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## Pipeline

### Auditions

Whistle Stop Players will audition children ages 6 and up for the spring touring production of *Famous Folk Tales from Around the World*, 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, and Thursday, Jan. 16.



Participants need to come one night for the free 90-minute audition workshop. No experience or preparation is necessary, and all who audition will be cast.

Actors will be asked to select one rehearsal night per week (either Sunday or Thursday) from 6:30-8 p.m. Performances are scheduled for April 6-8 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council and April 7-17 in the local schools. Cost for participation in the performances is \$150 for PCAC members. Student memberships are available for \$30 per year and are tax-deductible.

Auditions and rehearsals will be held at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon (at Junction). For more information, visit the Web site at: www.plymoutharts.org or call Jennifer Tolson, (734) 416-4278.

### Library Web site

Patrons trying to access the Web site of the Plymouth District Library can now only do so through the library's new Web address: plymouthlibrary.org.

The change became effective Jan. 1.

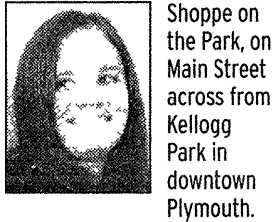
The library Web site allows patrons to renew and hold library materials through the library catalog, learn about library events for the entire family, find many valuable databases through remote access, link to many community sites and more.

For more information, access the Web site or call (734) 453-0750.

Patrons can still utilize e-mail for librarian assistance and should address inquiries to: plymouth@plymouthlibrary.org

### Book signing

Local author Aimée Carter, a 16-year-old from Canton, will sign copies of her new book, *Phoenix Ashes*, from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at the Little Book



Shopper on the Park, on Main Street across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Carter, a junior at Canton High School, penned the novel, about a teenager's struggle to deal with life, in about five weeks as a birthday present for her father, Rick. The book is published by Word Associates of Pennsylvania.

Read more about Carter's effort in the Observer Life section, page C4.

## Fearing cuts, city holds spending

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock isn't waiting for the next round of state revenue sharing cuts to begin slashing his own budget expenditures.

Sincock told department heads to cut back wherever they can in anticipation of receiving fewer state revenue sharing dollars as Gov. Jennifer Granholm attempts to erase a projected \$1.8 billion state budget shortfall.

"We need to be cautious of spending," said Sincock. "Clearly, we have to continue to operate. But there are certain things we're going to try and be cautious of in spending, and the way we do things."

"The potential for budget cuts, certainly from the state level, is there, and we'll see what happens as it progresses," he said.

Sincock said the administration is also "looking at our revenue stream, to see if our fees are in line, such as the

cemetery, building department, recreation and the police department. We've got to be in line ... we run a business here."

City Clerk Linda Langmesser said she's already cut approximately \$10,000 from her wish list this budget year.

"I put in the capital improvement budget improvements to buy some stand-up voting booths, and I'm not buying them at this point," she said. "I wanted to buy two optical (voting) scanners, but I'm not going to get both of

them.

"I had budgeted for two fireproof safes for voting records, but I'm not going to purchase them this year," she said. "And, there were some conferences and special meetings, but it's not right at this time to spend the money."

Langmesser said it's the responsibility of all city employees and departments to voluntarily cut back.

"We should all be tightening our belts

PLEASE SEE **SPENDING, A4**

## District opens MLK celebration to public

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations sponsored Monday, Jan. 20, by Plymouth-Canton Schools will be an opportunity for the community at-large to celebrate together.

"The district is becoming more diverse, and we want to be the hub of some diversity activity on Martin Luther King Jr. Day," Superintendent Jim Ryan said. "We want to give signs to the community we think we are doing good things in our school district. We thought it would be a visible sign that some healing was occurring."

Ryan was referencing a February 2001 controversy in which a Salem High School senior wrote a letter published in the school newspaper questioning the validity of Black History Month. Nearly 300 parents and students, mostly African-American, protested the student's views, believing it was racist.

"I think last year people thought we were trying to make up for what happened earlier in the year," said Ryan about last year's first Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration.

PLEASE SEE **KING, A5**



PAUL HURSCHEMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Greg Dorsey is all smiles after he and his terrier mix, Lucky Girl, were reunited this week after a 12-day separation when Lucky Girl was dog-napped in his stolen vehicle.

## Terrier survives dog-nap ordeal

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Lucky Girl, a 2-year-old terrier mix, may be the one dog who has nine lives.

Considering what she's been through the last two weeks, she might be down to eight, having used one to find her owner after being lost on the streets of Detroit.

Lucky Girl, the unofficial mascot at Saturn of Plymouth, was reunited with her owner, Greg Dorsey of Detroit, after a harrowing ordeal during which she was dog-napped when Dorsey's Jeep was stolen.

The sales consultant keeps Lucky Girl with him at all times, including at the Saturn dealership, where she sits in the back of his Jeep Cherokee waiting for Dorsey or his co-workers to stop by and pet her. With the back lid up, Lucky Girl sits on a warming pad in the winter and a cooling pad in the summer, leaving only at the commands of Dorsey.

On Dec. 22, Dorsey was leaving a funeral visitation at his church, Clinton Street Greater Bethlehem Temple in Detroit, when he had a sinking feeling. "I came out and walked

PLEASE SEE **LUCKY, A4**

## Marry me, life is but a dream

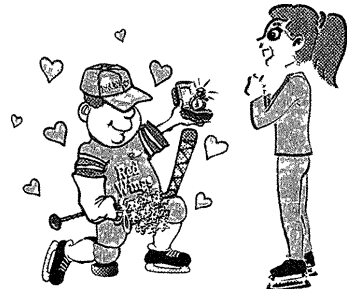
"Will you marry me?"

Those four simple words, uttered a zillion times since Adam and Eve, continue to stir the heart, raise legions of goose-bumps and even tickle the funny bone. They're not always accompanied by wine and roses. Sometimes, they're written across the sky, announced at sporting events or delivered by a messenger in a gorilla suit.

But always, they're so meaningful.

In honor of Valentine's Day, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is sponsoring its second-annual Lessons in Love Contest. Winners receive a romantic evening on the town Thursday, Feb. 13.

We want to hear about your



romantic - or funny - wedding proposal. In 100 words or less, tell us how he, or she, popped the question. You could be one of two lucky couples to receive the following:

- Transportation, compliments of J.R. Tours, Inc. of Novi
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- A romantic dinner for two at Little Italy in Northville
- Candy from Kilwin's in Birmingham
- A \$250 gift coin from Orin Jewelers of Northville and Garden City
- One-night stay at Fraser Inn of Northville
- Two tickets for the Feb. 13 Red Wings game

Sorry, you'll have to buy the fancy duds, tip your hair stylist and pay for the baby sitter, a small price for romance.

On a romantic note, Orin Jewelers plans to make an album of all the entries for future customers in need of

PLEASE SEE **PROPOSALS, A4**



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## Young fans

Avery Decker, 6, cheers the Plymouth Whalers hockey team during a recent game against Kitchener, Ontario. It was Kids' Day at the Whalers' arena and Avery took advantage of the free face-painting.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**American Profile**  
Barnstormer: A dream takes flight as Gina Moore pays homage to the past, barnstorming in her World War II vintage airplane.



**Love and marriage... go together like a horse and carriage**

So the song goes. Weddings don't go together at all without a lot of intense planning. Look for our 2003 Wedding Guide on Sunday, February 16 and discover ideas, advice and interesting features to assist with your wedding.

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### Caroling for a cause

Kayla Carmody of Canton wanted to do something special, so she gathered a bunch of her friends over the Christmas holiday and went caroling for a cause. Carmody and her friends sang their hearts out in the Glengarry Village area of Canton, and raised more than \$91 which they donated to the Plymouth Salvation Army. Pictured are, top from left, Ashley Shaffer, Becky Reno, Lauren Russell and Valerie Waldbauer. In the front, from left, are Stephanie Rohrbach, Kayla Carmody and Meghan Miller.

### AROUND TOWN

#### CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

The Plymouth Symphony's Canton Chamber Orchestra performs a "Baroquen Treasures" concert at 8 p.m. Saturday at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road at Cherry Hill in Canton. The evening features a 7:15 p.m. "On Stage" discussion of the music with conductor Nan Washburn.

Tickets cost \$16 for adults and \$14 for seniors; children K-12 accompanied by an adult are admitted free of charge. Tickets are available at: Summit on the Park, Canton Leisure Services, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Dearborn Music, Evola Music, Crystal Diamond Setters and the Plymouth Symphony Office. To charge, call (734) 451-2112.

The concert is supported, in part, by the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner of the Nation Endowment for the Arts.

#### NATIVE AMERICAN CARVINGS

Native West in downtown Plymouth hosts a Native American Sculpture show in connection with the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Jan. 15-20.

Native West will have more than 300 carvings for sale and will feature sculptures priced between \$10 and \$2,000. Most of the carvings on display will be those referred to by Native Americans as "fetishes," hand-carved objects which "represent the spirits of animals or the forces of nature, which are believed to have healing powers," said Annette Horn, Native West owner.

Traditional materials for fetishes include turquoise, jet, picasso marble, shell, pipe-stone, alabaster and serpentine.

The store will also feature larger native carvings made from alabaster and bronze.

Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday noon-4 p.m. Native West is located at 863 W. Ann

Arbor Trail. For more information, call (734) 455-8838.

#### BENEFIT CONCERT

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts "Cheek to Chic," a concert to benefit O.U.R. Camp, at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the PCAC.

Featured artist will be the Christa Grix Trio, and the evening includes coffee and a dessert reception. All proceeds go to benefit O.U.R. Camp, a day camp for children with special needs.

For tickets call (734) 414-9758.

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon (at the corner of Junction) in Plymouth.

#### YOUTH ARTIST COMPETITION

Application deadline for this year's Plymouth Symphony "Treasures Beyond Measure Youth Artist Competition" is Friday, Jan. 24. The competition itself is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 9, at Evola Music in Canton.

Through money from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and other sponsors, the symphony recognizes young orchestral talent from the Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities through this competition and has offered music scholarships to area youth since 1978.

The competition is composed of three divisions: Senior Instrumental (grades 10-12), Senior Piano (grades 10-12) and Junior Division (combined instrumental and piano, grades seven-nine). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students in the school districts of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren or Wayne-Westland or be students at Evola Music.

Each senior-division winner receives \$500, and the junior division winner gets \$250. If applicable, honorable mentions will also be acknowledged.

Applications are available through the symphony and are due by Jan. 24. Past participants are encouraged to apply; however, musicians are eligible to win just one first prize

in each division. For an application or further information, contact Ellen Elliott via e-mail at plymouthsymphony@aol.com or by phone, (734) 451-2112.

#### PROFESSIONAL WOMEN MEET

Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Banks headlines the Jan. 20 meeting of the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club, a division of the National BPW.

The BPW meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road, east of the I-275 interchange.

Guests are welcome to hear our speakers and to partake in our service activities, which include providing assistance to women returning to school.

For more information and dinner reservations, contact Mary Brooks, (734) 420-0320.

#### HIDDEN HISTORY

Plymouth's Hidden History series continues with the program, "Plymouth's Wildcat Banks," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9 at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Martin Brosnan, who will talk about how, before 1836 a state government was the only authorized source of printed money. The state could commission or de-commission any bank at any time which, according to museum officials, led to the creation of "wildcat" banks. Such banks printed their own money in each state with little "coin" to back them up.

Plymouth had its share of "wildcat" banks in the past, and museum officials are offering the chance to "find out what economic disasters occurred and how it took the national government and Abraham Lincoln to solve this problem."

Plymouth's Hidden History Series is a year-long program focusing on the little-known and unusual history of the Plymouth community.

The programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

### FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between Jan. 1-7:

■ **Tuesday, Jan. 7** — Commercial rescue runs on Beck, on Haggerty and on Ann Arbor Road; vehicle accident with wash-down at

Starkweather and Farmer; residential rescue runs on Sunset and on Fellows Creek.

■ **Monday, Jan. 6** — Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Litchfield and on Napier; hazardous materials run on Helm; rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor

Road.

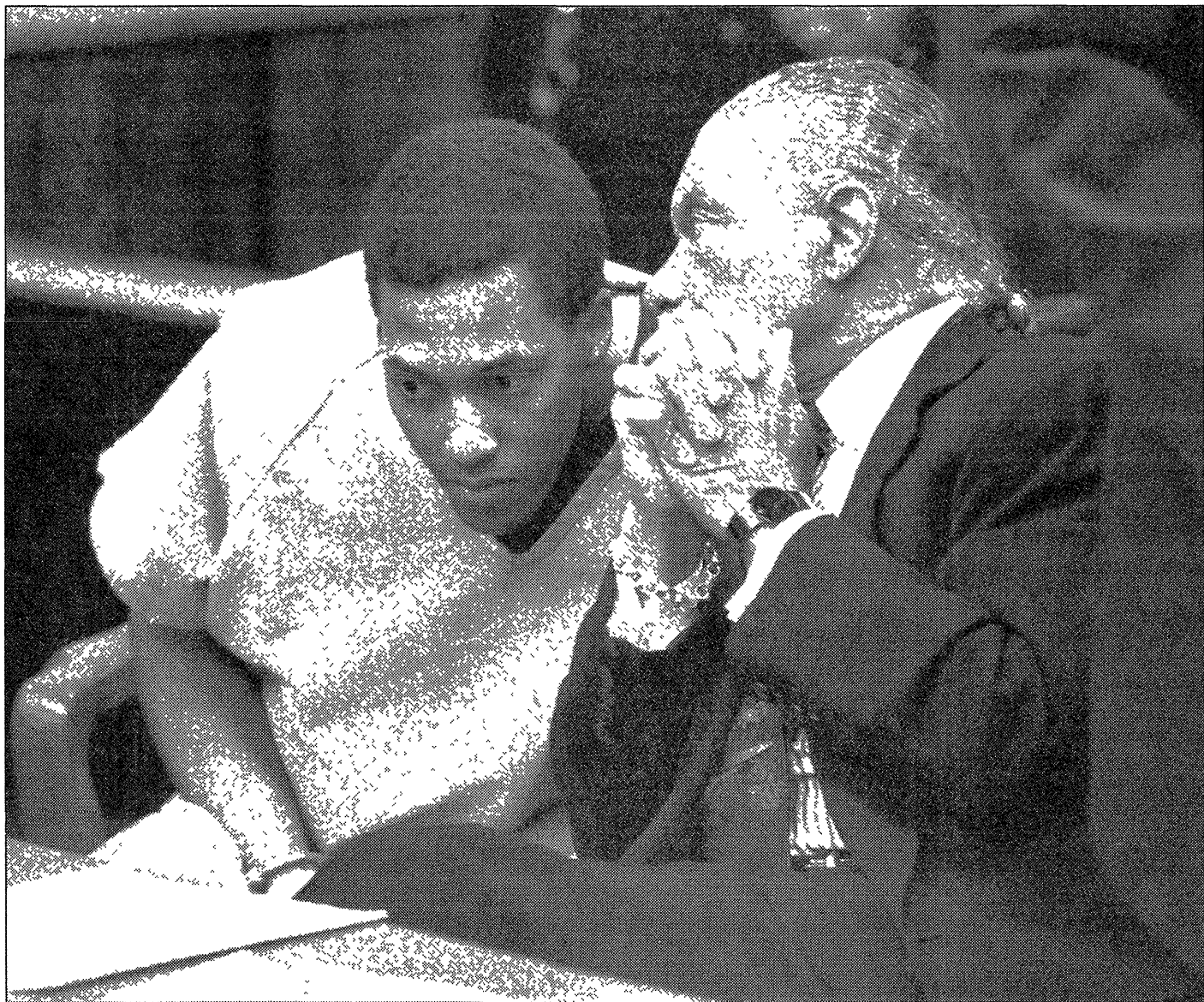
■ **Sunday, Jan. 5** — Residential rescue runs on Newport and on Filmore; carbon monoxide detector run on Ann Arbor Trail Court.

■ **Saturday, Jan. 4** — Rescue runs at public buildings on 5 Mile and on Plymouth Road; industrial rescue run on Sheldon; residential rescue runs on McKinley, on Birchwood, on Haggerty, on Mystic Forest, on Ann Arbor Trail, on Postiff and on Northville Road.

■ **Friday, Jan. 3** — Rescue run at a public building on Main; vehicle fire on Sheldon; residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Park Place, on Parkview, on Beacon Hill and on Brentwood; commercial rescue run on Haggerty.

■ **Thursday, Jan. 2** — Commercial rescue runs on Sheldon, on Haggerty and on Northville Road; apartment fire on Risman; residential rescue run on Turkey Run; rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Sheridan.

■ **Wednesday, Jan. 1** — Residential rescue runs on Filmore, on Princeton and on Lilley; commercial rescue run on Haggerty.



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Defense attorney Cornelius Pitts confers with his client, Dennis Lincoln.

## Police seek supplier of murder weapon

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Although two suspects in the murder of the Pesce family were quickly caught, the Livonia Police Department is still seeking the person who supplied suspects Dennis Lincoln and John Wolfenbarger with the gun it says was used to kill the five victims.

"Of course I can't comment (about whether police know yet who supplied the gun) because it's under investigation," Livonia Police Lt. Ben McDermott said. "But I can say when you supply a gun to a known criminal, or to someone in an agitated state, first of all you should know better. But you should also share in some of the responsibility for the crime that person commits with that gun."

Police say the gun used in

**'Somebody broke the law and supplied Wolfenbarger with the gun. That person is just as guilty as Wolfenbarger and we want to know who it is.'**

Livonia Police Lt. Ben McDermott

the Dec. 21 murders of Marco Pesce, his mother, Maria Vergati, and his children, Carlo, Sabrina and Melissa, was a Davis Industries P-380 semi-automatic pistol. Witnesses told police Wolfenbarger had been trying unsuccessfully to buy a gun several weeks before the murders.

"Somebody broke the law and supplied Wolfenbarger with the gun," McDermott said. "That person is just as guilty as Wolfenbarger and we want to know who it is."

Even as that search contin-

ues, the Wayne County Prosecutor's office announced this week a Detroit man, Bryant Keith Daniels, pled guilty to second-degree murder and a felony firearms charge for supplying a loaded gun which was used in the shooting death of 7-year-old Ajane Pollard. Daniels will serve 7-15 years in prison, and will be sentenced Jan. 21.

Although it was the first time the prosecutor's office had obtained a murder conviction against the supplier

of a gun, the charges reflect a philosophy which holds gun suppliers culpable.

"It's not that it's a new law," McDermott said. "It's just a philosophy that has been in place since this particular prosecutor (Michael Duggan) has been in office. It's a good thing, and you should share in some of the blame if you supply a gun to someone who commits a crime."

Local business people have posted a \$50,000 reward in hopes of finding those responsible for the Pesce murders, and a significant reward will be paid for information about the person who allegedly supplied Wolfenbarger with a weapon.

Anyone with information is asked to call Livonia Police at (734) 466-2470.

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## Township academy still has room

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

There's still room for Plymouth Township residents who want a chance to see what it's like to be part of their police department.

The Plymouth Township Police Department will host its second Citizen's Academy Feb. 13 through April 17 at Township Hall from 7-10 p.m.

The academy is set up for 25 students and, as of this week, there is still room in the class. "The objective is to give the public a working knowledge of the Plymouth Township Police Department policies and procedures, through a series of classes involving instruction by Plymouth Township Police Department personnel and other members of the criminal justice system," Police Chief Tom Tiderington said.

All applicants must be 18 or older, live, work or own a business in Plymouth Township and pass a background check.

The topics include accident

investigation, training requirements, patrol operations, K-9, firearms simulation, detective bureau and alcohol enforcement.

The academy is an opportunity for people who may not understand the role of a police officer or someone who may have complaints about police procedures to see things from the police perspective, according to Officer Jamie Senkbeil.

It is also an avenue for the Plymouth Township Police Department to learn about the concerns of the community members.

"This academy will encourage police interaction with the public which can augment police job satisfaction and provide a measure of accountability to the community," Senkbeil said.

Applications can be picked up at the police department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, and must be turned in by Jan. 15.

For further information call Senkbeil at (734) 354-3243.

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## Ryan, school board come to terms

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

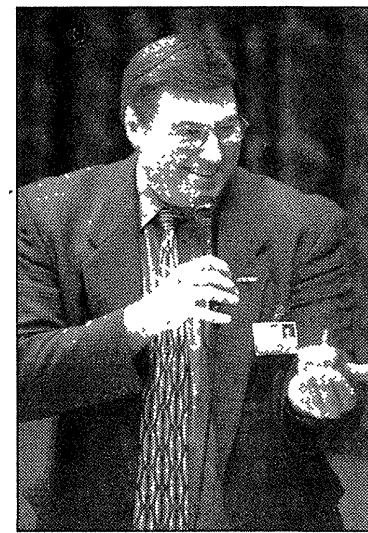
Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan has inked a new contract with the Board of Education.

Ryan, who served the district as deputy superintendent before taking over as interim superintendent in July, was given the permanent job by trustees Dec. 10.

According to Frank Ruggiere, director of community relations, Ryan signed a 3-1/2 year contract which expires in July 2005.

For the first two years, Ryan's contract mirrors the pact negotiated with the 1,000-member Plymouth Canton Education Association — a 2-percent wage hike, with another possible half-percent based on incentives related to increased student population and insurance cost containment.

The third year's salary will be determined by the board; however, the increase won't be less than the previous two years.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

School Superintendent Jim Ryan and the board of education have reached agreement on a contract that expires in July 2005.

Ryan, who had been earning \$133,700 as interim superintendent, now makes \$137,768 annually.

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### Is Your Doctor Making Your Fibromyalgia Worse?

**"Free Report Reveals The Shocking Truth About the 'secret' Treatment Your Doctor Probably Doesn't Know...And Likely Hopes You Never Learn..."**

Redford, MI - A new, free report has recently been released that reveals the "untold story" behind fibromyalgia pain. Fibromyalgia misdiagnosis and mistreatment is rampant and leads to countless years of unnecessary suffering. This free report reveals a natural procedure that is giving fibromyalgia sufferers their "lives back"-with "miraculous" results for many. If you suffer from fibromyalgia you need this no B.S., no "gimmicks" free report that is giving hope to fibromyalgia sufferers everywhere. For your free copy, call toll-free 1-888-772-8271, 24 hr. recorded message.

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**PROPOSALS**

FROM PAGE A1

wedding proposal ideas. Your words - from "Hey, babe, wanna get hitched?" to "May I have thy petal-soft hand in marriage?" - will forever be immortalized. Sigh.

Now for the contest rules. They're simple: You must be at least 18 years old, limit your entry to 100 words or less, and send your Lessons in Love entry to us by Friday, Jan. 24. Entries must include name, age, address, phone and/or e-mail.

And, of course, you must be very romantic or very funny ... or both!

Winners will be announced in your hometown newspaper Thursday, Jan. 30. Send entries to: "Lessons in Love Contest" Cathy Young, Promotion Manager, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail: cyoung@oe.homecomm.net Fax: (734) 953-2232

**LUCKY**

FROM PAGE A1

through the parking lot," remembered Dorsey. "I had a keyless remote and pressed it, but I didn't hear the horn honk."

After a few moments, Dorsey realized his Jeep had been stolen.

"There was this horrible, sinking feeling within me, knowing she was in the Jeep," said Dorsey. "... keep the Jeep, just let my dog go."

As luck would have it, Detroit police found the Jeep. However, Lucky Girl was not in her usual spot in the back of the vehicle.

With the help of his co-workers at Saturn of Plymouth, Dorsey was able to scan Lucky Girls' photo and create a reward flier.

"I got tremendous support from co-workers who assisted me," he said. "People just began offering their support."

After doing some of his own investigative work, Dorsey said he found the home of the young man who was caught with his Jeep.

"He told the police he purchased it for \$10 from a crackhead, and the dog wasn't in the vehicle at the time," said Dorsey. "I told him I didn't intend on pressing charges, that I just wanted bygones to

be bygones. I offered a \$500 reward and no charges."

After no luck with the suspect, Dorsey spent time on the street corner where the man said he bought the vehicle, handing out fliers.

"I had this horrible feeling, a lot of pain," he said. "It was like a member of my own family was taken or kidnapped."

But, Dorsey said he never gave up.

"I live with hope, and I began to feed on that," he said. "My heart was fixed on that I was going to find my Lucky Girl."

As luck would have it, last Friday Dorsey received a call from Darnell Daniel, a tow truck driver who attends services at Dorsey's church.

Daniel found a dog about 10 miles from the church, which fit the description of Lucky Girl.

"I was reserved. I didn't want to get my hopes up too high, in case it wasn't her," said Dorsey. After seeing the dog, Dorsey said, "It was an incredible, sensational feeling. I believe in Divine intervention. What are the odds someone I go to church with would find her?"

Lucky Girl, who was a stray dog before being taken in by Dorsey nearly two years ago, may have used those same instincts to survive the streets

once again.

"She looked terrible, like a street dog," said Dorsey. "I took her to the vet the next day. She lost four pounds, she was very dirty, and her green jacket was gone."

To celebrate, Dorsey said he "knelt down and prayed and gave thanks."

Dorsey's co-workers are also relieved Lucky Girl is back.

"We were all heartbroken when she was taken," said sales consultant Nancy Shipway of Plymouth. "She's a member of the family. It was like something happened to one of us."

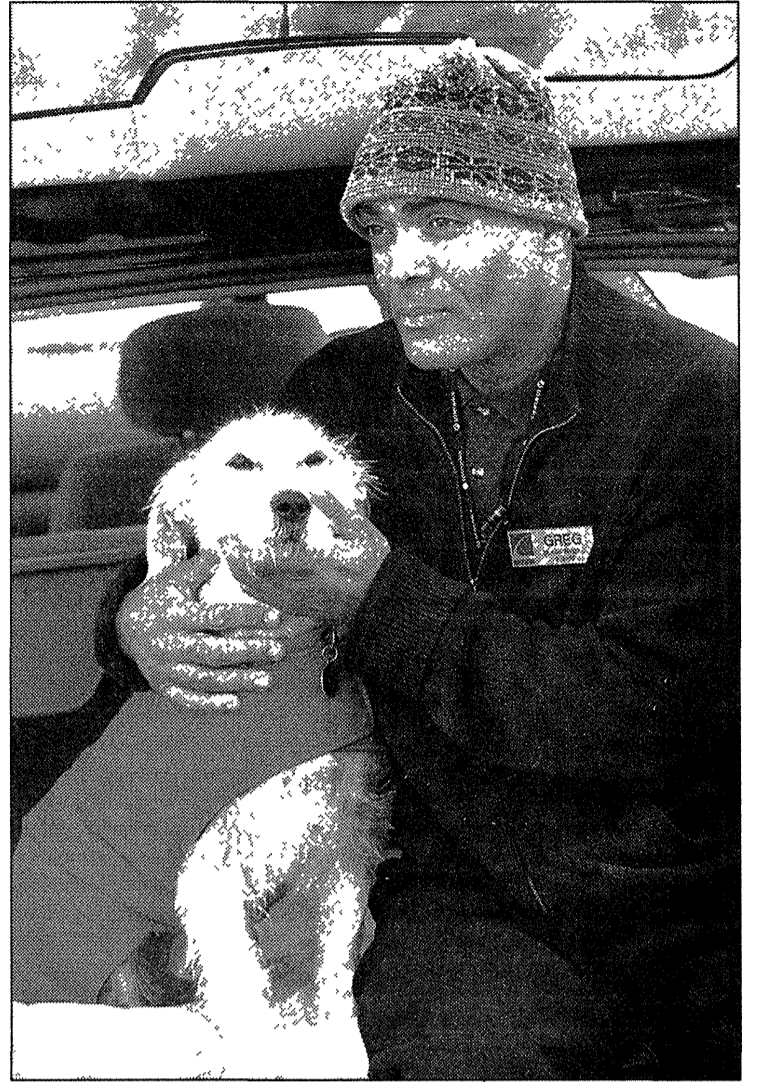
Another sales consultant, Bob Ashley of Plymouth, said, "You can't go past his Jeep without Lucky Girl reaching out her paw to get your attention."

Co-worker David Finegold said Lucky Girl "is here every day. She's part of the team."

Dorsey said he learned one lesson. He now has an identification tag with her name and telephone number around her neck.

"Inseparable? Pretty much, yes," said Dorsey. "We have that chemistry, and it's just a great bond between us. My co-workers say she is a very spoiled dog."

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Greg Dorsey hugs his 2-year-old terrier mix, Lucky Girl, Tuesday in the back of his car after she was returned to him following her dog-mapping.

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and be fiscally responsible by cutting out the extras," she said.

Building Official Jim Penn said his budget is "pretty much meager to being with," but he's "looking at increasing fees to cover the city's expenses and make up some of the revenues."

Penn is hoping some of the earlier-announced building projects will come to fruition this year, which will help the city's coffers.

He estimates the permit to build the Wilcox condominium project will be about \$160,000, while renovations and construction at the former Adistra property just

down the street will add another \$200,000 in permit fees.

Finance Director Mark Christiansen said his department has nowhere to cut.

"There's not too much money sitting around for a wish list," said Christiansen, whose department has six full-time and one part-time employee. "If I had to cut, it would probably be in personnel."

Sincock said laying off employees is a measure saved for a last resort.

"Layoffs aren't in the immediate future. That affects the direct level of service we provide our residents," he said. "We'll look at every alternative we can."

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ebriation. "We weren't. We were just trying to find a starting point."

"I do hope we're moving to an understanding that there's a lot of different people making up the 17,000 kids in our district," he added.

Last year's program, held at the Salem High School cafeteria, was attended by about 270 people, of which 180 were from Canton Township government, which used the event as part of its professional development day.

However, Plymouth-Canton educators weren't able to participate because their professional development day sessions conflicted with the luncheon.

Ryan said this year will be different. Canton Township won't be participating, which will make room for anyone from the community who wants to attend.

"We've revamped the professional development day for teachers to complete it in time

The keynote speaker will be Lily Eskelsen.

so any staff member will be able to attend," he said. "And, we want to make an invitation

to the community to attend the celebration at a cost of only \$10."

Rev. Alfred Johnson, pastor at Bethel AME Church in Ann Arbor, will be one of two speakers. Johnson is married to Central Middle School Principal Joyce Johnson.

"Many young adults don't have much to remember from the 1960s, so they don't know the history of Martin Luther King Jr. Day," Rev. Johnson said. "Their knowledge of the struggles is only through school, and that's limited."

"The trend today is to make it a day of diversity, which does not limit itself," he added. "In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the whole purpose is that everybody should co-exist for the benefit of the masses. The laws have benefited the masses, not one class of people."

The keynote speaker will be Lily Eskelsen, a well-known Hispanic elementary school teacher from Utah, who was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the 2.7 million member National Education Association.

The Plymouth-Canton district is one of the most diverse in the state.

While the school population consists mostly of white students, there are significant pockets of Asian, Indian, African American and Hispanic students.

"It's good for kids to know about different cultures and races because that's what the real world looks like out there," Ryan said.

"The world is made up of many wonderful people from different cultures and different backgrounds."

Tickets for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration Jan. 20 at Salem High School are \$10, and can be purchased by calling Linda Kelly at (734) 416-3154 by Monday, Jan. 13. The program is expected to run from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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STELLA ON THE WEB

Stella Contracting, Inc. and Kitchens by Stella announced the launch of their new Web site, http://www.stellacontracting-inc.com. The new site allows homeowners the chance to preview custom remodeling projects online at their convenience.

"Our new site is a reflection of the changing market for remodeling companies," said Jeff Stella, president of Stella Contracting, Inc. "Homeowners are busier than ever and want time to consider their choice of a remodeling contractor at their own leisure. These choices are

increasingly based on the ability to see the history of a remodeling company and the type of projects they are capable of."

