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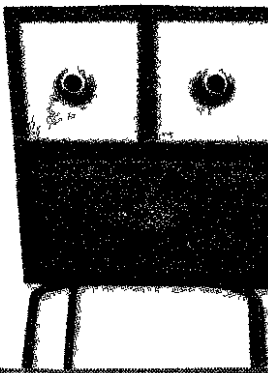
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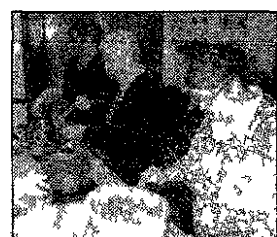
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Top teachers

Faith Clay a fourth grade teacher at Bemis Elementary School in the Troy school district and Vicki Shaw a third grade teacher at Gill Elementary School in Farmington Public Schools are the February Teachers of the Month for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Both the Troy and Farmington districts are on mid winter break this week so look for the Teacher Feature with picture and story honoring Clay and Shaw in next Thursday's editions of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*

Hot chili

Not bad for a first time The Plymouth Salvation Army sponsoring its first chili cookoff and basket auction Sunday raised more than \$565 to contribute to its World Services goal for the year. Despite less than ideal weather conditions more than 50 people showed up at the Army's hall on Main Street to participate. Baskets donated by Horton Plumbing (\$50) and Backyard



Birds (\$35) were the night's biggest draws and brought in the highest bids. Considering it's the first time we've attempted anything like this we were very pleased with the outcome said Maj. Stephen Hull Plymouth commander.

Military honored

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 finish what was started Jan 16 1991. 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 794 S Main Plymouth MI 48170. Be sure to include your name and telephone number. We will publish the photos on an ongoing basis to recognize their commitment to this country. If you have questions call Brad Kadrich (Plymouth) or Doug Johnson (Canton) at (734) 459-2700 or e-mail kadrich@oe.hometown.net



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Altagracia Jimenez Brown administers the pre surgery medication to Imanol Duran as nurse Vicki Hladysch and William Brown look on

Chance for a new life

Dominican boy sails through corrective foot surgery

Second of two parts
BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Altagracia Jimenez-Brown grips the cup of hospital coffee the way a drowning woman might hold a lifesaver. Her 18-month-old charge, Imanol Duran, has finally been wheeled into surgery at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, some 11 days after the diminutive Dominican child had originally been scheduled to have his clubfeet corrected. Jimenez-Brown, Imanol's foster mother for his four-month stay in the United States, can finally relax as the turning point in Alta and Imanol's Excellent Adventure arrived.

"You look calmer," a nurse tells Jimenez-Brown moments after she placed Imanol in the skilled hands and warm hearts of the medical staff at Annapolis, the Oakwood Healthcare Systems facility being donated for Imanol's surgery.

"I've had that first cup," Jimenez-



Alta comforts Imanol following the surgery. He was fussing quite a bit until she held him and then he fell right to sleep.

PLEASE SEE SURGERY, A6

City, Broe settle

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A settlement which calls for the city of Plymouth to pay \$14,000 to Broe Rehabilitation Services of Farmington Hills is expected to be filed in federal court within the next week or so, ending a battle between the city and the private company that operates three supported-living homes on Farmer Street.

As part of the consent agreement reached in the chambers of U.S. District Court Judge Robert Cleland in Detroit on Dec. 18, the city agreed to rescind tickets issued against the properties — in which the city claimed Broe was operating a business in a residential neighborhood — as well as pay legal fees.

"The case has been dismissed with prejudice, meaning all the claims can't be litigated again," said Paul O'Neill, of the Bloomfield Hills firm of O'Connor, DeGrazia and Tamm, which represented the city. "Terms of the agreement are confidential."

However, a memo sent from the law firm to city commissioners said the two sides agreed to the \$14,000 figure on Feb. 6. The memo also denotes Broe's attorney, Gregory Bator of Bator & Berlin in Birmingham, initially sought \$50,000 in legal fees.

"We're pleased the matter has been brought to resolution, and we can go about with our vision (on Farmer Street) in a neighborly like way," said Bator.

Jim DeGrazia, the lead city attorney in the case, said the consent agreement does not include an admission of liability on behalf of the city.

"This represented a reasonable resolution of the litigation. It's in the best interest of the city, and the best for all concerned," said DeGrazia. "It was a case that would have been dif-

PLEASE SEE BROE, A4

Slavens seeks 2nd term

School board petitions available, due April 7

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school board Vice President Mark Slavens believes leaving the school board in the middle of a budget crisis would be the wrong decision.

In fact, Slavens figures now is the time the school board needs experienced people to step up and guide it through financially stressed times.

With that said, the Canton Township resident announced he'll seek a second 4-year term on the school board in the election scheduled for June 9.

"I don't want to leave when the times are getting tough," said Slavens. "We're going

to have very difficult times coming up for this school district, and I don't believe now is the time for me to leave."

"I think the board needs some experienced board members, and I feel I can help solve the financial problems we'll be facing," Slavens said.

Superintendent Jim Ryan predicts Plymouth-Canton Schools will face a \$9 million budget deficit in the 2003-04 school year.

Slavens said the board has achieved a lot the past four years.

"We've brought in three schools under budget and on time, and I'm proud of that," he said. "There was also a point in time when there were some proposed policy changes that would have taken the community's say out of some board decisions. I helped make sure those policies didn't go into effect, and the community's voice was

PLEASE SEE SLAVENS, A4

Homeowners will start over in drive to change boundary

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The school district boundary dividing the Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren districts might as well be the Great Wall of China to a group of residents trying to get it redrawn.

Residents in Huntington Place and Huntington Place II subdivisions, near Geddes and Beck, want the boundary redrawn so that their children can attend Plymouth-Canton schools, mainly because Plymouth-Canton schools are closer to their homes and because test scores are higher in that district. Residents Mark Dixon and Houshun Zhang led a petition

effort to get the boundary changed. They spent six months collecting signatures from 90 percent of homeowners, but recently learned they had to start over.

In cases of dual home ownership, both owners must sign the petition, Dixon said.

"It's bureaucratic red tape," Dixon said.

It is frustrating to live close to a school your children are not allowed to attend, said Dixon, whose daughter attends Belleville High, eight miles away. The closest Van Buren elementary, Tyler, is six miles away.

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City readies for Citizens Academy

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

How does your tax money really get put to use? Plymouth residents will get a bird's-eye view about the inner workings of the city during the first Citizens Academy, scheduled for March 19-May 5.

Many people don't know what goes on behind City Hall doors, ordinance enforcement, or why we have a lot of guys standing around at a water main break," said Scott Cabauatan, the city's Neighborhood Services coordinator. "It's outreach that needs to be done so our citizens can learn how we serve them."

The Citizens Academy will run for eight weeks, and includes meeting with city commissioners and the Downtown Development Authority, separate nights talking with law enforcement officers, parks and recreation officials and members of the fire department, as well as hearing from the city clerk, treasurer, finance director and building department.

"It's not all going to be at City Hall," said Cabauatan. "We'll take them to the Municipal Services Department to show them the equipment and what it takes to fix a water break. They'll see, upfront, the improvements at the Cultural Center. And, we'll take them to Fire Station No. 3, at Beck and North Territorial, to demonstrate the new fire rescue units and try on some of the gear."

There will also be a night of senior services, which consists of the Council on Aging, the Housing Department and information on senior transportation," he said.

Cabauatan noted the first seven sessions will be on Wednesday evenings from 7-9:30 p.m. The last session is scheduled on a Monday, which will be a graduation ceremony during a city commission meeting.

Enrollment will be limited to the first 19 city residents who sign up. Cabauatan said if openings remain, Plymouth Township residents would be welcome to attend.

"We hope the Citizens Academy will help eliminate some of the questions residents have about how the city operates," said Cabauatan. "And, by increasing their knowledge of the city, maybe some residents will want to get involved and volunteer on one of the city's boards and commissions."

Anyone interested in enrollment for the Citizens Academy can contact Scott Cabauatan at (734) 453-7737 ext. 108 or e-mail him at citizensacademy@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

KIWANIS GOLF OUTING

The Kiwanis of Colonial Plymouth is planning its 21st-annual Kiwanis Golf Outing and Feast.

The event will be played on the Golden Fox course at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Thursday, Aug. 7.

Reservations can be made by calling Rob Noel, (734) 453-6000.

SYMPHONY CONCERT

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra brings the sounds of Russia's White Nights to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 8 for an evening of Russian classical music, featuring the violin virtuosity of PSO Concert Master Juliana Athayde and the Our Lady of Good Counsel Handbell Choir under the direction of Dr. Michele Johns.

The concert will mark Athayde's final performance with the symphony, before pursuing a professional career in the larger world of classical music. To celebrate this final performance, Athayde, accompanied by the PSO, will perform Prokofiev's 'Troika' from Lieutenant Kije, Shostokovich's Symphony No. 5 in D minor and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto Op. 35.

Athayde's accomplishments belie her youth. She has played violin for 19 of her 21 years, studying with such well-known masters as Zoya Leybin of the San Francisco Symphony, University of Michigan School of Music Professor Paul Kantor and the renowned virtuoso Pinchas Zukerman. She has performed with the Young People's Symphony Orchestra, the Diablo Symphony and the San Francisco Symphony, where she was a featured soloist during 11 performances of its Concerts for Kids' series.

A Bay Area native, she was concertmaster with the San Francisco Youth Orchestra for three years before moving east to study music at the U-M. She earned her bachelor's degree last year.

An art exhibit, featuring Felix Braslavsky, an internationally prominent Russian artist, will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the OLGCA Gathering Space ONSTAGE, a pre-concert discussion begins at 7:15 p.m.

Individual concert tickets are

\$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$10 for college students. School-age children (K-12) are admitted free. For more information, please contact the Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or, by e-mail at plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

PERSONAL GROWTH CLASS

The Living Well Counseling Center in Plymouth offers a free personal growth class, "The Five Love Languages," from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 8.

The class will focus on activities designed to help participants understand what makes them feel loved so they can ask for it, and learn what makes the other person feel loved so they can give it. These concepts can be applied to family members, friends or co-workers.

The class is led by licensed professional counselor Suzanne Hamilton. The center is located at 340 N. Main, Suite #317 in Plymouth. Space is limited. Reservations can be made by e-mailing Hamilton at SuzanneLivingWell@hotmail.com or by calling (248) 910-8332.

CHILDREN'S CENTER APPLICANTS

In an effort to place 40 children in foster care or adoptive homes, the Foster Care and Adoption Department at The Children's Center will host a recruitment event Wednesday, Feb. 26. This is the first in a series of events the department will host this year.

Anyone interested in becoming a foster care or adoptive parent is welcome and encouraged to attend the informational event. Its purpose is to give potential applicants an overview of the services the agency provides, explain qualifications and discuss what is expected of those who accept responsibility. Light refreshments will be served.

The Children's Center is located at 100 W. Alexandrine in downtown Detroit. Attendees are being asked to park in the adjoining lot.

Those interested in applying to become a foster care or adoptive parent must be at least 25 years old, in good health, have a stable income, and own, rent or lease a clean house, condominium, apartment or flat. Individuals can be married or single. The assessment process takes about six to eight weeks to complete, during which

time applicants must complete 12 hours of pre-service/special needs training, and provide information such as verification of employment, five personal references and a recent medical report.

Those interested in attending the recruitment event should reserve a place by contacting Kimberly Garrett-Goree at 313 831 5520, ext. 1354.

NEWCOMER MIXER

Plymouth Newcomers hosts a membership mixer from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28.

Anyone interested in joining this non-profit social group is invited to attend. Current members will also be in attendance and can answer questions regarding the group.

For more information contact Diane Peyton at jpeyton224716@comcast.net or at (734) 354-9519.

PARENTING SEMINAR

"Understanding Your Teenager," a lively, informative seminar given by nationally known speaker and author Dave Veerman, will be presented from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 22, at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Dave Veerman has worked for 26 years with Youth for Christ, including serving as National Campus Life Director for Youth for Christ/USA.

He has authored 27 books, including *Getting Your Kid to Talk* and *Parent Passages*.

Tickets for the seminar are \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple. The church is located at 45201 North Territorial in Plymouth, south of M14 and west of Sheldon Road. To register, contact the church at (734) 453-5280. For more information, contact Youth Director George Hunger at the church.

FINAL CONCERT

St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth hosts the second and final of its concert/lecture series with a "Piano Four Hands Concert" at 4 p.m. March 16, followed by the lecture, "How is Your IQ - Intimacy Quotient, That Is!" at 6 p.m.

The recital takes place in the sanctuary at St. John's, with a

reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Piano Four Hands is music written or arranged for piano duets, played on one keyboard. Sue Ann Vaderbeck Lenz, professor of music at Mary Grove College, joins Elaine Grover, Mary Grove's associate professor of music and a former St. John's music director, for the recital.

Paulette Grotrian, communication professor at Washtenaw Community College, presents the lecture.

The program is free, although free-will gifts will be accepted. For more information, call Michael Brittenback, assistant to the Rector for Music Ministry, St. John's Episcopal Church, (734) 453-0190.

AUCTION CLASS

Learn the basics of buying and selling through on-line auction sites in a Plymouth District Library class. The hands-on class will be offered 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 28. Topics covered include buying and selling effectively, how to list items for sale, shipping and payment options.

Call (734) 453-0750, extension 4, or visit the Reader's Advisory desk. Early registration is recommended.

CAREER WOMEN LUNCHEON

Donna Marie, president of Donna Marie Consulting and Training, will be the guest speaker at the March meeting of the National Association of Career Women - West Suburban chapter. The meeting is planned for 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant, 4161 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost is \$18 per member, \$22 for non-members. Please RSVP with Brenda Durling, (734) 462-4670.

GOODFELLOWS MEET

The Plymouth Goodfellows will have a spring wrap-up meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 at the Plymouth District Library. Main business will include election of officers and fund-raising possibilities. Contact Betty Nolan, 459-6928 or Penny Irwin, 453-4007 with questions.

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SLAVENS

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allowed to continue to be spoken."

Board member Marcy Staley has already announced she will not seek re-election. She said she will use the time to care for her mother, who has been diagnosed with macular degeneration.

Staley was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Steve Guile in December 2001. She then ran in June 2002 for the one-year unexpired term, defeating Debra Madonna.

"I will miss being on the board," Staley said. "I've enjoyed my tenure, as short as it might seem to some people. If you add it on to the time I've spent on the housing committee and community council, it's been a long career."

Nominating petitions are now available for any resident of the school district who is registered to vote. Petition forms are available at the E J McClendon Educational Center at 454 S. Harvey Street in Plymouth.

Nominating petitions must be turned in by Monday, April 7, at 4 p.m.

Candidates can either collect a minimum of 40 signatures of registered voters in the Plymouth-Canton school district, or, as an alternative, pay a \$100 filing fee.

The last day a candidate can withdraw from the ballot is Thursday, April 10.

Any questions concerning the June 9 election can be directed to elections clerk Liz Adams at (734) 416-3095.

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BROE

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difficult to win.

The city ticketed the Broe supported-living homes at 338, 347 and 378 Farmer in October, claiming they are businesses being run in a residential neighborhood. Neighbors have complained about the Broe residents, claiming they were accosted by residents who regularly use vulgarity, fight and cause other public nuisances at the homes.

Nearly a month later, attorneys for Broe Rehabilitation filed a federal lawsuit, alleging discrimination against the closed-head-injury patients who live at the three addresses.

Bator said the issue became a Fair Housing Act question when residents in Old Village suggested Broe reduce the number of homes in their neighborhood.

Mayor Bill Graham said he's satisfied the matter is over, but displeased with the amount of the settlement.

"I still think \$14,000 is an outrageous number," he said. "Their goal was to penalize us for challenging them."

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BOUNDARY

FROM PAGE A1

Elementary, a Plymouth-Canton school, is less than a mile from Huntington Place, and the high school complex is four miles away.

In Canton, like many other communities in Michigan, the school district boundaries tend to be jagged. That's because when they were first drawn, they followed people's individual property lines and farms, said Terry Bennett, Canton Township clerk.

"You don't cut somebody's property in half," Bennett said.

This means the boundary dividing the Huntington Place and Pheasant View subdivision to the north may have, at one time, divided one family's farm from another.

But these old boundaries mean little to people now. "Are these boundaries etched in stone?" Dixon said. "It would make more sense to use major roads as boundaries for school districts today," he added.

Zhang said he and many of his neighbors previously sent their kids to Van Buren schools. Now, 73 percent of the school-age children in the subdivisions either attend private or charter schools. Concerns about lower test scores in Van Buren prompted Zhang and others to explore other options.

Zhang's two sons, ages 8 and 11, attend Canton Charter Academy on Ford at Ridge. His youngest son previously attended Tyler Elementary in Van Buren. "The driving force is education. You can see there are substantial differences between the two districts," Zhang said.

The most recent figures from 2001 show 42.5 percent of Van Buren students passed the MEAP test compared to 62.9 percent of Plymouth-Canton students.

Money is a key issue for both school districts. Van Buren gets \$6,718 per pupil in state foundation grants

Different demographics

Demographically, the Van Buren and Plymouth-Canton school districts are quite different. Van Buren's total enrollment is 6,219 students and Plymouth-Canton's is 16,334.

In Van Buren, an average of 24.4 percent of the student population is "economically disadvantaged," according to the Standard & Poor's school evaluation Web site. In Plymouth-Canton, that percentage is 5.7 percent.

Median household income in Van Buren is \$44,198 compared to \$54,388 in Plymouth-Canton. Adults with bachelor's degrees in Van Buren log in at 18.2 percent compared to 31.8 percent in Plymouth-Canton.

Average property values per student are also quite different. In Van Buren, it is \$151,942 and in Plymouth-Canton, it is \$234,903.

The gap is narrower in some areas. In Van Buren, 82.1 percent of adults possess a high school diploma compared to 89.9 in Plymouth-Canton. Lone-parent households with children make up 13.4 percent in Van Buren, 11.1 percent in Plymouth-Canton. Source: www.ses.standardandpoors.com

and stands to lose if the boundary is changed. Plymouth-Canton gets \$6,525 per pupil and stands to gain.

Zhang and Dixon pleaded their case to Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency, the county's intermediate school district. But after learning they would have to petition homeowners again, they withdrew their initial boundary-change request.

Mike Kozicki, executive director of employee and legal services for Wayne RESA, said it is unlikely that the boundary will be changed.

"I don't see it happen a lot," Kozicki said.

The RESA board can approve, deny or not act on boundary-change requests. Once RESA makes its decision, the petitioners will have 10 days in which they can appeal through the state schools superintendent.

Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Jim Ryan agreed that boundary lines are tough to change.

"It's a very difficult ruling to get in your favor," Ryan said. "I realize from past experience that these people have a tough row to hoe."

Occasionally school districts will voluntarily swap lots, or voluntarily turn over lots to other districts. Plymouth-Canton ceded two lots to Northville a few years ago.

"I did call (Van Buren Superintendent Larry Tabor) when I received information about the request from RESA," Ryan said. "I told him that there was nothing I was doing behind the scenes (to change the boundaries)."

Tabor said that while Van Buren would not want to lose any students, he has no say in whether or not the boundary is redrawn. He also said that he is aware of people's concerns about Van Buren schools.

When it comes to the MEAP, however, people need to look beyond the numbers, he said.

"I'm not an advocate of the MEAP as a strong indicator of success or failure," Tabor said, adding that his own children attended Van Buren schools and did very well.

"We have the same opportunities for success as Plymouth-Canton," he said.

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Barney L. Finnerty

Services for Barney Finnerty, 91, of Canton were held Feb. 19 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with burial at St. Joseph Cemetery in Lansing.

Mr. Finnerty was born Feb. 13, 1912, in Grand Rapids and died Feb. 16 in Westland. He worked in construction as a supervisor.

Mr. Finnerty was preceded in death by his wife, Betty L. Finnerty.

Survivors include son, Kevin (Denise) Finnerty, stepdaughter, Maxine, three brothers, two sisters, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com. Arrangements made by L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Caroline L. Caldwell

A memorial service is scheduled in late spring for Caroline Caldwell, 89, of Lakewood, Colo. She was born Oct. 25, 1913, in Laurum, Mich. and died Feb. 19 in Lakewood.

Mrs. Caldwell graduated from Calumet High School and went on to receive her certification in cosmetology. She owned and operated a beauty parlor in Calumet and continued to work in her field of cosmetology for many years. She was a long-time resident of Plymouth, having moved here in 1938 and remaining until moving to Colorado in 1996. While in Plymouth, she

was actively involved in church and school activities at Our Lady of Good Counsel, a Boy Scout Leader, and a volunteer for several organizations including the Michigan Cancer Society and the Business and Professional Womens organization.

Mrs. Caldwell was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford R. Caldwell, daughter, Carol Lee Caldwell, and sister, Florence Panatoni.

Survivors include son, Clifford (Ellen) Caldwell of Kerrville, Texas, granddaughters, Ann Ballard of Lubbock, Texas and Nora Allen of Kerrville, Texas, sisters, Marie Criger of New Smyrna, Fla. and Dorothy Sincock of Plymouth, nieces, Mary Ann Sincock of Trenton

and Nadine Criger-Hershey of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., and nephews, Craig Sincock of Ann Arbor, Paul Sincock of Plymouth, and Dane Criger of Charlotte, N.C.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

James Raymond Doyle

Services for James Doyle, 73, of Northville were held Feb. 26 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Doyle was born July 27, 1929, in Detroit and died Feb. 21 in Mesa, Ariz. He spent 37 years in education. He first came to the Plymouth school system, where he taught physical education and miscellaneous other

classes. He then became a counselor in Plymouth and then assistant principal of the old Plymouth High School, now Central Middle School.

He then transferred to the Wayne-Westland district where he began his career in school administration. He was assistant superintendent of schools in West Bloomfield and was deputy superintendent of schools in Troy. He was a 30-year member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township. When able, he attended church daily.

He was a graduate of Central Michigan University, where he was a basketball star. He received his master's and doctorate in education from Wayne State University. He was a mem-

ber of the Michigan Education Association, at times he bargained for both sides.

He loved golf, swimming and traveling. His special joy was spending time with his family, especially his 13 grandchildren.

Survivors include wife of 43 years, Barbara Ann Doyle of Northville, sons, Tim (Claudia) Doyle of Northville, Tom (Cindi) Doyle of Hudson, Wis., and Doug (Shawn) Doyle of Grand Rapids, daughter, Ann (Rob) Martin of Chandler, Ariz., 13 grandchildren, brothers, Tom Doyle of Trenton, Jack (Barbara) Doyle of Trenton and Larry (JoAnne) Doyle of North Carolina. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, Livonia, MI.

Michael Sergio Kavalhuna

Michael Kavalhuna, 33, passed away Feb. 13. He was born Dec. 28, 1969. He lived in Plymouth since childhood until 1988. He had been living in New York City. He was a professional opera singer.

Mr. Kavalhuna was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth from 1975-1998, member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York from 1998 until his death. He was a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, graduate of Temple University with a bachelor's degree in music, majoring in voice performance from 1988-1992, graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music with a master's degree in voice performance and Artist Diploma in Opera Performance from 1992-1996, and attended Manhattan School of Music for one year, working toward another Artist Diploma.

Mr. Kavalhuna debuted with the Michigan Opera Theater in a production of Carmen in 1997, and with the New York City Opera at Lincoln Center in 1999. He had just become a district winner in the Metropolitan Opera Auditions on Friday, Feb. 14. Mr. Kavalhuna was preceded in death by brother, David, in 1993, and by all grandparents.

Survivors include parents, Sergio (Carol) Kavalhuna, brother, John, four aunts and uncles, and several cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City-Homeless Program, and Michael S. Kavalhuna Music Scholarship Fund to be established through Ester Boyer College of Music at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Contact Vermeulen Funeral Home for further information. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Angelina Varlone

Services for Angelina Varlone, 86, of Livonia were held Feb. 20 at St. Edith Catholic Church with the Rev. Tim Murray officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Varlone was born April 10, 1916, in Italy and died Feb. 16 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Varlone was preceded in death by her husband, Antonio Varlone.

Survivors include sons, Jeffrey Orazio (Kathy) Varlone of Livonia and Robert A. Varlone of Sterling Heights, sister, Rosina Venditti, and grandsons, Andrew and Joseph.

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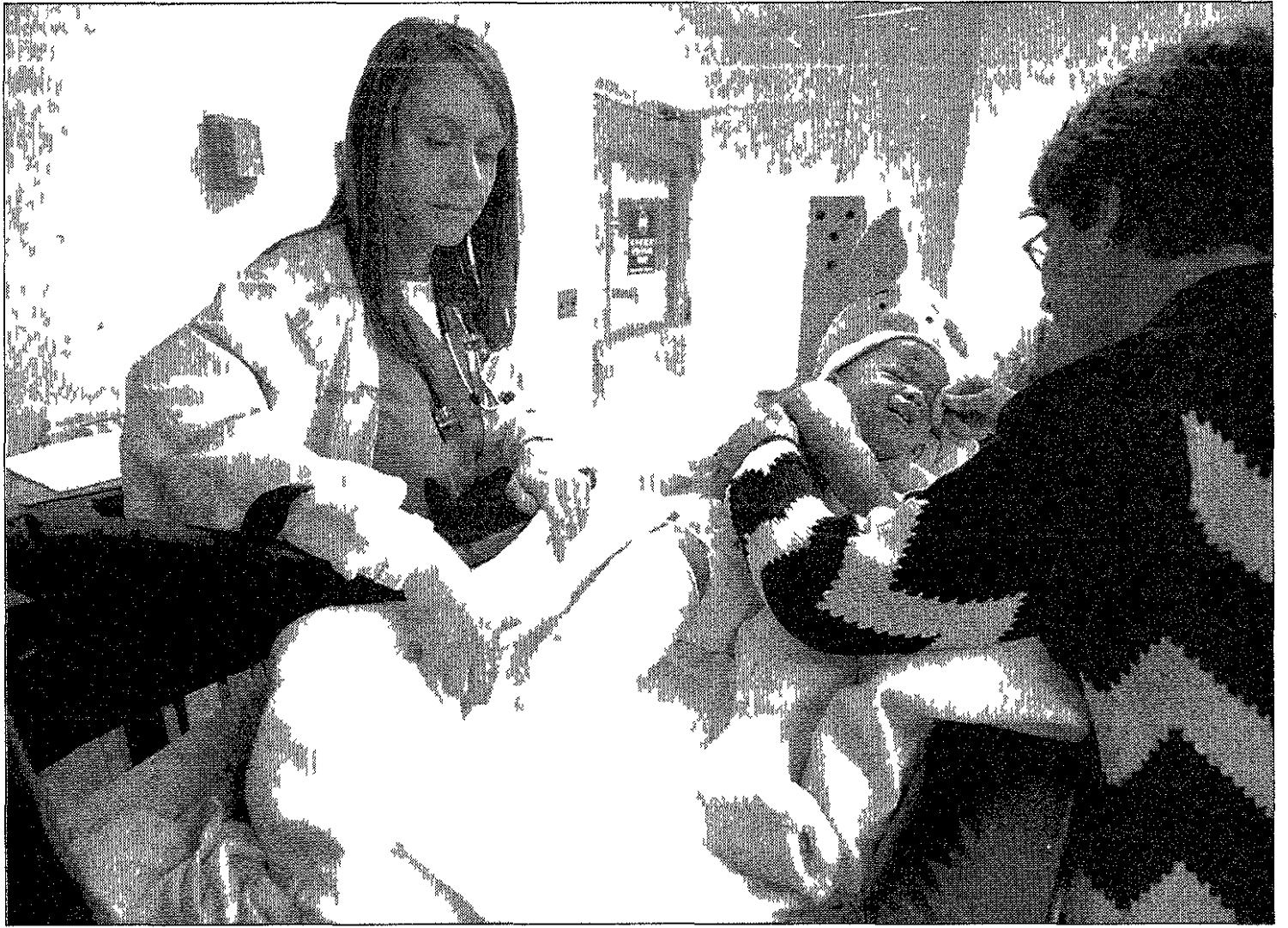
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His feet bound in plaster casts, little Imanol sleeps in Altigracia's arms in the recovery room shortly after surgery.



Recovery room nurse Cheryll Rowan (left) and Alta attempt to comfort Imanol in a crib with his two new plaster casts in place shortly after the procedure. He was having nothing of it though and continued to fuss until Alta picked him back up and held him.

SURGERY

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Brown says, smiling

It's one of the first calm moments the family has had since volunteering for the responsibility of caring for Imanol, the toddler brought up from the Dominican Republic by a nonprofit group called Health Help Project Inc. Founded by Plymouth doctor Frank Patino in the mid 1990s, Health Help has made it possible for a number of children to have their feet corrected by surgery in Michigan.

It's a problem Patino discovered while on a trip to the Dominican Republic to accept a humanitarian award given for his help in getting medicine and medical supplies into the region. While touring a town called Cnastuca, Patino noticed the deplorable conditions — open sewage and flies all over the place, carrying filth from sewage to food. Nearly every child in the town was ill.

It was also in Cnastuca Patino found what would be Health Help's first clubfoot patient, a young boy named Hector. Health Help has screened some 60 children in Santo Domingo, and arranges for a couple of surgeries each year.

To make the program work, Patino needed help. He got it from Oakwood, which donates its facilities. He got it from Dr. Lawrence Fallat, an Oakwood surgeon who specializes in foot and ankle surgery and who donates his time. He got it from Dr. Taufiek Alhadi, the anesthesiologist and chief of anesthesiology at Oakwood Annapolis, who also donates his services.

HELPING HANDS

And he got it from families like Jimenez-Brown's. Her husband, William Brown, works for the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer, as does Patino. The firm sent a company memo around seeking host families for Patino's project.



Drs. Frank Patino (left) and Larry Fallat discuss the procedure before entering the operating room.

Jimenez-Brown remembered meeting another Dominican child whose host mother didn't speak Spanish, Jimenez-Brown says. "I do speak Spanish, and I could be helping."

That left a lasting impression on me, Jimenez-Brown says. "I do speak Spanish, and I could be helping."

She began helping about a month ago, when Imanol arrived, ironically from the same Dominican Republic town from which Jimenez-Brown hails. The decision to help didn't come until after lengthy and frank discussions in the family, which includes 11-year-old daughter Jessica and 3-year-old Elena.

"We talked about it for awhile," Jimenez-Brown recalls. "(Jessica and Elena) were initially excited."

It's been an adjustment. Jimenez-Brown, a Chelsea resident, is used to dealing with daughters, and the introduction of a boy into the mix has had its effects.

Scheduling has presented the largest challenge, since Imanol wasn't on much of a routine when he arrived. Jimenez-Brown worked hard in the early days getting him into one. Mixing in with his new sisters' has also been tough, particularly on Elena.

But it's also been a help in Imanol's development. "He's definitely all boy," Jimenez-Brown says, smiling. "Since we got him, he's been

trying to do the things a 3-year-old does like Elena.

While Imanol has treated Elena much like a brother, she would treat a sister — there's been some hair-pulling incidents that have scared her — it's been different for 11-year-old Jessica, who has accepted the responsibility of being an elder.

It's just like having a little brother, Jessica says. "It's a big responsibility to be the big sister."

THE DAY ARRIVES

The day of the surgery finally arrives. It had originally been scheduled for Valentine's Day, but Imanol got a cold and a really bad cough, and his pediatrician, Dr. Nutan Saxena, made the decision to delay the surgery until Tuesday.

He had some breathing problems, so we gave him some medicine," says Saxena, a pediatrician who works at Oakwood's medical center in Canton and, like virtually everyone involved in the project, donates her services. He's in good health. I think he'll come through the surgery OK.

Imanol lies on the gurney, balloon caricatures of Scooby Doo and Elmo tethered to the side. Jimenez-Brown and her husband are right next to him as the parade of medical people files by. There's Dr. Alhadi, who orders an oral sedative to



Anesthesiologist Taufiek Alhadi (right) smiles at Altigracia as the pre-surgery medication is given to Imanol as he starts to take effect.

calm the active young boy, who, as always, is all smiles even at 6:30 a.m.

For Alhadi, in his fourth year of helping these children, these operations are a chance to sharpen perspective.

Often in this business, we're busy doing things in a selfish mode at times, Alhadi says. At times we lose perspective about why we're in this business in the first place. It's nice to be able to help children in need.

Nurse Vicky Hladysch tries to help Jimenez-Brown coax Imanol into taking the medication, even pretending to give it to Scooby first. But Imanol balks at the first taste, and they resort to the old-fashioned way — holding him down and getting him to drink it.

Fallat, who has done several of these corrections as part of his work with a pair of nonprofit agencies, stops in to check on the boy.

Soon, Imanol's eyes begin to droop and he's ready for the operating room. As doctors wheel him away, Jimenez-Brown and her husband find their place in the lobby and begin the vigil. It's the first time in about 36 hours, while the family prepared for the

surgery that the couple has a chance to relax.

"Any surgery is risky," Jimenez-Brown said. "I was a nervous wreck all day, even though he's not my child."

That's not to say she doesn't have anything invested in this child, she obviously does. The connection is actually fairly strong, although Jimenez-Brown admits she constantly has to remind herself Imanol isn't her son, it's an effort to stave off any strong emotional attachment.

They are connected in other ways, since they come from the same small Dominican town. She talks to Imanol's parents frequently, reassuring them their son is in good hands. And the boy's family has done some checking of its own.

Imanol's mother looked up my family, says Jimenez-Brown, whose father's family still lives in the Dominican Republic. For her, it was a lot better. When she met my family, she felt much better.

THE SURGERY

Imanol is wheeled into surgery shortly before 8 a.m. Fallat will attempt what is technically called correction of

congenital talipes equinovarus bilaterally — clubfeet in both feet. The achilles tendon is so tight we can't bring the foot up 90 degrees to the leg, Fallat explained.

With clubfeet, the foot is turned so the child, according to Fallat, is literally walking on the tops of his feet.

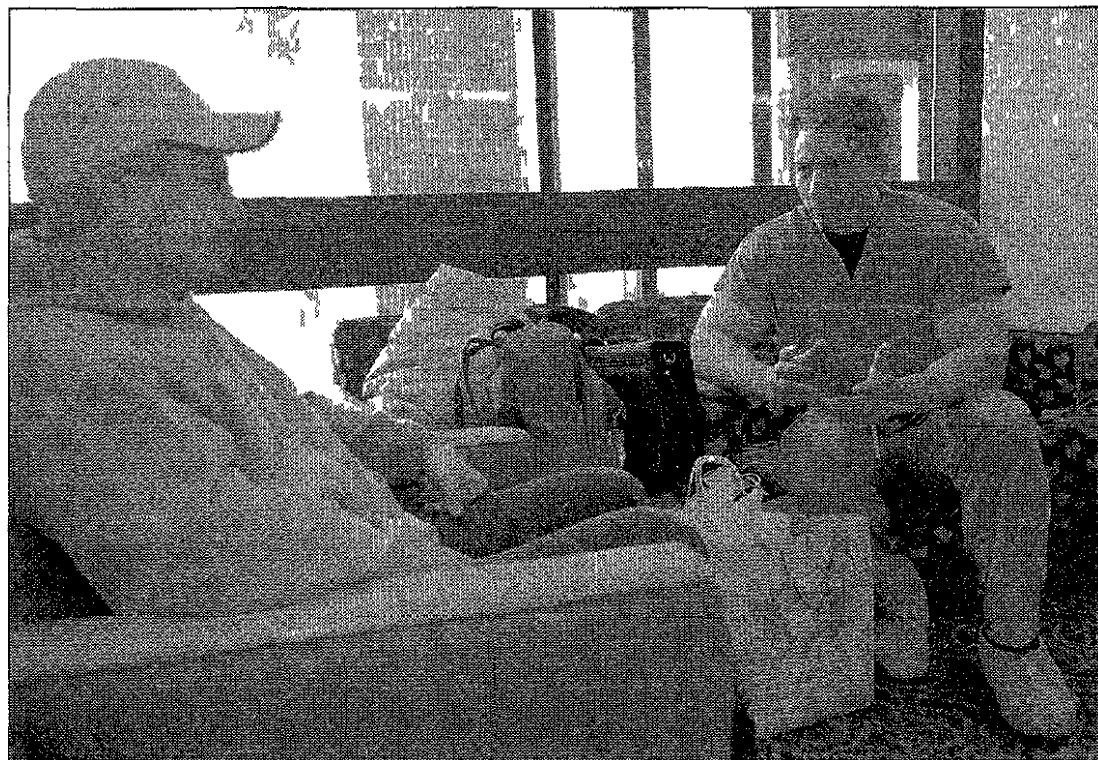
"It's like the foot and ankle were put on upside down and backward," Fallat says. A tendon in a child is like kate string, the nerves are like threads. It's very meticulous surgery.

And while it's going on — Fallat told the Browns it could take as long as three hours — the family waits in the lobby, leafing through magazines and talking with reporters and family members. The family has swarmed around Imanol, treating him like one of its own. Sisters, aunts, cousins and uncles — all helping the Browns take care of him.

They're really fond of Imanol, Jimenez-Brown says. "On Saturday, they took turns baby-sitting him."

With magazine pages being flipped and coffee being drunk, the family waits for word.

PLEASE SEE SURGERY, A7



Dr. Frank Patino (right) explains the procedure to William Brown.



Altigracia Jimenez-Brown and her husband, William, wait out the procedure in the waiting room.

SURGERY

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Roughly an hour into the surgery, Alhadi, the anesthesiologist, comes out to let them know the first foot is taking a little longer than expected, but that everything is going well.

He returns a couple of times with updates, letting Jimnez-Brown and her husband know that Imanol is holding up well.

"You feel anxious to be done and know the outcome, Jimnez-Brown says. (But) I know he's in good hands, so that's reassuring."

It's a reassurance Imanol's parents were looking for Monday night, when Jimnez-Brown kept the youngster up past his bedtime so he could talk to them. It's been rough on them, she says, having their son up here, powerless to help himself.

"We called them (Monday) night, and kept Imanol up until 8:30," Jimnez-Brown says. But he was so tired, he kept pushing the phone away. You could hear the parents saying, "I love you. I tried to reassure them, but they've been so worried."

IT'S OVER

Finally, some three hours after wheeling Imanol into surgery, Fallat and Patino emerge from the operating room with good news — the operation was a complete success. The right foot took the longest, Fallat says, because it appeared to have the worst of the deformity. But it provided a road map for the left foot, surgery on which went much faster.

Imanol will be in casts from above the knee down, casts that will be shortened periodically over the next few months. There shouldn't be much, if any, physical therapy required, outside of perhaps a special pair of shoes.

Fallat expects a full recovery, in fact, he thinks Imanol may start walking while he's still in the casts.

"Many times the children do that, he says. 'You can't keep them down. He should be able to walk up to Mom and Dad when he goes home. That's what we'd love to see.'"

It's what Jimnez-Brown and her family would love to see, as well, although they're worried about how he'll react to the casts because of how active he is. Jimnez-Brown talks about finding some Spanish-language children's videos to help Imanol bide his time until he figures out how to move around.

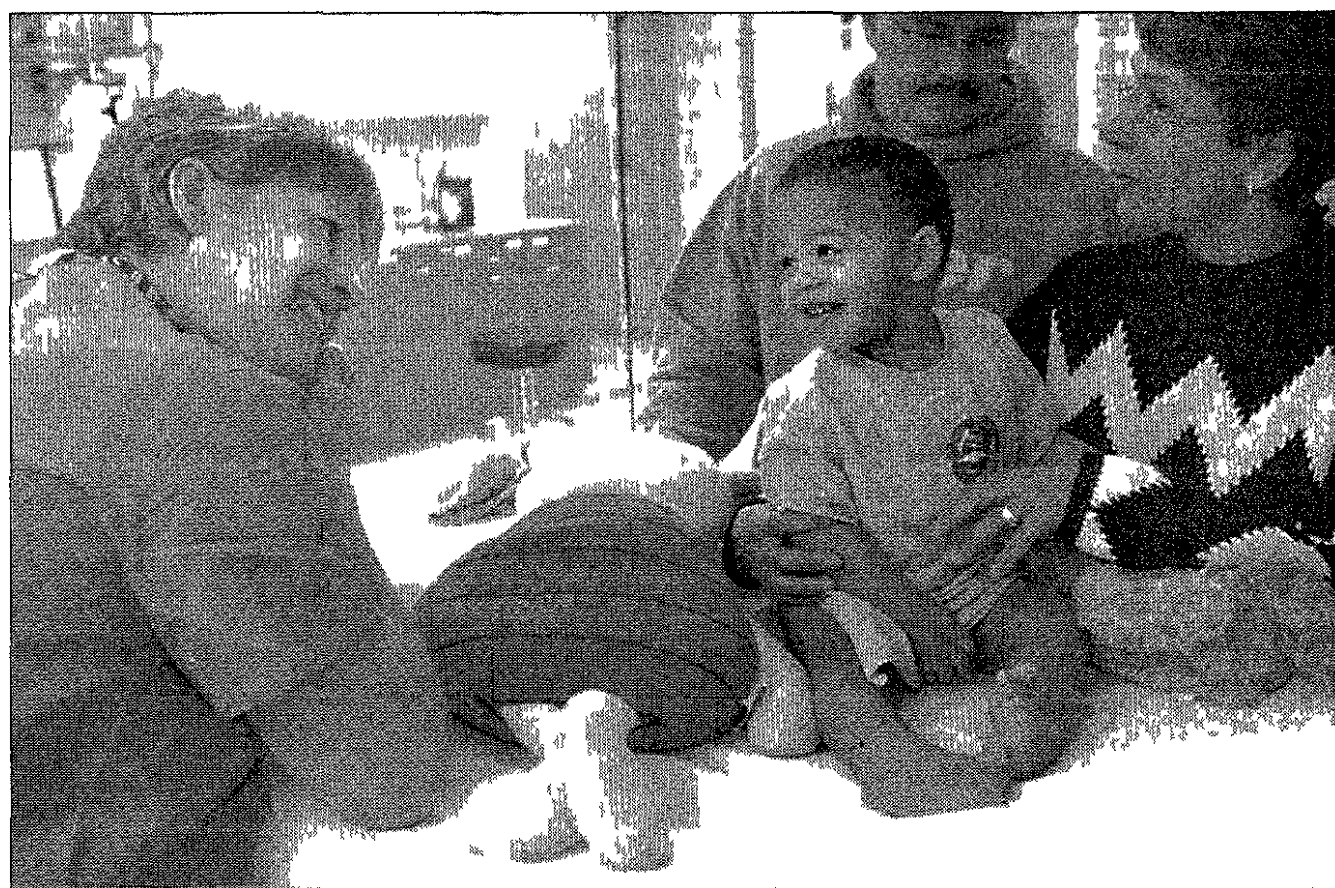
In the meantime, she'll continue battling the emotional attachment as she prepares to send this young child with the infectious smile and happy demeanor back to the Dominican Republic.

