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Honoring military

When terrorists attacked the United States on Sept. 11, 2001 President George W. Bush committed the country to tracking down those people who make up the axis of evil including Saddam Hussein.

Sixteen months later the U.S. military is gearing up for war. Enlisted men and women both on active duty and in the reserves are being sent to the Middle East in a military buildup not seen since the Persian Gulf War more than a decade ago.

The mood of the country is mixed as Americans debate whether to give Hussein more time to come clean on his weapons of mass destruction or go in now and finish what was started Jan. 16, 1991.

Whether the hawks or doves win their cases the *Observer* wants to honor our local men and women who are serving in the military both in active duty and in the reserves.

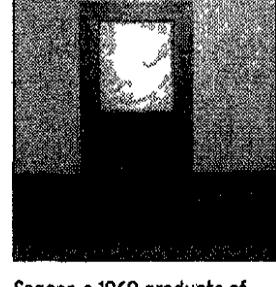
Family members can send photographs of their loved ones along with their name, rank and biographical information to Brad Kadrich, 294 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170. Be sure to include your name and telephone number in case we have questions.

We will publish the photos on an ongoing basis to recognize their commitment to this country and that of their families who are waiting and wondering about war with Iraq.

If you have questions call Brad Kadrich (Plymouth) or Doug Johnson (Canton) at (734) 459-2700 or e-mail bkadrich@oe.homeschool.net. Pictures can be e-mailed but must be high quality resolution.

Sagear scholarship
Officials at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are striving to recognize a student who has overcome adversity. They are looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit and creativity in despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier.

The recipient of this award will receive a \$500 scholarship named after Sandra Sagear.



Sagear a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with polio.

Deadline for application is April 1. Applications are available in the counseling offices or can be downloaded at www.storytellerdesign.com/SandraSagearRotaryScholar.pdf.



Julie Carter of Plymouth, then a fifth-grader, takes a seat on the flight deck of a replica space shuttle during a 1999 trip to Space Camp in Titusville, Fla.

Columbia tragedy hits space camp kids

Those who went on school trip feel pain of shuttle explosion

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As NASA officials continue their investigation into Saturday's Columbia space shuttle tragedy, the deaths of seven astro-

nauts hit home for hundreds of teachers and ninth-grade students in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

Four years ago, an anonymous \$2.5 million donation made it possible for all Plymouth-Canton fifth-graders and their

teachers to participate in a week-long storybook trip to the U.S. Space Camp in Titusville, Fla.

While students participated in various

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Teacher won't face charges

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Steve Rea found himself to be "the man with a gun" police were searching for at Plymouth High School last week, the former Michigan Science Teacher of the Year admitted he was perplexed.

"I was surprised," said Rea. "(The BB gun) is a lab experiment in the school curriculum. It's owned by the school. It really isn't a gun, it's a toy."

Rea is back in class Thursday, one week after a parent who was dropping off her student saw a man take a rifle, wrapped in cardboard, into Plymouth High School before classes began. Canton Township police responded, and the result was a 45-minute lockdown as SWAT teams swept the building looking for a suspect.

After reviewing the case, the Wayne County prosecutor's office and Canton Township attorney's office determined no charges will be filed against Rea.

PLEASE SEE TEACHER, A4

Synthetic turf gets narrow nod

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Construction of a \$1.1 million synthetic turf, track and drainage system at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity stadium could begin later this month, after the Board of Education narrowly approved the project Tuesday night.

After being assured by the administration it has enough bond money to purchase 23 new buses, Trustee Joanne Lamar became the swing vote in a 4-3

tally to approve the expenditure.

"Last week I was really wavering. Because of the governor's budget decisions, I couldn't see spending money for anything," Lamar said. "However, when we saw the entire school budget and I knew we were getting buses, they are the most important thing."

"I know we need a field, it's under water when it's bone dry," she said. "My two issues were grass vs. synthetic, and a plan

PLEASE SEE TURF, A4

Munfakh apology ends township ethics inquiry

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

After months of discussion, meetings and acrimony, Plymouth Township Trustee Abe Munfakh did Tuesday what fellow board members have been asking him to do since last summer.

At the end of an ethics committee meeting at township hall, Munfakh admitted attending a February 2002 meeting between Salem Township and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department "may not have been prudent" and said, "I'm sorry."

"If you think that one meeting made the difference, that's ridiculous," Munfakh told committee members. "If hindsight

was perfect, I wouldn't have left my office, because my attendance at that meeting meant nothing."

"If I'd have known that meeting was going to cause everything, I wouldn't have attended that meeting. If you think I owe you an apology, I offer that."

It was the apology his colleagues had been seeking since the issue of whether Munfakh's participation in that meeting constituted a violation of the township's ethics policy came up last year. The meeting was the first between Salem and DWSD officials as the township explored being added to the water system to support a planned move to Salem by Johnson

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Rockettes finish 12th at national meet

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

In three trips to the National Dance Team Championships in Orlando, Fla., the Salem Rockettes had never reached the finals of the pom competition.

That's not true any more.

The Rockettes not only reached the finals last weekend, they performed well enough to finish 12th in a 56-team field.

"We were satisfied just making it to the final round," said ninth-year coach Aileen Balatico. "We knew we were up against so many teams that go down there year after year. We only go down every few years, so that was accomplishment enough."

Salem's best finish prior to 2003 was its third-place finish in the kickline competition at the 2000 championships. The Rockettes did not reach the finals in kickline this year.

Finishing any higher might have been tough for the Rockettes, who feature only three girls who've ever made the trip to nationals before. Their roster features nine juniors and four sophomores.

Balatico said the Rockettes weren't sure what to expect, and found themselves surprised by the level of the competition.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The Salem Rockettes perform one of two dance routines Tuesday, Jan. 28 before departing Thursday for the National Dance Team Championship in Orlando, Fla.

"The hardest part was just seeing the different talent from all across the country," Balatico said. "We know what we're up against here in Michigan, but when you factor in another 49 states you can see where your level is compared to the rest of the United States."

"The ability of some of the teams, especially from the south, shocked us the most," the coach added. "We were

overwhelmed by the talent level of some of the teams."

While their inexperience didn't help this year, the coach thinks it will pay off in experience should the Rockettes qualify — and make the trip — next year.

"The younger girls don't really know what to expect," Balatico said. "You can only prep the team so much, and then they have to experience it on their own. They'll be more

aware of the competition that's out there if we go next year. We have to qualify first."

Even if the Rockettes qualify, there will still be the issue of money, as there is every year. This year, fund-raisers helped the girls raise enough money to pay for airfare. Balatico said the trip cost about \$600 per girl.

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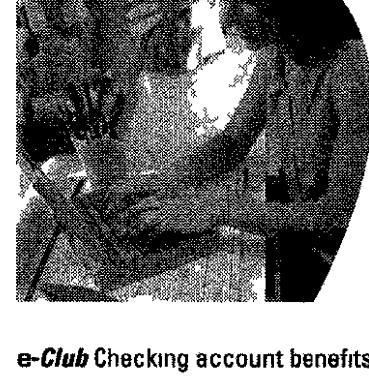
The University of Michigan Health System is looking for volunteers for the National Lung Screening Trial (NLST). Smoking puts men and women at risk for lung cancer. NLST is comparing spiral CT scans to chest X-rays to find out if one is more effective than the other at lowering lung cancer deaths.

For more information, please call UMHS Cancer Center Answerline at 1-800-865-1125 M-F, 9-4:30, messages accepted after hours or the Cancer Information Service at 1-800 4-CANCER (1-800 422-6237).

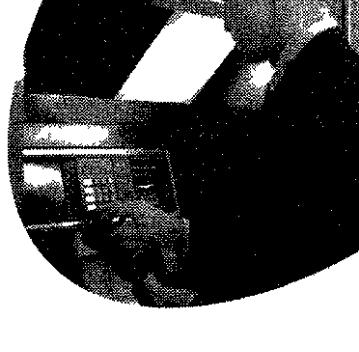
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AROUND TOWN

AAUW PLAY

The Plymouth-Canton Branch of the American Association of University Women presents its production of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* at 7:30 p.m. March 6-7 and at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 8.

The play will be performed at O'Leary Auditorium in Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt in Garden City.

Tickets will be on sale at all Plymouth-Canton Schools Feb. 11-13, at all Garden City Schools Feb. 18-20, and at Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main in Plymouth, Feb. 22-March 5. Admission is \$4.

PCAC DINNER AUCTION

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has chosen The Gold Tones, a popular local entertainment company, to orchestrate its 1970s themed dinner-dance and auction March 14. The Gold Tones performed to rave reviews at the fall 2001 Art Train Blast-Off party in Plymouth. Their specialty is providing a total entertainment package of music and dancing.

A special treat at this year's event will be a performance by Salem High School principal Jerry Ostion and his Bongo Boys and Bonettes. As the evening's opening act, they promise to set the tone for a psychedelic night of fun. All the classics of the 70s, such as the Rolling Stones, Elton John, Jimmy Buffet and Pink Floyd will make an appearance.

Passions of the Past A '70s Bash will also include a silent auction featuring items donated by local artists and businesses, including artwork, jewelry, gift baskets and sports memorabilia.

Several special donations will be reserved for the live auction. On the auction block will be a digital piano, a Garland resort package, a week at a condo in Puerto Vallarta, and front row Piston tickets. All of the proceeds will benefit PCAC community arts and educational programs.

The council plans a preview party Friday, March 7 from 6-9 p.m. at the council building at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

The party is free to ticket holders and \$10 for others. All of the auction merchandise will be displayed and catalogs will be available. Several items will be placed in silent auction during the evening. For those unable to attend the fund-raiser, silent bids can be placed for those items to be auctioned March 14.

The dinner-dance and auction takes place Friday, March 14 from 5:30 p.m. until midnight at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. To purchase tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

CHORUS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Plymouth Community Chorus, as part of its music education program, is offering three scholarships to students pursuing an education in the vocal field of performing arts.

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior, and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students in sixth through 11th grades. The scholarships will be awarded at the chorus' May 4 performance of *Broadway Legends*.

The scholarships are intended to assist in the pursuit of studies in the field of vocal

music, an applied vocational career in the field of vocal music, academic study of voice, or the study of voice for the purpose of organized recreational or community singing.

Applications must be postmarked by April 3, and can be obtained by calling Sherrie Northway, (313) 533-4795 or by writing to Plymouth Community Chorus, P.O. Box 70017, Plymouth, MI 48170.

BROADCAST SYMPOSIUM

WSDP 88 1-FM hosts a broadcast symposium with Sarah Norat-Phillips, president and general manager of WDWB-TV-20 in Detroit at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20.

Norat-Phillips was named president and general manager of WB-20 in May 1998, a year after joining the station as station manager and becoming the first female of color to head a major television station in Detroit. Prior to that, she worked at WKBN in Buffalo, N.Y.

The symposium was created to give students an opportunity to meet and learn from the top broadcasters in the state, according to WSDP officials. The symposium takes place at the Career Center in Salem High School.

Space is limited, so students interested in attending should contact Bill Keith, WSDP station manager, (734) 416-7732.

RADIO AUCTION

The annual WSDP 88 1-FM radio auction, proceeds from which benefit the student-run radio station for Plymouth-Canton schools, takes place Saturday, May 10.

Listeners will be able to bid on items donated by area businesses during the auction, which takes place from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. New items will be available every half hour. Money raised from the auction will be used for equipment upgrades and to fund three scholarships the station offers annually to graduates.

Beginning in April, station supporters can keep track of new donated items by checking www.881theescape.com, the station's Web site. Listeners from around the world will be able to listen to the auction via the World Wide Web.

"We were excited to receive calls from Chicago, North Carolina and the Netherlands during last year's auction," said station manager Bill Keith. "I'm hoping for even greater response from our alumni and out-of-town friends this year."

Station volunteers will be contacting businesses for donations through the end of April. Businesses interested in donating items can call the station, (734) 416-7732.

LIBRARY AUCTION CLASS

The Plymouth District Library offers a new class to teach computer users more about buying items on the Internet.

The new on-line auction class will be conducted from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21 and is designed to teach residents how to participate in on-line auctions on such sites as eBay and Yahoo! Students will learn how to buy and sell effectively, with valuable information on listing, shipping and payment options.

Library officials are recommending early registration, which can be accomplished by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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If you are a dancer, the exercises into their regular repetitive movements of dance routines can contribute to any number of injuries including tendinitis, late and stress fractures. Ballets

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particular can place stress on the foot, ankle and knee. In fact, one survey of 22 ballet

dancers found that all but one reported experiencing some type of knee injury during their ballet training and careers.

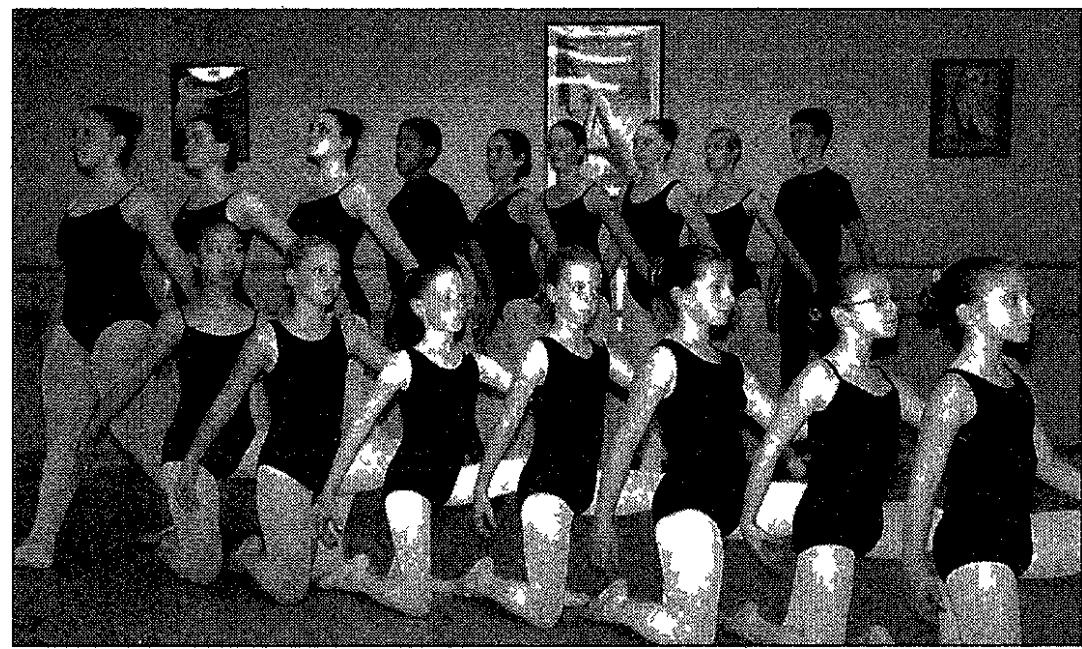
The injuries occurred most frequently at the front of the knee. The survey also revealed that only eight of the 21 injured dancers had practiced any preventive exercises

following their injuries yet almost all of the injured dancers began to incorporate such

available

PS Whether you dance or play a sport, find out what exercises you can perform prior to your play that can help prevent injury.

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Dancing success

Metro Dance Senior Company was awarded with high honors at the New York City Dance Alliance earlier this month in Lansing. Company members performed a Lenny Kravitz jazz number, "Goin' My Way" and were awarded high silver, the second-highest mark given at the convention. Maureen Wood won a gold award with her performance of a solo ballet piece titled, "Sylvia." Lauren Hodges and Alex Wood were featured as showcase dancers. Senior Company members include Paige Babala, Jennifer Belzel, Lauren Hodges, Marissa Malcolm, Michelle Nagy, Martin Skocelas-Hunter, Emily Swanson, Alex Wood, Katherine Wood and Maureen Wood.

Observer Web site posts record number of hits

Hometownlife.com, the portal Web site for the Plymouth Observer, registered record usage for the month of January 2003, according to Dan Sutton, HomeTown Digital general manager.

Total site hits for the month were 12,062,111, up more than 50 percent from December, while total site page views were 2,165,140, up more than 40 percent.

A more meaningful statistic, according to Sutton, is the total number of unique visits to Hometownlife.com. In January 2003, the site registered 434,806 visits, up 20.3 percent from the previous month.

"To see usage gains of this sort on our site is unprecedented," said Sutton. "We are offering a site that brings to Web user's the very best of our local hometown newspapers and telephone directories, together with the 24/7, fully searchable capability of the Web. This is obviously very attractive to our audience."

Hometownlife.com is the main Web presence for The

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

It includes local news items from The Plymouth Observer, as well as classified ads and retail advertising from the paper. The site also includes fully search-able lists of advertising from the other 40-plus community newspapers in Michigan published by HomeTown Communications Network, as well as searchable ads from telephone directories published by sister company, Michigan Directory Co.

The site offers links to help wanted ads placed by employers in HomeTown newspapers. Total help wanted ads viewed in January were 196,818, a 70-percent increase from the previous month, according to Sutton.

"At a time when lots of people are looking for good jobs, the help wanted advertising on our site offers lots of local jobs, right around the corner," he said.

The site also offers up-to-date real estate offered for sale, downloaded regularly from the MultiListService computer files. For January, a total of 2,270,340 views of MLS real

estate search results were logged onto Hometownlife.com. A total of 227,034 detailed listing views were registered in January (a 34-percent increase from the previous month) and a total of 15,357 (up 1,023 from December) unique detailed MLS listings were viewed by Web users interested in shopping for a home, Sutton said.

Hometownlife.com also offers (in the section called "Yellow Pages") ads from HomeTown Directory Co.'s local Michigan telephone directories, a total of 71,846 site page views were registered in January, up more than 12 percent from December. January views of news items selected from HomeTown community newspapers were 60,542, up more than 20 percent from the previous month.

In addition to maintaining the Hometownlife.com site, HomeTown Digital offers custom web design services, together with eBusiness Cards and eBrochures. The company may be reached at (800) 989-4614 or at support@hometownlife.com.

Michigan writer will headline Friends lunch

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Library Friends volunteer organization has announced a native Michigan writer will be the featured author at its annual Friends of the Library luncheon.

Bonnie Jo Campbell, author of *Q Road*, a novel, and *Women and Other Animals*, a collection of short works, will make the trip down I-94 from her home near Kalamazoo on April 10 to appear at the luncheon.

The event will be held at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth Township to more easily serve the four groups that sponsor the program: Plymouth, Canton, Novi and Northville library volunteers.

Campbell, who grew up in rural Michigan, seems to mine her past and present life for her stories and this first novel has been getting good reviews.

It centers on a quirky rural community in southern Michigan and the skinny little *Q* Road which runs through it. The locals call it "Queer Road."

Here is a classic May-December romance, and the old way of life is colluding with the new.

On the same acres where farmers once displaced Potawatomi Indians, suburban developers now supplant farmers and *Q* Road has become home to an unlikely mix of people. The neighbors include a sixth-generation farmer and his rifle-toting child bride, an evangelical bartender, a tabloid-reading agoraphobe, a philandering window salesman and an asthmatic boy who longs for the love of a good father.

These folks all smell the pig manure from the Whitby farm and share the same grand views of the Kalamazoo River and the oldest barn in the township — until one disastrous October afternoon.

In interview notes provided by her publisher, Campbell sings the praises of some famous southern rural writers: William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor and Carson McCullers. She also admires California John Steinbeck and his use of ordinary animal (turtles, ground hogs, frogs) as symbols.

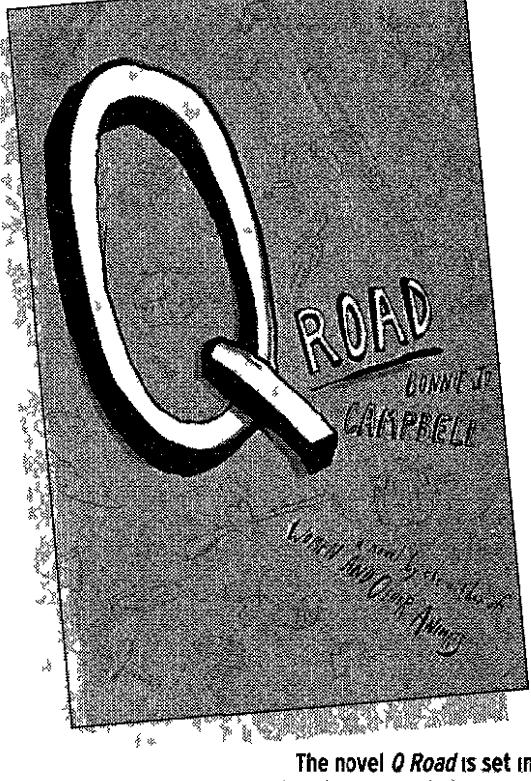
"I couldn't resist writing a chapter of *Q Road* from the point of view of a stray cat," Campbell said in an interview provided with publicity materials.

Campbell opens her book with the young boy and a bunch of woolly bear caterpillars. From the book: "More than a century and a half after that purchase, on Oct. 9, 1999, David Retakker pedaled his rusting BMX bike south along Queer Road, with the Harland property on his right and the sun rising over Whitby's pig farm on his left. David, 12 years old, hungry, and wheezy from asthma, didn't mind the pig stink, but he couldn't understand why all the caterpillars wanted to cross the road."

The Friends of the Canton Public Library sponsor a variety of events and fund-raisers. They operate a used book store, Secondhand Prose, at the library.



Campbell



The novel *Q Road* is set in rural Michigan near Kalamazoo

Another author event of note will take place Feb. 13, when the Book Group will discuss Ernest J. Gaines' *A Lesson Before Dying* at noon at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Gaines will be coming to the area in April to sign books and speak.

Details for this story were taken from Campbell's Web site simonandschuster.com and from her own site bonniejocampbell.com

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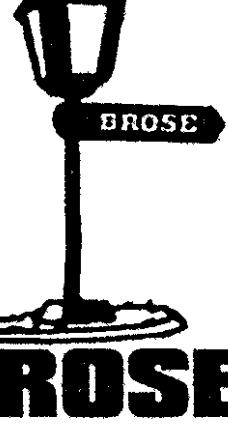


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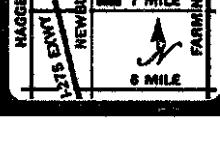
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training exercises, just like real astronauts, one of the major activities centered around instruction and participation in a liftoff, flight and landing of the space shuttle. Every student participated as a member of Mission Control, and then as an astronaut on board a replica of the space shuttle.

"I was just shocked to see something like that happen," said Andrew Kokoszka of Plymouth Township, now a freshman at Canton High School. "To see human life lost in something that was trying to unite people was heartbreaking."

Marc Ballelli, 15, of Canton Township, said he watched the news of Columbia in disbelief.

"Yeah, I did flash back to when we were at Space Camp," Ballelli said. "It's hard to believe the tiles couldn't withstand the heat."

"I think, though, they should continue the space program," he added. "We have the technology to fix the mistakes."

Tracy Racer, a fifth-grade teacher at Isbister Elementary, remembers her week at Space Camp with nearly 100 students in March 1999.

"I remember them telling us at Space Camp about the dangers astronauts face, and it (the Columbia incident) really hit home," Racer said. "I remember being part of Mission Control and learning all the jobs, like pay-



Adam Hogue, then a fifth-grader, gets spun around in the Multi-Axis Space Training inertia machine during a 1999 trip to Space Camp in Titusville, Fla.

FILE PHOTO

load specialist and flight director, and how all are different.

"I think it gave us all a different insight than the average person," she added. "It's one of those things, that when something like this happens, it gives you chills."

Racer said she has mixed feelings about continuing the

space program after seeing what happened to Columbia.

I know that many of today's advances and answers are out in space, but it does put people's lives in danger," she said. "Thank God there are people who are willing to take on the risk."

Farrand Elementary

Principal Ann Kuhn was doing Saturday chores when news of the Columbia shocked the world.

"I think they were brave, talented, wonderful people. They were doing what they wanted to do, and recognized there was a lot of risk," Kuhn said. "(After going to Space Camp) I think

you understand their excitement and why they were willing to risk their lives."

"One thing Space Camp taught us was that the excitement and thrill of space exploration is sometimes worth the risk," she added.

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TEACHER

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The Plymouth-Canton school district held a disciplinary hearing with Rea on Wednesday. School officials won't reveal what action was taken, but it's believed Rea received only a reprimand.

"I brought it in that morning," said Rea. "I had it in back of a piece of cardboard I was carrying."

Rea said it never occurred to him at all to tell school officials he was bringing in the gun, "no more than I would have notified them about any other lab equipment I would have brought in."

Rea always kept the gun locked in a Canton High School storage room.

"Last June, I was cleaning everything out for the move to Plymouth. Since the rooms at Plymouth were not yet secured (during construction), I took it home for the summer," he said. "When police came into the room, I didn't know what they were looking for. They wouldn't say, but then I figured it out and told them what I brought in."

School officials placed Rea on administrative leave, with pay, until law enforcement officials made their decisions not to press charges. During the time away from the classroom, Rea said he created lesson plans for substitutes teaching his class.

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TURF

FROM PAGE A1

for replacing it. When the athletic directors said they could come up with a proposal for replacement costs, and the amount of use it's going to get, that's what swayed me to vote for it."

Joining Lamar in voting for the new turf and track were board President Elizabeth Givens and trustees Tom Wysocki and Marcy Staley. Board members Judy

Mardigian, Carol Saunders and Mark Slavens voted against it.

Much of the discussion against the project, once it was established new buses will be purchased, centered on the cost. Several board members wanted to put in natural grass, which would have kept the project to about \$750,000.

"Even though I know it's going to cost more money to upkeep, I just couldn't say yes because it's a lot of money," said Saunders. "I'm concerned about what message we're sending the community if we can spend that amount of money and ask

them for more money (a future bond proposal). I'm concerned with the perception of our use of money."

Slavens said he voted against spending the money for synthetic turf because "we could do the grass field and save the district additional funds of about \$400,000-\$500,000 initially. And, with the economic situation we're in right now, that is what I felt was appropriate to do."

Board members were told it would cost approximately \$35,000 a year for upkeep of a grass turf. Replacement costs in

8-12 years for a new synthetic rug is estimated by district officials at \$400,000.

Athletic directors from all three high schools were at the board meeting, pushing for the new synthetic turf, the same type that's used by the Detroit Lions at Ford Field, to help handle as many as 54 football games and 90 soccer games played at the complex.

The biggest problem, because of a damaged drainage system, occurs when it rains. Too much play on the field turns it into mud, and in the past forced the cancellation of a football game

and resulted in moving a band competition to South Lyon, which has synthetic turf.

"I think it was a necessity for the district in order for us to keep programs running and have the participation level we have in the district," said Terry Sawchuck, Plymouth High School athletic director. "When you talk about wants and needs, this is definitely a need."

Staley agreed with that assessment.

"We know that it has to be durable, and it has to be safe for our students," said Staley. "This is our chance to do

that, and I don't want us to be penny-wise and pound foolish."

Other high schools in the area that use synthetic turf include Birmingham Seaholm, Birmingham Groves, Walled Lake Northern, Troy, Troy Athens, Berkley, Milford, Lakeland and Detroit Country Day.

Ken Jacobs, the district's executive director of support services, said the new field surface will be ready in time for play in August.

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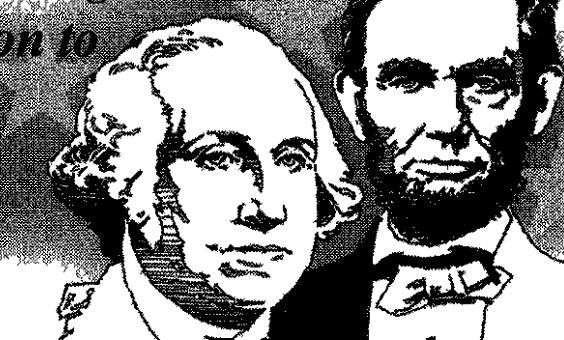
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MCNAMARA

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they told me I'd have only a year to live if I didn't do anything."

McNamara, 76, said he and his wife, Lucille, will spend the next two weeks in New York during treatment. He's expected to be hospitalized Friday, and then next week, Thursday through Monday.

He'll then continue the remainder of his treatment at Sloan-Kettering and the University of Michigan.

McNamara said he found out he had cancer two months ago.

"At the time, I noticed lumps under my chin," McNamara said. "My doctor thought it was an infection and gave me antibiotics. After further tests, they found it was mantle cell lymphoma. He said it was very rare, and he didn't know much about it."

McNamara said he unknowingly had the symptoms of cancer long before discovering he had the deadly disease.

"I've had heavy perspiring in the back of my neck for over a year," said McNamara. "One time I had to tell my driver to stop and get a towel. It was almost embarrassing."

Mary Alice Worrell, a spokesperson for the National Cancer Institute's regional office in Detroit, said McNamara's form of cancer is an unusual form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"It over-expresses a certain type of protein in B cells, and usually is found in the lymph nodes, spleen, bone marrow and sometimes the gastrointestinal tract," said Worrell. "It's very aggressive. The medi-

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Edward McNamara
former Wayne County executive

an survival time is 3-5 years." McNamara's U-M physician referred him to Sloan-Kettering, where a couple of weeks ago he spent two days discussing treatment with doctors.

The former Wayne County executive will undergo treatment called radioimmunotherapy, which he described as "intravenous with a new drug they've developed. They say it's experimental, but I feel it's beyond that stage. They haven't had much success with chemotherapy with this type of cancer because it seems to come back again."

Worrell said radioimmunotherapy is fairly new, but has been found to be fairly successful.

"A radioactive solution is injected directly into the body and it seeks out the cancer cells and destroys them by radiation," she said. "It's still in clinical trial and research stage, but has been successful. It reduces damage to the healthy cells."

The thin-haired McNamara, who always been known for his quick wit, said the one negative about undergoing the cancer treatment is "that I'll have to lose all my hair."

Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan was McNamara's campaign chairman in his first run for county executive in 1985, and has worked for and with his friend and mentor since.

"It was awfully devastating news at first," said Duggan, "but being accepted into this program is giving us some hope."

Duggan said he and former Metro Airport director David Katz plan to travel to New York next week to keep McNamara's spirits up. "They'll be away for two weeks, and I thought he might enjoy the company."

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APOLOGY

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Munfakh's critics claim his participation, no matter how minute, in discussions between Salem Township and DWSID constitute a conflict of interest because Plymouth Township already suffers from water-pressure problems they claim would be exacerbated by adding another user before such problems were fixed.

But in his defense of Munfakh Tuesday, attorney Tom Ryan pointed out that Plymouth Township officials

were discussing the necessity of adding a second water tower for the western end of the township as early as 2001.

"Before the February 2002 meeting, you knew you had water problems, and you were dealing with it," Ryan said.

How Plymouth Township is harmed by all this is beyond me, and I hope we can end this nonsense tonight.

There was a brief review of a report submitted by Southfield attorney Michael Schwartz, hired by the township to conduct an investigation. In his report, Schwartz said:

Munfakh's actions not only violated the township's ethics poli-

cy, but also constituted malfeasance in office.

Ryan, naturally, disputed Schwartz's entire report, saying Schwartz's report relied on no solid evidence and was not a thorough investigation.

"I had great hope Mr. Schwartz would do a fair investigation," Ryan said. "I have great respect for him, but this wasn't his best work."

Instead, Ryan relied on a report done by Christine Derdarian, a former member of the state attorney general's Opinion Review Board. Derdarian's report essentially came down on the opposite side of Schwartz, although she did conclude the prudence of

Munfakh's participation in that meeting "is another question."

None of that appeared to sway most of the committee members. Trustee Chuck Curmi, one of Munfakh's more vocal critics, pointed out that Munfakh was one of the trustees who in 1992 led an ethics investigation into then-trustee John Stewart for selling hot dogs.

