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Hot chili

Double the pleasure, double the fun
That's about what it came down to for the Plymouth Salvation Army when some 67 people, nearly double what attended last year, turned out for the corps' second-annual Chili Cookoff

Thirteen chili aficionados had samples on hand, waiting to be gulped down by willing participants, all in the name of helping the Salvation Army's World Services Proceeds from the event - it raised \$1,075 - will help the Salvation Army's efforts in more than 100 countries around the world. In addition to the chili cookoff, more than 30 baskets containing various items, from perfume to kids' baskets, were auctioned off.

Local merchants - The Giving Spirit, Michigan Made & More, Just 1 Dollar, Backyard Birds, Chris' Hallmark and Horton Plumbing - donated the majority of the items

Senior taxes

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging is providing a helping hand to seniors still needing their taxes done. Seniors can get AARP-provided assistance with



their taxes every Wednesday at the Plymouth District Library through April 14. Volunteer tax counselors, trained by the IRS, will help fill out tax returns. An appointment is required. The Plymouth District Library is located at 233 S. Main. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext 236

Spring day camp

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has openings for its Spring Break Day Camp, which runs from 9 a.m. to 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

Benefit concert

WSPD 88.1-FM and Simplicity Board Sports present "The King of Spring" concert at 7 p.m. Friday, March 19, at the Summit on the Park in Canton. The concert is a benefit for 88.1, the student-owned and operated radio station of Plymouth-Canton schools. Tickets are \$5. Participating bands have been heard on 88.1-FM's local music show, Barbie's Underground Rock Party. The show airs 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays.

THE POLITICS OF EDUCATION Educators support federal goals but question details

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Educators seem to agree that the intentions behind the No Child Left Behind Act were good. The devil is in the details.

"The intent of No Child Left Behind is good. The problem with No Child Left Behind are the number of unfunded mandates that go with it and the expectations are high," said Greg Baracy, superintendent of Wayne-Westland Schools. "We're all for higher expectations, but there is zero funding for No Child Left Behind."

Local educators also argue that NCLB and Michigan Yes! fail to take into account differences in student backgrounds.

"There is no consideration in No Child Left Behind for the many different elements in society," Baracy said. "No consideration of poverty levels and the experience of those in poverty, no consideration of help for the mobility factors, children who move around and come into our district two grade levels behind."

Bob Greene, director of evaluation for Troy Public Schools, said the federal government expects schools to do a number of things to reach the 100 percent proficiency goal in 12 years, but provides no additional funding to achieve that goal.

He said the expectation that ESL (English as a second language) students and special education students can achieve at the same rate might not be possible.



A group of students in Susan Porter's first-grade class listen to speech therapist Marylou Easterbrook during an afternoon storytime Thursday at Farrand Elementary.

"From what we know about learning language and academic skills, it's unreasonable to believe that the same proportion of ESL students will be as proficient in the same time," Greene said. "Give us a three- to four-year period to work with students to develop their literacy and academic skills. After that, after working with them, then they take the test."

He said some special education students have academic deficits too.

PLEASE SEE NO CHILD, A5



Today's Lesson is a continuing series focusing on public education. The role of politics is the subject of the first installments.

Coming Thursday
The implications of Proposal A as it approaches its 10th anniversary.

School board faces many challenges, page A5

What is it:

Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 with new initiatives from the Bush Administration. Approved by Congress Dec. 18, 2001. Signed by President George W. Bush Jan. 8, 2002.

Michigan Education

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Corrective measures:

NCLB criteria for improving Title I schools that do not make AYP and giving students the option to move to other schools. After five years a district must restructure a school that fails to make AYP.

AYP: Adequate

Yearly Progress measured by annual testing and other measurements.

Annual Report Card:

Schools awarded summary grades A, B, C, D, Alert and NG (no grade) based on the Education Yes! criteria.

Y's new point man hits all net with partnership

It may be surprising for some people to learn that the new head of the Livonia Family YMCA plays in an adult basketball league at the city's year-old Community Recreation Center.

