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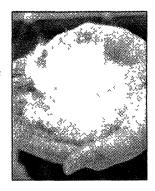
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# Layoffs loom as district eyes cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Employee layoffs and pay-toparticipate extracurricular activities and sports appear to be at

the top of the list as the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education prepares to cut at least \$3 million to balance the 2003-04 budget,

The budget is left with a

shortfall because the district won't get a \$200 increase in its foundation grant originally approved by the state Legislature but eliminated by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"Yes, we're going to be looking est thing in the world to do. at layoffs," said Supt. Jim Ryan, who noted that people-related costs make up 87 percent of the district's budget. "Once you start to lay off people ... it's the hard-

"People work here because they're trying to make a living," he added. "Many of the people

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### From the heart

At 12 years old, Ryan Thomas thinks he's a little too old to go see Disney On Ice, but when he won the Observer's Middle School design contest during the ice festival, that's the prize he chose anyway.



Ryan, once a cancer patient at William Beaumont Hospital who has been clear for a year now, is donating his prize to a family whose child is in treatment at Beaumont.

'We received tickets for a hockey game once when Ryan was in treatment, and just had to hope his blood counts were high enough to go and not risk infection," said his mother, Mary Lynn

"I know a family in treatment will be thrilled to get these tickets ... and it really makes Ryan feel good to help another child."

Ryan is a student at All Saints Catholic School in Canton.

# Larger sanctuary

A larger sanctuary to enhance music and performing arts outreach is part of the expansion at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in

The expansion also will enable the remodeling of the existing sanctuary to serve as a family life center/gymnasium.

Work began in January to build the new 11,000-squarefoot worship and welcome area, which will be twice the size of the old sanctuary and narthex.

The congregation hopes to be worshipping in its new sanctuary by Thanksgiving

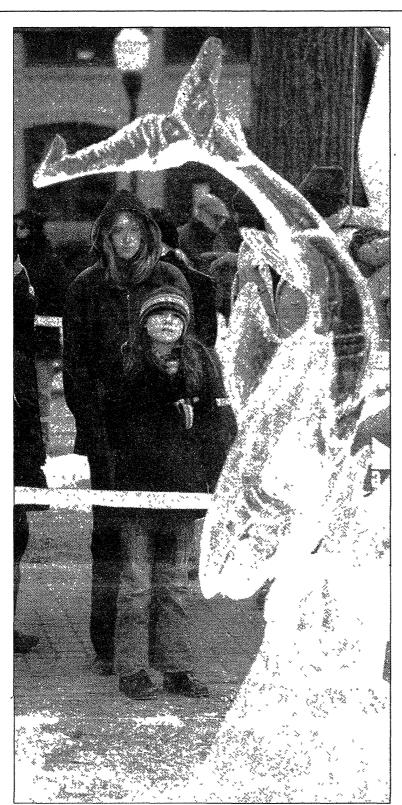
"The new sanctuary and the family life center will give us many more options to reach into the community," said Rev. Dr. David W. Martin, pastor of this grow ing congregation of about 600 members.

"Our children and family ministries are being abundantly blessed. We look forward to having the space to increase ministry."

# Blood drive

The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the West Lounge on the campus of Madonna University in Livonia, 36600 Schoolcraft Road.

The process is safe, simple and takes only a short time. To make an appointment, call the Office of Student Life at (734) 432-5428. Walk-in donors are welcome.



PAUL HURSCHMANN I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Alexis Gardner, 16, and her sister Gabriel, 11, of Farmington Hills, gaze at a shark carved from ice at the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular Saturday afternoon at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

# Masked men rob township Arby's

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Three armed men wearing full ski masks Tuesday night walked into the Arby's restaurant on Ann Arbor Road and made off with an undisclosed amount of cash after brandishing weapons at two restaurant employ-

The robbery happened shortly before 10 p.m. when three men, described by witnesses as young black males, entered the restaurant. According to Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington, one of them carried a shotgun and the other two held what appeared to be handguns.

According to police

reports, two employees were on duty behind the counter, and a third was on a break at the rear of the store. The suspects jumped over the counter, forced one employee to the floor and ordered the other to open the cash registers and the safe.

"The third employee was taking his break and saw the suspects," Tiderington said. "He ran out the back door, then called the police." By the time police

responded, the suspects had fled through the rear of the store. The department's K-9 handler, Steve Cheston, and dog Hogan, tracked the suspects to Morrison. Police  $believe \ the \ suspects \ escaped \\ \quad \text{bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net}$ southbound on Morrison,

but did recover some of the money, along with ski masks and a black-and-silver pellet gun, according to Tiderington.

Witnesses described the suspects as "three teenage black men."

One was described as being 6 foot, 3 inches tall. The suspect brandishing the shotgun was said to be wearing a red-and-white winter coat.

Anyone with information about the incident is being encouraged to call the Detective. Sgt. Bob Antal of the Plymouth Township Police Department, (734) 354-3241.

# Hearing focuses on rebuttal report. attorney Michael Schwartz,

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The end could be in sight for the months-long ethics inquiry into actions of Plymouth Township Trustee Abe Munfakh.

The Plymouth Township board has scheduled a meeting of its ethics committee for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at township hall to accept a rebuttal report submitted by Munfakh's

Munfakh's attorney, Southfield lawyer Tom Ryan, submitted a report this week that answers charges leveled by an earlier report commissioned by the township's Ethics Committee that says Munfakh violated the township's ethics policy. That report, done by

claims Munfakh violated the ethics policy by participating in negotiations specifically a February 2002 meeting - between Salem Township and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department to bring the

Detroit water system to the

Johnson Controls, Inc., has

southeastern corner of

Salem Township, where

purchased property for a possible relocation. In his report, Schwartz said Munfakh's participation in those negotiations violated his fiduciary duty to Plymouth Township, which already suffers from periodic low water pressure

Detroit system. Munfakh has maintained that other members of the

and objects to the addition

of another user to the

engineering firm for which he works - Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May - handled the negotiations, and that he did nothing wrong.

It's a claim backed up by the report Munfakh's lawyer commissioned to refute Schwartz's allegations. Written by Bloomfield Hills lawyer Christine Derdarian, it includes letters from Ronald Cavallaro, a senior associate for ALNM, and Salem Township attorney Wm. Douglas Winters. Derdarian also makes observations of her own, based on a review of those letters and Schwartz's report.

"Abe Munfakh engaged in no conduct that violates any township ethics policy, state law or constitutional provi-

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# King Day celebration stresses building on diversity

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Diversity in schools is a strength

that should be used as a building block to further the dreams of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. That was a main theme Monday

at the second annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration held by Plymouth-Canton Schools at Salem High School. is a major strength that makes

"Diversity in our school district things happen," Rev. Alfred Johnson, pastor at Bethel AME Church in Ann Arbor, told the approximately 100 people in attendance. "No longer are we just onesided, but now we're multi-faceted.

We have students coming from around the world and it should be reflected in our staff because it gives us more opportunities to share one with the other."

Board of Education Vice President Mark Slavens said the public school system should be a conduit to teach and encourage diversity.

"I absolutely believe that Dr. King was a strong supporter of the public school system because he knew it was an area that would help society reach the promised land," Slavens said. "Where else do we have a place where people of different colors, different races, different religions, different origins, different physical abilities and dif-

ferent sexual orientation get together to learn, to live and to play for over seven hours a day?" Sonya Reeves of Canton said she

attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration to show her support for the district's diversity program.
"We've lived here four years and

I'm surprised it's taken this long for it to get to where it is," said Reeves, an African-American. "I think they have a long way to go, but I think it's a lot better. I think they're really trying."

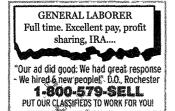
Her sister, Toni Robinson of Plymouth Township, said she would like to see more children

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The Rev. Alfred Johnson, pastor of Bethel AME Church in Ann Arbor, makes a speech during Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at Salem High School.



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# Township, New Morning School reach agreement on soccer park

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BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Township Board Tuesday night signed off on an agreement with New Morning School regarding the township's new Lake Pointe Soccer Park that both sides feel will be mutually beneficial.

Work has begun on the \$1.2 million project, located just north of the New Morning School property on Haggerty, near M-14, and the agreement between the two entities spells out what each side gets.

The top benefit to the township is the ability to connect the water main to the park through New Morning property, rather than having to run it across Haggerty.

The other top benefit, according to township engineer Michael Bailey, is access to a smaller piece of land between the smaller park property to the north, which connects to Russet Lane, and the park

The school gets, among other things, a 12-by-195-foot strip of land to be used as a playground

"It's a very good agreement for both sides," said township supervisor Steve Mann.

school for more than a year now, and we've come up with an agreement that benefits the township as well as the school."

In addition to the playground area, New Morning School gets to link its parking lot with the parking lot being put in at the soccer park, and access to the park itself when the township isn't using it. The township will also build a pedestrian walk from the park lot to the school's walkway, a distance of some 85 feet, although the school will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the walkway.

The township, meanwhile, gets an easement across the western part of the school property for pedestrian access to the park, and the school pays for connecting the school's drainage system to the park's detention pond.

"I think it's a wonderful display of two entities working together for something that benefits both of them," said Elaine Yagiela, director of New Morning School.

"We feel pleased to be able to work with the township in this

The township park is expected to be used primarily by youth soccer groups in the area. Mann said he expects construction to be finished on the park by August. Teams will be able "We've been working with the to start playing on the fields in

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#### **INTRO TO RADIO**

WSDP, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools radio station, planned to offer an introduction to radio class for middle school students through Community Education, but the class is now in danger of cancellation due to lack of interest.

The seven-week class is scheduled to be conducted Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 28. It will be taught at the WSDP studios at Salem High school. Topics to be covered include news, production, on-air announcing and promotions. Bill Keith, WSDP station manger, and Jody Gross, assistant station manager, will teach the class. Salem senior Greg Angel will provide assistance.

The class was first offered in 1996. Five students who have taken the class have joined the station's staff.

"We enjoy offering the class and it would be a shame to cancel it," Keith said.

The class is limited to nine students. Each one who completes the class gets a WSDP Tshirt and certificate. Registration is \$65.

For registration information, call Community Education, (734) 416-2937.

#### **NEW MORNING ENROLLMENT**

Parents are invited to an **Interested Family Discussion** night to meet with teachers and staff of New Morning School from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Tours of the preschool, elementary and middle school, as

well as discussion of teaching philosophy, small studentteacher ratio and parent involvement will take place. The school recently underwent

a building expansion to increase classrooms and add a gymnasium. The school is located at 14501

Haggerty, between Schoolcraft and 5 Mile. For details or to register for the discussion group, call (734) 420-3331.

#### **CITY APPOINTMENTS**

The Plymouth City Commission has reappointed Gerald Sabatini and Richard Foersterling to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Their terms expire in December 2005.

Sabatini has been a member of the ZBA since 1991 and has served as the board chairman for the past seven years. He is also a current member of the charter review committee and the zoning ordinance study committee. Sabatini is a financial analyst at Ford Motor Company's world headquarters.

Foersterling has been a member of the ZBA since 1996 and has served as the board vicechairman for the past four years. He has lived in the Plymouth community for more than 30 years. Foersterling is a self-employed financial advisor and owner of Sterling Financial.

#### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES**

Registrations are now being taken for classes through Plymouth-Canton schools Community Education program. The following classes are

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Youth offerings include ACT prep workshop; parent-tot cookie bake; photography and scrapbook; French and sign language; jeweled waterglass art class; mad science; plaster playtime; yoga; radio; kindermusic; piano; junior karate; Tae Kwon Do; gymnastics and swim.

For class and registration information, got to the Web site, www.pccs.k12.mi.us, or call (734) 416-2937.

#### **ROTARY GOLF**

The Plymouth Noon Rotary Club is taking reservations for the May 19 golf outing at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. The 18-hole scramble with a cart, dinner and prizes costs \$800 per foursome and sponsorship, or \$175 per person.

Reservations can be made by calling Marie Morrow at (734) 453-6879 or Tom Piotrowski at (734) 455-1220.

#### SYMPHONY'S HOT TICKET

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra celebrates the area's wealth of young musical talent with its third-annual "Instrumentorship" concert, set for Feb. 8 at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The concert pits symphony musicians with students in the middle school orchestras, under the direction of Catherine DePentu and Erin Zurbuchen, and is sponsored by a \$3,500 grant from Marshall

The "instrumentorship" program teams string coaches from the PSO with middle school musicians and culminates with the annual concert featuring both mentors and students. It's part of the larger CLASSical Music Outreach to the Schools program, which fosters dedication to the arts, as well as musical excellence.

This year's concert also serves as the inauguration of the newly installed Casavani Freres pipe organ at OLGC.

Individual concert tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$10 for college students. School-age children (K-12) are admitted free. For more information, call (734) 451-2112.

#### TAX ASSISTANCE

Free income tax assistance will be available to Plymoutharea seniors beginning Feb. 5, and every Wednesday thereafter through April 9.

AARP volunteer tax-aide counselors, trained by the Internal Revenue Service, will help seniors fill out tax forms at the Plymouth District Library. 223 S. Main in Plymouth. Appointment times are available at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30

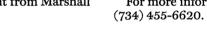
For an appointment, call the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, (734) 453-1234, Ext.

#### **SOCCER REGISTRATION**

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Spring Youth Soccer registration during January at the recreation office at the cultural center from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All registrations require a birth certificate. Fee for Under 6 through Under 8 divisions is \$50 for city residents, \$70 for non-residents. Fee for Under 9 and older divisions is \$55 for residents, \$85 for non-resi-

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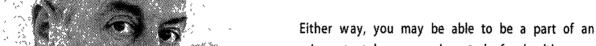


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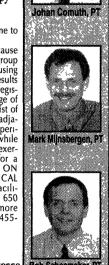
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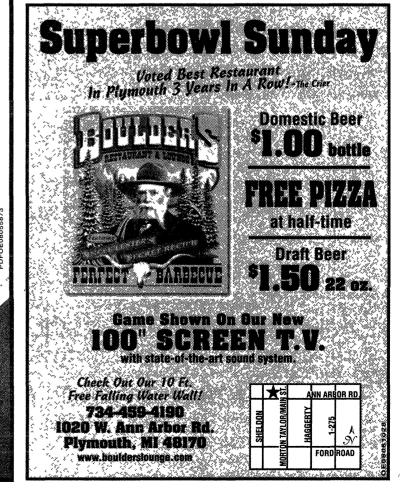
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# Mother Nature does ice fans a favor by extending festival

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Mother Nature may have done fans of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular a favor.

By blasting the area with temperatures in the teens, she gave festival organizers a reason to leave the sculptures up an extra week.

"It got so cold that we felt some people may not have had the chance to come out and enjoy the beautiful sculptures," said Mike Watts of Watts-Up, Inc., who handles the festival.

"We made arrangements with the city to leave them up an extra week."

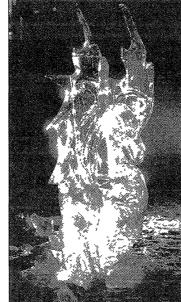
None of the lighting or other amenities will be used, but the sculptures themselves will be up through the weekend.

Other than the weather, the festival appeared to be a complete success. Thousands of people poured through the streets of downtown Plymouth, watching the competitions and viewing the dozens of sculptures.

The festival's dinner-dance and auction also made a solid return, drawing more than 150 people at \$100 per person to Northville Hills Golf Course. "We had a great turnout,"

said Ron Edwards, the dance's co-chair. "We sold the thing out, and everyone had a great

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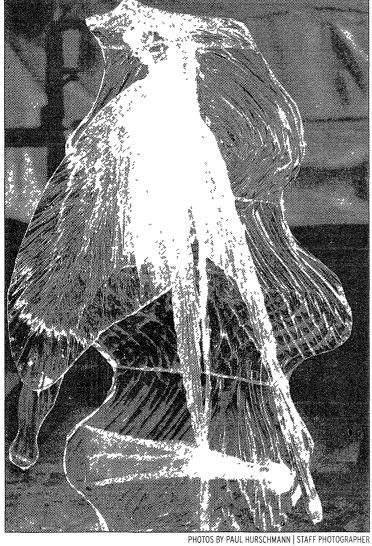


A winged dragon is lit up in Kellogg Park Saturday evening.





Above, a woman pauses to view the roses frozen inside the Holiday Inn sculpture in Kellogg Park Saturday at the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular. At left, Andrea Jacques of Redford, a Schoolcraft culinary arts student, gets a face full of ice spray as she carves an eagle at the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular Saturday.



An ice sculpture of a butterfly titled, "At Rest," is lit up in Kellogg Park

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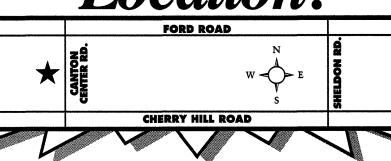
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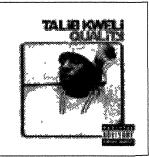
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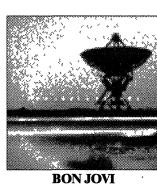
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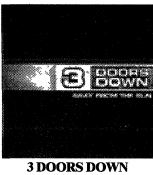
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#### Linda Kay Damyleki

Linda Kay Barylski
Services for Linda Barylski,
53, of Canton, were held Jan.
22 at St. John Neumann
Catholic Church with the Rev.
George Chamley officiating

George Charnley officiating.
Mrs. Barylski was born
March 24, 1949, in Detroit and

died Jan. 18 in Canton.
Survivors include husband,
Richard Barylski; mother,
Esther Grannack; sons, Jason
and Scott Barylski; and sister,
Karen (Vincent) Magi.

Karen (Vincent) Magi.
Arrangements made by
Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

#### Phyllis A. Mitchell

Services for Phyllis Mitchell, 74, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 23 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Mitchell was born July 16, 1928, in Highland Park and died Jan. 20 in Pittsfield Township. She was a retired school teacher from Fiegel Elementary School in the Plymouth/Canton school system. She came to the Plymouth community in 1942 from Detroit. She was originally from the Upper Peninsula.

She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, the Michigan Education Association and the National Education Association. She and Millard had been married for 63 years.

Survivors include husband,
Millard L. Mitchell of
Plymouth; children, Michele
(Regan) LaMothe of Grass
Lake and Annette (Rahn)
Frederick of Plymouth; grandchildren, Kyle and Cody
Frederick and Lindsay, Ryan,
and Patrick LaMothe.
Arrangements made by

Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

#### Florene Cash

Services for Florene Cash, 79, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 20 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at South Lyon Cemetery.

Mrs. Cash was born Aug. 31, 1923, in South Lyon and died Jan. 18. Mrs. Cash graduated from Cleary Business College and was a secretary at Michigan Seamless Tube from 1953-1977, and as secretary for the First United Methodist



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Church of Plymouth and for Cash Builders until 1991. She loved many church activities and lovingly gave of herself. She also loved to bake for others. She thought of others with letters and kept track of birthdays and special occasions.

Mrs. Cash was preceded in death by husband of 51 years, Charles Cash. Survivors include sister.

Survivors include sister, Lois (Robert) Reid of Rochester Hills; numerous nieces and nephews; and many close friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beaumont

Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

#### Oliver W. Wheeler

Services for Oliver Wheeler, 68, of Ypsilanti, were held Jan. 17 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. John McLean officiating.

Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township. Mr. Wheeler was born

Sept. 3, 1934, in Detroit and died Jan. 13. He was employed as a supervisor in

the work force. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of Berean Bible Church.

Survivors include wife, Joan M. Wheeler of Ypsilanti; father, Ueless Wheeler; daughter, Debora Nagel of Ypsilanti; daughter, Wendy Pellerito of Ypsilanti; son, Darrell Wheeler of Indiana; and

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eight grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

# MLK

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included in the celebration.

"I still don't think (children) have a clue as to who Dr.

Martin Luther King is and what he was trying to do," she said, "and they're still shocked that blacks and whites couldn't do things together.

"A lot of people are afraid to talk about what did happen," Robinson said. "It happened, and now let's see what we can do to make it never happen again."

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The Rev. Alfred Johnson, pastor of Bethel AME Church in Ann Arbor, gets a moment alone with Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan at Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at Salem High School.



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# **CUTS**

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who work here live in our community, and many of the people who live in our community send their kids to us."

Last year, district cuts included laying off 19 teachers. All were eventually brought back, with additional teachers hired at the beginning of the school year.

Ryan is adamant that no decisions have been made on what cuts will have to be made. However, he noted that some of the items saved last May, when the district cut \$1.2 million to balance this year's budget, may be back for consideration.

"I'm sure all the things that you've seen in the past might resurface," Ryan said. "Pay to participate, which we looked at last year but didn't follow through on, new programs (which) might not be initiated, materials (which) might not be purchased, we may not replace equipment."

Ryan said employee staffing, busing and sports will be areas that will be especially difficult to

■ Layoffs — "If you've got to get \$2 million to \$3 million, you can't get that with a couple of teachers," Ryan said. "It takes a lot of folks to get you some significant number. I don't foresee laying off any administrators because we certainly aren't top heavy in administration."

■ Busing — "We bus 11,000 kids a day and parents rely on us to get their kids to and from school," Ryan said.

■ Sports — "We have an obligation to kids, coaches, booster groups, the league," Ryan said. 'The board will want us to stay away from (cuts involving) the classroom as much as possible, and sports is a second classroom."

**■** Extracurricular activities - "Band, the newspaper, robotics, they are all connections to

# Schools face big cuts for 2nd straight year

**BY TONY BRUSCATO** STAFF WRITER

This year's budget deficit of at least \$3 million comes on the heels of a \$1.2 million budget shortfall in the 2002-03 budget.

Among the cuts approved last May by school trustees to balance the budget were the reduction of four elementary teaching positions, which saved \$200,000; field trip transportation, \$90,000; an administrative intern program, \$70,000; athletic department expenditures, \$65,000;

elimination of a middle school teacher, \$50,000; general budget reductions, \$50,000; and reorganization of the transportation department, \$44,000.

The Board of Education voted for a pay-to-participate program for athletics and extracurricular activities to offset higher operating

However, the administration said it was able to avoid instituting the approximate \$13 per-student fee.

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the school district," the superintendent said.

School board Treasurer Judy Mardigian said the Budget Advisory Committee she heads will meet next week to outline recommended cuts, which will be given to the administration for consideration.

"I'm sure (administrators) have a mental list, and we'll generate ideas maybe they haven't thought about," Mardigian said. "I don't think the Legislature or the governor's office anticipated a loss in revenue that we're currently discovering, and we'll see more dramatic cuts than anticipated.

"We don't have a lot of extras in our budget, and we'll feel it more than some districts that have more realistic foundation grants," she added. "We're going to have to react to what Lansing hands us. I hope it's more freezing (of programs) instead of cutting."

Ryan said earlier that with no foundation increase and a 2-percent rise in retirement

rates, the district would face a \$5 million shortfall. If the district, which has been growing the past several years, receives more new students than anticipated, Ryan said the increased foundation grant money (\$7,025 per student) could push down the deficit to about \$3 million.

And, there's the threat by Granholm to cut this year's foundation grant, which could cost Plymouth-Canton nearly a million dollars and reduce its foundation grant next fiscal year.

"It's hard to make these choices, but we get paid to make them, and we'll make recommendations to the Board of Education," Ryan said. "And, the board will agonize over them, too.

"My biggest fear is that I don't want the community to think we haven't handled our money well," he added. "I'm very proud of the financial work of this district."

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# **REPORT**

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sion," Derdarian wrote. She did say that Munfakh's

decision to take part in the February 2002 meeting may not have been "the most prudent," but she also said "prudence is not the issue here.

Improper conduct is."

"And while Mr. Munfakh's decision to attend the meeting ... may not have been the wisest choice, it was, nevertheless, completely outside the realm of illegal or unethical conduct," she wrote.

Township supervisor Steve Mann, who chairs the ethics committee, downplayed the impact of Derdarian's report.

"They misrepresented the facts and included incorrect assumptions," Mann said. "It doesn't give you the full picture of what took place between Detroit Water and Sewerage, Salem Township and Mr. Munfakh." Mann said he hoped the Feb. 4 hearing will be the end of the discussion. "I would hope for a quick conclusion to the issue," he said.



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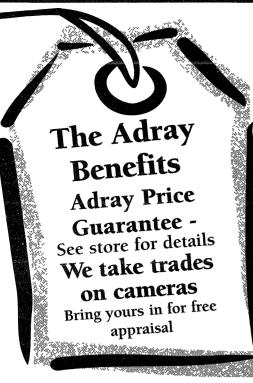
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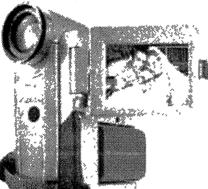
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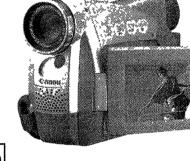
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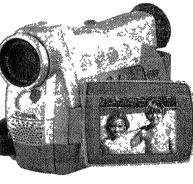
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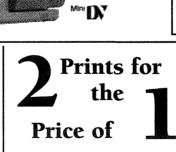
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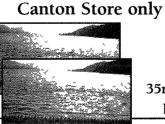
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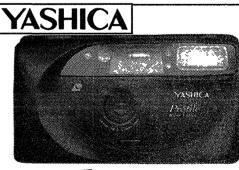


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### **OUR VIEWS**

# Tough times call for more local attention

Gov. Jennifer Granholm last week announced she was cutting the foundation grants to public schools, a move she swore during her inaugural address she wouldn't make and one that could cost Plymouth-Canton schools nearly \$1 million.

The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township late last year lost tens of thousands of dollars in state revenue sharing funds, and face the very real possibility of losing between 10 and 20 percent soon, according to some

City Manager Paul Sincock has already told department heads to curb their spending. Township Supervisor Steve Mann presumably has done the same. You can read elsewhere in this paper what the school district might do in the face of such large cuts.

All three bodies have a lot to think about, a lot of planning to do in order to put together a cohesive plan of attack in terms of setting priorities for spending dwindling taxpayer dollars.

YOUR taxpayer dollars.

Never has it been more important for residents to take an interest in what goes on at city commission, township board and board of education meetings. These meetings suffer from historically low attendance, with residents choosing not to attend unless a controversial item is on the agenda.

That means these boards set their priorities without a great deal of input from the communities they were elected to serve. There's an argument to be made for the "We elected them, let them do their jobs" mentality. But not in economic times this tough.

Do you think the school board should buy buses instead of artificial turf for its football field? Think the city should continue plowing streets instead of spending more money on the cultural center? Think the township should provide some recreational opportunities rather than doing streetscaping?

Residents all have their priorities, whether they've made them known or not. When municipal budgets are this strapped, it's best to speak up, or you may never be heard.

# King Day deserves more than simple lip service

It's all well and good that Plymouth Township officials have now bargained recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day into all of its labor contracts, and that the policy on holidays has been amended to give nonrepresented employees that day off instead of their birthdays.

But township officials were for the second straight year oticeably absent during the MLK observance conducted by the Plymouth-Canton schools. Until township officials actually take part in observing the day, all the bargaining in the world will seem like just so much lip service.

# Don't cut school funds

Local school systems got a jolt last week.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced that, unless the Legislature acts, she would cut school foundation grants by an average of \$56 per pupil for this year. The basic foundation grant is \$6,700 per pupil.

Granholm acted because of a shortfall of \$127 million in the state's \$12.7 billion school aid budget and a state law requiring a balanced school budget. The action followed announcements that foundation grants would be

frozen for the next two school years. The state Legislature has 30 days to act before Granholm's plan takes effect and the Democratic governor has said she is willing to work with the Republicandominated Legislature to find some solution to the problem caused by the steep decline in tax revenues.

State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) called Granholm's move "posturing" in an effort to motivate the Legislature to delay planned reductions in the small business tax and the personal income tax.

"The economy is expected to begin its recovery this spring, which means tax receipts will start to grow," Stewart said. "If we put a pause on the reduction in the single business tax and personal income tax, we can come up with a balanced budget."

Former Gov. John Engler has left a trap for the new governor. Either she goes back on her commitment to fully funding education or her commitment to staying the course on tax reductions.

It is now time for the governor and the Legislature to bite the bullet and delay the planned tax reductions and restore foundation grant funding. Our future is in our schools.

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Judge Ron Lowe, left, and Tom Morse work on their carving, Sponge Bob, during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular celebrity competition last week. Due to the extremely cold weather, organizers made arrangements to keep the carvings around an extra week.

# **LETTERS**

#### Condolences

I was so sorry to hear about the death of Tedd Schneider. I met him when I was running for (Canton) Township trustee. He always impressed me as a kind and fair person and a good journalist. He was a very easy person to talk to and I know he cared a great deal about the Canton community. He will be missed around this town and I hope his family finds the strength they need to deal with their loss.

**Tom Hartnett** Canton

## Missing Tedd

The Canton community lost a dear friend on Tuesday evening (Jan. 14) when Tedd Schneider passed away. Tedd really liked and understood Canton and was a wonderful advocate for our community. He was interested in the whole community, not just the "frosting." He wanted to know the people, not just the "big names"

I remember the nights that Tedd suffered along with the rest of the audience, through long Canton planning commission meetings when the Observer had cut back on staff - he saw to it that the Planning Commission was covered by a reporter - Tedd, the editor - on site. Then the next night at the Canton Board meeting - again, Tedd the editor - sat in the audience to ensure that the news in Canton was reported and important stories were covered.

Tedd was always fair in his editorials, even if he didn't agree with the Canton board's actions. He never sank to name calling or innuendo in his opinions. He strove to write accurate stories in the paper, never trying to make fools of those that he was reporting on. He understood what a "hometown" newspaper was really

Tedd was always friendly and warm, he was dedicated to his profession and his job, and he served with dignity and honor. He will be missed by us all. Peace be with you, Tedd.

> Melissa McLaughlin Canton

# Undermine our country

I can accept that some among us might show hesitancy about a war with Iraq in the next three or four weeks. Most of us believe Saddam Hussein is in violation, that he has threatened several peoples in his area, and killed hundreds of thou-

But among those who dissent on the timing of the start of the war, some are parading and carrying signs that read, 'Blood for Oil." Other sign carriers bare "Bombs Equal Terrorism" and "Fight Corporate Crime." There is more than dissent to be concerned about with statements like these used in protesting.

'Fight Corporate Crime," for example, indicates the liberal ideology of the planned economy. Socialists abound and the thinking is un-American.

Socialism is slavery. If this is not understood by the liberal mentality, further education is suggested. The worst condition of mankind is not war, it is

It is no wonder that many Americans are concerned with not only the lack of patriotism, but the more than apparent hatred of our country. The woodwork has exuded many different groups who work daily to undermine our "dream." They undermine and deny the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and dismiss limited government and the free market as social impediments of equality and sharing.

Dissent. Venture your own ideas. If you attack our country, our culture, our heritage, you should be suspect, guarded against and feared. And when you prepare your signs, learn how to spell!

**Neil Goodbred** 

# More scandal

Phil Power expresses his outrage at the seemingly inadequate and nonexistent punishment meted out to the corporate executives responsible for the recent accounting scandals ("Wall Street shenanigans made for a sorry story," Jan. 2). Unfortunately, he failed to shine a light on the largest accounting scandal in the history of the United States and the culprits behind it.