"What goes around comes around," Curmi said. "All you had to do was say you made a mistake, it was dumb and you won't do it again. It's embarrassing because it rubs off on all of us."

After getting Munfakh's apology, the committee unanimously

passed a motion to close the investigation. Trustee Ron Griffith voted for the motion, though he didn't really support it.

"I never thought this thing should have gone on, and I knew this was how it would end up," Griffith said. "But I'll vote for the motion so we can move on."

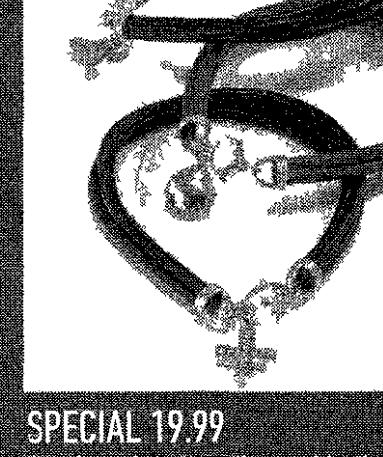
Despite the apology and the motion to close the investigation, Ryan maintained his client's innocence.

"He never did anything wrong," Ryan said. "He was not prudent. That's a lot different than malfeasance."

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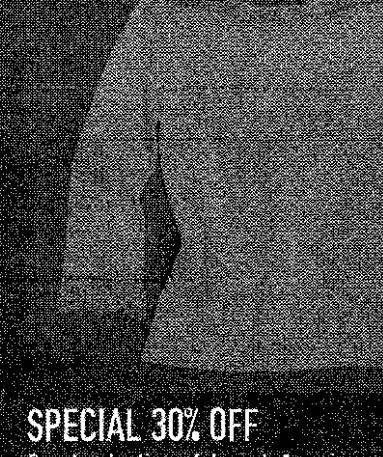
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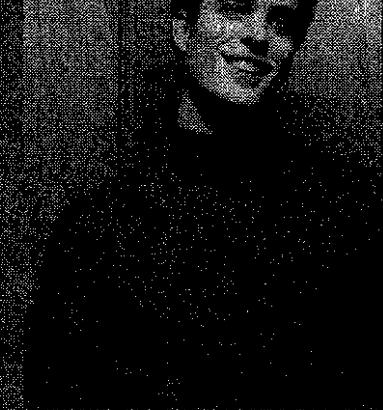
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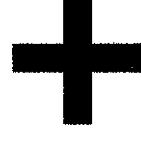
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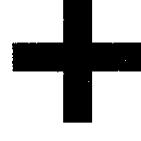
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Valentine's Day Auction

Ladies will receive a free Valentine's Day flower and will be treated to a complimentary pre-auction buffet at Blue Willow Auction on Lilley Road in Canton. Call (734) 414-5890 to reserve your seat. A portion of the proceeds go to New Hope Center.

Teen Advisory Board

The Teen Advisory Board at the Plymouth Library is a group of teen volunteers who meet twice a month to enjoy muffins and juice while sharing ideas for improving the Library's teen programs and services. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

Winter Evening

All ages can escape the wintry weather and experience a typical evening at the farmstead at Cobblestone Farm in Ann Arbor when courting and quilting were common. In the farmhouse will be candlelit activities such as ginger bread baking, music parlor games, storytelling and characters in period costumes. Children will be delighted by the valentine crafts and refreshments in the barn. Call (734) 994-2928 for further info.

Fine Arts Competition

The PCAC has announced a \$500 fine arts competition for high school seniors in the P/C school district. Applications are now available at the PCAC. The deadline for receipt of materials is March 15. For further info call (734) 416-4278.

Valentine Dinner

A Champagne Reception at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 followed by a four course dinner at Fox Hills near Plymouth. The cost is \$60 per person. Call for reservations (734) 453-7272.

Barbie Doll Show

The We Love Barbie Fashion Doll Show and Sale returns Feb. 9 to the Plymouth VFW Hall located on Mill

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**WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR
MEETING SYNOPSIS
3:00 P.M. MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2003**

Regular meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m.
Present Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Mark Abbo
Agenda adopted as amended, changing the order of items under reports
Minutes of regular meeting of December 16, 2002-approved
Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$1,425,197.81 approved
Audit (FY Ending September 30, 2002) approved
Operations & Maintenance Report for December 2002 received and filed
Director's Report for January 2003 received and filed
2002 Year In Review received and filed
Bond Debts Payment Budget Amendment-approved
WTUA/YCUA Agreement, Third Amendment-approved
Accountant Position Recruitment approved
YCUA Plant Expansion Update received and filed
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Chairperson,
THOMAS J YACK

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
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High fashion

P.J. Berryman shows off his Gap Kids clothes during the fashion show during the fourth-annual Speech, Language & Sensory-Motor Systems Inc. talent show last week. The students at the rehabilitative center took part in the show, put on annually at Geneva Presbyterian Church to give them a chance to shine at least once a year.

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.

PCAC 70s Bash Tickets

Special Christmas pricing on tickets for the PCAC's annual dinner dance and auction to be held Friday, March 14, 2003 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. 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.

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

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CLUBS**BPW**

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

SEPAR

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators. SEPAR (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 at (734) 844-1714.

Plymouth VFW

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

MOPS-Plymouth

The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft Rd., Plymouth. Call for info (734) 420-0515.

Colonial Kiwanis

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

MOPS-Westland

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

La Leche League

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

Canton Rotary Club

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

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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 welcomes interested stay-at-home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and a lot more! For more information, please contact Wendy at (734) 398-6957.

Plymouth Canton Jaycees

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

Toastmasters

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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. Call (734) 453-9833 for further information.

Kiwanis Breakfast Club

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

BNI

The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) meets 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Atlantis Restaurant, 39500 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. The Laurel Park Chapter meets 7:30 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 7:30 a.m. at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth at Stark Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

MOPS

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.

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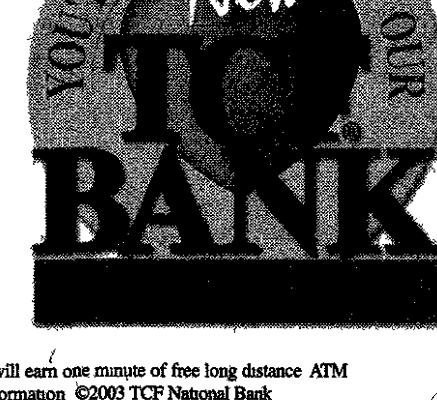
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Cooler heads bring school gun scare to appropriate ending

Plymouth High School Principal Michael Bee got the scare of a lifetime last Thursday when police swarmed through his building looking for a man with a gun.

Turned out it was a teacher bringing in a BB rifle for a physics experiment. The whole incident was over in less than 60 minutes.

By all accounts the teacher, Steve Rea, is a veteran educator with a good record. That's too bad because the only real blame lies with him.

The Canton and Plymouth township police, and the administration, staff and students all did their jobs during the lockdown Thursday.

And certainly the concerned mom did the right thing. She was dropping off a student, saw what looked like a gun, and made the call to the police.

We do not think any of the responses were over the top.

Remember 9/11.

Remember the Washington, D.C., sniper.

Remember April 1999 in Littleton, Colo., at Columbine High School, where 14 students and a teacher died.

Remember Kayla Rolland, a 6-year-old shot and killed by her classmate in Flint two years ago.

In light of these events and many, many others, no one can take guns lightly.

Teachers can't be too quick to pass the P-CEP incident off as harmless. Their fellow teachers have been killed, too.

Remember Lake Worth, Fla., where a 13-year-old boy brought a pistol to school the last day of classes and killed his teacher.

No, we think the police and the administration did the right thing.

At press time, it appeared nothing serious would happen to Rea, and we're sure the cool heads which managed the event so well will handle the follow-up with equal equanimity. Who among us has not made an error in judgment? Often, the worst consequence for bad judgment is profound embarrassment.

Unfortunately, this particular judgment crossed the line into what has evolved into the most serious school issue of our time: unseen and unexpected violence against our loved ones.

State does poorly on delivering MEAP

For school districts, dealing with the state's Michigan Educational Assessment Program is like competing in the high jump. Once districts clear the bar, the state raises it.

Districts have long been rankled by the state's heavy-handedness when it comes to MEAP. It is quick to hold school districts accountable when they don't measure up and quick to point the finger when irregularities, real or imagined, are found.

So it's ironic that the state expected schools to be "understanding" about a "slight inconvenience" caused by the late delivery of MEAP materials. The delay stemmed from the state's decision to pre-slug students' answer folders. Organizing the data provided by school districts took longer than expected and had a domino effect on the printing and delivery.

But that effect was more than a bump in the road for schools like Stevenson Middle School in Westland and Clarenceville's Botsford Elementary which received materials for schools near Temperance and in Benzie County. In the case of Stevenson, the start of testing was delayed two days while the state provided new answer folders.

We understand school officials' concern about the effect the delays will have on test scores. And quite frankly, we agree with Sheila Alles, Livonia Public Schools' director of elementary curriculum, who called the whole process this year "extremely unprofessional, disappointing, frustrating and agonizing."

School officials wonder who will hold the state accountable for this fiasco. We do, too. The treasury department, which administers MEAP, hasn't had the greatest track record. Two years ago, it made a blanket allegation of cheating only to have to back pedal because some of its information was inaccurate.

It is the state that has made the MEAP tests high stakes. Performance on the tests accounts for most of the score on the state's Education Yes! report card, due out this spring. The program will give letter grades to each school in the district.

We are well-aware that implementing a new system can have glitches, but the state should have acted sooner, possibly delaying the start of testing to sort out the delivery problems.

Considering its performance, we give the treasury department a failing grade. We can only hope it will show appropriate improvement in the next round of testing.



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Sharon Whichello, assistant governor, left, and Governor Bob Gallagher, right, present Interact President Brandon Bunt with the club's charter certificate at the Plymouth Canton Interact Club Charter Party. The three dozen Interact members show what can be done when embracing community spirit.

LETTERS

Supports the teacher

I am a full-time area property manager and a mother of three children, one of which attends a P-CEP middle school here. I was quite concerned to learn of the "lockdown" at one of our local schools on Thursday morning, but figured it was probably more of a precautionary measure than anything else.

Until Sunday morning, I believed that the person carrying the BB gun into school was a student. It wasn't until I read your article that I learned it was one of the teachers.

I was even more shocked to find out that that teacher is now on "administrative leave" pending an investigation. Your article states he is a 33-year teaching veteran who in the past used a BB gun for physics experiments.

All of a sudden now, the school administration wants to act as if this was unknown and suspend this teacher. If he has been teaching for 33 years, how many times has he actually brought the BB gun into the classroom in order to demonstrate an experiment? How many of his previous students went home and told their parents of this experiment? And it's just now all of a sudden a big enough deal to suspend the teacher?

I don't buy this at all. The school administration surely was aware of the teacher's techniques and, for 33 years, had no issue with it. P-CEP should really stand behind and support their staff, not turn tail and run and act as if they are surprised by something that has obviously been taking place for quite some time.

I fully support this teacher and his efforts in conducting class experiments using a "BB gun." P-CEP needs to stand up and support their teachers and their efforts to educate our children, not act "clueless" when the obvious is exposed to all. I would certainly expect that a 33-year veteran teacher would have the support of his superiors, in this case P-CEP administration.

Nicole Sylvester-Morbach
Canton

Lockdown was overkill

I find the recent "lockdown" and "gun scare" at the P-CEP to be ridiculous. It was common knowledge among the staff and students that Mr. Rea uses a BB gun to explain velocity. I would hope that Dr. Bee knew how the "Science Teacher of the Year" has performed this demonstration for over 20 years.

The "policy" on weapons was never explained to the teaching staff, so Mr. Rea didn't have a clue there would be a misunderstanding.

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rifles when we were kids. Have we so little to do that we freak-out over nothing?

As for taking action against Mr. Rea, I say this is the way organizational leaders "throw the innocent under the bus" to save their own reputations. Stop all this fuss, put Mr. Rea back to work and go back to educating the children! Get a life, for crying out loud!

Joe Nertz
Plymouth Township

Great teacher

I was very disappointed your article did not explain that Mr. Rea is an outstanding and dedicated teacher. His absence from the classroom is a loss to the school, which shortchanges the students. My son is a student of Mr. Rea and is constantly describing the physics experiments that Mr. Rea conducts.

Mr. Rea's creative and illustrative demonstrations teach physics laws in very instructive and memorable ways. I know I speak for many parents, present and former students, teachers and others in the community when I say we need Mr. Rea returned to the classroom as soon as possible.

Joyce Houtteman
Plymouth

Positive notes

I feel the need to comment on some positive things happening around the city. This is "better late than never," but I thought the snowflake lights in Old Village at Christmas were beautiful! Maybe a few more could be added next year?

The report about the proposed renovation and use of Central Middle School for recreational purposes is certainly good news. Let's hope the funding can be accomplished through the combined resources of civic groups.

Speaking of schools, the group formed to preserve Starkweather School is off to a good start. I was disappointed to see no report of their meeting at the library in the paper.

Some very practical and creative ideas were expressed that definitely deserve some attention. There was even a member of the Starkweather family there to give some interesting facts!

Elaine Hovey
Plymouth

Kmart story lacking

I was very disappointed with your article on the closing of the Canton Super K on Jan. 16th. No thought was given to the human side. All (Canton Supervisor Tom) Yack was concerned about was that the building would be the second "big box" to sit empty. Where was his concern for the 220 employees who work there? At least half of them live in Canton. Why didn't he question why the store in his community is closing like the mayor of Utica did?

I also live and shop in Canton. I've never found any retailer here to have more than just a handful of customers at 9 a.m. The article seemed to say that closing the Super K was no big loss. Yet the loss will

be very real to the employees losing their jobs and the loyal customers who shop there.

Denise Konwerski
Canton

Burger article

First, I would like to thank Sandra McClellan for her letter to the editor, "Raise my taxes, Right On!"

Now I would like to discuss two key points related to the article in the Jan. 30 edition of the Plymouth Observer about a campaign to get playground equipment at a Wayne County-funded school.

One, it was stated that \$40,000 needs to be raised to provide the funding necessary to build a playground that Burger school for individuals with autism, and a local day care want to share. I applaud the joint efforts of these schools, as it is very necessary for all kids to have outdoor physical activities. But my real issue is with the fact that we just passed an addition to our Act 18 millage this past summer which funds such facilities as Burger in Wayne County. Why aren't funds from this millage being used to pay for this much needed equipment? I have a meeting with Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency next month to ask the very question of how our Act 18 dollars are being appropriated. I urge those involved in this project, to ask WCRESA why they aren't paying for this equipment!

Two, in the article it is referenced that most children with autism cannot play in a regular park. This is an outrage to me, a parent of a child who was diagnosed with moderate to severe autism two and half years ago. We never stopped taking him to parks, or to restaurant Play Places or to such "typical" places as Chuck E. Cheese.

Now our son is getting very near to the point where you can hardly tell he has autism when he is in a public setting with typical peers. He models "typical" kids, learning how to play games correctly, how to use toys the right way. The idea that children with autism will learn better on segregated playgrounds is inhumane and violation of those children's civil rights.

This philosophy is not acceptable.

Rich Ham-Kucharski
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Players in lockdown drama had no choice in handling situation

You're a parent in today's world dropping off your precious child at school, and you see a man walking into the building carrying a gun. What do you do?

The answer is so painfully obvious that to debate it sounds terribly ignorant. You call the police.

It's a plain and simple answer to what, since Columbine High School, is an all-too-frequently asked question. You don't debate whether the gun the man is carrying is a BB gun or an AK-47 assault rifle. You don't wonder if the guy could be a teacher simply taking a prop to school to conduct an experiment.

You call the cops. Without hesitation. Without a shred of doubt. Without worrying whether there are people out there silly enough to let something like that slide.

Yet, in the aftermath of science teacher Steve Reas' incredibly obvious mistake, that's what some people are thinking. Joe Nertz of Plymouth Township, in a letter to the editor appearing

on the opposite page, wrote, "It was an old Daisy air rifle, people! Are we such a community of weenies that we don't know the difference? All of us had air rifles when we were kids. Have we so little to do that we freak out over nothing?"

But play this hypothetical scenario out and see what Mr. Nertz's reaction would be. Instead of being found in his classroom, oblivious to the idea he'd done anything wrong, let's say Rea walked through the doors of Plymouth High School, removed the gun from its cardboard wrapping and opened fire on the students.

Would the Joe Nertzes of the world be the ones leading the outrage against the school district? Who would have been the first to hire Geoffrey Feiger to sue everyone connected to the incident for wrongful death?

In retrospect, of course, the incident played out well for everyone concerned. It was determined that Rea, a successful teacher who has spent 33 years educating children, made an honest, if naive, mistake. He'd been teaching this way for so long he just assumed it was OK to go on teaching this way.

He didn't tell his principal he was bringing a gun to school. There was no warning to the police. And, while Rea's teaching technique may have been common knowledge within the district, not everyone operates in the vac-

uum of the public school district.

Obviously, it wasn't common knowledge to the mother who phoned the police. She absolutely did the right thing. Her call to the cops triggered a 60-minute lockdown of the school, with students being held in the parking lot and gridlock occurring on the surrounding streets until cops and district officials made sure all of them were safe.

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It's a pretty cavalier attitude when talking about the safety of thousands of children, and one I find particularly insulting, to be perfectly honest about it. I've never met a cop who gets excited at the idea of having to deal with such a situation just because he gets a chance to look cool in battle gear.

Rea was immediately placed on administrative leave, but he was still getting paid. I don't think it's asking too much to keep the guy out of the building until you've got all your facts straight. He wasn't damaged financially, and whatever damage occurred to his reputation he brought on himself.

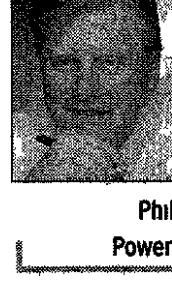
Prosecutors have decided there's no reason to charge Rea with a crime here, and we agree. We also don't think there's any good to be done by punishing him further internally. He's certainly paid the price with a suspension and the embarrassment of making a mistake he should have known better than to make.

By all accounts, Rea is a good teacher, and he should be back in the classroom, where he belongs.

As it turns out, no one was harmed here. An hour's worth of inconvenience is a small price to pay to make absolutely certain our children are safe, and the school administration and Canton Police Department handled the situation exactly as it should have been handled.

Sure, in hindsight, this all turned out to be much ado about nothing. Unfortunately, we no longer live in a world where you can operate with the benefit of hindsight.

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Granholm says everyone will share in state's budget woes

BY JOE BAUMAN
STAFF WRITER

Gov Jennifer Granholm hits the campaign trail again next week, but this time she is seeking help in overcoming a blossoming state budget deficit.

Fresh from delivering her first State of the State address Wednesday, Granholm said she will need everyone's help in finding ways to eliminate an estimated \$1.8 billion deficit in

the fiscal 2003-2004 budget, which begins in October.

The governor said she plans to conduct focus groups throughout the state to seek input on how best to balance the budget. Since every Michigan citizen will be affected by the cuts, everyone should have a hand in deciding funding priorities, she said.

Granholm previewed her State of the State address Friday when she spoke before

more than 300 print journalists and state lawmakers at the Michigan Press Association's annual winter conference in Grand Rapids.

Armed with a power point presentation detailing the magnitude of the budget crisis and how the situation was created, Granholm asked the media for help in explaining why dramatic cuts in state government will be necessary, and called on those lawmakers in attendance

to work together to solve the crisis.

"2000 was a great year to be governor, I am sure," Granholm said, referring to the last time state revenues equaled expenses. And while the governor on several occasions reminded her audience that she did not create the budget crisis, she was more than ready to work to resolve it.

"We did not expect a \$300 million shortfall for this year. We thought the budget was bal-

anced," said Granholm, explaining why a variety of immediate funding cuts were necessary, including a reduction in the school aid foundation grants.

"This is not something I wanted to do as the first crack-er out of the box," she added. "State statute says the governor shall make cuts to the grants when there is a budget short-fall, and that's what we did."

Cuts in per-pupil funding have school officials wondering

how they will balance their budgets next year.

If revenue projections hold true, the school aid fund will face an estimated \$365 million short fall.

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy has sent a letter to lawmakers asking them to implement cost saving measures to resolve the state's budget crisis "without shifting the burden to local districts."

Commission ready to review 20-year-old county charter

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

After 20 years and regular squabbling between the Wayne County Commission and Wayne County Executive, Commissioner John Sullivan, D-Wayne, says it's time to review and revise the county charter.

Sullivan, vice chairman of the County Commission, has established and will chair the Committee on Wayne County Charter Revisions to consider what needs to be updated in the charter that was adopted in 1981 and took effect Jan. 1, 1983.

"There are specific instances that come up here and there, usually between the executive

office and legislative branch," Sullivan said. "Our attorney gives an opinion that says this, your attorney gives an opinion that says that. So I thought it would be a good idea that we go through the charter to clarify some items so we don't have those problems in the future. I don't expect a lot of changes, but after 20 years there are areas that need to be updated and clarified."

Over the years, the commission often clashed with former County Executive Edward McNamara, particularly over the awarding of contracts. The McNamara Administration is currently being investigated by a federal grand jury about con-

tracts and campaign contributions. Sullivan said he wants to examine the charter primarily because of the disputes between the commission and McNamara. He said the balance of power between executive and legislative branches is unclear.

"Even if it is a strong executive as it's set up, you need to make sure that there are checks and balances," Sullivan said. "Through reviewing the charter maybe there are a couple things that can be tweaked to make sure those checks and balances

are there." In addition to Sullivan, the charter committee includes Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Garden City, and Commissioner Kwame Kenyatta, D-Detroit. Sullivan said the committee will spend the next year reviewing each section of the charter, seeking input from the public and adopting new language where appropriate.

Sullivan said the committee would meet every other week. Legal counsel would advise the committee on proposed changes. Sullivan said he hopes to put a revised charter on the ballot in either August or November of 2004.

The stress between the McNamara Administration and

the commission led to the creation last year of the Wayne County Airport Authority, which took control of Metro and Willow Run Airports away from the commission. The authority was approved by the state legislature after an agreement was brokered between McNamara and former Gov. John Engler.

"I don't know of anything specifically in the charter that would have changed anything with the airport," Sullivan said. "In my opinion the issues that came out about the airport were brought out by the commission. It was through our audits, through our investigations and review of contracts that we found some issues that we weren't happy with."

Sullivan said the state spent a million dollars reviewing what the commission had already done. He said the checks and balances did work in the airport dispute because it was the commission that uncovered the problems.

Sullivan said he hasn't discussed the charter review with new County Executive Robert Ficano.

"I'm sure there will be differences when it comes to separation of power issues and I'm sure they will be at the meetings and discussing any changes they want that they think will clarify matters better," Sullivan said.

He said he expects the commission will work well with the new executive.

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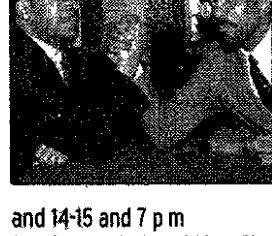
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History month

Stage veterans Steve Dixon (left) and Roosevelt Johnson star as Martin Luther King and Malcolm X in the play *The Meeting* by Jeff Stetson Shows are 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays Feb 7-8



and 14-15 and 7 p.m. Sundays Feb 9 and 16 in the Paul Robeson Theater in the Northwest Activities Center corner of Meyer and Curtis Detroit Admission is \$15 For information call Buku Productions Inc at (248) 559-3358

Rare specimens

Treasures of the Institute collection spanning 12 scientific areas and more than 200 artifacts opens Saturday Feb 8 at Cranbrook Institute of Science 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills The exhibit represents the museum's world renowned natural history collection Activities include writing in hieroglyphics identifying plants and using pressed leaves Museum admission is \$7 adults \$5 children 2-12 and free for people 65 and older and children younger than 2 (877) 462 7262

Black history

Works of nearly 100 photojournalists who visited 53 African nations on Feb 28 2002 are on display through March 1 at the Detroit Public Library 5201 Woodward Detroit The



photographers captured the daily life landscape and diversity of the continent over 24 hours Admission is free Hours are noon to 8 p.m Tuesdays Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays Saturdays (313) 833 1000

Titanic tragedy

Exhibit transports visitors through history

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Step right up to the boarding gate – the dramatic voyage is about to begin Will you live or die aboard the Titanic?

That's the question visitors will ask themselves as they make their way on a chronological journey through Titanic The Artifact Exhibition, opening Saturday, Feb 8, at the Detroit Science Center

Nearly 91 years after the grand vessel hit an iceberg, broke in two and sank to the bottom of the North Atlantic, the salvage company RMS Titanic and Clear Channel Exhibitions recreate the Titanic experience. It begins as visitors are handed a boarding pass on the main floor of the science center They then enter an oversized freight elevator for the trip up to the fourth floor Science Hall. The doors open to a surreal scene where an 18-foot ship, complete with portholes, greets all waiting to make the magical, mysterious trip

Along the way, visitors learn that Harland & Wolff spent two years constructing the White Star Line ship in Belfast, Ireland. At 11 stories high and nearly four city blocks long, Titanic was the largest ship built prior to 1912 and touted as "unsinkable" because it was designed with 16 watertight compartments. If the first four flooded the ship would not sink.

Besides the technical aspects, the ship was decorated in the grandest style. First- and third-class cabins have been recreated for the exhibit by the original manufacturers of furniture and carpeting



Each level was adorned with inlaid wood and gilded ornaments like the bronze cherub on display in the Titanic artifact exhibit at the Detroit Science Center

"Visitors will be issued a boarding pass that will have the name of a person who was on the Titanic," said Shawn Kahle, president of the Detroit Science Center. "We're taking not only the history which

PLEASE SEE TITANIC, B3

TITANIC: THE ARTIFACT EXHIBIT

What: A chronological journey through the building and sinking of the Titanic 91 years ago. Presentation includes display of 200 artifacts recovered from the wreck, a planetarium show recreating the stars the night the ship went down, and IMAX movie on the ghostly ship at the bottom of the ocean

When: Opens Saturday, Feb 8, and continues to Sept 7. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Where: Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R in the University Cultural Center

Tickets: Advance timed tickets for the exhibit \$16.95, \$13.95 seniors, \$11.95 ages 2-12. IMAX film and planetarium shows \$4 each or \$6 for both. Call (248) 645-6666

Information: Science center at (313) 577-8400 or www.detroitsciencecenter.org

Tradition meets street art in showdown at Paint Creek

Collaboration can be a wonderful thing especially when the respective parties cater to audiences at opposite ends of the spectrum. Take Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester. The non-profit provides exhibition opportunities for fine artists creating pretty much traditional paintings, ceramics, sculpture, and mixed media.

CPOP Gallery, on the other hand, spotlights pop culture and graffiti artists working in aerosol, found objects, paint, and collage. I don't think either would take offense at my saying the Detroit space draws a much younger and hipper crowd of followers.

John Cynar thought so, and did something about introducing what's sometimes referred to as "low brow" art to visitors at Paint Creek Center for the Arts. Not only is he exhibiting the work of Slaw, AWOL, Derek Hess, Bask, Glenn Barr, Matt Gordon, and Tyree Guyton in the second floor gallery, but hosting a techno party with DJs playing tunes from East Alley Records in Rochester. And it's all for the benefit of the arts center. A suggested donation of \$5 plus proceeds from sales of CDs goes to the exhibition program that Cynar oversees.

"We wanted to do something relating to the music industry and techno and how they relate to art," said Cynar of Birmingham. "These are artists influenced by contemporary culture – computers, TV, technology. It's new to bring this

PLEASE SEE PAINT CREEK, B7

Exciting menu debuts at Ritz-Carlton Grill

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Worldwide, Ritz-Carlton hotels claim to provide "the finest personal service and facilities." The "atmosphere is warm and relaxed, and the ambiance embraces the uniqueness of the local culture" is yet another corporate assertion.

Locally, these lumped together were recognized by general manager Gerard Van Grinsven, who last year embarked on a program dubbed Ritz-Carlton Reborn, a motivating catch phrase to rhyme with Dearborn. A plan, he said, that "involved retraining at every level of our business."

When it comes to The Grill at the Ritz-Carlton, service is just half the equation. The other aspect is the food. The debut Jan. 21 of a new menu, designed and orchestrated by 33-year-old Chef de Cuisine Steve Jalbert, began a culinary rebirth at the Ritz. Chef Jalbert, who lives in Northville, admits it



Katherine Levin and Aram Karapetian are served the Amuse-Bouche of the evening, peppered Ahi tuna. Serving is Laura McClure with chef Stephen Jalbert at right.

PLEASE SEE RITZ-CARLTON, B8

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Dinner menu: Ambitious offerings including a selection of Ritz-Carlton à la carte Traditions and the new Visions prix-fixe five-course and nine-course degustation menu.

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registering couples through a station promotion.

As part of the night, additional runs of Smooch Cam will play on PalaceVision and roses will be given to select women in the audience. Hooper, the Pistons mascot, will get into the act with his Hearts with Hooper offer, giving fans a chance to pose for a photo with him.

In addition to the ceremony, one lucky couple will win the Channel 955/Detroit Pistons Grand Prize that includes a wedding reception, bridal

gown, tuxedos, limousine transportation, wedding rings and their hair done for the big day.

Couples can register for the wedding at www.pistons.com or http://channel955.com on the Internet. Couples also can register in person at any President Tuxedo, Orn Jewelers, Brides by Demetrios, Beacon Hill Golf Club and Banquet Center and Tre Jolie Salon in Novi.

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The gourmet dinner will include an appetizer of Lobster Ravioli with Shallot and Saffron Cream Sauce, a salad of Baby Greens Wrapped with English

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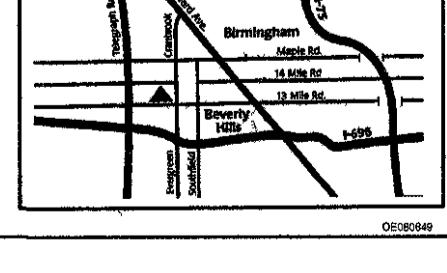
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captures all of us but the science and humanity of the experience. With the boarding pass you'll have that human experience. You'll have to look up the name of your passenger on a memorial in the final gallery to see if they survived. It takes this big tragedy and makes it real."

RECREATING THE TRAGEDY

An iceberg wall is one of the more chilling elements of the exhibit. One touch sends shivers through the body after imagining how cold it must have been in the water the night of April 15, 1912. Looking at the 200 objects recovered from the wreck 2 1/2 miles below the surface adds to the trauma. A bowler hat, jewelry, black silk bow tie, and a man's work boot were once worn by passengers. Of the 2,227 estimated on board, more than 1,500 lost their lives in the frigid water that night.

"It's history, science and humanity so visitors walk about with a deeper appreciation of the Titanic experience than could ever be captured in a movie or book," said Kahle. "It's divided into different areas. In the planetarium, the *Night of the Titanic* provides visitors a chance to understand the weather conditions and what was happening with the stars in the sky that night."

Kahle is especially proud of the Detroit experience planned for visitors. Few of the 11 million who toured the exhibit at various institutions around the world have had the opportunity to view the stars or watch *Titanica*, a documentary on recovering artifacts in submersibles with remote controlled arms. Six joint U.S., French and Russian expeditions have taken place since 1987.

Detroit visitors also will learn about Morse code in classrooms in the lower level. Nearly \$30 million dollars in renovations make the experience possible.

"The planetarium was added as part of the renovation and opened in December 2001," said Kahle. "The documentary in the IMAX theater helps people recreate what the dive experience would be like. We started planning all this in spring 2002. Some of the staff went to Cleveland to see the exhibit last summer so we could make this a blockbuster exhibit."