In addition to an extensive portfolio of work, the new site offers tips on remodeling such as planning, design, legal considerations and the financing involved in a project. The process of a kitchen remodel is also outlined. Founded in 1958, Stella Contracting, Inc. and Kitchens by Stella has been firmly established in the home renovation and remodeling industry. They were featured in "Remodeling Magazine" as one of the 50 best remodelers in the

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country, and they received the 2001 Chrysalis Award for Excellence in Remodeling (sponsored by Professional Remodeler Magazine). Stella Contracting, Inc. and Kitchens by Stella are located at 747 S. Main Street in Plymouth and can be reached at (734) 459-7111.

METALDYNE PARTNERSHIP

Metaldyne Corporation (headquartered in Plymouth) and DaimlerChrysler Corporation have closed on a transaction to operate the Chrysler Group's New Castle (Indiana) Machining

and Forge facility as a joint venture. The joint venture will be known as NC-M Chassis Systems, LLC. Metaldyne, which will oversee daily operations, will hold 40 percent of common stock, while the Chrysler Group will hold 60 percent of common stock.

"We have officially closed on the joint venture that was announced on December 9, 2002 for Metaldyne to operate the Chrysler Group's New Castle facility," said Thomas A. Amato, Metaldyne's vice president of corporate development. "We are pleased to complete this transaction, and we look forward to

working with the Chrysler Group and the UAW to position the New Castle facility as the recognized leader in the integration of chassis systems for our global automotive OEM and Tier One customers." The New Castle Machining and Forge plant manufactures suspension and powertrain components for Chrysler, Jeep(R), and Dodge vehicles, and employs approximately 1,300 people. The plant operates in a 1.1 million-square-foot facility, and will complete a 500,000 square-foot facility in 2003 where new components for the Chrysler Group will be produced.

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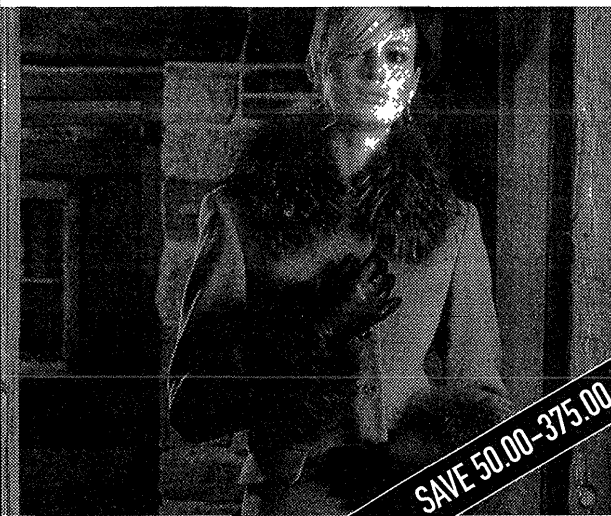


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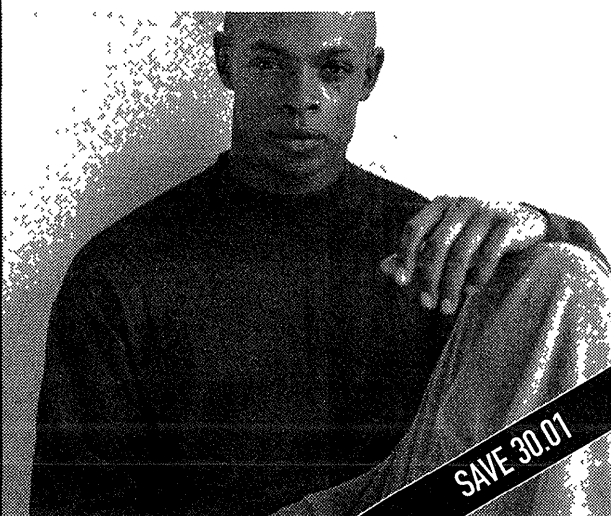


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**OBITUARIES**

**Esther E. Hann Lepore**  
Services for Esther Lepore, 93, of Novi were held Jan. 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. H. Dalton Myers officiating. Burial at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Lepore was born Sept. 11, 1909, in Wayne and died Jan. 2 in Novi. She was a homemaker. She came to the Novi community in 2001 from Plymouth. She was formerly of Punta Gorda, Fla. She loved to travel. She was a loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Mrs. Lepore was preceded in death by her husband, Wilhelm Hann; husband, Donato Lepore; and son, William Hann.

Survivors include grandchildren, Curtis (Ruth) Hann of Northville, Craig Hann of Plymouth and Amanda (Timothy) Shelton of Bloomfield Hills; great-grandchildren, Tanner Hann, Marin Hann and Charlotte Hann; and daughter-in-law, Patricia Blackburn of Pontiac.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Virginia Helen Kriston**  
Services for Virginia Kriston, 90, of Canton Township were held Jan. 7 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Kriston was born May 10, 1912, in Detroit and died Jan. 3 in Canton. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include daughter, Lynn Kriston; and daughter, Vladimira Montgomery.

Arrangements made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

**Deborah Tokarski Dinco**  
Services for Deborah Dinco, 52, of Farmington Hills, were held Jan. 9 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

Mrs. Dinco was born May 1, 1950, and died Jan. 4 at Providence Hospital. She worked as a chief executive officer for the Child Welfare Agency.

Survivors include husband, Richard J. Dinco; son, Ryan L. Dinco; mother, Lillian Tokarski; brother, Larry; and aunt, Helen Banasiewicz.

Memorial contributions may be made to Orchards Children's Services, Deb Dinco Family

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Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

**Robert E. Whyman**  
Services for Robert Whyman, 65, of Plymouth were held Jan. 10 at the First United Methodist Church in Northville with the Rev. John Hice and the Rev. Arthur Spafford officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Whyman was born July 8, 1937, in Lincoln, Neb., and died Dec. 29 in Superior Township. He was a former resident of Northville. He was a retired salesman for an automobile supplier. He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Wally Byam Caravan Club, International. He was a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

Mr. Whyman was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Whyman.

Survivors include wife, Rosalie M. Whyman of Plymouth; children, Deborah

Whyman of Canton, David (Suzanne) Whyman of Rochester Hills and Daniel Whyman of Farmington Hills; 13 grandchildren; and mother, Roberta Whyman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

**Leroy R. Hrlie**  
Services for Leroy Hrlie, 75, of Canton were held Jan. 7 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating.

Mr. Hrlie was born May 16, 1927, in Unity Township, Pa., and died Jan. 4 in Westland. He was retired from Stroh's Ice Cream. He was a member of St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, Sounds of Canton, Pioneers Club and the STA 50 Club.

Mr. Hrlie was preceded in death by his son, Dennis Hrlie. Survivors include wife of 51 years, Dolores Hrlie; sons, Steven (Anna) Hrlie and Daniel Hrlie; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and brothers, Frank, Tom and Charles Hrlie.

Arrangements made by

McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

**Charles J. Kehoe**  
Charles Kehoe, 64, of Plymouth died Jan. 3 in Livonia. Mr. Kehoe was born Dec. 15, 1918, in Trenton, N.J. He was a former executive in charge of surplus properties and employee relocation at General Motors and was responsible for GM's very successful "Buy a House Get a Car" program in the early 1980s. He later owned a relocation consulting business, ReLoCraft.

He had a longtime interest in clocks and other antiques, which turned into a 15-year antique refinishing and resale business.

His other lifelong passion was fire trucks. In 1977, this love led him to his first of more than a half dozen fire truck acquisitions, a 1921 Model-T fire engine.

His interest in fire trucks grew into the purchase of spare parts and fire-related antiques and eventually into another business, Tonquish Creek Fire Company.

Survivors include sons, Patrick (Jennifer) Kehoe of Plymouth and Timothy (Beth) Kehoe of N.Y.; sister, Susan Hunt of West Lake Village, Calif.; and cat, Hershey.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or the National

Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**James Blanchard**  
Services for James Blanchard, 77, of Canton, were held Jan. 9 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton.

Mr. Blanchard was born Dec. 17, 1925, in Detroit and died Jan. 5 in Canton. He worked in sales before retirement. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Mr. Blanchard was preceded in death by his daughter, Carol Dillon.

Survivors include wife, Catherine E. Blanchard of Canton; son, John (Tammy) Blanchard of Hamburg; daughter, Stacey (John) Phillips of Canton; son, Howard Blanchard of Canton; brother, Tom Blanchard of Milford; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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# New center brings fitness opportunities

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's newest spot to get a workout seems to be popular with the men, women and children flocking there to burn calories on treadmills, lose some weight for a wedding, climb artificial rock walls and even train for triathlons.

Canton's Lifetime Fitness facility opened this fall as one of five Michigan locations, with others in Troy, Shelby Township, Novi and Rochester Hills. There are 29 Lifetime Fitness centers across the United States. Its corporate offices are in Eden Prairie, Minn., a suburb of Minneapolis.

Lifetime Fitness' prominent location on Haggerty south of Ford, with I-275 frontage, combined with strong word-of-mouth advertising, has helped bring people into the 110,000-square-foot facility, said Liza Djelevic, operations department head at Lifetime Fitness.

"It just stands out," she said of the highly visible location.

But the numerous amenities are what keep people coming back. A full-service salon, cafe, two swimming pools, two whirlpools, child care, personal training, more than 400 pieces of fitness equipment and fitness classes are just some of the amenities users are raving about.

"It's got everything," said Jennifer Hamilton of Dearborn, while munching on a snack in Life Cafe. "I like the classes — they seem to have really good classes."

Hamilton is taking a kickboxing class which, like the other fitness classes, is free to paid members.

Alesha Garza of Redford, who works as a hair stylist in the salon, comes in to use the facility on her days off.

"It's a really fun atmosphere," Garza said.

The holiday break from school brought in more children than usual to Lifetime Fitness' child care center, which includes a separate infant area, toddler area with big-screen TV, computers and a mini-gym. When the weather allows, the kids can play outside.



Jacob Gray of Belleville makes it to the top of the climbing wall during a holiday camp workshop.

A children's "Adventure Days" day camp program brought in a small group to learn the fine art of rock climbing — on a two-story artificial rock wall with ropes and "auto belayers," which include cables that attach to a harness worn by the climber.

"It's fun trying to get up as high as you can," said Kelly Harris, 8, who attends Field Elementary.

When asked whether climbing the wall was scary, she said, "A little bit."

Upstairs, where the cardiovascular and weight equipment is housed, there is a strong emphasis on personal training. For an additional charge, members can consult with personal trainers.

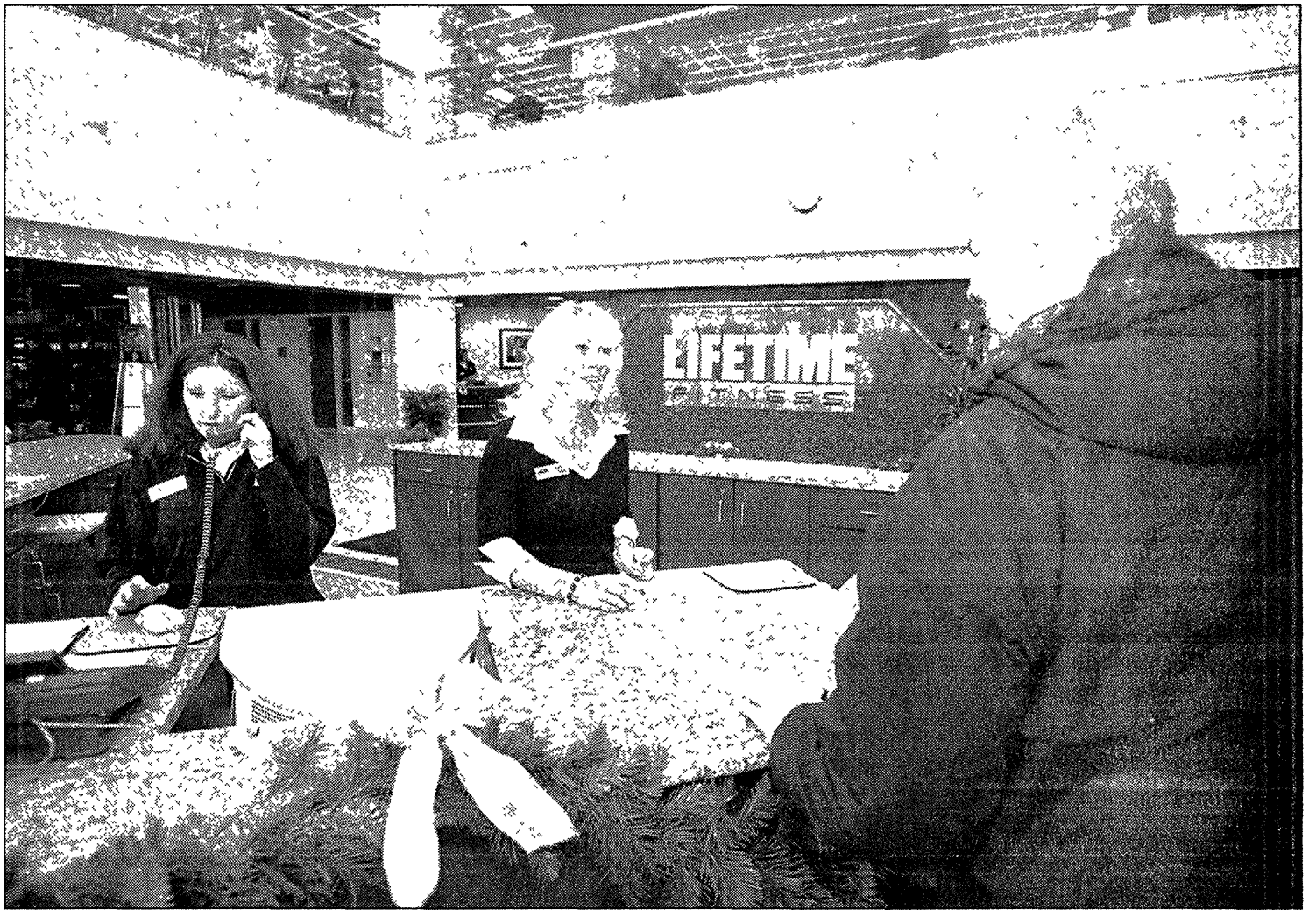
Angela Marshall of Plymouth said she began meeting with a trainer for self improvement.

"There's always room for improvement," said Marshall, as she worked on weight training with trainer Corey Sims.

The rewards of working as a personal trainer are numerous, he said.

"I like seeing the change — seeing people become a different person," Sims said.

Djelevic said that beyond the facility's numerous amenities, including men's, women's and family-style locker rooms, patrons seem to be impressed with the finer details. Marble



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Front Desk Supervisor Kimberley Smith, center, greets a guest at the entry desk in the new Lifetime Fitness in Canton Friday. Receptionist Amanda Taub is on the phone, at left.



Stylist Patty Savage of the Life Spa salon at Lifetime Fitness works with client Maryann Stojanovic of Plymouth on a highlight/lowlight treatment.

floors, wood furnishings, natural lighting, hair dryers and wooden lockers in locker rooms, clean towels and the

overall cleanliness are some of the little things patrons like. "One of the things that we really focus on is the cleanliness

**'It's fun trying to get up as high as you can.'**

Kelly Harris  
Field Elementary student

and standards of the facility," she said. "Absolutely everything has to be clean. We clean a lot."

Since Lifetime is open 24 hours, the heavy-duty cleaning is mostly done between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Throughout the day, staffers walk through and make sure things are clean and in order.

Susan Sarkisian of Northville, who was watching people swim in one of the two pools, said cleanliness is important.

"It's a great place — it's very large and it's very clean," Sarkisian said.

For Chuck Jarrett, working out in Lifetime might not be the same as swimming in a lake, cycling outside or running several miles, but it's a good simulation.

He said he has participated in five triathlons over the past year and uses Lifetime Fitness to train.

"It's got everything that I need here — a great lap pool and cardiovascular equipment," Jarrett said, as he relaxed in a whirlpool after a workout.

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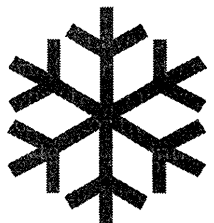
**Michigan State University**  
Justin Kuxhaus, a resident of Canton, is a member of the Michigan State University Mock Trial Team.

Justin is a sophomore at Michigan State University studying international

Relations and German.

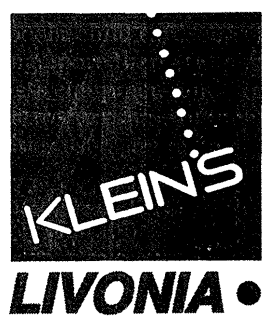
**Western Michigan University**  
Shawn Kearney, a resident of Canton, graduated with a bachelor of business degree from Western Michigan University on Dec. 14, 2002.

**Madonna University**  
Denny Kapp of Canton was named to the Dean's List at Madonna University for the fall 2002 semester.  
He is a major in TV and Video Communication. Kapp is the son of Joyce Kapp of Canton.



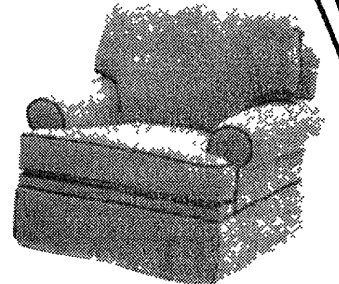
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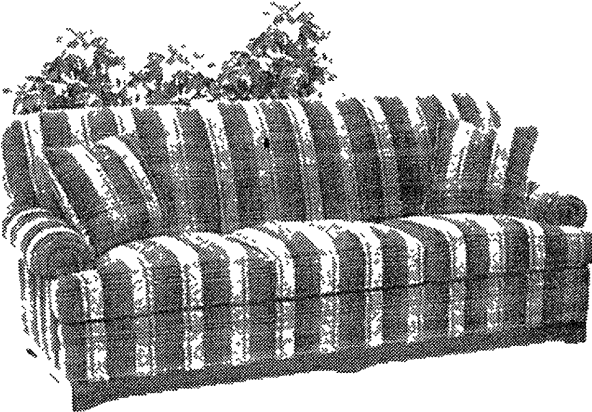
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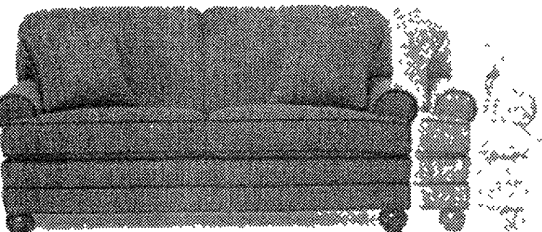
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## OUR VIEWS

### City misstepped in handling Broe

Back in October, we supported the city administration's decision to ticket the so-called Broe homes in Old Village for operating a business in residential zoning.

Of course, we assumed city officials would discuss the legal ramifications and the win-ability of the case before actually issuing the tickets.

Silly us.

As this is being written, city officials and lawyers for Broe were negotiating a settlement that would compensate Broe Rehabilitative Services for the legal fees it spent in the case, which included appearances in 35th District Court and the filing of a federal lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Detroit.

Broe attorney Gregory Bator initially set the amount at at least \$20,000, and he was still trying to figure out how much "damage" Broe suffered by having these tickets issued.

The idea that Broe suffered any damages seems a bit far-fetched, and we suspect the settlement will be simple reimbursement of legal fees. Still, it's a tough bill to pay when it seemingly could have been avoided with a little more forethought.

After weeks of listening to the complaints, primarily from the same few Old Village residents, Mayor Bill Graham got tired of listening and decided to act. He got the backing of the rest of the city commission, although there's some indication at least one of them didn't necessarily think issuing the tickets was a sound move.

As it turns out, those cautious notes should have been heeded. Once Broe's attorneys filed the federal suit, claiming the city was violating the federal Fair Housing Act, the city's legal advisers determined the case might not be winnable in court.

The city, after making a very public stand against what officials believe was a zoning violation, was forced to back down when its own legal eagles wouldn't even back officials up.

Naturally, Old Village residents aren't too happy with this turn of events, and you can't really blame them. There remains a valid question about whether Broe is operating a business out of residential homes in Old Village. There are still real problems that exist in the interaction between Broe patients and other residents in the area.

It's going to fall to the police department to make sure some of those problems are dispatched, but they'll probably have to do it without help from the administration. Unfortunately, jumping the gun without legal advice has taken the tooth out of any remedial bite the city might have wanted to take.

### Veto shouldn't stop DARTA's progress

Incomprehensible.

That's the only word we can come up with to describe former Gov. John Engler's petulant 11th hour veto of regional mass transit legislation. In a matter of minutes, he toppled two years' worth of difficult negotiations by killing a bill that would have established the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority.

Never mind that it took years to get all the metro area parties involved to come together behind this idea. Never mind that the Detroit Regional Chamber and every thinking business person in the southeast metropolitan area knows mass transit is an integral part of continued economic development and growth.

No, John Engler couldn't be bothered with logic. He was ticked off because lawmakers shot down one of his pet projects: charter schools.

Engler's plan of attack, of course, was to expand charter schools in Detroit – a plan that never came to fruition. Instead of half a loaf, he chose to leave the state with none, revealing a pettiness even his most ardent supporters couldn't possibly ignore.

DARTA wasn't a solution to southeast Michigan's problems, but it clearly took a step in the right direction. Establishing a board with representation from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and the City of Detroit, DARTA would have at least brought all the players to the table and engaged them in discussions to develop a viable transportation plan for our region.

We urge officials not to give up the fight for this badly needed reform. More than creating just another layer of government, another opportunity for millage requests, DARTA will eventually establish an infrastructure around which southeast Michigan's economic future could be built.

It's too bad John Engler didn't understand that. Maybe Gov. Jennifer Granholm will.



The Plymouth Community Arts Council continues to provide ways for youngsters to express themselves, conducting auditions for children ages 6 and up for the Whistle Stop Players' spring touring production of "Famous Folk Tales from Around the World," 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, and Thursday, Jan. 16.

## LETTERS

### Not about Santa

For us Christians, the Christmas holiday is not for idolizing that ugly, fat, red-nosed and dressed, black-belted, Coca Cola-created promoter of marketing and binge buying.

Christmas is a time for celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Saviour, sent to us from heaven by His Father so that His Father's will be made known to the mankind.

In this, at least 95-percent Christian country, we must not be intimidated by a tiny faction of anti-Christians into cat-cumbaral submission. Our constitution clearly says that Congress shall not prohibit free exercise of religion; that means anywhere in this country, including on our own, the so-called public property. Remember that Christians are the public.

We must not be timid about it, but joyfully, dauntlessly, and ostensibly proclaim to the world and to each other this great event in the history of mankind, the Birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Joseph Wira

Plymouth Township

### Profit not ugly word

The dividend tax cut has not been proposed to benefit the wealthy (the real taxpayers), but to restart the economy. People planning for the future want a safe place for their savings and spare money. Industries that are hammered by trial lawyers and environmentalists are avoided.

Job-creating corporations cannot offer a good return because profits are taxed 35 percent, then the shareholder pays 25 percent tax on dividends. The government's take of 60 percent does not leave much incentive or capital for expansion. When investors don't find anything attractive, the economy becomes stalled.

How much revenue would be collected if the government taxed 100 percent of all income over \$200,000? That question reportedly brought stupendous estimates, all of them false. No one would produce if everything were confiscated; the correct answer is zero. Revenue would be the same if no taxes were levied, but jobs and investments would skyrocket. Some taxes are needed, but soaking the rich to provide for the poor makes everyone poor.

Should President Bush offer private enterprise the incentive of allowing it to keep more of its own money and grow the economy, or stifle it with the politics of class envy? Do we prefer good salaries in a competitive marketplace, or good unemployment benefits in a welfare state?

A previous generation was asked, "What can you do for your country?" Does the current generation demand to know, "What can your country do for you?" Free enterprise can compete with anything except big government. Capitalism made us prosperous. Why did "profit" become an ugly word?

Incidentally, the death tax may take 55 percent of everything left, and that's another story.

Hank Borgman

Farmington

### Independent spirit

We were pleased to read Diane Gale Andreassi's lovely article, "Independent Spirit: Disabled men thankful for the chance to live on their own" (Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002).

We would like to correct one inaccuracy, however. Larry is one of OUR most dependable and valued volunteers. Twice a week without fail, he assists us with rewinding hundreds of our "Talking Book" cassettes here at the Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Larry's smile and willingness to give of his time to help others is a weekly inspiration to our entire staff. So, while we are sure other organizations that rely on volunteers would benefit from his help, we want to go on record – he's ours and you can't have him.

Lisa Rieman

volunteer coordinator, Westland

### Modest proposal

The recent police shooting in front of Garden City High School further emphasizes the unpredictability of the insane violence that permeates and walks the streets of our society daily.

I'm sure the criminal who tried to kill a policeman carefully considered the fact that school was not in session and that our children were home safe so that none of them would have accidentally been caught in the line of his deadly fire.

We should be grateful that all such murderous lunatics take the time to consider the safety of our children first before engaging in such reckless behavior.

In fact, in order to insure that we always continue to experience such favorable protection from the forces of evil in our community for the sake and safety of our children, I have a modest proposal – a yearly live sacrifice to appease the forces of murder and evil.

That's right. We could build an altar on the corner of Middlebelt and Ford Road and gather there as a community once a year – let's say before school starts, and kill some small, helpless animal like a pig or goat which would symbolize any of the countless victims of brutal gun violence that have died in the name of freedom.

Other civilizations in the past who have also been unable or unwilling to confront forces apparently beyond their control or understanding have reverted to this same tactic.

If it does nothing else, it clears our consciences and washes our hands of any responsibility for the blood of helpless victims. Than we can all go ahead and re-bury our heads in the sands of our day-to-day lives and hope and pray that madness doesn't strike at the heart of our lives.

John Byk

Canton

### Insurance fairness

Do you have complete health care coverage, dental coverage and life insurance through your employer? Many are not so fortunate.

Often, the insurance company substantially reduces the billing because the provider participates with the insurance company. The health care provider accepts what is deemed to be "customary and ordinary" charges. That can be substantially less than the billing. That reduces the deductible and co-pay, if applicable.

Your employer who provides the insurance coverage is generally allowed to deduct the cost as a tax deduction and thus receives a tax saving.

Let's contrast the above with an individual without any insurance coverage. The health care provider expects payment in full for the amount billed. Thus, the uninsured is expected to pay more for the same treatment than the insured.

Now, let's look at the differences in tax treatment. If the individual itemizes deductions for federal income tax purposes, the cost of medical expenses is deductible, but subject to a reduction equal to 7.5 percent of adjustable gross income. In other words, if income is \$15,000, the first \$1,125 of expenses is not deductible.

Of course, some without company-provided insurance pay for their own coverage. But here again, other than for self-employed individuals, the cost of such coverage is subject to the 7.5 percent floor. Self-employed individuals can deduct 70 percent of the cost of health care coverage in 2002, with the remaining 30 percent subject to the 7.5 percent floor.

Where is the equity? I fail to see any. It's time to bring some fairness to the system. Health care providers must explain why it costs so much more to provide coverage to those without insurance than those with. The tax code must be changed to offer similar tax advantages to those with and without insurance coverage. If a company can deduct the full cost of insurance coverage then an individual should be able to deduct an equal amount based on the amount paid for treatment.

In a time when we see more and more layoffs and outright terminations, it is more important than ever to do something to correct these inequities.

Tom DeWard  
Farmington Hills

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## Brickley's seat showed implied presence at Granholm inaugural

One of the things a good reporter tries to do is select out of the myriad of details surrounding a news story the one or two nuggets that best catch the core of what's going on.

There were lots of possibilities available last week as Jennifer Granholm was inaugurated as Michigan's first-ever female governor.

One has to do with the tiny chair, not more than three inches tall, that sat on the podium while she gave her inaugural speech. It bore the label, "Jim Brickley." The late James Brickley was



Phil Power

a well-respected former lieutenant governor, president of Eastern Michigan University and chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. He was a standard-bearer for the moderate Michigan Republican tradition that reached its best expression in the administration of former Gov. William Milliken.

I asked Chris DeWitt, Granholm's spokesman during the campaign, about the chair.

He explained that, "When she was elected attorney general, Jennifer wanted Jim Brickley to help swear her in. But this never happened; I think it was blocked by John Engler. Then Jim Brickley died. So before last November's election, Joyce Braithwaite (a distinguished Milliken administration spear carrier and Brickley's wife) sent Granholm this miniature chair with Brickley's name on it as kind of a symbolic gift. I made sure it was on the podium when she gave her speech."

Here's why I fastened on to this piece of detail: It brings home the striking parallels between the administrations of Govs. Granholm and Milliken.

Granholm is a moderate Democrat, just as Milliken was a moderate Republican. Granholm knows full well she needs to govern out of the center, working in a bipartisan manner with the GOP-dominated legislature, just as the Milliken-Brickley administration worked with the Democratic-controlled legislature of the time. And Granholm realizes a big chunk of her support comes from moderate, suburban, centrist voters made uneasy by the strident right-wing image of the Republican Party. Readers with long memories will recall that Bill Milliken dominated politics in Michigan for a long time by appealing repeatedly to suburban "Milliken Democrats."

Certainly the major message Granholm was trying to communicate during her inauguration was that the tone in Lansing is going to be very different from that set by her predecessor, John Engler. Granholm's speech — "Walk with me, talk with me, work with me" — sent an inclusive message markedly different from the inner-directed, tough-minded, Lansing-oriented approach that so characterized the Engler administration. The religious service at the beginning of the day was a

The new governor has a tough row to hoe. She is the only Democrat in a state capital dominated by Republicans. She is facing an enormous budget deficit, which means as a practical matter that she won't have any money to pay for new and snazzy stuff for at least a couple of years. So she's going to have to rely on goodwill, bipartisanship and a good dose of symbolism.

fully ecumenical example; it involved Christian, Jewish, Greek Orthodox, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and Sikh clergy.

Democratic partisans praised her performance. "She's just as good a communicator as Bill Clinton," gushed one, "without all the baggage."

And most political commentators and editorial pages around the state said nice things about Granholm's initial moves. Republicans agreed. The two top Republican legislative leaders, House Speaker Rick Johnson and Senate Majority Leader-elect Ken Sikkema, were prominent on the platform and had nice things to say — at least initially — about cooperating with Gov. Granholm.

Especially notable was the relatively warm reception she received from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, normally fiercely Republican. Tricia Kinley, director of tax policy and economic development for the chamber, told me: "We are going to try to help her keep some of her campaign themes to cut spending and not raise taxes. If she can bring the business community in and gather ideas about the future of Michigan, we would be more than happy to help out."

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Maybe Jim Brickley's chair on the podium was too small for an adult to sit in, but I suspect it will loom large in the early going of the Granholm administration.

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.



Cathy Standish

## The year that was sets stage for the year that will be

It seemed this past year flew by so fast I could barely reach out to grab a moment.

My family, growing up before my eyes. My sons, now teens, evolving from children grown into men. My daughter, turning 10.

My husband entering the middle of age. I had planned, as I did every year, to stay the age of 27. Yet I found myself standing before the mirror, more often pulling out errant gray hairs.

In the year that was, I began to reluctantly accept my approaching maturity.

In the year that was, our country continued recovery from Sept. 11. We seemed to quiet down, to take life less for granted. We began to appreciate awakening to the new day, driving home from work. We seemed to change our focus, to reorganize our priorities.

It was the year we drank the last of the bottled water. We opened and consumed the canned goods, we tossed the powdered milk, burned all the candles. We had been given a glimpse of Armageddon and we finally realized we never really needed these things at all.

In the year that was,

In my family, beautiful twins were born to my brother and his wife. Lovely little Lorelle and determined Dylan. As these babies came into our lives, for just a moment the world around us stopped spinning.

And then it all began to spin again.

In the year that was, Plymouth and Canton grew. Our little town of Plymouth welcomed Panera Bread and Starbucks into the Mayflower Centre. We said farewell to Dinersty and Magic Bus. Our little town was changing.