As of Jan. 2, the Bureau of the Public Debt reports \$3.6 trillion as publicly-held debt in the form of treasury bills, notes, and bonds. In addition, the bureau reports \$2.7 trillion of intragovernmental debt. For the mathematically-challenged in Washington, this totals \$6.3 trillion.

In addition to underreporting the debt, politicians lied about a budget "surplus." For the past few years, Americans were told government income exceeded expenditures for the first time in decades and the government paid off some of its obligations.

The government did pay off some of the publicly-held debt, but at the same time increased the intragovernmental debt. From fiscal year 1997 to 2002, the national debt rose each year from \$5.4 trillion to \$6.2 trillion. I wonder how much debt we would have accumulated without the "surplus"?

Now if \$6.3 trillion seems rather large, brace yourself. Liabilities include all financial obligations, not just the amount of debt. For corporations, examples of additional liabilities include retirement and insurance benefits to be paid in the

The Social Security Administration reports their fraudulent trust fund has a long-term unfunded liability of \$25 trillion while Medicare's unfunded liability stands at \$17 trillion.

While future reforms such as personal Social Security accounts and medical savings accounts could reduce these liabilities, the lack of honest dialogue between Republicans and Democrats offers little hope for the near term.

To put this into perspective, Worldcom overreported earnings by \$7 billion while Washington underreports its liabilities by over \$40 trillion.

But Washington's accounting malfeasance doesn't stop there. The General

Accounting Office discovered \$17.3 billion in unreconciled transactions last fiscal year. This means the federal government could not account for more money than Worldcom and Enron misstated as earnings.

In addition, Congress plays with the books to avoid spending caps. When trying to avoid the cap, Congress will declare expenditures as "off-budget" or classify them as "emergencies" or "move" expenditures into the previous year to free up more money for the current year.

So while Congress attacks corporate America and demands accountability, they turn a blind eye to their own abuses. Does this somehow forgive the deceit and fraud committed by a few corporations? Absolutely not. Executives should be prosecuted and, if found guilty, thrown into prison.

But at the same time, let's send them some cellmates from Washington. Let's restore confidence in the economy by applying the same standards to government officials as corporate executives.

> **Steve Sutton** Farmington Hills

# **DARTA** was no solution

Your editorial on Jan. 9 lamented the veto of DARTA, while admitting it wasn't the solution to the metro area's transportation problems. DARTA was supposed to study the transportation issues in the metro area. There were two things that DARTA was expected to recommend: 1) That SEMTA and DDOT need to be merged, and 2) Taxes need to be

The first is obvious to anyone that has ever tried riding a bus in the metro area, and the second is the same conclusion made by all government studies. We need  $^{\prime\prime}$ to create another fieldom of patronage to accomplish that? Don't mourn DARTA's passing. It had

no mandate to improve anything. We have enough politicians and bureaucrats now. Let the "players" come to the table now if they really have concern for the

Tom Stenzel Livonia

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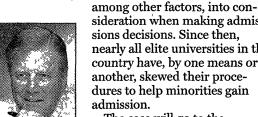
- Bill Trail of Canton, uncle of young singer

# Could a Supreme Court ruling re-segregate college campuses?

was serving on the University of Michigan's board of regents in 1997 when the Center for Individual Rights brought the now-famous lawsuits against our affirmative action admissions system.

In essence, the system gives extra points to applicants who are minorities ... or who live in the Upper Peninsula, or whose parents are U-M alumni, or who have overcome things like physical handicaps, or who possess special skills like running with footballs, or etc.

The legal basis for the policy is the Supreme Court's 1978 Bakke decision, in which the court held (narrowly) that universities could take race,



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sideration when making admisnearly all elite universities in the country have, by one means or another, skewed their procedures to help minorities gain

The case will go to the Supreme Court this spring. The Bush administration last week submitted a brief opposing affirmative action. With a subject as complicated and as emotionally

charged as this one, it's important to sort out the sense from the nonsense. Based on my experience as a regent, this column tries to do just that.

The first issue is quotas. President Bush's speech last week condemning the U-M's policy used the word "quota" three times and the phrase "numerical targets" once. But neither the university's law school or undergraduate admissions system work by assigning a "maximum number, as of people, that may be admitted to ... an institution" - the dictionary definition of "quota."

As U-M President Mary Sue Coleman pointed out, "It is unfortunate that the President misunderstands how our admissions process works." President Coleman was being, well, diplomatic. President Bush (or his speech writers and lawyers) understands perfectly well how the U-M's system works; but he also understands (even better) just how unpopular the word "quota" is across the political spectrum. At best, the president's comments are disingenuous; at worst, they are inaccurate and inflammatory.

The second issue is race and academics. The U-M's system for undergraduate admissions uses a maximum of 150 points in weighing applicants. A total of 110 points are possible for purely academic factors such as high school grades and overall academic strength and standardized test scores. Black, Hispanic or American Indian minorities are awarded an extra 20 points, the same that can be given to a low-income student, but applicants cannot get points for both.

Critics of affirmative action argue that any favoritism based solely on race is morally wrong

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and that, in any case, assigning 20 admission points (or 13.3 percent) to race is just too much. And I must confess there is something intrinsically offensive about a system that arbitrarily awards X admissions points just because of race. Clearly, however, many very able minority students graduate from crummy high schools, so it only seems fair to find a method to avoid penalizing them for an unfair K-12 school system.

So what about formulas? Most elite universities give race some factor when making admissions decisions, but they have avoided lawsuits because they don't set out explicit numerical formulas and use imaginative ways to disguise what they're really doing. At the U-M, where a relatively small admissions staff annually has to process something like 25,000 applications for 5,000 places, using point scores and formulas seems to me a practical but unfortunate expedient.

Does affirmative action admissions really make a difference? In my view, yes and no. The U-M certainly has been more successful in achieving a diverse student body than most other elite schools; undergraduates are now 8 percent black and nearly 5 percent Hispanic and the law school is nearly 7 percent black and 4 percent Hispanic. But even a quick walk around the Ann Arbor campus suggests that a kind of student self-segregation is taking place; black students tend to socialize with black students, for example.

I believe most people agree the basic objective of achieving a diverse student body is absolutely right. The issue is how best to do it. Plainly, affirmative action-based admissions plans do it, but at a cost. Those states that use President Bush's preferred method, admitting the top 10 percent of high school graduates willy-nilly, appear to have had less empirical success.

At the end of the day, I fear that if the Supreme Court throws out affirmative action in admissions, the inevitable result will be the tragic resegregation of college campuses all across the

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# King's voice would be loud today for peace and equity

onday was Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a tion. The university also awards one to four points for being related to an alumnus.

This was too much for George W. Bush and that thrust him into the spotlight.

This year's holiday comes at an odd convergence of events that draw on King's history and speak to the never-ending conflict of ideas in which King was so brilliantly

On Saturday, thousands of concerned citizens rallied to protest the

Bush administration's threats of armed conflict in

any war is wrong and

Iraq. Many of these protest-

ers believe passionately that

unnecessary. Others believe

that the motives for this war against Saddam Hussein

and the people of Iraq are

questionable, driven more



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Toward the end of his life, King was outspoken in his opposition to the war in Vietnam. King argued that the resources that were used to burn through the jungles of Vietnam could be better spent on housing, food and education for those who struggled to survive in this country and in destitute places all over the world. He was also concerned that a disproportionate number of African-American young men were being asked to make the sacrifice (which is still true today).

King would probably have been at the protest in Washington Saturday lending his eloquent voice of caution and admonition.

Last week, the Bush administration filed a brief opposing the University of Michigan's affirmative action programs in two cases before the United States Supreme Court. Bush, of course, said he was all for diversity and fairness but that U-M's program was "a quota system" that is "racially discriminating."

When evaluating students for admission to its undergraduate school, U-M has a 150 point system. The weight of those points, 110, are for academics, 80 for grade point average. It also gives points for high test scores, attending challenging high schools and taking a more demanding prep school curriculum. In an effort to create more diversity on campus and to right past wrongs, the university awards up to 20 points for having an economically disadvantaged background, being an underrepresented minority or attending a high school serving a predominantly minority popula-

his conservative supporters. Bush favors a system similar to that in Texas which awards scholarships to all students who finish in the top ranks of their high schools. Critics say this system merely reinforces segregation by making it more attractive for good minority students to stay in less competitive segregated

This is especially a problem here in Michigan, which has considerably more segregated schools than Louisiana or Mississippi according to a recent Harvard University study. We don't need a program that reinforces segregation.

We do need a program that emphasizes fairness, opportunity and diversity. Will some academically talented white students be beaten out for a position by an academically talented black student with slightly lower GPA or test scores? Possibly. But they might also be edged out by the son or daughter of an alumnus, a graduate of a private prep school, a student from a rural area or a basketball player. Doesn't the state and the university have an obligation to address the broader needs of society?

I think Dr. King would probably be lamenting that a United States president would make such disingenuous arguments against the U-M admission policy while offering nothing of real substance as an alternative.

Last week we lost one of our own at The Observer. Our Canton Observer editor, Tedd Schneider, died following a battle with cancer.

Tedd was a compassionate conservative before the president gave it a name. He argued his positions congently and was an important voice in editorial deliberations. As Canton editor, he argued year after year that Canton needed to do more to recognize Martin Luther King Day. He argued that it should be a holiday for township workers and that the township should have special programs on race relations.

King Day has been recognized as a holiday for the last two years in Canton. This year, township employees attended three training sessions on diversity.

Tedd would be proud that Canton has stepped up and taken his views seriously. He understood how important it was to make the American Dream a reality for everyone.

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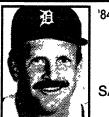
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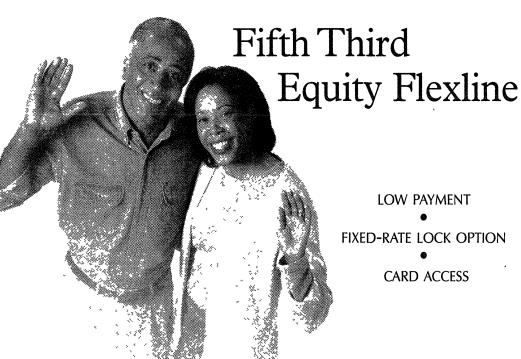
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Erin McKeown brings her distinctive style of singing and songwriting to the Ann Arbor Folk Festival.

# Emerging artists

# Ann Arbor Folk Festival spotlights performers with an edge

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

ever heard of 24-year-old singer/songwriter Erin McKeown? That's not surprising. David Siglin prides himself on presenting up and coming performers at The Ark so it's no wonder this year's Ann Arbor Folk Festival offers adventurous programming on Friday night in addition to legends like Taj Mahal on Saturday, Jan. 25. Unfortunately, that concert's already sold out but Siglin isn't worried. In fact, he's excited about the prospect of spotlighting emerging artists on Friday, Jan. 24, at the Michigan Theater in

"This is the first time in the 26-year history of the festival we're doing it for two-days," said Siglin, artistic director of The Ark which puts on the folk festival. "It's hard on an audience to mix all those styles bluegrass, jazz, different eras of music. Over the years, we discovered part of the audience doesn't like an edge, they're more traditional. Friday night's a little more adventurous with progressive sounds of folk and roots music."

# **ERIN MCKEOWN**

McKeown's music is beyond categorization. Her distinctive voice and sometimes quirky lyrics set her apart. She's especially fun to listen to. Distillation is her debut CD. The recording process is as unique as McKeown who combines pop, bop, roots, and Tin Pan Alley in her music. Produced by David Chalfant for Signature Sounds, the CD consists of originals except for Rodgers & Hart's 1940 You Mustn't Kick It Around.

McKeown grew up in Virginia where her mother made her take piano lessons from preschool to her early teens. It was then she picked up the guitar and started to think of herself as a musician. By age 14, she was playing in a cover band and deep into the bar rock culture. But it wasn't until her student days at Brown University that she began performing solo and writing music.

"David was living in a farmhouse in Massachusetts when he built a studio and we decid-



Jeff Lang hails from Australia where he played slide guitar in the blues band Chain before pursuing a solo career.

ed to record there," said McKeown. "We worked in whatever rooms were available. It's a very simple record. What you hear is what you get. When you're recording you have to maintain separation. He'd place someone in the kitchen and someone upstairs. He placed us in stairwells, the bottom of a staircase. You need to get as much separation as possible.

"For the new CD, we're utilizing the same philosophy of listening to instruments in rooms. It was recorded in a different Massachusetts farmhouse and set for release in late spring. There's a wide dynamic range. It's a lot of fun. I try to bring those things to a live performance. Hearing it live is not all that different from the recording. I just hope that people would have a different appreciation for a wide variety of styles. Look at people's CD collection. You'll find different styles. People like different styles of music."

PLEASE SEE FOLK FESTIVAL, B2

Artistic **Expressions** 

Linda Chomin

# Storytellers warm the heart on a cold January day

ost people dread the cold and boring days of January, but not me. I look forward to talking to the storytellers featured in Canton Project Arts' annual

Storytelling is a way of life for them and they can't help interspersing tales into the conversation. All I have to do is ask a question and they're off telling me about growing up across the street from the Detroit Zoo.

That's what makes the festival so delightful. You never know what you're going to hear. As usual, organizer Corinne Stavish has lined up a variety of tellers for the festival Saturday, Jan. 25, at Summit on the Park in Canton.

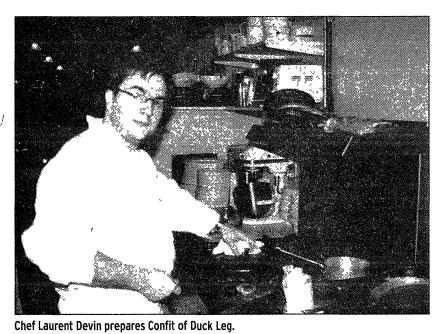
"It's all new tellers presenting the oldest communitybased art form," said Stavish, a Southfield resident who will be telling at The Ark during the Ann Arbor club's annual festival Friday-Sunday, Feb. 14-16. For more information, call (734) 761-1800. Like The Ark festival, Canton Project Arts offers storytelling times for children and adults.

"The audience is very much involved with the tellers who have different artistic styles and represent different ethnic and religious groups. We'll have a diversity from African American Barbara Jones Clark to Laura Pershin

PLEASE SEE STORYTELLERS, B5



Barbara Jones Clark will share her love of children's literature at Canton Project Arts' annual Storytelling Festival.



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# **FOLK FESTIVAL**

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#### **JEFFREY GAINES**

Pennsylvania singer/songwriter Jeffrey Gaines' mellow voice sets the mood for romance. Far from a newcomer, Gaines is still trying to climb to the top of the charts with the Feb. 11 release of his fifth CD Toward the Sun on Artemis Records. For more information, see www.jeffreygaines.com.

"It's going to be a real personal concert with just me and my guitar and we can break for conversation in between soulful ballads," said Gaines. "When I'm making music and writing songs I'm so often by myself with my guitar. That's when I slow down and hear the inner voice."

Audiences can hear a variety of influences in Gaines' music. He grew up listening to his parents' collection of Motown, Otis Redding and Wilson Pickett albums. In the 1970s, he followed the music of Bread and the Moody Blues and by junior high school was playing with a New Wave cover band before going solo. His early years included tours with Melissa Etheridge and Sting. Produced by Gaines and Mitchell Froom (producer of Elvis Costello and Bonnie Raitt), this fifth recording promises to be a winner

with cuts like Falling Apart, Without You, and Love Me. Influences of all of the above come together in Gaines' laidback style and hooks in songs like Beyond the Beginning.

"I'm heading toward optimism," said Gaines. "That's where the title of the album came from. I want the sun on my skin. I want to be happy, alive, enjoy every minute. I'm really beginning my life. Most people have dreams all the time but I'm living mine."

#### **JEFF LANG**

Among the other performers on Friday night are The Waybacks and their mix of mandolin, guitar, fiddle, bass and percussion, Idaho-born Josh Ritter, and Jeff Lang from Melbourne, Australia. Inspired by Leo Kottke, Bob Dylan and Ry Cooder, Lang started playing guitar at age 14 and by 20 was a slide guitarist with the Australian blues band Chain. Lang's best known for his guitar work but the audience will enjoy his writing as well.

Siglin liked Lang's playing so much when he appeared at The Ark in 2001, he booked him for the Ann Arbor Folk Festival. Siglin uses the same philosophy to book the festival as he does The Ark, a musical showcase since 1965.

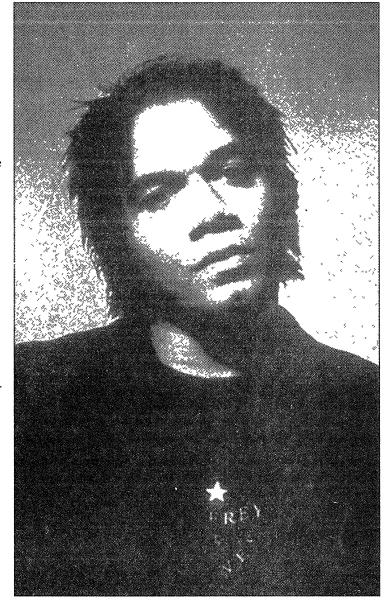
"At The Ark, some of the people don't even know who the performers are," said Siglin

who's been on staff at The Ark since 1968. "I listen to 1,300 demos a year and maybe take 25. They're the cream of the crop. For the festival I'm looking for somebody who can walk out in front of 1,700 people and knock them flat and whose music is valuable. We're trying to preserve roots and alternative music.

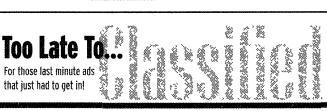
"At The Ark, we present a huge variety of music seven nights a week. I tell people look at the Web site (www.a2ark.org). Pick out the kind of music they like. Try it. They'll like it. That's the essence of the club scene. The Dixie Chicks played at The Ark three times before they made it. People who saw them here had a chance to see them perform before most even knew they existed.

"Besides music we put on a variety of events. We'll have a musical play, North Country Opera (Feb. 1-4), and our annual Storytelling Festival (8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 14-15 (adult), and 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16,) with Corinne Stavish (a Southfield storyteller) Friday night. It's all stories. Some play an instrument and can tell a story in a song. Personally, I love storytelling. Most people have never been to a storytelling but storytelling's been around for thousands of years. It's like going to a movie without a screen."

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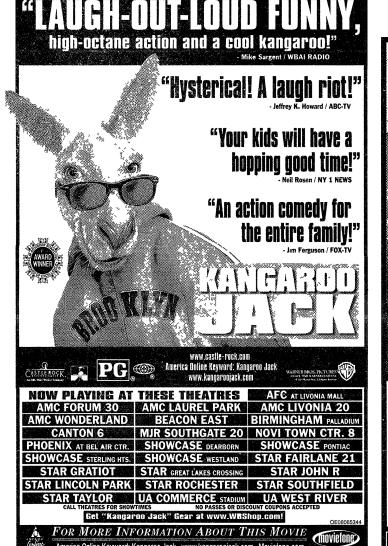


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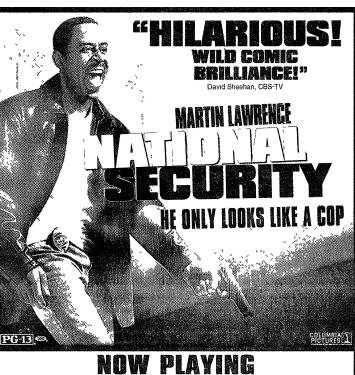


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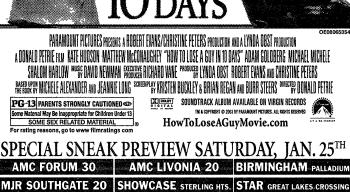
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# Chelsea's Jeff Daniels promotes latest movie

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG CORRESPONDENT

Actor Jeff Daniels says he found it easy to work with the writer and the director of Super Sucker, the second film released by Purple Rose Films, headquartered in Michigan.

"We had a single vision," said the Chelsea-based actor, who was promoting his latest film at the Emagine in Novi last week. "They all worked well together."

Then again, it helps that the lead actor, writer, and director are one and the same.

"There's really an advantage to being all three," said Daniels, 47, who wrote, directed, and starred in Super Sucker, in which he plays Fred Barlow, a vacuum cleaner salesman who decides to market his appliance as a sex toy after he catches his wife in bed with a vacuum cleaner.

"I had a friend who was a vacuum cleaner salesman," Daniels explained. "He had plenty of stories. The passion for his product had many comic possibilities. Super Sucker had such an outrageous story."

Daniels thoroughly researched the sales pitches and the war stories of vacuum cleaner salesmen. He even attended a regional vacuum cleaner sales convention. From that point, the characters were born.

#### **LOCAL ACTORS**

He wanted to cast actors from the Purple Rose Theatre

Company (with the exception of Dawn Wells of Gilligan's Island), a non-profit professional theater he founded in 1991, which showcases the talents of actors, directors, playwrights, and designers from all over the Midwest in Chelsea.

"I knew from day one that I wanted to cast this with Purple Rose actors, so I wrote all of these parts for specific people out of that company," says Daniels. "I've worked with all these actors and I know (their strengths). I think if the performances come to life then at the end of the movie these are real people...these actors really delivered.

"They loved the chance to make a feature film. They have a great work ethic and passion and talent for film-making. Some actors from Escanaba in da Moonlight and Super Sucker appeared in 8 Mile (the Eminem gangster movie filmed in Detroit). That's great. They only get better and better. The fun we had (off-camera) translates onscreen. There was

go to work." ... This is Daniels' second time behind the camera. His first time out was an independent film production of his play of the same name, Escanaba in da Moonlight, released in 2001. The indie flick was shown on 48 screens in Michigan and Wisconsin, grossing more than \$2.3 million, scoring 202nd in Variety magazine's Top

never a bad day; it was a joy to

Grossing Films of 2001.

Inspired by directors with whom he'd worked — such as Woody Allen, Robert Altman and Jonathan Demme, Daniels says he grew as a director his second time around.

"I should get better as a director. I know more," he said. "I'm happier with Super Sucker. It feels more like a movie. The script was written as a screenplay. It gave us the complete experience (of filmmaking).

Riding on the success of Escanaba, Purple Rose Films stepped up Super Sucker, increasing the budget to more than \$3 million compared to Escanaba's \$2.2 million. The crew grew by 40 percent and there were 40 more speaking parts in Super Sucker, compared to the 13 in Escanaba.

One of the challenges directors face is needing more time and money.

"You're always asking for another week. Then you get that week and then you want another week."

#### **ACTING HISTORY**

Daniels has been acting for 26 years. He attended Central Michigan University (CMU), where he majored in English and minored in theater He left CMU a year early after the playing the lead in Tennessee Williams' Summer and Smoke, and joined the Circle Repertory Company in New York in 1976. He won widespread recognition

as Jed Jenkins in Lanford Wilson's Fifth of July. He won a 1983 Obie Award for his oneman World War I play, Johnny Got His Gun.

He made his feature film debut in 1981's Ragtime. However, his breakout role as Flap Horton, Debra Winger's philandering husband was in 1983's Terms of Endearment. Some of his better known

roles include Ross Jennings

who had to overcome his fear of spiders in 1990's Arachnophobia; SWAT cop Harry Temple who was shot by partner Keanu Reeves in order to take him "out of the equation" when he was held hostage by madman Dennis Hopper in 1994's Speed; and, of course,

Harry Dunne in 1994's Dumb

Jeff Daniels, as door-to-door vacuum cleaner salesman, Fred Barlow, in the movie Supersucker.

and Dumber with Jim Carrey. He won critical praise for his portrayal of George Washington in 2000's The Crossing.

Contrary to the rumors, nei-

ther Daniels nor Carrey are appearing in the Dumb and Dumber follow-up due out this summer.

"It's just two young guys doing a dead-on impersonation of us," Daniels said. "If (Carrey) decides to do a sequel,

I'll be involved." After Super Sucker, his next film is reprising his role as Col. Joshua Chamberlain in Gods and Generals, the prequel to 1993's Gettysburg.

He also wants to continue writing and directing for Purple Rose Films. He has three more ideas in mind.

"I was very happy with the regional success of Escanaba," he said. "I want to continue to make comedies. I'm always looking for funny ideas."

# Don't be a sucker and see this movie

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG CORRESPONDENT

I certainly felt like a super sucker after seeing Super Sucker.

The second movie from Purple Rose Films, Super Sucker stars Michigan's Jeff Daniels - who also wrote and directed this off-the-wall, lowbrow, unfunny comedy — as Fred Barlow, a salesman who markets his vacuum cleaner-a Super Sucker—as a sex toy.

As Barlow, Daniels has red hair and a cheesy red mustache, making him look hauntingly like Jeffrey Jones' dull-witted principal Edward G. Rooney from the classic 1986 comedy. Ferris Bueller's Day Off.

The movie, which was filmed in Jackson, takes place in the fictitious Johnson City where the premier hotel is called the Grand Johnson (insert sexual tilt here) where Barlow along with his team of underdogs all played by Purple Rose Theatre vets (Daniels' theater located in Chelsea) Guy Sanville, Sandra Birch, and Kate Peckham — go up against rival vacuum cleaner salesman, sleazy Winslow Schnaebelt (Harve Presnell, who appeared in The Legend of Bagger Vance and Escanaba in da Moonlight. which was directed by Daniels), whose red zoot suit makes him look like a pimp.

## **A COMPETITION**

Both Fred and Schnaebelt are called on the carpet by the company president after a fight breaks out in a steakhouse. Fred is advised to sell out to Schnaebelt. However, Fred manages to get another chance; whoever gets the most contracts in the next month gets total distributorship of Johnson

Taking fired steakhouse waiter Howard Butterworth (Matt

Letscher, TV's Good Morning, Miami) under his wing Fred and his team set out to win the most contracts.

They begin to fail miserably. On his first sales pitch, Howard even runs over a cat with a vacuum.

That all changes when Fred goes home and hears the vacuum cleaner running and his wife Bunny (Michelle Mountain) screaming. Fred investigates, walking in on Bunny in the throes of passion with...the Super Sucker!

Fred markets the drapery attachment as the "homemaker's little helper complete with nap-nipper." Sales go through the roof. Even nuns want to buy it and fred's salesmen end up pitching it to prostitutes on street corners.

Enter Dawn Wells of Gilligan's Island fame, in her only scene, playing herself; she's the vacuum's celebrity endorser and feels that Fred's way of marketing the product is murdering her reputation. She demands that the company president change it, especially since Americans Against the Sexual Abuse of Home Appliances (AASAHA) called her.

It's evident Wells has fun poking fun at herself, stating that Barlow's actions are besmirching the image of a wholesome male fantasy pop icon. When her lawyer says, "We feel this is something Ginger would have used," referring to Tina Louise's movie star character on Gilligan's Island, Wells responds, "You got that right."

This was the funniest scene in an otherwise unfunny movie. It goes downhill from there as Fred demonstrates the attachment for women at a country club and his employee, Leonard, (Sanville) dresses in drag during his sales pitch. Howard ends up sprinting naked down the street with 20

**COMING ATTRACTIONS** 

feet of vacuum hose attached to... let's just say a very intimate area. In short, it simply consists of cheap, failed attempts at sight gags and contrived one-

#### THIS IS HUMOR?

I'm no prude, but this movie really crossed the line of good taste. Raunchy doesn't even begin to describe it. It also doesn't know whether to be subtle about its humor or blatant. I was really looking forward to seeing this, because I like Daniels, but Super Sucker left a bad taste in my mouth.

The \$64,000 question I have is: Why didn't Daniels do something along the lines of his other movies - good movies like 1998's Pleasantville or 1991's The Butcher's Wife? I know he's on a shoe-string budget but this is all he could come up with?

The irony is Daniels — who's shared the screen with Jack Nicholson, Dennis Hopper, Keanu Reeves, Clint Eastwood, Reese Witherspoon, and Joan Allen, among others — is extremely talented. Ever see him play George Washington in The Crossing or serial killer Buddy Noone in last year's Blood Work with Eastwood? He has plenty of range as an actor. While I didn't care for the content of this movie, this is the second film he's directed and he's come leaps and bounds as a director since 2001's Escanaba. Let's hope he can pen a better script the next time around.

Don't fret, if you're waiting for a good Daniels film, Gods and Generals, a prequel to 1993's Gettysburg comes out in a few months.

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Peekin' at the Blues featuring Velma Jones at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$15. (248) 522-3422

Southfield Public Library Bluesman Robert B. Jones performs 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen. The program is free, space limited. (248) 948-0470

#### **Vince James Trio** Compari's, 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays,

The Cecchetti Council of America Oakland University, Varner Hall in tion is \$20 for the first class and

Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. \$10; \$8 senior citizens and children under 16. Refreshments available. (248) 569-0965 for information, (248) 626-4650 to reserve slot for open mic. **Northville Arts Commission** The Sirens 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at Little Genitti's Theatre, 108 East Main Street, Northville. \$8. Enjoyable for whole family. (248) 449-9950

Pat McDunn Duke Humphries, 8-11 p.m. Friday, Rochester Hills. No cover (248) **Trinity House Theatre** 

Madison Green, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24: Len's Lounge and Corndaddy 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan 25: Jason Dennie finger

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Nick Page and Maggie Ferguson

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comedian Jesse James Lundy 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Depot Theatre. \$12. (248) 625-8811 or visit the Web site at www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org Joey's Comedy Club/Livonia

with storyteller Norm Stulz and

Every Tuesday night is open mic night. The club also offers a stand-up comedy class for those interested in performing and writing comedy, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

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**Detroit Institute of Arts** Continues its Friday night pro-

gramming, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Ave. With admission \$4, \$1 children, no charge for Founders Society members. Call (313) 833-8499 for exhibition information, (313) 833-7900 for general information or visit the Web site at www.dia.org

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Kingsepp at (248) 541-5717. Henry Ford Museum

Chrystyna Nykorak's 24 1/2- by

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volunteers. To volunteer or for

more information, call Sue

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**Plymouth Historical Museum** New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit, Images of Lincoln, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz, at the museum, 155 S. Main. \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

(734) 455-8940

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The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. The museum's new permanent exhibit, A Lively Town, uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area. \$5, \$3 children, students and seniors. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken. (248) 645-4663 or visit the Web site at www.rochesterhills.org/muse-

The Hilberry Repertory Theatre Company continues their 40th season with Caryl Churchill's Cloud Nine 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 30-31, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 14-15, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 1, and 8 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the theater, 4743 Cass and Hancock on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit. Directed by Plymouth resident Gillian Eaton, the play is a wickedly funny examination of sexual stereotypes and the relationships between gender and status. Tickets are \$12-\$20. Call (313) 577-2972.

#### St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook

D.L. Coburn's The Gin Game continues 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 23-25, at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, between Cranbrook and Lahser roads, Bloomfield Hills. Complimentary parking with shuttle service available from Christ Church Cranbrook across the street. \$13, \$11 students and seniors. Seniors free Thursday, Jan. 23. (248) 644-0527 or online at www.StDunstansTheatre.com Village Players

Open The Fantasticks 8 p.m.

#### Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular

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**Redford Civic Symphony** 

Family Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, includes selections from Modeste Mussorgski, Ernesto Lecuona, Meredith Wilson, Joseph Haydn, and Leroy Anderson. Featured artist is Leah Diehl performing a horn concerto, at Thurston High School, Redford. No charge.

Ballroom/ Latin dance party 9 Troy High School Auditorium White Heather Club

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# **MAKING CONTACT**

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## STORYTELLERS

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Raynor, who has a Jewish background, to headliner Dan Keding of Illinois, an internationally known storyteller and balladeer who performs at music festivals throughout the world."

Clark and Raynor share a love of children's stories. Three times a week Raynor leads storytimes for families at the Ann Arbor District Library, where she's a youth librarian.

Clark began her career as a children's librarian in Memphis. Today the Southfield resident coordinates media services, and the gifted and talented program, for Birmingham Public Schools. She regularly uses storytelling as an educational tool at new teacher orientation sessions.

"I started reading stories to children as a school librarian about 20 years ago," said Clark. "I'd choose a new story every week to read and realized as time went on I was telling it. I hadn't thought about it until one day a child asked how can I read with the book upsidedown. Before long I started going to workshops, joined a Story League, which requires members to agree to go forth and tell stories. It's become a hobby. Some people bike, I do chocolate and storytelling.

Clark favors telling participation stories, African American stories and folk tales. Sometimes she'll choose a child from the audience to come up and help tell a story.

"I get stories from everywhere," said Clark, who's told stories at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Greenfield Village, The Ark, and Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills. "There's a world of children's literature to choose from. I like to tell people who worry they can't tell their child a story that there's no one (who) has a more special place in a child's heart than a mom and dad. I tell them to get a story they like. If they don't like it, the listener will be able to tell. I've read a story 30 times before I'm ready to tell it. I don't tell it word for word but try to remember certain phrases. I try not to change the story, never the ending.

"Good storytelling with a message is not for young children. When there is a message I don't tell them, I let them figure it out on their own."

Clark begins telling the story of a man killed by a lion and the sons who put his bones back together so he can come back to life. I can't tell it like she can but the moral of the story is that a man's never really dead until he's forgotten.

I especially needed to hear



Laura Pershin Raynor draws on her family's stories. Raynor grew up across the street from the Detroit Zoo and has plenty of "tails" to tell.

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lighter in his small car. That

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## STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

What: Canton Project Arts presents storytelling for children and adults

When: 1 p.m. for families (recommended for children ages 4 and up) and 7:30 p.m. for adults Saturday, Jan. 25

## Where:

Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

**Tickets:** \$3 for the 1 p.m. performance, \$5 for 7:30 p.m. show with tickets available at the Summit.

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this story last week as one of children's literature, but she my dear co-workers Tedd chooses instead to draw on her family for stories. Many of them are recorded on her CD. A He was editor of our Canton Observer and it was sad for all Well Kept Secret, released a of us. A couple of my co-workfew weeks ago. A second CD, ers began telling funny stories All Dressed Up, recorded at Big about "a group move," during Sky Studio in Ann Arbor, is set

> be available in Canton for \$15 "I'm going to tell stories of my wacky family, very colorful tales of my father, who's a trickster, stories of my grandmother who came from the old country to America for an arranged marriage at 17. She was a natural-born storyteller. Every time

to debut in February. Both will

lap and tell me a story. "My stories have a cultural Jewish feeling to them but I'm also interspersing them with childhood. I grew up in the '60s across from the Detroit Zoo. You could hear the lions roar at night. I try to capture that nostalgia."

I hurt myself or got into trou-

ble, she would put me on her

Like Clark, Raynor believes in the power of storytelling. It helped her land that first job after graduating from the University of Michigan.

"How I got started as a storyteller is I lied in an interview

for an outreach library," said Raynor, who grew up in Oak Park. "I was asked, 'Do you tell stories?' and I said, 'Oh yes, my grandmother told stories all the time.' I got the job and I've been telling stories ever since. In the early 1980s, a storytelling renaissance kicked off. I quit my job as a librarian and hit the road with a partner. I've been at the Ann Arbor District Library since 1990 and have continued to tell all along.

"I felt my family needed to have these stories documented and recorded. I believe children can figure who they are when they hear family stories why they are the way they are, who they are. That's why they love to hear the story of their birth and stories like the one about my grandmother coming to this country. It was a trying period in Jewish history, the only way to get out of the ghetto in Russia was through an arranged marriage. Once here, they worked to bring other family members over, that's true of any immigrant family. My grandmother lived to 105 and was able to see her stories come full-circle. At age 100 we had a family party for her and she sat with her hearing aid turned up, listening to (her family members tell her) the stories she told them. As a little girl I loved her stories.'

Barb King thinks children of all ages will enjoy Canton **Project Arts Storytelling** Festival. The township's official arts council has been hosting the event for five years.

"Come out and have a good family time," said King, who's overseeing the festival. "It's a good family event. You can bring grandparents, aunts and uncles. You can all enjoy it. There's an evening storytelling show for adults. Sometimes I think people think this is just for children but we all enjoy a good story."

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

# Joe Millionaire TV fib OK, Fox network says

LOS ANGELES (AP) Fox executives are making no apologies for Joe Millionaire, the reality series built on a lie.

The female contestants vying for the affections of Evan Marriott were told he's worth \$50 million.

He's really a \$19,000-ayear construction worker, according to Fox.

"I think that when people get involved in these unscripted shows these days, they know they're in for a ride," Gail Berman, Fox's entertainment president, told the Television Critics Association.

The women of *Joe* Millionaire are eager to take part in post-production publicity, an indication they were satisfied with the series, Berman said Saturday.

Marriott, 28, already has turned out to be more than a construction worker: He posed for underwear ads. There's been speculation that a real plot twist could be in store — that Marriott actually may be wealthy.

Asked about that possibility, Berman was guarded. "What we presented to the American public in our promos is accurate," she

said. "We are not lying to them." Berman was asked if the public would feel it had been deceived when the show's finale airs Feb. 17.

"I think the American public is going to be extremely satisfied by the ending of this show, extremely satisfied," she replied.

In a later session with reporters, Marriott described a life that made him sound far from wealthy. His trade was hard hit by the post-Sept. 11 economic slump.

"A lot of the reason I did the show is I had such a bad year financially. I couldn't afford a bed," he said.

His parents are comfortable but not extremely affluent, Marriott said. His father worked two jobs, as a banker and teacher, and was a Marine Corps reservist, while his mother was primarily a homemaker.

"We weren't living in poverty but my parents struggled to make sure my sister and I had nice things," Marriott said.

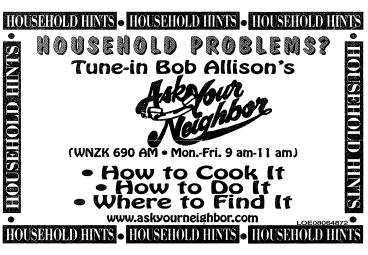
He's worked a variety of jobs, including doorman and model, as he's tried to

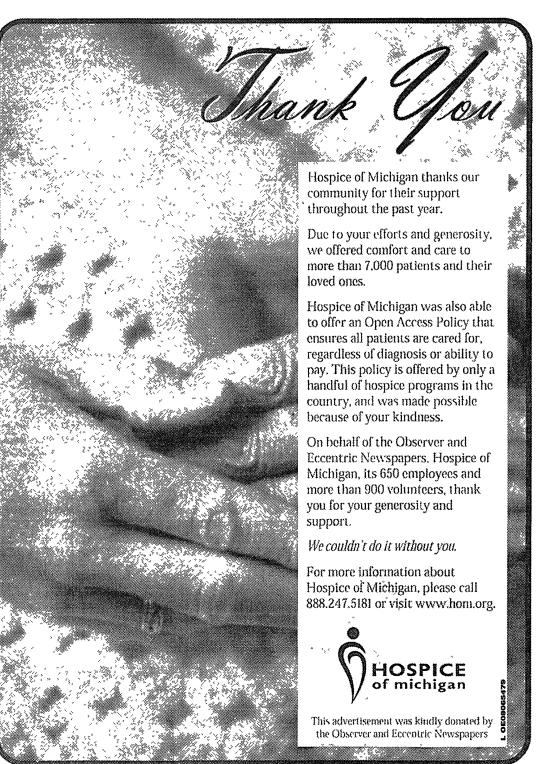
"find himself," he said. He dropped out of high school, Marriott said.

As for his newfound celebrity, Marriott called it "freaky." He was amused by various rumors circulating about him, but also said he found it uncomfortable to dis-

close his limited education. Joe Millionaire has proven a hit for Fox, gaining the upscale viewers advertisers like to reach. It's the No. 3 show among adults 18 to 49 who earn \$75,000 a year or more, behind NBC's Friends and ER, the network said.

On March 10, another reality show, Married by America, will take over the Joe Millionaire 9 p.m. EST Monday time slot.









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# ELAINE'S

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Detroit Tunnel. Drive right out of the tunnel. At the first traffic light, turn right again. At the next traffic light, turn left onto Wyandotte Street and drive about four miles and look for Elaine's on your left. The understated store front with the name Elaine's in red, white and blue and simple wooden bench out front are spotted easily.

On a recent Saturday, Suzanne and Lynn Webb of Fenton reserved a table that also included their granddaughter, Taylor Webb, and friends Nancy and Wayne Knecht of Grand Blanc. This was not a first time. "Everything about this place is wonderful," Suzanne said.

"Better than any Paris bistro we've been to," Wayne added. Lynn judged "equal to or better than a Paris bistro."

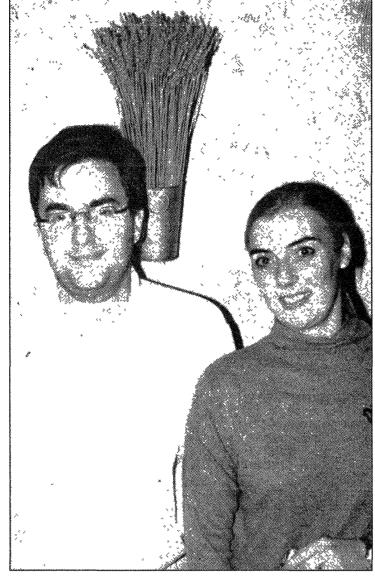
"My duck had a wonderful sauce and I'll score it nine out of 10." Suzanne echoed the comment with "My Pork Tenderloin was perfect with a Plum and Armagnac Sauce."

Amid these glowing remarks, if there's a flaw at Elaine Bistro, it's the bread. There must be a bakery source in Windsor for crispy French-style baguettes to soak up garlicky butter and on which to spread the delicious olive tapenade.

## **UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL**

The Devins, natives of a suburb north of Paris, met in culinary school and were married in Notre Dame de Lorette in Paris. Finding their way from France in 1993 via London and Toronto, they opened their 30seat bistro in Windsor, appropriately enough on Bastille Day, July 14, 1999.

Origin of the name Elaine Bistro stems from the previous owner who ran an upscale takeout in the location for six months prior to the Devins' purchase. Framed menus from French restaurants and other memorabilia decorate textured buttercream-colored walls. Simplicity is underscored by soft lights and crisp white linen covered tables. It's straightforward, comfortable, intimate and the kind of restaurant where



Laurent and Valerie Devin, owners of Elaine Bistro in Windsor.

Before opening Elaine Bistro, Laurent was the food and beverage director for the Windsor Casino.

you instantly recognize that the big show comes on the plates.

Before opening Elaine Bistro, Laurent was the food and beverage director for the Windsor Casino, so he knows his wines. A short wine list is printed on the menu, but if you like wine, you need to browse the shelf. As might be expected, they are French, hand-chosen by the Devins to accompany their food. Even if you're a wine connoisseur, when Laurent recommends one with a dish, order it.

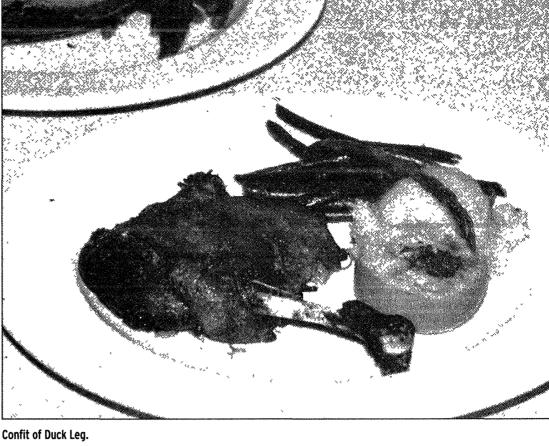
You'll declare it a perfect match. By Detroit area restaurant wine price standards, Bistro Elaine selections are reasonable

at \$29-\$59 CAN per bottle (\$19.50-\$39.50 U.S.) for selections from quality Burgundy and Bordeaux producers.

### **SETTLING IN**

Valerie dotes on you. She cares whether you like Laurent's food. If you do and say so enthusiastically, even more doting! And maybe a special dish that you did not order is sent to your table from Laurent as his thank you.

The kitchen is so close to most of the tables, he probably overheard your complimentary remarks.



Unless you decide to order the multicourse degustation menu, start with an hors d'oeuvres, or if you're in a group, several. In this category, don't miss the Escargots, where it's proper French etiquette to use bread pieces to soak up any extra garlicky butter.

"Rack of lamb and the duck dishes," Valerie said, "are the most popular. But the fourcourse Degustation Menu has become the most popular way to sample Laurent's food."

Portions are small and you won't groan from overeating. Typical of the plates included are appetizers of Carpaccio of Smoked Salmon, Assiette de Charcuterie which includes dried sausage, prosciutto, rillettes and a duck pate with pistachios, all accompanied by a spicy, coarse-grained mustard and cornichons.

On to Salade du Perigord with a galantine of foie gras (pureed goose liver with truffles), dried duck magret and a toast of goat cheese on a bed of crisp greens. This is followed by a small taste of Foie Gras Poele (pan-seared foie gras) and a Trou Normand, the interlude palate cleanser of Mango Sorbet with Remy Red liqueur.

For principal plates accompanied by vegetables, small portions of quail with dried fruit compote, confit de canard, venison with red fruit sauce and wine reduction, or sliced rack of lamb in a honey and lavender sauce may be served. For vegetarians, Swordfish with Sesame Paste make the meat substitute.

Sweet endings don't get much better. There's Poires Belle Helene, Creme Brulee, Creme Caramel, Mousse au Chocolat, Tarte Tatin and the house specialty Crepes Suzettes flamed tableside, homemade mango and lime sorbets and cheeses from France.

When the exchange rate is factored in at \$1.00 U.S. to \$1.52 CAN, dinner at Elaine Bistro is a bargain, even with the \$5.25 U.S. roundtrip tunnel toll tacked on. If you go, don't forget two pieces of government issued IDs with your photo. Bon Appetit!

Eleanor Heald is a Troy resident who writes about dining, food, wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864#.

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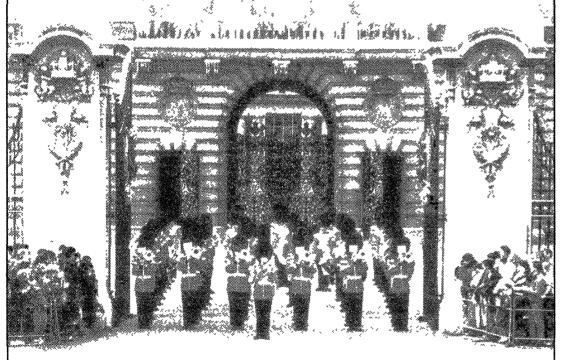
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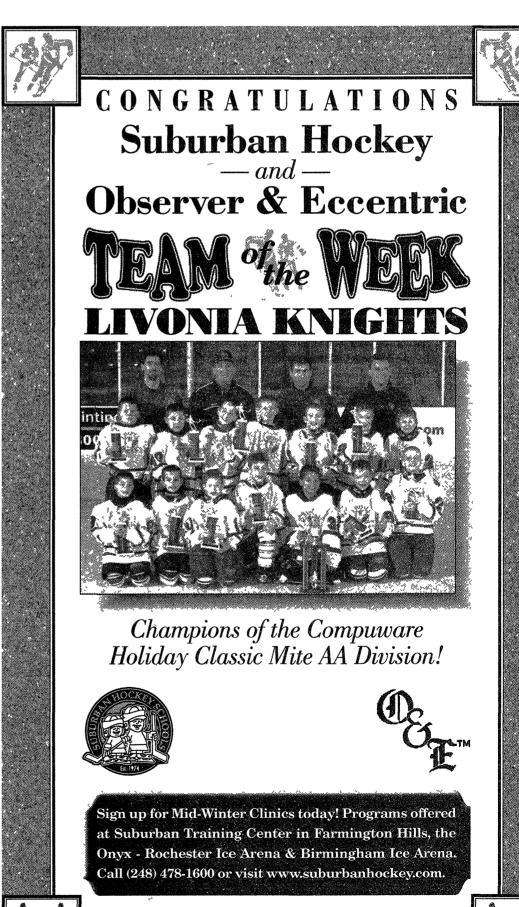


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The patterns are adjustable from a 1- to 12foot diameter.

Snap-on deflectors are included for a half-circle spray pattern.

Simple Soaker's retail price starts at \$29.99. The product comes complete with tubing, sprinklers with adjustable nozzles, spray deflectors, risers, caps, stakes and "goof" plugs.

Simple Soaker will be available this spring at stores across the country, including Home Depot, Target, and select ACE, TruServ and Do It Best stores.

# **Westland manager**

Laura Thompson, a ninevear veteran of Art Van Furniture, has been promoted to store manager of the company's store in Westland.

Thompson began her career at Art Van in 1993. Her



tion was on the sales team at the store Lansing after graduat-

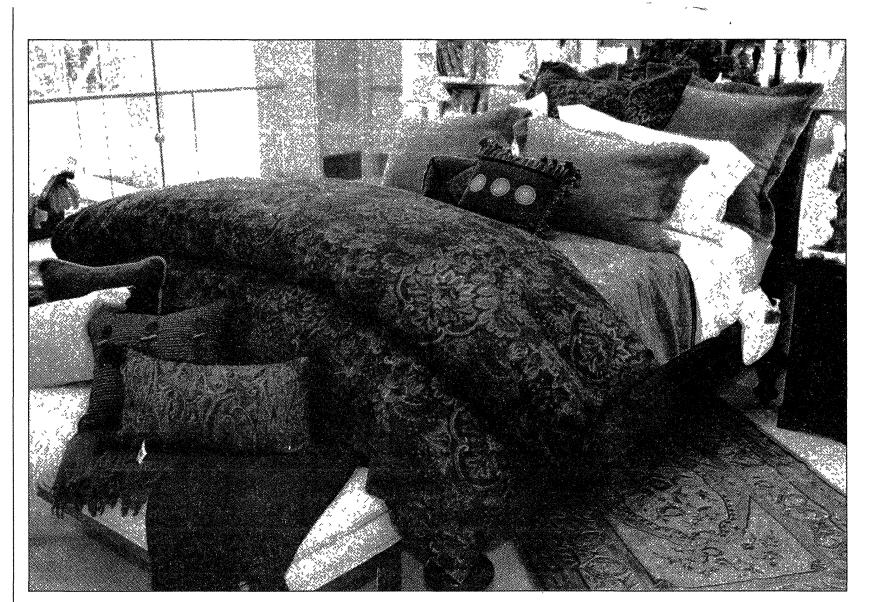
first posi-

ing from Michigan State University. After two years, she was promoted to assistant sales manager in Lansing and in 1998 became sales manager at the Howell location. In June 2000 she was promoted to store manager there, and in August 2000 to her most recent post as store manager in Jackson.

The Westland store opened in 1987 and had a major renovation in 2001. The 75,000square foot facility houses a main showroom and features the chain's largest selection of youth bedroom furniture.

"Laura has proven to be a strong manager within our company," said Bill Barto, president of Art Van Furniture. "She consistently devotes attention to the needs of our guests and of our associates. We are confident that Laura will continue to delight our guests at the Westland location."





# Downright decision

down comforter depends on your needs

> BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

If you don't have a down comforter but want one, it's probably obvious now is an ideal time.

Perhaps you've been putting off the purchase.

That's understandable because buying a down comforter is an investment both in terms of money and time.

Cost aside, there's a plethora of factors to weigh before making a purchase. And, you should consider such particulars as the type of goose down used and the comforter's outer shell, if you want to go home with a comforter that meets your needs.

Among the many factors that affect the quality and price of a down comforter is the cover.

Before delving into the technical side of down comforters, first assess your personal sleeping habits.

SLEEPY TIME

"When people come in looking for comforters, we ask them a series of questions about how they sleep," said Michelle Albrecht, store manager at Scandia Down at the Somerset Collection in

These questions are your starting point, and the answers will guide you to the right comforter, she said.

Most are aimed at determining your sleeping tem-

Do you get cold or hot during sleep? Is your home cooler at night because you

lower the thermostat or like to sleep with open windows? Are you going through menopause? Do you plan to use your comforter only in the winter or all year long? If you don't sleep alone, what is your partner's body temperature during sleep and how does it affect yours?

"The problem with couples, you usually have one that's warm and one that's cold," said Albrecht.

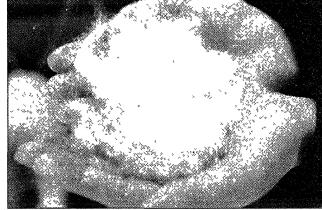
If that's the case, there's a solution. Yes, believe it or not, a single question has directed you to the appropriate product: a couple's comforter. Scandia Down's version has two side-byside boxed compartments for custom filling with Hungarian white goose down of 600 to 700 fill power.

WAIT, WHAT'S FILL POWER?

If you've forayed into the world of down before, you've encountered the \* phrase "fill power," and, yes, we've stumbled into the technical side of down shopping.

Fill power, which is a standardized rating of the quality of down, and ultimately its ability to insulate and keep you warm, is what's important to understand when shopping for a comforter.

The difference between down of higher and lower fill powers is the density and size, maybe even fluffi-



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Above left, the loft of down products brings a cozy, plush feeling to the bedroom, as with this grouping of down pillows, comforter, sheets, shams and duvet cover by Scandia Down. Above, the type of goose down feathers in a down product affects quality. Sought-after Siberian goose down, for instance, is denser in the center.

ness, of individual down clusters.

But don't confuse fill power with weight. In fact, the relationship between fill power and weight are typically inverse.

"What can be very confusing in the marketplace is fill power versus fill weight," said Teresa Matz, quality manager for Eddie Bauer Home, which has retail locations at Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor, the Village of Rochester Hills in Rochester Hills and the Somerset Collection in Troy.

With down, heavier isn't necessarily warmer. Sought-after Siberian white goose down, for instance, is more dense at the core and, thus, keeps you warmer than goose down from China, which is less dense. In other words, you need less down from Siberian than Chinese geese to obtain a relative level of insulation from a product.

If the concept gets fuzzy, think about how fluffy the down must be on those

geese that inhabit Siberia. Matz has a good catch phrase, too: "The better the down, the better the warmth for less weight."

Fortunately, retailers like Scandia Down and Eddie Bauer Home differentiate their comforters into groups like "all-season" and "winter weight," so some of the work is already done for you.

They're also trained to help you understand their products and make appropriate choices. Worst-case scenario, both allow you to make an exchange within a short period of time.

WHY DOWN, ANYWAY?

"It traps you own body heat, so that's why it keeps you at a more even temperature," said Albrecht at Scandia Down.

At the same time, it pulls

PLEASE SEE DOWN, C4

# Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning

BY JOHN HALL CORRESPONDENT

Carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms are similar to the flu nausea, vomiting, dizziness and headache.

Dr. Michael Calice, vice chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, said "as symptoms get worse you develop rapid heartbeat, rapid pulse and the victim may pass out."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that carbon monoxide poisoning kills at least 200 people each year and sends another 5,000 to the hospital. Many deaths go unreported because the victims, who die of apparent natural causes, are not subjected to autopsies that could pinpoint carbon monoxide poisoning as the probable cause of death.

Calice has seen carbon monoxide poisoning victims in the emergency room at St. Mary Mercy, although

they are "the exception, not the

"Once carbon monoxide poisoning is detected, it is important to administer 100 percent oxygen because carbon monoxide displaces oxygen in the hemoglobin of red blood cells," he said. "There is potential for permanent neurological damage.

Have at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home.

PLEASE SEE POISONING, C2

# **CARBON MONOXIDE FACTS**

- Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless toxic gas that is a product of incomplete combustion.
- When introduced to the bloodstream through the lungs, it is accepted in place of oxygen - literally suffocating its victim.
- Since carbon monoxide is an accumulative and direct-reacting toxin, it can be dangerous even at low levels over longer periods of time.
- The harmful effects of carbon monoxide inhalation depend on concentration, length of exposure, health, age, sex and size of the individual exposed.

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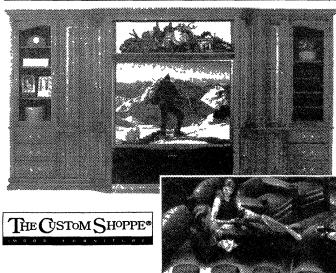
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# New cooker has ingredients for tragedy

y brother Larry called me during the holidays and told me he received a new cooker as a present and he cooked a turkey in it. He told me

**Appliance Doctor** 

Joe Gagnon

that the turkey turned out just delicious. So the next thing that was new in my life was the vegetable oil cooker that my darling Valorie

me. Now, I have always said that my cooking ability is nil and

bought for

I'm one of the few people who can ruin boiling water.

But now, I would consider the two chickens and the two turkeys that I prepared in the past two weeks to be worthy of a five-star rating.

These new cookers are selling like wildfire and they really do the job, but they hold a secret that most homeowners don't have a clue about.

It's called spontaneous combustion.

Ask many young people today what that means and they don't have any idea.

I created this one time as a youngster when I mixed two different cleaners to wipe down a hardwood floor.

When I was done, I crumbled up the rag and threw it into a wastebasket.

Several hours later it ignited

**READ THE** 

These new cookers are selling like wildfire and they really do the job, but they hold a secret that most homeowners don't have a clue about. It's called spontaneous combustion.

and because of luck alone, the house didn't burn

The Whirlpool Corporation did a test not so long ago and I wrote about it in this column.

They wiped up a vegetable oil spill with a cloth, ran it through the normal wash and dry cycle with the regular laundry, and folded the clothes and cloth and placed them into a laundry basket.

Even though the cloth had been washed, it wasn't enough to remove all traces of vegetable oil, and the cloth ignited in the laundry basket.

The fire was a direct result of spontaneous combustion.

#### **GIVE IT ATTENTION**

This new cooker needs a lot of attention when it is being

It needs to be used outside, not in the garage or in the

Using it in the garage will leave a cooking odor for several days as proven by yours

You have to hook up a propane tank to it, making sure that the cooker itself is placed downwind of the tank. You have to put the food item inside the cooker and fill it with water to just an inch above the food, to give you a measurement of how much vegetable oil is needed.

Before you fill it with oil you need to make sure you wiped dry all the water that was in there. You've heard the old saying that oil and water don't mix.

Before you put the food product inside you have to heat the vegetable oil to 325 degrees, and do I need to explain how hot that is? The oil must never heat higher than 350 degrees when using this thing or it will pop up and land on you.

Remember now, you've got a tank of propane just a few feet away, a high burning flame underneath the pot and the potential for a serious accident just waiting to happen.

Along with the cooker comes a thermometer that should be treated with care. Don't ever use this cooker without having that thermometer always submersed in the boiling vegetable

A big pair of fireproof gloves is another requirement. It comes with a hanger that

is used to hook on to the inside cooking pot to remove the item from the cooking pot, and extreme care is needed to prevent the pot from tipping over onto your feet. Cooking oil boiling at 325 degrees is hot enough to cook your shoes.

It's imperative that you read the instructions with this product. Yes, you will have some fine tasting food, and at four minutes per pound, a pretty quick preparation time.

You probably think that Valorie and I are eating a lot of chicken and turkey but that's not so. I practiced on a few and gave them away to the neighbors.

Sad note: Nowhere on the box does it tell you that if you clean the inside of the pots (and you will), you should use care with the cloth you use to clean it. Wash that rag separate in hot hot water and hang it in the garage to dry.

I am sure that you will hear and see stories in the near future about house fires created by spontaneous combus-

During the holiday buying season there were stores that ran out of stock on this new cooker.

It's a great product but I would like to meet the idiot who didn't know that vegetable oil can cause a tragedy in the American home.

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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# **POISONING**

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"The carbon monoxide detector should be a plugin type with a battery backup, and approved by qualified testing agencies," said Alan Brandemihl Jr., chief of the Livonia Fire Department.

"These are warning devices that really make a difference.

You can spend \$40-\$50 and have an excellent detector which gives you peace of mind."

There are other ways to help prevent carbon monoxide poi-

Use nonelectrical space heaters only in well-ventilated areas. If the power goes out, don't use your gas stove for heating.

Don't start or leave running cars, trucks or other vehicles in an enclosed area such as an

attached garage.

The CPSC recommends that homeowners have their furnaces, water heaters and other gas burning appliances inspected annually by a qualified service professional.

"Sometimes stoves and clothes dryers are not properly ventilated," said Brandemihl. "People should make sure dryer vents are clean and free of blockage. They should also have chimneys and ductwork cleaned, too."

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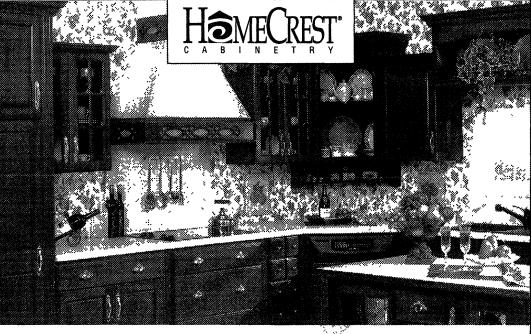
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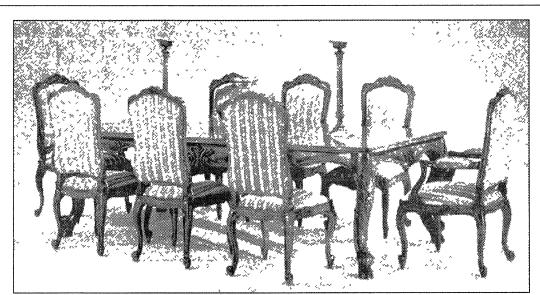
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# On sale

This Versaille dining set by Bau Furniture includes a table 86 inches long, six side chairs and two arm chairs. Finished in walnut with a burl, high-gloss finish, the set will be on sale for \$8,370.40 at the Marie-Howard showroom at Michigan Design Center during MDC's Floor Sample and Clearance Sale, taking place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26. The set's original price was \$20,926. The event is the only time that the public is invited to shop the showrooms of MDC, 1700 Stutz Drive in Troy, which is north off Maple, between Crooks and Coolidge. Shoppers will find semi-annual sale savings of 60 to 70 percent off list prices on hundreds of floor sample items, including furnishings and accessories. Admission is \$6, with a portion of the proceeds going to benefit the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS). Purchase payments may be made by cash or check. Some showrooms will be accepting Visa or MasterCard. Arrangements for delivery service can be made at the customer's expense. Design seminars will be presented by MDC at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. each day. MDC's Designer On Call interior designers will be available to answer questions.

