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The Plymouth VFW lays claim to the old adage, "You've tried the rest, now try the best," with its weekly Friday Fish Fry.

From 5-7 p.m. every Friday, the post features a fish frv for \$7. with macaroni and cheese, hot døgs, sloppy joes and combinations also on the menu.

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'Passion' questions

Trinity Presbyterian Church sponsors a community questionand-answer session for anyone wishing to talk about Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ from 7-8.30 p.m. Monday, March 8, and again Thursday, March 11, at **Ginger's Coffee** Connection

Ginger's is located at 600 Ann Arbor Trail, across from Saxton's Farm and Garden For more information, call (734) 459-9550

Stewart speaks

State Rep John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, is the keynote speaker at the Michigan Elementary and Middle School **Principals Association** convention in Lansing March 10.

Stewart will honor three principals from his district: Lee Harrison, Isbister Elementary in Plymouth; Ken Pawlowski, Silver Springs Elementary in Northville; and Steve Anderson, Amerman Elementary in Northville.

"It will be a great privilege to talk to this convention of principals from across the state, and I'm happy to honor three principals from my district," Stewart said.

Ribbit, ribbit ...

Maybe frogs and toads aren't your cup of tea, but this ought to be fun. Learn to help moni-

tor the health of the Rouge River by listening for frogs and toads in your neighborhood. Join the experts at a workshop 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

The workshop is sponsored by the Friends of the Rouge, Rouge communities, and the Lower One Subwatershed Advisory Group. For information, call (734) 792-9621

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Pipeline Internet fosters identity theft

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Laura Nelson was surprised when she received a notice from a collection agency stating she owed \$1,800 in overdue charges to SBC for telephone serv-

"It was quite a shock," said Nelson, 66, who has lived in Plymouth Township for 25 years "I was so sure they had the wrong information But, when I called back and the man read back my Social Security number, I was flabbergasted"

Nelson quickly found out she was a victim of identity theft Somebody used her name and Social Security number to

open a telephone account for an address in Detroit in October 1996, and disconnected it in October 2001, leaving Nelson to foot the bill

"I told him I never lived there," said Nelson, "so, I had to send him proof I live in Plymouth Township and a police report claiming identity theft"

A 2003 survey by the Federal Trade Commission estimated almost 10 million Americans were victims of identity theft in the past year

"We probably get one or two people a week who come in here to file a police report about a theft that occurred via their credit cards," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington "In order to cancel their credit cards, they need to file a police report to demonstrate they are fraudulent charges It happens ever more frequent-

Nelson said once she found out, it became a hassle to correct the situation

"It became my responsibility to get documentation and challenge everything,' she said "You're the victim, but you have to do all the running around, spending time and money"

Tiderington said once a thief has your Social Security number, credit card information and date of birth, it's not hard with today's technology to start running up charges

"A lot of it is being done on the Internet, where they apply for a credit card and start charging things once they get it," he said "They have the goods sent to a vacant house and the victim won't even know they're a victim for several months, until a bill collector calls trying to capture an outstanding bill for literally thousands of dollars

"There are very few fingerprints, if you will, that leads back to the suspect," said Tiderington "They aren't using any bank accounts, addresses or phone numbers that lead to them because it's all fictitious It's almost impossible to investigate"

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MEMORANDUM

To

Wetland Executive Committee

From. Subject:

Onnie Jacque, Assistant Corporation Counsel Wetland Mitigation Preservation Fund

To date, the County has expended some \$793,548.88 in federal and county funds for the creation of three sites within its bank. The total acreage of these sites, or total credit potential of these sites is approximately 6.56 acres. Couple the expenditures of the Bank to date, with the projected return to the County on the sale of these credits of \$524,800 00, the County is faced with a clear shortfall of \$207,148,00.

What are the implications of discontinuing the Wayne County Welland Mitigation

Wetlands mitigation sinking in high costs

Although it may have started with good intentions, Wayne County's so-called Wetland Preservation Fund has suffered from a myriad of problems From its inception six years ago, it has been plagued by poor management, poor planning and a series of cost overruns that have left it in a state of limbo, and the county facing a shortfall of at least \$200,000, and possibly much

The fund is actually a wetland mitigation bank, in which the county creates wetlands, so they can be sold to developers who, because of state law, need to mitigate or replace the wetlands they destroy with new construction projects The program began under former county executive Ed McNamara as a way to encourage development in the county, because it would simplify the process for developers, who would otherwise have to find and purchase land, and then pay for



Livonia resident Bill Craig stands next to a wetland created by Wayne County as part of its controversial Wetland Preservation Fund. Top, a memo from the county's lawyer outlines financial losses associated with the fund Below, a MDEQ memo to county officials questions the status of the program

the engineering and construction costs associated with creating a mitigated wet-

It would also be a way to pay for the restoration of wetlands along the Rouge River Yet, the program has not appealed to developers, and local environmental-1sts have called into question its ecological merits

"A LONG, SAD HISTORY"

The county approved the wetland banking program in

PLEASE SEE SAD STORY, A4

City to discuss budget options

STAFF WRITER

Fran Crowe has lived on Sunset in Plymouth for more than 20 years She's aware of the \$1 2 million budget deficit the city faces in the next fiscal year, and expects there will be some changes

"In a perfect world, it would be nice for all of the services to stay around," said Crowe "You need police officers 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the fire department, we've already contracted with Plymouth

"If they had to cut something maybe leaf pickup she said Its a nice luxury to just rake the leaves in the street but in the summertime we have to bag the

And probably the ambulance service, said Crowe "I don't know that you need three ambulances at an accident. One is usually working while the other two just sit there"

Possibly those ideas, along with many others, will be discussed by the Plymouth City Commission in a 6 pm special session before Monday's regular meeting at City Hall It will be the first of what are expected to be many sessions to decide what decisions will be needed to balance the budget "Now may be the best opportunity since all the

department heads have turned in their budgets for the next fiscal year," said Commissioner Michele Potter "It lets us look in regards to staffing levels and services, and determine if, and what, cuts need to be made." Crowe said she's concerned about the budget

because "our taxes are pretty high as it is" "When you look at the surrounding areas compared to what we pay here, maybe they do have to get rid of the fat cats and take care of what is necessary," said



Wow factor

Elementary students gaze at one of Nelson Pearson's animals at the Saturn of Plymouth Art Contest award event Nelson is from Wildlife Safari For more. including a list of winners from each Plymouth-Canton school, please see page A3

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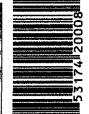
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McCotter doubts plan for Iraq

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BY DAVE VARGA STAFF WRITER

Thaddeus McCotter isn't satisfied with all that President George W Bush's administration is doing in Iraq

Nor is he convinced that the administration has entirely the right vision of America's role in the world economy

Still, after a year in Washington, the Livonia Republican defended his party's president on numerous issues - including the decision to attack Iraq despite not finding weapons of mass destruction — last week before members of the Redford Republican

Club The visit was one of the stops on his tour of the Livonia Kıwanıs, Suburban Republican Women and Redford Lions clubs last week McCotter fielded some questions and spoke for a full hour, ending with "Hopefully, I'll be back next year for the graduate level

The congressman's lecturelike session began with a focus on Iraq, which he visited late

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He worries about the topdown approach to setting up a government 'You don't build a house starting with the roof' Town councils should be the

national government, he said

building blocks of a new

Mılıtary generals told hım that many Iraqi-Americans wanted to go to the country to serve as translators and in other roles McCotter said someone 'high up" in the administration blocked the idea, saying they'd be a security

"You re telling me these people are such a security risk that we have to keep them here (in America)? asked McCotter, noting that growing up in southeastern Michigan makes him comfortable with Arab-Americans

McCotter reminded listeners that our nation's War on Terror ısn't over, just transformed from operations phase to the insurgency stage Setting an artificial deadline to leave won't help matters "The insurgents only have to continue ınstabılıty," he saıd

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The US has a credibility problem there, McCotter said Everyone believes we'll be leaving and they remember how we allowed Saddam Hussein to keep his machine gun helicopters to slaughter his enemies after failed uprisings following the Persian Gulf War "People" remember that," he said "They remember people hanging onto helicopters (as we pulled out of) Vietnam'

McCotter answers critics who question the Iraq war, based on the lack of finding WMDs there He cites parallels to Nazı Germany and nations that didn t stand up to tyranny there Maybe Hussein's "program was not fully developed, but it would have been," McCotter said

In addition, America's action led Libya to give up its nuclear program voluntarily after see-

ing what happened in Iraq
"Given the nature of the War on Terror, you have to measure your success on what you don't see, don't hear at 9 o'clock in the morning, when planes aren't flying into buildings," he SALVATION ARMY DAY CAMP

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AROUND TOWN

SYMPHONY ARTIST WINNERS

Seventh-grader Kurt Tseng of Canton is one of six winners announced in the Plymouth Symphony 2004 Youth Artist Competition, a contest sponsored annually to recognize young talent in the Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren and Wayne-Westland school districts

Tseng, a violinist at East Middle School, won first-place honors in the Junior Combined Division, and earned a \$250 scholarship

Honorable-mention scholarships of \$100 are being awarded in the Senior Instrumental Division to Canton High School alto saxophonist Joseph Girard and flutist Brigid Fitzgerald of Plymouth and clarinet player Rosalyn Schloemer of Canton in the Junior Combined Division

Bassoonist David Adams of Churchill High School receives a \$500 scholarship for his firstplace finish in the Senior Instrumental Division, while Tiffany Lin, a Novi High School junior, wins a \$500 first-place scholarship in the Senior Piano Division

The scholarships are made possible through gifts from the Plymouth Rotary Foundation, the Optimist Club of Plymouth and an anonymous \$1,550 donation

Prizes will be presented at the symphony's "Taste of Jazz" concert March 13

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has openings for its Spring Break Day Camp, which runs from 9 a m -3 p m April 12-16 for children in grades 1-6 Cost of the camp is \$50 per week, or \$12 per day

For more information or to register, call (734) 453-5464

SENIOR SYMPOSIUM

St John Health hosts a Senior Symposium from 6-8 p m Monday, March 22, at the former seminary library at St John's Conference Center in Plymouth Township Seniors and caregivers are invited to learn about resources for senior homeowners in western Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties Registration and refreshments start at 6, the senior symposium panel goes from 6 30-8 p m Moderator is Linda Barnwell, seniors real estate specialist and Michigan Association of Realtors member

The symposium is sponsored by the Senior Alliance and chambers of commerce in Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Northville, Southfield and the Detroit Regional Chamber

FIRM PROMOTION

Engineer Timothy Sullivan has been promoted to the position of senior associate for the consulting engineering firm Hubbell, Roth & Clark



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Coffee shop audience

Dayna Stevens, 10, a fourth-grader at Hoover Elementary in Livonia, reads her poem at the Coffee Beanery in Plymouth Tuesday night as classmates and parents look on

Sullivan has been an employee of HRC for 10 years, and was made an associate in 2002 He has 27 years of experience in environmental engineering, and has provided project engineering and management capabilities for the firm's growing work load in Wayne County

Sullivan is also active in the Water Environment Federation and Michigan Water **Environment Association**

TEEN EXPERT SPEAKS

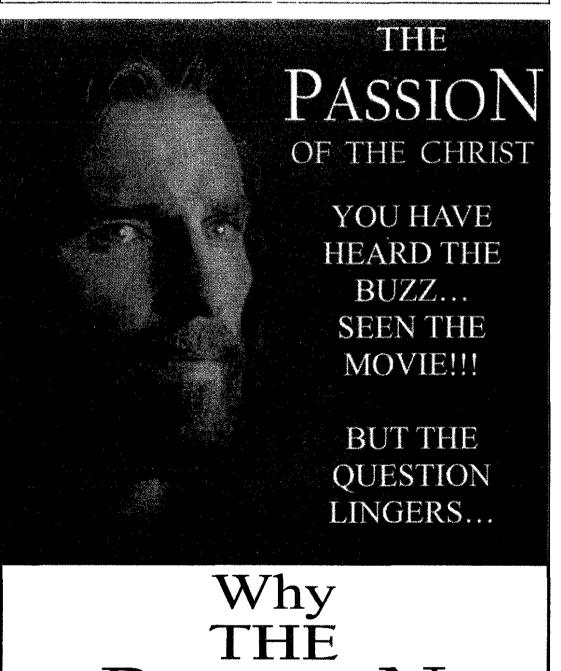
The LIFE TEEN ministry of Our Lady of Good Counsel of Plymouth hosts national Catholic youth leader Mark Hart Feb 29-March 1 Hart is the author of the popular teen book, Ask the Bible Geek Answers to Questions from Catholic Teens

Mark Hart is an award-winning producer and writer for LIFE TEEN International, a worldwide ministry for teenagers In addition to his book, Hart's videos and commercials have been seen on television and at NFL games He is best known under his pen name Bible Geek, publishing bi-weekly scripture periodicals through www lifeteen com

All area teens are invited to hear Hart speak following the 5 p m Mass Sunday, Feb 29 His talk will incorporate the components of teen life - God, home, parents, school, friends and dating It will be fast-paced and relevant to the complex lives of teens today There is no cost for this Life Night program, which includes food, fellowship and fun

For parents, grandparents and concerned adults, OLGC hosts Hart on Monday evening, March 1 for a benefit/fund-raising dinner He will address the issues teens and their parents face today For ticket information, call Mary Ann Jenkins at (734) 453-0326, Ext 243

Our Lady of Good Counsel is at 47650 N Territorial For more information, contact the LIFE TEEN office at (734) 453-0326, Ext 243, or jenkinsma@olgcparish net



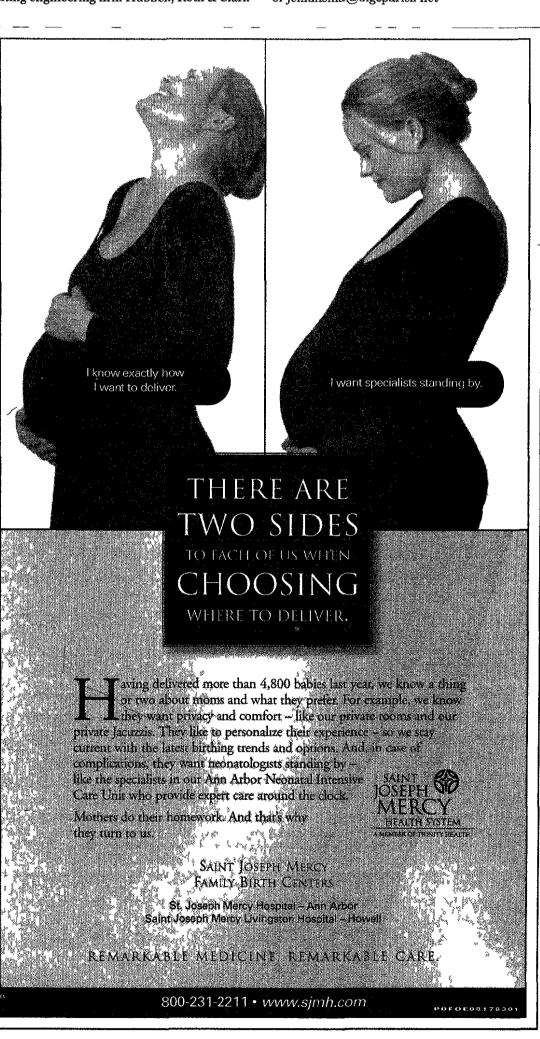
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Students strut stuff in Saturn art contest

Last year, the first Saturn of Plymouth Art Contest drew a respectable 250 entries from six schools in the Plymouth-Canton school district, and the dealership was happy with the results

Little did they know how big the contest would boom

This year's contest drew
1,000 entries and now
includes 11 of the district's
15 elementary schools. For
the second straight year,
Hulsing Elementary walked
away the overall winner,
earning \$300 for its art
department and a demonstration by Wildlife Safari,
compliments of Saturn of
Plymouth

The dealership went all out at the awards ceremony, mounting all 1,000 entries (courtesy D&M Art Studios in Canton) and having Nelson Pearson from Wildlife Safari there to perform a demonstration

"This is an exciting event for elementary students,' said Saturn spokesman Bob Ashley "Because of the children's creativity it's one of Saturn of Plymouth's most rewarding community involvement events"

Student Jeffrey Selewski helped Hulsing capture the overall honor He earned a \$100 gift card to Toys R Us Winners from the other schools each earned a \$50 gift card

While Hulsing took the \$300 overall award, the other participating schools each get \$200 for their

respective art departments Individual school winners

- Allen Elementary -Angela Gudzınskı
- Isbister Elementary -Madison Ostrander
- Field Elementary Jose Medrano
- Smith Elementary -
- Rebecca Lawton
- Bird Elementary Luke Burdiss
- Gallimore Elementary Ben Burkman
 Dodson Elementary -
- Jordan Thompsett
- Hoben Elementary -Manal Abulebdeh
- Farrand Elementary Ellen Crilley

Challenge

Municipal veteran takes reins at utility authority

Bob Biga brings more than three decades of municipal experience and community volunteerism as the new operations director for the Western Townships Utilities Authority

Biga, 57, became the director of operations for WTUA, which manages wastewater collection, disposal and future facility upgrades for 120,000 residents in Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships

He replaces Tim Fass, who took a job as Canton's municipal services director

"I'm looking forward to the challenges of this job," Biga said "I wanted a full-time job and those are hard to find these days with the economy the way it is"

The Livonia resident had his 32-year career in municipal administration with Wayne County and the City of Livonia stopped suddenly in November 2002 when leadership changes and cost-cutting removed Biga from his job as Metro Airport's director of administration

Since that time, while interviewing for other municipal

jobs, he worked as a part-time teacher for Livonia Public Schools

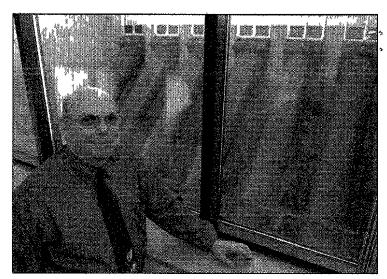
The University of Michigan graduate started his professional career as a math teacher for Farmington schools in

In 1970, Ed McNamara's first year as Livonia mayor, Biga landed a full-time administrator's role as associate personnel director Biga later held city posts as assistant superintendent of public service, executive assistant to the mayor and director of labor relations

Livonia Parks and Recreation Superintendent Ron Reinke worked with Biga during the 1970s and 1980s

"He' an extremely bright and conscientious and a capable administrator," Reinke said "He was always willing to volunteer for extra projects I'm happy to see him working in government again"

