ribs at Alexander the Great in Westland.

with the kids, said Tomovski.

A variety of seafood entrees, including Icelandic Cod, Broasted Shrimp, Broiled Cod and Orange Roughy, are available anytime. Meat lovers will find strip and rib eye steaks.

The Italian dishes of veal or chicken parmigiana, mostaccioli and spaghetti are accompanied by salad and garlic bread.

All menu items are available for take out. Large orders for company functions, home gatherings or holiday events are welcome.

'The customer is the most important thing. We feel that we provide that (at home) atmosphere.'

Pauline Tomovski
co-owner Alexander the Great

feel that we provide that (at home) atmosphere."

Employee turnover is low. The reason for this, said Tomovski, is probably because she and her husband treat their employees like family.

When the couple contemplated a name for their eatery they wanted to make reference to Tom's heritage in the Macedonia region.

So, they chose Alexander the Great, naming the restaurant after a conqueror that ruled as king of Macedonia more than three centuries B.C.

"We wanted to conquer the metro Detroit area appetites for barbecued ribs," said Tomovski.

Owning a restaurant came naturally to Tomovski. Her family has been involved in either the bakery or restaurant business. And, she said, her husband is a people person who likes to entertain. "What better place than a restaurant (for both of us) to work."

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Fruit cobbler a la mode, homemade rice pudding and strawberry daiquiri are after dinner pleasures at Alexander the Great in Westland.

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cere service and a lot of hard work, said Tomovski, is the key to a quarter century of their success.

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Book donations

Independent Carpet One in partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation is donating more than 200 Disney storybooks to local children in need ranging in age from babies and toddlers to early readers and juniors.

For some of these children the books they receive will be the first book they have ever owned, said Francis Francavilla of Independent Carpet One in Westland.

It is our hope that by giving community children books and encouraging them to read, we are giving a gift that will last a lifetime.

Woodworking

The Woodworking Show is scheduled Friday, Sunday, Dec. 13-15 in the Main Hall at the Novi Expo Center, presenting a one-stop shop for woodworkers.

The event will have something for the woodworking enthusiast, home builder/remodeler, wood turner or carver at all levels of expertise. Items will be for sale at discount prices.

A new specialty workshop, the L.I. Builders Workshop, is designed to introduce youngsters to woodworking. It will be open 1-6 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Volunteers from the Motor City Scrollers and Michigan Woodworkers Guild will help children choose a pattern for a craft and trace, cut, sand, and paint it.

Donations of \$3 per project are suggested, with all proceeds going to the local Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan.

Show hours are noon to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9 for adults, free for age 12 and under.

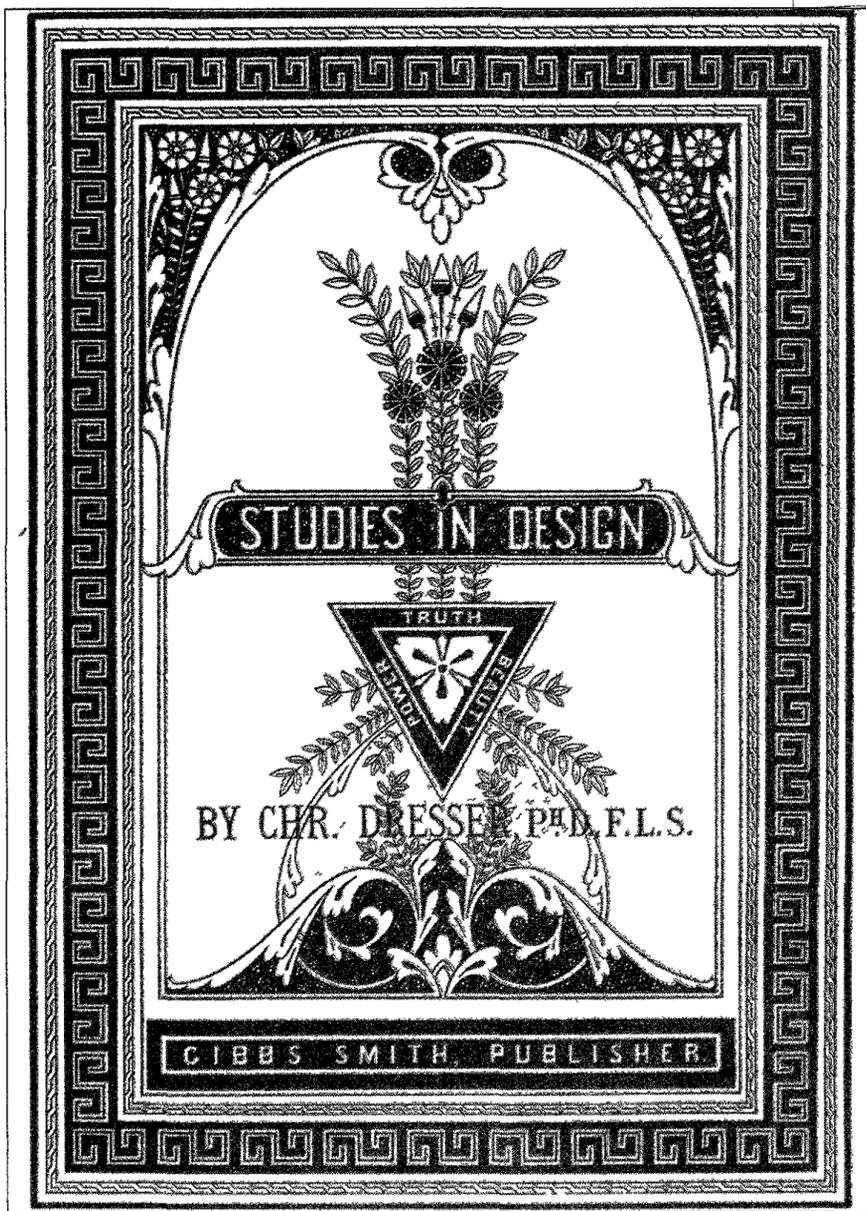
Family admission is \$10 for up to four people. Tickets will be sold at the door.

More than 100 different manufacturers from around the world will be featured, displaying and demonstrating the latest in woodworking, turning, carving, and finishing materials and supplies.

Experts will be available to answer questions and demonstrate techniques. Woodworking organizations will display members work, answer questions, demonstrate skills, and share tips.

Educational seminars are scheduled. Seminar cost is \$140 for full day, \$85 for three-hour attendees who register in advance. They will receive a free weekend pass and save 50 percent on a subscription to *WOOD* magazine. The center is at 43700 Expo Center Drive.

For more information or to register for a seminar, call (800) 826-8257, e-mail info@thewoodworkingshows.com, or visit www.thewoodworkingshows.com.



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Art of the home

Holiday gifts for the decorating-obsessed

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Home improvement and decorating are a job for some and a passion for others. Among the enthusiasts are the obsessed — those who live to rearrange, redecorate and rejuvenate.

The perfect holiday gift might be tuition for a degree in interior design or architecture. Short of that, there's a host of other — not to mention less expensive — resources and tools out there that amateur "professional designers" will adore.

They say learning is reading, so start at the bookstore. With current interest in home improvement and design at an all-time high, publishers are printing all sorts of decorating books from titles that cover the fundamentals like Christopher Lowell's *Seven Layers of Design* (\$29.95, Clarkson Potter) to texts that explore particular trends and decorating styles like *French Influences* by Betty Lou Phillips (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith).

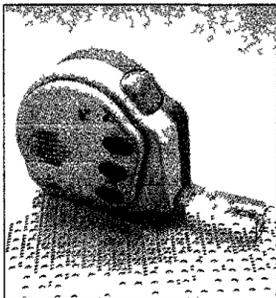
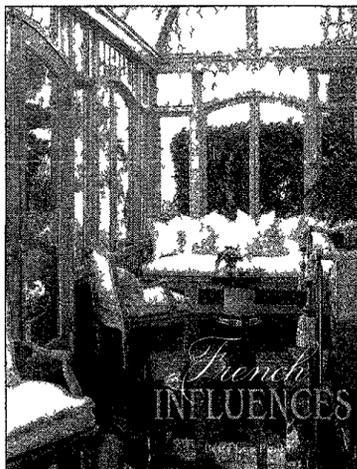


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No need to write down or recall measurements from memory with Brookstone's battery-operated voice recording tape measure, \$25 at Brookstone, at the Somerset Collection in Troy and Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The device, which includes belt clip and carrying case, is also available through the retailer's Web site at www.brookstone.com.

"There seems to be a French design trend," said Emily Swan, spokeswoman for Borders Books, which is based in Ann Arbor and



French Influences by Betty Lou Phillips (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith) is among several books on French style that made Borders Books' top-selling lists in the home decorating category.

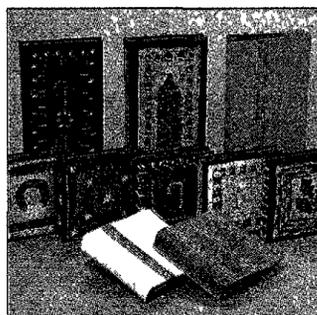
has stores throughout the metropolitan area. "Quite a few books are addressing French styles and French country design." Among those selling well at Borders are two other books by Betty Lou Phillips: *French by Design* (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith) and *Villa Decor: Decidedly French and Italian Style* (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith).

Other specialty home design books on Borders' best-selling lists are *Bungalows* by Louis Wasserman and Caren Connolly (\$29.95, Taunton Press) and *Cabin* by Dale Mulfinger and Susan Davis (\$34.95, Taunton Press).

Destined to become a classic is the *New Decorating Book* from Better Homes & Gardens (\$24.95, Meredith), according to Borders' home decorating book buyer.

A timeless classic not on Borders' lists but worthy of consideration is *Studies in Design* (\$45, Gibbs Smith) by

PLEASE SEE BOOKS, C3



Some of the album covers from Cardswell feature a holiday design. The albums were designed by Orchard Lake resident Nathalie Warriner as a special way to store greeting cards.

Special albums save cards with care

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

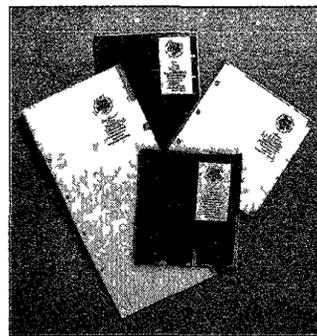
When she was pregnant with her twins eight years ago, Nathalie Warriner enjoyed reading the heartfelt words on cards she was sent.

Like others who receive cards, Warriner wanted to save hers — with care. But she couldn't find an album for greeting cards.

"It amazed me that Americans purchase and inscribe more than 7 billion greeting cards per year, yet there was no way to preserve them," she said.

As a result, she founded the Cardswell Products Division LLC and developed her idea of the Cardswell Greeting Card Album™.

I was inspired to develop albums out of my own need for it, said



The pages have slip-in pockets that hold the cards so they can be read without being taken out of the album.

Warriner, an Orchard Lake resident. "I got tired of keeping (cards) in cardboard boxes and drawers and things."

The patented albums display the covers and interiors of the cards in acid-free storage pages with clear plastic pockets. The cards slip into the pockets, which hold the cards in a way that allows them to be opened and read without being removed from the album.

Tab dividers are also included so the albums can be organized into separate sections.

Warriner gained a patent for the idea in 1998, while the album prototype was created in 2001. She has found the public's response enthusiastic.

"People are thrilled to have a way to preserve their cards," said Warriner, a field hockey coach at Cranbrook. "(The albums) are for any event — graduations, weddings, baby showers, birthdays."

The albums are available in two sizes: "Classic," 10 by 10 inches, with a capacity for more than 20 cards, and "Ultra," 10 by 19 inches, able to hold more than 40 cards.

The covers come in a variety of styles, including fabric, handpainted and with a holiday theme. Among the patterns are fruit, solid colors, animal prints and floral. Warriner is the artist who designs the covers.

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Tips help avoid returns nightmare after holidays

BY ALICE RHEIN
CORRESPONDENT

Perhaps it comes as no surprise that out of five major department store retailers contacted to ask about return policies, only one (Marshall Field's) returned the call.

Stores are in business to sell merchandise, not receive it. Yet who hasn't gotten a holiday gift that was the wrong size, color or style?

And how about the horror stories of trying to return something? Everyone has one. There are tales of long lines, surly service, evil exchange policies and the dreaded "I'll have to get the manager."

There's even an Internet site called PlanetFeedback.com, a division of IntelliSeek Inc., devoted to tracking customer complaints in an effort to help larger companies use the feedback to improve their bottom line. Enter in a company's name, and a list of letters pop up, many wrought with emotion.

But what about holiday gifts? There used to be the thought that if you returned items after the holiday, a store's return policy was a little more liberal. But don't count on it in

this competitive market. Theft - or "shrinkage," as it is called in retail - is a million-dollar business. And unfortunately, it does affect us all.

A return/exchange policy is just another way that stores try to control shrinkage, though it sometimes does little to help customer satisfaction.

SUGGESTIONS

When shopping this season consider these suggestions about gift returns.

■ Every department store and Internet site has a different return policy, so be aware of it before you buy.

And don't assume that the sales clerk who helps you at checkout knows the return policy. It may be his or her first day working as a temp to get a few extra bucks for the holidays.

It's better to ask at customer service, or check out a store's Web site, where return policies are generally posted (Look under HELP if it isn't posted on the home page.)

■ If you take advantage of early sales, be aware that some companies have a 90 day or shorter return policy, even if it's a holiday gift.

■ Don't know someone's size or taste? Consider getting a gift certificate instead. Stores of every size and variety carry them these days, and it always fits.

While you might think it's somewhat impersonal, the person who won't have to return that awful pink ruffled shirt will thank you. Now everyone is happy.

■ Always get a gift receipt and tape it to the gift. Many stores, like Target, print them for everything, even when you're just stocking up on paper products. But if you don't get one, ask.

■ Keep in mind that if you pay for something on your credit card, a gift receipt doesn't guarantee that you, the receiver of the gift, will get what you want. Some stores will only credit the card back and not give a refund. You can usually exchange the item you brought in, but don't expect to get cash back.

■ If you lose a receipt for something you bought on a credit card, a call to the credit card holder can usually produce a receipt. Many stores, like Circuit City, keep track of purchases in their computer

■ Music, DVDs and software are impossible to return or exchange if opened, but can often be exchanged for the same item.

If a software purchase isn't compatible with your computer, you'll have to return it to the company with your receipt. It takes a while, and costs you the postage, but generally, you do get a refund.

■ Check your receipt before you leave the store. There are occasions when items are the correct price, but labeled wrong. When you try to return it, you'll run into trouble if the item title or SKU number don't match.

■ Try to keep your cool and don't bark at the person behind the counter. Otherwise you'll look like a jerk regardless of how right you might be. Ask for a manager and keep your remarks professional and courteous.

■ If you order items online and need to return them, you are stuck with the shipping cost. Period. If it was a mistake on the retailer's part (the wrong size or item sent), you can negotiate a refund, or ask to have a prepaid refund label sent, but otherwise, you pay shipping.

SMALLER RETAILERS

Of course, a lot of return/exchange nightmares can be avoided by shopping at smaller retailers.

"We try to take away the frustration that's at the big stores," said Bob Benkert, owner of the Claymore Shop in Birmingham. "That way, they'll keep coming back."

Benkert says that, as it is with many independent stores, the Claymore Shop return policy is fairly open.

"Most of our customers we've known for a long time, and if they return something, we try to replace it with something they like," he said. "We try to stay away from cash refunds, but we're open about it."

Larry Loiselle, owner of the Livonia Schwinn Bicycle and Fitness Center, says most small retailers have a point of view about returns different from that of the big stores.

"On the front end, we take more time to ask questions and get you what you want," he said. "The larger stores aren't in business to do that. It's all about sales."

While returns aren't something any store likes to do,

Loiselle says that he'll work with the customer to try to get the right item, or give a refund within a reasonable amount of time.

"A happy rider is a much better advertisement," he said. Even for high ticket items like jewelry, independent store owners establish a relationship and a trust with the customer.

"Often the first question that comes out of the mouth is, 'Can it be returned?'" said Gary Astrein, owner of Astrein's Creative Jewelers in Birmingham.

Astrein says he gets about the same amount of return/exchanges a year, and he's pretty liberal about his return policy.

"We want people to be pleased," he said. Indeed, there is something to be said about the pleasures of good customer service.

While you might get good bargains at the superstores, you establish a relationship with a small store owner. And when it comes to getting just what you want, you're more likely to have happy returns with someone you know.

Design build popular remodeling trend

One of the latest trends in the remodeling industry has been design build, especially for major remodels like kitchens, baths and room additions.

"Design build means homeowners work with remodelers to create projects to fit their budget and meet their needs," said Adam Helfman, president

of Fairway Construction of Southfield, one of the local companies offering design build services.

Good communication between the homeowner and remodeler is the essence of a successful project and design build gets that in place up front.

Typically, when homeowners want to remodel, they get a few bids. They may end up with very different bids because each remodeler proposes different ways to do the project,

making it difficult to compare.

With design build, the customer usually uses the remodeler to complete the job since the relationship has been developed. There is usually a design fee.

Design build promotes cohesive design and customer satisfaction.

Remodeling has been increasingly popular because many people would rather stay in their existing neighborhoods and people are buying older homes that need renovation.

Be prepared for the unexpected

Sooner or later, we run into some sort of emergency in our home. It's just about impossible to think about everything that could go wrong.

Having some basic plans can minimize inconveniences, damages or more importantly,

injuries. ABC type fire extinguishers (these can be used on all fires) are a good idea, but only if you can get to them. All too often, they are stored out of sight rather than where they are easy to get at.

Use good judgment about fighting a fire yourself. Your material goods aren't worth your life. Often it's best to get out of the building and let professionals take care of it.

We've all heard the fire safety ads about making and practicing an escape plan for the family. I'd like to hope that we at least discuss escape plans with the family because I'm sure most of us don't practice them.

This is probably OK, especially if there are no small children in the home, but I can't emphasize enough the need to have a meeting place

once outside.

I was a firefighter in a small town some time ago. One time we arrived at a fire scene to find a woman screaming that her elderly father was still in the burning house. Several of us rushed in but could not find him. Later he was found in the back yard looking for her.

Be sure everyone in the house knows where the main shutoffs for water, electricity and gas are.

The electricity shutoff is usually in the panel (fuse/breaker box) but there may be a dedicated main away from the panel. Look for the electric meter outside the house. The main will be close to that point, inside the house.

The gas shutoff is connected to the meter. It will usually be a flat valve, which needs an adjustable wrench to turn it. Water can be shut off near the meter.

Knowing where these are and how to operate them can prevent damage to your home in the event of problems with one of these systems.

We do get some pretty nasty snow, ice and wind storms in our area. These can mean power outages or leave us homebound for a while.

Battery-powered lighting is more costly than candles, but much safer.

A battery-powered radio and a few days' worth of non-perishable food and water can make this time a bit more tolerable.

Ranges with electronic igni-

ters can usually be used for cooking by lighting the burners with a match, but avoid using these for heating.

In any disaster, irreplaceable items can be lost. Proper storage such as a safe or safety deposit box will minimize this loss to some of these items. We have insurance for those that are replaceable.

Take some time to look over your insurance policy. It's probably a good idea to sit down with your agent.

While looking at how your belongings are insured, look over your liability coverage. As we learned several years ago, even the quirkiest minor mishap can lead to litigation.

The Northwest Detroit Area Yellow Pages has less than 30 pages of insurance agents, 35 pages of physicians and almost 100 pages of attorneys listed. I hope you see my point.

Fortunately, in our litigation case, we had no out-of-pocket loss.