# **HOME AND GARDEN CALENDAR**

#### Super Bowl event

All Art Van Furniture stores will have an event for women 2-4 p.m. Jan. 26, which is Super Bowl Sunday. Women may receive a complimentary makeup consultation from a Jafra Cosmetics consultant. Hand treatments will be given, and products will be available. The first 25 guests will receive a free gift from Jafra.

Gardening series

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The Detroit Garden Center is presenting a series of gardening classes 9:30

a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1, organized by Janet Macunovich of the Michigan School of Detroit Garden Center at (313) 259with Rick Lazzell

■ 52 Weeks of Landscape Color: Tips

for Making Your Lawn and Garden

Interesting All Year (Feb. 1), with

Macunovich, who is an instructor,

designer, garden writer and author.

■ Water-wise Landscaping and

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Gardening. The classes take place in the auditorium of Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot in Detroit. Cost is \$15 per class. To register and for more information, call the

yahoo.com. Topics are: Rainwater Harvesting (Jan. 25),

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# Ice dams usually cause leaks in roofs

fter just about every significant snowfall, I get questions about leaking roofs, particularly near outside walls. Usually, ice dams cause

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> Harry Jachym

these leaks. The subject of ice dams has been discussed many times before but probably bears repeating, especially since we've already had a few considerable snow-

falls this year

and predic-

tions are for

more.

An ice dam happens when snow melts on the upper portions of the roof. The melt water rolls down the roof and refreezes at the cooler eaves or sometimes in a clogged gutter. The resulting "dam" prevents other runoff from coming off the roof, forming a pool.

Since shingles are designed to shed water, not hold water, the resulting pool works its way underneath them, causing water damage inside the house. To help prevent these dams from happening to your house, you can do a few things:

Get the snow off the roof.

After any snowfall of 2 inches or more, get as much snow off your roof as you can reach. At least try to remove the snow from the eaves.

Since a snow-covered roof can be very slippery, avoid getting on the roof itself. Instead, invest in a roof snow rake. These long-handled devices are used to pull snow off the roof while standing on the ground. You can find these at most hardware and home improvement stores.

■ Insulate before next win-

Keeping as much of the heat in your living space as possible will not only help prevent snow melt but also lower your energy bills.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy publication Insulation Fact Sheet (publication #DOE/CE-0180), a minimum of R-38 attic insulation is suggested in this area (more if you have electric heating) for existing houses. R-38 is equal to about 12 inches of fiberglass insulation. The above publication can found on the Internet at www.ornl.gov/ roofs+walls/ insulation/ins 01.html.

Unfortunately, no matter what you do, you won't be able to keep all your heat in the living areas. Getting this lost heat out of the attic crawl space is

Venting is the answer. Codes require that there be a minimum of 1 square foot of venting for every 150 square feet of attic crawl space. If your home was made before this code went into effect, you may not have enough venting. Codes should be considered minimum, and this is a case of where more is better.

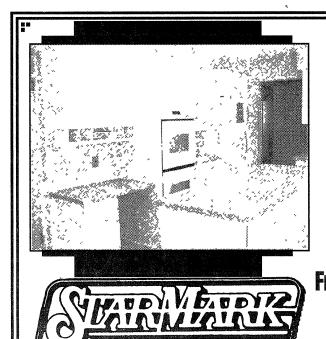
Adding ridge, gable or other types of roof vents is only half the battle. Warm air won't exhaust well if there is nothing to replace it. This will require the addition of soffit vents, or some sort of lower roof vent-

The convection movement of air caused by the cooler air being drawn in these by the exhausted warm air will cool the roof, slowing the melting of  $% \left\{ 1,2,...,n\right\}$ snow, which helps prevent ice

Keep warm, keep dry and enjoy the rest of our winter.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident.

**Send any questions** or comments to Jachym at askdad@ comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.



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# Orchid festival set at English Gardens

English Gardens is dedicating an entire weekend to one of the world's most beautiful and exotic flowers - the orchid.

The first English Gardens Orchid Festival, Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 25-26, will feature two full afternoons of displays, expert growers and educational seminars on more than 50 varieties of the flower.

The weekend is geared for orchid lovers of all levels of expertise, featuring "how-to" lessons for the novice gardener and visits with orchid growers for avid enthusiasts.

Event hours are noon to 4 p.m. at all five English Gardens locations: 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), 4901 Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak (phone (248) 280-9500), 22650 Ford in Dearborn

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Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), 44850 Garfield in Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100), and 22501 Kelly Road in Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200).

Experts and growers discussing orchid care and handling; genealogical histories; displays and descriptions; and an open forum for questions and answers will be featured.

Wayne McGonigal, a member of the Worldwide Orchids speakers group and guest speaker on the HGTV's Way to Grow, will host the Introduction to Orchids educational seminar at the Royal

Oak store 1 p.m. both days. Another seminar, Selecting a Greenhouse, will take place 11 a.m. Saturday in West Bloomfield, 3 p.m. Saturday in

down are, in fact, having a

reaction to dust mites, said

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Dust mites are a problem in

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or the comforter is in need of

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"For people who suffer from

Matz at Eddie Bauer.

two to three years.

one," said Matz.

Clinton Township and 3 p.m. Sunday in Royal Oak.

English Gardens will showcase 50 varieties of orchids, including orchids from the Phalaenopsis, Cattleva. Oncidium and Dendrobium

Among the orchids shown will be many exotic clones, including the Baldan Kaleidoscope and Florida-born Baldans Kaleidoscope Golden Treasure AM/AOS.

Visitors wishing to buy orchids or orchid supplies will receive 20 percent off during

the festival weekend. For more information about specific festival activities, contact one of the stores.

For the nearest English Gardens, call (800) 335-GROW or check the Web site at www.englishgardens.com.

comforter shells prevents not only down clusters from escaping but also dust mites from getting inside, she said.

Don't underestimate the look of down, either. Appearances affect sleep and well-being, said Albrecht.

"With down, you get loft, you get a beautiful look that's cozy and it kind of envelops

And, sometimes, looking like is feeling like, said Matz.

"If you think about it, it's like falling asleep in a cloud."

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# Hardy hibiscus will thrive in Michigan

ave you longed for a beautiful shrub to add to your garden? If so, take time this month to see where a bushy plant that grows four-

five feet tall will fit. A hardy hibiscus may be the perfect choice; the blooms come in many colors, from white to deep

Garden spot

Marty **Figley** 

Gilberg Perennial Farms in Missouri grows and hybridizes these plants and has some

red.

interesting information about how to grow them in the garden.

They can be used as a hedge and should be planted 18 inches apart so they'll grow upright and spread out less. This will give a beautiful show, as the flowers will be massed for optimum impact.

If you want bushier plants for a specimen or massed planting, increase spacing three-five feet on center and pinch back growing tips when the plant is eight inches tall and again when it is 12 inches

Hardy hibiscus varieties are tolerant of many soils and uneven moisture. They do even better with ample organic matter and moisture. They will tolerate wet soils and are extremely drought-resistant once they are established.

So, they may be a great choice if our drought continues — and we feel pretty sure that

Hardy hibiscus will survive temperatures to -25 degrees Fahrenheit and withstand -55 degrees wind chill.

Another plus for these hardies is that won't stop blooming when nights are hot, as other plants do. They like the high night heat! They will grow in full sun to partial shade and will thrive in heat up to well over 100 degrees



MARTY FIGLEY

Hardy hibiscus will thrive beautifully in our Michigan weather.

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Their zone range is from 10 to 3, which makes them quite suitable for our zone 5-6.

These plants bear more flowers during a long season that lasts from midsummer to hard frost. They are also resistant to many diseases and seldom have pest problems. What more could anyone want?

Hardy hibiscus combine well with many perennial plants, including daylilies and ornamental grasses. Gilberg Farms suggests cutting the plants back to four-five inches after a hard frost in the fall. New spring growth will rise from the roots.

For more information, visit www.hibiscuscentral.com

#### **LECTURE**

Don't miss Daniel Hinkley, director of the famous Heronswood Nursery of Kingston, Wash., plant explorer and author, who will be the featured speaker 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at Goldner Walsh Nursery.

RSVP to Goldner Walsh by phone, (248) 332-6430, or mail, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac. Cost per person is \$14, with \$1 going to Oakland County Master Gardeners. Refreshments will be offered.

Hinkley will present a lecture that will include slides,

and will also sign his books,

The Explorer's Garden and his latest, Winter Ornamentals.

An incredible selection of under-used plants, most of which are propagated at the nursery, many from seeds and cuttings from plants found on Hinkley's travels throughout the world, will be featured in the slide presentation.

Mail order is the biggest part of the business, and the catalog offers all kinds of interesting plants, trees, shrubs, conifers, perennials, vines, ornamental grasses and sedges. It includes cultural information and per-

sonal remarks. I had the pleasure of visiting Heronswood last August, and all I can say is, "Wow!" There is a three-acre woodland garden, many, many unusual specimens, and a bog garden hidden on the grounds. That's just for

starters. This program is the first of three in Goldner Walsh's Cabin Fever Lecture Series.

If you want to make a day of it, I will be speaking the same day at 1 p.m. at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. The subject will be Art in the Garden. The fee for the program is \$15. Questions? Call (734) 998-7061.

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.





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Life Lines

Cathy Standish

# **Military** advice could come in handy

s a mother of three, I have done my time with volunteering. Room Mother, Snack Mom, Drink Mom, Orange Mom - name it, and I have done it.

I have done crafts with giggly kindergarten students. I have driven a van of four boys and one sad little girl to the apple orchard.

I have wiped unfamiliar noses in preschool classes; I've dried tiny tears and big tears. My kids are my job, my life. I try to make a point to be sure I have volunteered equally for each child, offered adequate time to all.

I've been banned from volunteering beyond the fifth grade. Chaperoning a Junior High Cedar Point trip was flatly refused by both of my sons. They just didn't appreciate how badly I wanted to go to the amusement park for just the sheer fun of it all.

I'm thinking about offering to chaperone a couple of high school dances. I know I could withstand the eye daggers shooting at me all evening. We'll see how that unfolds.

Working in elementary school classrooms once a month was always an eveopening experience, giving me a much-appreciated glimpse of a teacher's influence on my kids' lives

Nap time - my nap time moved from an option to a necessity after a half-day of volunteering with 30 elementary students.

As a volunteer parent, I've endured various fellow parents consumed with the power of their nonpaid position. As an unpaid volunteer, I've answered dozens of e-mail commands - the same kinds of edicts that some people get paid nicely to read.

As a volunteer, I've sat in meetings and fought for budgetary concerns. I have used dry erase boards and stinky markers to illustrate my plan. Once, I traveled with a leather portfolio that almost resembled a briefcase. It was a heady experi-

I've begged local businesses for contributions; I have pulled in favors from friends. All for the benefit of the group/school/activity I am volunteering for at the particular time.

All of this work at the income of a stay-at-home Mommy.

Maybe one day, in between the basement sleepovers, in between the car pools, in between the dances and in between the bake sales, in between all the activities, I will have time to look for a job that will pay.

Don't get my wrong, I've enjoyed all the volunteering, nose-wiping, carpooling, emailing, snack schlepping and, ultimately, quality time with my children outside the

But now, with increasing frequency, I recall advice my husband shared with me years ago. Advice given to him by his Dad, a career Army officer, as my husband

prepared for basic training: 'Keep your feet dry and don't volunteer for anything."

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and regular contributor to the Observer. She can be reached via e-mail at Cate1956@aol.com.

# Ubserver life



Katie Schwalm, 11, sings the national anthem at a recent Redford Unified high school hockey game. The young singer also performs for some of the Plymouth Whalers home games. Above is Katie Schwalm's CD cover for the album, "Remember Me." It's one of four CDs her uncle has recorded for her in a basement studio.

# A 'Whale' of a voice

Canton youngster hopes to parlay anthem singing into a career

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

If you don't count free tickets to Plymouth Whalers games, 11-year-old Katie Schwalm of Canton got the first paying gig of her young singing life this past

If she fulfills the promise the youngster has shown since being captured on video standing on a toy box singing into a microphone, it won't be her last.

Folks around this area already know a lot about Schwalm, a Central Middle School student who sings the national anthem at Plymouth Whalers home games and does the same for the Redford Unified high school hockey team.

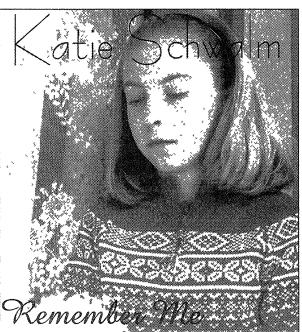
She does some local festivals – Memorial Day in Northville – and has done a telethon Downriver. She's done some patriotic songs, often being asked to sing "God Bless America" or "God Bless the USA."

All of which has left the precocious youngst undaunted.

"I think it's fun to perform for people," said Katie, a straight-A student who made the Principal's List at Central. "I like showing them I don't just have a 'little

At first, her parents didn't know whether to take it seriously. Now, however, it's gotten to the point where Katie's uncle, Bill Trail, has built a recording studio for her in his Canton home. They've recorded four CDs.

The youngster has always shown an interest in music. Her talent started becoming obvious to people outside the walls of her own home when she was 7 when, in 1998, Katie sang the old Carpenters hit, "On



Top of the World," when her Uncle Bill got married. Too nervous to do it live, Katie recorded it, and Trail played it at the wedding.

"It was great," Trail recalled. "After that, her talent as obvious. We started recording her on tape in the living room, but she got to the point where that wasn't ents without first discussing it with the daughter. good enough."

That's when Trail, who works for the city of Northville, built the studio in his basement.

"We didn't know how seriously we should be at first," said her mom, Kathy. "We weren't sure if she'd even care for it."

Apparently, they've decided. She's been to a number of competitions – "She blew everyone away," a proud Kathy said of her daughter - and is building up something of a regional following. When she auditioned to be the new anthem singer for the Whalers at the start of the season, she won that, too.

"When other people hear her sing, you don't get, 'Aw, she's so cute for a little girl," Bill Trail said of his niece. "You get, 'Wow!"

How serious is the family getting? Trail has recorded more than two dozen demo tapes to be sent to producers and agents, feelers on whether Katie has a career ahead of her. Although everything they've recorded so far has been cover stuff, the family has a cousin in Nashville who wants to start writing music

It's all getting to be a bit much for the family to continue handling. That's why the demo tapes are going out to agents and producers as the Schwalms try to plan what's best for Katie.

"The family is getting to the point where we know it's not our profession," Bill Trail said of handling any career his niece might have. "That's why we want to find someone.'

Katie wouldn't be the first musically gifted person in her family. Her great-aunt had a gospel album out years ago. There's the cousin who writes songs in Nashville.

But her dad is pretty sure he knows where Katie gets the musical acumen.

'It's God's gift," said Matt Schwalm, an engineer for Ford. "Ever since I can remember, since she was 2 years old, she's been singing."

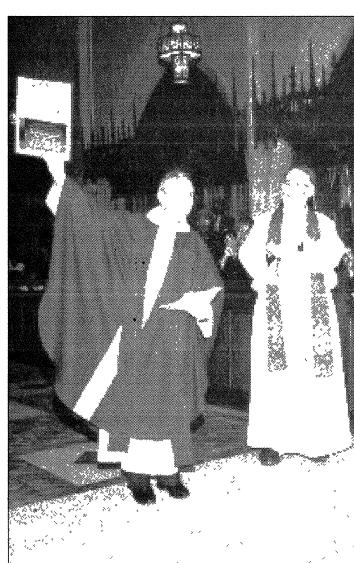
Even at this tender age, Matt and Kathy Schwalm want their daughter to pursue the singing only if it's what Katie wants. No decisions are made by the par "We don't ever make a decision," Kathy Schwalm

said. "We sit down with Katie, and she says yes or no. If this is something she wants to do, then of course we support her 100 percent. But I want it to be something she wants.

For the record, it is. Katie, who also dances at Central City in Canton, smiles at the thought of going on stage and singing for a living. "I really want to become a professional singer," she said. "I like being in front of people and performing. I've always loved it."

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# Church hosts World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation



KHRISTIAN SPEELMAN

The Rev. Edward Mullins of Christ Church Cranbrook (left) holds up the World Sabbath Peace Maker Award, just presented to him and the church by the Rev. Rod Reinhart, because of their active work for world peace.

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER STAFF WRITER

Four years ago, two area ministers joined hearts and hands to start an interfaith day of prayer for peace in the world.

Today, in the aftermath of 9/11 and with talk of imminent war, they believe the World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation is needed more than ever.

"It's more needed because today, religious war and religious conflict touch Americans far more closely than four years ago," said the Rev. Rod Reinhart of Plymouth, who founded the day while interim pastor of Nativity Episcopal Church in Bloomfield Township. "We need to pray for an end to all forms of violence, especially violence done in the name of God."

"This is a very pivotal and crucial year for it with all that is going on in the world," agreed the Rev. Edward Mullins, rector of Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, which has hosted the event since the first year. "There are politicians who are using the name of God to promote political ends."

In contrast, "The World Sabbath is a model of interreligious cooperation. People are really coming together for More information is on the Web site, www.worldsabbath.com.

this and it is exciting to have all the major religions be part

# **PRAYER AND SONG**

The fourth World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. It will again be at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine Road between Telegraph and Woodward. About 400 people attended last year.

This year's theme is "The Power of Prayer To Heal and Change the World."

"Leaders of the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths will tell how faith and prayer opens the doors for God to enter in and heal the world," said Reinhart, who now serves at St. Martha's Episcopal Church in Detroit.

Featured speakers include Najah Bazzy, a leading young Muslim woman from Michigan, Dr. Felix Rogers, head of the Cranbrook Peace Foundation, and Rabbi Daniel Syme, chief rabbi of Temple Beth-El in Bloomfield

Performing will be the combined choirs of Hope United Methodist Church of Southfield and Christ Church Cranbrook; and a dancing and drumming choir from Sudan, formed by St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lansing. Most of the members of the choir fled religious persecution in their homeland.

Afterwards, there will be a reception. The event is "perfect for kids, students, grownups. Wonderful for the most deeply religious person as well as the most deeply atheistic," said Reinhart. "It's a day for all people to turn away from religious prejudice and fear."

# A WORLD DAY

Reinhart and Mullins have talked about the day in various cities around the world, including Cape Town, South Africa, and Oxford, England.

"What we are seeing is that prayer services like this have been performed in Vancouver and Japan, and other cities in the world," Reinhart said.

"The World Sabbath has created a model of interfaith worship that has allowed many interfaith groups to effectively pray together for peace in the full confidence that they can express the deepest feelings of their hearts and be heard, respected and

understood." More information is on the Web site, www.worldsabbath.com.

#### **AROUND TOWN**

**Health Discussion** 

Half Hour to Health at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the Brackney Chiropractic Health Center in Canton. Join Dr. Brackney for an informative and amusing look at natural healing, vitamins, and nutrition. Refreshments and door prizes provided. Schedule early due to limited seating by calling (734) 455-4444.

**Winter Art Classes** 

Calling all aspiring artists, beginning or experienced. Come to the PCAC for pottery class, drawing and sketching class, beading, beginning painting, Saturday morning art and figure drawing. Classes begin Jan. 31, meet on any day of the week and are for all ages. For more info, call (734) 416-4278.

**County Chorus** 

The County Connection Chorus, a women's singing group from Ypsilanti, hosts Acappella 101, a free four-week session for women interested in learning more about singing acappella music in the barbershop style. The chorus is affiliated with Sweet Adelines International. Interested women should contact Jennifer Jones (734) 480-8843.

**Drug Workshop** 

The "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do" workshop was developed to help people who are struggling with teen substance abuse issues. Part One, "What To Know," will be presented from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, Ypsilanti, with presenter Roin Harrison, SW. Call (734) 973-7892 for further

Lecture

A free lecture, "The Five Secrets To Permanent Weight Loss," is being presented 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at the Canton Public Library with speaker Dr. Michael Brackney D.C. It covers safe and proven natural weight loss methods.

**School Open House** 

Arbor Montessori is hosting an open house from I-4 p.m. Jan. 25 at 10980 Ford Rd. Arbor serves children 2-1/2 through 6 years of age. Meet the staff and receive information about summer and fall enrollment. Call (734) 662-8016 for more information.

**Grief Workshop** 

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight-week grief workshop "From Grief to New Hope" beginning Feb. 10. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Meeting for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. Call (248) 374-5966.

Mandala Workshop The PCAC is offering a Mandala II

Workshop with Cathy Dyer from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. Participants who have taken the beginning level class will continue to create colorful healing symbols using colored pencils on black paper designed around a circle. Further meditation and visualization will be stressed. Cost is \$65 for PCAC members and \$70 for non-members. Call (734) 416-4278. Healing for Divorced/Widowed A weekend, designed for divorce or widowed men and women of all ages who wish to let go of the painful past and create a peace-filled future is offered by trained teams of people who have "been there." Being held Feb. 7-9 at St. John Center in Plymouth. Must register by Jan. 27. Call Jan at (586) 992-0306 or Marie at (734) 464-7043.

**Philosophy Lecture** 

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A mixed media lecture on ancient and esoteric teachings for persons who may have a desire to know about application of these ideas in daily life. Being held at Ageless Wisdom Nutritional Center, from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. For more information, call (248) 477-8167.

Willow Creek Preschool

Is now enrolling for 2002-2003 school year. Three-year-olds meet Tuesday and Thursday. Four-year-olds meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Licensed preschool with certified teachers. For information, call Sherry Haskell (734) 326-5735.

**Hockey Coaches** 

The Plymouth Canton Hockey Association is accepting coaching applications for the 2003-2004 season. Applications are due Friday, Jan. 31. Call Shawn Rowley at (734) 981-0120 for more information.

**Plymouth Community Chorus Auditions** 

Open auditions for the upcoming concert, "Broadway Legends," will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Hillside Middle School, southeast corner of Eight Mile Road and Center Street in Northville. No appointments neces-

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 To provide "ice time" for those

inspired, the PCAC is hosting an icecarving workshop on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003. Instructors from Henry Ford Community College will be on hand to lead participants through this threehour 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 pricing on tickets for the PCAC's annual dinner, dance and auction to be held Friday, March 14, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. 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) 455-6620 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. OPEN HOUSE for 2003-2004 on Jan. 25 from 1-3 p.m. REGISTRATION DAY for 2003-2004 school year is on Feb. 2 from 1-3 p.m.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.

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.

### **CLUBS**

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

**SEPAC** 

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

Plymouth VFW

Fish frys continue every Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The price is only \$7 at the Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill. Brunch will be from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, and the third Sunday of each month thereafter. The cost is

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.

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Canton Rotary Club

the three-hour class which meets every Monday morning in the dining area of the ice arena.

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.

Instructor George Hanosh demonstrates staining techniques to Ron Nikolits of Plymouth in a Woodcarving class

the art of carving wood, making figurines and staining and painting the finished products. The cost is only \$1 for

at the Plymouth Cultural Center recently. The weekly class, led by local artist Hanosh, allows novices to learn

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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 wel-

comes interested stay-at-home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and a lot more! For more information, please contact Wendy at (734) 398-6951.

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**Community Democrats** 

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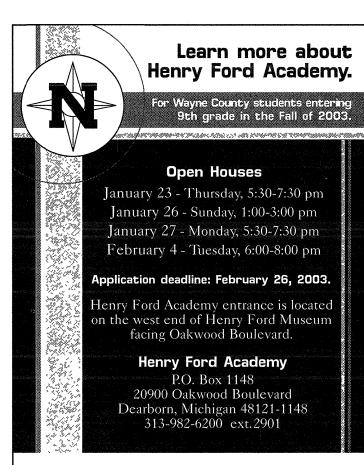
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25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY 313-532-2266 REDFORD TWP. Worship Service 9:15 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School

9:15 & 11:00 A.M. The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, Senior Pastor The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Past

## **Risen Christ Lutheran**

Plymouth • 453-5252 **Worship Service** 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Adults & Children) 9:30 a.m.

Pastor David Martin

## LUTHERAN CHURCH **WISCONSIN SYNOD**

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN church & school 17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 261-1360 ber • Monday Night Service • 7:00 p.m **Sunday Worship** 



Services 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## **EVANGELICAL** COVENANT

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH (248) 661-9191 Sunday Worship

and Children's Church 9:15 a.m. Contemporary 11:00 a.m. Traditional Child Care provided for all services Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups



# ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN

**HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL** 

9600 Leverne • So. Redford • 313-937-2424 Rev. Steve Eggers

Sunday Morning Worship

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:45 a.m

Thursday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Christian School Pre-Kindergarten-8th Grade

313-937-2233

Blk N of Ford Rd . Westland Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 A.M. Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M Monday Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

Kurt E Lambart, Pastor chard Schumacher, Principal/Youth Direct

# Grace Lutheran Church

46001 Warren Road • just west of Canton-Center Sunday Worship at 9:30 am Sunday School at 10:45 am 734-414-7422

Our mission at Grace Lutheran is to make, teach and serid out disciples who share Christ with all people



#### **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN** CHURCH IN AMERICA

**Timothy Lutheran Church** 8820 Wayne Rd. een Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road) Livonia • 427-2290

Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) 10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Avail.) http://www.timothylivonia.com



Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.

Education Hour 9:20 AM.



(734) 482-7121 201 N. River, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 www.emmanuelypsi.org e-mail: emmanuel@provide.net

## EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

# CHURCH

10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., **Plymouth** 5 Miles W. of Sheldon Rd.

From M-14 take Gottfredson Rd. South 734-459-9550 Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor

**Worship Services** 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. **Education Program** 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Nursery & Children's Programs at All 3 Services

FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



40000 Six Mile Road "just west of I-275" Northville, MI 248-374-7400 Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Traditional Worship and

Sunday School

8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M. Contemporary Service • 8:45 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.

Evening Service • 7:00 P.M. Nursery Provided Ward Pulpit 11:00 A.M.

WMUZ 560 AM

## PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A)

#### ST. TIMOTHY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA 16700 Newburgh Road Livonia • (734) 464-8844

SERVICE HOURS: Adult Ed 9:30 a m Family Worship: 11:00 a m "Irresistible"

Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA) 9601 Hubbard at W Chicago, Livonia, MI (734) 422-0494

> Contemporary Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am

Welcome You To A Full Program Church Rev Richard Peters, Pasto Rev Kellie Bohlman, Associate Pastor

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

**UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN** CHURCH OF FARIVING I OF 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills 248-478-7272 www.uufarmington.org A 150-Year-Old Historic Landmark Rev. Alexander Riegel, Minister Services & Sunday School 9am & 11am



# GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

5835 Sheldon Rd., Canton (734) 459-0013 nday Worship & Sunday School 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. July & August 10:00 a.m. Education For All Ages

Childcare Provided • Handicapped Accessible Resources for Hearing and Sight Impaired www genevachurch org

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Main & Church • (734) PLYMOUTH

8:30, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Dr. James Skimins Rev. Richard Jones Accessible to All

#### COMMUNITY CHURCHES



**Worship Service** Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Community Church

New Location 850 Ladd Rd. • Building C Walled Lake

OFF W. MAPLE ROAD, WEST OF PONTIAC TRAIL

www.orchardgrove.org

# UNITED METHODIST

# Building Healthy Families...

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service** 

Dynamic Youth and Children's Programs Adult Education Child-Care Provided

Pastors: Dr. Dean Klump, Rev. Deborah Thomas

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth 45201 North Territorial Road (West of Sheldon Road) (734) 453-5280

Catch the Spirit at Aldersgate **United Methodist Church** 10000 Beech Daly, Redford Between Plymouth and W. Chicago Bob & Diana Goudie, Co-Pastors 313-937-3170

3 Styles of Creative Worship 8:00 a.m. - Cozy, Traditional, Basic 9:30 a.m. - Contemporary, Family 11:00 a.m. - Traditional, Full Choir

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - Adults 11:00 a.m. Children thru Adults **Handicap Accessible** 

Your Life and Gift From God

1 Corinthians 7:7, 17-24

**Clarenceville United Methodist** Pastor James E. Britt Worship Services 8:45 & 11:15 AM Sunday Eve. Bible Study 6:00 PM

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Sunday School 10 AM

# ST. MATTHEW'S

**UNITED METHODIST** 30900 Six Mile Rd (Bet Merriman & Middleb Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt, Pastor 10:00 A.M. Worship & **Church School** www gbgm-umc org/stmatthews-livonia Nursery Provided • 734-422-6038

**NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** 

36500 Ann Arbor Trail 734-422-0149 Worship Services

9.15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Rev. Terry W. Allen

Rev. Barbara E. Welbaum sit our website: www.newburgumc.org

# 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

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

of Jesus. He reserved his harshest wisdom for those who were hypocritically judgmental



The Board of Trustees convened at 6:22 p.m. in closed session to discuss pending litigation and employee negotiations. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to move from closed session to open session at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 14, 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at  $7:06~\rm p.m.$  and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, Shefferly, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes - Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the minutes of the Joint Board Proceedings of the Board of Trustees and Downtown Development Authority dated December 5, 2002. Motion carried 6 ayes, 1 abstention by Mr. Shefferly. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the minutes of the regular study session of December 17, 2002. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the minutes of the regular study session of December 7, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills - Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly to approve payment of bills for January 14, 2003 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for Ja	anuary 14, 2003	
General Fund	101	219,251.85
Fire Fund	206	19,329.83
Police Fund	207	69,949.89
Summit Operating	208	23,036.18
Golf Fund	211	3,978.98
Street Lighting	219	15,749.66
Cable TV Fund	230	5,178.86
Twp Comm. Impvmt	246	82,074.43
E-911 Utility	261	24,205.77
Auto Forfeit (WWATEE)	267	240.00
Auto Theft Grant	289.	201.54
Downtown Dev. Auth	294	8,325.75
Post Empl. Benefits	296	17,163.04
CapProj-SummitConst	402	385,709.65
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	90.00
Bldg Auth Const.	469	50,857.42
Water & Sewer Fund	592	968,616.20
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,657.00
Construction Escrow	702	151,037.71
Total		2,052,463.76
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**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item 1. Approve Creation of New Funds, Golf Course Enterprise Fund #584 and Post Employment Benefits Fiduciary Fund #736. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the creation of Golf Course Enterprise Fund #584 and Post Employment Benefits Fiduciary Fund #736. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Budget Amendment, General Fund - General Government - Equalizer Software Maintenance Contract. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund Budget Amendment to appropriate funds from the fund balance for the \$6,300 Equalizer Software Maintenance contract costs: Increase Revenues: Appropriations From Fund Balance #101-000-699-0-000 \$6,300

Increase Appropriations: Contracted Services-General Government #101-200-818-0000 \$6,300. This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$736,422 to \$742.722, and the General Fund budget from \$22,939,500 to \$22,945,800. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Approval to Sell the Fire Safety House. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the sale of the Fire Safety House to the Lincoln Park Firefighters for \$4,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Consider Carryover of Public Works Capital Outlay Funds for Audio/Visual Equipment From The 2002 Budget to the 2003 Budget Year. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to transfer the remaining \$53,000 in the Public Works 2002 Capital Outlay Budget to the 2003 Capital Outlay Budget for the purchase of audio and video equipment for the new training facility. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Consider Resolution Providing the Planning Commission Authorization to Distribute and Consider Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution to authorize the Planning Commission to distribute and request review and comments from all jurisdictions and agencies as required by Public Act 263 of 2001, relative to proposals to amend the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton, without prior review and comment from the Township Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Second Reading of the Repeal of Pool Ordinance No. 110. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to remove from the table and publish the second reading of the repeal of Pool Ordinance No. 110 to become effective upon publication on January 23, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Request for Blanket Purchase Orders for 2003. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the blanket purchase orders for CMP Distributors Inc., Metropolitan Uniform, State of Michigan, Accumed Billing Inc., Appollo Fire Equipment and Bound Tree Medical. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. Approve Division Name Changes. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following divisional name changes: "Personnel" to Human Resources; "Resource Development" to Community Services; and "Management Information Systems" to Information Technology. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Appointments to 2003 Elected Officials' Compensation Committee. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to appoint Terry Bennett, Melissa McLaughlin and Karl Zarbo to the Canton Township Elected Officials' Compensation Committee for a term from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

# **GENERAL CALENDAR:**

Livonia, MI 48150

Item 1. Consider Special Land Use for Wendy's/Tim Horton's Restaurants. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Dennis Miller, to conduct the special use for the proposed Wendy's/Tim Horton's Restaurants, subject to compliance with any conditions contained in the Resolution and all other regulations of the Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Consider Site Plan for Crescent Academy Expansion. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the Petitioner Mr. Surrendra Bagga, to approve the site plan for the proposed Crescent Academy addition, conditioned upon revision of the plan to include the 29 parking spaces at the rear of the building with the current construction and subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Consider Award of Bid Package #2 For The Administration Building & Public Safety Building Expansion and Renovation. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve award of bid package #2 to the subcontractors recommended by George Auch Company. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration / Public Safety Building Expansion - Bid

Package #2	one safety building Expan	s10n - <b>B</b> 1a
Subcontractor	Proposal Letter	<u>Award</u>
National Precast Inc.	Proposal A	\$498,700
30066 Little Mack	Plant Precast Concrete	
Roseville, MI 48066		
<b>Baker Construction</b>	Proposal B	\$335,561
7936 M-36, Suite 1	Masonry	
Whitmore Lake, MI		
<b>Denn-Co Construction</b>	, Inc. Proposal C	\$324,490
13129 23 Mile Rd.	ExtWall Frame/Sheeting /	
Shelby Twp., MI 48315	Fireproof Insul./EIFS	
C Davis Roofing	Proposal D	\$150,000
6539 Burroughs	Roof & Preform/Siding/	
Sterling Hgts, MI 48314	Flash Panels	
DRV Joint Sealants	Proposal E	\$3,500
51667 Oro Drive	Sealants	
Shelby Twp., MI 48315		
Lansing Glass	Proposal F	\$423,697
2820 South Alpha Street	Glazing/Aluminum	
Lansing, MI 48910	Window Systems	
CPI International	Proposal G	\$15,890
28662 N. Ballard Dr.	Metal Framed Skylights	
Lake Forest, IL 60045		
<b>International Building</b>	g Products, Proposal H	\$5,260
11990 Mayfield	Misc Specialties: Drop Box	

Western Mech. Contr. Proposal J \$489,000 Plumbing 22630 Fifteen Mile Road Clinton Twp., MI 48035 **Professional Sprinkler** Prposal J \$267,000 28750 Wall Street Fire Protection Wixom, MI 48393 Delta Temp. Inc. Proposal K \$2,813,000 500 Ajax Drive Mechanical Madison Hgts., MI 48071 Proposal L **Grave Electric Services** \$1,253,900 12257 Market Street Electrical Livonia, MI 48150

Item 4. Waiver of Water Front Foot Fees For The Napier Road Water Main Project. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the water front foot fees for those properties that provided easements for the Napier Road Water Main. Motion carried unanimously.