"We have a wonderful YMCA campus," said Plymouth native Greg Wolcott, who was named district vice president on Dec. 1, 2003. His primary duties involve overseeing operations at both the Livonia and Plymouth facilities, but he works primarily in Livonia. Before coming to the Livonia Family Y, Wolcott, 47, was executive director of the Bolivar Area YMCA in Bolivar, Mo. The new job is a homecoming of sorts - he is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, where he played baseball and was part of the track team. He lives in Plymouth while house-hunting.

Marshall Kleven, Livonia family Y board president, said Wolcott's extensive experience impressed the

PLEASE SEE YMCA, A3

Hill waives exam, heads to trial

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Harry Hill, Jr. waived the preliminary examination in 35th District Court on one count of embezzling funds from the Canton Community Junior Baseball/Softball Association Friday.

But that didn't stop prosecutor Doug Baker from presenting a lot of his evidence.

Hill, the longtime president of the association, is charged with stealing money in excess of \$20,000. During a bond hearing, Baker laid out a large chunk of his case trying to convince Judge John MacDonald to hike his bond to \$300,000 and force Hill to resign.



Defense attorney Paul Dillon (center) and his client, Harry Hill, listen as prosecutor Doug Baker (left) makes an argument for bond in 35th District Court Friday.

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LOOKING AHEAD

American Attitude
Whistler's Mother is coming to the DIA on March 14 along with other works by James Abbott McNeill Whistler. See Thursday's Filter.



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NEWS BRIEFS

EBAY AUCTION

The Piston suite being auctioned off to benefit the Educational Excellence Foundation will appear on eBay starting Monday, March 8 and will be posted for 10 days.

The title of the item is "Detroit Pistons vs Miami Heat April 2" and the item number is 2230296195.

For more information, call (734) 416-2755

TEEN EVENT

The first in a series of poetry events will be held this week at the Plymouth District Library

Larry Frances, Language Arts Teacher from Canton High School will conduct the series "Getting the Words on Paper" takes place from 3:30-5 p.m. Thursday, March 11. This workshop is for poets at all levels of experience.

Register for this free event by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

For more information on this and other teen programs, go to plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm

CITY NEWSLETTER

The City of Plymouth Newsletter is being sent via e-mail to area residents. The

March issue is available by signing up for Instant Updates from the city at its Web site, www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

Once residents have signed up, they will be e-mailed the latest newsletter, plus other news from the city including information on road closures, water main breaks, special deadlines, meeting information and parks and recreation activities.

The city has received nothing but positive feedback regarding the e-mail alert system and we have now expanded it to include the newsletter," city manager Paul Sincock said. "The e-mail delivery system saves the city money on printing costs as well as on postage."

SENIOR SPEAKER

Speaker Gerry Gawura will talk about the Senior Olympics and arm-chair exercises at an event sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Gawura will demonstrate arm-chair exercises, so participants should come prepared, wearing tennis shoes and loose clothing. Refreshments will

follow the meeting. For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

'PASSION' QUESTIONS

Trinity Presbyterian Church sponsors a community question-and-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.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Arthritis Foundation-Michigan Chapter hosts "Tai Chi from the Arthritis Foundation" classes, a gentle exercise program for people of all ages and physical abilities, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Free demonstration sessions take place at 7 p.m. March 25 and April 1.

Daytime classes start April 8, Mondays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Evening classes, from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays, start April 8.

For more information, call (248) 424-9001, Ext. 224.

MOM/DAUGHTER WORKSHOP

The Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council host a mother-daughter puberty workshop designed especially for 9- to 11-year-old girls from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in Plymouth.

The four-hour program is full of information, games and activities designed to give girls and their moms a deeper understanding of the biological, social, emotional and cultural changes girls go through as they grow into a woman.

Cost is \$35 per pair, capacity is 40 participants per workshop. For more information and to register, call (734) 971-8800.

SALEM ACTION COMMITTEE

The Salem Action Committee has been formed to enlist the help of citizens of Salem Township to define a common vision, adopt a long term development plan and elect an open, citizen-focused, competent and dynamic township administration to implement the vision. SAC hosts an evening at

Karl's Cabin, 6005 Gotfredson Road, from 7-10 p.m. Thursday, March 11.

For more information, visit the group's Web site at www.salempac.org or call (734) 786-1253.

BREAKFAST HELPERS

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Parent Involvement Committee is looking for help to put on the Staff Appreciation Breakfast from 5:30-6 a.m. April 1.