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder teaches construction trades to high school students and is the general contractor for Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County. Since we all seem to ask our fathers for repair or remodeling advice Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

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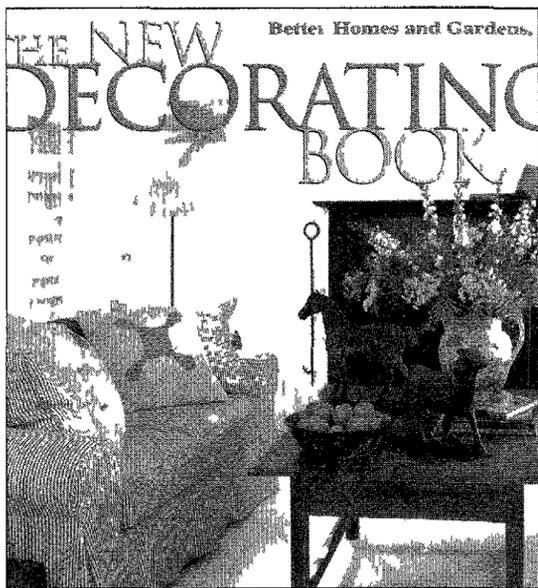


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An invaluable tool for those serious about home decorating and renovation the *Metropolitan Detroit Home Book* (\$39.95, The Ashley Group) is a comprehensive source of design, decor, architectural, building and renovation firms and businesses in the Detroit area. It is available at Borders Books and Barnes & Noble.

BOOKS

FROM PAGE C1

Christopher Dresser, widely considered one of the most influential designers of the 19th century. Originally published in 1875, Smith Gibbs is offering not only a reprint of text but also companion notecards of the book's featured designs.

For the computer-savvy, consider a home improvement or decorating software package. Offerings include software that assists in making decor choices, designing home additions and planning outdoor landscaping and gardens. CompUSA and Media Play, which both have stores throughout metropolitan Detroit, are also good sources for this gift.

If your loved one's resource library is chock-full, how about a gadget that makes projects and planning easier?

Brookstone, which has stores at the Somerset Collection in Troy and Laurel Park Place in

Livonia, sells a battery-operated voice-recording tape measure. The gadget assures exact measurements and is a perfect gift for those with a penchant for rearranging furniture. Priced at \$25, the device tape is 16 feet long and includes a belt clip and carrying case. It can also be purchased at Brookstone's Web site, www.brookstone.com.

And, hey, don't overlook another sort of gadget — hand and power tools. Yes, even if your loved one is a woman. A study of female homeowners conducted by Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse — who, in fact, estimate half of their customers to be women — consider themselves to be "do-it-yourselfers." Apparently, screwdrivers, hammers and cordless drills aren't just for the handyman or man-of-the-house anymore.

So go ahead, substitute a Phillips head for a box of bath salts in her stocking. Just don't forget the pearls.

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BEST SELLERS IN HOME DECORATING BOOKS

* List compiled for and by Borders Books December

- 1 *Not So Big Solutions for Your Home*, Sarah Susanka (\$22.95, Taunton Press)
- 2 *Patterns of Home*, Max Jacobson, Murray Silverstein & Barbara Winslow (\$34.95, Taunton Press)
- 3 *Villa Decor Decidedly French and Italian Style*, Betty Lou Phillips (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith)
- 4 *Cabin*, Dale Mulfingher & Susan Davis (\$34.95, Taunton Press)
- 5 *Preston Bailey's Design for Entertaining*, Preston Bailey (\$45, Bullfinch Press)
- 6 *Creating the Not So Big House*, Sarah Susanka (\$34.95, Taunton Press)
- 7 *Bungalows*, Louis Wasserman & Caren Connolly (\$29.95, Taunton Press)
- 8 *Learning To See Bring the World Around You into Your Home*, Vincente Wolf (\$40, Artisan)

Top 10 for the year so far

- 1 *French Influences*, Betty Lou Phillips (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith)
- 2 *Christopher Lowell's Seven Layers of Design*, Christopher Lowell (\$29.95, Clarkson Potter)
- 3 *Straight Talk on Decorating*, Lynette Jennings (\$34.95, Meredith)
- 4 *New Decorating Book*, Better Homes & Gardens (\$24.95, Meredith)
- 5 *Small House, Big Style*, Better Homes & Gardens (\$34.95, Meredith)
- 6 *French by Design*, Betty Lou Phillips (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith)
- 7 *Patterns of Home*, Max Jacobson, Murray Silverstein & Barbara Winslow (\$34.95, Taunton Press)
- 8 *Decorating with Color*, Martha Stewart (\$22, Clarkson Potter)
- 9 *Provencal Interiors*, Betty Lou Phillips (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith)
- 10 *Romantic Style*, Better Homes & Gardens (\$34.95, Meredith)

Fix a timer, repair dishwasher racks

We get lots of mail and comments from readers Mrs. Behnke wrote — I



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

happens when I use the push button to set the time. I had a reputable appliance repair company take a look at it. They quoted me a price of \$215 for repairs. I don't think so. I will live with a \$2 timer on top of the stove. Can you help?

Appliance Doctor: Please try going to the back of the timer assembly and spray with electronic contact cleaner.

Mr. Presley wrote — We recently purchased a used home which has a dishwasher. The rubber is burnt off a big portion of both the upper and lower racks. I looked at various Web sites for replacement parts and found them to be in excess of \$90 each. For that kind of money we would prob-

ably consider a totally new machine instead. Is there some way to recoat the racks with a dishwasher safe covering that would be much less expensive or is there a dishwasher junk yard where I may find used but undamaged racks?

Appliance Doctor: When the dish-rack is made at the factory it is steel which is dipped into a large vat of the soft rubbery material which coats it and gives you a soft cushion for placing the dishes in.

Items placed inside a dishwasher should never have chips or cracks on edges because they can wear off the rubber coating. Eventually you will have bare spots all the way down to the steel wire rack and this can create marks on your dishes and fine china.

Local parts stores carry a dishwasher repair rack product that comes in a little bottle with an applicator. Apply this product on the damaged part of the rack. Make sure you take an emery board or a piece of fine sandpaper and clean off the area first. Wipe it clean and away you go. Stay tuned.

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 phone number is (248) 455-7281.

HOME CALENDAR

Gifts and wrapping

A seminar on last minute gift ideas and a gift wrapping demonstration will take place 1 p.m. Saturday Dec. 14 at Ethan Allen, 15700 Middlebelt in Livonia. Call (734) 261-7780 for information.

Visit from Santa

Santa Claus will visit the Kids Castle at Art Van Furniture, 27775 Novi Road in Novi, 2-4 p.m. Sunday Dec. 15 to greet children and pass out special treats. Parents may bring their cameras.

Auction

An auction will take place Friday, Sunday Dec. 13-15 at DuMouchelle's, 409 E. Jefferson in Detroit. Hours are 6:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. Saturday, noon Sunday. Call (313) 963-6255 or visit www.dumouchelles.com for information.

How-to clinics

Area Home Depot stores offer free how-to clinics for do-it-yourselfers every week. The clinics last about 30 to 45 minutes and are taught by experienced Home Depot associates who cover step-by-step instructions on how to tackle a variety of home improvement projects. Contact your local Home Depot for more information. The December schedule is: Faux Painting, 7 p.m. Tuesdays; How to Install Ceiling Tile, 7 p.m. Thursdays; How to Install Pergo 11 a.m. Saturdays; How to Install an Interior Door, 10 a.m. Sundays; and How to Install Ceramic Tile, 11 a.m. Sundays.

Kempf House Museum

Kempf House, 312 S. Division in Ann Arbor, is decorated in a traditional German Christmas theme during December. The Greek Revival house was built in 1853. For more information call (734) 994-4898. The schedule includes German Family Christmas (presenting a traditional turn of the century German Christmas featuring the fully decorated house and including exhibits reflecting the German celebration of the holiday) 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Dec. 14 and 15. Admission to the house is \$1 free for under age 12.

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The albums are available at Amy's Hallmark, 1207 W. 14 Mile in Clawson, Bloomfield Gift and Photo, 6606 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills, Hallmark Creations in the Crosswinds Shopping Center, 4301 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, and Ulrich's Bookstore, 549 E. University in Ann Arbor.

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"I like to be creative," she said.

Prices for Classic albums range from \$10 — for the solid color covers, available in Cardinal (red), Raintree (green), Flutterby Blue (lavender and tangerine) — to \$16 for the handpainted covers.

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Brad Kadrich

Rockettes show was better than a nap

My 12-year-old niece, Hope, is a dancer, so in keeping with my "Uncle Bradley" persona, I have to maintain some semblance of interest in the things which hold a spark for my nieces.

Still, I was expecting nothing more than a two-hour nap Friday night when Lisa and I headed downtown to the Fox Theatre for the 'Radio City Christmas Spectacular' featuring those noted dancers, the Rockettes.

Despite Hope's assertion that the Rockettes are the pinnacle - the delirious young lady got to dance with them at an Eastland Center appearance - of the dance world, I wasn't really expecting much. We were actually on hand to listen to the daughter of a friend sing with her high school choir prior to the performance. Ashlee Boyer-Shaw and her choir-mates sang Christmas carols on the steps leading from the Fox lobby into the seating area, and they were wonderful.

To be honest, I didn't expect much from the rest of the evening. After all, how long can you watch two dozen women kicking their legs in a straight line? The actual show didn't hold a whole lot of interest for me until it started.

The Rockettes themselves didn't participate in the opening number. Instead, young dancers soared across the stage in an entertaining number designed to get the show off to a rollicking start, which it did. The Rockettes then came out to the second song, and I thought to myself, "NOW we're talkin'!"

Apparently I think out loud, because several of the men in the audience around me started laughing, at least one admitting that he'd been thinking the same thing.

Going on, I figured I'd at least enjoy the Rockettes for the pretty standard reasons most males would enjoy them - they're very pretty, they have great legs, and there are a lot of them.

Watching them for the first 10 seconds convinced me of something else. They're extraordinarily talented. And the show was a lot of fun.

According to information in the program, the Radio City Christmas Spectacular dates back to 1933, when Radio City Music Hall began presenting 20-minute holiday stage shows with feature films. It changed in 1979, when Robert Jani created the live, 90-minute show.

The show at the Fox featured upbeat, standard holiday fare. There was a "Nutcracker" sequence, where a little girl dances with life-size Teddy Bears. "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" was an exercise in precision, with more than a dozen soldiers moving in complete harmony and synchronization.

That's the part that amazed me - the precision. I know their reputation is based on it, but watching it on television and seeing it in person provide two different realities.

My niece aspires to be a professional dancer and, at 12, she's allowed her dreams. She's already in "The Nutcracker" with the Cincinnati Ballet Company.

There's a height requirement for the Rockettes - at

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Sister Clare Marie Klein and Meghan Madigan at afternoon chapel at the Felician Convent in Livonia. Sister Clare Marie is a novice and Meghan Madigan is a postulant.

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Becoming a nun was the furthest thing from Dana Becker's mind. The 38-year-old New Yorker was a successful Park Avenue lawyer and always thought she would marry and have a family.

"I liked my life the way it was," she said. "There was just one thing that was missing."

Dana found the missing link and, just weeks ago, joined the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor.

"This is heaven on earth," she said. For Ann Klein, thoughts turned to the possibility of becoming a nun at a very young age.

Home-schooled and one of 10 children in a devout Catholic family, Ann began nursing studies at Madonna University at the age of 15. Gathering information on the Felician sisters there for a friend who was discerning a vocation, Ann found herself drawn to the order.

I knew that I wanted to enter a community with Eucharistic Adoration, a strong devotion to Mary, and complete allegiance to the church," she said. "Plus, I loved the Felicians' Franciscan spirit."

Two years ago, at the age of 17, Ann entered the Felicians Livonia Province and is now novice Sister Clare Marie.

Sister Jackie Laster, a temporary professed, and Rose Nickson, a candidate, are both African-American grandmothers in their 50s who have been divorced and received annulments. With a strong desire to serve the poor, they are the newest members of the Sisters of Mercy, headquartered in Farmington Hills.

RELIGIOUS RESURGENCE

After a 40-year dearth in vocations, these women are part of a renewed and growing interest in religious life that has become evident locally in recent years.

And nowhere has it become more evident than in a new Dominican order in Ann Arbor, undoubtedly one of the fastest-growing orders in the United States.

The Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist was established in New York in 1997. The four founding sisters came to Ann Arbor that same year at the request of the Lansing bishop to staff and administer the Spiritus Sanctus academies, begun by Dominos Pizza founder Thomas Monaghan. There are now four of the K-through-eighth-grade schools, including one in Plymouth Township.

It wasn't long before the smiling sisters in their flowing white habits began to attract attention and new members. The growing community moved into a new 28-room motherhouse on Warren Road in Ann Arbor, February 1998.

By spring 1999 it was too small," said Sister Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz, one of the founding members and vocations director for the community. "We consider it quite miraculous."

With the addition of the seven new postulants in September, the sisters now number 38 and are bursting at their residential seams. Plans are in the works to build a new 100-room motherhouse.

"We need to make the house about three times the size of the one we are in now," said Sister Joseph Andrew. My e-mail is flooded daily with women inquiring about religious life and we will be at 100 in no time."



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Sister Maria Frassati, from left, Sister Mary Margaret, Sister Elizabeth Ann and Sister John Paul play a hand of Liverpool Rummy in the recreation room at the Dominican convent in Ann Arbor.

Canton woman hits a 'Fork in the Road'

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

For Sharon March of Canton, her Fork in the Road came in 2000 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I'd been sick for two years before I got diagnosed," she said. "I went to a lot of doctors and nobody could figure out what was wrong with me."

When the diagnosis was finally made, March had a double mastectomy and went through chemotherapy and radiation treatments. The

experience led her to realize that there is much in life to learn and to celebrate - and she set about to bring people from diverse backgrounds together in a common setting to discuss and share their various beliefs and views.

She took some yoga classes and she, her yoga instructor and her friend, Maria Broxholm of Plymouth, would meet for just such discussions.

"At first, we'd meet at my company in Westland," she said.

She and her husband, Craig,

own March Performance Manufacturing Co., which makes pulleys for high-performance cars.

But she wanted to expand the meetings to include more people and she needed a name and a meeting place for the group.

One day, while driving down Canton Center Road where Canton Center and Sheldon Center branch off, she got her inspiration.

There was a fork in the road," she said. "And I said, 'That's it, Fork in the Road.'"

The name was born and she, Broxholm and friend Kathy Perryman of Canton filed papers with the state to incorporate Fork in the Road as a nonprofit organization.

"The element to the Fork in the Road was that I had a lot of friends from different backgrounds - Shamans, Muslims, Jews, Jesuit Catholics, Methodists," March said. "We have all learned lessons in life that we can bring to the Fork in the Road and share with other people."

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WHAT A LIFE!

Religious sisters are making a comeback



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

The sisters gather for afternoon prayers in the chapel at Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor.

The sisters also offer several retreats each year - a 24-hour, no-frills camp-out on a school gym floor with the sisters there to pray with and answer questions.

It was at just such a retreat that Sister Teresa Benedicta, 22, knew she had come home. Becoming a sister was not even on her radar screen while growing up in New Mexico.

"I always wanted to get married and I was going to have lots of kids and home school them, just like my mom," she said.

She was 17 and attending a Dominican retreat in Nashville before she saw a nun in a habit for the first time.

"It was also the first time that I had seen sisters who were young and happy," she admitted. "It made such an impression on me. I thought, 'That's what I want to be.'"

Nineteen when she entered the convent three years ago, she took her first profession of vows in June.

NEW GROWTH

Sister Mary DeSales Herman, vocations director for the Felician Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province in Livonia, remembers when vocations were abundant. She had just graduated from high school and was one of 13 who entered on Sept. 8, 1948.

"My desire to become a sister grew from the sisters who taught me," she said. "The sisters' joyful warmth and caring inspired many young women, and classes often numbered 25 to 30," recalled Sister DeSales.

Novice and Postulant Director Sister Mary Anita Marie Louise Taddonio said there were some 800 Sisters in the

Livonia Province in the 1960s. Now there are about 215 - 100 sisters at the motherhouse, including about 50 in the infirmary, and another 115 out in the community.

"But we have consistently had new vocations almost every year in our province," she said. "This year there are two new postulants."

And eight women from various walks of life ranging from the ages of 20 to in their 40s recently came to the Felician motherhouse for a discernment weekend.

"I haven't met one sister here who doesn't love her vocation," said Sister Mary Veronica Golbinc, 48, and a first-year novice with the order. "That joy just seeps out of the walls."

She had fallen away from the church after briefly belonging to the Sisters of Notre Dame in Toledo 30 years earlier.

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JIM JAGOFFELD | OBSERVER

Working on an Advent wreath, from left, Sister Mary Veronica Golbinc and Deborah Ambrose. Sister Mary Veronica is a novice and Deborah Ambrose is a postulant.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Sharon March discusses the Fork in the Road club, saying a Canton landmark was her inspiration.

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but led a very successful and productive life as a registered nurse and business owner.

"I had total independence, a very good job, a beautiful apartment and car - all the stuff that you would think would make anybody happy," she said. "But there was something missing really big time. Number one - it was God."

In awe of how God has worked in her life, Sister Veronica began to reconsider a religious vocation and joined the Felicians in January.

The two new postulants are Deborah Ambrose, 41, and Meghan Madigan, 28.

Deborah was also a fallen-away Catholic who experienced a spiritual reawakening in her life, and Meghan came from a devout Catholic family of eight. "The hospitality and the warmth and the invitation of the Felicians drew me in," said Deborah. "It is like being carried along in this warm current of love."

For both the novices and the postulants wearing a habit was a priority. While an option for Felicians, the Livonia Province has decided to wear the habit as much as possible "because it is a sign, a great witness," said Sister DeSales, adding, "but it is not the habit that makes the religious, it is the vows."

NO HABITS

The Sisters of Mercy in Farmington Hills haven't worn habits for decades, although some of the older sisters still wear them, and the absence of habits has presented some challenges.

"Back in the early 60s there were thousands of sisters," said Sister Mary Ellen, the vocation minister for the Regional



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Sister Maria Gemma makes cinnamon rolls in the kitchen

Community of Detroit and the Regional Community of Cincinnati. Now the Detroit area has 241 sisters with two temporary professed and one candidate (postulant).

"That's one of our biggest problems," she said. "There are fewer sisters in education and in hospitals, so our visibility is a little more of a challenge. And not wearing the habits, we're not as visible as we used to be."

They are working on more visible signs, she said, including wearing the special Mercy cross.

The Mercy Sisters take four vows. Along with poverty, chastity and obedience, they take an additional vow of service "because we are an apostolic community and our main charism is to serve the poor," she said.

Sister Mary Ellen specifically targets her vocations work toward young women 18 to 35, but one of the phenomena she has noticed is that there is a whole group of women that "we're not seeking, but are seeking us," she said. Those are the women from 36 to in their 50s.

Another recent development, she said, "seems to be a trend with high school and college kids very seriously looking at religious life. We haven't had that happen for quite a while. They're very interested in service and community living and they have a desire for deeper spirituality."

Right now Sister Mary Ellen is maintaining contact with about 20 of those young women and has recently set up a chat room, by invitation only, called "Meet the Sisters of Mercy."

It appears that the recent difficulties faced by the Catholic Church haven't put a damper on religious vocations.

People frequently ask Sister Joseph Andrew of the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist if it has affected vocations in her order.

She answers, "You're not kidding! If I thought I was busy before, now I'm really busy. The youth have come back with a stronger-than-ever determination. I just think God works in a way man can't figure out, and He's going to bring good out of anything."

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least 5 foot 5 but no taller than 5'9" that she might have trouble reaching.

Hope is dying. My sister-in-law, Peggy, told me the other

day "She's afraid she's never going to see 5-5."

I think she'll reach 5-5, and I think she should keep kicking for the stars.

After going to the Fox. I'll know this much. If I go to see her with the Rockettes, I'll know to get my nap in before hand.

Brad Kadrach is community editor of the Plymouth Observer and at nearly 5'10" is too tall to be a Rockette. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrach@oe.homecomm.net or by phone at (734) 459-2700. Calls from agents are welcome.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Kathy Perryman, left and Sharon March discuss the Fork in the Road group in the living room of March's Canton home

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The discussions can be about anything anyone wants to talk about.

In a brochure announcing the next meeting, March explained the idea.

"We don't care what your religious or ethnic background is," she wrote, "because the more diverse the better. We meet at public libraries and the only thing we ask is that during the meetings everyone keeps it simple and leaves their ego outside the door."