She has an uncle who wants to take him home, but Jimnez-Brown won't make the trip.

"I've fought the urge this whole time, and kept telling myself, 'He's not your child,'" Jimnez-Brown says. "I've been able to do it so far. Ask me again when he goes home."

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Registered nurse Vicky Hladysch (left) interacts with Imanol while waiting for the pre-surgery medication to take effect.



Alta picks up Imanol for the first time following the surgery in the recovery room. Recovery nurse Bobbie Beauchamp is at right.



Dr. Lawrence Fallat (left) and Dr. Frank Patino explain the results of the surgery.

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OUR VIEWS

High schoolers mature enough for war coverage

In this day and age when too many parents are all too willing to cede responsibility for their children to teachers, school officials should be lauded for forcing that responsibility back where it belongs.

Still, we think Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan went a step too far in that direction when he decided to withhold live coverage of a potential war with Iraq from students in the district.

In a letter sent to all parents, Ryan said no live radio or television would be allowed in K-12 classrooms, citing the graphic nature of television these days.

Ryan acknowledged his decision would probably anger teachers at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, who "believe it would be very appropriate for their curriculum to be showing it."

Those teachers are correct.

While we agree with Ryan's general sentiment that parents should decide what their children should see on television, it seems more important to us that students who are studying history shouldn't be sheltered from history in the making.

Allowing students to watch and learn as the war happens enhances the education experience by allowing frank and open discussion of current events as they happen. It seems a bit counterproductive to us to hamstring a teacher's ability to delve into the events of a national crisis by not letting students have access to information vital to any such teaching.

Ryan is trying to be responsive to concerns expressed by parents who think children already watch too much television in classrooms. But there's a big difference between watching history unfold and watching an *Austin Powers* videotape.

And while we applaud Ryan's desire to keep graphic images away from students, we also suggest he take a look at some of the video games these children play. Graphic images aren't going to be a problem, particularly for high school students.

We think it's a good idea to keep live coverage of the war, if it happens, away from elementary school children and perhaps even middle schoolers.

But high school-age children represent our future. They represent the generation that will be fighting the war.

We ask high school students to be mature in so many ways. It seems hypocritical to turn around and tell them they aren't mature enough to handle history in the making.

Common sense is the best protection

In the depths of the Cold War in the 1950s and '60s the threat of nuclear attack was real and frightening.

The government was faced with the challenge of keeping the public on high alert while not stirring panic. It responded in less than stellar style. School children were taught to "duck and cover" under their desks (as if that would provide protection from a nuclear blast) while their parents were encouraged to dig bomb shelters in the back yard.

Today we are faced with the threat of terrorism, including nuclear terror, and advised by the government to buy duct tape to seal up our rooms.

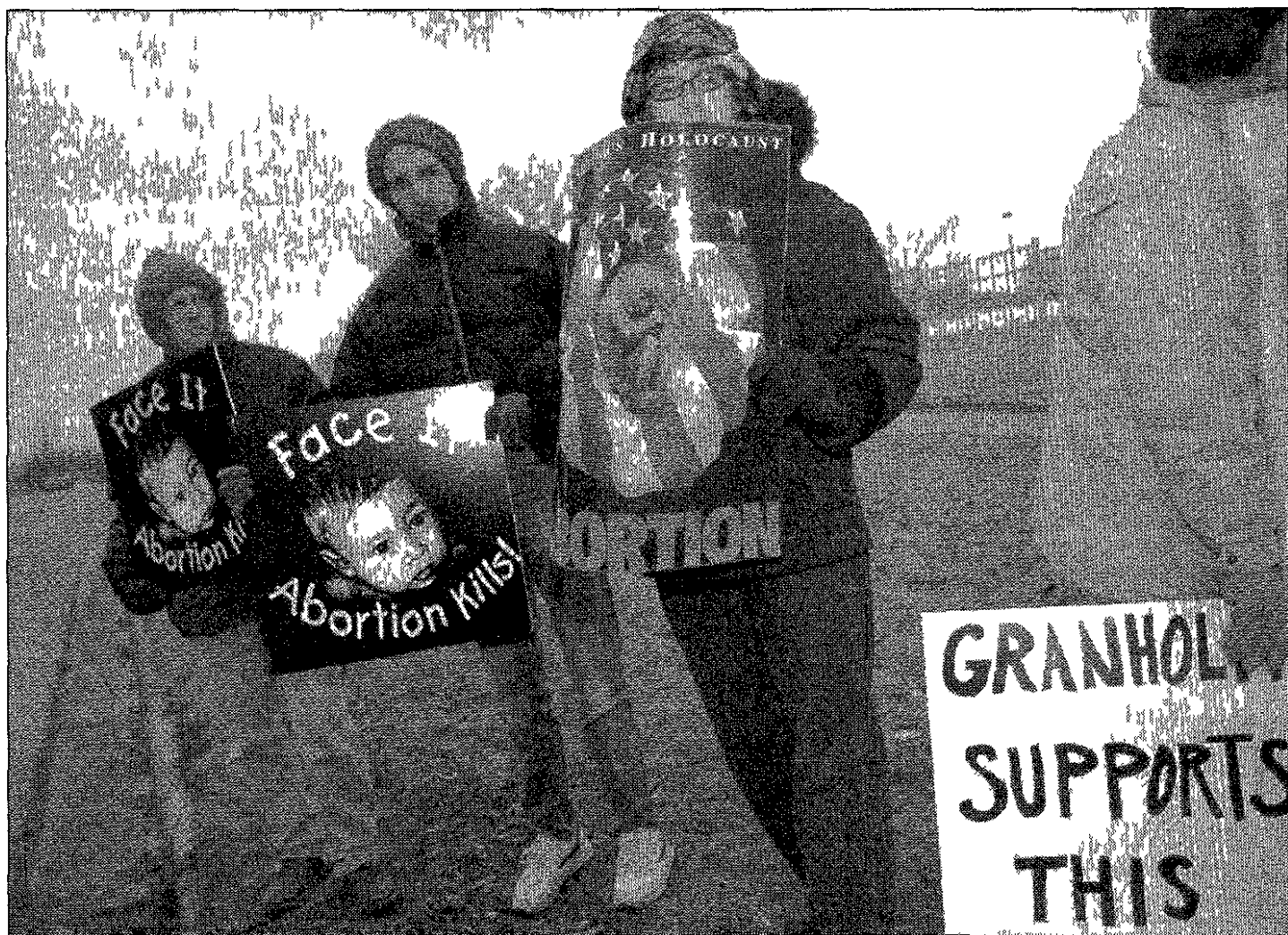
Have we learned nothing in 50 years of threats from one source or another? Our government today issues a rainbow of alerts to keep us apprehensive, often without offering any reason for what prompted the latest warning.

The government, of course, is in somewhat of a no-win situation. No one appears to want to unnecessarily alarm the public, yet if a terrorist attack should occur without an alert being issued there no doubt would be hell to pay.

The bottom line here is common sense. Anyone wanting to create a safe room should do some investigating on the proper procedure on what works and what doesn't. Information is available on the Internet. Take stock of your surroundings and evaluate them.

The common sense approach is true in dealing with the entire threat of terrorism. No one need live in constant fear. We must be vigilant, of course, but more than anything, that means securing our water supply, protecting nuclear plants and closely monitoring our airports. We are also confident that government is working on many intelligence fronts to derail terrorists.

But the CIA, FBI and Department of Homeland Security should leave the handyman products in the tool box.



ELIZABETH CARNEGIE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Craig Dahl, from left, Dave Koehler and Audrey Olenzek hold signs protesting abortion in front of Mercy High School Saturday. The protest was part of the uproar over Mercy's decision first to eliminate, then reinstate lunch with Gov. Jennifer Granholm as part of its auction items.

LETTERS

Thanks, friends, firefighters

In the early morning hours on Saturday, Feb. 1, my husband and I awoke to an unimaginable horror. Our electric blanket had shorted out and caught fire. Though we fought hard to extinguish the flames, they went beyond our control within a matter of minutes.

Our daughter phoned 9-1-1 and although it seemed like an eternity, the police and fire trucks arrived within minutes. Our home suffered major damage, but thankfully, everyone got out safely.

We would like to commend the efforts of the Plymouth Community Fire Department. Their professionalism and dedication went above and beyond the call of duty. Not only were they concerned with our physical well-being, they went out of their way to ensure our emotional well-being.

Chief Larry Groth and his fellow firefighters kept us informed of what was happening every step of the way. When it was safe to re-enter our home to assess the damage, we were carefully prepared for what we were about to see.

We would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors who rushed over to help and support us as we stood in the cold watching our home burn. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Lastly, thank you to the crew of Belfor who arrived to board up the house, get the electricity and furnace going and perform general cleanup until the wee hours of the morning.

All of you helped us get through the longest night of our life and we want to express our true appreciation to all

the Hilderley family
Plymouth Township

Stewart on DARTA?

Where is the mention of my state representative, John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township), in the recent DARTA stories?

Stewart's district is entirely within the proposed new DARTA boundaries and is the last link in Wayne County that will connect Ann Arbor (Washtenaw County) to the proposed system. Why is it that the sponsor of the new DARTA bill (Clark Bisbee, R-Jackson) does not represent or live in any area affected by the expansion of DARTA?

The City of Northville has NOWHERE for the buses to stop and the streets cannot accommodate them. The City of Plymouth has NOWHERE for the buses to stop and the streets cannot accommodate them. Should these taxpayers pay for a system that doesn't service them?

The expansion of DARTA without an "opt-out" clause creates a new tax for new areas covered by a service of empty buses. The hard-working people of the 20th District are sick and tired of paying taxes that result in wasteful expenditures by the state and gross mismanagement by varying local authorities. Hopefully, the state Senate will agree and keep the "opt-out" clause as passed by the House.

Regional public transportation is critical to the long-term success and continued economic growth of any metropolitan area, but let's make sure this is a well thought out plan that benefits everyone.

Jonathon Grant
Plymouth

Cheer thanks

Congratulations to the Salem Co-Ed Cheer Team. They placed fourth in the nation at the 2003 National Cheer Team Championship in Orlando, Fla. One of their Partner Stunt Teams, Jenna Hilderley and Tony Peters, placed first in the nation.

This program owes much of its success and high-powered performances to Jodi and Paul Dillon, who have been coaching for 14 years. They have brought a lot to this program. They have taught their teams to be driven, enthusiastic and team-oriented. Also, they have given them much support and self-esteem.

Our son, Aaron, was on Salems Co-Ed Cheer Team his junior and senior year. His senior year at nationals, he was recruited to cheer at Louisiana State University. Because of Salem's program, he was given an opportunity to participate at a college level that he wouldn't have been given in a traditional male sport. In the last three years, six male cheerleaders have gone on to cheer in Division I colleges.

The Salem Cheer Team has made a name for itself in the Southern states where cheer teams are taken very seriously. The cheerleaders and their coaches continue to strive to be their very best. Many thanks and appreciation go to the Dillons for their commitment, leadership and devotion.

Ron and Linda Schneck
Canton

War not simple choice

An important element has been largely missing from the ongoing discussion about the desirability of war against Iraq.

Most of the public debate has been cast in black and white. We are told that our choice is either to capitulate to the whims of a noxious and dangerous dictator or to save the day by heroic use of armed force. This is a false dichotomy. When stated in this contrived way, what patriotic citizen could possibly oppose war?

The choice is actually not so clean and simple. Although Hussein is an evil man who continues to hide stores of banned weapons, we cannot remove him, even in this day of supposedly precision weaponry, without tremendous loss of life.

Everyday Iraqis have endured horrible suffering during the past 12 years. Turning our firepower on their country again will cause tens of thousands more casualties, if not hundreds of thousands.

The grave question we must face is whether the political goal of removing Hussein justifies such carnage. Surely a nation as rich, talented and technologically advanced as ours can find a more prudent way to navigate the present conundrum.

George Mozurkewich
Plymouth Township

Creative use of land

Now that the Bathey property belongs to the City of Plymouth, I believe this is the time for thinking creatively for the use of the land. I think of it as a blank canvass that can be used by the City Council of Plymouth creatively. What a great opportunity!

It was mentioned that the zoning could

be changed from industrial to residential. I would suggest that some of the property be made into recreational property or a park. This is always a need in the Plymouth community and it is a rare opportunity to have a large parcel of land given to the city.

I would also suggest that communication be done with the Plymouth-Canton school district. Possibly some of the land could be given to the school in exchange for the school taxes that are due from this property. There is then the possibility the new school could be built on this property and Central Middle School could be used for other purposes.

Some land could still remain for residential. The sale of this would be a financial bonus for the city.

Of course, if a small industry is willing to buy the property and maintain a small production facility, this would keep some of the job opportunities in Plymouth.

What a great opportunity for the City of Plymouth to think, "outside the box" and come up with the best use of this property for the community.

Ann Ammond La Fond, M.D.
Canton

Don't silence war debate

I was deeply disturbed by (people who) characterize those who question our government's policies on Iraq and who urge their communities to engage and take a stand as unpatriotic.

I was outraged by Sept. 11. I also see the ruling powers of Iraq as oppressive. However, in my opinion, war is an easy answer to our past mistakes. We must face the fact that the superpowers of the 20th century ravaged the peoples of the developing world. If we are serious about regime change, human rights and stability, we should also be serious about debt relief for poor countries and our commitment to battling global poverty. We, as a global leader, should be more about building nations than destroying them.

I applaud those who raise their voices in opposition of war and call for peaceful and just resolutions to international conflict. I am troubled and saddened by those who would seek to silence any voice in the public discourse and by officials, at the local, state and national level, who believe it is not their responsibility to face the pressing issues of our day.

Paul Perez
Livonia

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"I thought I had prepared by reading about the conditions there, but I don't think you can really be prepared until you actually live it. People were gracious, very generous, very happy we'd come to see how they live and how they worship."

— Jacquelyn Hayes, Plymouth resident, on her trip to Nigeria

Education cuts can really hurt in long run

Much of last week's news had to do with the budget mess Michigan is in. Gov Jennifer Granholm took a second whack at the state's budget deficit for this fiscal year, announcing an executive order cutting nearly \$160 million in spending this fiscal year.

■ A 14 percent cut in spending for state departments, mostly by not replacing employees who have left

■ A 12.5 percent reduction in grants going to the Life Sciences Corridor, a program funded by the tobacco settlement that's supposed to fund biotech research at universities and hospitals

■ Cuts in the budget for the governor's office (including a 10 percent cut in Granholm's \$177,000 salary), the Legislature (\$21 million) and the Judiciary (\$11 million)

Granholm's cuts were promptly approved by the Legislature. In response to Granholm's suggestions for cutting legislative salaries, several lawmakers countered by proposing sale of the governor's mansion on Mackinac Island. No doubt they reckoned the estimated \$15 million sale price would take a big chunk out of the \$160 million deficit.

Gov Granholm has also been going around the state delivering a PowerPoint tutorial to explain how the state's deficit for the coming fiscal year grew to \$18 billion, 20 percent of the \$89 million general fund. By all accounts, her performance has been impressive. At the Detroit Women's Economic Club last Wednesday, she used an interactive voting system to let the audience choose which programs should bear the brunt of the cuts. The majority chose to preserve spending for K-12 schools, prisons and health care, while community colleges and universities would get cut.

Higher education leaders were dismayed. Already reeling from two rounds of budget cuts — former Gov John Engler's \$42 million reduction last year and Granholm's recent \$30 million reduction — universities were hardly happy at Granholm's offhand comments to the effect that "there is fat in colleges and universities."

Certainly, Michigan colleges and universities should be expected to shoulder their fair share of whatever budget cuts are required. But the fact of the matter is that Michigan universities get about \$1,000 less per student

in state funds than competing states. The issue here is how much of a cut to higher education can be made without causing serious, long-term damage and unendurable tuition increases. To her credit, Granholm also hinted that the \$30 million or so of (so far unscathed) public money that now goes to private schools should go on the chopping block as well.

Plainly, the risk here is that things can go too far, too fast in the urge to slash. A good indication comes from a legislative leader, Rep. Marc Shulman (R-West Bloomfield), who is chair of the House Appropriations Committee. Over the years, I've had several interesting talks with Shulman, a thoughtful guy who wisely passed up a chance to run for the state Senate in order to try to bring common sense to an appropriations process that will need every bit of it.

"If you can find a silver lining in all this chaos," Shulman said, "it's that it gives us a chance to look closely at what the state budget should really be composed of. In the past, it was easy to just cut 3-4 percent across the board, but this is not necessarily the most effective thing to do or the best in the long run."

"There are some areas where cuts are appropriate and others where we should be careful. Education, for example, is an investment in our stock of human capital and skills that drives our economic growth and keeps our best people here in Michigan. Some states have cut education across the board, and they're going to discover that can really hurt in the long run."

Shulman has introduced legislation calling for creation of a Government Efficiency Task Force that would review the relationship between state government spending and the efficiency of programs receiving state funds. "Now is the time to scrutinize carefully a lot of programs in detail," he said. "There are grants and contracts that don't require federal matching that come to \$640 million. That's a lot of money, and we need to look carefully at whether we are really getting full value for money from these."

Shulman's approach — thoughtful, careful — is just what I would hope would be the legislative response to Granholm's budget proposals, which are bound to be radical once she starts looking at the estimated \$18 billion deficit for the fiscal year that starts this October.

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



Phil Power

Elementary school is too early to learn that life has winners, losers

Ten-year-old Kelly was born with a heart condition called "pulmonary atresia" that prevents the proper flow of blood through her pulmonary artery.

The condition restricts her ability to perform certain physical activities. She can't ride a roller coaster, or tumble in a gymnastics class. But, while the condition inhibits her ability, it certainly doesn't quench her thirst, doesn't slow her desire to do those things.

So when Kelly found out her school, Miller Elementary in Canton, was putting on a variety show for fourth- and fifth-graders, her little heart leapt. Here was something she not only enjoyed, but could actually do!

Students wanting to take part in the show, scheduled for March 28, were required to put together a 2½-minute act. A four-woman panel of parent volunteers, headed by the show's director, Suzanne Zabowski, waded through some 65 or 70 acts, whittling them down to the top 22 who could fit in a 90-minute show.

Zabowski, the events coordinator for a Canton entertainment company, apparently rubbed some parents the wrong way with the selection process.

As she has done in previous years, Zabowski sent a letter to parents, outlining very specifically the requirements. The letter clearly states inclusion of all auditioning acts is not possible because of the time constraints.

"If we wanted a six-hour show, then everyone could be in it," said Zabowski.

Kids not chosen can be part of the show in other ways — as a stagehand, making posters or being an usher. Show organizers, Zabowski said, make every effort to involve any child who wants to be involved.

"There are so many kids who absolutely love the show," Zabowski said. "The buzz that goes around this school is phenomenal. The ones who aren't selected I get involved anyway."

"I get so many positives out of it," she added. "There are only a couple of negatives."

The biggest negative this year came from a parent whose child, like Kelly, wasn't chosen. The parent (whose name we're withholding to protect the child) felt organizers didn't do enough to stress the competitive nature of the show and, more importantly to her, shouldn't have been eliminating students to begin with.

But Zabowski is adamant on two points: 1) time constraints force the issue, and 2) it's never too early to learn one doesn't always reach that for which one strives.

The parent, and several others to whom we spoke, think elementary school is a little early to be learning that lesson.

But Zabowski is adamant on the point, pointing to Miller's own musical programs, where auditions are regularly conducted. She also used sports and the Whistle Stop Players, the Plymouth Community Arts Council's acting troupe, as examples.

And she puts the responsibility for preparing kids for the possible consequences of not being chosen squarely on the parents.

"Everything, to a certain measure, is competitive," Zabowski said. "The sad part is the parents don't talk to their kids. They add fuel to the fire, instead of saying it's OK, that's part of life, sometimes you make it, sometimes you don't."

The acts who didn't make it basically shouldn't have made it, Zabowski said. One of them had to whistle through an Emmem song (OK, here I agree with her, no fourth-grader should be emulating Emmem). Other acts simply weren't well-enough prepared, or were too short, some ending in less than half of the two-plus minute format requested in the letter.

Some of those acts were eliminated, according to Zabowski, in an effort to spare them the pain of being teased by other kids.

"Kids can be cruel," she said. "First of all, any kid who can get up on stage and do anything, I commend them and give them the utmost respect. (But) there are some acts, just aren't prepared, and it shows. That's not fair."

"We would be hurting them more by putting them in the show," she added. "That's hurting their self-esteem more than saying, 'Let's use you this way.'"

To which the disgruntled parents say, "Pfooy!" They've offered what they believe are good alternatives, i.e., cutting the acts down from 2½ minutes to a minute or simply extending the show.

Zabowski insists the kids to whom she's spoken who weren't chosen rebound quickly. "I've had them tell me, 'I'm already working on my act for next year,'" she said. "The kids are absolutely wonderful. It's the parents who are unbelievable. They just don't let it go."

Zabowski pours a great deal of her own effort into the show. She puts a ton of time into it, working with kids on a one-on-one basis if they desire.

"It's such a good feeling knowing I'm a part of something that is positive for these kids," she said. "I really don't want any of this to overshadow the show. This is all about the kids."

And it should be. But maybe it should be about all the kids, not just those a four-person panel deems good enough to make it. At the elementary school level, it seems a bit harsh to exclude any child who has the guts to get up on stage and put himself or herself out there.

There's no question Zabowski pours her heart into the production. She doesn't get paid, and doesn't want to.

There's probably some truth to her contention that kids that age should get to live out their dreams without being told they aren't good enough, and I hope next year there's a way to accomplish it.

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Brad Kadrich

FREE TIRES

Our organization is currently conducting a study on used tires on various vehicles in several US cities. We collect used tires (including the spare) from target vehicles, and replace them with a new set of the same or similar tires, absolutely free of charge to the vehicle owners. The only commitment by the owners is the time it takes to exchange the tires at an agreed-upon tire shop and answering a brief questionnaire about their driving habits.

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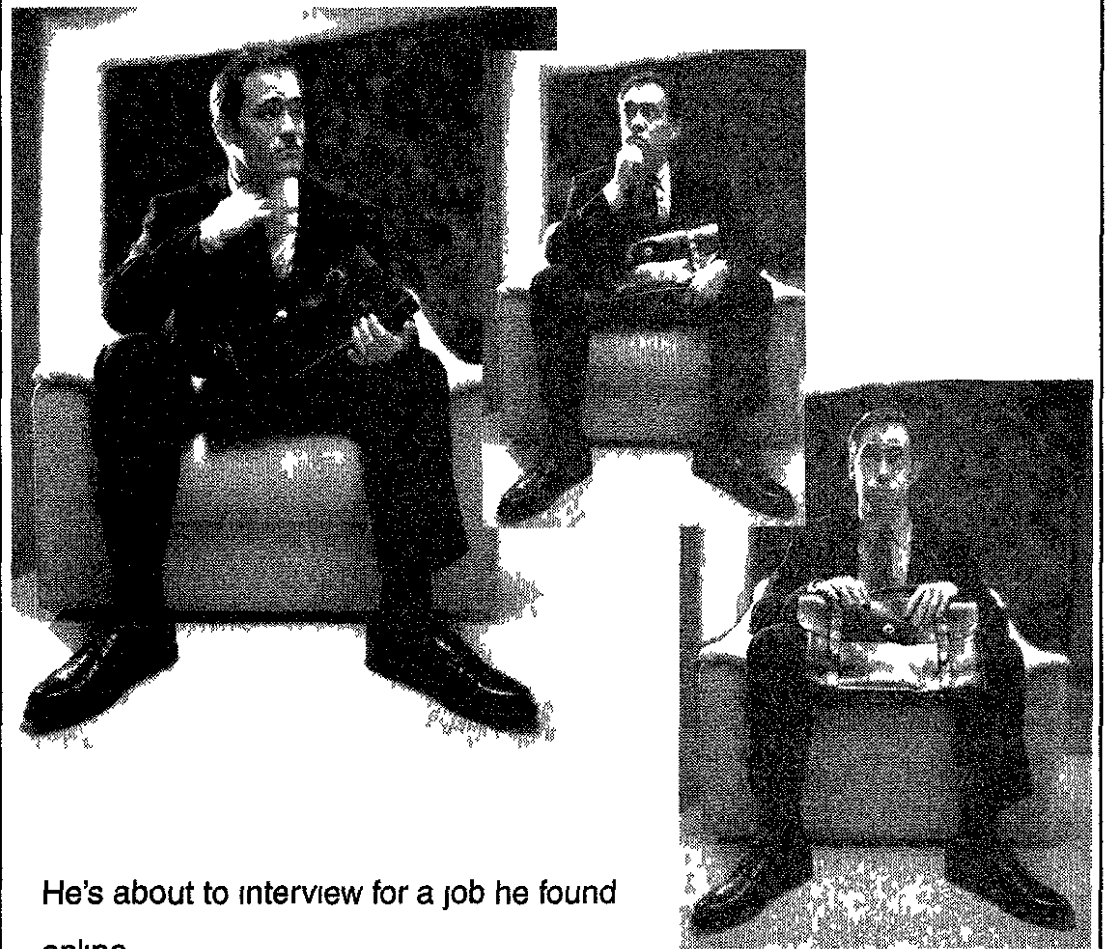
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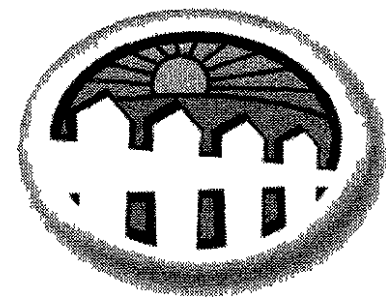


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New security chief seeks cooperation

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County's new homeland security director Tony Shannon wants the county to be prepared, whether it's for a devastating tornado or a biochemical attack by terrorists.

"We have to be sure the community is prepared for what might be," Shannon said. "It's better to do what we can and if it doesn't happen, that's great."

Shannon, 57, of Livonia brings more than 30 years experience in the Wayne County Sheriff's office and doctorate degree to his new position.

"My responsibilities are the same as Mr. Ridge's (US Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge) on a smaller scale," Shannon said. "It is to look after getting prepared for disasters, manmade and otherwise."

County Executive Bob Ficano said the county has always been responsible for emergency management.

"But it's always been reactive to tornadoes, floods. The mindset has been reactive," Ficano said.

He said the new position will be proactive about organizing emergency response with the county's 43 local governments and surrounding counties.

"It takes everybody to do their part," Shannon said. "Everyone can't do it alone, there are cost factors."

Shannon said he will act as a central coordinating agency for local communities, working with mayors, supervisors, police and fire chiefs and medical people. He will also be preparing a program to educate the public

EMERGENCY PLANNING TIPS

Tony Shannon, Wayne County's new director of homeland security offers these tips for being prepared in an emergency:

- Know where the gas cut-off is located in your house in case of fire.

- Keep a First Aid Kit accessible
- Have a battery-powered radio and extra batteries on hand so that you are able to listen to emergency broadcast stations
- Be aware of emergency phone numbers
- Keep cash on hand
- Have candles available for emergency lighting
- Have plastic and duct tape ready to cover windows in case of a chemical attack
- Keep hooded gas masks at home
- Make sure you have bleach available in order to make a 5 percent decontamination solution
- Have a three-day supply of food and water available at all times
- Keep food and water available in your car
- Keep your car gas tank filled
- Know how to contact family members at all times
- Be familiar with evacuation routes from your place of work
- Have a planned evacuation route from your city or town
- Have a designated location to meet with family members
- Keep toiletries and paper toweling ready to travel

on what to do in an emergency.

Shannon said knowing who to call and where to go in an emergency will help to cut down on panic. He said he will be building on programs already in place.

Wayne County is particularly vulnerable because of its international border and extensive industry.

"We have 100 chemical companies in the county, an oil

refinery, a bridge and a tunnel, three airports," Shannon said. "It's the hub of Michigan. That makes us higher on the target list. It draws attention."

Shannon said his first job will be working with other agencies in the county to develop a mitigation program outlining procedures for dealing with various emergencies. He is working on a couple grant proposals to seek federal funding and wants a coordinated effort rather than competing with other agencies in the region for federal funds.

Ficano said the county has money in its budget to fund the homeland security office but need extra federal funding. He said the money has been promised but "the feds have been much slower than anyone would want."

Ficano said the economic vitality of the region depends on strong security measures. He said Michigan depends on having an open border and he is working with the Canadian government on balancing the need for "just on time" delivery with proper security checks.

Shannon said he understands the argument that there is a thin line between responsibly warning people about potential emergency dangers and causing unnecessary panic.

"It is a small line, but I don't know what it is," Shannon said. "If it never happens, we'll have a good exercise and exercise it always good. If we don't do it and something happens, we defeat ourselves."



A history lesson

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano celebrated Black History Month with first-graders last week at the Kay Beard County Building in Westland. The students from the Michigan Automotive Academy learned about black inventor Elijah McCoy, who died at the Eloise infirmary in 1929. The Beard building is on the former Eloise site.



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Greg Hicks has received rave reviews in England as the tragic warrior Coriolanus

Royal visit

By Linda Chomin Staff Writer

Shakespearean company returns to dazzle

Just when Shakespeare lovers thought nothing could top a University Musical Society presentation of his rarely performed history plays in Ann Arbor in 2001, the Royal Shakespeare Company is back dazzling audiences.

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Where: Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St. Ann Arbor

Tickets: \$30-\$60, (734) 764-2538 or www.ums.org

This is Shakespeare like he's never been seen before. Director David Farr sets the tragic Roman Coriolanus in 19th century Samurai society while Rachel Kavanaugh places *The Merry Wives of Windsor* in a small town at the end of World War II. The trend to make Shakespeare accessible through the use of familiar settings is why his plays have seen a resurgence of popularity in the last several years.

Farr admits to being a huge fan of Japanese director Akira Kurosawa's films about the Samurai. He reinvents *Coriolanus* as the fearless warrior who betrays his countrymen, and in so doing condemns himself to death.

Greg Hicks returns to Ann Arbor in the lead role as part of a 16-day RSC residency for the University Musical Society and University of Michigan. In addition to participating in related educational activities, Hicks and the rest of the 20-member ensemble perform a multitude of roles in *Coriolanus* and *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

Farr insisted on Hicks playing the part of the tragic warrior Coriolanus, and so far critics agree on his choice. Both have been receiving rave reviews at the Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon.

"When I first read *Coriolanus* for the production I was struck by the un-modern world where a military aristocracy has a divine right to rule over citizenry," said Farr. "The impact it made on me was to stage it in a world unlike our own, where valor is the greatest virtue. I thought the warrior culture was terribly important and found a simple way to portray that. For the Samurai the world changed very fast and collapsed. This is abstract, minimalist, a pared down Samurai world. You don't have to know anything about it."

It's always a challenge for directors to make a story come to



Claire Carrie (Mistress Ford), and Richard Cordery (Falstaff) in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*

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My grandmother would have loved the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus' new CD *Golden Echoes of Kyiv - The Divine Liturgy*. Like many Ukrainians, she was devoted to the church, and the priests at St. John's for whom she cooked and cleaned. Grandmother was among the many Ukrainian immigrants who settled near the church in southwest Detroit, and on the city's east side, in the late 1940s. Some of the new arrivals, who longed for the music of their home-



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land, formed the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus. Many belonged to the chorus founded in 1918 in Ukraine.

Known for their more than 40 recordings of bandura, a Ukrainian stringed instrument,

and choral works, this is the first time the group's recorded a capella style. Their deep male voices take visitors back to 16th and 17th century churches and monasteries, where the music and chants originated.

"It's survived all these years," said chorus member Bohdan Pryjma of Rochester. Pryjma's parents came here in the mid-1940s and regularly took him to Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus concerts while he was growing up. "I get the chills when I hear it. This music is centuries old

and survived all the things our country has gone through, the persecution. As a nation I think Ukrainians are very religious. It's dear to our hearts. I think it's what binds us together."

Generation after generation of Ukrainians have kept the religion and bandurist music alive. Several fathers and sons teams like Wladimir and Anatoli Murha sing and play the lute-like instrument with the chorus.

"We went back to our roots. The music originated in

church. This is the actual liturgy you'd hear in a church," said Anatoli Murha of Livonia. "These are ancient chants of Kyiv where Christianity was founded in 988 A.D."

"It's identical to going to church," added his father Wladimir, who recently returned from a trip to Ukraine where he ordered costumes for an upcoming European tour. On June 25, the chorus leaves for concerts in England, Germany, Austria and

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Theater artists gather to protest war on Iraq

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When Gillian Eaton heard about the international theater community organizing to take a stand against a war in Iraq there was no question she wanted to be part of it. Since she teaches in the Hilberry graduate program at Wayne State University in Detroit, it was easy to talk her colleagues into putting on a staged reading of Aristophanes' classic war comedy *Lysistrata* on Monday, March 3.

Theater artists in more than 390 communities in 33 countries will gather to participate in the *Lysistrata* Project. Locally, 60 actors from the Performance Network in Ann Arbor, the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield, and Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester will read the play at the 1,100 seat Bonstelle Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University. A smaller version of the project takes place at the Furniture Factory in Detroit.

Admission to the Bonstelle reading is \$5 with proceeds going to Freedom House, an asylum for political refugees from all over the world. The evening opens with Matt Watroba singing at 7:30 p.m. Admission to the 8 p.m. Furniture Factory reading is \$5 with proceeds going to MADRE, a non-profit international women's human rights organization working in conflict areas.

"We're doing it because it's a way to find solidarity with people

who don't believe war is the only answer," said Eaton, an actress with the Royal Shakespeare Company in London for many years before moving to Plymouth. "We want to bring awareness about the human casualties of war. Just by doing something you feel you're not being passive. We want to all stand together in one place."

The play itself is very naughty. It's one of the most anti-war plays ever written. Athens and Sparta are at war and the women get together and decide to withhold sex. They're also in charge of the treasury which means they affect the flow of money as well.

Annette DePetris believes the play is as relevant today as when Aristophanes wrote it more than 2,400 years ago. Conceived by New York actors Kathryn Blume and Sharron Bower, the *Lysistrata* Project aims to make the Bush Administration aware of the growing opposition to a war on Iraq.

"It's a large group of women in theater coming together," said DePetris who along with her husband Jeffrey Nahan is involved in the project. DePetris is director of theater at the Roeper School in Bloomfield Hills. Nahan is director of theater at Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills.

In a world swirling out of control, we want to protest the war," said DePetris. For the Bush Administration to know that we believe war is not an alternative. I hope the message we send is one of hope."

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Gillian Eaton played an instrumental role in bringing the *Lysistrata* Project to the Bonstelle Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit.

LYSISTRATA PROJECT

What: Local actors stage a reading of Aristophanes' anti-war comedy. The production is part of an international theater artists protest against a war on Iraq.

When/Where: Monday, March 3 - 7:30 p.m. at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave. near the corner of Mack and 8 p.m. at the Furniture Factory, 4126 Third St., Detroit.

Admission: \$5 suggested donation. Proceeds from Bonstelle production go to Freedom House, a sanctuary for political refugees. Proceeds from Furniture Factory production go to MADRE, a non-profit international women's human rights organization working in conflict areas.

For more information, visit www.lysistrataproject.com

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Local musicians take stage to benefit intimate Trinity House

There's nothing like live music in an intimate setting.

And that's the mission at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia where a concert to benefit the venue is set for Saturday, March 1.

"The theater is a very intimate environment. Picture seeing a concert or a play in your living room," said Bill Keith, spokesman for the 90-seat theater, which has been in existence for 22 years. Founded by Paul Patton and members of Trinity Baptist Church, it was incorporated as a separate non-profit arts organization in 1988.

Trinity House focuses on singer-songwriters in the folk genre with some representation of jazz and rock, said Keith. "The theater's mission is to enrich and enliven the communities of southeastern Michigan through brave, truthful and necessary works of art."

Slated to perform at the benefit concert are local musicians Stewart Francke of Huntington Woods, Jim Roll of Ann Arbor, Jim Bizer of Detroit, Jan Krist of Royal Oak and Lucy Webster and Ralston Bowles, both of Grand Rapids.

Francke, a well-known local musician who has received numerous Detroit Music Awards, will be performing songs from his most recently released *Wheel of Life*.

Jim Bizer's music is a blend of humor and catchy melodies with monster guitar playing and vocals. Bizer was selected as a finalist in the Kerrville Folk Festival's "New Folk" songwriting competition in 2000. Last summer, he released *Closer To The Surface*.

Jan Krist is a Trinity House favorite who began writing and singing songs in local folk clubs in 1980. She received praise at the Kerrville Songwriting



Stewart Francke will perform songs from his recently released "Wheel of Life."

BENEFIT CONCERT

What: Showcase of local musicians in a concert to benefit Trinity House Theatre.

When: Saturday, March 1, doors open 7:30 p.m., concert starts at 8 p.m.

Where: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Tickets: \$15 (\$12 for Trinity House members), call (734) 464-6302 or visit www.trinityhouse.org.

Competition in 1991 and released her first album of songs, *Decapitated Society*, in 1992. Over the years, she has won numerous Detroit Music Awards including Outstanding Acoustic/Folk Recording in 2002 for

Outpost of the Counterculture. Krist plans to perform songs from her most recent release *Wounded Me Wounded You*.

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UMS hosts U.S. premiere of Rushdie's 'Midnight's Children'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Kenneth Fischer can't wait for the Royal Shakespeare Company's second residency for the University Musical Society and University of Michigan. And rightly so. In addition to presenting *Coriolanus*, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, and 70 related educational events, the University Musical Society president is coordinating the U.S. premiere of Salman Rushdie's *Midnight's Children* in association with the Royal Shakespeare Company, University of Michigan and Columbia University. After playing in Ann Arbor, Wednesday-Sunday, March 12-16, the production, based on Rushdie's best-selling novel, travels to the Apollo Theatre in New York City for five performances.

Set in modern times, *Midnight's Children* tells the story of Indian independence from Britain, and the birth of

Pakistan and Bangladesh as seen through the eyes of one family. In Bombay, two babies born to Muslim and Hindu families, are switched at birth.

"I'm excited about the significance of putting an epic novel on stage," said Fischer. "As a presenter, we're concerned with advancing the art form. It was an opportunity to be involved with bringing this piece of literature onto the stage and to pool the resources of the institution to deal with the fascinating components of the book. People traveled from 30 states to see the history plays. This production should draw with its tale about history, ethnicity, strife and religion."

Ralph Williams believes all three productions offer food for thought. That's why the University of Michigan English language and literature professor is inviting students, and the community to take part in educational offerings connected with the Royal Shakespeare Company's residency

including "The Plays of the Royal Residency" lecture series he's giving on Monday evenings in the Modern Languages Building (see chart).

Williams saw all of the productions in England in December and January. "*Midnight's Children* is a global drama," said Williams. "Rushdie was born in Bombay in the midst of a mix of religions - Hindu, Muslim, Christianity - and English colonization. This was late 20th century cosmopolitan culture."

"The Shakespeare productions are spectacular and the Salman Rushdie is a major international event. In England, every child reads the book. It's one of the most important novels of the 20th century. And RSC is the premier producer of drama in the English-speaking world. The complexity of the company is astounding. Resources in terms of expertise are truly impressive."

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- *Merry Wives of Windsor* round table - 2 p.m. Wednesday March 5 Power Center
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A cast of 20 actors, most of whom are of Asian descent, is featured in the U.S. premiere of Salman Rushdie's *Midnight's Children*.

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life especially if audiences have never seen or read the play. Farr's had plenty of experience with Shakespeare's political plays. In *Coriolanus* he goes for the visual aesthetic to create a complete theatrical world in which the viewer is plunged.

"We begin with a specific world, with a specific set of values, where if you're not born of a certain class, tough," said Farr. "It answers the profound question about the role of democracy. I'm in my early 30s and my generation doesn't have the same faith in democracy. We don't believe our politicians. This production casts doubt. It asks the motives of elected tribunes. It has a lot to say about war. Back then war was a way of life. Now when people do things it's in name of democracy. It's a very interest-

ing play that debates moral compromise."

CHANGING TIMES

War plays a minor role in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Set in the late 1940s, the comedy focuses on the struggle that takes place between men and women with the return of the soldiers. The production originally opened in October at Stratford-upon-Avon.

"It's meant to be entertaining, a fun night out for everybody," said Kavanaugh. "I wanted to find a setting that an audience could have access to. It's an era they could easily recognize from movies or photos. In England this was a time of great social change and women getting power. For the first time they were working outside of the home and when the men returned from the war they were not about to give that up."

Richard Cordery plays Sir

John Falstaff, the burly, fun-loving rogue first seen in *Henry IV, Part 1*. It was due to a special request from Queen Elizabeth I that Shakespeare decided to have the character reappear in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

There's lots of mischief-making and glimpses of the kind of despair Falstaff falls into in *Henry IV, Part 1*. He's exactly the same. It's the people around him who have changed," said Kavanaugh.

"As a director there were lots of challenges. It's written nearly all in prose. It is about a small English world. The language is eccentric. I had to find a way in. I thought Richard (Cordery) had the right qualities for the role. He's a serious classical actor whose a lot of fun, and comfortable with Falstaff's words. All we had to add was lots of padding to him. Richard's not that rotund."

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the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris to introduce the CD. On April 6, they'll sing at a noon church service in Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church, corner 11672 McDougall at Connor, in Hamtramck.

Local churches have always supported the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus since it set down roots in Detroit in 1949. George Korol remembers St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Southfield supporting the chorus from the time he arrived here from a displaced persons camp in Germany in 1950.

In addition to offering rehearsal space and music lessons, the church paid CD production costs as a memorial to the late Sylvia Blake of Birmingham. The Rev. Pavlo Bodnarchuk of Farmington, a priest at the parish, is featured on the CD. Dozens of parishioners have belonged to the chorus over the years.

"We still try to maintain our cultural heritage," said Korol, president of the parish council at St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral. "I remember the music growing up. The Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus toured the camps. I heard the music in church services in the



The Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus goes back to its roots with its latest recording *Golden Echoes of Kyiv - The Divine Liturgy*.