"This is our first since the renovation even though we designed the 8,700-square-foot Science Hall to bring in major traveling exhibits. Detroit can have as many world class offerings as L.A., Paris within a much shorter travel distance. We wanted to take the Titanic legend and present it to our visitors in ways that fully leverage assets of the science center to give visitors a chance to connect with the legend. We want them to have a

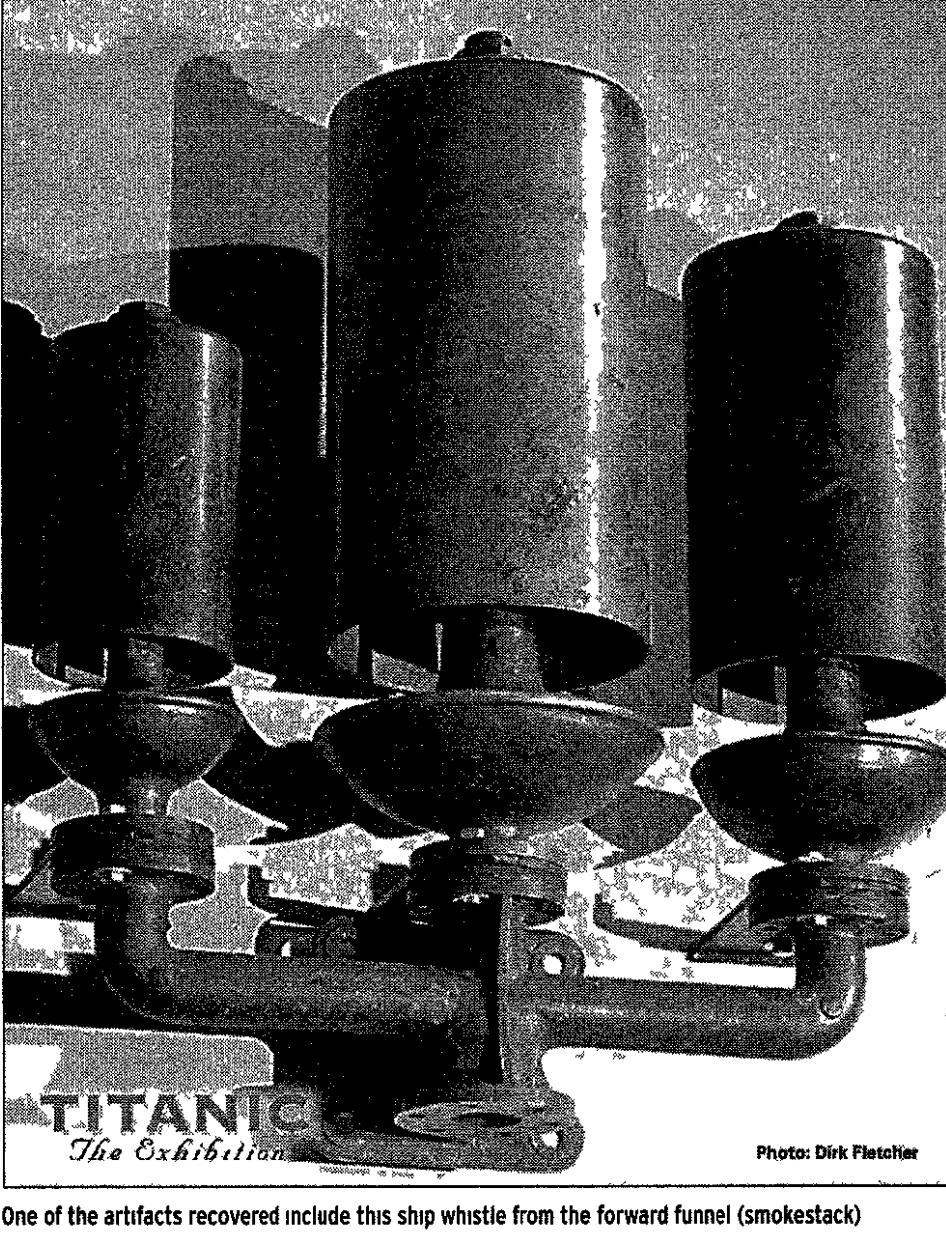


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One of the artifacts recovered include this ship whistle from the forward funnel (smokestack)

whole Titanic day. You can create that experience on your own. We're big proponents of the informal learning experience."

SALVAGING THE SHIP

Arnie Geller is as thrilled as Kahle about bringing the Titanic exhibit to Detroit where he grew up. As president of RMS Titanic, it's his responsibility to see artifacts are displayed after recovery according to a 1994 U.S. Federal Court order granting the corporation salvor-in-possession rights to the wreck. As part of the effort, he oversaw a short-lived partnership with Eastern Michigan University. When objects were recovered from the 2000 expedition they were brought to a Ypsilanti lab they operated together to stabilize the objects. Shortly after work began, RMS Titanic opened a larger facility in Atlanta, Ga., where Geller now lives after residing in Birmingham for many years.

"The recovery's been going on since

1987," said Geller. "This exhibit is a sample of all the expeditions. It's a challenge to put them together for exhibitions. Then there's the cost of expeditions and conservation but it's all worth it going to the wreck site and you realize the only way to get down to the wreck 2 1/2 miles below the surface is a three-person submersible and remote operated vehicles. We're specific about objects we want to recover. Soon as objects arrive at the surface and start to oxidize we start to preserve them. They haven't been exposed to oxygen for 91 years so this happens immediately."

Recovery efforts and the initial tragedy continue to intrigue young and old alike.

"The legend surrounding Titanic has become part of our existence," said Kahle. "I was in the Browns when I first learned about the Titanic through an old campfire song - 'Oh, they built the ship Titanic to sail the ocean blue.' That was 38 years ago."

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Hometown stories tell of disaster

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Karen Tomilo thanks her lucky stars that grandfather Mark traded in his ticket on the Titanic's maiden voyage. If he hadn't, the third-grade teacher wouldn't be here to teach her students about the tragedy - or let them experience the legend firsthand on the 91st anniversary of the April 15 sinking.

Tomilo grew up in Livonia listening to her grandfather tell the story of leaving Minsk, Belarus, for a better life in America. He'd taught in the villages there, traveling in a sled that was frequently chased by wolves. After trying to convince family and friends to join him on the journey, he left for England where he bought a ticket on the Titanic. Shortly after, he received a wire from his brother to wait for him. He did and now Tomilo's here to teach lessons learned from the tragedy. In preparation for the field trip, she and the third-grade students at Orchard Hills Elementary (Novi) are reading a textbook about the historical voyage and disaster.

"I tell my students 'It was a tragedy because it could have been avoided but people don't die in vain, good came out of it because of all the laws written since.' That if they take cruise ships today, there are air patrols in place."

Modern technology helped Michael Deyoub learn more about his grandmother, who survived the sinking of the Titanic. Banoura Deyoub never talked about the tragedy in which three of her cousins perished.

"A great deal of what I know comes from the Web site (Encyclopedia Titanica www.encyclopedia-titanica.org)," said Deyoub of Rochester Hills. "She was 14 when she boarded the Titanic in Cherbourg. It was the second stop after leaving England seven hours later. She rode in third class and someone from first class brought her up so she was able to survive."

"She didn't talk to us, never went into details. She came over from Lebanon and didn't understand English well. The unfortunate thing I always wanted to get more information but she died more than 30 years ago."

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Volunteer to inspire future scientists, engineers

The Detroit Science Center is looking for volunteers - not necessarily for the Titanic exhibit - but to assist visitors in exploring science, engineering and technology.

On a recent weekday morning the center was a hub of activity with children of all ages taking part in hands-on activities. Volunteers are rewarded by knowing they're helping inspire the young to become tomorrow's

innovators. Explore the possibilities and choose between two societies: Pi (background in science, engineering, medicine or technology required to answer visitors' questions) and Newton (to assist with special events, greeting visitors, mailings). For more information, call volunteer coordinator David Gensor at (313) 577-8400, Ext. 440.

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Saturday Feb 15 8 p.m. Friday
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March 1 4743 Cass Ave Detroit
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Feb 26 6 p.m. Saturday Feb 15
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Founder and conductor John Gajec leads the Redford Civic Symphony in a Family Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb 9, at Thurston High School, Redford. Admission is free. The program includes selections from Modeste Mussorgski, Ernesto Lecuona, Meredith Wilson, Joseph Haydn, and Leroy Anderson. Featured artist is Thurston High School senior Leah Diehl performing a horn concerto. Gajec shares conducting duties with Dr. Joseph Lewis of West Bloomfield.

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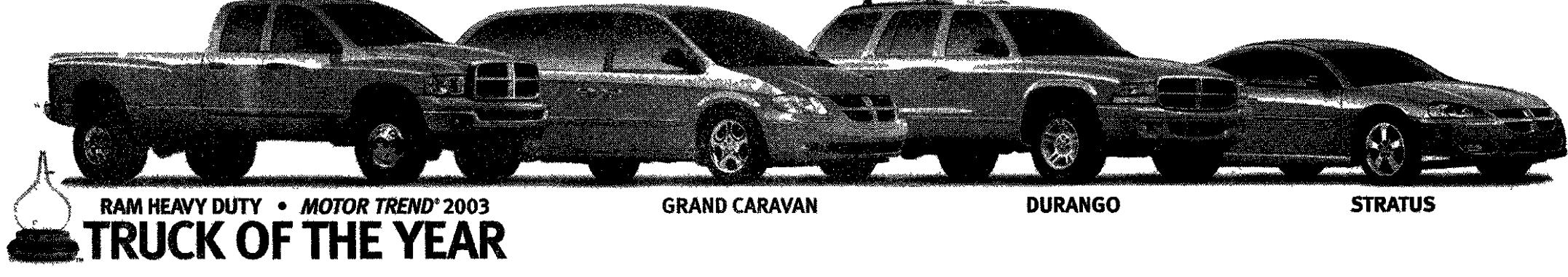
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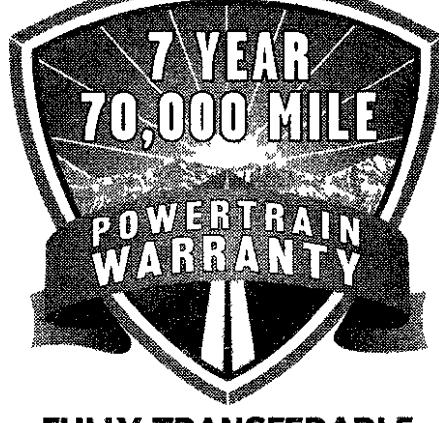
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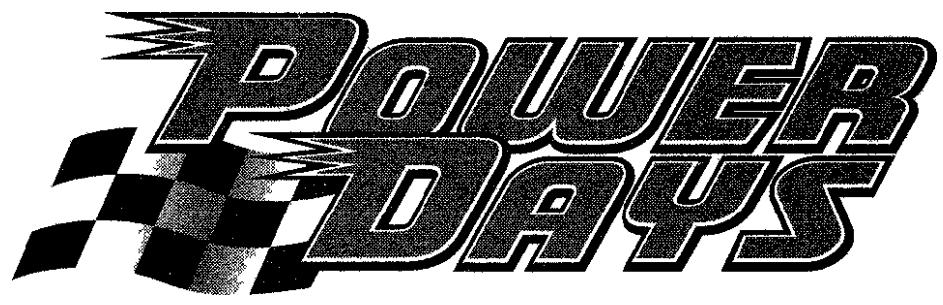
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The Recruit: Lively spy film with a few predictable twists

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — *The Recruit* does what every good spy movie should do, at least for its first two-thirds. It makes covert operations, in the name of something as stodgy and buttoned-down as patriotism, look sexy and exciting.

It helps a great deal that the film has sexy and exciting co-stars in Cohn Farrell and Bridget Moynahan, and we get to enjoy the voyeuristic thrill of watching them endure the rigors at CIA training camp.

As recruits James Clayton and Layla Moore, Farrell and Moynahan learn how to pass a lie detector test, blow up cars

and practice surveillance on fellow students — and look great doing it. Even flirting at a bar and bluffing at poker become part of the game.

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His real mantras though, are "Trust no one" and "Nothing is as it seems."

So it's not exactly a surprise to discover through a series of increasingly unbelievable double-crosses that the seemingly

good people are bad, and vice versa. It took three writers to come up with the big climactic twist, but you could have anticipated it back when Burke found James, who was a hotshot at MIT.

Burke tells James that he suspects Layla is a mole, and sends him to find out what she's after and who she's working

with. James and Layla had an instant attraction for each other, so Burke figures it shouldn't be too hard for James to seduce her to accomplish his mission.

James is torn — Layla's hot — but decides duty to country is more important.

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Donaldson keeps the cat-and-mouse game lively — if predictable — until the very end, when Pacino goes on a seemingly endless tirade. It's the kind he's become known for

in such films as *Any Given Sunday*, and it's become such a staple of his repertoire, it rendered him a caricature of himself.

But Farrell proves again he can hold his own against anyone — period — from Tom Cruise in *Minority Report* to Bruce Willis in *Hart's War* to Pacino here.

And he has a ton of chemistry with Moynahan, who didn't get nearly enough to do as Ben Affleck's girlfriend in *The Sum of All Fears*. Here, she finally has a co-star who's gorgeous and can act.

The Recruit a Touchstone Pictures release runs 115 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

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Casavant Freres pipe organ at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Guest organist Michele Johns performs a variety of selections including music by Schubert, Gagout, Diemer, and Saint-Saens

A University of Michigan music professor, Johns also serves as the church's director of musical ministries. She is executive director and co-founder of the Ann Arbor based American Center for Church Music, an organization that promotes festivals focusing on interdenominational choirs and conferences.

As a performer, Johns has toured Europe more than 25 times, delivering concerts and lectures about the history and literature of keyboards.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

What: Annual concert featuring the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Middle School orchestras and guest organist Michele Johns

When: 8 p.m. Saturday Feb. 8
On-stage lecture 7:15 p.m.
Afterglow follows concert

Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth

Tickets: \$16 \$14 senior \$10 college student, free for students K-12 Call (734) 451-2112

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FEB. 7

MAX

It's 1918 in Munich and Max Rothman celebrated art gallery owner meets fellow war veteran and aspiring young artist Adolf Hitler. Max takes Hitler under his wing and encourages him to paint. But Hitler unsuccessful as an artist transfers his energies to politics where he finds an outlet for his crude beliefs proclaiming to Max that he has found a new form of artistic expression and that Politics is the new art.

Stars John Cusack, Noah Taylor, Leelee Sobieski. Directed by Menni Meyers (*Lion's Gate*). Rated R. Running time 108 minutes.

THE QUIET AMERICAN

From the classic novel by Graham Greene comes a murder mystery centered on a love triangle set against the French Indochina War in Vietnam circa 1952. It's the true story of a veteran English journalist a young American and the beautiful Vietnamese woman caught between them. This is a world where nothing is what it seems, suffused with opium, intrigue and betrayal.

Stars Michael Caine and Brendan Fraser. Directed by Philip Noyce (Miramax). Rated R. Running time 100 minutes.

SHANGHAI KNIGHTS

After taming the Wild West in the comedy *Shanghai Noon* Chon Wang (Jackie Chan) and Roy O Bannon (Owen Wilson) are back in the saddle but off the range. This time they're out to settle a score in civilized London. When a Chinese rebel murders Chon's estranged father and escapes England Chon and Roy make their way to London with revenge on their minds.

Chon's sister Lin has the same idea and uncovers a worldwide conspiracy to murder the royal family but no one will believe her. Chon gives Victorian Britain a kick in the pants as he attempts to avenge his father's death and keep the romance minded Roy away from his sister. (Touchstone Pictures) Rated PG 13

LOCKDOWN

Avery has finally gotten his life back on track. A competitive swimmer he had to drop out of college to support his girlfriend Krista and their son Jordan. He's back on the swim meet circuit and starting to have some success.

When a college scout approaches him after winning his latest race he goes out to celebrate with his friends Cashmere and Dre. In an instant Avery's luck is about to run out.

Stars Richard T Jones, Gabriel Casseus, Master P Bill Nunn De'Audre Bonds, Joe Torry, Heather Graham. Directed by Daisy von Scherler Mayer (Universal). Rated R.

DAREDEVIL

Marvel's legendary comic book hero known as the Man Without Fear comes to the big screen. Attorney Matt Murdock is blind but his other four senses function with superhuman sharpness. By day Murdock represents the downtrodden. At night he is Daredevil a masked vigilante stalking the dark streets of the city a relentless avenger of justice. Featured players include Ben Affleck (*The Sum of All Fears*), Jennifer Garner (*TV's Alias*), Michael Clarke Duncan (*The Scorpion King*), Colin Farrell (*The Minority Report*), Joe Pantoliano (*Memento*) and Jon Favreau (*Made*) as the title characters best friend and legal partner. Mark Steven Johnson directed marking his first since completing *Simon Birch* in 1998 (Twentieth Century Fox). Rate PG 13

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, FEB. 14

THE GURU

A young Indian dance teacher with the best moves in Delhi embarks for New York City in pursuit of fame and fortune only to wind up working as a waiter in an Indian restaurant. But good fortune can arise from strange places as our hero Ramu Gupta dis-

covers when a catering gig at a dizzy birthday party catapults him into an extravagant version of the American dream. Mistaken for a spiritual healer Ramu becomes an overnight celebrity with the city's elite hanging onto his every word no matter how absurd.

The trouble is he's also falling in love with the one woman who knows the real source of his seemingly profound insights and Ramu must choose between his newfound notoriety and his love for a woman who accepts him as he is.

Stars Jimi Mistry Marisa Tomei, Heather Graham. Directed by Daisy von Scherler Mayer (Universal). Rated R.

GODS AND GENERALS

A sweeping epic charting the early years of the Civil War and how the campaigns unfolded from Manassas to the Battle of Fredericksburg this prequel to the film Gettysburg explores the motivations of the combatants and examines the lives of those who waited at home.

Stars Jeff Daniels, Stephen Lang, Robert Duvall and Mira Sorvino. Directed by Ron Maxwell (Warner Brothers). Rated PG 13. Running time 220 minutes.

THE LIFE OF DAVID GALE

David Gale is a man who had tried hard to live by his principles but in a bizarre twist of fate this devoted father popular professor and respected death penalty opponent finds himself on Death Row for the rape and murder of fellow activist Constance Haraway. With only three days before his scheduled execution, Gale decides to give reporter Elizabeth "Bitsey" Bloom the exclusive interview she's been chasing. But Bitsey soon realizes that this assignment is more than she

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to Paint Creek. It's artwork that hasn't been seen before."

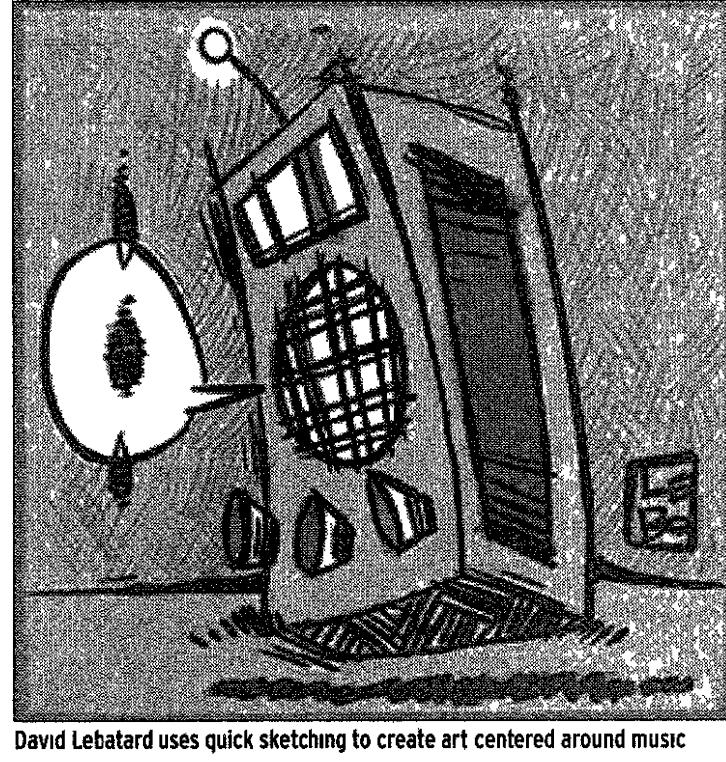
A NEW AUDIENCE

Cynar isn't taking credit for all of the idea. He says public relations coordinator Heather Welch had a lot to do with this and similar projects such as art auctions held at the night club Luna in Royal Oak. Both would like to do more networking with other galleries like Detroit Artists Market and institutions such as Cranbrook.

"We're trying to open ourselves to a new direction to get young people interested in the arts center," said Welch who teaches everything from ballet to hip hop in Avondale Schools. "It's going to be a collaboration of the arts with a DJ playing techno, IDM or Intelligent Dance Music, and Ambient Techno so it's quieter, not a big rave."

"Admission is a \$5 donation but whether you donate \$5, a dollar or any money you can still come in. We're appealing to a late night crowd instead of our regular 6-8 p.m. reception crowd. It's an appetizer to a Friday night out with champagne, soda and Pop Tarts. It's going to be different, a different audience. We hope to attract a younger audience and to do more of a collaboration with the arts and music."

That fits right in with the



David Lebatard uses quick sketching to create art centered around music

music and pop culture inspired art shown at CPOP Gallery, says director Mary Harrison of Franklin. Their audience tends to be young and looking for work they can relate to and buy. Cynar knew all this from visiting CPOP and serving on the board of the Museum of New Art with Harrison in Detroit.

"John wanted to bring some of the energy involved in our artwork to the Rochester community," said Harrison. "We'll have an installation work by Bask, a Florida artist who's shown at CPOP for the last

couple years. Bask started as a renegade street graffiti artist and now does Post Pop or Low Brow Art with a street influence. He combines aerosol, found objects and painting. He'll be painting directly on the wall and add framed works.

"There will be a lot of work - 30 pieces including acrylic and oil

POP D'ART

What: Paint Creek Center for the Arts and CPOP Gallery open an exhibit of pop and graffiti art with a fund raiser complete with DJs spinning techno music

When:

7-11 p.m. Friday Feb 7 Art exhibit continues to Feb 28

Where: Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Rochester Call (248) 651 410

Admission: Suggested donation of \$5. Proceeds benefit the arts center's exhibition program

Barr, street art, contemporary aerosol graffiti, found objects, a grungy type of artwork, pop culture images used in the street art criteria of graffiti and found objects."

TAKE A LOOK

For an idea on the style of art you'll see at Paint Creek, visit the Web site at www.cpop.com. A January show focused on cars and included an oil by Camilo Pardo who formerly lived in Livonia. Monthly exhibits feature a variety of themes and artists who've been around for years like Stanley Mouse and Ed "Big Daddy" Roth to emerging artists like Bask, a 25-year-old born in the Czech Republic.

CPOP's goal is to define, integrate and promote the current international Post-Pop art movement and its groundbreaking artists. They also believe strongly in collaboration. In addition to sharing work with Paint Creek, CPOP exhibits art such as Kyle Ratz's painting of the Bat Mobile at Wild @ Heart II, a fund-raiser for the Detroit Zoo in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery's Butterfly Garden. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14. For more information, call (248) 541-5717.

In the past, CPOP's collabora-

tion with the Furniture Factory, The Whitney and Museum of New Art, and provided dinner and dessert in the gallery as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's night out with concert.

It's definitely an exciting place to be when shows like "Reluctantly So" by Kurt Halsey Frederiksen and "Alien Jigsaw" by Mars fill the gallery with plenty of food for thought - and alien subject matter.

"There's something going all the time," said Harrison. "At Paint Creek, we'll have Matt Gordon who grew up in Livonia and does acrylic traditional and realistic paintings with surreal creatures like *The Last Donkey Show*. There will be panels created for last year's Detroit Electronic Music Festival by Wayne 'Wane' Peterkin of New York."

"That's really cool," said Welch when she saw the aerosol paintings at CPOP Gallery. Hopefully the audience at Paint Creek will feel the same. All it takes is an open mind. I personally think it's going to be a whole lot of fun.

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RITZ-CARLTON

FROM PAGE B1

was Van Grinsven's drive toward excellence that helped him decide five months ago to leave his former position as executive chef at the Midland Country Club for the Ritz

AMBIANCE

A formal English-style club atmosphere with a marble fireplace, gold-embossed fabric walls and dark woods set a mood, enhanced by equestrian and English countryside wall art in gilt frames. Chandeliers, silk-shaded lamps, crisp white linens topped with chargers, cobalt blue water glasses and a simple cobalt blue vase with fresh flowers completes table elegance in The Grill, which seats 82 comfortably.

Service is polished in the grand tradition of Europe, and people are generally dressed in the "jacket for men" mode.

A frequent Ritz Grill diner will notice the new menu format immediately. It remains two-sided but is now distinctly divided with Traditions on the left and Visions on the right. Traditions are Grill standards with which Ritz patrons have become familiar. Culinary innovation becomes apparent with the Visions. There, a five-course menu at \$75 per person, with two choices per course, and a



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Chef Stephen Jalbert adds finishing touches to entrees about to leave the kitchen. Other assistant chefs, from left, are Jeff Gorski, Robert Moore, Eric Esper and Food and Beverage manager Susan Robins.

nine-course degustation menu for \$95 per person speak volumes to those seeking brilliantly composed selections.

Pastry chef Tanya Fallon, who joined chef Jalbert's team in late November 2002, makes her input felt with inventive desserts that became her signature at Forte in Birmingham, her former position.

INFLUENCES

Chef Jalbert cited Napa Valley's French Laundry chef/proprietor Thomas Keller and culinary whiz kid Grant Achatz, the 28-year-old executive chef at Trio in Evanston, Ill., as his inspirational role models.

Given that, most of chef Jalbert's new menu represents his personal cooking passion. Each dish has a palate surprise that changes the texture or impression. It may be Fleur de Sel atop a chilled Terrine of Foie Gras with Pedro Ximinez Syrup and Micro Chervil or Roasted Pineapple in Date Jus as the bed for Seared Foie Gras.

He uses Maldon, a flake sea salt, for Braised Artichokes. "It's a labor of love to use fresh artichokes. But cooked simply, they don't compare to anything in a can or jar." Sel Gris added an extra element of crunch to a range-fed Saddle of Lamb with Celeriac Puree and Wilted Spinach.

An extraordinary flavor combination is sautéed Dungeness Crab leg meat with an Avocado Basket of small heirloom tomatoes. Sweetness of the crab plays magnificently with the fresh vegetable medley.

"Because I'm focused on seasonal offerings," chef Jalbert said, "the five-course and degustation menus may have different offerings each night or run several nights in a row. It all depends on what's freshest from the market and my purveyors."

GREATER EXPECTATIONS

While well on its way, all is not yet perfection at the reborn Grill at the Ritz-Carlton. To accompany a \$95 degustation menu, wine aficionados expect a savvy fixed-price wine package, or perhaps two, in different

price ranges. None is yet available because no sommelier is employed. Although there are some well-priced wines on the list, a number of them should be dropped and replaced with greater excellence for the money.

Then there's the issue of the smoking-allowed bar and lounge, which attaches immediately to the end of the dining area. It needs a state-of-the-art exhaust system to remove the smell of smoke interfering with the savory aromas of superstar food.

Van Grinsven indicated that his brass-ring reach extends to "attaining a five-star Mobil rating." Given that, look for tweaking on some of these important elements expected of award-worthy dining perfection in metro Detroit.

Withal, however, if you're seeking a special place to celebrate Valentine's Day or other occasion, the reborn Grill at the Ritz-Carlton has plenty to offer in the line of elegance, romance and a new dinner menu. On Valentine's Day, two seatings have a prix-fixe dinner with a complementary glass of champagne and entertainment. At 5:30 p.m., the cost is \$85 per person with live piano music; at 8:30 p.m., it's \$95 per person with a live trio for dancing.

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CITY BITES

Depending on your mood, suburban Detroit offers a number of special places to eat out on Valentine's Day. Reservations are a must.

- AMORE: You won't find more Italian amore or love than at Ristorante Bacco, 29140 Northwestern Highway, Southfield (248) 356-6600. Chef/proprietor Luciano Del Signore and Maître d' Marcello Giuffrida offer the finest expression of Italian food passion and wines.

- SWEET INDULGENCE: At Cafe Bon Homme, 844 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth (734) 453-6260, chef/proprietor Greg Goodman dubs his food style "modern European." Tack intimate onto that and you get the idea.

- LIVELY AND SAVVY:

Let Executive Chef Tim Voss at Forte, 201 South Woodward, Birmingham (248) 594-7300, (who has cooked at the famous Beard House in New York City) delight you with his American take on bistro food at this lively downtown location. Sommelier Michael Korn will suggest a perfect wine match.

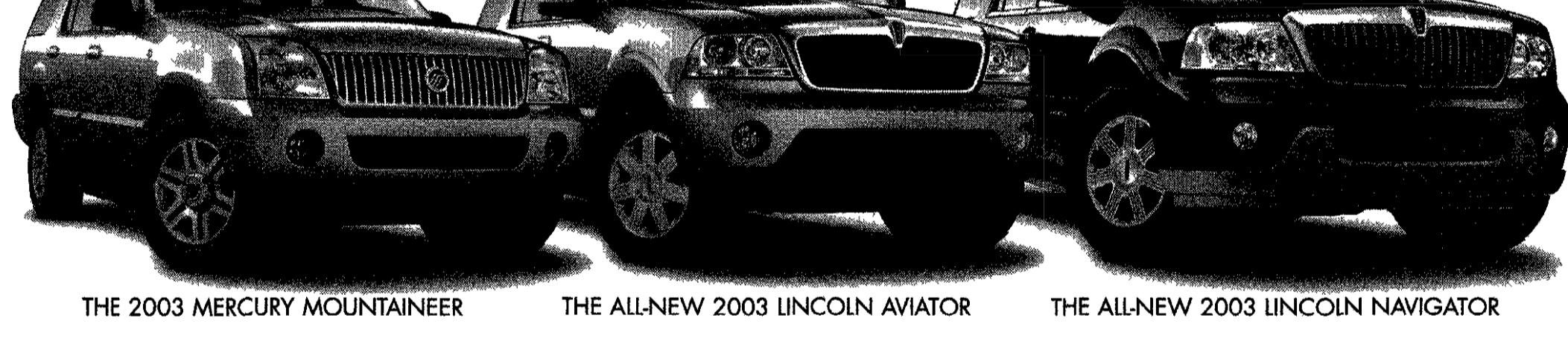
- EUROPEAN CHARM: At The Lark, 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield (248) 661-4466, owners Mary and Jim Lark and Executive Chef Marcus Haight offer first-rate Prix Fixe menus and a superb wine list.

- TRADITION: It doesn't get more traditional than the Rochester Chop House, 306 Main Street, Rochester (248) 651-2266 which has been an anchor in this city for steaks, chops and seafood for many years.

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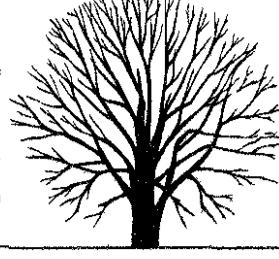
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The Knot Book of Wedding Flowers retails for \$29.95 and can be bought in major bookstores and online at www.theknot.com

The lavishly illustrated book includes more than 175 pages filled with pictures of beautiful bouquets centerpieces and other arrangements plus innovative ideas for floral accents and must have planning information for wedding decor.

Among the features 150 full color photographs an A-Z photographed glossary of the top 50 most popular wedding blooms four full wedding looks from star florists key advice on finding and working with a florist (including contract and budget tips) do-it-yourself floral projects and a detailed bouquet preservation guide.



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Randy Lorenz and Mary Nadolny's Plymouth Township spa bathroom features a steam room

Spa day every day



The galaxy scene, which Randy Lorenz designed and a local artist etched on to glass for the steam room doors, is reflected in a mirror above the glass vessel sink.