In 1987, when McNamara was first elected Wayne County executive, Biga joined a number of city employees who switched to roles in county



Bob Biga of Livonia stands in front of the sewer pumps at the Western Townships Utilities Authority in Plymouth

government Biga served as deputy director of roads and administration director of public services before he took the airport post in 1997

He said he learned a lot working for McNamara, whom Biga found to be a great motivator and constantly challenged his staff to do more with less

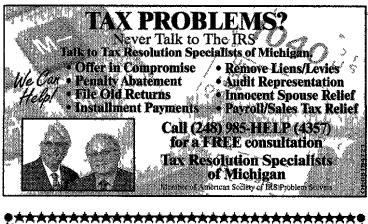
"In the 1970s, he contracted a lot of services and found a lot of federal grants for programs and to buy park land," Biga said "That helped keep taxes down in the Livonia"

He has been an active volunteer for various causes in Livonia, his home of 43 years His volunteer service included a role with the advisory board

GOVERNMENT

which helped develop the Livonia Community
Recreation Center, which opened last May, and parent groups that support band and athletics at Franklin High School, his alma mater Along with his wife of 33 years, Joyce, the couple continues to volunteer their at a school events although the youngest of their three sons graduated seven years ago

In November, the Livonia Board of Education recognized his years of parent involvement by honoring him with its Golden Apple Award



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FOR THE RECORD

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DEATHS

Helen D Austin Austin 90, of Auburn Hills formerly of Rochester Hills died Feb 22 Leonard W Austin Austin 87, of Auburn Hills, formerly of Rochester Hills died Feb 22

Emmett Whitmore Barr Barr, 84, of Canton Township, died Feb 20

Floyd L Cobb III Cobb, 55 of Rochester Hills died Feb 21

Christanthe "Sue" Everson Everson 59 of Rochester Hills died Feb 17

David W Forman Forman, 48 of Livonia, died Feb 25

Bessie Hissong Hissong 82, of Rochester, died Feb

Marguerite E Kreider Kreider 89 of Rochester Hills died Feb 22

Douglas V Miller Miller, 81, died Feb 23 Georgette M Mullica Mullica 80 of Debary Fla, died

Dr Gırardin S "Gerry" O'Sullivan O'Sullivan 83 died Feb 20

George L Shappell Sr Shappell, 64, of Auburn Hills died



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Observer Life section in Passages on page C4

Gladys A Schurr 🛝 Schurr, 96, of Clarkston formerly of Auburn Heights died Feb 19

Clarence E Welsh Weish, 86, of Auburn Hills died Feb

POLICE BLOTTER

Sometime during the evening of Feb 18, someone smashed the window out of a 1994 Plymouth parked on Eckles a woman told Plymouth Township police

The victim was unable to provide any information about possible suspects

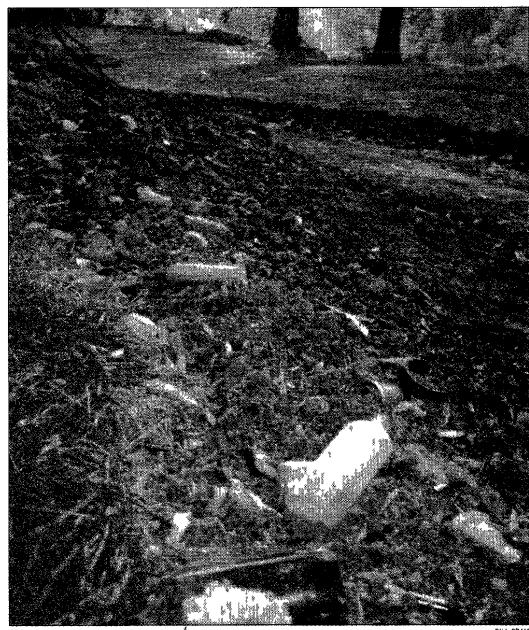
FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between Feb 18-24 ■ Tuesday, Feb 24 - Industrial rescue run on Sheldon residential rescue runs on Harvey and Micol com mercial rescue run on Five Mile Monday Feb 23 - Vehicle accident on North Territorial east of Beck, residential rescue runs on Northville Road and on Gold Arbor, downed wires at Napier and Powell ■ Sunday Feb 22 - Residential rescue run on Joy commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road Saturday, Feb 21 - Vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 east of Beck, on westbound M-14 at Ridge and on westbound M 14 west of Ridge residential rescue runs on Main on Old Pond Circle on Newport, on Parkview, on Pearl on Lilley on Lighthouse Court and on

Northville Road Friday, Feb 20 - Vehicle acci dents with wash-downs on Judson west of Ball and on eastbound M 14 east of Beck, vehicle accidents on Goldsmith at Sheldon, on west bound M-14 east of Beck on Plymouth Road at Haggerty and on eastbound M-14 east of Beck commercial rescue run on Haggerty, industrial rescue run on Sheldon, residential rescue runs on Manton on Tania Court, on Orangelawn and on McClumpha

■ Thursday, Feb 19 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Brougham, on Newporte and on Sheridan commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road investigation on Bradner, vehicle accident at Beck and Clipper

■ Wednesday, Feb 18 -Investigation on Ann Arbor Trail, residential rescue runs on Polk and on Pearl, commercial rescue run on Haggerty vehicle accident on eastbound M 14 at Sheldon



Old bottles and incinerator ash were exposed when the county built one of its wetlands on an old landfill site in

SAD STORY

FROM PAGE A1

1998, and entered into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to establish a bank that would have a minimum of 10 acres It was the first wetland mitigation bank in the states history At the time, county officials involved in its creation felt it was a national model that made the county a leader in land use planning The county secured a \$580,000 federal grant through the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project and added another 563 000 in county funds to pay for the program

Initially the goal was to cre ate eight wetland sites, com prising 178 total acres, all withın Edward Hınes Park. Yet, to date, only 6 5 acres have been created at three sites skirting Hines Drive in Dearborn Heights The sites were poorly planned One site was built on an old landfill, and the county had to pay for the disposal of the landfill material At another site, a water control structure blew out because it couldn't handle the volume of water that storm pipes pumped into the site from a nearby neigh borhood It had to be redesigned and rebuilt And there have been other cost overruns

To date, the county has exhausted all the federal funds, and has spent another \$200,000 in county funds It has cost the county roughly \$120,000 for each acre that has been constructed, which far exceeds the \$80,000 per acre asking price The only return thus far is the sale of less than an acre to Canton Hotel LLC for \$61,000 Even if the county were able to sell all 65 acres at the current asking price, officials admit the coun ty is looking at a clear shortfall of more than \$200,000

Livonia resident Bill Craig and a small group of local environmentalists have been dogging county officials about the program since its inception They have argued that it doesn't make sense to let developers destroy native wetlands, in exchange for restored' wetlands in Hines Park, which is already in a flood plain Craig is equally disenchanted with the way the program has been mismanaged

The county has spent a lot of money altering these sites, but I think they would look the same had they just quit mowing them,' he said 'This whole program has a long, sad history When you put it all together, it shows an incredible ineptness There is no need to continue this program. They are wasting taxpayers money I say its an unsound financial endeavor'

A PROGRAM IN LIMBO

Currently, there is no budget for the bank, which, according to county records, 18 overdrawn by \$149,000 The original bank manager, Hugh Macdonald, retired Feb 1 His successor, Dione Alexander, lasted on the job for one day, before the county terminated her position in the Department of Environment reportedly for reasons unrelated to the mitigation bank So there is nobody currently managing the program

No sites have been created since 2001 although four sites were scheduled to be built last year

As part of its agreement with the MDFQ the county is required to submit an annual report to the state No report was filed in 2003 After receiving a letter from

'This whole program has a long, sad history. When you put it all together, it shows an incredible ineptness.'

Bill Craig Livonia resident

the MDEQ asking for the report, county officials asked for an April 4 extension, which was granted Amy Lounds, a MDEQ environmental analyst who is acting as the county's contact person, said the state is taking a wait-and-see approach before taking any action against the county

'Wé don t have a position until we hear back from them Were not even sure who the contact person is It's hard for us to take a position if we don't know how the county is going to proceed

with the program,' she said According to Lounds, the MDEQ has approved credits for two of the three sites, and still needs to inspect the site built on the former landfill before the county can sell it to a developer She said the state has shown the county some leeway because this was a pilot project The department has since signed agreements with two private companies to establish mitigation banks "This has been a learning experience for us, and we've changed the guidelines somewhat as a result,' she said

Having inherited this from the previous administration, Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano has ordered a complete review of the program to not only evaluate its financial viability, but also its ecological impact Like Craig, he doesn't believe it makes sense to destroy natural wetlands with new development, and

replace them with created wetlands in Hines Park.

'This was a poor substitute for a wetlands program It was not something that was realistic," Ficano said 'We demanded that there be a complete review of the program to make sure this is not just a bunch of smoke and mirrors, or a mirage Some of the previous efforts were just terrible They are ugly Hines Park is already a wetland This was kind of a sleight of hand It just makes ecological sense to keep wetlands on the site you are developing

Wayne County Department of Environment Director Kurt Heise one of six mem bers that sit on the Wetland Preservation Fund Comm ttee said the first pri ority is to find a new bank manager Then they will determine how to proceed

'We have to decide whether to move forward with this or end it Moving forward seems out of the question right now because there just isn't the money At this point, I'm inclined to say let's sell the credits we have to a developer, cut our losses and call it a day," he said

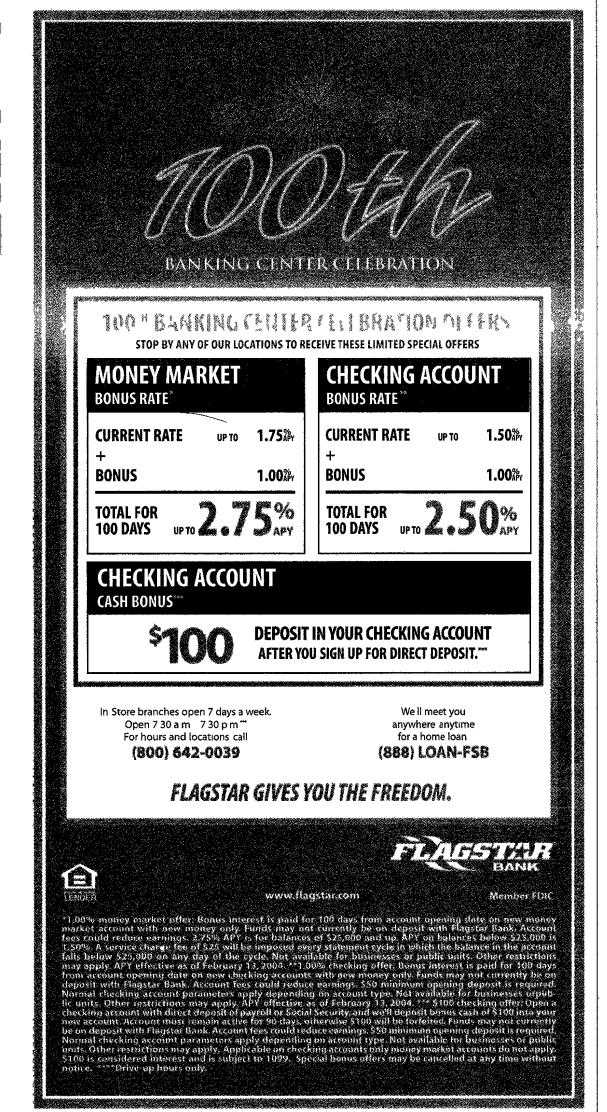
LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS

It may not be that easy though At Ficano's request, Onnie Jacque, the county's assistant corporation counsel, researched the program and issued a memorandum last October, outlining several courses of action for the county Develop an exit strategy, continue the program, sell the credits to another mitigation bank, or temporarily suspend the pro-

There could be legal ramifications for the county if it ends the program, because it did not fulfill the 10-acre minimum it promised when it accepted the federal grant Whether the US **Environmental Protection** Agency will want the grant money returned if that agreement isn't fulfilled remains to be seen. The state could also take action for breech of contract

Whatever happens, Wayne County Commissioner Ed Booke, who represents several Downriver communities and is the chairman of the wetland bank executive committee, said the county had good intentions when it began the program He would like to see the county spend the money to complete the program

"I don't think this program is a failure I'm still a supporter Even if we don't move forward with it, at least we've created some wetlands that we will have to maintain forever I don't think we hurt the environment No one is going to get hurt by this," he



Please recycle this newspaper

Real Detroit is dreadful, headed for desperate

etroit Mayor Kwame Kılpatrıck was positively beaming during most of an enthusiastic, upbeat State of the City address last week

He won stormy applause when he announced

that Michigan

Central Depot,

the hulking old

station that dom-

ınates Detroit's

southwest skyline, would be

bought by the

city, renovated

quarters

to rebuild a decaying neighborhood

For half an hour, the 33-year-old

on the far east side, saying he

expected between 3,000 and

4,000 new or renovated homes'

mayor trotted out achievements

and promises a new industrial

park here, so many roads resur-

recreation centers, a downtown

tioning the real state of the city,

perate, and after improving

faced there, free admission to city

wired for wireless communication

which is dreadful, heading for des-

markedly in the late 1990s, is get-

ting worse again Suffice it to say that if America's vital statistics

W Bush might not even dare to

run for re-election

looked like those in Detroit, George

What the mayor didn't mention

was that four years ago, unemployment in Detroit was 6 6 percent,

last year, it averaged 14 1 percent. While there are 55,875 jobless,

other thousands have dropped out

Infant mortality is more than

twice the national average and ris-

in the 1990s, because there are

fewer than 100,000 white people

left, and many of those are from

Latin America or the Middle East

ing "White flight" essentially ended

of the labor force entirely

Yet he never came close to men-

and turned into a

new police head-

The mayor

announced plans

rum of a train



Lessenberrry

The new trend is "black flight," to suburbs like Southfield and West Bloomfield, noted Kurt Metzger, the area's leading demographer The black middle class is abandon mg the city, too

And ominously, after many years in which Detroit's once-infamous murder rate declined, the city has been plagued by a wave of homicides this year. The mayor did pay tribute to the two young police officers brutally slaughtered in their patrol car earlier this month, after they stopped a local punk for a traffic check

But he didn't address the wider issue of violence

Nor did he deal much with economics

The city has, analysts claim, a \$120 million budget deficit City council members said after the speech that the agreement to buy the old train station is not a done deal, and indicated they didn't know where the money would come from

David Littmann, chief economist for Comerica bank, doesn't see things getting better this year. He is the creator of the 'Detroit Comeback Index,' which set 1994, the year the Coleman Young era, ended, at 100 The city reached 123 in 2000, but has now slipped back tò 116, 'about where it was in 1998 He hopes for an upturn in fiscal 2005, but is not optimistic for the

Yet anyone who blames Kwame Kılpatrıck for much of this is wrong David Rusk, a former mayor of Albuquerque, NM who now spends his life studying cities, says Detroits problem can be summed up in a word elastic

"Elastic cities succeed, inelastic cities fail,' says the author of two fascinating books on urban affairs, Cities Without Suburbs and Inside Game, Outside Game

Elastic cities are those that can expand their boundaries by annexing territory, as Los Angeles has very successfully done Or they partner with a county in some form of metropolitan government, as is the case in Nashville, Indianapolis or Miami

But Detroit is up against county lines and incorporated cities, and hasn t been able to add a single parcel of land since 1926 The money and the jobs began fleeing in the 1950s before anyone thought of white flight Later, racial tensions accelerated things

Today, a shrinking and poor central city of 940,000 is surrounded by affluent suburbs that are home to 35 million people, many of whom think the central city's problems have nothing to do with them Most of the jobs these days are in the suburbs

Increasingly, Detroiters can't get to them There is no convenient and rehable public transportation system, and something like 45 percent of the residents of what was once the Motor City cannot afford a car For years, all efforts to get a light rail system have failed, even attempts to get a better bus system tend to dissolve into petty squabbles Undoubtedly, the area would be much better off with a little teamwork, Political vision is desperately needed Metropolitan government, however, would cost the suburbs more, at least for a while

Black Detroiters, on the other hand, might lose political power So no one is pushing very hard for solutions, and racism still hangs in the air like a cloud. The morning before the mayors speech, two suburban men were arrested for spreading white paint on a statue of boxer Joe Louis arm and fist

They apparently did it to protest the killing of the two young police officers, who were white The man accused in the case is black Police said he claims the shooting was a mistake These days, mistakes are something Detroit can ill afford

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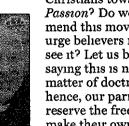
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Redemptive sacrifice of Christ should be focus for 'Passion'

ver the last six months a deluge of reports, editorials and comments have been directed toward producer Mel Gibson and his movie, The Passion of the Christ Hundreds of thousands of Evangelicals, Catholics and Christians of all bodies previewed this movie which opened Ash Wednesday throughout the country

Viewers' reactions ranged from tearful awareness of the pain Christ endured to efforts to trace the authenticity of what was seen but nobody remained indifferent

What is the position of Orthodox



George Shalhoub

Christians toward The Passion? Do we recommend this movie or urge believers not to see it? Let us begin by saying this is not a matter of doctrine, hence, our parishioners reserve the freedom to make their own decisions in this regard

With that said, I would like to make the following observations

1 Throughout the history of our church, we have never formed our faith, doctrine or worship on what public opinion says it likes or dis-

2 The source of our faith is, and will always be sacred tradition of the teachings of the Fathers of our Church, who for the last 2,000 years have proven the Church is alive and well

3 It is a veritable impossibility for the media to present the totality of truth about anything Directors and actors need portray a story that captivates, challenges, sells! The domain of the Church rests on the essence of morality and faith

4 It is a sad reality that some nondenominational Christians, operating under the influence of Christian Zionism (not Judaism), in the quest for winning more members, tend to adapt the Hollywood approach by moving away from holy tradition in favor of the passing success of Hollywood entertainment Unfortunately, when the initial appeal wears off, other approaches are

5 Due to the violence of this movie, I do not recommend children under the

age of 17 to see The Passion without their parents' permission

My own thoughts on this subject are a The "Passion of Christ" enshrined in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John, remains the central focus of our redemption

b For the past 2,000 years, the redemptive sacrifice of Christ has penetrated and sanctified every aspect of our spiritual and material lives

c We individually and as a believing people adore the cross, lift the cross, bless with the cross, wear the cross, or bless ourselves or others with the conviction that it was through the cross that the doors of Heaven were opened for those who desire to follow and to carry the Cross of Christ

One of the most revered hymns of the church, taken from the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross Matins Service states, "To the cross, O Christ, we adore your holy resurrection, we glorify" and we dare to pray

O cross of Christ,

O hope of Christians and guide of the

O haven of the winter locked, O victory in war and security of the universe,

O physician of the sick and resurrection of the dead

Have mercy upon me Amen

If we view this movie with only rage toward our neighbors, we have completely missed the message of Christ the Savior for our souls This movie is not to be taken as anti-Semitic or anti- any race or people The question is not who crucified Christ but for whom was Christ crucified?