\*Item 18. Appointment to the Planning Commission. [Moved up in agenda to be heard at this time] Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to appoint Mr. Greg Greene to the Canton Planning Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Right-Of-Way Dedication, Tap Fees And Water Hookups for Five Properties on the South Side of Cherry Hill Road West of Roosevelt Street. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute the quit claim deeds and approve the cost associated with the right-of-way acquisitions. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Consider Various Zoning Ordinance Amendments 2002-03. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in the following sections 1.03, 15.02, 16.02, 17.02, 2.03, 2.10, 2.14, 2.28, 5.05, and 5.08. carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the amendments to Sections 6.09 of the Zoning Ordinance as presented. Motion carried 6-1. Roll Call: Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Kirchgatter, Yack, Zarbo. Nay: Shefferly.

#### **ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2002-03**

ARTICLE 1.00 - RULES OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS 1.03 - DEFINITIONS - ADULT REGULATED USES: As used in this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply to adult regulated

MASSAGE PARLOR or MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT: A place where manipulated massage or manipulated exercises are practiced for pay upon the human body by anyone using mechanical, therapeutic, or bathing devices or techniques, other than the following: a duly licensed physician, osteopath, or chiropractor, a registered or practical nurse operating under a physician's directions; or, registered physical or occupational therapists or speech pathologists who treat patients referred by a licensed physician and operate only under such physician's direction. A massage establishment may include, but is not limited to, establishments commonly known as massage parlors, health spas, sauna baths, Turkish bathhouses, and steam baths. Massage establishments, as defined herein, shall not include properlylicensed hospitals, medical clinics, or nursing homes, or beauty salons or barber shops in which massages are administered only to the scalp, the face, the neck or the shoulders.

LICENSED MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT - an establishment as defined and regulated in Ordinance No. 100, "Massage Establishment and Massage Technician Licensing," as amended.

SITE IMPROVEMENTS - elements shown on the approved site plan, including, but not limited to parking lots, underground utilities, stormwater detention systems, lighting, landscaping, sidewalks, curbing, benches, fountains, public art, raised planters, retaining walls, obscuring walls or fences, clock towers, boardwalks, or gazebos. ARTICLE 15.00 - C-1, VILLAGE SHOPPING DISTRICT

15.02 - PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES - Amend the following subsection:

A. Permitted Uses and Structures

Personal Service Establishments including:

f. Licensed Massage Establishments ARTICLE 16.00 - C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

16.02 - PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES - Amend the following subsection:

A. Permitted Uses and Structures

Establishments which perform services on the premises such as: beauty and barber shops; licensed massage establishments; watch, radio, television, clothing, and shoe repair; locksmiths; photo processing outlets; photographic studios; and similar establishments.

ARTICLE 17.00 - C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT 17.02 - PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES - Amend the following subsection:

B. SPECIAL LAND USES

6. Adult book or supply stores, adult motion picture theaters, adult live stage performing theaters, adult outdoor motion picture theaters, and group "a" cabarets, and massage parlors or massage establishments, subject to the provisions in Section 6.02, subsection A.

# **ARTICLE 2.00 - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

2.03 - ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES - Create new subsections as follows:

E. LOCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR POOLS

The location and enclosure of any pool shall be such that no hazard exists for the pool users or the public. The minimum distance from the nearest part of the pool structure shall be as follows:

- Five (5) feet horizontally to any property line except that no pool shall be located within the front yard and in the case of a corner lot, the pool shall not be located within the required yard space as measured from the lot line which abuts the side
- Four (4) feet to any building wall or non-property line fence.
- Twenty-five (25) feet horizontally to any private water well or as approved by the Wayne County Health Department. Three (3) feet horizontally to any sewer, for an in ground pool.
- There shall be ten (10) feet horizontally to a septic tank and tile field or other similar treatment facility.
- No pool, parts of the pools, or related equipment shall be located in any easement of record.
- In a residential subdivision, pool water filtering and heating equipment shall not be located in the side yard, or in the case of a corner lot, within the required yard space which abuts the side street. Pool equipment shall not be located within the
- F. LOCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR CONDITIONING

Air conditioning units, regardless of size, shall not be placed in the front yard and shall be set back from the side or rear yard lot lines a minimum of six (6) feet. Further, air conditioning units must be located at least twelve (12) feet from any single family home on an adjacent lot.

#### 2.10 -- STREETS, ROADS, AND OTHER MEANS OF ACCESS D. PRIVATE ROADS OR STREETS

The following standards shall be complied with whenever a private internal or on-site road or street or street within a condominium is

- Applicability. Lots or building sites may be created with frontage on private roads or streets provided that such lots or building sites conform to all requirements of the district in which the land is located, and provided further, that the lots or building sites shall not be created until an easement agreement for the private road or street or condominium document has been executed and recorded in accordance with the standards set forth herein or within the Condominium Ordinance; and either the private road or street has been constructed in accordance with the standards set forth herein or financial guarantees in the amount of one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the amount of construction have been placed with the Township. The form of the financial guarantee may include irrevocable bank letter of credit, cashiers check or certified check. No construction shall be permitted on lots or building sites which have frontage only onto undeveloped private road easements. Construction may be permitted on such lots or building sites subsequent to development of the private road in full compliance with the regulations set forth herein.
- Site Plan Requirements. Submission of a site plan for review and approval shall be required, in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article 27.02, prior to issuance of any permits to construct a private road. The site plan shall also include information specified in the Subdivision Control or Condominium Ordinance.
- Minimum Easement Requirements. A sixty (60) foot wide road easement or right-of-way for ingress, egress, and parking shall be established contiguous to all lots to be serviced by a private road. Such easement shall be established for the joint nonexclusive use of all owners of property abutting the easement. The private road shall be established within the easement or right-of-way and shall provide access to all abutting property. Public utilities and drainage ditches shall also be permitted to

occupy the easement.

4. Design Requirements. Private roads shall be designed and constructed in accordance with standards and specifications indicated herein and with such other proper engineering standards as may be applicable to assure a safe, maintainable roadway. Class I private road cross-sections shall meet the gravel road cross-section with open ditches design standard, as illustrated herein, or equivalent design approved by the Township Engineer. Class II and III private road cross-sections shall meet the asphaltic concrete appropriate pavement crosssection with open ditch standard, as illustrated herein, or equivalent design approved by the Township Engineer. For the purpose of enforcing said standards and specifications, private roads shall be classified as follows:

-Class I Private Roads. Class I private roads serve not more than three (3) single-family residential lots or one (1) non-residential use, not including farm uses and buildings. (Supp. 95-1, Effective 5-4-95) -Class II Private Roads. Class II private roads meet one (1) or more of the following criteria:

- a. The road serves, is intended to serve, or has the reasonable potential of serving, four (4) or more single family residential lots or is located within a condominium. (Supp. 95-1; Effective
- The road connects with, is intended to eventually connect with, or has the reasonable potential of connecting with paved public or private road.
- The road has reasonable probability of eventually being dedicated as a public road.
- The road is being developed in an area with soil or topographic conditions which warrant special engineering or construction considerations, in the opinion of the Township Engineer.

-Class III Private Roads. Class III private roads serve, or are intended to serve commercial, office or industrial uses. Class III private roads are all other private roads not classified as Class I or Class II.

- Modification of Requirements. The Planning Commission and Township Board may waive or modify the private road requirements for private roads serving single-family development, upon recommendation of the Planning Official and Engineering Official, if it is determined that the average daily traffic using the private road will be less than one hundred (100) trips per day.
- Construction Standards. All private roads shall be constructed in strict accordance with the same standard procedures for public roads set forth by Wayne County Department of Public Services. Testing, reporting, and inspection services shall be performed by Canton Township's engineering consultant in accordance with the same requirements set forth by Wayne County for public roads. The developer of the private road(s) shall be responsible for the costs associated with the required inspection, testing, and reporting for completion of the road improvement.

2.14--TRASH REMOVAL AND COLLECTION

A. STANDARDS FOR SITING AND SCREENING OF REFUSE CONTAINMENT AREAS, INCLUDING TRASH DUMPSTERS, COMPACTORS, GREASE TRAPS AND OTHER REFUSE RECEPTACLES

For purposes of this provision, the term "dumpster shall include trash dumpsters, compactors, grease traps or other refuse

All commercial, office, industrial, religious and institutional developments shall have a designated refuse containment area. All attached housing developments shall have designated refuse containment areas unless the site plan indicates that refuse shall be collected on an individual-unit, curbside basis. All containment devices, including but not limited to dumpsters, garbage cans, trash containers, recycling bins, compactors, oil receptacles and grease traps, shall be enclosed as described in this article.

Dumpsters shall not be permitted for single family residential uses in the Rural Agricultural, Rural Residential, Rural Estate and the R-1 through R-5 districts, except as a temporary use in conjunction with renovation or new construction projects. Any such dumpsters must be removed immediately upon completion of the project.

Dumpters may be permitted or required as accessory to any use, other than single family residential uses in the Rural Agricultural, Rural Residential, and the R-1 through R-5 districts, subject to the following conditions.

1. Location.

- a. Dumpsters shall be located on a concrete pad in a rear or side yard provided any such dumpster shall not encroach on a required parking area or fire lane, is clearly accessible to servicing vehicles, and is located at least ten (10) feet from any building.
- Dumpsters shall be located as far as practicable from any adjoining residential district or use but shall in no instance be located within ten (10) feet of any residential property line or
- c. The vehicle approach to the dumpster shall be on the same
- The dumpster pad shall have a minimum dimension of twelve (12') feet by twenty (20') feet.
- The dumpster pad shall be large enough to support the dumpster and the front wheels of the dumpster collection
- Driveway Geometry Guidelines: The following guidelines, as illustrated herein, should be considered when siting dumpster
  - A minimum of 40-feet of clear space in front of the enclosure shall be provided to allow the truck to readily access the dumpster and to place it back inside the enclosure. Whenever possible dumpsters should be located perpendicular
  - to access drives. The angle between the line of direction to the container and the line of travel on the abutting access drive should not
- exceed 30-degrees. The minimum inside curve radius should be 35-feet; the minimum outside curve radius should be 57 feet.
- Screening. (See Illustrations)
  - a. Dumpsters shall be screened from view from adjoining property and public streets and thoroughfares.
  - Dumpsters shall be screened on three sides with a permanent building, or wall, which matches the masonry of the primary structure on the site, shall not be less than six (6) eight (8) feet in height and be at least one (1) foot above the height of the enclosed dumpster, whichever is taller. If constructed primarily of brick, the enclosure walls shall be topped with a limestone or similar-looking material cap to provide a finished appearance.
- The walls of the dumpster enclosure shall not be constructed of poured or pre-cast concrete panels.
- The fourth side of the dumpster screen shall be equipped with an opaque, lockable gate that is the same height as the enclosure around the other three sides. (Supp. 01-4, Effective 011-01-2001) Chain link or similar type gates with inserted opaque slats are unacceptable.
- The minimum inside dimensions of the enclosure shall be ten feet (10') deep by eleven feet wide (11'). The gates shall not protrude into the required inside minimum dimensions.
- A minimum of three (3) concrete-filled pipe bollards, with a minimum diameter of six (6") inches shall be installed along the inside rear wall of the dumpster enclosure. Bollards shall be set in concrete three feet (3') below grade and shall extend four feet (4') above grade. Such bollards shall be located at least two feet (2') from the inside rear wall of the enclosure. If the enclosure is greater than twelve feet (12') in width, an additional bollard shall be installed for every four feet (4') or portion thereof of additional width.

Expansion of Existing Screen Enclosures. If dumpsters are needed on-site in excess of the quantity anticipated by the original, approved site plan, the existing enclosure may be expanded, using matching materials. If however, additional enclosures are required to be constructed, they shall be constructed of masonry material as described elsewhere in this article.

Maintenance. All dumpster screens, pads and gates shall be perpetually maintained in good condition by the owner of the property on which it is located. Further, it shall be the responsibility of each property owner, business, commercial, industrial or institutional establishment to:

Locate or place the dumpster or refuse container in such a location that it can be lifted by appropriate mechanical equipment.

Maintain each dumpster or refuse container in a safe, clean and sanitary condition.

Insure that the dumpster is kept within the walls of the screen enclosure at all times, except when being emptied.

Keep the area around the dumpster clear and free of all litter

Insure that all waste is deposited in such a manner as to prevent spilling or blowing out of the dumpster container.

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#### **Toastmasters**

Develop your public speaking, communications and leadership skills. Guests

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 informa-

#### K of C Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet 8:30 a.m. to noon every Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. (734) 453-9833 for further informa-

#### Kiwanis Breakfast Club

BNI

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.

#### The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) meets 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Atlantis Restaurant, 39500 Ann Arbor Rd.,

Plymouth. The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Family Restaurant on Plymouth Road, east of Merriman,

Livonia. The Plymouth Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth at Stark, Livonia.

Call the BNI regional office at (810)

#### 323-3800.

The Plymouth Baptist Church holds the Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. These meetings provide a time for

moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Child care is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, between Lilley and Haggerty.

#### Call (734) 453-5534. **Mothers of Multiples**

The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

#### **Human Rights Group**

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

#### **Plymouth Newcomers**

Plymouth Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to helping people meet others in the community through its monthly meetings and variety of interest groups. Call Diane Peyton at (734) 354-

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

#### Home Care & Hospice of Michigan

If you are willing to help assist the needs of the dying and their families with a few hours of conversation,

read, hold a hand or just be there with a person while the family is out, you are needed. A volunteer training class will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Call Sherry Wagenknecht (734) 769-4212 for info.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

First Step Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault of Western Wayne County is seeking volunteers in the following areas: emergency shelter services, 24-hour-help line, court advocacy, crisis response team, general office tasks and special projects. Training is provided and opportunities are available throughout western Wayne County. Volunteers must be 18 or older. Call (734) 416-111, Ext. 216.

American Cancer Society Recruiting volunteers for its Road to Recovery program. Volunteers help to drive cancer patients to and from their treatment at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. To learn more, call (248) 557-5353.

#### **Habitat For Humanity**

Looking for volunteers to help with building homes, office duties, and fund raising. No experience needed, training will be provided. For more details call (734) 459-7744 and ask for Deidre.

#### **Discovery Shops** The American Cancer Society's

Discovery Shops are looking for volunteers interested in retail. Various positions, flexible hours and training are available. For more information, call the American Cancer Society at (248) 557-5353 or toll-free at (800) 925-2271.

#### **Cancer Center**

The Patient Education Resource Center at the University of Michigan Cancer Center is looking for volunteers to

help patients and families obtain information about cancer.

Basic computer skills and knowledge of the Internet required. One four-hour shift per week during business hours. For more details, call Ruti Volk at 936-

#### **SUPPORT**

#### **Healing Weekend**

**UPCOMING** 

A weekend designed for divorced or widowed men and women of all ages who wish to let go of the painful past and create a peace-filled future is presented by trained teams of people who have "been there."

A "Beginning Experience" weekend will be held Feb. 7-9 at St. John Center in Plymouth, Must register by Jan. 27. ·Call Jan at (586) 992-0306 or Marie at (734) 464-7043.

#### **Cancer Networking Group**

For persons with leukemia, lymphoma or multiple myeloma. Meeting the first and third Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 at the Weisberg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern

#### Hwy. in Farmington Hills. **Divorce Recovery & Support**

Series for men and women of all ages, offers healing and support in dealing with the painful issues of divorce, while promoting recovery and healing. For more details, contact Gloria at (248) 651-8014 or Jeff at (248) 620-3037.

#### First Step

First Step, the Western Wayne County and Downriver Project to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, offers free counseling for survivors of sexual assault. To schedule an appointment or to learn more about our services, please

call our toll-free helpline at (888) 453-5900.

#### **Grief Support For Kids**

How do kids deal with grief after a loved one has died? Northern Xpress Ways is a grief support group provided by Pathfinders of Arbor Hospice & Home Care for elementary and middle-school age kids who have experienced death of a loved

Call (734) 662-3742 for further informa-

#### **Grief Support**

Millions of people each year experience feelings of sadness, loneliness, and anger after the death of a loved

Group support meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday at the Community Hospice in Westland. Call (734) 522-4244 for further information.

#### **Children Of Divorce**

The group meets weekly 6-7 p.m. on Monday or Tuesday evenings. The group is designed for children ages 6-12 and may also benefit children whose parents have separated or divorced in the past but who are still struggling to accept it. For information and registration, call Barbara Bielak at (734) 453-0718.

## **Grief Support**

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers grief support groups and resources to the community free of charge.

It is also sponsoring a support group for family members of those who died in the 9/11 tragedy. Groups for widows and widowers of all ages are offered in Wayne, Oakland, Livingston and

February 13th, 2003 for the following:

Macomb counties.

Groups will be provided for parents who have lost a child, parental loss, widows and widowers, suicide loss, and other losses due to death. Call (248) 348-0115

#### **Down Syndrome**

The Down Syndrome Support Group of Western Wayne County meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. This group hosts speakers and provides support, physician referrals, and the latest information for families with children/ adults with Down syn-

The focus is on the up-side of Down syndrome and members look for ways to help children and their development in a positive environment. Call Michelle Gonzalez at (734) 516-

#### Families Anonymous

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Families Anonymous meets monthly at 8 p.m. Thursdays at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. This group provides support for families and friends concerned about the use of mind-altering substances such as alcohol, drugs or behavior problems of a loved one. Call (734) 416-0315.

### Hands Across The Water

Hands Across The Water holds its Adopting Older Kids (A-OK!) meetings 7-9 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each

There is a \$5 fee.

They also sponsor an adoption book discussion group from 7-9 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month; this group is free. Call to register at (734) 477-0135.

#### WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS **T1 Communications Line**

Western Township Utilities Authority is requesting proposals for the planning, installation, testing and lease of a new high speed T1 Communications Line System to run between the two main sanitary sewer pump station facilities. Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the proposal documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest Western Township Utilities Authority 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187 (734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by February 14, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. A public opening of the proposals will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

**BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 14, 2003** 

6. Site Plan Requirements. The location and method of screening of

All site improvements on an approved site plan shall be maintained in

good condition. Site improvements include items such as; lighting,

landscaping, sidewalks, curbing, benches, fountains, public art, raised

planters, retaining walls, obscuring walls or fences, clock towers,

boardwalks, or gazebos. Any element within the site shall be repaired

or replaced immediately upon notice from the Community Planner or

Landscaping required by this Ordinance shall be warranted by the

developer for one (1) year from the date of acceptance by the

Township. Landscaping shall be continually maintained in a

healthy, neat, and orderly appearance, free from weeds, refuse and

debris by the owners of the property after the developer has

completed all of the warranty replacements required by the

Township.. All unhealthy and dead plant material shall be

replaced immediately upon notice from the Building and/or

Planning Official, unless the season is not appropriate for

planting, in which case such plant material shall be replaced at

the beginning of the next planting season. An automatic irrigation

system is required of all proposed developments for all landscaped

and/or lawn areas. This requirement may be waived by the

Planning Commission if it is determined that the scope of the

project is minimal and that the cost of installation of such

equipment would be prohibitive to the development of the site.

Trees, shrubs, and other plantings and lawn areas shall be

watered regularly throughout the growing season. All constructed

or manufactured landscape elements, such as but not limited to

benches, retaining walls, edging, the irrigation system, mulch,

decorative lighting, landscape monuments, garden walls, or

fencing, and so forth, shall be maintained in good condition and

neat appearance. Rotted, deteriorated, or damaged landscape

Wall Specifications. Required obscuring walls shall comply

ARTICLE 5.00 - LANDSCAPING SCREENING AND WALLS

dumpsters shall be shown on all site plans and shall be subject to

times except when loading garbage or refuse.

the approval of the Planning Commission.

5.05 - INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

elements shall be repaired or replaced.

5.08 - OBSCURING WALLS AND FENCES

A. OBSCURING WALL AND FENCE STANDARDS

2.28 - MAINTENANCE OF SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Keep the dumpsters and screen enclosure gates closed at all

Insure that the access to the container is maintained at all

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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  $(734)\ 394-5260$ 

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Create the following section:

Amend the following sections:

Building Official.

D MAINTENANCE

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# ARTICLE 6.00 - SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS APPLI-

# SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE

# D. GENERAL DESIGN PRINCIPLES

requirements set forth in Section 27.04D.5. requirements are to be applied keeping in mind the objectives of the Cherry Hill Area Development Plan, as follows: that overall density shall not exceed four (4) units per acre and any single phase of sub-area within an individual project shall not exceed six (6) dwelling units per acre in the Village Edge area and twelve (12) dwelling units/acre in the Density within the Village Edge shall not exceed 4 dwelling units/acre. If it is determined that unallocated sewer capacity is available to serve the land area within the village boundary, density for the Village Edge may be increased to a maximum of 6 dwelling units/acre. Density within the mixed use Village Core area shall not exceed 12 dwelling units/acre. Boundaries of the <u>Village Edge and Village Core areas are</u> defined on Figure 1 of the Design Guidelines.

Item 7. First Reading Amending the Satellite Television Antenna Ordinance No. 13(A). Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to introduce and table the First Reading of the amendment to the Satellite Television Antenna Ordinance No. 13(A) for publication in the Canton Observer on January 23, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

# Charter Township of Canton

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 13. SATELLITE TELEVISION ANTENNA ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE LOCATION AND SIZE OF SATELLITE TELEVISION ANTENNA; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR APPEALS AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, REPEAL,

# THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

of this Ordinance is to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and particularly with regard to residentially zoned districts to preserve aesthetics and to minimize visual impacts. It is the intent of this Ordinance to be consistent with and implement the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1969 and regulations promulgated

Section 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS. This section provides that no antenna shall be erected, constructed, or maintained or operated except in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance.

for terms used in this Ordinance. Section 4. LOCATION AND HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS. This section provides for the location and height requirements.

Section 5. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS. This section provides for the construction requirements.

entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of

parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 8. SEVERABILITY. This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

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.

**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,

**HOUSING REHAB #1** 

LEAD BASED PAINT ABATEMENT ON HOME

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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ordinance shall become effective upon second publication. [Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance will be available after

adoption and second publication at the Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan during regular business hours or can be accessed through the Canton Web Site: <a href="www.Canton-mi.org">www.Canton-mi.org</a>] Item 8. Approval of Specialized Transportation Bus Agreement

with Huron Valley Ambulance. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the Specialized Transportation Bus Agreement with Huron Valley Ambulance for the purchase of a fourteen passenger bus for \$12,153.61 per year over a five year period (2003-2007). Motion carried unanimously. Item 9. Approval of Custom Made Kitchen Cabinets for the

Bartlett Travis House. Motion by Bennett, supported by Mclaughlin to approve the contract with Expo Kitchen and Bath, Ltd., for custom made cabinets for the Bartlett Travis House kitchen for \$7,398 with a ten percent contingency of \$739 for a total amount of \$8,137. Motion carried unanimously. Item 10. Approve Price Quote for Printing the 2003 Service

Directory Calendar. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to

approve the bid submitted by Kimcraft Printing of \$6,894 and a

contingency of \$689 for a total cost of \$7,583 for printing of the 2003 Service Directory and Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Item 11. Award Housing Rehabilitation Contract. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award the contract for housing rehabilitation for the Round Table West address to Universe Home

Improvement, in the amount of \$23,560 plus a contingency of \$1,440, for a total of \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously. Item 12. Approval to Create and Fill a Secretary IV Position in Public Safety. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the creation of a Secretary IV position for the Public Safety Department and the filling of this position. Motion carried

unanimously. Item 13. Request to Purchase Bannerman Diamondmaster Infield Groomer. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the purchase of the Bannerman Diamondmaster Infield Groomer for the ballfield maintenance to Mid America Sales Associates in the amount of \$6,812.75. Motion carried unanimously. Item 14. Request to Purchase Carbon Monoxide System for

Canton Leisure Services Parks/PRGC Building. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the purchase of a ventilation system for the Parks/Grounds Maintenance building to Keeth Heating and Air Conditioning for a cost not to exceed \$4,400 plus a 10% contingency fee for a total cost not to exceed \$4,840. I further move to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for this purchase: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$4,840 Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Parks Division #101-270-977-0000 \$4,840. budget amendment increases the Parks Division from \$1,892,482 to \$1,897,322, and the General Fund budget from \$22,945,800 to

\$22,950,640. Motion carried unanimously. Item 15. Create and Fill for a Continuing Part Time Clerical Position for Leisure Services. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to create and fill a continuing part-time position for the Leisure Services Division purchase to the TPOAM contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 16. Consider Approval of Request for Extension of Contracted Services for Landscape Inspection Services (Planning Services). Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request to extend the contract with Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. to provide landscaping and subdivision inspection services for FY2003 as outlined above utilizing available contracted service funds (101-371-818-000) in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 17. Approve the Purchase of Recware Safari Computer Software and Supporting Hardware for the Leisure Services Department.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of Recware Safari computer software from Sierra Digital in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 and hardware/software support items in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Motion carried unanimously. Item 18. Appointment to the Planning Commission. [Moved up

in the agenda to be heard after Item G-4] Next week the Board will meet in study session re: Merit Commission recommendations on non-union employee fringe benefit including language changes and clarifications to the personnel policy manual.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. THOMAS YACK. Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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#### with the following height requirements, unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance:

**PURPOSE** REQUIRED HEIGHT

To screen a non-residential use or parking areas in Four (4) ft.

To screen a non-residential use in a Commercial, Six (6) ft. Office, or Industrial district from adjacent land zoned for residential or agricultural use

a Residential district from adjacent land zoned for

residential or agricultural use

Required walls shall be constructed of masonry material that which matches the primary masonry of the principal structure on the site is architecturally compatible with the materials used on the facade of the principal structure on the site, such as face brick, decorative block, or poured concrete with simulated brick or stone patterns. Standard concrete block

walls and poured or precast concrete walls with no decorative

features are not permitted. Required walls shall be similarly finished on all sides.

CABLE TO SPECIFIC USES

# CHERRY HILL OVERLAY DISTRICT

1. Density shall be determined in accordance with the

# State of Michigan, County of Wayne,

Summary of Satellite Television Antenna Ordinance No. 13(A)

# SEVERABILITY, SAVINGS CLAUSE, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1. OBJECTIVE. This section provides for that the purpose

Section 3. DEFINITIONS. This section provides for the definition

Section 6. PENALTIES. This section provides that any person or

Section 7. REPEAL. This section provides that all Ordinances or

Section 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE. This section provides that adoption

Section 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this



#### Antczak-Clark

Jerry and Elaine Antczak of Plymouth are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Lara Antczak, to Dr. Dorrance Dean Clark, son of Ruby Clark of Montana.

Dr. Antczak is a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan Dental School.

Dr. Clark is a 1997 graduate of the University of Nebraska associated with Indian Health Services and a 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan Dental School.

A June 14, 2003, wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Doc Ortmann officiating. After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in Arizona.