Guest bathroom turns relaxation destination

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The guest bathroom in Randy Lorenz and Mary Nadolny's Plymouth Township home is like an out-of-the-way destination restaurant.

It's hidden in the basement, a couple of sharp turns and a flight of stairs from routine household travel.

But the experience justifies the trip.

There's a special sort of room within the bathroom. With the turn of a switch, that interior room, separated only by glass doors, becomes a cozy, warm, moisture-replenishing steam room.

If the tactile stimulation isn't enough, there's a waterproof sound system within arm's reach of your seat, handmade of teak and curved to fit the body's natural contours.

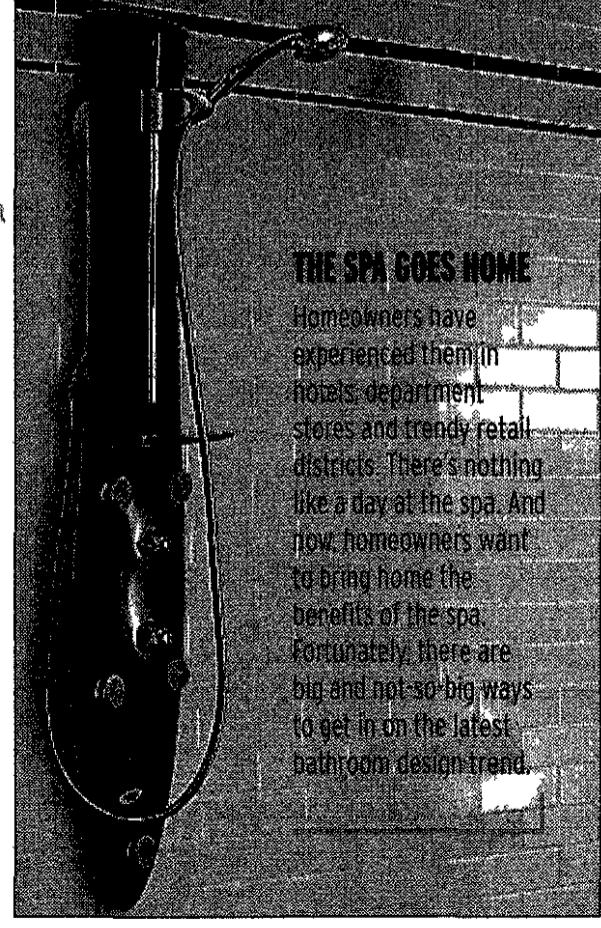
Understandably, Lorenz and Nadolny "dine" twice a week.

"After a long day, we just come down here and take a steam," Nadolny said. "It relaxes you. It opens your pores. Neither of us has been sick all winter."

NO EASY PROPOSITION

The couple renovated the guest bathroom in 2001.

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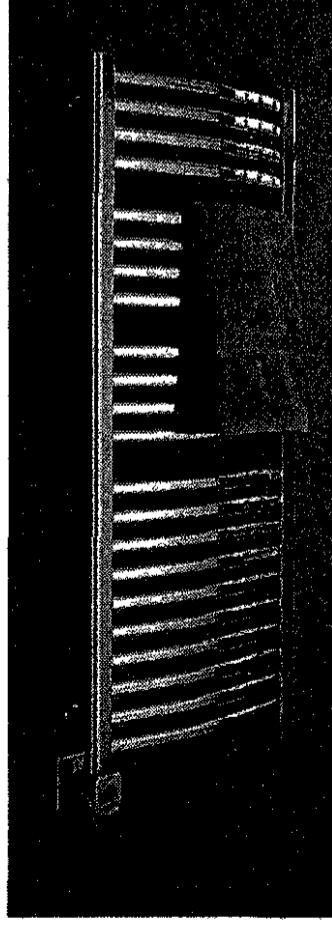
THE SPA GOES HOME

Homeowners have experienced them in hotels, department stores and trendy retail districts. There's nothing like a day at the spa. And now, homeowners want to bring home the benefits of the spa. Fortunately, there are big and not-so-big ways to get in on the latest bathroom design trend.



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At left, body spray jets do massage duty in the shower. Hansgrohe shower panel with adjustable sprays is available at the EXPO Design Center in Troy, West Bloomfield and Utica. Above, atmosphere is everything in the home spa. Set the mood with candlelight, a vase of fresh flowers, your favorite novel and a pair of fluffy bedroom slippers. Tub by Moen, available at Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse with locations throughout metropolitan Detroit. At right, an electric towel warmer is one relatively inexpensive way to bring the spa experience home. This unit is by Myson and available at the EXPO Design Center in Troy, West Bloomfield and Utica.



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TOPICS

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creating gardens and how they keep them in tiptop shape throughout the year.

Karen Strohbeen and Bill Luchsinger, co-executive producers of the PBS gardening series *The Perennial Gardener*, are both artists. They are retaining the age-old landscape of their home site to create a garden that will be a living work of art.

The title of their program is *The Ephemeral Art of Making Gardens*.

Tracy DiSabato-Aust will discuss perennials and border planting, and demonstrate the how and when of maintenance, as she presents *Practical Techniques for Making and Maintaining Your Mixed Garden*.

She has worked in several countries and is owner of Classical Creations, a design, installation and maintenance company. DiSabato-Aust is the author of *The Well-Tended Perennial Garden* and *The Well-Designed Mixed Garden*.

The afternoon session will begin with Maurice Horn, co-owner of Joy Creek Nursery in Oregon.

He serves on the council of the International Clematis Society, and is a founding member of the Pacific Northwest Clematis Society. His article, *A Gift of Clematis*, was featured in the October 2002 issue of *Horticulture*.

Horn's lecture, *Choosing and Growing the Very Best Clematis*, will be illustrated with slides of these plants that

show their sumptuous colors and subtle blooms.

He will explain how he chooses these gorgeous plants and manages their elegant growth, and then will introduce some of the newest clematis from Eastern Europe.

The fifth speaker will be Bill Cullina, nursery manager and propagator for the New England Wildflower Society, the oldest and one of the best known plant conservation organizations in North America.

He has authored *The New England Wildflower Society Guide to Growing and Propagating Wildflowers of the United States and Canada*, and most recently, *Native Trees, Vines and Shrubs*.

Cullina will illustrate what happens when you include the right trees, shrubs and vines in your garden to look both beautiful and a natural part of the landscape.

The program will conclude with informal questions from the audience.

SWEETstakes

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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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Garden Spot

Marty Figley

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BATHROOM

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primarily because they missed the steam room in their last home. This is the couple's second in-home spa and an improvement on their first, Lorenz said.

Designing a home spa without professional assistance has a steep learning curve and requires extensive research, time and legwork, the couple said.

"Everything that could rust, did rust," Lorenz said of the first steam room. It was the school of hard knocks. If somebody wants to do this, the No. 1 thing is to make everything waterproof."

In the second steam room, for example, Lorenz used tile, rather than marble, and high-temperature epoxy grout. "Marble absolutely will not stand up," he said. Surfaces throughout the room have been treated to prevent water damage.

Other suggestions from the couple: Plan to do a substantial amount of research and use a contractor who's aware of the waterproofing and durability issues associated with a steam room.

ANOTHER CURVE

While Lorenz and Nadolny surmounted the design-your-own-spa learning curve, they're not ahead of the curve.

as far as trends go, Spa elements are the latest in bathroom renovation.

Safety and well-being are on the tops of homeowners lists, said Melissa Birdsong, director of trend forecasting and design for Lowes Home Improvement Warehouse. So they're looking to create a home that allows respite.

Current retail offerings enable homeowners to dabble in the trend or go full-tilt with their own in-home spa.

Increasingly, Birdsong said, manufacturers are responding to consumer interest with affordable translations of real spa elements, from body-jet showers to aesthetic pieces such as above-the-counter sink bowls made of translucent glass. Often called vessels, the sinks exemplify design elements on the market that "complete that sort of spa look," Birdsong said.

Spa elements make financial sense in the home, too. Jacuzzi and air-jet tubs, saunas, steam rooms and body-jet showers all raise a home's value.

Lorenz and Nadolny renovated their downstairs bathroom because they wanted a steam room, but they also put in a shower with three massaging body jets.

While they enjoy such amenities — they also have a

Jacuzzi in the master bath — they view them as investments.

"You have to bring your house up to standards," Lorenz said. "Most definitely it is an investment in the house."

LOCATION ISN'T EVERYTHING

Where Lorenz and Nadolny's home spa falls short on location, it makes up for in atmosphere — another reason it's a twice-a-week destination.

Aside from the therapeutic elements inside the room, there's a lot of eye candy.

Lorenz said.

The ceiling is tin, shimmering and ornamental.

The walls are accented with an African rosewood earthy yet modern. Inlays of a mix of exotic hardwoods point up a ceiling beam and a door in an almost Art Deco style. The sink is a free-standing glass vessel in translucent amber brown.

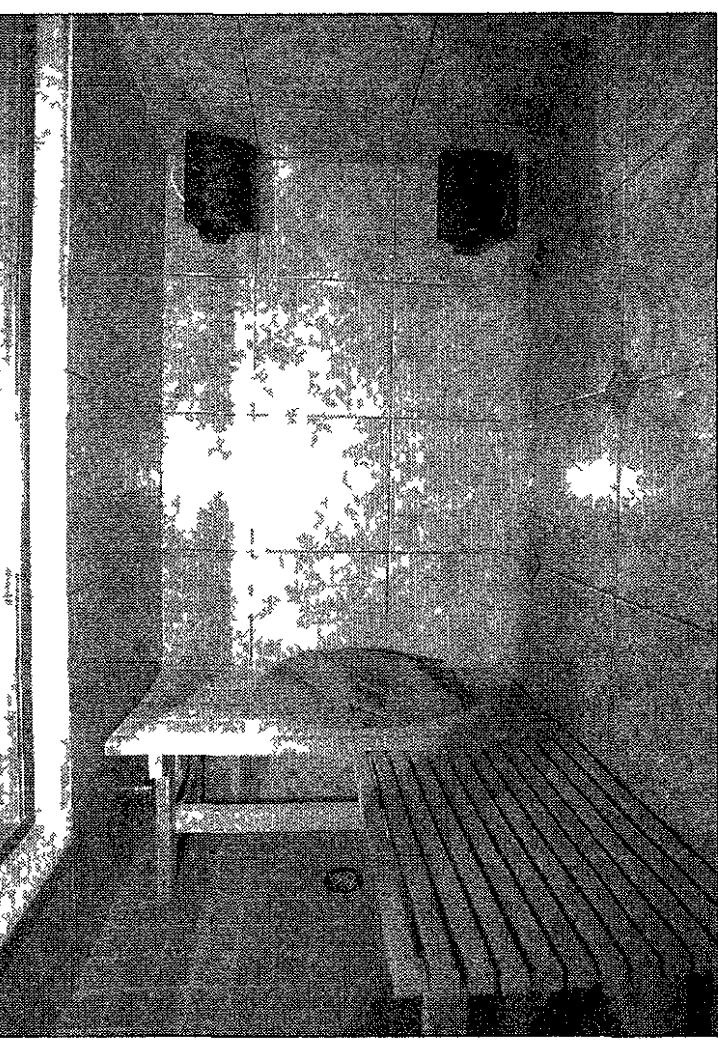
And the steam room's doors are Lorenz art: a galaxy scene he created and a local artist etched on to glass.

So how do guests respond to the accommodations when they come for a stay?

"They don't say anything," Lorenz said.

Their jaws drop.

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A shimmering tin ceiling, exotic hardwood accents and a translucent, amber-brown vessel sink bring character and warmth to Randy Lorenz and Mary Nadolny's in-home spa in Plymouth Township.



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Here's to all the regular guys

A friend of mine died last month. He was 44 years old, which is too young I say that in part because I'm 44 years old and in part because his wife is even younger, and his 8-year-old daughter should have had her daddy around more years than this.

We all said it, everyone I've talked to in the days since his death. Said it and meant it, as never before.

It's not fair.

We don't take care of ourselves. Some of us smoke, some drink too much, others will admit to being overweight. We work too hard and don't exercise nearly enough.

Why him and not us? Why not me?

My children are 21 and 23. They still need me, but not the way they did 15 years ago. They needed my arms around them, my stern voice and the kind of unconditional love only a parent can impart with nothing more than a smile or a few words of praise.

My friend died, and it's just not fair.

He would have been the first to say his life wasn't anything special, even though it had special moments. In December 2001, his sister gave him a kidney; not only did he sail through the operation, he bought a shiny, red Mustang convertible to celebrate. Too often, it sat in the parking lot at his office on a Saturday afternoon while he worked at his desk — probably thinking he'd have plenty of time to take long rides with the top down, plenty of time to tuck his daughter into the back seat, properly belted, and drive to the Dairy Queen.

His cancer was diagnosed in November. He had less than 10 weeks to live before he knew he was dying.

We all believe we have plenty of time.

A woman he mentored will say goodbye with few regrets, because she remembered to tell him how he changed her life. She made me wish I'd told him just once how much I admired him, and all the Regular Guys of this world.

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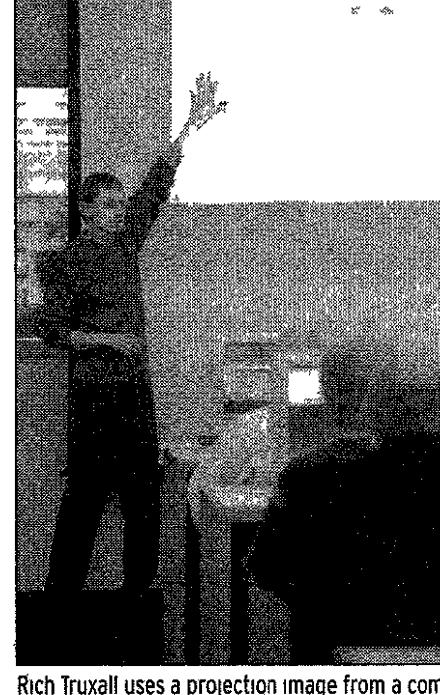
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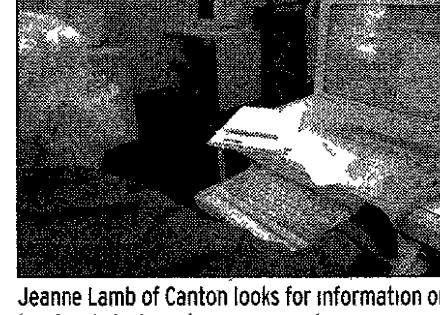
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Rich Truxall uses a projection image from a computer to help attendees follow along as he explains how the Internet can assist in a search of one's family tree during a genealogy session at the Canton Public Library last week.



Jeanne Lamb of Canton looks for information on her family history during a genealogy session.

LIBRARY VISIT

Unless you want to pay the \$99 a year fee, it's best to go to the local library, log on and go to this site.

"There are more than 3,000 data bases linked to AncestryPlus," Truxall said. "And they are buying or adding new ones all the time."

The latest thing to come on the line is the 1930 census so many people can look for their parents and grandparents. The later census numbers will come online as the federally mandated 70 year privacy moratoriums expire.

The database will allow you to search with a first and last name and then call up a copy of the (usually handwritten) census log pages.

"The amount of information is overwhelming but it's exciting at the same time," Marilyn Thomas of Canton said.

She and her husband, Rich, were at the seminar as first-time ancestor hunters.

"My grandmother died and was buried on a farm. How do you trace that? There was only a wooden cross and we tracked all over where we thought it was and the cross was gone," Rich Thomas said.

"The one thing I would say to younger people is that when your mom and dad tell you things about the family you should write it down."

Truxall is quick to point out that "some pure luck is involved in genealogy research."

Truxall led his students through the two-hour seminar, starting with the Social Security death index, which is updated almost daily.

"This data base is very good for the recent past," Truxall said. "Often the 'last benefit' line gives the last known address for someone."



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"We put a lot of time into it," said 14-year coach JoDee Dillon.

Library seminar, Internet help people track their ancestry

So we beat on boats against the current borne back ceaselessly into the past.

Final lines of F Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Gatsby wanted to forget his past but couldn't.

But most of us want to know more and more about our past, especially as we age.

That's the point of the big boom in genealogy research, particularly on the Internet.

A few years ago, if you wanted to do genealogy research you went to the Detroit Main library and spent time in the very fine Burton Historical Collection with its huge selection of books, papers and photographs.

Now, people turn to the Internet.

Friday morning, two dozen Canton residents filled the Canton Library's computer room to hear Richard Truxall extol the virtues and the pitfalls of an Internet search for your ancestors.

"The Internet is not the silver bullet of genealogy. It's tough research, it's a lot of work," Truxall said.

Both the Canton and Plymouth libraries subscribe to AncestryPlus or Ancestry.com and that is the top Web site to start with, Truxall said. The fact Michigan libraries have this service is part of genealogy efforts by the state library in Lansing.

Another good source to move you closer to family members who may be looking for you is the USGenWeb Project, an all-volunteer program whose main thrust is to bring families and genealogists together.

COUNTIES MATTER

Look for the "queries" link which will take you to states and, more importantly, counties.

"This is an ideal place where people can find each other. The county where a person was born, lived, worked or died is very important. The whole thing is to find other people — who are alive — who are looking for a certain name," Truxall

said. "Inevitably, you will go to several counties because people move."

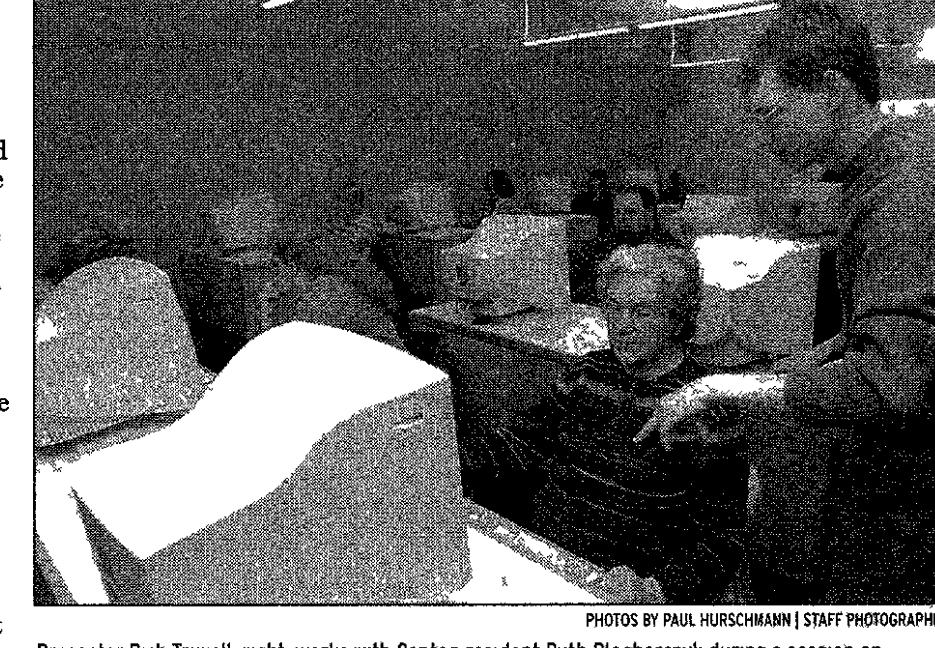
Another Canton resident, Jeanne Lamb, was at the seminar tracking down her father.

"I really don't know his name. He was from Poland and fought in the war but his name was changed," she said.

Truxall said a lot of information contains typos or errors because it was hand-written.

The records of Ellis Island are notorious for misspelled names because many immigrants coming to New York did not speak or write English.

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Presenter Rich Truxall right works with Canton resident Ruth Piocharczyk during a session on genealogy at the library.

Nationals reward for year-round effort

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

If you talk to the Salem High School cheerleaders, they'll tell you that they have a lot of talent and have worked very hard to get ready for their 11th straight appearance at the National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Fla.

Now they're hoping all that hard work pays off.

Salem, which reached the finals and finished sixth at last year's championships, left today (Thursday) for the competition, a spot they earned by winning their regional at Keen Arena in Ann Arbor in December.

They go armed with a 13-girl, nine-boy contingent that has spent most of its time since August getting ready for this particular moment.

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This year, Salem got it the old-fashioned way. They earned it.

The Rocks have spent much of the year perfecting a routine they hope will help them improve on last year's finish. It was good enough to win the regional, and Dillon and her charges are hoping it has improved enough since early December to capture the hearts of national judges in Florida.

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According to Dillon, team members have spent considerable time getting ready for the national meet since qualifying at the Ann Arbor regional.

By the time the team goes to regionals, the coach said, they still aren't able to hit some of the stunts that will be required for any kind of success at nationals.

In addition to the team competition, Salem is sending three couples to compete in the partner-stunt competition. Salem has finished as low as 10th and as high as second in this event, and the coach thinks this year's pairings — Tony Peters and Jena Hilderley, Jason Kenison and Katie Morgan and Justin Groesbeck and Samie Stencel — have a shot at bettering that.

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GENEALOGY

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Another Web site Truxall suggests is Cyndi's List (cyndislist.com) which has thousands of links to genealogy information.

And, of course, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints site (familysearch.org) continues to be widely used.

"Keep in mind that the information you're finding (on the Mormon site) is not necessarily verified or reviewed," Truxall said.

Mormons as part of their beliefs have a strong interest in their ancestors.

At the Plymouth library's Web site, there are links to Native American genealogy, gypsies or "travellers," ship's passenger lists including the Mayflower and the vital records of each state and even such esoteric things as heraldry and tartan finders.

There are also links to databases for Canada and many European countries.

The biggest caveats: Expect the search to take some time and patience. Expect misspelled names. Don't look for the 1890 census — it burned and is 99 percent gone.

"I think eventually I'm going to find something," Marilyn Thomas said as she clicked around the Internet.

Doug Johnson a 38 year Plymouth resident is a retired Livonia teacher and often works in temporary jobs for the Observer. He took part in the

FINDING YOUR ROOTS

■ At the Canton or Plymouth library, log onto AncestryPlus for free. It's the top Web site for tracing your family tree.

■ Canton Library's Internet expert Richard Truxall recommends Cyndi's List (cyndislist.com) as the second place to go after AncestryPlus.

This site has an amazing 181,000 links to other sites including adoption records and

475 sites for African Americans.

■ Don't forget such low tech items as the family Bible, church and cemetery records. There are also thousands of individual family pages on the Internet. Cyndi's List has links to more than 3,000 of them.

■ There is free software to help at familysearch.com (the Mormons) and inexpensive software like Family Tree Maker for about \$20 (familytree.com).

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BY RENEE SKOGLUND
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They came and made a joyous sound.

On Sunday, the choirs of 11 churches in Redford came together to join their voices in praise at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, this year's host of the annual Community Choir Festival. More than 200 choir members participated.

"Move over, folks, we need the St. James people over here," directed John Potter, the music director at Aldersgate as the choirs filed in for their one combined practice session before the concert.

"We have a lot of Covenant people here, and there's not room for St. Robert. If Our Lady of Loretto would scrunch up a bit, there'd be room for St. Robert."

Both the sanctuary and the back of church soon were filled with choir members in robes of every color — aqua, maroon, red and white, blue and white, ivory and brown.

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit. Theirs is the kingdom of God, they began Rejoice and be glad.

"Too loud," Potter admonished. "Drop the jaw and sing very softly." Gorgeous!

The wail of a passing fire engine penetrated the refrain, but the choirs sang on *Rejoice and be glad.*

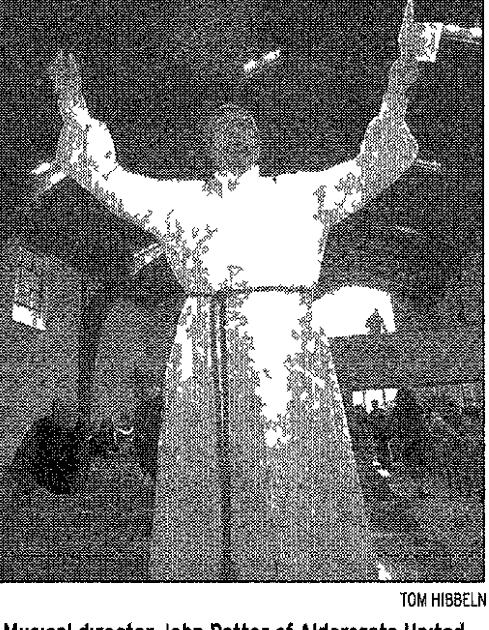
More choirs moved up the aisle to take their place in the sanctuary.

"Violins, violins, are you in tune with anything?" Potter asked. "We're in tune with ourselves, came the answer. Potter gave them a clear A note."

Julie Witkowski of Livonia has been a member of the St. Valentine Catholic Church choir for 20 years. She was married at St. Val's, and even after she moved, the church still felt like home.

"It's just wonderful to share the musical experience with everybody else," she said. Doing it in a house of worship just makes it more beautiful.

The secret of remedying an off-key note, said Witkowski, is to blend. "If the whole



TOM HIBELIN

Musical director John Potter of Aldersgate United Methodist Church gets everyone in tune during rehearsal for the Community Choir Festival on Sunday.

group goes out of key, you go with the flow."

But few singers were off-key Sunday. Perhaps they were blessed by the Holy Spirit. Certainly that must have been Potter's prayer.

"People singing the Christmas Hymn won't know what part they'll sing until they get here," he said shortly before the practice session.

CURTAIN CALL

The festival officially began with a hymn by Aldersgate's chancel choir and bell ringers followed by an introduction by the Rev Diana Goudie, co-pastor of Aldersgate.

A lot of violence, hatred and tragedy (in this world), yet we are together in love. As we sing, this is just a foretaste of what heaven will be like," she said.

And the choirs sang — Latin, gospel style, contemporary and classical.

Some of the smallest choirs, such as

Redford Baptist Chancel Choir with 13 singers, had the biggest sound. They sang "Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name" — starting and finishing in a whisper — in true gospel style. The audience loved it.

Each choir sang individually and with the other choirs, and the audience joined in for several hymns. If you were off-tune, you did your best to blend.

While the event was not a competition, the audience had its favorites.

The Men's Ensemble from Trinity Church of the Brethren was a definite hit. *Soon and very soon, we are going to sing*, they harmonized, followed by two more hymns.

The concert ended with John Potter standing on a pew, his music stand stretched to its full height, waving his arms and exalting the choir to sing in one voice. This was the time to "rock the rafters," he said.

Dan McLeod of Novi, who sang with the Covenant Community Choir and has been participating in the festival since it began, pronounced this year's event a winner.

"Oh, it's definitely a success. I like the Trinity Men's Ensemble. It took me back many years ago when we used to have quartets. It's good for all denominations to participate. This will be a greater witness to the community than just one church."

'BEAUTIFUL' MUSIC

Marlene Hanna, secretary of Rice Memorial United Methodist Church in Redford, and her husband, Harold, have attended the festival every year.

The music is beautiful. And it's good when all churches come together," said Marlene.

"It was absolutely marvelous," said Harold. "My favorite was the male choir. They're just good."

Goudie concluded the festival by thanking the choirs and all who attended. "Go forth from here with song in your heart," she said. And we did.

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CHEER

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Salem's team, competing in the "large co-ed" group because there are more than five males on the team, should face stiff competition from some two dozen other squads.

Like any athletic team nearing the end of the season, Salem is trying to beat injuries and overcome the odds to bring home some hardware.

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NOT FAIR

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You'll find a bunch of Regular Guys swimming for all they're worth.

It may seem like there aren't enough Regular Guys in the world, but I don't believe that's true. Many of my friends are in love with Regular Guys who are in love with them. The love of

my life is a Regular Guy, and I thank God every day for the simple gift of his presence.

All of us know Regular Guys, but because they're doing what they're supposed to be doing, we don't think to tell them how lucky we are to know them. We don't tell them how they make the world a better place just by being a good father, a good partner, an honest employee or a good friend.

Those are words people think

but don't say, because it seems silly to thank someone for doing the right thing, for just being a kind soul.

So I'm going right out on a limb and say thank you to all the Regular Guys — all of you who rake the leaves, mow the lawn and fall asleep on the couch, who read to the cat when there's nobody home and tinker with something you have no hope of ever fixing, who make the mortgage payments every

month without complaining about the department store credit card balance.

Even if the people you love don't say it, they appreciate you more than you'll ever know.

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Auction event benefits pregnancy center

"MCPC Oldies But Goodies," an auction, raffle and dinner to benefit the Metro Crisis Pregnancy Center, will take place 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 22, at Burton Manor in Livonia.

The annual event attracts more than 400 patrons, who bid on more than 150 items.

A wide variety of attractive auction items - including spa packages, sports memorabilia, gold packages and home furnishings - will be up for bid at the annual fund-raiser for the center, which serves clients from 48 cities in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe counties. WXYZ-TV's "Captain" Dennis Neubacher will serve as honorary chairperson for the event. Also up for bid will be designer rugs, children's items, home entertainment items, jewelry and fabulous cruises.

Tickets for the annual spring benefit are \$47 each and include dinner, entertainment and an open bar. Tickets must be purchased by March 7.

Metro Crisis Pregnancy Center (MCPC), formed in 1994, offers non-judgmental counseling, material assistance and education.

During 2002, MCPC had 1,657 client visits and offered assistance to an additional 9,858 via telephone calls.

The center offers a variety of services, including assistance with an adoption plan, abstinence seminars, counseling, life-enrichment classes, material goods, parenting classes, pregnancy testing, professional referrals and teen service learning projects.

For more information on the March 22 benefit or the center, call (313) 724-8500.

Lutheran Social Services produces Lenten series

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan (LSSM) has produced a seven-part educational worship series, *Claimed by Christ's Love*, for use in midweek worship services during Lent and Holy Week.

"As God's baptized people, we are claimed by the love of Jesus Christ, given another chance and empowered to live effectively in service to others," said Rev. Jim Kocher, church relations coordinator for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, who chaired the statewide task force of clergy and

laypersons that created the project. Each of the six weeks of Lent and Hold Week focuses on a different aspect of the theme *Claimed by Christ's Love*.

Material includes sermon starters, litanies, stories illustrating the social ministry of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan and short dramas written by Susan Gahagan and Delia Johnson of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Jackson.

All the material, including PowerPoint litany designed to be

projected on a big screen, is on a CD-ROM that was sent to Lower Michigan congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Lenten series is also available without charge on LSSM's Web site, www.LSSM.org.

Churches of any denomination are welcome to use the material, said Kocher. Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is dedicated to creating a community that upholds human dignity, decodes complacency and affirms equality and justice.

Affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan spans the Lower Peninsula with more than 80 programs in 42 cities, including subsidized housing, community outreach, and services for children and families, older adults, refugees, and persons with disabilities.

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan serves all persons, regardless of race, religion or national origin.

Snow and cold weather require special safety precautions

Whether you bring out the shovel or put on your skis at the first sign of snow, safety should be your first priority when cold weather conditions hit.

Cold-weather related injuries account for a large number of emergency room visits each winter. Emergency medicine physicians at the University of Michigan Health System caution that most of these injuries are preventable, and that a little knowledge and extra caution can keep you and your family safe from the dangers hidden in winter's chill.

As the seasons change, so do the types of injuries and causes for injuries that come into an emergency department, says Dr. Jeffrey S. Desmond, director of operations in the UMHS Emergency Department. The cause of those injuries range from snow blowers to shoveling and hypothermia to winter sports.