Rather than focus on Pontius Pilate, or the Sanhedrin Jewish Council, or the Roman Authority, let us accept in faith that it was us and for our salvation These are historical facts the church teaches us Let us refrain from condemning people for the sins of their ancestors Looking up to Christ, enthroned on the cross as Brother, Savior and Redeemer, let us accept the freedom for which He died and to which He calls us

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Banks, credit unions not necessarily safe

BY TONY BRUSCATO **STAFF WRITER**

"If you've got money, somebody is out there trying to take it away from you"

Words of wisdom from Walt Wiessner, regional bank protection manager at Fifth Third Bank

Wiessner said its wise for consumers to ask questions of a banking institution before deciding where to do business because identity theft can strike a bank or credit union, too

"Customers should ask management how they maintain account information, who has access to it, what are the confidentiality procedures, and how do they handle their trash," said Wiessner "Believe it or not, some banking centers aren't good at shredding documents, and a crook could get private information by just taking the trash

Cleaning crews have been known to be paid to get a copy of a signature card, which provides information such as a Social Security number, maiden name and even your signature," Wiessner said "A copy of

'If a thief gets hold of the bill from the mailbox, he's got your information.'

Walt Wiessner Fifth Third Bank

a card has been known to go for \$500 Two of those a week is a good bonus for a cleaning crew member"

Wiessner also suggests bills be sent at a post office, and not in the house mailbox waiting for the postal service to pick it

"If a thief gets hold of the bill from the mailbox, he's got your information from the bill and from your check," he said "Some have gone so far as to open the payment, get the information, and then put the bill in another envelope and mail it for you

"You've got to be creative if you're an entrepreneurial crook," said Wiessner

Man faces porn charges

A 56-year-old Canton resident - a teacher at Emerson Middle School in Livonia - was charged with possession of child sexually abusive material in 35th District Court Friday

Lary Howard was arraigned on six counts of possession of the material on his home computer Each count is a four-year felony A plea of not guilty was entered for him before Judge Mike Gerou and he was being held on a \$10,000 cash bond A preliminary exam is March 12 Howard was arrested by Canton police on Thursday after an investigation that started in December, said Detective Sgt Todd Mutchler

Jay Young, director of community relations for Livonia schools, said officials were sending a letter home with students "As a result of these allegations, Mr Howard's employment has been suspended pending the school district's investigation," he said

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Nelson thought she was careful to make sure her private information was safe

"I don't know how they got my Social Security number because I shred everything," she said "Back in 1996 I was working, so maybe someone got my information at work."

Tiderington said it used to be that someone had to break into your home to get private infor-

'Criminals are going through mailboxes and taking mail to

get credit card numbers," he said "They drive down the street and grab garbage bags And, I guarantee you, most times there will be personal information in there from credit card receipts to phone bills to other kinds of information We recommend paper shredders to shred all mail"

Nelson contacted the three major credit reporting companies and found the outstanding SBC bill on all three reports

"I thought I was being real careful by shredding documents and carrying only one or two charge cards," she said "I don't know what I did wrong"





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Scoring points

Karı Foust helped Hope College win the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association women's swim championship, held Feb 19-21 at East Grand Rapids HS

Foust, a junior at Hope and a Salem HS graduate, scored in the 200-yard backstroke (2 16 14) and placed sixth in the 100 back (1.02 95) In the 200 individual medley, Foust placed 11th (2 20 70).

Hope scored 587 points to easily win the team title, Calvin was second with 422

T-Ball signup

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will have registration for its 5-6-year-old T-ball League from 8 a m -4.30 p m March 29 through April 18 at the Recreation Office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer in Plymouth

Children must be born July-December 1997, January-December 1998, or January July 1999 A birth certificate is required

The season runs seven weeks from June 19 to Aug 7 (no games on July 3)

Cost is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents \$65 for all others

For more information call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620

Basic skating

A basic skills class in skating, which will offer the opportunity to learn to skate at every level from beginning to advanced freestyle, will be held for eight weeks, from March 15 to May 8, at the Plymouth Cultural Center's Ice Arena

Each class will be 25 minutes in length, with an additional 25 minutes of practice time either before or after the lesson, depending on scheduling for that day

Cost is \$56 for city of Plymouth residents, \$76 for non-residents (\$5 off for each additional sibling)

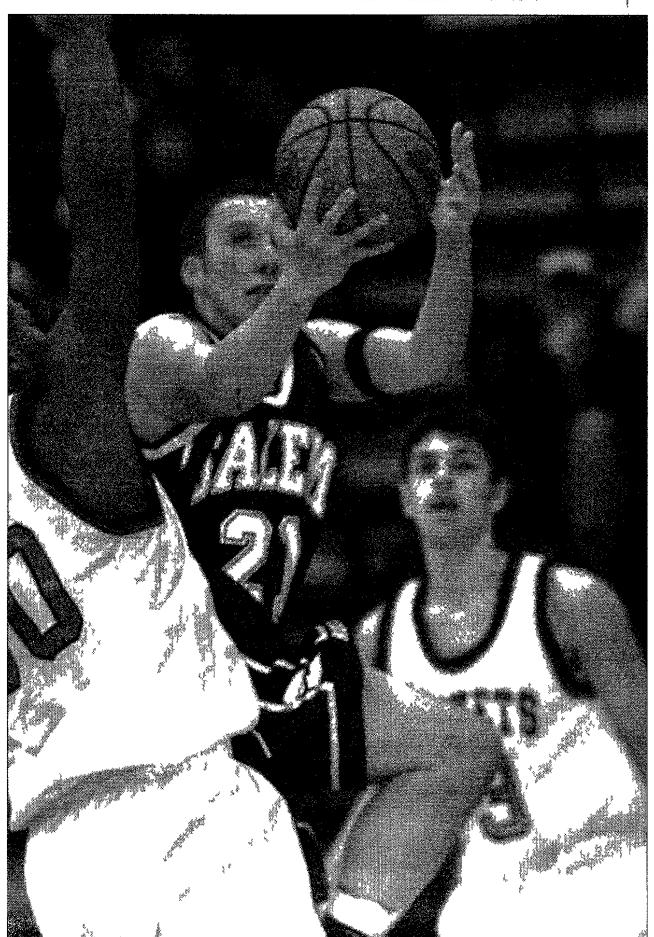
An open general registration will be from 11 30 a m-1 p m Saturday, March 13 at the Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth Registrations will also be accepted at the Recreation Office during business nours.

For more information, call the Recreation Office at (734) 455-6620, ext. 304, or sheck out the city of Plymouth Web site at www.ci.plymouth mi.us

Open skating Open skating will now be offered five days a week at the Plymouth Cultural Center's Ice Arena, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth The cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children and \$3 for seniors Skate rental is

Open skate hours are 9 a m -1:30 p.m Tuesdays, 11 a m -1:30 p m Wednesdays, 11 a m -1:2 50 p m Thursdays; 11 a m -1:30 p.m Fridays, and 4-5:50 p m. Sundays The open skate phone

line is (734) 455-1782



Chris Haar (with ball) drives past John Glenn's Barry Eberhardt (50) and Jacques Burrell (3) on his way to scoring two of his team high 13 points Friday

Falling short

Salem stopped by Glenn, sets up Wayne showdown

BY RICHARD L SHOOK CORRESPONDENT

Chris Szydlo is listed at 5-foot-4 – but he plays a whole lot bigger than that

The junior point-guard stepped up big-time when needed Friday night and guided Westland John Glenn's offense to 42 second-half points in a 72-50 Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball

victory over Salem
Szydlo, who has started three of the Rockets' last
four games, is not one of those guards who will dazzle you with footwork or flashy dribbling. What he
does do is play virtually mistake-free basketball
while getting the ball into the hands of the players.

who need it – and at the right time
"He stepped up to the plate big-time," Glenn coach
Joel Lloyd said after his Rockets (10-9, 5-3) clinched
third place in the Lakes Division of the WLAA "He
did a great job for us"

Szydlo's play confirmed what everybody figured at halftime – that he would be running the Rockets' offense for the duration of the season

Salem (8-10, 5-2) plays Wayne Memorial in a makeup game Tuesday to decide the first- and second-place finishers in the Lakes Division Crossovers against the Western Division will take place on Thursday

"They beat us up," Salem coach Bob Brodie said "They played hard and weren't to be denied

"They were able to get it inside and they played good defense But we've still got a chance to finish first in our division if we can beat Wayne We're still in the hunt"

Salem had two problems making free throws and making baskets

The Rocks, who shoot a lot of free throws, went to the line 40 times during the game. They made just 20

They got 63 shots in the game, too And made just 14 for 22 percent
'If you don't make your shots from the floor and

from the line," Brodie said, "you're not going to do very well against a good basketball team "We've been shooting about 23 percent all year

Were shooting the ball well, we're just not making them well."

Chris Haar was the only Salem player to reach double figures netting 13 points Brian Bradley had

nine while Brad Clark Jon Pomorski and Dominique Washington scored seven apiece Barry Eberhardt led John Glenn with 27 points Ryan Hudy contributed 14 Derrick Bush nine

and Szydlo eight Szydlo, incidentally, had just one
PLEASE SEE BASKETBALL, B6

McGinnis lifts Whalers, 4-2

A pair of third-period goals by defensement Ryan McGinnis, his first two scores of the season, carned the Plymouth Whalers to a 4-2 victory over the Saginaw Spirit Friday at Plymouth's Compuware

Arena
The Whalers, who lost 4-2 at
Sarnia Thursday, improved to 2822-9-3 (68 points), second in the
Ontario Hockey League's West
Division Saginaw is 15-40-2-4 (36

The Spirit took the early advantage, getting first-period goals from Jean-Michel Rizk and Sean Courtney The Whalers tied it at 2-2 with a pair of second-period

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goals, scored by Brent Mahon (assisted by Vaclav Meidl and Jonas Fiedler) and, on the power play, by John Vigilante (from Ryan Ramsay and John Mitchell)

McGinnis gave Plymouth the lead for good at 7 22 of the third period (assists from Fiedler and Mitchell) He cemented the outcome with his second goal at 13 20 (assists from Ramsay and Nice Vernelli)

Ryan Nie stopped 28 of 30 shots on goal to earn the win for Plymouth Saginaw goalie Eric Pfligler had 38 saves

On Thursday at division-leading Sarnia, the Whalers took a 2-0 lead into the third period only to be victimized by a four-goal outburst by the Sting

James Wisniewski (from Canton) had a goal and an assist for Plymouth Dan Collins also had a goal

The Sting got a goal and two assists from Joey Tenute, a goal and an assist from Colt King, two assists from Dan Sisca, and goals from Daniel Carcillo and Danny Fritsche

Canton thumps Franklin; Plymouth wins

Senior forward D J Bridges pumped in a game-high 21 points and senior center Brad Waidmann added 11 to lead Canton to a 53-40 triumph over Livonia Franklin in a Western Lakes Activities Association basketball game Friday at Franklin

With the win, the Chiefs improve to 12-7 overall, 5-3 in the WLAAs Western Division Franklin falls to 3-16 overall, 1-7 in the division

With Walled Lake Western's upset of division-leader Northville Friday, Canton finishes in third place in the division. Who the Chiefs will play in Thursday's WŁAA crossover depends on who wins the Salemvs-Wayne Memorial game Tuesday.

If Salem wins, they play Westland John Glenn, if Wayne wins, the Rocks will be Canton's opponent

Sophomore Matt McCullough finished

with a team-high 13 points for the Patriots, who shot 10-of-20 from the foul line Andy Lynett, a 5-foot-11 senior, added six points

BASKETBALL

and 12 rebounds
"Their coach (Canton's Charlie Paye)
thought he (Lynett) did a great job of

thought he (Lynett) did a great job of rebounding against taller kids," Franklin coach Russ Keberly said "We do our best to control tempo, but we seem to get into a rut where we miss shots"

Plymouth 53, Det. Winens Academy
48: Plymouth concluded its regular season
Thursday with a satisfang homogout wan

48: Plymouth concluded its regular season Thursday with a satisfying homecourt win over the Detroit Winans Academy varsity, a team which had defeated the Wildcats earlier this season

The fourth quarter proved to be the difference Plymouth trailed 26-23 at the half and 40-39 after three quarters The Wildcats outscored Winans 14-8 in the fourth

"I think we just wore them out," said Plymouth coach Dave VanWagoner "They looked a bit tired in the fourth and our guys came up big"

Winans had beaten Plymouth in overtime, 73-69, last month in Detroit The Wildcats improved to 13-2 overall, 6-2 against varsity teams, Winans is 14-4

Jim Wilbur led Plymouth with 12 points, Josh LeDuc and Kuraj Sandhu scored 11 apiece A J Davey finished with seven points and 11 rebounds, and Brent Jones scored four points and dished out nine assists Winans got 18 points from Jeremy Winans

Buzzer-beater ends Madonna's season

BY DAVE REGNIER STAFF WRITER

When Madonia University freshman guard Stephanie Childs sank both free throws with 3 6 seconds remaining in Thursday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first-round playoff game, everyone figured that meant overtime Everyone except Tech's Lashanda Conwell

Conwell took the inbounds pass, zigzagged down the floor and banked in a buzzer-beating three-point shot off the glass to give the Warriors a 76-73 victory Fifth-seeded Tech, which improved to 17-

12, advanced to play Cornerstone — the No 1 seed in the WHAC Women's Tournament — Saturday in Grand Rapids Madonna, the fourth seed, concludes its season at 11-19 Considering the way the game had gone,

perhaps the finish should have been anticipated Tech hit just 18-of-42 two-point shots (42 9 percent) but 10-of-22 three-pointers (45 5 percent), including 4-of-8 in the second half prior to Conwell's game-winner

"We took away some of their threes," said a disappointed MU coach Marylou Jansen, referring to her team's improved ball-pressure defense in the second half 'And they still got five of them on us"

Four of those came in the final 4 12 of the game, and Conwell — who scored just two points in the first half — had two of them An

all-WHAC selection who averaged more than 17 points a game, Conwell totaled 21 points and five assists Her slow start was partly attributed to a

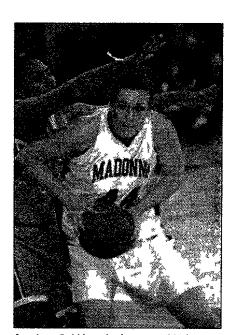
case of food poisoning lingering from the previous night, the same affliction that kept DeNisha Gray, one of the team's top players, out of the lineup Thursday

It wasn't as if Madonna wasn't prepared for a final desperation attempt

'We were expecting some kind of shot but didn't expect them to get so close," said Jansen "The game went down to the wire We were expecting overtime"

It was a game of immovable force vs unrelenting speed, each coach trying to take advantage of their strong points "We're small and they're big,' said Tech coach Gary Cobb "We had to rely on our speed'

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, B3



Courtney Rehbine, driving against Indiana Tech's Alicia Harrison, collected 17 points, 11 rebounds and three assists for Madonna, but it wasn't enough to get a win

Late goal lifts Stevenson over Canton

goal with 1 43 left enabled Livonia Stevenson to edge Canton 6-5 in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover hockey game Wednesday at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena

Adam Stoner and Sean Sachau assisted on the gamewinner

"It was not our best effort, we're trying not to look ahead to next week (the state playoffs), but I think we were a little bit," said Stevenson coach Mike Humitz, whose team opens regional play Tuesday against Churchill at the Dearborn Indoor Skating Center "It's going to be a short week if we play like we did today But any time you win, you're not disappointed"

The Chiefs, who trailed 5-4 after two periods, got three assists from Reece McCabe Mike Stewart, Sean Rago, Kyle Tollison, Paul Davison and Kevin Tollison each scored a goal for Canton, which fell to 7-13-1 overall with the loss

Stevenson improved to 14-5-

Stoner finished with three assists for the Spartans, while Sachau and Billy Westerman each had a goal and one assist Other Stevenson goals were

If Tarah Armbrester keeps

serving like this, Canton Agape

Christian's season could have an

Armbrester totaled four service

aces to go with three defensive

The win improved Agape's

It was the second-straight

match, both of them wins, that

Armbrester's serving has been

against Taylor Light and Life,

she served the first 10 points in

each game as Agape won easily

On Monday in a home match

digs as the Wolverines edged the

On Thursday at Harper

Woods Lutheran East,

Eagles 15-12, 15-10

record to 9-11

pivotal

extended run

Strong serving carries

Canton Agape to victory

15-10, 15-1

17 set assists

HOCKEY

scored by Alex Bokas, Rico Guerra (power-play) and Brad Fischer Stevenson netminder Kit Pruchnik made 19 saves, while Canton's Chris Garrett stopped 24 shots

Salem 3, Saline 3: Craigen Bauldry turned a pass from Dan Crockett and Mike Barr into the game-tying goal with 36 to play in regulation as Salem got a draw with Saline Wednesday at Chelsea Ice Arena

The Rocks are 11-9-3 overall Bauldry's goal capped a wild third period in which each team scored two goals, the Rocks first on a penalty shot by Matt Van Hoet That put Salem ahead 2-1, but the Hornets scored twice in less than two minutes to recapture the lead, with goals from Drew Collins and Keith Marsh

Saline led 1-0 after one period Salem tied it with a goal by Andy Thackaberry (assists from Kyle Emmons and Crockett) midway through the second

Ladywood 7, Port Huron 4:

VOLLEYBALL

Other key contributors to

Lutheran East were Amanda

Tashnick with 10 kills, Brittany

Miller with four kills, and Emily

Tong with 17 set assists and two

In Monday's win over Light

Armbrester collected five aces

and Life (which slipped to 9-10),

A.J Creps had eight kills, Miller

added three kills, and Tong had

The Wolverines play at 6 30

p m Tuesday at Plymouth HS

Thursday's win against

Laura Szwed scored a pair of short-handed goals 18 seconds apart early in the final period to break a 3-all deadlock as Livonia Ladywood (14-7) went on to defeat Port Huron Unified in a Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League game played

in Plymouth Ladywood led 3-0 after one period, but Port Huron stormed back to tie it as Ashley Hinton, who finished with two goals, scored with five minutes remaining in the second period