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STAR SOUTHFIELD will provide a FREE SMALL POP and POPCORN to all kids 16 and under if accompanied by a parent to all shows after 8:30 pm. During our Family Saturdays, no minors 16 years and under will be permitted entry unless with a parent after 8:30 pm so grab Mom and Dad and HEAD FOR THE MOVIES!</p> <p>FOR SHOWTIMES AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS BY PHONE CALL 248 372 2222 WWW.STAR.SOUTHFIELD.COM</p> <p>LISTINGS ARE FROM TUES 12/24 CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS.</p> <p>NP DAREDEVIL (PG13) NP JUNGLE BOOK 2 (G) NP DELIVER US FROM EVA (R) NP HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS (PG13) NP SHANGHAI KNIGHTS (PG13) NP BIKER BOYZ (PG13) NP FINAL DESTINATION 2 (R) NP THE RECRUIT (PG13) DARKNESS FALLS (PG13) KANGAROO JACK (PG) NATIONAL SECURITY (PG13) CHICAGO (PG13) ABOUT SCHMIDT (R) ANTWONE FISHER (PG13) CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (PG13) LORD OF THE RINGS 2 TWO TOWERS (PG13) MAID IN MANHATTAN (PG13)</p> <p>PLEASE ONLY ONE TICKET PER ID FOR RATED FILMS. NO CHILDREN UNDER 8 AFTER 6:00 PM FOR RATED FILMS. 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(M-24) (248) 628-7100 Fax (248)-628-1300 DETROIT'S LOWEST FIRST RUN PRICES</p> <p>AMC Livonia 20 Haggerty & 7 Mile 734-542 9909</p> <p>CALL THEATRE FOR FEATURES AND TIMES</p>	<p>Ford Wyoming Drive-In Theatre Dearborn (313) 846-9910 Always 2 big pictures Children Under 12 are Free Electric In Car Seats 15</p> <p>DARE DEVIL (PG13) DROUMLINE (PG13)</p> <p>DELIVER US FROM EVA (R) PAID IN FULL (R)</p> <p>FINAL DESTINATION 2 (R) BIKER BOYZ (PG13)</p> <p>LOCKDOWN (unrated)</p>	<p>FRIDAY AFTER NEXT (R) =====</p> <p>SHANGHAI KNIGHTS (PG13) THE RECRUIT (PG-13)</p>	<p>Cinemark Movie 16 The Best Seat In Town 28600 Dequindre Rd Warren, MI 810-558-8207 EARLY WEEK LISTINGS CALL FOR CORRECT FEATURES</p> <p>ANALYZE THAT (R) BROWN SUGAR (PG13) EIGHT CRAZY NIGHTS (PG13) EIGHT MILE (R) EMPEROR'S CLUB (PG13) EMPIRE (R) FORMULA 51 (R) GHOST SHIP (R) HALF PAST DEAD (PG13) MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING (PG) SANTA CLAUSE 2 (G) SPYGLASS 2 (PG) THE RING (PG13) THEY (PG13) TREASURE PLANET (PG) TUZEDO (PG13)</p>	<p>Madstone Ann Arbor 462 Briarwood Circle 734-984-1000 EARLY WEEK LISTINGS CALL FOR FEATURES</p> <p>Adaptation R Chicago PG-13 Frida R Gangs of New York R The Secret Garden G The Apartment Buffalo 66 R The Recruit PG-13 Bowling for Columbine R</p>	<p>Imagine Located in Fountain Walk on the south side to 12 Mile Road 1/4 Mile west of Von Road</p> <p>NP DAREDEVIL (PG13) DIGITAL PRESENTATION (OPEN CAPTIONED) NP JUNGLEBOOK (G) THE HOURS (PG13) THE PIANIST (R) CHICAGO (PG13)</p> <p>HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS (PG13) DELIVER US FROM EVA (R) THE RECRUIT (PG13) GANGS OF NEW YORK (R) CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (PG13) LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS (PG13)</p> <p>TO ALL STADIUM AUDITORIUMS DIGITAL SOUND BEER, WINE & COCKTAILS Box Office Opens at 11:30 am</p>	<p>Farmington Civic Theatre 33332 Grand River Farmington 248-474-1991</p> <p>HARRY POTTER & THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (PG) MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING (PG)</p>	<p>State Wayne Theatre 35310 Michigan Ave Wayne 734-326-4600</p>
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Going Places

YOUR GUIDE TO SUBURBAN ENTERTAINMENT

PROFESSIONAL THEATER

8 Track *The Sounds of the 70s* 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Thursday 1:20 p.m. limited Thursdays 8:30 p.m. Friday Saturday 5:30 p.m. Saturday Sunday 1:30 p.m. Sunday 333 Madison Detroit \$24.50 \$34.50 (313) 963 9800

The Detroit Opera House *The Vagina Monologues* March 4 9 8 p.m. Tuesday Saturday 7 p.m. Sunday Matinees 5 p.m. Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday \$27.50 \$40 (248) 645 6666

Fox Theatre *Annie* March 4 9 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Saturday 2 p.m. Saturday Sunday \$22 \$60 (248) 433 1515 (313) 471 6611 www.olympiaentertainment.com www.ticketmaster.com

Shear Madness 333 Madison Detroit \$24.50 \$34.50 (313) 963 9800

Jewish Ensemble Theatre Peter Sagal's *Denial* 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Thursday and Sunday 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through March 30 Jewish Community Center 6600 W Maple at Drake West Bloomfield \$18 \$30 senior/student discounts (248) 788 2900

Performance Network *Necessary Targets* by Eve Ensler through March 9 120 East Huron 1/2 block east of Main St Ann Arbor \$10 \$27.50 Call for times (734) 663 0681

COMMUNITY THEATER

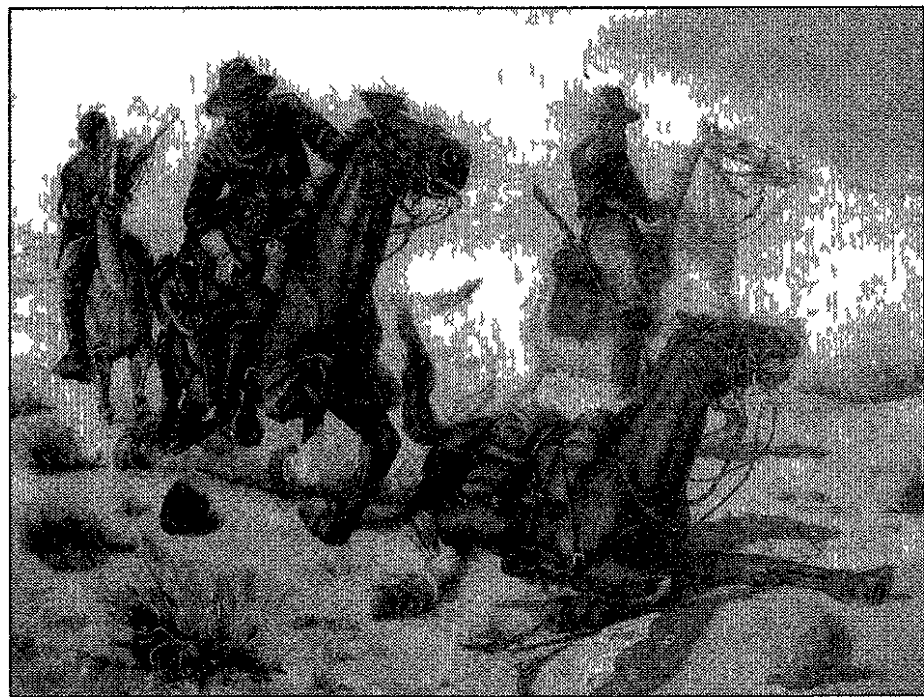
Rosedale Players *Call Me Madam* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Feb 28 and March 1 4 p.m. Sunday March 2 Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago Livonia \$7 \$3 students through grade 12 (734) 422 0494

Ridgedale Players Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up? 8 p.m. Friday Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday March 7 9 14 16 21 23 28 30 \$15 adults \$14 students/seniors (Sunday) (248) 988 7049 www.ridgedaleplayers.com

Bloomfield Players *The Wiz* 7:30 p.m. Friday Saturday March 14 15 March 21 22 2 p.m. Sunday March 16 & 23 Bloomfield Hills Lahser High Theatre (248) 433-0985

Stagecrafters *Floyd Collins* Friday Sunday Feb 27 28 March 1 2 7 9 2nd Stage Baldwin Theatre 415 S Lafayette downtown Royal Oak \$10 (248) 541 6430

SRO Productions *Radio TBS* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday March 1 2 March 7 9 2 p.m. Sunday March 9 Burgh Historical Park corner of Civic Center Dr and Berg Road Southfield \$10 adults \$8 students/seniors



Ivan Stewart exhibits his oil paintings and bronze sculptures through Saturday, March 29, at the Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams St, Pontiac. For more information, call (248) 333-7849. Pictured is a work titled "The Rescue." There are several new works in the exhibit as well as older ones depicting the Buffalo Soldiers, the first Black pilots, musicians and other scenes from Black history. More information about Stewart available at www.historythroughart.com

(248) 827 0710

COLLEGE THEATER

Bonstelle Theatre *The Imaginary Invalid* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Feb 28 March 1 10 a.m. Friday Feb 28 student matinee 2 p.m. Sunday March 9 3424 Woodward Birmingham Performances weekends May 2 18 (248) 569 5973

Hilberry Theatre *The Comedy of Errors* 8 p.m. Thursday Friday Feb 27 28 *Cloud 9* 8 p.m. Saturday March 1 4743 Cass Ave Detroit (313) 577 2972

Quirk Theatre *A Moon For the Misbegotten* 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday Feb 28 and March 1 2 30 p.m. Sunday March 2 Quirk Theatre Eastern Michigan's Ypsilanti campus S8 S13 (734) 487 1221

Studio Theatre *Hospice* 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday Feb 27 March 1 4743 Cass Ave Detroit (313) 577 2972

CHILDREN'S THEATER

Detroit Puppet Theatre *Close the Window* 2 p.m. Saturday March 1 8 15 22 29 25 E Grand Blvd Detroit (313) 961 7777

Motor City Youth Theatre *Peter Pan* 7 p.m. Friday Feb 28 and March 7 2 p.m. Saturday Sunday March 1 2 and 8 9 Cathedral Theatre Masonic Temple 500 Temple Detroit \$5 Secure parking in the fenced in north lot at rear entrance of building (313) 535 8962

AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

Birmingham Musicale Oakland county students grades 9 12 1:30 p.m. Sunday March 16 (application deadline Saturday March 8) Congregational Church of Birmingham

(Cranbrook Road & Woodward) (248) 645 9312

Village Players *Side Show* needed 3 men (tenor baritone) 2 sopranos ensemble of 6 men 6 women 7:30 p.m. Sunday Monday March 2 3 Village Players Playhouse 34660 Woodward Birmingham Performances weekends May 2 18 (248) 569 5973

DSO Summer Institute Accepting applications for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Summer Institute July 20 to Aug 3 at Wayne State University young musicians ages 12 to 25 should apply by March 1 applicants will be scheduled for auditions March 1 to April 3 For information call (313) 576 5164 or visit the Web site at 222.detroitssymphony.com

Motor City Youth Theatre Show Choir Looking for members for the choir (formerly known as Tinderbox Productions) open to all interested students ages 10 19 (grades 5 12) rehearse 7 8 p.m. Wednesday March 12 May 7 at the Rhythm Station 28841 Plymouth Road Livonia \$65 fee (313) 535 8962

Plymouth Community Chorus Vocal Scholarships Available! One \$1000 scholarship awarded to a graduating high school senior and two \$500 scholarships to students in grades 6th 11th They will be awarded May 4 The scholarships would be for the pursuit of studies in vocal music academic study of voice Applications must be postmarked by April 3 and can be obtained by calling Sherrie Northway at (313) 533 4795 or writing Plymouth Community Chorus PO Box 70017 Plymouth MI 48170

Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adeline The chorus auditions women for four part harmony 7 10 p.m. Tuesday St Paul Presbyterian Church 27475 Five Mile one block west of Inkster Livonia (248) 681 2578

MARDI GRAS

Andiamo New Orleans style celebration 6 9 p.m. Thursday Feb 27 Andiamo Celebrity Showroom E 14 Mile Road Warren Music door prizes benefits Turning Point \$15 (586) 463 4430

Fishbone's Detroit Appetizers live music chance to win \$1000 7 p.m. Tuesday March 4 400

Monroe St \$10 (313) 965 4600

Fishbone's Southfield Standard menu drink dinner specials 11 a.m. to midnight Tuesday March 4 prizes for best costume 29244 Northwestern Highway (248) 351 2925

Zydeco Live music Louisiana style buffet 6 11 p.m. Tuesday March 4 \$39.95/person 314 S Main Ann Arbor (734) 995 3600

WINE TASTING DINNER

Steve & Rocky's Cabernet Sauvignon from the Robert Modavi Winery five course menu and sur prise signature dessert 6 30 p.m. Thursday March 6 43150 Grand River Novi \$135 per person (248) 374 0688

BENEFITS

Trinity House Theatre Benefit concert featuring Jim Brizer Lucy Webster Jan Krist Stewart Francke Jim Roll and Ralston Bowles 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Saturday March 1 38840 West Six Mile Road Livonia \$15 \$12 for theater members (734) 464 6302

Seligman Music Hall Presented by Haven and Brookfield Academy Greek American vocalist Nadia Weinberg 7:30 p.m. Tuesday March 11 Seligman Music Hall Country Day Beverly Hills Reserve seating \$30 \$100 (248) 689 9565

'70s Bash The Plymouth Community Arts Council is holding its annual dinner dance and auction Friday March 14 St John's Golf and Conference Center Plymouth Passions of the Past A 70s Bash is the theme of this year's event that raises money for the PCA's educational and community arts programming \$75 (734) 416 4278

Luncheon on the Aisle Learn behind the scenes secrets about professional theater and watch a portion of a rehearsal for the play Meshuggah Nuns 11:30 a.m. Friday April 25 Meadow Brook Theatre Oakland University Rochester \$75 \$30 \$28 seniors over age 62 and groups of 10 Proceeds benefit the theater (248) 375 0850

CHORAL

Wayne Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society And the Renaissance Chorus

present A Sound Celebration 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday March 1 guest quartet is Fermata Nowhere two cabaret style performances at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church Activities Building 29125 Six Mile Road east of Middlebelt Livonia \$12 \$10 seniors and students Send e mail to rschuessle@aol.com or call (734) 453 0574

Metropolitan Singers Third annual Free Family Concert and Sing A Long 3:30 p.m. Sunday March 23 Southfield Civic Center Room 115 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile Road) special guests The Chorsters and Children's Hand Chime Choir from St Genevieve Livonia (248) 545 8743 (248) 932 0390

CLASSICAL

UMS Vienna Philharmonic 8 p.m. Thursday Feb 27 Detroit Opera House 1526 Broadway Detroit \$30 \$100 (734) 764 2538

Ambassador Quintet An interactive concert for children ages 4 7 11 a.m. Saturday March 8 at the Farmington Players Barn Theater Farmington Hills \$11 (248) 473 1857 or (248) 473 1800

Birmingham Community House The Crusade for Strings of the National Federation of Music Clubs 1 p.m. Thursday March 6 380 Bates Street donations accepted (248) 288 3723

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

FOLK

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church Christine Lavin 7:30 p.m. Saturday March 1 320 W 7th Street Royal Oak \$18/adults \$15/students/seniors (248) 541 4100

Dublin Irish Cabaret Irish tenor Paul Hennessy comedy an Noel Ginnity Irish dance ballads songs 8 p.m. Friday March 7 Ford Community & Performing Arts Center Dearborn \$25 \$30 (313) 943 2354 (313) 943 2350 www.dearbornfordcenter.com

Blackthorn CD release concert 7 p.m. Wednesday March 12 Farmington Players Barn Theater 32332 W 12 Mile Farmington Hills \$12 adults \$10 seniors/students at the Costick Center 28600 W 11 Mile (248) 473 1857

POPS/SWING

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Marvin Harnisch guests 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday Feb 27 8:30 p.m. Friday Saturday Feb 28 March 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday March 2 Orchestral Hall Detroit \$15 \$55 (313) 576 5111

JAZZ/BLUES

Creative Arts Center The John Lindberg Ensemble with Wendell Harrison 8 p.m. Friday Feb 21 47 Williams St Pontiac \$15 \$12



Nichole Nordeman sings songs from her new CD "Woven & Spun" 7 p.m. Friday, Feb 28, at Bethesda Christian Church, 14000 Metro Parkway, Sterling Heights. Tickets are \$10, \$12 Gold Circle Call (586) 264-2300. Guest artist Andrew Peterson performs selections from his third CD "Love & Thunder"

BANDS

Emerald Theatre Cell 85 with Ananda and Tangent 7 p.m. Thursday Feb 27 18 and over \$6 31 N Walnut downtown Mt Clemens (586) 913 1920 www.emeraldtheatre.com

Fifth Avenue Robb Roy 10 p.m. Saturday March 1 21 (over) www.robbroy.com

Lager House A Pollinaire Rave multi media acoustic pop show joined by Dean and Dom from the Waxwings Thursday Feb 27 Clone Defects record release party Friday Feb 28 Gold Cash Gold w/the Ariel Spies and Field Trip Saturday March 1 Doors open \$5 1254 Michigan Ave three blocks east of Tiger Stadium and two blocks west of MGM Grand (313) 961 4668

Magic Bag Mega 80's 8 p.m. Friday Feb 28 21 (over) \$10 Saw Doctors 8 p.m. Sunday March 2 22920 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 544 3030 www.themagicbag.com

Royal Oak Music Theatre Grinder CD Release Party 8 p.m. Friday February 28 18 and over Oldspeak and Mourning Star 7:30 p.m. Saturday March 1 all ages \$10 advance \$12 door 318 W Fourth St downtown Royal Oak (248) 544 7949

PROFESSIONAL DANCE

Fox Theatre Michael Flatley's *Lord of the Dance* Feb 28 March 2 \$15.75 \$60.75 Tickets at Marshall Fields Ticketmaster or box office (248) 433 1515 www.olympiaentertainment.com

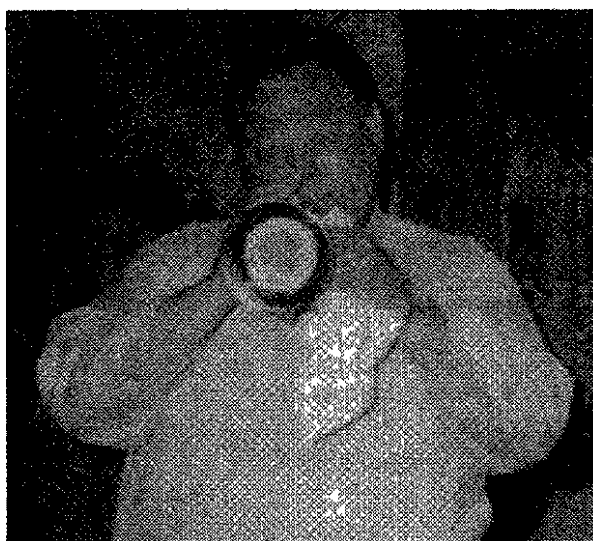
SOCIAL DANCING

Contra Dancing 130 4:30 p.m. first Sunday of each month Lovett Hall Ballroom next door to Henry Ford Museum Dearborn \$8 (313) 982 6100 ext 2262

Dance Elite Ballroom Studio Swing & Salsa dance instruction 8 p.m. Dance 9 p.m. to midnight DJ open to the public Friday Maple at Haggerty (inside Bloomfield Avenue Shoppe II) West Bloomfield \$10 \$9 Michigan Swing Dance Association singles welcome \$10 per person (248) 926 8522

Italian Cultural Center Country Western dance by Blackberry Creek Dancers 7 p.m. Friday Feb 28 2811 Imperial Dr Warren DJ Leson snacks soft drinks & coffee \$10 Singles/couples welcome (313) 526 9432 St Patrick's Day Dance by Wolverine Silverspur Dancers 7 p.m. Saturday March 8 \$10 (586) 573 0668

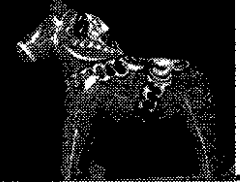
Moon-Dusters Ballroom dancing to live bands featuring swing fox trot waltz cha cha and Latin 8:30 11:30 p.m. Saturday Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile Road \$5



Dave Tatrow and his Wally's Warehouse Waifs perform Dixieland music for a Mardi Gras Party 3-6 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at the Troy Elks Club, 1451 E. Big Beaver, east of Rochester Road. Mardi Gras costumes encouraged. Tickets are \$10, call (248) 476-2674. Wally's Warehouse Waifs features Tatrow on trumpet, Keith DeWitt, trombone, Dave Miller, banjo/guitar, Jim Wyse, clarinet, Bill Meyer, piano, Milt Sernick, drums, and Don Mayberry, bass.

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Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs offering grants

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs will present free workshops on the 11 grant programs it funds. The workshops are available to all non-profit organizations and will be hosted by the College for Creative Studies 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Wendell W. Anderson Jr. Auditorium in the Walter B. Ford II Building on Frederick Douglass between John R. and Brush on the CCS campus.

Registration is not required. MCACA programs provide funding for arts and cultural projects taking place between Oct. 1, 2003, and Sept. 30, 2004. The next application deadline is May 1, 2003. For more information on MCACA programs, call (517) 241-4011, or visit www.cis.state.mi.us/arts. Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs is also now accepting applications for its

Creative Artist Grant program. Step One Applications for the FY2004 (FY04) Creative Artist Grant are available at ArtServe's offices, by mail or online. The CAG program has alternating year eligibility. Applications for FY04 will be accepted in Visual Arts, Traditional Arts, Design Arts, Dance, Theater, Opera/Musical Theater and Inter/Multidisciplinary categories only. Next year (FY05) we will take applications for

Music, Creative Writing, Film/Video and Inter/Multidisciplinary. The Creative Artist Grant supports the creation of new works of art or the completion of a work of art in progress by individual artists residing in Michigan with funding provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The application is a two-step process. The first step includes a simple form and submission of

samples of artwork and resume. The second step is by invitation of the review panel and includes the proposed project, budget and public service. This brief initial application carries a deadline of 6 p.m. Friday, May 9, (this is not a postmark deadline). Following a peer panel review, artists meeting certain criteria will be invited to submit the more detailed Step 2 application for their project.

To receive a Step 1 application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope 9- by 12-inches or larger bearing 60 cents in postage to CAG FY04, ArtServe Michigan, 17515 W. Nine Mile Road, Suite 1025, Southfield, MI 48075-4426. The application may be downloaded. Questions may be directed to Christine Schefman, Director, Artist Services, at (248) 557-8288, Ext. 14 or artists@ArtServeMichigan.org.

FILM BEAT

Film Beat lists what's playing at alternative film theaters, special movie events and local flicks. Offerings and movie schedules may change after press time, so be sure to call ahead. Film beat listings and movie information can be submitted to Nicole Stafford, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 801 East Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009 or e-mail nstafford@oe.homecomm.net.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-3237. www.dia.org/dft. Adult admission \$6.50. Senior citizens full-time students with valid identification and DIA members \$5.50. Discount tickets available in book for five for \$25. Films screened Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. All Monday shows are in the evening. **Feb. 28 and March 1, 2, 'Kuru'** (Japan) 1952, directed by Akira Kurosawa. An office bureaucrat with six months to live tries to make sense of his life and the most of his remaining days. **March 3, 'Interview with the Assassin'** First-time director Neil Burger's witty and clever thriller about a man desperate to convince an unemployed television reporter that he assassinated JFK. With Raymond J. Barry and Dylan Haggerty.

REDFORD THEATRE, 17360 Lahser in Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560. Regular admission \$3. **March 7-8, 'The Producers'** Albert Brooks' 1968 film about a Broadway promoter and neurotic accountant's scheme to produce an intentional flop entitled 'Springtime for Hitler' with Gene Wilder and Zero Mostel. **March 14-15, 'Wings'** a silent war film that won the first Academy Award for

Best Picture with Charles Buddy Rogers, Clara Bow and Richard Arlen. Brew and view at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030. www.magicbag.com. Movie nights on Wednesdays and Thursdays in small theater setting with full bar. Must be at least 21. Doors open at 8 p.m. Films start at 9:30 p.m. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Feb. 27, 8 Mile**. Eminem makes his film debut in a story about life and survival in the big city. Check out all your favorite Detroit landmarks on the big screen - with Kim Bassinger.

MAIN ART THEATRE 118 North Main at 11 Mile in downtown Royal Oak. (248) 542-0180. Adult evening admission is \$8.50. Matinees before 6 p.m. and admission for seniors and children is always \$6. Call theater for schedule.

MAPLE ART THEATRE 4135 West Maple in Bloomfield Township. (248) 542-0180. Adult evening admission is \$8.50. Matinees before 6 p.m. and admission for seniors and children is always \$6. Call theater for schedule.

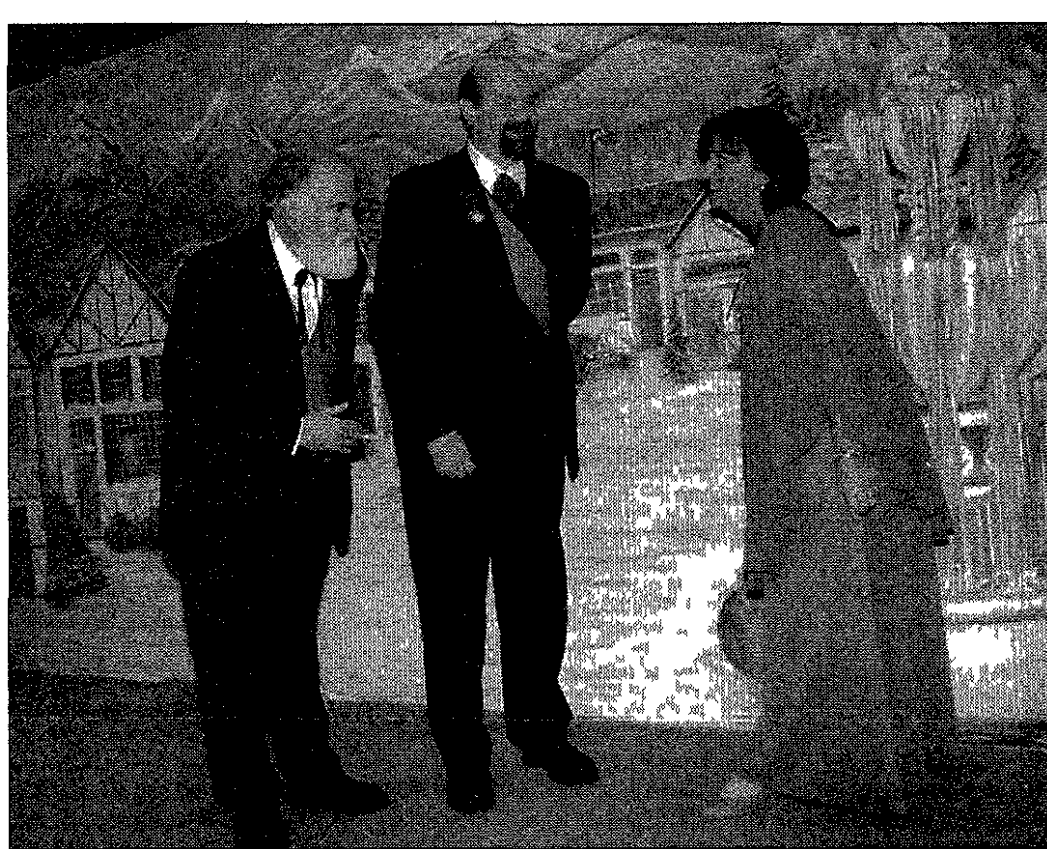
MICHIGAN THEATRE 603 East Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8463. www.michtheater.com. Adult admission \$8. Students and senior citizens \$6.25. Michigan Theater members \$5.50. Films are shown daily. Opening Feb. 28, 'El Crimen Del Padre Amaro' (Spain), A recently ordained priest sent to a small parish church in Mexico meets Amelia, a beautiful 16-year-old girl whose religious devotion turns into attraction - directed by Carlos Carrera. Opening March 2, 'Derrida' biography

cal documentary about the life of French philosopher Jacques Derrida. Feb. 27, 'Le Cercle Rouge' (France) 1970 thriller by director Jean Pierre Melville with Alain Delon and Yves Montand. Continuing 'Talk to Her' (Spain) Director Pedro Almodovar's chilling love story about a nurse and a writer.

STATE THEATRE 233 State St., Ann Arbor. (734) 761-8667 or www.michtheater.com. Adult admission \$8. Students and senior citizens \$6.25. Continuing 'The Pianist' Roman Polanski's film based on the memoirs of the talented pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish Jew who miraculously survived World War II. Continuing 'The Quiet American' Director Phillip Noyce's adaptation of the Graham Greene novel with Michael Caine as a veteran English journalist and Brendan Fraser as an idealistic American. The story is a murder mystery with a love triangle set in Saigon during the French Indochina War.

UPTOWN BIRMINGHAM 8 211 South Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham. (248) 644-3456. Adult admission is \$8.50 in the evening and \$6 for matinee showings before 6 p.m. Admission for seniors age 55 and older is \$5.50 all the time. Admission for children age 12 and under is \$5.75 all the time. Call theater for schedule.

LOCAL FILMS & FILM ETCETERA Opened Feb. 21 with run of several weeks expected. 'PI Blues' directed, written and produced by Jim Dudek of Detroit with local actors. A romantic comedy about a private detective wannabe. Emagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile in Novi. Call (248) 319-3456.



Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church presents Irving Berlin's "Call Me Madam" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 28 and March 1, and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at the church, 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia. Tickets \$7, \$3 students through grade 12. Call (734) 422-0494. Pictured are Cathy Stage (right as Madam Ambassador), John Chew and John Niemesto on the village square in Lichtenburg. This is the 30th musical directed by Martha Kuykendall and performed by members and friends of the church now celebrating its 75th anniversary.

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Restaurants, churches, clubs offer Lenten fare

BY MARY QUINLEY
CORRESPONDENT

If you're searching for a meatless meal during the Lenten season, you might want to head to a local pub or eatery, a neighborhood church, or a fraternal organization's meeting place to dine.

Here's a sampling of what's available:

RESTAURANTS/PUBS

■ **Hope's Fish & Chips** - 28370 Joy, between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads, Livonia, (734) 427-2130 Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, closed Monday. A variety of fried, baked and broiled fish dinners, average price \$7.95.

■ **Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant** - 578 Starkweather, Old Village, Plymouth, (734) 455-2630 Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Shrimp, fish & chips, scallops, ocean perch and more than 20 other fish selections (prices vary). On

Mondays, all-you-can-eat grilled or fried cod (\$8.43)

■ **Page's Food & Spirits** - 23621 Farmington Road, one block south of Grand River, Farmington, (248) 477-0099 Open 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. All-you-can-eat fish & chips (\$10.95), baked or broiled cod, sauteed lake perch and Friday fish specials.

■ **Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center** - 8768 North Territorial, Plymouth, (734) 453-7272 Open 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays. All-you-can-eat fish or pasta dinners (\$8.75).

■ **Red Robin Restaurant** - 36350 Warren, Westland, (734) 421-4081 Open 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. Fish & chips (\$8.99), clam strips and fries (\$7.99) and seafood pasta (\$10.99).

■ **Johnson's Family Restaurant** - 42400 Ford, Canton, (734) 981-6877 Open 6



a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. All-you-can-eat fish & chips (\$7.95), lighter appetite \$4.95. Lenten specials feature grilled trout, salmon and fried clams.

■ **Senate Coney Island & Restaurant**, 34359 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 422-5075 Open 4 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Fish & chips (\$7.25), baked salmon (\$8.45) Fridays only.

■ **All area Big Boy**

Restaurants offer an all-you-can-eat seafood bar on Fridays beginning at 4 p.m. Buffet is \$11.95 for adults and \$6.95 for children under 10.

Locations include - 29661 Plymouth in Wonderland Mall, Livonia, (734) 425-5500, 33427 Plymouth, west of Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 421-4349, 37123 Six Mile, east of Newburgh, Livonia, (734) 464-6670, 29548 Seven Mile, in the Livonia Mall Shopping Center, Livonia, (248) 477-8608, 44681 W Ann Arbor, west of Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 455-8070, 28340 Ford, Garden City, (734) 425-2360, 20788 Farmington, north of Eight Mile, Farmington, (248) 477-2590, 6360 N Wayne, Westland, (734) 595-1700, 45250 Ford, Canton Township, (734) 459-5555.

CHURCHES

Unless otherwise noted, beginning March 7, dinners will be served at these locations on Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday, April 18.

■ **Our Lady of Good Counsel**

- 47650 N Territorial, Plymouth, (734) 453-0326 Serving 5:30-7:30 p.m., excluding Good Friday. Fried and baked fish (adults \$6.50, seniors \$5.50, children \$4).

■ **St. Edith** - 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, (734) 464-1222 Serving 4:30-7:30 p.m. All-you-can-eat fried cod with salad bar, fries or macaroni-and-cheese and beverage (\$6.95).

■ **St. Aidan** - 17500 Farmington, Livonia (734) 425-5950 Serving 5:30-7 p.m. on March 7, 14, 21 & 28. Buffet style dinners include baked cod, vegetables, potatoes, roll, dessert and beverage, adults \$7, kids (5-10) \$4, four years and younger, free.

■ **St. Raphael** - 31530 Beechwood, west of Merriman, two blocks north of Ford, Garden City, (734) 427-1533 Serving 4:30-7 p.m. except on Good Friday 3-7 p.m. Fish, shrimp and fish-shrimp combo dinners (\$7), fish sandwich plate (\$5.75).

■ **St. Kenneth** - 14951

Haggerty, Plymouth Township, (734) 420-0288 Serving 5:30-7:30 p.m. Fish & chips (\$5), fisherman's platter (\$6), fried shrimp (\$6.75), kids' dinners (\$2.50). Dinners include salad, fries and beverage. Vegetable lasagna and clam chowder soup available.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

■ **Monaghan Knights of Columbus** - 19801 Farmington, Livonia, (248) 476-8385 Serving 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5-8:30 p.m. every Friday throughout the year and Ash Wednesday. Fish & chips with coleslaw and roll (\$7.25), broiled haddock, perch, shrimp and frog legs available.

■ **Elks Lodge** - 31117 Plymouth, one block east of Merriman, Livonia, (734) 425-2246 Serving 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5:30-8 p.m. Fish dinners (\$7-\$8.25), fish & chips (\$5.50), fish sandwich (\$4.25) and kids fish dinner (\$4.25).

Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident and writes about food and travel for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Big burritos featured at new Birmingham Qdoba

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

A long-held belief is that food trends gravitate toward the middle of our nation from its coastlines. It smacks of truth since Mexican food is the favorite of those who eat out in California and more Mexican eateries have opened in Detroit's suburbs in the last year.

Yet it must be asked, are we eating more Mexican food or are there more franchisees willing to take on the nation's largest chain, Taco Bell?

Qdoba's interior is not the least reminiscent of a Taco Bell. In the Birmingham location, in addition to the standard Mexican mural, stainless-topped tables and blond wood-accented chairs, there are com-

fortable booths.

What's Qdoba?

"Qdoba is just a name, it sounds good, it has no meaning in Spanish," Operations Manager Patrick Higley said.

Qdoba Mexican Grills are now in 18 states. There are eight locations in Michigan, two in metro Detroit, the new Birmingham has a sister eatery in Royal Oak. The first Qdoba Mexican Grill restaurant opened in Denver in 1995. It was an immediate success, with revenues of more than \$15 million in the first year. The cost of opening the 1,300-square-foot store was only \$180,000. Birmingham and Royal Oak General Manager Matt Barcey indicated that since then, locations have enlarged to 2,000 to 2,200 square feet with an average opening cost of \$350,000.

SPECIALTIES

For the last few months, a sign on the front window of the new Qdoba in Birmingham read "Not just big burritos. Big flavors." That's a Qdoba trademarked description, but it delivers the message about Qdoba, which opened in Birmingham Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Most popular among Qdoba's clientele nationwide is the Chicken Burrito that's made with boneless, skinless thigh meat in a tortilla with the signature cilantro lime rice, black or pinto beans, a choice from among five salsas from mild to hot, cheese, sour cream or guacamole. Among the Signature Burritos, Chicken Pablano Pesto tops the list.

In addition to big burritos, customized by patrons who

select from fresh ingredients at the display cooking area, there are other options. Tacos, taco salads, three-cheese nachos, five different salsas, homemade chips and guacamole, steaming hot three-cheese Queso and tortilla soup can be ordered to eat in or carry out.

Quesadillas debut with the Birmingham menu. Made in a 13-inch folded crispy flour tortilla with chicken or steak, pico de gallo, cheese, sour cream and guacamole then cut in four wedges, it's an ideal lunch to share. Cost is \$4.89 for vegetarian, \$5.69 for chicken and \$5.99 for steak.

For those who are not into big burritos, no matter how great the flavor, the Chicken Taco Salad (hot grilled chicken on cool romaine lettuce, with black bean corn salsa, picante

ranch dressing, pico de gallo and sour cream) in a crisp tortilla bowl is a less-filling option. But definitely not a grab and go item. Another option for the taste of Mexican without high calories and carbs from a flour tortilla is the Naked Burrito, your choice of customized ingredients in a bowl without the tortilla wrap.

ULTIMATE CARRYOUTS

The Q-to-Go Hot Taco Bar for make-your-own tacos at \$7.20 per person may be the perfect answer anytime there are 20 to 100 in a group. Order by phone at least 24 hours in advance of pick-up. Delivery is not possible, but the description of what's available to go is a good summary of selections available for eating in.

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Cost: Tacos and burritos \$1.89-\$5.79 Kids Meal \$2.50

Thirsty? Qdoba serves Coke products, ice tea and trendy Jones sodas in many flavors.

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Accents

The chef's kitchen

The country's top chefs work in state-of-the-art kitchens at hotels and trendy restaurants but their personal choices vary in the privacy of their own homes.

For example, Dwaine Clare, executive chef at the Our



Lucaya Beach and Gold Resort in the Bahamas prefers to work at an oversized island in the center of the kitchen. Robert Carter, executive chef of the Peninsula Grill in Charleston, S.C., opts for laminate countertops instead of granite and other expensive stones because laminate is easy to clean and doesn't stain.

The above counters and island is Wilsonart's Sunstone, the newest addition to the company's Stone Series of laminate designs. Sunstone's warm, golden tones illustrate the union of natural stone and man-made concrete.

Light up!

The Michigan Association of Illuminating Engineering Society of North America is sponsoring its annual product show 3:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at Burton Manor in Livonia.

The newest technology from the lighting industry will be displayed from more than 60 lighting manufacturers. Products and displays include lighting for commercial, industrial, health care, hospitality, residential and exterior applications. The show is open to the public and is \$30 per person (\$20 for students). Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are included and advance reservations are required by March 17.

To register, mail check payable to IES Michigan Section and your business card to Cheryl Yates at the Lighting Group, P.O. Box 214445, Auburn Hills, MI 48321. For more information and reservations, call Yates at (248) 852-0731.

Wanted: Your remodeling project

Do you have a home improvement project that you boast about to relatives, friends or neighbors?

Did you transform a room into something totally different or something brand new and bright? Or did you run into a major headache and how did you resolve it?

We'd like to write about your do-it-yourself project and share your story with our readers. Please submit your project to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or e-mail him at kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.



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Marshall Field's designer Mario Kocaj's *Sitting Room* is just one of 60 room vignettes featured at *Orchestrations for the Home*, a showcase of work by local designers at the Michigan Design Center in Troy to benefit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Harmonious orchestration

Designers instrumental in DSO benefit

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

For the past several years, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council Designer

Please check inside today's At Home section for a schedule of the seminars and presentations at *Orchestrations for the Home*, Page C3.

Showhouse has opened special doors in grand style.

The showhouse involved designers from around the area donating their talents to furnish a house

that would then be open for public tours, with proceeds benefiting the DSO.

This year, different doors will be open as the Michigan Design Center in Troy is the site of *Orchestrations for the Home*. A Design Showcase. This venue and featured events promise to be as noteworthy as a visit to a showhouse.

"It will be quite a feast for the senses," said Maureen D'Avanzo, DSO Volunteer Council president.

Orchestrations for the Home, a fund-raiser for the DSO, will



Troy designer Randie Federman's *Sunroom, Fresh! Clean! Simple!*, is a fantasy vignette that blurs the line between indoors and outdoors.

take place Friday-Sunday, March 7-9, at MDC, 1700 Stutz. The public will be able to visit more than 40 showrooms featuring between 60 and 65 vignettes by area designers, and hear lectures by local professionals. Four nationally acclaimed design experts will also give presentations.

A gala premiere is scheduled Thursday, March 6, featuring a performance by DSO musicians, and a strolling supper catered by Opus One. (See related articles.) "Visitors could stay as little or as much as they like," said

Susan Zinger, MDC executive vice president and general manager. "There's that much to see and hear, between the lectures and the vignettes, you could spend the whole day."

"We're all excited about it," said Barbara Czamanske, event chair.

"There's a mystique about the design center. On these days you don't have to have a designer (with you), you can go in."

Plans for *Orchestrations for the Home* have been in the works since August. It was modeled after a similar event in Chicago.

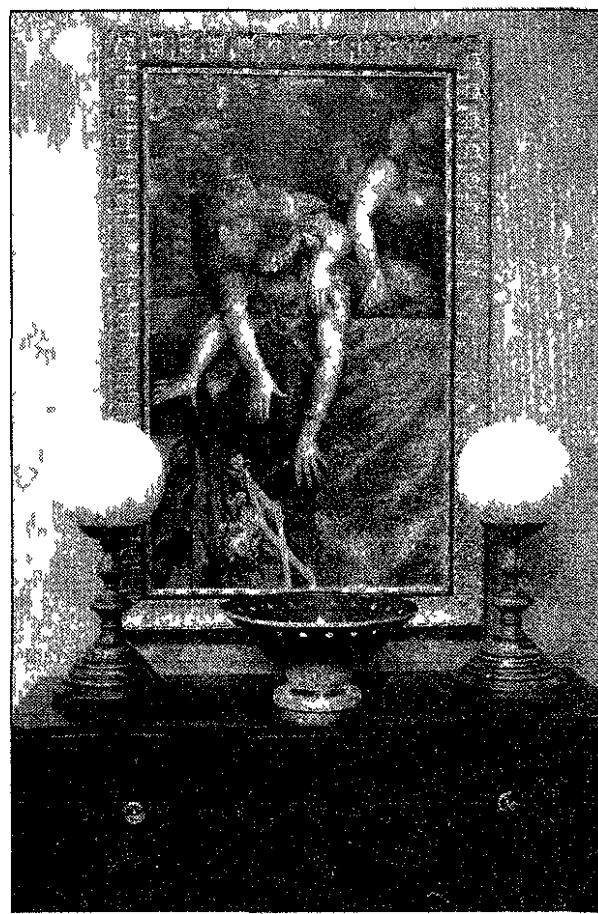
"I had been at the Chicago Merchandise Mart event about five years ago," D'Avanzo said. "I thought 'Gee, this is a great event. While I like showhouses, I thought 'What can we do different?'"