SNOW BLOWERS

"The most common injuries that we see related to snow blowers occur when people place their hands into the moving parts of the snow blower, which results in hand injuries or amputation," says Desmond. Most of these injuries hap-

pen when an object or snow gets lodged in the snow blower. If this happens, Desmond stresses that people should never place their hands or other body parts near the moving parts of the snow blower. Instead, he says that people should completely turn off the machine and wait until all parts have completely stopped moving. Even with the machine off, parts may still rotate, so Desmond says it is best to avoid using hands to remove any objects from the machine.

"Everyone needs to be cautious when they're out shoveling snow," says Desmond. "The most serious injuries are slips and falls while shoveling, although the more common injuries related to shoveling are back and wrist strain."

The people at the greatest risk for injury while shoveling are those who are not in shape. Working out in the cold places additional strain on your heart, which may have an adverse effect on those with high blood pressure or heart disease. Desmond recommends that people with those conditions consult their health care provider before they attempt to do any type of strenuous activity like shoveling snow, which can become extremely heavy at

times.

COLDER TEMPERATURES

When the temperatures drop during the winter months, it may create a dangerous situation for the elderly and the very young. One such danger is hypothermia, a condition in which the body temperature drops when a person is exposed to cold weather without adequate protection.

Hypothermia, Desmond warns, happens gradually, so elderly patients especially may not realize how cold they've become. Common symptoms of hypothermia include confusion, lethargy, slurred speech or shivering.

"People who are outside and working or exercising in very cold temperatures are prone to cold injury," he says. "They can lose additional heat through perspiration and may not even realize how cold their body is."

The cold temperatures also bring a risk for frostbite, which is caused by prolonged exposure to sub-freezing temperatures and most often affects the fingers, toes, nose and ears. Frostbite causes these extremities to become pale and numb, but not painful.

"Frostbite can happen very quickly, especially when there's additional wind adding to the cold temperature," says Desmond. "They should understand the limitations of their snowmobile and their ability to operate the machine. Plus, it's important to become familiar with the area they're traveling in to avoid any hazards."

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Another tip for those who work and play outside is to stay hydrated. A lot of liquid can be lost when people perspire while outside in the cold. So, Desmond suggests that people remember to take intermittent breaks from the cold to warm up and get some liquids into their system.

WINTER SPORTS

"Although extremity injuries are the more common injuries we see with wintertime sports like skiing, snowboarding and sledding, head injuries also frequently occur and they can be devastating," says Desmond.

Every year, the U-M Emergency Department sees injuries and deaths related to sledding and especially snowmobiling.

Many injuries can be prevented with a little common sense like remembering to wear a helmet and dressing appropriately for the cold. However, when it comes to snowmobiling a lot of the injuries are related to alcohol use, excessive speed or attempts to do dangerous stunts.

Snowmobiling can be a safe sport if people take the proper precautions," says Desmond. "They should understand the limitations of their snowmobile and their ability to operate the machine. Plus, it's important to become familiar with the area they're traveling in to avoid any hazards."

COLD WEATHER HEATING

Increased furnace use to heat a home also raises the risk for carbon monoxide poisoning if the furnace is not functioning properly.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that can be deadly when levels are elevated within a home.

People with carbon monoxide poisoning may feel confused, have a headache, nausea and muscle aches.

"We recommend that people have regular furnace checks, cleaning of their flue if they are heating with a fireplace or wood burning stove, and that they consider purchasing a carbon monoxide detector to prevent poisoning," says Desmond.

"Another way to prevent poisoning is to never heat your home using kitchen appliances like a stove or oven. It not only increases your risk of a fire, but carbon monoxide poisoning as well."

While keeping homes warm during the winter months, some people often use space heaters.

"Space heaters can be used safely in the home, if used appropriately and children are properly supervised," adds Desmond.

"However, house fires or other injuries can occur from inappropriate use of space heaters, especially if objects are placed near or on the heater, which increases the risk for a house fire."

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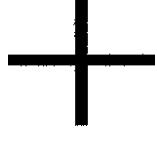
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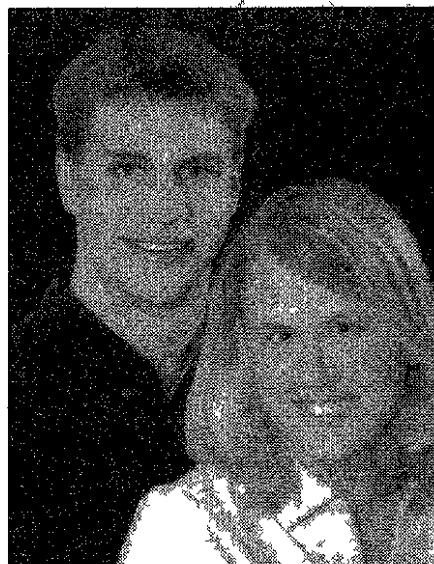
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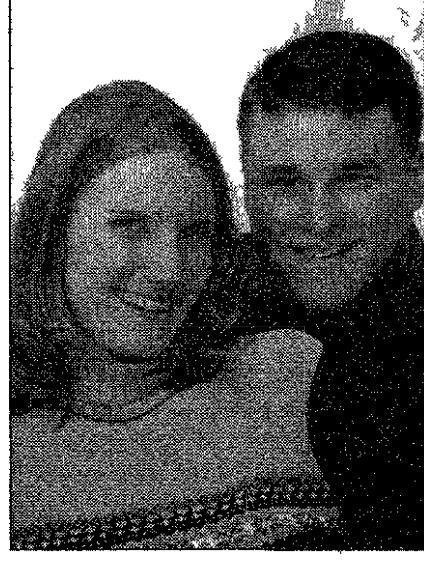
Adams-Wilmering

Jeff and Dawn Adams of Byron Center announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Adams, of Bloomington, Ind to Ryan Wilmering of Bloomington, Ind.

Amanda is a graduate of Kentwood High School and a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University where she earned a degree in social work. She is employed with a private social agency in Bloomington.

Her fiancé, Ryan, is the son of Richard and Karen Wilmering of Livonia. He is a graduate of Redford Catholic Central High School and a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University where he earned a degree in finance. He is a first year law school student at Indiana University in Bloomington.

The couple is planning to wed June 2003 in St John Vienna, Grand Rapids.



Benson-Harvey

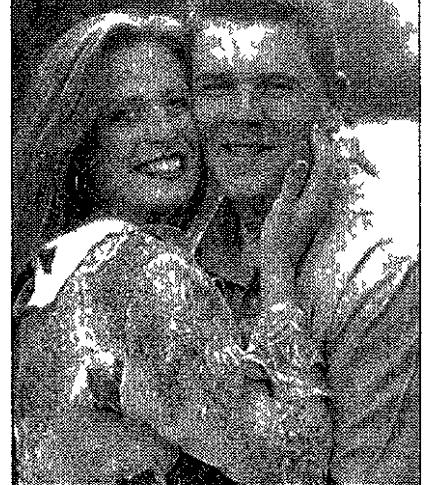
Dorothy Benson announces the engagement of her daughter Kathleen Laura to Shane Lawrence Harvey, the son of Sue Harvey of Reston, Va and Don Harvey of Warren.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Kenneth Benson. She is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in communication.

She is employed at the Observer & Eccentric

Her fiance is a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is employed at St Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

An April, 2004 wedding is planned at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.



Vert-Beasley

Don and Barb Vert of Flint announce the engagement of their daughter, Rayna Marie Vert, of Westland to Ryan James Beasley of Westland.

Rayna received a degree in elementary education from Madonna University and is pursuing a master of arts in teaching from Marygrove College.

She will graduate July 2003.

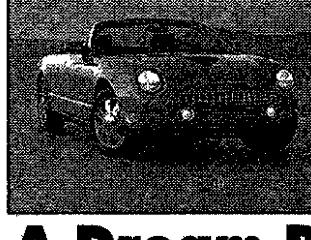
She is employed as a fifth grade teacher for Dearborn Public Schools.

Her fiance, Ryan, is the son of Harold and Kathy Beasley of Livonia.

He is a graduate of Schoolcraft College. He is employed in law enforcement.

The couple is planning to wed July 2003 in St Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

NEW VOICES

Lorene and John Paronish III of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Irene, on Dec 27, 2002, in Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. She weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces, and was 20-1/4 inches long. Her grandparents are Arlene and Dave Holladay of Westland and Sonja and John Paronish Jr of Westland. Great-grandparents are Lena and John Paronish Sr of Akron, Ohio.

Jim and Amy Harkins of Canton Township announce the birth of their son, Ethan Douglas, on Oct 15, 2002, in Huron Valley Sinai Hospital, Commerce Township.

Ethan joins big sisters, Olivia, 3, and Abigail, 1. Grandparents are Doug and Sharon Hoyer of Livonia and John and Kathy Harkins of Livonia. His great-grandmother is Rita Harkins of Plymouth.

Daniel and Jennifer Rauton of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Abby Lynn, on Nov 8, 2002, in Ann Arbor Hospital, Wayne. She weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Abby joins big sister, Hailey Rose, 2-1/2. Grandparents are Tom and Julie Dunigan of Westland, and Linda Perkins of Westland. Her great-grandparents are Don and Nancy Clarke of Lakeland, Fla.

Sean and Sheryl (Wisniewski) McGraw of Haslett announce the birth of their daughter, Faith Angela, on Nov 21, 2002, in Sparrow Hospital, Lansing. She weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces, and was 19-3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Ed and Marcia Wisniewski of Livonia, and Ellis and Claudia McGraw of Saline. Great-grandparents are Janet McGraw of Dearborn, and Ruth and Bob Kropel of Farmington.

Ken and Melissa Compton of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Mackenzie Renee, on Dec 25, 2002 in University of Michigan Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Glenn and Gail Anderson of Westland, and Ken and Debbie Compton of Canton.

Christopher Roe and Amber Bryant of Westland announce the birth of their son, Christian Charles Bryant, on Nov 24, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds 1 ounce, and was 21 inches long.

His grandparents are Charles and Valerie Bryant of Westland, and Harold and Angie Roe of Westland.

Paul and Leslie Perrine of

Garden City announce the birth of their daughter, Lynnea Brooke, on Nov 25, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Lynnea joins big sister, Jenna, 6. Her grandparents are Larry and Stephanie LeGree of Big Rapids, and Gary and Marilyn Perrine of Eustis, Fla. (formerly of Garden City).

Michael Kadamus Jr. and Kathleen Trella of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Savannah Elizabeth-Rose Trella, on Dec 3, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces, and was 18 inches long.

Her grandparents are Diane Scerba of Westland, Rose Miller of Wyandotte and Michael Kadamus of Westland.

Joseph Knighten and Cynthia Martinez of Westland announce the birth of their son, Armando Maurice Knighten, on Dec 4, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Armando joins big sister, Arianna, 3. Grandparents are Juan and Donna Martinez of Westland, and Karen Lee and Joseph Smith of Detroit.

Paul White and Jamie Morden of Wayne announce the birth of their son, Chanse Michael White, on Dec 7, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Chanse joins big brother, Damian, 23 months.

Grandparents are Marla Barbour and Jim Lyon of Westland, and Michele and James Woodruff of Wayne.

James Schroeder and Pearl Klein of Atlanta announce the birth of their son, Zachary Scott Schroeder, on Dec 11, 2002. He weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Zachary joins siblings, Ira, 6, Hayley, 4, and James, 2.

Grandparents are Donna Kitchen and John Ehlers of Atlanta, and James Schroeder and Kennava Thompson of Westland.

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The Botsford Center for Health Improvement is located at 39750 Grand River Ave., between Haggerty and Meadowbrook.

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ISSUE DATE January 22 2003

ACCEPTANCE DATE Wednesday February 19 2003 @ 3:00 p.m.

RFP NUMBER 03 254 302

ACCEPTANCE PLACE Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency Purchasing Department

Attn: Bobbie Allen

33500 Van Born Road Room #373

P O Box 807

Wayne MI 48144

Pre Proposal Conference will be held on Wednesday February 5, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 250B, Wayne RESA William Simmons Education Center 33500 Van Born Road Wayne Michigan 48144

Requests for information related to this Proposal should be directed to

Mr. Jim Rarus
LAN Services Manager
(734) 334-1349

RFP is posted on RESA website www.resa.net

IF YOU NEED ANY REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR ANY TYPE OF DISABILITY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCUREMENT PLEASE CONTACT PURCHASING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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SINGLES CALENDAR

Send items for consideration in singles calendar to Hometown Life Observer Newspapers 794 S Main St Plymouth MI 48170 fax (734) 459 4224

EVENTS

Valentine's Day Dance

On Saturday Feb 15 at the Plymouth Masonic Temple at 730 Penniman in Plymouth. Doors open at 6:30 and buffet dinner at 7 p.m. Music to dance to. Tickets limited \$20/person before Feb 8 \$23 after Feb 8. No ticket sales at door. Contact (734) 507 9173

Single Point Ministries

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church invites singles to join more than 500 single adults 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. The Rev Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and relationship with God. Coffee, doughnuts and conversation. SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. For more information or to have a newsletter sent call the SPM office at (248) 374 5920

Walking Club

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

Metropolitan Single Professionals

Trip Information Meetings/Sign-Up

Meetings are in the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes 35000 Grand River Ave in Farmington Hills on Sundays

For the Las Vegas trip be there at 6 p.m. for the Ski The Soo Ski Trip

Canada 6:30 p.m. and the Punta Cana Caribbean trip 7 p.m. Bring your questions

Book Discussion Group

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

Co-Ed Bowling League

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

Selective Singles Social and Travel Club

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To learn more about the club call (248)

435 5320 or go to www.sssct.org

Fun & Fine Dining Parties

Join us every Thursday. Our goal is to provide our members and friends with a sampling of some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area. Meeting on Feb 13 in the lounge between 6 and 7:30 p.m. at Brandy's located at 1727 Telegraph Bloomfield. Call (248) 338 4300 for further information.

Single Mingle Dances

Meet new friends, dance and socialize anytime from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a top 40 DJ, Cash Bar, hors d'oeuvres and Door Prizes. Admission is \$5 for members/\$8 for non-members.

The ballrooms are non-smoking and attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes). On Feb 7 at the Marriott Hotel in Livonia located at 17100 Laurel Park Dr N.

Euchre

6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday through April 1 at the newly remodeled Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes 35000 Grand River Ave just east of Drake in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$5 for

members \$6 for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome.

Volleyball

Due to the popularity of volleyball Open Drop In Co Ed Volleyball is offered every Tuesday now thru April from 6:45 p.m. through 9:45 p.m. in the gym and fieldhouse at the Bloomfield Hills Middle School 4200 Quarton Road just west of Telegraph. The cost is \$5 for members \$6 for nonmembers.

West Side Singles

Dances to be held every Friday night at Burton Manor located on Schoolcraft service drive just west of Inkster in Livonia. The dances are open to the public. Doors open from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. 25 years of age and older. Dressy attire required held in nonsmoking ballrooms with a disc jockey and budget bar. Admission price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. For information call Anita at (734) 981 0909.

Bethany Suburban West

Divorce Recovery starts in January. Contact Mary at (734) 414 9736. Sundays 10 a.m. breakfast at Redford Grille corner of Five Mile and Beech Daly. Optional Mass at St. Aidan's on Farmington north of Six Mile at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays Coffee & Conversation at Thomas Family Dining at 33971 Plymouth Road. Livonia between Stark and Farmington roads, at 6:30 p.m. Monthly meetings are 8 p.m. the third Saturdays at St. Kenneth Church Hall 14951 Haggerty between Five Mile and Schoolcraft. Dances are on the first Saturday of every month at St. Robert Bellarmine Church gym, corner of Inkster and West Chicago in Redford.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. dance from 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$9 and Dick Gerathy is the disc jockey. Refreshments. Monthly dinners are the first Thursday of each month. Call Kathy at (734) 513 9479 for reservations.

Chadsey High School

Contact Mary at (734) 414 9736. 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 information.

Costello Elementary

Classes of 1973 2002

A reunion of staff, families and students who attended Costello from 1973-2002 will be held at Costello 5:7

p.m. Thursday May 29, 2003. Please RSVP (248) 823 3700.

Denby High

Classes of 1953

A dinner/dance reunion is planned for Saturday Sept 20, 2003. We are looking for classmates. Please contact Doris Burrows Firestone at (586) 226

3319 Bob Pinder at (248) 332 8028 or Jean Sindon Like at (586) 268 4954

A picnic is also planned for Aug 16, 2003. Contact Judy Pouliot Berry at (586) 716 0916 or Wilma Fisher Jed at (248) 642 7246 for further information regarding the picnic.

Detroit Western High School

Classes of 1978

A 25 year reunion is being held on

Grosse Pointe North

Classes of 1991

Call (800) 677 7800 visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write Taylor Reunion Services P.O. Box 597 Dallas TX 75221 9929.

Murray Wright High School

Classes of 1967, 1968 & 1969

A 35 year combined class reunion being organized. Call to get on the mailing list. Reunion coming soon no date yet. Call Dede or Susan at (248)

746 9618.

Our Lady of Victory School

Classes of 1952 to 1972

A reunion for Our Lady of Victory School in Northville is being planned for Sept 2003. Please call Jo Flattery Mudloff (1961) at (734) 662 9333 or Jane Flattery Johnson (1957) at (734)

REUNIONS

Aug 9, 2003 with a dinner/dance at Pvt John Lyskawa VFW Hall, Dearborn Heights. We are still looking for class mates. Contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605 0377 or e-mail orozcodo@sbcglobal.net.

Ferndale Lincoln High School

Class of 1953 January/June

Alumni are asked to share their interest in attending a 50 year reunion in

2003 (September/October). E-mail

Doris Swanson Winter at

DJW1721@AOL.com or call Patt

Simmons Stasiak at (248) 548 4243.

Fordson High School

Class of 1953

A 15 year reunion is being planned and we are looking for classmates. Please respond to either

www.classmates.com/classre

union1988@yahoo.com or mail your name, address and telephone number to Class of 1988 Reunion 11349 Fenton Redford MI 48239.

Garden City High School

Class of 1978

A 25 year reunion is being held on

July 19, 2003 with a dinner/dance at 7:30 p.m. Roma's of Garden City \$45 per person followed by a picnic on

July 20 in Garden City Park. Contact

Sherlyn (Alioto) Baltani at

sbattani@msn.com.

Salesian High School

Class of 1956

A 47 year reunion is being planned for

Oct 11, 2003. Please contact either

Ron Altwies at (734) 421 7148 or Tom

Connelly at (248) 546 4536 for further

information.

Waterford Kettering/Waterford Township

Class of 1963

A reunion is being planned for August

23, 2003 for information please contact

Charlene Cosgrove at (248) 934

9366 or Coni Baden at (248) 934

9368.

Wayne Memorial High School

Class of 1993

Searching for classmates for coming

reunion being held October 2003

at the Holiday Inn Livonia. Please

contact Shelley Foster (Anderson) at

(313) 277 2504 or e-mail wmf1993@yahoo.com for more information.

Child care center opens in Farmington Hills

Tutor Time
Childcare/Learning Center, 24440 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills will celebrate its grand opening 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. The event's theme will be Cabin Fever Tropical. The day will be filled with family entertain-

ment, magic, arts and crafts, children's games, prizes, refreshments, and the opportunity for families to view the new center!

Tutor Time provides childcare and education for children ages 6 weeks through 12 years with a planned curriculum

focusing on reading, writing, phonics and math. Tutor Time will also provide transportation to and from select elementary schools.

If you would like additional information about the "Cabin Fever" Celebration, contact Judy Meyer at 248-888-0444.

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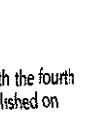
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Sports

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Sidelines

1 more victim: Madonna jolts No. 6 Siena Heights

BY C J RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Making 'em when it counted That's what Madonna University's basketball team did when it mattered most, once again doing it against a team ranked with the nation's best — and pulling out the victory, beating Siena Heights, previously unbeaten in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, 97-92 Tuesday at Madonna

MEN'S BASKETBALL

"It's a big win for us, it's a big win for the kids," Fighting Crusaders coach Bernie Holowicki said. "They've paid their dues."

Indeed they have. Madonna has never had a winning season, it's never enjoyed a season with double-figure wins until now. The Crusaders are 13-11 overall, 5-4 in the WHAC after

gaining their fifth win in six games. The Saints, ranked sixth in the NAIA (Division II) entering the contest, are 21-5 overall, 8-1 in the conference.

This one was close from start to finish.

Madonna led 47-44 at the half, then won it down the stretch by making free throws. The Crusaders were 21-of-27 from the line (77.8 percent), Siena Heights was 14-of-19 (73.7 percent).

Four players provided all but four of Madonna's points. Senior guard Aaron Cox led the Crusaders with a career-high 30 points (on 11-of-17 shooting from the floor), he also had five rebounds, five assists and four steals.

Junior guard Dan Kurtinaitis added 23 points, six steals and five assists, sophomore forward Noel Emenhiser had 24 points, five boards and two blocked shots, and junior forward Chad

Nadolni, out a month with a wrist injury, made his first start and contributed 17 points, 11 rebounds and two blocked shots.

Siena Heights got 19 points from Lloyd Cowles, 15 from Doug Gray and 10 from Jason Miller.

"They were determined," Holowicki said of his team's effort. "They weren't to be denied tonight. They've won five

PLEASE SEE HOOPS, D3

Penguins draw

So far how have the Plymouth Canton Salem Penguins come? The first time this first year girls hockey team played the Port Huron Rebels on Dec. 3 at the Arctic Edge the Penguins



lost 7-2. On Saturday at McMoran Arena in Port Huron the two teams tied 8-8.

PCS scored four goals in the first period, two by Meghan Depp with Kara Marsh and Amanda Rowley each adding a goal and an assist in the period.

Kicks are champs

The Plymouth Kicks an under nine boys select soccer team are the Western Suburban Soccer League Division II Fall outdoor champions. The Kicks were undefeated winning all 11 of their games.

Team members are Jacob Alexander, Kevin Bouton, Marcus Collins, Andrew Fulan, Matthew Grabowski, Brandon Hope, Max Iafrate, Rene Mejia, Justin Newton, Tyler Schultz, Sean Smiatcz, Ian Smith, Ben Spreitzer and Andrew Zhong. The team is coached by Dave Collins and Tim Alexander.

CCJBSA signup

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have its spring registration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 8 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 19 in the Ballroom at the Summit in the Park located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4-18 years who are residents of Plymouth, Canton or live in the Plymouth Canton school district. Those wishing to sign up must bring a proof of residency and a birth certificate with them at time of registration.

Fees range from \$75-\$110 for recreation leagues, travel teams fees are higher. All fees are non-refundable. Payments may be made in cash, money order or check (made payable to CCJBSA).

For more information call (734) 394-5469 and leave a message. For tee-ball or coach pitch league information call Chris Angel at (734) 981-3007 and leave a message.

Note: For potential junior varsity or varsity high school players there will be a sign up sheet at registration. You will be placed on a team after your school season has concluded.

No registration fee will be due at sign up.



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PLEASE SEE GYMNASTICS, D4

Canton's Yuhei Uno won the 100-yard backstroke against Salem in a state-qualifying time of 56.92

PAUL HURSMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PLEASE SEE SWIMMING, D4

Adams sets mark; Salem, Canton shine

Probably won't see anything quite like this until the conference finals. Or perhaps the state regionals. Or even the state finals.

That's the kind of scores that were posted Saturday at the Canton Gymnastics Invitational. Rochester Adams topped the 19-team field, boasting a state-record score of 149.10

GYMNASTICS Grand Ledge was second with 145.775 and Portage finished third with 143.00, leading an assembly of seven teams to clear the 140-point mark.

Of the Observerland teams competing, Tri-Farmington was best with a 142.150, which was fourth best.

Livonia Unified was ninth at 137.45, Salem was 10th at 137.10, and Canton took 11th at 136.50.

"It was a great meet," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Canton and Salem beat two top-10 ranked teams, and Canton's 136.5 is its high score for the year."

This despite a nasty flu bug that has threatened its way through the squad.

Among the local gymnasts, one of the best performances came from Salem's Ashley Aquinto. Competing in Division II, she was second in the all-around with a 36.05.

Canton's Jessie Bates was eighth in Division II all-around (34.55) and the Chiefs' Bridget Fitzgerald was 12th (33.75).

In Division I, Salem's Bethany Bartlett tied for seventh in the all-around with Adams' Cheryl DeGrandchamp (36.60). Canton's Kara Ahern was 22nd (34.05).

Aquinto placed second in the uneven parallel bars (9.05), third in the balance beam (8.9) and floor exercise (9.25) and tied for 12th in vault (8.85).

Fitzgerald was fourth in vault (9.1).

Strong 4th quarter lifts Salem to win

PREP BASKETBALL

Derek Opett rang up a game-high 31 points, but it wasn't enough as Salem rallied with a 17-5 fourth-period run to subdue Livonia Franklin 59-53 in a Western Lakes Activities Association basketball game Tuesday at Franklin.

Salem improved to 10-4 overall. The Patriots are 5-9.

Opett, who nailed five three-pointers, scored 17 in the third period to propel Franklin on a 25-12 streak and a 48-42 advantage by quarter's end.

Salem's David Hoskins, the area's leading scorer, finished with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Eric Vanston and

Stevland Davis chipped in with 12 and 10, respectively.

"We cranked up our defense a little, we were more aggressive in the fourth quarter and we may have worn them down," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "Franklin is really scrappy."

Chris Austin contributed 12 for the Patriots.

"It was tied with 1:40 left,

but they made shots and we didn't," Franklin coach John Santi said. "We've got to learn to make a few more plays with the game on the line."

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Stevenson 46, Canton 43 (OT): "We made just enough plays to win," said Livonia Stevenson coach Bill Dyer, whose team pulled out the WLAA crossover victory in overtime Tuesday at Canton.

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Dave Nicoloff and Travis McKinney each added nine, Nicoloff's points coming on three three-pointers.

"We couldn't win it in overtime," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "But the main thing is we fought hard, we gave a great effort. We just had a couple of key turnovers in overtime."

It was a nice defensive effort and a nice offensive effort in the fourth quarter.

Canton led 21-17 at the half but, after shutting out Crosby in the first half, the Chiefs concentrated their defense on Keith Hearns — who had

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Canton handles Glenn with ease

BY C J RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Finding adequate replacements for those lost to injury or illness is part of a coach's job. Steve Anderson managed that chore with ease Monday when his Canton volleyball team met host Westland John Glenn.

With starting senior outside hitter Colleen O'Brien out with the flu, 5-foot-2 junior Elizabeth Alexander filled in admirably, helping Canton to a 15-9, 15-1 victory in a Western Lakes Activities Association match.

Alexander finished with seven digs, two kills with no errors, and was 8-of-9 serving.

"Elizabeth did an outstanding job," said Anderson, whose team is 16-7 overall and 4-1 in the WLAA. "We played a nice, clean game tonight. In the second game we had only three rotations. We served rockets across the net, no pun intended."

Kelly Baker started serving the second game for the Chiefs and, when her rotation finished, Canton led 7-0. After a

service error on their second try, the Chiefs got the final eight service points from senior outside hitter Cindy Rotramel.

Rotramel finished with nine aces in 16 attempts without an error in the match. She also had three kills.

Baker, a junior, also contributed four digs and was 9-for-10 serving with one ace. Junior setter Kristen Lillie had eight assists-to-kills.

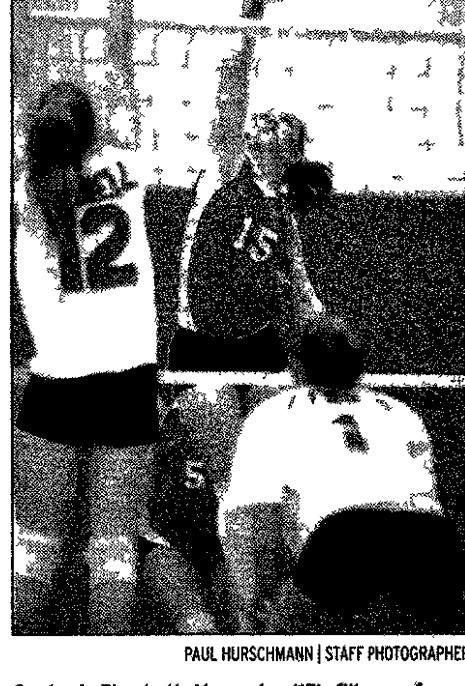
Salem tops Wayne

It was a struggle — more of one than it should have been — but Salem survived, beating Wayne Memorial 15-7, 16-14 Monday in a WLAA match at Salem.

"We struggled, even in the first game," Salem coach Tom Teeters said. "It felt closer than it was. We just were not very consistent."

Leading the attack were Amanda Bradley with 10 kills, Lauren Price with nine and Ellen Canale with eight. Jordan Falcusen collected 12 set assists, Jill Niemi had eight digs, Nicole Genrich

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Canton's Elizabeth Alexander (15), filling in for an ill Colleen O'Brien, spikes the ball in front of John Glenn's Caitlin Colwell (12) and Brittany Zwick (19). Alexander had two kills and seven digs in the match.

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SC crushes Kirtland CC, wins by 23 points

The problems Kirtland CC's women's basketball team had shooting the ball in the first half of its game against Schoolcraft College didn't improve in the second.

Which is why the Lady Ocelots pulled away from a nine-point halftime lead to a 23-point win, 82-59 at Kirtland.

SC improved to 14-7 overall, 6-2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Kirtland CC is 7-14 overall, 2-7 in the conference.

After making 10-of-33 from the floor in the first half (30.3 percent), Kirtland slipped to 10-of-36 in the second (27.7 percent) — including 0-for-9 on three-pointers. For the game, Kirtland was 20-of-69 (28.9 percent).

SC connected on 31-of-80 from the floor (38.7 percent), making 17-of-33 in the second half (51.5 percent).

The Ocelots also won the rebounding war, outboarding Kirtland 66-47.

Brandy Taylor and Pam Wingate paced the SC attack with 21 points each. Wingate also had 11 rebounds, Taylor had seven.

Mia Henderson finished with 14 points and 14 boards and Crystal Pittman had nine.

IN BRIEF

CLUB MEETING

The Canton Chiefs Football Boosters Club meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 in Room 165 at Canton HS. Parents of all present and future Canton football players are invited to attend.

For more information call President Marie Farkas at (734) 453-6327.

NORTHVILLE RUN

The Galyan's Northville Solstice Run will be held Saturday, June 21. The event is designed to promote healthy lifestyles and fitness while pro-

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points and nine rebounds. Jazmyne Forster dished out seven assists.

Rebecca Miller led Kirtland with 16 points. Amy Jordan and Lori Hunkle added 10 apiece.

SC, in third place in the conference behind Oakland CC (8-1) and Mott CC (7-1), plays at Henry Ford CC at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Tri-State 71, Madonna 63:

The one-two punch of Ann Miller and Krista Brockway were too much for Madonna University to overcome Saturday at Madonna.

Miller and Brockway combined to convert 22-of-32 floor shots (68.8 percent) in the game, Miller scoring 31 points and Brockway 22. Miller also had five assists and four steals.

Madonna got 20 points, six rebounds, two blocks and two steals from Lindsay Simmon, 18 points from Courtney Retibine, and 10 from Sarah Thomson.

The loss left the Lady Crusaders at 6-17 overall, 4-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Tri-State is 12-11 overall, 7-1 in the WHAC.

Madonna trailed 38-30 at the half.

HOOPS

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(of their last six) games by a total of 12 points. They hang on, then find a way to win."

It never worked that way for Madonna in the past, when the breaks invariably went against them. But since Holowicki went to a more limited lineup, the victories have mounted.

"We shortened the bench a bit," he said. "They know their roles and they've played well. It's working so far."

Although the homecourt wins over Siena Heights and Indiana Tech on Jan. 28 were important, Holowicki pointed to the road wins at Spring Arbor on Jan. 18 and at Cornerstone University on Jan. 21 as the season's turning point.