In Canton, Splitz Gymnastics became front page news as they built a new facility. Friday's moved onto Ford Road and we prepared to

bid adieu to Harmony House. During the year that was, Canton continued to grow and flourish.

At home, Jack Kenyon, a former Plymouth mayor and our beloved neighbor, passed away. Some days I still find myself looking for him, standing at the corner, hose in hand, spraying my daughter's feet.

All of that in the year that was

So in the year to come, with resolution I have promised myself to try and take each day a little slower, a little quieter, with just a bit more caution.

Much like our country seems to be.

In the year that will be, our teenagers keep moving toward a life of their own, with driving, jobs and dates, our daughter prepares to make the leap into junior high. I look at my children and I sigh. It seemed just yesterday that they were tiny babies.

My husband getting a little older; myself, I guess I will always lay claim to being a little younger. But now I know the truth.

Plymouth and Canton will continue to grow and change, to flourish with new business and expand with opportunities.

In our own little neighborhood, we welcome our new residents, yet we never forget the old.

Our twins are learning to walk and talk.

Still just tiny babies.

It is for them that we must always keep the world spinning.

For the year that will be.

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### MORE LETTERS

#### SMART gets it right

Recent things SMART has done right: It is wonderful SMART is providing express shuttle service to Pistons games. That is good for the region, the Pistons, Detroit citizens and all other riders. It's also good informative publicity for the conveniences of SMART and transit in general.

Farmington Hills residents finally got some signs informing motorists of the termi-

nal/park & ride lot at OCC. Since then, I've noticed some new faces on the #851. There are other lots like Schoolcraft College that need signage as well on the surface streets and I-275. Ridership on the 810/820 would probably increase as well with signs.

It would be helpful to have every driver fill their bus display pockets (daily) with a supply of appropriate route schedules for the route(s) they are running that day as

well as those great newsletters (many buses are empty).

It is also encouraging to see SMART supporting DARTA, as well as serving the public with a regional pass and providing DDOT contact information on the schedules.

As an FYI; most of the times I ride the Park and Ride, the bus is full or almost full. Several times, a few people had to stand. The express routes are getting used.

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### In concert

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47600 Six Mile. The orchestra, a small ensemble of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, will play *Baroque Treasures - Suite No. 1, Sonata, Dido & Aeneas & Brandenburg Concerto No. 1*. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students, and are available at the door or through Northville Parks and Recreation, 700 West Baseline, Northville. Call Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

### At the movies

The Redford Theatre is showing the 1971 film *Diamonds Are Forever*, starring Jill St. John and Sean Connery, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. There will be organ overtures at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$3. The theatre is located at 17360 Lahser, south of Seven Mile in Detroit. (313) 258-5806.

### On stage

Jeff Miller of Belleville (left) and Marc Rosati of Royal Oak rehearse for The Player's Guild of Dearborn's *The Odd Couple*. The show



runs Friday through Sunday, Jan. 26, at the Players Guild of Dearborn Theatre, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$11. All seats are reserved. (313) 561-TKTS.

### Quick change

Catch Arturo Brachetti, Jan. 14 through Feb. 2 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. The quick change artist portrays 100 characters in 100 minutes. Tickets range from \$23-\$48. Performances are at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. (248) 645-6666.



PHOTOS BY DAVID COOPER

Candida Morell (played by Laurie Paton) is flattered by the attention of Eugene Marchbanks (a young homeless poet played by Mike Shara). The relationship tests her marriage to a minister in the romantic comedy *Candida* by George Bernard Shaw.

## Shaw Festival

### Renowned repertory company takes up residence in Rochester

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Gregg Bloomfield knew when he contacted the Canadian Consulate in December 2001 about bringing one of the country's renowned repertory companies to Meadow Brook Theatre it would be a long road to Rochester, not only in distance traveled but red tape unraveled.

Undaunted, the MBT managing director set his sights on presenting a nearly four-week residency by the Shaw Festival and never looked back.

This was the first time in the 36-year history of the professional theater that another company took the stage in Rochester. *Candida*, George Bernard Shaw's romantic comedy, continues to Sunday, Feb. 2.

The residency marks a milestone for the Shaw Festival as well. It's been years since one of North America's largest repertory companies took to the road. Dedicated to producing works written by Shaw and his contemporaries, the company maintains a hectic season from April to November, presenting up to a dozen plays at three different theaters in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

The Rochester residency follows performances of *Candida* at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa and the Shaw theater 20 minutes from Niagara Falls.

"Shaw is one of the most acclaimed theater festivals in North America with a renowned company of actors, designers, directors but is less known than



The Reverend is reminded by his wife, Candida (Laurie Paton), and assistant (Todd Witham) that the congregation is not always in attendance to hear his wise words.

the Stratford Festival because of the greater driving distance," said Bloomfield, a Birmingham resident.

"In the future, we'd like to continue bringing other companies to our stage. I just never realized the preparation involved including filling out an application with U.S. Immigration & Naturalization for the 14-member company so they could all get across the border and have their white card to work in this country. The biggest challenge has been all the logistics with planning, the housing for six actors and staff, scheduling residency activities, and moving the set. Shaw tech director Jeff Scollon came a year ago to see the facility and take measurements. They took MBT into account for the set design. We have a smaller loading door than

PLEASE SEE SHAW, B3

### SHAW FESTIVAL OF CANADA

**What:** The renowned repertory company takes up residence for a nearly four-week run of the George Bernard Shaw comedy *Candida*

**When:** Through Sunday, Feb. 2. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. matinee Wednesday, Saturday-Sunday, 6 p.m. Saturday, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus, Rochester

**Tickets:** \$24-\$38. Call (248) 377-3300; group sales (248) 370-3316

## Carvers rev up chain saws for competitions

So what does it take to carve a world-class ice sculpture?

As a judge for the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular for three years in the late 1990s, I learned it takes more than warm boots and gloves - although they really help when the wind chill pushes the temperature down to 32 degrees below zero.

Standing for hours on snow-covered grass in Kellogg Park or cement in the underground parking structure on Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail takes stamina, the same as with any sport. But ice-carving also takes talent. It is, after all, an art form. Creativity, good design, strong lines - those are the elements that make up an award-winning sculpture, at least according to guidelines set up by the American Culinary Federation.

Organizers of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular follow those rules to select gold, silver and bronze medal winners among the professionals, students and amateurs every January. This year judges will award \$6,000 in prizes between Wednesday, Jan. 15 and Monday, Jan. 20.

Canton carver Ted Wakar has experienced both ends of the competition. A graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia, he and partner Jim Bur Jr. carved a sculpture that won them first place in the world championships in Japan in 1996. He's frequently asked to judge based on his 23 years of carving gold medal sculptures.

Now he mostly teaches ice carving in the culinary department at Schoolcraft College in Livonia in between running his business, Frozen Images, in Plymouth. Wakar carves commissioned pieces for events and organizations such as the North

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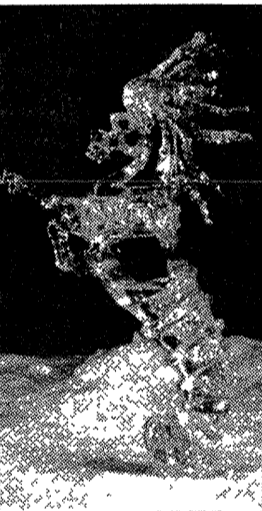
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Tajana and Paul Raukur of Plymouth placed first in the professional team competition at the 2001 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular with this carving of a seahorse.

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## Wawel dishes up Polish comfort food

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

Today's restaurant buzz term is comfort food. The very mention of which conjures up something different in each person's mind, mostly dependent on family background and traditions. To many people, comfort food is Polish.

The kitchen was the comfort spot in their grandparents' home. Grandma, who learned to cook from her mother, continues to pass on heirloom Polish recipes.

I can still taste my grandmother's version of boiled, then pan-fried pierogis with

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Dorota Kaninski (center) serves Shirley Bittner (left) and her daughter, Stacey Bittner, at Wawel, in Troy.

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# Interpol's atmosphere is in demand

I'm convinced if I peeked inside Sam Fogarino's closet, I'd find about 20 identical black suits. But he swears otherwise.

The stylish drummer for New York City's latest rock sensation Interpol might be tired of answering questions about the band's refined image but the guy could talk music forever.

"It goes way back," said Fogarino. "I owe it to my mom really, for blaring Beatles, Led Zeppelin and waking me up to watch David Bowie on some late-night T.V. show."

Growing up in the shadows of Ziggy Stardust, Fogarino - along with bandmates Paul Banks, Carlos De. and Daniel Kessler - can now find himself on the small screen. The band appears tonight on *Late Night with David Letterman* and Tuesday, Jan. 21 on NBC's *Late Call with Carson Daly*.



Street Scene

Stephanie Cosola

"It's kind of only logical," said Fogarino. "Everything's been happening pretty quickly. You have to keep progressing. For a band, this is a rite of passage."

As a longtime fan, he looked forward to appearing on Letterman's show. "It's a little extra-special for a New York band to do a New York show. David Letterman is such a New York institution," he said.

Television seems to be the next level for Interpol, who have been in high demand since the release of *Turn on the Bright Lights* on Matador Records.

'Everything's been happening pretty quickly. You have to keep progressing. For a band, this is a rite of passage.'

Sam Fogarino  
bandmember, Interpol

Interpol formed in 1998, but Fogarino didn't join in until 2000. He struck up a friendship with Kessler upon first moving to the city.

Fogarino remembered his first impressions of the band's early demos.

"I thought 'This is good. This is promising,' but I wasn't super-compelled by it," he said. "At the time it didn't move me enough to make me want to join the band."

By the time Interpol released its "gray E.P." on the Chemical Underground label, he said, "the band just went leaps and bounds."

When Interpol finally found itself in need of a new drummer, Fogarino showed up - uncharacteristically late - for a first rehearsal. The rest was unspoken history, or as the drummer described "instantaneous, perfect timing."



Interpol features (left to right) well dressed musicians Sam Fogarino, Paul Banks, Carlos De. and Daniel Kessler. The band's spacey, atmospheric rock returns to Detroit Jan. 11.

"A year later I was flying over to London to do a (John) Peel Session," he said.

Interpol's music - lush soundscapes with hints of Brit pop and electroclash - has been plagued by comparisons to bands like Joy Division or Echo and the Bunnymen - which Fogarino can't understand. But he does admit to one thing all of these bands share - a passion for atmosphere.

"I'm the drummer in the

band," said Fogarino. "I keep the punk alive. Daniel and Paul inject all the atmosphere."

Toss out labels like post-punk and new wave if you must, just picture them dressed in nothing less than a vintage suits, pinstripes and ties. As good as Interpol looks under the bright lights, they sound even better.

"I had a fear going into this thing they were going to have me put on an Addidas track

suit," said Fogarino. He need not worry anymore.

Ask him about his shoe collection or his penchant for rock n' roll when Interpol performs 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 at St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress in Detroit. Tickets \$12. Call (248) 645-6666 or visit cc.com.

Stephanie Angelyn Cosola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Send e-mail to scasola@oe.homecomm.net.

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most so the set had to fit through. The moment of truth is when it comes through the door."

The week before Candida opened for previews Meadow Brook Theatre was a flurry of activity. Lights needed to be focused per Shaw's design. Shaw staff worked with MBT staff to ensure the production, which was already fully realized, came off without a hitch.

"There was a lot of advanced planning," said Bloomfield. "We've scheduled post show discussions after Sunday matinees beginning Jan. 12, and MBT with Oakland University English department chairman

Bruce Mann will present a stage reading of GBS vs. GKC, a play about conversations between the two literary giants George Bernard Shaw and G.K. Chesterton (2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25) and it's free. A Shaw Film Festival begins Jan. 15, and our opening presentation (Jan. 10) features a discussion with Shaw's new artistic director Jackie Maxwell.

"I saw Candida this summer in Niagara and was very impressed with members of the company and the job Jackie Maxwell had done of directing. Shaw can be ponderous. With Jackie directing it, it just flew by."

One of Maxwell's goals as the newly-appointed artistic director is to make Shaw known to a wider audience.

"Several years ago, Shaw Festival had taken its work around but as so often happens finances dictate what a compa-

I've found my biggest challenge so far is the actual complexity of putting a season together, building a season and programming three theaters differently.

Jackie Maxwell artistic director, Shaw Festival

ny does," said Maxwell, who served as Shaw artistic director designate for the 2002 season under then-artistic director Christopher Newton. "We're interested in getting our work out a little bit to encourage people to come but it's hard to do every year. We have 11 shows to put on ourselves.

"Candida is not a huge production and Shaw's a delight to do. It's a lovely compact piece, a comedy with bite to it. The thing that's really fun is Shaw was a very subversive and provocative writer. Candida is a romantic triangle. It makes you

sit back and wonder about what transpires in a marriage. Shaw was pre-feminist, pre-Suffragette, always poking his finger at the establishment. Candida has a lot of good juice to play with. It's the balance of updating it but not changing any of it and making sure it is in its period."

Maxwell plans to do plenty of thinking about the 2004 season on the drive down from Niagara-on-the-Lake. The theater's mandate is Shaw and his contemporaries (1856-1950) but Maxwell hopes to include contemporary plays about

those times by playwrights like Tom Stoppard who's dealt with that period with a contemporary view. In the meantime she's bringing the set model down for the set of Chekhov's Three Sisters which she'll direct in March.

"The cornerstone is Shaw. That keeps the bar pretty high. It needs to measure up to his wit. I worked almost a full year with Christopher Newton so I could be around to see what makes it work. I've found my biggest challenge so far is the actual complexity of putting a season together, building a season and programming three theaters differently, and casting a company."

Maxwell's years of experience did prepare her for the job. Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Maxwell was involved with youth theater by age 8 and had her actor's equity card by 13. She studied drama at the

University of Manchester and acted in England and Ireland before moving to Canada in 1978. There she worked extensively as a free-lance director. She presently teaches directing to postgraduate students at the University of Toronto.

"My first idea was to become a world famous actor," said Maxwell. "I trained in England, came to Canada shortly after where I discovered it wasn't really acting I was interested in. As an actor, you're more focused on your character. As a director, you're focused on many things."

"Candida is a lovely piece. I'm looking forward to taking it to another area and meeting people. Making connections is part of my job. I'm interested in seeing what other companies are doing. Artists have to cross-fertilize."

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DVD boxed sets are big sellers

BY DAVID GERMAIN AP MOVIE WRITER

Boxed-set mania has fully gripped the DVD market, with a wealth of collectible sets that package film series, best-loved movies by an actor or director, television miniseries and full seasons of TV shows.

Here are some popular DVD sets:

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American International Auto Show, Detroit Zoological Society and Domino's Retreat on Drummond Island. Just before Christmas he began creating individual sculptures which will decorate the front of businesses during the festival. A cartoon-like golfer, a moose and other animals, Bob the Builder (a favorite of his son), a teapot, soda and popcorn, a liberty bell mushrooms and a businessman standing on his head are among the sculptures. "I tell my students (several of whom will compete in Plymouth) it needs to have some kind of draw," said Wakar. "It has to be pleasing to my eye, attractive to me for varied reasons. I've exposed myself to a lot of ideas over the years. I search for other art ideas, not just sculpture but I look at drawing and painting. The carving has to have strong emotional values but can have strength of content without beauty. At times pieces stand strong on individual merits. Certain styles of art don't judge well against each other. Take for instance a structured Eiffel Tower and an elegant and flowing Pegasus. They both have strong individual elements. It's difficult to say this one is better than this one.

"The bottom line for the ACF is food presentation. If you're going by NICA (National Ice Carving Association) rules, it revolves around the technical aspects, but whichever you're carving under you're still pressed for time because it's a timed competition. And there's the safety issue. If you see tools scattered all around a carver, something's not right. They're being rushed or they haven't planned out properly. You do have the freedom to carve what you want, but a competitor makes a decision on sacrificing points — if I only have so much time where am I going to invest that time?

"It's knowing what judges are looking for, going for originality, not something out of an ice sculpting book. And you need to move the ice around a little. You're working with a block 45 inches tall, 10 inches thick and 20 inches wide. That means cutting the block and working with two chunks of ice, or another option is leaning the block or adhering ice to another piece of ice. It's all about ice utilization, the need to take up

more space so it appears larger than what you start out with."

Gone is the grand scale of the 10-block team competition that ran from 6 p.m. Friday through Saturday at 2 p.m. It was too grueling on carvers and too noisy for residents. Though power tools were forbidden after midnight, some residents still complained.

But that doesn't mean large-scale sculptures are a thing of the past. Festival organizer Mike Watts promises "all-new" sculptures including a Fantasyland of film figures titled Frozen Cinema.

"It's going to be a tribute to the movies — Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, Monsters, Inc., Spiderman," said Watts. "There are all kinds of activities going on in addition to the competitions, including a Whalers Charity Shootout, where kids get to shoot at the goal and win prizes. There's a dinner dance with Saoco, a Cuban-based jazz group to raise funds for the festival, or try ice-carving at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. There are new shops and restaurants to explore."

Dan Rowlson, Kevin Enright and Doug Ganhs will be there for the competition. The Oakland Community College chef instructors will bring students to test their chainsaw-wielding skills against carvers from Henry Ford Community College, Schoolcraft College, Macomb Community College and, for the first time this year, the University of Michigan. But before then they warm up with a multi-block carving. A 25-block Harry Potter vignette begins taking shape Tuesday, Jan. 14.

"I tell my students to practice, to do something on their level of ability and to complete it," said Rowlson, who's participated in the festival since the first event 21 years ago. "A big thing, not only with pros, is completing it. Students take on too much and end up not able to finish it.

"Originality isn't as important on the student level. What they need to focus on is practicing so they feel comfortable. Mentally they're under pressure as in any sport. People are watching. You have to pre-plan. You have to do this particular carving six times before you compete. It's a three-dimensional art form. There's no color and the medium is difficult to work. It breaks."

Safety is another important consideration. Line judges make sure injuries are kept to a

minimum. "They're monitoring for safety," said Rowlson. "It's an extremely dangerous situation they're involved with."

Ganhs couldn't agree more. It was one of the first lessons he learned while a student at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. Ganhs was a member of the ice-carving club there.

This year, in addition to coordinating OCC students from the Farmington Hills campus, Ganhs has signed up for the team professional competition with Detroit Athletic Club chef John Miller. After Plymouth, they all head for competitions in Frankenmuth Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

"I tell them you're in the same arena as another person. You really have to be careful. I tell them to carve something you're comfortable with, take it as a learning experience for the first couple of competitions," said Ganhs, who's been carving for 10 years. "And to keep their eyes and ears open. There's so many great carvers out there."

"I'm personally going to be pushing myself, raising the bar, going against what I teach my students. I want to try to build their confidence and get them going gradually."

Sultan Sharrief admits he's not going with thoughts of winning a competition but for the experience. He competed with the Romulus High School team for two years but feels he still has a lot to learn. In fact, that's why he started the ice-carving club at the University of Michigan, where he's a sophomore.

"It's such a unique thing to do," said Sharrief, a film major. "You see the carvings at weddings and wonder how's that done. It's a whole new art form. We did a workshop in February and had a great turnout with seven students. We're taking seven individuals and three teams of two. We aren't really going to sweep the competition. We just want to hang around as a reinforcement — am I doing this right? Am I holding a tool right? There's so much going on and you have to be aware of what everyone else is doing. I'm trying to simplify. We practiced before everyone left for the holidays and we're looking to get in extra practice in the last two weeks."

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Party-goers mingle at Fanclub Arts Foundation's Swingtime fund-raiser last year. This year's event is Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Fisher Building in Detroit.

## Dance and dine while supporting arts education

Swingtime 2003, Fanclub Arts Foundation's winter fundraiser, will be bigger and better than ever when doors open Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Fisher Building in midtown Detroit.

The seventh annual event features four different entertainment venues including a heated outdoor tent on Second Avenue and a VIP area on the second floor balcony, allowing for more space for the 1,200 expected attendees. Three live bands (Alma Smith, Intrigue, and Paul King & the Rhythm Society) will play classic 40s swing music, upbeat pop and torch songs on the main floor and Fisher Theatre lobby, and DJs will keep guests on their feet in the tented and VIP area.

Thirty of Detroit's finest restaurants will also be featured at this year's Swingtime including the Blue Nile, D'Amato's, Tom's Oyster Bar, Zumba Mexican Grill, Michigan Star Clipper, and Beans and Cornbread.

Partygoers can also enjoy the Swingtime art gallery featuring the work of local artists for display and purchase, and a silent auction offering a variety of gift and entertainment packages.

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Detroit arts education programs. To date Fanclub Arts Foundation has granted nearly \$500,000. Recipients for 2002 included the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Orchards Children's Services in Southfield, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester, and Youththeatre, Southfield.

Always a favorite, last year's Swingtime drew nearly 1,600 partygoers. This year's attendance will be limited to 1,200 to give attendees improved access to food, beverages and music.

### SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, JAN. 10

#### INTACTO

There are those among us who are preternaturally lucky. They are the survivors of the plane crash that kills everyone else, the ones who escape being victims of war and terror, the gamblers who win high-stake games and even life itself. Their gift is not only being lucky, however; it includes the power to rob others of their luck and leave them helpless in the face of misfortune. Frederico has been robbed of his luck and believes that Tomas, the survivor of a plane crash, will be the instrument of his vengeance. The two men embark on a voyage of initiation, a series of trials challenging others that will lead them to the summit of chance, but they must avoid the scrutiny of policewoman Sara, herself a survivor, to finally meet Sam, the master of the domain from which only one person will emerge intact. Stars Leonardo Sbaraglia, Eusebio Poncela, Monica Lopez, Antonio Dechent, Max Von Sydow. Directed by Juan Carlos Fresnadillo. (Lions Gate) Rated R. Running time: 108 minutes.

#### JUST MARRIED

Tom's a traffic reporter with blue collar roots. Sarah's a writer whose family is as wealthy as it is snobbish. Much to her clan's and ex-boyfriend's horror, Sarah and Tom fall in love and marry. Following their wedding, they set off on what they expect to be the perfect vacation, but thanks to her ex- and relentless bad luck, the happy couple experiences the honeymoon from hell. Directed by Shawn Levy. Starring Ashton Kutcher, Brittany Murphy, Christian Kane (20th Century Fox) This film is not yet rated.

#### 25TH HOUR

Montgomery "Monty" Brogan, a young ex-heroin dealer about to serve a seven year stint in prison, is forced to re-examine his life during his last day of freedom. He spends time with his old buddies reminiscing and partying, while trying to figure out who turned him in to the feds. Featured in the cast are Edward (The Score) Norton as Monty, Philip Seymour (Almost Famous) Hoffman as Monty's friend, and Rosario (Men in Black 2) Dawson as Naturelle, Monty's live-in girlfriend. Spike Lee directed the drama, marking his first since completing Bamboozled in 2000. (Touchstone Pictures) Rated R.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

#### NICHOLAS NICKLEBY

Based on the novel by Charles Dickens, the story centers on a boy's struggle to survive and find happiness in a hostile and unfeeling world by building a new and unconventional family. He is helped and hindered on his way by a host of superbly evoked and well known characters: From his ruthless uncle to the hilarious and theatrical Crummles family and the cruel-hearted Wackford Squeers. Featured among the ensemble are Jamie (Billy Elliot) Bell, Jim Broadbent, Tom (Last Orders) Courtenay, Alan (The Anniversary Party) Cumming, Charlie (Abandon) Hunnam and Anne (The Princess Diaries) Hathaway. (MGM/UA) Not yet rated.

#### NARC

A story of suspended undercover narcotics officer, Nick Tellis, who is reluctantly drawn back onto the force to find the truth behind the murder of a young police officer killed in the line of duty. He is teamed with Henry Oak, the slain officer's partner, a rogue cop who will stop at nothing to avenge his friend's death. As Tellis and Oak unravel the case, the dark underbelly of the narcotics world reveals itself in surprising ways that are more twisted than either officer has seen before. Stars Jason Patric, Ray Liotta, Busta Rhymes, Chi McBride. Directed by Joe Carnahan (Paramount) Rated R. Running time: 107 minutes.

### SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, JAN. 17

#### A GUY THING

Paul Morse is a good guy. When his friends throw him a wild bachelor party, he just wants to keep his conscience clean, which is why he's shocked when he wakes up in bed with a beautiful girl named Becky and can't remember the night before. Worse than that, she also happens to be his fiancée's cousin. Desperate to keep his fiancée from finding out, he tells her a teensy lie, which turns into a bigger lie. From the bachelor party to the wedding, soon his lies are spiraling out of control and his entire life is a series of comical misunderstandings. Featured players include Jason Lee, Julia Stiles, Selma Blair and James Brolin. Chris Koch directed the comedy marking his first since completing Snow Day in 2000. (MGM/UA)

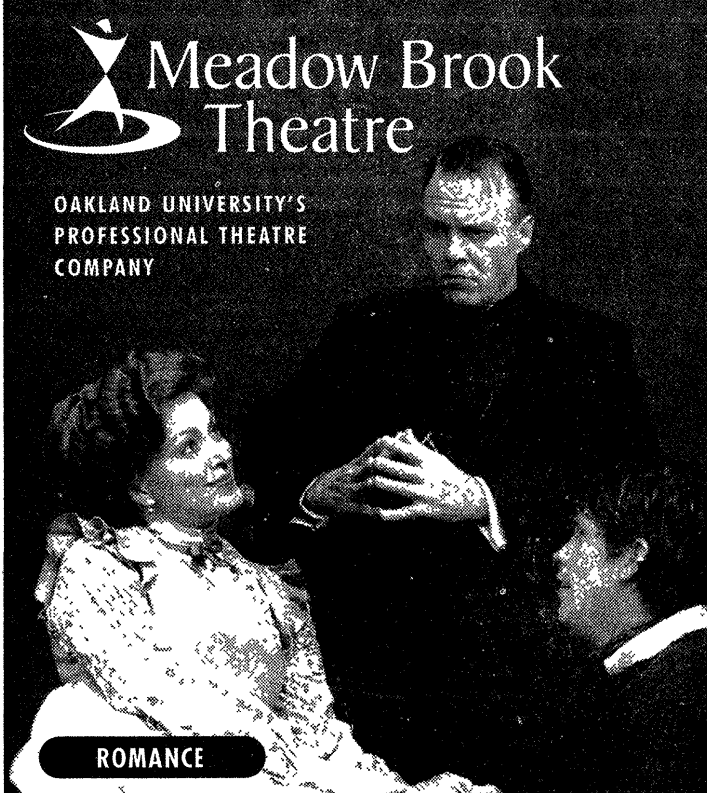
#### NATIONAL SECURITY

The story follows a young rookie security guard, Earl Montgomery, who is forced to team up with ex-cop Hand

Rafferty as they seek the men who are out to kill them both, and unravel a smuggling operation. Featured players include Martin Lawrence as Earl, Steve Zahn as Hank, Eric Roberts as the leader of the smuggling operation and

Colm Feore as a corrupt police officer collaborating with professional criminals. Dennis Dugan directed the action, marking his first since completing *Saving Silverman* in 2001. (Columbia Pictures)

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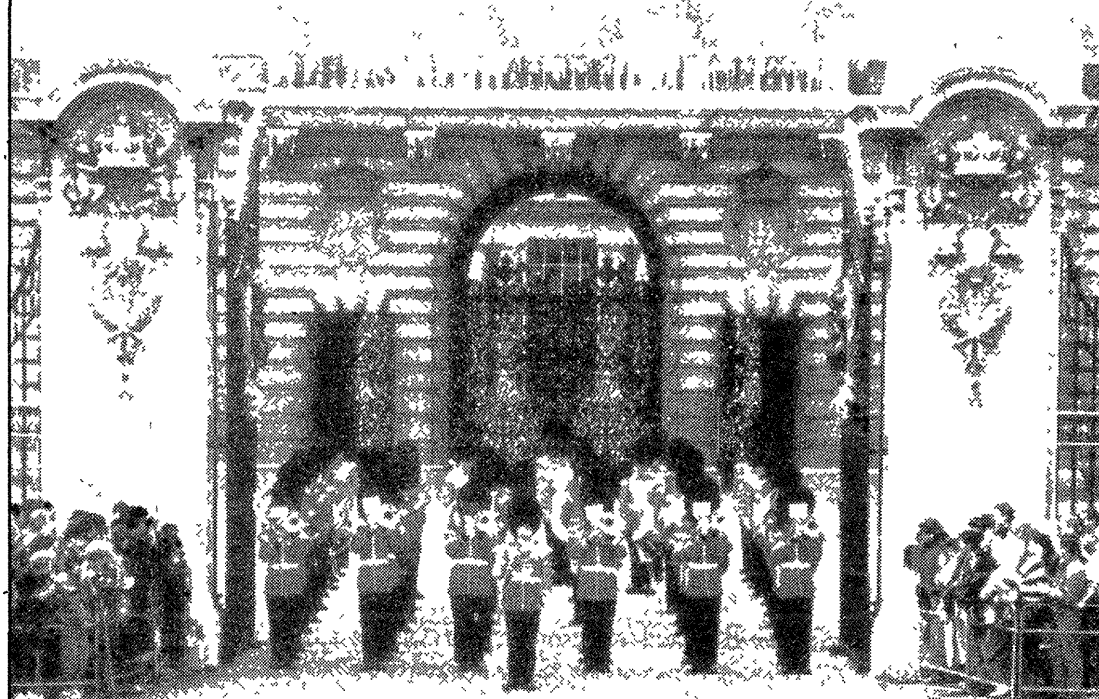
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**WAWEL**

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caramelized onions, kielbasa served with my grandfather's freshly-grated horseradish, or handmade golabki (meat stuffed cabbage rolls) or potato pancakes. A Christmas Eve tradition was czarnina (made with fresh duck or goose blood) served with kartofalne kluski (potato dumplings). It was always served before the roasted fowl. Since it's true that youth is wasted on the young, I didn't appreciate the czarnina once I learned all the ingredients! But I do now.

And so it is that Wawel (pronounced VAH-vel), named for an historic castle in Krakow, brings back memories and the tastes of Poland for me and others of Polish heritage. But you don't need to be Polish to eat some real comfort food at Wawel!

**A LITTLE HISTORY**

With a membership of 15 people in 1985, the American Polish Cultural Center became a registered organization. By 1989, membership had swelled to 900. A former Architectural Museum on Maple with 12 acres of land west of Dequindre was purchased as a suitable meeting place and became the APCC.

The building's interior with Old World appeal contains various woods from prominent residences, such as the Rockefeller family estate. A large restaurant in the center opened in 1991 but was only named Wawel in 2000.

Crystal chandeliers and walls adorned with artifacts and paintings of famous Polish poets, musicians and Nobel prize winners extend the Old World charm.

**CULTURAL EXPERIENCE**

Polish native Michal Samosiuk is kitchen director and head chef. His food takes on an added dimension on



Margaret Wojciechowski holds a combination platter.



Chicken noodle soup at Wawel in Troy.

Friday at dinner. Then, tables are set in fine china and linens with small European-style glasses and cups. Piano and violin music transports diners to the elegance of a former era. Go with friends and reserve a table. Although Friday night at Wawel is Euro-elegant, it's not really a romantic spot for two.

Polish food is frequently summed up as Pierogi (akin to ravioli stuffed with potato, cheese, kraut or ground beef), Nalesniki (crepes), Golabki, or Kielbasa with Kraut. You can sample all of these by ordering the Combination Plate. Or you can get larger portions of any of them separately. The Polish

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Platter \$12 is a Thursday special. It includes one City Chicken, one Meatball, one Golabki, two Pierogi, Kielbasa and Kraut with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy. You may want to request gravy on the side unless you like it a lot. City Chicken, breaded and skewered tender veal and pork cubes, is an American-Polish creation. Veal Schnitzel,

Breaded Pork Chops, Veal and Pork Goulash or Meatloaf made with veal, pork and spinach are at the zenith of Polish comfort foods. Fish lovers will like Baked Cod Almondine or the Friday-only Fish & Chips with French fries, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon.