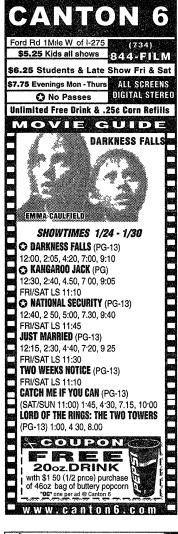
#### **Doherty-Lauster**

James and JoAnn Doherty of Sterling Heights are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Doherty, to Timothy Lauster, son of Timothy and Noreen Lauster of Canton.

Colleen is a 1994 graduate of Stevenson High School in Sterling Heights; and of Wayne State University. She is currentiy employed as a pharmacist at Beaumont Hospital.

Timothy is a 1994 graduate of Catholic Central and holds a computer engineering degree from Michigan State University. He is currently a graduate student in the Eli Broad Business School at Michigan State.

A May 10, 2003, wedding is planned at St. Ephrem Catholic Church in Sterling Heights.







#### **Hess-Short**

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Darrel Hess of Michigan City. Ind. announces the engagement of his daughter, Gretchen Desaree Hess to Andrew Timothy Short, son of Carl and Mary Short of Plymouth.

Gretchen is a 1996 graduate of Ball State University with a bachelor of science in journalism/public relations. She is currently employed as a translator/teacher of American sign language with Deaf Services, Inc. in Merriville, Ind.

Andrew is a 1999 graduate of West Point Military Academy and is currently a captain in the United States Army stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

An April 5, 2003, wedding is planned at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Michigan City, Ind.



Squier Wedding

April and Alan Squier are proud to announce their mar-

The wedding was performed at The Little Wedding Chapel in Taylor with a reception at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. Performing the ceremony was Mike Krowisz. The couple now resides in Canton.

## **NEW ARRIVALS**

#### **Brandon Gramer**

Anthony and Sunshine Gramer of Canton announce the birth of their son, Brandon Anthony, on Sept. 16, 2002 at Garden City Hospital.

Proud grandparents are Barb Kish and Ray Jonakait of Saugatuck, Paul Kish and Jan Pearsall of Woodhaven; and Tony and Maria Gramer of Canton.

#### Tyler Xuereb

Katherine and Steven Xuereb of Canton announce the birth of their son, Tyler Steven Xuereb, on Oct. 9, 2002 at Garden City Hospital.

Proud grandparents are Terry and Karen Roberts of Canton and Frank and Gail Xuereb of Whitmore Lake.

#### Hailey Coleman

Veronica Stoll and Michael Coleman, both of Canton, announce the birth of their daughter, Hailey Lynette Coleman, on Nov. 9, 2002 at Garden City Hospital.

Proud grandparents are Gary and Cindy Stoll of Adrian and Michael Coleman and Barb Rush of Canton.

#### Anthony Olsen

Kelly Renea Jones of Canton and Chris Olsen of Detroit announce the birth of their son. Anthony Michael Olsen on Oct. 7, 2002 at Garden City Hospital.

Anthony joins siblings, Gary Vroom, Jr. 7; Chris Olsen, Jr., 5; Rikki Vroom, 5; and Kristen Olsen, 3, at home.

Proud grandparents are Rick and Shelly Jones of Wayne and Bob and Sheila Olsen of Taylor.

#### **Emily Sajewski**

Walter and Terri Sajewski of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Virginia Sajewski on Nov. 2, 2002 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

She will join siblings, Jennifer, 16; Sarah, 11; and Hannah, 2, at home.

Proud grandparents are Edmund and Theresa Sajewski of Detroit and David and Mary Ann Mahey of Ruskin, Fla. Great-grandparent is William H. Mahey of Glendale, Ariz.

## Janowski

months.

#### Gordon and Shari Janowski of Canton proudly announce

the birth of their son, Benjamin Wiliam Janowski. He arrived on Dec. 3 at 5:16 p.m., weighed 9 lbs.

30z., and was 21 1/2 inches He joins older sisters,

Paige,3, and Anna 11

# **Catholic Central**

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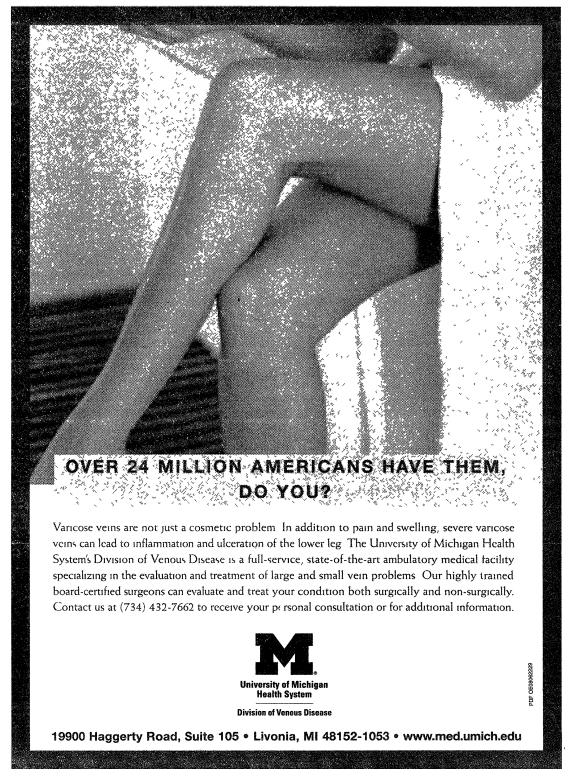
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Class of 1961

# **REUNIONS**

For information about the Girls Catholic As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without Central of Detroit 40th reunion, call charge, announcements of class Jan Seefeld (248) 398-7777 or Nancy Nowak Kush (313) 291-1165. reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric **Chadsey High School** Newspapers, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, Class of 1953 Jan./June MI., 48170. Please include the date of

A 50-year class reunion being held on Sept. 19, 2003, at the Warren Valley Golf Club on Warren and Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights. Contact Fred Osada at (313) 278-9828 for further informa-





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Novi Rd.

Ph. 248-344-7110

19276 Middlebelt **Across from Sears** Mattress Discounter Store Ph. 248-615-4999

Livonia Superstore

MATTRESS X 35147 Warren Rd. Across from Westland Mall @ Warne Ad (former Mattress Discounter Store)

Ph. 734-641-0300

**Westland Superstore** 

**Ann Arbor Superstore** MATTRESS X

3550 Washtenaw Rd. **Ann Arbor** Ph. 734-975-6982



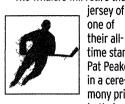
272 John Rd. @ 14 Mile Rd., just E. of Dakland Mal Ph. 248-588-2000



Next to Petsmart (former Mattress Discounter Store) Ph. 586-323-0477

## Peake honored

The Plymouth Whalers will add something special prior to a game that figures to be special anyway on Saturday. The Whalers will retire the



their alltime stars. Pat Peake, in a ceremony prior to their

7:30 p.m. game against the Windsor Spitfires. Peake was a standout for

the Whalers whose NHL career was cut short by injuries.

The game against Windsor has all the makings of a firstrate rivalry. The Spitfires are located the closest to the Whalers, and are currently second in the OHL's West Division with a 27-15-2-1 record (57 points), trailing only Plymouth (28-8-8-1, 65 points).

### Scholar athletes

Several Observerland athletes were honored as possible finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 2002-03 Scholar-Athlete Award, including Canton's Colleen O'Brien.

Some 114 finalists in 24 sports were chosen among MHSAA members schools, with the finalists to be named in February. Garden City's Brian Burton was chosen as a finalist in baseball and basketball, while Dave Loney was selected in football.

Livonia Stevenson also had two students make the finalist list with Andy Byberg in boys golf and Kristen Polanski in girls golf. Catholic Central's Andrew Eggert was also

selected in hockey. To be eligible for the award, students must have at least a 3.5 grade-point average, have won a letter in the varsity sport for which they are applying, shown involvement in other school and community activities and written a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational activities.

# Rugby training

The search is on for high school boys (grades 9-12) interested in learning rugby football and participating in the Michigan Youth Rugby Association's spring season.

Rugby is a rugged contact sport enjoyed around the world. The Michigan Youth Rugby Association plays against clubs from Brighton, Berkley, Howell, Dearborn, Livonia and Northville.

The team has a "no cuts" policy. Everyone who practices will play. No experience is necessary. The sport of rugby football features 15 players to a side with limited substitution; no blocking or padding, which makes it safer; and continuous play, like ice hockey, basketball and soccer.

It is a sport in which fitness, brains and brawn come together. Everyone is a ballhandler, scorer and defender. There are no playbooks; players make on-the-field decisions. Winter (indoor) training will be 5:30-7 p.m. every Monday evening beginning Jan. 27 at the University of Michigan Coliseum (located at Fifth & Hill streets), with the possibility of additional sessions being scheduled. Call (734) 761-1988 or e-mail magnette@umich.edu.

# Sports

# CC seeking to defend its Observerland crown again

BY BRAD MONASTIERE STAFF WRITER

Although the showdowns aren't quite as dramatic as "brother vs. brother" that you'd see on some Civil War drama, the term "neighbor vs. neighbor" definitely applies to an upcoming event.

Saturday, prep wrestling teams from all over the area will converge on Livonia Churchill High School for the 12th annual Observerland Wrestling Meet.

The action gets under way at 9 a.m.

**WRESTLING** 

Tickets are \$5 at the door, and finals are expected to start around 5:30 p.m.

The meet is the only one that gathers all teams from the Observer Newspaper reading area together for one meet. This includes teams from Livonia, Redford, Garden City, Plymouth, Farmington and Westland.

Redford Catholic Central has been the

dominant team in recent years at Observerland. The Shamrocks captured the 2002 title, have won three of the past four events and five overall. Longtime coach Mike Rodriguez says

he doesn't keep track of who the other contenders for the tournament crown are, but realizes his team has a target on its back because of its past success here.

"We know those teams would like to beat us pretty badly because our kids left those communities to come here," he said. "It's just a backyard tournament,

where everyone comes from the immediate area. We're going into this tournament with the idea we're going to win it."

The Shamrocks should have plenty of company among teams vying for the Observerland trophy. Livonia Stevenson has racked up a 20-4 dual meet record so far this season, and Westland John Glenn, despite losing eight seniors from last year's team, is solid up and down the

PLEASE SEE OBSERVERLAND, D2

# Churchill too much for Salem

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

This is a volleyball match that always offers something special. Remember last season? Salem beat Livonia Churchill during the regular season, but the Chargers shocked the state-ranked Rocks in the championship match of the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, beating them 15-0, 15-7.

Churchill had to forfeit that victory, which made the state district final played a week later something of a grudge match. Salem won it in three hard-fought sets.

Fast-forward to this season. Churchill has looked even stronger than last year's squad, and while Salem lost five of six starters, it still won 12 of its first 15 matches. Which meant Wednesday's con-

frontation at Salem should, in all likelihood, follow tradition and be a hard-fought struggle to the bitter Only it wasn't. Churchill domi-

nated, from start to finish, crushing the Rocks in two-straight games, 15-4, 15-6. The win pushes the Chargers' record to 19-4-1 overall, 2-0 in the

WLAA. Salem is 12-4 overall, 1-1 in

the conference. Asked if this was the kind of match he envisioned, Churchill coach Mike Hughes replied, "It's not the one we anticipated. We played extremely well. Things worked for us. We played solidly, offensively

"We just didn't make many mistakes.'

and defensively.

Salem coach Tom Teeters could offer few excuses for the lopsided loss. "We were not very competi-

PLEASE SEE CHURCHILL, D3



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Salem's Caitlin Epley attempts a kill against Churchill Wednesday, but the Rocks had few successes.

# Crusader revenge Madonna shocks

# Cornerstone

Just nine days ago, when Aquinas College came to town for a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball game, Madonna University wasted an impressive comeback and lost by seven.

### **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

So close, and yet it got away down the stretch - leaving one to wonder when it would happen, when the Crusaders would win a big conference game, when they would at least win 10 games

Well, the wondering is over. On Tuesday at 10th-ranked Cornerstone, Madonna outshot the Golden Eagles and, in the process, outscored them in posting an 83-80 upset victory.

With the win, the Crusaders even their overall record at 10-10; they are 2-4 in the WHAC. Cornerstone slips to 16-5 overall, 3-2 in the conference.

Madonna played solidly throughout, thanks in particular to strong play from their two senior starters, Dan Kurtinaitis and Aaron Cox. Kurtinaitis led the Crusaders with 25 points and had five assists. Cox collected 22 points (3-for-3 from 3-point range) and five rebounds.

Other significant contributors were Noel Emenhiser, with 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Chris Behrns, with 13 points and six boards.

Cornerstone got 28 points from Bryan Foltice, 14 (and 13 rebounds) from Justin VandePol and 13 from Keith Wurn.

PLEASE SEE CRUSADERS, D4

# Zebras' stampede crushes Chiefs

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

Half good.

Or good for a half. However you look at it, Canton played well for the first two quarters Tuesday, then lost its focus. And after a decent first half, Wayne Memorial turned it up in the second. The result was a 30-15 third-quarter blitz for

the Zebras that led to an 84-63 triumph at Canton in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover basketball game. Canton fell to 3-8 overall; the Chiefs are 1-2 in

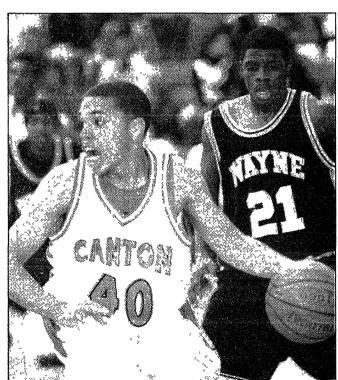
the Western Division. Wayne is 6-4 overall, and remains 2-1 in the Lakes Division.

"I know they're good," Canton coach Jeremy Rheault said of Wayne. "It's just hard to give up more than 80 points." Not when your team plays the way the Chiefs

did in that third quarter. We got them a little bit on the press, and we also got some cheap baskets on run-offs," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "Guess that proves

it's always good to be unselfish." Not much went wrong for the Zebras in the pivotal third quarter. They had possession to open the half; Jonathan Raspberry scored and Wayne's two-point halftime lead had doubled. It wouldn't stay that way for long.

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JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

D.J.Bridges (40) tries to move the ball upcourt under heavy defensive pressure from Wayne's Jonathan Raspberry. Bridges scored 25 points for Canton; Raspberry had 18 for Wayne, all in the second half.

# Whalers start weekend slow, but finish fast

Hey, everyone hiccups once in a while.

That's the only way to explain what happened to the Plymouth Whalers last weekend. They played three Ontario Hockey League games in three days, the first one at home against the Kingston Frontenacs (last place in the OHL's East Division), the next two on the road — at Erie (second in the Midwest) and Toronto (first in the Central).

Calculate all that information and try to figure when the Whalers would be the most physically and mentally fatigued. Sunday, their third game in three days, right? And on the road.

And when would they meet the toughest competition? Perhaps Saturday at Erie; the Otters have always been rough on the Whalers, particularly at

So which game of the three did they win? Which did they tie? And which did they lose?

If you followed the above-listed information, you guessed wrong. The Whalers lost 3-2 Friday to Kingston at Plymouth's Compuware Arena; they tied Erie 2-2 Saturday at Erie; and they defeated the St. Michael's Majors 6-4 Sunday in Toronto.

Through Sunday, Plymouth remains first in the

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# Canton gets a dual-meet split at tourney

When a team is struggling, perhaps facing opponents who are also battling hardships isn't all that bad.

At the Ypsilanti Lincoln team tournament Saturday, Canton's wrestling team managed to earn a 2-2 split — even though the Chiefs are still without seven starters. They defeated Ypsilanti 42-36 and a Willow Run squad that had just four wrestlers, 84-0, and lost to the host Railsplitters 58-18 and to Carleton Airport 48-32.

Airport finished the tourney unbeaten to clinch first place.

admitted Canton coach Casey

Huron Valley Lutheran at Red. St. Agatha, 7:30

p.m.

Friday, Jan. 24

Catholic Central at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.

Salem at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Walled Lake Central, 7 p.m.

Lutheran North at Lutheran Westland, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Canton, 7:30 p.m.

Hurvon Valley Lutheran at Franklin Road, 7:30

Canton Agape at Detroit Urban Lutheran, 8

"It was not a very strong tournament," Randolph, "but it was good for us with

so many guys out. "We wrestled really hard. I'm proud of the way we wrestled.

The biggest victory for Canton came against Ypsilanti. The two teams were tied at 36-all going into the last match, with sophomore Alex Freitag - called up for duty from the junior varsity due to so many injuries — going against Cody Ingle at 135 pounds. Freitag pinned Ingle in 1:14.

He finished second in the tournament with a 3-1 match record. Rob Schnettler at 125 and Dan Bergsma at 130 both got first-place finishes with 4-0 records; Corey Breitmeyer (119), Tim Larsen (171) and Dustin Steiner (215) also earned second-place finishes with 3-1

records.

"We wrestled well," added Randolph. "(With so many kids out) it allowed our young kids to wrestle varsity and get varsity experience."

Last Thursday at Walled Lake Western, the Chiefs lost 64-18. That and Saturday's results left them with a 7-14 overall record, 0-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

All the Canton points came on falls. Breitmeyer pinned Trystyn Seaman in 3:51 at 119; Bergsma pinned Chris Yezbick in 1:58 at 130; and Larsen pinned Tony Peretto in 1:35 at 171.

Canton hosts Livonia Churchill in a WLAA dual at 7 p.m. tonight.

#### **SALEM'S GOETHE SPARKLES**

Salem traveled to the Williamston Invitational Saturday with a depleted squad, but still had several outstanding performances — not the least of which came from Mike Goethe at 135 pounds.

Goethe won his division with a 4-0 match record, including a 5-4 victory over Craig Gillison of Benzie Central which was chosen as the "Match of the Day."

Other strong performances for the Rocks came from Ryan Stump at 103, who was second with a 3-1 mark; Pete Bobee at 125 (2-2 record), Alan Mlynek at 130 (2-2) and Jeremy Walker at 275

(2-1), all finishing fourth; and Mike Dendrinos at 119, who was sixth (2-2). Last Thursday, the Rocks edged Northville 38-27 at Northville in a WLAA dual meet.

Winners for Salem were Stump at 112, 14-6 over Mike Carter; Mlynek at 125, a pin of Mike Farina in 1:50; Bobee at 130, a pin of John Manica in 1:40; Goethe at 135, a pin of Brad Ashley in 1:36; Tony Stott at 145, 15-7 over Bill Riegner; Will Schultz at 152, a pin of Rick Riegner in 4:29; and Walker at 275, a pin of Marc Nueller in :21.

Salem hosts Walled Lake Central in a WLAA dual meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Jan. 23 Thursday, Jan. 23

> Birmingham Marian at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m. Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Lutheran Northwest at Lutheran Westland,

Franklin Road at Huron Valley Lutheran (St. Paul's), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 25 Ladywood Tournament, 8 a.m. Howell Tournament, 9 a.m. 11-M Dearborn Tournament, 9 a.m.

Novi Invitational, 9 a.m.

Romulus Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Jan. 23° PCS at Academy of Sacred Heart, 6 p.m.

Churchill vs. Canton (Arctic Edge), 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 Grosse Pointe North vs. Catholic Central (Redford Arena), 8 p.m. Stevenson vs. Redford Union (Redford Arena),

PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Jan. 23

W.L. Central at Salem, 6:30 p.m. Churchill at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Wayne at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m. Walled Lake Western at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

Northville at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 Observerland Wrestling Meet at Livonia Churchill, 9 a.m.

PREP BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Jan. 23 Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Canton at Wayne 7 n.m. Westland John Glenn at Walled Lake Central, 7

Franklin at Walled Lake Western, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 Stevenson-A A. Pioneer-Salem (at Salem), noon

PREP SKIING Friday, Jan. 24 Ladywood at JV Open Divisional Race, 4 pm.

Thursday, Jan. 23 Hartland vs. Canton (Plymouth HS), 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 Farmington Invitational

PREP GYMNASTICS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, Jan. 23 Madonna at Rochester College, 7:30 p.m.

> WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Jan. 25

Alpena CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m. **ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** 

Friday, Jan, 24 Plymouth Whalers at Sault Ste. Marie, 7:30

Saturday, Jan. 25 Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

**OBSERVERLAND WINNERS** 

**2002:** 1. Redford CC, 2.

Salem.

Canton.

3 Wayne.

Westland John Glenn, 3.

**2001:** 1. Canton, 2. Redford

CC, 3. Livonia Churchill.

**2000:** 1. Redford CC, 2.

Livonia Stevenson, 3.

**1999:** 1. Redford CC, 2.

1996: 1. Redford CC, 2.

Stevenson, 3. Salem.

1995: 1. Stevenson, 2.

Redford CC, 3. Salem.

**1994:** 1. Stevenson, 2.

Redford CC, 3. Salem.

Glenn, 3. Stevenson.

1992: 1. Farmington, 2.

Canton, 3. John Glenn.

1993: 1. Redford CC, 2. John

CC. 3. Stevenson.

Stevenson, 3. Garden City.

1998: 1. Salem, 2. Redford

**1997:** 1. Stevenson, 2. Salem,

#### **OBSERVERLAND MAT RANKINGS OBSERVERLAND MAT RANKINGS**

TEAM RANKINGS: 1. Redford Catholic Central; 2. Westland John Glenn; 3. Wayne Memorial; 4. Livonia Stevenson; 5. Livonia 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. Nick Naber (John Glenn); 3. Justin Smith (Churchill); 4. Jake Davis (Garden City); 5. Tony

LeBaron (Thurston). 119: 1. Charlie Rabaut (Stevenson); 2. Craig LeBaron (Thurston); 3. Drew Conner (John Glenn); 4. Matt Koziara (Redford CC); 5. John

125: 1. Brian Clement (Churchill); 2. Pete Bobee (Salem); 3. Nader Al-Mooshi (Livonia

Clarenceville); 4 Rob Schettler (Canton); 5. Brian Baumgardner (Redford CC). 130: 1. Tim Mulroy (John Glenn); 2. Tim Hammer (Wayne); 3. Dan Bergsma (Canton); 4.

Kris Felice (Churchill), 5. Allen Mlynek (Salem). 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. Lev Mergian (Churchill); 2. Jeremy Sparks (Garden City); 3. Chris McLone (Wayne); Sean O'Halloran (Stevenson); 5. Butch

Choraszewski (RU). 160: 1. Trevor Stewart (Redford CC); 2. Dario Mainella (Stevenson); 3. Emilio Perez (Garden City); 4. Brandon Noble (Lutheran Westland);

5. Brad Allen (John Glenn). 171: 1. Steve Wallace (Wayne); 3. Eric Schambers (John Glenn); 3. Scott Schwartzlose (Redford CC); 4. Dan Haller (Lutheran Westland); 5. Rob Freeman

189: 1. Neil Kemp (Lutheran Westland); 2. Jake Fairchild (John Glenn); 3. Eric Vojtkofsky (Redford CC); 4. R.J. Ramsey (Wayne); 5. Joe

Bargerstock (Stevenson). 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. Paul Bargerstock (Stevenson); 3. Jeremy Walker (Salem); 4. Jason LeDuc (RU); 5. Pat Draheim

**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.

Friday, Jan. 24 Plymouth Salem at Franklin, 6 p.m.

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# **OBSERVERLAND**

FROM PAGE D1

The Rockets were runnersup to CC at last year's Observerland meet, and coach Bill Polk says his team is one of many hoping to knock off the defending champs.

"A lot of kids know each other from camps in the summer, and I just really enjoy seeing teams from this area compete," Polk said.

"It seems like everyone has been improving over the past couple years, which should make for better competition all around."

The Spartans figure to be in the mix for the title as well, boasting three wrestlers with three or fewer losses this season. Coach Bob Moreau said this tournament represents a chance for athletes to get noticed among their neighborhood peers.

"The kids see the rankings in the paper, and if they don't like what they see, this is their cnance to prove tne otner coaches in the area wrong," Moreau said. "It's a big source of pride for everyone involved."

Moreau counted CC and Glenn as the "horses" of the tournament. His own team was hit hard by injuries at last weekend's Hartland Dual Meet Invitational, but still boasts of some talent.

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Charlie Rabaut carries a 34-O record into the tourney, alternating between the 119and 125-pound weight classes. Jason Fischer (145) is off to a 31-3 start to the season, as is heavyweight competitor Paul Bargerstock.

A darkhorse contender could be the Churchill Chargers, who are 8-4 on the season and have been competitive with just about everyone who has crossed their path.

The team finished ahead of John Glenn at a tournament earlier this season, and coach Marty Altounian said the competition should be wide open.

"I don't think many of the teams have their strengths in the same area," he said. "No one will run away with it." Churchill's contenders

should include Brian Clement (125), Lev Mergian (152), Alex Murray (215) and Robert Freeman (171). Canton and Salem both finished in the top five at last

year's Observerland meet.

Canton coach Casey Randolph said his team is ravaged by injuries, which hurt its chances at the meet. "I expect good things from Dan Bergsma (130) and Rob

Schnettler (125)," he said. "My other guys just need to get healthy. "This will be a good prelude

to districts," Rodriguez added.

"We'll see some of these same kids and same teams in districts and regionals, so we're looking forward to that."



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# 'Cats win Madonna; Agape edges PCA

Five matches resulted in five wins and a championship for Plymouth HS's all-freshmen volleyball team Saturday at Madonna University.

The victories improved the Wildcats' record to 22-1.

Plymouth opened the tournament with a 25-16, 25-13 win (rally scoring) over the Farmington freshmen. A 27-25, 25-20 triumph over Westland John Glenn followed, with a 25-20, 25-15 victory over Belleville and a 26-24, 25-15 win over Waterford Mott completing pool play for the Wildcats.

In the semifinals, Plymouth beat Novi 25-19, 25-19, followed by a 25-17, 25-18 triumph over Birmingham Marian in the finals.

"It was a very, very nice job," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "I'm really proud of the girls."

sure has impressed their coach. "I'm surprised with having a group of freshmen respond so

In particular, their compo-

well in pressure situations," she said. "We can be down two or three points, and they know they have to step it up."

Several players had superb outings Saturday, especially setter Sarah Haskins and middle hitter Jeanine Moise. Haskins finished the tournament with 30 set assists and 14 service aces; Moise had 22 kills and eight aces.

"Haskins played tremendous," said McCausland. "She knew exactly where and who to set it to. "And Jeanine Moise, my middle hitter, pretty much dominated the middle."

Other standouts were Kim Olech with 10 kills and 10 aces, Jackie Dorre with 10 aces and Janet Hanchett with eight aces.

#### **AGAPE EDGES PCA**

After losing a close first set, Canton Agape Christian battled back to win the next two and defeat Plymouth Christian Academy 13-15, 15-10, 15-4 Tuesday at PCA.

**Emily Tong was exceptional** as setter for Agape, which improved to 5-4. Tong collected 35 set assists.

Lisa Ther finished with 16 kills to lead the Wolverines, with Amy Henry adding 10 kills. Andrea Hough finished with nine digs.

#### **AGAPE STOPS WAYNE**

Good start, floundering middle, solid finish. That describes Canton Agape Christian's performance Friday at Wayne Memorial.

Agape came out strong, beating the Zebras 15-10 in the opening match. However, Wayne bounced back to knock off the Wolverines 15-3 in Game No. 2. Making the third game decisive, and it was Agape that pulled it out, edging Wayne 16-14. Lisa Ther led the Wolverines with seven kills and four blocks. Amanda Thashnick had six kills, Carrie Sneed got five and Emily Tong totaled 25 set assists.

#### ed, the Rocks were forced to defend against Churchill's bigger, better, more experienced attackers. It was something they couldn't do consistently, evident in the Chargers scoring the first

nine points in Game Two. Statistics proved it. In the two games, Salem totaled 11 kills. Lauren Price accounted for seven of those. Jordan Falcusan, the Rocks' setter, had 11 set

"You just can't hope they'll make mistakes," said Teeters. "You've got to be aggressive. They haven't been pushed this hard.

"Once you get to the Churchill level, you have to step it up. Our serve reception just failed us."

It's still a bit early; the conference season is just two matches old. But to make the jump to title contender, the Rocks will have to get down to work.

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# Mercy bumps Blazers

STAFF WRITER

Lady Luck smiled on coach Ed Ruhl and his Farmington Hills Mercy volleyball team Tuesday night when they entertained rival Livonia Ladywood.

It so happened the Blazers were missing their top player, 5-foot-10 senior hitter Kristen Bachor, who was sick with the

The Marlins capitalized on her absence but still needed three games to win the Catholic League Central Division match, 15-10, 7-15, 15-7.

"We knew it would be a lot lighter battle than normally with Ladywood," Ruhl said. "Even without 70 percent of their offense, they were still that good. "We were lucky to get them

when Kristen Bachor was sick. It's better to be lucky than good, but they battled real tough. "It says a lot about

Ladywood, because they went three without the majority of their offense."

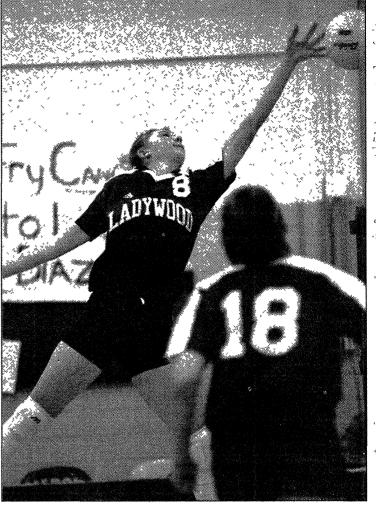
Mercy improved to 4-1 in the division and 46-16 in all games. Ladywood, which defeated Mercy in the Central Michigan tournament final last month, is 3-2 and 25-6 in matches.

The Blazers rebounded from the first-game loss to eventually dominate the second game Tuesday.

Ladywood was slow to get rolling and trailed early, but it found the spark it needed with five straight service points by Amy Szymanski for a 6-2 lead, which the Blazers never lost.

Danielle Palasak, Laura Sirgedas, Rachael Malenfant and Szymanski led the attack as Ladywood gradually, between a host of sideouts, put the game

But the third game was virtually all Mercy, which established an 8-1 lead following four service points by Katie McDonald, who had two aces during the run.



**BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Livonia Ladywood's Rachel Malenfant reaches for a ball in Tuesday's thrilling volleyball contest between the Blazers and Farmington Mercy. The Marlins rallied for a 15-10, 7-15, 15-7 over the visiting Blazers. Ladywood's Courtney Phillips (18) looks on in the foreground.

The Blazers closed the margin to 8-7, but the Marlins surged again with Sarah Switaj, Chloe Kraft and Anne Roosevelt combining to serve the final seven points.

"We completely lacked any intensity at all," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said of the third game. "We were missing Bachor, but that shouldn't have had anything to do with it.

"We needed kids to step up, and it didn't happen. I just think Mercy wanted it a lot more, and they showed a lot more guts and determination in the third game.

"I just hope the girls can pick up some intensity to finish out the Catholic League. We put ourselves in a hard spot to make a run for it."

Roosevelt had 15 kills, Tessa Kuykendall eight and Meredith Doyle seven for the Marlins. Kuykendall also had five blocks and McDonald seven digs.