Still, even the best of news has an alternative viewpoint to offer — and Holowicki knows it. "That's the problem," he admitted. "Now we have a target on the front of our jerseys and a bull's-eye on the back."

They're going to come after us (in the WHAC) now."

Not that the Crusaders mind. They've been waiting for a moment like this for a long, long time.

SC 112, Kirtland CC 84:

UNC-Charlotte signee Marcus Bennett poured in a game-high 31 points Saturday as MCCA Eastern Conference men's basketball leader Schoolcraft College won at Kirtland CC for the second time this season.

Schoolcraft, ranked No. 4 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll, improved to 21-1 overall and 8-1 in the Eastern Conference. Kirtland is 9-11 overall and 4-5 in the conference.

The Ocelots led 54-37 at halftime despite making only 5-of-15 first-half free throws. They hit 17-of-20 in the second half.

Bennett, a 6-foot-4 guard from Detroit Renaissance who transferred from the University of Michigan, got ample scoring support from James Holmes and Torvor Baker with 16 apiece. Baker also had 10 rebounds and five assists.

Marcus Johnson contributed 14 points, while Gary Johnson (Wayne Memorial) had nine points, six assists and three steals. Andre Scott and Ronald Dorsey finished with eight points each.

Jake Milarich scored 23 to lead the Warblers.

Others in double figures for former Schoolcraft coach Glen Donahue included Reuben Edwards (15), Jeremy Rau (13), Vaughn Gray (13) and Alvaadas Gedminas (10).

Madonna 70, Tri-State 68:

A come-from-behind effort Saturday against Tri-State University Saturday allowed the host Crusaders to continue to improve their best-ever season record.

A fast start by Madonna, which led to a 23-16 lead midway through the first half, didn't hold up. The Thunder battled back to take a 32-31 lead at halftime, and they continued to control the play in the second half, eventually going in front by nine.

The Crusaders started to rally in the final 10 minutes of the

game, narrowing the gap to two with seven minutes left on a Chris Behrns layup, then eventually tying it at 64-64 on a Dan Kurtinaitis basket with 2:00 left.

A Donnie Dankeisen free

throw put Tri-State back in front by a point, but an Aaron Cox drive to the basket resulted in a three-point play for Madonna and a two-point lead with 53 seconds left, a lead the Crusaders never surrendered.

Kurtinaitis paced the five-man attack (Madonna's five starters accounted for 66 of its 70 points) with 18 points, he also had four assists and two steals. Noel Emenhiser had 17 points, Cox had 15 points, eight rebounds, three steals and two blocks, and Behrns finished with 10 points, eight boards and two steals.

Tri-State got 15 points from Aaron Rehren, 14 from Brandon O'Leary and 12 from Jon Gates.

The loss left the Thunder at 1-7 in the WHAC, 7-17 overall.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday Feb. 6

Canton Agape at Calvary Christian 7 p.m.

Friday Feb. 7

Churchill at Northville 7 p.m.

Franklin at W.L. Western 7 p.m.

Salem at Stevenson 7 p.m.

John Glenn at W.L. Central 7 p.m.

Clarencelle at Luth East 7 p.m.

G.P. Liggett at Luth Westland 7 p.m.

Huron Valley vs. Zoe Christian TBA

Brother Rice at Redford CC 7:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday Feb. 6

Calvary Christian vs. Canton Agape 7 p.m.

(at Discovery MS)

Clarencelle at G.P. Liggett 7 p.m.

Luth Westland at Luth North 7 p.m.

Huron Valley vs. Bethesda (St. Paul's) 7 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 8

Bedford Invitational 8:30 a.m.

UM Dearborn Tourney 9 a.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday Feb. 7

Redford CC at St. Andrews Coll (Aurora) 3:30 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Salem (Cultural Ctr.) 8 p.m.

Allen Park vs. Canton (Arctic Edge) 8 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 8

Redford CC at Upper Canada 2 p.m.

Churchill at Dearborn (Adrian) 7 p.m.

Ladywood vs. Mercy (Suburban) 8:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday Feb. 8

Catholic League at Notre Dame 10 a.m.

Western Lakes Tourney at Plymouth TBA

Metro Tourney at Lutheran North noon

PREP BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday Feb. 6

WL Western at John Glenn 6 p.m.

Canton at Churchill 7 p.m.

Salem at W.L. Central 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Wayne 7 p.m.

PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Thursday Feb. 6

Canton at Novi Northville 7 p.m.

Wayne Westland at Brighton 7 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 8

Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational noon

PREP SKATING

Thursday Feb. 6

Divisional Meet at Mt. Brighton 9 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday Feb. 8

Schoolcraft at Henry Ford 3 p.m.

Madonna at Aquinas 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday Feb. 8

Schoolcraft at Henry Ford 1 p.m.

Madonna at Aquinas 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday Feb. 7

Whalers vs. Owen Sound (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 8

Whalers vs. Oshawa (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.

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SWIMMING

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Salem coach Chuck Olson, his team now 9-1 overall, 5-0 in the WLAA, Canton is 5-3 overall, 4-1 in the conference.

Making too much of a dual meet, even if it is Canton vs Salem, is a mistake. The conference finals and the state meet are first on most swimmers' list of objectives.

"We try not to play it up too big," Olson said. "But the last thing in the world we want to happen is to lose."

That may never have been a serious concern Tuesday

Canton coach Ed Weber knew his team was not Salem's match, not yet anyway.

"What I say to them at the beginning of the meet is control your times," Weber said. "Be proud of your times. And we had some good times. And we also had some that were not where we want them to be."

Best among the Chiefs' performances was that by Yuhei Uno, who qualified for the state meet in winning the 100-yard backstroke in 56.92.

Uno was also second in the 200 individual medley to Salem's Ben Dzialo (2:06.99). Dzialo also won the 500 freestyle in a state-qualifying 5:00.92.

Salem's other double winner in individual events was Nick Dixon in the 200 freestyle (1:52.92) and 100 butterfly (56.78).

The Rocks also finished first in the 100 breaststroke, thanks to Matt Showalter (1:07.20), and in diving, with Andrew Murawsky taking top honors (285.65 points in 11 dives).

Canton's Joe Le got two individual wins, capturing the 50 (23.34) and 100 (50.41) freestyles.

The relays went to Salem swimmers Jeff Nevi, Showalter, Dzialo and Matt Vivian won the 200 medley (1:45.27). Vivian, Bill Clark, Joe Aumiller and Dixon placed first

in the 200 free (1:36.04), and Aumiller, Jurcak, Dixon and Dzialo were fastest in the 400 free (3:30.72).

Although the Chiefs weren't quite as sharp as their coach would have liked, he figured there were plenty of benefits to be harvested.

"You get this type of adrenalin flow when you go to big meets," Weber said.

"You want them to experience it."

"But we have to (get) the touchouts. Today, we didn't do it. Salem is awesome at (getting the touchouts)."

Which pleased Olson.

"Under the circumstances, our people did pretty well," he

said. "For us not feeling too well, with this flu thing going around, and knowing if (the meet) was close and we could still win it."

The way things look right now, it will take a bunch of touchouts to knock the Rocks off the top of that ladder.

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Feb 4 at Salem

200-yard medley relay 1 Salem (Jeff Nevi, Matt Showalter, Ben Dzialo, Matt Vivian) 1:45.27 2 Canton (Yuhei Uno, Steve Reasor, Shogo Uno, Joe Le) 1:46.73

200 freestyle 1 Nick Dixon (S) 1:52.92 2 Matt Jurcak (S) 1:55.98

200 individual medley 1 Dzialo (S) 2:06.99 2 Yuhei Uno (C) 2:09.09

50 freestyle 1 Le (C) 23.34 2 (tied) Vivian (S) Clark (S) 24.03

Diving (11 dives) 1 Andrew Murawsky (S) 2:05.65 2 Brad Sokolowski (S) 2:07.80

100 butterfly 1 Dixon (S) 56.78 2 John Faronni (C) 58.57

100 freestyle 1 Le (C) 50.41 2 Adam Sonnanstine (S) 56.06

500 freestyle 1 Dzialo (S) 5:00.92 (state qualifying time) 2 Jurcak (S) 5:21.08

200 freestyle relay 1 Salem (Vivian Clark, Aumiller, Dixon) 1:36.04 2 Salem (Showalter, Mike Horgan, Sonnanstine, Kevin Kligore) 1:40.20

100 backstroke 1 Uno (C) 56.92 (state qualifying time) 2 Jurcak (S) 1:01.14

100 breaststroke 1 Showalter (S) 1:07.20 2 Casey Johnson (S) 1:08.03

400 freestyle relay 1 Salem (Aumiller, Jurcak, Dixon, Dzialo) 3:30.72 2 Canton (Farona, Yuhei Uno, Le, Greg Calabrese) 3:34.36

Dual-meet records: Salem 9-1 overall 5-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, Canton 5-3 overall 4-1 in the WLAA

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eight points in the first half — in the third quarter

That's when Crosby came alive, burning Canton for 12 of his 13 points in Stevenson's 19-9 third-quarter run and elevating the Spartans to a 36-30 lead entering the final quarter.

The Chiefs fought back with

a 10-4 fourth quarter to force OT.

Agape 72, Baptist Park 29: Canton Agape Christian built a 20-point lead by the end of one quarter, and from then on it

was never a contest against Taylor Baptist Park Monday at Discovery Middle School.

The Wolverines improved to 10-5 with the victory.

Matt Ratchford led Agape with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Jordan Napier added 16 points and nine boards, and Charlie Henry had 14 points and six assists.

Levi Brock was best for Baptist Park with nine points. Agape led 25-5 after one quarter and 43-10 at halftime.

Macomb Christian 76, PCA 63:

A bad stretch in the third quarter led to Plymouth Christian Academy's demise Tuesday at Macomb Christian.

The Eagles fell to 5-8 overall, 2-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Macomb is 3-3 in the MIAC.

The Crusaders were led by the one-two combination of Jon Deugenot, a 6-foot-6 leaper from France who scored 28 points, and Pero Cotic, a point guard from Croatia who netted 26.

PCA got 16 points, 12 rebounds and four assists from Clay Welton, 11 points from Dave Twellman, and 10 points

from Dan Cartt Sophomore point guard Steve Summer dished out six assists.

The Eagles trailed 32-28 at halftime, then were outscored 27-14 in the third quarter as the Crusaders opened up a 59-42 lead. Three PCA turnovers fueled the Macomb Christian run.

Free throws didn't help the Eagles, either. They were 11-of-17 at the line (64.7 percent), the Crusaders were 23-of-34 (67.6 percent).

CC 55, De La Salle 60

Catholic Central threw a big old wrench into the Central Division race on Tuesday night, stopping Warren De La Salle.

"It was a tight game," said CC assistant coach John Mulroy.

"There were seven lead changes in the second half alone. Every time one side would get five or six points up, the other team made a colossal three-pointer to bring it back close. There was good defense on both sides."

Fortunately for the Shamrocks, their defense was a little bit better.

The win moved CC into a three-way tie for second at 4-3 with the Pilots and Harper.

Woods Notre Dame. The only certainties are that the University of Detroit-Jesuit clinched the Central Division at 6-2 — after Tuesday's overtime win over Notre Dame — and that Rice will miss the playoffs.

Other than that, it's anyone's guess as the Pilots are at Notre Dame and CC hosts Rice on Friday. The finish is important for the playoffs, the fourth-place team will lock horns with Detroit DePorres in the first round of the Catholic League playoffs.

"We have De La Salle on the tiebreaker and Notre Dame has us," said Mulroy. "It would be nice not to have to play DePorres."

Dan Waterstradt led CC (9-7 overall) with 21 points, while Jim Cash had 13 and Doug Creighton added 10.

Joe Novak had 21 points — 19 in the second half — while Keith McKenzie had 17 for the Pilots (10-5).

"It was a tough win," said Mulroy, whose Shamrocks held a 28-26 lead at half.

"They had won the division two years in a row so it was a big win. It was a good game to get us in position to help ourselves on Friday."

GYMNASICS RESULTS

CANTON GIRLS GYMNASTICS INVITATIONAL

Feb 1 at Plymouth HS

Team results: 1 Rochester Adams 149.100 2 Grand Ledge 143.775 3 Portage 143.000 4 Tri Farmington 142.150 5 Brighton 141.200 6 Northville/Novi 140.600 7 Troy Athens 140.575 8 Hartland 138.650 9 Livonia U-14 137.650 10 Plymouth Sa 137.100 11 Plymouth Canton 136.500 12 Traverse City 135.500 13 Holand 134.000 14 Western 131.750 15 Troy 129.600

Individual results

Division I: Vault 1 Amanda Barterian (Adams) 9.72 (tie) Shannon MacDonald (Adams) 9.72 (tie) Keli Maxwell (Grand Ledge) 9.64 Abby Korchnak (Hartland) 9.55 5 Gwen McConkie (Athens) 9.525 6 Cynthia Hughes (Portage) 9.57 Elsie Welch (Portage) 9.48 (tie) Megan Simon (Grand Ledge) 9.45 Heather Schefler (Athens) 9.25 10 (tie) Bethany Bartlett (Saem) Cheryl DeGrandchamp (Adams) Nicole Drouillard (Brighton) 9.2

Uneven parallel bars 1 Abby Korchnak (Hartland) 9.65 2 Megan Simon (Grand Ledge) 9.57 3 Shannon MacDonald (Athens) 9.55 4 Amanda Barterian (Adams) 9.45 5 Breanne Workman (Grand Ledge) 9.46 6 Kyla Krygier (Traverse City) 9.375 7 Jaime Baardi (Rochester) 9.35 8 Bethany Bartlett (Saem) 9.25 9 Gwen McConkie (Athens) 9.20 10 Sara Wilchowski (Northville/Novi) 9.25

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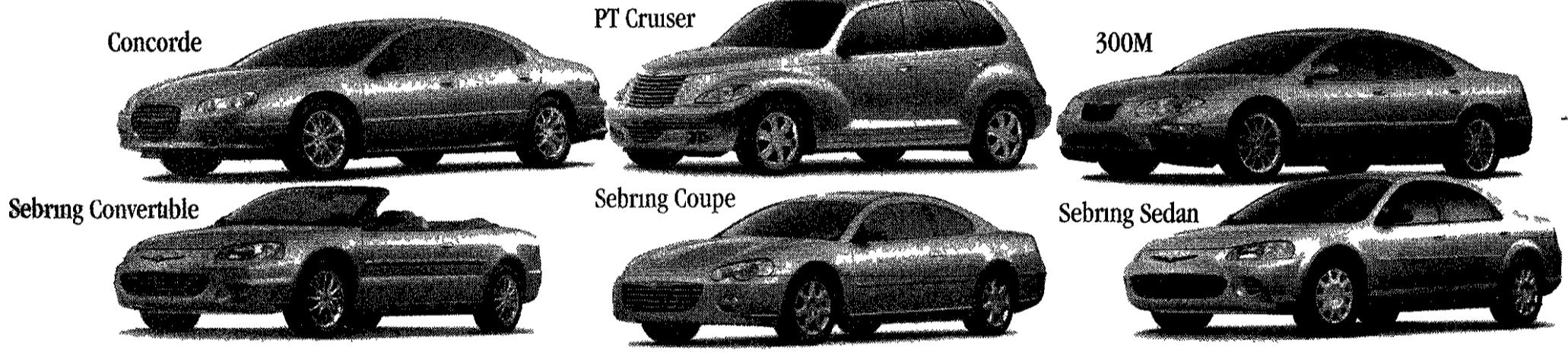
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 28, 2003

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 28 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Members Present Bennett, Burdzik, McLaughlin Zarbo Kirchgatter Yack

Members Absent Sheffery

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

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda with the deletion of Item G 2 Approval of Police Captains Contract under the General Calendar and the addition of a new item C 9 Re appointment to the Merit Commission under the Consent Calendar Motion carried by all members present

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Regular Board Minutes of January 14, 2003 Motion carried by all members present Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the study session minutes of January 21, 2003 Motion carried by all members present

Payment of Bills

Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented Motion carried by all members present Treasurer Kirchgatter noted that Trustee Sheffery has reviewed the payment of bills

General Fund	101	\$ 575,895.04
Fire Fund	206	377,642.44
Police Fund	207	258,022.59
Summit Operating	208	218,575.86
Golf Fund	211&584	12,003.21
Street Lighting	219	15,749.66
Cable TV Fund	230	139,021.80
Twp Improvement	246	264,455.64
E-911 Utility	261	4,928.93
Auto Forfeiture(wva)	267	1,057.68
Federal Grants Fund	274	8,971.70
Auto Theft Grant	289	2,104.03
Downtown Dev Auth	294	11,191.75
Post Emplo Benefits	296&736	5,020.79
Cap Proj Summit Const	402	1,271.50
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	4,719.00
Bldg Auth Construction	469	916.50
Water & Sewer Fund	592	812,322.27
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,645.00
Total - All Funds		2,720,510.39

Board Member Reports: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 1. General Fund Budget Correction - Historic District Commission.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzik to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to increase the Historic District Commission budget for Travis House landscaping Increase Revenues Appropriation from Fund Balance #101 000 699 0000 \$60,000 Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay Travis House #101 803 976 0000 \$60,000 This budget amendment increases the Historic District Commission budget from \$80 448 to \$140 448 and the General Fund budget from \$22 945 800 to \$23 005 800

Motion carried by all members present

Item 2. Second Reading Amending the Satellite Television Antenna Ordinance No. 13 (A)

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzik to remove from the table and publish the second reading of the amended Satellite Television Antenna Ordinance 13(A) to become effective upon publication in the Canton Observer on February 6 2003 Motion carried by all members present

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ORDINANCE NO. 13(A) - SATELLITE TELEVISION ANTENNA ORDINANCE

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, SEVERABILITY, SAVINGS CLAUSE, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS.

63 001 Section 1 OBJECTIVE

The purpose 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 1996 and regulations promulgated thereunder [Ord 13(A) eff 02/06/03]

63 002 Section 2 GENERAL PROVISIONS

No antenna shall be erected constructed maintained or operated except in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance

63 003 Section 3 DEFINITIONS

1 SATELLITE TELEVISION ANTENNA

An apparatus larger than two (2) meters in diameter in a commercial or industrial zoning district, or larger than one (1) meter in diameter in a zoning district other than a commercial or industrial zoning district capable of receiving communications from a transmitter relay located in a planetary orbit hereafter referred to as an antenna [Ord 13(A) eff 02/06/03]

2 FRONT YARD

An open space extending the full width of the lot the depth of which is the minimum horizontal distance between the front lot line and the nearest point of the building line There shall be maintained a front yard on each street side of a corner lot

3 REAR YARD

An open space extending the full width of the lot the depth of which is the minimum horizontal distance between the rear lot line and the nearest point of the main building In the case of a corner lot the rear yard may be opposite either street frontage but there shall only be one rear yard

4 SIDE YARD

An open space between the principal building and the side lot line extending from the front yard to the rear yard the width of which is the horizontal distance from the nearest point of the side lot line to the nearest point of the main building

63 004 Section 4 LOCATION AND HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

1 The location of antennas in the established or minimum front yard of any zoning district is prohibited, except as expressly provided by the Federal Communications Commission [Ord 13(A) eff 02/06/03]

2 An antenna shall not exceed the height requirements of the zoning district in which it is located

3 An antenna may be located in the side yard but shall not at any point be closer than (5) five feet to the side property line

4 An antenna may be located in the rear yard but shall not at any point be closer than (6) six feet to the rear property line

5 An antenna shall not exceed a diameter of 12.0 feet

6 All antennas shall be located to reduce as much as possible the visual impact it has on surrounding properties and from public streets

7 Portable antennas are prohibited in all zoning districts

8 An antenna shall not be installed in a required parking space

9 Signs as defined in the Canton Township Sign Ordinance, attached to or painted on such antenna are prohibited [Ord 13(A) eff 02/06/03]

10 An antenna shall no be located in any easement of record

63 005 Section 5 CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

1 A building permit must be secured prior to an antenna being erected constructed or operated

2 All antennas and the construction and installation thereof shall conform to the Township Building and Electrical Code

3 Antennas shall meet all manufacturers specifications, be of corrosion resistant material and be erected in a secure wind resistant manner

4 In the event an antenna is located on a roof or pole engineering calculations shall be provided which demonstrate the structural integrity of the support system meets the minimum building code requirements

63 006 Section 5 APPEALS

If there is believed to be a conflict between the stated intent and any

specific provisions of the Ordinance the Zoning Board of Appeals may in accordance with established procedures, permit modification of said specific provisions while retaining the intent, in such appealed instance

63 007 Section 7 PENALTIES

Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the court Every act or violation and everyday upon which a violation may occur shall be considered a separate offense

63 008 Section 8 REPEAL

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provision of this ordinance except as herein provided are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect

63 009 Section 9 SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or section of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining provisions or sections

63 010 Section 10 SAVINGS CLAUSE

The repeal provided herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established, or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance

63 011 Section 11 EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective upon publication [Ord 13(A) eff 02/06/03]

[Copies of this Ordinance will be available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan 48188, during regular business hours or can be accessed through Canton's web site www.canton-mi.org]

Item 3. Consider Authorizing Single Purchases up to \$1000.00 on Blanket Purchase Orders for Specific Public Works Vendors

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzik to authorize single purchases up to \$1000.00 from the following 2003 blanket purchase orders for Public Works Vendors

Supplier	PO#	Supplier	PO#
CJR Water Service	38733	Stoneco Inc	38434
East Jordan Iron Works	38402	Telespecter Inc	38438
Etna Supply	38403	National Waterworks	38446
Jack Doheny Supplies	38407	Redford Top Soil	38424
Kennedy Industries	38406	Washtenaw Sand & Gravel	38294
Liberty Plumbing	38409		

Motion carried by all members present

Item 4 Request for Blanket Purchase Orders for 2003.

Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzik to authorize the submitted blanket purchase order list for Leisure Services Department for 2003 Motion carried by all members present

Item 5. Request Reimbursement Payment from Funds Held in Escrow Account

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzik to approve the refund of \$6 228 from the Fire Escrow Account to Jeanne Ann Wyatt in accordance with the Fire Insurance Withholding Program Motion carried by all members present

Item 6. Appointment to the Tax Board of Review.

Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzik to approve the appointment of William Broucek to the Canton Tax Board of Review for a term to expire March 1 2005 Motion carried by all members present

Item 7. Appointment to the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzik to appoint Betsy Ford, Manager of TCF Bank to the Downtown Development Authority Board to a term that expires on February 24, 2004 Motion carried by all members present

Item 8. Re-Appointment to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzik to re appoint Victor Gustafson and Greg Demopoulos to the Canton Township Planning Commission term to expire December 31 2005 Motion carried by all members present

Item 9. Re-Appointment to Merit Commission.

Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzik to re appoint Tony Calderoni to the Canton Township Merit Commission for a six year term to expire on 12/31/08 Motion carried by all members present

GENERAL CALENDAR:

Item 1. Approve Lease for New Human Services Center

Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the lease agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and Growth Works for rental of the Human Services Center such lease to run from January 29 2003 through end January 28 2006 and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the lease agreement Motion carried by all members present

Item 2 Approval of Police Captains Contract [This item was deleted from Agenda]

Item 3 Merit Commission Recommendation Re. non Union Employees' Fringe Benefits.

Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Merit Commission's recommendation to provide the retiree health approved insurance cash option for the non union employee as found in the submitted proposed language Motion carried by all members present

Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Merit Commission's recommendation to provide retiree dental insurance to the non union employees as found in the submitted proposed language Motion carried by all members present

Item 4 Approve Price Quote for Designing New HVAC System for Cable Television Studio.

Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the price quote with Siegal/Tuomaala Associates for design of a new HVAC system for the Cable Television Studio for \$7,400 and a ten percent contingency of \$740 for a total of \$8 140 Motion carried by all members present

Item 5. Authorize Agreement with High Velocity Sports.

Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzik to approve the agreement with High Velocity Sports and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement Motion carried by all members present

AGREEMENT AND GRANT OF EASEMENT WITH CONDITIONS

THIS AGREEMENT AND GRANT OF EASEMENT WITH CONDITIONS is made this _____ day of _____ 2003 by and between the Charter Township of Canton at 1150 Canton Center Road S, Canton Michigan 48188 as Grantor/Contractee (hereinafter referred to as "The Township") and High Velocity Sports Group LLC of _____ as Grantee/Contractee (hereinafter referred to as "High Velocity")

RECITALS:

1 The "Township" is the owner of a certain parcel of land in Canton Township generally described as that parcel whose northern and eastern boundary is adjacent to the soccer facility, whose southern boundary is adjacent to the softball complex and whose eastern boundary is adjacent to the boulevard, and which parcel shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Easement Parcel" and is more particularly described as follows

SPORTS ROUNDUP

COACHES NEEDED

Salem HS is searching for a girls junior varsity softball coach for the spring season. Applicants must have previous experience in fastpitch softball, either playing or coaching.

Interested applicants should call Salem athletic director Tom Willette at (734) 416-7775.

Plymouth Christian Academy needs a varsity boys soccer coach for next fall. Former coach Rick Ericson was forced to resign because he is taking a new job in Indiana.

Anyone interested in the position should call PCA athletic director Doug Taylor at (734) 459-3505, ext. 138.

PCA is also in need of a girls basketball coach for next fall. Annie Malcolm, last season's coach, has resigned due to family considerations.

Anyone interested in the position should call PCA athletic director Doug Taylor at (734) 459-3505, ext. 138.

Mercy High School is currently looking for a varsity lacrosse coach. Anyone interested in the position should contact the athletic department at (248) 476-2836.

Bishop Borgess High School is looking for a varsity track coach for the spring sports season. For more information, please call at (313) 255-1100 or send a resume by fax at (313) 255-1102 or by mail at 11685 Appleton, Redford, MI 48239.

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

The TSI Thunderbirds, the TSI Silver Bullets and the TSI Krush are planning tryouts, registrations and informational meetings at 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, Tuesday, Feb. 11, Monday, Feb. 17, Tuesday, Feb. 18, and Monday, March 3 at the Doug Gillis Hitting and Pitching Académie in Wixom.

There are girls teams in age brackets from 10-and-under to 18-and-under. TSI is one of the largest girls fastpitch organizations in the area.

For more information, e-mail TSI at playfastpitch@hotmail.com, or call the director of team development, Bruce Horste, at (734) 981-1796.

Also, check out the organization's Web site at Thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

30th annual
SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
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BALL INVITATIONAL

Feb. 1 at Schoolcraft
Championship final: East

Kentwood defeated Birmingham Marian, 15-6, 7-

15, 20-18.

Semifinals: East Kentwood def Farmington Hills Mercy 14-16, 15-12, 22-20; Marian def Temperance Bedford, 12-15, 15-12, 15-2.

Quarterfinals: East Kentwood def Dearborn, 15-7, 15-2; Marian def Grosse Pointe North, 15-5, 15-13; Bedford def Livonia Churchill, 15-6, 15-1; Mercy def Salem, 15-7, 15-5.

First round elimination:

Salem def Milford, 7-15, 15-2, 15-11; Dearborn def Livonia

Ladywood, 4-15, 15-6, 15-13;

Churchill def Walled Lake Central, 16-14, 15-5; Marian def Woodhaven, 15-6, 15-9.

POOL PLAY RECORDS
(top 2 advance to elimination round)

Court No. 1 (A): 1 Mercy, 3-0, 2 Churchill, 2-1, 3

Grand Blanc, 1-2, 4

Farmington, 0-3

Court No. 2 (B): 1

Ladywood, 3-0, 2 Woodhaven, 2-1, 3 Monroe, 1-2, 4

Northville, 0-3

Court No. 3 (C): 1 Marian, 3-0, 2 Dearborn, 2-1, 3 Fenton, 1-2, 4 Dearborn Divine Child, 0-3

Court No. 4 (D): 1 East

Kentwood, 3-0, 2 WL Central, 2-1, 3 Holly, 1-2, 4

Westland John Glenn, 0-3

Court No. 5 (E): 1 Bedford, 3-0, 2 Milford, 2-1, 4 Livonia Stevenson, 1-2, 5 Garden City, 0-3

Court No. 6 (F): 1 G P North, 3-0, 2 Salem, 2-1, 3

Novi, 1-2, 4 Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 0-3

VOLLEYBALL

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had six digs and two blocks, and Maggie Tudor had six digs and three service aces.

Last Saturday, the Rocks reached the quarterfinals of the Schoolcraft Invitational before being ousted by Farmington Hills Mercy 15-7, 15-5.

Salem beat Milford in the first round of elimination play 7-15, 15-2, 15-11, after finishing second in Pool F with a 2-1 record. Grosse Pointe North won the pool with a 3-0 mark.

"We had a good weekend,"

Teeters said. "We passed really well, and we improved slowly but steadily in pool play."

Jill (Niemi) did a great job setting, filling in for Jordan (Falcusian). I moved Bradley from the right to the left side and they proved to be a great combination."