The committee needs people to donate food and/or help on the morning of the breakfast, which is served at each of the three high schools.

Anyone interested in donating or helping can contact the following people:

■ Canton High School — Linda Bedard, email Bedardfamily@comcast.net or Jane Fry, email mister_dynamic_88@msn.com

■ Salem High School — Cindy Bartlett, e-mail cindy@knopfcompany.com, or shebart@comcast.net

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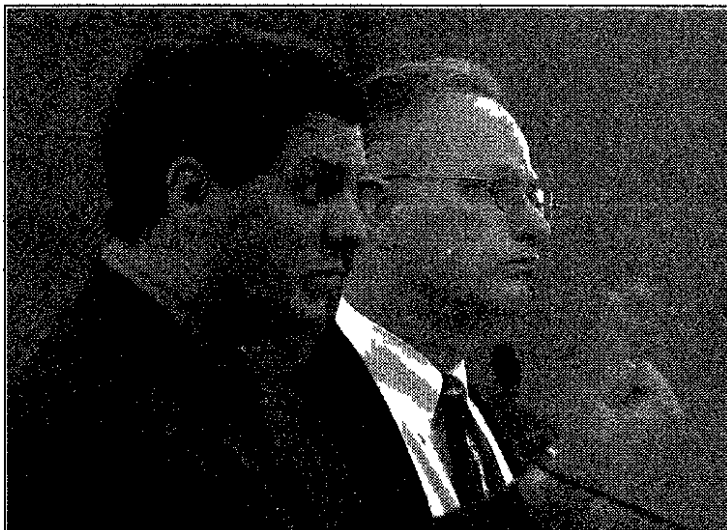
HILL

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from the league's board. "Our evidence shows he has taken money from league fees," Baker said. "There should be a surplus of more than \$100,000, but there's nothing in the account. If he remains in place, that's a problem."

And it worked. MacDonald, after listening to arguments from both attorneys, assessed the \$300,000 surety bond and forbid Hill from having anything to do with the league. Since Hill waived the district court preliminary exam, he's due in Wayne County Circuit Court for a March 19 arraignment.

Hill's attorney, Paul Dillon of Plymouth, was dissatisfied with the judge's decision, citing the years of involvement, financial-



Defense attorney Paul Dillon (left) makes a point while client Harry Hill listens. Hill waived a preliminary exam Friday and was scheduled for arraignment in Wayne County Circuit Court March 19.

ly and otherwise, that Hill has given to the league. Dillon had two other league board members ready to testify, though their testimony was never heard after Hill waived the exam.

Dillon said the decision was made because the defense hadn't had the ability to prepare

"We have not had the opportunity to review the evidence in total," Dillon said. (The exam) would have been half baked. Once we've had a chance to review the financial data, it will be clear there was no criminal activity and I would anticipate a favorable resolution."

For his part, the prosecutor

gave a pretty good glimpse of at least part of his case, telling MacDonald there's evidence Hill made 46 trips to the Windsor Casino and "lost more than 40,000." Baker also said there's evidence of nearly \$140,000 being spent at Greektown Casino in downtown Detroit.

At the same time, Baker told MacDonald, there were some 70 checks written on the Canton Community Junior Baseball/Softball Association account in Hill's name.

"We have money disappearing and gambling going on," Baker said. "It's our position he's using the money from the league to finance his gambling."

Those are charges Dillon called "ridiculous and false."

"He lost a job four years ago, and has since made \$300,000 a year selling office equipment," Dillon said. "He has no need (to take the money) (Hill) has contributed more than double what he has taken back in reimbursements."

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Salon opens with new 'Attitude'

Stylists hope customer service, family atmosphere lead to success

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Canton High School senior Megan Ring decided that, when she finally got her hair cut, she wanted to do something good at the same time.

And the folks at Attitudes by Design were only too happy to help.

Ring, 17, was on hand at Attitudes' grand opening Feb. 29, after delaying her haircut long enough to let it grow enough to qualify to be donated to Locks of Love, the program which donates hair for wigs for cancer patients losing their hair to chemotherapy.

Ring's aunt had done a similar thing, and Ring thought it was a good idea, though she had to wait a bit.