Pierogi made weekly by volunteers members of the APCC

and frozen to retain freshness are for sale anytime the restaurant is open.

If you leave room for dessert, there are several. If you've not had a multilayered rich Polish torte, flavored with poppy seeds, walnuts and coffee, you may want to share it.

Warmth, Old World charm and inexpensive Polish comfort food create a unique eating out experience at Wawel.

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**CITY BITES**

Other Polish restaurants in and around metro Detroit:

- **Two Sisters**, 121 Main St., Rochester, (248) 656-3092. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; until 8 p.m. Sunday.

The two sisters Milanka Sekulovski and Jagoda "Jenny" Nedanovski offer the tastes of Poland in an inviting atmosphere. Rich soups, pierogi, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and nalesniki are among the specialties.

- **Three Brothers**, 8825 General Drive, Plymouth, (734) 416-3393. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Dine in or carry out pierogi, kielbasa, soups, stuffed cabbage and other Polish fare. The restaurant's Detroit location, 17620 W. Warren, east of Southfield, is known for its czarina and cabbage soups. (313) 271-1227.

- **Under the Eagle**, 9000 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, (313) 875-5905. Open: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Sunday.

In an unpretentious Old World atmosphere, vinyl table coverings and paper napkins seem about right for a dish of hearty soup or kielbasa and sauerkraut. Friendly service and easy-on-the-budget prices underscore Under the Eagle's legendary ethnic food niche.

-Eleanor Heald, correspondent



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### ■ On the wild side

The National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat™ program will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2003.

Over the years, the program has inspired people to create landscapes hospitable to wildlife. As a result, more than 30,000 homeowners nationwide have had their properties certified by the NWF as official Backyard Wildlife Habitat sites, and countless others have learned the joys of gardening for wildlife.

Creating a habitat is most often a gradual process, with homeowners doing a little bit each month or year. Various kinds of wildlife may come to call at any point along the way.

To help nature enthusiasts with their habitats, the NWF will prepare a habitat tip every month during its year-long anniversary celebration. Each tip is easy to do and applicable to almost any size yard.

For more information on how to make your property attractive to wildlife, and how you can get your yard certified by the NWF, visit [www.nwf.org/backyard-wildlifehabitat](http://www.nwf.org/backyard-wildlifehabitat).

The NWF's tip for January gives guidance on the best bird feeding techniques:

The best feeder foods are sunflower, niger (also called thistle), proso millet, cracked corn and suet.

Provide multiple feeding stations in different areas of your yard to disperse bird activity and avoid crowding at the feeder. (Crowding can cause birds stress, making them vulnerable to disease.) Be sure to feed in moderation with only a few feeders per acre.

Clean your feeders regularly with hot water, and let them air dry completely. Keep areas under and around the feeders clean.

Keep seed clean and dry, and watch that it doesn't get moldy. Offer only fresh seed.

Use a seed blend that is designed for the feeder you have and the type of birds that come to that feeder. Blends that contain filler seeds or grains aren't typically eaten by the birds and end up on the ground, making a mess.

Move your feeding stations periodically, so there will be less concentration of bird droppings.

Place bird feeders in locations that don't provide hiding places for cats and other predators waiting to ambush the feeder. Bird feeders should be placed 5 to 12 feet from low shrubs or bushes that provide cover.



Light spills into the dining area at the Cassidy Place condominium model near downtown Plymouth. Parson's chairs in an olive tone and red accessories balance a dark wood table base and deep chocolate velvet drapes, all of which give the space an elegant feeling.

# Little paradise

## Tropical theme brings warmth, openness to condo living

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

The living room, kitchen and dining area at Cassidy Place's model condominium has an open, breezy feeling, as if a turquoise ocean roars outside.

"When you move into a condominium, the walls are white, and people think it's like living in an apartment," said Anne Musson, one of the designers who furnished and decorated the model at Cassidy Place, a new development of 30 units within walking distance of downtown Plymouth.



Gold accents, upholstery in earthier tones and ample use of accessories create a refined tropical atmosphere in the living room.

"But it's not, it's your paradise." Musson and her partner on the project, Cheryl Breneman, are interior decorators at Park View Gallery, the offshoot design studio of Gabriela's gift and home accessories store in Plymouth.

"We wanted something that

would be welcoming to all generations. We wanted people to come right in and feel warm and at home," Breneman said of the project, which the duo completed in two weeks.

The results showcase how a theme can inform design.

For Cassidy Place's two-bedroom model, Musson and Breneman chose a popular trend, the tropics.

"We started with this sort of global Tommy Bahama idea," Musson said.

From there, a color palette of warm tones with accents of burgundy, plus neutral upholstered furniture coupled with dark wood pieces, were natural choices.

However, Musson and Breneman opted to use transitional furniture compatible with varying styles and tastes.

"If you took away all the Tommy Bahama, you would have a base that could be very traditional or more contemporary," Breneman said.

But the tropical look won't likely disappear anytime soon, especially in Michigan, she said.

"When you're living in Michigan, anything tropical means warmth and vacation and relax-

PLEASE SEE PARADISE, C2

## Area cottage shows French Creole flair, flavor

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

The phrase "French Creole cottage" conjures scenes that combine history and romance — containing such images as horse-drawn carriages, flower-filled courtyards, slender flames encased at the top of lampposts.

Such a structure isn't restricted to books and movies or by travel. One exists locally — an actual house in Birmingham by Timlin™ Building and Development.

The Birmingham firm designed and built a 2,950-square foot, two-story house that is in the style of a French

Creole cottage. The project was researched to the point of visiting sites in New Orleans.

Design features at the residence convey a distinctive charm from both the present and the past. Jean Comb collaborated with company owner Bryan Timlin on the interior design.

"Every room has a personality in this house," Timlin said. "That's what makes it special."

Timlin is working on a series of cottages in Birmingham. The others, scheduled to open this spring, will be in Savannah and Nantucket styles. Cottages have a special appeal today, he says.

"The market is now changing

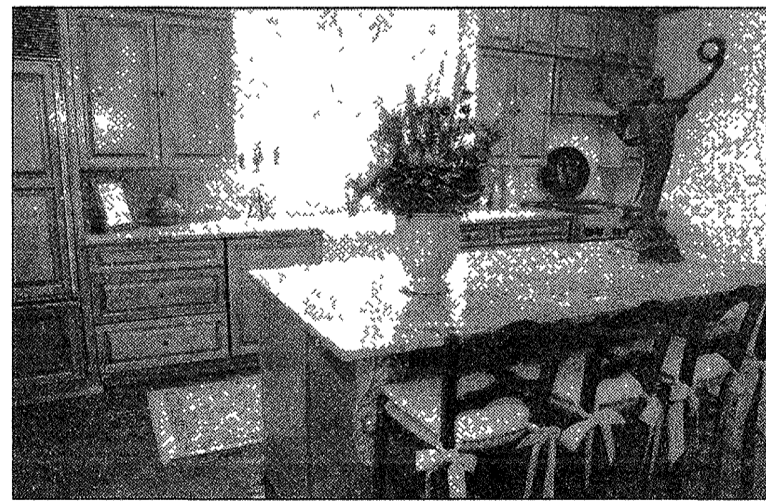
to what I'm going to call downsizing empty nesters," Timlin said. "They still want the modern amenities, they want charm."

"What they love about it is the mood it brings to mind."

### INFLUENTIAL

The Creole culture was well-established in New Orleans by the late 18th century. At that time, the architecture reflected a combination of French and Spanish traditions, and influences from the Caribbean, according to Timlin.

The exterior of the



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The kitchen features a farmhouse sink and a dining island. Architectural elements along one side of the island appear to help support the granite countertop.

PLEASE SEE COTTAGE, C2

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Anne Musson, left, and Cheryl Breneman, interior designers at Park View Gallery in Plymouth, furnished and decorated Cassidy Place's model in about two weeks. Park View Gallery is the offshoot design studio of Gabriela's, a gift and home decor store in Plymouth.

**PARADISE**

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ation," she said. "It's very big right now. It's been big for a while, I think, because it adds texture to different aspects of design, and it has such a nice rich feeling." Tropical accents, accessories and fabrics are readily available, too, she said: "It's so accessible right now. You can pretty much go out and find something that will work in your decor." Examples at the Cassidy Place model run the gamut from bamboo design silverware to pineapple candle holders to

butterfly prints hung above a bathtub. In the kitchen, an elephant print wallpaper in subtle tones graces the walls. Wicker stools pull up to the eating counter, and the wood cabinets have inlays of columns and claw feet at their bases. "It's a small space, so we tried to keep it open," Breneman said. "But I think we proved that you can decorate a small space and make it look dramatic." Park View Gallery is at 322 S. Main, above Gabriela's in downtown Plymouth. To contact Musson or Breneman, call (734) 455-8884. nstafford@oe.homecomm.net | (248) 901-2567

**January seminar to focus on annuals**

From the flowering maple, abutilon, to the ever-popular zinnia, annuals are being used in great profusion in many gardens. They are grown as bedding plants, as companions to perennials, as accents, in containers, and as cut flowers.



**Garden Spot**  
Marty Figley  
You can learn More About Annuals at a seminar featuring Nancy Szerlag, weekly garden columnist for the *Detroit News*, master gardener and popular lecturer, Saturday, Jan. 18.

Nancy will share her personal experiences with annuals and cultural needs, and present the finest modern introductions. The event will take place at the Michigan State University Management Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road in Troy. Doors will open at 8 a.m.; the program will begin at 9 a.m. To register for this seminar, send a check or money order in the amount of \$50 for each attendee, payable to Nature & Earth Inc., to Nature & Earth Inc., P.O. Box 300261, Drayton Plains, MI 48330.

Questions? Call Colleen Traylor at (248) 627-6872 or Michael Saint at (248) 620-7188.

Nancy is the author of two popular books, *Perennials for Michigan* and *Annuals for Michigan*, which will be available for purchase at the seminar; she will be happy to sign your copy.

There will be a question-and-answer segment following the lecture. A mini trade show and book sale will remain open until 2 p.m.

It's always nice to see people branch out in their business. Colleen Traylor of Holly still runs her company, Nature's Image Inc., and has recently developed a new company with partner Michael Saint of Clarkston, president of Good Earth Landscape Inc.

The new company, Nature & Earth Inc., will concentrate on horticultural seminars and symposiums. This is the first event they have sponsored.

Their goal is to promote organic gardening, soil and water conservation, the use and preservation of native plants, and the attraction of beneficial insects; to encourage the use of Michigan nurseries; and to feature Michigan talent.

"We chose annuals as our first topic because of their outstanding qualities that should appeal to any gardener - they are colorful and varied, with a



The zinnia remains a very popular annual.

color and style for every situation, and they all give quick results; to show there is more to annuals than petunias, marigolds, wax begonias and impatiens," they say. "Our intention is to have several seminars a year, on many different gardening topics, by Michigan gardeners for Michigan gardeners."

We wish them the best in this new venture.

**GOODGARDEN TIPS**

- Garden catalogs are beginning to arrive. Take some time to choose and place your order soon.
- Make a resolution this year to keep a record of rainfall and temperature to

learn more about this thing called gardening.

■ Check houseplants to see if they are rootbound and need repotting. If you just remove dried foliage the plants will look much prettier. They will appreciate dusting (with a soft brush) so they will breathe easier.

■ When repotting a plant, choose a pot that is just one size larger. The chance of overwatering is greater if a pot is too large.

■ Rotate plants so they will have even growth.

**Marty Figley** is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

**COTTAGE**

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Birmingham house shows its Creole influence, with its cedar siding, handsplit cedar shake roof, and copper gutters and downspouts. A gaslight is at the front door. The driveway is gravel, which "adds to the mood," Timlin said. "There's something ... about hearing the crunch," he said. The interior is picturesque as well, with such features as hardwood floors, crown molding and 9-foot ceilings. The handcrafted French mahogany front doors open into the parlor, which in the 1800s was a place where visitors were greeted and where

they waited. Over the fireplace, which is centered in the back wall, hangs a painting of a plantation and bayou. Scones with glass hurricane lanterns are on either side of the fireplace. A graceful stairway lines one side of the room. "The parlor really was a transition room," Timlin said. A powder room is at one side just inside the front door. Like other rooms, the door here features a hinged transom. Transoms provided cross ventilation at a time before air conditioning, Timlin said. The bright, roomy kitchen is like a theater where the performance of food preparation will be staged. A farmhouse sink is nestled comfortably with a Sub-Zero refrigerator, Thermador gas range, Bosch dishwasher and microwave. Light-colored granite tops the counters and the dining island. On one side of the dining island, elegant architectural elements seem to support the countertop, and high chairs are in a line. First floor amenities include a butler's pantry in beadboard, with a mesh opening in the door so air can circulate. Also on the first floor is a laundry

with a lowered ceiling that adds a quaint, cozy element. A second fireplace, with a wood mantel painted to resemble limestone, is in the dining room area.

**LANDSCAPING**

Outside is a secluded courtyard that is a replica of one in New Orleans' French Quarter. It features a small water fountain and an antique iron gate. Vines are painted on the side of the garage that forms a backdrop to the scene. The courtyard is easily viewed from inside the house. It is an example of Timlin's plan that residents should be able to enjoy the landscaping from more than one place at the house.

Other examples are the clusters of flowers and plants at the upper front windows of the house that form floral displays, and the tree in the front yard that was placed so it is in the center of the doorway.

"People think of landscaping as an exterior function, but it should be an interior function of the home (as well)," Timlin said.

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**Web site helps repair old appliances**

During the 20 years I owned an appliance repair business, we were well known for selling quality rebuilt major appliances.

I had a back yard full of old products, and the junk haulers would drop off a load every



**Appliance Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

week. I made more money selling a used one than I did a new one, and many of these things are still operating today. Just moments before I started writing this column, I was reading an article in an appliance trade magazine. It mentioned that people working and repairing old vintage stoves could get help right over the Internet.

I clicked onto the site at www.theoldapplianceclub.com and I was amazed at my discovery.

(First, let me give credit to this computer I'm using today. It has been known to tick me off, but now it finally realizes that I'm the boss.)

This site talks about a guy in California who started a busi-

ness of fixing old appliances way back in 1971.

I thought I was pretty smart that same year when I started rebuilding 10- and 15-year-old appliances, but this guy is working on products that are 200 years old.

When you start reading the material provided, you find sale prices exceeding \$10,000 on one major appliance.

This guy has hundreds of them in stock and not only that, he buys them from consumers.

Do you have an old product that you are thinking about throwing in the scrap pile? I know there are plenty of these old things around because homeowners call me several times a year asking about disposal.

Jack Santoro, the owner of this Web site, will even tell you how to fix that old burner valve that you turn on to get the flame to light on the top burner.

It appears that the grease inside the valve dries out after many years. He will sell you new grease and show you how to take it apart.

If you have one of those new cameras that work on the Internet and hook up with him, he will explain what to do, while you're doing it.

Right away, I'm thinking that maybe in the future the appliance manufacturers in this country could adopt this system with the homeowner and end user of their product. Just a thought.

To contact Jack, you can call him at (805) 643-3532 or e-mail him at toac@sbcglobal.net.

The American kitchen is the room that we are all coming back to.

Homeowners are spending more to remodel kitchens than any other room and they aren't shy about doing something different with appliances no matter the cost.

If I could go back 30 years and start over again, I would certainly think about the refurbishing of antique appliances.

I wonder if some young entrepreneur will read this column and decide to do something with this concept. Gosh! Wouldn't that be great?

Saving the environment, providing a quality product, and making a living. 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.

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# Make home away from home for patient

**Q: One of my family members is scheduled for surgery. What should I take to the hospital?**



**Domestic planner**

Diana Koenig

**A:** Your goal is to have items to make your family member comfortable during his stay. Pack according to how long he will be at the hospital. If you will be visiting him daily, you can limit the number of items you bring the

first day. Don't bring valuables or objects that cannot be easily replaced.

- Medical**
- List of prescriptions, including dosage and strength.
  - List of your loved one's doctors and phone numbers.
  - Medical insurance cards.
  - List of diseases, conditions and surgeries.
  - List of allergies.
  - Emergency contact numbers.

■ Phone numbers of family and friends.  
**Personal items**  
For an adult, take slippers and a robe. Your loved one, in a vast majority of the cases, will be required to wear a hospital gown.

Take an overnight kit that includes a comb, hairbrush, toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving gear for men, and just a few make-up basics for women.

Take a book, magazines, note cards and a hobby to do. If the patient does a specific hobby such as knitting, cross stitch or needlepoint, this would be an opportunity for the patient to relax and enjoy the hobby.

For children, take a stuffed animal or doll, slippers and a robe. Also include books or soft toys. If the child has a favorite toy or blanket to sleep with, make sure it is included.

Take activities for the child to do such as puzzles, coloring books and crayons, sticker books and other crafts.

**Treats**  
Check with the nursing staff to see if your loved one can have treats or fast food. If so,

take in pizza, ice cream, candy, soda or other favorites. Take some for yourself so he doesn't have to eat alone.

A root beer float would be a fun treat. Just take a small cooler packed with ice cream and a bottle of root beer. Don't forget glasses, spoons, straws and an ice cream scoop.

**Flowers and cards**  
Flowers, plants and cards make a hospital room much more cheerful. They remind your loved one that he isn't forgotten. Encourage friends and family to take cards when they visit. Children enjoy toys and books.

**Games**  
Adults and children may enjoy playing a card or board game. Time will pass quickly if they have something to keep their minds occupied.

**Family videos and photos**  
Staying in the hospital can be long and boring. Take in photo albums and family videos to watch. You can reminisce about special times and laugh about how things have changed over the years. Laughter is good medicine for the soul.

**Patience**  
Worry, pain, unfamiliar routines and sickness may cause your loved one to be cranky or grouchy. Be patient with his emotions and make him as comfortable as possible. Distract him as much as you can from his physical challenge.

**Information from hospital staff**  
Take your questions and be sure they are answered to your satisfaction. Ask that unfamiliar medical terms be explained. Keep a notebook so you can write down the information that you may need to share with other family members.

**Today's refrigerator bulletin:**  
"Create a home away from home for your loved one!"

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# Puck lights score to illuminate kitchen

I'm sure if a survey were taken - and there probably has been - the findings would show that the kitchen is the most used room in a house.

Yet there is one universal complaint about this room: not enough light around the counter areas. Even in kitchens with plenty of windows and overhead lighting, the very nature of standing at a counter casts a shadow on the work area.

The recent introduction of small puck lights has made kitchen lighting much easier than the fluorescent lamps of the past.

Puck lights are 20-watt halogen lamps. Their small disc shape, which resembles a hockey puck, is the reason for the name.

One of these lights can supply as much illumination as a single 24-inch fluorescent tube.

The color of the light resembles the familiar incandescent lights.

Unlike fluorescents, which have a blue/green cast, halogen lights leave a more natural color tone on food and china.

As a side note, fluorescent lamps have an inherent flicker (strobe effect) that can, under the right situations, make moving parts like mixer blades appear to be standing still.

This can be a serious safety hazard. In fact, fluorescent lamps are forbidden in some industrial settings for this very reason.

Puck light kits are available at home improvement stores and many hardware stores. Some use line voltage (110

volts), while others are low-voltage and come packaged with the needed transformer and wire.

Low-voltage kits have thin supply wires from the transformer to the lights, which are easily hidden. Line voltage units plug right into an outlet, eliminating the unsightly transformer.

In most installations, three small screws mount the light on a cabinet bottom, pointing where extra light is needed. The supply wires are run from the light to the power source (outlet or transformer).

These can easily be concealed with tape or self-stick channel conduit often referred to as Wiremold (because of the company that developed it).

Power is controlled to the lamps with an inline switch.

A friend of mine had a switched outlet wired inside a cabinet to hide the transformer.

The clean, warm light produced by halogen puck lights will illuminate those dark counters.

They are inexpensive and easy to install.

You'll find your food preparations more enjoyable, especially on our dark winter days.

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.

## HOME AND GARDEN CALENDAR

### Carpets and rugs

A seminar, Carpets and Area Rugs, will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at Ethan Allen, 15700 Middlebelt in Livonia. Call (734) 261-7780 for information.

### Growing Vegetables

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.

The schedule includes Growing Vegetables, Tuesdays, Jan. 14-28, at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza. Cost is \$92.50.

### Cactus and Succulent Society

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will have a slide presentation, A Trip to Baja, California, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell in Royal Oak. Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 524-0227.

### Redstone auction

The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will auction the Ruth and Louis Redstone collection of pre-Columbian and ethno-

graphic art, Amlash and Iranian ceramics, and art pottery 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15.

A preview will take place noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Monday, Jan. 10 and 13, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14. Call (248) 332-1500 for more information.

Louis Redstone was an accomplished artist, lecturer and author who wrote several books published by McGraw Hill. Ruth Redstone did research for the books. Mr. Redstone was chairman of Louis G. Redstone Associates, a firm specializing in architecture, engineering planning and interior design. Selected pieces of the Redstones' collection have been exhibited at the Detroit Institute of Arts and Meadowbrook Gallery at Oakland University, and will be offered at the auction. The auction will also include a large group of ceramics by Cranbrook artists and works by other artists.

### Lost in the Woods

The Great Lakes Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society will host a conference, Lost in the Woods, Friday-Sunday, Jan. 24-26, in Ann Arbor. The conference is designed as a practical program to enable attendees to bring woodland plants into rock

gardens. It will feature presentations, workshops, plant and book sales, and tours. Registration fee is \$200 per person.

For more information, contact Susan Reznicek at (734) 996-0692 or reznicek@umich.edu, or Michael Kaericher at (734) 459-5386 or mkaericher@alum.mit.edu.

### Auction

DuMouchelles, 409 E. Jefferson in Detroit, will conduct an auction Friday-Sunday, Jan. 10-12. Times are 6:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. Saturday, noon Sunday. Pieces will be exhibited 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Call (313) 963-6255 or visit www.dumouchelles.com for information. Featured items include Victorian and Louis XV style gilt-wood furniture, Steuben glass, Waterford crystal, Oriental rugs and carpets, jewelry, sterling silver flatware, Lenox porcelain dinner services, Victorian glass and furniture, silver, Pewabic pottery, English porcelain, cut crystal, stained glass windows, an Art Nouveau table lamp, Roseville pottery, a Saarinen dining table and set of six chairs, Chinese carved ivories, and art works.

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## Squeeze the Day

Lynn Waldsmith  
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## Reality TV: *Survivor*: Sibling Rivalry

I've got a concept for a new reality TV show that I'd like to sell to network executives, but I know they'd never go for it. The problem is the show wouldn't be as glamorous as *Survivor: the Australian Outback*, or *Survivor: Africa* or *Survivor: Thailand*. But this exercise in survival would be far more challenging. Let's call it, *Survivor: Christmas Break*. Or maybe, *Survivor: Sibling Rivalry*.

That's right. If you managed to make it through 16 days at home with the kids during this past Christmas break, then you probably know what I'm talking about. If you don't know, just imagine 16 days of hearing things like:

"Mom, she's being mean to me."

"Mom, she won't play with me."

"I'm telling Mom."

"She started it."

"I had it first."

"Mom, she's looking at me."

I could go on, but you get the idea. When school resumed this week I felt like that guy in the back-to-school commercial who gleefully tosses school supplies into his shopping cart while joyfully dancing to the music of *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*.

Of course, the holidays really are the most wonderful time of the year. And I love being home with my kids all year long. But having them home from school for 10 weeks in the summer is a picnic compared to having them home for two weeks in the middle of a gray Michigan winter.

Because after all the presents have been opened, and all of the holiday activities wind down, and it's just too darn cold to go outside, cabin fever overtakes them and raises their sibling rivalry to a new level of intensity.

"Mom! Eileen yelled at me!"

"So? Erin yelled at me two times."

"She yelled at me 69 times!"

"Well, you yelled at me eleven-seventy-a-dollar!"

Much of the time, my girls actually play well together. I smile and watch them revel in their make-believe, thoroughly engrossed in whatever situation they've created for the moment, whether it's dancing in mismatched dress-up clothes in front of the mirror as the "Raw Cats" (Rockettes), or playing house or school.

"Pay attention class," the 6-year-old instructs her 3-year-old sister as she draws a picture of a Menorah on the chalkboard. "People light this at Christmastime. It's called a harmonica."

I cherish times like these, but I foolishly make the mistake of clinging to the fantasy that they'll always get along like this. Yet I know very well that all it takes is just one misspoken word, one little quirk, one lost Barbie shoe, to unravel the bonding of these soul sisters. I tend to come down harder on my oldest, for the very reason that she has three years over her younger sister. "You're the oldest," I tell her repeatedly. "You should know better." From time to time, I also remind them how lucky they are to have each other.

"You know, I never had a sister. I always wanted a sister." Or, "She's the only sister you've got so you better treat her nice."

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# In her own write

BY BRAD KADRICH | STAFF WRITER

Like any self-respecting father, Rick Carter of Canton thought his daughter, Aimée, had a particular talent, and he encouraged her vigorously to use it.

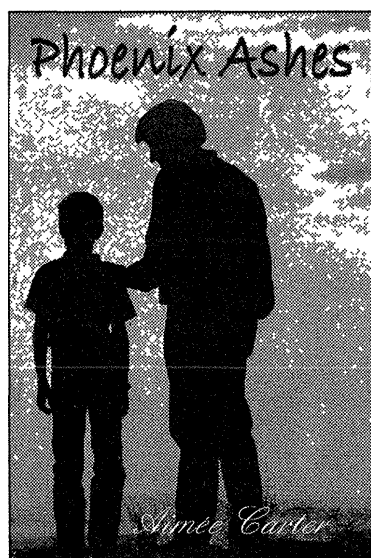
And, like many fathers, he wondered whether his urging was doing any good.

When he tripped over his birthday present, he knew Aimée had listened.

Aimée's talent? Writing. The results? Her first published novel, *Phoenix Ashes* — the fictional tale of a young boy's struggles to understand life — was written as a birthday present for her father.

"It was a total surprise to me," said the 57-year-old Carter, a network engineer. "I bugged her for a while, because I thought she had the talent. Then one day I walked out of my room and tripped on it. I opened it, and it was the book."

Aimée, a 16-year-old Canton High School junior, smiles at the thought of having fooled her dad, coming up with excuses like, "I can't think of a plot," or "I have writer's block."



*Phoenix Ashes* is the first effort of 16-year-old writer Aimée Carter of Canton.

The book comes some 18 months after she first took a serious interest in writing.

Her first efforts were "fan fiction" on the Internet, stories in which the author takes someone else's character — for Aimée it was primarily Harry Potter — and creates new stories for that character.

Aimée first came across the genre when she was 11 and, after a few years of doing that, finally decided to give

writing a shot on her own terms. "After years of reading it, I figured why not write it?" said Aimée.

Because of her fan fiction writing, she has developed something of a following on the Internet, where she first developed the char-

## Canton teenager gives her father the gift of reading ... her first published novel



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Aimée Carter wrote her first novel, *Phoenix Ashes*, as a birthday present for her father, Rick Carter, who urged her to get it published.

acters that would appear in her novel.

Her first character, Zachary Lucas, is an orphan struggling with life's hardships and disappointments.

Zach's best friend, Minty, walks alongside him through life, as "a means for Zac to go over things he's learned" in life. Although Minty is a product of Zac's dreams, Aimée leaves it up to the reader to decide whether Minty is real.

The idea comes from Aimée's self-professed inability to remember her dreams.

"I've always wanted to be able to, but I never remember my dreams," she said. "That was the original thought that ran through my mind, and it kind of morphed from there."

The main character, Zac, struggles to learn an important message: That all is not lost, no matter how bad life's struggles. Aimée presses the idea that people should "step back" and realize things aren't always as bad as they seem, that "life is great if you just choose to look at it that way."

It's the primary lesson taught to Aimée by her mother, Michele Ouellette, who died six years ago but remains a central influence on the teenager's writing — and life.

"She's the one who made me realize the message the book tries to get across," Aimée said. "She was a great person, and I think she'd agree with everything that's in the book."

When her dad read the book, he thought it was good enough to publish. He started surfing the Internet looking for publishers and found Word Associates, based in

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book reviewer, on BookReviewClub.com

Pennsylvania. They liked the idea, and the book, and recently published it.

"I think everyone has someone they would have liked to walk along with in life," Rick Carter said. "It reads really well, but then again, I'm her dad."

When she found out Word Associates would publish it, Aimée said she stood in the hallway jumping up and down and screaming. Even now, she admits, she still has trouble recognizing what an accomplishment it is.

"I know it's an achievement," Aimée said. "I'm basically a very insecure person, so I refuse to admit the book is any good."

She might not want to admit it's any good, but at least one reviewer said so. Writing for BookReviewClub.com, reviewer Jenny Bev wrote, "This is a novel about endurance, friendship and enlightenment ... written with utmost care and craftsmanship by a talented author."

PLEASE SEE NOVEL, C5

# Recent election makes a good history lesson

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Granholm made history last week when she was sworn in as Michigan's first woman governor, and Dan Herriman, the father of three daughters, wanted to make sure they were there to witness it.

So, when Granholm took the oath on Jan. 1, Herriman, his wife and all three of his girls were near the front, listening intently to what Herriman believes is a good lesson for them to learn.

"As the father of only girls, I think Granholm's election is symbolic of what women can achieve," said Herriman, a financial whiz who runs Herriman and Associates in Plymouth Township. "I want every opportunity for my girls."

Herriman was impressed by the speech, and the accomplishment, as was his wife, Mary Ann Prchlik, who braved the wintry temperatures to witness a piece of Michigan history.

Their eldest daughter, Jane, a 13-year-old who hopes to go to



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Dan Herriman and his wife, Mary Ann Prchlik, took their daughters, from left, Jane, 13, Nancy, 9, and Meg, 6, to the Jennifer Granholm inauguration because it's a good lesson about what women can accomplish.

Yale Law School and then get a job with the United Nations, agreed in principle with one of Granholm's main points: That doors are now open for women.

"I wanted to go to see the first woman governor take office," Jane said. "I think she

was right in one sense about doors being open. I think they've been partially open. Women just hadn't gone far enough yet."

It's a sentiment with which her mom agreed.

"I think now the doors are

**'I think now the doors are wide open, thanks to (Granholm). It's a good lesson for our girls.'**

Mary Ann Prchlik  
on new Gov. Jennifer Granholm

wide open, thanks to (Granholm)," Prchlik said. "It's a good lesson for our girls."

The family made it to Lansing early, and was given a tour of the Capitol by State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, who even let them bang the gavel of House Speaker Rick Johnson. Then it was on to the inauguration, where the large crowd applauded Granholm.

"I had fun," said 9-year-old Nancy, a fourth-grader at Our Lady of Good Counsel who hopes to be a veterinarian. "When she said doors were open, it felt good. I really don't see why boys should be more important than girls."

In addition to the "doors are open" message, Herriman was impressed by Granholm's call

for inclusiveness and the sense of community she imparted. Those messages struck a tone with Herriman, who is very involved in the community, including serving on the advisory board for the Plymouth Salvation Army.

"She really emphasized that repeatedly in her address," Herriman said. "She's broken a barrier, and there's a lot of room for others to do the same."

"She also talked a lot about community service, and how much we could accomplish if everyone made time to do a little more," Herriman pointed out. "Any additional encouragement from elected officials to become involved helps."

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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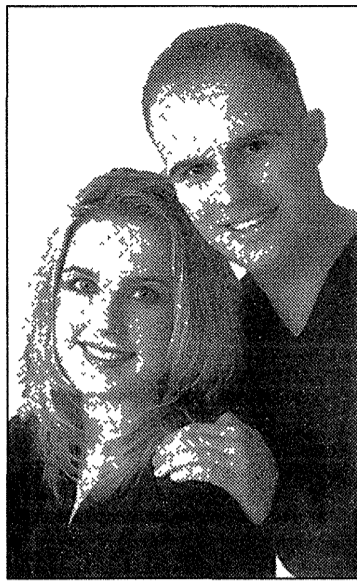
John Holden of Troy and Elaine Holden of Novi are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Susan Holden, to Kevin David Rucinski, son of David and Sharon Rucinski of Plymouth.