Wednesday at the Arctic Pond

"We played well the first and third periods, but we kind of went to sleep in the second period," Ladywood coach Bruce Peck said

Szwed finished with a hat trick and one assist Mary Beth O'Dea and Jess Blaesser tallied the other Ladywood goals O'Dea also had an assist, while teammate Joy Troczynski collected two assists

Kryı Meyers and Meg Quinn had the other Port Huron goals Ladywood goaltender Danni St Onge made a total of 30

Redford CC 5, Allen Park

2: Redford Catholic Central has had problems scoring at full

strength in its last few games That didn't pose a problem on Wednesday night as the

Shamrocks scored four powerplay goals and one of the shorthanded variety in a non-league win over Allen Park

"I'm glad the power play showed up because we haven t been real strong skating 5-on-5 in the last three games,' said CC coach Todd Johnson "That's a bit of a concern going into the playoffs It was a chippy game both ways

CC opened the scoring with a power-play goal from Dave McGrorty with Tim Buttery and Mike Monterey assisting After Chris DeRoche tied the score for Allen Park, Dan Barczuk made it 2-1 just into the second from Jimmy Burns and Andrew Godoshian

Chris New made it 3-1 on a short-handed goal with Michael Evans and Tim Buttery assisting Monterey scored 25 second into the third from Buttery and Godoshian and after an Allen Park goal, Burns closed out the scoring from Bill Makela and Pete Pfeffer

Godoshian stopped 17 shots in goal for CC (14-6-3), while the Shamrocks had 29 shots on the Allen Park goal

The Jaguars fell to 14-7-2

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ALL CATHOLIC LEAGUE **CENTRAL DIVISION TEAMS**

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Sunday Feb 29 (CHSL Finals at U D s Calihan Hall) St Katharine vs Loyola noon Bishop Borgess vs. H.W. Trinity, 2 p.m. Redford CC vs OL St Marvs 4 pm

Salem at Wayne 7 pm Ply Christian at Tay Baptist Park 7p m Huron Valley at Lutheran East 7 pm W.L. Northern at Clarenceville, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday March 2

Thursday March 4 Benedictine at Clarenceville 7 p m Luth Westland at NB Huron 7 pm

Friday March 5 WLAA crossovers 7 p m Det Urban at Luth Westland 7 p m Macomb Christian at Ply Christian

730 pm Huron Valley at Roeper 8 p m PREP HOCKEY REGIONAL PAIRINGS DIVISION I

at ANN ARBOR ICE CUBE Monday March 1 (A) Jackson vs (B) Ann Arbor Pioneer 5 p.m. (C) Brighton vs. (D) Salem 730 pm

Tuesday March 2 (E) Howeli vs (F) Temperance Bedford 5 pm (G) Canton vs (H) Ann Arbor Huron 730 pm Thursday March 4 A B winner vs C D win

ner 5 pm EF winner vs GH winner 730 pm Saturday March 6 Final 7 pm at DEARBORN INDOOR SKATING CTR.

Monday March 1 (A) Redford Catholic Central vs (B) Redford Unified 5 30 p m (C) Dearborn Unified vs (D) Farmington Unified 8

Tuesday March 2 (E) Royal Oak Unified vs (F) Birmingham Unified 5 30 p.m. (G) Livonia Churchill vs (H) Livonia Stevenson 8 pm

Thursday March 4 AB winner vs CD win ner 530 pm EF winner vs GH winner 8 pm Saturday March 6 Championship final 730 p m (Winner advances to the state quarterfinal Wednesday March 10 at Dearborn Indoor

Skating Club vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer regional

champ on) DIVISION II at NOVI ICE ARENA Monday March 1 (A) Northwille vs (B) Walled Lake Western 530 pm (B R k) (C) Walled Lake Northern vs (D) Walled Lake Central (R Rink) (E) Waterford Kettering vs (F)

Wednesday March 3 A B winner vs C D winner 530 pm. E.f. winner vs. G.H. winner Friday March 5 Championship final 630

Ypsilanti Lincoln 745 p.m. (B Rink) (G) Novi vs

(H) L vonia Franklin (R Rink) 745 p.m.

p m (Winner advances to the state quarterfa nais Tuesday March 9 at ARC Lansing Ice Center)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Tuesday March 2 Agape Christian at Luth Westland 630 p.m. DISTRICT PAIRINGS CLASS A Friday March 5

DIVISION I

at Livonia Churchill First round (A) Livonia Churchili vs (B) Canton 4 p m Semifinals Salem vs South Lyon 5 30 pm

Northville vs A B winner 5 30 pm Championship final 7 pm (Winner advances to the eg ona semfinals Saturday Ma ch 3 at Che sea vs Yps ant Lincoin dis ct champ in

> CLASS B at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

First round (A) Plymouth vs (B) Dearborn

Dame Prep district champion)

He ghts Crestwood 430 pm (C) Livonia Ladywood vs (B) Dearborn Heights Robichaud

Semifinais Livonia Clarenceville vs. A.B. winner 5 30 p.m. Dearborn Divine Child vs. C.D. winner 5 30 p m

Championship final 7 pm (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday March 13 at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs. Notre

> Saturday March 6 CLASS A at LIVONIA STEVENSON

First round (A) Livonia Franklin vs (B) Redford Thurston 10 a m Semifinals Redford Union vs Detroit Redford noon Livonia Stevenson vs AB win

ner noon Championship final 2 pm (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday March 13 at Chelsea vs Ypsilanti district cham

at YPSILANTI LINCOLN First round (A) Belleville vs (B) Garden

City 10 am (C) Wayne Memorial vs (D) Westland John Glenn 11 30 a m

Semifinals Romulus vs. A B winner 12:30 pm Ypsilanti Lincoln vs C D winner 130 pm Championship final 3 pm (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday March 13 at Chelsea vs Livonia Churchill dis

CLASS C

at LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND First round (A) Inkster vs (B) Southfield Christian 10 am (C) Detroit Communications & Media Arts vs. (D) Ecorse 10 a.m.

trict champion)

Semifinals Lutheran Westland vs A B win ner 11 30 am Dearborn Henry Ford Academy vs CD winner 1130 am

Championship final 1 pm (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday March 13 at Burton Bendle vs Marlette district champi

> CLASS D at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

First round (A) Ann Arbor Rudolph Steiner vs (B) Saline Washtenaw Christian 10 am (C) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs (D) Novi Franklin Road Christian 11 a m Semifinals Plymouth Christian vs A B win

ner noon Canton Agape Christian Vs. C.D. win ner 1 p m

Championship final 2 pm (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday March 6 at Adrian Lenawee Christian vs Litchf eld district champ on) **GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

> Saturday March 6 Regional meet at Canton 10 a.m. COMPETITIVE CHEER Saturday March 6 Division I regional at Southgate 11 a m **BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING** Friday Saturday March 5 6 State finals at Sunnybrook Lanes Sterling Heights TBA MEN S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday March 4 (NJCAA Region 12 Tourney)

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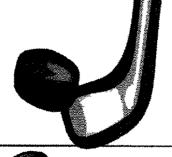
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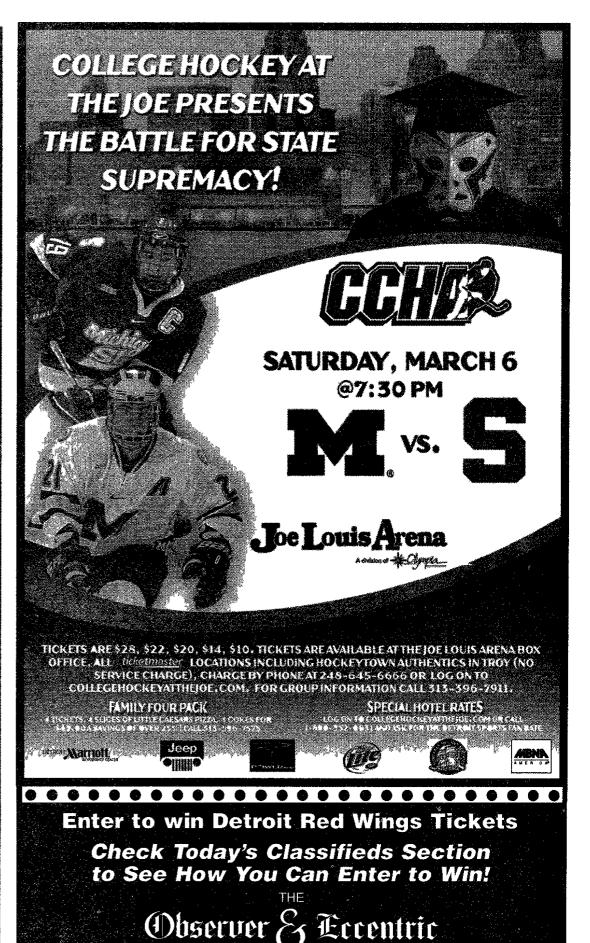
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Jansen countered 'We were outsizing them, out-muscling them, and they were out-quicking us It was a game of oppo-

It was also a game with 15 lead changes with neither team leading by more than seven points Madonna led by six early in the game after three consecutive baskets by Sarah Thomson, but the Warriors closed the half better, outscoring the Crusaders 17-10 in the last 8 21 to take a 36-31 halftime lead

The Crusaders started the second half with a flurry, eliminating the deficit with a 7-2 run in the first 2 48 It stayed close the rest of the game, the biggest cushion either team enjoying just five points

'Madonna did a good job of stopping our penetration," Cobb said "With their size we were forced to the outside most of the night."

Madonna dominated the Warriors on the boards, grabbing 45 rebounds to their 28 Tech's speed was definitely a factor though with Conwell and teammate Thyoshi Chambers Chambers had 19 points and four steals, and Eliza Dickinson, another guard scored 10 points, dished out four assists and made four steals Forward Quanette Vales also scored 10 points

The Crusaders were the younger, less experienced team, starting only one senior center Courtney Rehbine, who had 17 points and 11 rebounds Madonna was led in scoring by Sarah Thompson's 21 points (she also had 10 boards), Lydia Prusinowski netted 18 points (on 7-of-8 floor shooting), had eight rebounds and three assists, and Jackie Pingston scored nine points

While Madonna had the

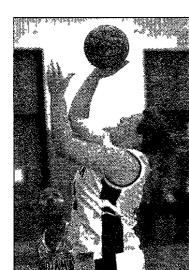
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Sarah Thomson was Madonna's leading scorer with 21 points. She also pulled down 10 rebounds

rebounding edge, Tech forced 20 Crusader turnovers while com mitting just 12 And Madonna's substantial advantage inside (the Crusaders outscored the Warriors in the paint, 32-24) was offset by Tech's superior defense (23-11 in points off turnovers)

"They re a great team, said Jansen 'This was a great playoff game, where it came down to the last team with the ball

'We did everything we wanted to do

Except win

Grand Rapids CC 65, Schoolcraft 56: Autumn Khutic scored 23 points and hauled down 16 rebounds Wednesday as visiting Grand Rapids CC ousted Schoolcraft College from the Michigan Community College Athletic Association women's basketball playoffs Stacey Jenema had 12 points for the Raiders (18-9), who advanced to the semifinals, hosted over the weekend at Schoolcraft

India Monterio scored 24 points for the Lady Ocelots (21-

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Ocelots aim for 4th-straight state title

Gunning for their fourthstraight state championship, the Schoolcraft College mens basketball team earned a spot in Saturday's finals with a 93-73 victory Friday over Wayne County CC at Flint Mott

The Ocelots, 26-3 overall, got a game-high 22 points from Ryan Baumgartner and 17 from Derrick Ponder as the Ocelots earned the Michigan Community College Athletic Association semifinal win

Schoolcraft, which led 42-29 at the half, also got 14 points from 7-foot center Lamont Arrington

Guard Ty Scott and forward Marcus Johnson added 12 and 10, respectively

"Lamont played a great game defensively, both blocking shots and rebounding, he **MEN'S COLLEGE HOOP**

set the tone early,' Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said Everybody played tough defensively Our inside presence hurt them It was a good overall effort"

Curtis Tillman led Wayne County, now 19-7 overall, with 18 points

Two Schoolcraft players, point guard Ricky Morgan and forward Anton Palmer, did not make the trip for what Briggs called "conduct detrimental to the team '

The Schoolcraft coach said both would also sit out the state final against 23-4 Grand Rapids, which ousted host Mott in the other semifinal, 82-80, in overtime (Results of

Saturday's final will appear in Thursday's Observer)

Cornerstone 88, Madonna 66: Madonna University's season came to a close in the opening round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic

Conference playoffs as host Cornerstone earned the victory before 1,100 fans Wednesday night at the Henson Athletic

Cornerstone, 24-8 overall, got a team-high 20 points from John Freund Jim Cochran added 16, while Keith Wurn contributed 15 Andy Bronkema finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds

The Crusaders, who ended their season losing six of their final seven games, wind up 10-19 overall

Semor guard Dan Kurtinaitis, the school's alltime assist leader, finished his career with a game-high 21 points on 6-of-12 shooting from the floor, including 4-of-9 from three-point range Junior guard Noel Emenhiser, the WHAC's leading scorer, added 18 points

The Crusaders, who trailed by only four at halftime, 34-30. racked up a total of 30 fouls as Cornerstone shot 33-of-45 from the foul line (73 3 percent) Five MU players fouled out including Kurtinaitis, Emenhiser and two seniors playing in their final game, Chad Nadolni and Jim Woodworth It also marked the final MU appearance for John Bennett (Livonia Churchill) and Chris Behrns

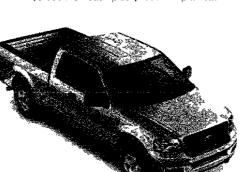
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The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be at 7 p m Tuesday in Room 401 of Plymouth High School All parents of current players and parents of incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend

BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be in two sessions, the first on Saturday, March 27 and the second on Saturday, April 3, both in the Salem HS gym Three hours of baseball instruction from the Salem varsity players and coaches, for players ages 7-15, is included Lunch is provided as well, registration fee is \$20

To reserve a spot or for more information, call Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026

LACROSSE SIGN-UP

The Canton Leisure Services is sponsoring a Youth Lacrosse League, with the league running from March through June New and experienced players may join either the fifth-sixth grade team or the

seventh-eighth grade team Indoor practices are available in February

Players must supply their own equipment, including helmet, stick, mouth guard, protective equipment and shoulder pads Teams must have a minimum of 10 players and no more than 25 Included in the \$100 per player fee is a uniform, indoor practice time, a 12-week league schedule and an end-of-the-year jamboree tournament

Players may register right now at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway For more information, call the Canton Softball Center at (734) 483-5600

ROAD RALLY

The Canton Thunderbirds girls fast-pitch softball organization is hosting its secondannual Road Rally on March 13 Space is limited, early registration is suggested

Cost is \$25 per person, which includes meal, prizes and music For further information contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or on the Web at thunderbirdsoftball tripod com



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1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan

THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE MICHIGAN, COUNTY AND ANY INTERESTED PERSONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving project in the Plymouth Hills Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement

> The proposed improvements shall consist of two lane asphalt pavement constructed over the existing gravel road as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work which may be needed to facilitate the placement of the asphalt road pavement The project commences at the westerly right-of way line of Beck Road and proceeds along Amherst Court to the northerly right of way line of Powell Road The project also includes Nicholas Lane in its entirety

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed

The district limit for frontage along Amherst Court and Nicholas Lane consists of Lots 1 through 46 of the Plymouth Hills Subdivision as well as parcels 990003001, 990003002, and 990003003, located in the Southeast _ of Section 29, T1S, R 8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 7:00 pm. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement creation of the Special Assessment District and the assessment thereon All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest or agent thereof may appear in person at the hearing or may file an appearance or protest by letter All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$332,000

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property

> Marilyn Massengill, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, Michigan 48170 (734) 453 3840

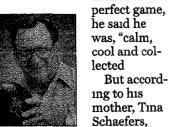
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DeBellis, 13, making a name for himself

on DeBellis, a 13-year-old bowler from Farmington is one of the area's up-andcoming talented youth bowlers

His 198 average was given a boost recently with a 300 game and 752 series last month at **Country Lanes**

As he bowled the final frames in his



Ten Pin Alley

Αl Harrison he said he was, "calm, cool and collected But according to his

about went crazy in the 10th frame" Both parents, Tına and her hus-

said she "just

band Jim, are outstanding bowlers and have brought their son, Jon along the path to future stardom

A 300 game is the goal of most bowlers, but so many who have played this game for 30, 40 or 50, or more years, that have never quite reached that ultimate score

■ It didn't take long for 19year-old Kathleen Bishop to achieve her first 300 game. She

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APPLICANT: Donald Schneider

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THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS

ZONED: O-1, Office

A 300 game is the goal of most bowlers, but so many who have played this game for 30, 40 or 50, or more years, that have never quite reached that ultimate score.

was perfect through 12 frames during the final game on Feb 12 in the ladies invitational trio league at Cherry Hıll Lanes

Kathleen entered the tenth frame with nine strikes in a row and she was quite nervous at this point.