Designer Judith Langenbach said that MDC wanted to get involved with the symphony, D'Avanzo said. The volunteer council approached the design center with the idea.

"It was one of the great synergies, all of us thinking at the same level," D'Avanzo said.

"We loved the idea and really wanted to support the symphony and do an event," Zinger said. "We went to our showrooms and they overwhelmingly said yes, so off we went."

PLEASE SEE DESIGNERS, C3



Artwork pops against the metallic hand-rubbed fresco walls in Mario Kocaj's *Sitting Room*. Kocaj is a designer at Marshall Field's at Northland in Southfield.

Local designers accent the possibilities

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

There's no contrived continuity here, just beautiful design and roomfuls of possibilities.

Orchestrations for the Home, a showcase of more than 60 room vignettes by local designers, is in the making at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

The event, slated March 6-9, benefits the

Detroit Symphony Orchestra and is open to the public.

With such a diversity of designers, styles and living spaces represented, *Orchestrations* will no doubt inspire and astound. And attendees will likely depart with not only new appreciation for interior design, but also a plethora of ideas and concepts to

PLEASE SEE ACCENT, C3

MARKET PLACE

Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of *At Home*? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece along with information to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

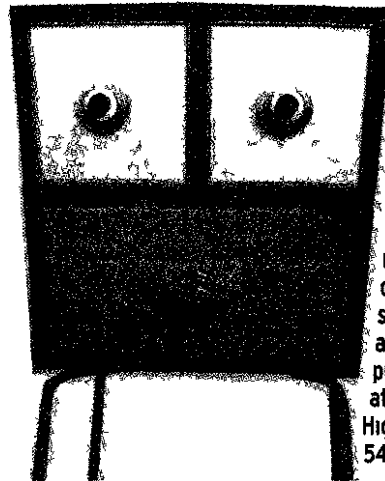
Style in a snap

Stick'n Stile design appliques bring a splash of color, texture and creativity to your bathroom. Shown here is the Orchid and Narcissus design, a spray of fragile white flowers against a light, sand-colored background by well-known artist Cheri Blum. These easy-to-use appliques - just peel and stick - offer an inexpensive option to change the look of your bathroom at a fraction of the cost to replace plain tile. Stick'n Stile also covers "ugly" tile and will add color, enhancing



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and feel like ceramic tile, not just a flat decal. They are water resistant, won't peel or yellow over time, and are easy to clean with a mild household cleaner. The appliques can be easily removed by loosening the adhesive with the heat of a hairdryer. Available at Bed, Bath & Beyond.



Let's face it

Decorating should be fun. This Funny Face furniture, made by Pylone Studio in the south of France, will put smiles on your family's faces. Ideal as a child's night stand, an eye-catching entranceway accent, or a funky family room focal point, this wooden chest of drawers sitting atop a colorful metal stand is 36 inches tall, 16 inches wide and 14 inches deep. Whimsical drawer pulls are high-lacquered resin. Available at The Print Gallery, 29173 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. Call (248) 356-5454 or visit www.everythingart.com.

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Granite, decorative concrete grows in popularity

Though there are concerns about the economy, the number of home improvement shows seems to indicate that at least this segment is still strong. The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan alone has scheduled five shows this spring.

My wife, Karen, and I just finished a pleasant visit to the 2003 Novi Home Improvement Show. There were the usual assortment of hot tubs and replacement windows, but consumers drive the market and vendors will display what they expect to sell. It's just that this show seemed to have greater diversity than past shows.

We were happy to see more in the way of landscaping this year. Both contractors and suppliers were well represented. Karen was eyeing up a fountain/pond exhibited by National Landscaping of Milford. Looks like Dad has a project in line this spring. Well, it will probably make a good topic for a column.

Granite was a hot item this year. With granite prices

becoming more and more affordable (often in line with the high-end solid surface materials), it is now a very popular countertop material. There was at least one vendor showing counters made of thin granite veneer over a wood substrate. This product should make granite tops even more competitive.

Another item we saw big this year was decorative concrete. Since our driveway will need replacing this spring, we took special interest in this area. Several contractors were at the show displaying their concrete imprinting techniques. Imprinted concrete looks very much like real brick, stone, tile, even wood. Anyone who has walked around theme parks, the Las Vegas Strip or some shopping areas has undoubtedly seen imprinted concrete.

Colored concrete is placed in the conventional manner. Additional colors are sprinkled over the wet surface to enhance the realism. The surface is then textured using a plastic or metal stamping tool. The surface is sealed after curing. This technique has been very popular on patios and is now finding its way into other uses such as walks and drives.

The cost for imprinted concrete, like all concrete work, varies widely depending of conditions. We got quotes at

the show ranging from \$6 to \$10 per square foot.

For the past twenty years or so, people in Florida and other warm climates have used polymer coating to decorate concrete. This method is now available in our area. Old (or new) concrete surfaces are covered with a decorative polymer coating. There are numerous colors and patterns to choose from.

The polymer can cover cracks up to 2 inches. It has great durability, and should hold up well even in our winters.

A big plus to this method is stain resistance. Even oil drips can be washed away. Cost for this surface range from \$4 to \$6 per square foot.

It was also nice to see the folks from TLC Greyhound Adoption (www.tlcmi.org) with some four-legged friends at the show.

Speaking as a rescued greyhound owner, these retired racers are phenomenal pets.

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

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



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

'Bird' is the word for these hobbyists

Everybody should have a hobby. Bowling's good. It's one of the special opportunities this world gives us to wear shoes that aren't our own.

Hiking's nice. The problem with hiking would be the weather. Sure, things might be pleasant when you start, but

before you know it, you're trapped in El Blizzardo Diablo. As I always say, I think the outdoors are great — everyone should drive through them.

Sometimes hobbies can grow beyond just moseying through the big woods or rolling a ball at some small woods. These hobbies can become obsessions. Sports fans often become obsessed. I love sports, but I guarantee you I've never painted my body team colors to attend a game.

A group that can become obsessive about their hobby would be birders. I can speak about them as, much like Jane Goodall with her chimps, I have lived among them.

My wife, Dr. Sharon Sheehy (also a vet), loves birds. We have six birds at the house now. These aren't enough, so we trek all over the country to see more birds.

The point is, that's not unusual. On a bird watching tour in Anchorage, Alaska, a man in our group who happened to be an emergency room physician from upstate New York spoke about his last few trips to bird watch.

He had been to the barren and freezing Pribilof Islands, which extend from Alaska to near Siberia. He had also been to Costa Rica, which, if the oohs and ahhs from the other birders are any indication, is basically bird watcher Valhalla.

Areas with birding potential have learned about ecotourism. The state of Texas has a birding trail, a series of locations on or near main roads where birders might achieve avian nirvana. Specialty maps show locations and describe the areas, and clearly marked signs designate spots on the trail. Although not as elaborate as Texas, Florida has also put this together over the last few years. You don't have to drive to Florida or fly to Central America or wear a 10-gallon hat to look at birds. There are very nice ways to watch birds close to home.

CLOSE TO HOME
First would be Point Pelee,

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Birders congregate where birds can be found, staring through their spotting scopes, snapping pictures, and discussing the subtle differences between a red-throated whatever and a scarlet-throated whatever.

To me there are two types of birds — a bird, and another bird. To birders, the life list is incredibly important. This is the list of birds you have seen in your life. I'm the type of person who has to complete everything he starts, so this would be a nightmare, as there are just too many types of birds.

In the Everglades, another birding heaven, two British birders were scanning the glade from a platform with my wife when one excitedly called her over to see a blue jay. These are rare in London, so they were excited beyond belief. I even looked, on the off chance a Toronto baseball player might have been standing there.

Of course I'm just teasing birders, as the hobby couldn't be more harmless, and certainly can be a wonderful educational experience for youngsters and for interested adults alike.

Also, remember to move slowly and quietly. Birds are more receptive to guests if they don't know they're there, or at least if the guest doesn't look like something who might eat them.

"Birding is a great hobby," Sharon said. "It's a chance to get close to nature, and to really see and learn about the birds. They're usually beautiful and always interesting."

Yeah, but bowlers never get rained on.

Ontario, our nearest birding haven.

People come from all over the world to this spot on Lake Erie where multiple types of birds can be seen, especially during migration (last resting spot before, and first resting spot after, flying over the lake).

Nice facilities and a short drive from Detroit help make this a great location for local birders.

Local Metroparks can be good places for spotting a few birds, but a great spot would be Crosswinds Marsh, south of the airport, on Haggerty, just west of the Will-Carleton Road exit from I-275. This marshy area features loads of the feathered critters, and certainly has great trails for nice walks all year round.

Don't forget about your yard. There are ways to get birds to come to you instead of you going to them.

"Remember that birds need the basics: food, water and shelter," Sharon informed me. "If you build it, they will come!"

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Dr. Brad Davis is the medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135. Feel free to write him there with questions and comments. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show *Animal Talk*. Visit the Web site at www.AnimalTalkradio.com. You can send e-mail questions or comments to Questions@animaltalkradio.com.

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DESIGNERS

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Designer Cynthia Ohanian spread the word to other designers, and plans snow-balled

"It will be spectacular," said Jeanette Keramedjian, volunteer council vice president of public relations

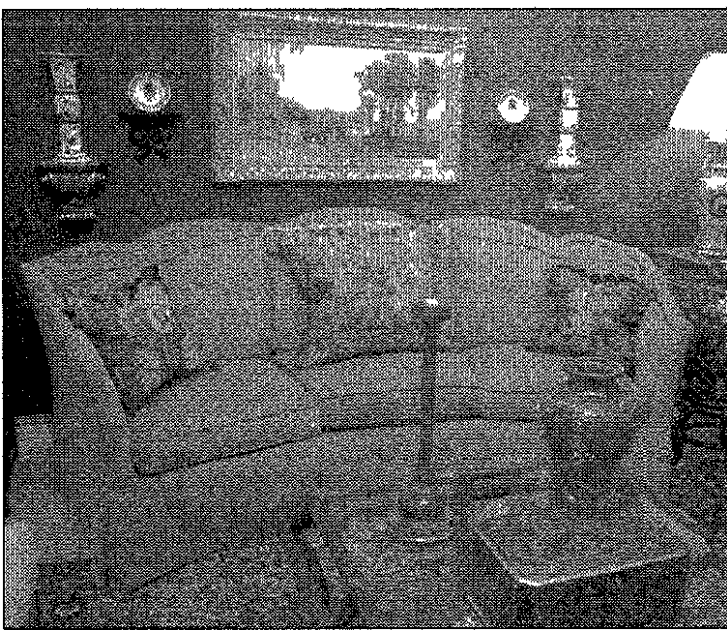
The seminars are scheduled in a way that visitors will be able to take advantage of many of them, Keramedjian said

These are very well-known professional designers who are giving seminars and talks on the half hour," she said

Everything from entertainment to fashion to gardening to landscaping and architecture to interior design

There's just something for everyone

Also on the steering committee are Barbra Bloch, gala chair Demise Lutz, event co-



Northville designer Laura Kaminsky's vignette, *Family Retreat* evokes a sense of togetherness and stability

chair, and Patricia Nickol, vice president of projects Honorary gala chairs are David and Jennifer Fischer of the Suburban Collection

The chairs are just fabulous, D'Avanzo said I couldn't ask for better chairs

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ACCENT

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tinker with in their own homes

Maha Jano, a Troy interior designer, chose to explore intimacy and the notion of "down time" in her vignette, a cozy corner for high tea done with Marie Antoinette in mind

I wanted to achieve a luxurious setting," said Jano, whose Maha Jano Interiors is based at the design center 'A luxurious retreat for forgetting all about the outside world'

In close quarters, a gently curved Baker settee in terra cotta and Louis XV and XVI chairs in pale tones encircle a contemporary all-mirror table set for tea French crystal pieces in teal, lilac and periwinkle punctuate the intimate space, entitled *Salon de Thé*

"It's gathering around the cocktail table, rather than gathering around tables in a room," said Jano of a growing desire among design clients for intimate home settings

People are entertaining now in smaller numbers, so smaller spaces are more in demand - and so is closeness in a room

Northville designer Laura Kaminsky's vignette, *Family Retreat*, also seems aimed at inspiring togetherness Though Kaminsky uses more floor space than Jano, several, intimate gathering places reside within the room Accents evoke a sense of heritage and family stability, and in so doing, graceful comfort The vignette houses the recently introduced Natchez Collection by Ficks Reed

Function quickly gives way to fantasy at the sight of Ranche Federman's *Sunroom, Fresh! Clean! Simple!*, a bare fusion of old and new atop white tile and faux green grass

"It's supposed to have the feeling of indoor-outdoor," said Federman of Maxwell-Ross Associates at the design center

Federman wanted to explore the popular indoor-outdoor design trend, so a friend offered up some white wicker furniture The designer promptly declined in favor of a stark white contemporary sofa with attached side tables To the left, an antique Danish butler's secretary serves as a bar and a white-painted cello on a stand waits for practice hour On either side of the room, curly wild branches

sprout from black zinc urns elevated on pedestals

I wanted something sophisticated she said, adding today's homeowners are looking for something more polished and cosmopolitan in spaces designated indoor-outdoor

Other vignettes contain simply astounding elements

Marshall Field's designer Mario Kocaj's *Sitting Room* is one with its rich metallic hand-rubbed fresco walls and a soaring Art Nouveau chair gilded gold over carved wood The dining room table in Birmingham designer Cynthia Ohanian's *Age of Elegance* - gold crystal and lace make up the setting on a table with intricately carved ribbons on the apron and legs - is another

Perhaps most astonishing, though, is the breadth of Orchestrations There are living sitting music and dining rooms, table tops, kitchens, bathrooms, libraries and bedrooms a home conservatory, wine and coffee bar, rooftop Pied a terre even an English keeping room

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Seminars, presentations on tap

The events take place March 7-9 unless noted otherwise

Colors, Textures, Tones, 11 a.m. - Arturo Sanchez and Barry Harrison, Art Harrison Interior Design Studio

Different Types of Crystal and Their Origin, 11 a.m. March 7-8 only - Stanley Samet, Nulco Lighting

The Showhouse A Retrospective of Work by Brian Killian, 11:30 a.m. - Brian Killian, Brian Killian & Co

Floral Arranging, 11:30 a.m. - Dale Morgan, Blossoms

The Home Conservatory Today, 11:30 a.m. - Joan Whitman, Joan Whitman Interior Design

Eclectic Decorating, noon - Joseph Keenan, Joseph A Keenan & Associates

A Moment in Time 1925-1975 The Designers, Architects and One Woman Who Defined It, noon - David Boyd Smith, lecturer, University of Michigan School of Art and Design

The Finishing Touches, 12:30 p.m. - Renea Lewis,

Design By Choice

Bathroom, Kitchen and Closet Design, 12:30 p.m. - Susan Winton-Feinberg, Walter Herz Interiors

Elements of Landscape Design, 12:30 p.m. - Charles W Loughrey, Charles W Loughrey & Associates

The Art of Accessorizing, 1 p.m. - Brian Clay Collins, Marshall Field's Interior Design Studio

The Diverse World of Tile, 1 p.m. - Donna Stevens, Ann Sacks Tile & Stone

Learn More About the Arts and Crafts Movement, 1 p.m. March 7 only - Michael Danial, Stackley Furniture

How to Use Rugs to Enhance Your Interiors, 1:30 p.m. - Edgar Hagopian, Hagopian World of Rugs

Kitchens by Design, Function, You and Your Home, 1:30 p.m. - Vita Buffa, Modern Trend Enterprises Inc

Dr Decor is Here!, 1:30 p.m. - Barbara Kopitz, Barbara Kopitz Designs Inc

Let the Mixing Begin, 2 p.m. - Timothy P O'Neill, O'Neill-Harrington Interiors

Showcase of a Magnificent Lakefront Residence, 2 p.m. - Louis DesRosiers, DesRosiers Architects

Color Your Mood, 2 p.m. - Debi Hollis, Interior Lifestyles

The Pleasure of Building a House, 2 p.m. - David Kellett Sr., Kellett Construction Co

Embellish - Design with Passion, 2:30 p.m. - Gene Galley, The Robert Allen Group

All About Plants, 2:30 p.m. - Gerych Inc

Ask the Professional Designer, 2:30 p.m. - David Weiss, Interiorcorp Ltd

Ikebana, 3 p.m. March 8-9 only - Kay Masuda Kay Masuda Florist

Working with Document Fabrics, 3 p.m. - Brenda Treece, Marshall Field's Interior Design Studio

Putting together the perfect team for building a home, 3 p.m. - Dominick Tringali, Dommick Tringali Architects Inc

Orchestrations for the Home information

What: A design showcase to support concert and educational activities of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Where: Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz, north off Maple, between Coolidge and Crooks in Troy

When: Vignettes by interior designers, and presentations by interior designers, architects landscape architects and garden and floral artists, will be open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, March 7-9

Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 after March 6 and at the door

Advance tickets are on sale now at the Orchestra Hall box office, Suite 25 at Michigan Design Center, the Somerset Collection Concerge, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy Blossoms in Birmingham, Hagopian in Novi all English Gardens locations and the League Shop in Grosse Pointe Farms

Tickets can also be bought by calling (313) 576-5111 or visiting www.detroitssymphony.com

Gala opening. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, with a cocktail reception and buffet supper catered by Opus One, and chamber music performed by DSO members

Gala tickets are \$400 (benefactor), \$250 (patron) and \$150 per person (donor) For tickets, call (313) 576-5154

Tour: Groups of 15 or more are eligible for a pre-opening docent-led tour, beginning at 9:30 a.m. March 8 and 9 Space is limited Call (313) 576-5154 to make arrangements

Guest speakers: Internationally renowned guest speakers will present a series of design-related lectures Carlton Varney, who designed the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island and who is head of Dorothy Draper & Co., the oldest established interior

design firm in the country, 2 p.m. March 7, Jim Caughman of Baker Furniture, speaking on Furniture, Fashion and Music in the 18th Century, 11 a.m. March 8, and designer Mariette Himes Gomez, 2 p.m. March 8

Guest speaker tickets are \$15 in addition to general admission and include a catered tea

Brunch: A brunch with designer Alexa Hampton will take place 11:30 a.m. March 9 Hampton will speak at 12:30 p.m. The brunch will be catered by Cregar's Hampton is president of the design firm founded by her father, Mark Hampton

Tickets to the brunch are \$50 and include general admission

Information: The 24-hour design showcase information hotline is (313) 576-5155 Information is also available from the volunteer council at (313) 576-5154 (be sure to leave a message)

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Get through chills with garden plans

A nice variety of books will help to get us through the rest of this cold, cold winter

The Successful Herb Gardener Growing and Using Herbs - Quickly and Easily, Sally Roth (Hearst Books, \$25), has bright photographs of many herbs

Descriptions include historical facts, sowing, planting, cultivation, harvest, and use tips. Be sure to read the first part of the book that features more in-depth information about all that

There's not a whole lot of new information for "herbies," but some new ideas are refreshing. Roth has given the important stuff to make herb gardening successful

The Design Puzzle Putting the Pieces Together, Bobbie Schwartz, is self-published. She has been gardening for 30 years and a landscape designer for 20

Schwartz sees the perennial garden as a jigsaw puzzle, and shares her thoughts on each piece, dividing them into specific subjects (i.e. elements of design, plant material sites and seasons, color, textures, particular plants and combinations)

Do you have a shady area? She has the answers for that and other specific garden situations. There are no pictures, but that doesn't take away from Schwartz's information and ideas

(Cost is \$20 per book, \$18 each for three or more, add \$4.95 per book for shipping and handling. Send cash, or personal or company check, to Bobbie's Green Thumb, The Design Puzzle Putting the Pieces Together, 18405 Van



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The following four books are published by Sterling

Another book about design, *Country Living Gardener Gardening Basics How to Design, Plant and Maintain Your Garden*, Ken Beckett, Steve Bradley, Noel Kingsbury and Tim Newbury (\$19.95), is filled with necessary information to do just as the title states

The encyclopedic style helps simplify the process - design, choose trees, shrubs, climbers and all other plants, choose and manage vegetable, fruit and herb crops, care for the soil and tools, and nurture and propagate the plants. Learn to create compost and deal with pests and diseases

This gem covers all the steps for success, the descriptive photographs enhance it

The Country Gardener Water Pleasures for Every Garden, Helen Nash (Hearst Books, a division of Sterling, \$17.95), has all kinds of ideas to enhance the water garden, from waterfalls to art

Learn how to enhance these water features whether they are large or small, formal or informal. Every conceivable type of garden is shown, many of them designed and planted by homeowners



MARTY FIGLEY

Water gardens are featured in two books this month

You'll learn how to install a water garden and use the proper finishing touches to make your own garden special. Some of the garden titles are Child-safe Ponds, Tropical/Rainforest, Collectors, Cottage, Butterfly and Wildlife, Xeriscape, Patio/Courtyard, Evening, Marsh/Damp, and Stream - something for everyone

Beginner's Guide to Water Gardening, Graham Clarke (\$19.95), was first published in 2002 by Guild of Master Craftsmen Publications Ltd. It gives step-by-step instructions, clearly stated, for a water garden. Each of the five sections gives great advice. The section on creating a water feature explores decisions, how to start, adding features, and clean water. Among other topics are using plants, fish and wildlife, and a year-round maintenance schedule

The book concludes with frequently asked questions - which you might want to read first, to learn about some problems you might encounter. This book may encourage a

summer project for a family. *Window Gardens for Windows, Walls, Decks and Balconies*, Jane Forster and Stephen Roberts (Hearst, \$30), will inspire creativity to design such gardens. The authors show how to design your creations and use color effectively to achieve a 'just right' look for each situation

There are ideas that are simple and easy, and others that are more challenging. Planting schemes are shown for each design and alternative flowers are listed

The authors follow through from design to maintenance for each planting. They've also included instructions for constructing a box, illustrations of various hanging baskets and brackets, propagation, general maintenance, and pests and diseases. Descriptions of the plants and growing instructions round out this book

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

Dishwasher fails, again and again

I've said - and written - it many times. You get what you pay for when you purchase a major home appliance

This consumer's complaint is one too many. Mr. Rafaniello wrote me about a dishwasher he purchased for \$800. His story reflects the case of too many who suffer this experience even with an expensive product. (I will substitute the product name by calling it X Brand for the obvious reason.)



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

and energy efficiency, but now I am wondering what I should do. Should I repair this one or start the search again for a new dishwasher?

I am a little gunshy at this point to spend \$800 again for a dishwasher. Any recommendations on what I should do and if I do buy a new dishwasher, is there a reliable brand you would recommend? We had a KitchenAid brand before and it lasted over 20 years with minimal problems except for the rusted racks. We look forward to your reply.

A lot of faith is put upon me by consumers who read this column or listen on radio. You constantly hear my words which rip on quality and the overall lack of it in products built today. Sadly, it happens even on the high end products, but not as often as the low end grade. This customer has already laid out \$900 for a product and repairs and is looking at another \$500 to get the thing going.

WRITE THE COMPANY

I would find out who is the head of the customer relations department and the general sales manager of Brand X and send both of them a copy of this letter you sent me, by registered mail. I would ask that the new pump be supplied at no charge and that you are willing to pay the labor and service call.

In today's world of appliance woes and these burdens, homeowners have little recourse against manufacturers. I get tons of calls and mail similar to this one and they do not make me proud of the appliance industry.

It appears that the company viewpoint is contrary to enhancing brand loyalty. Can't they figure out that you will tell the average of 20 people about your problems and at least 10 will not purchase that particular brand? Will the day come when chat rooms are set up on the Web and before anyone buys an appliance, they will check these sites to find out which product is worse than another?

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His telephone number is (248) 455-7281.

DISHWASHER TROUBLES

He writes: I currently own the X Brand dishwasher which I purchased in October 1998. We have had some difficulties with this unit, but ever since a few months ago, we have been living a nightmare.

"When the dishwasher was installed, it didn't work, so the pump was replaced. It worked fine for a while, then we slowly lost use of some of the five cycles. Eventually, only the rinse cycle was functioning and we had the serviceman replace the extremely poorly engineered pushbutton device. That part was replaced in February 2002 for \$100.

"It worked until just before Thanksgiving when the washer did not complete its cycles, and a noticeable humming noise was present. (We've had a serviceman in now four times and the problem is still not corrected.)

"On his second visit he identified the pump as the problem and replaced it during the third visit for \$250. "This repair still did not solve the problem, so he then brought with him a local regional service representative. They both determined that the new pump was defective and ordered another pump.

NEW PUMP, WRONG PART

"After a few weeks, another pump arrived but it was the wrong part for my model number. After waiting four more weeks for the new pump assembly, I was informed that the part had a makeover and is now doubled in price. I am totally frustrated and I refused to have the new pump installed.

"My dishwasher is now in the garage. I tried contacting the manufacturer, but company officials were not helpful since they claim that my dishwasher was never registered and they have no record of any problems. (Odd, since as I mentioned earlier I had warranty work done when it was first installed.) While it worked, we were very happy with the dishwasher and its low water usage.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington Road and Five Mile. Guests are welcome.

Iris club

The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will host a slide presentation at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Marais, three blocks east of Crooks

and three blocks north of 13 Mile. The American Iris Society's hybridizers provided the club with 140 slide photos of their 2002 iris introductions. The event is free. For information call (248) 280-0848.

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, March 3, at Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 11 and 10 Mile. Jan Dolan will present a workshop on basic flower arranging. Bring a bowl, cylinder or other basic container, adhesive to secure pin holder, iceberg or other small mums, boxwood or any suitable material. Call (248) 615-3616 for information.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Adult Education Program offers a variety of classes. Call (734) 998-7061 for registration and other information. The schedule includes Plant Propagation: two Fridays beginning Feb. 28 or two Saturdays beginning March 1 (\$50-\$54 for members); Herbarium Revealed: Sundays, March 2-9 (\$40-\$36 for members) and 3,000 Years of Chocolate: Tuesdays, March 4-25 (\$85-\$76.50 for members).

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Disability Talks

Carrie Tynan

Relationships can sometimes be difficult

February is the month of love and celebrating relationships. Being in a relationship can be fulfilling in many ways - companionship, support and sharing your life with someone. In some cases, relationships can bring heartbreak, confusion and sadness.

For people with disabilities, relationships can be very difficult. For example, I have always had trouble trusting others because at times I get the sense I am being judged by my disabilities rather than my character. Over the years, I have lost friends because they could not accept or understand my impairments. It is sad in our society how people feel pity and just judge people's limitations. Every day in my professional and personal life I find myself proving that despite my disabilities I am a person.

There are also other issues that people with disabilities contend with, such as communication and fears of exposing their disability. Several of my deaf friends have expressed frustrations with communicating with others. Some, like myself, are forever reminding others to face forward for lip reading, and to speak slowly and clearly. People with hearing impairments also have to deal with hearing in noisy situations. I always avoid noisy places and make arrangements to meet others in quiet environments so I can enjoy myself.

Wheelchair-bound individuals must deal with making sure public places are wheelchair-accessible for themselves. Before entering a relationship or loving anyone, it is vital to feel comfortable about yourself and love yourself first. It took me several years to learn to love and see my true self. I have figured out my goals, gained my independence and found my place in society. Today I am at peace and very happy with where I am in life. I also know that I, along with others, deserve the best in life. That is why standards are important.

For example, I look for honesty, a good heart and a positive attitude in people I meet. I like to surround myself with individuals who have good spiritual energy. Never allow yourself to be degraded. More importantly, learn to leave things in the past and start with a fresh new beginning. Always stay positive, because if you do you will attract positive experiences. I also always go with my gut instinct and follow my heart. I have always been very honest about my disabilities and willing to answer any questions about them. Why shouldn't I? My disabilities are a part of me, and if people cannot deal with it I move on without them in my life. It can be very difficult to meet people in this day and age. Contacts are made at the work place, bars and churches. The latest thing is an online dating site where people can post and answer ads. Several friends have tried it and been very successful. However, there are some precautions that should be taken. Be honest about yourself, don't reveal too much personal information and always meet in public places. A couple good sites to visit are Yahoo Personals, Match Com, and I Can Date.

Most importantly, stay safe and be happy with what life has to offer. Carrie Tynan lives in Livonia. Contact her by e-mail at carrie@tynan.com or her Web site http://clix.to/writerfiction

African ambassadors

Episcopal delegation travels to embrace religious brothers, sisters on Nigerian trip

BY BRAD KADRACH | STAFF WRITER

Things being what they are in the world today, Jacquelyn Hayes expected to encounter some trouble traveling abroad as an American. She expected to see poverty and strife.

But when Hayes, a Plymouth resident who was part of a Michigan Episcopal delegation, arrived with her comrades in Nigeria, she also got something she didn't expect.

In a country where things are tough, where the average income is roughly \$300 a year, Hayes found the Nigerian people to be gracious and hospitable, with bright smiles for their American guests.



Roger Matthews parishioner at St David's, Southfield, discusses health care needs with an Anglican woman in Nigeria.

'For the average person, living conditions are fairly harsh,' said Hayes, a controller for Ford Motor Co's Windsor engine and casting plant. 'But in the midst of all that poverty, they really gave us the best they had to offer, with smiles on their faces. That surprised me a little bit. With things going on today, as an American traveling abroad, you just never know.'

Hayes' interest in the trip was piqued by a woman who spoke at her church, Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville. She saw it as a means to accomplish a lifelong wish to travel to Africa, and a way to go with "a good group of people."

And she wasn't disappointed.

It was all I hoped it would be and more, Hayes said. I thought I had prepared by reading about the conditions there, but I don't think you can really be prepared until you actually live it. People were gracious, very generous, very happy we'd come to see how they live and how they worship.'

WARM WELCOME

Hayes and 10 others, joined Bishop Wendell Gibbs representing the Diocese of Michigan, were greeted on their trip by choirs, marching bands and renditions of what quickly became the delegation theme song, "You are welcome in the name of the Lord," during their two-week trip to Nigeria in January.

Hosted by the Diocese of Ilesa and the Diocese of Ekiti, the dozen sojourners also had an audience with the first primate of the Anglican Church of Nigeria, Bishop Timothy O. Olufosoye (1979-1988), Ekiti State Gov Niyi Adebayo and a half-dozen local kings.



Jacquelyn Hayes of Plymouth second from left, along with Bishop Wendell Gibbs and his wife Karla meets with one of several local Nigerian kings.

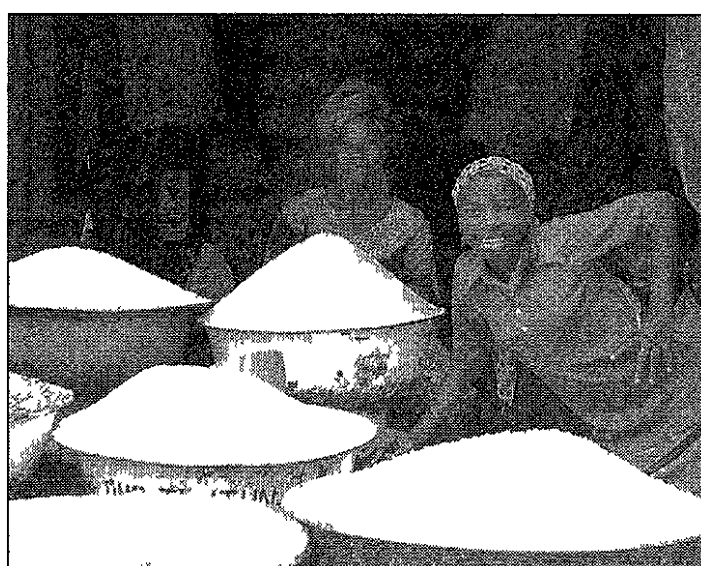


A young boy sells yams in the Nigerian marketplace.

Michigan has shared a companion relationship with Ilesa and Ekiti since the founding of the Anglican province of Nigeria in 1979. The January trip marked the first visit to Nigeria by a Michigan bishop since Bishop Coleman McGehees trip in 1984.

And the delegation couldn't have picked a better time for a visit, because the Americans witnessed an historic event on the first day in the country. Three administrative provinces were replaced with 10 and seven archbishops, who were elected in November 2002, were proclaimed by Archbishop and Primate of the Nigerian Church, Peter Akinola.

The four-hour service at Christ Cathedral Marina, in Lagos, was a signature event for the Anglican Church of Nigeria, which claims more than 15 million members. When the companion relationship was inaugurated 25 years ago, Nigeria had 16 dioceses. The Anglican Church of Nigeria now has 78 dioceses. That level of religion was another surprise for Hayes.



Local girls sell goods in the markets of Ekiti, Nigeria.

They have Anglican churches that originally started in England, but there are some customizations for the people in Nigeria, Hayes said. 'Some of the music might be different, some of the services are in traditional African languages, things like that. They have Bible studies that help parishioners learn more about the Biblical text.'

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS

The delegation traveled 200 kilometers northeast of Lagos to Ilesa, where it embraced a rigorous schedule of visiting schools, churches and clinics. While in Ilesa, the delegation was housed at an international school by its benefactor, the local king Oba Samuel Olashore.

The Michigan group also attended three nights of the Jesus Celebration, the 10th annual event of the Ilesa diocese that underscores the Nigerian Church's emphasis on evangelism and its commitment to hold ground against the current of non-denominational, apostolic church growth in Africa. 'They have lots of'

PLEASE SEE AFRICA, C9

Members of the Plymouth/Westland Grange host their own quilt show

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Sharon Strebbling unfolds her aunt's vintage quilt across a table in the upper room of the Westland Bailey Center. It is a visual representation of a person's life on a farm, an exquisite collage of flowers, fruit and wildlife needlepointed on swatches of black velvet and brocade. It is so artfully put together it should be hanging in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American Art.

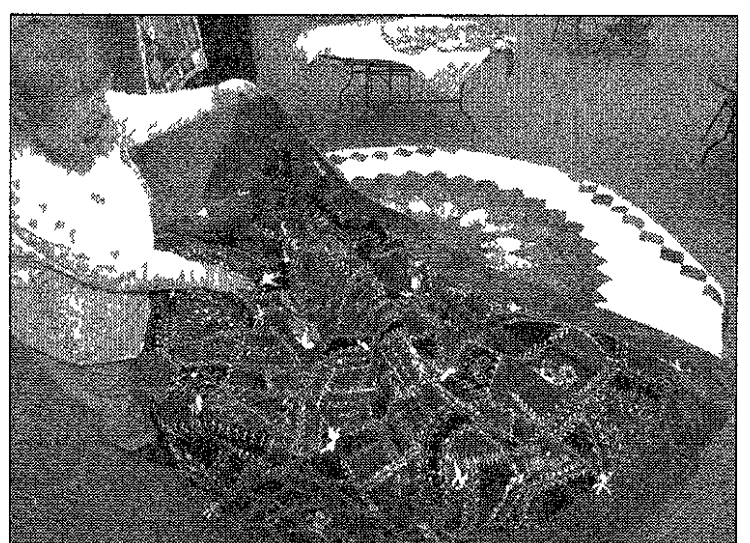
The quilt was found in Strebbling's aunt's attic. It was buried in a chest underneath a pile of blankets, with just its backing showing. If Strebbling hadn't been curious, she might have missed a treasure. Still, she knows little about the quilt's history.

My aunt died before we found out about the quilt. In 1924, it was entered in the Wayne County 4-H fair. I had an appraiser look at this and she dated it 1886. It obviously came from a farm person

because of the butterflies, the fish and the strawberries. There's even an owl, and the owl is a symbol of good luck," said Strebbling, a Westland resident.

Strebbling learned that the fabrics and thread were made at different times, and it was estimated it took one year to make the quilt.

It's only gone out of my arms long enough to display it like this. I cherish it," she said.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sharon Strebbling of Westland shows an antique quilt that she will have on display for the Grange show in Westland.

PLEASE SEE QUILTS, C9

CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

Plymouth Newcomers

A membership mixer is being held from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday Feb. 28. Anyone interested in joining this non-profit social group is invited to attend. For more info, contact Diane Peyton at (734) 354-9519.

Mardi Gras

A Mardi Gras event is being held Saturday, March 1, at the Ypsilanti Freight House. The goal is to create a fantasy street in New Orleans at Mardi Gras for the night. The ticket price is \$25, which includes an open bar with a selection of beers, wine, sangria and soda. Performers will include two bands, a DJ, street performers, a mime and tenor sax musician. Purchase tickets through www.mardigrasdetroit.com or in Plymouth at M Lou on Forest St.

Sweat Suit Drive

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club is sponsoring a sweat suit drive during the month of February. The club is collecting new sweat suits for First Step at drop sites throughout Canton and Plymouth. Call Mark Ott at (734) 981-0460 for details.

Nursery Co-op Registration

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op registration has begun for the 2003-04 school year. Openings for 3-4 year olds, various class times and days. Call Nola Wellman at (734) 453-0595 for information.

NAMI

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill holds its Public Education Meeting on 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard, Ann Arbor. This is a free event and NAMI may be reached at (734) 994-6611.

Arthritis Self Help Course

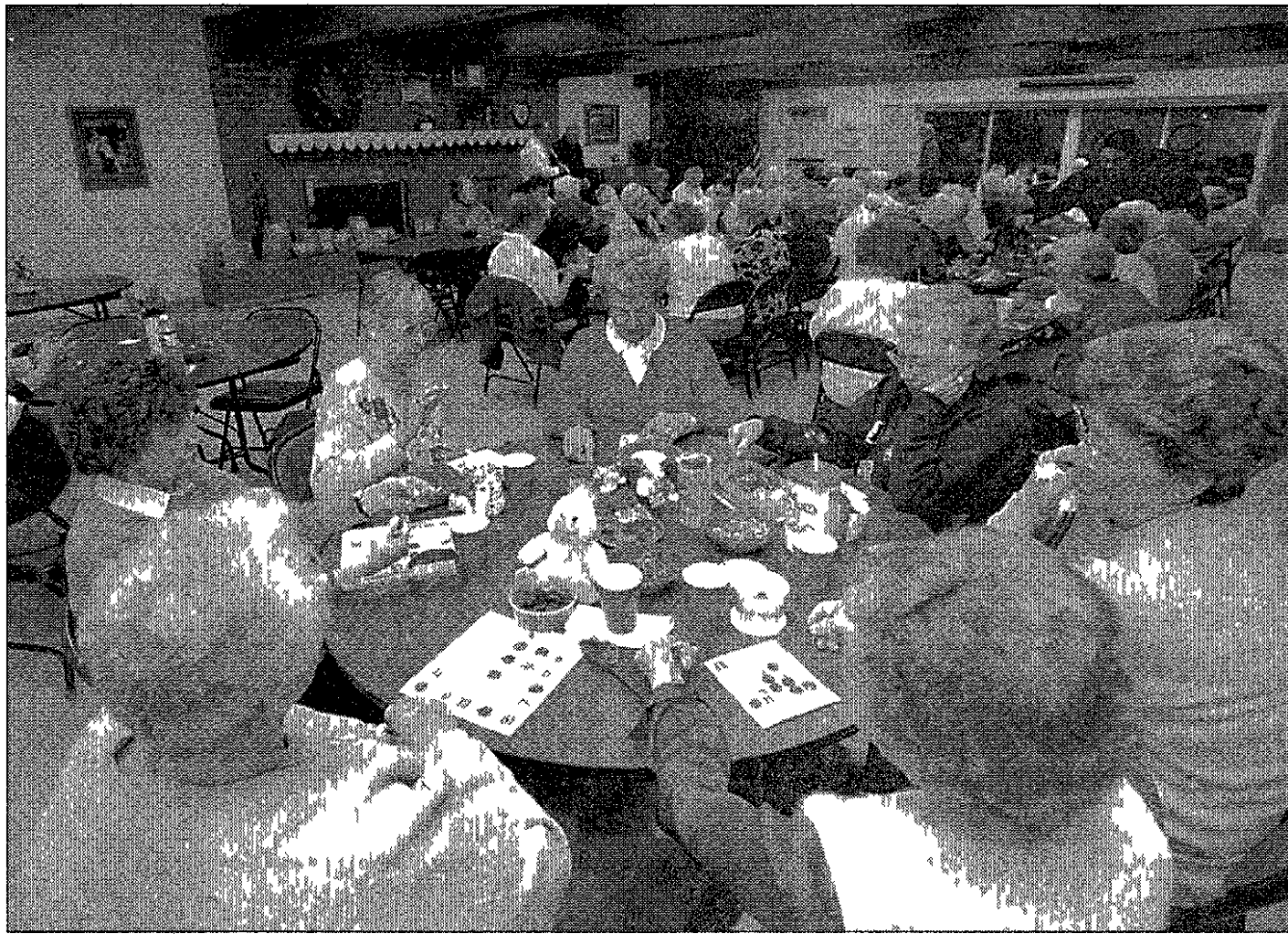
Do you have arthritis? Learn about arthritis, how to help reduce pain, protect your joints, deal with stress, work best with your physician and much more. A three-week course is being held at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital in Livonia from 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays, March 5, 12, and 19. The cost is \$20, which includes the 350-page Arthritis Helpbook. Call (734) 655-8940.

Art for the People

The PCAC is hosting the Arts League of Michigan exhibit, Art of the People, through March 3. For more information, call (734) 416-7278.

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.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bingo!

Seniors at Tonquish Creek Manor enjoy an evening of bingo hosted by the Plymouth Rotary recently. It was the annual party sponsored by the Rotary as a community service for the area's senior citizens.

Drug Workshop

The 'Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do' workshop was developed to help people who are struggling with teen substance abuse issues. Part One, 'What To Know', will be presented from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Classroom EC4, Ypsilanti, with presenter Ron Harrison, SW. Part Two, 'What To Do', will be presented from 7:30-9 p.m. March 11, Call (734) 973-7892 for further info.

Willow Creek Preschool

Now enrolling for 2002-2003 school year. An Open House is being held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 4. Three-year olds meet Tuesday and Thursday. Four-year olds meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Licensed preschool with certified teachers. For information, call Sherry Haskell (734) 326-5735.

Storytime

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

PCAC 70s Bash Tickets

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.

Plymouth Symphony

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

Free Blood Pressure Screening

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

Recreation Registration

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

Marie, President of Donna Marie Consulting and Training as guest speaker, RSVP to Brenda Durling at (734) 462-4670.

P/C Vietnam Vets of America

Chapter #528 meets every second Monday of the month at the American Legion Post #32, 9318 Newburg, Livonia. If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1961 and 1975, you can join the Vietnam Vets. Visit the Web site for more information: www.mihometown.com/oe/PlymouthCantonVVA.