Amanda is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in advertising.

She is currently employed at the advertising agency Doner in Southfield.

Kevin is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in engineering arts. He is currently employed at Trane in Novi.

An April 2003 wedding is planned at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth with the reception at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills.

**Swiderek-Sacovitch**

Pamela and William Swiderek of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Anne to Stephen Nicholas Sacovitch, son of Larissa and William Sacovitch of Worcester, Mass.

Michelle is a graduate of Madonna University in Livonia with a bachelor of science degree in Nursing. She is employed as a Registered Nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Stephen is a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Mass. with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He is an officer in the United States Air Force stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Fire Protection Engineering. A November 2003 wedding is planned in Plymouth.

**Gravett-Petravick**

Bill and Shay Gravett of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Gravett to Don Petravick, son of Donald Petravick of Illinois.

Stacey is a 1996 graduate of Canton High School, and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in supply chain management.

She is employed with Cardinal Health in Waukegan, Ill.

Don is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in psychology. He is currently employed by Hartford Insurance in Naperville, Ill.

An August wedding is planned at Embassy Suites in Livonia.

**Keeghn Kochanek**

Joseph and Renee Kochanek are pleased to welcome with love and joy the birth of their son, Keeghn Joseph Kochanek, born Dec. 2, 2002 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

in Ann Arbor.

Keeghn joins brother, Liam, 2. Proud grandparents are Betty Godfrey of Plymouth and Julius and Stella Kochanek of Moraga, Calif. (formerly of Wyandotte).



# Comparisons can cause family trouble

One child takes off his boots at the back door, just like he's supposed to. The other, leaves a trail of muddy water across the kitchen floor.

At times like this, it is tempting to compare siblings; "Donna, look at the mess you made! Why can't you be more like your brother? He knows better than to walk through the house with wet boots on."



**Parents' Corner**  
Marilyn Suttle

Comparing one child to another increases sibling rivalry, by creating a win/lose relationship. It pits siblings against each other for a sense of self worth. Yet, even the most well meaning parents find themselves comparing at one time or another.

How does comparing lead to trouble between siblings? What can you do when you are tempted to compare?

**BREEDING HOSTILITY**

One mom said to her daughter, "Shawne, your room is a mess. Lori would never leave her room like that. Go to your room and don't come out until it's as clean as Lori's."

Shawne begins cleaning her room. The comparison seems to lead to positive results, but let's take a closer look. If you could read Shawne's mind as she heads off to her room, what would she

be thinking?

"I'm so glad I have a sister like Lori. Thanks to her, I know exactly how clean my room needs to be," or, "Lori is always getting me into trouble. I wish I didn't have a sister. I'll make her pay for this." When you look at a comparison from the child's point of view, it's no surprise that hostile feelings are created.

The hostility one child feels for another, after being compared, can poison the sibling relationship. Good feelings are replaced with resentment and frustration, and sometimes fantasies of revenge. Worse yet, children learn to value themselves based on their sibling's behaviors and attributes instead of their own.

**ALTERNATIVES**

How can mom encourage Shawne to clean her room without comparing? She can specifically describe what she wants from her child without any mention of a sibling. "The toys on your bedroom floor need to be put in the toy box and your drawers need to be closed."

What does Shawne think now? "Oh darn, I guess I have to finish cleaning my room." Did you notice that she was not distracted by thoughts about her sibling this time?

Replace unfavorable comparisons with a specific description of how you feel or what you need from the individual child.

Instead of comparing: "You would get better grades, if you worked as hard as Martha."

Describe how you feel about this child: "I feel confident that more study time will help you improve your grades"

Instead of comparing: "Stop shouting, Osa never talks to me that way."

Describe what you need from this child: "I expect you to tell me how angry you are without raising your voice."

We compare because it seems like a good way to motivate. In reality, children often feel less motivated than ever. Kids who believe that they can't live up to a sibling's accomplishments, stop trying. If they can't be best at being good, they may decide to be best at being bad. This negative outcome can be sidestepped by eliminating comparisons.

**FAVORABLE COMPARISONS**

Sometimes, we compare children favorably to their siblings. Here are some favorable comparisons:

"I wish your brother took his schoolwork as seriously as you do."

"I can always count on you to be ready on time. Your brother is always making us late."

"Your hair is just gorgeous. I can't do a thing with your sister's hair."

On the surface favorable comparisons seem harmless. However, parents in my workshops, share the following reactions to being compared favorably to their siblings:

"I felt superior to my siblings and they still resent me for it."

"To this day, I feel pressured to be the responsible one."

"I was the smarter one. I did everything I could to make my younger brother look stupid. I was afraid that I wouldn't be

special anymore if he got attention for being smart too."

"I felt sorry for my sister, and guilty for being favored."

"I felt uncomfortable hearing my brother criticized. I wondered if they ever criticized me behind my back."

Making a child feel good at the sibling's expense, creates a backlash of hurtful feelings. Replace favorable comparisons with a specific description of what you notice or appreciate about your child as an individual.

For example, "It's nice to see how much you value your education." "Thanks for being ready on time." "Your hair is a pleasure to look at."

Awareness helps to eliminate sibling comparisons from your parenting style. Whenever I'd hear myself begin to compare my kids, I'd stop in mid-sentence. It was surprising to see how often I'd catch myself. With practice, I began translating a comparison in my head into helpful words that focused directly to the needs of the child I was speaking to. In time, I began to see more warmth between my kids, and less conflict.

By eliminating comparisons, you increase effective communication, and decrease hostility between siblings.

Instead of comparing, describe specifically what you see, feel, or need from each child individually, with no mention of a sibling.

Eliminating comparisons alone, may not turn bitter rivals into loving buddies, but it does reduce friction, allowing friendly feelings to grow.

## Sometimes, you just need some Buddy's

Buddy's Pizza charity promotional campaign, "Sometimes You Just Need Some Buddy's" will kick off at all nine Buddy's Pizza locations Monday, Jan. 20. Two of Detroit's newest radio talk show guys, 97.1 FM's "Scott & Casey," will be featured with a few of their new best friends, some rescued, elegant greyhound dogs.

Posters, banners, flyers and menu cards will be introduced, highlighting Margherita and Greek pizzas.

Scott & Casey each have picked their favorite charity: The American Red Cross/National Marrow Donor Division and the Grey Heart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption of Michigan.

Buddy's will donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale of featured pizzas to the charities chosen and Buddy's guarantees at least \$3,000.

"Bone marrow donation touched my family. I know there is a desperate need for

bone marrow testing for both children and adults," said Buddy's owner Robert Jacobs.

Buddy's Pizza, based in Farmington Hills, has nine locations throughout the tri-county area and was established in Detroit in 1946.

**PAWLIK**

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So after 16 days of sibling rivalry, I felt a tremendous sense of relief when school started again. They need a break from each other, I thought. And Lord knows I need a break. (Kind of ironic

that parents get a break after the holiday "break" is over, isn't it?)

Yet whenever we drop her big sister off at school, it's not long before Erin asks: "Mama? When will Eileen be home? I miss Eileen."

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**NOVEL**

FROM PAGE C4

Aimée's legion of Internet friends and readers haven't seen the book yet, but there have been some 1,200 responses to other stories she's posted.

She likes having that kind of feedback.

"They read my stories, they review them, and they talk to me about them," Aimée said. "That's what I value, the honest opinions they give."

Aimée plans a trilogy, and has already finished the second manuscript. She and Rick are

currently negotiating to have the second one published, and Aimée has gotten started on the third.

She's not sure she can make a living at writing — "The possibility of actually making enough money to live on seems small," she said — but wants to give it a shot. If not, she wants to be a

psychologist or psychiatrist. "I want to help people," she said. "I don't want to be one of those corporate CEOs who just takes money from people. I want to make a difference in the world, helping people who can't help themselves."

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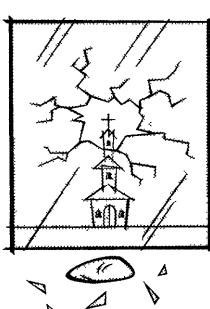
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## Throwing Stones....

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 be the measure you get.**  
**R.S.V. Matthew 7:2**

# Tolkien fans learn about favorite books

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

These are the passionate, the devoted, the knowledgeable about everything that is J.R.R. Tolkien and they thirsted for more insights in the work, life and mind of their literary hero when they spent a couple of hours recently at William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

The timing for the lecture by Philip Helms and his daughter, Amalie Helms, was perfect, less than two weeks before the premier of the movie adaptation of Tolkien's, *The Two Towers* which was released Dec. 18 and has been the top grossing movie since.

"I already have my tickets," Amalie Helms tells the dozen people wanting to learn more about this master of words, whose popularity has magnified with time.

Since *The Hobbit*, which was written in 1938, more than 45 million copies of Tolkien's tomes have been sold in the United States alone and 11 million of those copies were purchased in 2001, according to Tolkien publisher, Houghton Mifflin.

"The way Hollywood loves *Star Wars* and Indiana Jones, why did they never pick up on this?" asks Lori Clements, of Westland.

You don't have to be a Tolkien aficionado to wonder why it has taken more than six decades for the movie moguls to see potential in Tolkien.

## DISNEY BACKS OUT

A collective shudder fills the room as Phil explains in the late 1950s and early 1960s Disney Studios considered making a movie of *Lord of the Rings*.

"It's probably just as well that Disney didn't do it," says Philip with a definite tone of sarcasm as he speculates about the chances of the masterpieces becoming musicals.

The first movie in *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, came out in December 2001 and earned \$860 million worldwide. It also captured 13 Academy Award nominations, winning four of those awards, including Best Visual Effects, according to the internet site, [www.lordoftherings.net](http://www.lordoftherings.net).

A Flint resident, Phil comes to the podium with a lifetime devotion to anything Tolkien. He was immediately smitten when he was 16 in the mid-1960s and got his first taste of Tolkien. In 1975 he was a founding member of the American Tolkien Society and is editor of *The Minas Tirith Evening-Star*, a scholarly journal on Tolkien and his writing and art.

"It's a work of love," he says of the society and journal.

Clements came to the lecture after reading all of Tolkien's books and choosing *The Two Towers* as her favorite.

"He was such a complicated writer," Clements said. "This was one book where I knew the characters and I really related

to evil versus good. I'd die for another book. I'd also die for an unknown Shakespearean play. There's always those gems hidden somewhere."

She read Tolkien's work in high school, but looking back, Clements says, she didn't understand all the nuances.

"I appreciate the books much, much more now," she adds.

## TOLKIEN LOVED LANGUAGE

Amalie receives nods of affirmation from the people in the audience when she asks how many have read the book more than once and own the DVD of the first movie, *The Fellowship of the Ring*. Each time they look for something they missed.

Maybe they'll learn something new as father and daughter share tidbits about John Ronald Reul Tolkien's life that began Jan. 3, 1892 in South Africa. He died Sept. 2, 1973, two years after his beloved wife, Edith.

"He loved languages, created them and studied them," Philip says adding that Tolkien also founded student groups that focused on language and literature. As an adult, Tolkien befriended famed writer, C.S. Lewis, and together they formed the literary group, *The Inklings*.

The first notes for *The*

*Hobbit* were scribbled in the back of an essay exam book that Tolkien was correcting while working as a professor at Oxford.

In its early stages Tolkien read *The Hobbit* as a bedtime story to his four children who often edited and gave their father ideas to make it better. Finally, in 1938, *The Hobbit* found its way to a publisher. The public devoured the book and wanted more, which gave way to *The Lord of the Rings*, also known as

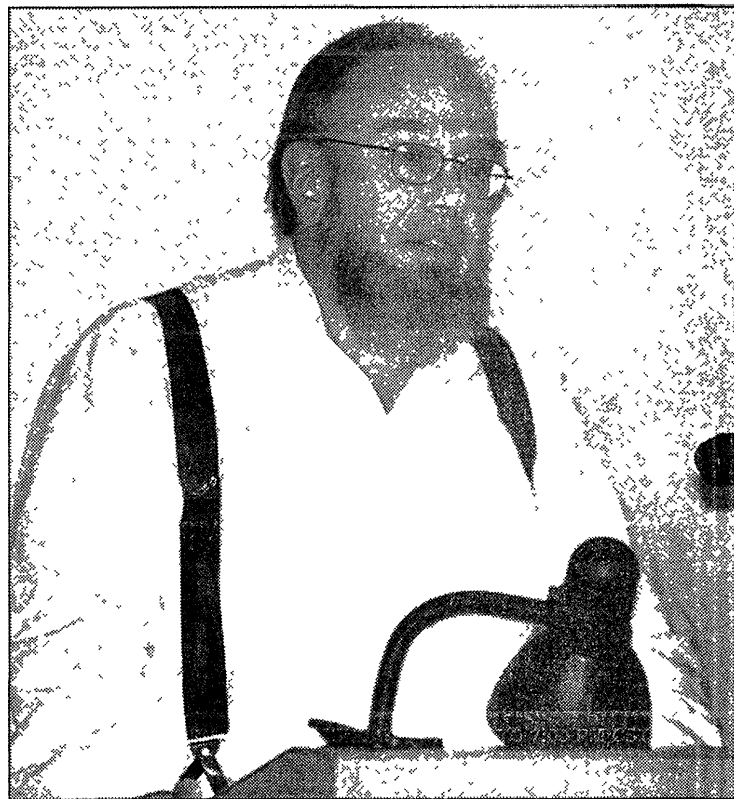
*The New Hobbit*. Tolkien finished it in 1949 and it was published in 1954.

"Although Tolkien intended it as one volume, the world wasn't quite sure what to do with this great book and it was published in three volumes," Phil says. "There are certain artists who are unparalleled. There was only one Michelangelo and there will never again be another ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Only one Frank Lloyd Wright and only one Ansel Adams.

"There's only one J.R.R. Tolkien. I'm in this to encourage people to cherish and properly appreciate his work."

Listening intently during the lecture, Ian and Ruth Lewis of Dearborn, attended to support the library and to learn more about what prompted Tolkien to write his stories.

"We read all the books - we



Philip Helms tells an enthusiastic audience about J.R.R. Tolkien.

like the genre," Ruth Lewis says.

Tolkien's work took on a new life in the mid-1960s when Ballantine books published, "Lord of the Rings" and it became a national phenomenon.

The newfound interest also became a source of embarrassment for this "tweedy Oxford Scholar" who was being followed by teenagers, who called him at all hours of the night and day "often in an altered state of mind," from the United States, Phil says.

In the introduction to the 1965 edition to the "Lord of the Rings" Tolkien explains that Tolkien wanted to try his hand at a really long tale, as well as to amuse and excite the readers.

"That we are here tonight suggests that he succeeded in remarkable fashion," Phil concludes.

Contact Phil Helms at the American Tolkien Society, P.O. Box 7871, Flint, Mi 48507 or by e-mail at, [americantolkiensociety@yahoo.com](mailto:americantolkiensociety@yahoo.com).

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**Northville Genealogical Society**

Ellen Oliver Smith, Ph.D., will present "Dear Ones at Home: The Letters of Helen Marie Noye Hoyt, Civil War Nurse." Learn first-hand what life was like during that critical time in our history. Being held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12 at the Northville District Library.

**Bowling for KIDZ**

The New Hope Center for Grief Support's KIDZ program needs your support and all you have to do is bowl. Bring your children, family and friends to our first "Cereal Bowl" at Novi bowl at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19. The \$25 per adult includes shoes, two games, good and fun for all. Call (248) 348-0115 for registration.

**Auditions**

Whistle Stop Players auditions for children age six and up for the spring touring production of "Famous Folk Tales from Around the World" from 6:30-8 p.m. Jan. 12 and Jan. 16. Come one night for the free 90-minute audition workshop. Call (734) 416-4278 for further information.

**Computer Class**

Plymouth Library is holding a class on "Basic Internet" from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9. This will help computer users learn the basics of using the Internet. Includes explanation of terms, use of a browser and utilizing search engines on the World Wide Web. Participants should be comfortable with the Microsoft Windows basics and using a mouse.

**Storytime**

Peggy Price Heiney presents a special storytime for children ages 5-7. Stories, creative dramatics and book selection round out this monthly session at the Plymouth Library. Registration is required. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

**Road Rally**

The Canton Thunderbird Softball Inc. Girls Fast Pitch organization is holding a Road Rally on Feb. 8, 2003. Deadline to enter is Feb. 6. cost is \$25/person which includes meal and prizes. for further information contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or check the Web site at thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

**Ice Carving Class**

The Plymouth Ice Festival is coming soon. To provide "ice time" for those

inspired, the PCAC is hosting an ice-carving workshop on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003. Instructors from Henry Ford Community College will be on hand to lead participants through this three-hour introduction to creating ice sculptures. Call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 early to reserve your spot and for further information.

**PCAC 70s Bash Tickets**

Special Christmas pricing on tickets for the PCAC's annual dinner, dance and auction to be held Friday, March 14, 2003 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. By purchasing tickets before Jan. 1, PCAC members will save \$10 per person or \$15 per person for a table of 10. Non-members save \$10 per person on a table of 10. To purchase tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

**Spring Youth Soccer Registration**

The entire month of January at the Recreation Office of the City of Plymouth during business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All registrations require a birth certificate. Call (734) 455-6250 for further information.

**Nursery Registration**

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op has openings for 3-4 year olds. One to three days per week. School located on Sheldon road in Canton. Call (734) 455-6250 or (734) 453-0595 for more information.

**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**

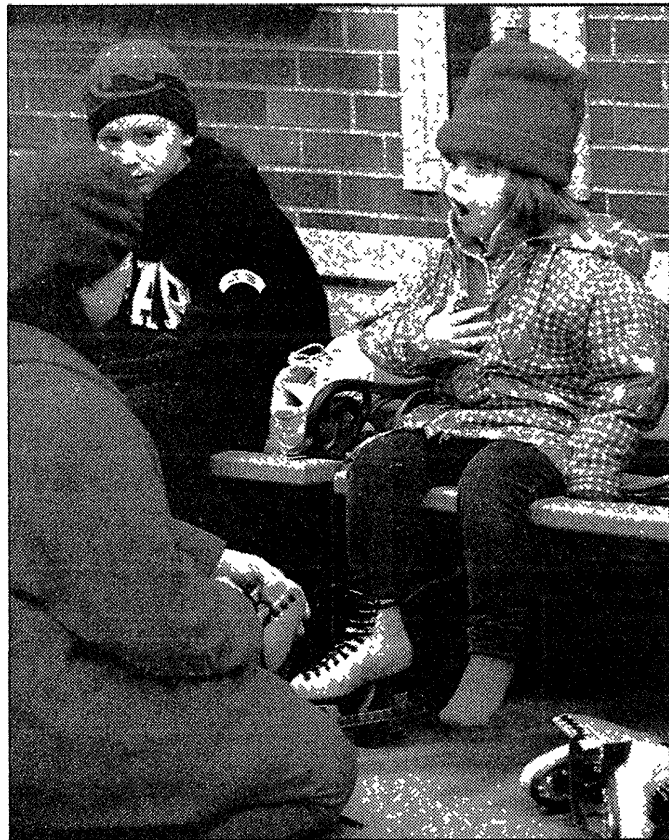
Plymouth Optimists selling the 2003 books with all proceeds helping children throughout southeast Michigan. Book offers up to 50% savings on dining and fast foods, theater, sports, travel, services and more. Price is \$30 and are home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

**Free Blood Pressure Screening**

Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

**Recreation Registration**

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



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**Ready to skate?**

Laura Foley of Plymouth, 3, yawns as mom Laura laces up her ice skates recently at the Plymouth Cultural Center for an open skating session. Kevin Kosidlo of Redford looks on, at left.

## CLUBS

**Exchange Club of Canton**

Meetings are held at 6 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at Palermo's Restaurant. On Jan. 13, the General Meeting speaker will be Ann Conklin, Director of Leisure Services for Canton Township.

**BPW**

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road. Guests are welcome. In January our speaker is Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes. For more info and dinner reservations, contact Mary Brooks at (734) 420-0320.

**SEPA**

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPA (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets every second Monday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Discovery Middle School in Canton. On Jan. 13, the topic "Frustration, Anxiety, Tension" is being presented by Lori Parks, Plymouth-Canton Teacher Consultant for Inclusion. For additional information, please contact Rich Ham-Kucharski (734) 844-1714.

**Plymouth VFW**

Fish fries continue every Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The price is only \$7 at the Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill.

**MOPS-Plymouth**

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

Rd., Plymouth. Call for info (734) 420-0515.

**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 Sept. through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact Nikki Guenther at (313) 937-2479.

**La Leche League**

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

**Canton Rotary Club**

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join 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 moth-

ers 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.

**Plymouth Canton Jaycees**

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

**Community Democrats**

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 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.

**K of C Breakfast**

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**Kiwanis Breakfast Club**

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

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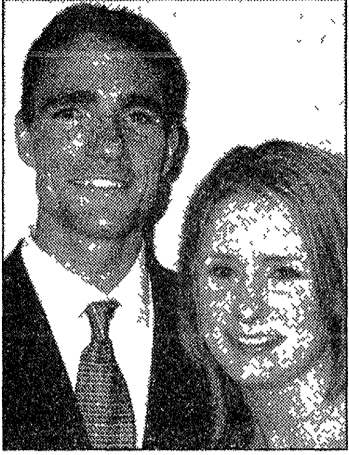


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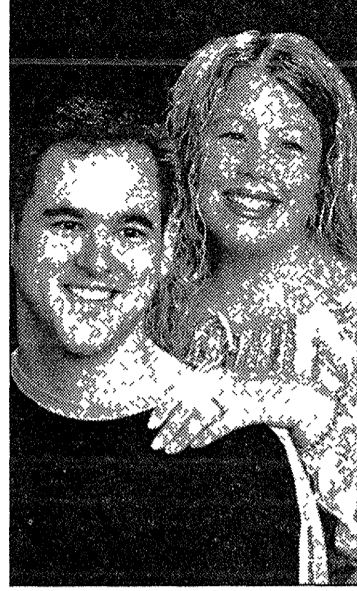
**Pinder-Klassa**  
Lee and Ellen Pinder of Peoria, Ariz. announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Louise Pinder, of Colorado Springs, Colo., to Keith Alan Klassa of Englewood, Colo. Lauren recently earned her master's degree from Regis University in Denver and is an accountant for Living The Good News Publications. Her fiancé, Keith, is the son of Ken and Donna Klassa of Livonia. He is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is the owner of Color Time Painting in Denver. The couple are planning to wed February 2003, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Denver, Colo.



**Visser-Young**  
Robert Visser and Sheryl Visser of Grandville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer M. Visser, of Lansing to David A. Young of Fort Wayne, Ind. Jennifer is a graduate of Calvin Christian High School and Michigan State University. She is currently a student at Michigan State University - Detroit College of Law. Her fiancé, David, is the son of Douglas and Linda Young of Livonia. He is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. He is employed at I.T.T. Industries in Fort Wayne, Ind. The couple are planning to wed September 2003.



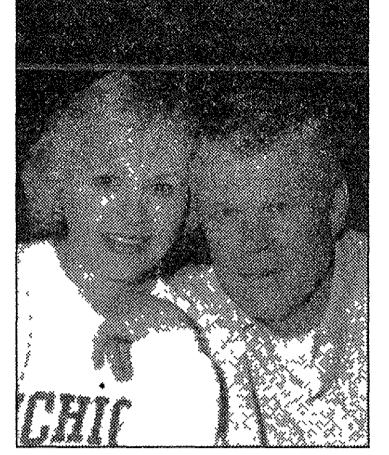
**Pagan-Springer**  
Fredrick and Jacqueline Pagan of Struthers, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Marie, to Blake Allen Springer of Redford. Danielle is a 1999 graduate of University of Toledo with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. She is a project engineer with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment. Her fiancé, Blake, is the son of Jerry and Marcella Springer of Livonia. He is a 1991 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of business administration degree. He is a manager in international assignment services with Deloitte & Touche. The couple are planning to wed April 2003, in Calvary Missionary Church.



**Sweet-AuBuchon**  
Mary Ann Sweet of Milan, Mich. announces the engagement of her daughter Dawn Marie to Jason Thomas AuBuchon, son of Thomas AuBuchon and the late Sue AuBuchon of Westland. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Saline High School and Madonna School of Nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor. She is also a part time clinical nursing instructor at Washtenaw Community College. Her fiancé is a graduate of Franklin High School and WCC Nursing School. He is also employed as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. A March wedding is planned at St. Paul's of Saline.



**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. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford. 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.



**Westlund**  
Former Garden City residents Melvin and Judith (nee Weakly) Westlund of Clarksville, Tenn. celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 14. The couple were married Dec. 14, 1962, in First Baptist Church of Council Bluffs, Iowa. To celebrate they went to see the Rockettes in Nashville, Tenn., arriving by limousine. Melvin has been retired from Consumer Power of Livonia 4 years. The couple are currently taking care of two of their grandchildren while the parents work. They enjoy traveling in their RV, playing with the computer, studying The Course in Miracles and spending time with their family. Melvin and Judith have two daughters, Lora Lynn Westlund of St. Bethlehem, Tenn., and Sandra Cummings of Clarksville, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

**RELIGION CALENDAR**

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**

**Civil War Dads**  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia, will sponsor "Civil War Dads," a program for men and youth sponsored by the National Brotherhood of St. Andrew, 8 a.m. to noon. Saturday, Jan. 11. Civil War Dads is based on 11 Timothy 2:3-4 and designed to inspire men to fulfill their Biblical calling to leadership, service, and sacrifice as Christians, husbands and fathers. The Civil War is used to illustrate leadership, service and sacrifice in action. Civil War Dads is a hard-hitting, yet entertaining mix of faith, family and history. The event, which includes breakfast, is free. Call (734) 421-8451 or e-mail standrews@ameritech.net.

**First Ladies**  
Join the women from the First United Methodist Church and the First Congregational Church for lunch and a special program, "A Visit with Presidents' Wives." Meet the First Ladies via the costumed portrayals presented by women from Garden City Presbyterian Church. Program will take place at First United Methodist, 3 Town Square, Wayne. Call Sally Nitzel by Jan. 12 at (734) 722-7756.

**Pancake supper**  
First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne, invites the public to attend an old-fashioned pancake supper 4:30-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20 in the Fellowship Hall. Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee and milk. \$5 for adults (over 13) and \$2 for children. Call (734) 721-4801.

**Marriage encounter**  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled Feb. 14-16 and March 15-16 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 4401 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. \$50 registration fee. For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524, or visit www.rc.net/detroit/wme.

**Steak dinner**  
Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, is selling tickets for a full-course Swiss Steak dinner, either eat-in or take-out. The dinner will be held 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22. Orders must be placed by Jan. 17. Advanced ticket purchase required. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children 12 and under. Ticket sales will benefit the Men's Adult Appalachia Service Project, a mission of home construction in rural Appalachia. Remember the great pasties the United Methodist folks sold last November? Well, they're doing it again. Orders must be placed by Friday, Jan. 10 and picked up Friday, Jan. 17. Both the Swiss Steak and pasties orders must be placed by phone during business hours. Call (734) 422-0149. Fax and e-mail orders will be ignored.

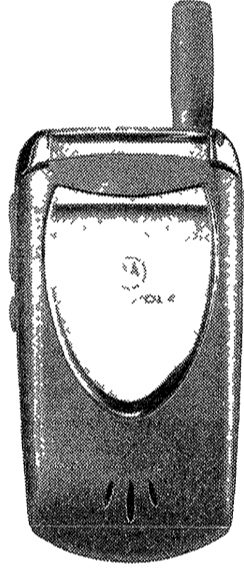
**Casino night**  
Our Lady of Good Counsel will hold a "Queen of Hearts" Casino Night 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Social Hall, 47650 N. Territorial (at Beck), Plymouth. Black Jack, roulette, craps, 50/50 raffles, and pizza. Must be at 21 years old. Call Terry at (734) 452-5655, Janeen at (734) 453-1243 or Susan at (734) 416-1033.

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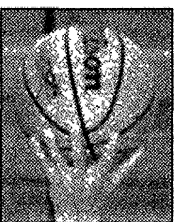
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## Sidelines

### ■ Soccer referees

A new soccer referee training class will be held at Plymouth HS, which is located at 8400 Beck in Canton. Classes are from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15.

Those interested must attend all four sessions and must be at least 12 years of age. Cost is \$50.

To register, send your name, address, date of birth and social security number, along with a \$50 check made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee, to: Canton Soccer Club, P.O. Box 87244, Canton, MI, 48187.

Class size is limited. For more information, call (734) 454-7335.

### ■ Rock-Kilgore swim

On Saturday, Salem HS will once again host the Rock-Kilgore Swim Invitational. Salem, annually one of the state's top swim teams, will host several other good swim programs, including state-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer and Rockford.

Also competing will be Canton, Livonia Stevenson and Dearborn — as well as Salem.

The format is what makes the meet interesting. Each team enters four swimmers in each individual event, according to speed (fastest swimmer in the fastest heat). Since each heat scores the same number of points, quality depth often determines the meet winner.

Competition begins at noon at Salem.

### ■ Road Rally

The Canton Thunderbirds Softball Girls Fast Pitch organization will hold a Road Rally on Feb. 8.

The deadline to enter is Feb. 6.

Cost is \$25 per person, which includes meal, prizes and music.

Contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or check the website at thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

### ■ Madonna camps

Madonna University will be conducting two more Girls Fastpitch Softball Clinics in January and February at Madonna. Each clinic lasts four weeks.

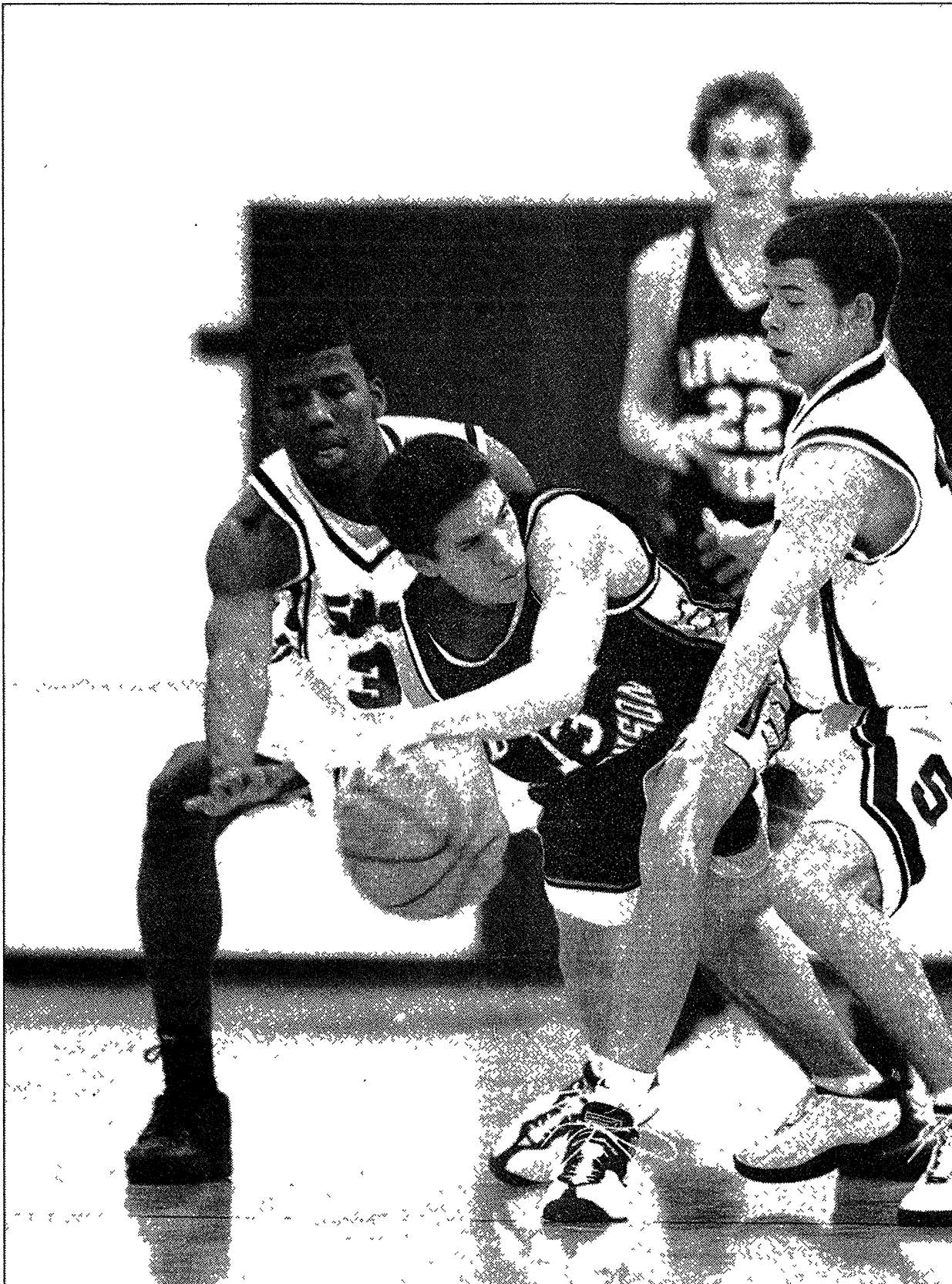
The first is on consecutive Saturdays, from 9-11:30 a.m. on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15; and the second is on consecutive Sundays, from 3:30-6 p.m. on Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Each camp consists of all phases of fastpitch softball: hitting, bunting, infield/outfield play, baserunning, pitching/catching and defense.