"I wanted to get it cut (earlier), but it was pretty long already," said Ring, who talked her friend, Sarala Sarah, into joining her. "So I let it grow longer, and figured I could donate it."

Trish Carrel, who owns Attitudes by Design with her husband, Ken, and her staff were ready when the teenagers came calling. Carrel had opened the studio, located where Salon Trio used to be on Starkweather, back in November, and held the grand opening last weekend.

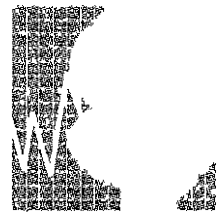
Trish Carrel, who has been involved as a stylist since 1992, had been working at a Canton salon with a great group of stylists, who urged her to open her own business.

Ken, a general contractor by profession, got behind the move 100 percent, and the couple found the old Salon Trio site, which had already been sold once and had become bogged down in financial problems.

"The location was good, and it had a ton of potential," Trish Carrel said. "We did some remodeling and here we are."

Attitudes by Design offers many of the things salons usually offer — women's, men's and children's haircuts, styling, highlighting, perms — plus things like waxing, coloring and leg treatments. But the Carrels

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Business: Attitudes by Design
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Established: 2003
Principal products: Hair salon
Number of employees: 6

The location was good and it had a ton of potential. We did some remodeling and here we are.

— Trish Carrel

are hoping their focus on a family atmosphere will make their salon distinct.

"We're trying to focus on above-ordinary satisfaction," Ken Carrel said. "We want to give our customers what they want, not just a haircut."

Trish Carrel said she decided service and atmosphere would be the focus based on her own experiences as a customer, not necessarily as a businesswoman.

"I wasn't always in business, I was a customer," she said. "I wanted that satisfaction, and I didn't always get it. We try to make sure our customers do."

It's one of the reasons Ring and Sarah were there to get their Locks of Love haircuts last week. Stylist Koreen Khashin's brother is one of the owners at Sean O'Callaghan's, many employees of which get their hair cut at Attitudes.

So Khashin was a natural to do the job, and the girls were glad they could contribute to a good cause. "Megan told me she was doing it, so I decided I'd get mine cut, too," Sarah said.



PHOTOS BY DONALD J. ALLEY

Megan Ring, 17, of Plymouth and Sarala Sarah, 15, of Canton, check out some of the shorter hair styles available. They donated their long hair to Locks of Love on Sunday at Plymouth's Attitudes by Design hair salon.



Sarala Sarah, 15, from Canton, and Megan Ring, 17, from Plymouth, pose with stylist Koreen Khashin of Northville in Plymouth's Attitudes by Design studio.

Said Ring: "If I do something good, I want to do something good."

Attitudes by Design is open Tuesday, Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday

Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call (734) 451-0550 for more information.

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YMCA

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board the most about him. "Greg is a fantastic guy," Kleven said. "He has a long history of the Y and a great grasp on the Strong Kids campaign."

The Y is in the midst of its \$75,000 "Strong Kids" fundraiser.

Wolcott practices the gospel of fitness that he preaches, a long-distance runner, he has run in three marathons and plays basketball for fun.

The 100,000-square-foot Livonia Family Y is located on the west side of Stark just north of I-96 and has been open for 54 years.

Wolcott said he wants the two recreational facilities — the Y and the recreation center — to be partners rather than competitors. He said that 250,000 people live within a five-mile radius of the Y.

"That's an awful lot of people for the Y to serve," Wolcott said. Basketball, soccer and swimming continue to be immensely popular, and with both the Livonia Community Recreation Center and the Livonia Family Y offering those programs, everyone wins, according to Wolcott.

The Y is and always has been a collaborative organization and has a history of success, he said. "But we're proud that (the recreation center) is there."

Wolcott's reason for playing basketball at the recreation center is because the YMCA no longer offers adult basketball leagues. Likewise, when the recreation center does not offer a particular program or a program fills up, he said, people are sent to the Y.

Wolcott said that the YMCA has partnered with the city in running swim programs at the Sheldon Pool for years.

Livonia Family YMCA board member Alicia Douglas said fund-raising and membership are most important to the YMCA. Because the Y is nonprofit, fund-raising is especially important. It is currently in the midst of its \$75,000 "Strong Kids" fund-raising campaign.