The first meeting was held at the Canton Public Library in October with about 25 people attending.

There was one couple at our first meeting," Perryman said, "and the husband said he was just an observer, not a talker. Then something was said about fishing and Sharon said, 'We can talk about fishing and camping. That's a good topic.'"

March said the man went on and on about his fishing hobby being alone with his thoughts and meditating while he fished. After the dis-

cussion ended, he said, "This is the most I've talked in 15 years."

And that's the idea of the sessions, according to March, who's a Buddhist.

"It's to share ideas and ponder the possibilities of life," March said. "It's not a religious thing per se, but we're not afraid to discuss that. In Buddhism, it's called 'being in the moment.'"

March, who was born and baptized Episcopalian, said she's always been a Buddhist, she just didn't know it until about four years ago.

EASTERN PHILOSOPHY

I started dabbling in the Eastern philosophy," she said. "The teachings are the way I have lived my life. When I was young we went to church but I was never connected with it. It didn't give you the opportunity to express your free mind. I think everybody should celebrate everybody's beliefs."

She stressed that the group is not trying to convert anyone to anything and is not interested in money. There are no dues.

And the idea for meeting in libraries was to find a mutual meeting ground where everyone would feel welcome.

"I could go downtown in the inner city and go into the library and feel welcome and like I belong," she said. "Especially in Canton, we have a wide variety of people with different beliefs."

Fork in the Road met Dec 11 at the Canton Library with the next meeting scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec 23, at the Dunning Room of the Plymouth District Library.

Anyone interested in joining or wishing more information can contact March at (734) 812-6863.

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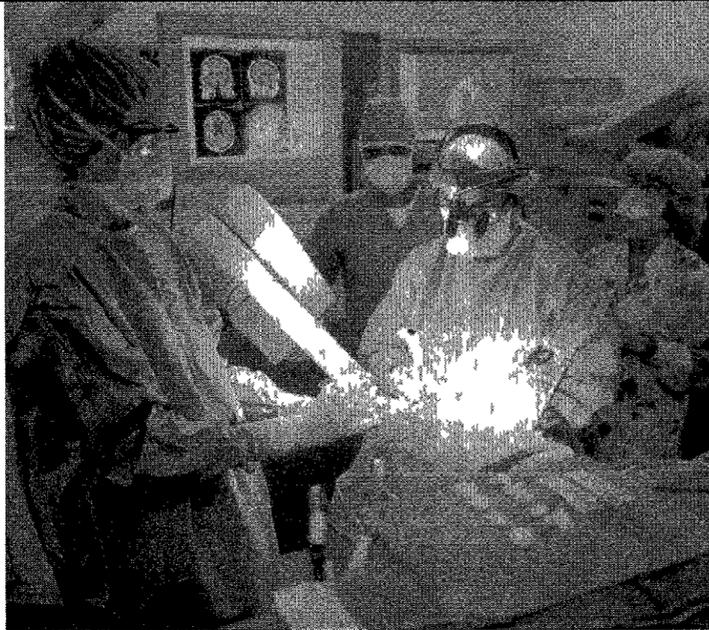
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Walking Club

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church offers a walking club. It meets in the hospitality area in the Grand Mall 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and walks are outside, rain or shine. Open to all fitness levels.

Metropolitan Single Professionals

Trip Information Meetings/Sign Up Meetings are in the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes 35000 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills on Sunday Dec 15 or Jan 5. For the Las Vegas trip be there at 6 p.m. for the Ski Teo Ski Trip Canada 6:30 p.m. and the Punta Cana Caribbean trip 7 p.m. Bring your questions.

Book Discussion Group

MSP's book discussion group meets 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20 percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

Co-Ed Bowling League

Leagues bowl every other Sunday night. All levels of bowlers are welcome. The league will play at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills. League begins at 6 p.m. and the cost will be \$14 per week. RSVP by sending \$52 to cover the last two weeks of the season and the registration fee.

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Fun & Fine Dining Parties

Join in 6:30 p.m. every Thursday for socializing with dinner afterwards. The goal is to provide members and

friends with a sampling of some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area. On Dec 12 participants will meet at Trattoria Andiamo 20930 Mack Grosse Point Woods. Phone (313) 886 9933 for further information.

Single Mingle Dances

Meet new friends, dance and socialize anytime from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a Top 40 disc jockey, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Admission is \$10. Attire is dressy casual, no jeans or tennis shoes. Friday Dec 20 meeting at the Shenandoah Country Club 5600 Walnut Lake Road between Orchard Lake and Drake.

Euchre

From 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday through April at the newly remodeled Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$5 for members, \$6 for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome.

Volleyball

Due to the popularity of volleyball, Open Drop in Co-Ed Volleyball is offered. Being held in the gym and fieldhouse at the Bloomfield Hills Middle School 4200 Quarton Road just west of Telegraph. The cost is \$5 for members, \$6 for nonmembers.

Bethany Suburban West

Divorce Recovery starts in January. Contact Mary at (734) 414 9736. Sundays 10 a.m. breakfast at Redford Grille, corner of Five Mile and Beech Daly. Optional Mass at St. Aidan's on Farmington north of Six Mile at 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday's Coffee & Conversation at Thomas Family Dining at 33971 Plymouth Road Livonia between Stark and Farmington roads at 6:30 p.m.

Monthly meetings are 8 p.m. the third Saturdays at St. Kenneth Church Hall 14951 Haggerty between Five Mile and Schoolcraft. Dances are on the first Saturday of every month at St. Robert Bellarmine Church gym, corner of Inkster and West Chicago in Redford.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. dance from 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$9 and Dick Gerathy is the disc jockey.

Refreshments

Monthly dinners are the first Thursday of each month. Call Kathy at (734) 513 9479 for reservations.

A New Year's Dance is planned for Dec 31 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church gym located at the corner of Inkster and West Chicago. The time will be from 8 p.m. to 1 p.m. and the cost is \$20 which includes drinks, disc jockey and dinner served at 9 p.m. Contact Carol at (313) 533 3041.

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

EVENTS

Hour of prayer

St. Aidan Parish 17500 Farmington Road Livonia continues its series of Advent Hours of Prayerful Reflection 7:30-8:30 p.m. on the Fridays before Christmas Dec 13 and 20. The time will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflective readings and music, reflective silence and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Call (734) 425 5950.

Our Lady of Guadeloupe

St. Theodore Catholic Church 8200 N Wayne Road Westland will celebrate Mass on the feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe Thursday Dec 12. Services will feature a mariachi group as music ministers. Call (734) 425 4421.

40th Anniversary

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 Six Mile Road Livonia will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and Livonia Methodist churches Dec 16. A catered dinner will be served at noon following the 10 a.m. service. Cost is \$9. Reservations required. Call (734) 422 6038.

Blood drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday Dec 16 at the Plymouth Church of Christ 9301 Sheldon Road Plymouth. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 453 7630.

Birthday party

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia will hold a Happy Birthday Jesus party for children 11 a.m. to noon Sunday Dec 22 after the 10 a.m. service. Cake, crafts, Christmas carols, fun and fellowship. Call (734) 422 6038.

Christmas Eve service

Good Hope Lutheran Church 28680 Cherry Hill Road Garden City will hold Christmas Eve services Tuesday Dec 24 at 7 p.m. and a candlelight service at 11 p.m. Call (734) 427 3660.

Pasties!

Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia will take orders for their homemade pasties 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday Jan 7 and Wednesday Jan 8. Pick-up times are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Jan 17. Call in orders only. Orders faxed or mailed or left on answering machine will be ignored. Order early. Call (734) 422 0149.

RELIGION CALENDAR

HOLIDAY CONCERTS AND PLAYS

Christmas concerts

The Merriman Road Baptist Church has two more Christmas concerts planned. The S Files 6 p.m. Sunday Dec 15 by the children's choir. When Love Came Down 7 p.m. Saturday Dec 21 and Sunday Dec 22 by the adult choir. All concerts interpreted for the hearing impaired. Church located at 2055 Merriman Road Garden City. Call (734) 421 0472.

Christmas play and service

MorningStar Church 28463 Pardo Garden City will present How the Grinch Stole Christmas 6 p.m. Sunday Dec 15. The 11 a.m. Sunday Dec 22 service will feature guest speaker Rick Amato and special Christmas musical selections. A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held 11:30 p.m. Tuesday Dec 24. Call (734) 367 3029.

A Christmas Carol

The holidays wouldn't be the same without a visit from Scrooge. Detroit World Outreach 23800 W. Chicago (off Telegraph) Redford will present A Christmas Carol/Dec 12, 14 and 15 with curtains up at 7 p.m. Special lighting and effects and lots of flying characters. A matinee will be offered 2 p.m. Saturday Dec 14. A special performance is planned for Friday Dec 13 followed by a reception at \$5 per person and a drawing for \$1,000. All other performances are free. Call (313) 255 2222.

Christmas concert

Plymouth Baptist Church will present Repeat the Sounding Joy 7 p.m. Friday Dec 13 and Sunday Dec 15 featuring a variety of musical styles. Full nursery and preschool care provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth (1/2 mile west of Haggerty). Call (734) 453 5534.

Christmas concert

Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Road Northville will present Christmas Joy a concert with a 140 voice choir and a 45 piece symphony orchestra 7 p.m. Saturday Dec 14 and 5 p.m. Sunday Dec 15. Repertoire includes a portion of Handel's Messiah. Christmas carol sing along with orchestra. Child care up to age 4 provided. No tickets required. Call (248) 374 5971.

Christmas play

Community Free Will Baptist Church 33031 Cherry Hill Road Westland will present two plays Sunday Dec 15. Biggest Christmas Ever a children's play at 11 a.m. and Lydia's Heart Vision an adult program at 6:30 p.m. The church also will hold a Candlelight Service 6 p.m. Sunday Dec 22. Call (734) 721 9040.

Lessons and carols

The Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Paul 4800 Woodward Ave. Detroit will present A Festival of Lessons and Carols 4 p.m. Sunday Dec 15. This event, an English tradition, retells the Christmas story. No charge, but a free will offering will be taken. A holiday dinner will follow at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral's Barth Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children and \$35 maximum for families. Reservations required. Call (313) 831 5000 Ext 3002.

Christmas play

Good Hope Lutheran Church will present 'Twas the Night Before an old-fashioned Christmas pageant 4:30-7 p.m. Sunday Dec 15. All are welcome. The church is at 28680 Cherry Hill Road Garden City. Call (734) 522 5613.

Christmas play

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road Livonia will present its annual Christmas concert 4 p.m. Sunday Dec 15 with adult children's and handbell choirs. The church will conduct its Candlelight Service 11 p.m. Christmas Eve. Call (734) 522 6830.

Live Nativity

St. Robert Bellarmine 27101 West

Chicago Redford will stage its second annual outdoor Live Nativity 5-6 p.m. Saturday Dec 21 featuring the eighth graders along with sheep, goats and assorted animals. Christmas carols and refreshments. Call Roxanne Hundsruker at (734) 564 1366.

Christmas play

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will present a Christmas Drama 11 a.m. Sunday Dec 15 and a Christmas cantata 11 a.m. Sunday Dec 22. The church is at 8828 Worman in Redford. Call (313) 537 7480.

Moravian Lovefeast

Metropolitan United Methodist Church 9000 Woodward Detroit (New Center) will conduct an Old Moravian Christmas Lovefeast 7 p.m. Sunday Dec 22. The Lovefeast derives from a 14th century Moravian custom in Germany. It tells the Christmas story through scripture, carols and anthems. Public welcomed to this spectacular service. Supervised free parking available. Childcare available for pre-school children by phone reservation at (313) 875 7407.

Christmas concerts

The Chancel Choir of St. James Presbyterian Church 25350 W. Six Mile Road Redford Township will present the cantata Angels of Christmas Dec 15 during the 10 a.m. worship service. On Christmas Eve there will be a concert featuring the Chancel Choir, Cantus Choir, Handbell Choir, piano, guitar and organ at 6:30 p.m. Candlelight service begins at 7:30 p.m. Call (313) 534 7730.

Christmas concerts

The First Baptist Church of Wayne 36125 Glenwood (between Wayne and Newburgh) Wayne will present The Light has Come 6 p.m. Sunday Dec 15 and Sunday Dec 22. Presented by the Concert Choir, Children's Choir and various soloists. Organizers promise the best Christmas music from 20 years of concerts. Call the church at (734) 721 7410. Martin Whitehead at (734) 326 4342 or Jay Young at (734) 523 9288.

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Cookie walk

The finest cookie makers of Emmanuel Lutheran Church 34567 Seven Mile Road Livonia will hold their first cookie walk beginning 10 a.m. Saturday Dec 14. Come early. Cookies sold by the box \$6 for a small and \$10 for a large. Call Judy Cook at (248) 442 8822.

Cookie walk

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 9th annual Cookie Walk begins 9 a.m. Saturday Dec 14. Doors open at 8 a.m. The church is located at 36075 W. Seven Mile between Farmington and Newburgh in Livonia. Pierogi, stuffed cabbage, bread, nut roll, poppyseed roll and over 50 different assortments of ethnic and traditional cookies and candy will be for sale. Cookies are \$10 per pound, all others individually priced.

Cookie walk

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold a Holiday Cookie Walk 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Dec 14 featuring specialty cookies and candies plus specialty dog treats for Fido. Prices based on size of tins. Candies sold by pound. The church is located at 3 Town Square across from the Wayne Post Office. To place orders call (734) 721 4801.

ON-GOING

Contemporary Worship

Contemporary-worship services are held the third Sunday of every month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church 13090 Six Mile Road Livonia.

Services begin at 7 p.m. with an informal dinner at 6 p.m. Praise music, drama and scripture come together to create an inspirational and informal evening. Call (734) 422 6038.

Want to worship?

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia invites all those looking for a house of worship to attend Sunday services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The church is located at 27475 Five Mile Road (at Inkster). No obligation to join, no charge for grace received. Call (734) 422 1470.

Addiction support

Merriman Road Baptist Church 2055 Merriman Road Garden City offers a 12-step support group for people recovering from or struggling with addictions through its A Safe Place ministry. The group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday. Call (734) 421 0472. Family members welcome.

Addiction support

Parkview Baptist Church 9355 Stark Road Livonia is hosting a Reformers Unanimous Addictions program 7-9 p.m. Fridays. The program is open to all adults who struggle with an addiction or stubborn habit. For more information call (734) 261 6180.

Calling young adults

Are you a 20-something looking for worship that speaks your language? 707 an interactive and multi-media praise and worship experience at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia may be for you. Come as you are and bring a friend. Church is located at 8820 Wayne Road. Call (734) 427 2290.

Catholic Basics

St. Hillary Church 23901 Elmira Redford hosts a series of classes to learn about the Catholic Church 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process in which candidates come and see to discover what it means to be Catholic. For details contact Sister Marie Miller, pastoral minister at (313) 533 1560.

Widow/Widower

St. John Neumann Catholic Church 44800 Warren Road Canton offers

The Next Chapter a social club group for widows and widowers 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month followed by entertainment and refreshments. Non-church members welcome. Call Jackie at (734) 981 7247 or Dee at (734) 453 0829. The church also offers grief counseling to anyone of any faith who has lost a loved one. Those sessions meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. of every month. Again call Jackie.

Women's Bible study

Calvary Baptist Church 43065 Joy Road Canton offers a Bible Study for Women series on Tuesday mornings and evenings. For information on courses, times, workbooks and costs call (734) 455 0022. Register by e-mail cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com. Childcare available on Tuesday mornings for children birth through kindergarten.

Widow/widower support

New Hope Center for Grief Support a Christian-based bereavement outreach center offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group meets at 7 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Parish offices 14951 Haggerty Plymouth. New Hope for Kids meets at the same time and place and is aimed at children age 4-11. (248) 348 0115.

Fibromyalgia

Fibro Friends & More a support group for sufferers of fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meets 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Merriman Road Baptist Church 2055 Merriman Road Garden City. Call Tina at (734) 495 0226 or Lucy at (734) 953 8576.

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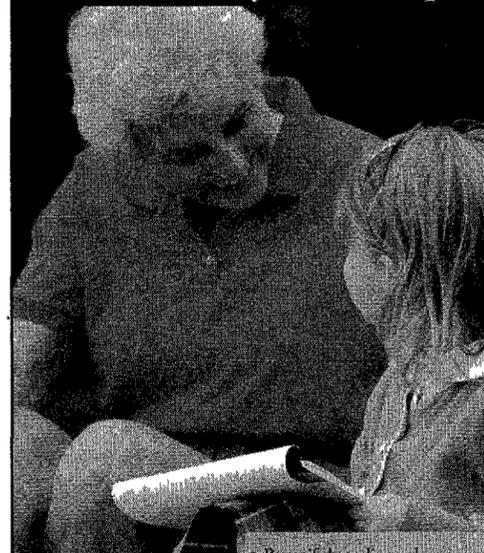
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Capuchin Soup Kitchen needs toys

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen needs help from Santa, lots of Santas, to make this year's Capuchin Christmas Toy Program a success. Its goal is to assist approximately 1,200 families by collecting an assortment of toys appropriate for children ages infant through 12.

Through the generous donations of many area businesses, churches and individuals, the Capuchins last year brightened

Christmas for 1,150 qualifying families with food baskets. In addition, new and gently used toys were distributed to over 6,000 children. Is there a better way to celebrate the true spirit of the season than by making a child smile, ask program organizers.

Toy donations are currently being accepted. Distribution of toys and food will take place 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 18

through Dec. 20 each day at the Capuchin Service Center, 6333 Medbury (off Mt. Elliott), Detroit. To arrange a pick-up, call (313) 925-1370, Ext. 100.

For information on how to donate to the Capuchin Christmas Toy Program, contact Brother Rick Samyn at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 211. Last week's newspaper ran an incorrect phone number, we regret any inconvenience.

Holiday shopping is difficult

Even though holiday shopping can be fun, it can be very stressful for people with disabilities. Wheelchair-bound people face barriers in stores and malls. Hearing impaired and deaf individuals deal with communication issues. I face several challenges with holiday shopping, such as noise confusion in noisy stores. Plus I only buy what I can carry if shopping alone.



Disability Talk
Carrie Tynan

I usually go shopping first thing in the morning to avoid the crowds. It is easier to communicate and shop in less crowded places. I also shop with family and friends, who help me with packages, read price tags and communicate with sales associates. I always feel very comfortable with asking for help when I need it.

Under the American Disabilities Act public buildings must have necessary accessibility to meet the needs of the disabled. They must have automatic doors and ramps, and stores - including bathrooms - must be equipped for wheelchair use.

Also many malls have valet services, and many department stores offer special services. Parisian has a personal shopper service where customers can call and give a list of needed items or make an appointment. Customers can come in to view and buy the merchandise, pick up their purchases, or have them shipped. Parisian also offers customers the choice of charging for items over the phone and having the purchases shipped by United Parcel services at a reasonable price. It has been my experience that the associates are always very willing to help customers with their shopping needs.

Marshal Fields offers personal shoppers and shipping services to customers. Last March they started a program called Field Express. Customers can make an appointment to receive one-on-one help with shopping. Both stores also offer gift-wrapping services at a charge for people like me who have difficulty wrapping presents. There are alternative methods to shopping the malls. Catalog shopping is convenient, but always read the small print about taxes, shipping and returns. The Internet also has a variety of shopping sites. Shopping on the Internet offers many benefits, such as easy-to-read product information and time to browse different mer-

chants without the hassle of noisy, crowded stores. Unfortunately, there are several scams on the Web, such as "free for a price" deals and get-rich schemes. But as long as you follow safety guidelines you will have a good shopping experience.

Before shopping at any Web site check its reliability with the Better Business Bureau. If it is not listed as a satisfactory member do not bother to browse. Check the Web site for a contact address and phone number in case a problem arises. Always read the customer satisfaction policies regarding returns and refunds, and note the shipping charges and delivery schedules before making an order. Use a secure site with a privacy agreement to ensure your protection, and make printed copies of all transactions. I recommend shopping at Amazon.com and Yahoo.com. Both sites are very trustworthy and easy to navigate. The customer reviews of products are very helpful, and I feel safe visiting the sites.