Cost for each four-week clinic is \$100. Pre-registration is required; each clinic allows a maximum of 30 girls.

Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball and mailed to Coach Al White, Softball Office, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150-1173.

For more information, contact coach White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-3719, or assistant coach Curt White at (810) 844-0109.



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Stevenson's Brady Crosby (13) looks for someone to pass to while Salem's Dave Hoskins (left) and Kevin Savitskie apply heavy pressure. Salem's defense helped turned the tide in the second half.

## Strong finish lifts Salem to triumph

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

This was expected to be a very close basketball game between two Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division rivals. And for more than three quarters, it was.

Then Salem, which had been playing extremely well throughout Tuesday's game, found another level that the visitors from Livonia Stevenson could not reach.

Perfection.

Which is what the Rocks were shooting the ball in the fourth quarter. That's why they scored 24 points in that period (Stevenson had 17), increasing a five-point lead after three quarters to 16 with 2:44 left en route.

And that's why they handed the Spartans their first loss in the division, by a 65-53 margin. Both teams are 6-2 overall, 1-1 in the Lakes.

Salem's Dave Hoskins led all scorers with 23 points, eight of those coming in the fourth quarter — including two consecutive jams that elevated the Rocks' lead to 16 both times.

But this was no one-man show, something Stevenson coach Bill Dyer was well aware of.

"They hit a lot of jumpers in the first quarter and that hurt us," Dyer said. "They played great — and not just Hoskins. You expect it from him. But the rest of their guys played great, too."

Particularly in that fourth quarter. The Rocks hit all nine of their floor shots and were 5-for-5 at the free-throw line. In that total were eight points scored by Eric Vanston, including a pair of three-point plays that provided the game's turning point.

The first came with 4:20 left and Salem up 47-39. Vanston took a pass in stride and calmly nailed a three-point shot to give the Rocks their first double-digit lead of the game. A few seconds later, Vanston pilfered a Stevenson pass at midcourt and went in for a layup, getting fouled by Keith Hearn. Vanston hit the free throw, and Salem's lead had expanded to 14 points, 53-39.

"Vanston has gotten better and better," said Salem

PLEASE SEE SALEM, D2

## Canton can't top Wildcats

Progress — that's what Canton basketball coach Jeremy Rheault thought his team had achieved in a close loss at unbeaten Northville last Friday.

The result of Tuesday's home game against Novi proved that, at best, progress is fleeting.

The Wildcats built an eight-point lead in the first quarter and

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gradually kept pulling away from the Chiefs, eventually posting a 70-57 triumph in this non-league game.

Canton fell to 2-5 for the season. Novi is 5-1.

"We got it to 10 in the second half, but we couldn't get closer," said Rheault. "They did a nice job on our post game with their defense. They packed it in really well."

The Wildcats must have done just that. Against Northville, the Chiefs' inside players — Steve Thornton and Brad Waidmann — combined to score 34 points and grab 17 rebounds. Against Novi, they had 14 points.

The biggest factor in the 'Cats victory came at the free-throw line. They converted 21-of-30 (69.3 percent); Canton was 4-of-6 (66.7 percent).

Novi led 19-11 after one quarter, hitting all seven of its free throws. Canton's deficit grew to

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, D2

## Rocks remain unbeaten with Cup victory

### PREP HOCKEY

After registering the first "blemish" on its record this season, Salem's hockey team stormed back with a 6-1 triumph over West Bloomfield Tuesday in a non-league "Challenge Cup" game at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The win raised the Rocks' record to 10-0-1. Last Friday at the Cultural Center, they had to battle back with two late goals to earn a 4-4 draw with Walled Lake Central.

Against West Bloomfield, Salem found itself trailing again — by a 1-0 margin on a Brandon Ward goal midway through the first period.

The Rocks quickly overcame

that, however, with a goal by David Gill tying it with 5:49 left in the first and another by John Schultz with just :25 to go in the period.

Schultz finished with three goals and two assists in the game.

His second goal came with 2:31 left in the second period; Andy Thackaberry and Mark Nagel assisted. Nagel, who got two goals and three assists in the game, gave Salem a 4-1 lead with :05 left in the second (from Schultz and Ryan Jones).

Both Schultz and Nagel scored goals in the third period (Nagel also had an assist). Thackaberry picked up his second assist of the game; Jeff Harris also got an assist.

Brandon DeMars was in goal for the victory. Alex Grushky was in the net for the Lakers.

Against Central last Friday in a Western Lakes Activities Association game, Schultz scored the game's first goal (assists from Aaron Cheesman and Nagel) but the Vikings got the next three, Shawn Skelly netting the first two and Adam Griffin getting the third.

Salem narrowed the gap to 3-2 on a Harris goal with 1:21

left in the second period (assists from Nagel and Rob Quigley), but Skelly's third goal of the game 1:12 into the third period restored the Vikings' two-goal edge.

The Rocks pulled out the tie by getting two goals in the last 1:43, the first by Brandon Wilcox (from Schultz and Harris) and the second, with just :50 left, from Harris (Bryan Young assisting).

DeMars was in goal for the Rocks. Matt McCallum was in the net for Central.

The Central game was the first the Rocks played since Dec. 20, when they beat Chelsea 8-1.

## LaRose's late goal gives Whalers a win

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Make that two-straight.

At least against the Kitchener Rangers, an Ontario Hockey League rival the Plymouth Whalers couldn't beat last season. They made it two-straight Tuesday with a 3-2 win in Kitchener, getting the game-winning goal from Chad LaRose with 45 seconds remaining.

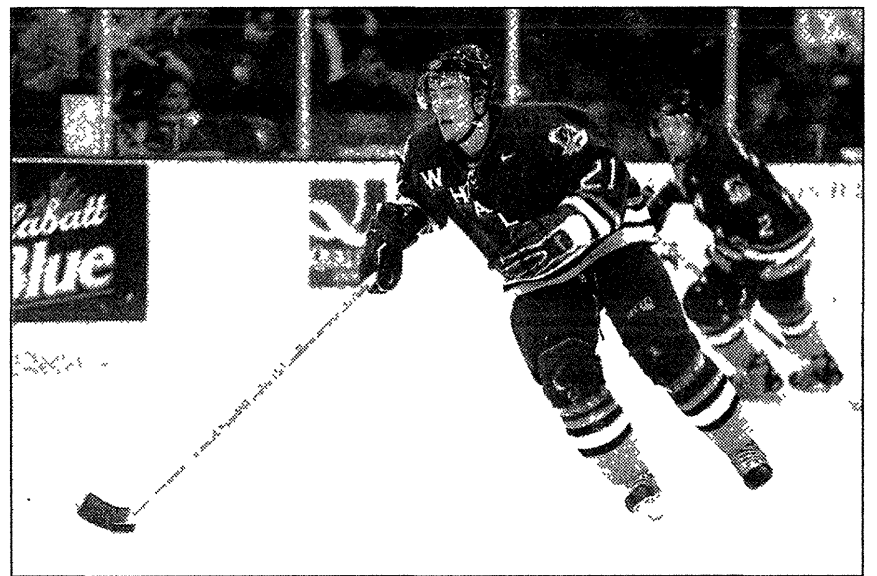
For LaRose, it capped a superb game. He scored two of the Whalers' goals and assisted on the third, netted by Karl Stewart on the power play with 34 seconds left in the first period.

Stewart's goal allowed Plymouth to take a 1-1 tie into the second period. LaRose's first goal of the game, scored at 12:52 of the second period, gave the Whalers a 2-1 lead.

Kitchener, which got a first-period goal from David Clarkson, tied it with a power-play score by Mike Richards midway through the third period.

LaRose's game-winner was assisted by Ryan

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Ryan Ramsay had two assists in the Whalers' 3-2 win over Kitchener Tuesday.

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# Schoolcraft routs Raiders, 94-66

Schoolcraft College overcame a sluggish first half and poor shooting to earn a 94-66 men's basketball victory Saturday over host Oakland Community College at Highland Lakes Gym.

Schoolcraft, 14-1 overall, led by only six at intermission, 39-33, before pulling away with a 55-33 spurt in the second half.

The Ocelots, defending Eastern Conference champion, shot just 42.7 percent from the floor (35-of-82). Schoolcraft was 10-of-26 from three-point range.

Torvoris Baker led the Ocelots with 17 points, 13 rebounds, nine assists and five steals in 32 minutes. James Holmes added 17 points off the bench.

Other scorers in double figures for Schoolcraft included

Marcus Bennett (16), Ronald Dorsey (14) and Gary Johnson (11).

Dorsey was 4-of-5 from three-point range, while Andre Scott grabbed 12 rebounds. Q

Craig Myree led the Raiders (2-12, 0-1) with 15 points, while Michael Russell and Will Pendegross (Livonia Churchill) added 12 and 11, respectively.

OCC was outrebounded, 55-36.

**TRI-STATE (IND.) 96, MADONNA 87:** Brandon O'Leary and Marqus Husband scored 22 points apiece Tuesday, propelling host Tri-State (Ind.) past Madonna University in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game.

Tri-State is 8-10 overall and 1-0 in the WHAC, while MU falls to 8-8, 0-2.

MU led by as 13 in the opening half, 24-13, but Tri-State took a one-point advantage at the half, 42-41, then outscored the Fighting Crusaders 54-46 in the second half.

Guard Dan Kurtinaitis led MU with 27 points and five assists. Forward Noel Emehiser added 26 points and six rebounds. Chris Behrens and Chad Nadolini contributed 11

and 10 points, respectively. Aaron Cox had nine points and six assists.

The Crusaders lost despite hitting all 19 free throws and 53.8 percent of hits shots from the floor (28-of-52, including 12-of-17 three-point land).

The difference was bench play as the Thunder outscored MU, 28-4.

Others in double figures for the Thunder included Matt Obras (14), Jon Gates (10) and Brandon Appleton (10).

**CONCORDIA 89, MADONNA 85:** Farmington High's Matt Mikel scored a game-high 26 points, hitting 6-of-9 three-point attempts Saturday, to lead the Cardinals (7-8, 1-0) past host Fighting Crusaders (8-7, 0-1) in the WHAC opener for both schools.

Madonna couldn't hold a 44-38 halftime lead as Concordia stormed back for the victory.

Jared Adamson added 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Cards, while Marv Cox added 17 points. Livonia Churchill's Erik Uhlinger had nine assists and seven rebounds.

Chris Behrens led MU with 22 points, while Noel Emehiser added 17. Joe Kofhal had 14 points. Dan Kurtinaitis added 12, while Chad Nadolini had nine points and eight rebounds.

Concordia outrebounded the Fighting Crusaders, 45-31.

## WILDCATS

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32-22 by halftime, thanks in part to a pair of Chris Lewis three-pointers in the second quarter.

By the end of three, the 'Cats led 56-43.

D.J. Bridges paced the Chiefs with 20 points. Andy Cortellini, Travis McKinney and Thornton each added eight.

Matt Emmeneker's 22 points led Novi. Lewis finished with 20 and Brad Simpson had 18.

**PCA 65, Taylor Baptist 29:** Plymouth Christian Academy gave no quarter Tuesday at PCA, quite literally.

The Eagles outscored Taylor Baptist 32-15 in the first half, then punctuated their dominance with an 18-1 onslaught in the third quarter as they improved to 3-2 overall. Taylor Baptist is 1-5.

PCA's Clay Welton led all scorers with 18 points. Ben Pew added 17 points and 14 rebounds, Dan Carty scored 11 points and Ben Baloga netted 10.

Taylor Baptist got 12 points apiece from Josh Lambert and Derrick Bourlior.

The fourth quarter also belonged to PCA, scoring-wise, by a 15-13 margin.

**Oakland Christian 58, Canton Agape 42:** Canton Agape Christian found itself a bit out-classed Tuesday at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, the 10th-ranked team in Class D.

The Wolverines trailed 20-8 after one quarter and 32-17 by halftime; a 19-7 third-quarter spurt by the Lancers insured their victory.

Agape fell to 3-4 overall; Oakland Christian is 5-0.

Charlie Henry led Agape with 18 points.

Jordan Napier contributed 13 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lancers got 20 points and 10 boards from Mike Peterson and 19 points from Matt Green.

**CC 71, Notre Dame 68:** Catholic Central got a shot in the arm Tuesday as Taiwan transfer Doug Creighton made his debut as a Shamrock with a team-high 21 points in a Catholic League Central Division triumph Tuesday over visiting Harper Woods Notre Dame.

CC is now 3-3 overall and 1-0 in the Central. The loss drops Notre Dame to 3-3 and 0-1.

The Shamrocks hit a total of 11 three-pointers, three from the 6-foot-5 Creighton and four from junior guard Jim Cash, who finished with 20 points. Junior guard Derek Brooks contributed 14.

"We got out early and held on," said CC assistant coach John Mulroy, whose team led 24-10 after one quarter. "It was a good test for us because they're really big and have good skill inside. Their strength is not our strength, so we had to try and offset that."

Sophomore forward Darryl Clements scored 21 for the Fighting Irish, coached by former University of Detroit coach Don Sicko. Marvin Listenbee, a 6-foot-8 senior center, added 12.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 9

Canton Agape at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 10

Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Luthern North, 7 p.m.

Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 10

Churchill vs. W.L. Western (Edgar), 6 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Canton (Arctic Edge), 7:30 p.m.

Franklin vs. Lapeer West (Polar Palace), 8 p.m.

Redford CC at Park Tudor (Ind.), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Salem vs. Northville (Novi Arena), 6:10 p.m.

Churchill vs. W.L. Central (Lakeland), 5:20 p.m.

Redford CC at Park Tudor (Ind.), 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 12

Redford CC at Culver Military (Ind.), 2 p.m.

PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 9

Divine Child at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 10

Clarenceville at Lutheran N West, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Madonna Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

Midland Dow Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

Grand Blanc Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

Wayne Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 9

Luth. Westland, Flat Rock at Airport, 5:30 p.m.

Redford CC, Southgate at Romulus, 6 p.m.

Quad meet at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.

Northville at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

W.L. Western at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.

Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

W.L. Central at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

Wayne at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Salem at Adrian Invitational, 9 a.m.

Avondale Tournament, 9 a.m.

Romulus Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

Canton at Redford CC Invitational, 10 a.m.

Lake Fenton Invitational, 10 a.m.

PREP BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Jan. 9

Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Cranbrook Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

Salem Invitational, noon

W. Bloomfield Invitational, 1 p.m.

Walled Lake Invitational, 1 p.m.

PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Saturday, Jan. 11

Troy Invitational, 10 a.m.

PREP SKIING

Thursday, Jan. 9

CC vs E Lansing (Mt. Brighton), 4:30 p.m.

MEMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 11

Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 11

Madonna at Siena Heights, 5:30 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 10

Whalers vs Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Whalers vs. Sarnia (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

# Lady Ocelots upended by OCC

Oakland Community College did what no other school had done to Schoolcraft in nearly a year - defeat the Lady Ocelots in a league game.

Schoolcraft outscored the Lady Raiders in the second half on Saturday, 32-31, but host OCC wound up with the 57-54 win - the Lady Ocelots' first Michigan Community College Athletic Association-East women's basketball loss since Feb. 10, 2001 - a 16-game streak.

The Lady Ocelots (8-6, 0-1 MCCA) didn't help themselves in the first half, shooting just 7-for-28 from the floor or committing 24 turnovers in all for the game to just 16 for the Lady Raiders (10-4, 1-0). OCC

made the difference at the free throw line, hitting 10-of-13 to just 3-of-15 for Schoolcraft.

Larissa Taylor led OCC with 20 points, while Meagone Thornsberry had 14 points and Tiffany Burt had 11.

Thornsberry also had 15 rebounds and three assists, while Burt had two blocks and three assists and Jillian Stork had eight rebounds.

Tara Charles (Redford Bishop Borgess) led Schoolcraft with 20 points, while Tiffany Alexander had 14 points and Pam Wingate had 13. Mia Henderson led the way on the boards with 15, while Wingate had seven and Jazmyne Forster had six. Natalie Shaw had five assists and Wingate had seven

of the team's nine blocks.

**MADONNA 83, CONCORDIA 51:** Madonna University used scoring for 11 different players on Saturday to roll to an 83-51 win over Concordia University Ann Arbor in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener for both schools.

The Lady Crusaders (3-13) led early and often, forging a 48-29 lead at half and padding it further in the second. MU helped its own cause with a 50-22 advantage on the boards. That translated to 31 second-chance points for Madonna, while the Cardinals mustered just three.

Lindsey Simmon paced MU with 22 points and added six rebounds. Courtney Rebhine had 17 points and eight boards. Sarah Thompson had 10 points and six rebounds and Nikki Blaszak (eight points) and Marwa Ayoub, had seven rebounds each. Lorian Tschirhart added five assists and Blaszak and Rebhine had four steals each.

Jenna Ansel had 16 points to lead Concordia, while Carey Musko had 12.

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coach Bob Brodie. "He's getting some good minutes, and he's improving every game."

Although Salem ran away with the victory in that fourth quarter - "It hurt us that they made those shots," said Dyer. "Things kind of slipped away from us in the fourth quarter" - it looked to be something quite different in the early going. Neither team missed a shot in the first couple of minutes; an 8-2 run in the last 2:12 of the first period allowed the Rocks to take a 17-11 lead into the second.

The first half of that quarter belonged to Stevenson. A 9-4 burst allowed the Spartans to narrow the gap to a single point with 5:14 left; they ended up outscoring Salem 16-11 in the

period to make it a 28-27 game at the half, the Rocks on top.

Salem had been playing well, converting 11-of-23 floor shots (47.8 percent) and making just three turnovers. But Stevenson was, too; the Spartans were 10-for-20 from the field in the first half (50 percent) and 5-of-6 at the free-throw line, and they had seven turnovers.

But the Rocks started to increase the gap in the third quarter, and they did it at both ends of the floor. "Our defensive effort is what impressed me tonight," said Brodie. "We used a multitude of defenses - we used five in the second half."

In particularly, it helped the Rocks control Stevenson's Brady Crosby, who had scored 11 points in the first half. Crosby was held scoreless for the first 12:42 of the second half; by the time he scored his first basket

(he had seven points in a span of 1:16), Salem had its 16-point cushion.

Crosby finished with 18 points. Next best for the Spartans were Brandon Chitwood and Mike Kotowski with seven apiece.


Brad Clark added 10 points for Salem and Dominique Washington had nine.

Salem, however, hit 15-of-19 second-half floor shots, an astounding 78.9 percent; Stevenson was 10-of-31 (32.3 percent).

"I don't think we played very good defensively," said Dyer. "Practice the last couple of days has been casual, and we can't play casual."

Not against Salem, or anyone else in the Lakes Division for that matter.

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# Salem 3rd at Invite; Canton battles injuries

It wasn't perfection, but the performance of Salem's wrestling team at the Wyandotte Roosevelt Invitational Saturday was pretty darn good by coach Greg Wochuk's estimate.

The Rocks finished third in the tournament, behind Belleville (231.5 points) and Livonia Churchill (158 points). Salem scored 152.

"For missing those three weight classes, at 112, 171 and 215 (pounds), we did pretty well," Wochuk said. The voids were caused by injuries and illnesses and a schedule that had Salem wrestlers competing at three different tournaments.

At Wyandotte, the Rocks had two champions. Ryan Stump swept to the title at 103 pounds with a 3-0 record, earning tournament MVP award for the lower weight divisions.

Mike Goethe also finished first for Salem at 135 with a 3-0 match mark.

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Third-place finishers included Mike Dendrinis at 119 (2-1 match record), Pete Bobee at 125 (2-1) and Jeremy Walker at 275 (3-1). Chris Hanson had a 3-1 record but was fifth at 160, while Alan Mlynek at 130 (3-2), Randy Bearden at 140 (3-2) Brian Danville at 152 (2-2) and Jordan Schaefer at 189 (2-2) all placed sixth.

At a junior varsity tournament hosted by Southgate Anderson Saturday, the Salem team placed first, getting first-place finishes from Dave Burr (125), Zack Vaughn (130) and Will Schultz (152). Andrew Ross (171), Matt Keffler (103), Alex Murray (140) and Kirk Tooley (145) all placed second.

At a freshmen tournament hosted by Livonia Stevenson, Salem's Scott Fish had three pins at 130 to finish first, while Josh Anson captured a second

at 125.

Salem hosts Stevenson at 6:30 p.m. today in a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet, then travels to the Adrian Invitational Saturday.

## CANTON MATMEN SHINE

A depleted Canton lineup took another hit Saturday at the South Lyon Invitational when junior Steve Hogg suffered a broken wrist in the 119-pound championship match against Fenton's Dane Allen.

Hogg was 7-0 going into the match. "He had never made it to a final before," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "That was his first loss."

Hogg's loss came on an injury default. In the semifinals, he beat Milford's Nick Olari 11-2.

Four other Chiefs were top-four finishers. Dan Bergsma was 3-1 in the 130 division, improving his overall record to

17-2 for the season.

At 135, Ryan Webb improved to 16-3 with a third-place finish. He beat Walled Lake Western's Adam Lesner 2-0 in the consolation final. And at 171, Tim Larsen pinned Matt Shilhavy of Alma in 1:36 in the consolation final to finish third, going 3-1 for the tournament.

Rob Schnettler suffered a 2-1 loss to Shawn Deso of Fenton in the semifinals at 125, eventually finishing fourth in the tourney with a 2-2 record for the day.

"I'm pleased with how we wrestled," said Randolph. "We had two others who just missed placing."

The schedule won't get any easier for Canton. They host WLAA foe Wayne Memorial at 6:30 p.m. today, then compete in the Catholic Central Invitational Saturday.

## WRESTLING RANKINGS

### OBSERVERLAND MAT RANKINGS

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

### INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

**103 pounds:** 1. Ryan Stump (Plymouth Salem); 2. Sean Dong (Redford CC); 3. Dan Rabe (Stevenson); 4. Saif Naber (John Glenn); 5. Aaron Landry (Redford Union).

**112:** 1. Matt Steintrager (Redford CC); 2. Dan McAuliffe (Stevenson); 3. Nick Naber (John Glenn); 4. Justin Smith (Churchill); 5. Jake Davis (Garden City).

**119:** 1. Charlie Rabaut (Stevenson); 2. Matt Koziara (Redford CC); 3. Craig LeBaron (Thurston); 4. John Moore (RU); 5. Mike Dendrinis (Salem).

**125:** 1. Brian Clement (Churchill); 2. Pete Bobee (Salem); 3. Nader Al-Mooshi (Livonia Clarenceville); 4. Drew Conner (John Glenn); 5. Rob Schettler (Canton).

**130:** 1. Tim Hammer (Wayne); 2. Jim Moore (RU); 3. Allen Mlynek (Salem); 4. Kris Felice (Churchill); 5. Kayle McCart (Franklin).

**135:** 1. Mike Goethe (Salem); 2. Rece Cox (John Glenn); 3. John Gourlay (RU); 4. Mario Perez (Garden City); 5. Rex Fugaban (Wayne).

**140:** 1. Nate Rodriguez (Redford CC); 2. Enrique Garcia (John Glenn); 3. Dan Leith (Stevenson); 4. Rich Russell (Garden City); 5. Paul Cavanaugh (Wayne).

**145:** 1. Jason Fischer (Stevenson); 2. Daron Cruickshank (John Glenn); 3. John

Dobbins (Wayne); 4. Dan Baseley (Lutheran Westland); 5. Ben Adams (Churchill).

**152:** 1. Trevor Stewart (Redford CC); 2. Lev Mergian (Churchill); 3. Jeremy Sparks (Garden City); 4. Chris McLone (Wayne); 5. Butch Choraszewski (RU).

**160:** 1. Dario Mainella (Stevenson); 2. Dan Curmi (Redford CC); 3. Brandon Noble (Lutheran Westland); 4. Emilio Perez (Garden City); 5. Brad Allen (John Glenn).

**171:** 1. Steve Wallace (Wayne); 2. Scott Schwartzlose (Redford CC); 3. Eric Chambers (John Glenn); 4. Dan Haller (Lutheran Westland); 5. Rob Freeman (Churchill).

**189:** 1. Neil Kemp (Lutheran Westland); 2. Jake Fairchild (John Glenn); 3. Eric Vojtkofsky (Redford CC); 4. R.J. Ramsey (Wayne); 5. Jordan Schaefer (Salem).

**215:** 1. Alex Murray (Churchill); 2. John Harrington (Thurston); 3. Pete Rodriguez (Redford CC); 4. Jake Galindez (Lutheran Westland); 5. Matt Salley (RU).

**275:** 1. Pat Clark (Redford CC); 2. Jeremy Walker (Salem); 3. Jason LeDuc (RU); 4. Paul Bargerstock (Stevenson); 5. Pat Draheim (Churchill).

**Note:** Rankings are compiled by RU coach Jim Carlin with input from area coaches Dave Chiola (Franklin) and Aaron Davis (Garden City). Any questions, call (248) 427-9530 or email CarlinJT30@aol.com.

# Rocks reach finals

Salem reopened its volleyball season Saturday with the Salem Invitational, and the Rocks' A team reached the finals but couldn't defeat Milford a second time, losing to the Monarchs 11-15, 15-9, 15-8 in the championship match.

A total of five teams, including Salem's B team, competed in the tournament. Salem's A team beat Trenton twice and Milford in pool play; the two Salem teams did not play each other, nor did the A team go against Western Lakes Activities Association rival Northville.

Several players performed well for the Rocks, according to

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coach Tom Teeters. Jordan Falcanan excelled at both setting and on defense; Lauren Price averaged four kills a game; Amanda Bradley had 10 blocks for the day; Macy Lepper finished with 31 digs and Maggie Tudor had 23.

Trenton was third in the tournament, with the Salem B team fourth and Northville fifth.

Salem's varsity is idle until Wednesday, when it opens its WLAA season at Livonia Franklin.

## PLYMOUTH REACHES SEMIS

In a tournament at the University of Michigan-Dearborn last Thursday, Plymouth collected four-straight victories before faltering against Monroe in the semifinals.

The all-freshmen Wildcats beat Dearborn 25-16, 25-14 (rally scoring); Westland John Glenn 25-16, 25-22; and Livonia Ladywood 25-13, 25-10 in pool play. In the quarterfinals, they stopped Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 25-17, 25-15.

But in the semifinals, Monroe bested Plymouth in three sets, 25-21, 22-25, 15-5.

"The girls played well all day long until they made it to the semifinals," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland, "and they didn't play up to their full potential, and unfortunately we lost."

"Hopefully, it'll be a learning experience. We'll take it to practice and go from there."

## PCA DUMPS CLARENCEVILLE

On Monday, host Plymouth Christian Academy ran its overall record to 5-2 with a 15-1, 15-10 triumph over Livonia Clarenceville.

Lindsay Pew paced the Eagles with two kills, six assist-to-kills and served eight points. Gen Hott added seven digs and served seven points.

Clarenceville, playing its season opener, was led by sophomore Kari Ryan, along with junior Whitney Kubera and Ashley Sledz.

"We played well, we did some positive things even though we lost," Clarenceville coach Alisha Love said. "Kari played well defensively and showed great leadership."

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**CLARIFICATION**

In the Sunday, Jan. 5, issue of the Observer, a cutline with a photo that appeared on C4 identified the swimmer as former Salem standout Eric Lynch. The photo was actually of Ben Mellis.

**HOOP TRYOUTS**

The Plymouth/Canton Crossfire AAU girls basketball organization will have tryouts for the upcoming season Thursday at Tonda Elementary School, located on Warren between Canton Center and Beck.

The tryout, for girls 11-and-under, will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Tryout fee is \$15 unless you are a current AAU member. If you are a current AAU member, you must bring your membership card in order to tryout.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to register. For more information, call Gary Wheeler at (734) 459-7574.

**FASTPITCH TRYOUTS**

The Plymouth-Canton Pride will hold tryouts for its girls 10-and-under, 12-and-under, 14-and-under, and 16-and under fastpitch softball teams from 10 a.m.-noon on consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 11 and Jan. 18.

Those interested need only attend one of these sessions. Girls wishing to play for the Pride must attend school or live in Plymouth or Canton.

Tryouts will be at the Pride Softball Academy, 8567 Ronda Drive in Canton. For more information, call (734) 354-6925 or (734) 981-5989.

**TWO-DAE CLINIC**

As part of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Women in Sports Leadership Conference, the MHSAA will conduct a six-hour rookie offi-

cial training program, Saturday, Feb. 1, at DeWitt High School, which is located between Clark and Herbison roads, west off Exit 85 (off the 27-69 expressway which connects US 127 and I 96, north of Lansing).

Two-Dae, which stands for Trained Women Officials, Dedicated, Accomplished, Educated, provides entry level training for all 12 MHSAA sponsored sports including baseball, basketball, competitive cheer, cross country, football, gymnastics, ice hockey, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball and wrestling.

Check-in starts at 8 a.m. The program concludes at 4:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by Friday, Jan. 24.

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The Michigan Indians 10-year-old travel baseball team is conducting tryouts the first two weeks of January.

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Session I is from 8-9:30 a.m. (pitchers); Session II, 9:30-10:30 a.m. (hitting); and Session III, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (catching, infield and outfield).

Pre-registration cost is \$150 per player (each player can choose any two sessions) or \$200 (all three sessions). Cost at the door is \$170 (two sessions) or \$220 (three sessions). Each session is limited to 60. Featured clinicians include Jay Alexander, head baseball

coach at WSU; Brad Gratz, WSU pitching coach and former Pittsburgh Pirate minor leaguer; Jeff Jones, Toledo Mudhens pitching coach; Mario Borroci, Fraser High baseball coach; and WSU players. For more information, call (313) 577-4280.

**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](http://Thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com).

**LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM**

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, a member of the Ice Skating Institute, is offering eight weeks of skating classes (25 minutes per session) for individuals grouped by age and ability, beginning next month, at Edgar Ice Arena, 33841 Lyndon.

Classes offered include: Adult, 6:20 p.m. Thursdays; youth (ages 4-and-up), 4:40-6:45 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; tots (3-year-olds), 4:10 p.m. Thursdays; and boys hockey skills, 6:20 p.m. Mondays.

Fees are \$48 for residents and \$64 for non-residents.