The Y's membership numbers stayed stable between last year and this year, according to Wolcott.

Douglas said that she's not surprised that people are flock-



Greg Wolcott has stepped up to the top post at the Livonia Family YMCA.

ing to join the recreation center, though.

"People want to try something new and different. The recreation center and the YMCA are sometimes on equal levels — but the Y is a nonprofit and tax dollars continue to perpetuate the recreation center."

The Y has an open-door policy and opens its memberships to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay. Scholarship programs are in place to help people become Y members or get involved in recreation programming. Even though many people may view Livonia as a middle-to-upper-middle-class suburb, the economy has still struck its people hard. This means places like the Y become especially important, according to Douglas.

"We need to embrace one another for the sake of the community," she said.

Board member Steve King said Wolcott has brought a renewed energy to the Y. He said marketing continues to be the key to the Y's success. Filling certain recreational niches helps, too. "Indoor tennis is its biggest selling point, and it's the only place around to play handball," King said.

The Livonia Family YMCA has been losing members since before the recreation center opened, according to King. But as with any business, competition is good.

"The opening of the recreation center forced the Y to actually focus on what the competition does and forced us to take a look at ourselves," King said.

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D
Joseph E. DuPraw, 85, of Redford, died

H
Charlene K. Heideman, 71, died March 3

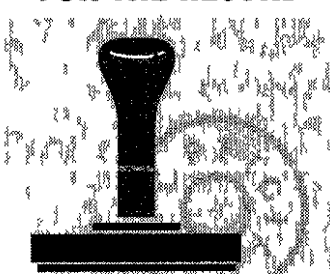
J
Dorothy S. Jewhurst, 83, of Farmington Hills, died March 1

L
Adelaide (Heidi) Kern Licklider, 87, died Feb 25

R
Kathryn Benner Randall, of Vero Beach, Fla., formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb 29

W
Ryan Wight, infant, died March 1
Leonard G. Winekoff, 84, of Van Buren Township, died March 4
Fay (Fronck) Wright, age 57, of St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Garden City, died Feb 28

FOR THE RECORD



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 C5.

shutting down scam artists
Senkbeil will talk to seniors about telemarketing fraud and other scams being perpetrated largely on seniors during a one-hour discussion from 2-3 p.m. Friday, March 12, at Friendship Station. Friendship Station is located at 42375 Schoolcraft, where it meets 5 Mile Road. To register, call Ann DeGhetto, (734) 354-3203.

■ Plymouth Township Police are investigating the fraudulent use of an ATM card at the Standard Federal Bank on Ann Arbor Road.

The suspect is a male approximately 5-foot-10, dressed casually with short, sandy-colored hair. According to police, a customer used an ATM card at the bank, then left the card in the machine after making a withdrawal. The suspect, who had been in line behind the

customer, used the card and withdrew \$300 from the customer's account, according to police. Police believe the suspect left driving a dark-colored truck. Anyone with information can call Detective Sgt. Bob Antal, (734) 354-3241.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following calls Feb. 25-March 2:

- Tuesday, March 2 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty and on Main, smoke investigation on Caprice, special run on D Drive
- Monday, March 1 - Industrial rescue run on Plymouth Road, residential rescue runs on Northville Road and on Main, smoke investigation on N Territorial, commercial rescue run on Haggerty
- Sunday, Feb. 29 - Commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, rescue run at a public building on N Territorial, residential rescue runs on Postiff, on Pinetree and on howland Park Drive, vehicle fire on Colony Farms
- Saturday, Feb. 28 - Commercial rescue runs on Haggerty and on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue runs on Marlowe, Brookline and on Newporte
- Friday, Feb. 27 - Industrial rescue runs on industrial and on Sheldon, commercial rescue runs on Beck, on Ann Arbor Trail and on Haggerty, fire on Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Lilley and on Ann Arbor Road, vehicle accident with wash-down on Ann Arbor Road east of Haggerty, rescue run at a public building on Five Mile
- Thursday, Feb. 26 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road and on Applecreek, vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, industrial rescue run on Sheldon, rescue run on Halyard
- Wednesday, Feb. 25 - Vehicle accidents on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon, on Ann Arbor Road at Massey and on westbound M-14 at Sheldon, smoke investigation on Tall Tree, commercial rescue run on Haggerty, residential rescue run on Pinewood

POLICE BLOTTER

Targeting seniors

Responding to a spate of recent scams targeting senior citizens, Plymouth Township Police Department Community Resource Officer Jamie Senkbeil will make a presentation next week aimed to

School district is the glue for Plymouth-Canton communities

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI AND JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITERS

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack describes the Plymouth-Canton school district and its accompanying three municipalities as "like a hand and glove."