Holiday shopping should be about giving to people we love not being stressed out.

Carrie Tynan lives in Livonia and writes about disability issues. Contact her at carriewrites@yahoo.com. Fax (734) 943-6099 or visit <http://clix.to/writerfiction>.

New weight fitness center opens

A Texas-based ladies-only nutritional weight-loss and fitness franchise with over 100 centers in the western United States is coming to Livonia on Monday, Dec. 9, with the grand opening of Slender Lady, 32626 Seven Mile, in the Loveland Plaza.

Owner Laurianne Pressotto of Livonia is opening the first Slender Lady in Michigan. "The goal of our company is to make a difference in our members' lives by giving them a vehicle to fight obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, fibromyalgia, depression and hormonal imbalances - all things that can be controlled by proper nutrition and exercise," she said.

Members of Slender Lady get a complete package called the

"Balancing Act," which consists of one-on-one nutritional counseling and a 30-minute circuit workout designed specifically for women.

The workout involves the use of eight hydraulic resistance machines designed to develop longer, leaner muscles, and women can "burn up to 650 calories a workout," said Pressotto.

According to Pressotto, the nutrition part of the program was authored by Dr. Georgia Kostas, director of the Cooper Clinic in Dallas, Texas, and President George Bush's private physician.

"Our program is designed to fit all women in all shapes and sizes," said Pressotto. "Our ladies lose an average of two pounds or more of body fat a

week and better than 92 percent of our members stay with us after their first year."

Pressotto considers herself fortunate to open a business in a community where she grew up, went to school, and is raising her own children. "I have always been a people person, and my role has always been of a care-giving nature. I feel so blessed that I have found something that allows me to benefit others and to fulfill my own needs. I am so proud to open my very first business in this great city, and I hope this will only be the beginning of a long and successful career with Slender Lady."

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Throwing Stones....

The old saying that *people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones* is a picturesque way of saying that people shouldn't judge others for sins which they themselves are guilty of. This is the proverbial *pot calling the kettle black*. It reminds us of Jesus' advice to take the log out of your own eye before trying to remove the speck from your brother's eye (Matthew 7:4). We often seem to have a blind spot for our own sins, though we usually are quite aware of these same sins in our neighbors. Again and again Jesus tells us to *Judge not that you be not judged* (Matthew 7:1). Perhaps one of the most memorable examples of



this in the Bible is when a crowd brings to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put Jesus on the spot by saying that *in the law Moses commanded us to stone such. What do you say about her?* (John 8:5). Jesus' response is simple and beautifully compassionate: *Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her* (John 8:7). One by one they went away leaving no one to condemn her. Ultimate judgment is reserved for God alone, and while God was here on earth in the form of Jesus, He reserved his harshest wisdom for those who were hypocritically judgmental.

For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give with will be the measure you get.
R.S.V. Matthew 7:2

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 26, 2002

The regularly scheduled closed session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton met at 6:06 pm regarding pending litigation and employee negotiations

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy. Members Absent: Kirchgatter, Yack. Staff Present: Director Durack.

Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy at 7:00 pm to move from closed session to open session. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to appoint Clerk, Bennett as chairperson for this evening's Board meeting. Motion carried by all members present.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 26, 2002, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Clerk Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy. Members Absent: Kirchgatter, Yack. Staff Present: Director Munglione, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Santomauro, Debbie Bilbrey, Honsowetz.

Staff Absent: Director Conklin. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by McLaughlin supported by Shefferly to approve the Regular Board Minutes of November 12, 2002. Motion carried by all members present.

Payment of Bills: Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Table with 3 columns: Fund Name, Amount, and Expenditure/Recap. Total - All Funds: 1,954,624.55

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 1. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Street Lighting Fund to revise the special assessment revenue and increase the fund balance appropriation. Increase/Decrease Revenues: Current Special Assessments #219,000, 403,000, 000 \$(109,050). Approp from Fund Balance #219,000, 699,000, 000 \$109,050 = Total 0.

Item 2. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve the transfer of funds for the purchase of folding tables and stackable chairs for the second floor dance studios at Summit on the Park as follows: GENERAL FUND Increase/Decrease Appropriations Capital Outlay Equipment #101,691,977,000, \$5,900. Program Supplies Enrichment #101,691,743,200, \$(5,900) = Total 0.

This transfer does not increase or decrease the Recreation department/division budget or the General Fund budget. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve the request to transfer stock (2002 licensing year) in 2001 Class C Licensed business with Official Permit (Food) adding Jose Noe Villarreal and Frances Angelica Villarreal as new joint stockholders through transfer of 375 shares of stock from existing stockholder Frances Alvarado the liquor license located at 44401 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, be considered for approval and is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 4. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve special event status for the Canton Goodfellows annual paper sale and approval to install signs advertising the event. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 5. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution of Memorandum of Understanding for Access Management Plan for Ford Road Corridor. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 6. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution proclaiming December 7, 2002 as "Canton Goodfellows" Day. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 7. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve the Reimbursement Resolution stating the Township's intentions to be reimbursed from proceeds of the bonds for any expenditures undertaken by the Township for the Administration Building project prior to issuance of bonds. Motion carried by all members present.

REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION

Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan. Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan held on the 26th day of November 2002 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Members Bennett, Burdziak, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy. ABSENT: Members Kirchgatter, Yack.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee McLaughlin and supported by Trustee LaJoy:

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan (the "Township") has determined to issue and sell bonds in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing certain public improvements respecting the Township's Administration Building (the "Project") and

WHEREAS the Township intends at this time to state its intentions to be reimbursed from proceeds of the bonds for any expenditures undertaken by the Township for the Project prior to issuance of the bonds

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township makes the following declarations for the purpose of complying with the reimbursement rules of Treas Reg 31.150-2 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended:

(a) As of the date hereof the Township reasonably expects to reimburse itself for the expenditures described in (b) below with proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Township.

(b) The expenditures described in this paragraph (b) are for the costs of acquiring and constructing the Project together with appurtenances and attachments thereto to serve the Township which were or will be paid subsequent to six months prior to the date hereof.

(c) The maximum principal amount of debt to be issued for the Project including issuance costs is presently estimated not to exceed \$15,000,000.

(d) A reimbursement allocation of the expenditures described in (b) above with the proceeds of the borrowing described herein will occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date on which the expenditure is paid or (ii) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned but in no event more than three (3) years after the original expenditure is paid. A reimbursement allocation is an allocation in writing that evidences the Township's use of the proceeds of the debt to be issued for the Project to reimburse the Township for a capital expenditure made pursuant to this Resolution.

(e) The expenditures described in (b) above are "capital expenditures" as defined in Treas Reg 31.150-1(b), which are any costs of a type which are properly chargeable to a capital account (or would be so chargeable with a proper election or with the application of the definition of placed in service under Treas Reg 31.150-2(c)) under general Federal income tax principles (as determined at the time the expenditure is paid).

(f) No proceeds of the borrowing paid to the Township in reimbursement pursuant to this Resolution will be used in a manner described in Treas Reg 31.150-2(b) with respect to abusive uses of such proceeds including but not limited to using funds corresponding to the proceeds of the borrowing in a manner that results in the creation of replacement proceeds (within Treas Reg 31.148-1) within one year of the reimbursement allocation described in (d) above.

(g) Expenditures for the Project to be reimbursed for the proceeds of the borrowing for purposes of this Resolution do not include costs for the issuance of the debt or an amount not in excess of the lesser of \$100,000 or 5 percent of the proceeds of the borrowing or preliminary expenditure not exceeding twenty (20) percent of the issue price of the borrowing, within the meaning of Treas Reg 31.150-2(f) (such preliminary expenditures include architectural, engineering, surveying, soil testing and similar costs incurred prior to construction of the Project but do not include land acquisition, site preparation and similar costs incident to commencement of construction).

2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Bennett, Burdziak, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Members Kirchgatter, Yack.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan at a regular meeting held on November 26, 2002, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Township Clerk

Item 8. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to remove from table and adopt Amendment (B) to the Truancy Ordinance #156. Publication to occur on December 5, 2002. Motion carried by all members present.

STATE OF MICHIGAN - COUNTY OF WAYNE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ORDINANCE NO. 156 (B) TRUANCY ORDINANCE (amended effective 10/17/02; amend eff. 12/05/02)

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MINORS FROM BEING TRUANT FROM SCHOOL IN PUBLIC PLACES; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, HEARINGS AND PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. TRUANCY. The Township Board finds and declares as follows: There has been a general increase in crimes committed by juveniles in the Southeastern Michigan area, as well as throughout the nation. The increase in juvenile criminal activity is partly attributable to an increase in the juvenile truancy rate. School attendance is mandated by State Law until a minor reaches the age of sixteen (16) years. The Charter Township of Canton has been adversely affected by both the increase in juvenile crime and the increase in juvenile truancy. This Ordinance is designed to address truancy by minor students in public places [amend eff 12/05/02].

SECTION 2. TRUANCY IN A PUBLIC PLACE, MINOR; EXCEPTIONS.

(A) It is unlawful for any minor under the age of sixteen (16) years, who is enrolled in a public or private educational program to be absent from school and found in a public place as defined in subsection (B) of this section unless the minor has one of the valid excuses specified in subsection (C) of this section [amend eff 12/05/02].

(B) For purposes of subsection (A) of this section a minor is absent from school and found in a public place if said minor is found loitering, idling, wandering, strolling, playing, or aimlessly driving or riding about in or upon any public street, avenue, highway, road, curb area, alley, park, playground or other public ground, public place or public building, place of amusement or eating place, vacant lot or unsupervised place or any place open to the public during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. of the same day when said minor's school is in session.

(C) The provisions of subsection (A) of this section shall not apply under the following:

- 1) The minor has in his or her possession a written excuse from the minor's parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of said minor. 2) The minor is accompanied by his or her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of the minor. 3) The minor is on an emergency errand directed by his or her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or other adult person(s) having legal care or custody of the minor. 4) The minor is going directly to, or returning directly from, a medical appointment. 5) The minor has permission to leave campus and has in his or her possession a valid, school issued off campus permit. 6) The minor is going directly to or returning directly from a public meeting or a place of entertainment, such as a movie play, sporting event, dance or school activity provided such meeting event or activity is a school approved activity for the minor or is otherwise supervised by school personnel of the minor's school. 7) The presence of the minor in said place or places is connected with or required by a school approved or school related business, trade, profession or occupation in which said minor is lawfully engaged. 8) The minor has graduated from high school or has fulfilled all requirements for high school graduation, or 9) The minor is in attendance at religious instruction classes in accordance with MCL 380.1561(3)(d). 10) The child is being educated in an organized educational program at the child's home by his or her parent or legal guardian in accordance with the Revised School Code, Public Act 451 of 1976 as amended.

(D) Violation of subsection (A) of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a first offense and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a second or subsequent offense during the same calendar year and or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days. The court may set aside the fine and/or imprisonment, or any portion thereof, if the fine is based on the minor's first infraction under this section and the minor produces proof satisfactory to the court that the minor has had no prior unexcused absences from school (Ord 156(A) amend eff 10/17/02).

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE; PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS. (A) A minor cited for a violation under this Ordinance shall attend a court hearing and must be accompanied at the hearing by his or her parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of the minor.

(B) It is the obligation of the parent(s), legal guardian(s) or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of the minor, upon receiving notification from the court or the township, to attend any court hearing as described in subsection (A) above. Failure to so attend upon notification shall be a misdemeanor.

(C) It is the obligation of the parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of the minor to ensure and monitor the school attendance of the minor as required by State Law. Failure to do so shall be a misdemeanor.

SECTION 4. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days or both at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 5. REPEAL. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 8. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the _____ day of _____

_____ 2002 and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Terry G Bennett, Clerk

GENERAL CALENDAR

Item 1. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Burdziak to approve the request of Petitioner Mr. Danny Veri to approve the preliminary site plan for the proposed Grandover Park Site Condominium subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Burdziak to approve the creation of a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$5,500 for Wade Trm and Associates to prepare specifications and bid documents for the paving of Lotz Road North of Palmer Road. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Shefferly to approve the agreement with Wayne County to upgrade winter maintenance on an additional 10.75 miles of roads and authorize payment of \$21,316.00 to Wayne County funding to come from F&Y 2002 Account #101,441,950,000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 4. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Shefferly to approve the annual AS400 software subscription with HTE VAR L.L.C. Chamblee, GA for the Public Safety Department's Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System for a cost of \$2,250. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 5. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Shefferly to approve the renewal of the AS/400 Support Line Services from HTE, Inc., Lake Mary, FL for the Public Safety Department's Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems for a cost of \$3,666.67. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 6. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Burdziak to award the bid of \$53,560 to Circle Irrigation, Inc. plus a 10% contingency of \$5,356 for a total budget of \$58,916 for Victory Park Irrigation Systems. I further move to transfer budget funds from Planning Division account #101,853,818,000 (\$36,000) and account #101,853,808,000 (\$22,916) to #101,755,977,000 (\$58,916) for this contract and to adjust the Planning Department budget and the Softball Center budget accordingly. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 7. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Shefferly to award the bid for the Summit on the Park Aquatic Center handrail installation to Architectural Site Furnishings in the total amount of \$30,119 and a 10% contingency of \$3,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$33,119. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 8. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Burdziak to approve the resolution authorizing submission of a Historic Preservation Fund grant application for the research and writing of a manual/resource guide for the preservation of historic cemeteries in southeastern Michigan and further authorize a grant match of \$5,000 from the General Fund. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 9. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Shefferly to approve the 2003 Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program contract with SMART in the amount of \$29,568. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 10. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Burdziak to approve the resolution authorizing the Township Clerk to publish a notice of intent to issue 2003 General Obligation Capital Improvement bonds not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing certain capital improvement items related to the Township's Performing Arts Theater Building project. Motion carried by all members present.

NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION

2003 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan (the "Township") held on the 26th day of November 2002 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Bennett, Burdziak, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy. ABSENT: Kirchgatter, Yack.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee McLaughlin and supported by Trustee Burdziak:

WHEREAS the Township intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001 as amended in an amount not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing certain capital improvement items related to the Township's Performing Arts Theater Building (the "Project"), and

WHEREAS a notice of intent to issue bonds must be published before the issuance of the aforesaid bonds in order to comply with the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001 as amended and

WHEREAS the Township intends at this time to state its intentions to be reimbursed from proceeds of the bonds for any expenditures undertaken by the Township for the Project prior to issuance of the bonds

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

2. Said notice of intent shall be published as a one quarter (1/4) page display advertisement in substantially the following form:

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING

POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing a Performing Arts Building including furnishing and equipping said building together with site improvements therefor.

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty five (25) in number with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable charter statutory and constitutional limitations.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN FORTY FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

ADJOURN. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish December 12, 2002

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Kruczynski

Theodore and Eleanor (nee Chmielewski) Kruczynski of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party at Sand Traps Banquet Hall on Nov 10. The couple were married Nov. 29, 1952, in St. Augustine Church, Detroit. Theodore worked at General Motors 46 years until his retirement. Eleanor worked at Crowley's and Bohn Aluminum & Brass Corp. and is now retired. Both are very active with St. Theodore's Church. They enjoy going to Las Vegas and the casinos. The couple have four children, Dennis (Cindy), Doris (Chet), David and Donald (Valerie), and eight grandchildren, Andrew, Kevin, Matthew, Christopher, Andrea, Nicholas, Jonathan and Kristi.



Shook-Loukas

Angela Loukas of Taylor and Brian Joseph Shook of Inkster were married Nov. 2, 2002, in Historic West Mound Church, Heritage Park before the Rev. Dan Watkins. A reception followed at Donovans VFW Hall, Van Born in Dearborn Heights. The bride is the daughter of the late Theresa Loukas and the late Joseph Miles. Presenting the bride in matrimony was her brother, Peter Loukas, of South Lyon. She is a graduate of Robichard High School and is employed with Dearborn Cardiology Associates. Her husband, is the son of Paul and Barbara Shook of Monticello, Ky. He attended Wayne Memorial High School and is employed with Dearborn Public Schools. Attending the bride were matron of honor, Patricia Harton, and flower girl, Haley Harton. The groom was attended by best man, Keith Cobb, and ring bearers, Alexander and Andrew Loukas. Angela and Brian will be taking a honeymoon trip to Jamaica in April 2003. They are making their new home in Taylor.

Hospital gathers harvest for needy

As many of Michigan's residents continue to suffer from the effects of hunger, community members like Garden City Hospital are assuming the initiative to help alleviate this crisis. The member network of the Food Bank Council of Michigan aids more than 227,000 local citizens every week, and with efforts of Garden City Hospital for the 2002 Michigan Harvest Gathering, an additional 11,854 pounds of food were donated to the cause. Garden City Hospital conducted a food drive from Oct. 28 to Nov. 11 for the Michigan Harvest Gathering, a statewide program that provides food and assistance to local residents in need. "As health care organizations, it is our responsibility to not only help the patients who seek care in our facilities, but also to enhance the health of those who are less fortunate in our communities," said Gary Ley, president and CEO of Garden City Hospital. For 12 consecutive years, the Michigan Harvest Gathering has assisted the Food Bank Council of Michigan and its 12

member regional food banks in providing for the state's hungry residents. The Michigan Health & Hospital Association has served as the primary sponsor of statewide campaign for the past five years. In 2002, approximately 120 MHA-member organization participated, raising a total of almost 278,000 pounds of groceries and nearly \$27,000. Combining the MHA's efforts with those of several large corporations, local agencies, state employees and myriad individuals, the statewide campaign raised about 680,000 pounds of groceries and more than \$306,000 this year. Funds gathered during the Michigan Harvest Gathering were given to the FBCM food bank network to purchase perishable goods and help cover the cost of transporting these items to about 2,500 local shelters, food pantries and soup kitchens. A 2001 report published by the national food bank network, America's Second Harvest, indicates that nearly 44 percent of those who benefit from these types of efforts are under the age of 18.



Harvest Gathering weigh-in are Chris Nagle, left, and Ted Fleszar weigh donations at the Harvest Gathering. Both are employees of the Maintenance Department at Garden City Hospital.

Approximately 40 percent of the Michigan homes that receive aid from food banks have at least one person who is in poor health. The 11,854 pounds of food gathered by Garden City Hospital employees and volunteers will be given to the less fortunate through the Gleaners Food Bank.

"Our employees were elated to reach out to their local communities and help those in need. Garden City Hospital staff members believe in our mission to improve the health of others, and the Michigan Harvest Gathering is an effective means to do so," said Caroline, food drive project leader.

REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person and a telephone number.

Florence A. Azzopardi (313) 937-1246
Detroit Central High
Class of 1953
50th reunion Sept. 13, 2003. Call Bernice Betman (248) 737-5773
Detroit Western High School
Class of 1978
Our 25 year class reunion is being planned for next year. For more information contact Donna Willingham Orozco at (313) 605-0377 or email orozcodo@sbcglobal.net

Catholic Central
Class of 1961
For information about the Girls Catholic Central of Detroit 40th reunion call Jan Seefeld (248) 398-7777 or Nancy Nowak Kush (313) 291-1165
Chadsey
Class of 1952
A golden anniversary reunion is in the early planning stages. Alumni are being asked to call and share their interest in attending a reunion. Call

Grosse Pointe North
Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800 visit www.taylorreunions.com or email info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write Taylor Reunion Services P.O. Box 597 Dallas TX 75221-9929
Holy Redeemer
Class of 1962
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HISTORIC FORT WAYNE

The City of Detroit requests proposals from qualified construction companies for roof replacement on the historic 1939 Theater Building and roof repairs to the historic 1905 Guard House at Historic Fort Wayne. The theater building is a unique steel frame gabled structure with a plank roof supported by purlins attached to steel trusses. The Guard House is a standard T gabled raftered roof. Both buildings have attached flat roofs protecting entryways. Plans and specifications are available for pick up at Historic Fort Wayne by first calling (313) 297-8373. Proposals shall describe the firm's experience with historic restoration and roof demonstrate required qualifications provide references from similar completed projects and include a fixed price cost for the work described. The winning bidder will contract with the City of Detroit Historic Designation Advisory Board and must comply with all applicable federal state and local laws rules and regulations. This project is financed in part by the NPS with funds administered by the State of Michigan Historic Preservation Office. Additional funds provided by the Detroit Historical Museums, Detroit Historical Society Americana Foundation, Friends of Fort Wayne and National Society of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots in America. A one time walk through of the buildings is scheduled for 2:00 pm, December 17, 2002 at Historic Fort Wayne, 6325 West Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Michigan 48209, (313) 297-8373. Written proposals must be submitted by 2:00 pm, January 7, 2003 and sent to: Deborah Goldstein, CLG Coordinator, HFW Roof Repairs, Historic Designation Advisory Board, C.A.Y. Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Ave., Suite 204, Detroit, Michigan 48226, (313) 224-3487.