Registration will be from 5-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) at the Parks and Recreation office, 33000 Civic Center Drive (inside City Hall). For more information, call (743) 466-2410; or visit [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us).

**PITCHING-HITTING CAMPS**

Jeff Jones, who has 26 years of pro baseball experience, including the past 15 as a pitching instructor in the Detroit Tigers organization, will conduct a series of hitting and pitching camps, Jan. 11 through Feb. 2, at Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road.

Pitching camps will run 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays; also 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Sundays. Hitting camps will run 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturdays; also 2-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays.

Special appearances will be made by Detroit Tiger catcher Brandon Inge, along with Cleveland Indians pitcher Jason Beverlin and former pro player Larry Feola (New York and Detroit).

Camp fees are \$195 or \$350 (both camps).

For more information, or to register, call (248) 669-9817; or email [totalbbalwixom@aol.com](mailto:totalbbalwixom@aol.com).

**SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS**

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, is helping kids 6-18 improve their game with private lessons starting at \$35 per half-hour, or five private lessons for \$160.

Instruction will be led by Von Joshua, the Toronto Blue Jays hitting coach, the Oakland University softball coaching staff, Big Ten/MAC All-Conference softball/baseball players and former professional players. Individuals will receive instruction through a series of pitching, hitting and fielding drills. Call (248) 668-0166.

**PITCHING PROGRAM**

Total baseball is offering a seven-week training program for pitchers. Former USA Jr.

Olympic Team member and Montreal Expo Aaron Knieper will be teaching arm strengthening techniques, pitching mechanics and philosophy.

The cost is \$325 per player. Classes will be 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

To register call Total Baseball at (248) 668-0166 or e-mail at [totalbbalwixom@aol.com](mailto:totalbbalwixom@aol.com).

**COACHES WANTED**

■ 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 Churchill also has an immediate opening for a girls softball coach for the spring season.

Those interested should call athletic director Marc Hage at (734) 744-2650, ext. 46117.

**SWIM RESULTS**

**SALEM 100**

**NOVI 86**

**Tuesday at Salem**

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Nick Dixon, Matt Showalter, Mike Horgan, Matt Vivian), 1:47.31.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Ben Dzialo (S), 1:51.56.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Robertson (N), 2:04.96 (state qualifying); 2. Dixon (S), 2:05.53.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Matt Vivian (S), 24.26; 2. William Clark (S), 24.61.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Robertson (N), 55.34; 2. Horgan (S), 1:00.32.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Dzialo (S), 50.32.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Dixon (S), 4:57.71 (state qualifying); 2. Tyler (N), 5:00.88 (state qualifying).  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Dzialo, Joe Aumiller, Showalter, Vivian), 1:34.77.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Jeff Nevi (S), 1:02.52.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Matt Showalter (S), 1:08.16.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Novi (Tyler, Wright, Shafer, Robertson), 3:29.13; 2. Salem (Vivian, Matt Jurack, Dzialo, Dixon), 3:29.67.

**Dual-meet record:** Salem, 3-0. Next meet: Salem at Walled Lake Western, 7 p.m. Thursday; at noon Saturday. Salem hosts the Rock-Kilgore Invitational. Other teams include Dearborn, Rockford, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Canton and Livonia Stevenson.

**PLYMOUTH 26 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 105**

**Tuesday at Northern**

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Northern (Kneale, Skalski, Rinkevich, Donaldson), 2:10.52.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Skalski (WLN), 2:36.39.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Andy Knisely (P), 2:24.66.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Rinkevich (WLN), 24.72.  
**Diving:** 1. Kneale (WLN), 167.80 points.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Rinkevich (WLN), 1:07.09.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Donaldson (WLN), 1:12.07.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Trudeau (WLN), 8:30.18.  
**200 freestyle relay:** Rinkevich, Donaldson, Kneale, Wachtel), 1:55.88.  
**100 backstroke:** Kneale (WLN), 1:18.78.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Knisely (P), 1:09.97.  
**400 freestyle relay:** Northern (Wachtel, Miller, Trudeau, Skalski), 5:02.62.

**GYMNASTICS RESULTS**

**SALEM GYMNASTICS INVITATIONAL**

**Jan. 4 at Plymouth HS**

**Team standings:** 1. Farmington Unified 'A', 143.55; 2. Brighton, 141.3; 3. Hartland, 139.2; 4. Walled Lake Unified, 134.00; 5. Livonia Consolidated, 132.65; 6. Salem, 131.85; 7. Holt, 131.60; 8. Adrian, 131.30; 9. Jackson Co. Western, 130.95; 10. Farmington Unified 'B', 130.10; 11. Ann Arbor Huron, 129.55; 12. Fraser, 126.55; 13. Rochester, 124.80; 14. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 123.70; 15. Plymouth, 117.5; 16. Saline, 112.50; 17. Westland John Glenn, 102.95.

**Individual scoring (by team)**  
**Farmington Unified 'A': All-around** - Sarah Houchins, 36.65; Alyse Quinn, 34.95; Caitlin McPherson, 34.85; Dayna Warhait, 34.75.  
**Vault** - Lindsay Smith, 9.25; McPherson, 9.1; Quinn, 9.0.  
**Uneven parallel bars** - Clara Seymour, 9.05; Houchins, 8.8; Quinn, 8.6.  
**Balance beam** - Houchins, 9.3; Smith, 8.85; Warhait, 8.8.  
**Floor exercise** - Houchins, 9.6; Smith, 9.35; McPherson, 9.1.  
**Livonia Consolidated: All-around** - Mary Moreau, 34.05; Paige Albers, 32.7.  
**Vault** - Moreau, 9.2; Alyssa Supplee, 9.0; Paige Albers, 8.7.  
**Bars** - Moreau, 8.55; Supplee, 7.9; Albers, 7.8.  
**Beam** - Moreau, 8.1; Kacy Risner, 7.9; Krista Oskowicz, 7.8.  
**Floor** - Sarah Snow, 8.6; Albers, 8.45; Risner, 8.45.  
**Salem: All-around** - Bethany Bartlett, 35.1;

Ashley Aquino, 34.95; Allie Vraniak, 29.95.

**Vault** - Bartlett, 9.1; Aquino, 8.65; Vraniak, 8.15.

**Bars** - Bartlett, 8.85; Aquino, 8.7; Negele, 7.45.

**Beam** - Aquino, 8.4; Bartlett, 8.05; Meghan McCarthy, 7.35.

**Floor** - Aquino, 9.2; Bartlett, 9.1; McCarthy, 8.4.

**Farmington Unified 'B': Vault** - Sarah Tomkovich, 8.6; Rachel Wasson, 8.4; Laura Merrell, 8.1.

**Bars** - Natalie Olesko, 8.65; Tomkovich, 8.4; Andrea Marcos, 8.3.

**Beam** - Lauren Karcz, 8.55; Olesko, 8.5; Jarah Hargitt, 8.25.

**Floor** - Wasson, 7.9; Merrell, 7.7; Melanie Bendick, 7.6.

**Plymouth: All-around** - Alie Saker, 33.65; Amy Quiambao, 30.25; Alie Bates, 27.65; Courtney Pickard, 24.00.

**Vault** - Saker, 8.55; Quiambao, 7.95; Courtney Pickard, 7.55.

**Bars** - Saker, 8.3; Quiambao, 7.3; Bates, 7.05.

**Beam** - Saker, 8.2; Quiambao, 7.1; Chelsey Pickard, 6.35.

**Floor** - Saker, 8.6; Quiambao, 7.9; Bates, 7.5.

**John Glenn: All-around** - Sarah Verhines, 29.90; Becky Clark, 28.6; Kelly Fredericks, 21.8.

**Vault** - Verhines, 8.0; Clark, 7.45; Fredericks, 6.35.

**Bars** - Clark, 7.2; Verhines, 7.0; Bryn Gloffely, 5.25.

**Beam** - Verhines, 7.4; Clark, 6.95; Melissa Braunstein, 5.5.

**Floor** - Verhines, 7.5; Clark, 7.0; Fredericks, 6.8.

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**WHALERS**

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Ramsay; Ramsay and Cole Jarrett each had two assists in the game for Plymouth.

Paul Drew backstopped the Whaler win by making 35 saves in goal. Scott Dickie had 26 stops in goal for the Rangers.

Plymouth improved to 25-7-1 (58 points), first in the OHL's West Division. Kitchener is 27-9-4-1 (59 points), first in the Midwest Division.

**WHALERS MAKE TRADE**

The potential may have been there, but the Plymouth Whalers were in need of immediate returns and a bit more experience.

That's why on Monday they sent right wing Taylor Raszka, a native of Petersburg and the Whalers' No. 1 choice in the Ontario Hockey League's entry draft last spring, to the Saginaw Spirit for center Chris Thorburn and the Oshawa Generals' second-round draft pick this year.

"Sometimes you have to give up quality to get quality," said Whalers' coach/general manager Mike Vellucci.

"Taylor is a player who has the potential to be a star player in the league. Chris is a player who is already at that level and will make an immediate impact for us. He brings size to the table and is a play-maker.

"He will give us a lot of depth at the forward position."

In terms of production, this deal would seem rather lopsided. Thorburn is 6-foot-3, 218 pounds and scored 19 goals and assisted on 38 others (57 points) for the Spirit; he was their leading scorer. Raszka, a 6-1, 175-pound right wing, had limited playing time, with three goals and four assists in 34 games.

The reason for the Spirit to make the trade: Raszka is 16-years-old and in his first OHL season. Thorburn is 19; he'll turn 20 in June. He will play this season and could conceivably play next year as an over-ager (if he does, the Whalers will surrender a conditional fifth-round draft choice next season).

Thorburn was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres in the third round in 2001.

In his last two seasons with the North Bay Centennials (who have since become the Saginaw Spirit), he scored 37 goals and assisted on 75 others.

Before the trade, the Whalers were one of the youngest teams in the OHL.

**WIN STREAK ENDS**

On Sunday at London, the Whalers finally got a lead in a game — their first since defeating Kitchener the previous Monday.

But they couldn't hold it. Plymouth bounced back from a 2-0 deficit with a pair of short-handed goals in the second period, then went ahead 3-2 on a power-play goal by Chad LaRose just 17 seconds into the third period (David Liffiton assisted).

The Knights earned a 3-3 draw with a goal by Kyle Piowarczyk with 8:57 remaining, the Whalers sec-

ond-straight tie.

London had the early lead on first-period goals by Matt Weir and Dennis Wideman. Plymouth closed the gap to 2-1 on Jonas Fiedler's unassisted short-handed goal at 13:40 of the second period, then tied it 13 seconds later on Tim Sestito's score (from Sean Thompson). Both Whaler goals came with Jimmy Gagnon in the penalty box for charging.

Paul Drew stopped 32 shots in goal for Plymouth. Gerald Coleman had 34 saves for the Knights (15-20-4-1, 35 points in the Midwest Division).

On Saturday, the Whalers had to come from behind twice to get a 2-2 tie with Guelph at Plymouth. Niko Tuomi put Guelph ahead 1-0 3:49 into the opening period; the Whalers tied it on LaRose's goal (from John Mitchell and Martin Cizek) 8:17 into the second period.

It didn't stay tied for long. The Storm went back in front 37 seconds later on a Ryan Callahan marker. The Whalers

tied it again on a Karl Stewart power-play goal (from Cole Jarrett and Ryan Ramsay) with 4:47 left in the second period.

Jeff Weber made 20 saves in goal for the Whalers. Guelph, through Sunday, was third in the Midwest Division with a 15-16-8-1 mark (39 points).

On Friday at Sarnia, Plymouth saw its 18-game unbeaten streak come to an end with a 4-1 loss.

The score was tied at 1-1 going into the third period, but the Sting scored three times in the last eight minutes to get the victory.

Dave Psenyczny gave Sarnia the lead on the power play just 1:23 into the first period. LaRose knotted it with an unassisted goal at 12:13 of the first, also on the power play.

Daniel Carcillo (at 12:14), Kris Newbury (18:48) and Chance Fitzpatrick (19:43) got the Sting's third-period scores. Drew was in goal for Plymouth; Ryan Munce was in the net for the Sting, who were within four points of the Whalers after Sunday with a 23-11-5-1 record (52 points).

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**CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD.**  
**CANTON, MI 48188**

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2002, AT 10:00 A.M. THE AUCTION IS TO BE HELD AT WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING, 6375 HIX RD., WESTLAND, MI 48185.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**REQUEST FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 23RD, 2003 for the following:

**FERTILIZATION PROGRAM FOR PARKS AND COMMON AREAS**

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: January 9, 2003

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2003**  
**REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES**  
**EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE**  
**SANDEN INTERNATIONAL**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Sanden International, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption on new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures to be installed in their existing facility located at 47772 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Sanden International, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, GMC  
 Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: January 9, 2003

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**  
**REQUEST FROM MASTER AUTOMATIC**  
**TO AMEND**  
**INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION**  
**CERTIFICATE NO. 2000-600**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that Master Automatic has filed an application requesting to amend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2000-600 by decreasing the cost of the project approved by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees during a regularly scheduled meeting held October 24, 2002. The requested amendment is to revise the cost of the project due to an exchange of a defective machine center for four more reliable machining centers that perform the same function. The decrease in cost for the four machines is approximately \$220,000. Master Automatic is located at 40485 Schoolcraft Road, Schoolcraft Corporate Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. The request will be considered during a regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2003.

The request of Master Automatic is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m., and will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC  
 Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: January 9, 2003

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 3, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**DOUGLAS, CANTRELL, BRETZLOFF, REZONING** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 036 01 0012 001, 036 01 0012 003 AND 036 01 0012 004 FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. Property is located west of Canton Center between Ford and Maben Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S, prior to Thursday, January 31, 2003, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: January 9 and 26, 2003

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**PROPOSED ACTION:** AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP

**REZONE FROM:** R-1, Single Family Residential District

**REZONE TO:** IND, Industrial District

**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, January 15, 2003

**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.

**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel 024-99-0029-001 from R-1, Single Family Residential District to IND, Industrial District.

**AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 135**  
 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. 024-99-0029-001

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131 ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, audio tapes, and printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office.

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary  
 Planning Commission

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
 Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
 Canton, MI 48188  
 (734) 394-5260

Publish: January 9 and 26, 2003

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**REQUEST FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 23RD, 2003 for the following:

**LAWN AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE 2003**

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: January 9, 2003

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT 101**

**TO AMEND TEXT:** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 83 BY REVISING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.4-6(h), R-1-E, R-1-H, R-1-S, R-1, ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

**DATE OF HEARING:** WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2003

**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.

**PLACE OF HEARING:** PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HALL  
 42350 ANN ARBOR ROAD  
 PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township proposes on its own motion to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83 by revising the existing Article VI, Section 6.4-6(h), R-1-E, R-1-H, R-1-S, R-1, One Family Residential Districts, Development Requirements as follows: Article VI, Section 6.4-6(h) presently reads as follows:

(h) Sidewalks shall be provided as required in Section 4.06 paragraph 2 of Subdivision Ordinance No. 32. All sidewalks shall conform to the standards as established by the Department of Building and Code Enforcement and the Township Engineer. All sidewalks shall be five (5) feet in width except those located along major thoroughfares. In the case of major thoroughfares, all sidewalks shall be a minimum of six (6) feet in width.

Article VI, Section 6.4-6(h) is proposed to read as follows:

(h) Sidewalks:

(1) Sidewalks shall be installed on any single family residential lot (subdivision), unit (site condominium), or parcel of land as follows:

a) Frontage on a public street with a street setback forty-three (43) feet or greater, as defined by section 23.32 of Ordinance 83.  
 A five (5) foot wide concrete sidewalk shall be installed in conjunction with any new construction, building addition and/or alteration to existing structures. All sidewalks shall conform to the standards as established by the Department of Building and Code Enforcement and the Township Engineer.

b) Frontage on a public street with a street setback less than forty three (43) feet, as defined by Section 23.32:  
 A five (5) foot wide concrete sidewalk shall be installed in conjunction with any new construction, building addition and/or alteration to existing structures except if there are no existing or planned sidewalks within two hundred (200) feet of the site's boundaries. No sidewalk shall be required when these conditions exist. All sidewalks shall conform to the standards as established by the Department of Building and Code Enforcement and the Township Engineer.

(2) Fee in Lieu of sidewalk installation  
 Where it can be demonstrated that providing required sidewalks at the time of construction is not reasonable, the Township Supervisor, after review and recommendation of the Community Development Director, may permit payment to the Township in a sum equivalent to the estimated cost of providing such sidewalk improvement as determined by the following formula:  
 Sum equals the running feet of sidewalk multiplied by the dollar amount per running foot as established annually by the Township Engineer.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the proposed amendment to the text, as printed, may be examined at the Community Development Department in the Department of Public Services Building at 46555 Port Street during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., until the date of the Public Hearing. Application 1765. Written comments concerning the amendment will be received prior to the meeting. The application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The public hearing will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 734-453-8131, ext. 37.

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary  
 Planning Commission

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QUALITY GAL 50 yr old, divorced female, 5'5", a few extra pounds, long blonde hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys bowling, playing cards, darts, fishing, boating, camping, movies, music, good conversation, her hot tub. Seeks responsible, family oriented male, 45 to 60, good sense of humor. BOX 14762

ONE OF A KIND Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40-ish, Seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 40, for dating and relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

GET IN TOUCH 31 yr old female, 5'7", 136 lbs. Looking for someone to have some fun and adventures with. BOX 21120

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN 44 yrs old, 5'7", divorced, white female likes dancing, camping, cooking, movies, music, singing. Seeks white male, 36 to 45, 5'10" to 6'3", with some of the same interests. BOX 26733

FOREIGN BORN WOMAN 46 yrs old, 5'5", 130 lbs, blonde hair, hazel eyes, two grown up children. Seeks honest, responsible man. BOX 30980

CONTACT ME A.S.A.P! Attractive divorced white mother of three, professional, college degree, petite, 5'1, weight proportionate, optimistic. Enjoys exercise, good conversation, movies, concerts, music, sports. Seeks professional divorced male, 45 to 55, no beard or mustache, sense of humor. BOX 30884

PRINCESS AWAITS YOU Intriguing, attractive, divorced white female, 5'5", 125 lbs, hazel eyes, blonde/brown hair, outgoing, fun loving. Enjoys candlelight dinners, movies, dating, romance, is a very knight in shining armor, 50 or older, honest, sincere, to share very special moments with. BOX 30927

TIERED OF GAMES Attractive, divorced white female, 51, 5'4", long reddish hair, 145 lbs. Seeks gentleman, 40 to 65, with a sense of humor for dinner (home cooked), movies, quality time and fun relationship. Oakland County. BOX 36013

ARE YOU... Looking for someone special, who is sincere, honest, and fun loving. Must be a man. I am a divorced white female, 54, non-smoker, who likes to do almost everything. West Side area. Let's talk! Wayne County. BOX 36084

DON'T MISS OUT! 45 yr old female, 5'7", medium build, brown eyes and hair, lives in Troy area, enjoys sharing activities with the right person. Give me a call and I'd be glad to get back to you! BOX 23444

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Attractive, 50+ widow, fun loving, physically fit. Seeks male desiring travel, working out, bicycling, golf, mountain biking, skiing, swimming, dancing, dining out, family, cooking, quiet evenings, closeness, sharing, intimacy, love. Requesting too much? Tell me! BOX 24980

LET'S GET TOGETHER

You found her! Adorable, petite, prefers gentleman 48-60, full of life, great sense of humor, likes to have new experiences. Call you won't regret it! Oakland County, BOX 25008

POSSIBLE CONNECTION

An attractive brunet, 49, 5'4", 115 lbs, single white professional female, with great smile and good heart, enjoys family and friends, boating, Red Wings and you, if height/wedding proportionate, humorous, caring, financially stable and emotionally available. Wayne County, BOX 25014

AM I ASKING TOO MUCH

African American divorced mother of two, 41, intelligent, young looking, very energetic, exercises every day. Seeks white male who's trustworthy, classy, warm, loving heart, clean cut, monogamous, affectionate, intelligent, strong morals, outgoing. BOX 25981

ARE YOU MY KNIGHT?

Young looking, 44 yr old divorced woman, enjoys music, travel, sports, camping, quiet times. Seeks honest, fun loving, marriage minded gentleman, 38 to 50, social smoker and drinker, children okay. Home owner and professional preferred. BOX 26664

LET'S TALK

White female, 51, long blonde hair, in good shape, 5'5", non-smoker, social drinker, very fun loving, vivacious, loves life. Enjoys working out, boating, fishing, travel, family, card games, concerts. Seeks white male, 45 to 55. BOX 26684

LET'S GET TOGETHER

33 yr old, black female, 5'6", medium build, non-smoker. Enjoys cooking, movies, family. Seeks male, 36 to 45, family oriented, medium build, non-smoker, for fun and friendship. BOX 26699

SHARE LIFE WITH ME

58 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

I'M YOUR LADY

Attractive white divorced 45, 5'2", 138 lbs, female, intelligent, enjoys walking, swimming, movies, music and dining out. Seeks white male, 40-50, slim to medium build, 5'6", non-smoker, occasional drinker, affectionate and sincere, for a meaningful relationship. In Garden City. BOX 26699

COUNTRY GIRL

Divorced white lady, non-smoker, non-drinker likes horseback riding, has own horses. Enjoys camping, walking, boating, flea markets, old cars, movies. Seeks gentleman 57 to 65 with similar interests. Monroe County. BOX 27030

FIRST TIME AD

Educated, well traveled, loving professional single female, 5'2", medium build, non-smoker, enjoys conversation, music, travel, quiet times, and theater. Seeking refined gentleman, 60-70, for friendship first. Oakland County. BOX 35999

UNIQUE VEGETARIAN

Pretty, 40's, 5'7", 119 lbs, sprinted, happy and degreed, loves yoga, living, food preparation, culinary arts grad. In search of a great connection, open hearted communicator who is loving, self aware, healthy, love of dance music and this beautiful world are a plus. Oakland County. BOX 36076

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGHED

Single, black sophisticated, mature female, medium height, slender build, enjoys dining out, flea markets, movies and more. Seeks male with similar interests, race not important. Wayne County. BOX 36126

SMART FUNNY HUGGABLE

57 yr old divorced white female 5'7", with 2 children, likes movies, walks, zoos, intelligent conversation. Seeking an educated, down to earth, non-smoking white male 40-49, who is family oriented, enjoys laughing, hugging and open communication. Western Wayne County. BOX 36128

A TOUCH OF CLASS

Attractive, tall, mature, lady, height/weight proportionate, non-smoker social drinker, enjoys music, concerts, fine dining, dancing, conversation. Seeks similar qualities in a male, for friendship, companionship and possibly more. BOX 36146

MOTOWN GAL

Looking for a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long-term monogamous relationship. I am 51 yr old divorced female. I love Motown music and classic cars. I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area. BOX 14471

LET'S SAIL TOGETHER!

Petite, active, attractive Jewish professional woman, brown hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, loves sailing, traveling, holidays and many other interests. Seeks sking and sailing buddy, 50 to 60, Jewish, active, interested in friendship, fun, romance and possible long term relationship. BOX 14905

WORTH A CALL

Divorced white mother of three, 47, good personality, 126 lbs, graduate degree, professional, attractive and fit, Christian. Enjoys walking, church, movies, travel, dining out, walking, cooking. Seeks honest, non-smoking, financially stable male. BOX 21096

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Giving, loving, compassionate, curvy, lots of fun, great conversationalist, 55, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45-late 70's, to be my soul mate. Float your boat. Make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322

QUALITY QUALITY

Seeking a sincere, honest, no games played, non-smoking, social drinking, single white male by a divorced white female, 54, who likes to do almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side Wayne County. BOX 25333

CUTE AND CLASSY

Single black female, mid 50's, enjoys jogging, concerts and live in Plymouth. Looking for a gentleman over 40, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 26066

TIERED OF BAR SCENE

54 yr old, white female, 5'9", shoulder length frosted hair, very honest. Enjoys outdoors, fishing, boating, movies, dining out. Looking for a very honest male, 5'11" or taller, who wants a companion and possibly something more serious. BOX 26691

BUBBLY & CLASSY

Intelligent, fit, 5'6", brown eyed blonde, passionate about life and laughing, enjoys golf, bk, theater, boating and great conversations. Interested in meeting tall 50 to 58, financially/emotionally stable true gentleman with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 27010

SONGS FROM THE HEART

Divorced white female, 47, 5'7", blonde/blue, vivacious, passionate, Christian church musician. Seeks white Christian male, non-smoker, 5'10" or taller, who is intelligent, articulate, romantic, and honest with a passion for life. Oakland County. BOX 27014

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Outgoing, petite, and live in Plymouth. Looking for an attractive, non-smoking, single white male, 48 to 58, who is trustworthy, emotionally/financially secure, with no dependents. Someone with a zest for life. Wayne County. BOX 27026

LOVELY BUT LONELY

Tall, slender, attractive, romantic, fun lady seeks honest, loyal, romantic, flexible gentleman, that's 55 plus, over 5'10", and fun to be with. Let's start as friends first. Oakland County. BOX 27034

A BELIEVER AGAIN

44 yr old female, blue eyes, dark brown hair, 5'7", medium build, average model, looks like a smoker or drinker, enjoys country music, video games, movies, walks, darts. Looking for a friend to sport and he can spoil me bring me back to life. BOX 30937

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN

Soft spoken, non-smoker, white female, 5'11", size 11, wishes to meet a white male, 6'2", or taller, 49 or older, no games, no heavy drinkers, no drugs, height/weight proportionate. Wayne County. BOX 36053

SEEKS BETTER HALF

Down to earth single attractive Asian female, 40, no dependents. Seeks attractive white male 5'10" plus, health conscious, has a positive outlook on life, is ambitious and successful yet unpretentious for friends leading to long term relationship. Oakland County. BOX 36057

GEM SEEKS TREASURER

Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, former model, looks 40's and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 65, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

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

I HAVE ELAN

Eclectic, attractive, slender, romantic, quality lady, enjoys most music, dancing, golf, tennis, boating, sports and theater. Seeks special, non-smoking, gentleman, over 59, and 5'10" plus, that is honest, loyal and fun. Oakland County. BOX 36061

SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

Attractive, slender, tall lady of 55, warm hearted, cerebral, somewhat a quiet home body, a smoker. Seeking a gentleman, 55 to 69, intelligent, tall, polite, truthful, a smoker, who enjoys dining and conversation. Oakland County. BOX 36077

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GETTING IT RIGHT! Handsome, divorced, 66, 210 lbs, divorced, likes hunting, fishing, movies, playing the guitar, cooking, gardening, dining out and being with that special person. Seeks single female, same interests for a long term relationship. NO HEAD GAMES! Children welcomed. BOX 21155

LOOKING 4 THAT GIRL Hard working, divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs. Looking to find an easy going, intelligent, pretty white female, mid to late 40s, nice shape and build, for a long term relationship. No games please. Redford area. BOX 14640

DREAMING OF YOU... Single male, 50, likes biking, movies, parks, dining and staying home. Hoping to find a single female, 45 to 55, friendship first, maybe leading to more. Let's see what happens! BOX 21248

FATHER OF ONE...

In Livonia. Single white father of one, 39, 6'1", 190 lbs, handsome, fit, fun, honest, secure, brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys reading, running, biking, skiing, family activities and much more. Looking for a positive, fit and loving female, for great relationship. Wayne County. BOX 35938

TIRED OF FLYING SOLO

61 yr, old male, looks and acts much younger, 5'9", 170 lbs, light hearted, laughs a lot, very gentle. Likes camping, walking, good movies, flea markets, quiet nights at home. Seeks permanent relationship with female, under 59, slim to medium, attractive. BOX 20560

JUST BE YOURSELF

I might like you anyway. Realistic, respectful, single white male, 45, believes in destiny and chemistry ready to embrace female sweetheart. Age unimportant. BOX 30879

I'M A SINCERE PERSON

If you are, 48 to 58, slim, white and attractive, call me if you are looking for a non violent, loving, happy go lucky, non-drinking guy, call me I'm 5'9", 175 lbs, attractive, widowed and lonesome, looking for a life time relationship. I'll answer your call. Down River, no games. BOX 33419

JUST LOVABLE

Single white male, 44, loves hugging, cuddling, kissing and lots of affection. Seeking female with the same interest, age, race, size open. BOX 14939

JUST READ

I'm white widowed, attractive, light hearted, well built, enjoy all the good things in life. Looking for an attractive, well built lady, under 59, for possible permanent relationship. Dearborn Wayne County, BOX 35956

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN

Single white male, 56, 5'10", average weight, enjoys travel, live plays, dining out, Red Wings hockey. Seeks religious woman, average build, for long term relationship. BOX 21111

HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR

37 yr old male, Italian/Polish, very active. In search of someone to spend holidays with. She should be early 20s to mid 40s, long hair, nice eyes, for a long term friendship. BOX 26863

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single black male, west side of Detroit, own my home. Seeks down to earth lady, attractive, 30 to 45, for friendship, relationship. I enjoy music, sports, romance, sharing and communicating. BOX 10924

TALL & HANDSOME

5'11" male with mustache, 180 lbs seeks female, 40 to 55, slender to average build who is interested in travel, dinners, movies, quiet times at home, casinos, boating and more. Call if interested. BOX 12370

SOMEONE TO LOVE

White male, blue eyes, auburn hair, enjoys camping, working in the garden, games, travel and quiet times at home with someone to love. Social drinker, hooked on pepsi and trying to quit smoking. Seeking someone under 60. BOX 13694

QUALITY GUY

Divorced white male, 55, 5'10", medium build, successful businessman. Enjoys candlelight dinners, travel, family, card games, concerts, boating, travel, getaway weekends. Seeks family oriented person with good sense of humor. BOX 14102

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

White professional male, 5'8", fit, brown hair, blue eyes, well educated, no dependents. Enjoys music, movies, reading, family and friends, biking, jogging, long walks. Seeks fit, emotionally available, white professional female, no dependents. For happy and healthy relationship. BOX 14561

READY TO GAMBLE?

46 yrs old, attractive, healthy, single, white male seeks lady like, single, white female, 40's to 50's. BOX 14811

COULD U B THE ONE?

35 yr old, fit male, blonde hair, blue eyes, attractive, never married, no children, financially secure, home-owner, charming, affectionate, trustworthy and honest. Likes travel, sports, concerts, animals. Seeks open minded, slim, fashionable, single white female, 25 to 40, for friendship first, possibly more later. BOX 14834

ENDLESS LOVE

40 yr old, 6'7", tall, dark, 245 lbs, well built, Latino, young, good looking, employed, easy going. Enjoys music, movies and working out. Looking for friendship leading to long term relationship with a special lady. BOX 14910

BEING UP FRONT

Really hot stuff, single white male, 40s, enjoys fun times, laughter, romantic evenings. Seeks a reasonably attractive and energetic, lipstick wearing romantic sweetheart. BOX 15863

LET'S HAVE FUN...