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok calls the school district "one of the vital key elements of the community."

School district activist Debra Madonna calls the area's schools "the glue between the three communities."

If these comments are true, it would, in part, explain the continued growth in Canton and Plymouth townships, and the influx of younger families into Plymouth.

"We've had a tremendous turn in the neighborhoods," Sincok said. "We have lots of school-age kids."

Former school board member and activist Roland Thomas believes the quality of the school system indeed influences why people move to a certain community.

"I think schools play an important role but are they number 1, 2 or 5?" Thomas questioned. "I also think it depends on where you are in life. People tend to simplify (the importance of a school system), but I think it's a more complex question."

"Education is vitally important to any community. We've got to be able to educate our young people because they are our future," Thomas continued.

As Madonna said, "smarter kids make a better community."

The quality of the Plymouth-Canton district is believed to have an impact on the sales - or at least the prices - of homes in the three communities.

"If your public school system is successful, communities thrive and continue to grow. We live here because we work here and want our kids to attend school here," said Chuck Portelli, Plymouth-Canton Education Association president.

"If you move into a subdivision that you like, if your public school system is not good will that subdivision be there," Portelli said. "The same house in two different communities will be two different prices. That's not based just on the school system, but the school system is definitely a piece of the pie that affects the quality of life in a community."

Yack wouldn't disagree. "If the quality dropped, there would be a ripple effect. Over time, you would find sellers whose homes would take longer to sell."

The value residents place on education is evident for Sincok. "Housing in the Plymouth community would not be selling what it's selling for."

While each of the three communities operate

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differently, based on unique philosophies, the school district is the linchpin between the local governments, Madonna said.

"It forces us to get along. If you look at the history of our communities, we support the schools, but we've had a problem passing millages. I think that reflects a trust in our boards. People are reluctant to trust them to monies to run our schools," she continued.

The communities partner often with the school district, which goes a long way in making use of existing facilities and avoids redundant building.

"The schools bring significant facilities to our communities," Yack said, including playing fields and gymnasiums, all of which are well used.

The city of Plymouth partners with the school district when it buys gas and diesel fuel, and the district buys road salt from the city.

Residents ask Yack to get involved in urging the school board to move forward with the building of two new schools in Canton.

"I choose to be involved by writing letters and talking directly to school board members," Yack said, as opposed to attending school board meetings.

"Sometimes you don't get a lot of feedback and you are left to draw your own conclusions," he said.

On the other hand, Yack encourages those residents who believe additional schools are needed to equally get involved.

"There are philosophical differences in the way the three communities work. The political part is how decisions are made," Madonna said. "I don't think the three governmental groups here have been sitting at the table enough when discussions about building new schools were held."

Madonna supports the refurbishment of Central Middle School. But Yack questions keeping the building going. "It's like why buy new buses when we can just fix the old ones?"

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Thinking globally, school board puts children first

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While Board of Education members have many functions, most agree whatever decisions are made by the governing body of the school district have to be made with the best interests of students in mind.

"The role of school board members is to think globally, know the community well, and do what's best for all kids," said Elizabeth Givens, an eight-year board of education member. "That's the balancing act."

"There will always be special interests and special needs groups," she said, "but you have to balance the needs of one child against the needs of another in what's best for the whole."

However, that sometimes is easier said than done, because there are a lot of opinions, mainly from parents in a school district that has 17,000 students.

"We are the bridge between the district and the community," said board president Judy Mardigian. "We are part of the voice of the community. That's why they elected us, for the oversight and to communicate. We're a check and balance."

Mark Slavens, in his fifth year on the board, considers it his responsibility to improve student achievement, allowing students to be prepared for higher education, or the work force, when they graduate from high school.