Bishop said strikes 10 and 11 were a little bit iffy, but she resolved to make a great shot on the final ball, along with a perfect approach, nice arm swing and perfect release, resulting in the 300

During the first two games she bowled a 196 and 224, adding up to a fine series of

Bishop used to be a member of Franklin High School marching band where she now lends a hand, while still finding

Board of Education

Plymouth Canton Community Schools

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004

7:00 PM

(734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the

Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE APPROVAL

SP 04 03 Office/Warehouse/Showroom Building

APPLICANT DJ Maltese Consulting, LLC

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

ORDINANCE NO 83.127

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING

The Zoning Ordinance No 83 of the Plymouth Charter

Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning

Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended

THOMAS WYSOCKI Secretary

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Purchase and Installation of Playground

Equipment for Hoben Elementary School Specifications, bid

forms, and additional information are available by contacting Dan

Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416 2746

Sealed bids are due on or before 4 00 p m , Thursday, March 11th,

2004 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school

time to help coach the Clarenceville High School youth bowling team

Bishop was coached in her growing years by her father,

As this Westland family has welcomed Kathleen to the winner's circle, dad Bill has also coached his 21-year old son, Tim, who also rolled has a perfect game, and has previously received his own 300 ring

■ If you have been around the local pro shops lately you might have noticed a clear plastic device made in the size and shape of a bowling ball

This is the latest brainchild from the mad scientists at Ebonite

Just from looking at it, you might have a hard time figuring out what it is

Ebonite calls it Powerhouse Hook Again, which enables the bowler to remove the lane oil from the ball without damaging it

Oil build-up is a common problem on ball surfaces Some bowlers had even gone so far a to place their ball in an oven to try to "sweat out" the oil This could work, but in most instances, it runs the ball itself because the inner core and cover stock are of different compositions

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Most ball manufacturers do not warranty a ball that is subjected to heat Actually, oil is not the real problem, for heat

will also break down the plasti-cizer in the ball, thus reducing the effectiveness With the plasticizer diminished, the ball will not perform well

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The process may be done by the pro shops or a unit can be purchased for individual home

According to Ebonite tests, Hook Again has proven to restore 99 8 percent of performance loss due mainly to plasticizer saturation This product does not use heat, it is not abrasive to the surface, and will not harm the ball

This reporter is packing his bags for a quick trip to Reno, Nev for the American Bowling Congress convention

This could be an historic event as the revised Single Membership Organization will be voted upon

If the men's and women's organizations both vote for the merger, it should pass and then become the US Bowling Congress, which will also include youth bowling

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association will be participating as the ABC Tournament continues

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association He can be con tacted at (248) 477 1839 or e mail at tenpinalley@sbcglobal net

PLYMOUTH TWP. PD 734-453-3869 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 3/05/04 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto Transport 1179 Starkweather Plymouth MI a public auction of the following

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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 Assessor's office by March 9 2004

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

First Come First Serve

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review Saturday, March 6, 2004 Hearings from 9 00 a m 12 00 p m (Walk in Schedule)

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Monday, March 8 2004 Hearings from 9 00 a m 12 00 p m AND 100 pm 500 pm

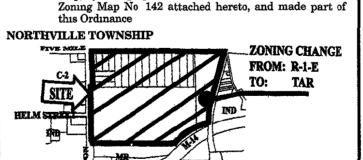
Tuesday, March 9 2004 Hearings from 1 00 p m 5 00 p m **AND** 6 00 p m - 9 00 p m (Appointments Only)

(Appointments Only)

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Dawn Harden Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111

> TERRY G BENNETT CLERK Charter Township of Canton

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ORDINANCE NO. 83.127 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 142 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan LEGAL DESCRIPTION. For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R78-013-01-001-003, R-78-013-99-0001-001, R78-018-03-0075-001

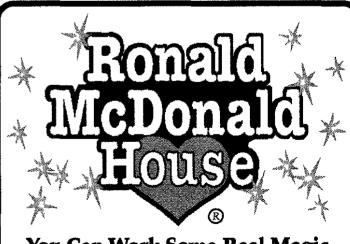
CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed

Part III EFFECTIVE DATE The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on March 24, 2004 ADOPTION The Ordinance was adopted by the Township

Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, as amended at a meeting duly called and held on February 24, 2004 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department during regular business hours

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on February 24, 2004 Effective Date March 24 2004

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NEWSPAPERS

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CC wrestlers fall in regional final

Catholic Central's wrestling team started strong in the Division I regional final against Roseville, but wound up bowing out down the stretch and losing 42-20 at Royal Oak Kımball

CC (11-12) started the match with five straight wins and a 17-0 lead as the match started at 160 pounds But the Panthers won eight of the last nine matches and stopped the Shamrocks for the second time this season

The Shamrocks advanced to the finals by topping Oak Park, 63-15, while Roseville beat Dearborn Fordson, 39-28

> SEMIFINAL **CATHOLIC CENTRAL 63 OAK PARK 15**

103 Avery Mckinnie (OP) p Nieko lanni 3 12 112 John Farmer (CC) p Ramon Matthews 3 09 119 Andrew Nadhir (CC) d Matthew Cousin 11 9 125. Dade Dimaggio (CC)

WRESTLING

won by void 130 Mike McHenry (CC) p James Rogers 107 135. Shane O Connor (CC) won by void 140 lke Lewis (OP) p John Kenny 236 145 Kyle Smart (CC) won by void 152 Brad Bartram (CC) p Lazell Martin 145 160 Trevor Stewart (CC) p Demetric Lewis 1 02 171 Andrew Lahiss (CC) won by void 189 Leo Evans (OP) p John Kinville 5 4 2 OT 215. Eric Vojtkofsky (CC) p Terry Grier 2 44 HVY John Morasso (CC) p Walter Brown 159

ROSEVILLE 42, CATHOLIC CENTRAL 20 103 Phil Noriega (R) p Nieko lanni 119 112: Josh Stadwick (R) d Andrew Nachir 42 OT 119 John Farmer (CC) d Dionte Lacey 10 9 125 Josh Noble (R) d Dade Dimaggio 8 2 130 Jake Damer (R) p Mike McHenry 5 44 135 Joe Maiorano (R) p Shane O Connor 132 140 Rian Brassell (R) p John Kenny 52 145. Jerry Carter (R) p Kyle Smart 158 152 Justin Petrone (R) p Mike Carrier 119 160 Brad Bartram (CC) maj dec Joe Baker 11 3 171 Trevor Stewart (CC) d Tom Gizowski 14 7 189 Scott Schwarzlose (CC) maj dec Dave Boren 11 1 215 Eric Voitkofsky (CC) d Steve Carter 7 4 HVY John Morasso (CC) d Sean Flores 8 3

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GYMNASTICS Feb 26 at W L. Central

Team standings. 1 Livonia Unified 146 55 points 2 Brighton 14520 3 Northville/Novi 14475 4 Canton 142 00 5 Salem 141 55 6 Hartland 139 50 7 Walled Lake 130 90 8 Plymouth 121 90 9 Wayne/Westland John Glenn 10970

> Event results Division One

Vault: 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 95 2 (tie) Kerry Dver (H) Emma Platt (N/N) 91 4 (tie) Nicole Bastien (B) Andrea Pisani (LU) 905 6 Sara Wilchowski (N/N) 90 7 Nicole Drouillard (B) 875 8 (tie) Megan Chappo (C) Kate Staley (C) 87 10 Kara Ahern (C) 8 65

Uneven parallel bars. 1 Rachael Page (B) 96 2 Pisani (LU) 945 3 Lindsey Reed (LU) 94 4 Drouillard (B) 93 5 Wilchowski (N/N) 92 6 Kacy Risner (LU) 915 7 Chappo (C) 90 8 (tie) Amanda Perelli (N/N) Bastien (B) 895 10 Sarah Bugosh (S) 88

Balance beam 1 Reed (LU) 97 2 Gina Maceri (LU) 93 3 Chappo (C) 93 4 Risner (LU) 92 5 (tie) Catie Carlson (B) Wilchowski (N/N) 905 7 (tie) Drouillard (B) Ahern (C) 89 9 Bastien (B) 885 10 Bugosh (S) 88

Floor exercise 1 (tie) Ahern (C) Reed (LU) 9 45 3 (tie) Bastien (B) Dyer (H) Pisani (LU) 925 6 Chappo (C) 915 7 Kelley (C) 91 8 (tie) Drouillard (B) Kartlyn Burns (C) 905 10

All around 1 Reed (LU) 3690 2 Bast en (B) 3610 3 (tie) Chappo (C) W Ichowsk (N/N)

Pisani (LU) 36 05 6 Drouillard (B) 36 00 7 Ahern (C) 35 55 8 Dyer (H) 35 35 9 (tie) Carlson (B) Page (B) Bugosh (S) 3520

Division Two Vault: 1 Julie Foucher (N/N) 935 2 Alyssa Supplee (LU) 925 3 Jacqueline Jazette (N/N) 915 4 Marcie Fink (N/N) 90 5 Jessica ConCannon (B) 8 95 6 (tie) Lauren DiLullo (B) Page Albers (LU) Jenn Mehl (N/N) 885 9 (tie) Mina Pirzadeh (C) Elena Gueorguiev (S) 875

Uneven paratlel bars: 1 DiLullo (B) 955 2 Sarah Ilkhani Pour (N/N) 94 3 Gueorquiev (S) 93 4 Emily Plott (H) 915 5 Maggie Mills (N/N) 905 6 Ashley Aquinto (S) 895 7 Foucher (N/N) 88 8 Laura Phillips (H) 875 9 Janna Ramsey (N/N) 8 65 10 Supplee (LU)

Balance beam 1 Megan McCarthy (S) 905 2 Audra Ahern (C) 8 95 3 Trish Brownfield (N/N) 89 4 Kim Stevenson (WL) 88 5 (tie) DiLullo (B) Celia Allen Hames (H) Aguinto (S) 875 8 Supplee (LU) 865 9 Melanie Plank (H) 85 10 Kelly Saber (B) 84

Floor exercise. 1 Albers (LU) 955 2 Mills (N/N) 945 3 Rachel Deneau (N/N) 94 4 (tie) DiLullo (B) Gueorguiev (S) 935 6 Plott (H) 93 7 (tie) Lisa Thompson (LU) Aguinto (S) McCarthy (S) 925 10 Audra Ahern (C) 92

All-around 1 DiLullo (B) 36 50 2 Aguinto (S) 35 55 3 Supplee (LU) 35 40 4 (tie) Foucher (N/N) Gueorgurev (S) 35 35 6 Plott (H) 3515 7 Mills (N/N) 34 05 8 Allen Hames (H) 33 90 9 Allie Vran ak (S) 33 85 10

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4 p.m. - Kitchen and Bath Design

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 TI a.m - Drywall Repair 12 p.m. - Natural Light Extures to

Swing into Spring 4 Color trerids & design ideas for the season p.m. - Troubleshooting for Raai Repairs 3 p.m. - How to Install a Laminate Elnor, Faux" Finish your Walls and

install Ceramic Floors

Catholic Finals feature Observer schools

It will be a history-making Redford tripleheader at University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall this afternoon as all three of the township's Catholic League schools advanced to their division basketball championships

Both Catholic Central and Bishop Borgess came away with wins in their division semifinals on Wednesday to advance to Calihan On Tuesday, St Katharine Drexel won its spot in the C-D Division final with a 55-48 overtime win against Center Line St. Clement

CC overcame a 19-6 first quarter deficit against Warren De La Salle to pull away with a 63-50 win to move into the 4 p m Sunday Central-AA final against Orchard Lake St Mary

In the opener, Bishop Borgess overcame some sloppy **CATHOLIC HOOP**

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shooting and ballhandling to come away with a 56-54, double-overtime win against Madison Heights Bishop Foley The win earned the Spartans a spot in the East-West final against Harper Woods Trinity

All three schools making the finals in three separate divisions is a first, however, all three have gone to the finals in the same year CC beat Bishop Borgess for the Central-AA title and St Agatha won the C-D title in 1989 and 1997

CC (15-3) did two big things and a bunch of little ones to pull away from the Pılots (13-5) in the semifinal win — the third win against the Pilots this season

The first was to put guard

Robert Fragoso on high-scoring Pilot guard Keith MacKenzie The move paid off as MacKenzie, who had 20 against Detroit DePorres on Sunday, settled for a pair of first-quarter 3-pointers

'Rob did a nice job defending him,' said CC coach Rick Coratti "He stayed with him and guarded him alone"

The second was to beat the Pilots at their own fast-pace, high-pressure game De La Salle had the advantage in the first quarter, but the Pilots seemed to flame out and tire quickly CC took advantage and cut the lead to 26-25 by half - thanks in no small part to six turnovers in the second quar-

'It seemed like we wore them down,' said Coratti "In the middle of the third quarter, it seemed like they ran out of

gas I wasn t comfortable,

though, until the final buzzer The Shamrocks took the lead for good midway through the third quarter as Kyle Smith converted a three-point play to give the Shamrocks a 32-31 lead and start an 8-0 run De La Salle managed to pull within 42-41, but could get no clos-

The unsung things came in the scorebook as Jim Cash paced CC with 17 points, Smith and Dan Waterstradt had 15 each, and Dave Herberholz added 12

John Novak paced the Pilots with 18 points, while Jake Jakubek had 14

BASKETBALL

Eberhardt scored 12 of his points in the third quarter, many off feeds by Szydlo and many the result of his getting the ball on the wing and driv-

turnover in the second half

ing to the basket "Barry likes to face the bas ket,' Lloyd said "He doesn't always have to play with his back to the basket He did a very good job despite playing in a bit of pain"

Glenn enjoyed a 13-8 lead after one period and was up, 30-21, at the game's midpoint

Salem came back from a 15point deficit early in the third

quarter and trailed 42-30 with 2 29 left However John Glenn outscored it 10-2 the rest of the period and took a 52-32 lead into the final 8 minutes.

I thought we played good in the first half, Lloyd said, and I thought we played very good in the second The looks we had in the second half were excellent - and we knocked them

"And when you're scoring, it makes it that much easier to get into your defense

The Rockets get their next test, their state tournament prep game, in the league crossover Thursday night with Szydlo in the starting line-

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One small action

ard to believe that 48 years ago, a tired little lady got onto a bus and sat down for the ride

It was on that ride that this woman took one small courageous action She refused her seat to a white man For that one small action, the woman was arrested, she was tried for a violation of a local ordi-

From that one small action, an entire city responded and soon one small action would change the conscience of an entire nation, reshape the moral fiber of a country and elevate a little-known clergyman to

All of this history was born, from one small action

The young black woman who was expected to yield her seat to a white man was Rosa Parks This small act of courage that grew into something immense reverberates through the decades

Today, it is hard to believe that a year before my own birth, segregation still survived in this country Hard to believe that sharing a lunch counter was forbidden, hard to believe that washrooms and drinking fountains were labeled

It is hard to believe that the right to vote for a segment of our society came only within the past 40 years

Hard to believe that a man named Medgar Evers could be shot as his family watched, and hard to believe that a crime of this magnitude would go unpunished for years and years to come

Hard to believe that civil rights workers would be shot, beaten, hung Hard to believe that a church could be bombed, hard to believe this was the country, that these were the times, that

many of us grew and lived in Hatred brews anger The country was at war, at war in a small southeast Asian country and at war with itself Changing ideology does not come easily, does not come without casualties

Gradually, people began to notice, began to take heed

Through one small action, slowly, the country started to change People stopped and listened, listened to the speech, listened to the dream of that once unknown clergyman, a man named Martin Luther King Jr.

This man, this leader, had a dream He dreamed that freedom would ring throughout our land

Slowly, freedom did begin to ring Slowly, the attitudes began to change Slowly, the country began to grow Change didn't come quickly, change didn't come easily

In 1968, the minister was assassinated He didn't live to see the changes, to see the country that we have become

There is a generation that doesn't remember these times Just as the baby boomers can't appreciate the hunger and anguish of the Great Depression, there is a generation that can't realize the true struggles of the civil rights movement

Learn through the history Understand the hatred of the racial pejoratives, through the history try to understand the struggle

Through one small action taken in 1955, the history of our nation was changed forever and though our country has come a long way, we still have a long way to go For it is in the history that we continue to shape our future

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

A wee bit o' the Irish

Canton dancer scores big in first competition

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When Shannon Murray puts on her dancing shoes and her curly wig, you know you're about to witness a little bit of Ireland right in the middle of Canton

The 8-year-old second-grader at Eriksson Elementary has been studying Irish dancing for three years and earlier this month completed her first feis (competition) in Nashville, Tenn, where she won four first-place medals, one second-place and one third

With that accomplishment, she advances from advanced beginner to novice And she prob-

ably owes it all to Riverdance

"I just started liking it," Shannon said of her love of Irish dancing "And I saw all the Riverdance people

That was a few years ago
"When I was a baby," the 8-year-old said, 'I
used to go downtown where there were Irish dancers and they'd say, 'Dance with us Dance with us'

That downtown experience with the Gaelic League led to a "freebie" lesson in Irish dancing, according to her mother, Debbie, who traces her roots to County Mayo

'She turned out to be pretty coordinated, Debbie said

Shortly after Shannon was enrolled in the Tim O Hare School of Irish Dance in Westland (the studio has since moved to Plymouth

She goes to class four hours a week, not including private lessons, said her father, Mike, a sergeant and paramedic with the Westland Fire Department, who traces his roots to County Galway

All those lessons and practice have paid off In Nashville, Shannon placed first in her division in the Irish reel, the jig, the slip jig and the treble jig In the horn pipe, she placed

third All six dances are mandatory in the feis 'She also danced a single jig, which she had never been taught," Debbie said "She just sort of ad libbed it And she placed second"

Shannon's favorite dance is the horn pipe

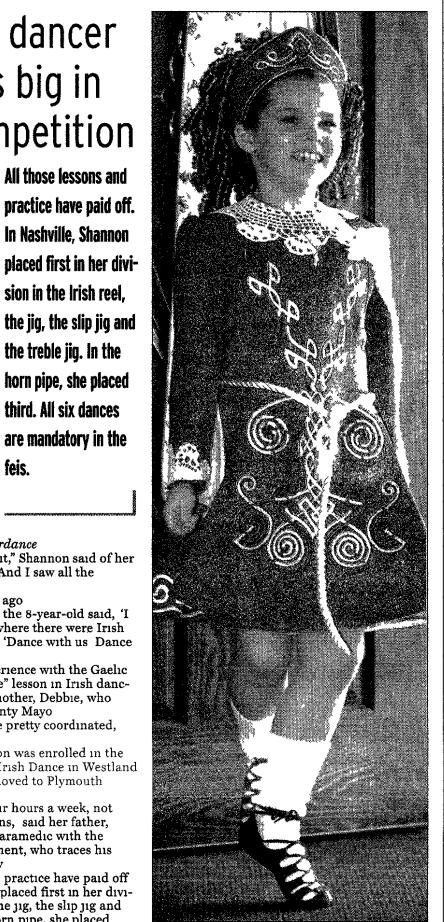
"It's challenging," she said But she also does the ceili, an Irish square

"It's long," she said "It takes about 10 min-

utes" Her father is not a dancer

"I'm more of a singer," he said "I used to be in a band, but I don't do it professionally I just enjoy it "

Her mother is not a dancer, either But she



Shannon Murray does an Irish dance Shannon, 8, just competed in her first feis (competition) in Nashville, Tenn., where she won four first place medals, one second place and one third

"My mom started taking lessons," Shannon said "She took quite a few classes and then she said 'Oh, I'm just going to quit This is too hard for me'

Mike, who visited Ireland for the first time a couple of years ago, said his daughter may have to go there also

"If she keeps doing as well, we're going to have to take her to Ireland to compete," he

As for Shannon, she just keeps on dancing



Eight-year-old Shannon Murray with her mom, Debbie, and father Mike Mike doesn't dance, Debbie gave it a shot for awhile



Jennifer Catallo has founded a new nonprofit organization aimed at helping victimized children around the world

Plymouth native reaches out to young AIDS victims African crisis prompts

woman's actions

With two young children and a music career, former Plymouth resident Jennifer Catallo has plenty to keep her busy But last summer, while sitting in the sauna at World Gym in Rochester, she read a magazine article which made her realize she had to do

Catallo 34, now living in Rochester, read about an epidemic of child rape in South Africa, a tragic offshoot of the AIDS crisis

I could hardly stop crying that day she said near ly a year later I knew I couldn't close my eyes to this

As far back as 2001, CNN reported that child rape was already a crisis in South Africa Though the country has one of the highest violent crime rate. the world, "The attacks are fueled by the myth that sex with a virgin will protect a man against AIDS or even cure him of the incurable disease," CNN com

In response, Catallo established a new charity, Firefly She hopes to raise money which can then be funneled to established organizations in South Africa to assist victims. She is also collecting toys for victims in Durban, a South African city

Firefly is currently working with the Children's Rights Centre in South Africa as Catallo seeks to establish relationships with other organizations. She has also achieved nonprofit status, so donations are tax-deductible

"It has been quite a learning process," she said "I have had to learn by doing"

Catallo took a logical first step, visiting the Rochester Hills Public Library and enlisting the help of a librarian as she began her research She's also been assisted by two Main Street businesses, Dforce and SV3, who have donated services such as logo design and publicity

Nevertheless, Catallo's effort hasn't been universally well-received Some have reacted with hostility, not wanting to hear about the problem or challenging her to help children here at home

"It kind of knocked the wind out of my sails," she said "I mostly wanted to get the word out, I wanted to educate people We can't keep putting blinders on to what's going on in the world around us Especially when I have children, how can I let this go

What's most heartbreaking is the knowledge that victims can be as young as a few months old and suffer irreparable internal damage, as well as HIV infec-

"They keep getting younger and younger because there's little chance a baby has been infected," she said "And the AIDS crisis is unbelievable. It's the leading cause of death in Africa."