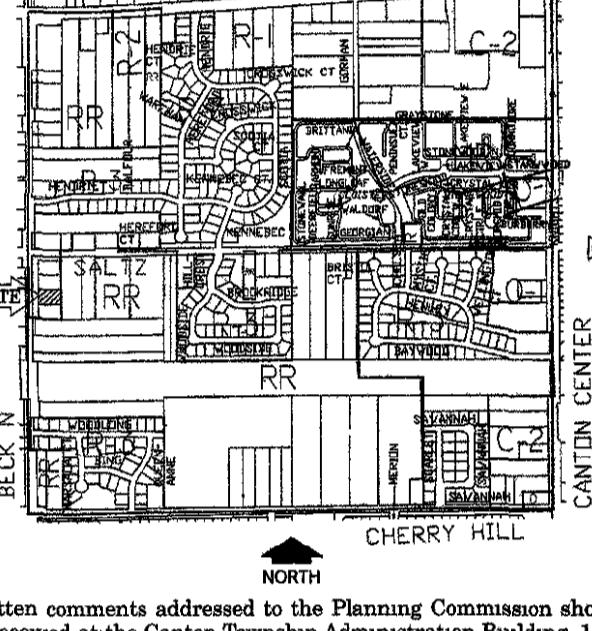
Falcusian, an all-state soccer performer, was absent due to a prior soccer commitment. East Kentwood repeated as SC Invitational champions, defeating Birmingham Marian 15-6, 7-15, 20-18 in the championship match. The Falcons beat Mercy in the semifinals, 14-16, 15-12, 22-20.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

HAYES DAY CARE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A DAYCARE AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.02B FOR PARCEL NO 063 99 0003 704. Property is located east of Beck between Cherry Hill and Saltz Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday February 14 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M.** The meeting will be held in the Chestnut room at the **Summit located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY**. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Phyllis Redfern and Steven Johnson

Acceptance of Agenda

1 John Morrison of Intercity Neon PO Box 3762 Centerline MI 48015 is representing Charter One Bank at 285 Canton Center Road Canton MI 48187. They are requesting a variance to the Sign Ordinance # 29 002 Section 2 8 Wall Sign above roof line of the building

Parcel 064 99 0013 702

(Building) **RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 14, 2003 MEETING**

1 David Berger of Lazer Images 33664 Five Mile Livonia MI 48154 is representing Tri City Christian Center at 3855 Sheldon Road Canton MI 48188. They are requesting a variance to the Sign Ordinance # 29 005 Section 5 4 Ground Sign

Parcel 133 99 0018 701

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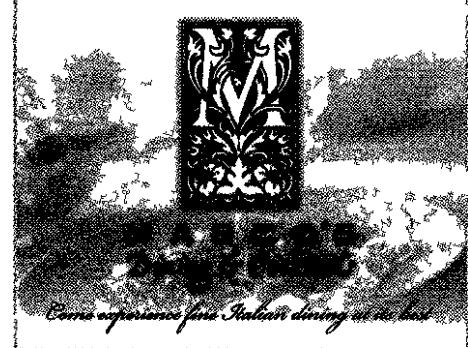


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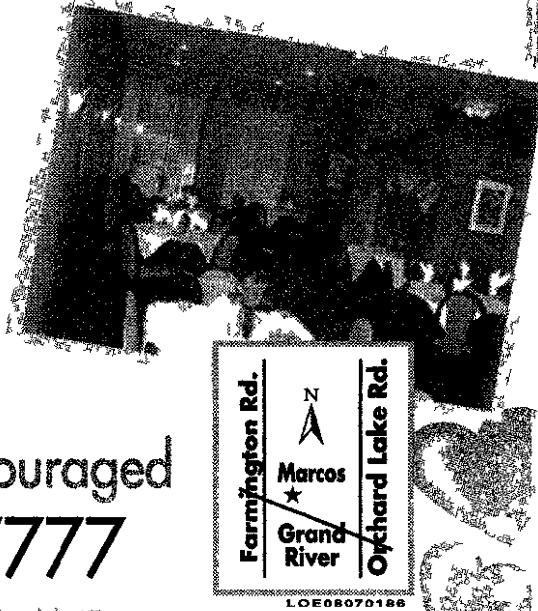
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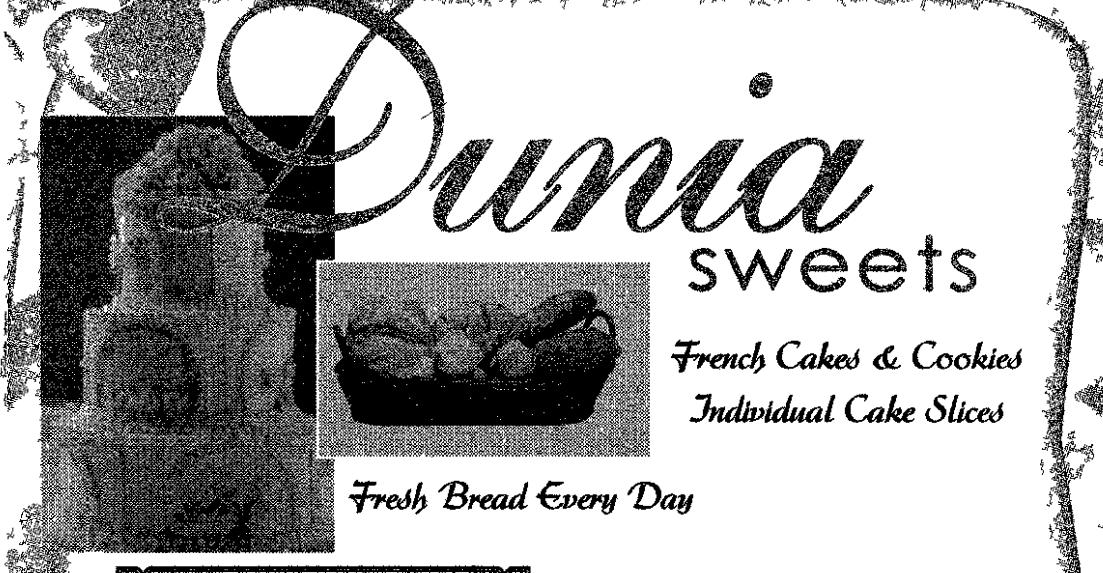
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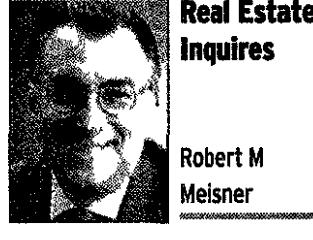
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Before I closed on my condo, I was informed of the association's monthly fee, but wasn't told of the three-year assessment due in yearly installments that was approved prior to my closing but was to begin after my closing. Shouldn't the title company be responsible for relating this information to the buyer? I paid the past two assessments without realizing this was approved before I closed on my condo.

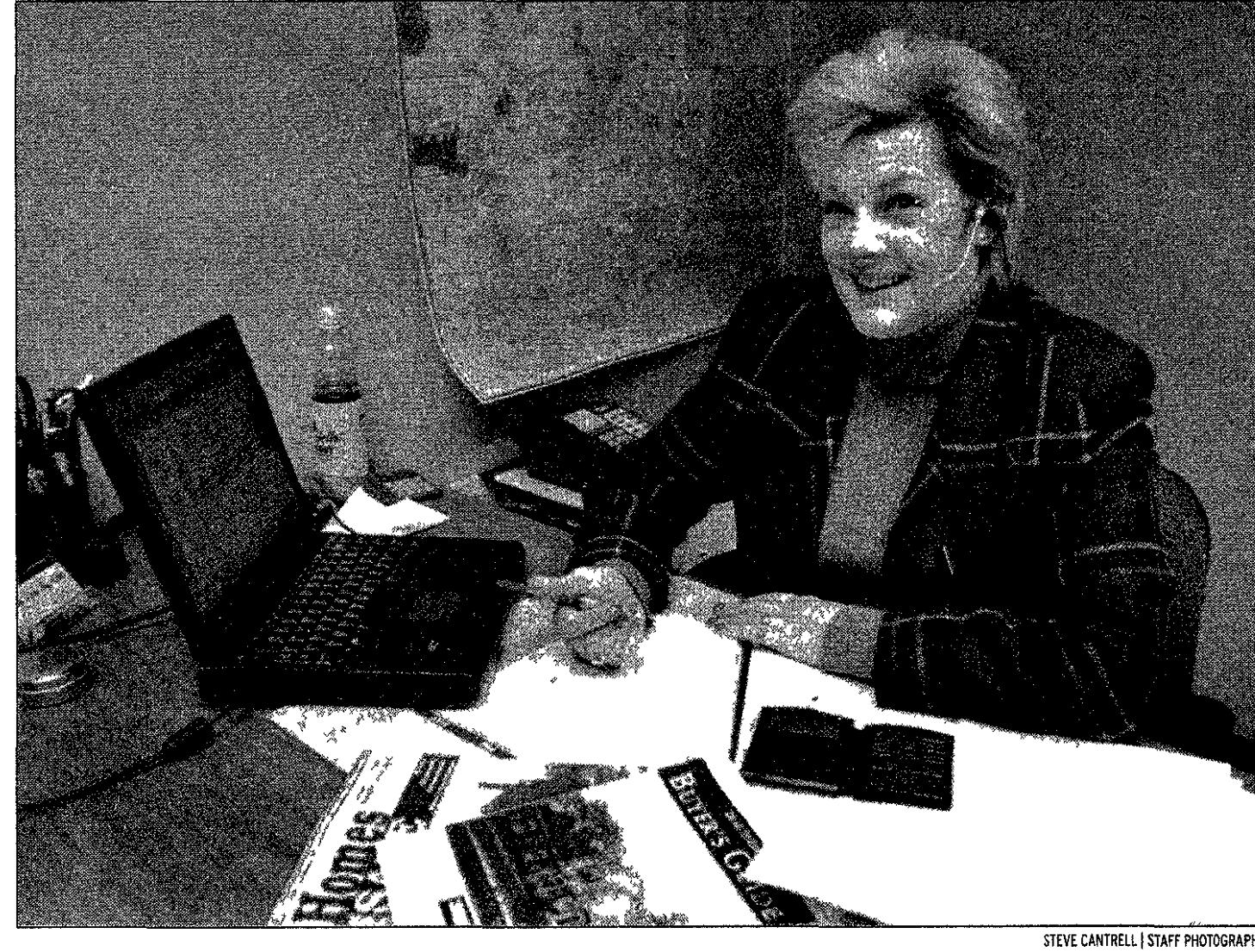
Anyone buying a condo should get a letter from the association at least five days before closing indicating the amount of assessments that are due and owing as of the time of the closing.

What isn't always clear is whether or not the association will provide you with information regarding an assessment that had previously been levied but had not been collected at the time of closing.

Any interested purchaser should determine if there are any special or addition assessments which have been levied already but not yet due or which are contemplated in the near future.

To the extent that the title company had some responsibility to find out that information from you, you may have a claim against it. But on the other hand, it may have been your responsibility to gain that information through your Realtor or an attorney, if you had one.

Robert M. Meisner 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.



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Marcia Gies believes in making phone calls, writing personal notes and using the computer to stay connected, not necessarily all at the same time

Time to touch base with sphere of influence when embers cool

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

The holidays are over, it's cold outside and we're into the doldrums of winter.

Realtors need to stay motivated, keep the fires of enthusiasm burning, remain connected to match buyers and sellers. When the going gets tough, the tough get going — or they don't do much business.

Some Realtors return to the basics when things slow down. Others rely on little tricks developed over the years to jump-start the process. Still others give themselves a good talking to.

"Right now, because of the (slow) market, it's all attitude," said Marcia Gies, associate broker/sales manager with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Troy.

"It's reviewing your business plan daily and staying on track," she said. "It's basically networking with colleagues and staying with positive people."

Gies defined staying on track as five phone calls, five e-mails, five handwritten notes and 55 minutes on the computer every day "planting seeds, farming, learning something new, seeing what activity is going on."

"Go out asking for business — people you know, your sphere of influence, past clients," Gies added. "Stay focused. If your goal is \$7 million in sales, you can't start in September or October. You've got to be out there daily."

It's easy to get discouraged at this time of year, especially when just starting out in the business, said Steve Levett, associate broker with Real Estate One in West Bloomfield.

"What you need to do as a Realtor is stir the pot by making calls to people you've sold homes to, those whose homes you've marketed for them," he said.

"People in your sphere of influence — friends, associates, people you know from volunteer work you might do, your homeowners association," Levett said.

"People who know you and like you

'If you tell yourself nothing is going on, you will be correct.'

Steve Levett
Real Estate One in West Bloomfield

already, talking might generate the name of someone who's thinking of moving. You can call people you were working with who didn't make a decision and see if they have plans for the coming year," he said.

"It's a time to visit marketing — advertising plans, goal-setting," Levett added. "I think it's a good time to catch up on things not real estate related. I read a certain number of books a year, volunteer work, home projects."

People usually realize their expectations, one way or another, he said.

"The nature of our business is it's so self-motivated. If you tell yourself nothing is going on, you will be correct," Levett said.

Don Kamen, broker/owner of GMAC Quality, Livonia, speaks with a voice of 28 years of experience.

"I think the most important thing to do for an agent at this time of year is get a mailing out to all their customers, everyone on their contact list, then follow up with a personal phone call," he said.

"You get leads from that, it keeps you in the marketplace, keeps you fresh, keeps you alert."

"If someone's struggling with keeping their own enthusiasm, it's going to be far better to call warm contacts than cold," he said. "They know you. It lifts your spirits."

"You've got to come in with a purpose, force yourself to make contacts, calls. It's amazing when you call people, how much business you find," Kamen said.

Do something new to prime both the motivational and learning pumps, suggests Pat Rice, a Realtor with RE/MAX Classic in Canton.

"Attend a seminar. That's usually an upbeat thing," she said. "I learn something from every class I take. I think people have to be connected with what's new in technology."

Rice also picks up a mantra of her colleagues:

"Make phone calls to past clients and ask for referrals," she said. "That's one thing Realtors are very bad about doing."

Connecting with people — updating and sharing good things happening in each other's lives — warms the heart in and of itself, Rice said.

"You've got to keep checking that bank account," said Tonya Gray, a Realtor with Century 21 Town & Country in Clarkston. Low numbers can be very motivating, she said.

"Prospecting is basically talking to anyone personally about real estate," Gray said. "You've just got to keep getting in front of the public."

Gray often "talks" to the public by leaving pens embossed with her name and telephone number with clerks at grocery stores, banks, dry cleaners and anywhere else she may sign a charge slip or check.

Here are a few other ways Realtors can jump-start their business:

■ Host open houses. Not only may you get a bite on the house listed for sale, but you meet other potential buyers and sellers active in the market.

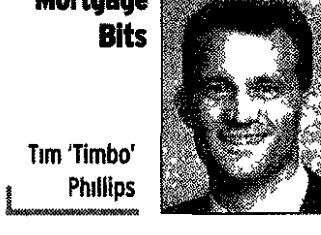
■ Contact for sale by owners — folks trying to sell their homes without a Realtor.

While this may seem counterproductive, Realtors say that the great majority of homes originally marketed for sale by owner eventually sell with the boost of an agent.

■ Conduct free informational no-obligation seminars for consumers on how to go about buying or selling a house.

■ Take a short vacation. Spend some time working on the specifics of a personal business plan.

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Reporting errors hit credit scores

Today's column is the second of four in a series.

Any computer programmer will share the industry adage, "Garbage in, garbage out." In other words, the quality of a system's output is directly related to the quality of the input. The same is true with respect to your credit score.

For years, the credit reporting industry has done a reasonable job of maintaining systems to generate credit scores that provide utility to the end-users in various credit dependent industries. However, despite their best efforts, the wizards, mathematicians, and designers have not been able to adequately prevent errors from entering the front end of their machine.

Last month, the Consumer Federation of America held a televised forum in Washington, D.C., to discuss the impact of errors in consumer credit reporting. Attending experts cited the results of independent studies showing that 30 to 60 percent of all consumer credit reports contain serious errors. The panelists further explained that such errors could result in borrowers paying up to 2 percent more in interest than they would otherwise pay with accurate reporting.

The problem of erroneous inputs into the "credit machine" is exacerbated by both the proliferation of the use of these credit scores in different industries and the weight that these users are giving the raw scores. Your credit score may now be used as a primary — if not the sole — factor in determining whether or not you can rent an apartment, get a mortgage, cash a check, use a debit card, secure an insurance policy, or even get hired.

Thus, it's no surprise that the credit score that gets buried out of the mystery machine can have a profound impact on your life, your income and your happiness.

Next week, I will reveal major problems with the credit reporting system. I'll wrap up this series by offering suggestions for protecting this precious personal resource called your credit score.

If you need assistance in resolving major credit issues, you may contact Tim Phillips at (734) 797 5522 or via e-mail at PhillipsHQ@comcast.net. Tim Phillips is a residential mortgage specialist serving all of Michigan. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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Total residential permits, houses, condos and apartments issued January - November in selected municipalities.

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Canton Twp.	1065	1098
Sterling Hts.	570	434
Van Buren Twp.	374	501
Troy	278	225
West Bloomfield	269	267
Rochester Hills	221	165
Commerce Twp.	198	325
Livonia	149	202
Oxford Twp.	141	23
Farmington Hills	56	117
Plymouth Twp.	40	12

Source: Building Industry Association of S.E. Michigan, S.E. Michigan Office of Government

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CAREER SEMINAR

Keller Williams Realty-Livonia sponsors free, no-obligation seminars on how to get into the residential real estate business and what you can expect 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, and 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at its office, 31500 Schoolcraft just west of Merriman. To register, call (734) 266-9000.

BUY HOME CLASS

Standard Federal Bank presents a free class on how to select and finance a home 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 8, at Peoples Community Church, 29745 Annapolis Road, Westland.

Topics include budgeting, understanding credit reports, selecting a home and the mortgage application process.

Participants may apply for a Standard Federal program designed to make home ownership more affordable.

To register, call (734) 722-1280 or (800) 643-9600 Ext. 22532.

BUILD HOME CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute and Birmingham Community Education sponsor a 12-hour seminar, 'Home Building: Protecting You & Your Money,' 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Feb. 10-19, at Berkshires Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile Road, Beverly Hills.

Cost is \$180, plus \$30 for textbooks. To register, call (248) 203-3500.

BUILDER'S LICENSE

Oakland Builders Institute conducts a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builder's licensing 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.

SELL HOME CLASS

Alma Mathley of Professional Real Estate Title sponsors a free class, 'For Sale by Owner,' 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, off Main two blocks north of 14 Mile Road, Clawson.

To register, call Mathley at (248) 851-2975.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland hosts a dinner program, 'Preparing Your Game Plan: Preparing for Success,' 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Knights of Columbus hall, 870 N. Main, Clawson.

The buffet dinner is \$14 for everyone, the program \$20 for non-members. First-time guests may attend the program for free.

For information, call (800) 747-6742.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and her financial services team conduct a free class for home buyers 7-

9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at First Michigan Title, 38777 Six Mile, Suite 100, just west of I-275, Livonia. To register, call (734) 420-9600.

CONSTRUCTION WOMEN

The Detroit Chapter, National Association of Women in Construction, presents a dinner program on marketing tips and tools 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Clarion Barcelo Hotel Detroit Metro Airport, 8600 Merriman, Romulus.

Cost is \$30 for members, \$55 for non-members.

To register, contact Kelly Taylor, chapter president, at (586) 447-4712.

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The Ford Field Home & Garden Show debuts Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 20-23, in downtown Detroit. Hundreds of exhibitors are expected.

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Cost is \$7, \$3 for children 6-14 years of age. Advance discount tickets are available online at www.FordFieldHomeShow.com. Parking is available for a fee.

For more information, call (800) 328-6550.

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.

Cost is \$395 for members, \$495 for designers and building officials, and \$795 for contractors and suppliers. To register, call (734) 458-8544.

For information, call the center, (313) 963-1274.

LANDLORD SERIES

Continuing Education at Schoolcraft College offers a series of four classes, 'How to Deal with Problem Tenants, Risk Management, Leases and Lease Clauses, and Making Money/Reducing Taxes on Rentals,' 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, March 11-April 1, on campus, Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Cost is \$52 per class or \$179 for the entire series of four. To register, call (734) 462-4448.

CAREER DAYS II

Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1 p.m. Friday at its Farmington Hills office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile Road.

To register, call Sharon Spindler (Ext. 404) or Steve Leibhan (Ext. 405) at (248) 851-4100.

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The Building Owners and Managers International has released a CD-ROM, 'The Property Professional's Guide to Building Energy Performance.'

Cost is \$15 for BOMA members, \$25 for nonmembers.

To purchase or obtain more information, call (800) 426-6292, or visit www.boma.org/pubs/energy_cd.htm

BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail. Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

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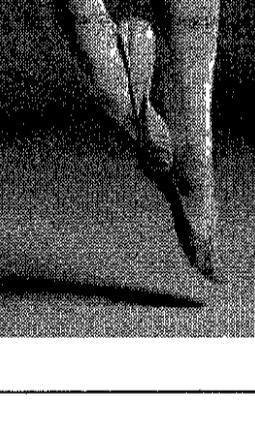
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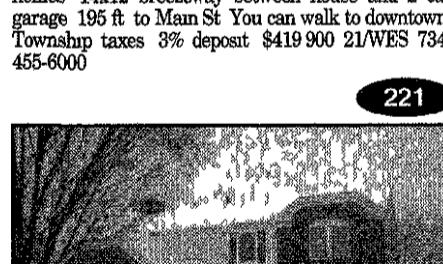
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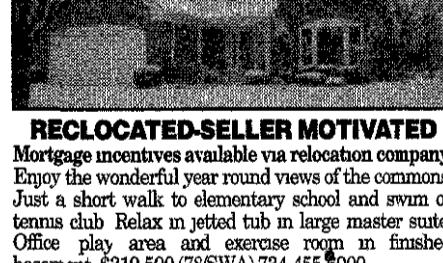
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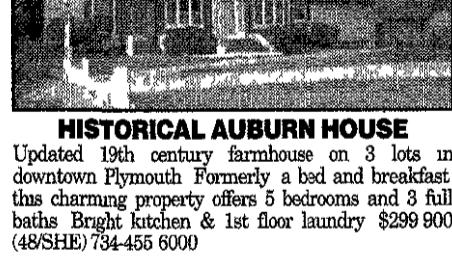
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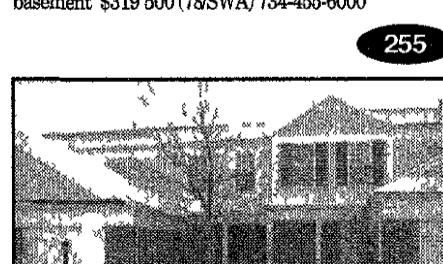
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47200 Bayview	\$281 000
42544 Beechwood	\$205 000
44230 Brandywine	\$212 000
109 Bridgewater	\$330 000
3344 Brooklyn	\$90 000
754 Burlington	\$225 000
560 Cherry Grove	\$269 000
561 Cherry Grove	\$230 000
591 Cherry Grove	\$241 000
700 Cherry Grove	\$263 000
422 Cherry Orchard	\$232 000
438 Cherry Orchard	\$216 000
2090 Cobra	\$228 000
623 Concord	\$225 000
1481 Delancy	\$100 000
1675 Delancy	\$235 000
6747 Edgewood	\$150 000
7653 Embassy	\$245 000
3165 Empire State	\$96 000
3408 Empire State	\$139 000
3472 Empire State	\$139 000
44349 Fair Oaks	\$203 000
48598 Fifth Ave	\$100 000
48633 Fifth Ave	\$100 000
48728 Fifth Ave	\$90 000
48792 Fifth Ave	\$90 000
49122 Fifth Ave	\$118 000
49158 Fifth Ave	\$115 000
49190 Fifth Ave	\$147 000
45210 Gerald	\$364 000

7366 Hillsboro	\$216 000
2128 Hogan Way	\$279 000
7789 Kaiser	\$175 000
43535 Laurelwood	\$169 000
1546 L Liberty N	\$235 000
1586 Liberty N	\$366 000
1587 Liberty N	\$124 000
1996 Liberty N	\$94 000
46728 Maidstone	\$230 000
1687 McLaine	\$235 000
1421 Millbrook	\$283 000
3298 Niagara \$232 000	
3495 Niagara	\$90 000
3545 Niagara	\$90 000
2104 Oakview	\$172 000
45234 Prestbury	\$198 000
43068 Providence	\$200 000
145 Queens Way	\$220 000
44925 Rector	\$206 000
48941 Rockefeller	\$247 000
44421 Savery	\$86 000
351 Sheffield	\$225 000
3525 Times Square	\$93 000
18391 University Park	\$109 000
1452 Valentine	\$303 000
42700 Woodwind	\$335 000
28435 Barton	\$150 000
28628 Block	\$168 000
33686 Bock	\$138 000
29730 Brown	\$156 000
31741 Donnelly	\$143 000
30054 Elmwood	\$130 000
30055 Rosslyn	\$247 000
28087 Sheridan	\$127 000
Livonia	16599 Brady

14850 Arcola	\$164 000
15560 Auburn	\$210 000
27630 Bentley	\$179 000
20337 Brentwood	\$170 000
17567 Dolores	\$175 000
16904 Farmington	\$220 000
16912 Farmington	\$211 000
16914 Farmington	\$186 000
18070 Floral	\$155 000
18426 Fox	\$23842 Joy
17780 Lenane	\$118 000
19470 Haggerty	\$130 000
19470 Haggerty	\$143 000
14088 Hix	\$250 000
27431 Long	\$165 000
29232 Lyndon	\$177 000
19200 Meadow dge	\$205 000
17008 Oporto	\$78 000
14248 Ramblewood	\$222 000
14544 Richfield	\$187 000
18707 St Martins	\$310 000
15353 Summer	\$174 000
8828 Virgil	\$87 000
16016 Westmore	\$165 000

20436 Dalby	\$118 000
18679 Denby	\$90 000
11905 Eileen	\$113 000
18426 Fox	\$123 000
18706 Garfield	\$84 000
20437 Gaylord	\$112 000
19405 Indian	\$129 000
19312 Inkster	\$94 000
23842 Joy	\$83 000
17780 Lenane	\$130 000
18952 Lucerne	\$90 000
20458 MacArthur	\$80 000
9998 Marion	\$136 000
24957 N Sylbert	\$138 000
9600 Nathaline	\$140 000
18516 Olympia	\$129 000
14000 Rockland	\$143 000
25601 St Martins	\$80 000
18845 Seminole	\$128 000
15353 Summer	\$87 000
8828 Virgil	\$165 000

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31463 Alcona	\$80 000
29043 Annapolis	\$95 000
7810 August	\$156 000
7551 Cherrywood	\$275 000
31741 Grandview	\$140 000
3121 Linden	\$174 000
31721 Mackenzie	\$165 000
32760 Merritt	\$127 000
4511 Harvey	\$176 000
38200 N Miller	\$156 000
6529 Pembroke	\$160 000
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36233 Somerset	\$43 000
2235 Wilshire	\$270 000

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Madhavi Kondapalli and **Charlene Lucas**, both affiliated with Century 21 Premier in Canton, have acquired the professional designation of Accredited Buyer Representative.



Kondapalli is a seven-year veteran of real estate sales and a multi-million dollar producer. She also lives in Canton.

Lucas, a four-year veteran, resides in Livonia.



The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, headquartered in Farmington Hills, has installed its executive committee for 2003. **Steve Perlman**, Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes, West Bloomfield, is president; **Stuart Michaelson**, The Windmill Group, Farmington Hills, first vice president; **James P. Babcock**, J.P. Babcock Co., St. Clair Shores, treasurer, and **Dominic J. Moceri**, Moceri Companies, Auburn Hills, secretary. Vice presidents are **Maurice (Mike) Harris**, The Harris Group, Dearborn Heights; **Richard Ives**, Trinity Land Development, Clinton Township; **Richard Komer**, Wineman & Komer Building, Southfield, and **Adorno Piccinini**, Adco Group, Novi.

James S. Bonadeo, Bonadeo Builders, Plymouth, is president emeritus; **Dan MacLeish**, MacLeish Building, Troy, immediate past president, and **Irvin H. Yackness**, BIA general counsel, executive vice president.

Amanda Tackett has been appointed director of publishing for the Construction Association of Michigan based in Bloomfield Hills. She primarily will be responsible for editing the association's monthly magazine and overseeing production of the Buyer Guide.

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HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct 28 Nov 1 2002 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities addresses and sales prices

29548 Geraldine	\$193 000
22926 Glenmoor	\$190 000
36510 Greenspring	\$388 000
23964 Haynes	\$195 000
33855 Hunters Pte	\$333 000
34015 Lyncroft	\$565 000
24060 Middlebelt	\$108 000
26765 Plumgrove	\$226 000
34016 Rhonwood	\$110 000
21720 Wheeler	\$199 000

1445 Lake Shore	\$418 000
679 N Long Lake	\$230 000
2671 Orbit	\$260 000
381 Queensbury	\$132 000
940 Ridgeline	\$518 000

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44750 Bayview	\$150 000
22573 Brookforest	\$236 000
41919 Canterbury	\$208 000

28121 Carlton	\$224 000

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Mortgage rate tracking shows record low

(AP) - Mortgage rates around the country edged down last week, with one-year adjustable rate mortgages dropping to their lowest level in 19 years of record keeping.

The average rate for one-year ARMs nationally dropped to 3.89 percent, the lowest level since Freddie Mac began tracking them in 1984. The previous week's rate on one-year ARMs was 3.93 percent.

The average interest rate on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages slipped to 5.90 percent last week, down slightly from 5.91 percent, Freddie Mac reported in its latest nationwide survey of rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages started the new year by dropping to a new low of 5.85 percent for the week ending 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 indicate that rate is the lowest since the early 1960s.

For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates fell last week to 5.28 percent from 5.31.

Low mortgage rates powered sales of both new homes and previously owned homes to record highs in 2002.

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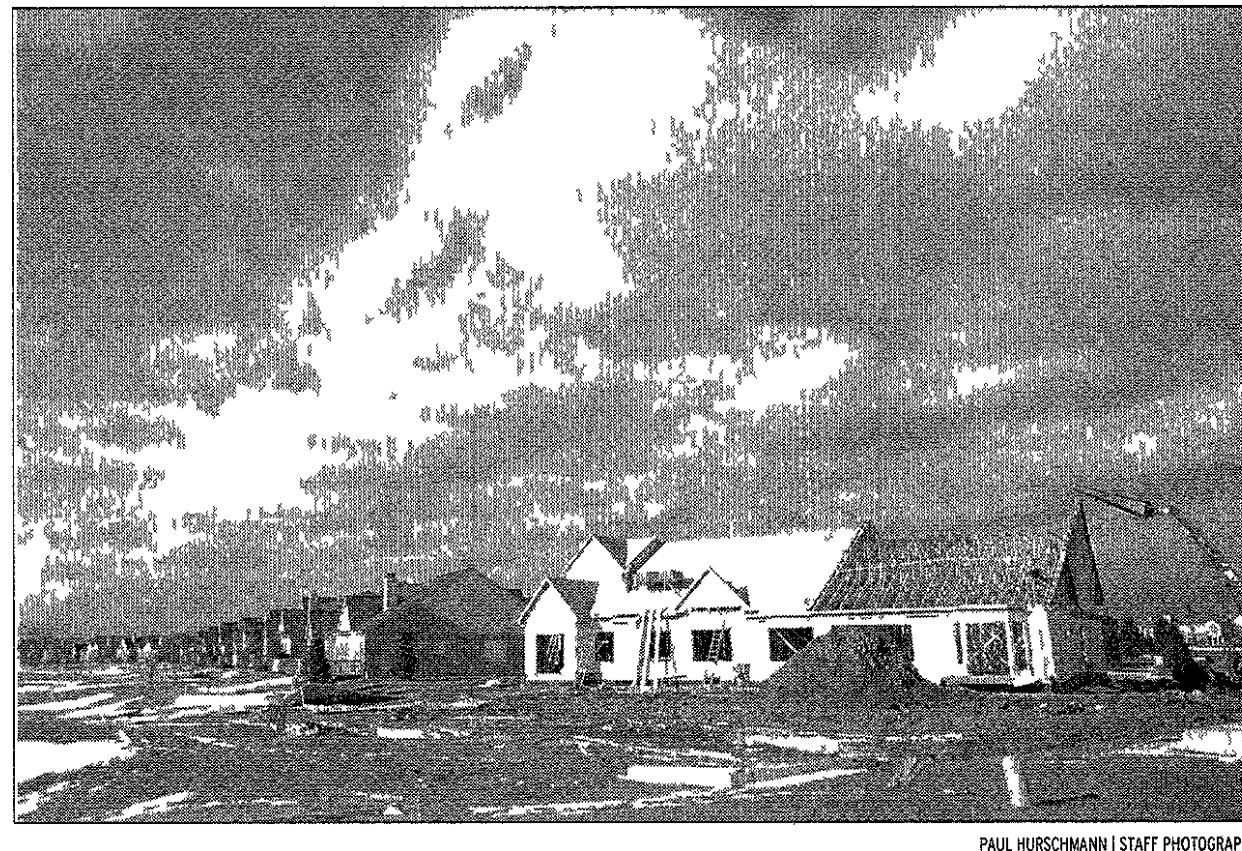
2003 could turn out to be the second best year for home sales on belief that mortgage rates will remain fairly stable.

"All indications are that mortgage rates will continue to be very affordable in the coming year," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Average mortgage rates 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 7.02 percent, 15-year mortgages were 6.51 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 5.12 percent.



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Mortgage rates have dropped a bit. Construction of homes in this area shows consumer confidence isn't lagging completely.

Book documents impact of famous piece of real estate

(AP) - The moment Brett Mandel stopped his car at the farm where *Field of Dreams* was filmed, the manicured infield and the corn surrounding the lush outfield grass called out to him.

He grabbed his glove and raced onto the field to join a pickup game and share in the two powerful forms of magic - baseball and movies - that draw about 75,000 people a year to the diamond in northeast Iowa.

"It really did look like showing up the day after the movie ended," Mandel said. "I was expecting the Kinsella family to come out of the house and the ballplayers to come out of the corn."

In his book, *Is This Heaven? The Magic of the Field of Dreams*, Mandel tells the stories of people who have

found peace, hope and renewal at the baseball diamond carved out of a cornfield near Dyersville for the 1989 movie, based on W.P. Kinsella's novel, *Shoeless Joe*.