Sidelines

Hunters win

The Mullet Hunters 14 and under in line hockey team completed a full weekend at the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse by winning the Thanksgiving Tour Cup with a 4-3 overtime victory over the Devils.

Dustin Gazely's wicked slapshot from 35 feet resulted in the game-winning goal at 2:55 of the extra session. Gazely's goal completed his hat trick. The Mullet Hunters tied the score with less than five minutes left in the final period to force overtime. The semifinal against Tour Venom was another thriller with Matt Wooster tying the game for the Mullet Hunters with two minutes left and then scoring the winner with less than a minute left.

The combination of Wooster and Gazely combined for 17 goals in six games played in the three days. Dustin Boose's goal tending was also a key factor for the Mullet Hunters; he faced 32 shots in the semifinal and 21 in the championship.

The Mullet Hunters team includes Mike Hargreaves (Hartland), Ryan Lammers (Rockwood), Justin Price (Saline), Dustin Boose (Rochester), Dustin Gazely, Matt Wooster (Novi), and Brandon Eggesfield, Blake Butkovich, Nick Pesant, and Kevin Tollison (Canton). Jay Pesant is the head coach, Jerry Lammers is his assistant, and Justin Pesant is the team manager.

Sillmon honored

Senior Angie Sillmon (Plymouth/Salem HS), a middle blocker for Western Michigan's volleyball team, was named Mid-American Conference West Division Player of the Week Nov. 25.

Sillmon helped lead the Broncos to a pair of critical victories in the final week end of the regular season at University Arena. The wins over Bowling Green and Northern Illinois Nov. 22-23 helped WMU clinch a berth in the MAC Tournament.

Sillmon hit a combined 446 (33 kills, four errors, 65 attempts) in the victories, a team best. Her 33 total kills, including a career-high 17 versus Bowling Green Nov. 22, led WMU.

Sillmon has posted a career year in her final collegiate season, establishing personal bests in kills (309), blocks (140), block solos (21), and block assists. She became the ninth player in program history to total over 300 career blocks and is among the top five all-time in blocks and block assists. Her .270 hitting percentage on the year is also a personal best. Sillmon was also named MAC West Division Co-Player of the Week Oct. 7.

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Madonna falls in 5 games at NAIA Tourney semis

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It was near-perfect. Madonna University's volleyball team came within a few points of what could only be considered a miraculous comeback at the NAIA Tournament Saturday at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego.

Just a few points. The Lady Crusaders weren't even supposed to get that far. The seventh-seeded team, they won their first five matches of the tournament to reach the semifinals against Houston Baptist, the sixth-seeded squad.

VOLLEYBALL

But they lost their first two sets against Baptist, putting them on the brink of elimination. Lose another game and their season would be over.

The Crusaders refused to give in. They beat Baptist in the next two games 30-27, 30-27, and suddenly their match was in overtime.

"To win five-straight matches (in the tournament) is unbelievable," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. "And we fought like crazy to get back in it (against Baptist) after losing the first two games. It was 10-10 in

the fifth game (played to 15 points) and I really thought we were going to do it. I thought this was going to be the year."

However, it didn't work out that way. A missed serve cost Madonna one point, and a couple of kills by Elele Ekadeli, a native of Kenya who was named the tournament MVP, led to a 15-10 loss by Madonna.

The Crusaders — who lost the first two games of the match 30-25, 30-18 — finished their season with a 48-4 record, tying for third in the NAIA. Baptist lost to unbeaten and top-ranked National American (41-0) in

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PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Salem's Aaron Cheesman (13) winds up in front of the Northville goal in the first period of Tuesday's game, which Salem won 6-3. Cheesman had two assists in the game.

Rocks remain perfect

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Early scouting reports on Salem's hockey team might have led one to believe that stop Mark Nagel from scoring and the Rocks will fold up.

Sorry. Northville found out differently Tuesday in a Western Lakes Activities Association game at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Although the Mustangs did manage to take a 2-1 lead early in the second period, the Rocks answered with five-straight goals in rolling to a 6-3 victory.

The win keeps Salem perfect at 7-0. "So far, so good," was coach Fred Feiler's thoughts on his team's start. Asked if this team is better than last season's, he replied, "Defensively, I think we're better, so overall I think

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Belleville blasts Rocks; Chiefs falter

It was not a good start to the season for Salem's basketball team.

In fact, Tuesday's opener at Belleville started poorly for the Rocks and never really improved much, at least not in the second half. The Tigers eventually rolled to an 84-58 triumph in both teams' first game.

BASKETBALL

"They're a good team," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They shot the ball well and they're very athletic."

"We were poor, at both ends of the floor — especially on defense."

Salem trailed 20-6 after one quarter, but did make a bit of a run in the second quarter, outscoring Belleville 20-16 to narrow the deficit to 36-26 at halftime.

"Which was nice," said Brodie. "We went into the locker room with a positive attitude. We said we played a lousy first quarter, now we have to come out and make a little run at them."

But the Rocks didn't. Instead, the Tigers forced a turnover and went on to hit three three-pointers en route to a 26-16 third-quarter spurt, which pushed their lead to 62-42 — far too large for Salem to overcome.

Dave Hoskins topped the Rocks with 22 points. Steviand Davis added 11.

Belleville got 26 points from Martin Samarco, including nine in the third-quarter rally, 17 from Alex Davenport (eight in the third quarter), and 11 from Greg Bond.

Monroe 70, Canton 51: It wasn't pretty.

Canton opened its season Monday at Monroe, but turnovers were costly.

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Canton looks good enough — for 2nd

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Ed Weber denied nothing. He just smiled at the so-called "coincidences."

Funny, isn't it? Salem's pool breaks down just at the start of the boys swim season, with the Rocks preparing to make a run at an 11th-straight conference crown. So who's No. 2 behind the Rocks? Who will gain the most if Salem's team falls a notch?

Well, that would be Canton. Before that, there was the suspicion surrounding the annual random lottery,

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during which it is decided what school each student will attend — a "Harry Potter Sorting Hat" sort of thing. And guess what? Of the 15 potential swimmers in the freshmen class, nine draw Canton. And just one draws Salem.

Hmmm. Then there's the Bill Faunce angle to this intrigue. Faunce has assisted Olson at Salem for years, he's also been an integral in helping organize the league meet. But Faunce, it seems, has now joined

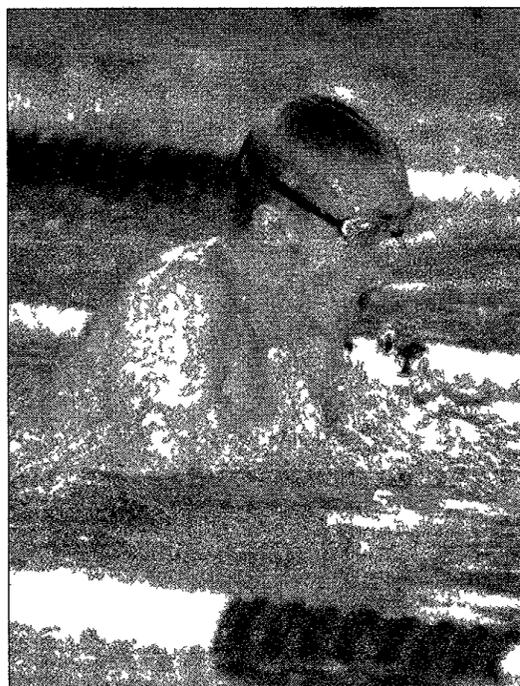
Weber at Canton as his assistant. Gone over to the other side, eh Mr. Faunce? No doubt all that the money available to him as an assistant swim coach at Canton was what lured him.

Wow. What intrigue. This could be the next "Survivor"-type series, it so interesting.

In all seriousness, Canton will be solid again this season. The Chiefs will be second only to Salem in the WLAA, once again.

And although they have lost some considerable talent from last year's 12th-

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BRYAN MITCHELL | OBSERVER

Nick Dixon, now a sophomore, finished first for Salem in the 200 individual medley at last season's WLAA finals.

Difficulties aside, Salem is the best

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Time to talk about the "conspiracy theory." Heck, I'd be paranoid. When your team has been so completely dominant, winning the last 10 conference championships with very few serious challenges in that span — then something suspicious happens that could lead to the end of your streak.

What's one to think? Don't think Chuck Olson has gone quite that far overboard, but his Salem swim team has had to struggle the past week, lacking the one necessity a swim team needs: a pool to practice in.

"We're not practicing a lot, unfortunately," said Olson. "It's been out about a week. We're doing the best we can — we were at Central Middle School today for about an hour and 45 minutes."

That's about half as much practice time as the Rocks usually get, particularly at the beginning of the season when long workouts featuring lots of mileage are the norm. And it could have a serious affect on how the team develops.

There's more than that in Olson's negatives department. When the random selection process was made to see who would go to which of the three high schools, it was realized nine of the 15 potential swimmers would attend Canton HS, with five more going to Plymouth.

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straight-sets in the final, finishing at 47-3

Asked to rate his team's performance, Abraham said, "Absolutely exceptional. It got better as the tournament went on. We weren't at our best in the semis, but part of that was what (Baptist) was doing. Our passing was just a little bit off."

Madonna's attack throughout the tournament had been superb, thanks in great part to the serve reception and the passing from it, which led to some great sets by Natalie Sayre.

But the Crusaders struggled against Baptist. "They served very aggressively with hard, sinking floats, which took us out of our serve receive," said Abraham. "I think that was the biggest thing they did, was serve well."

"We never got in sync. They served so hard against us, it took us out of our offensive patterns."

Reach the Final Four in a national tournament and the differences in talent level are often so minute that the slightest of momentum swings can be decisive. "The kids said they were a little emotionally drained from the night before," Abraham recalled, referring to Madonna's 30-23, 38-36, 30-19 win over Westmont (Calif.) Friday night in the quarterfinals.

By the same token, the Crusaders' comeback in the semifinals did Baptist no good. "I think it did take it out of them," said Abraham. "They didn't recover."

Doing a favor for National American wasn't exactly what the Crusaders had in mind. But even though they didn't quite reach the final, it was a season to remember — the best in school history.

"I'll take a season like this anytime, with these kinds of players, Abraham said. You never know how you're going to finish at a national tournament, and we had lost four starters and eight players from last year's team."

"We had a mixture of new players and returnees and it was a good combination. It was the kind of team you knew you



LIZ CARNEGIE | OBSERVER

Setter Natalie Sayre was instrumental in Madonna's reaching the NAIA Tournament semifinals Saturday. Sayre was named to the all-tournament team.

had a chance with."

Laura Lesko, whose performance throughout the tournament was superb, led the Crusaders against Baptist with 18 kills (a 40.6 kill percentage). She also had 12 digs and three blocks.

Shelley Stanton, who had keyed Madonna's attack in the tournament, had 16 kills and four blocks but was limited to seven digs and a 11.5 kill percentage. "They really concentrated on stopping her," said Abraham.

Natalya Timna had 10 kills, Tera Morrill (from Livonia Franklin) had nine kills, 16 digs and two service aces, Hayley Myers had eight kills and three blocks, Lansey Buche had four aces, Amanda Suder (Salem HS) had 21 digs and Sayre finished

with 56 set assists.

Ekadel's 38 kills (.338) were good reasons for her being chosen as the tourney MVP. Stanton and Sayre were also chosen to the all-tournament team.

There will be some rebuilding to do after this season. Stanton — named the top player in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and a strong All American candidate — and Sayre and Myers all graduate, and Morrill is undergoing shoulder surgery today, which could take more than six months of rehabilitation.

But considering how Abraham rebuilt the team last year well anything seems possible.

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Ocelots win 9th straight

Nationally-ranked Schoolcraft College earned its first major road triumph of the men's basketball season Saturday night with an 85-70 victory against and previously unbeaten Lansing CC.

The Ocelots, No. 7 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll, then ran their overall record to 9-0 Monday with a 107-60 home-court victory over Cornerstone JV.

Schoolcraft led 35-32 at half time before pulling away from host Lansing in the second half. UNC-Charlotte signee Marcus Bennett led the Ocelots in scoring with 20 points.

The other four starters scored in double figures including Dion Sherrell (16), Torvoris Baker (14), Gary Johnson (13) and Andre Scott (12). Ronald Dorsey added nine points and six rebounds off the bench.

The 6-6 Baker, a transfer from Eastern Michigan University, grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds, while the 6-9 Scott snared 10 rebounds.

Johnson contributed five assists and four steals. He also hit 7-of-8 free throws.

It was our first big test early in the season against an unde-

feated team on the road," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "The first half we did not play with poise or patience, but the second half we settled down. We knew we could beat them if we played Schoolcraft basketball. In the second half we played with more poise and patience."

Western Michigan University signee Levi Rost, who came in averaging 34 points per game, paced Lansing with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Luke McKenna chipped in with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Lyle Hampton and Patrick Yelsik each scored 10 points.

Both Dion (Sherrell) and (Ronald) Dorsey did a good job on Rost with help from other guys on the court who shadowed him," Briggs said. "We didn't completely shut him down, but we were able to hold him 12 below his average."

Schoolcraft made 29-of-55 shots from the floor (52.7 percent) and outrebounded the Stars, 31-18.

On Monday, six players scored in double figures in Schoolcraft's lopsided 47-point win over the Cornerstone JV. Dorsey led the way with 19

points, while Bennett contributed 18. Others in double figures included James Holmes (15), Johnson (14), Scott (12) and Baker (11).

Johnson, a second-year point-guard out of Wayne Memorial, had 10 assists and five steals. Dorsey finished with a team-high nine rebounds, while Baker grabbed seven. Scott blocked five shots and Baker had three.

Jesse Tien led Cornerstone with 17 points. SAGINAW VALLEY ST. 87 MADONNA 70

Sophomore Anthony Parker poured in a game-high 26 points in 35 minutes of action Saturday as host Saginaw Valley State (5-3) turned back Madonna University (4-4) in a non-conference game at University Center.

Parker went 10 for 15 shooting from the floor including 3 of 5 from three-point range. Junior Maurice Brown notched his fifth double double of the year with 23 points and 20 rebounds. Sophomore David Williams added 12 points.

The Cardinals led by only one at halftime 37-36 but outscored the Fighting Crusaders 22-11 to start the second half. Noel Emehiser led four MU players in double figures with 15 points. Chad Nadoln added 14 points and a team-high 13 rebounds. Dan Kurtinaitis and Chris Behrens chipped in with 13 and 10 points respectively.

The Cardinals dominated play in the paint outscoring MU 46-28. They also held a 44-34 rebounding advantage. Saginaw Valley hit 51.4 percent of its shots from the floor compared with 43.1 for Madonna.

Central State drops MU to 2-9; SC women split

Madonna University outshot and outrebounded Central State in a non-conference women's basketball game Tuesday at Madonna.

But the Lady Crusaders didn't outscore the Marauders, mainly because they had trouble maintaining possession. Central State improved to 11-1 with an 84-81 victory, while MU dropped to 2-9.

Madonna trailed 44-38 at the half, but connected on 35-of-65 floor shots (53.8 percent) and 5-of-12 three-pointers (41.7 percent) in the game. Central State was 35-of-74 from the floor (47.3 percent) and 4-of-8 on threes (50 percent).

The Crusaders also had a 43-32 edge in rebounding. The key difference: They committed 29 turnovers to 13 by CSU.

Lindsay Simmon had a

strong game for Madonna, making 13-of-21 floor shots in scoring 30 points. She also had nine rebounds and six assists.

Jackie Pingston scored 14 points (3-of-3 on threes) and had three assists and three steals, while Courtney Rehbine finished with 11 points, 13 rebounds and four steals. Kelly Adams' 27 points paced CSU.

KALAMAZOO VALLEY 71 SCHOOLCRAFT 54 In a battle of last year's MCCA conference champions Saturday Kalamazoo Valley (5-2) rolled to the Schoolcraft Invitational title against the host Lady Ocelots (7-3) behind Erin Palmer's 15 points. Center Pam Wingate scored 22 points and grabbed six rebounds to lead the Ocelots who trailed 37-20 at halftime.

Crystal Pittman added in 10 points while Tara Charles (Redford Bishop Borgess) contributed eight. Tiffani Pattilo had six assists. MADONNA 79 MARIAN (IND) 67 Madonna struggled and came up empty against Marian (Ind.) University losing in the consolation game Saturday at the Holiday Inn Express Tournament at Bourbonna's (Ill.). The Crusaders dropped both games over

the weekend while Marian salvaged a split and brought its record up to 7-2.

The biggest problem for Madonna came at the charity stripe where it shot 52 percent.

The Crusaders trailed 43-34 at halftime and attempted a comeback in the second half but ultimately fell short. As a team they shot fairly well hitting 49.1 percent for the game.

They were led by Lindsay Simmon's 18 points and 10 rebounds but more impressive was her 8 of 12 shooting from the floor.

Sarah Thomson added 12 points and Marwa Ayoub chipped in 10 while Nikki Blaszak and Courtney Rehbine had 11 each.

SCHOOLCRAFT 70 SINCLAIR (OHIO) 60 In the first game of the Schoolcraft Invitational Friday the host Lady Ocelots made a tremendous comeback to hand Sinclair College (Ohio) its first loss of the season.

Schoolcraft trailed 35-31 at the half but the second half was another story. It was all about defense and all Schoolcraft. After shooting 41 percent from the field in the first half Sinclair was held to just better than 25 percent in the second half. Once again Schoolcraft was led by Wingate who knocked down 10 of 16 for 23 points to go along with 10 rebounds. Pittman added 15 points while Tiffani Pattilo had 11. Tara Charles shed out six assists.

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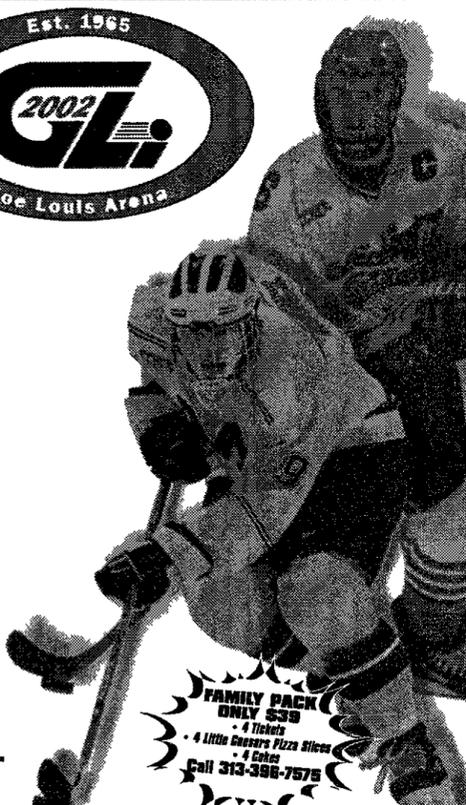


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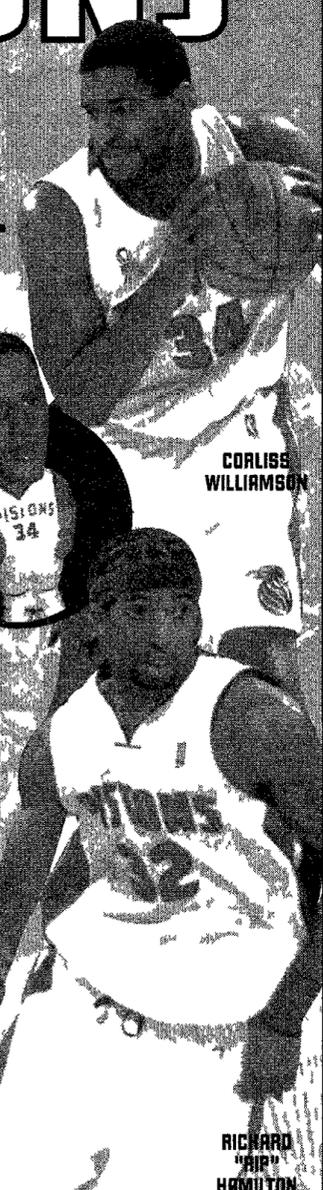
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as the Chiefs fell behind early and never caught up. "We played poorly," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "We turned the ball over way too much and we didn't handle the pressure very well. I think we got outrebounded, too, and I'm not too happy about that." The Chiefs trailed 22-11 after one quarter and 38-19 by halftime. The deficit was never single digits in the second half. Brad Waidmann led Canton with 13 points. Steve Thornton added 11. Monroe got 17 points from Nick Notaro, 15 from Pat Sharrow and 10 from Ryan Steele.