Nice looking, considerate, single white male, in my 40's or 50's, for dancing, dining and social events. BOX 20599

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

Hispanic male, medium build, likes to have fun. Seeks female for dating. BOX 20672

ISN'T IT TIME WE MET

Articulate, cultured, nice looking, unique black male, 50, 5'7", 150 lbs. Wishes to meet a sincere, attractive, affectionate, white or foreign born female, for a long term, mutually committed relationship. BOX 21089

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Late 40's, 6'4", male with mustache. Likes fireplaces, Harleys, dancing, social drinker and smoker. Seeks single, white female, 35 to 50, who likes to have fun. BOX 21175

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ALL AMERICAN GUY

Single white male, 40, 5'5", non-smoker, brown hair, medium to husky, loving, caring, likes a variety of activities, sports. Seeking a husky, honest, white guy, 36-46, serious long-term relationship. Macomb County. BOX 36039

CLASSY COSMO CUTIE

Creativity and chemistry a must. White female, compassionate, curvy, looking for someone to have fun with. White professional, 46 to 56, non-smoker, no drugs, love animals, water, boating, exercise, cooking, spiritual. Oakland County. BOX 36051

PLEASANT PERSONALITY

Single white male, 42, 6'2", good looking, fit, average build, blond hair, bluish green eyes. Enjoys outdoors, traveling, boating, sports and more. Searching for a single female, 30 to 45, slim to medium build, good looking. BOX 14994

I NEED LOVE

Single male, 5'10", 175 lbs, dark hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys sports, outdoors and more. Searching for a sincere female. BOX 21242

R U UNDER 59

Single male, 5'8", 175 lbs, auburn hair and blue eyes, non-smoker, financially stable, enjoys camping, long walks, games, quiet times at home and more. Looking for a female with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 10700

MUSCULAR & ATHLETIC

Single white male, 44, 6'2", 215 lbs, brown build, clean cut, degree, never married, no dependents, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities. Seeks friendly single female, age location open. Wayne County. BOX 27018

LIFE HAS JUST BEGUN!

57 yr old divorced male, 5'7", 175 lbs, fit, retired, silver hair and mustache, financially secure. Loves golf, movies, biking, travel, the beach, dining out. Seeks female, not too much baggage, thin to medium build, non-smoker. BOX 26857

END MY SEARCH

Live near I-94 in Telegraph, 63 yrs old, 5'9", 170 lbs, youthful, light hearted, gentle. Enjoys camping, walking, flea markets, movies, quiet nights at home. Looking for permanent relationship with a slim to semi-slim lady. BOX 10478

TIERED OF BEING ALONE

Widowed and lonesome male, 5'9", 168 lbs, social drinker, smoker, healthy, gentle and giving. Enjoys camping, fishing, travel, walking, games and quiet times at home. Seeks well put together female, under 60, with a nice personality. BOX 12547

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WISH YOU WERE HERE

Single white male, 30, 5'10", 180 lbs, short brown hair, green eyes, goatee, carpenter, honest, caring. Enjoys movies, music, dancing, travel, horseback riding. Seeks honest, caring, sincere, affectionate single white female, 21 or older, children okay. BOX 30938

GIVE ME A CALL

5'3", 155 lbs, blue eyes, 54, single white male seeking a single white female 45 to 55 non-smoker, non-drinker, religious. Who Enjoys movies, dancing and outdoor sports. Wayne county. BOX 35898

SUN & BEACHES

Caring, affectionate, loving, hard working, divorced white male, 54, 5'7", silver fox hair, 176 lbs. Loves ocean beaches, spending quality time together. Seeks friendship for monogamous relationship, 40 to 50. BOX 35913

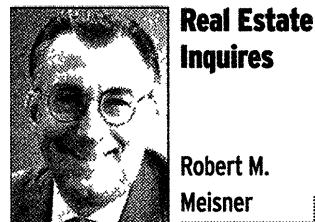
UNDER THE STARS

Intense special single white male, helpful and romantic. Seeks nice gal, 30 to 50, an outdoor lover, for sharing of magic moments under the moonlight, by candlelight, etc. Oakland County. BOX 35916

RING MY BELL

Divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs. Looking for a woman that wants a long-term relationship. Shape and looks important. I'll return your call. Wayne County. BOX 35922





**Real Estate Inquires**

Robert M. Meisner

## On naughty kids; listing agreement

I'm having a dispute with my neighbor whose children continuously cause problems on our property.

Recently, they placed lights on a fence which is on my property without my permission, and their children have jumped on our fence and kicked out the fence when they were using a swing set.

I'm wondering whether we have any basis to pursue them under the law for trespassing, since communications have broken down.

It would not appear, based upon the facts you've given me, that they have committed a "trespass," although what they may be doing may constitute a nuisance.

Your best remedy may be to attempt to go to Facilitative Mediation, where the parties voluntarily submit themselves to a facilitator who will try to resolve this neighborly dispute.

If that isn't successful, you may consider seeking injunctive relief if you can prove that they are causing harm to your property or otherwise causing a nuisance.

I'm wondering if the listing agreement I sign with a broker requires me to notify the broker of intent to cancel this agreement upon or after the expiration date?

Not in Michigan. The listing agreement must set a definite expiration date and cannot require a provision requiring the party signing the listing agreement to notify the broker of the party's intention to cancel on or after the expiration date.

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### MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION



Total condominium and apartment units permitted January through September 2002, in selected Metro areas.

City	Units	% Change
Miami	10,200	+38%
New York City	20,600	+14
Dallas-Ft. Worth	8,300	+7
Chicago	10,100	+6
Cleveland	1,000	+3
Los Angeles	10,500	-8
Detroit	3,500	-10
Atlanta	11,800	-12
San Francisco	5,700	-22
Denver	6,200	-47

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Real estate agent Kathie Goodrich puts together an open house sign, a placard that during recent times has seen a lot of action.

## Gradually, over time, women become majority presence in real estate field

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

You're a woman. You're in your early 50s. You've been on your job 10 years or so.

And you're part of the majority in your profession.

What kind of work do you do? You sell real estate.

If you're Kathie Goodrich, a decade ago you said:

"Let's try it. Give it six months. If it doesn't work, try something else."

Goodrich, now a Realtor with Weir Manuel Snyder & Ranke in Birmingham, was a teacher then and had a long drive to school. It's time, she thought, to change careers.

She didn't know she was entering a field, long dominated by men, that was starting to head in the other direction.

Yes, according to a local real estate association official, it was a man's world until about 10 or 15 years ago.

Since the early 1990s, said Dale Smith, there's been a "tremendously big swing" toward a majority of women in the profession. Smith is executive vice president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

Walter Baczkowski, head of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, partly attributes increased women membership to "real estate historically being a second career."

"It's one of the areas where you can get a license, and by using your own drive and initiative, you can make a very strong living," Baczkowski said.

Goodrich's interest in the business arose from a personal and almost costly experience.

"We'd bought a house and put our house up for sale," she said. "The listing agent left town for a month without putting our paperwork through. When we went to the real estate office to track progress on the sale of our house, they had no idea who we were."

"No selling activity had been started. And the market was down at the time. I couldn't believe this happened. Eventually we sold, but it created quite a bit of angst."

The next step for Goodrich was a seminar that gave her some insight into the

## Here's your typical agent

Members of the National Association of Realtors are entitled to call themselves by the registered name Realtor.

Not everyone belongs, but the association sets certain standards and guidelines which appear to dominate the business.

Brokers have training and responsibilities beyond those of sales agents, including agency ownership, supervision of agents, and liability for mistakes.

In its 2001 Member Profile, the association published this overall description of a typical member and of the membership, generally:

- Works 43 hours a week.
- Has 13 years experience.
- Is a 52-year-old married woman.
- 56 percent of total members are women.
- 46 percent of brokers are women.
- Agent's personal income - \$47,700.
- Broker's personal income - \$73,400.
- Brokers work four hours more a week than agents.

- Norman Prady

new profession she was considering, and to which she thought she'd bring some useful skills.

"As a teacher, I learned how to read body language, which sometimes says more than the words a person is saying," she said. "And I had been a negotiator with our local education association where I learned nuances of agreements."

At the time, two of Goodrich's boys were pre-teens and the third had crossed into adolescence. As for her new job, she said, the boys "thought the concept was fine, but the hours unacceptable. It affected their schedules."

"They had to be more fluid about their expectations of mom's driving services,

and their dad had to share the driving, cooking and the rest," Goodrich said.

Dad is Richard, an auto parts manufacturer's representative.

"I told him for years I'd danced to his schedule. Being in sales, he understood and learned to scramble eggs and take the boys to Mickey D's."

Goodrich, 55, senses the increasing influence of women in real estate.

"I find that women have a tendency to listen to how a house is going to be used rather than just whether or not it fills the list," she said.

"For example, if someone says, 'I need a five-bedroom house for these reasons,' maybe there's an alternate space that could serve the purpose. Men don't seem to have that insight. They think in specifications, not in usage."

As a woman in what had been a man's world, does Goodrich have concerns about her safety?

"I'm cautious," she said. "I think it's different for men to go into a vacant home with someone you've just met. You have to be on guard. I wouldn't go into a basement or a vacant house alone at night."

Earlier in her career, "when I was a little hungrier, I would take one of the kids with me and leave the phone in the car with him and say call for help if I'm not out in a certain time," Goodrich said.

On the other hand, Beverly Bartus, with 18 years in real estate sales, thinks that the security issues are much the same for men and women.

Bartus, of Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl, Clarkston, is the 2003 president of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors.

She was attracted to the profession "when my children were school age" and she liked the idea of flexible hours.

"I found out later it wasn't as flexible as I'd thought, but it worked out OK. I was very active with my children in their schools and I could take the time, set it up like any other appointment," she said.

The other draw for Bartus, 56, was income versus education.

"I have some college but don't have a degree," she said. "It's type of profession where your potential is unlimited and you can combine work with homemaking and reap the rewards of your efforts."

**Mortgage Bits**



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

## Fannie, Freddie set 2003 limits

America's two largest loan repositories, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, will now allow homeowners, who conform to their respective lending guidelines, to borrow up to \$22,000 more for their single-family residences. The new conforming loan limit of \$322,700, which went into effect Jan. 1, is up from last year's limit of \$300,700.

Though this change may seem nominal, it calculates out to a full 7 percent increase over the previous maximum. Freddie Mac says that the increase comes as a result of a similar increase in national home values between October 2001 and October 2002. It adds that the change should allow about a quarter-million borrowers to obtain lower cost mortgages, and should save them up to \$37,700 in interest over their loans' lives.

Jumbo borrowers with existing loans that just barely exceed the old limit, but now fall within the new limit, can potentially refinance their existing mortgage, take some cash out, and still lower their monthly mortgage payment.

For example, an existing jumbo borrower with a 30-year mortgage of \$300,000 may have an interest rate of 6 1/2 percent that yields a monthly mortgage payment of about \$1,896. In this scenario, the borrower can take out \$15,000 in cash, lower his interest rate by about 1/2 percent, and still drop his mortgage payment.

Additionally, these ex-jumbo borrowers may now access a variety of other conforming loan products that may better suit their situation. Short- to mid-term adjustable rate mortgages are very popular for borrowers with loans approaching the upper conforming loan limit. In most instances, a three- or five-year ARM can save homeowners enough money to pay for a subsequent refinance many times over.

These conforming loans offer significantly lower interest rates during the beginning years of the 30-year term. They later convert to an adjustable-rate loan. Depending on market timing and the type of ARM, near-jumbo borrowers can usually shave an additional 1/2- to 1-percent off a comparable fixed-rate loan's interest rate.

If you are not sure if the new loan limits affect you, you can usually get a decent analysis of your situation with a quick phone call to your mortgage loan officer.

Tim Phillips is a mortgage loan officer serving all of Michigan. You may reach him at (734) 797-5522, or via e-mail at PhillipsH0@comcast.net. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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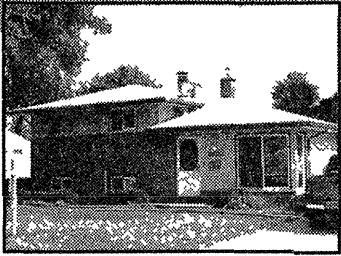








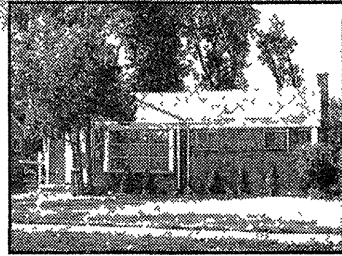
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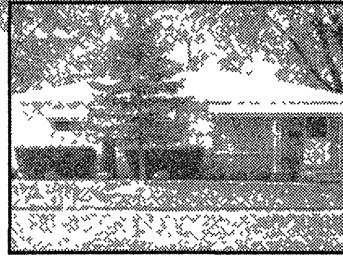
**GARDEN CITY** - Updates! Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Tri-Level. Totally updated kitchen with newer cabinets & Pergo floors. Updated bath. Newer roof, central air & hardwood floors. Family room with fireplace. Basement & Garage. \$138,500 (88ARC) 734-455-5600



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** - Move right in! Charming 3 bedroom brick/aluminum Ranch offers finished basement, 2 car garage plus newer roof, central air, furnace and storm doors. \$149,900 (38HAS) 734-455-5600



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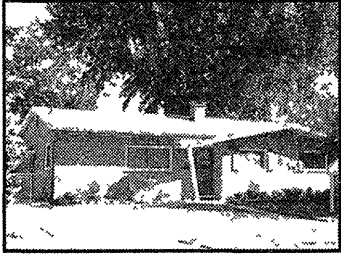
**REDFORD** - Wonderful Ranch. Don't miss this new offering. Brick with aluminum trim, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, large oak kitchen, finished rec room, central air & huge 2-tiered deck. 2 1/2 car garage, neutral decor & private fenced & treed lot. \$139,900 (24SAN) 248-349-5600



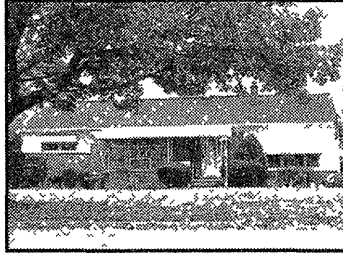
**SOUTH LYON** - Affordable retirement. Lower 2 bedroom Ranch co-op in 55+ community on Lake Angeles. \$200 monthly fee includes: taxes, insurance, heat, water, garbage pick up, lawn care & snow removal. Entry level unit. \$59,900 (40SPA) 248-349-5600



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**GARDEN CITY** - Check it out. Large master bedroom in this 3 bedroom Ranch with 2 1/2 car garage, hardwood floors, great closet space + updated bath, ceramic tile, roof & gutter, fireplace in family room. \$134,900 (04LAT) 734-455-5600



**BRIGHTON** - Nestled in the woods! Three bedrooms, 2 baths. On 1.2 acres. Winans Lake access! Raised Ranch, living room with fireplace, newer carpet, dining room with sky light & wooded views. Kitchen with newer cabinets and floors. Newer septic and furnace. \$253,000 (91TEA) 734-455-5600



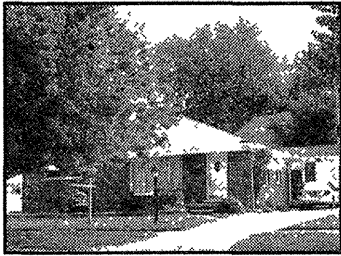
**NORTHVILLE** - Stunning plantation-style Cape Cod. Four bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home with granite counter tops, hardwood flooring, custom screened porch, extensive stone walk ways, landscaping & extensive decking. First floor master suite. Many built-ins. Major upgraded amenities. \$691,000 (67FOX) 248-349-5600



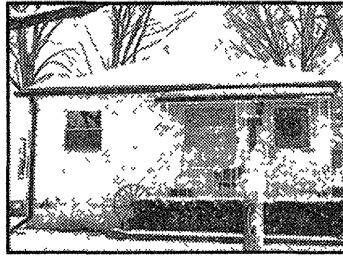
**SOUTHFIELD** - Wonderful home on approximately 2.4 acres. Four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Bungalow on wooded, private setting. Hardwood floors, plaster walls, fireplace in living room. Freshly painted throughout. Garage & work shop. This home has a lot of character. \$132,900 (00SHI) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Premium court location. This 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Ranch has all the bells & whistles. Totally updated kitchen with oak cabinets. Fresh & tasteful decor throughout. Family room, living room with fireplace, basement, 2 1/2 car heated garage & more. Approximately .64 acre wooded lot. \$239,900 (11MAS) 248-349-5600



**REDFORD** - Sparkling Ranch! Three bedrooms, finished basement, heated Florida room & attached garage. Updates: roof, furnace, central air, windows, glass block in basement, large fenced yard. Updated kitchen. Great size living room and dining room. \$159,900 (80BRA) 734-455-5600



**REDFORD** - Charming starter. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with 13x9 Florida room, major updates done. Roof, siding, copper plumbing, windows, furnace & hot water heater. Cute covered porch, fenced yard & 1 1/2 car garage. Come take a look! \$106,000 (79NOR) 734-455-5600



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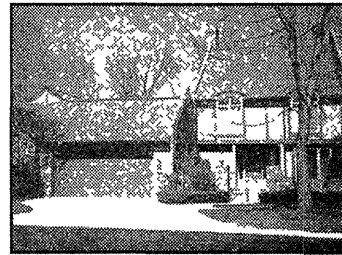
**LIVONIA** - Country lot & more. This spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch has finished basement, fireplace, updated windows, shingles, freshly painted & carpeted throughout. Livonia schools. All this on an approximately .38 acre lot. \$199,900 (03LIV) 248-349-5600



**REDFORD** - Super clean Ranch! Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath must see! Central air, newer bath, kitchen, windows, basement with glass block windows, newer garage door with opener, newer decor, all appliances stay & home protection plan. \$119,900 (65BRA) 734-455-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Updates abound. Four bedroom, 2 bath Colonial with recent addition (02), laundry room & spacious family room with cathedral ceilings & built-in bookshelves. Other updates include: 2 baths, kitchen, library with ceramic tile & deck. \$319,900 (60PAL) 734-455-5600



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - Views galore! Four bedroom, 3.2 bath Colonial. Gorgeous lot with spacious walk-out. Two-tier professional deck, dual staircases with bridge overlooking great room & nature preserve. Formal dining room. Master with fireplace. \$975,000 (46BRI) 734-455-5600



**DEARBORN** - Classic elegance! Backing to a private wooded setting. This is a 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Town home with a private court yard entrance. Living room with marble fireplace, formal dining room opens to large deck. Kitchen with Corian & cherry cabinets. Master suite. \$334,900 (23TIM) 734-455-5600



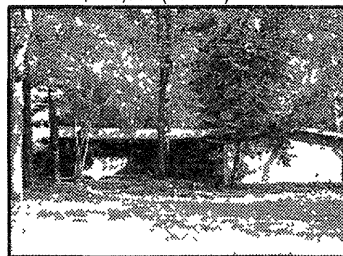
**NORTHVILLE** - Prestigious Northville Condo. Three bedroom, 3 1/2 bath & finished walk-out lower level with kitchen facilities. Large master bedroom suite with alcove & loft. All appliances stay plus washer and dryer. Doorwalls, patio and balcony. Central air and 1 car garage. \$324,900 (44EAS) 248-349-5600



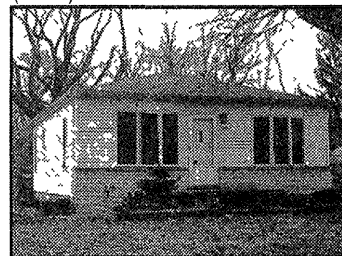
**NOVI** - Benchmark of quality. Four bed, 3.2 bath Cape Cod with 3 fireplaces, family, dining & great room, kitchen with granite nook. Kohler fixtures. Baldwin hardware heated towel bar. Central vac & second floor laundry. Speaker system & Andersen clad windows. 40-year shingles & hard plank exterior. \$799,900 (49INV) 248-349-5600



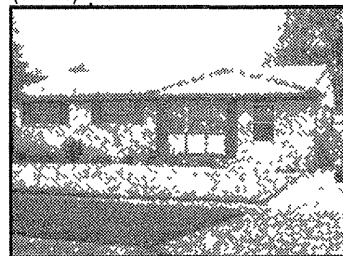
**SUPERIOR** - Exceptional Colonial! Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Recently renovated! Entry level with large eat-in kitchen area and a lot of cabinets & counters. Formal dining room, oversized family room, 2 bedrooms & library. Two bedroom apartment in upper level. Outside entry. \$284,000 (90CHE) 734-455-5600



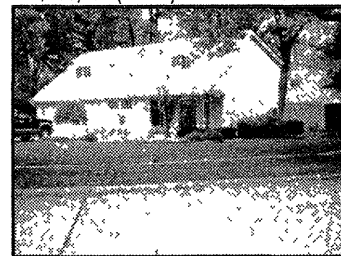
**NORTHVILLE** - California contemporary! Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch on beautiful 1.4 acre lot. Great room with wood vaulted ceiling, natural fireplace, slate entry, updated kitchen & custom lighting. Master suite with Pergo. Newer windows, roof, central air and furnace. \$279,000 (60ROB) 734-455-5600



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**WESTLAND** - Sharp Westland Ranch. Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home features family room with fireplace, hardwood floors, updated kitchen with oak cabinets and 2 car garage. Large fenced yard & full basement under family room. \$154,900 (36AVO) 248-349-5600



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**GREEN OAK** - Executive Colonial with view of lake from extra-large deck, plus hot tub. Four bedrooms, 3 baths with island kitchen and first floor laundry. Library has closet & adjacent bath, could be in-law suite. Soaring ceiling in family room with natural fireplace. \$336,000 (88TAR) 248-349-5600



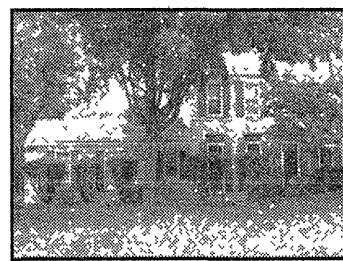
**WOODHAVEN** - Wonderful Cape Cod. Charming 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod with 2 car attached garage, library, part finished basement, large kitchen with breakfast bar, dining room leads to 1 of 2 decks. Master bedroom with full bath & walk-in closet. \$245,000 (76CRE) 734-455-5600



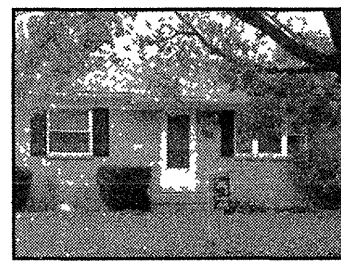
**REDFORD** - Well maintained! Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick Bungalow with 24x15 master suite with 1/2 bath. Finished basement with bar, glass block windows & end work shop. Newer roof, entry doors, vinyl windows, carpet and central air with dehumidifier. New porch. \$142,500 (12SEM) 734-455-5600



**DEARBORN** - A place to call home. Nice 3 bedroom Dearborn Bungalow offers fireplace in living room, covered ceilings, finished basement with full bath & bar plus newer furnace and central air. \$144,999 (45WOO) 734-455-5600



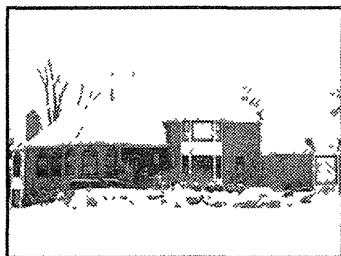
**WEST BLOOMFIELD** - Pride of ownership. Original owners have taken loving care of this 4 bedroom Colonial with country kitchen & many updates. Lovely landscaping with walking paths to parks. Large tiled mud room & foyer. Painted inside and out. Extra windows added. \$269,000 (72GRE) 248-349-5600



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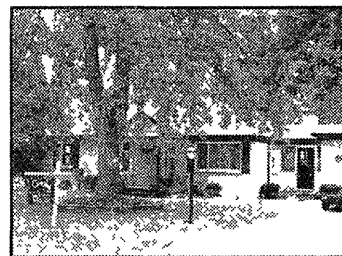
**SOUTH LYON** - Lake Angela Co-Op. A \$200 monthly fee includes: taxes, insurance, heat, water and all maintenance. Newer kitchen. Great view. Private basement. Move-in condition. \$59,990 (94SAN) 248-349-5600



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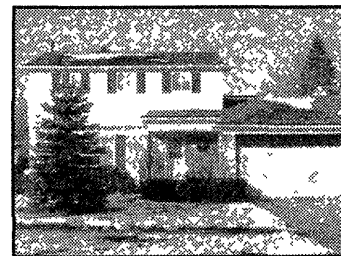
**FLAT ROCK** - Great opportunity. Large 3 bedroom Ranch on good size lot. Roof & central air '02, some windows & furnace '01, vinyl siding '00. Large foyer with bay window. Bath remodeled. Home still needs some work but the majors are done. \$114,900 (26SEN) 734-455-5600



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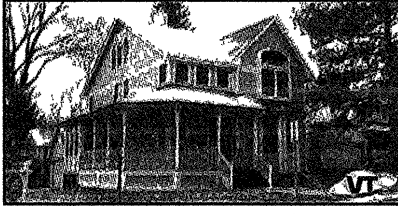
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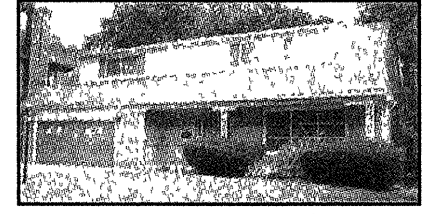
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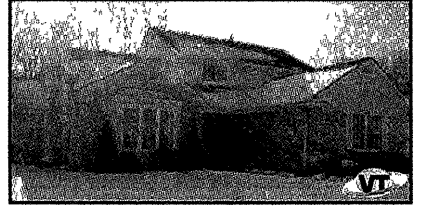
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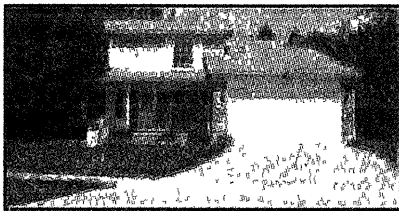
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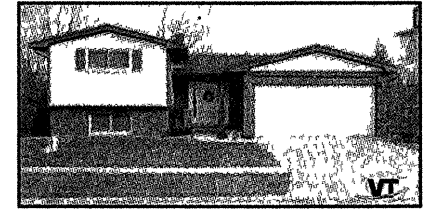
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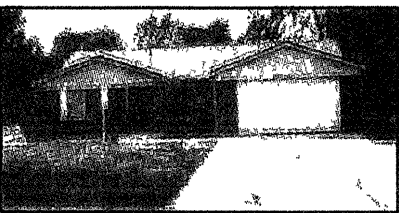
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LIVONIA \$199,900 4 LEVELS OF ROOM TO ROOM! Lg mstr ste, 4 BR, some fresh paint & carpet...

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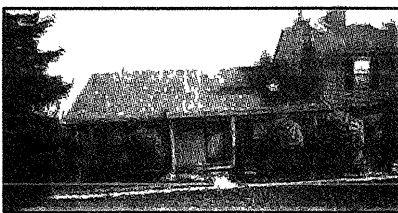
GARDEN CITY \$194,900 BEST KEPT SECRET INTOWN Has all the 1 wants. Totally updated including windows, roof shingles, super oak kit, (lg) bar fireplace...

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PLYMOUTH \$189,500 ELEGANT, SPACIOUS PLYMOUTH CONDO! More than 1700 SF w/2 BR, 2.5 baths, LR w/vaulted ceiling...

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$179,900 GREAT LOCATION IN THIS COMPLEX! Great elevation sits back with a view, close to gar & extra parking...

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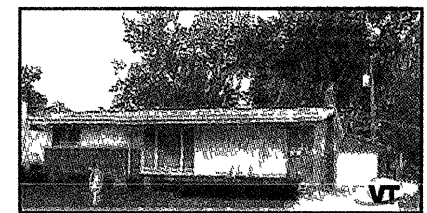
WESTLAND \$179,900 OUTSTANDING HOME HAS MANY UPDATES huge 3 bedroom, multi baths, large lot, oak cabinets...

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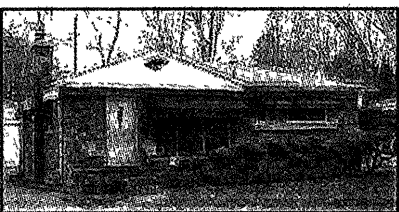
LIVONIA \$179,900 AN ENTERTAINER'S DREAM! Must see to appreciate this 4 lg BR, 2 BA ranch with lg LR w/FP & hrdwd flrs...

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$174,900 BUY A DREAM! With this 3 bed brick & vinyl ranch in North Dearborn Hts...

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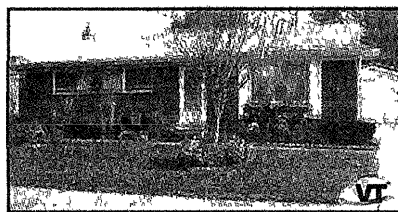
MILFORD \$173,000 WONDERFUL MILFORD RANCH! Walk to quaint Milford! Fin'd LL with rec room, 4th BR & full bath...

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CANTON \$169,900 WOW! BEAUTIFUL FP in liv rm, hrdwd foyer, 1st flr laundry, huge 2nd flr ba w/whirlpool, sep shower stall...

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WESTLAND \$164,900 PARTICULAR BUYER ALERT! Very popular location in Westland on a low traffic winding street...

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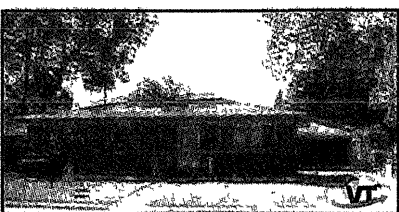
LIVONIA \$159,900 DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS CUTIE! 3 BR brick bungalow in great neighborhood w/Livonia schools...

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$159,000 OPEN NEW BIG BRIGHT KITCHEN all updated and freshly painted. Updated throughout entire home...

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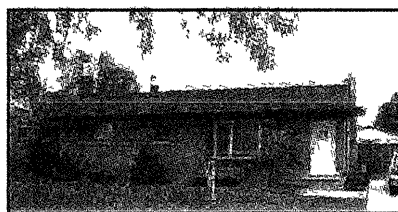
WESTLAND \$154,900 TONQUISH RANCH 3BR, 2 bath with newer windows and furnace, 2 car garage, C/A RR.

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LIVONIA \$154,300 LOCATED ON STREET w/COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE! 3 BR ranch w/new kitchen, cove ceilings...

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WESTLAND \$140,000 PRICED TO SELL! Wonderful 3 bed brick ranch. Updates include kitchen, flooring, bath with jet tub...

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CANTON \$128,000 COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS! Great time to invest in a 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in Canton. Open floor plan...

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WALLED LAKE \$119,900 TENDER LOVING 1st FLOOR CONDO needing a little work & priced accordingly. 2 BR, 2 baths, LR, DR w/doorwall leading to deck...

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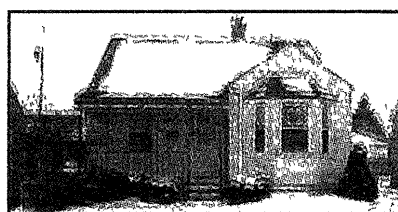
REDFORD \$114,000 MOVE RIGHT INTO THIS SPOTLESS HOME w/3 bdrms & 2 full baths. Updates includes roof, bath w/oak cabinets...

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REDFORD \$112,900 A GREAT STARTER HOME N. bound Telegraph. W. on 5 Mile N. on Garfield to Midland. This 3 bedroom bungalow has a 2.5 car gar w/plenty to offer the handyman or mechanic.

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DEARBORN \$112,900 GREAT DEARBORN HOME! Cutest home on the block! 2 bedroom ranch, 1.5 baths. Partially finished basement...

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TAYLOR \$99,900 INVESTOR'S TAKE NOTE! Quiet residential setting for nice income property! 3 BR, 1 bth ranch plus 1 BR, 1 bath apt over 2-car garage...

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DETROIT \$56,900 FINE LIVING! Great investment property. 2+ bedrooms. 3rd ready to be finished. Has great potential. All you handy men make offers today!

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NOVI MADISON HOMES PRESENTS NEW COLONIAL! New const, you choose cabinets, counters & flooring!

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SALEM BRICK RANCH! Nice home on beautiful 8.3 acres with pole barn & 2nd out bldg.

\$319,000

GARDEN CITY YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED! Loads of updates including rf, wndws, furn, c/a, entry drs, HWH, siding, drywall, fresh paint...

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\$154,900

REDFORD AFFORDABLE REDFORD RANCH! Updated kitchen, electric, newer carpeting, freshly painted, finished basement, 2 car garage, corner lot.

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