BNI Plymouth II

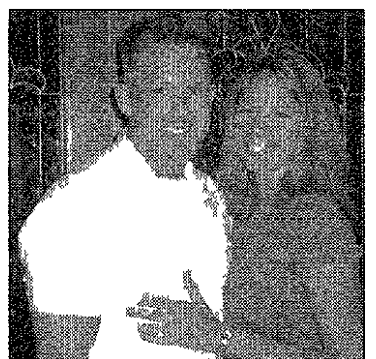
The Plymouth Chapter II BNI Group meets Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant located at 275 and Ann Arbor Road. The group is actively looking for new members. Please call (734) 459-5696 for further information.

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The March meeting will be held at Ernesto's Restaurant from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, with Donna

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Legwand-Beardsley

Dave and Carol Legwand of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Carla Diane Legwand, to David William Beardsley II, son of Dave and Deborah Beardsley of Canton.

Carla is a 1995 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and Western Michigan University. She is a second-grade teacher at Priest Elementary in Detroit and is currently pursuing a master's degree at Eastern Michigan University.

Dave is a 1994 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and Michigan State University where he earned a degree in construction management. He is currently working with Toll Brothers in Northville.

A June wedding is planned.



Elisberg anniversary

Ben and Miriam Elisberg of Plymouth have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Feb. 15, 1953. They returned to Michigan last summer after living 19 years in Colorado. They have a son, David Elisberg, his wife, Mary, and two grandchildren, Skylar and Jillian, in Colorado, and a daughter, Carol Savoni, her husband, Tony, and grandchildren, Kevin and Michael, in Canton.

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 Petite divorced white female seeks honest and secure single white male 49 55 who likes to laugh and have fun for friendship possible long term relationship Dearborn area Wayne County BOX 35950

ALL AMERICAN GUY
 Single white female 40 55 non smoker brown hair medium to husky loving caring likes a variety of activities sports Seeking a husky honest white guy 36 46 serious long term relationship Macomb County BOX 36039

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 Looking for someone special who is sincere honest and fun loving could be me I am a divorced white female 54 non smoker who likes to do almost everything West Side area Lets talk! Wayne County BOX 36084

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 30 yr old single mother of one enjoys movies dining out the mall and more Seeks a single gentleman with similar interests friendship first possibly leading to a meaningful relationship Must like children! BOX 31000

ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY
 Well traveled educated loving white professional female Seeking a sophisticated Christian man 62 to 72 who can also be down to earth Interests are classical music art appreciation world events and travel Comfortable one on one and in social situations Oakland County BOX 35911

WAITING AND HOPING
 27 yr old single black female with light brown eyes Likes having fun playing pool video games and outdoors Searching for a caring male 26 to 35 who likes having fun BOX 11904

NEED A COMPANION!
 Single white female 53 dark hair and eyes 5 physically fit social drinker Enjoys bingo bowling casinos funny movies yard sales garage sales sports dining out and just having fun Seeking a single male 45 to 55 who likes cats BOX 13728

MOTOWN GAL
 Looking for a kind sincere single or divorced male 48 to 60 non smoker for long term monogamous relationship I am 51 yr old divorced female I love Motown music and classic cars I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures Down River area BOX 14471

CHILL PARTNER
 Single mother of one is looking for a chill partner No game players BOX 14944

DONT MISS OUT!
 45 yr old female 57 medium build brown eyes and hair lives in Troy area enjoys sharing activities with the right person Give me a call and I'd be glad to get back to you! BOX 23444

SEEKS PERFECT MATE
 Attractive 50+ widow fun loving physically fit Seeks male desiring travel working out bicycling golf mountain hiking skiing swimming dancing dining out family cooking quiet evenings closeness sharing intimacy love Requesting too much? Tell me BOX 24980

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 Giving loving compassionate curly lots of fun great conversationalist 55 looking for sincere successful Caucasian gentleman 45 late 70s to be my soul mate Float your boat make your day answer my ad today BOX 25322

LIFE S BETTER SHARED
 Divorced female 52 53 125 lbs dark hair green eyes non smoker caring thoughtful blue collar worker no children Enjoys movies festivals dining out picnics barbecues reading museums Seeks caring kind male in Down River area to share life with BOX 25679

FIND YOUR FUTURE
 Single black professional female 32 52 143 lbs brown hair and eyes enjoys jazz movies dining out and travel Seeks male 45 to 55 for serious long term relationship BOX 25764

CUTE AND CLASSY
 Single black female mid 50s enjoys jogging concerts and walks in the park Seeking a gentleman over 50 with similar interests Oakland County BOX 26066

CONTACT ME A S A P!
 Attractive divorced white female professional college degree petite 51 weight proportionate optimistic Enjoys exercise good conversation movies concerts music sports Seeks professional divorced male 45 to 55 no beard or mustache sense of humor BOX 30884

GOOD TIMES AWAITS US
 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

FIRST TIME AD
 Educated well traveled loving professional single female 52 medium build non smoker Enjoys conversation music travel quiet times and theater Seeking refined gentleman 60 70 for friendship first Oakland county BOX 35999

SEEKING ITALIAN
 Petite white female 63 51 128 lbs brown hair and eyes non smoker attractive talkative good sense of humor Seeks gentleman 60 to 66 non smoker sharing the things in life we both enjoy especially travelling BOX 36003

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN
 Soft spoken non smoker white female 51 11 wishes to meet a white male 62 or taller 49 or older no games no heavy drinkers no drugs height/weight proportionate Wayne County BOX 36053

I HAVE ELAN
 Eclectic attractive slender romantic quality lady enjoys most music dancing golf tennis boating sports and theater Seeks special non smoking gentleman over 59 and 510 plus that is honest loyal and fun Oakland county BOX 36061

CALL 4 MORE INFO
 Single male is looking for a single female for great times together BOX 14909

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 ...Sngl! Single male, 48, light brown hair, blue eyes, employed, home-owner, smart, intelligent and handsome. Enjoys music, playing guitar, the outdoors. Seeking a single lady, children okay, for a possible relationship. BOX 21314

A SPECIAL GUY
 Divorced white male 55 510 medium build successful businessman Enjoys candlelight dinners flowers plays dancing concerts boating travel getaway weekends Seeks family oriented people person with good sense of humor BOX 14102

A GREAT KISSER
 Handsome single white male 32 511 dark hair green eyes athletic honest and confident Enjoys outdoors roller blading biking and running Searching for a single white female 18 to 32 attractive athletic affectionate honest with similar interests BOX 10525

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 Single white professional male 45 58 fit no dependents Catholic communicative introspective enjoys varieties of music movies reading thinking etc Seeking fit emotionally available single white professional female Oakland County BOX 36037

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STOP LOOK CALL!
 Divorced white male 49 medium build looking for a single woman late 40s early 50s shape looks important that wants a long term relationship Loves the outdoors and home cook meals Stop here and call and will talk more! No games always calls back Redford area BOX 25753

LIVE TO THE FULLEST
 Divorced white male 43 64 enjoys movies sports traveling dining out and more Looking for an athletic female 36 to 45 over 56 and love living life to the fullest BOX 10431

GETTING IT RIGHT!
 Handsome teacher 50 6 210 lbs divorced likes hunting fishing movies playing the guitar cooking gardening dining out and being with that special person Seeks single female same interests for a long term relationship NO HEAD GAMES! Children welcomed BOX 21155

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HONEST
 Tall divorced white male 64 good physical condition 58 non smoker self employed honest sincere sense of humor I would like to meet a slender lady 45 to 53 who is easygoing with good values for companionship and possible long term relationship BOX 35984

WANTING UR OPINION!
 Please be aware of this available adorable single white male if I'm one of your choices you'll meet a fine educated gent with many talents and interests Single white female 30 to 50 responses preferred! BOX 15072

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SENSIBLE MAN
 Single white male 55 soft spoken down to earth enjoys dancing theater movies etc Seeks friendly relationship minded single white female 40s to 50s Oakland County BOX 35983

ABOVE AVERAGE GENT
 Single white male mid 40s gets into travel music cars photography sports home decorating etc looking for an above average lady to partner with Oakland county BOX 35983

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
 I'm your man Hard working divorced white male 49 58 175 lbs seeking easy going and intelligent pretty white female in her 40s for a possible long term relationship I'm waiting to hear from you Redford Area Wayne County BOX 36011

SHOWS SOME CLASS
 yet provocative single white male promotes understanding and meaningful communication Looking for a pleasant good natured single white female 35 to 50 to interact with on a daily bases Oakland County BOX 36015

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GIVE AND TAKE
 47 yr old white professional male non smoker 58 155 lbs fit Loves animals the ocean long walks with someone special Looking for someone special who is down to earth honest sincere good looking inside and out height weight proportionate BOX 11282

SUBURBAN GENT
 49 yr old male keeps fit and healthy with nice looks and good attitude Seeks charming and cheerful single white female 40s to 50s for sharing caring dating and relating BOX 13717

LOOKING FORWARD
 Caucasian male 29 62 dark hair hazel eyes teddy bear seeks nice attractive fun active lady Enjoys cars hot rods shooting pool movies camping travel and more BOX 13757

SINCERELY SEARCHING
 Middle aged hard working dependable black male enjoys creative arts non fiction and more Seeks loving female with similar attributes BOX 13768

LOOKING 4 THAT GIRL
 Hard working divorced white male 49 58 175 lbs Looking to find an easy going intelligent pretty white female mid to late 40s nice shape and build for a long term relationship No games please Redford area BOX 14840

READY TO GAMBLE?
 46 yrs old attractive healthy single white male seeks lady like single white female 40s to 50s BOX 14811

JUST LOVABLE
 Single white male 44 loves hugging cuddling kissing and lots of affection Seeking female with the same interest age race size open BOX 14939

HERSHEY KISS!
 32 yr old single male 180 lbs dark and lovely sweet and gentle Seeks a single female for friendship possibly leading to more BOX 14991

SPIRITUAL CONNECTION
 Single white male 40 is looking for love and a real spiritual connection with a single nice white female 32 to 52 BOX 14998

JUST THE FACTS
 36 yr old male looking for someone 36 to 39 to talk to and spend time with BOX 20894

LOVE ME TENDER
 Sensual single white male 44 enjoys adult board games massage oils body paint etc Looking to share secret dreams and desires with creative impulsive single white female BOX 21299

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 Go ahead and call open minded single white male 39 easy to talk too romantic and adventurous Seeks single white female 24 42 for meaningful relationship Wayne county BOX 25010

FALL RIGHT INTO
 My arms! 39 yr old single male 58 210 lbs brown hair blue eyes physically fit Enjoys hunting fishing movies and going for walks Seeks a smart caring loving understanding lady with similar interests for friendship first possibly leading to a long term relationship BOX 25306

DO YOU QUALIFY?
 White male 48 muscular attractive financial and self secure Seeking selective classy attractive white or Asian female under 45 for long term relationship Wayne county BOX 25970

LET STAY 2GETHER
 For ever Single white male 45 honest faithful trustworthy caring loving up front smoker social drinker 6 165 lbs looking for a white female 35 50 on the slim side 100 140 lbs who has the same qualities as I do Looking for a very serious relationship no head games Oakland County BOX 26014

IS THIS YOUR NAME?
 Divorced white male early 50s dark hair blue eyes 6 looking for Carol Charlotte Chris Debbie Diane Denise Donna Joy Karen Kathy Linda Lor Nancy Pat Sally Sandy and Sue I'd like to meet you Ages 38 to 54 Possible long term relationship West Sider BOX 26039

WHY BE ALONE!
 57 yr old divorced male 57 175 lbs fit retired silver hair and mustache financially secure Loves golf movies biking travel the beach dining out Seeks female not too much baggage thin to medium build non smoker BOX 26857

FULL FIGURED LADY'S
 Divorced white male 43 59 165 lbs blondish brown hair green eyes down to earth Seeking a single or divorced white female 38 to 45 who is down to earth and enjoys the simple things in life For a possible relationship Wayne county BOX 27006

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Velles-Migyantica

Rita Velles of New London, Conn., is proud to announce the marriage of her daughter, Flora Anne Velles, to John Charles Migyantica, son of James and Chuck Migyantica of Canton.

The ceremony was performed Aug. 24, 2002, at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church with the Rev. Charles Simones officiating. The reception was held at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center in Waterford, Conn., outside on the ocean.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor's degree in International Business and Greek Studies. She was a sales representative for Celgene Corporation.

The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1992 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. He is employed as the regional business director for Gelzyne Corporation.

Attending the bride was Calie Velles Manwaring as maid of honor and bridesmaid Susan Migyantica.

Attending the groom was Russell Stokes as best man, and groomsmen Steve Prain, Don Abrams, Chris Crews, Joel Goebel, Jeff Speaks and Wes Johnson.

A wedding trip is planned in the future to Hawaii.

The couple will reside in Plymouth.

AFRICA

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fellowship and outreach for the parishioners," Hayes said. "Organizations for women and children, and the church is also active in setting up medical facilities and food for the children."

In Ado-Ekiti during the second week, the delegation was housed at the Christian Guest House on the Cathedral grounds.

They visited the Ile-Abiye Hospital, (which received a large gift from Michigan in the mid-1980s for an X-ray machine), the diocesan high school and one of four theological seminaries of the Anglican Church of Nigeria, located in Akure.

The delegation also paid a courtesy call on Bishop Samuel O. Oke, the bishop of Ekiti-West, which was formed in 1999 from the Diocese of Ekiti.

Gibbs stressed that the relationship with the Nigerian dioceses is about more than money and materials.

"We have to break out of the thinking that the only thing we have to offer is material, because we have things to offer that are not material," the bishop said.

"The sense I got from both bishops and from talking to the clergy and some of the people was not merely a need for maternal support for their projects and ministries. They want to get to know us. They want to know what makes us tick, what makes us think the way we do."

Now that the trip is over, Hayes is glad she went.

"I felt that the people who went on the trip were blessed," Hayes said. "The fellowship you have with other human beings is just tremendous. In many ways, as humans we have more in common than things that are different."

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QUILTS

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QUILTERS MEET

Strebbing is president of the Plymouth/Westland Grange 389, which hosts the FUN (Friendly! Unique! Necessary!) Quilters Club. The club meets 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first and third Monday of every month and 5:30-8:45 p.m. every second Friday at the Westland Bailey Center.

Strebbing's mother, Ruth Strebbing of Plymouth Township, shares her daughter's love of quilting.

"I've been quilting since I was 7 years old," she said. "The two women, along with other members of the club, are preparing for their Spring Quilt Show Saturday, March 1, at the Wayne Ford Civic League. They still may need someone to man a booth of quilting supplies, a quilt appraiser and lots of quilt displays. Amateurs and experts are all welcome."

Tina Wing of Canton is a beginner quilter. "This is my second quilt," she said, holding

up her artwork. "Ruth is my mentor. She is wonderful."

"Flattery will get you lunch only," replied Ruth, a Grange member for 41 years. Her husband, Howard, also is a Granger.

Ruth still lives in the same house in which her husband was born and raised. It was once a farm of 80 acres with cows and crops.

Along with Helen Eckles, another Grange member, Ruth made the apple and pumpkin pies for the Plymouth Fall Festival. Helen and Ruth were neighbors.

"I could jump over the fence to get to her house. I found out she loved quilting. In between our cooking, we'd get down to quilting," said Ruth.

Bea Donath of Wayne is the newest member of the FUN Quilters Club.

"I've been quilting a long time, but now I want to do the easy stuff," said the mother of eight grown children. "I make all the tops (of the quilts) and send them to my mom up north in Escanaba, and she quilts them. All my sisters got a top I made."

MOTIVATION

Eleanor Sisneros of Westland has been quilting for two years. She makes two-sided lap quilts that go to hospitals and nursing homes.

"I just love quilting. I love to sew," she said.

The FUN Quilters Club is a natural extension of the Granges tradition of social activism.

"The Grange was founded as a farmers' organization to help out with legislative issues. It's still very active," said Sharon Strebbing.

In addition to the quilter club donating lap quilts and stuffed animals made out of quilt scraps, the Grange participates in the nationwide Memory Box Program. Members of the Grange handpaint small boxes that are distributed by hospitals to parents whose babies were either born dead or died in the hospital. The boxes can contain the baby's layette, perhaps a piece of hair or a footprint.

"The parents carry this so they don't go out empty-handed," said memory box painter JoAnn Super of Belleville.

"We've gotten so many thank-you letters on this. Every hospital wants several boxes a month. You wouldn't believe how many babies die. It's been a very rewarding program."

Tina Wing, who suffers from fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome, had very personal reasons for joining the quilter club. In the past, her condition often left her feeling depressed and isolated.

"Quilting makes you feel good. I say, look at this. I'm not useless."

None of the women participate in the quilter club for the money they may get when they sell a quilt.

"You have \$125 in this quilt and people want to give you \$20," said Tina. "You can go to Wal-Mart and pick up a quilt for \$35. We know these poor women in China probably get paid a nickel a day."

No, the reason why the women meet twice a week to quilt together is more altruistic.

Part of the reason I joined the FUN Quilters Club was not just for the friendship. It was for the community service," said Tina.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF HEARING
ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 for an Organizational Meeting on **Tuesday, March 4, 2003** at 12:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Review session will begin

TUESDAY, March 4, 2003 from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2003 from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. **COMPLETED 2003 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY** and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The **"DEADLINE"** for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the board of Review is **Wednesday, March 5, 2003 by 5:00 p.m.**

A resident or non resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Friday, March 14, 2003.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the city and also in the local newspapers.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact (734) 453-1234 extension 223.

MARK R. CHRISTIANSEN
City of Plymouth
City Assessor

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO PUBLIC
BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessors's office by March 11, 2003.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Please come prepared as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review appointments:

Saturday, March 8, 2003	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
First Come First Serve	(Walk in Schedule)
Monday, March 10, 2003	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. AND 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 11, 2003	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. AND 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call Emily Pizzo, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Charter Township of Canton

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003
REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
EXEMPTION FOR TRAM, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Tram, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption for a new facility, including new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures to be installed in the facility. The proposed facility is located on lots 2, 3 and 4 of Plymouth Corporate Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Tram, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing, the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing commencing at 7:00 p.m. will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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JOINT STUDY SESSION OF THE
CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
TRUSTEES, AND THE
WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES
AUTHORITY - FEBRUARY 18, 2003

A joint study meeting of the Board of Trustees from Canton Township, Northville Township, Plymouth Township and the Western Townships Utilities Authority held Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. Canton Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Canton Township Members Present: Shefferly Burdzyak, McLaughlin, Bennett, Yack, Zarbo, Kirchgatter. Absent: None.
Also Present: Aaron Machnik, Director of Municipal Services / Northville Township Members Present: Abbo, Banner, Gans, Klokkenka, Werner, Hillebrand, Absent: Henningsen. Also Present: Don Weaver / Plymouth Township Members Present: Griffith, Edwards, Curmi, Mann, Massengill, Absent: Arnold, Mumfakh. Also Present: James D. Anulewicz, Director of Public Service / WTUA Present: Tim Faas, Director of Operations, Chuck Barbieri, Foster Swift, & Collins PC / YCUA Present: Perry, M. Thomas, Larry Thomas. Also Present: John Grader from the Community Center.

PRESENTATION ON THE WTUA BUSINESS PLAN
Presentation by Mr. Tim Faas, Director of Operations at WTUA. The following issues were presented:

Business Plan History: There have been 3 updates since the plan was adopted in February of 1997. Negotiations that started in 1997 between YCUA and WTUA were concluded in the fall of 2000.

Seven Prime Objectives: Flow metering system, Redirection projects, Obtaining additional temporary capacity, Capital alternatives evaluation, Negotiate an expansion with YCUA, Sale of RVIS capacity, Communicate the Business Plan.

Secondary Objectives/Issues: City of Plymouth / Plymouth Township flow separation planning - Non point source (storm water) pollution, DWSD CSO Control Plan, Institutional capacity in the County RVIS.

Questions were asked regarding the flow monitors and the storm sewer water infiltration problem. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Couples considering adoption can get information on issues and alternatives through an educational group sponsored by Beaumont Hospital. As part of the Adoption Information Series, the hospital will sponsor "Working with an Agency" 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 3, in the hospital's Administration Building West (lower level, Classroom 2).

3601 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak
The series is offered monthly and presents a variety of speakers on different adoption programs, adoption types, preparations and issues such as family impact. This month's guest presenter is Paul Spring, of Adoption Associates.

To register, call toll-free (800) 633-7377

RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (248) 477-9722 or write Religion Calendar Farmington Observer 33411 Grand River Farmington MI 48335. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner
St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church will hold an all you can eat spaghetti dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8. The menu will include spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and coffee, tea or milk. Cash bar for beer and wine will be available. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Children under six eat free. The church is located at 29200 W. 10 Mile in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-9870.

Nardin Quartet Concert
The David Bennett Quartet featuring jazz clarinetist David Bennett will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. The afternoon will include 90 minutes of jazz and Dixieland music and a 30-minute intermission that includes a variety of snacks, desserts and beverages. All proceeds will benefit the New Generation Youth Choir. Call (248) 476-8860.

Coffee talk
Single Point Lighthouse Cafe offers an evening of relaxation and fun while listening to live entertainment provided by other Single Pointers. Cost is \$5. Hot dogs, goodies and coffee provided. Call Single Point Ministries at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road (near Haggerty), Northville at (248) 374-5920.

LENTEN SERVICES

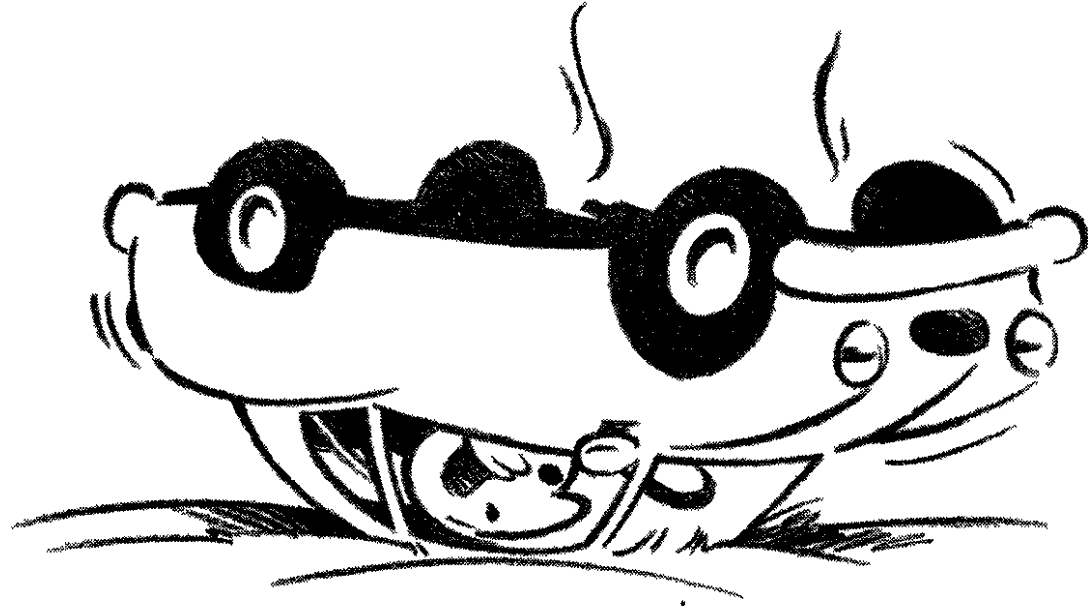
First Presbyterian
First Presbyterian Church of Farmington will celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season with a worship service at 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, March 5. The celebration continues with a potluck supper and worship service at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday of Lent beginning March 9. The church is located at 11 Mile and Farmington Road. Call (248) 474-6170.

Bethlehem Lutheran
Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills will hold Wednesday Lenten bible study sessions 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 12, 19 and 26 and April 2 and 9. Bring a brown bag lunch. Soup suppers will also be held on these days at 6 p.m. with a service following the supper. The church is located at 35300 W. Eight Mile.

ONGOING

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

Aglow
Aglow International, a community lighthouse for women, meets for dinner and discussion at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Best Western Executive Hotel, 31525 W. 12 Mile in Farmington. For information or reservations, call (248) 476-1053.



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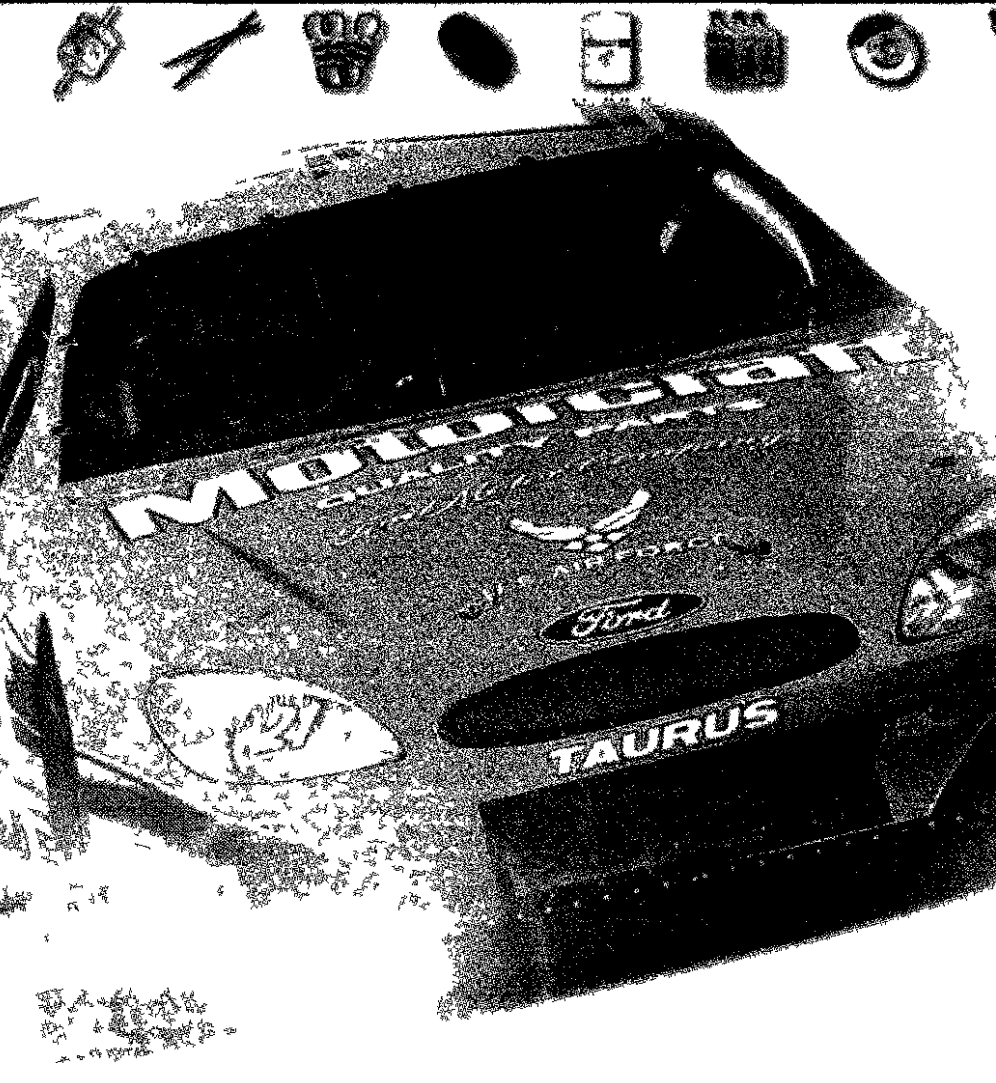
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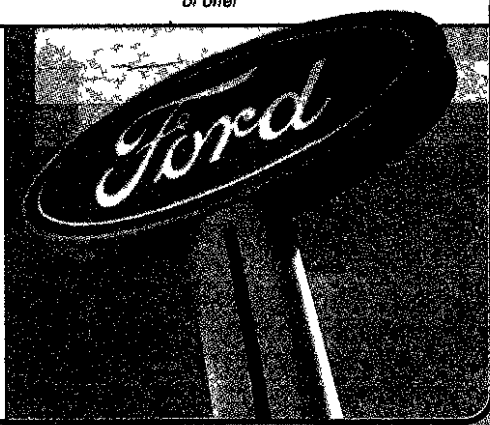
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Sidelines

■ Kurtinaitis lauded

Dan Kurtinaitis, a 6-foot-3 junior guard for Madonna University's men's basketball team, became the first Crusader named to the all-Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference's first team.

Kurtinaitis from Dearborn led Madonna in scoring, averaging 18 points a game. He was joined on the all-WHAC first team by Cornerstone's Bryan Foltice and Justin VandePol, Siena Heights' Steve Biggs and Indiana Tech's Detonio Hawkins. Two other Crusaders were also singled out for honors: Noel Emenhiser, a 6-5 sophomore guard from Monroeville, Ind., was named to the all-WHAC second team; he averaged 17.1 points and 5.0 rebounds a game.

And Aaron Cox, a 6-0 senior guard from New Boston, was named to the all-defensive team. He had 55 steals and 13 blocks for Madonna. He was joined by Concordia's Erik Uhlinger, a senior guard from Livonia Churchill who had 71 steals and 18 blocks.

Cox and Kurtinaitis were also named to the WHAC's all-academic team. Cox has a 3.9 grade point average majoring in education. Kurtinaitis has a 3.4 GPA with a business administration major.

Unfortunately, Kurtinaitis was lost for the season with a knee injury suffered Feb. 18 at Concordia.

■ Impressive group

Madonna University's women's basketball team got some recognition too, with Lindsay Simmon, a 5-foot-11 senior forward from Grosse Pointe, being selected to the all-WHAC first team. Simmon was second in the conference in scoring, averaging 16.2 points and 6.8 rebounds.

Courtney Rehbine, a 6-2 junior center from Clawson, was named to the all-WHAC third team. She averaged 10.3 points and 6.8 rebounds a game for the Crusaders.

And Sarah Thomson, a 5-10 freshman forward from Roseville, was picked for the WHAC's all-rookie team after averaging 7.9 points and 4.9 rebounds a game.

Simmon, Loriann Tschirhart and Nikki Blaszk were also named to the all-academic team. Simmon has a 3.68 grade point average with a double major in math and elementary education. Blaszk has a 3.77 GPA with a criminal justice major, and Tschirhart has a 3.5 GPA with a business administration major.

■ Blick picked

Ryan Blick, a sophomore forward for Lawrence University's hockey team and a Canton native, was named to the all-Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association's first team.

Blick was one of four players from the Appleton, Wis., school to be honored. Blick shattered the school's records for assists and points in a season, collecting 16 goals and 24 assists (40 points). He had 11 goals and 17 assists (28 points) in MCHA play.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mark Nagel scored Salem's first and last goals against Howell — he celebrates his third period goal above — and added an assist in between.

Rocks roll in region opener

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Monday's game was a warm-up. Nothing more.

Tonight Salem's hockey team will meet fifth-ranked Ann Arbor Huron in the Division I Region 3 semifinal at 5:30 p.m. at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor. It will be a huge test for the Rocks, ranked seventh in the last state poll.

They had the luxury of evaluating the River Rats on Monday after they had dismissed Howell in the first round of

regional play by a 6-0 margin at the Ice Cube (which made Salem 19-4-1). That's because they played first, in the second game, Huron bumped Canton, 5-2.

Asked what he thought of Huron, Salem standout Mark Nagel — who scored twice against Howell — replied, "They're big."

The River Rats are fast, too. And they've only lost three times, two of those to Trenton, ranked No. 1 in Division II.

Unfortunately, Howell (a 9-12-3 final record) was neither big enough nor fast

enough to cope with Salem. Asked what concerned him most about the Rocks going into the game, Highlanders' coach Randy Montrose handed over a scouting report that had as the top concern Salem's "snipers."

"That's a good team," Montrose conceded. "In the first period we played even up with them. I thought we did pretty well. Then after a period-and-a-half of hockey, we got off of our style and they took it to us."

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, D3

Top-ranked Shamrocks hang on to beat Flyers

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
CORRESPONDENT

Both coaches agreed that it was a great game for high school hockey.

Maybe a bit better for Redford Catholic Central than Farmington Unified, however.

Top-rated CC built up a 4-1 lead early in the third period Tuesday night but had to hang on at the end for a 4-3 first-round victory over No. 2 Farmington Unified in a MHSAA Division I regional opener held at Compuware Arena.

"What could be more exciting than to fill this place?" Shamrocks' co-coach Gordie St. John said after his team improved to 21-3. "This was great exposure for high school hockey that this many people could see this game."

The Michigan High School Athletic Association made a quasi-controversial decision to move the venue of the first-round matchup from Redford Ice Arena to the home of the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey Association, whose 3,500 seats gave more than twice as many people the opportunity to watch the game.

Attendance was announced at 3,578 and included numerous area high school coaches including Pete Mazzoni, whose Livonia

REGIONAL HOCKEY

PLEASE SEE SHAMROCKS, D3

Rocks slide in WLAA semis

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

All nine girls volleyball teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association took their shots this season at top seed Livonia Churchill.

All nine went down.

The Chargers, who led the WLAA regular season with a 9-0 record, became undisputed champion Saturday by winning the 10-school Western Lakes tournament held at Wayne Memorial.

Number two seed Walled Lake Central got the final crack against Churchill in the championship final, but the Chargers bested the Vikings for the fifth time this season, 15-4, 16-14.

Churchill, which forfeited last year's WLAA championship when it used two ineligible players, reclaimed the title with stellar defense, precision passing and timely hitting.

"It was an interesting day," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "I love to watch us play defense. We also had good transition from

defense to offense."

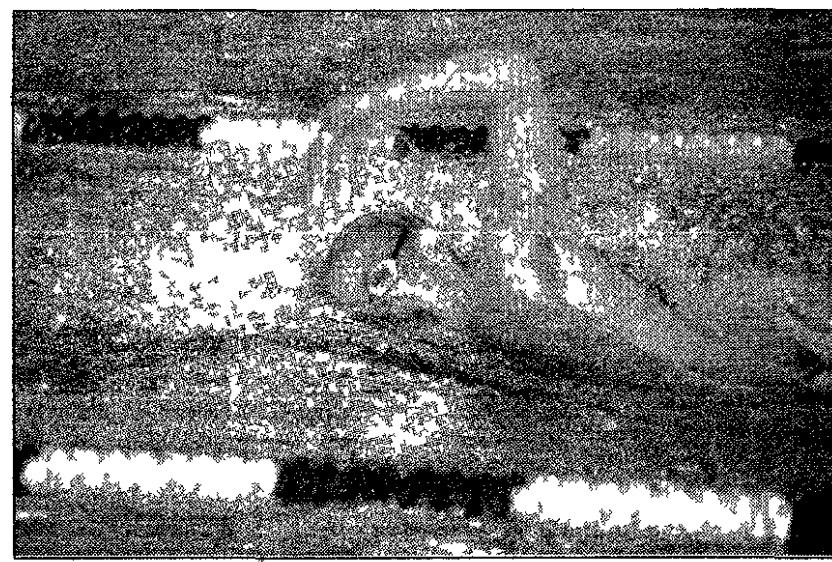
Left-side hitters Jacqui Gatt and Tania Morkert, each standing just 5 feet, 5 inches apiece, combined for 84 kills in six matches on the day, which also included pool play victories over Canton (15-3, 15-7), Livonia Stevenson (15-4, 15-7), Walled Lake Western (15-3, 15-11) and Wayne (15-6, 15-11).

In the semifinals, Churchill disposed of Salem, 15-7, 15-4.

"Our two left-side hitters have been wonderful all year, along with our two middle hitters, (Michelle) Phillips and (Kelsey) Mack," Hughes said of Gatt and Morkert. "We also got solid setting from our sophomore, too (Kristyna) Archer."

Eva Jedruszko, a 5-6 outside hitter, and Phillips, a 5-9 senior middle hitter, contributed 25 kills each on the day, while Mack, a 5-10 sophomore, added 19, including five m

PLEASE SEE VOLLEYBALL, D5



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Nick Dixon finished first in the 200-yard individual medley at the WLAA Finals, and he was second in the 500-yard freestyle.

Salem stretches WLAA title streak to 11 in a row

Canton wins 3 events, finishes 2nd

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

No real big surprises — that's what the Western Lakes Activities Association Swim Finals produced Saturday at Salem High School.

And that's just the way Salem coach Chuck Olson wanted it.

Considering his Rocks have now won 11-straight WLAA championships, his reasoning is understandable. Salem, which trailed Canton after Thursday's preliminaries, collected itself for Saturday's finals and easily won the championship, scoring 615 points.

Runner-up Canton placed second with 420, with Northville third (401.5), Livonia Stevenson fourth (358), Walled Lake Central fifth (275), Livonia Churchill sixth (241), Walled Lake Western seventh (216), Wayne Memorial eighth (151.5),

Westland John Glenn ninth (132) and Livonia Franklin 10th (109).

"We kinda swam good on Saturday," said Olson, in typical understatement. "On Thursday, they did what they had to do. Canton was ahead of us, but we just sat on our starts (so as not to get disqualified)."

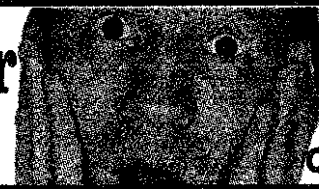
"The whole meet got faster. It got very competitive. There was good quality up top and a lot of depth."

With the Farmington schools having transferred out of the WLAA, it wasn't certain how fast the meet would be. Olson thought there was little difference.

And there was little he didn't like about his own team's performance. "There's not too much I was displeased with," he said. "We scored in 35 of our 36 entries at the league meet."

PLEASE SEE SWIMMING, D4

Did you miss the deadline for Thursday's Classifieds?



You have a second chance to make Thursday's edition, if you call us by noon on Wednesday we'll put your ad in a special mini-directory, "Too late to Classified," which appears in Arts & Entertainment. Call 1-800-579-SELL (preferably by deadline) to place your ad.

PCA's Baloga shoots down a pair of records

The only real interest in the second half of Plymouth Christian Academy's basketball game against Warren Immaculate Conception Tuesday was if Ben Baloga could do it.

Turned out he could. Baloga, a junior guard, used his extraordinary sharpshooting skills to break a couple of school records as the Eagles walloped Immaculate Conception, 73-28.

The win gave PCA a 9-10 overall record. Immaculate Conception is 3-15.

Baloga broke the PCA scor-

BASKETBALL

ing record by pouring in 37 points. The former mark was 36, held by Manish Mandan. But as impressive as that was, how he did it was even more spectacular. Baloga knocked down 10-of-13 three-point attempts — he was 10-of-14 overall — and made 5-of-6 free throws.

His 10 triples also broke the school record of nine threes in a game, previously held by Scott Carty, who did it twice in 1997-98.

Whalers struggle during 3-game stint

Matters went from good to bad to worse for the Plymouth Whalers, who played three Ontario Hockey League games in three days for the second consecutive weekend.