"We're just trying to get a feel, get an idea what our strengths are," Rheault said.

Agape 67, Deerfield 54: Now that's a dangerous backcourt. Charlie Henry and Jordan Napier, both juniors, each scored 30 points to lead Canton. Agape Christian past host Deerfield in both teams' season-opener Tuesday.

Although the final was fairly comfortable for the Wolverines, it wasn't that way until the final few minutes. Indeed, Agape led 13-10 after one quarter and 27-24 at halftime, after three periods, the gap was just 43-41.

Both Henry and Napier were instrumental in Agape's 24-13 fourth-quarter run. Napier scored eight points in the quarter, but Henry was perfect, going 4-for-4 from the floor, including 2-for-2 on three-pointers, and 4-for-4 from the free-throw line to score 14 points.

Deerfield never led in the final period. Jason Hduvik's 23 points paced the Minutemen, Zach Jones contributed 11.

Agape was 8-of-9 at the line, while Deerfield made just 13-of-27.

St. Mary 64, CC 63: Orchard Lake St. Mary had Catholic Central's number during the football season.

One game into the basketball campaign, the Eagles handed the Shamrocks another loss. CC battled back from a 40-32 halftime deficit to tie the score in the fourth quarter, but fell short at the end Tuesday.

"Actually, since we only had five full practices, I was pretty pleased overall," said CC coach Ruck Coratti. "We turned the ball over 20 times in the first half and they capitalized on that. We fought back in the second and played well."

CC scrambled back in the second half and tied the score at 60 all. The Eagles took a 64-62 lead with 10 seconds left and CC worked it around and Dave Herberholz was fouled with a little under two seconds left. Herberholz made the first free throw, but just missed the second and CC couldn't get the rebound.

"I thought it should have

been a three-shot foul, but they called a 1-and-1," said Coratti. "But overall, it was a good game."

Dan Waterstradt led CC with 13 points, while Jim Cash added 12 and Herberholz had 10. Jared Henderson and Derek Brooks had nine each. Dewayne Watkins led St. Mary's with 17 points, while Andre Ratliff had 16 and John Andrews had 10.

Wayne 70, Romulus 52: Senior guard T.J. McClain scored 18 of his 21 points in the second half to lead Wayne Memorial to a non-conference win Tuesday against host Romulus.

Wayne trailed 26-25 at intermission, but put together a 25-11 third-quarter run as five different players scored to take control of the game.

Junior guard Genois Safford added 12 points, while senior forward Jonathan Raspberry also had 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

"The third quarter we hit some shots, ran a little bit and did a good job rebounding," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said.

Ronald Coleman, a 6-foot-6 junior forward committed to Michigan, led the Eagles with a game-high 23 points.

"He (Coleman) is a good player, he really goes to the basket," Woodard said. "We worked hard on him."

Wayne made 25-of-31 free throws (80.6 percent), including 16-of-19 in the final quarter. Romulus was 21-of-28 from the line (75 percent).

Garden City 67, Franklin 45: Dave Loney led a balanced scoring attack with 15 points Tuesday as the Cougars (1-0) launched their 2002-03 season with a victory at Livonia Franklin (0-2).

Brian Burton added 12 points and eight assists. Carlos Alfaro and Chris Cappelli added 10 and eight points, respectively, as Garden City led 39-23 at halftime and 57-36 after three quarters.

GC jumped out to a 20-13 first-period lead.

It was a pretty competitive first quarter," Garden City coach Greg Williamson said. "But I think they wore you down a bit."

Burton played a strong game. It was a team effort tonight. Eleven guys scored. It was a nice way to start things off.

Chris Austin, a senior center, paced Franklin with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Eddie Jankowski added seven points and played well. The Patriots were 13-of-28 from the free throw line, while GC was 8-for-12.

"They (GC) are good, they're quick and they shoot well," Franklin coach John Santti said. "They came out and pressured us."

Franklin was playing its second game in as many games. "Maybe we were a little tired," Santti said, "but that's not the reason why we lost."

CC wrestlers fare well at invite

Catholic Central's wrestling team got a look at some of the state's top competition Saturday at the Bay City Western Invitational. They ended up doing what many casino patrons hope to — break even.

In the team-scored tournament, Catholic Central recorded decisive wins over Lowell

(28-6) and Richmond (48-27). The team then lost its final two matches, 54-15 to Clarkston and 37-36 to Middleville.

Sean Dong (103), Matt Steintrager (112) and Nate Rodriguez (145) were four-time winners at the tourney for CC. Trevor Stewart (160) won three of his four matches.

A pair of Garrants boost C'ville past PCA

BY CHAD MACK STAFF WRITER

Trailing 37-25 at Halftime, Livonia Clarenceville boys basketball coach Kevin Murphy wouldn't let his team say die.

The Trojans put together a rousing second-half rally Tuesday to defeat host Plymouth Christian, 77-68, in the season opener for both schools.

"Our guys battled back, Murphy said. They played very unselfish basketball. We came out flat in the first half. Our seniors had to step up and they did."

"We switched to a full-court press at the break and it

worked. We made the kids believe at the half, that we could come back. We set a goal of being down by six by the fourth quarter, we ended up being down only one."

The Trojans outscored Plymouth Christian 28-17 in the third and made it a brand new ballgame. By the time the fourth quarter rolled around, they had the Eagles on their heels, trailing by only one, 54-53. In the fourth quarter, Clarenceville made the transition from trailing to leading with a 24-point output, along with its best defensive stand of the game.

"We played really good defense," Murphy said. "It took

a lot of heart for these kids to pull it off. We stepped up and played good basketball. We held them to 14 points in the fourth, that was their worst quarter."

Aiding in the defensive climb the Trojans put on in the second half was sophomore Bruno Shkreli.

Clarenceville was led by the offensive outpouring of 6-foot-7 senior forward Glenn Garrant. He netted 24 points, grabbed 19 rebounds and dished out nine assists, missing a triple-double by one assist.

Five Trojans scored in double figures including Garrant. Senior guard Andrew Shaw had 17 points, while Josh

Silvernal contributed 13. Allen Garrant and Pete Shaw had 11 and 10, respectively. Shaw also finished with six steals.

Silvernal quarterbacked the offense with 11 assists. He also had a big play that helped spark the comeback. He made a steal, then dunked it with 10 seconds left to play in the second quarter.

The Eagles were led by senior forward Jack Welton's 22 points, he also had 11 rebounds. Closely behind him was senior center Ben Pew with 20 points. Part of the reason Clarenceville was trailing at the break was the three-point shooting of PCA's Dan Carty (15 points).

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Hunters who tagged a deer, and those who saw a lot of deer but for one reason or another chose not to shoot, boast of a very good hunting season. But there are tons of other hunters out there who feel the DNR is mismanaging the deer herd and that, in many places, the herd is devastated and deer numbers are way, way down. The reality is probably somewhere in the middle.

Abundant doe tags over the past several years has certainly had an impact on the deer herd. In areas of low to moderate deer numbers, high doe harvests impact the reproduc-



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Bill Parker

tion rate of the herd. But in areas with high deer numbers like northern Oakland County, for example, even the liberal allocation of doe permits has done little to curb the deer numbers.

During the early bow season (Oct 1-Nov 14) I saw countless deer, both does and bucks. Bow hunters, myself included, killed some of these deer, but let me assure you, we had little impact on the overall population size. The night before firearms season

opened I saw no less than 11 deer come through my neck of the woods.

On opening day, and even through opening weekend, there were still plenty of deer to be seen. Then they all seemed to disappear.

Hunters kill them all? No way! Hunter pressure pushed them into a new set of habits.

Here's my theory on the disappearance of Michigan's whitetails.

Years ago, we didn't hunt does very much. One tag per hunter, or maybe two, resulted in a substantial kill, but the state's buck harvest was always higher than the doe harvest. Then, some 10 years ago or so, the DNR started harping, justifiably, about having to lower

the deer numbers. The Department started issuing tons of antlerless deer permits and crop damage permits. We hunters started shooting does like never before and it wasn't long before the doe harvest eclipsed the buck harvest. It's been that way for several years now.

While all this doe hunting has had an impact on the size and reproduction ability of the herd, it has also impacted the deer in a way hunters have never experienced.

Used to be, that after the first two or three days of the firearms season, the bucks would disappear. Made sense, since hunting pressure was directed at them and they were feeling the heat.

However, hunters would con-

tinue to see does throughout the season - keeping their interest up while spending long hours on stand. There was always a chance that a rutting buck would be following one of those does.

But now the does are feeling all that hunting pressure, too. Lead is flying their way and today both bucks and does lay low after the firearms season begins.

Deer live in a matriarchal society in which the older, mature does lead the way. Bucks do their own thing and become mostly solitary runners during the fall, but does and fawns run together. When the matriarch doe starts feeling the hunting pressure that rises up on Nov 15, she knows, having been through a season or two, how to survive. Past experiences dictate that the best way to survive is to remain in heavy cover during daylight hours until the intrusion ends.

We had a couple snow showers during the firearms season here in southern Michigan and the tracks in the snow on the mornings following these showers back up my theory. All three of the spots I hunted this year were littered with fresh tracks, but for a solid week,

starting on Nov 18, I never saw a deer on stand.

The reason wasn't because the deer were gone, or that they were all killed off by hunters. Quite simply, the does were just playing the same game bucks have been playing for years when firearms season begins - they turned mostly nocturnal.

Now that the season has ended and the majority of hunters have left the woods for the year, deer patterns will soon return to normal. Once they stop bumping into hunters every time they turn a corner in the trail, the does and bucks will relax and get back into their normal patterns.

The DNR is trying to reduce the overall herd and in some areas, maybe too many have been removed. In most areas, though, there are still plenty of deer to be found. They're just wise to the ways of the whitetail hunters.

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

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

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

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

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

OAKLAND COUNTY THREAD SLINGERS
The Oakland County Thread Slingers a group of flyfishing enthusiasts will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29 at the Independence Township Library on Clarkston Road west of M-15. Tom Erickson will review a midge pattern and brassy pattern. Club members are asked to bring nymph hooks size 16-14 olive thread, black thread and peacock herl. Visitors are welcome. The group will also meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13 also at the library. Call (248) 625-

4657 for information

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome. For more information please call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 or send him an e-mail at jkudej@aol.com.

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

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS
The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direct on and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek 1-800-477-7756, Indian Springs 1-800-477-3192, Kensington 1-800-477-3178, Hudson Mills 1-800-477-3191.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (248) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

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CCJBAS NOMINATIONS

Nominations for board positions on the Canton Community Junior Baseball Softball Association have been postponed until the Jan. 15, 2003 meeting.

Any members of the CCJBASA wishing to nominate someone for VP Softball, VP Lower Baseball (for teeball to age 12), Treasurer or Registrar should submit his/her name to the Election Committee for review and approval.

Nominations must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the Jan. 15, 2003 meeting to be considered. All nominations are to be emailed to delcol@comcast.net.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the WaCo Wolves Baseball Club — 8 and-under and 14-and-under — will be held through the month of December.

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

TOY DRIVE

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls between the ages of five years and under and 14 years and over now through December 20th. All toys will be donated to Children's Hospital of Michigan this holiday season.

"I can't imagine how tough it must be for a child to spend the holiday season in the hospital," said Bryan Goose Finnerty, managing co-owner of High Velocity Sports and director of coaching for the Canton Soccer Club. "If there is any way for us to alleviate even some of the discomfort for even one child, then I think the toy drive is worth it."

"Canton has always been a giving community and we expect an outstanding response."

As a token of appreciation for each donor's generosity, HVS management will give a coupon for a free box of popcorn and small pop at the HVS concession stand.

High Velocity Sports is located at 46245 Michigan Avenue (on the south side just west of Canton Center Road) in Canton. A drop off bin is located at the front office.

For more information on the toy drive, please call (734) HVSPORT or visit www.hvsports.com.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts are being conducted the first and second weeks of December for the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's Prates, a 10-year-old baseball travel team.

Players must be born after July 31, 1992 and be a resident of either Canton or Plymouth. The team will play a 20-game league schedule with several weekend tournaments.

For specific tryout times and locations, contact Bruce Price, an experienced travel baseball coach with two prior World Series appearances, either at work at (734) 459-2960 or at home at (734) 453-9180.

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SOFTBALL OPENINGS

The Thunderbirds Softball Incorporated (TSI) Girls Fast Pitch Softball has player openings for the 2003 season.

Parents with girls between the ages of seven and 16 years are invited to contact either Mike Roberts (734) 397-1355, Tom Ciotti (734) 748-6081, Brian Starling (734) 718-3360 or Ray Barnes (734) 981-7281, or visit our website at Thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

HIGH VELOCITY CAMPS

A series of soccer camps for players of all ages are offered at the High Velocity Indoor Soccer facility, under the instruction of former pro player and college coach Andrew Crawford, a Livonia resident.

Small Stars is for 3-4 year-olds, just starting out. The class encourages parent participation and works on the basics of dribbling, passing and receiving, and shooting.

Kicks with Kids, for 4-5

and 6-7 year-olds, will teach the basics plus the proper techniques for turning with the ball and volleys.

■ Skill Acceleration Camp is for 8-9, 10-11, and 12-15 year-olds. This clinic focuses on one-on-one moves to beat an opponent, combination passing and volleys.

■ Striker Camp participants will work on shooting drills, including volleys, side-volleys and creating space with and without the ball. Striker camp is available for 9-12 year olds.

■ Goalkeeper Camp teaches advanced goalkeeping techniques to 9-12 year olds and includes shot-stopping and ball distribution, and is intended to increase skills and develop technical awareness.

■ The Women's Clinic concentrates on the basic skills of soccer, building a strong foundation of dribbling, passing and receiving, and shooting. This program is designed for the beginning to intermediate player.

All the above clinics begin with instruction and end with a scrimmage. Individual and team training is also available.

To learn more about High Velocity Sports Instructional Soccer Clinics, visit www.hvsports.com or call (734) 487-7678.

SKATING STUFF

■ A five-week learn-to-skate roller skating class, for children and adults, will be from 11:15

a.m.-noon Saturdays at Skatin' Station II in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-6401 or visit the web site at www.skatinstation2.com.

■ Inline roller hockey leagues for all ages are now forming at Skatin' Station II in Canton. There's one game a week, which includes shirts for champion teams, a game jersey, referee fees and hockey statistics, rosters, schedules, with champion pictures posted on the web. For more information, call (734) 459-6401 or visit the web site at www.skatinstation2.com.

■ Registrations are being accepted for winter 2000-03 youth and adult leagues at the Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton Township.

Several age brackets are available for 16-and-under. Youth cost is \$120 for 10 games (includes jersey, championship shirts and officials). Youth evaluations will be Friday through Tuesday, Dec. 6-10 and Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 4-5.

Sign up early to assure a spot on a team.

Adult leagues, 17- and 30-and-over, will start Tuesday, Dec. 17 and Thursday, Dec. 10.

For adult information, call Tomia (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at (734) 459-6401. For other information, visit www.skatinstation2.com or call (734) 459-6401.

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CARBO BASEBALL SCHOOL

The Bernie Carbo Baseball School will be offering fall and winter individual and small group skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding.

The sessions will be conducted by minor league pitcher Mark Rutherford, former standout at Livonia Churchill High and Eastern Michigan University.

For more information, call Gordie Rutherford at (734) 421-4928 or (734) 525-3730.

BANTAM PLAYERS WANTED

A AA bantam hockey travel team based in Monroe is seeking players born in 1998-99.

For more information, call Mike Monday at (734) 379-5737 or Jody Hayden at (734) 242-6262.

COACHES WANTED

■ St. Agatha is looking for a varsity softball coach for the spring. For more information,

please call athletic director Trish Rich at (313) 532-2285 or send a resume to her at 25707 Pembroke, Redford, MI, 48240 or by fax at (313) 532-2277.

■ Farmington Public Schools are looking for the following coaches for the winter sports season: an assistant boys swimming coach, two assistant wrestling coaches and freshman, JV and varsity volleyball coaches.

Interested parties should send a letter of interest and resume to Ron Holland, 33000 Thomas, Farmington, MI, 48336 or a fax to (248) 474-3802.

■ Farmington Harrison High School is searching for a boys tennis coach.

If interested in the position, call FPS athletic director Ron Holland at (248) 489-3352 or fax a letter of interest and/or resume to (248) 474-3802.

■ Redford Union is looking for a varsity baseball coach. To send your resume, please contact athletic director Brett Steele, 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI, 48240, or fax it at (313) 592-4068. For more information, please call (313) 592-3408.

■ Livonia Churchill needs a varsity boys tennis coach for the spring season.

Those interested should call athletic director Marc Hage at (734) 523-9217 or fax resume and letter of interest to (734) 523-9255.

■ Livonia Ladywood has two coaching positions open for the

winter season — varsity hockey and freshman volleyball, also one for the spring season — junior varsity soccer.

For more information, call (734) 591-2323.

■ St. Edith Catholic Youth Organization program is seeking qualified candidates for its head coaching position for its varsity football team.

Along with the duties commensurate to the head coaching position, the candidate will assume overall responsibility for the entire football program. Candidates will need to have the ability to work closely with others and be detail minded.

For more information, call John Michniak, St. Edith CYO Athletic Director at (734) 591-6118 or email stedtheyoad@yahoo.com.

Candidates should make their intentions known in writing not later than Saturday, Dec. 21.

WYAA HOOP SIGNUP

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association basketball (ages 7-17) will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays through Dec. 7 at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (two blocks north of Ford Road).

The cost is \$35 (plus a fund-raiser) for ages 7-8 and \$60 (plus fund-raiser) for ages 9-17. For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640 or visit www.wyaa.org.