Catallo teaches voice and music at Oakland University and the Rochester Conservatory A singer m a couple of local Top 40 bands, she's also sung the National Anthem at Oakland University and Palace sporting events She and her husband Gene moved to Rochester a year ago from Plymouth, where she grew up, and remodeled a home on a lovely, tree-lined

Several fund-raising events are in the works for Firefly Since shipping toys costs more than buying them, one idea is to sell donated toys at a garage sale Catallo is also hoping to put together a concert with musician friends and produce a CD of original music

Gene Catallo came up with the name Firefly His wife loves it because of its childlike quality, which she sees as "lighting the way for children in need"

For more information or to make a donation contact Catallo at (248) 420 9119 or jen catalio@comcast net or PO Box 81444 Rochester MI 48308 For information on the Children's Rights Center visit www.childrensrightscentre.co za on the Web

Disney concert promises fun for all

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"The Magical Music of Disney will take center stage as Henry Ford Community College's Music Program presents the ninth annual President's Collage Concert 8 p m Saturday, March 6, in the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave, Dearborn

Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved in advance or bought at the door To reserve tickets, call (313) 943-2354 For more information about the concert and HFCCs music program, call (313) 845-6470

More than 250 instrumental and vocal musicians from HFCC's music program, the largest two-year music program in the state, will per form the Disney spectacular under the direction of conductors G Kevin Dewey, Rick L Goward and Randall Knight The HFCC Big Band, Blue Fusion, Concert Choir, Con Spirito, Metropolitan Symphony Band, Studio 110, Renaissance Voices, Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Vanguard Voices will perform

"This promises to be one of the premier musical events in the metropolitan area this year, said HFCC President Andrew Mazzara who along with his wife, Peggy, will host the concert "This year, the concert is geared to baby boomers and their families, as well as all those

who are young at heart Our award-winning musicians, coupled with the stellar reputation of Disney music genius, guarantees a fun-filled evening of entertainment for the entire family"

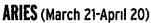
According to Rick Goward, associate dean of HFCCs Fine Arts and Fitness Division, the Metropolitan Symphony Band and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble will perform classical music from the hit Disney movie Fantasia 2000, including excerpts from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Firebird Suite and Pines of Rome HFCCs choral groups will sing excerpts from the most popular Disney films including Be Our Guest from Beauty and the Beast, Kiss the Girl and Under the Sea from Little Mermaid and a A Whole New World from Aladdın as well as favorites from other Disney blockbusters

HFCC's Metropolitan Symphony Band, performing with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, is the largest community college concert band in Michigan The symphony band includes advanced placement high school students, members of the community and students from neighboring universities. The wind ensemble, HFCC's instrumental honors group, features the top musicians from other HFCC bands



Star

(Feb 29 March 3) By Dennis Fairchild



Generally you are not the demonstrative type - particularly when it comes to affairs of the home or heart. However, now it's time to air your feelings to someone whose passions may not coincide with your own Be patient. You have more going for you than you realize

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Don't let others bully or browbeat you over a fiscal or professional matter The approaching Full Moon will give you the opportunity to air your grievances but they are liable to fall on deaf ears unless you lay the necessary groundwork first Don't be a bully Bull!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

The astro effect of restrictive Saturn is to give you a new broom with which to sweep away any feelings of confusion self doubt or inade quacy Personally and professionally certain methods are no longer viable and therefore must be streamlined reorganized and replaced

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You may be back on form and firing on all cylinders. Unfortunately You may be back on form and ining on an cynnecis shall not will however loved ones and other members of the family are still not will ing to give their full support. By all means, at this time, stick to your guns but be real considerate not to force the pace

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

If you ask for what you want this week you're sure to get it And if you accompany the request with a gift you might get more than you bar gained for Just make sure that you're serious before you start getting personal Don't play games right now Lion!

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Recent events mean you now know that success on any level is really a ladder that cannot be climbed with one's hands in one's pockets Above all however remember that it is a waste of time arguing with individuals who cannot be honest with themselves or admit their mis

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Unsettling developments seem to be casting a very long shadow over matters of a financial tax or legal nature now However challenging astro activity also heralds a period of intense growth and a wonderful opportunity to practice the maxim "As we think so we are"

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Let family and friends have their way right now even if you don't agree with what they're doing because later in the week you if need their assistance and it will help if they owe you a favor. And don't spend too much money on Monday or you Il regret it by Friday

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Not only do you know you are right in a domestic or family matter but there is a strong possibility that you actually might be Don't however let it go to your head. What seems obvious today may be less convinc ing tomorrow Allow room for adjustment Archer

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Don't limit yourself to the same old scene with family and old chums this weekend go somewhere different somewhere where you can be who you want to be- and are! Your life is moving into a different gear It may be higher or lower but you'll certainly feel the shift

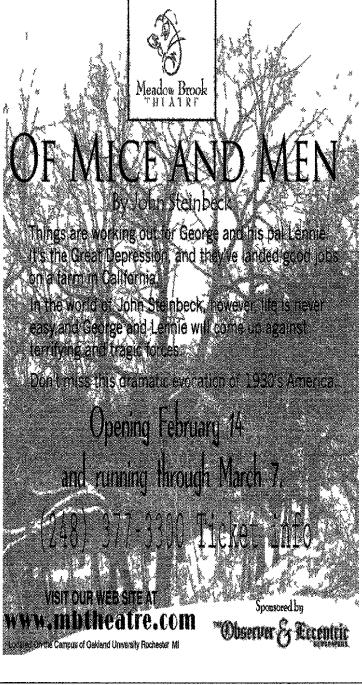
AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Even if you hate to say you're sorry, you'll find it easy to beg for for giveness during the coming days. According to the planets, you have well something to apologize for But don't let others play on your feelings of guit. Make amends and move on WaterBearers!

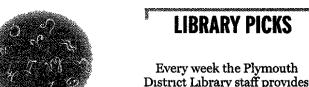
PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

It simply is not possible to be all things to all people, and the sooner ou realize that the better your life will be If you have to let some one down this week- be it friend or family- don't feel bad about it and don't flounder It's time to put your own needs first now!

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- The Price of Loyalty Ron Suskind
 - American Dynasty Kevin Phillips
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Parents' Choice New Children's Poetry Books

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- 2 Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book Lauren Child
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- 4 Ice Palace Deborah Blumenthal
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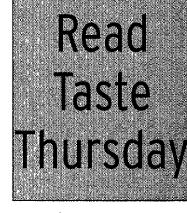
Colored pencil artist featured

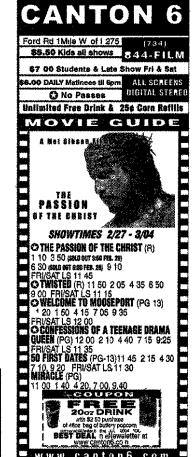
The Three Cities Art Club features Livonia artist and instructor Sherry Eid during its monthly meeting 7-9 p m Monday, March 1, at the Plymouth Township Municipal Building, 42350 Ann Arbor Road (at the northeast corner of Lilley Road), Plymouth The public is invited

Eid will conduct a workshop on the use of colored pencils Many people are surprised at the effects achieved with the pencil One method is to vary the pressure that is applied Eid will show how to create different effects by light and burnishing techniques For those who are interested in experimenting bring your pencils, sharpener kneaded eraser, a good 8 by 11 inch paper such as Bristol vellum, and transfer paper

End is the local president of the Colored Pencil Society of America She teaches colored pencu classes in the continuing education program at Schoolcraft College as well as a number of workshops and classes in the area Her work has been accepted in many local judged art shows

For more information about the event or club, call Marilyn Meredith at (734) 397-2348 or send e-mail to marilynmeredıth@hotmail com







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AGE 4 and 6

around!

doctor?

the court?

A law suit!

What did the tie say to the hat?

You go on a head and I will hang

Why did the cookie go to the

Because he was feeling kind of

What did one math book say to

CONNER McMANUS AGE 8

What did the lawyer wear to

ANGELA SWIRLS AGE 10

to the grandfather clock?

Look, Pop, no hands!

What did the digital clock say

SHANE PREVO AGE 5

the other math book? Boy, do I have problems!

GRAND PRIZE WINNER! RENEE KOZAKOWSKI **AGE 10** What did the judge say to the skunk? Odor in the court! Renee received 4 VIP seats for Disney on Ice "MONSTERS, INC" and will meet a star of the show **KRISTEN and SYDNEY VOSS**

BRANDON JOHNSON AGE 11 Why couldn't the pirates play cards? Because the captain was standing

on the deck.

Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team? Because she ran away from the ball!

crumby! **CHRISTION BOONE** AGE 3 What did the baby corn say to mom **ALEX HOSKO AGE 7**

corn? Where is pop corn?

JOHN HOLLY AGE 4

KIM GLENN AGE 3 How do you fix a broken pizza? With tomato paste!

PETER FREEMAN AGE 5 What does the Gingerbread man have on his bed? Cookie sheets!

GABRIELLE ANTAKLI AGE 6 What did one ocean say to the other ocean?

Nothing, he just waved!

All tickets have been mailed to winners

Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for scholarships

Sharon Poszywak nearly had to drop out of the nursing program at Schoolcraft College when her father became ill and her mother could no longer watch her young son, Tyler In desperation, the single mom turned to the Women's Resource Center on campus

for assistance Come May she'll graduate, take the board exams to become a licensed registered nurse then choose between positions offered to her by Detroit Receiving and University of Michigan hospi-

'If there's anything I can do at a later date to volunteer or help out, I will,' said Poszywak, a Plymouth resident "Without the Conrad (Charitable Foundation) Scholarship, I would probably had to have taken time off from school and work full time They discourage working during the program because classes are only seven weeks

Poszywak is just one of 250 individuals who received 331 scholarships from the center

last year thanks to the annual Spaghetti Dinner The 2003 event raised more than \$9,000, all of which went to scholarships This year, the center's executive director, Nancy Swanborg, hopes to raise \$10,000

The 30th annual Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow Fundraiser takes place Tuesday, March 16, in the new VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia The Wine Glow begins at 6 p m, Spaghetti Dinner at 7

Tickets are \$25, \$60 sponsor (includes two dinners) Tables for eight available Call (734) 462-4443

"This is my 15th year That first year the spaghetti dinner provided \$2,000 for about 50 scholarships That's a fivefold increase," said Swanborg "The staff has stayed about the same through the increase It's pretty amazıng

The Women's Resource Center continues to expand its offerings to women in transition Displaced homemakers, single moms, widows, and those separated or divorced can receive counseling and career information to explore their options Financial aid is available for those in need

This year we're celebrating the fact we've grown from infancy to transitional adulthood in 30 years," said Swanborg "We're celebrating the accomplishments of our students Last year, we had a significant number of our (187) students receive degrees and certificates They made up 167 percent of degrees and certificates awarded by the college, and earned degrees in criminal justice, accounting, medical transcription, liberal arts, nursing, business, computer graphics We're touching students no matter where their goals are'

One of the students to be recognized at the dinner for her accomplishments is Kaitlyn Sandberg who went through the center's From Chocolate Chips to Micro

Chips program She recently won the Women of Triumph award from Women Work, a national network which lobbies for women's employment ın Washington, DC Sandberg has been offered a position as chief financial officer with a Costa Rican business She graduated from the program in the mid-1990s before it became known as From Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips to Blue Chips

"In 1989, it was called Project Hers (Homemakers **Employment Re-entry** System) By 1991, it became from Chocolate Chips to Microchips when computers were just becoming hot By 2003, we added Blue Chips because we initiated Chips Too for those who've completed the program to take Microsoft Word and personal finance

"If they've lost a spouse to death or divorce one of the barriers we saw was someone else had been the financial responsibility person Some did not know how to write checks, how to budget, how to



Last year's Spaghetti Dinner raised more than \$9,000 for the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College

do income tax We had workshops but realized many of the students needed more depth to that aspect of their lives

The center also presents a luncheon series that salutes women In January, more than a hundred guests learned about the military contributions of females

"So often women are invisible in our society whether they were in the military in the Second World War or running the PTA or a physician," said Swanborg

"One of the first women on the college's board of trustees was Jane Moehle, who helped set the tone for Northwest Wayne County Community College (which later changed its cumbersome name to Schoolcraft College at her suggestion) Lois Waterman helped develop academic programming I think one of the things we're doing is taking baby steps, making women visible by highlighting those women These were women who made a real difference'



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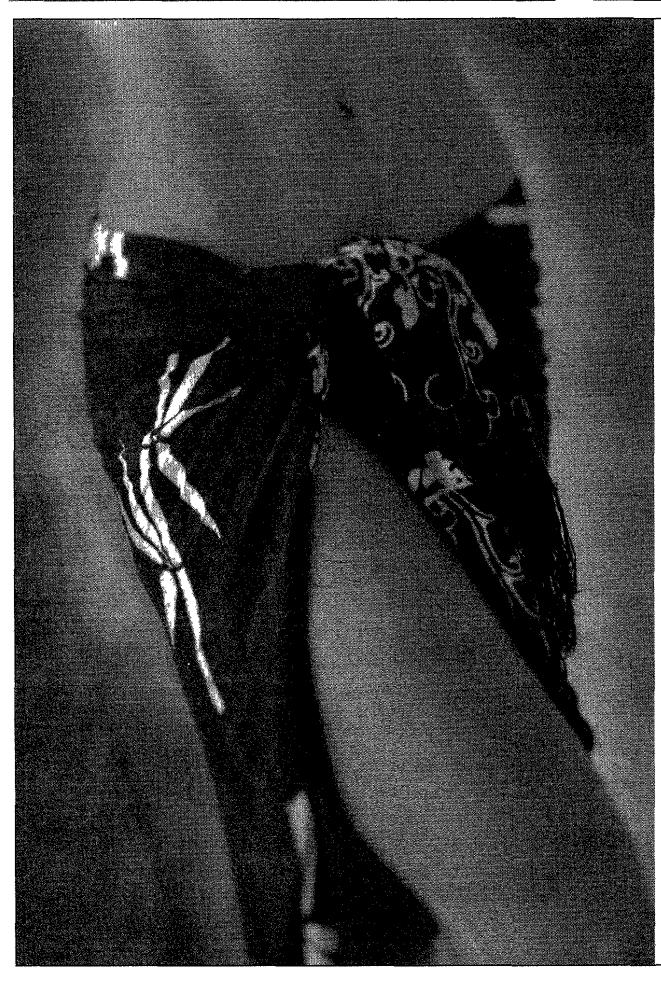
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Stanley-Crowe

Mary Elizabeth Crowe and Frederick Warren Stanley were married on May 17, 2003 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church

The bride is the daughter of James and Mary Crowe She is a graduate of Marian High School, Michigan State University and Western Michigan University She is a speech-language pathologist for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

The groom is a graduate of Midland High School and Mıchıgan State University He is a teacher for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

A reception was held at Castillo di Bologna, Canterbury Village, Lake Orion, after which the couple left for a honeymoon cruise to Alaska

The newlyweds are making



their home in Canton

Guerin-Richardson

Debbie Guerin of Plymouth and Michael Guerin of Plainfield, Ill, announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Marie Guerin, to Kyle Nelson Richardson, the son of Deb Richardson and Joe Richardson of Canton

Heather earned a bachelors degree from Eastern Michigan University, and is currently employed with Quicken Loans

Kyle earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and is currently employed with Done Rite Lawnscape

An April 16, 2004, wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township



Farmington Musicale features soprano

The Farmington Musicale will present a program 'Foot Stompin' -Toetappin" an afternoon of Irish music and dancıng featurıng Mary Callaghan Lynch, soprano, and Mary Behnan, who will accompany her on the piano

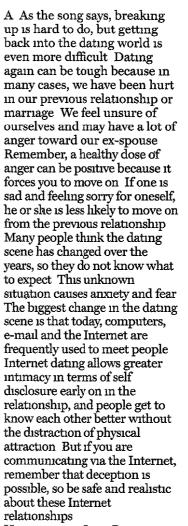
Then some good old fashioned Irish foot stomping by dancers from the Tim O Hare school of dance will follow It will be 1 p m Wednesday, March 3, at Hammell's Music Auditorium 15630 Middlebelt, between Five Mile and Six Mile roads in Livonia All are wel come, and refreshments will be served

For more information on the musical event, please call (248) 471 6017

you want in dating

Know the qualities

Q I recently divorced after being married to the same man for almost 20 years. I would like to meet someone new, but I don't know if I'm ready How do I meet someone after being out of the dating scene for so long?