Most of the Mercy sets went to the outside hitters, and the

Marlins didn't exploit the presence of the 6-foot-3 Kuykendall in the middle.

"We've been having issues with setting her," Ruhl said. "We need to find the range a lot faster and better. It took us to the third game before we were setting the right spot.

"We have two young setters we're working with, and we need to get better at setting to a certain spot. "Otherwise, the hitters want

to wait and hang out and see where the ball is going." Ruhl was pleased to see his

team recover from the secondgame collapse to win the match, however. "We started playing a little

more relaxed (in the third game)," he said. "I don't know why, but we seem to relax when the pressure is on.

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# CHURCHILL

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tive," he said. "It doesn't mean we can't beat them. But we're not as competitive as they are."

That became apparent quickly. On the Chargers' opening serve by Eva Jedruszko, they scored three-straight points, the first two on kills by Tania Morkert and Michelle Phillips, the last on a service ace. And after a sideout on Salem's serve, Churchill upped its lead to 6-0

on a kill error by the Rocks, a service ace by Morkert and another kill by Phillips.

Salem never got closer than four after that. Three kills by Jacqui Gatt on Kristyna Archer's serve led to the final four points and a 15-4 outcome in Game

"One of the things that concerned us, one of Salem's strengths is that they have two topspin servers," said Hughes. "We worked on that in practice all week. They passed every one of those (topspin serves)."

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# Defense leads Lady Ocelots past Wayne

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team limited Wayne County CC to a mere 14 baskets Saturday in rolling to a 65-45 triumph at

The win improved the Lady Ocelots' record to 11-6 overall, 3-1 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Wayne CCC is 10-7 overall, 3-2 in the confer-

While SC converted 25-of-61 floor shots in the game (40.9 percent), Wayne was able to convert just 14-of-70 (20 percent). Wayne was also

3-of-21 from three-point range (14.2 percent), including 0-for-15 in the second half; SC made 2-of-10 (20 percent).

Another factor in SC's win: a 59-45 advantage in rebounding.

Pam Wingate led SC with 22 points; she also had six rebounds. Mia Henderson added 17 points and three assists, and Tara Charles (from Redford Bishop Borgess) had 10 points, 11 rebounds and three steals. Dioune Johnson led Wayne with 10 points.

SC led at the half, 35-26.

Spring Arbor 70, Madonna

**54:** There were two problems Madonna had when it faced Spring Arbor Saturday in Spring Arbor.

First, the Lady Crusaders couldn't shoot. Second, they couldn't keep the Cougars from scoring. While Madonna made just

20-of-67 shots (29.9 percent), Spring Arbor hit 27-of-46 (58.7 percent). Which is why the Cougars won by 16 points.

The Cougars did most of their damage in the first half, when they built a 38-21 lead. Madonna made just 8-of-31

shots (25.8 percent); Spring Arbor was 14-of-26 (53.8 percent).

Portia Reilly led the Cougars with 14 points. Amanda Salisbury and Megan Vore had 12 apiece as nine players scored.

Lindsay Simmon's 15 points paced Madonna. Marwa Ayoub and Nikki Blaszak scored nine apiece, Ayoub also getting seven rebounds and two steals.

The loss left Madonna at 3-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, 5-15 overall. Spring Arbor is 13-5 overall, 3-1 in the conference.

'We played OK. Well enough

to win. We had quite a few

breakdowns at times. We

didn't knock them out as

much as I would have liked.

the Rocks head to Westland

John Glenn for a big WLAA

Hoskins' availability for the

Lakes Division showdown.

game is uncertain.

# **CRUSADERS**

The Golden Eagles led 41-38 at halftime, but after making 13-of-29 first-half floor shots (44.8 percent) they could convert just 12-of-38 in the second (31.6 percent). Madonna was more consistent: the Crusaders hit 14-of-31 in the first half (45.2 percent), 14-of-28 in the second (50 percent). Also, Cornerstone made just 7-of-22 3-pointers (31.8 percent); Madonna was 8-of-16 (50

percent). The win was the Crusaders' second straight in WHAC play after suffering four consecutive losses.

Madonna 80, Spring Arbor 77: Last Saturday at Spring Arbor, Madonna - in a game that was close most of the way - made just enough free throws down the stretch to edge the Cougars.

Spring Arbor fell to 11-11 overall, 1-3 in the WHAC with

The Cougars owned the biggest lead of the game, a 3pointer by Mike Folkert giving them a 25-15 lead midway through the first half. Madonna's biggest lead came when it counted: with 2:43 left in the game, a Chris Behrns' basket put it ahead

Spring Arbor was able to trim that deficit to two, 79-77, on another Folkert triple (he had four in the game) with 33 seconds left. But two more attempts in those final seconds missed.

Madonna got 27 points and eight rebounds from Noel Emenhiser, including 6-of-12 on 3-point tries. The Crusaders also got 22 points, four assists and three steals from Dan Kurtinaitis, and 15 points, seven boards, four

assists and two steals from Aaron Cox. Those four accounted for 74 of their

team's 80 points. The Cougars got 20 points from Folkert and 19 from

Ryan Walter. Although the Crusaders were outrebounded in the game (40-33), they hit 29-of-59 floor shots (49.2 percent), while Spring Arbor made 28of-64 (43.8 percent). And while Madonna was a mere 3of-7 from the line in the last minute, the Crusaders did make 15-of-21 for the game (71.4 percent); the Cougars were 12-of-15 (80 percent).

Schoolcraft 99, Wayne CCC 59: Five players reached double figures in scoring. Nine scored five points or

That's why Schoolcraft College remained unbeaten in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference with an easy win Saturday at SC. The Ocelots improved to 17-1 overall, 4-0 in the conference; Wavne County CC is 7-8 overall, 3-2 in the conference.

It didn't take SC long to assert itself. The Ocelots converted 19-of-36 first-half floor shots (52.8 percent) compared to Wayne's 9-of-26 (34.5 percent); they led 49-30 at halftime. It didn't get any better for Wayne in the second half (10-of-36 shooting, 27.8 percent; SC was 19-of-38, 50 percent).

James Homes led the Ocelots with 22 points. Andre Scott added 20 (with six rebounds and four assists), Tovoris Baker netted 14 and a team-best seven rebounds, Ronald Dorsey finished with 11 and Marcus Bennett had 10 and five assists.

Anthony Butler paced Wayne with 24 points. Courtney Buckner scored 10.

# Rocks wreck Churchill; Hoskins injures ankle

Livonia Churchill's boys basketball team keeps getting closer and closer to its first win. Yet, despite taking on Salem without its top player, that first win continued to elude the Chargers.

With Dave Hoskins sitting out the game with an ankle injury suffered in practice Sunday, the Rocks picked up the slack and held off Churchill for a 62-50 win Tuesday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game at Churchill. The Chargers fell to 0-12 on the season, while Salem is now 9-2 on the year.

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Hoskins and his 27 points per game were sidelined for this contest, but Dominique Washington picked up the slack, scoring 20 points to lead the Rocks.

"We played OK," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Well enough to win. We had quite a few breakdowns at times. We didn't knock them out as much as I would have liked.

"But Churchill didn't quit, either. They kept coming at

Salem cruised through the first two quarters, holding a 33-20 halftime edge. But the Chargers came storming back

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in the third quarter, pulling as close as six points in the fourth before falling to their 12th-straight defeat.

"We played hard tonight," said Churchill coach Jim Solak. "We started doing things the right way, running our offense the way we needed to, and playing good defense. Salem just got every rebound they needed to down the stretch."

Tim VanDusan led Churchill with 13 points. Nick Mansfield scored 12, and Andrew Banourra added 11.

Churchill is off Friday, while

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# **ZEBRAS**

**Bob Brodie** 

Salem coach

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The Zebras immediately caused a turnover on Canton's inbounds attempt — that would be repeated, too - and Raspberry, who hadn't scored a point in the first half, had two baskets in the first 30 seconds of the second.

The Chiefs' D.J. Bridges scored on their next possession, but that would be their only points in the first four minutes of the quarter. Wayne had 12 in that span to extend its lead to 44-32.

And the Zebras did it with their full-court pressure defense, applied after they had made a basket.

They forced 10 turnovers in the third quarter alone, scoring 12 points after causing those miscues in the Canton backcourt.

And when the Chiefs did score, a Wayne player was often in position to take a long pass at the other end of the court for a layup — a good piece of work at both ends, with a player unselfishly willing to look downcourt for an open teammate.

"We'd score and they'd get an easy one at the other end," Rheault said. "That's just effort and understanding."

One team had those qualities, the other didn't. Guess "That's the third time this

season we let a team score 20 or more points in the third quarter," Rheault added. "I think (the Chiefs) got comfort able where they were and overconfident." Against Wayne, there was no

reason to be that way. In their first season in the WLAA, the Zebras are certainly a contender for the league title.

They showed it at both ends of the court against Canton. But the Chiefs handled it pretty well in the first half.

"They used the same pressure (in the second half) they did in the first half," Rheault said. "But they picked (the intensity) up. I think we became complacent where we were at halftime.

"We should know better than that. No one's going to give it up at halftime."

Certainly Raspberry didn't. After that scoreless first half, he led five Zebras in double figures in scoring with 18 points — 14 coming in the third quarter, which means he nearly matched Canton's total for that period.

Terrance McClain contributed 14 points, Derre' Johnson scored 13, Genois Safford had 12 and Daniel Walsh finished with 11.

Bridges' 25 points led Canton. Steve Thornton had

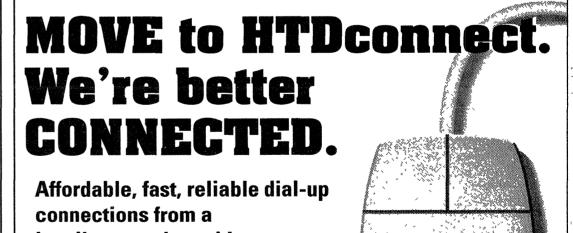
It won't get any easier for the Chiefs. They host a solid Livonia Franklin squad Friday, then play at Westland John Glenn — which beat Wayne nine days ago — Tuesday.

There is some good news for Canton.

There's a possibility post player Brad Waidmann, out with an injured thumb, could

return against Franklin. Certainly it appears the Chiefs, losers of six of their last seven games, need the help.

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# Chiefs top N'ville; Rocks mangle Mott

Trailing 3-1 early in the second raised Canton's record to 7-6 period, Canton's hockey team rallied to score five-straight goals and post a 6-3 win over Northville Saturday at Novi Ice

Dave Commiskey got the Chiefs going, scoring his team's first two goals and assisting on the next two. Ryan McKendry also scored two goals and Dave Bak had a goal and an assist.

Joe Vitale's goal with 13:41 left in the second period gave Northville a 3-1 lead. Commiskey's second goal of the game (unassisted) scored 2:21 later narrowed the gap to 3-2; Matt Gabriel then scored with 7:14 to go in the period to knot it at 3-3 (assisted by Commiskey

Bak's goal (from Commiskey) with 3:11 left in the second put the Chiefs ahead to stay,  $4-\overline{3}$ . McKendry made certain they'd stay there, scoring twice in the third period (Kyle Tollison and Brian Wioncek assisted)

and Casey Skrzypek).

Bak assisted on Commiskey's first-period goal. Charles Kemp was in goal for the victory, which

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overall, 3-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Salem 7, Mott 2: In the first game of a busy week for Salem. the Rocks scored three unanswered goals in the first period and coasted to a non-conference win Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The win pushed Salem's record to 12-1-1, and coming off last Friday's upset loss to Livonia Churchill it proved the Rocks were ready to roll again.

John Schultz played a big part in this win, scoring Salem's last three goals after assisting on three of their first four. Mark Nagel was nearly as impressive; Nagel, leading scorer in the WLAA, got the first goal of the game and assisted on five others.

Other goal-scorers for Salem were David Gill, Aaron Cheesman and Andy Thackaberry.

Gill and Cheesman joined Nagel in scoring first-period goals; Mott answered with a second-period score by Andrew

Rehkopf, but Salem then got the next five to win easily.

Ray Kraft was in goal for the

CC 4. Trenton 2: Catholic Central stared yet another No. 1 team in the eye on Saturday

And like Division 3 leader Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood did Friday night, Trenton — the top-ranked team in Division 2 — blinked Saturday in a loss to the best team in Division 1 in CC before a packed house at Redford Ice Arena.

"It was a game with a lot of intensity," said CC co-coach Todd Johnson as his team improved to 12-2 overall. "That was a lot of high-intensity games to play in a short period and we got caught being a little heavyfooted at first. But it really put our guys to the

The two teams traded goals in the first period as CC's Eric Giosa scored a power-play goal four minutes into the game from Brandon Naurato and Eric Reinhardt. Trenton (9-1-4) tied it

Gutenschwager had a powerplay goal of his own.

But CC broke out to start the second period and never was headed. A minute into the second period, Naurato scored from Andrew Eggert and Travis Hamway. Naurato made it 3-12 1/2 minutes later from Hamway and Billy Burns, then Eggert made it 4-1 a minute later on a power-play goal from Eric Reinhardt and Naurato.

After CC made a change in goal, swapping Jimmy Blanchard for backup John Garza, Trenton's Derek Cranford closed out the scoring for the 4-2

"Some of our guys had never played in front of so many people, so it was good to play games like this," Johnson said. "It put our guys to the test. With a lot of tough games in a row, I thought our guys did well."

Blanchard stopped 14 of the 15 shots he faced, while Garza saved four of the five he saw. Trenton's Ben Trosien made 25 saves in

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OHL's West Division with a 28-8-8-1 record (65 points). Kingston is 18-22-1-4 (41 points), fifth in the East; Erie is 20-19-3-2 (45 points), second in the Midwest; and Toronto is 21-16-4-2 (48 points), first in the Central.

Against Kingston, the Frontenacs got a goal in each period to edge Plymouth. Danny McDonald scored 1:21 into the game to give Kingston the lead; the Whalers tied it with a goal by Karl Stewart at 16:38 of the first period (assists by Chris Thorburn and John Mitchell).

Anthony Stewart's first goal of the game in the second period gave the Frontenacs the lead again; his second 3:32 into the third made it 3-1.

Chad LaRose scored on the power play (from Cole Jarrett and James Wisniewski) at 12:22 of the third, but the Whalers could not get the equalizer.

Paul Drew had 27 stops in goal for Plymouth. Peter Hamerlik had 29 for Kingston.

At Erie, the Whalers took the early lead on a Thorburn firstperiod goal, but they couldn't hold it. The Otters scored twice in the first five minutes of the second, goals by Carlo Colaiacovo and Mike Rice. Plymouth tied it with a goal by

Stewart (from Thorburn) with

3:15 left in the period. Drew was outstanding with

32 stops in goal for the Whalers. T.J. Aceti had 15 saves for Erie. And at Toronto, a scoreless first period was followed by an

offensive second and third.

Sean Thompson scored twice

for the Whalers, his second giv-

ing them the lead for good. Jarrett's power-play score (from Stewart and LaRose) in the second period came less than a minute after Ryan Rorabeck had given St. Michael's a 1-0 lead. Thompson scored the next two for Plymouth (Mitchell and Jonas Fiedler assisted on the first, Thorburn and Mike Nelson on

Rorabeck's second goal late in the second period narrowed the gap to 3-2, but two straight Whaler goals in the third period boosted their lead to 5-2. Stewart got the first (from Martin Cizek); Wisniewski got the second (from Mitchell and Fiedler).

the second) to make it 3-1 for

the Whalers.

Shane O'Brien and Andrey Mikhnov got goals for Toronto in the third, sandwiched around a score by LaRose (from Thorburn and Fiedler).

Jeff Weber had 24 saves for Plymouth; Justin Peters made 24 stops for St. Michael's.

The Whalers play Friday at Sault Ste. Marie, then host Windsor (second in the West Division) at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Andrew Murawski (Salem) 178.10	
Nick Reilly (CC)	174.80
Brad Sokolowski (Salem)	172.80
Kyle Mullen (Redford Union)	170.15
Ryan Campbell (CC)	164.74
Tyler Flood (CC)	156.40
Steve Smith (Stevenson)	134.65
Nate Lindam (Stevenson) 133.60	

100-yard butterfly	
Ben Działo (Salem)	54.31
Rob Cyrek (CC)	54.69
Nick Dixon (Salem)	54.97
Yuhei Uno (Canton)	55.99
Andrew Carlin (CC)	57.03
Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson)	58.43
Joe Le (Canton)	59.11
Mike Horgan (Salem)	1:00.00
Chris Banas (CC)	1:02.38
Jordan Champine (Canton)	1.02.98
Jeff Nevi (Salem)	1:04.32

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Joe Le (Canton)	49.72		
Rob Cyrek (CC)	50.26		
Ben Dzialo (Salem)	50.32		
Andrew Carlin (CC)	51.06		
Nick Dixon (Salem)	51 42		
Dan Jones (CC)	52.69		
Matt Vivian (Salem)	52.79		
Joe Aumiller (Salem)	52.80		
Ryan Frost (Wayne)	52 89		
Matt Jurcak (Salem)	52.25		

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Nick Dixon (Salem)	4:57.71
Ben Działo (Salem)	5:01.19
Joe Zatkoff (CC)	5:11 99
James Sattler (Canton)	5:12.01
Nick Stone (John Glenn)	5 14.76
Rob Cyrek (CC)	5:20 38
Joe Aumiller (Salem)	5:21.60
James Sattler (Canton)	5:21.89
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Brendan Cummings (Stevenson)	5:31.04
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Salem	1:33.49
Stevenson	1:33 87
Canton	1:39.47
Wayne	1:44.21
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John Faraoni (Canton)	1:01.01
Rob Cyrek (CC)	1:01 48
Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson)	1:01.81

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Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson)	1:01.81
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Jeff Nevi (Salem)	1:02.39
Nick Yee (Salem)	1:04.34
Dale Donahue (Redford Union)	1.05.63
Adam Whalen (Stevenson) 1:06.23	
Dan Jones (CC)	1.06.38

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Penn Chou (Salem)	1:09.49
Kris Kinsvater (Stevenson)1:09.71	
Jason Anderson (Stevenson)	1:10.13
Scott Montgomery (Thurston)	1:11.33
Scott Jankowski (Redford Union)	1:11.98
Dave Godzinski (Stevenson)	1:12.47

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Greg Phill, Livonia Stevenson's girls swim coach, is compiling the boys' best times. Updates for the Thursday 3:24.59 3:26.92 edition of the Observer must be reported by 2 p.m. Sunday. Phill may be 3:33.43 reached at (734) 464-9443, or email him at gphill5269@aol.com.

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# DNR launches a mid-winter survey on eagles

deserted beach along a narrow stretch of U.S.-2 on the northern shore of

Lake

Michigan is

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occurred.

Mesmerized

by the seemingly endless

chance encounter



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

white-capped waters stretching out below me, I was daydreaming about battling a fall-run steelhead at the mouth of

one of the many creeks bisecting the coast when out of nowhere it

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I realized immediately it was a majestic bald eagle by its tell-tale snow-white head and tail feathers. What surprised me was that it was flying low, about 40 feet off the water, but just above eyelevel to me. He seemed to want to race as we both sped east for a moment. Then he turned seaward, made a wide circle and came right back toward shore. He landed at a dead fish washed up on shore 100 yards ahead of

Visions of my mini-van tumbling into the sandy culvert rolled through my head as I pulled off the road as quickly and quietly as I could.

Using a couple small sand dunes for cover, I snuck up to within 40 yards before slowly With the bird's dark brown

body-feathers contrasting against the snowy-white head, the bright mid-day sunshine set a breathtaking backdrop as it glistened off the white-capped water. Holding the carrion in its long talons, the eagle snatched up a chunk of fish with its curved, yellow beak.

I only watched him dine for a few fleeting seconds before his keen eyes detected an intruder and his survival instincts urged him to fly back out over the lake.

I've seen a few other eagles, mostly in the past six or seven years and most of them soaring high in the sky. That was the closest and by far the most exciting eagle encounter I've ever experienced.

Each winter DNR biologists ask for public assistance during a two-week winter eagle survey.

This year's survey runs through Jan. 15. Sponsored by the DNR Wildlife Division's Natural Heritage Program, the survey represents an important partnership between the DNR and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

Only bald eagles sighted during this time period will be accepted as part of the national survey. Eagle observations can be reported through the phone, fax or the Internet. Participants can fill put a mid-winter bald eagle survey form on the DNR's Web site: (www.michigan.gov/dnr), fax a report to (517) 373-6705, or mail a report to: 2003 Winter

Bald Eagle Survey, Natural Heritage Program, Wildlife Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 30180, Lansing MI 48909-7680. Forms are also available at DNR field offices and Operation

Service Centers. Wintering eagles can be found in all 83 Michigan counties. In the winter, bald eagles forage for food near ice-free areas on lakes, rivers, reservoirs and cooling ponds at power plants, and can also be found feeding on road kill. Ice anglers frequently see eagles. Another tip to remember is that adult eagles have white heads and tails, and hooked,

heavy, yellow beaks. Their bright

along with their long wingspans,

yellow feet are easily noticed

up to seven feet. Immature

eagles have blotchy brown-andwhite feathers and black beaks. Bald eagles fly with a flat wing

pattern. Reports should include the

following information: Participant's name, address

and telephone number. The date and time of the

sighting. The county, township, range and section, or a location near a town, lake, river, highway or other land feature.

■ The number of eagles observed and their maturity level (adult or immature).

The eagle's behavior and any other pertinent information. Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham MI 48009.

# Hot sauce causes Canton bowler to feel the heat

his week's headline could read: "Santa Claus bowler feels the heat" or "Marinara puts Santo on dis-

This item is about the recent misfortune of Santo Lupo of

Canton. He is a member of the Sunday Goodtimers League, bowling on Sunday mornings at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills.

Santo is an

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season, he

**Ten Pin** Alley

abled list.

Harrison

a Red Wings jersey with No. 19 and the Yzerman name on it. You can't

miss him. He also works as a chef in one of the local area restaurants.

February 6th, 2003 for the following:

provision of services.

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While carrying a tray across the kitchen, he accidentally stepped in a large bowl of very hot marinara sauce that someone had put on the floor (why?).

He was rushed to the E.R. where he was treated for second-degree burns on his ankle. Santo said, "I was in a lot of pain for about three hours."

Now recovering nicely, he missed the Sunday Goodtimers the next day and is out for another week or so.

Meanwhile, back at the restaurant, many of the patrons were heard to comment on how extra flavorful the marinara sauce was on that day.

■ Due to a scheduling change, the Pro Bowlers Tour World-Am Championship, originally slated for Toledo, is coming to Taylor Lanes in early March.

It will feature the world's top pro bowlers competing for the TPC title and big prize money. There will be several squads of pro-am bowling with a great choice of ball options.

For an entry fee of \$169, the choice is either the Storm 'X-Factor' or Ebonite "TPC Shooter or Warrior.' Or, for an entry fee of \$149, the choices are either the Storm 'Core Power LRG' or Ebonite 'Black Vortex II.'

These are all great balls and come in all popular weights. Entry fees without ball are \$75 for adults and \$45 for the youth squads. Seniors age 55 or older get \$10 off any package.

The schedule shows, all dates and times and spectator admission fees for each segment are as

Sunday, March 1 - Youth proam: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., \$2 all day; adult pro-am: 1, 4 and 7 p.m., \$2 all day.

Sunday, March 2 - PBA practice session: 7 a.m. to noon, \$2 all day; youth pro-am: 1 p.m., \$2 all day; adult pro-am: 1, 3:30 and 7 p.m., \$2 all day.

Monday, March 3 - A&B squad qualifying: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$7; C&D squad qualifying: 3-9 p.m., \$10.

Tuesday, March 4 – B&C squad qualifying: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$7; A&B squad qualifying: 3-9 p.m., \$10.

Wednesday, March 5 – C&D squad qualifying: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$7; A&B squad qualifying: 3-9 p.m., \$10.

Thursday, March 6 – D&A squad qualifying: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$7; B&C squad qualifying: 3-9 p.m., \$10.

Friday, March 7 - Top 64 qualifying: 8-11 a.m., \$10; top 32 single elimination (match play, best 4-of-7): 1-4 p.m., \$10; top 16 single elimination (match play, best 4-of-7): 6-9 p.m., \$10.

Saturday, March 8 - Round of 16 single elimination (match play, best 3-of-5): 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., fee pending; round of 8 single elimination (match play, best 3-of-5): 5:20-9:30 p.m., fee pending.

Sunday, March 9 - TV finals live on ESPN, 12:30-2 p.m., fee pending. For more information, call Taylor Lanes at (734) 946-9092.

at local bowling centers. Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and

Entry forms will be available

a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (734) 788-0045.

#### **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, February 6th, 2003 for the following:

#### RENTAL OF PORT-A-JOHNS

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

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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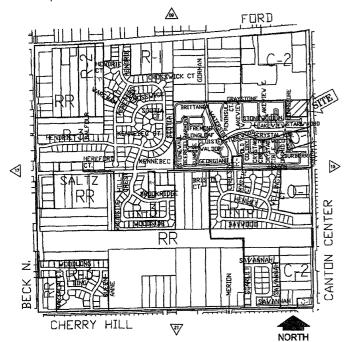
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 17, 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:

CAMBRIDGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AMENDMENT #1- CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE COMMERCIAL ELEMENT OF THE PDD AGREEMENT AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO. 061 99 0006 703. Property is located west of Canton Center between Ford and Saltz Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 13, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

> VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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CANFORD PARK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - FINAL PLAN- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO. 067 99 0011 000 (part of). Property is located north of Cherry Hill between Denton and Beck Roads. (Second Public Hearing.)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 13, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

CITY OF PLYMOUTH MICHIGAN CITY COMMISSION AND PLANNING **COMMISSION** JOINT MEETING NOTICE **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003** 

7:00 P.M. (734) 453-1234

A special meeting of the City Commission and Planning Commission will be held at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, Card Meeting Room to consider the following:

CONCEPT PLAN: 101 N. Union / 171 Hamilton (Adistra / Daisy Property) APPLICANT: Joseph Freed & Associates

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans with disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth 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/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

> Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CANTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Charter Township of Canton will receive firm sub-contractor bids for the Canton Performing Arts Center Project located at the northeast corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads in Canton Township. The work to be released in this bid package will consist of all tasks to complete the project, including, but not limited to, the following: Concrete Foundations and Flatwork, Masonry, Structural and Miscellaneous Steel, Glass & Glazing, Architectural Trades, Miscellaneous Specialties, Theatrical Systems, Theatrical Seating, all Mechanical & Electrical Systems.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications. Documents may be obtained with a \$50.00 per set refundable deposit payable to George W. Auch Co., at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341, 248.334.2000, at 12:00 noon on January 22nd, 2003. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on January 31st, 2003 at the Summit on the Park Conference Center, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188. Attendance at the prebid meeting is highly recommended.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify the Bid Category being bid and addressed to the attention of the Township Clerk. It shall be delivered to the Canton Administration Building Business Offices, 1150 Canton Center Road S., Canton, MI 48303, or to the office of George W. Auch Co., 735 S. Paddock St., Pontiac, MI 48341, but must be delivered no later than noon, February 14th, 2003. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be identified and sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the project, the name of the bidder and the Bid Category(s) being bid. All acceptable bids will contain a bid bond naming this project executed by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the Charter Township of Canton and licensed to do business in the state of Michigan, or a cashier's check naming this project in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Charter Township of Canton.

All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days. Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Summit on the Park Conference Center, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI, starting at 3:00 p.m., February 14th, 2003.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a U.S. Treasury listed Performance and Payment Bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in the state of Michigan in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole, or in part and to waive any informalities therein. Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept that bid which, in it's opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

Charter Township of Canton

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Robert M.

# Bylaws rule, so review, know them

I just purchased a condo but was never presented with the bylaws. My Realtor asked the seller's Realtor if small dogs were allowed, and she said yes. When I received the bylaws three weeks after I moved in, I found out dogs of any size weren't allowed.

I then received a letter from the association telling me to get rid of the dogs or they would start a lawsuit. My Realtor has agreed to sell my condo at no charge and pay my closing costs to

move. What are my rights? Can the association get a court order to remove my dogs even though I've agreed to sell my condo? Should my Realtor buy my condo back from me?

Your Realtor didn't do you a favor by not getting the condominium documents before your closing, which you should have received and reviewed.

You are bound by the condominium documents regardless because they were presumably recorded as part of the Master Deed.

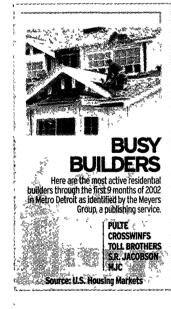
The association has the right to enforce the documents against you assuming that it has otherwise properly enforced these provisions in the past and the provisions were properly inserted in the condominium documents.

Your Realtor may well be negligent to you and you may have a cause of action for your damages.

The association can get a court order to remove your dogs even though you have agreed to sell your unit, but I would try to get things worked out with the association in the interim.

You would be well advised to get a new Realtor and a condominium lawyer before you purchase a condominium in the future.

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer, concentrates his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. He can be reached at bmeisner@mich.com This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.





Keal Estate

A less spectacular appreciation than in years past, but a steady rise, nonetheless, typified sales prices in most communities here as of year end.

# Prices move up gradually

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER

Good news for homeowners.

Residential sales prices rose or held steady in almost every Observer & Eccentric area community at year end 2002 compared to the previous year.

The increase was gradual in many cases, according to figures provided by Realcomp II, a multi-listing service for several real estate boards here.

The median (half-above/half-below) sales price for the year climbed 1 to 3 percent in Southfield, Troy, Lake Orion/ Orion Township, Oxford, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford and Westland.

There was no change in Farmington/ Farmington Hills.

The increase was a bit higher, 6-8 percent, in Clarkston/Independence Township, Garden City, Rochester Hills and Birmingham.

Prices slipped about 3 percent in Rochester.

Prices soared 16 percent in Bloomfield Township, 28 percent in Bloomfield Hills and 39 percent in West Bloomfield. Analysis, however, may be a bit difficult in those areas, said Karen Kage, CEO at Realcomp II.

The West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Township median figure is an average of several submarkets, she said.

More higher price sales were reported in the Orchard Lake area of West Bloomfield and more sales in Bloomfield Township occurred north of Square Lake Road last year than 2001.

"Just more high priced homes sold (last year) in Bloomfield Hills," Kage added.

Following are year-end median sales prices by community starting with 2002 and dating back annually to 1997. The numbers in parentheses refer to number of sales last year.

In Oakland County: Auburn Hills: (210 sales); \$151,900; \$151,000; \$141.500:

\$130,000; \$116,500; \$110,000. ■ Birmingham: (461); \$260,000; \$240,500; \$245,000; \$227,000; \$225,000; \$192,000.

■ Bloomfield Hills: (85); \$409,950; \$320,000; \$340,000; \$347,500;

'In a world where there's very few things you can count on ... it sure is nice being able to count on building value in a home."

Larry Cohen residential builder. West Bloomfield

\$300,000; \$419,000.

Bloomfield Township: (680); \$301,720; \$259,100; \$236,900; \$235,800; \$220,300; \$204,000.