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HOCKEY

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we are And our goaltending is much improved'

Nagel who averaged better than four goals a game in Salem's first five games, got just one goal against Northville

'They had guys draped all over him the whole game,' said Feiler 'But that's OK It opens it up for someone else'

Which it did Proving they're not a one-man team, the Rocks got their six goals from six players — although it was Nagel who scored the clincher, despite having two Mustangs on top of him

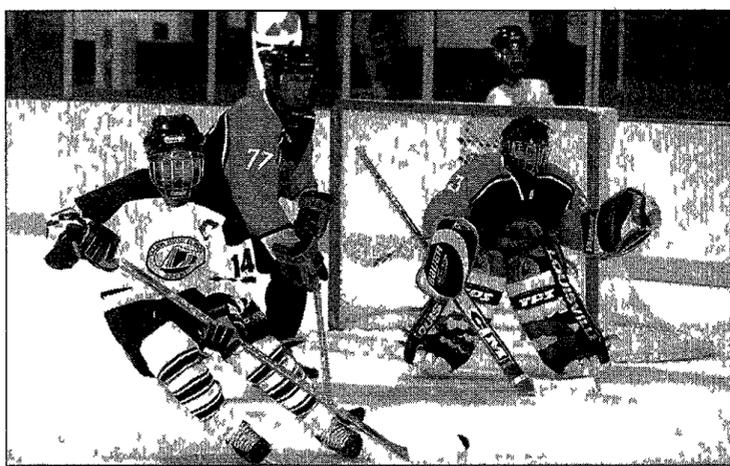
Bryan Young led Salem with a goal and two assists The Rocks had the early lead thanks to a first-period goal from Rob Quigley (assisted by Young and Sean Leaym), but Northville rebounded with two scores early in the second period

John Schultz tied it for Salem at 10:17 of the second (assist from Ryan Jones) and Young put the Rocks ahead to stay at 9:39 (assists from Nagel and Jones) Nagel got the fourth Salem goal at 6:44 of the second (assists from Andy Thackaberry and Aaron Cheesman)

Mike Barrs goal at 11:29 of the third period (from Quigley and Cheesman) pushed Salem's lead to 6-2

Brandon DeMars was in goal for the victory, Salem's fifth in the WLAA

On Saturday, the Rocks clobbered Walled Lake Western 11



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Salem's Mark Nagel (14) puts on the brakes in front of the Northville goal in the second period. Nagel had one goal against the Mustangs

0 in a WLAA game played at Lakeland Arena

Young led the assault with three goals and two assists David Gall added two goals, Schultz had two goals, Quigley had a goal and an assist, Adam Gillman had a goal and an assist, Leaym had a goal and Cameron Schambre scored a goal

John Maurer collected three assists and Jones got two

CC drops pair

Catholic Central ran into a team that had just a little bit more of everything over the weekend The result was a pair of losses to host Culver (Ind.) Military Academy — 3-0 on Friday night and 5-4 on

Saturday

'They were just loaded,' said CC co-coach Todd Johnson as his team fell to 2-2 overall 'We played much better Saturday than we did on Friday I think on Friday we were in awe of their speed and skill and just watched them Saturday, we tried to compete a little harder and adjusted to the speed of the game, and that helped'

Goalie Jimmy Blanchard was the bright spot for CC on Friday, stopping 27 shots while his teammates mustered just 20 on goal

It was a little different on Saturday as Nathan Perkovich scored twice in the first period from Dave McGordy and Drew Kahle as CC trailed just 3-2 at the end of the period Culver upped that to 4-2, but Brandon Naurato made it 4-3 early in the third period, from Pat Coldren and Tim Buttery

Culver made it 5-3 early in the third period, and Bryan Genrich cut that to 5-4 with 53 seconds left CC pulled Blanchard but couldn't get the

equalizer Blanchard stopped 25 shots in goal, while the Shamrocks had 25 shots of their own

CC plays New Trier (Ill.) at Kalamazoo's Lawson Arena on Friday night, then returns to Redford Arena on Saturday for a game with Port Huron Northern

Ladywood 7, Liggett 0: Mary Beth O Dean scored a pair of goals and added two assists Monday as Lavonia Ladywood rolled to a 7-0 Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League triumph at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett

Sara Sharp, Molly Zarb, Jenna Keenan, Meg MacDonnel and Kate Karabelski also tallied goals for the victorious Blazers, now 4-0 overall

Goaltender Danni St Onge made 14 saves to post the shutout Ladywood, which outshot the Knights, 36-14, led 1-0 after one period and 4-0 after two periods

CANTON

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place finisher at state — gone are Matt Wisniewski, who was top six in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle at state meet last season, Brad Nilson, a state qualifier in the 100 backstroke, and Ryan Ahern, top seven at conference in both the 200 and 500 free last year — they have enough to match anyone else in the WLAA

Anyone but Salem 'Salem's going to be Salem,' Weber allowed 'They have their leadership in (Ben) Dzialo And (Lvonia) Stevenson has some pretty big numbers It should be interesting in our division between Northville and us

'No one can count us out from being a threat'

Leading the returnees for Canton are senior Yuhei Uno, who was second in the WLAA in the 100 butterfly last season, and junior Joe Le, who scored at state meet in the 100 freestyle and was third in both the 50 and 100 free at the conference

'We know what Joe's going to do, said Weber 'We know what Yuhei's going to do For us to be successful, we need Sattler, Reasor and Faronia to step up'

That would be James Sattler, a junior who scored last year at league in the 200 and 500 free, Steve Reasor, a junior who scored in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke at league, and sophomore John Faronia, who scored at conference in the 100 back and 100 free, and has potential in the 50 free, too

There are several others to watch, such as senior co-captains Scott Franke (breast) and Steve Kiljanczyk (diving), junior Jordan Champine (100 fly),

There are a few freshmen who could aid the Chiefs, too. Nathan Phillips was the middle school champ in the 100 back, and Shogo Uno was one of the top butterflyers in the middle school.

junior Aaron Van Proyen (200, 500 free), juniors and twin brothers Kenny (breast) and Neal (fly) Brunner, and sophomore Kevin Cafarelli (diving)

There are a few freshmen who could aid the Chiefs, too

Nathan Phillips was the middle school champ in the 100 back, and Shogo Uno was one of the top butterflyers in the middle school

In fact, the younger Chiefs will be counted on to produce, if Canton is to stay on pace with Ramon There are only three seniors on the roster, with 11 juniors, eight sophomores and nine freshmen

How well we deal with the top teams (in the league), whoever they may be, will depend on how the sophomores come through, said Weber 'And will any of our freshmen be league (meet) scorers

'We're not at the top (of the conference) yet, but we're still climbing We're looking to continually get better'

So far, the Chiefs have been doing just that

NOTE For the first time in WLAA history Salem will not host the conference relays A problem with the Rocks pool has forced it to be shut down and the relays moved to Northville HS The meet will be at noon Saturday cjrnsak@oehomecomm.net | (734) 953-2108

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION 2003 MEETING SCHEDULE

At the Meeting of June 3 2002 the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton adopted the following meeting schedule for 2003

January 6 February 3 February 17 March 3 March 17, April 7, April 21 May 5 May 19 June 2 June 16 July 7 July 21 August 8 August 18 September 8 September 22 October 6 October 20 November 3 November 17 December 1 December 15

The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Chestnut Room at Summit On The Park 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m

Vic Gustafson
Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON JOINT STUDY SESSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES & MERIT COMMISSION DECEMBER 3, 2002

A joint study meeting of the Board of Trustees and Merit Commission of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday December 3 2002 at 46000 Summit Parkway Canton Michigan Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and led the pledge of allegiance

Merit Commission Members Present Cece Hinske Craig Pickard Members Absent Tony Calderoni
Township Board Members Present Shefferly Burdzak McLaughlin Bennett Yack LaJoy Kirchgatter Members Absent None

Staff Present Director Durack Dave Medley Director Conklin Director Minghine Chief Rorabacher
Others Present Karne Stover and Lisa Weiss from Plante & Moran LLP

Motion by Bennett seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda Motion carried but all members present

STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Plante & Moran Job Classification Salary Study. Karne Stover and Lisa Weiss representatives of Plante & Moran presented their draft project report to the Township Board and Merit Commissioners Discussion took place regarding Project Description, Plante & Moran's Finding and Recommendations, Job Title Changes Grade Structure and Pay Structure

Item 2 Fringe Benefit Provisions to Non-Union Classified Employees Director Durack informed the Board and the Merit Commission of changes proposed in the Personnel Policy Manual fringe benefit provisions Items proposed were cash in lieu of health insurance benefits to retirees new proposed language to dental insurance for retiree Longevity pay recommendations, and Optical Program upgrade

Item 3 - Proposed MLK day Director Durack updated the Board on the planned activities for MLK Day Training to be held on January 20 2003 The agenda will include Movie "Remember the Titans Massey Tape "Flashpoint and Speaker Ian Hill

OTHER Supervisor Yack acknowledged receipt of the resignation letter from Phil LaJoy stating his resignation will be effective December 31 2002 **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy at 8:45 p.m. to adjourn Motion carried unanimously

THOMAS J YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G BENNETT, Clerk

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TERESA CISCHKE CMFA,
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SALEM

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That left Salem with one freshman. And that's something that's never happened to Olson before.

"Never, ever," he said. "It's definitely going to change the complexion of things. Hopefully, it'll straighten out down the line."

The average class size for Salem is about 15. The dropoff left Olson with a depressed view of the future. "I think we're coming to the end of our string here," he said.

He then added quite quickly, "But this year we'll be OK."

Indeed, the Rocks could be just fine for the next couple of years. In fact, they're good enough this year that, ask any other coach in the Western Lakes Activities Association, and they'll just about hand Salem the title.

Just about considering the losses, that's rather amazing. Gone from last season's squad are Eric Lynn, who was first at the state meet in the 200-yard individual medley and second at state in the 100 backstroke (he also swam on two scoring relays at state), and Mike Johnson, who was in the top 10 at state in the 50 (tied for fourth) and 100 (10th) freestyle (he, too, swam on two scoring relays).

The top returnee for Salem is senior Ben Dzialo, who will be a team captain. An all-state and All-American swimmer for three years, Dzialo placed sixth in the 100 butterfly, 11th in the 200 free and swam on both scoring relays at last year's state meet.

"I'd say he's probably the best swimmer coming back in the conference," said Olson.

"Whenever we have Dzialo, I think he can go after a couple of state championships."

Still, one swimmer won't win the conference title for an 11th time for the Rocks. Dzialo won't have that problem, he'll have plenty of help.

Nick Dixon, a sophomore, returns after winning the 200 individual medley and placing second (to Dzialo) in the 500

SWIM RESULTS

SALEM 101 ANN ARBOR HURON 85
Tuesday at Huron

200 yard medley relay: 1 Huron (Steve Weinberg, Peter Gamberg, Jon Cable, Scott Nelson) 1:44.29; 2 Salem (Jeff Nevi, Matt Showalter, Ben Dzialo, Matt Vivian) 1:46.05

200 freestyle: 1 Nick Dixon (Salem) 1:54.19; 2 Joe Aumiller (Salem) 1:56.29

200 individual medley: 1 Ben Dzialo (Salem) 2:06.94

50 freestyle: 1 Peter Gamberg (AAH) 23.45

Diving: 1 Kyle Howard (AAH) 240.65

100 butterfly: 1 Dzialo (Salem) 54.48 (state qualifying)

100 freestyle: 1 Nelson (AAH) 51.27; 2 Matt Jurcak (Salem) 54.18

500 freestyle: 1 Dixon (Salem) 4:59.90 (state qualifying); 2 Aumiller (Salem) 5:21.60; 3 Pete Skinner (Salem) 5:49.57

200 freestyle relay: 1 Huron (Kyle Metzger, Gamberg, Mike Hughes, Nelson) 1:36.27; 2 Salem (Vivian, Adam Sonnanstine, Aumiller, Dixon) 1:37.15

100 backstroke: 1 Weinberg (AAH) 56.27 (state qualifying)

100 breaststroke: 1 Matt Showalter (Salem) 1:06.13

400 freestyle relay: 1 Huron (Cable, Hughes, Nelson, Weinberg) 3:32.69; 2 Salem (Aumiller, Sonnanstine, Dixon, Dzialo) 3:33.90

Dual meet records: Salem 10, Huron 01

Salem's next meet: 7 p.m. Thursday at Dearborn

freestyle at the WLAA Finals last year. "He looks like he's ready to take a bigger part of the load," said Olson.

Others to watch include Mike Horgan, a do-everything kind of swimmer who scored at the WLAA's in the 500 free and 100 butterfly and will share the cap-

taincy with Dzialo, as will Matt Poniatowski, another distance freestyler.

Joe Aumiller, a senior who scored at the WLAA meet in both the 200 and 500 free last year, returns as well. So does Bill Clark, a senior sprint freestyler who scored in the 50 and 100

free at league, Matt Showalter, a senior who was second in the WLAA in the 100 breast and qualified for state, Jeff Nevi, a senior who was in the top eight at league in both the 200 IM and 100 backstroke, Adam Sonnanstine, a senior who was in the top 10 at league in both the 200 and 500 free, Matt Vivian, a senior who matched that top-10 performance in the 50 and 100 free at league, Casey Johnson, a junior who was fifth in the 100 breast at conference meet, and Nick Yee, a senior who scored in the top six in the 100 back at league.

Others to watch include sophomore Penn Chou (a do-everything), sophomore Matt Jurcak (100, 200 free), senior Pete Skinner (distance free, fly), and sophomore divers Andrew Mirowski and Brad Sokolowski.

The league title is certainly Salem's for the taking. The Rocks were fifth at state last season and third the year before, and while those finishes

may be difficult to match, an 11th-straight conference crown is not out of the question — particularly with the departure of the three Farmington-area high schools.

"I'd be surprised if anyone in the league can swim with us," admitted Olson. "I think the league, quality-wise, is down a bit."

Canton figures to be first in line for a third-straight second-place finish, although Livonia Stevenson is starting to rebuild its numbers, which could make it a contender.

Still, Salem remains the WLAA's top dog, and it will take more than a busted boiler in the pool to end the Rocks' streak.

NOTE: Due to the problems with Salem's pool, the WLAA Relays — which the Rocks have hosted as well as the conference finals since the league's inception — have been switched. Northville will serve as Relays host at noon this Saturday.

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Dec. 13

- Southfield at Canton 7 p.m.
- Monroe at Salem 7 p.m.
- Canton Agape at Whitmore Lake 7 p.m.
- Redford Union at Churchill 7 p.m.
- Franklin at Redford Thurston 7 p.m.
- Det. Benedictine at Stevenson 7 p.m.
- A.A. Huron at Westland Glenn 7 p.m.
- Wayne at Dearborn 7 p.m.
- St. Agatha at Clarenceville 7:30 p.m.
- Huron Valley at Mich. Lutheran 8 p.m.

(Lutheran East Tip-Off Classic)

- Luth. Westland vs. Lutheran North 5 p.m.
- Lutheran East vs. Lutheran West 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

- Huron Valley at Mich. Lutheran TBA
- Lutheran East Tip Off Classic 5 & 7 p.m.
- Redford CC vs. Det. Country Day at West Bloomfield 8:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Dec. 14

- Portage Northern Tournament 8 a.m.
- Madonna Tournament 8:30 a.m.
- Delta CC Invitational 8:30 a.m.
- Carleton Airport Invitational 9 a.m.
- F.H. Harrison Invitational 9 a.m.
- Allen Park Tournament, TBA

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Dec. 13

- Redford CC vs. New Trier (Ill.) at WMU's Lawson Arena 6:30 p.m.
- Franklin vs. Canton (Arctic Edge) 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

- Churchill vs. Northville (Novi Ice Arena) 6:10 p.m.
- Redford CC vs. PH Northern (Redford Arena) 8 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday, Dec. 14

- Clarenceville Tournament 9 a.m.
- Plymouth Salem Tourney 9:30 a.m.
- Garden City Christmas Tourney 9:30 a.m.

PREP BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Dec. 12

- Dearborn at Salem 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

- WLAA Relays at Salem noon
- EMU Invitational 1 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Thursday, Dec. 12

- Livonia Unified at Troy High 6:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 12

- Albion College JV at Schockcraft 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13

- Madonna at Bethel (Ind.) Tourney TBA.

Saturday, Dec. 14

- Madonna at Bethel (Ind.) Tourney TBA

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 12

- Madonna at Wayne State 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 15

- Madonna at Disney Challenge (Fla.) TBA

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Dec. 12

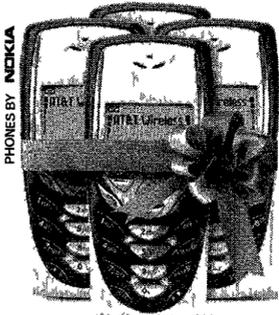
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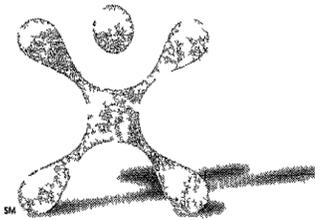
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M Meisner

Approach varies for condos

I'm thinking about doing a high-rise condominium over a retail area and have noticed in Chicago, by way of example, that there are a number of these developments which appear to be successful. What type of approach is usually given to this type of development?

My understanding of what has occurred on the Magnificent Mile along Michigan Avenue in Chicago is that a number of structures are developed as a combination of both retail and residential.

The first seven or eight floors of the building are devoted to commercial and/or other retail activities, with the balance of the building being residential with, of course, separate entrances from the ground level.

Generally speaking, the high-rise residential units are condominiums and are separate legal entities from those of the retail establishments.

The condominiums can be developed in airspace, which is now, of course, allowed as well in Michigan with the recent changes to the 2001 Condominium Act.

It's my understanding that these 'condominium residences' have been extremely popular while being very expensive given the cost per square foot of the land and amenities.

You are best advised, however, to retain local counsel in Illinois should you wish further details concerning such a development there.

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Kids, flexible in making friends, may need assistance adjusting to a move

Involve kids in move early

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

You've found a beautiful family home in a wonderful neighborhood and you're excited about moving. But are you on the verge of making a big mistake?

That big mistake, according to a West Bloomfield psychologist, is that "parents forget to ask their children how they're feeling about the move. They don't talk about it and get the children's point of view."

Parents often try to mitigate issues of moving by saying, 'It'll be OK,' and they don't find out how the children really feel," said Laurel A. Sills.

"When you move, she said, 'you're uprooting Attachments and friendships and other changes have to be readjusted.'"

"The most important thing for a parent is to be observant for any changes - any kind of acting out, getting withdrawn, changes in personality or behavior. Changes in routine that might symbolize that the child is depressed or having trouble," Sills said.

Parents, she said, should help their children focus on new friends and how they can make new friends, while at the same time helping them stay attached to old friends.

"Keep an open line to old friends and family through e-mail, letter writing and phone calls so they're anchored during the transition," Sills said.

"If they're afraid they won't make new friends, ask them how they can meet new people and if they don't have ideas, help them work it through," she added.

"Maybe no one will like me." "Well, how did you deal with that before?"

Sills urges parents to be direct with their children about moving and don't simply tell them it's going to be so exciting. Address fears one at a time.

Identify decisions about moving, Sills advises, where the parents can accept the child's choices. "Not which house to buy, but what colors would you like for your new bedroom, for

BOOKS COULD HELP PROCESS

There are books about moving which can be helpful to younger children. Here's what Lara Sebert, family school coordinator at Blanche Sims Elementary, Lake Orion, recommends.

- Pre-kindergarten to age 5 - *Berenstain Bears Moving Day*, by Stan and Janice Berenstain
- 5-8 years - *Ira Says Good-bye*, by Bernard Wayber
- 7-10 years - *Ramona Quimby* by Beverly Cleary

example."

In addition to decorating ideas, find other ways to help a child get rooted at the new home, Sills said. Choose a wall where children's heights can be marked.

From the real estate sales point of view about moving with children, "timing is always important about getting them enrolled in school," said Larry Van Zandt, broker, RE/MAX Great Lakes, Farmington Hills.

A top priority of families with children is the school system, including support staff and after-school programs, he said.

"We suggest they go to Web sites which many communities set up under their own names offering details about where the schools are, where the bus picks up and where the day care facilities are," he said.

When families are looking for a home, Van Zandt said, 'we try to accommodate the buyer' about closing on the transaction at a good time for the children.

"Sometimes the seller won't agree," he said. "But in this market, a seller is more inclined to agree because there's a lot of product out there for sale. I think sellers are more receptive now than any time I've seen since 1984."

Van Zandt said he's never lost a sale because of timing problems, but he has because parents couldn't find the schooling they wanted.

For Carolyn Binder-Scoopone, moving is "an issue I address at the beginning. Get the house listed in February or March, get it sold in April, close on the new house in May, get posses-

do fine," he said.

"Unfortunately, kids we get once the school year starts are mostly from split families with mom and dad living in different communities."

At Blanche Sims Elementary School in Lake Orion, making new students feel welcome is the work of the family school coordinator, a position held by Lara Sebert, who brings degrees in child development and social work to her job.

"We assign new students from kindergarten through fifth grade in a buddy system until they feel comfortable enough to venture out on their own," she said. "The buddies introduce them to other kids, and it's easier to make friends that way."