"I see myself as a member of a group of seven, which helps set policy, with the main objective of helping to improve student academic performance," he said. "Students today have to compete globally, and we need to give them the proper skills to compete globally."

However, with school districts in Michigan facing funding cut-backs from the state, trying to compete globally is almost a monumental task.

"If you look at our student test results and our (reduced) funding compared to other districts, you might be tempted to say money doesn't matter," said Mardigian. "But, the other side is what more could be done to enhance student achievement if you had more money."

Mardigian suggests parity in the foundation grant with neighboring school districts could help in providing more programs for students, such as foreign languages in the elementary grades, reading recovery programs, enhanced music programs in the middle schools and additional counselors.

"Money doesn't keep you from getting good results, but it can help get better results," she said. "It would allow you to lower class



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sizes, which would be a direct contributor to student achievement."

While Givens believes Plymouth-Canton has been "severely held back in what we can do because of the cuts in funding," she believes the lack of money has created a positive.

"It has forced us to think more deeply and creatively, forced us to really examine what we're doing, what our core values are," she said. "We see the board today focused more on academics, because of the lack of money, than at any other time that I've been on the board



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"The board has pulled together, and we work better with administration," added Givens. "You don't quibble about nonsense when you cut \$9 million from the budget."

While the school board sets policy for the district and approves the budget, it only has control over one employee: The superintendent.

"We hire, evaluate and make decisions about continuing the employment of the superintendent," said Mardigian. "We have to work effectively as a team, to have the superintendent and board share goals. They should be running in the same direction."

Givens, whose parents were both school administrators, has learned a lot about how boards and administration should interact.

"If I have issues, I have to make sure the top administrator (superintendent) knows those issues," she said. "We have to look at finance and curriculum from a broader perspective, and if we have issues make sure the superintendent knows, and then wait for the process to take care of the

answers. "The working relationship isn't always smooth, but it's important to keep the lines of communication open and work for the common goal," said Givens. "And, it takes both sides."

Why do people want to become elected to the Board of Education? Many times, you'll find board members support one issue when they campaign.

"I got involved because I was very interested, initially, in having the district lower class sizes," said Mardigian.

"I was very concerned about our funding from the state," said Slavens. "While we were financially sound at the time, I was concerned about future funding."

However, Mardigian said board members quickly find out that being a one-issue board member doesn't work.

"You can champion one issue, but once you get elected you find there are a lot more issues," she said. "You soon find out you sign up for a bigger-picture view."

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No Child Left Behind sets proficiency goals

The No Child Left Behind Act was passed by Congress with bipartisan support in late 2001 and signed into law Jan. 8, 2002, by President George W. Bush. The act is an extension and expansion of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, first enacted in 1965 as part of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty" with the intention of improving education for children living in poverty.

The goal of the NCLB programs is to have 100 percent of all students proficient in reading and mathematics by 2013-14. Proficiency is to be defined by each state. Every school is expected to improve each year and states are required to test students to measure adequate yearly progress.

While all schools are required to make AYP, only Title I schools — those schools which receive federal funding because they have a significant number of low-income students — are subject to a series of remedies over several years allowing students to leave schools that fail to meet AYP and requiring staff and administrative changes at failing schools.

NCLB also includes a requirement that Title I school teachers meet the criteria for being "highly qualified," which means that elementary schools demonstrate a knowledge of teaching math and reading and high school teachers demonstrate a knowledge of their subject. NCLB has a Reading First program which applies Title I money for classroom reading instruction for grades K-3.

States are required to test at various grade levels to chart achievement growth. The states select their own tests. Michigan is using the Michigan Education Assessment Program tests, which have been in place since 1970. Beginning in 2005, schools must test all children in grades 3-8 annually in math and reading. In 2007, science testing will be required.

To comply with NCLB, Michigan has an Education Yes! program which includes the MEAP and an annual report card for all schools. The first report card was released to the public last month. Schools are given a letter grade: A, B, C, D-Alert and NG. The grades consider MEAP scores, AYP and 11 school performance standards which are self-evaluated by the schools.

Critics of NCLB argue that the federal government hasn't supplied enough funding to pay for the extra testing requirements or to carry out the remedies mandated for failing schools.