Here are some Love Doctor tips for dating or meeting someone

1 Make sure you are really ready Sometimes we think we are ready to have another relationship, but if we are still too attached to our ex-partner, it is too soon You need to ask yourself whether you are ready to get into another relationship



Love Doctor

Terri Orbuch, Ph D

and to really care for another person 2 Write down 15 qualities that

you want in a partner No more than 15 qualities and no less Be sure your qualities are 'specific For example, if you are looking for a sense of humor in a partner, be sure to write down exactly what kind of humor you desire

3 Join a group activity that meets consistently Ideas include getting involved in a book club, softball league, or wine appreciation club The goal is to interact with people of similar interests on a regular

4 Ask your friends and family to fix you up Many people are surprised to learn that when married people are asked how they met one another, the most common answer is that they were fixed up (even dating services count as being fixed

5 Do not discuss your expartner on first dates You may decide to talk about your previous relationship or spouse at a later point, but don t let that kind of discussion cloud your judgment on the first date To submit a question e mail The LOVE Doctor on her Web site at www.detrod lovedr com

Terri L Orbuch Ph D is a psycholo gist sociologist author Oakland University professor and research sci entist at the University of Michigan Listen to the Love Doctor on 100 3 WNIC FM between 7 and 7 30 a m every Tuesday

REUNIONS

As space permits the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print without charge announcements of class reunions Send the information to Reunions Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48170 Please include the date of the reunion one contact person and a telephone number

REUNIONS

Brighton High School

Class of 1984

The class of 1984 is planning their 20 year reunion on Aug 7 2004 For more information call Sally Rector Langley at (517) 505 4970

Cabrini High School Class of 1984

If you re interested in working on the 20 year reunion please contact Debbie (Scott) Paulus at (734) 737 9743 or Laurie (Marra) Makavewicz at (734) 981 7263

Center Line High School

Class of 1974

Center Line High School's Class of 1974 30 year reunion takes place Saturday Oct 16 at the Ford Conference & Event Center in Dearborn Tickets are \$80 per person which includes appetizers strolling supper open bar entertain ment and valet parking. For more information call Karen

Hudak Miller at (248) 569 7739 or e mail her at Kare156@aoi com

Cody High School

Class of 1957 The class of 1957 has invited other interested friends from all the 1950s classes Being held at 7 pm Oct 9 2004 at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club near Plymouth Cost is \$75/per person which includes sit down dinner open bar music and many surprises. Call for more info on golf and reservations. at the Hilton Garden Suites For further info call Loretta (Muciek) Nedwick at (800) 859 9502

Our Lady of Good Counsel-Plymouth

Planning a reunion and looking to contact all classmates Contact Cletus Karamon at (313) 399 7875 or e mail ckara mon@aol.com

Plymouth Canton/Salem Class of 1984 A 20 year reunion is planned for Saturday Aug 14 2004 at the Laurel Manor in Livonia For more information www ply

mouth canton salem 1984 org or call (313) 533 2599 **Redford Thurston High School**

Class of 1964 A 40 year reunion is planned for Oct 2 2004 at Laurel Manor in Livonia For more information call Barb Smith (734) 427 1123



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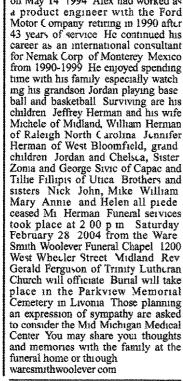
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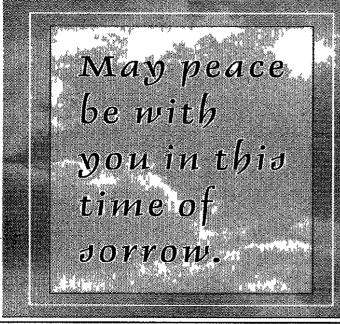
I oren 'Bud, age 82 of Plymouth died February 16 2004 in Florida He was born November 19 1921 in Plymouth Raised in Plymouth he graduated from Plymouth High School in 1939 He attended Henry Lord Trade School at Nankin Mills Bud was proud to have served his country during World War II as a member of the United States Coast Guard Upon his return from the war he founded and operated Gould's Cleaners in Plymouth He then became a success ful builder and developer and he was also very active in his community at one time serving as President of the Plymouth Rotary Club He was a life time member of the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge He was also a mem ber of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth In recent years he enjoyed spending his winters in Jupiter Florida and his summers in Eastport Michigan He loved golf and tennis and he treasured the time spent on his boat, Go Blue The family of Loren W Gould is grateful to God for your friendship and for his life He is survived by his wife Lorraine his sons Gary (Ramona) of Foothill Ranch CA Bruce (Julee) of Plymouth and Terry (Patrice) of Plymouth eight grandchildren and his sister Norma Gould of Plymouth A memorial serv rice will be held at Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth Saturday March 6 2pm Friends may visit beginning at 1pm Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association the American Cancei Society or the char ity of the donor's choice





Alex Jr 73 of Sanford died Tuesday evening February 24 2004 at the Mid Michigan Medical Center He was born on August 27 1930 in Highland Park son of the late Alex and Jennifer Herman He was united in marriage to Daisy Ann Wright on July 14 1951 She predeceased him on May 14 1994 Alex had worked as funeral home or through







Grace C Born October 23, 1923 in Detroit daughter of William and Claretta Herbst Grace passed away on Saturday Feb 21 2004 at her home Loving mother of Patty (Leonard) Masuch Mary Giace (Don) Robertson Tunothy (Patricia) Kabel Daniel (Teresa) Kabel James C (Ruth) Kabel Carol Ann (John) Morrow and Jon (Linda) Kabel Beloved grandmother of Kim Kellie Kara Kurt Nicole Matt, Kirk Allison, Amie Andrew Gioia Lauren Alexandra Chelsea Audrey Nicholas Hope Carley and Katie and her six great grandchildren Grace was a graduate of Pershing High School She worked for Ford during WW11 while her husband, Milton was overseas An area resident since 1964, she became immersed in Plymouth s rich arts and crafts community. She is credited together with Teresa Ohno as having started a basket making and teaching movement that touched countless students and friends She taught for 35 years. Her students laud ed her candor that made for good times and lots of laughs during basket classes She was self taught A memo rial Mass will be held at St. Kenneth s Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth MI on Friday March 5 at 10 00am followed by a luncheon with her family at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel 21111 Haggerty Road Novi MI 48375 Donations may be sent to either St Kenneth's Church, or The Plymouth Community Arts Council 774 N Sheldon Road, Plymouth MI 48170

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Preschool registration

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Mental health seminar

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill presents Removing the Chains of Mental Illness journeys to recovery at 730 pm Monday March 8 at St Clare's Episcopal Church Presenters are Heidi Anderson and Jim Shantz vice president of NAMI in Livingston County Admission is free to this event St Clare's Episcopal Church is

located at 2309 Packard Ann Arbor For information call (734) 994 6611 Declaration of Independence

People in the alea will get a chance to see an original copy of the Declaration of Independence during its display at Eastern Michigan University's McKenny Union from 4.6 p m March 15 The event which is free is part of a nonprofit nonpartisan campaign called Declare Yourself and is meant to encourage people to register to vote in the 2004 presiden tial election. A discussion of themes in the Declaration of Independence led by EMU political science professor Jeffrey Bernstein opens the day at 3 pm For more information call Charmica Miller at (734) 487 3045

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Madonna University in Livonia con ducts an open house for prospective students from 1 4 p m Saturday March 20 in the Take 5 Lounge on campus Those attending will tour the campus meet with faculty staff and students and learn about the more than 50 career oriented programs offered during day evening and week

end sess ons. For more information e mai mu nfo@madonna edu or call the adm ss ons off ce (734) 432 5339 Flea market

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts the 50th annual Flea Market from 9 am to 2 pm March 27 at 1830 Washtenaw Ave Art antiques col lectibles books jewelry decorations baked goods toys and linens will be available Antique appraisals will be done by DuMouchelle Admission is free no strollers

College fair

The 16th annual Metro Detroit National College Fair will be held on Wednesday March 17 at the Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center in Warren The fair will hold a morning session from 9 a m to noon and an evening. session from 630 830 pm. The Metro Detroit National College Fair is free and directions to the Macomb Expo Center can be found at http://www.nacac.com/exhibit/exhib... it cfm2code=04\$MDE For more infor mation contact Fair Chair Gretchen Parks at (248) 341 5900





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For more information or locations of chiropractors offering the Anti-Antibiotics pamphlet, visit the Web site at www michiganchiro practic org. The pamphiet is also available on the Web site

In a study done by Henry Ford Hospital researchers found a link between antibi otics and allergies and asthma in children Children who receive antibiotics within of life increase their risk of developing allergies to pets, ragweed, grass, and dust mites and asthma by age 7 However, they are less susceptible to these effects if they live with at least two pets, namely dogs or cats, in the first year

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Fibromyalgia patients piece together puzzle to seek relief

Twenty years ago, when doctors told Sharon Ostalecki she was crazy, the Farmington Hills nutritional consultant kept looking for an answer to why she hurt all over

Eventually she found a doctor familiar with fibromyalgia and began gathering information on the disease

Ostalecki estimates that patients see anywhere from five to 50 doctors before finding the cause of pain in their muscles, ligaments and tendons Once they do, they're on their own to find a prescription for relief To help herself and other sufferers put together pieces of the puzzle, Ostalecki is starting a lecture series in conjunction with the HOPE support group, which meets 6 p m Monday, March 9, at the Farmington Community Library

According to the Arthritis Foundation, which is currently funding seven studies on fibromyalgıa, the disease can be triggered by arthritis or injury Nearly 20 percent of people with osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and systemic lupus also have fibromyalgıa Infections such as Lyme disease can also trigger it

About 80 to 90 percent of sufferers are women, but mid dle school-age children are also

"It's a mysterious condition, said Sharon Ostalecki Doctors have a difficult time diagnosing and treating it Patients suffer from debilitating pain and fatigue Its a complex illness

Research has shown that fibromyalgia patients have too much substance P - a neuro chemical found in the spinal cord that alerts the body to pan – and low levels of scroto - r which causes a decrease in Stage IV sleep necessary for muscles to repair themselves Thus, the slightest pain is amplified for fibromyalgia suf-

Traditional treatment only addresses the pain and lack of deep sleep, and narcotics weren't a viable solution for Ostalecki, so she kept search-

"There's no cure, but complementary or alternative treatments can help bring it under control," said Ostalecki 'It's like putting the pieces of a puzzle together Its trial and error Its a journey'

Ostalecki found that sleeping eight hours a night, eating a healthy diet, walking several

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and knee There is a wearing away of cartilage with subsequent loss of the smooth motion

It is unclear why you get osteoarthritis of the shoulder or how to prevent it. Past injury often

leads to a rotator cuff tear but the evidence does not point to the same cause for osteoarthritis of the shoulder Shoulder x ray is excellent in revealing the arthritis and a lows

your doctor to make an early diagnosis Treatment's not so straightforward. Joint injection helps but cannot cure, and anti-inflammatory drugs are good for pain relief but little else.

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rotator cuff tendentious. In this condition you can move the shoulder but hurts part cularly when you raise the arm. Often the tendentious is troublesome at hight, awakening you the

times a week, and performing stretching exercises yoga and low-impact aerobics brought her pain under control She also takes vitamins and supplements such as calcium does medita tion, and has a deep tissue mas sage once a week She said mas sage is important to keep down knots in the muscles Practicing Tai Chi has also been helpful for some sufferers

In order to share this infoi mation with other fibromyalgia patients, Ostalecki began the support group HOPE -Helping Our Pain and Exhaustion

You have good days and bad days said Ostalecki who slee tured on fibromyalgıa ın Michigan Ohio Boston and Canada That's why it's still misunderstood A lot of people are still sent to psychologists and psychiatrists A simple pressure point test where 18 points on the body are touched helps diagnose the disease

There are many possible causes - stress if you go through a health or personal crisis People have various degrees of fibromyalgıa If you eat well, sleep well control stress you can control it

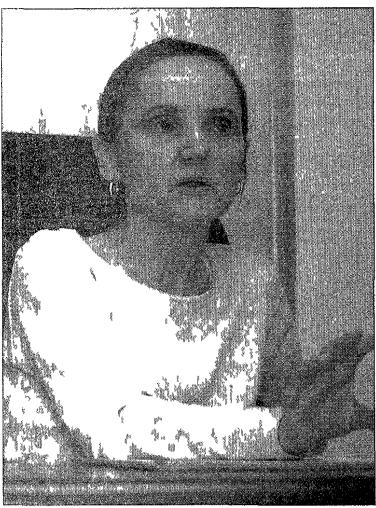
Keeping a positive outlook is as important for fibromyalgia patients as nutrition Ostalecki said most people eat a poor diet low in protein the building block for muscles Ostalecki suggests a diet high in complex carbohydrates high in protein with at least 60 grams every day Eating 40 percent of calo ries from complex carbohy drates 30 percent protein and 30 percent fat keeps energy levels up and blood suga still

NUTRITION A

through triala l r to li nate refined sugars from her diet to reduce the pain She also techniques and stretching exer cises in the morning and night to help keep it under control She follows no special diet but eats lots of fresh fruits and veg etables, and stays busy to keep her mind off the pain

Like Ostalecki Bowers start ed a support group in Livonia in 2001 to provide information within an upbeat environment

I was going to other support groups and saw patients who would leave more depressed than when they came said Bowers of Livonia When peo



Sharon Ostalecki a nutritional consultant in Farmington Hills, suggests fibromyalgia patients eat a diet high in complex carbohydrates and protein

ple come to the soup it gives them comfort to know they're going through what others are going through Were giving people the tools to help them selves

I probably had symptoms back in my early 20s and over looked them until finally there was a breaking point My tibron yalgi i started with excru ciating ear pain seven years ago I was finally drignosed with TMT or 1 w pain which is very con mon in pec ple with

fibromyalgıa From there the pain worked its way down It's under control now, but I continue waking up with pain several times a night I m also sensitive to lights, smells like perfumes, and sounds, which studies show are common to fibromyalgıa patients"

COMPLEXITY

The diseases complexity is why doctors send sufferers of moderate and severe pain to Dr

H.O.P.E.

The HOPE support group meets Monday, March 9, at the Farmington Community Library Admission is \$5 For more information, visit the Web site at www hffcf org or call (248) 344-0896 The first speaker is West Bloomfield physical therapist Loren DeVinney who specializes in treating fibromyalgia patients Peggy Bowers' support group meets 7 p m Wednesday, March 10 Dr James White will discuss biofeedback For more information, call (248) 346-3164 or visit the Web site at www geocities com/livoniacfsfms

Peter Ianni The Farmington Hills psychologist specializes in helping fibromyalgia patients

cope "Patients need to understand how they cope," said Dr. Ianni, who will speak on fibromyalgia and intimacy at the April 26 meeting of HOPE "When the disease starts, they can push through the pain with certain coping strategies When it becomes severe, it tends to escalate when they try to push through I teach them to use behavioral techniques such as biofeedback to relax, and to prioritize and conserve energy when they're fatigued"



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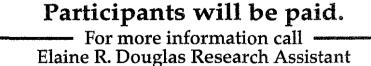
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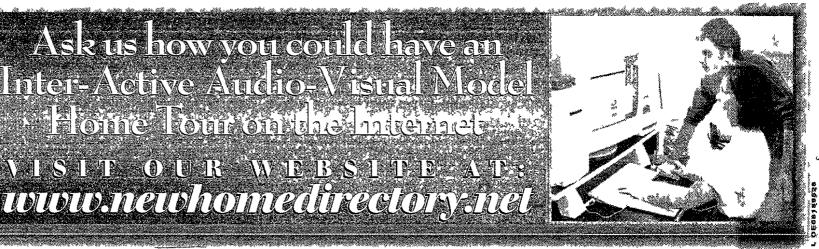
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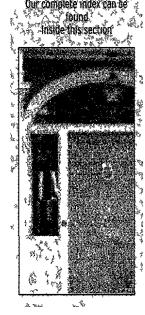
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largest financial investment a person will make in his or her lifetime That's why if you are even thinking about buying a house, you need to do some research before plunging ahead It's a commitment that you need to be willing to make both financially and emotional-

More often than not, buying makes more sense than renting for many reasons Paying rent means giving money to someone else Paying a mortgage means putting money into your own house Rent traditionally increases each year, whereas a mortgage is a fixed or variable rate (unless you refinance) After considering the tax benefits available to homeowners, they generally come out ahead of renters in savings In essence, the longer you rent without buying, the more money you lose

Seems like a no-brainer in favor of buying, right? Not necessarily Buying isn't for everyone If you can't afford to finance the entire process, then it's just not feasible Consider that you will need a good amount of cash upfront to cover a number of expenses the down payment, closing costs (which can start at \$2,000 or more), taxes, insurance and inspection fees, points (a percentage of the mortgage), and other fees

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host of routine weekend jobs, especially if you own a single-family property Some townhome communities cover external maintenance costs through association fees Owning may also mean staying put for a while If you move often or travel frequently, renting may be better (consider getting a roommate to split the rent and utility bills)

If you do decide to buy, you can get a reasonable mortgage by keeping your credit rating healthy Do so by paying all your bills on time and in full for at least a year before you apply for a loan Its always a good idea to check your credit rating every six months from one of the numerous credit rate services out there (note that there may be a fee of \$25 to \$50 per credit check)



Choosing paint colors is one of the many joys of owning a home. Just make sure you are ready to be a homeowner financially and emotionally

Even if the real estate market is good, be aware that if the market slips, you will end up with less equity when it comes time to sell Consult your realtor for information on your region's housing market Then research your local economy If more people are moving in than out, this could indicate better value

appreciation for homes in your area While homeownership is a responsibility not to be taken lightly, the investment in your future makes ownership much more satisfying With a little planning and prudence, there's probably a house out there within your reach

Some tips on blending style in a new home

A moving van deposits stacks of his and her boxes and furnishings at the newlyweds' home, as they stare and wonder how to pull it all together

'Couples receive lots of marriage advice, but little on creating a new home,' said Carl Prindle, CEO of furniture com He offers these tips to couples on how to blend styles to ensure that their happy new home doesn't become a house divided

■ Relax — Don t worry about what goes with what mix don't match Your home like your relationship is about vou as a couple Follow your instincts with pieces that suit both your interests and activities

■ Respect — Beware of underlying

emotions You'll trample his feelings if you trash his well-worn recliner — a hand-me-down from Dad Instead, get creative Corner it in the bedroom if it's a no" for the living room

■ Prioritize — Blending pieces from the past is one thing, shopping for new furniture is another First step List what's needed most While you'd love an armoire how will it look if you're sitting on a dorm-room futon?