"Buddies are children who communicate well and are willing to help other kids. They're friendly, good students, role models," she said.

Sebert recommends that parents bring children to visit about a week before they start a new school.

"Walk them around, meet the teachers," she said. "We've had some parents just send them off on the bus."

"Parents should make time for the visit, and have conversations with their children about what to expect in the new situation. Maybe tell them personal stories from their own childhood."

"Encourage children to ask questions anytime they're unsure about something. Ask the principal or the teachers."

Children should have a chance to say goodbye to friends they're leaving in the old neighborhood, Sebert said.

"Children need closure. Perhaps a going-away party. Notes to the teachers they've been with, or the principal, or the custodian or any person they felt connected with. Give friends the new address and phone."

A child "at-risk," Sebert said, with learning problems, health issues or family disruptions which can further complicate the demands of moving needs special attention such as individual or group counseling she provides.

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

You can never be overly prepared

You may think I'm nuts for discussing springtime even before we've been slammed with our first major snowfall of the year, but in the mortgage business it makes perfect sense. Winston Churchill once said that "it is truly tragic when the times find a man unprepared." My plan today is to encourage you meet the upcoming home buying season fully prepared.

The four major areas of concern in most mortgage transactions are income, debts, assets, and credit. Borrowers with problems with any of these items may land themselves a less-than-optimum loan product, or may even be declined for a mortgage.

The difference in interest rate, program qualification, documentation requirements, and processing time between borrowers with outstanding credit and those with bruised credit is staggering. With several months' lead time, however, even borrowers with credit issues can take prompt actions to repair and polish their credit reports to position themselves for a better mortgage.

Because job income and consumer debt will play such a major role in your mortgage underwriter's decision, it is very smart to plan out how and when you make any other major purchases, and how you handle pending job and career changes.

I once had a young couple purchase thousands of dollars of furniture and appliances (and lease a new vehicle) within days after they completed a mortgage application. We got their mortgage done, but it would have been much easier and quicker if they had delayed those purchases until after they closed on their new home.

Having some verifiable assets can also make a big difference. Underwriters who see that you are spending your very last dime to get a property will likely balk at an approval. Most lenders want to see that you have a couple months' house payments "in reserve" in case you have a financial hiccup.

The best favor you can do for yourself is to talk to a lender sooner instead of later, even if you are still a few months off from a purchase. Good planning can save you a bundle in the real estate finance game.

Tim Phillips is a mortgage loan officer serving all of Michigan. You may reach him at (734) 797-5522 or via e-mail at PhillipsHQ@comcast.net. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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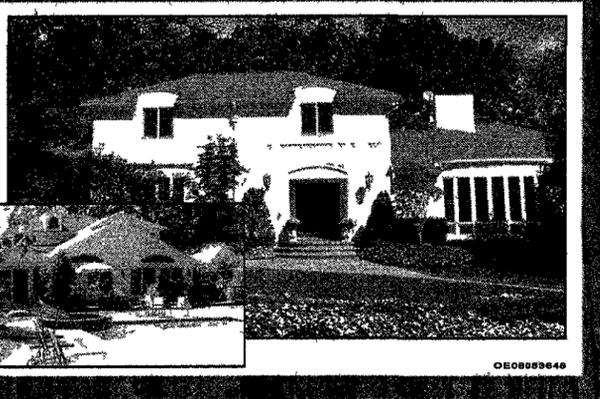
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Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details

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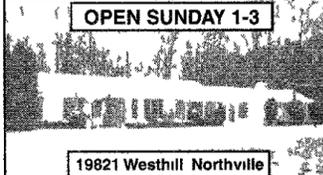
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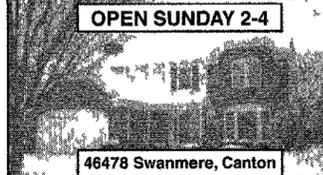
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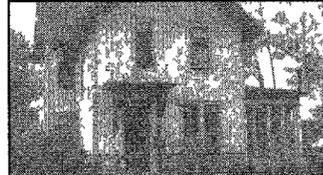
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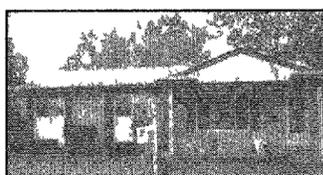
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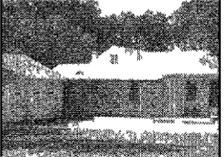
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Average U.S. mortgage rates up a bit

(AP) - Mortgage rates around the country moved up for the third week in a row, with rates on 30-year mortgages climbing to their highest level since late October.

Even with the recent upticks, rates are still low enough to continue to keep the housing market healthy, economists said.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages rose to 6.19 percent for the week ending Dec. 6, Freddie Mac reported in its weekly nationwide survey. That was up from 6.13 percent in the

previous week and marked the highest rate since the week ending Oct. 25 when 30-year rates averaged 6.31 percent.

Rates had dropped to 5.94 percent for the week ending Nov. 15, the lowest level since the mortgage giant began tracking 30-year mortgage rates in 1971.

For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates increased to 5.60 percent last week, up from 5.57 percent.

Low mortgage rates this year have been feeding a refinancing boom.

The extra monthly cash consumers are saving by refinancing their mortgages at lower interest rates is helping to support consumer spending, which has been the main force keeping

the economy going this year.

"Consumer spending has kept the economy moving, and when initial holiday sales were better than expected, financial markets reacted with enthusiasm," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Home sales - powered by low mortgage rates - are expected to post records this year.

In Freddie Mac's weekly survey, rates on one-year adjustable-rate mortgages increased to 4.21 percent last week, compared with 4.19 percent last week.

Mortgage rates don't include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year mortgage loans and one-year ARMs each carried an average fee of 0.5 point this week. Fifteen-year mortgages carried an average fee of 0.6 point this week.

A point is 1 percent of the mortgage amount.

MOVERS & SHAKERS

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The Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association

recently installed its new officers: **Michael J. Fontana**, RBC Mortgage, Troy, becomes president and **Marcy Lindhout**, Fifth Third Bank, Grand Rapids, vice president, **Dan Calcaterra**, Towne Mortgage, Sterling Heights, is secretary/treasurer and **Mark C. Stevens**, Flagstar Bank, Troy, immediate past president.

Trott, Bingham Farms, is secretary/treasurer and **Jan Wetzel**, Wetzel Trott, Bingham Farms, immediate past president.

Brian Tolly, SEGD, has been promoted to associate from senior graphic designer at Ford & Earl Associates in Troy.

He has expertise in environmental graphic design, wayfinding and signage problems.

Tolly is a member of the Society of Environmental Graphic Design and lives in Royal Oak.



Tolly

Levi F. Smith, CEO of his own real estate firm in Southfield, has been selected to become the exclusive southeast Michigan member of the Alliance of Tenant Representatives.

That organization has 20 member companies across North America whose sole purpose is to exclusively represent users of commercial real estate.

Smith, a broker and attorney, has represented only tenants and purchasers since 1988.



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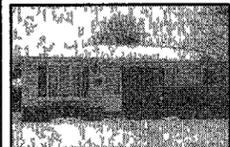
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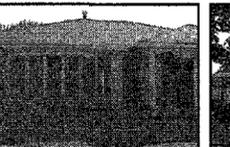
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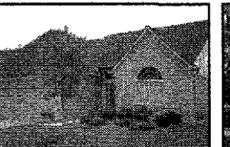
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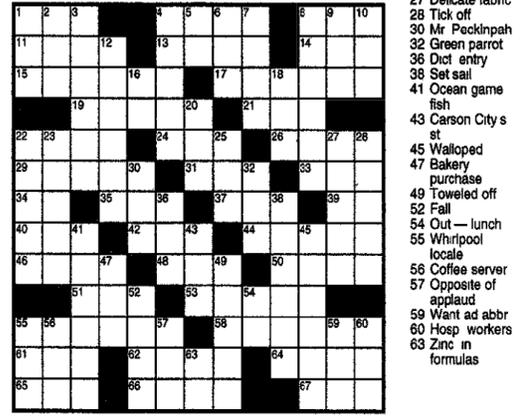
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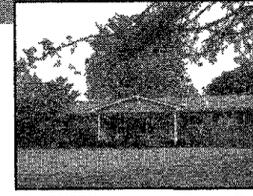
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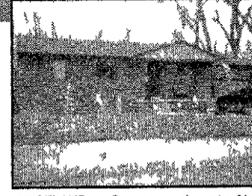
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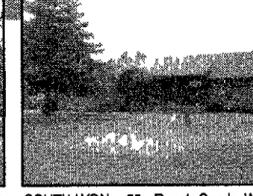
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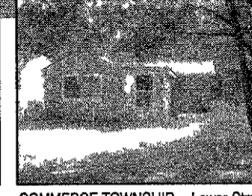
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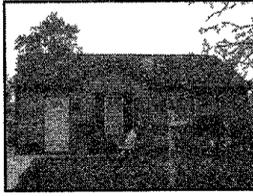
WESTLAND - Country in the city Nice three bedroom Ranch located on just under one acre of beautiful land that is part wetland with a stream running through it Two car heated garage Large basement One year old water heater \$198 900 (55HUF) 248 349 5600



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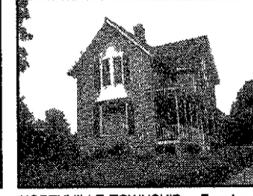
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP - Lower Straits Lake privileges Two bedroom 1 bath ranch Handyman Special that needs work One car garage paved road Updated kitchen wall furnace & electrical \$119 900 (15LIS) 248 349 5600



GARDEN CITY - Just like new 2 bedroom 2 car garage Newer roof furnace copper plumbing windows central air hot water tank cement circuit breakers Berber carpet (12x10) Florida room steel entry doors deep lot Immediate occupancy Turn key & move in \$129 893 (71BAL) 734-455 5600



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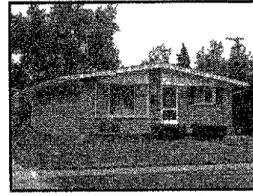
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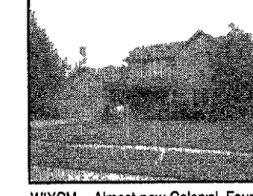
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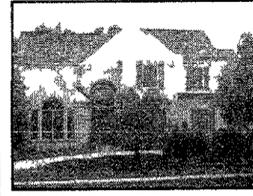
CANTON - Delightful Canton Condo Simply charming first floor unit featuring newer furnace air conditioning Walside windows freshly painted throughout updated kitchen & bath with oak cupboards & spacious master suite Immaculate & like new \$114 900 (59SAV) 248 349 5600



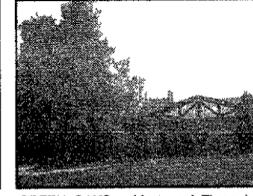
WIXOM - Almost new Colonial Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath with ceramic baths formal dining room & first floor laundry Newer carpet in family room with fireplace & cathedral ceilings Large deck overlooks nature preserve Drywall carpet & tile in basement Newer hardwood in kitchen \$312 900 (52ML) 248 349 5600



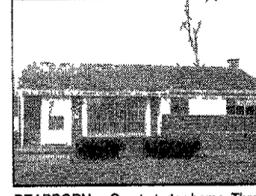
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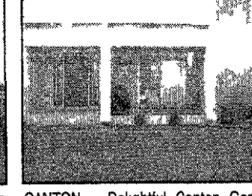
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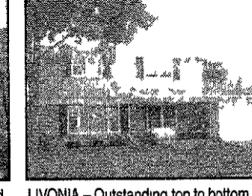
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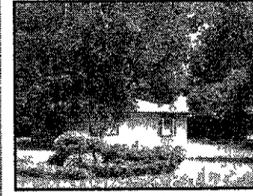
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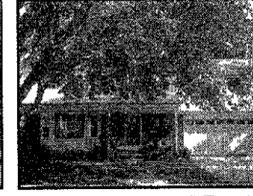
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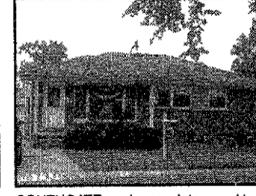
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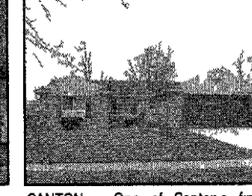
DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Fabulous! Ranch on nearly an acre! Upgraded custom kitchen with appliances & ceramic floor Formal dining room fireplace in living room & wood stove in family room Jacuzzi tub in bath & sky lights Eight car garage! \$339 900 (17EVA) 734-455 5600



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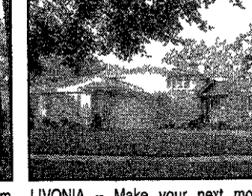
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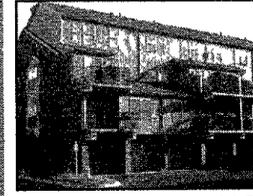
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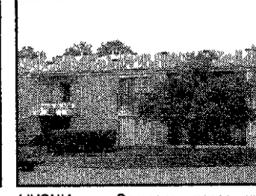
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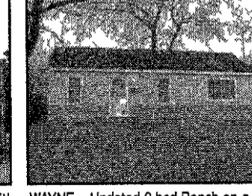
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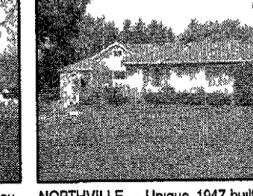
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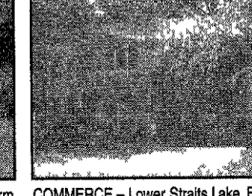
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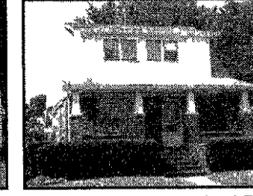
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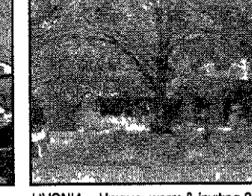
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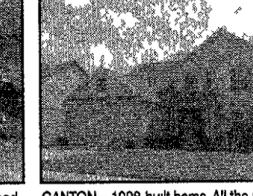
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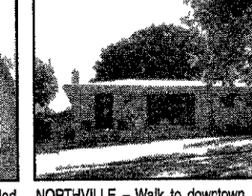
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QUALITY GUY

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Attractive tall mature lady height/waist proportionate non smoker social drinker enjoys music concerts fine dining dancing conversation Seeks a smart quality male a male for friendship companionship and possibly more **BOX 36146**

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TO KNOW EACH OTHER

57 male 165 lbs is looking for a female to get together and have some fun **BOX 26829**

LOOKING FOR YOU

Single white male 60 64 135 lbs brown hair/eyes mustache living in Wayne County good sense of humor honest sincere Enjoys golf bbqs quiet time at home craft shows in search of a lady with same interests **BOX 30887**

HONEST

Tall divorced white male 64 good physical condition 66 non smoker self employed honest sincere sense of humor I would like to meet a slender lady 45 to 53 who is easygoing with good values for companionship and possible long term relationship **BOX 35984**

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Hispanic male med um bu d likes to have fun Seeks female for dating **BOX 20672**



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Hard working divorced white male 49 58 175 lbs Looking to find an easy going intelligent pretty white female mid to late 40s nice shape and bu d for a long term relationship **No games please Redford area BOX 14840**

LIVE LOVE LAUGH

Single black sophistocratic male female med um bu d slender build enjoys dining out flea markets movies and more Seeks male with similar interests rather important **Wayne County BOX 36126**

TOUCH OF CLASS

For sale attractive classy outgoing divorced white female 58 58 120 lbs dark hair pretty eyes Seeks top notch tall white male 50 plus to share fun and special moments together Your cost one phone call **Oakland County BOX 36053**

SHARE LIFE WITH ME

68 yr old lady full figured 5 5 green eyes red hair good looking Enjoys dining out walking movies conversation Seeks male 58 to 70 to share interests **BOX 26709**

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

44 yrs old 57 d divorced white female kes dancing camp rock n roll movies music singing Seeks white male 36 to 45 510 to 63 w/ some of the same interests **BOX 26733**

IM YOUR LADY

Attractive white divorced 45 52 138 lbs female brown hair enjoys walking swimming movies music and dining out Seeks white male 40 50 slim to med um bu d 56 non smoker occasional drinker affectionate and a ce o for a mean ngful relationship in Garden City **BOX 26999**

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Intelligent fit 56" brown eyed blonde passionate about life and laughing enjoys golf boating theater boating and great conversations interested in meeting lady 50 to 58 160 lbs divorced white female gentleman with similar interests **Oak and county BOX 27010**

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ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Outgoing petite and live in Plymouth Looking for an attractive non smoking single white male 45 to 58 who is trustworthy and naturally masculine secure with no dependents Someone with a job for life **Wayne County BOX 27026**

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Divorced white lady non smoker non drinker likes horseback riding has own horses Enjoys camping walking boating fishing travel cars music and dining out Seeks gentleman 57 to 65 with similar interest **Monroe County BOX 27030**

LOVELY BUT LONELY

Tall slender attractive roman tic lady ady seeks honest loyal romantic flexible gentleman that is 55 plus over 510 and fun to be with Let's start as friends first **Oakland County BOX 27034**

ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY

Well traveled educated loving white professional female Seeking a sophisticated Christian man 62 to 72 who can also be down to earth Interests are classical music art appreciation world events and travel Comfortable one on one and in social situations **Oakland County BOX 35911**

FIRST TIME AD

Educated well traveled loving professional single female 52 med um bu d non smoker Enjoys conversation music travel quiet times and theater Seeking refined gentleman 60 70 for friendship first **Oakland County BOX 35999**

SEEKING ITALIAN

Petite white female 63 51 128 lbs brown hair and eyes non smoker attract ve talks v e good sense of humor Seeks gentleman 60 to 66 non smoker shar ng the things n life we both enjoy especially traveling **BOX 36003**

LADY WITH PIZZAZZ

Eccentric attractive slender romantic lady enjoys golf tennis boating dancing and more Seeking special fun gentleman 59 plus over 510 non smoker honest and loyal **BOX 36009**

SMART FUNNY HUGGABLE

40 yr old divorced white female 57 with 2 children kes moves walks zoos intelligent conversational Seeking an educated down to earth non smoking white male 40 49 who is family oriented enjoys laughing juggling and open communication **Western Wayne County BOX 36128**

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ENDLESS LOVE

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FOREVER YOUNG

Single male 61 190 lbs in good shape brown hair green eyes college educated and spending time with my children Enjoys reading running biking skiing all types of music own his own business Looking for a positive fit and loving female for a long term relationship **Must love children BOX 14942**

ISN'T IT TIME WE MET

Articulate, cultured, nice looking, unique black male, 50, 57", 150 lbs. Wishes to meet a sincere, attractive, affectionate, white or foreign born female, for a long term, mutually committed relationship **BOX 21089**

TALL & HANDSOME

511 male with mustache 180 lbs seeks female 40 to 65 entered to average bu d who is interested in travel dinners movies quiet times at home Call if interested **BOX 12370**

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

White professional male 58 11 brown hair blue eyes well educated no dependents Enjoys music movies reading family and friends biking jogging long walks Seeks intelligent naturally available white professional female no dependents For happy and healthy relationship **BOX 14561**

LOOKING FOR A MATCH

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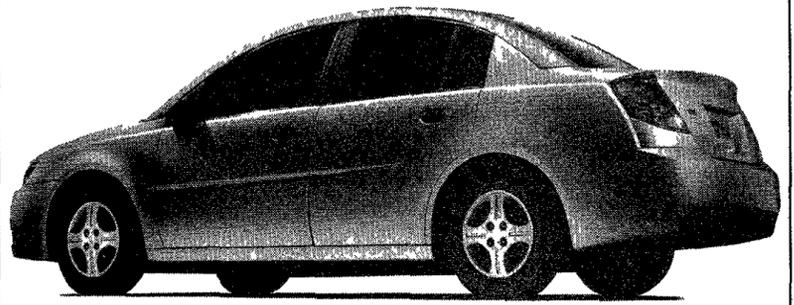
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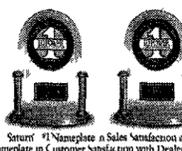
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