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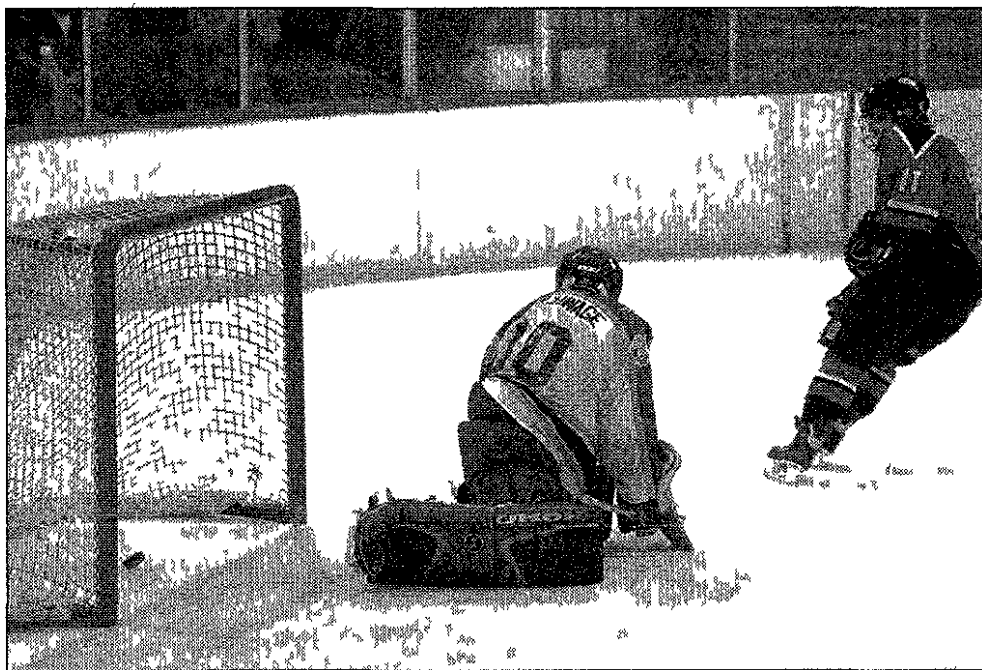
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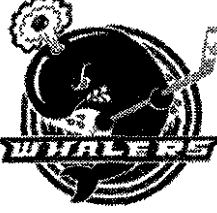
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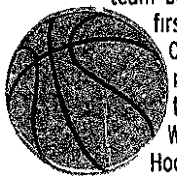
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Sidelines

Kurtinaitis lauded

Dan Kurtinaitis a 6 foot 3 junior guard for Madonna University's men's basketball team became the



first Crusader named to the all Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference's first team Kurtinaitis from Dearborn led Madonna in scoring averaging 18 points a game He was joined on the all WHAC first team by Cornerstone's Bryan Foltice and Justin VandePol Siena Heights' Steve Biggs and Indiana Tech's Detonio Hawkins Two other Crusaders were also singled out for honors Noel Emehiser a 6 5 sophomore guard from Monroeville Ind was named to the all WHAC second team he averaged 17 1 points and 5 0 rebounds a game

And Aaron Cox a 6 0 senior guard from New Boston was named to the all defensive team He had 55 steals and 13 blocks for Madonna He was joined by Concordia's Erik Uhinger a senior guard from Livonia Churchill who had 71 steals and 18 blocks

Cox and Kurtinaitis were also named to the WHAC's all academic team Cox has a 3 9 grade point average majoring in education Kurtinaitis has a 3 4 GPA with a business administration major

Unfortunately Kurtinaitis was lost for the season with a knee injury suffered Feb 18 at Concordia

Impressive group

Madonna University's women's basketball team got some recognition too with Lindsay Simmon a 5 foot 11 senior forward from Grosse Pointe being selected to the all WHAC first team Simmon was second in the conference in scoring averaging 16 2 points and 6 8 rebounds

Courtney Rehbine a 6 2 junior center from Clawson was named to the all WHAC third team she averaged 10 3 points and 6 8 rebounds a game for the Crusaders

And Sarah Thomson a 5 10 freshman forward from Roseville was picked for the WHAC's all rookie team after averaging 7 9 points and 4 9 rebounds a game

Simmon Lorian Tschirhart and Nikki Blaszk were also named to the all academic team Simmon has a 3 68 grade point average with a double major in math and elementary education Blaszk has a 3 77 GPA with a criminal justice major and Tschirhart has a 3 5 GPA with a business administration major

Blick picked

Ryan Blick a sophomore forward for Lawrence University's hockey team and a Canton native was named to the all Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association's first team



Blick was one of four players from the Appleton Wisc school to be honored Blick shattered the school's records for assists and points in a season collecting 16 goals and 24 assists (40 points) He had 11 goals and 17 assists (28 points) in MCHA play



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Mark Nagel scored Salem's first and last goals against Howell — he celebrates his third period goal above — and added an assist in between

Rocks roll in region opener

BY C J RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Monday's game was a warm-up Nothing more

Tonight Salem's hockey team will meet fifth-ranked Ann Arbor Huron in the Division I Region 3 semifinal at 5 30 p m at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor It will be a huge test for the Rocks, ranked seventh in the last state poll

They had the luxury of evaluating the River Rats on Monday after they had dismissed Howell in the first round of

regional play by a 6-0 margin at the Ice Cube (which made Salem 19-4-1) That's because they played first, in the second game, Huron bumped Canton, 5-2

Asked what he thought of Huron, Salem standout Mark Nagel — who scored twice against Howell — replied, "They're big"

The River Rats are fast, too And they've only lost three times, two of those to Trenton, ranked No 1 in Division II

Unfortunately, Howell (a 9-12-3 final record) was neither big enough nor fast

enough to cope with Salem Asked what concerned him most about the Rocks going into the game, Highlanders' coach Randy Montrose handed over a scouting report that had as the top concern Salem's "snipers"

"That's a good team," Montrose conceded "In the first period we played even up with them I thought we did pretty well Then after a period-and-a-half of hockey, we got off of our style and they took it to us"

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, D3

Top-ranked Shamrocks hang on to beat Flyers

BY RICHARD L SHOOK
CORRESPONDENT

Both coaches agreed that it was a great game for high school hockey

Maybe a bit better for Redford Catholic Central than Farmington Unified, however

Top-rated CC built up a 4-1 lead early in the third period Tuesday night but had to hang on at the end for a 4-3 first-round victory over No 2 Farmington Unified in a MHSAA Division 1 regional opener held at Compuware Arena

"What could be more exciting than to fill this place?" Shamrocks' co-coach Gordie St John said after his team improved to 21-3 This was great exposure for high school hockey

that this many people could see this game"

The Michigan High School Athletic Association made a quasi-controversial decision to move the venue of the first-round matchup from Redford Ice Arena to the home of the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey Association, whose 3,500 seats gave more than twice as many people the opportunity to watch the game

Attendance was announced at 3,578 and included numerous area high school coaches including Pete Mazzoni, whose Livonia

PLEASE SEE SHAMROCKS, D3



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Salem's Nick Dixon finished first in the 200-yard individual medley at the WLAA Finals, and he was second in the 500-yard freestyle

Rocks slide in WLAA semis

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

All nine girls volleyball teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association took their shots this season at top seed Livonia Churchill

All nine went down The Chargers, who led the WLAA regular season with a 9-0 record, became undisputed champion Saturday by winning the 10-school Western Lakes tournament held at Wayne Memorial

Number two seed Walled Lake Central got the final crack against Churchill in the championship final, but the Chargers bested the Vikings for the fifth time this season, 15-4, 16-14

Churchill, which forfeited last year's WLAA championship when it used two ineligible players, reclaimed the title with stellar defense, precision passing and timely hitting

"It was an interesting day," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said "I love to watch us play defense We also had good transition from

defense to offense"

Left-side hitters Jacqui Gatt and Tania Morkert, each standing just 5 feet, 5 inches apiece, combined for 84 kills in six matches on the day, which also included pool play victories over Canton (15-3, 15-7), Livonia Stevenson (15-4, 15-7), Walled Lake Western (15-3, 15-11) and Wayne (15-6, 15-11)

In the semifinals, Churchill disposed of Salem, 15-7, 15-4

"Our two left-side hitters have been wonderful all year, along with our two middle hitters, (Michelle) Phillips and (Kelsey) Mack," Hughes said of Gatt and Morkert "We also got solid setting from our sophomore, too (Kristyna Archer)"

Eva Jedruszko, a 5-6 outside hitter, and Phillips, a 5-9 senior middle hitter, contributed 25 kills each on the day, while Mack, a 5-10 sophomore, added 19, including five in

PLEASE SEE VOLLEYBALL, D5

Salem stretches WLAA title streak to 11 in a row

Canton wins 3 events, finishes 2nd

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No real big surprises — that's what the Western Lakes Activities Association Swim Finals produced Saturday at Salem High School

And that's just the way Salem coach Chuck Olson wanted it Considering his Rocks have now won 11-straight WLAA championships, his reasoning is understandable Salem, which trailed Canton after Thursday's preliminaries, collected itself for Saturday's finals and easily won the championship, scoring 615 points

Runner-up Canton placed second with 420, with Northville third (401 5), Livonia Stevenson fourth (358), Walled Lake Central fifth (275), Livonia Churchill sixth (241), Walled Lake Western seventh (216), Wayne Memorial eighth (151 5),

Westland John Glenn ninth (132) and Livonia Franklin 10th (109)

"We kinda swam good on Saturday," said Olson, in typical understatement "On Thursday, they did what they had to do Canton was ahead of us, but we just sat on our starts (so as not to get disqualified)"

"The whole meet got faster It got very competitive There was good quality up top and a lot of depth" With the Farmington schools having transferred out of the WLAA, it wasn't certain how fast the meet would be Olson thought there was little difference

And there was little he didn't like about his own team's performance "There's not too much I was displeased with," he said "We scored in 35 of our 36 entries at the league meet

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PCA's Baloga shoots down a pair of records

The only real interest in the second half of Plymouth Christian Academy's basketball game against Warren Immaculate Conception Tuesday was if Ben Baloga could do it

Turned out he could Baloga, a junior guard, used his extraordinary sharpshooting skills to break a couple of school records as the Eagles walloped Immaculate Conception, 73-28

The win gave PCA a 9-10 overall record Immaculate Conception is 3-15 Baloga broke the PCA scor-

BASKETBALL

ing record by pouring in 37 points The former mark was 36, held by Manish Mandam

But as impressive as that was, how he did it was even more spectacular Baloga knocked down 10-of-13 three-point attempts — he was 10-of-14 overall — and made 5-of-6 free throws

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160 Trevor Stewart (Redford CC) dec Hassen Berni (Dearborn) 9-5 consolation Troy Maxwell (Monroe) dec Dario Mameila (Stevenson) 5-4

171 Steve Wallace (Wayne) won by major dec over Eric Chambers (John Glenn) 15-4 consolation Brad Brown (Monroe) dec Scott Schwarzlose (Redford CC) 5-2

189 Jake Fairchild (John Glenn) dec Matt Kezior (Novi) 12-5 consolation Chris Watson (Belleville) won by default over Cory Bunch (Monroe)

215 Alex Murray (Churchill) p Jim Abercrombie (Dearborn) 4-37 consolation Jesse Cummings (Southgate) dec Cliff Fauser (Woodhaven) 9-3

275 Kyle Schuyler (Saline) dec Rick Nieman (Bedford) 6-3 consolation Matt Morris (Monroe) won by default Josh Haron (S Lyon)

Club elections set

The annual meeting and election of officers for the Plymouth-Canton Community Hockey Booster Club is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. Current members, and those with Canton or Salem hockey players, are encouraged to attend Call Mary Maurer at (734) 254-9234

SHAMROCKS

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Churchill team will play Catholic Central in the second round tonight - at Redford Ice Arena.

"The game lived up to this building," said Farmington first-year coach Mark Vellucci, whose Flyers lost for the first time in a 25-game season. "I was so glad they changed venues. They saw one of the best games in high school history."

"We had our chances. I'm a rookie coach and I learned a lot. Hopefully it's going to help me in the years to come."

Farmington rooters filled a good portion of one side of the arena and exchanged some raucous chants with their CC counterparts.

"Moving the game was the right thing for high school hockey," St. John said. "Over three times as many fans were able to see the game. For the sport, I think it was the best thing."

"Remember, we didn't have anything to do with it. We were asked by the state high school athletic association to do it. It was neutral site. It was fair to both teams."

Brandon Naurato collected a hat trick for the Shamrocks including a top-shelf shot that turned out to be the game-winner with 10:58 to play. He converted a feed from farther out by Eric Giosa and burned a too-low Aaron Allor to give CC its 4-1 lead.

But then it seemed the ice started to tilt, and at the end it was the Shamrocks who were hanging on by their fingertips and needed a big point-blank save by goalie Jimmy Blanchard with three seconds to play to salvage the win.

"Psychologically, what I think happened was that we were up by three goals and I think we let up a bit," St. John said. "They jumped on it. We made one mistake - we opened up the net and they put it in."

"That gave them an opportunity and they just ran with it."

Blanchard had gone behind the net to clear the puck but somehow it wound up on the stick of Mike Hand, who passed it to Keith Hay near the blue line between the faceoff circles.

Blanchard was unable to get back into his net in time and



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Catholic Central's Brandon Naurato put three shots into the Farmington Unified goal in the Shamrocks 4-3 victory Tuesday.

Hay had an open lane in which to score. His goal cut the margin to 4-2 with 10:21 to play.

Just 1:15 later the Flyers sliced the deficit to 4-3 - with the help of a couple of fortunate bounces.

A shot by CC's left defenseman was blocked at close range by Nick Hermiz - with the puck bouncing nearly straight back to center ice.

Hand outraced a CC defender to the puck, broke in on Blanchard and fired a shot that the Shamrocks' net-minder blocked. But the puck came right back to Hand and he was able to score on the rebound.

A Shamrock defender preserved the lead with 4:40 to play when he blocked an attempt by Hay to score from right in front of the net.

The Flyers made a nicely timed timeout call with 55 seconds left. Top-scorer Hay had just gone off the ice after about a minute of playing time.

The timeout gave him enough of a rest to finish the game. "If we had tied it up in the last two minutes," Vellucci said, "we all felt that with the heart this team has that we would win it in overtime, or in the last minutes."

"But they're a great team. They're the four-time defending state champs. They were a little deeper, a little better."

"I was pacing a bit more at the end of the game than I did at the beginning," St. John said.

"That's a good hockey team. They did a good job."

Farmington was outshot in the game, 28-23, but CC dominated the first period "by a much greater margin than the 14-8 shot margin showed."

Naurato broke a scoreless tie with 2:12 left in the first period, breaking in on left wing and skating across the goalmouth. He faked a shot, withdrew the puck and then fired back to the far left corner. It gave goalie Blanchard an assist because he'd hit the forward with a heads-up pass.

Naurato scored on a power play right at the end of the period, burying a shot from left wing off a feed by Pat Coldren.

Nathan Perkovich hiked the lead to 3-0 just 3:09 into the second period, jamming home a loose puck in front of Allor.

Farmington cut the lead to 3-1 minutes later on a power play, with Hay booming in a rebound of a shot by Brett Laird that Blanchard stopped.

"It just came down to a couple of lucky bounces on their part," Vellucci said. "They're a veteran team. They have a lot of skilled players."

I told our guys they had nothing to be ashamed of this season. It was an honor, a pleasure to coach them."

The pairing of the highest rated teams in the state in the first round of the tournament won't lull CC to sleep, St. John said.

ROCKS

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Which is what Salem does best. Look for opportunities and pounce. That style of play led to the Rocks' first goal, scored by Nagel just 1:19 into the game. He intercepted the puck at center ice, deked a Howell defender and beat goalie Trevor Bushong, scoring unassisted to make it 1-0.

It would be their only goal of the first period, during which they played steadily but not spectacularly.

"In the first two periods we took too many penalties," said Salem coach Fred Feiler (the Rocks had six, Howell had three). "Once we got everyone in the flow of the game, things went our way."

"We were trying to play patient hockey. We've been telling them, 'You can't win the game in one shift.'"

In the pivotal second period, Bryan Young had a hand in three Salem goals that made it 4-0 entering the

third. Young scored the first two, getting a goal at the 11:12 mark on a pretty pass from Rob Qungley, who drew a pair of defenders toward the corner before centering to Young for the finish.

Penalties, however, plagued the Rocks - Howell had three power-play chances in the first 1 1/2 periods, which were successfully killed. When Salem finally got a power-play chance, the result was a quick goal, Young getting it with an assist from Nagel to make it 3-0 with 4:45 remaining.

Special teams played a part in the next goal, too, only this time the Rocks were trying to kill the Highlanders' fourth power-play chance. Young started this play, winning the puck deep in the Howell end and slipping a pass to David Gill for the short-handed goal - and a 4-0 lead with 3:00 left in the second.

Chris Parrott replaced Bushong in goal for Howell, but the outcome wasn't altered. Salem got a second

power-play goal at 7:50 of the third period when Mike Barr's tip attempt was inadvertently kicked in by Parrott. Gill got the assist.

Nagel scored his second goal of the game (making it 6-0) with 6:02 remaining, going high over Parrott's shoulder, John Schuitz and Cameron Schambre assisted.

"We thought their third line might be kind of weak, so we wanted to capitalize on that," said Feiler of Howell. "I thought if we could limit the number of shots they got, we'd do all right."

The Rocks did that all right. They had 25 shots at the Howell goal, the Highlanders managed just eight, none in the third period, giving Salem goalie Brandon DeMars one of the easiest shutouts he'll ever get.

With an advantage like that, a team should win. Now we'll see if the Rocks can duplicate it tonight.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

FLAG FOOTBALL

Total Soccer will be running 7-vs-7 Flag Football Leagues on Tuesdays (recreational) and Thursdays (competitive) from March 4 through April 17. The league is open to those 18 years and over.

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Team rosters are limited to a maximum of 14 players. Cost is \$899 per team, with a six-team minimum and a 16-team maximum. Trophies and T-shirts will be awarded to the champions.

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The Motor City Volleyball Club is seeking players to fill teams at 12-, 13- and 14-and-under levels for the upcoming spring season.

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SWIMMING

FROM PAGE D1

"You can't expect much more than that I had no problems with the effort. The guys were doing what they're capable of." In individual events, there were a couple of double-winners in individual events — but Salem didn't have one. And the reason was Joe Lunn of Northville.

Lunn edged the Rocks' Ben Dzialo in the 200-yard freestyle, Lunn clocking 1:46.59 and Dzialo 1:47.04. Both were state-qualifying times, those produced by Churchill's Andy Grant, who was third (1:49.42), and by Salem's Matt Jurcak, who finished fourth (he went 1:50.02 in the prelims), made the state cut, too.

Lunn also beat Salem's Nick Dixon in the 500 free, winning in 4:52.20 to 4:59.94. Both were state cuts.

Dzialo did win the 100 butterfly rather handily in 53.10, more than two seconds faster than second-place Yuhei Uno of Canton (55.36). Garrett Barnghaus of Stevenson was third in 55.62, all three were state cuts.

Dixon finished first in the 200 individual medley (2:02.59), with Central's Ryan Booms second (2:04.04). Both were state qualifiers. The Rocks' Joe Aumiller placed third and made the state cut in the prelims (2:04.64).



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Canton's Joe Le finished first at the WLAA Finals in both the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle.

The meet's other double-winner was Canton's Joe Le, in the 50 free (22.44) and the 100 free (48.55). Both were state cuts.

Canton also got a first from Uno in the 100 backstroke (57.12).

Central claimed the other two individual wins, Justin Fenwick earning top honors and making the state cut in the 100 breaststroke (1:03.32) and Brian Chrzanowski edging Franklin's Dan Rais in the one-meter diving (355.95 points to 351.25).

The Rocks owned top honors in all three relays. Dixon, Matt Showalter, Mike Horgan and Matt Vivian won the 200 medley relay (1:42.19, a state cut), Vivian, Horgan, Bill Clark and Dzialo were first in the 200 free relay (1:30.80, also a state cut),

and Dixon, Jurcak, Aumiller and Dzialo got top honors in the 400 free relay (3:21.24, another state cut).

Others, however, made an equally big impression on Olson and the Rocks. Pete Skinner, a senior, swam the 500 freestyle, his best time this season 5:41.00. "We were hoping for the top 18 from him," said Olson.

They got something more Skinner trimmed 17 seconds from that time, placing 12th in 5:24.70.

"That was super," Olson added. "Those kinds of effort really help out."

"That's how you win a meet like this by 195 points."

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WLAA SWIM RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION SWIM FINALS
Feb. 22 at Salem HS

Final team standings 1 Salem 615 points 2 Canton 420 3 Northville 401.5 4 Livonia Stevenson 358 5 Walled Lake Central 275 6 Livonia Churchill 241 7 Walled Lake Western 216 8 Wayne Memorial 151.5 9 Westland John Glenn 132 10 Livonia Franklin 109

Event results

200-yard medley relay Championship heat - 1 Salem (Nick Dixon Matt Showalter Mike Horgan Matt Vivian) 1:42.19 (state qualifying) 2 Canton 1:44.15 3 Northville 1:44.48 4 Stevenson 1:45.37 5 W.L. Central 1:45.62 W.L. Western 1:47.35

Consolation heat - 7 Wayne 1:50.86 8 Churchill 1:51.21 9 John Glenn 1:52.53 10 Franklin 2:01.38

200 freestyle Championship heat - 1 Joe Lunn (N) 1:47.04 (state qualifying) 2 Ben Dzialo (S) 1:47.04 (state qualifying) 3 Andy Grant (C) 1:49.42 (state qualifying) 4 Matt Jurcak (S) 1:51.42 5 Brendan Cummings (S) 1:53.65 6 Brad Farris (N) 1:53.65

Consolation heat - 7 Billy McIntosh (N) 1:53.32 8 Adam Sonnanstine (S) 1:53.65 9 Andrew Schoff (C) 1:55.92 10 Matt Poniatowski (S) 1:57.15 11 James Sattler (C) 1:57.63 12 Lorenz Herrmann (N) 2:00.35

Consolation heat - 7 Garrett Stricker (S) 1:58.38 14 Joe Hogan (N) 1:59.27 15 Mike Handley (N) 1:59.76 16 Aaron Flohr (N) 2:00.52 17 Ryan Frost (W) 2:00.98 18 Greg Scully (C) 2:01.32

200 individual medley Championship heat - 1 Nick Dixon (S) 2:02.59 (state qualifying) 2 Ryan Booms (W) 2:04.04 (state qualifying) 3 Joe Aumiller (S) 2:06.39 4 Justin Fenwick (W) 2:06.79 5 Jeff Nevi (S) 2:09.35 6 Steve Reesor (C) 2:12.59

Consolation heat - 7 Andrew Drannen (W) 2:09.09 8 Matt Showalter (S) 2:11.93 9 Michael Yutzy (N) 2:12.93 10 Penn Chou (S) 2:14.03 11 Jason Anderson (S) 2:14.36 12 Hunter Schwartz (N) 2:18.25

Consolation heat - 13 Nathan Phillips (C) 2:18.86 14 Chris Brown (S) 2:15.66 15 Joshua Pappalardo (S) 2:18.63 16 David Godzinski (S) 2:18.85 17 Eric Budan (W) 2:20.74 18 Geoff Wrobel (C) 2:21.60

500 freestyle Championship heat - 1 Joe Le (C) 22.44 (state qualifying) 2 Matt Vivian (S) 23.10 3 Morgan Truscott (C) 23.11 4 Steve Helewski (W) 23.51 5 Ben Jylka (W) 23.55 6 Orlan Dashi (J) 24.14

Consolation heat - 7 Bill Clark (S) 23.82 8 Jordan Champagne (C) 23.89 9 Tyler Carter (N) 24.06 10 Brad McIntosh (N) 24.13 11 Logan Bullock (C) 24.14 12 Brian Wolak (W) 24.23

Consolation heat - 13 Greg Calabrese (C) 24.41 14 Kevin Gardner (S) 24.56 15 Dan Lynam (W) 24.63 16 Casey Johnson (S) 24.77 17 Kevin Kilgore (S) 24.82 18 Rob Steiner (N) 25.09

One-meter diving 1 Brian Chrzanowski (W) 355.95 points 2 Dan Rais (L) 351.25 3 Jason Albosta (N) 346.50 4 Cody Stafford (S) 328.15 5 John Campbell (N) 306.85 6 Kevin Cafarelli (C) 302.30 7 Mark Chrzanowski (W) 290.20 8 James Ouedada (C) 280.10 9 Andrew Murovski (S) 276.85 10 Steve Kiljanczyk (C) 247.40 11 Matt Williams (C) 237.25 12 Ed Moore (L) 235.90 13 Robert Bolsh (W) 231.95 14 Nate Lindman (S) 229.65 15 James Corp (W) 228.05 16 Brad Sokolowski (S) 223.70 17 Steve Smith (S) 222.75 18 Chuck Elstone (C) 203.35

100 butterfly Championship heat - 1 Dzialo (S) 53.10 (state qualifying) 2 Yuhei Uno (C) 55.36 (state qualifying) 3 Garrett Barnghaus (S) 55.62 (state qualifying) 4 Horgan (S) 56.10 5 Helewski (W) 56.65 6 John Faraoni (C) 56.93

Consolation heat - 7 Shogo Uno (C) 59.10 8 Champine (C) 59.97 9 Phil Watkins (W) 1:01.23 10 Andrew Hall (W) 1:01.73 11 Pappalardo (S) 1:02.58 12 Nick Landis (C) 1:02.79

Consolation heat - 13 David Buskey (S) 1:03.85 14 Flohr (N) 1:03.91 15 Dmitry Glouchchenko (S) 1:04.39 16 Patrick Sautural (S) 1:04.88 17 Jon Wejroch (J) 1:06.22 18 Stephen Sanney (L) 1:10.10

100 freestyle Championship heat - 1 Le (C) 48.55 (state qualifying) 2 Truscott (C) 50.62 3 Grant (C) 50.74 4 Cummings (S) 51.26 5 Kris Kinsvater (S) 51.49 6 Jylka (W) 52.51

Consolation heat - 7 Vivian (S) 51.59 8 Clark (S) 52.39 9 (tie) Dennis Hermetz (W) Brad McIntosh (N) 53.18 11 Garrett Stricker (S) 53.79 12 Paul Potocki (S) 53.84

Consolation heat - 13 Nick Yee (S) 53.83 14 Herrmann (N) 53.83 15 Orlan Dashi (J) 53.99 16 Tyler Carter (N) 54.50 17 Joe Bashara (C) 54.67 18 Jason Savage (W) 57.05

500 freestyle Championship heat - 1 Lunn (N) 4:52.20 (state qualifying) 2 Dixon (S) 4:59.94 (state qualifying) 3 Stone (J) 5:08.55 4 Barnghaus (S) 5:08.91 5 Sonnanstine (S) 5:11.33 6 Sattler (C) 5:19.07

Consolation heat - 7 McIntosh (N) 5:09.96 8

Aumiller (S) 5:11.27 9 Horgan (S) 5:12.10 10 Brown (S) 5:21.14 11 Schoff (L) 5:24.43 12 Pete Skinner (S) 5:24.70

Consolation heat - 13 Poniatowski (S) 5:23.06 14 Aaron VanProyen (C) 5:25.59 15 Jeremy Bowling (W) 5:26.98 16 Nick Folas (N) 5:29.45 17 Sam Manees (C) 5:32.52 18 Mike Handley (N) 5:47.32

200 freestyle relay Championship heat - 1 Salem (Vivian Horgan Clark Dzialo) 1:30.80 (state qualifying) 2 Northville 1:33.12 3 Churchill 1:34.17 4 W.L. Central 1:34.59 5 Stevenson 1:35.41 6 Canton 1:37.20

Consolation heat - 7 W.L. Western 1:42.40 8 Wayne 1:42.59 9 Franklin 1:47.36 10 John Glenn 1:52.35

100 backstroke Championship heat - 1 Uno (C) 57.12 2 Savage (W) 57.93 3 Nevi (S) 59.02 4 Stone (J) 59.05 5 Schwartz (N) 59.21 6 Farris (N) 59.44

Consolation heat - 7 Jack Oliver (W) 59.16 8 Yee (C) 59.32 9 Faraoni (C) 59.77 10 Jurcak (S) 1:00.22 11 Scully (L) 1:01.57 12 Phillips (C) 1:02.34

Consolation heat - 13 Ken Belrose (W) 1:02.24 14 Glouchchenko (S) 1:04.20 15 Alex Marinica (C) 1:06.08 16 Adam Whalen (S) 1:06.30 17 Brian Gurta (W) 1:09.21 18 Dan Lynam (W) 1:09.58

100 breaststroke Championship heat - 1 Fenwick (W) 1:03.32 (state qualifying) 2 Booms (W) 1:03.73 3 Showalter (S) 1:04.20 4 Drannen (W) 1:05.12 5 Anderson (S) 1:05.81 6 Kinsvater (S) 1:07.35

Consolation heat 7 Johnson (S) 1:06.84 8 Chou (S) 1:07.33 9 Reesor (C) 1:07.81 10 Yutzy (N) 1:08.99 11 Sanney (L) 1:09.02 12 Godzinski (L) 1:09.37

Consolation heat - 13 Jeremy Bowling (W) 1:06.91 14 Jeff Kotowski (W) 1:09.52 15 Billy Horgan (S) 1:09.55 16 Albosta (N) 1:09.67 17 Wrobel (W) 1:10.08 18 Scott Franke (C) 1:12.25

400 freestyle relay Championship heat 1 Salem (Dixon Jurcak Aumiller Dzialo) 3:21.24 (state qualifying) 2 Northville (state qualifying) 3 Canton 3:27.22, 4 Churchill 3:27.60 5 Stevenson 3:31.20 6 W.L. Western 3:31.42

Consolation heat - 7 Wayne 3:35.07 8 W.L. Central 3:37.73 9 John Glenn 3:41.86 10 Franklin 4:05.64

Consolation heat - 7 McIntosh (N) 5:09.96 8

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator
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A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday March 6, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall 201 S Main Street Plymouth, MI to consider the following items

Z 03 02 1149 Ross Non Use Variance Requested Front Yard Setback Zoned R 1 Single Family Residential Applicant Todd & Mandi Mustaine

All interested persons are invited to attend

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Shurgard of Plymouth
41877 Joy Rd.
Canton, MI 48187
734-459-2200

#2021 Household goods
#333 Office furniture/goods
#9232 Household goods

Shurgard of Taylor
9300 Pelham
Taylor, MI 48180
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#5023 Household goods
#6034 Household goods
#4083 Household goods
#4078 Household goods
#9019 Household goods
#9042 Household goods

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#4002 Household goods
#4073 Household goods

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#3049 Household goods
#4111 Washing machines
#3029 Household goods
#5045 Household goods
#2051 Household goods
#1053 Household goods

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#233 Household goods
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CREATE AND PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing shall be held before the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton on March 25, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room located at The Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan 48188, regarding the adoption of a Resolution to Create and Provide for the Operation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the Charter Township of Canton pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996 as amended, and to provide for the establishment of a Brownfield Redevelopment Zone also as provided in the Act 381 of the Public Acts of 1996, as amended. All aspects of the Resolution of Intent to Create and Provide for the Operation of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the Charter Township of Canton are open for discussion at the public hearing.

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WLAA VOLLEYBALL

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT Feb 22 at Wayne Memorial
Championship Final Livonia Churchill defeated Walled Lake Central 15 4 16 14
Semifinals Churchill def Salem 15 7 15 4
 WL Central def Livonia Stevenson 15 4 15 9
Elimination round Stevenson def Northville 15 13 15 9 Salem def Canton 15 4 15 13

POOL PLAY RECORDS (top 3 teams advance)
(A) 1 Churchill 8 0 (by games) 2 Stevenson 5 3 3 Canton 4 4 4 Wayne 2 6 5 Walled Lake Western 1 7
(B) 1 WL Central 8 0 2 Salem 6 2 3 Northville 3 5 4 Livonia Franklin 2 6 5 Westland John Glenn 1 7

ALL WESTERN LAKES TEAMS ALL CONFERENCE Michelle Phillips Sr MB Churchill Katie Rademacher Sr MH WL Central Kelsey Cross Sr S WL Central Cindy Rotramel Sr OH Canton Tania Morkert Sr OH Churchill Amanda Bradley Sr OH Salem Erin Mazzoni Sr OH Stevenson

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HONORABLE MENTION (WLAA records included)
 Churchill (9-0) Kristyna Archer Stephanie Gorte Kelsey Mack WL Central (8-1) Laura Byerle Jackie Fisher Tarrin Miller Salem (7-2) Ellen Canale Nicole Genrich Lauren Price Maggie Tudor Canton (6-3) Kelly Baker Kate Esper Kristen Lillie Katie Mills Stevenson (4-5) Ashley Aja Ami Perreault Clarissa Schick Franklin (4-5) Janice Hudy Ashley Sako Jenny Schniers John Glenn (3-6) Brooke Albery Jennie Albrecht Lauren James Jackie Schroeder Brittany Zywick Wayne (2-7) Shannah Jones Jessica Rowland Stacy Vojtkofsky WL Western (1-8) Ashley Belrose Teri Burt Shannon Osso Northville (1-8) Kristen Dolmetsch Nicky Horn Katie Kneisel Kelly Wasalaski

VOLLEYBALL

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the Central match Churchill breezed to a 15-4 win in the first game over Central, holding the dangerous Raquel Fiorentino to no kills

But the second game was a different story as Fiorentino began to launch missiles against Churchill's right-side block to the tune of nine kills

Fiorentino, a 5-7 junior, also got help from 5-10 senior Katie Rademacher (seven kills/one block) and Tarrin Miller (five kills/one ace)

"Central is tough," Hughes said. "We knew where the ball was going, but we couldn't stop her (Fiorentino). She jumps and swings. They also passed very well."

With Central serving for game point at 14-12, Churchill reeled off four straight points for the victory including a kill by Jedrusko at 14-all and an ace serve by Kimmy Meyer for

match point "What a war," Hughes said. "It was tough. Our sophomore (Mack) stepped up and Kimmy served the last couple of points tough."

Phillips had six of her seven kills, while Morkert had five kills and one ace serve in the second game

Defensively, Morkert had 34 digs, Jedrusko, 24, Gorte, 20, and Gatt, 15. Archer finished with 44 total assist-to-kills with only six errors in 168 attempts

Meanwhile, the loss left Central at 37-17 overall. In the other semifinal, Central cruised by Stevenson, 15-4, 15-9

Seeded fifth, Stevenson finished runner-up behind Churchill in Pool A with a 5-3 record, one game ahead of fourth seed Canton

The Spartans then ousted Northville in the first-round of elimination, 15-13, 15-9. "We arose to the challenge, we came to play," said Stevenson

coach Kelly Graham, whose team is 22-20-1 overall. "We had lost to Canton twice, then we split with them. We definitely played together today, but the hex (serve receive) came back against Central. And maybe we got a little tired."

Junior Linda Montgomery was Stevenson's top hitter on the day with 23 kills. She also had eight solo blocks and 17 assist-blocks

Kelly Gibbons, also a junior, added 20 kills, 10 solo blocks and 28 assist-blocks, while Clarissa Schick had 17 total kills

Standouts defensively included Kristen Hutchins (45 digs) and Ern Mazzoni (35 digs). Ami Perreault served five aces, while setter Laura Flaughner had 64 assists-to-kills

If there's a team that stands in Churchill's way this Saturday at the Class A district tourney at South Lyon, it's 28-13 Salem

The Rocks finished 6-2 in Pool B behind Walled Lake

Central, then reached the semi-final with a 15-4, 15-13 win over rival Canton

Senior Amanda Bradley led Salme with 38 kills on the day, while sophomore Ellen Canale and freshman Lauren Price added 22 and 20, respectively

Setter Jordan Falcusan had 62 assists, while Nicole Genrich served five aces. Jill Niemi led with 15 digs, while Maggie Tudor contributed 13

But Salem, the third seed, had no answers for Churchill, much like last year's WLAA final

"They (Churchill) are faster, stronger and more experienced," Salem coach Tom Teeters said. "They have the edge in every area except serve, but maybe not even there."

"Their consistency factor is higher than most. They're hustlers, workers, a blue collar team. They play with a good intensity level. "No doubt they did a better job setting, passing, digging,

servicing, hitting and blocking. Their blocking intimidated us. The first game I didn't think they (Churchill) played well, and that was the game we had to win."

Agape tops Baptist Park

Canton Agape Christian will take a 16-9 record into Saturday's Class D volleyball tournament at Novi Franklin Road Christian after handling Taylor Baptist Park Tuesday 15-5, 15-0 at Baptist Park

Lisa Ther and Amy Henry each had five kills for the Wolverines, with A.J. Creps collecting four service aces and Emily Tong getting three

On Monday at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Agape was edged 15-6, 15-11. And last Thursday in a three-way match at Harper Woods Lutheran East, Agape got a split, defeating Trinity Catholic 15-7, 9-15, 15-8 and losing to Lutheran East 15-6, 15-10

Agape's record stands at 16-9. bemoons@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2123

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
 Thursday Feb 27
 Det Henry Ford at CC 4 p.m.
 Wayne at Northville 7 p.m.
 Salem at WL Western 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Canton 7 p.m.
 WL Central at Churchill 7 p.m.
Friday Feb 28
 John Genn at Franklin 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Det Urban Lutheran 7:30 p.m.

REGIONAL BOYS HOCKEY PAIRINGS
DIVISION I
 at ANN ARBOR ICE POND
 Thursday: Salem vs A A Huron 5:30 p.m.
 Temperance Bedford vs Brighton 8 p.m.
 Championship final 7:30 p.m. Saturday (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Wednesday March 5 at Redford Arena vs Ann Arbor Huron regional champion.)

at REDFORD ICE ARENA
 Thursday: Royal Oak vs Stevenson 5 p.m. Churchill vs Catholic Central 8 p.m.
 Championship final 8 p.m. Saturday (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Wednesday March 5 at Redford Arena vs Ann Arbor Huron regional champion.)

PREP GIRLS HOCKEY
 Saturday March 1
 Ladywood vs Regina (SC Stores) 6 p.m.
DISTRICT GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PAIRINGS
CLASS A
Friday Feb 28 at LIVONIA LADYWOOD
 First round (A) Livonia Franklin vs (B) Detroit Redford 4:30 p.m.

Semifinals: Livonia Ladywood vs Redford Union 5:30 p.m. Livonia Stevenson vs A B winner 6:30 p.m.
Championship final 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances Saturday March 8 at Ypsilanti Lincoln vs Ann Arbor Huron district champion.)

Saturday March 1 at Ann Arbor Huron
 First round: (A) Ann Arbor Huron vs (B) Northville 1 p.m. (C) South Lyon vs (D) Livonia Churchill 25 minutes later.
Semifinals: Canton vs A B winner 25 minutes after completion of first round. Salem vs C D winner 25 minutes later.
Final: 25 minutes after completion of semifinals.

CLASS D
Saturday March 1 at Novi Franklin Road Christian
 First round (A) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs (B) Canton Agape Christian 9 a.m.
Semifinals: Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner School vs Plymouth Christian Academy 10:30 a.m. Novi Franklin Road Christian vs A B winner noon.
Final: 1:30 p.m.

TEAM WRESTLING
DIVISION IV STATE QUARTERFINALS
Friday Feb 28
 Lutheran Westland vs Decatur champ at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena 1 p.m.

PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS
 Saturday March 1
 Division I regional at Canton TBA
PREP BOYS SWIMMING
 Saturday March 1
 Catholic League Finals at R.O. Dondero TBA

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Thursday Feb. 27
 WHAC Tournament Madonna at Aquinas 7 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday Feb 28
 Whalers vs Ottawa 67s (Compware) 7:30 p.m.
Saturday March 1
 Whalers vs Sarnia Sting (Compware) 7:30 p.m.

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Run set June 21

The Galyan's Northville Solstice Run will be held Saturday, June 21. For more information, please call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 449-9941 or race director Alan Whitehead at (248) 420-1376

Outdoorama offers plenty at Novi Expo

At this time of year, outdoor enthusiasts are constantly on the lookout for a cure for cabin fever.

Sure, ice fishing is heating up on many area lakes, and the bay of a beagle hot on the trail of a cottontail rabbit does have its medicinal effects.

But the only real cure for being cooped up all winter is a trip to an outdoor show to make plans for the warm-weather season.

Outdoorama Family Sport and Travel Show "the Granddaddy of outdoor shows in southeastern Michigan" opened this weekend and runs through March 2 at the Novi Expo Center.

Outdoorama is sponsored by the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the largest statewide conservation group in the nation with over 500 affiliated clubs and close to 100,000 members.

Want to book a chartered fishing trip or a dream hunt out west or up in Canada? Looking for a new fishing pole, hunting vest, turkey decoy or bow and arrows? You can get all of the above and more at Outdoorama, which features over 200,000 square feet of floor space devoted to over 300 exhibits featuring the latest in hunting, fishing and camping equipment, boats, RV's and outfitters from across North America.

Outdoorama is much more than just an exhibitor's show. It's family entertainment at its best. Master illusionist Lawrence Gregory will make history at Outdoorama when he makes a full-sized RV disappear right before your eyes.

Rock-n-roll guitarist Ted Nugent will also be on hand signing autographs and presenting a seminar on "Ted Nugent Spirit of the Michigan Wild".

There will also be a display entitled "Great Cats of the World," which features a variety of African lions, leopards, cougars and tigers including a royal white Bengal tiger. The popular Hawg Tank, a 45-foot long mobile aquarium holding



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dozens of big bass, pike and walleyes will be the focal point of live demonstrations by some of the best professional fishermen from around the country.

There is also a trout pond for the kids, BB gun shooting ranges, fly tying seminars and a display of live birds of prey.

If that's not enough to break the fever, consider attending one of the specialized theme nights. Big Buck Night is Thursday, Feb. 27, and Family Night is Friday, Feb. 28.

Show hours are 4-9 p.m. Feb. 27 and 28, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 2, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 1.

Admission is \$8 adults, \$4 for children 12 and under and children under age five will be admitted free. Family passes for four (one adult and three kids or two adults and two kids) are available for \$20.

TURKEY PERMITS ARE OUT

Hunters who applied for a spring wild turkey permit should have received a card in the mail informing them of their success "or lack thereof" in the lottery drawing. If you haven't heard you can check for yourself at the DNR's web site, www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Unsuccessful applicants can purchase one of the leftover licenses on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, March 3, at any authorized license dealer.

The number of leftover licenses is outlined on the DNR web site at the above address.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Bill Parker c/o Outdoors 805 E. Maple Birmingham MI 48009.

MU men's cagers fall to WHAC's 5th seed

Madonna University's men's basketball team qualified as the No. 5 seed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament, which begins today, with a 14-15 overall record.

The Crusaders' 6-8 WHAC mark is their best ever; they play tonight at No. 4 Aquinas College.

Even though this is Madonna's best season in men's basketball, some of the luster was lost when star guard Dan Kurtinaitis — the first Crusader ever to be selected all-WHAC — was lost for the rest of the season to a knee injury suffered Feb. 18 in a loss at Concordia.

He was missed at Indiana Tech last Saturday. The Warriors outrebounded Madonna 46-26 and caused 36 turnovers to win easily, 79-60.

Chad Nadelm led the Crusaders with 14 points, 10 rebounds and four steals. Aaron Cox added 13 points and five

assists. Noel Emehuser had 12 points and Chris Behrns finished with 10.

Tech got 19 points from Detomo Hawkins, 11 points, nine boards and four steals from Kyle Anderson, and 10 points apiece from Chris Coings and Wayne Redmond. JuJuan Cooley totaled eight points and 10 steals.

The Warriors enter the WHAC Tournament with a 22-9 overall record (8-6 in the conference) as the No. 3 seed. They host sixth-seeded Spring Arbor (15-17 overall) tonight.

Siena Heights (25-6 overall) is the top seed, the Saints host No. 8 Tri-State (10-22 overall), while No. 7 Concordia (11-20) travels to No. 2 Cornerstone (24-6).

MADONNA (WOMEN) 70, INDIANA TECH 63. This was not a pretty basketball game.

Last Saturday at Indiana Tech, Madonna University was clearly dominant in both shooting and rebounding. But the Crusaders could not handle the ball nor shoot free throws key reasons why they struggled to win by seven.

It was nevertheless a big win for Madonna which entered last night's WHAC playoffs as the No. 5 seed — and that meant a return trip to play No. 4 seeded Tech for the Crusaders (results will appear in Sunday's Observer).

Both teams finished 8-6 in the WHAC. Madonna is 10-19 overall. Tech is 19-11.

Poor shooting plagued the Warriors who converted just 18 of 67 floor shots (26.9 percent). Madonna made 28 of 60 (46.7 percent).

The Crusaders also had an enormous rebounding advantage 61-31.

However, something that has troubled Madonna through much of the season — turnovers — was a big problem Saturday. The Crusaders had 33 of them. Tech made 13.

And Madonna was just 12 of 23 on free throws (52.2 percent) while Tech made 24 of 34 (70.6 percent).

Four players reached double figures in scoring for the Crusaders. Lindsay Simmon with 23, Nikki Blaszk with 16 and Courtney Rehbine and Loriann Tschirhart with 10 apiece.

Rehbine also had a team high 12 rebounds while Rehbine collected nine and Simmon and Tschirhart got eight apiece. Tschirhart also dished out seven assists.

DeNisha Gray and Thyoshi Chambers scored 13 apiece for Tech.

BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

OBSERVER'S BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES Through Feb. 18

200-yard medley relay (Division 1 state cut: 1:44.09)

Salem	1:42.19
Catholic Central	1:46.59
Canton	1:44.15
Stevenson	1:45.30
Redford Union	1:49.72

200-yard freestyle (Division 1 state cut: 1:50.39)

Ben Dziadlo (Salem)	1:47.04
Andy Grant (Churchill)	1:48.92
Nick Dixon (Salem)	1:50.00
Matt Jurcak (Salem)	1:50.02
Joe Le (Canton)	1:51.12
Yuhei Uno (Canton)	1:53.21
Nick Stone (John Glenn)	1:54.73
Andrew Carlin (CC)	1:54.91
Rob Cyrek (CC)	1:55.21
Joe Aumiller (Salem)	1:56.29

200 yard individual medley (Division 1 state cut: 2:04.99)

Rob Cyrek (CC)	2:01.81
Nick Dixon (Salem)	2:02.54
Ben Dziadlo (Salem)	2:03.78
Andrew Carlin (CC)	2:04.29
Joe Aumiller (Salem)	2:04.64
Jeff Nevi (Salem)	2:09.05
Andrew Drennen (Wayne)	2:09.09
Yuhei Uno (Canton)	2:10.35
Steve Reasor (Canton)	2:10.35
Joe Le (Canton)	2:11.35

50-yard freestyle (Division 1 state cut: 22.94)

Ben Dziadlo (Salem)	22.51
Joe Le (Canton)	22.44
Matt Vivian (Salem)	22.89
Morgan Truscott (Churchill)	23.11
Andrew Carlin (CC)	23.52
Dan Jones (CC)	23.54
Orlen Dashu (John Glenn)	23.66
Kris Kinsvater (Stevenson)	23.86
Bill Clark (Salem)	23.82
Jordan Champine (Canton)	23.89

Diving

Dan Rais (Franklin)	249.05
Joe Rohde (CC)	233.50
Kevin Cafarelli (Canton)	203.85
Cody Stafford (Stevenson)	193.05
Ed Moore (Franklin)	191.05
Kyle Mullen (Redford Union)	184.20
Nick Reilly (CC)	180.90
Andrew Murawski (Salem)	178.10
Tyler Flood (CC)	174.85
James Quesada (Canton)	173.70

100 yard butterfly (Division 1 state cut: 55.99)

Ben Dziadlo (Salem)	52.78
Rob Cyrek (CC)	54.69
Nick Dixon (Salem)	54.97
Yuhei Uno (Canton)	55.36
Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson)	55.62
Mike Horgan (Salem)	56.10
John Faraoni (Canton)	56.81
Andrew Carlin (CC)	57.03
Shogo Uno (Canton)	58.49
Joe Le (Canton)	59.11

100-yard freestyle (Division 1 state cut: 49.99)

Joe Le (Canton)	48.55
Ben Dziadlo (Salem)	49.21
Rob Cyrek (CC)	50.26
Morgan Truscott (Churchill)	50.38
Andy Grant (Churchill)	50.74
Andrew Carlin (CC)	51.06
Brendan Cummings (Stevenson)	51.26
Nick Dixon (Salem)	51.42
Kris Kinsvater (Stevenson)	51.49
Matt Vivian (Salem)	51.59

500-yard freestyle (Division 1 state cut: 5:01.49)

Nick Dixon (Salem)	4:53.91
Ben Dziadlo (Salem)	5:00.92
Nick Stone (John Glenn)	5:06.66
James Sattler (Canton)	5:07.43
Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson)	5:07.96
Adam Sonnanstine (Salem)	5:08.97
Andy Grant (Churchill)	5:10.65
Joe Aumiller (Salem)	5:11.27
Joe Zatkoff (CC)	5:11.99
Mike Horgan (Salem)	5:12.10

200-yard freestyle relay (Division 1 state cut: 1:32.99)

Salem	1:30.80
Catholic Central	1:32.59
Stevenson	1:33.87
Livonia Churchill	1:34.17
Redford Union	1:36.60

100-yard backstroke (Division 1 state cut: 57.09)

Nick Dixon (Salem)	56.41
Yuhei Uno (Canton)	56.92
Ben Dziadlo (Salem)	58.39
Nick Stone (John Glenn)	58.65
Jeff Nevi (Salem)	59.02
Nick Yee (Salem)	59.32
Matt Jurcak (Salem)	59.38
John Faraoni (Canton)	59.77
Dale Donahue (Redford Union)	1:00.30
Greg Scully (Churchill)	1:01.36


100-yard breaststroke (Division 1 state cut: 1:03.49)

Matt Showalter (Salem)	1:04.07
Ben Dziadlo (Salem)	1:04.47
Andrew Drennen (Wayne)	1:04.51
Kris Kinsvater (Stevenson)	1:05.52
Jason Anderson (Stevenson)	1:05.81
Casey Johnson (Salem)	1:06.51
Andrew Knisely (Plymouth)	1:07.21
Andrew Carlin (CC)	1:07.21
Penn Chou (Salem)	1:07.33
Jeremy Bowling (Wayne)	1:06.91

400-yard freestyle relay (Division 1 state cut: 3:25.39)


Salem	3:21.24
Catholic Central	3:24.59
Canton	3:27.04
Churchill	3:27.60
Stevenson	3:31.20

Greg Phill Livonia Stevenson's girls swim coach is compiling the boys best times. Updates for the Thursday edition of the Observer must be reported by 2 p.m. Sunday. Phill may be reached at (734) 464-9443 or email him at gphill5269@aol.com.



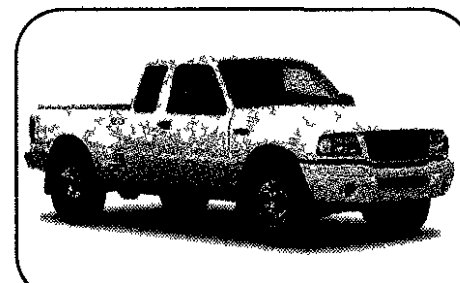
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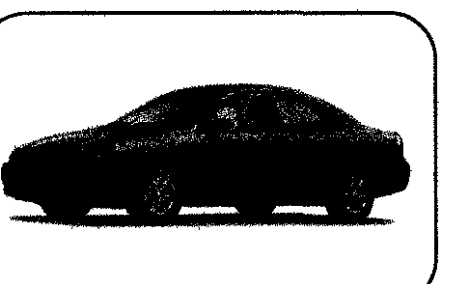
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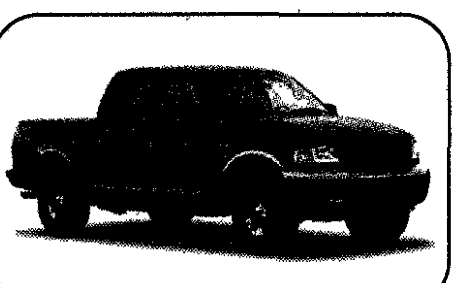
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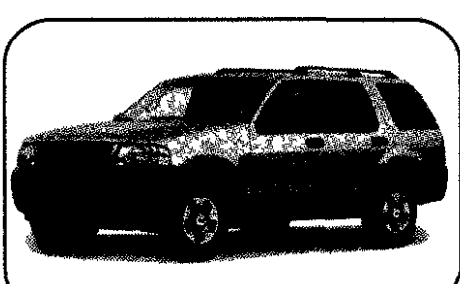
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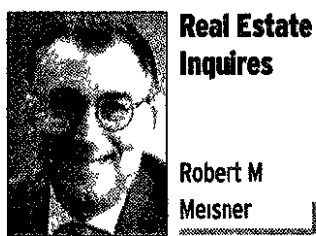
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Buying in D.C. area

I am thinking about relocating to the Washington, D.C., area and am wondering if you have any knowledge of housing in that area in terms of price and availability?

The real estate in Washington, D.C., and the surrounding Maryland and Virginia suburbs continues to be a hot market. The prices of housing continue to escalate at somewhere between 10-15 percent a year and the demand appears to outweigh the availability, and in that regard, new construction. While there has been a great deal of development in the condo area in Virginia, Maryland and in downtown D.C., property continues to appreciate substantially in value. Do your homework first in the area in which you want to reside to make sure you will be getting the amenities that you wish. You are best advised to consult a real estate adviser in the locale in which you are interested.

I have inherited along with my brother and sister various property in Florida, which is now in a family trust with each of us as beneficiaries. The trustees are in concurrence with selling the property to a third party or one of us buying the other party's interest. I would appreciate your insight as to the specific steps if we sell it ourselves through a Realtor or possibly purchase it without a Realtor, and can we do it through a Michigan lawyer with a Florida law license?

It all depends on where the trust was entered into which way you go. Obviously, if you sell the property through a Realtor you will have to pay a commission. If you buy it yourself, it would be a document that would be prepared between the trust and you, which could be prepared in Michigan so long as the conveyance complies with the recording statutes of Florida. You are best advised, however, to seek an attorney in Michigan. Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer concentrates his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. He can be reached at bmeisner@mich.com

LOOKING AROUND

How do average rates for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages with 20 percent down here stack up against other large metro areas? Here's a sampling for the week of Jan. 29.

Location	Percent
Dallas	5.89%
Detroit	5.86
Los Angeles	5.94
Washington D.C.	5.96
Philadelphia	5.97
Boston	6.01
Houston	6.02
New York City	6.08
San Francisco	6.09
Chicago	6.13
National Average	5.99

Source: ASSOCIATED PRESS

Home tax benefits add up

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

At no time do the financial implications of home ownership become more clear than tax preparation season. Sure, folks usually realize a healthy profit when they sell, especially if they've stayed put for a while. But taxes come due every year.

And deductions – or offsets to taxable income – for mortgage interest and property taxes paid month after month during ownership can result in an annual bonanza with the filing of Schedule A for Federal Tax Form 1040.

Deductions for home ownership can be substantial. Marrieds Larry and Lauren, owners of a \$174,950 home in Livonia with a \$139,960 mortgage for 30 years at 5-7/8 percent, can deduct \$8,175 in mortgage interest their first year of ownership.

At current rates, they also could deduct \$3,024 for property taxes paid, which includes the Livonia school district. Those two deductions alone total \$11,199. The standard deduction for married filing joint is \$7,850.

Sally, single, owns a \$160,000 home in Southfield with a mortgage of \$128,000 at an adjustable rate of 5-1/8 percent. Her first-year deduction for mortgage interest is \$6,517. Property taxes at current rates, Southfield school district, run \$4,471.

Those two deductions alone total \$10,988. The standard deduction for filing single is \$4,700.

TAX BENEFITS

The more that individual itemized deductions like mortgage interest and property taxes exceed the standard deduction, the less federal income tax people pay and the more valuable home ownership becomes financially.

That doesn't even include the benefits of building equity, appreciation resulting from market forces and, perhaps most important, enjoying the home while paying for it, real estate professionals and builders point out.

Deductions are huge, huge, said Daniel B. Smith, senior vice president and sales manager for Republic Bank in Plymouth. "It just makes housing that much more attractive."

"Renters get double whacked," he added. "They pay and don't own and get no deductions."

Many buyers, especially first timers, vaguely may be aware that there are tax benefits to home ownership, said Bobbye J. Williams, a Realtor with Century 21 Elegant Homes in Southfield. But they don't know specifics.

"It often comes up," Williams said. "Home ownership is one of the biggest tax write-offs. Especially if they're self-



employed and working out of the home. I always recommend that they seek out expert advice."

Crunching the deduction numbers can be a real eye-opener, added Marilyn Moir, associate broker with RE/MAX Encore in Clarkston.

"Once I showed a prospective homeowner the savings they would realize with ownership versus renting. They were not only pleased, but surprised," she said.

Lifestyle probably is the main reason most people decide to buy a house, Moir conceded, but tax deductions are a close second.

"We may be living in an apartment and may have a baby on the way and the primary motivation may be more space," she said. "A secondary motivation might be, 'Wow, look at what we can save on taxes!'"

SOME TIDBITS

Here are a few interesting facts about home ownership and taxes:

■ Interest is deductible for a primary mortgage, second mortgage and home equity loan.

■ Mortgage interest and real estate taxes are deductible on a personal tax return for two homes used primarily for personal enjoyment and not business.

■ Points paid to obtain a more favorable interest rate on an original mortgage are deductible totally in the year the mortgage is obtained. Points on refinancings must be pro-rated over the life of the refinancing. All outstanding point amounts may be recaptured on sale.

■ A point is 1 percent of the loan amount.

■ Condominium association fees however charged – monthly, quarterly or annually – aren't deductible.

■ Special assessments to replace deteriorating sidewalks and roads are

deductible, but special assessments for original public improvements aren't.

■ Boats and mobile homes qualify for the same deductions as more traditional houses and condos as long as basic living accommodations including sleeping space, toilet and cooking facilities.

■ Some folks believe they must buy a home of equal or greater value when moving to avoid capital gains taxes on the sale of the preceding home.

Not so. For sales after May 6, 1997, single filers can exclude \$250,000 of appreciated value, married joints \$500,000 before paying capital gains tax on a sale.

This applies to a home used as a primary residence at least two of the five years preceding sale. And two years must pass before this exclusion can be used again.

■ Moving expenses – available to both owners and renters – may be deductible with a job change. Generally, the new workplace must be at least 50 miles farther from the old residence than the former residence was from the former workplace.

Deductible expenses include travel, meals, lodging and van rental/labor costs.

■ Michigan also provides a property tax credit – a direct reduction on tax due – on state returns for homeowners whose household income is \$82,650 or less.

The credit generally is 60 percent of the amount that property taxes paid exceeds 3-1/2 percent of household income. The credit is reduced 10 percent for every \$1,000 that household income exceeds \$73,650.

Renters also may qualify for this credit, as 20 percent of rent is considered property tax paid.

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War will impact housing market, but how?

If the U.S. gets involved in a war, housing prices may fall, according to RealEstateJournal.com, *The Wall Street Journal's* guide to property.

Although every war – and its economic backdrop – is different, wars often depress housing prices because they hurt consumer confidence. Especially, when they occur during periods of economic distress.

"If the U.S. goes to war in 2003, housing is going to be vulnerable," said Valerie Patterson, senior producer of RealEstateJournal.com.

Just how vulnerable, though, depends on how long the war lasts.

If it's quick and decisive, many analysts think it could actually help the economy by reducing the uncertainty that

now hangs over the stock market and consumer confidence.

But if the war drags on, it could easily lead to higher oil prices and higher interest rates, two problems that could result in fewer home sales.

People are cautious about major purchases during wartime, Patterson said.

Don Catlett, a Realtor with Remerica Integrity in Livonia and president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, echoes that sentiment.

"With war, I expect a big stop while people gather their thoughts on what's going on," he said. "They figure, 'Now I've lost control.' If it's a short war it might give a big pop to the economy."

"If war lasts a long time, it will be a long pause, a short

war, a short pause," he said.

The cold weather and uncertainty about the economy – especially oil prices – have kept houses on the market longer in recent months, Catlett added. But mortgage interest rates remain low, sales prices holding firm, he said.

Beverly Bartus, president of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors and manager of the Prudential Chamberlain Stiehl office in Clarkston, is a bit more upbeat.

"I'm not saying war will have no effect, but housing will go on," she said. "People need to buy and sell houses regardless of circumstances. As long as we can keep the economy going, jobs, interest rates (low), it won't stop everything. It will make people concerned

"Companies are still bringing people in," Bartus said. "Interest rates are so good."

"Initially, things would slow down some as people process what's going on," said Gary Armi, president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors and broker/owner of Century 21 AAA in Eastpointe.

"The first thing on their mind isn't going to be go out and buy houses," he said. "A week or two, depending on what happens, will dictate if there's another attack here, it will slow down. If it (war) is completed quickly, it will be business as normal."

Action is better with more affordable properties now, Armi said.

PLEASE SEE WAR, E3

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Seek help before you refinance

As with other investment decisions, homeowners contemplating mortgage refinances must evaluate whether such a move is fiscally wise.

Unfortunately, borrowers often overlook important factors that should play into their refinance decision.

A common means of making refinance decisions involves the use of a simple rule. If you can improve your interest rate by 1 percent and you will remain in the new mortgage for two years, then it is a good idea to refinance. As a young loan officer, I tried to use that tenet, but found that it was rarely accurate enough to suit my needs.

The problem with that rule is that it is entirely too broad, and it fails to consider several important factors. It also does not help borrowers who may be refinancing out of an FHA loan into a conventional mortgage, or from a fixed-rate into an adjustable-rate. There's also no accounting for the benefits of refinancing to pay off debts, or to eliminate private mortgage insurance from your monthly payment.

As with any other area of your family's financial planning, it usually helps to have a professional assist with your refinance decision. To provide you with the best information to make your decision, your loan mortgage loan officer should ask you questions specific to your situation.

How long will you be in the new loan? What is your current interest rate?

What type of mortgage do you have now? How large is your existing loan?

Will you be taking out cash to relieve other debts? Do you currently pay mortgage insurance?

The answers to these questions play an important role in deciding whether or not you should refinance. They will help your loan officer determine whether you should use a no-cost ARM, or a discounted fixed-rate mortgage, or something completely different. More than anything, an accurate cost analysis will let you know a very important thing – that you made the right decision.

Making life decisions without facts is really no different than taking a guess. Hopefully, your mortgage is your family's largest debt. It makes sense to manage that debt deliberately and with care.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage specialist and newspaper columnist. You may reach him at (734) 797 5522 or via www.HomeQuartersBIZ. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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7568 Admiralty	\$241,000
45725 Bartlett	\$258,000
43700 Belleauwood	\$177,000
1721 Brookline	\$188,000
6569 Carlton	\$280,000
39506 Cather	\$170,000
1047 Chelsea	\$290,000
39715 Cheviot	\$208,000
8636 Congress	\$245,000
7475 Embassy	\$210,000
42720 Hanford	\$185,000
2115 Hendrie	\$350,000

50773 Heron	\$440,000
2144 Hegan Way	\$296,000
45537 Holmes	\$220,000
6628 Marshall	\$270,000
41854 Meta ne	\$266,000
45423 M chael	\$232,000
6846 Montfort	\$223,000
201 N Corrine	\$78,000
2739 N Woods	\$307,000
4269 Pond Run	\$282,000
4288 Pond Run	\$272,000
3238 River Meadow	\$245,000
652 Sandalwood	\$370,000
42246 Saratoga	\$210,000
50077 Tottenham	\$498,000
1310 Wagon Wheel	\$246,000
6850 Willow	\$206,000
6301 W nter	\$215,000
2645 Woodcreek	\$325,000
435 Worthington	\$208,000

33442 Alvin	\$440,000
29931 Bock	\$296,000
32949 Bock	\$220,000
32533 Cambr dge	\$270,000
6457 Hawthorne	\$266,000
28969 Kathryn	\$232,000
28343 Maplewood	\$223,000
28455 Maplewood	\$78,000
27861 Sheridan	\$307,000
Livonia	\$282,000
33757 Eight Mile	\$272,000
33897 E ght M le	\$245,000
33899 Eight M le	\$370,000
33915 Eight Mile	\$210,000
15141 Alexander	\$498,000
11321 Arcola	\$246,000
19622 Auburn	\$206,000
32905 Bobrich	\$215,000
9636 Deering	\$325,000
18420 Deering	\$208,000

29957 Eight Mile	\$140,000
33591 Eight M e	\$129,000
33697 Eight M le	\$92,000
33755 Eight Mile	\$149,000
33903 E ght M le	\$146,000
18644 Floral	\$158,000
34002 Gable	\$90,000
31061 Grenada	\$138,000
15041 Harrison	\$154,000
15075 Hubbard	\$69,000
32638 Joy	\$159,000
14148 Knolson	\$100,000
31629 Merrivood Park	\$87,000
19055 Myron	\$87,000
28555 Pembroke	\$119,000
16436 Riverside	\$118,000
17462 Sunset	\$159,000
Plymouth	\$175,000
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11445 Chestnut	\$66,000

500 Ford	\$104,000
41813 L ndsay	\$111,000
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974 N Mill	\$92,000
40141 Newport	\$87,000
1683 Old Salem	\$100,000
40419 Orangelawn	\$260,000
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Redford	\$69,000
9084 App eton	\$185,000
9328 Appleton	\$168,000
12042 Beech Daly	\$170,000
10013 Far ey	\$171,000
8856 Fenton	\$265,000
25516 Keeler	\$217,000
9597 K nloch	\$136,000
13400 Manon	\$282,000
9675 Nathaline	\$178,000
20548 Po ncrana	\$206,000

24980 S Sybert	\$104,000
20431 Summer	\$210,000
Westland	\$490,000
30030 Ann Arbor Trail	\$158,000
2688 Barns	\$113,000
34446 Barton	\$255,000
2461 E Rhead	\$197,000
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111 Fischer	\$329,000
1617 Gloria	\$110,000
32100 Grandview	\$102,000
30399 Lacy	\$132,000
38492 Meghan	\$130,000
5657 N Parent	\$144,000
6468 Pembroke	\$126,000
6594 Quail Run	\$145,000
7800 Rivergate	\$95,000
1572 Shoemaker	\$136,000
1891 Stockmeyer	\$209,000
7500 Woodview	\$119,000

\$140,000	\$135,000
\$157,000	\$225,000
\$130,000	\$172,000
\$175,000	\$172,000
\$200,000	\$110,000
\$102,000	\$181,000
\$212,000	\$212,000
\$104,000	\$199,000
\$172,000	\$172,000
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REMODEL BASEMENT

Livonia Community Education and Oakland Builders Institute offer an eight-hour class on basement remodeling 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, March 3-5, at Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost is \$99, plus \$8 for a textbook. To register, call (734) 744-2602.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Michigan Chapter of the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers sponsors its 13th annual conference starting 8 a.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Yazaki Learning Center, 6300 Haggerty, Canton.

Cost is \$85 for members, \$125 for non-members and \$45 for students. To register, call James Harless at (734) 451-4905.

BUILD HOME CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute presents a 16-hour seminar, "Home Building: Protecting You & Your Money," at two locations.

The class runs 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, March 10-19, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, and 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 18-27, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road.

Topics include financing, contracts, codes and permits, bidding materials and the building process.

Cost is \$205, plus \$30 for textbooks through Walled Lake Community Education, (248) 956-5000, and \$180 plus \$30 for textbooks through West Bloomfield Community Education, (248) 865-4488.

SELL HOME CLASS

Alma Mathley of Professional Real Estate Title, sponsors a free, no-obligation seminar, "For Sale by Owner," 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, off Main north of 14 Mile Road, Clawson.

To register, call Mathley at (248) 851-2975.

BUY HOME CLASS

Deborah Johnson of RE/MAX Great Lakes hosts a free class for home buyers 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at her office, 33966 W. Eight Mile Road, Suite 102, Farmington Hills.

To register, call (248) 553-4448.

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Cost is \$52 per class or \$179 for the entire series of four. To register, call (734) 462-4448.

CREW PROGRAM

The Detroit Chapter Commercial Real Estate Women presents a lunch program on student ideas for retail development at noon Thursday, March 20, at the Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Dr., Dearborn.

Cost is \$35 for members, \$50 for non-members. To register, call Joanne Sisson at (248) 458-7203, or Anne Hiemstra, (248) 816-3834.

WOMEN/CONSTRUCTION

The National Association of Women in Construction Detroit Chapter sponsors a dinner program on planning strategies for business and personal financial goals 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Royal Oak Elks Club, 2401 E. Fourth St.

Cost is \$25 for members, \$50 for non-members. To register, call Heather Betts at (313) 965-7315.

BUILDERS SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern

Michigan and Standard Federal Bank present the 85th annual Builders Home Show Friday-Sunday, March 21-23, at Cobo Center, Detroit.

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Hundreds of exhibitors are expected to participate. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, free for children 11 and under.

For information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit the Web at www.builders.org.

PYRAMID AWARDS

The Washtenaw Contractors Association hosts its annual Pyramid Awards dinner 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Marriott Hotel Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti.

Cost is \$100 per person, \$175 per couple, \$700 per table for eight. Reservations requested by March 10. For information, call (734) 662-2570.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Debbie Horner of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer and Paul Stutzman of Loanstar Lending co-sponsor a free class for first-time home buyers 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, at the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty.

To register, call (248) 675-1256.

CAREER DAYS

Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real

estate sales noon to 1 p.m. Fridays 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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience needed. Training will be provided.

For details, call (734) 459-7744.

FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing, and information organization, always needs supporters. Basic annual individual membership is \$15, basic family membership \$25 and basic organizational membership \$50.

For information, call the center, (313) 963-1274.

ENERGY CD-ROM

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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Here's a primer on hardwood flooring

When it comes to flooring, hardwood remains one of the most popular flooring options available today. However, from setting on a species to proper care and maintenance, there is much to consider.

Have questions about hardwood floors, finishes and care?

Before you head out to your local home center, here are answers to some of the most frequent flooring queries, courtesy of the experts at the American Hardwood Information Center, www.hardwoodinfo.com.

Q: Does sunlight lighten or darken a floor's color? Does it depend on the species, the stain or the finish?

A: The ultraviolet rays that can burn and age our skin will affect any organic material, including wood. That's why the finest art collections are kept in rooms without windows.

Prolonged exposure to sunlight will change the color of virtually any wood floor, regardless of the stain or finish. Some woods lighten when exposed to sunlight. Others, like cherry and oak, tend to darken.

The newest water-based urethane finishes seem to slow color changes more effectively than oil-based urethane finishes, which tend to turn the brownish-yellow color of amber. Some finishes even feature sunscreens to help block the penetration of ultraviolet rays, extending the time it will take the wood to change.

If you're especially concerned about your floor changing color, consider installing curtains or blinds that will limit exposure to sunlight. Windows also can be fitted with thin films of plastic that block ultraviolet rays. This type of screen - similar to those on used on some

car windows - will protect your floor, furniture, drapes, upholstery and artwork from sunlight.

Q: Is a hardwood floor a good choice for someone with allergies or asthma?

A: You bet. Allergists often recommend bare floors, which reduce the chance for animal dander, dust, pollen or molds to collect. Respiratory experts say as much as one-fifth of the U.S. population suffers breathing difficulties caused by allergies and asthma, often triggered by microscopic dust mites that colonize bedding, curtains and carpets. Bedding and curtains can be laundered, but because frequent vacuuming is often ineffective against dust mites in floor coverings, many immunologists and allergists suggest bringing hardwood floors out into the open.



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LIVONIA
GOLD MANOR ESTATES COLONIAL. Sharp 4 bedroom colonial. Beautiful updated kitchen and bath. Deck with professional landscaping. Driveway extended and widened. Stevenson High School. \$260,000 (P91SOLU)



PLYMOUTH
LAKEPOINTE PLYMOUTH. Sharp 4 bedroom 2 bath home. Living room & formal dining room. Hdwd floors. Family room w/fieldstone fireplace. Large deck. 2 car attached garage w/extra parking pad. 80 ft lot. \$244,900 (P27DOG)



CANTON
CARRIAGE HILLS. Four bedroom 2.5 baths. Living room, formal dining room, updated kitchen. Large family room with wet bar & fireplace. Newer furnace and roof, new carpet. Immediate occupancy. Backs to park. Paved night at \$207,000 (P16PALU)



PLYMOUTH
WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH. Charming four bedroom two bath bungalow. Hardwood floors throughout downstairs. Many updates including kitchen, carpet upstairs. Partially finished basement. Newly painted siding, air conditioning, furnace, tear-off roof. 95' 2 1/2' car garage. \$219,900 (P28HAR)



WESTLAND
LIVONIA SCHOOLS. Sharp neutral 3 bedroom brick ranch. Newer eat in kitchen with all appliances. Updated bath. Newer carpet, vinyl windows. Full basement. 2.5 car garage with workshop. Move right in! \$158,900 (P62CCN)

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These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov 18-22 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	1666 Stonewood \$77,000	2537 Mueller \$157,000	30783 Everett \$125,000
385 Alberta \$116,000	9811 Trotter \$245,000	4581 Rohr \$185,000	20184 Evergreen Meadows \$175,000
2484 Allerton \$152,000	6492 Waters Edge \$265,000	1016 S Long Lake \$180,000	24153 Evergreen \$123,000
784 Alpeana \$112,000	5216 Woodcreek \$209,000	227 Stratford \$192,000	24898 Farmbrook \$155,000
3699 Eaton Gate \$290,000	Commerce Township	363 W Church \$197,000	26601 Franklin Pointe \$147,000
3420 N Squirrel \$160,000	528 Andrews \$157,000	19017 Green Spruce \$273,000	19017 Green Spruce \$185,000
278 S Grey \$253,000	1893 Applebrook \$410,000	27220 Harvard \$270,000	21400 Independence \$250,000
86E Southampton \$55,000	4942 Fair Lane \$330,000	23572 Lahser \$132,000	21400 Independence \$218,000
Beverly Hills	8490 Gof Lane \$309,000	Lathrup Village	20175 Ledgestone \$106,000
3164 Auburn \$310,000	754 Hummerside \$272,000	408 Hillcrest \$115,000	20669 Mada Ave \$105,000
3154 W Chelton \$370,000	3305 Mandrake \$163,000	2278 N Baldwin \$174,000	20669 Mada Ave \$75,000
Bingham Farms	1437 Oakley Park \$115,000	408 Hillcrest \$115,000	20133 Rodeo \$175,000
32840 Outland \$535,000	2794 Orenda \$174,000	2278 N Baldwin \$174,000	25530 Southfield \$140,000
Birmingham	5010 Parkgate \$338,000	604 Oxford Oaks \$338,000	29939 Spring River \$158,000
1481 Cedar \$371,000	4501 Philip \$440,000	51 Park \$440,000	15999 W 11 Mile \$64,000
1832 E Lincoln \$215,000	634 Sherbrooke \$165,000	5 S Washington \$165,000	26906 W 12 Mile \$161,000
759 Forest \$145,000	3401 Stallion Way \$808,000	1835 Seymour Lake \$808,000	Troy
1724 Graefield \$161,000	5270 Williamston \$380,000	201 Tanview \$380,000	160 Aberdeen \$270,000
684 Mad son \$448,000	Farmington	886 Aspen \$275,000	3597 Acorn \$397,000
751 N Old Woodward \$285,000	33650 Hillcrest \$180,000	3725 Oakmonte \$275,000	3424 Alpine \$283,000
559 W Brown \$450,000	35285 Lone Pine \$214,000	1078 Bloomview \$214,000	1139 Boyd \$160,000
1822 Washington \$268,000	3732 Marblehead \$186,000	1682 Maple Creek \$186,000	1371 Burns \$368,000
1591 Webster \$162,000	Farmington Hills	3707 Oakmonte \$308,000	1639 Caliper \$333,000
Bloomfield Hills/Township	29491 Arlington Way \$308,000	742 Shortridge \$122,000	2091 Chalgrove \$189,000
28 Balfour \$990,000	22173 Atlantic Pointe \$122,000	3157 Silverbrook \$313,000	6860 Dakota \$162,000
518 Brownley \$754,000	22611 Clear Lake \$245,000	3664 Sunnyside \$345,000	4529 Gaylord \$650,000
5765 Crabtree \$390,000	32480 Dohany \$197,000	245 Taylor \$197,000	6761 Granger \$348,000
2464 Devonshire \$185,000	36950 Dunstable \$349,000	411 Woodward \$349,000	6904 Granger \$525,000
1909 Eagle Pointe \$242,000	\$110,000	Rochester Hills	184 Harrington \$358,000
804 Edgemont Run \$469,000	26740 Holly Hill \$270,000	2318 Arizona \$210,000	2028 Hartshorn \$284,000
4457 Far Hill \$425,000	37709 Hollyhead \$252,000	1377 Autumn \$137,000	759 Kirts \$149,000
5430 Forest Way \$320,000	27471 Kai sh \$408,000	1213 Candlesick \$408,000	3269 Newbury \$270,000
1963 Fox River \$320,000	29218 Lake Park \$285,000	838 Castlebar \$285,000	3684 Old Creek \$187,000
4655 Franklin \$285,000	21960 Leyte \$176,000	1614 Crestline \$176,000	2774 Orchard Trail \$385,000
1787 Hickory Bark \$418,000	22801 Lisa \$340,000	2860 Crooks \$340,000	2826 Roundtree \$133,000
2086 Lakewood \$430,000	28638 Oak Point \$365,000	3082 Florence \$365,000	2184 Rushmore \$197,000
712 Parkman \$490,000	32643 Olde Franklin \$257,000	2487 Gerald \$257,000	2783 Saratoga \$92,000
2751 Rambling Way \$270,000	31508 Orchard \$155,000	3125 Grant \$155,000	71 Timberview \$455,000
1520 Surria \$630,000	31554 Orchard \$157,000	911 Hampstead \$157,000	2225 Vermont \$170,000
4113 Telegraph \$70,000	31574 Orchard \$150,000	3140 John R \$150,000	1535 Witherbee \$190,000
14 Vaughan Ridge \$540,000	26400 Springland \$273,000	114 Longford \$148,000	West Bloomfield
100 W Hickory Grove \$85,000	29273 Stillwater \$375,000	2889 Longview \$375,000	4128 Autumn Ridge \$575,000
Clarkston	30328 Stillwater \$400,000	2589 Melv n \$258,000	6010 Beachwood \$355,000
6796 Balmoral \$200,000	30138 Stockton \$125,000	1373 N Acre \$125,000	6951 Brook Hollow \$745,000
6439 Church \$160,000	28498 Thorny Brae \$5,000	827 Oakbrook \$5,000	5175 Corners \$262,000
8355 Fawn Valley \$304,000	28498 Thorny Brae \$254,000	1182 Oakwood \$254,000	2202 Forest \$215,000
6164 Lake Waldon \$270,000	31993 W 12 Mile \$92,000	85 Orcharddale \$92,000	6226 Golden \$185,000
6628 Laureton \$185,000	Keego Harbor	449 Pinehurst \$449,000	6881 Heather Heath \$325,000
9528 Maple \$347,000	1996 Lakeland \$160,000	1596 Rivers Edge \$160,000	6068 Kiev St \$300,000
8835 Minne Wana \$260,000	3399 Orchard Lake \$285,000	3502 Rocky Crest \$285,000	7923 Lawrence \$226,000
9939 N Eston \$282,000	Lake Orion	1377 Ruby Ave \$137,000	6380 Norma Lee \$330,000
7243 N Village \$77,000	3121 Buckner \$195,000	144 Stratford \$195,000	5364 Pocono Dr \$277,000
5220 Ridge \$418,000	745 Central \$295,000	162 Tartan \$295,000	5316 Pond Bluff Dr \$430,000
	160 Conklin \$161,000	1733 W Ridge \$161,000	4798 Rolling Ridge \$915,000
	803 Fairview \$319,000	755 Woodfield Way \$319,000	7391 Sherwood Creek \$238,000
	3428 Gingell \$143,000	Southfield	6648 Stonebridge \$465,000
	3452 Gingell \$138,000	18790 Addison \$188,000	7249 Westchester \$181,000
	600 Hemingway \$160,000	29895 Brentwood \$101,000	6585 Westphalia \$232,000
	3992 May Center \$299,000	18800 Capitol \$248,000	7273 Woodlore \$445,000

WAR

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In his RealEstateJournal.com column House Talk, Wall Street Journal reporter Patrick Barta noted some good news on the current housing front. Interest rates for 30-year mortgages are extremely low - below 6 percent. The supply of

homes is tighter than during the Gulf War. Also, Americans appear to be more willing to view real estate as a safe haven than in the early 1990s. Home sales have been robust since Sept. 11, 2001. While all of that won't necessarily prevent a slowdown in the event of a conventional war, it could help offset some of the pain.

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COVETED LOCATION - Absolutely prime house in prime location. Backs to trees ravine and creek. Three bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial. Meticulously cared for. Traditional floor plan. Don't miss out! \$329,900 (410PO)




SPACIOUS & ELEGANT - Upgrades abound in this Plymouth Commons home. Dual staircase hardwood floors trim and doors. Bay windows oak kitchen 3 fireplaces finished basement and a 3 car garage. Landscaped premium lot! \$680,000 (680CC)




GATED CONDO COMMUNITY - Elegantly gracious comfortably accommodating angular kitchen sumptuous master suite soaring ceilings 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths gathering room on lowest level nestled in Plymouth's only gated community. Extraordinary indeed! \$475,000 (780LO)




GREAT, GREAT YARD One fourth acre cedar privacy fence gorgeous landscaping pond. Enormous lighted brick paver patio for entertaining garden what more could you ask? Well the 1997 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home on it is real nice too! Two car attached garage and basement. \$224,900 (786CH)




GREAT LOCATION Easy access to all expressways while still enjoying the country in your own backyard. Spacious 4 bedroom 2 full bath b level A must to see! Sellers motivated. Priced to sell! \$179,500 (569NC)




READY TO MOVE INTO! - 4 bedroom 2 bath cape cod in a great neighborhood. 2 car garage full bsmt totally updated in last 6 months new furnace A/C HWH carpet paint ceramic tile interior/exterior doors garage doors glass block windows roof windows gutters kitchen cabinets countertops & dishwasher. A must see! \$189,900 (557GA)




NEWER HOME ON PRIVATE ROAD - 2300 sq ft colonial w/4 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. Open floor plan w/spacious rooms & spectacular views. Two car attached side entry garage. First floor laundry. \$305,000 (726PI)




UPSCALE TREATS! - GR & master BR offer extra prestige in this 3 BR 2 1/2 bath superbly maintained single-owner condo. 2 car garage. Foyer open to GR w/FP. Stylish custom blinds master w/walk in closet. Full bath & vaulted ceilings. Large view deck for outdoor living. Well kept grounds. Immediately available. \$209,900 (207SA)




NORTHVILLE LAKEFRONT! - Enjoy the views from this Modern built classic colonial with walk out. Two story foyer dual staircase family room w/dual fireplace gourmet kitchen spacious master suite deck off kitchen brick paver patio and a 3-car garage. Many extras! \$1,280,000 (952MI)




VALUE PRICED COLONIAL - Two year old home is better than new with landscaping deck and sprinklers already installed. Gourmet island kitchen deluxe master suite with Jacuzzi bath and a fabulous open floor plan. Circular drive. Swim club membership. \$389,900 (9340A)




INVESTOR ALERT - Looking for a great investment? These 2 buildings each are fully occupied have 8 units each & offer income growth. Each unit comes complete w/stove refrigerator A/C. On site coin operated washer/dryer. Updates include roof & siding. Great location close to highways & airport. Call for details. \$449,900 & \$399,900 (934HO)




THINK SPRING/SUMMER NOW! - Great 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath north Canton home with a stunning in-ground pool and hot tub. Numerous updates too! Windows family rooms bath roof furnace air siding cedar deck. Add a pretty finished basement with 1/2 bath. Special home! \$245,900 (245PP)




IMMACULATE! - 3 BD 1700 sq ft ranch on a corner lot great neighborhood. This is the one to call home meticulously maintained. Features inc remodeled kitchen newer windows FR w/gas FP C/A brick paver patio newer carpet in ground sprinklers neutral decor Matching stove refrigerator & dishwasher included. \$178,000 (903ML)




BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED - Hurry on this 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath ranch with full finished basement w/wet bar and featuring vaulted ceilings newer furnace A/C freshly painted updated bath w/jetted tub updated windows and 3-tier decking. Garage w/workshop. \$154,900 (351PL)




COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY of Livonia on over 1/2 acre. This charming 3 bedroom bungalow with 2 full baths. The upstairs study could be used as a 4th bedroom. Seller is willing to help with closing costs. \$178,900 (845WA)




CUSTOM BUILT ONE OF A KIND Plymouth's prestigious Hunters Creek colonial 3,800 sq ft. Over \$70,000 in upgraded kitchen granite counters 2nd sink in island built in China cabinet & more. Large bedrooms neutral decor throughout bright & cheerful home. Court location easy access to freeways. A must see. \$599,900 (693HU)



PINE BLUFFS OF MILFORD - Great floor plan 1962 sq ft 1st floor master bedroom loft overlooks great room 2 1/2 baths walkout basement and a 2 1/2 car attached garage. \$254,000 (039BI)



RECOMMENDED - A custom kitchen to behold striking light fixtures obvious architectural interest and style. French doors to second bedroom/study doorwall off master suite and just steps to the golf course. \$347,500 (798LO)



BETTER THAN NEW - Just under an acre and loaded with upgrades. Priced to sell and featuring hardwood floors granite counters custom woodwork built ins including a 42" plasma TV and outstanding landscape package. \$495,000 (860TI)

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RE/MAX to give scholarships

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan, headquartered in Bingham Farms, extends its community involvement with a college scholarship program for high school seniors in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Monroe counties.

The company will award 25 \$1,000 scholarships on this its 25th anniversary here. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, March 31, 2003.

To obtain an entry form, contact Jeanette Schneider at (248) 644-6420, check on-line at www.many-houses.com or visit any local RE/MAX office.

"We established The American Dream scholarship in part to acknowledge that this is a special year for our company," said Schneider, vice president and co-

'This is an exciting opportunity and we urge every school ... to encourage their grade 12 students to apply.'

Jeanette Schneider
RE/MAX

regional director of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan

Of equal importance, we believe in the value of education as a means for today's youth to become tomorrow's community and business leaders," she said. "This is an exciting opportunity and we urge

every school in our four-county region to encourage their grade 12 students to apply.

RE/MAX introduced the American Dream sponsorship program to recognize the interests and ongoing pursuits of local students.

To apply, students must provide a short essay on what the American Dream means to them and the role that higher education plays in helping to achieve that dream.

Essays and supporting materials will be judged on content, originality and creativity.

Specializing in residential sales, RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan covers Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and Monroe counties with more than 1,100 sales associates in 60 offices.

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Mavrinac received a law degree from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College. He lives in Plymouth.

Dave Cornwell, Del Cornwell, Joyce Cornwell and Mary L. Bush, brokers/owners of Cornwell & Bush Real Estate have purchased RE/MAX Associates and are operating at 33104 Grand River just east of Farmington Road in downtown Farmington. The telephone number is (248) 477-5114, the fax (248) 477-5113.

Toyoda Gosei and Tokai Rika Co, both headquartered in Japan, will collaborate globally for the development and testing of safety systems in a building under construction in Plymouth.

A hydraulic reverse crash sled accelerator will be placed in the 60,450-square-foot building on Port in Industrial Corporate Park. August is the targeted completion/operational time frame. **TG North America**, a subsidiary of Toyoda Gosei, is in Troy.

Friedman Real Estate Group, a commercial firm headquartered in Farmington Hills, has been involved in several recent transactions.

Harry Cohn represented the purchaser, FSA Real Estate, of a 24,500-square-foot office/industrial building in Warren, also, he represented both the seller, Gulliver Co, and buyer, city of Taylor, in the sale of a former Farmer Jack store in that city for a condominium redevelopment.

Barry Swatsenborg and David Friedman represented the seller, World Vision, in the sale of a 136-500-square-foot single-tenant shopping center in Flint.

Barry Landau represented Universal Mall in Warren in the lease of 25,000 square feet there to T.J. Maxx. **Jim Roberts** represented both the landlord, C I M Building, and tenant, Rverfront Plastic Products, in the lease of 7,000 square feet of industrial space in Wyandotte.

Rob Hibbert, Kevin George and Mitchell Lipton represented both the buyer, Camelot Homes, and undisclosed seller of 2-1/2 acres of vacant land on Harrison in Royal Oak to be developed as townhomes and equipment financing.

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to: Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

Two staffers with **Neumann Smith & Associates**, an architecture, planning, interior design firm in Southfield, have passed professional certification examinations.

James M. Stock, RA, successfully completed the National Council of Architectural Registration Board exam and is a registered architect in Michigan.