■ Budget — Be realistic in setting spending limits and work within them Ask as you shop Will this be your for ever dining room or something until you re in a larger place? Saving for a bet ter selection is an option too

■ Get inspired — Research as a cou

ple Pile together on the couch and scan magazines, TV shows and style guides Discuss your friends homes Find inspiration and common ground If you like modern and your spouse likes casual, rejoice in discovering you both prefer light tones

■ Collaborate — Many couples include one style conscious person and one it's just a chair person While one partner may be driving most decisions, for the long term good of the relation ship involve the other It's their home

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Home ownership among people under 25 rising

BY MARIAN ACCARDI ASSOCIATED PRESS

Katrına Davis is 24 years old, just two years out of college, but she already owns a home

Davis felt like she was wasting her money paying rent for an apartment So she started house shopping last year The third house she checked out - a three-bedroom, 1,450-square-foot tan brick in northwest Huntsville, Ala - caught her eye

"I knew this was the one" said Davis, a fourth-grade teacher She made an offer Dec 16, the day after she checked out the house, and closed on the purchase a month later

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owned homes nationwide in 2002
Another 343,000 people under 25
were expected to buy a home last
year, according to the National
Association of Realtors

"There's been a strong rise in younger buyers, but not a significant shift in terms of percentages," said Walt Molony, a spokesman for the National Association of Realtors

According to the association's data, 12 percent of first-time buyers of single-family homes, excluding condos, were under 25 last year compared with 10 percent in 1993 'There's been a strong rise in younger buyers, but not a significant shift in terms of percentages.'

Wait Molony National Association of Realtors

that the number of under-25 buyers is up 19 5 percent over the past two years while the overall increase in home sales is 15 3 percent for the same period

BUILDING WEALTH

"This indicates we're seeing a greater number of young people who are more mature and who understand that home ownership is the key to building wealth over time," Molony said

Helping to drive up the number of twenty-something home buyers are historically low mortgage interest rates, said Molony and other local mortgage sellers

It isn't unusual for John Tate, branch manager of the First Metropolitan Mortgage office in Huntsville, to work with young people The branch specializes in firsttime home buyers

"What I have noticed is an increase in the number of clients in their lower 20s," said Tate, who opened his own Huntsville First Metropolitan Mortgage branch in October after working as a loan officer for almost two years

Tate and Dennis Toney, branch manager of Allied Mortgage Capital Corp, said down-payment assistance programs such as the American Family Funds Down Payment Gift Program also helped put young people in homes

GROWING TREND

If mortgage rates remain relatively low, Toney believes the trend of people in their 20s buying homes is "just going to grow"

Davis was able to get a 6 percent rate on her 30-year mortgage loan guaranteed by the Federal Housing Administration She also was eligible for down-payment assistance



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Uncle Sam might be able to help with payment

NAPSI BUVIL becc a t1 for an estimated 40 000 family 5 in the next year thanks to the American Dream Downpayment Act This federal government program was signed into law last December, allocating \$200 mil lion annually to be administrated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development The funds will provide maximum down payment assistance of either \$10,000 or six percent of the home's purchase price, whichever ıs greater

The American Dream
Downpayment Act is aimed at low-income buyers who find high down payments and closing costs a significant barrier to owning their own home. This and other new legislation are expected to contribute to meeting the Bush administration's goal of increasing minority homeownership by 5.5 million by the end of the decade.

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buying a home A newer home s electrical heating and plumbing systems may be in better condition than those of an older home and can lead to a discount on your premium

■ Insure your home, not the land Don't include the value of the land in deciding how much homeowner's insurance you need to buy

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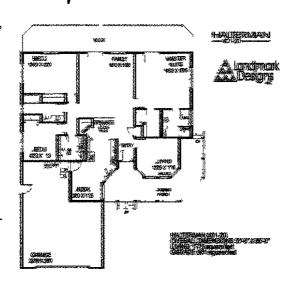
This country-style home has lots of nice accents, amenities

Brick accents, a front-facing gable, and a railed, wrap around covered porch add to the countrystyle charm of the Halterman, a medium-size home that centers on a large family room Quiet rooms - the parlor and master suite - are to the right of the family room, children's bedrooms to the left Range and oven are built into an eating bar that faces into the family room. The room is large enough for a couple of couches, a media center, computer, or what have you

Generous counter space lines the sides of the dog leg shaped kitchen A walk-in pantry is at one end and a large eating nook at the other The kitchen sink faces a wide window that overlooks a covered porch and allows you to see who's coming up the walkway to the front door The nook's garage access is convenient for unloading groceries and other supplies

Bay windows wrap around the front of a formal living room or parlor This room is vaulted, with still more light coming in from the gable overhead Despite the many windows, the gable and the covered porch at a minimum here mute direct sunlight, so it won't fade curtains and fur-

A master suite, with French doors opening on the deck, dominates the right wing Its huge walk-in closet has several walls of shelves along with typical rod and shelf sections The bathroom has an oversize spa tub and a separate shower



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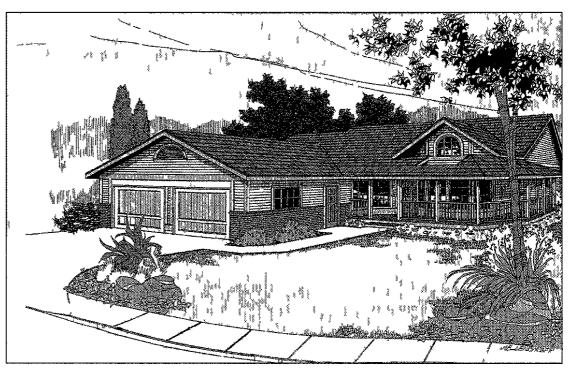
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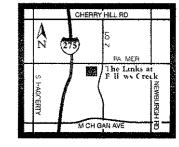


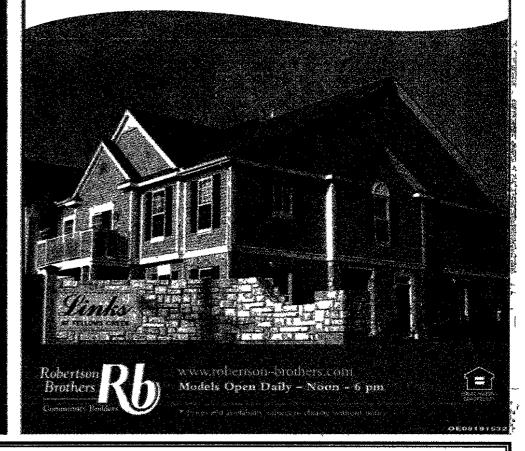
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The luxury home market is enjoying one of its most active periods ever," said Alex Perriello, president and CEO, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation Homeowners have built equity in their homes and, as a result we are seeing a significant migration of homeowners into the luxury category We expect activity to remain strong in the luxury category with a rebounding economy

Highlights from the 2003 Coldwell Banker Luxury Home Sales Report

■ Coldwell Banker reports that California continues to dominate the country in luxury home sales with six times more sales in this category than any other state Florida had the second largest luxury home volume activity

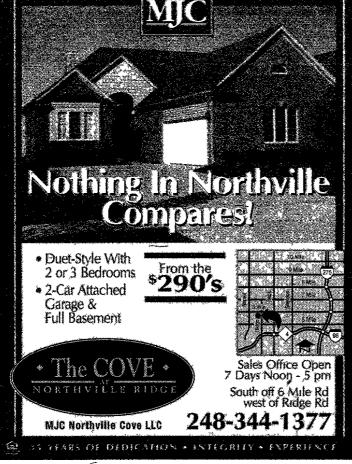
■ In 2003, the most active segment of luxury homes was in the \$1 million to \$5 million range Coldwell Banker sold more than 13,000 homes in this price range In addition, the company reported sales of more than 200 homes in the \$5 million to \$10 million price range, 22 homes in the range of \$10 million to \$20 million, and two homes that were sold at over \$21 mil-

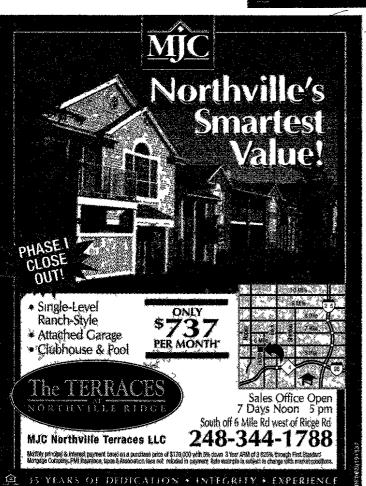
■ The average sales price of luxury homes sold by Coldwell Banker affiliates ın 2003 was \$1 69 million

Michigan was among the top 30 states with the most luxury home sales by dollar volume from Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2003

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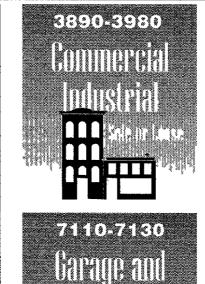


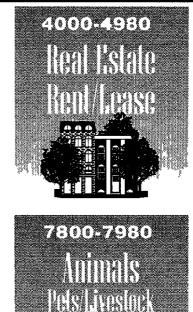


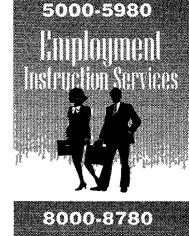














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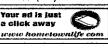
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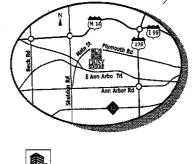






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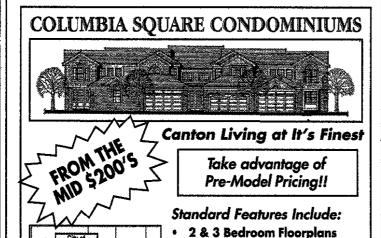


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great neighborhood and Livonia schools

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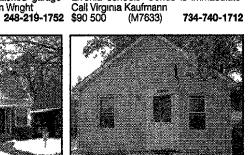
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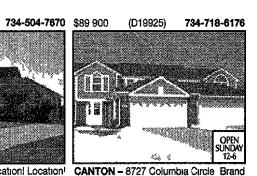
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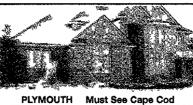


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entry 4 c att gar 2 way frpic gourmet kit walk in pantry
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c att gar fin bent GR w/gas frplc libarry w/bay
window Siting on a lg corner lot

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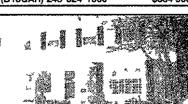
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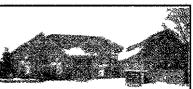
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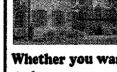




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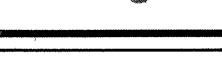
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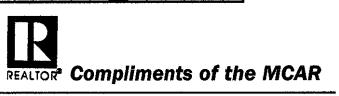
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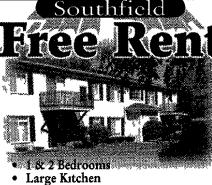
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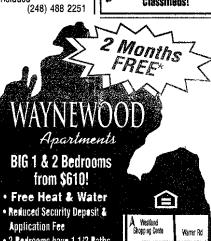
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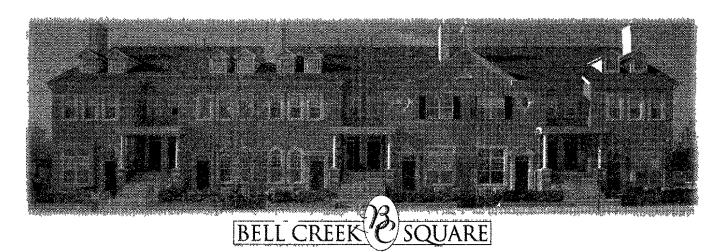
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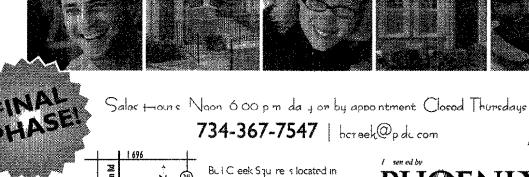
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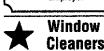
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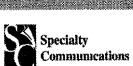
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Just the name conjures up old, old memories for me Ford's ressurrection of the Mercury Monterey momker takes me back to the early 1970s

Do you remember that great cop show set in Hawaii -Hawan Five-O? Steve McGarrett, the show's top cop star, used to tool around the island of Oahu in a jet black Mercury Monterey Squealing tires was the norm for McGarrett, whether it was chasing a criminal or just taking off from a crime scene

Another memory that's quite fond of the Mercury Monterey was that the 1972 model was my very first car Bright yellow, with a fast-back. It was my mom's car and she gave it to me after it had been hit by a truck and was totaled "Insurance companies used to allow you to keep a totaled car

That Mercury Monterey was so cool, too A 16-year-old with a car like that was cool, too The thing got something like seven miles to the gallon, but back then a gallon of gas was a quarter And there were gas wars all the time Enough about going down memory lane, here The bottom line is that the 2004 Mercury Monterey is obviously quite a bit different than the vehicle I remember as a kid It comes from a hearty history and is part of Ford's next step in a return to Mercury's founding philosophy of modern design and smart styling

Let's start on the outside The styling is distinct, but still carries the signature effects that defines Mercury It's styling foundation is decidedly taken from the 2002 Mountaineer and the rest comes from the Mercury Messenger concept vehicle

The Monterey is Mercury's first long-wheelbase luxury minivan It incorporates a ton of features that you won t see on some of the other luxury minivans on the market Stuff like Mercury's own Safety Canopy side curtain air bag system with a rollover sensor

Other safety features include a reinforced structure to improve offset crash protection, air bags that can sense if someone is sitting in the front passenger seat, a stability enhancement system, three point seat belts for all passen ger positions and four wheel anti-lock disc brakes with



2004 Mercury Monterey Vehicle class: Minivan. Power: 4.2 liter SOHC V6 engine. Mileage: 16 mpg city/22 mpg highway. Where built: Oakville Assembly Plant, Ontario, Canada. Base price: \$29,995.

One thing I noticed about the Monterey was how quiet it was It was hard to hear the engine turn over with the doors closed I kept looking at the tach to see if it had started And the quality of the lack of noise, even when on the freeway, was very comforting You won't have to turn up the radio on the freeway for once

The interior of the Mercury Monterey is a little plain, but functional The instrumentation is logically laid out and is within easy reach of the driver. There are storage bins and cubby holes all over the front cabin

I was annoyed by the alarming parking sensor that sounded whenever I put the vehicle in reverse or came within three feet of a car in front of me -- like at a traffic light Although appreciated the spirit of the sensor and why it was created, it was still highly annoying throughout the week At one point, my 11-year-old said, enough already!

The Monterey has power-operated side doors on both sides of the vehicle, which my kids -- and I -- loved They were able to operate them with ease and actually appreciated the feature The doors, as they opened or closed, were quite quiet Quieter than any other vehicle I ve tested

The Monterey also has a power-operated liftgate One thing that was really great were these larger-than-life -but highly functional (makes sense) -- door pull handles It actually makes the doors so much easier to open Ford was thinking about the roughly six million people under the age of 60 suffering from arthritis on this one Great

There are a whole number of different ways to outfit the interior of the Monterey from bench seats to captains chairs to third row seating arrangements. The Monterey

tested had bench seats in the third row and captain's chairs in the second and first row of seats. Having the captain's chairs in the second row of seats prevents a ton of she's touching me incidents from happening

And I loved the spy mirror The kids hated it It's a little flip-down mirror in the roof-mounted center console area that you can flip down to spy on the kids It's a concave mirror that's only about three inches across, but allows you to see all rear seating positions clearly and with ease The kids were on their best behavior because of it They knew I could see what they were doing

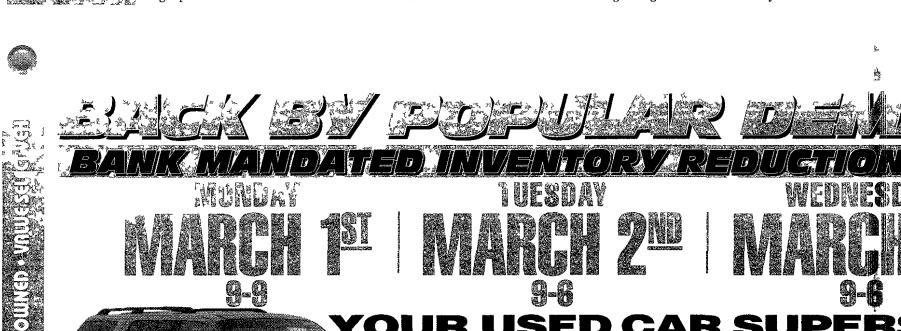
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I appreciated the fact that the Monterey has heated and cooled seats Previously, cooled seating was only available on some of the luxury imports This year, it's also available on the Lincoln LS, Aviator, Navigator and on the Ford Expedition It's nice to see a feature like that appearing on more mainstream vehicles

Now, for what's under the hood The 4 2-liter V6 engine promises 201 horsepower and has the highest torque numbers for a minivan It's mated to a 4-speed automatic A couple more facts -- turning circle is a mere 39 5 feet, has 16-inch aluminum wheels, 25 9 inches of cargo room behind the third row of seats and get 16 miles to the gallon in the city and 22 miles per gallon on the highway

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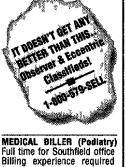
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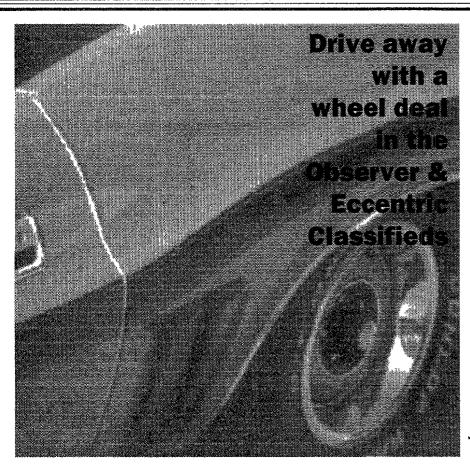


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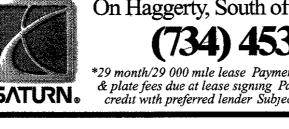
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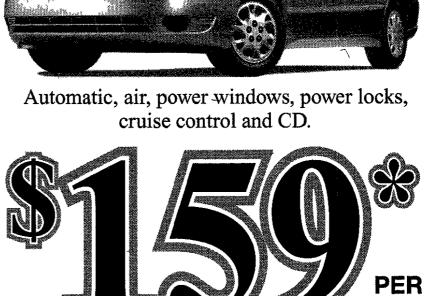


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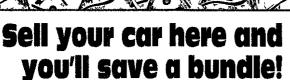
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