Many felt drawn to that piece of real estate, including Takeshi Horie, who made the 17-hour trip from Osaka, Japan, solely to see the field.

A dream compelled Becky DuBuisson to ring in a new year on the field while eating a hot dog and drinking a root beer. Seven months later, she married Don Lansing, the part-owner of the field who lives in the white farmhouse prominently featured in the movie.

"It makes people feel like they want to be kids again," said Mandel, director of financial and policy analysis for the Philadelphia controller's office.

"Senior citizens bring a glow even though they haven't thrown for ages," Mandel said. "Guys who haven't swung a bat for years step up to the plate. Somebody in a wheelchair is being pushed around the bases."

"There's something very neat about this field. It brings out something in people. I'm going to actually participate."

In the movie the ball field that Ray Kinsella, played by Kevin Costner, is inspired to build draws Shoeless Joe Jackson and a host of other ball playing ghosts, ultimately including Kinsella's father. Similarly, connecting with lost loved ones is a common theme among visitors.

One man told Mandel he thought he could see his grandfather dead for 15 years, standing in right field. A

woman felt her dead mother's presence at the field and thought, "You've been here, haven't you?"

It just seems to be that kind of place," Mandel said. "It draws enough people who are willing to discuss something incredible. They come looking for something to happen and they actually feel something."

Along with turning Dyersville into a tourist mecca, the movie has rekindled interest in Jackson, who was banned from baseball after the 1919 Black Sox scandal. In the movie, Jackson is the first player to appear on the field, and asks Kinsella, "Is this heaven?"

No replied Kinsella, "It's Iowa."

Mandel, who also has written a book about minor league baseball and another about the city of Philadelphia, said the ball field uniquely connects

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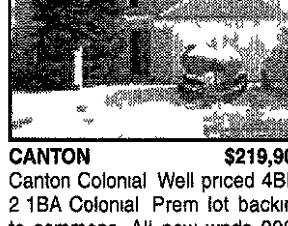
Brett Mandel
author

people with the movie.
"You can run up the stairs of the Philadelphia Art Museum like Rocky did, but it's not the same feeling," Mandel said. "At the Field of Dreams, if you are willing to suspend disbelief for a second, you can almost convince yourself you've stepped into the film."

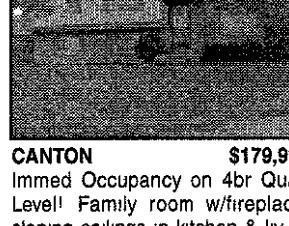
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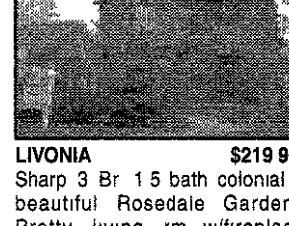
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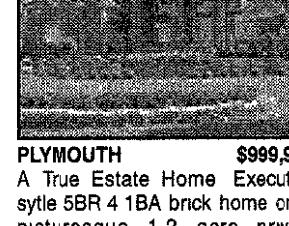
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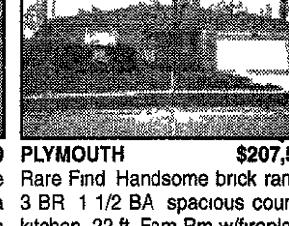
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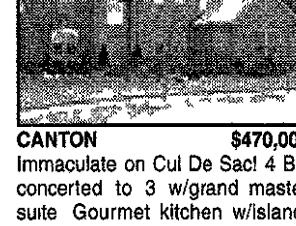
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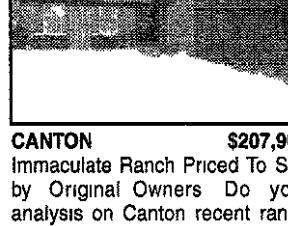
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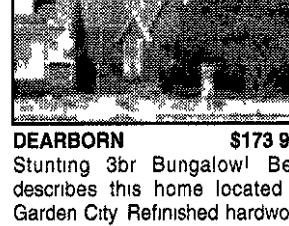
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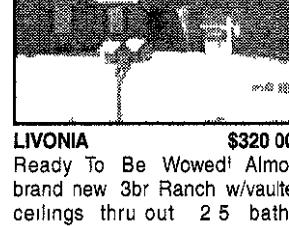
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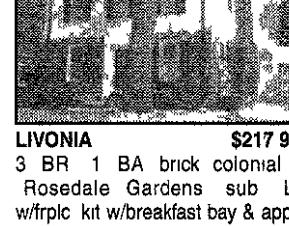
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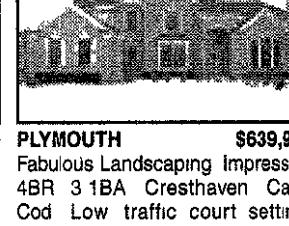
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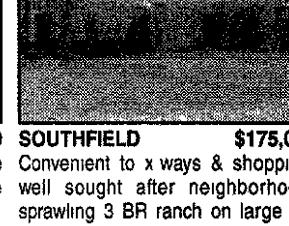
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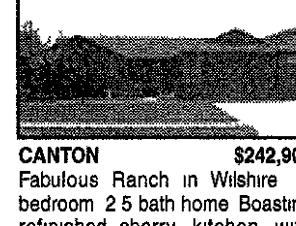
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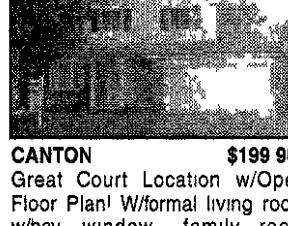
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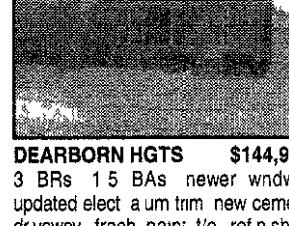
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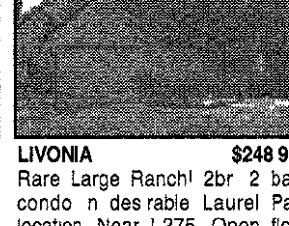
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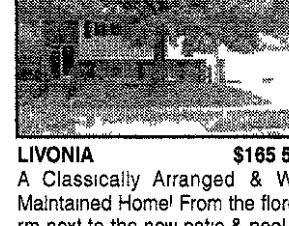
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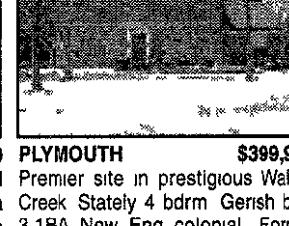
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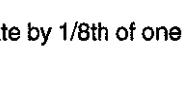


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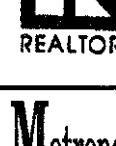
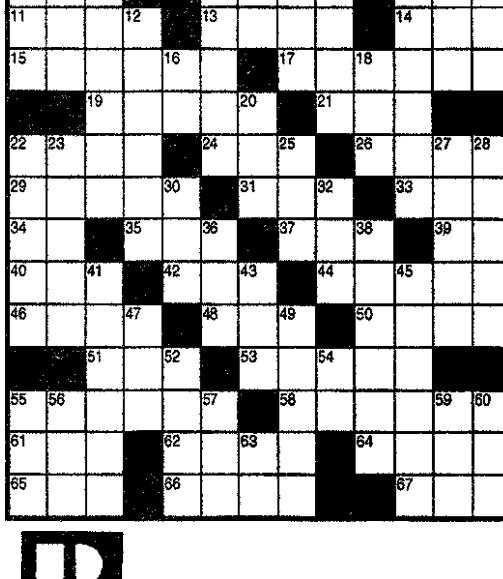
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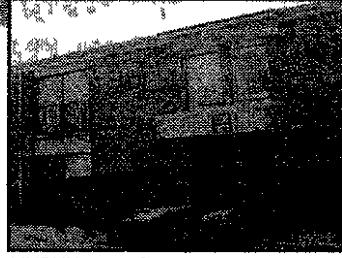
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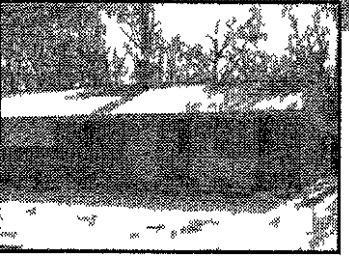
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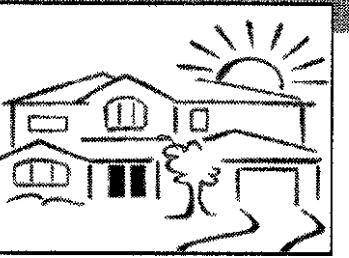
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Views galore! 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Colonial. Gorgeous lot with spacious walkout 2 tiered prof deck, dual staircases with bridge overlooking great room and nature preserve. Formal dining room, master with fireplace. \$295,000 (46BRI) 734-455-5600



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WESTLAND - Lovely park like setting. Come see this spacious 3 bedroom brick ranch that is located on a lovely lot. Large eat in kitchen w/doorwall to covered patio. Lots of major updates including carpet, RWH furnace, A/C, sprinklers and bath. All appliances stay! \$120,900 (11AVO) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Beautiful brick Colonial. This spacious home features 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, updated kitchen and electrical, custom window treatments, hardwood floors and a warm fireplace to welcome you! \$205,000 (25ORC) 248-349-5600



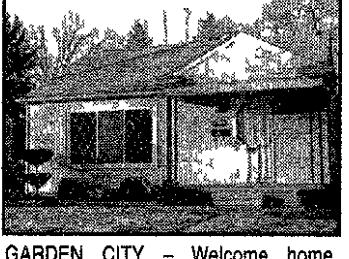
NORTHLVILLE - Northville retreat. Set high on a hill with large wooded lot. This custom Cape Cod has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with crown moulding, wainscoting, hardwood floors and a warm fireplace to welcome you! \$419,900 (15FON) 248-349-5600



REDFORD - Super clean ranch! 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Must see! C/A, newer bath, kitchen windows, basement with glass block windows, newer garage door with opener, neutral decor, all appliances stay and HPP! \$119,900 (65BRA) 734-455-5600



BRIGHTON - Nestled in the woods! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. On 12 acres. Winans Lake access! Raised ranch living room with fireplace, newer carpet, dining room with skylight and wood views. Kitchen with newer cabinets, floors. Newer septic, furnace. \$253,000 (91TEA) 734-455-5600



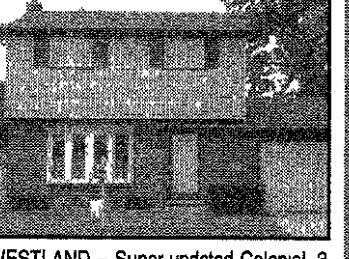
GARDEN CITY - Welcome home! Charming 3 bedroom ranch offers vinyl windows, hardwood floors in dining room, C/A, attic fan, finished basement with office bar and a half bath. Nice deck. Home Warranty \$134,900 (54FLO) 734-455-5600



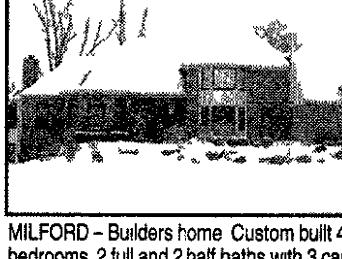
NOVI - Enjoy warm sunsets from your oversized deck. This newer detached condo has everything: DR, LR, balcony overlooking FR, w/FP, finished basement, w/garage windows & 2 car garage. Short walk to Walled Lake Golf community, Clubhouse pool & more! \$298,900 (94CHA) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Walk to downtown from this perfect 3 bedroom brick ranch. Finished LL family room. Newer carpet & lighting. Brand new remodeled bath and lav. Updated kitchen w/cocktop and counters. C/A & great furnace. Open floor plan. Secluded neighborhood, great home! \$232,900 (17CAR) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Super updated Colonial. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home with newer kitchen windows, doors and baths. Finished basement with glass block windows. \$164,900 (61WIL) 248-349-5600



MILFORD - Builders home. Custom built 4 bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths with 3 car attached garage, finished walk out basement, 2 master suites, gourmet kitchen with appliances. \$579,900 (01DEE) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - Beautiful 3 bedroom home in Oakwood Hospital and Ford Engr center area. 1.5 baths totally updated, including windows, roof, furnace and A/C, kitchen, HWT, carpet, exterior doors, sharp rec room with dry bar and decorative fireplace, plus 2 car garage & all appliances. Great terms! \$149,900 (28DET) 734-455-5600



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GARDEN CITY - Just like new! 2 bedrooms, 2 car garage. Newer roof, furnace, copper plumbing, windows, C/A, H2O tank, cement circuit breaker, Berber carpet (12x10), Florida room, steel entry doors, deep lot. Immediate occupancy. Turn key and move in! \$129,893 (71BAL) 734-455-5600



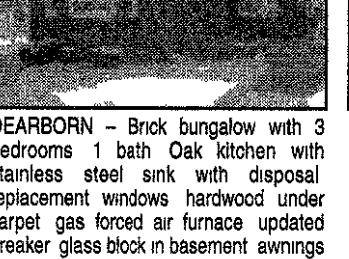
CANTON - Stately! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 story with 2 story foyer, crown moldings throughout, downstairs 2 way fireplace, library and family room. Formal living room, dining room and large kitchen. 1st floor laundry. Private wooded lot. \$384,000 (89RED) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Clean, cozy & updated. Well cared for home. 3 bedroom, ranch, neutral decor, 2 car garage, remodeled kitchen. Newer roof, C/A, furnace, hot water heater, windows, carpet, plus kitchen and laundry room floors. \$124,900 (44WAL) 734-455-5600



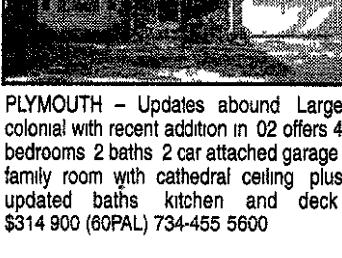
ANN ARBOR - Tastefully appointed Cape Cod w/mahogany beveled glass front door. Rich limestone foyer, hallways, powder room, kitchen & laundry room. Kitchen w/granite counters w/backsplash in tumbled limestone. Master w/WIC, whirlpool, solid oak staircase, intercom. \$389,900 (10MIC) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Brick bungalow with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Oak kitchen with stainless steel sink, disposal, replacement windows, hardwood under carpet, gas forced air furnace, updated breaker, glass block in basement, awnings and 1 car garage. \$149,900 (01LAP) 248-349-5600



TAYLOR - Brick front ranch. Nicely landscaped 3 bedroom home with vinyl siding. Updated windows, newer furnace with A/C, newer roof, updated kitchen with lots of cabinets, ceramic tile, tub enclosure, breakers and copper plumbing. \$94,900 (70MAP) 248-349-5600



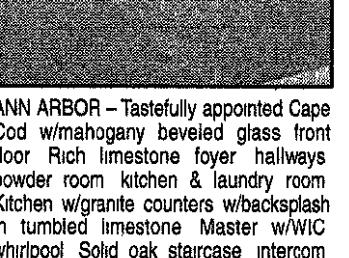
PLYMOUTH - Updates abound! Large colonial with recent addition. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage, family room with cathedral ceiling, plus updated baths, kitchen and deck. \$314,900 (60PAL) 734-455-5600



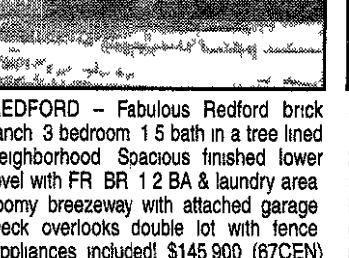
PLYMOUTH - Wonderful location! 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo in Plymouth. Spacious kitchen w/eating area, formal dining room, great room with fireplace & doorwall leading to private courtyard. Deck off master suite, open staircase to basement, attached garage, plus lots of storage. \$159,000 (41ERI) 734-455-5600



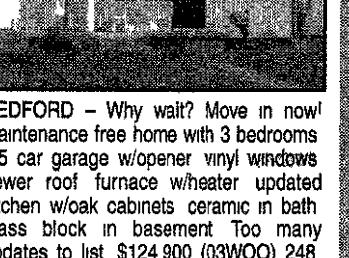
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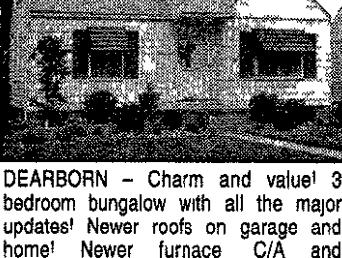
REDFORD - Fabulous Redford brick ranch. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath in a tree lined neighborhood. Spacious finished lower level with BR, 1 BA & laundry area, roomy breezeway with attached garage. Deck overlooks double lot with fence. Appliances included! \$145,900 (67CEN) 248-349-5600



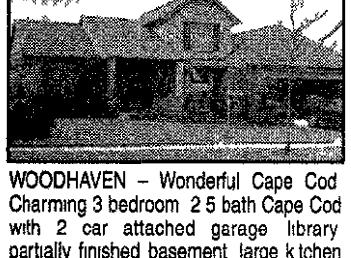
PLYMOUTH - Incredible house and lot. Spacious & sunny Cape Cod, 2 story on a heavily wooded approx. 6 acre fenced lot. Great blend of old world charm and modern updates. MBR suites on 1st and 2nd floor. 4BR, 3BA, oak floors, updated kitchen and newer MBR bath. \$395,000 (01BET) 248-349-5600



MILFORD - 2002 new construction. Custom 2 story home with walkout lower level on a 1+ acre cul de sac, wooded lot. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths with granite and maple dual fireplace, stylish master suite with large Jacuzzi tub. Many upgrades. \$529,950 (83RAV) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Charm and value! 3 bedroom bungalow with all the major updates! Newer roofs on garage and home! Newer furnace, C/A and landscaping. Circuit breakers, Pella windows, finished basement. Family room off kitchen. \$149,900 (35GRI) 734-455-5600



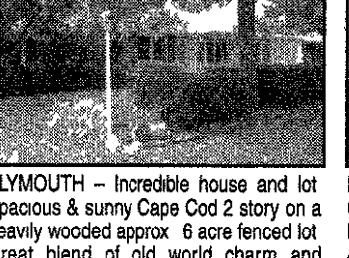
WOODHAVEN - Wonderful Cape Cod. Charming 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Cape Cod with 2 car attached garage, library partially finished basement, large kitchen with breakfast bar, dining room leads to 1 of 2 decks. Master bedroom with full bath and walk-in closet. \$245,000 (76CRE) 734-455-5600



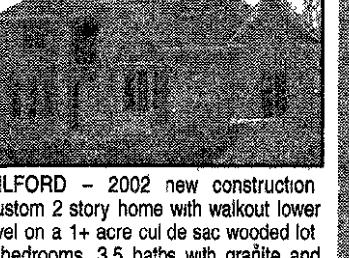
DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Better Homes & Gardens! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Estate sized lot overlooking Hines Park w/approx. 2,800 sq ft of living area. Gourmet kitchen w/Euro cabinetry. oversized family room with fireplace. Library & lower level master suite with bath. Main floor master! \$259,500 (11ANN) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Awesome 3BR, 1.5BA ranch that is completely updated with attention to detail. Updates include kit. counters, cabinets, island, hardwood floors in the LR, kitchen and BR, & half bath. Newer vinyl windows. C/A. 01 Beautiful fireplace. Appliances included! \$189,900 (27HIL) 248-349-5600



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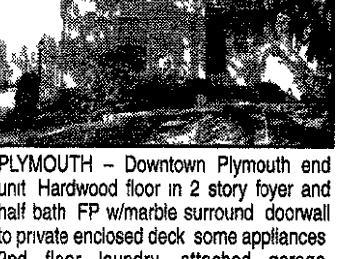
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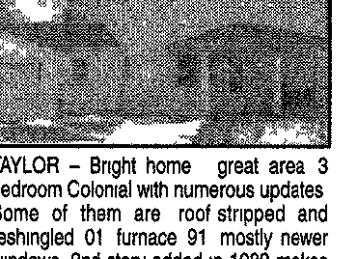
FLAT ROCK - Great opportunity! Large 3 bedroom ranch on good size lot. Roof and C/A. 02 some windows and furnace. 01 vinyl siding. 00 Large foyer with bay window. Bath remodeled. Home still needs some work but the major are done. \$99,500 (26SEN) 734-455-5600



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TAYLOR - Bright home, great area! 3 bedroom Colonial with numerous updates. Some of them are roof stripped and reshingled, 01 furnace, 91 mostly newer windows. 2nd story added in 1982 makes this the best most livable home for the price. \$98,900 (40SYR) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Upper ranch condo beauty. This 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo has it all. All neutral decor and move in ready. Spacious master GR w/cathedral ceilings & gas fireplace. Skylights, large kitchen, formal DR, laundry room and 2 car garage. All appliances included! \$167,500 (18POI) 248-349-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - New construction. Custom 4 bedroom Colonial on beautiful wooded lot with private bath and walk-in closets. 2 story entry greets you and custom features keep you! 42 cabinets, ceramic flooring and hardwoods. Still time to pick carpet colors! \$529,900 (76IND) 248-349-5600



ALLEN PARK - Rare find! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial. Has oversized master suite with bath and hardwood floors. Formal living room, dining room, family room with fireplace open to kitchen and basement located on a cul de sac. Allen Park Schools. \$245,000 (00NOR) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Westland's finest! 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch with newer roof and furnace, brand new Wallside windows, new doorwall, heated Florida room, remodeled bath with ceramic tub surround. Nicely landscaped. \$130,000 (70AVO) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Spectacular winged Colonial! Lovely 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on premium lot. Presents formal living and dining rooms, library, family room with fireplace, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, 1st floor laundry plus updated roof, windows, & French doors plus screened porch. \$364,900 (83CHA) 734-455-5600



CLAWSON - Great location, great price! This 3 bedroom home backs to a park. Florida room w/skylight leading to deck. Updates include roof, copper pipes, steel entry door & storm door, 99 sump pump, vinyl siding, ceramic tile in kit & refinished hardwood floors in 01. 6 newer 6 panel doors. \$168,900 (21PAR) 248-349-5600



SOUTHFIELD - What a find! An investors or handyman's special. This one needs a lot of work: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with newer furnace and roof. Paved road, city sewer and water. Large family room. Come take a look at the possibilities! \$99,900 (90SEM) 2



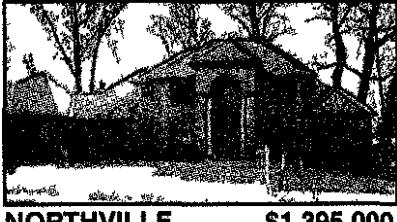
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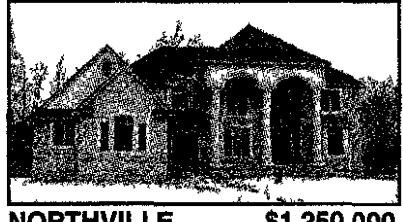
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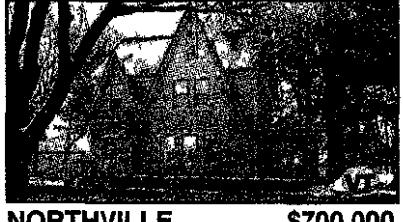
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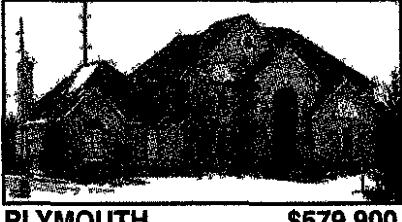
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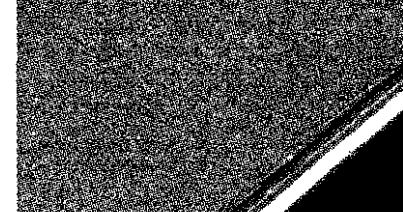
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PLYMOUTH \$484,950
Lights! Camera Action! This 4 bdrm 2.5 bath cape cod is picture perfect! Gourmet kitchen w/cherry cbnts hearth room w/fplc master w/indirect lighting & gorgeous bath Call soon! (23K13949)

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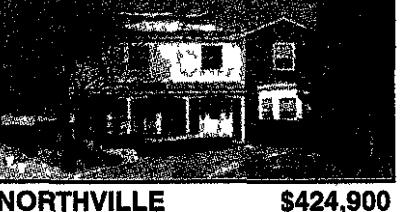
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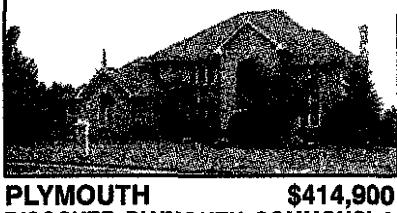
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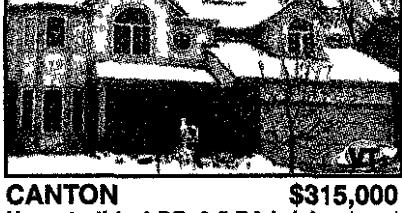
PLYMOUTH \$414,900
DISCOVER PLYMOUTH COMMONS! 2 story impressive dual staircase 2 bdm 3.5 bath 3 car gar inground pool professionally landscaped Located across from preserve (23C49411)

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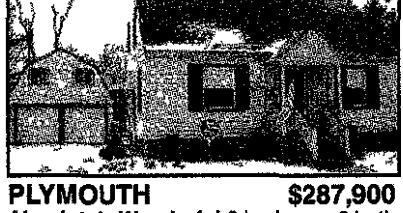
CANTON \$382,500
Beautiful home neutral decor thru-out gourmet kit w/center island & upgraded cherry cabinets throughout. Ig mstr ste featuring garden tub vaulted ceiling Summit nearby (M48992)

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CANTON \$315,000
Hurry to this 4 BR, 2.5 BA brick colonial features neutral decor new 344 SF deck gourmet kitchen large master ste spacious FR w/FP 1997 built 2645 SF & warranty included (P41801)

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PLYMOUTH \$287,900
Absolutely Wonderful 3 bedroom 2 bath Plymouth home Walk to downtown Plymouth beautifully maintained remodeled kitchen & baths hardwood floors huge great room with fireplace (23H1051)

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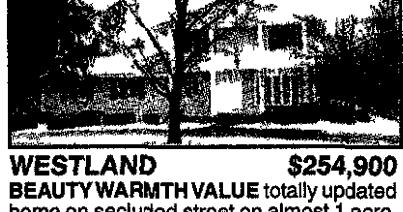
FARMINGTON \$279,900
Location, Quality, Value, & Charm 4 BR 3 BA 2200 sq ft brk ranch Remodeled (S36267)

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CANTON \$274,900
Beautiful master 1st flr cape cod 2 lg rms up plus a loft area for poss FR or office Prof fin bsmt w/2 BR and a full BA 3.5 BA total 1st flr laundry GR w/FP & cath ceilings Newer wndws & rf(S46639)

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WESTLAND \$254,900
BEAUTY WARMTH VALUE totally updated home on secluded street on almost 1 acre 4 bed 2 bath and 2 lav home has Anderson windows furnace & air fireplace newer shingles & carpet (G832)

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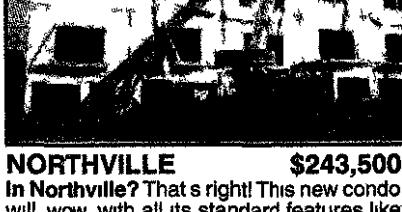
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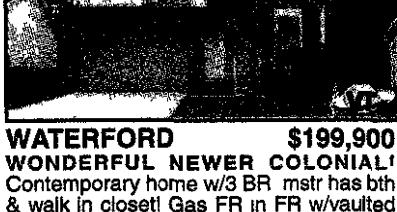
LIVONIA \$249,900
WOW! MUST SEE THIS ONE! Beautiful ranch Well maintained open floor plan Great room in center of home w/natural fireplace which also can be enjoyed from dining area (H896)

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In Northville? That's right! This new condo will wow with all its standard features like hdwd firs in the kit & pwdr rm Merillat cbnts t/o fpdc deck & more Won't last!(23C42480)

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WONDERFUL NEWER COLONIAL! Contemporary home w/3 BR mstr bth & walk in closet! Gas FR in FR w/vaulted ceiling & recessed lights Find bsmt fenced yard & lg deck! Great opportunity!(85ROLL2)

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COMFORTABLE 3 BR HOME ON LG LOT! Just over 1400 SF mostly hardwood floors new kitchen cabinets & floor all appliances included newer furnace & siding mstr with WIC Farmington schools!(04GIL2)

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GARDEN CITY \$194,900
BEST KEPT SECRET INTOWN! Has all the I wants Totally updated including windows roof shingles super oak kit (lg) bar fireplace 4 car garage huge porch 2 driveways & privacy fence (B319)

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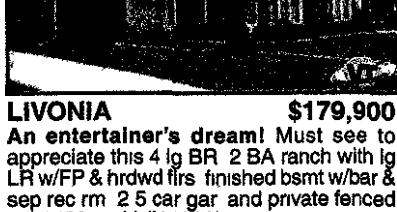
PLYMOUTH \$190,000
Plymouth bungalow 1428 sq ft of quality living area 4 BR 1 BA LR w/FP Everything is new! wndws doors kit bath plumb turn w/ac elec 2 car heated gar w/vrk shp (A40758)

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WESTLAND \$189,900
IT STEALS THE SHOW 2 BR 3 full bath Westland condo full finished basement w/ 3rd bedroom lots of storage, 1st floor laundry 2 car attached fireplace, C/A deck (R686)

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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 & hdwd firs finished bsmt w/bar & sep rec rm 2.5 car gar and private fenced yd 1450 sq ft!(114089)

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WESTLAND \$164,900
Particular buyer alert! Very popular location in Westland on a low traffic winding street All kinds of updates garage driveway deck rf wndws siding & much more Cozy FR off kit (C3076)

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GARDEN CITY \$162,500
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Don't miss out on this cutie! 3 BR brick bungalow in great neighborhood w/Livonia schools New rf wndws drwy HWH furn & more! Gar & fin area in bsmt for entertaining tool Call today! (C11396)

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WESTLAND \$154,500
TONQUISH SUB BEAUTY! Spacious 3 bedroom ranch with family room finished basement & 1 1/2 baths Move in condition Updated! Fireplace in family room Wet bar in basement (C679)

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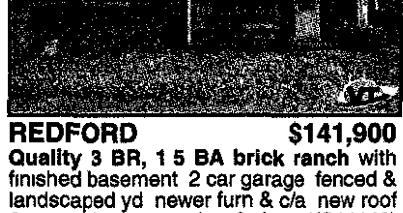
BELLEVILLE \$149,900
HERE IS A HOT ONE!! Older Belleville bungalow 3 bedroom 2 bath aluminum with full basement large 219 foot deep lot 2 1/2 car garage Kitchen and baths remodeled Walk to town (E130)

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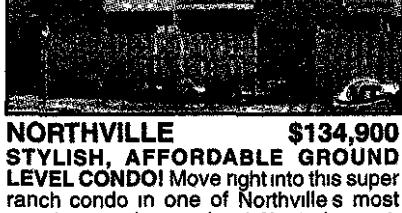
REDFORD \$149,900
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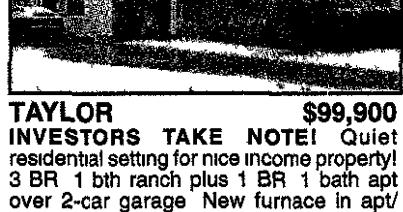
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Affordable Redford ranch! Updated kitchen electric newer carpeting freshly painted finished basement 2 car garage corner lot (K1798)

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Single female 52 brown skin short hair wear glasses would like to meet a single male who enjoys bowling listening to music shopping watching videos and just chilling together BOX 31001

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