Stock joined Neumann/Smith in 1993 and since has worked on some of the firm's most challenging projects.

He earned bachelor of science in architecture and bachelor of architecture degrees from Lawrence Technological University and a master of architecture degree from the University of Illinois.

Stock lives in Berkley. **Jame Millsbaugh** successfully completed the National Council for Interior Design Qualifications examination.

Millsbaugh joined the firm in 2000 and has been responsible for space planning, workplace performance, computer design, construction documents, finish selection and construction administration.

She has a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University with a major in interior design and a minor in industrial supervision and management. **Millsbaugh** lives in Royal Oak.

Anthony J. Mavrinac has been elected a principal with the law firm of **Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone** in Detroit. Since joining the firm in 1995, Mavrinac has specialized in real estate, construction and equipment financing.



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Millsbaugh

Average mortgage rate hits record low

(AP) - Mortgage rates last week set new lows, and economists said that means more good news for the housing industry.

The average interest rate nationally on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage dipped to 5.84 percent, down from 5.86 percent the previous week, the mortgage company Freddie Mac reported in its latest survey.

That was the lowest since Freddie Mac 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.

Rates for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, edged down last week to 5.21 percent from 5.26 percent. The new rate is the lowest since Freddie Mac began tracking 15-year mortgages in 1991.

Rates for one-year adjustable rate mortgages also set a record, dropping to 3.81 percent after three straight weeks at the previous record low, 3.89 percent. Freddie Mac began tracking these rates in 1984.

'Current record-breaking low mortgage rates are keeping demand for housing strong, even as the overall economy stumbles sluggishly into the first part of the year.'

Frank Nothaft
Freddie Mac

Low mortgage rates sent sales of both new and existing homes to record levels last year.

Last week, the government reported that construction of new homes and apartments posted a 16-year high in January, which analysts saw as a sign the housing industry was off to another good year.

"Current record-breaking low mortgage rates are keeping demand for housing strong, even as the overall economy stumbles slug-

gishly into the first part of the year," said Frank Nothaft, chief economist at Freddie Mac.

Mortgage applications are holding at high levels, a good indication "housing will continue to prop up the economy for a while longer," he said.

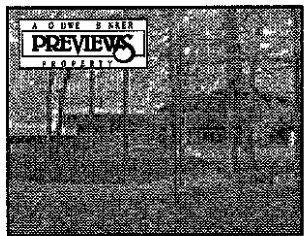
Low rates have made for brisk home mortgage refinancing activity. As consumers swap higher-interest rate home loans for lower-interest rate ones, the extra cash has helped to support consumer spending, one of few sources of strength for the economy.

Mortgage rates reported by Freddie Mac don't include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages each carried an average fee of 0.6 point last week, while one-year ARMs had an average 0.7 point financing fee. A point is 1 percent of the loan amount.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.81 percent, 15-year mortgages were 6.28 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 4.96 percent.

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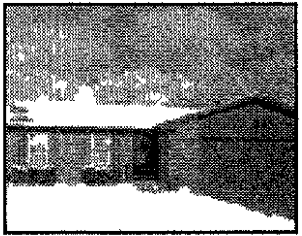
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CANTON \$424,900
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CANTON \$207,900
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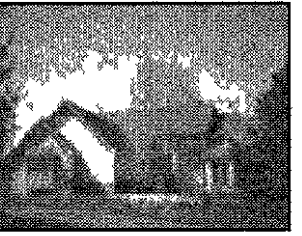
CANTON \$159,900
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DETROIT \$189,900
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LIVONIA \$189,000
Charming Livonia Ranch! Beautiful updated eat in kitchen newer windows air & more 2 car attached garage finished basement w/full bath great for entertaining 1yr home warranty (BGN71FON) 888 870 9123



PLYMOUTH \$489,000
Supremely Up Dated! On nearly an acre 1st fl mst ste w/jacuzzi. WI closets updated shower. Frshed lower level w/cedar sauna bath & bar. Paved circle drive 2 CA oversized 3 car garage BGP 11AMH 888 870 9127



BLOOMFIELD \$174,500
Wonderful Condo You'll Love The Open Space & Tons Of Storage. Dining Room Has A Beautiful View W/Lots Of Sunshine. Decked Porch Off Living Room. Neutral Tones Throughout (BGL79CHI) 888 870 9105



CANTON \$324,900
Welcome Home This 2000 Built! Custom cape cod w/3 br optional 4th or loft. Gourmet kitchen crown molding full basement premium elevation hardwood floors. Must see! (BGN80PON) 888 870 9123



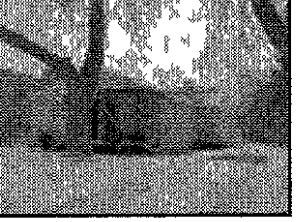
CANTON \$189,900
Excellent Value! Move in condition new windows some new carpet & paint 2 full baths New garage door Updated landscaping Walk to middle school Home warranty Hurry won't last long BGP 41BOS 888 870 9127



DEARBORN \$172,900
Beaut New Custom Kit W/Maple Floor 3 Bedrooms Up & 4th Bdrm Or Dan On Main Floor Formal DR & LR W/frpl Across From Edison Park Lots Of Updates (BGL10NOW) 888 870 9105



LIVONIA \$205,000
Spacious 2 Story w/Cul De Sac Location! 4br 2 1/2 baths family room w/fireplace formal living/dining room kitchen w/newer floor finished basement 2 car attached garage (BGN04SJM) 888 870 9123



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Nicely Decorated Kitchen Updated W/Cabinets Countertops & Sink Newer Furnace & Windows Spacious Laundry Room Fenced Yard! All Appliances Stay! On The End Of Dead End Street (BGL06FLO) 888 870 9105



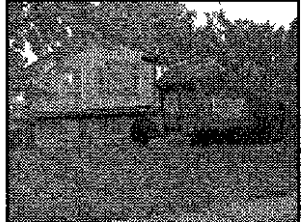
PLYMOUTH \$264,500
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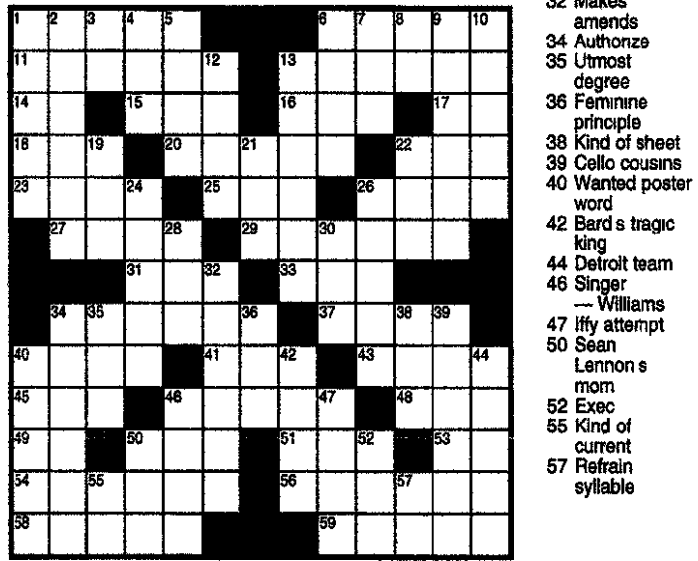
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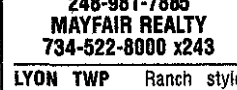
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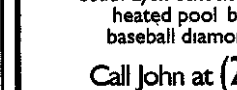
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Bookkeeper Full Charge or Accountant Construction industry job cost analysis experience General Ledger thru financial statements Computer accounting/Quickbooks Pro Supervising office & accounting staff interface with sales department Send resume & salary requirements PO Box 40051 Redford MI 48240

CLERICAL

Novi area Co with friendly casual environment seeks individual to perform order entry and varied clerical tasks Good computer skills required

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248 344-6700 Fax 248-344-6704 diversifield@johndre.com

Clerical/Receptionist

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CREDIT CLERK

Virginia Tile Company in Farmington Hills is seeking a credit clerk w/2-3 yrs experience Candidate must have Excel Account Analysis and payment reconciliation skills Full time position includes benefits & 401k Call HR Manager 248 476 7850 x2624 or fax resume to 248-476 3828

CUSTOMER SERVICE-INSURANCE

Personal Lines CSR for insurance agency in Novi insurance experience & computer background required Excellent working environment & benefits Fax resume to 248 380 6178

DATA ENTRY CLERK

A Westland based co is seeking a temporary data entry clerk w/1-2 yrs of exp Accounts payable data entry of sales & various internet functions Excel & Word skills are a must & Quickbooks exp helpful Please fax resume to 734 728 4475 or mail to Easy Rest LLC 6132 Executive Dr Westland MI 48155 or email to mcs119@aol.com Attn Leslie No PHONE CALLS PLEASE

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Highly organized/energetic individual needed to perform a wide variety of duties for small assoc in Farmington Hills (correspondence mailings AR/AP scheduling mag production lay-out) minutes/agendas maintenance & advertising Must be proficient in MS Word Office Suite database exp a plus Must have excellent written communication skills & at least 3 yr exp Some travel required HR Director ASA P O Box 9094 Farmington Hills MI 48331 FAX 248 848 3771

LEGAL SECRETARY

Farmington Hills (W/W) seeks Business litigation firm seeks experienced legal secretary for word processing paralegal and administrative duties for partner 30-35 flexible hours Fax resume to 248 932 3161 or 248 932 3521

LEGAL SECRETARY

Southfield insurance defense firm needs highly experienced full time legal secretary You must have a strong background in litigation you must be self directed highly organized detail oriented and have a knowledge of WordPerfect We offer competitive salary exc benefits & nice people to work with Fax resume to Office Administrator 248 356 7934

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Troy firm seeks experienced legal secretary Litigation experience and computer skills required Pleasant atmosphere new offices competitive salary and benefits Fax or email resume to (248) 641 7073 levittlaw@aol.com

Office Clerical 5020

HR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Immediate need for enthusiastic self starter whose duties include benefit administration and support to executive staff Must be detail oriented have excellent communication skills and proficiency in Word Excel & PowerPoint Washnetaw County area Competitive salary and benefits Fax resume in confidence to Debbie @ 248 737 5878

Insurance

Large insurance agency desires trainee for bond department insurance experience preferred Applicant must have excellent communication typing and computer skills (Word/Excel/ETC) Send resume to dmadden@vncs.com or P O Box 4960 Troy MI 48099 4800

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The Office of the Chapter 13 Trustee Krispen S Carroll has immediate openings for Legal Assistants Responsibilities include review and analysis of Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases assisting attorneys at court hearings auditing of case and claim information and providing a broad range of support to the legal department Qualified candidate should be motivated and dependable with superior mathematical analytical verbal and written communication skills A minimum of 2 years previous legal experience is required Bankruptcy experience preferred

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RECEPTIONIST

Needed 3pm-9pm Weekends (Sat & Sun) Senior Living Community Westland (734) 451 1155

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clerical full time Craftmatic adjustable beds daytime Must be able to multi task computer knowledgeable multiple phone lines experience responsible reliable only apply Fax 734 467 2202 or email jefhvban@hotmali.com

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NEW TODAY LEGAL SECRETARY Word Processor Southfield law firm has position for word processor/legal secretary with light accounting experience Working knowledge of Word a must Knowledge of Word/Excel or similar document management program a plus Basic understanding of accounting preferred Successful cand dates will be well organized dependable professional and have strong written and oral communication skills Excellent benefits and comp with salary requirements to Anne M Kupstas Kupstas Ormond & Magy P O Box 197 Southfield MI 48037 0197 Fax 248 357 7488 amk@komp.com An Equal Opportunity Employer

MORTGAGE SECRETARY

Basic computer skills Jerry (248) 306 5626

OFFICE CLERICAL

General office with Data Entry skills needed for insurance agency in Novi Computer experience a must Fax resume to 248 380 6178 attention Dave

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Service contractor in Bloomfield Hills Full or part time \$8 16/hr PLUS BENEFITS (248) 334 1200

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Responsible take charge person w/good math typing data entry & people skills Apply in person week days Newton Furniture 15950 Middlebelt 734 525 0030

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Full time for Northville mortg company Some computer skills and back ground check required Please send resume to 248 426 8343 or tbrown@hometelwending.com

RECEPTIONIST

Multi task phone typing computer experience (Excel & Word) filing Send resume & salary requirements to P O Box 40051 Redford MI 48240

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED FOR BUSINESS OFFICE

Flexible work hours professional dress required multi line telephone system experience helpful Must be customer service oriented & able to work independently Pay related to experience & profession alism Part time to start Call & leave our name & phone number at (248) 865 6900

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For Livonia company Previous exp required Send resume to Box 0519 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150

SECRETARY NEEDED

For Garden City law firm Fax resume 734 261-4737

SECRETARY NEEDED Part or full time

flexible hours for home office in Novi Should have good organizational & computer skills 248 219 3762

SECRETARY/GENERAL

For Landscape firm part time exp required Minimum 3 yrs exp Apply at CR Stasak Landscape 31177 Schoolcraft Rd Livonia MI 48150

TEMPORARY CLERK

Canton Township is accepting applications for the position of Temporary Clerk (Treasurer's Department) 40 hrs per week commencing early May 2003 for up to 3 months Experience w/ Equalize The software helpful 50% An employee can be picked up at the Canton Township Human Resources Center 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188 An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at www.cantonmi.org Job description will be posted at the Township Administration Building All applicants must complete a Canton Township application form in its entirety and be received by the Canton Township Human Resources Division prior to 4pm February 28 2003 Fax or e mailed applications will not be accepted The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race color national origin sex religion age or disability in employment or the provision of services An Equal Opportunity Employer email to resume@providencehospital.org

LAB AID/ SPECIMEN PROCESSOR

Full time afternoon position 80 hrs bi weekly with benefits Rotating weekends and holidays Type 40 wpm required MA exp preferred Apply in person mail or fax resume to

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For West Trail Nursing Center in beautiful downtown Plymouth Midright shift Wage to commensurate with exp Inquires please call the DCN at 734 453 3983

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FRONT OFFICE

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HEATING & COOLING

New house heat work installers 5 or more years experience Fax resumes 248 615 3707

ORTHO ASSISTANT

Experienced Part Time For group practice 734 722 5130

Medical 5060

ADMISSIONS CLERK

Specialized Pharmacy Services is seeking a full time Admissions Clerk for our Livonia location Responsibilities include input of patient data verification of medical coverage preparation of patient folders filing of patient information and other related tasks Candidate must be self starter with basic computer and excellent typing skills Accounting or insurance verification experience is helpful SPS provides pharmacy services to long term care facilities and we offer a competitive wage and benefits package interested candidates should forward your resume to P S Attention HR Admissions P O Box 3347 Livonia MI 48151 by fax at (734)513 9418 or jobs_sps@comunicare.com EEO

FRONT DESK

For medical practice in Livonia Experienced Some transcription Part time Mon/Wed/ Fri approx 15 hrs/wk Call 734 425 2514 or fax resume to 734 425 8211

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looking for a DETAIL oriented individual to assist with insurance verification and/or hospital billing experience a plus Will train Fax resume to 248 989 4201

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Creative vocational day treatment program for adults with head injuries Part time full time Medical 401(k) benefits No weekends or evenings Need caring and enthusiastic persons Call Joe or Kathy at Cassell & Associates (248) 615 6020

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NURSING ASSISTANTS

Up to \$9 50 hrly or \$65/day for live in + medical Transportation provided for live ins KIZANN HOMECARE (734) 783 9372

Nursing PSYCH RNs

RN positions available working with adolescents Full and Part time (all shifts) Detroit area Great compensation Please call LISA at 248 350 1764 or fax resume to 248 350 1765

OPTICIAN

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To oversee quality monitoring at 72 bed skilled nursing facility Contact Cleo at Lutheran Heritage Village Livonia 734 421 6564

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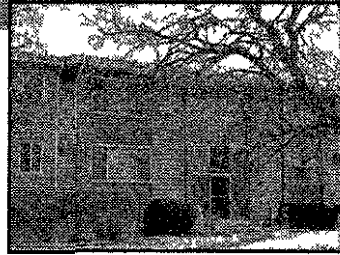
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WESTLAND - Livonia schools! Three bedroom Ranch offers family room & kitchen combined with fireplace doorwall to huge fenced back yard some appliances plus 3 car attached garage \$162 000 (74ANN) 734 455 5600



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FLAT ROCK - Great opportunity Large 3 bedroom Ranch on good size lot Roof & central air 02 some windows & furnace 01 vinyl siding 00 Large foyer with bay window Bath remodeled Home still needs some work but the majors are done \$99 500 (26SEN) 734 455 5600



LIVONIA - Awesome Colonial 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath maintenance free home on treed lot with awesome oak kitchen overlooking family room with fireplace Large master finished rec room & cedar closet Many upgrades like windows furnace central air sprinkler system & more Must see this beauty \$239 900 (15PAR) 248-349 5600



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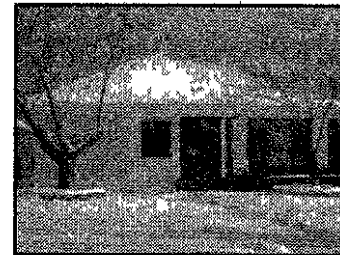
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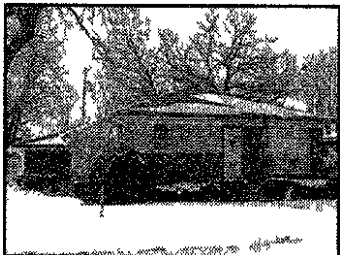
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NORTHVILLE - Affordable Colonial Walk to downtown from this updated 3 bedroom home with beautiful hardwood floors living room dining room & updated kitchen with maple cabinets Family room with natural fireplace basement and 2 car garage One year home warranty \$234 900 (12ELY) 248-349-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Views galore! Four bedroom 3 2 bath Colonial Gorgeous lot with spacious walk out Two tier deck dual staircases with bridge over looking great room and nature preserve Formal dining room and master with fireplace \$827 500 (46BRI) 734 455 5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Spacious brick Ranch Three bedrooms 1 1/2 baths bright country kitchen cozy family room with fireplace refinished hardwood floors in bedrooms rec room with lavatory 2 car attached garage & fenced yard Walk to public & private schools Great terms \$145 000 (08LIN) 734 455 5600



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NORTHVILLE - Prestigious Northville Condo Three bedroom 3 1/2 bath finished walk out lower level with kitchen facilities Large master bedroom suite with alcove & loft All appliances stay + washer and dryer Doorwalls patio and balcony central air and 1 car garage \$299 000 (44EAS) 248 349-5600



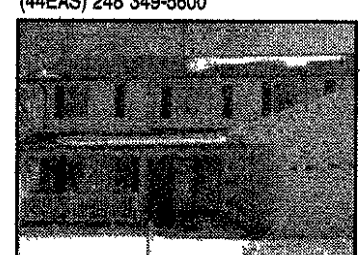
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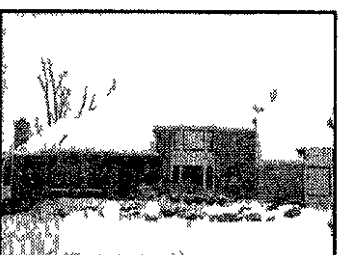
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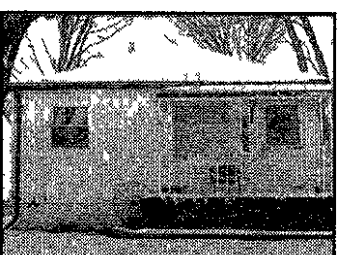
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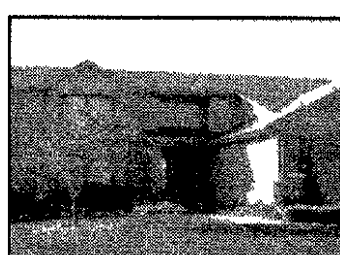
REDFORD - Charming starter Nice 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home with 13 x 9 Florida room & major updates done Roof siding copper plumbing windows furnace & hot water heater Cute covered porch fenced yard and 1 1/2 car garage Come take a look! \$106 000 (79NOR) 734-455 5600



NOVI - Seldom seen! Two bedroom 1 1/2 bath Split level end unit Condo with basement Open floor plan with studio ceiling spacious rooms newer kitchen floor appli artbes ceramic bath and newer carpet Garage \$137 000 (02STO) 734 455 5600



WHITMORE LAKE - Horses welcome Enjoy country living in this 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath Bungalow with possible fourth bedroom Hardwood floors walk out basement pole barn on approximately five acres Newer roof well pump and furnace \$212 500 (03KAE) 248 349 5600



NORTHVILLE - Location! Location! This stunning 3 bedroom Cape Cod 1996 built Condo sets new meaning to prime lot It is located on a gorgeous waterfront lot with a breathtaking view Add a professionally finished walk out basement & large deck off great room Sharp clean & wow \$429 900 (38LAK) 248 349 5600



YPSILANTI - Lakefront Condo Awesome 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath 3 story unit with beautiful scenic view of an all sports lake Boat and dock facilities available Fireplace in living room Large working kitchen \$119 900 (92CLI) 248-349-5600



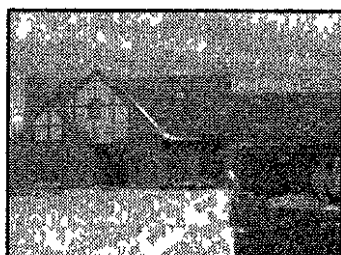
DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Move right in! Charming 3 bedroom brick/aluminum Ranch offers finished basement 2 car garage plus newer roof central air furnace and storm doors \$149 900 (38HAS) 734 455 5600



ALLEN PARK - Rare find! Four bedroom 2 1/2 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



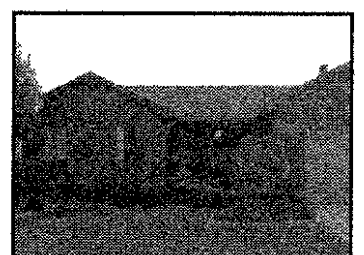
BRIGHTON - Nestled in the woods! Three bedroom 2 bath on 12 acres Winans Lake access! Raised Ranch living room with fireplace newer carpet dining room with skylight & wooded views Kitchen with newer cabinets floors newer septic & furnace \$253 000 (91TEA) 734-455 5600



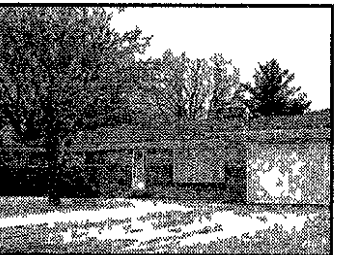
GREEN OAK - Beautiful family home Move right into this 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial Large kitchen with a lot of cupboards & granite counters Ceramic floors newer driveway & gutters Painted inside & out Large deck & covered porch Finished basement with wet bar \$359 000 (11DIC) 248 349 5600



NOVI - Move in and relax What's your choice TV in finished walk out with room for games & exercise or gathering in large family room by fireplace overlooking fenced yard & beautiful pool Five bedroom 3 1/2 bath Filled with quality design Buy now and be ready for spring \$535 000 (93BRI) 248 349 5600



LIVONIA - Custom throughout Incredible lot offers custom Ranch with 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths and finished lower level Home features oak crown moldings hardwood floors custom window treatments newer carpet 3-tiered deck and brick paver patio \$419 900 (20STM) 248-349 5600



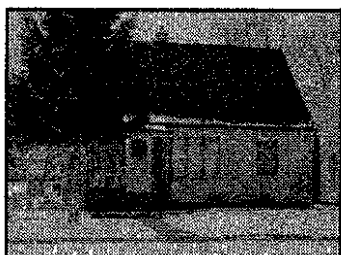
REDFORD - Immaculate custom 3 bedroom 3 1/2 bath brick Ranch with 2 natural fireplaces on over 1/2 acre well maintained private lot. Updates windows exterior & garage doors 4 season Florida room 90+ efficiency furnace & AC finished basement 2 car attached garage with separate work shop \$229 900 (92INK) 734-455 5600



REDFORD - Beautifully maintained 3 bedroom Ranch hardwood floors vinyl windows plaster walls & coved ceilings Updates include furnace central air electric and carpet Neutral colors ceramic tile in kitchen and large basement Two car garage has 1 car door and South Redford schools \$136 000 (73ORA) 734 455 5600



DETROIT - Move right in! Beautiful 3 bedroom 1 bath brick Ranch offers 1 1/2 car garage with many updates A must see! \$144 900 (55WES) 734 455 5600



REDFORD - Move in condition This super 3 bedroom 2 bath home has a beautiful updated kitchen windows furnace central air electrical breakers fresh paint decor & much more Finished basement with bar glass & block windows Two car garage Fenced yard & quick occupancy \$119 900 (01SOU) 248 349 5600



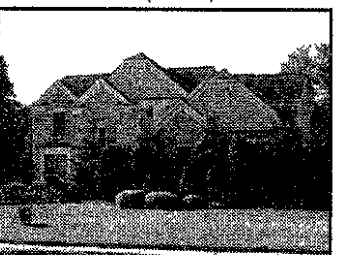
COMMERCE PINES - Four bedroom 3 bath contemporary Ranch Large great room with fireplace Vaulted ceiling & Florida room Wooded lot overlooks pond Outside lights & sprinklers Multi level deck with hot tub Home warranty included Lower level rec room with bath \$259 900 (77SPR) 248 349-5600



NOVI - Beautiful custom all brick exterior. First floor master with walk in closet Huge jet tub All bedrooms have attached baths Kitchen granite counters great room fireplace 3 car garage hardwood floor in foyer & stone floor in kitchen Gas log fireplace Dual zone furnaces Nine foot ceilings in full basement \$479 000 (50IOR) 248 349-5600



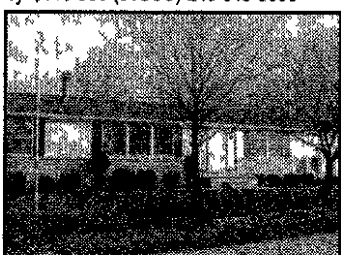
DEARBORN - Great income property Brick 2 family home with 2 bedrooms on each floor separate furnaces and utilities newer roof and siding dining room full basement 2 car garage and fenced yard Great investment \$139 900 (05KEN) 734 455 5600



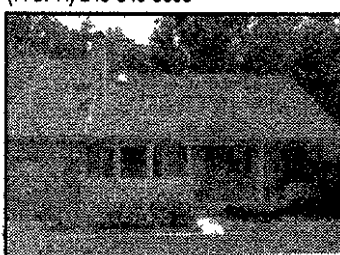
CANTON - Stately! Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath 2 story with 2 story foyer crown moldings throughout downstairs Two way fire place through library and family room Formal living room dining room & large kitchen First floor laundry Private wooded lot \$386 000 (89RED) 734-455 5600



PLYMOUTH - Immaculate! Two bedroom two bath spacious Ranch Condo Open floor plan Updated kitchen and breakfast room with appliances included Large living room with gas fireplace End unit with extra wide doors Handicap accessible \$183 900 (00WOO) 734 455 5600



FARMINGTON - Great 3 bedroom 3 bath Ranch with newer hardwood floors and carpet Natural stone counter tops newer paint and front door Finished heated Florida room and huge basement \$219 900 (10MID) 248 349 5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Beautiful end unit 2 bedroom 3 bath 1 story in a wooded lot with pond Vaulted ceilings sky lights fireplace in living room & oak kitchen with appliances Master with walk in closet & bath Finished lower level could be third bedroom with full bath First floor laundry Pool & tennis courts. \$199,000 (11DAN) 248-349 5600



LIVONIA - That up-north feeling in the city One story Ranch home on a walk out basement 2 car garage master bedroom with private bath Newer carpeting close to expressways schools and shops. \$249 900 (20SUN) 248 349 5600

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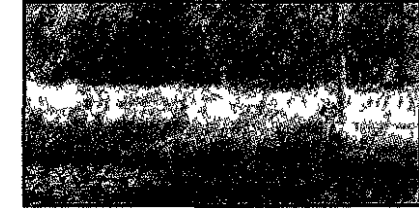
NORTHVILLE \$1,150,000
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CANTON \$459,900
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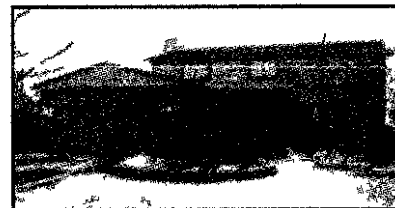
CANTON \$349,900
DISTINCTIVE & ARTFULLY ELEGANT! This 4 BR 2 full & 2 half bath brk colonial is nestled deep in the sub and offers eat in kit GR w/cath cell FR w/FP prof fin bsmt & more! Over 2300 SF (H45769)

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CANTON \$334,900
STUNNING 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA BRICK COLONIAL End of a cul de sac in one of the largest lots in the sub Includes gas FP 6 panel drs garden tub & sep shower in mstr 1st flr laundry & part fin bsmt (W1051)

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CANTON \$259,900
IF FAMILY MATTERS, THIS HOME IS FOR YOU! Over 2162 square feet with 4 large bedrooms Family room is 23x13 w/ fireplace Built in 1988! Great Canton location (K1107)

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CANTON \$249,900
EXQUISITE CAPE COD! Shows like a model- neutral interior attached 2 car garage Dual fireplace upgrades too many to list! Priced to move fast!(23T1727)

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$239,900
LOOKING FOR A COUNTRY HOME IN THE CITY? A 4 BR Colonial on 82 acres of land is it! 3/4th baths updt kitchen brand new full bath on 1st flr GR w/skylights and french doors to 26 patio and more!(50DOH2)

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CANTON \$239,900
PERFECT FOR ENTERTAINING is this 3 bedroom ranch on 1.38 acres in Canton Formal dining rm w/doorwall to beautiful lg deck & hot tub Remodeled kit & bath w/oak cabinetry & more!(D270)

734-326-2000



PLYMOUTH \$210,000
WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH! Sharp and updated four bedroom 1560 Sq Ft Tri Level w/2 1/2 car mechanics dream garage Updates include kit furn & CA windows HWF's and much more!(S845)

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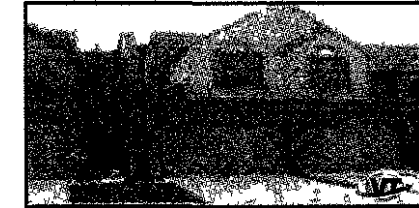
PLYMOUTH \$209,000
PLYMOUTH IN-TOWN! Spacious 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath huge kitchen red oak floors updated and well located to walk to everything!(23P1300)

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LIVONIA \$204,900
HOME SHOWS BEAUTIFULLY! 3 BR 1 1/2 BA colonial features hwdw flrs t/o neutral decor newer furn & hwh vinyl Anderson wndws remodeled baths fin bsmt Indsopd w/deck & sprinklers (G36507)

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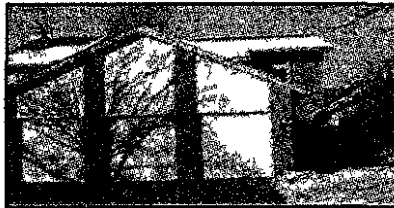
CANTON \$200,500
CONVENIENT LOCATION Light airy, 2 BR 2 1/2 BA condo loft overlooks GR w/FP & new carpet finished bsmt 2 car attached garage & more Over 1500 sq ft!(H45141)

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NOVI \$197,900
ALL THE FEATURES AND UPGRADES YOU EXPECT! 9 ft ceilings gourmet granite kitchen enormous professionally finished rec rm private & beautifully landscaped lot & Northville schools (B21859)

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PLYMOUTH \$197,900
PLYMOUTH TWP - COLONY FARMS Well maintained 2 BR condo master bath 2 lavs updated kitchen newer carpet finished basement attached garage awesome wooded backyard (C48144)

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LIVONIA \$179,900
CHARMING & COMFORTABLE HOME IN LIVONIA! Open flr plan lots of natural light & neutral decor Oak flrs super kitchen fin bsmt lg stone patio great landscaping perennial gardens & lots of updates (04SUN2)

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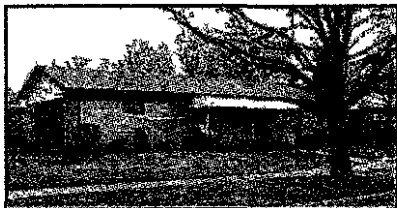
DEARBORN \$172,900
MUST SEE! SUPER CLEAN! Live in 1 unit rent the other or could be 1 large home! 3-4 bedroom 2 bath living room/fireplace dining room study/den garage basement and more!(S772)

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WESTLAND \$159,999
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Professionally decorated interior Updates galore New kitchen baths HW floors steel doors oak trim & crown moldings 1st flr bath w/ceramic tile & spa tub (L163)

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WESTLAND \$159,900
TERRIFIC RANCH! GREAT LOCATION! 3 bedroom brick ranch attached 2 1/2 car garage doorwall to patio full finished basement Updates include roof gutters windows bathrooms and more!(M733)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$154,999
OPEN NEW BIG BRIGHT KITCHEN all updated and freshly painted Updated throughout entire home ceramic bath hardwood floors good size living room and family room Two driveways!(K596)

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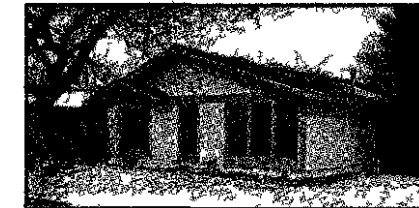
LIVONIA \$149,900
LOCATED ON STREET W/COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE! 3 BR Ranch w/new kitchen cove ceilings wet plaster high-efficiency furnace 2-car garage fenced yard & 12 mo home protection plan Great home for the money!(61MIL2)

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WESTLAND \$149,900
GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! 2 identical units 700 Sq Ft ea 2 BR 1 bath Liv Rm din/kitchen area basement Lease both or live in 1 and lease other Your choice (S208)

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NOVI \$144,900
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR RANCH CONDO W/ FULL BSMT! Lg spacious rms white kit cab w/glass inserts pergo flrs in kit/DR newer berber carpeting stove fridge & dishwasher Enclosed deck pool clubhouse/tennis!(36W002)

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REDFORD \$135,000
KNOCKOUT BUNGALOW IN SOUTH REDFORD! Lrg lot & updates galore Beautifully decorated Newer siding furn a/c front dr most newer wndws remodeled bath updated kit fin bsmt & much more!(C13568)

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REDFORD \$134,900
EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY Live in a 1143 SF brick broad front ranch in South Redford Complete w/all appliances 2 car garage basement & more!(M8829)

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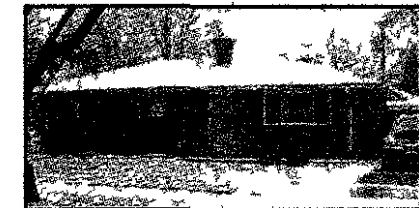
LIVONIA \$130,000
YOU WILL NOT FIND A BETTER VALUE in Livonia today brick 2 BR 1 1/2 BA ranch with finished bsmt new roof & windows plumbing & electric all updated - move in condition (C9502)

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CANTON \$127,900
GREAT CONDO, CONVENIENT CANTON LOCATION! Upper level Condo w/ vaulted ceiling open floor plan neutral 2 BR 2 baths & all appliances Quiet location!(36LIL2)

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WAYNE \$125,900
HOMEBUYERS BEWARE! This is a sizzlin hot deal! 3 bedroom 1096 square foot solid brick ranch Updated and ready to move into (23H5092)

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DETROIT \$119,900
IMMACULATE WARREN-DALE SUB Wonderful 3 bedroom Bungalow completely finished & updated No work Immediate occupancy! Move in today!(D773)

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REDFORD \$114,900
WITH PLENTY OF CHARACTER this 1929 charming Redford bungalow some newer wndws rfr8 yrs furn approx 10 yrs double lot enclosed porch - 2 car gar w/opener not a drive by!(A14881)

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SOUTHFIELD \$104,000
JUST FOR YOU! Spring into this 2 bdrm 1 bath Southfield home Built in range refrng screened Florida rm 2 car det gar Nice neighborhood with mature pine trees Enjoy (23S27034)

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TAYLOR \$99,900
INVESTOR'S TAKE NOTE! Quiet residential setting for nice income property! 3 BR 1 bth Ranch plus 1 BR 1 bath apt over 2 car garage New furnace in apt/HWH in house in 2002 Lg yard!(62MAY2)

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INKSTER \$89,900
START THE NEW YEAR in this 3 bedroom Ranch with full finished basement Newer windows roof shingles carpeting furnace and hot water heater Close to schools and shopping (C147)

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FARMINGTON
WALK TO DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON! Cozy 3 BR 2 bath Ranch w/large private yard! Roomy oak kitchen sunroom fieldstone fireplace family room & 2 car heated garage (00NIN2)
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SATURN L300 SERIES offers impressive new styling

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BY DALE BUSS

The new version of the L-Series 300 is Saturn's most ambitious attempt so far at grabbing consumers' attention with its vehicles as well as with its exemplary customer service. The L300 also is Saturn's best attempt yet at putting product over pampering.

But the much-improved vehicle still proves that Saturn has a distance to travel before its vehicle offerings truly can make it competitive in the crowded market for mid-sized sedans. The L300 strikes lots of the right notes, just not as many as it must in order to stand out. That's why Saturn — which alone among domestic auto marques has resisted offering commodity-type consumer incentives for so many years — finally has to slap a \$2,500 rebate on the L-Series just before the end of last year.

Upon presentation, the L300 struck me more impressively than I had expected for such a reasonably priced vehicle, especially by contrast with the visually anemic product line that Saturn had been relying on for so many years. Built in Wilmington, Delaware, the car is based on a platform for a GM Opel model made in Germany — and it succeeds in its attempt to suggest its European heritage.

The black top-of-the-line L300 I reviewed, which retails for a suggested price of \$20,645, showed off well the vehicle's upgraded styling for 2003, which includes a redesigned front end featuring wrap-around projector-beam headlights with visible optics and chrome trim, fog lamps with chrome bezels integrated into the new fascia, a larger grill and a raised hood. New European-looking, triangular taillamps highlight a revised rear end. The previously contrasting rocker panels and the lower sections of front and rear fascias are now body-colored, contributing to the car's more substantial feel.

One last tweak that gives the L300 its substantial look was to raise the front end 9 millimeters on its springs and shove the rear down 8 mm. The revised spring heights also apparently contribute to the L300's



Saturn L300 Series styling suggests a European heritage

solid feel and responsive handling on the road. The addition on 16-inch, five-spoke alloy wheels as standard on the L300 also play a part. Saturn has refined the steering system to enhance the car's road feel at highway speeds and to better block out road harshness.

Revisions to the shock and strut valving also make the L300's ride smoother than previous editions over rough surfaces, including some of the best winter potholes that metro Detroit has to offer. While the L300 won't threaten the ride provided by the best domestic or imported sedans, it's wholly adequate for the average driver at whom the vehicle is aimed.

The most pleasant surprise provided by the L300 was the robustness of the three-liter V6 engine. Pickup was remarkable, providing a lot of confidence as I drove the L300 through city and highway traffic. One quibble when I really punched the accelerator to gain a quick surge, there was a short but annoying delay before the engine came through.

Saturn has tried to make even more of a statement with the interior of the L300, especially with the top-of-the-line version. All L300s have more roominess than anyone has had a right to expect in any Saturn, very comfortably accommodating my two teenagers, their backpacks and gym bags on their morning ride to school. And across the board, the L300s sport an upscale brushed-nickel finish in trim plates in the center console and instrument panel, silver faceplates in the

instrument cluster and European-style upholstery.

In the "DVD Entertainment Package" version that I reviewed, those seats are a comfortable leather. This version also includes, naturally, a seven-inch, fold-down DVD screen for the pleasure of rear passengers, the OnStar telematics system, a power-adjustable driver's seat and an upgraded audio and climate-control system.

But in some ways, the long reach toward rich amenities that is attempted by the top-of-the-line L300 only underscores that near-luxury still isn't quite within Saturn's grasp. For one thing, there were no overhead or map lights specifically for drivers or front passengers — at least that I could find, apparently, an annoyingly dim dome light, traditionally positioned toward the rear, is supposed to handle such needs. The DVD player is awkwardly positioned toward the rear of the front-compartment center console, not easily accessible to rear passengers, and that gave the feature an aftermarket sort of feel.

Two other flaws afflicted my L300 and, presumably, the less expensive LW300 version. The climate-control system had an exasperating tendency to actually allow the interior to cool once it reached the desired temperature. And the wimpy horn — well, let's just say that it belonged on the econobox of Saturns of a decade ago rather than a vehicle that is supposed to help turn the division around.

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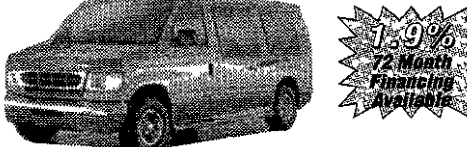


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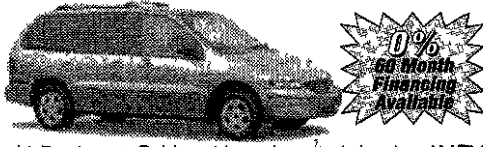


Black cc dk graphite cloth tachometer 4-wheel ABS 3.0L EFI flex fuel V-6 eng 5-sp auto O/D trans P225 steel BSW all season tres 3.73 ratio ag axle 4600 GVWR sliding rear window pwr w/rndws/locks remote keyless entry privacy glass speed control/tr leather wrapped steer ng wheel [Stock #32336] **WAS \$19,630**

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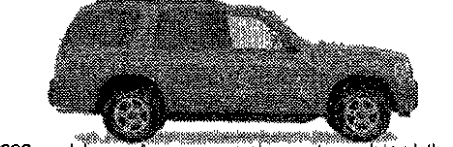


Redfire cc dk chrl cloth frnt fir mats snrl wng rr spoiler pwr drvr's seat spd ctrl air AM/FM stereo CD w/clk 16 prtld alloy whls 3.8L EFI eng 5-sp man trans P225/55R16 94T BSW all ssn pony pkg lthr wrpd strng whl 16 plshd alum whls 6CD chgr rad w/mach [Stock #31099] **WAS \$20,410**

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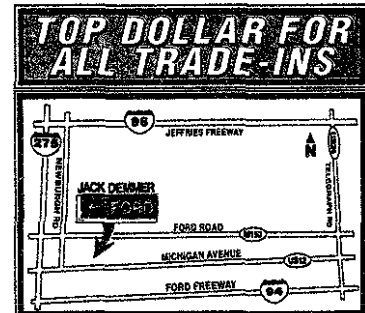
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