Clarkston/Independence Township: (511); \$244,400; \$230,000; \$227,500; \$219,000; \$190,000; \$169,000.

**■** Farmington/ Farmington Hills: (1,180); \$222,000; \$222,500; \$208,500; \$192,000; \$186,000; \$172,500.

Lake Orion/ Orion Township: (510); \$222,000; \$215,500; \$194,000; \$183,000; \$169,000; \$155,000.

■ Oakland Township: (183); \$380,000; \$365,000; \$355,500; \$328,000; \$330,000; \$280,700.

Oxford Village/ Township: (216); \$216,750; \$212,000; \$199,900;

\$170,200; \$170,000; \$161,000. ■ Rochester: (211); \$260,500; \$268,500; \$225,900; \$168,000;

\$149,900; \$140,500. Rochester Hills: (997); \$258,000; \$240,000; \$240,000; \$226,000; \$211,900; \$198,500.

■ Southfield: (908); \$160,000; \$157,500; \$147,500; \$140,700; \$132,000; \$124,900.

Troy: (881); \$242,500; \$237,500; \$221,500; \$199,500; \$190,000; \$183,500. ■ Waterford: (1,252); \$159,900;

\$128,000; \$120,300. ■ West Bloomfield: (1,044); \$305,800; \$220,100; \$226,000; \$203,000; \$219,000; \$205,500.

\$152,500; \$148,400; \$139,900;

In Wayne County:

■ Canton: (1,262); \$225,000; \$219,000; \$206,500; \$187,500; \$171,000; \$163,000.

■ Garden City: (381); \$135,800;

\$126,900; \$123,100; \$112,100; \$99,900; \$93,000.

Livonia: (1,396); \$174,950; \$172,000; \$164,000; \$151,900; \$140,000; \$134,000.

■ Plymouth city/Township: (546); \$220,000; \$217,000; \$204,000;

\$180,000; \$164,500; \$161,000. Redford: (1,060); \$125,000; \$121,250; \$114,000; \$101,000;

\$91,500; \$85,000. Westland: (985); \$139,100; \$135,000; \$128,000; \$118,900; \$110,000; \$96,500.

The figures include existing houses and condominiums that changed hands, plus new home sales. Refinancings weren't included.

Several factors – including type and size of home, its age and condition, reputation of public school district and municipal services provided - determine specific selling price within a community

and across boundaries. "I would describe the market as excellent for buyers and sellers with reasonable expectations," said John McArdle, a broker and co-owner of Remerica Hometown One in Plymouth.

"We're not in a market that's depressed. We're in a market of moderate growth coming off years of exceptional growth. Mortgage rates are awesome.'

"Now, I prepare sellers for a realistic asking price," said Ronni Keating, a Realtor and co-owner of Snyder, Kinney, Bennett and Keating in Birmingham. "In previous years, you could test to see how high it would get. I'm advising more

"Buyers, I suggest if they're interested in making a move, now is the right time with (comparatively low) interest rates and houses sitting on the market," she

Larry Cohen, a West Bloomfield residential builder, finds that unbridled price appreciation leads to economic

"A gradual rise is best," he said. "In a world where there's very few things you can count on...it sure is nice being able to count on building value in a home. Plus, you get to live in it, enjoy it."

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"Some of my more savvy clients have taken advantage of this buyers' market by purchasing another home instead of just refinancing their existing home," said top-producing Realtor Joe Williams of RE/MAX 100 in Novi.

Williams adds, "while these people are likely accepting slightly lower prices for their existing homes, they are 'stepping up' into homes that are similarly discounted. This strategy exemplifies how well real estate can be used as a

wealth-building tool." To illustrate Williams' point, a hypothetical borrower might have to discount his \$150,000 home by 10 percent to sell it this weekend. However, he can make up double that amount by negotiating a similar deal for the purchase of a \$300,000 home. Combine that \$30,000 of future equity with the monthly savings of today's great interest rates, and you have truly a Golden Opportunity.

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Joe Williams and I agree that we are not likely to see such a wonderful combination of low mortgage interest rates and soft real estate prices again for a very long time. This is truly a rare opportunity. I expect investors and aggressive home seekers to snatch up some very attractive real estate deals in the coming months.

Tim Phillips is a residential mortgage specialist serving all of Michigan. You may reach him at (734) 797-5522, or via e-mail at PhillipsHQ@comcast.net. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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Furhad Waquad, affiliated with Real Estate One in Bloomfield Hills, received the Realtor Active in Politics of the Year Award for 2002 from the Michigan Association of Realtors.

Waquad twice has served as chairman of the political affairs committee for the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors and formerly was chairman of the state association public policy committee.

Waquad has acquired the professional designations of

Graduate Realtor Institute, Certified International Property Specialist and Accredited Buyer Representative.

He lives in Bloomfield Hills.

**Talon Development Group** has moved its offices to 550 Hulet Drive, Suite 103, Bloomfield Hills. Contacts are phone (248) 334-1950; fax (248) 334-1915; and Web www.talondev.com

Several staffers have affiliated Certified Residential Specialist, with TMP Associates, an archi-

tectural and engineering firm in Bloomfield Hills.

Eduardo Blanc, an architect, was a partner at R&B Design & Construction in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and an adjunct professor of technology at Washington University there. He received an architecture degree from the University of Buenos Aires and lives in Ann

Arbor. Thomas Barber, staff architect, received a bachelor of architecture degree from Carleton University and previously worked at JPRA

Architects in Farmington Hills. He resides in Novi.

Margaret Matta, AIA, was in business for herself as a sole practitioner for 20 years before joining TMP as an architect. She has a bachelor of environmental studies degree and a bachelor of architecture degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. Matta lives in Troy.

Scott Denby, an interior designer, has a bachelor of fine arts degree from Wayne State University. He lives in Clinton Township.

# **HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY**

These are the Observerarea residential realestate closings recorded the week of Sept. 9-13, 2002, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices. Canton 6637 Brookshire \$222,000 1029 Dundee \$248,000 2163 Fairway \$218,000 6923 Foxcreek \$265,000 42289 Hanford \$228,000 285 Morgan \$210,000 1983 Réctor \$203,000 42089 Starlite \$150,000 1771 Thistle \$251,000 6010 Wedgewood \$250,000

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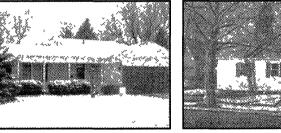
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#### **EXAM PREPARATION**

Livonia Community **Education and Oakland Builders** Institute present a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builders license exam 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Jan. 28-Feb. 6, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost is \$207, plus \$20 for a textbook. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

### **BUY HOME CLASS**

Deborah Johnson of RE/MAX Great Lakes in Farmington Hills hosts a free, no-obligation seminar for home buyers 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at Quicken Loans, 20555 Victor Parkway, Livonia.

To register, call (248) 553-4448.

#### **HOME SHOW**

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors its 11th annual Novi Home Improvement Show Friday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, at Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi

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Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$7, \$6 for senior citizens. No charge for children under 12.

On-site parking is available for an additional charge. For more information, call (248) 862-1019.

#### **CREW MEETING**

The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women hosts motivational speaker Kevin Giddins noon Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Westin Southfield Hotel, 1500 Town Center, Southfield.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$40 for members, \$55 for nonmembers. To register, call

Joanne Sisson at (248) 458-7203, or Ann Heimstra, (248) 816-3834.

#### **EXAM PREP II**

Oakland Builders Institute conducts a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builders license exam.

The class goes 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 10-19, at Kettering High School, 2800 Bender, Waterford; and 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 11-20, at Walled Lake Middle

School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail. Cost is \$205, plus \$20 for a textbook and sample questions.

To register, call Waterford Community Education at (248) 674-3145, or Walled Lake Community Education, (248) 956-5000.

### **MASONRY SEMINAR**

The Masonry Institute of Michigan presents a two-day masonry certification seminar 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 20-21, at its offices, 12870 Farmington Road, Livonia.

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# Much of town made famous by Judge Bean up for auction

(AP) – Do ya' enjoy history? Little towns? The Sunbelt?

Well listen up. Much of the West Texas town of Langtry, where a judge once dispensed justice from a saloon, is on the auction block.

The minimum bid on the eBay Web site for the Langtry assets is \$750,000.

However, online bidders are advised that none of the property directly tied to the legendary Judge Roy Bean is included in the sale.

Bill and Pat Dodd, owners of the Harold T. Dodd estate, possess about 80 percent of Langtry. Harold Dodd owned the entire area before Bean opened court there in 1882.

"They've sold about 100 lots over

the years, but there are still nearly 400 lots left and all the acres that surround the town," Richard Nored, who has partnered with the Dodds to try to sell the town.

Known as "the Law West of the Pecos," Bean was a no-nonsense arbiter who dispensed justice from a Langtry saloon. He was infatuated with an 1800s British actress named Lilly Langtry, and named the town after her. Bean was the town's justice of the peace for 20 years.

The eBay auction includes 228 acres with 399 lots, several old buildings and two cemeteries in the town of about 30 residents, 56 miles west of Del Rio in Val Verde County on the Mexican border. Most of the

'When I was growing up, everyone in Texas and most of the world had heard of Judge Roy Bean. Now it seems like the last few generations have never heard of him.'

**Richard Nored** owner, Gro Motel

lots are undeveloped.

Off limits from the sale, however, are the Bean visitor's center and the old saloon.

"When I was growing up, everyone in Texas and most of the world had heard of Judge Roy Bean," said Nored, owner of the Exxon gas station and the Gro Motel in Langtry. "Now it seems like the last few generations have never heard of him."

The land up for auction has been in the family of Pat Dodd's husband for generations.

"He grew up out there, and his ancestor, W.H. Dodd, was Judge Roy

Bean's successor," Pat Dodd said Nored said he added 10 acres of his own to the offer and encouraged the Dodds to sell the property on

"I saw a deal about Bridgeville, Calif., for sale on eBay, and it gave me the idea," Nored said.

Years ago, a real estate agent established \$750,000 as a fair asking price, said Pat Dodd, adding that the asking price hasn't changed

Dodd's family has moved and lost interest in Langtry, and long-distance ownership isn't practical.

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# New California law makes infill development a priority

(AP) - While it was being debated last year, no one pitched AB857 as the one true initiative to reshape California's haphazard growth management policies.

But as the state begins 2003 with the new law in place, its supporters hope it will provide the framework for a gradual, dramatic series of changes

More, they hope it will help California erase its image as a national laggard in growth management as widespread sprawl continues to dominate its 155,000 square-mile land-

The new law makes a priority of infill development - rebuilding and reusing existing neighborhoods – as the state doles out billions of dollars worth of infrastructure spending.

Two more priorities would spare working farms from development and make suburban growth more efficient by squeezing more people onto fewer acres.

Census reports show California's post-1970 suburbs average about 1,600 fewer people per square mile than pre-1950s neighborhoods.

While still a small step, the law sets up new struggle between powerful establishments of "Smart-Growth" theorists and builders who operate in the hard realities of the marketplace.

And it comes as California homebuilders forecast 124,000 new single-family homes this year, the highest number in a decade, primarily on empty land at the state's booming suburban edges.

Backers consider the move toward strategic growth investments the biggest leap in a generation for a state government that routinely lets 58 counties and almost 500 cities decide how to accommodate roughly six million new residents a decade.

The next five years, California intends to spend \$56 billion on colleges, highways, hospitals, courts and state buildings. Voters have approved billions more for local schools and housing in bond

The new law could push

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infill land acquisition manager, John Laing Homes

more of it toward existing neighborhoods instead of new ones.

The law also requires the state to fulfill a 1970 requirement, signed into law by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan, to prepare a long-range vision and strategy for the state's growth.

That was last done in 1978, when California had 13 million fewer people.

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan also has focused on the concept of Smart Growth in recent years.

Environmentalists, farmers, planners and urban activists view it as a beginning for California - a law they can muscle up in coming legislative sessions. They're tailoring new proposals from growth management to tax policy to fit AB857's new priorities.

Those priorities typically favor growth in established neighborhoods, downtowns and declining 1960s and 1970s suburbs that have streets, sewer lines and transit routes.

Supporters want the state to encourage more land-efficient ideas like Fresno's two-story elementary schools that take up seven acres instead of 10 and Sacramento's hundreds of new downtown residences, including its first new units above grocery stores and parking garages.

Other favorites include reusing obsolete sites.

In Anaheim, a homebuilder plans 36 townhouses and 20 single-family homes on a fiveacre former truck yard near downtown.

Abel Avalos, who works for the developer for the Anaheim project, says buyers want to

escape worsening commutes. While five decades of suburban growth has proved enormously popular in California, it has also brought some of the nation's worst traffic.

"There's pent-up demand. It's not really an issue of whether people will buy this," says Avalos, infill land acquisition manager for John Laing Homes.

The infill-type development stressed by the new law represents more than 30 percent of growth in Los Angeles, but only about five percent in fast-suburbanizing counties like Riverside and San Bernardino, says John Landis, professor of city and regional planning at the University of California,

Berkeley. Landis says a statewide 30 percent infill development rate could spare up to 2.5 million acres of open land from development in this century.

But for all the enthusiasm, the new law's supporters have a fight on their hands.

Much of the state's growth machine - suburban builders, real estate agents, businesses

and local governments - opposes state meddling in how cities and counties grow.

Last year, their lobbyists fought the bill in committee hearings, saying it could steer precious road and school. money from popular hotmarket suburbs to central cities where many families fear weak schools and don't want to live.

Even backers acknowledge that's possible in a state where more than eight in 10 residents say their ideal is a single-family house with a back yard in a safe neighborhood. Suburban starter houses far from jobs also tend to be more affordable than city homes.

"It has great promise, but it could also be an empty gesture unless it's implemented well," says Nick Bollman, head of the California Center for Regional Leadership.

Guy Bjerke, vice president of the Home Builders Association of Northern California, says, "It's unfortunate this legislation got passed because it doesn't recognize the significant costs of building infill."

# Mortgage rates rise, but economists upbeat on sales

(AP) - Rates on 30-year and 15year mortgages ticked up last week, but are still sufficiently low to keep home sales humming, economists

The average interest rate nationally on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage rose to 5.97 percent for the week ending Friday, Jan. 17, up from 5.95 percent the previous week, Freddie Mac reported in its weekly nationwide survey of rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages had started the new year by dropping to a new low of 5.85 percent, for the

week ending Friday, Jan. 3. That rate was the lowest since the mortgage giant began tracking 30-year mortgage rates in 1971.

Records that reach back earlier than Freddie Mac's put that 30-year rate of 5.85 percent at the lowest level since the early 1960s.

For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates ticked up last week to 5.36 percent, compared with 5.33 percent in the prior week.

But rates on one-year adjustable rate mortgages stood at 4.03 percent,

unchanged from the previous week.

"We expect mortgage rates to hover around their current levels and for 2003 to be another strong housing market," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

The National Association of Realtors' chief economist David Lereah believes sales of both existing homes and new ones hit record highs in 2002 and that 2003 will mark the second-best year for home

"The momentum gained from low mortgage interest rates will carry

strong home sales into 2003," Lereah said.

Low mortgage rates over the past year have been fueling not only strong home sales but a surge of home mortgage refinancing activity.

The extra monthly cash consumers are saving by refinancing their mortgages at lower interest rates is helping to support consumer spending.

The Mortgage Bankers Association of America said refinancing activity has accounted for just over three quarters of all mortgage applications in recent weeks.

Mortgage rates reported by Freddie Mac don't include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages carried an average fee of 0.6 point last week, while one-year adjustable mortgages had an average 0.7 point financing fee.

A point is 1 percent of the amount borrowed.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.83 percent, 15-year mortgages were 6.31 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 5.08 percent.

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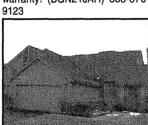
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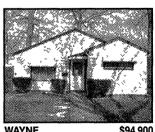
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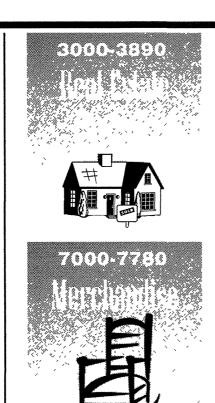


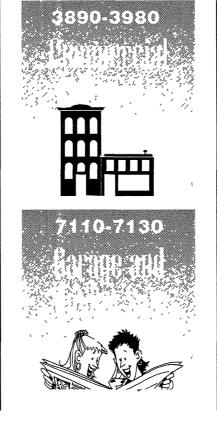














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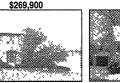
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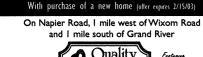
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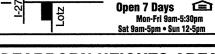
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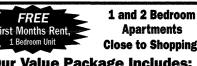
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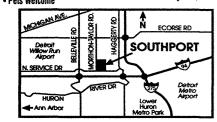
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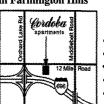
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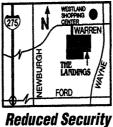
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Applicants will be required to ass a written and oral exam personal background check physical and psychological Salary range \$40,265 to \$57,427.

Applications are available and returned completed to: Charter Township of Northville Human Resource Department 41660 Six Mile Rd. Northville, MI 48167

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Needed for expanding, successful Birmingham area mortgage office. Experience required top salary 8 package. Up to \$\$10,000. Sign on Bonus. Positions to be filled immediately Call Toni, 248-433-0375

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**PART TIME** 

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Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI

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#### Office Clerical

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OFFICE ASSISTANT - Bilingual (Spanish/English) individual to answer phones and input data. 40 hrs/wk., 9 to 5 Good phone etiquette and depend able. Call (248) 538-7895 for interview, ask for Bill. OFFICE ASSISTANT

# OFFICE/CLERICAL

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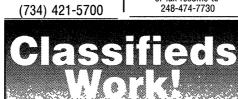
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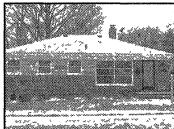
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REDFORD - This home is a "10". Beautiful 3 BR, 11/2 BA ranch is spotless. Totally updated custom kitchen by premier builder w/top of the line appliances included. Open floor plan w/dining el & living room with hardwood floors. Finished basement with bar &fireplace & 1/2 bath. \$144,900 (75SIO) 248-349-5600

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HIGHLAND - Golf course community. Custom built home on an approx .7 acre lot in Prestwick Village. Soaring ceilings in great room & media room. Large Island kitchen. Hardwood foyer &solid oak circular stairway. Master suite w/2 WIC, Jacuzzi tub, custom blinds & recessed lights. \$459,900 (37CAR) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN Welcome home. Dearborn's prestigious Golfview 3-story English tudor on rare double lot w/31/2 car garage. Commercial design kitchen. Hardwood floors, newer windows, great room, formal dining room & fin basement. Old world charm would be hard to duplicate. \$589,900 (35WIL) 48-349-5600



LIVONIA - Take a look at the rest then

come see the best. Absolutely move-in

ready. From the beautiful oak kitchen

w/built-in leaded wine cabinet to the pro-

fessionally landscaped yard. Super Family

room w/newer stone fireplace, fresh décor

& carpet. 2 level deck. pavers,patio &

NORTHVILLE - Blue Heron beauty W/O. 3 bedroom, 31/2 bath 2 story with walk-out to the water w/boats & more. 2-story great room. Walk-out has its own fireplace. Could be in-law quarters. Newer carpeting. To many amenities to list. \$419,900 (85BLU) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Livonia schools! 4BR, 11/2

BA, Quad level. Updated windows, siding,

gutters, furnace, C/A & Berber carpet. Ceramic tile in kitchen. Newer cement

drive. Screened in back porch & privacy

fence. \$163,900 (75COO) 734-455-5600

WESTLAND - Waiting for you! 3 bedroom brick ranch. Roof less than 5 years old. Vinyl windows, hardwood floors. Updated kitchen with appliances & skylight. Great corner lot! Close to elementary school. Basement and 2 car garage. \$135,900 (24DEN) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Regal Redford ranch. 3 bed-

room brick ranch w/21/2 baths, 2 car

garage, rec room has kitchen, wet plaster,

CA w/electronic air cleaner, huge deck,

vinyl thermo windows, country kitchen

w/secretary & dishwasher, 100 AMP serv

w/ckt. breaker. \$147,000 (12ROB) 734-

CANTON - Must see! Delightful 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 21/2 car garage. Many updates, kitchen, flooring, bath, windows, AC, roof, insulation, banister railing. Formal dining room & family room with fireplace \$220,000 (43ROB) 734-455-





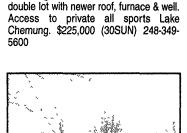
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CANTON - Immaculate. 3 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial w/neutral colors. Newer carpeting. Super clean home. Stunning cedar deck w/lighting. Finished office in basement. Fireplace in family room. So many extras. \$254,900 (27PAR) 248-349-5600



HOWELL - Overlooks Lake Chemung.

Charming 3 bedroom, 1 bath home on a

CANTON - Stunning 3 bedroom, brick ranch w/2 baths, newer windows, doorwalls, siding, roof, furnace & A/C. Updated kitchen w/oak cupboards, Pergo flooring, finished basement, newer windows, cement, spacious master suite & much

more. \$199,900 (99SOU) 248-349-5600



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LIVONIA - Stop the car! 3 bedroom vinyl ranch built in 1979 w/Livonia schools. Newer siding, roof, ceramic tile, windows carpet, kitchen, paint & newer cement. Professionally landscape & 2002 built garage. \$155,000 (20HOR) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - W. Dearborn brick ranch! 2

bedrooms, 1 bath. Very clean ranch with

2 car garage, partially finished basement,

newer windows, entry doors & glass block

windows. Full ceramic bath. Hardwood

floors. Deep lot. \$111,000 (13ROS) 734-

NEW HUDSON - Beautiful! 3 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial w/professionally landscaped! Brick paver patio, large deck overlooking 21/2 wooded acres with stocked pond & beach. Hardwood floors. Finished basement with 4th bedrooms. \$349,900 (03SHA) 734-455-5600

WESTLAND - Fantastic upper level condo! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open & flow-

ing floor plan. Vaulted ceilings, 2 skylights.

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DEARBORN - Gorgeous end unit town-

house. Built in 1997, decorated like a

model, 2 bedroom, 2 full baths, great room

w/FP, all appl. stay & beautifully compli-

ment the bright white kitchen. Library

w/doorwall to balcony, 1st floor laundry,

WIXOM - Need fast sale! 3 bedroom Trilevel. Spacious pie shaped lot. Open floor plan. Oak cabinets in large kitchen w/doorwall to deck. Brand new wood fence. New ceramic tile in basement. Slate in landing. Newer carpet. \$184,900 (36WEN) 734-



NORTHVILLE - Perfection in Northville, 3

BR, 2½ BA custom contemporary cape

cod located deep in sub. Maple hardwood

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foyer and kitchen. Upgrade carpet. Many

updated T/O. \$479,900 (20ABB) 248-349-

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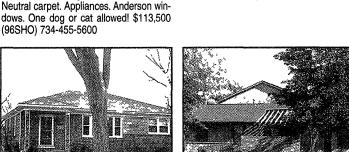
FARMINGTON HILLS - Well worth taking a look at, 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on approx. 1 acre of total privacy. Home needs a major face lift, but has great potential. Priced well below homes in area. Bring all offers. Immediate occupancy. \$199,900 (35SHA) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Charming Bungalow. Large 3 bedroom, 11/2 bath w/full dormer, updated kitchen w/nook addition, spacious LR & DR w/hardwood firs, updated furnace, main bath, windows, siding, copper plumbing, doowall, landscaping/pavers & driveway. &239,900 (24IRV) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - Great income property. Downtown Brick 2 family home with 2 bedrooms on ranch! Great 3 bedroom, 11/2 bath brick/vinyl ranch offering totally updated each floor, separate furnaces and utilities newer roof and siding, dining room, full kitchen, updated bath, newer windows basement, 2 car garage, fenced yard. treatments, Berber carpet, windows, entry Great investment. \$139,900 (05KEN) 734-& storm doors. \$208,000 (79SIM) 734-455-5600



DETROIT - Move right in! Beautiful 3 bed-

room, 1 bath brick ranch offers 11/2 car

garage with many updates. A must see!

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PLYMOUTH - Immaculate! 2 bedroom, 2 bath spacious ranch condo. Open floor plan. Updated kitchen & breakfast room with appl's included. Large living room with gas fireplace. Finished basement. End unit with extra wide doors. Handicap accessible. \$183,900 (00WOO) 734-455-5600



ceiling in kitchen w/oak cabinets. Bay window in nook. Huge FR w/fireplace. Finished basement. Roof shingles in '02. Some carpeting. Vinyl new in '03. Large master bedroom w/WIC & private bath. 3 BR, 21/2 BA colonial on a large lot. \$229,900 (10JAM) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Character, quality & curb appeal. This spacious 3BR, 11/2 BA cape cod has a large LR w/beautiful fireplace, hardwood floors & recessed lighting. Formal dining room w/door to patio & nicely landscaped yard. Huge master w/1 1/2 BA & sitting area. Pella windows T/O. \$179,900 (50WIL) 248-349-5600



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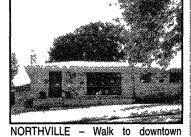
home. Custom built colonial on a wooded

lot. 3 spacious BR's, 21/2 BAs. W/O lower

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CANTON - Canton townhouse. 2 bedrooms, 11/2 bath w/many updates. All redone in '01. Kitchen & baths, carpet, lighting, sinks, counters & cabinets. Appliances: stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher & HWH all new in '01. Private entry w/newer exterior door-full view in 2001. &119,000 (10ORC) 248-349-5600



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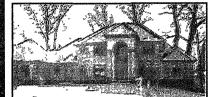


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**PLYMOUTH** 

**PLYMOUTH** \$294,900

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CANTON \$217,000 BEAUTIFUL QUAD HOME, Great location. great schools, great price! 4 BR, newer furn, air, air cleaner, wallside wndws, most carpet, hrdwd foyer. Hot tub is negot. Great yard, & bsmt.(H7334)

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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, finished bsmt w/

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\$154,300 LOCATED ON STREET W/COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE! 3 BR ranch w/new kitchen, cove ceilings, wet plaster, high-efficiency furnace, 2-car garage, fenced yard & 12 mo. home protection plan. Great home for the money!(61MIL2)

LIVONIA GOOD VALUE Good condition, good location. Clean as a whistle and immediate

\$134,900 occupancy. 3 BR, 2 car garage, c/a.(R20151)

REDFORD AREAS Original owners offering this 3 BR, 1.5 BA, open flr plan ranch. Firda rm w

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**ELEGANT, SPACIOUS PLYMOUTH CONDO!** More than 1700 SF w/2 BR, 2.5 baths, LR w/vaulted ceiling, skylight & light oak kit. Glass enclosed FP w/ceramic surround. Jacuzzi in main bath & vaulted mstr!(83POI2) 248-348-6430



Dramatic ceilings, gourmet kit w/granite. Magnificent mstr ste, fin'd w/o bsmt. Numerous amenities!(54WOO2)

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**GREEN OAK** \$289,900 FABULOUS SANDY BEACH FRONTAGE on 680 acre all sports Whitmore Lake. Enjoy year round sunsets from this totally updated home w/open flr plan. Move right in, all appliances included.(E11900)

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LIVONIA

CLEAN & UPDATED! Beautiful kit w/ceramic flr open

to FR addition. Newer carpet, updated wndws, rf,

drvwy, & more. Fin bsmt w/wet bar, newer entry drs.

**PLYMOUTH** 

gar w/wrk shp.(A40758)



**FARMINGTON** \$279,900 LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE, & CHARM 4 BR, 3 BA, 2200 sq ft brk ranch. Remodeled \\\(S36267)

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**FARMINGTON CLEAN & WELL CARED FOR HOME! 3** BR, 1.5 baths, remodeled in 2001, 1,486 SF.neutral carpet in '02, hdwd firs in bdrms some new windows & new doorwall to deck in'01. New roof & more!(28LAR2)

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LIVONIA

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LIVONIA! Open floor plan, refin'd oak firs,

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WESTLAND **GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY 2** identical units. 700 Sq ft ea. 2 BR, 1 bath, liv rm, din/kit area, basement. Lease both or live in 1 and lease other. Your

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PLYMOUTH BUNGALOW 1428 sq ft of

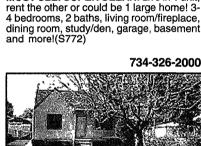
quality living area. 4 BR, 1 BA, LR w/FP.

Everything is new: rf ,wndws, doors, kit, bath, plumb, furn w/ac, elec. 2 car heated

LIVONIA \$174,900 **SOUGHT AFTER STATE STREETS!** This Livonia brk ranch is awaiting its new owner. Come take a look & be pleasantly surprised. 3 BR, dining area, FR, bsmnt, 2 car garage. Great price!(W31724)



**LIVONIA** FRIENDLY HOME! Many updates styled for today. Cozy home with a deep fenced lot w/ space for pets, garden & play area. Great for 1st time buyer, single parent or past renter.(23C8936)



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DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS CUTIE! 3 BR

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WESTLAND \$136.900 **BEAUTIFUL NEWER HOME ON ALMOST** 1 ACRE wooded lot located on quiet street. All appliances included, C/O complete, move in at closing. Double lot.(P283)





UPDATES GALORE! Lovely 3 BR, 1.5 BA full brk maintenance free ranch. Freshly painted int, kit, tear off shingles, all entry drs, wndws, c/a, deck, fin bsmt, 2 car gar, & more!(C12073)

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REDFORD \$124,900 NEAT AS A PIN, SO COME ON IN! 3 bedroom, 2 bath Brick Ranch with newer furnace & CA. Updated kitchen and partly finished basement.(S262)



REDFORD BUNGALOW! Paint brush special. All brick exterior on a quiet street. Partially finished basement with a half bath & workroom. Easy access to highways. (23R11775)



DETROIT Wonderful 3 bedroom bungalow completely finished & updated. No work, immediate occupancy! Move in today!(D773)



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microwave included!(09FIV2)

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**TAYLOR** \$99,900 INVESTOR'S TAKE NOTE! Quiet residential setting for nice income property!
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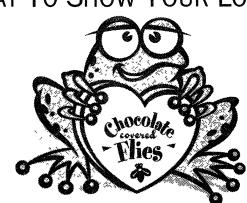
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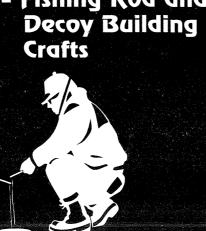
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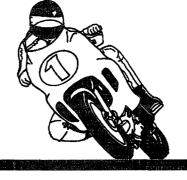
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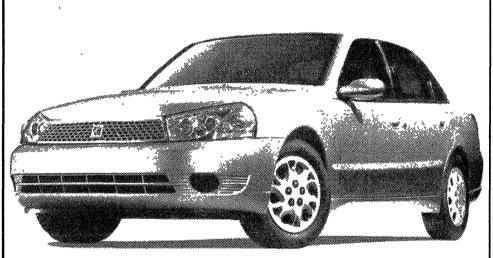
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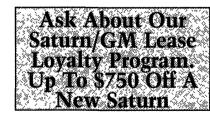
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