In 2003, the White House reports that Michigan received \$1.4 billion in federal education spending, an increase of \$173 million over 2002 and a 30.4 percent increase over 2000. Title I funding was \$469.4 million, an increase of \$84 million over the previous year.

Critics, such as Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, argue that No Child Left Behind is short of authorized maximum funding by more than \$7 billion. The 2005 federal budget calls for \$57.3 billion for education, an increase of \$1.7 billion over the current budget.

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great to overcome.

"In schools that have a higher proportion of special education students, that's going to be a problem," Greene said. "What bothers me is it presumes that we have not been doing all we can do for special education and ESL students. We're willing to do as much as we can."

While some states have complained about the federal government intruding in education issues, many local educators argue that other states are not testing as rigorously as Michigan, which puts Michigan at a disadvantage.

"I'm a believer in the use of MEAP to do a check on whether our curriculum is aligned to Michigan's curriculum overall," said Sam Barresi, Wayne-Westland's assistant superintendent for instruction. "But the difference with our state is that other states are only giving a basic skills test. MEAP is a higher level of thinking. You can't compare."

Barresi said it was like comparing a luxury car with a subcompact.

Jay Young, director of communication for Livonia Public Schools, said the schools use multiple measures in evaluating a student's progress rather than one test.

"That's a more accurate and better assessment of students," he said.

Kris Gekiere, Farmington Schools administrator for school improvement, testing and accreditation, said the MEAP holds Michigan students to a higher standard.

Gekiere was critical of the state's report card system.

"There needs to be a rethinking of the

formula," she said. "Something is wrong when you have so many failing schools."

Many school districts have complained that the data used for evaluation, some of it going back to 1995, was incorrect.

Jeremy Hughes, chief academic officer for the Michigan Department of Education, presented an assessment of the first report card to the State Board of Education Feb. 10 and agreed that a single database was needed to replace the four databases used for the report card.

"What we found was sometimes a particular piece of information in one database didn't match another," Hughes said in an interview with the *Observer & Eccentric*.

He said schools were given an opportunity to look at their reports and make adjustments, but not everyone had made corrections by the time the grades had to be released.

Hughes said the state understands the complaints about including ESL and special education students in the general student body. But, he said, the federal NCLB puts a cap on special education students who can take the alternate MI-Access test at 1 percent of the district student population. Hughes estimates that the special education population is about 2.5 percent.

School districts have also complained that high-achieving schools are at a disadvantage. The state requires that 95 percent of students take the MEAP. At many high-achieving high schools, students opt out of the MEAP.

"Higher-ability students, college-bound, are more interested in taking advanced placement tests than the MEAP, which they don't need," Hughes said.

Several districts, including Plymouth-

Canton, Farmington, Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham, had high schools that received an NG for this reason.

Hughes said there is talk at the state level of making participation in the MEAP mandatory.

He said some districts already require that students take, though not pass, the MEAP to graduate.

Another complaint from high-achieving districts is that they find it difficult to continuously improve from a high level.

"It's like running a mile," Hughes said. "You get it down and it's hard to lop off the extra second. It's hard to go from 90 to 91 and easy to slip to 89. High-achieving schools are asking for some recognition that they are at a higher level."

Hughes said these problems are being seriously considered in preparation of the next report cards.

"We are dealing with over 100 schools that have submitted evidence that there is something wrong in the report card and we're working with them about developing a new report card," Hughes said.

Wayne-Westland's Baracy said schools can't solve all the problems that prevent students from reaching proficiency.

"There are too many variables to treat everyone the same way," he said. "The problem is we have a diverse group of children and parents and resources aren't there. When kids leave here they have no parental support. Too many children don't know their colors, the alphabet, they've never been read to. When they come to the library and are asked to pick their favorite book, they can't because they never had a book at home."

Baracy said schools are ready to stand up and do what they can with the resources they have.

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The conventional wisdom is that the race for president this year will be close and hard-fought, with Michigan and Ohio battlegrounds right up til the end.



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But deep down, most pundits expect Michigan, with its larger minority and union populations, to probably wind up in the Democratic column.

Ohio, however, long the most Republican of America's major industrial states, is seen as more likely to end up reaffirming its loyalty to the party of the Tafts.

But there are some reasons to think both guesses could be wrong. The one thing that is certain is that each state can expect to see a lot of George W. Bush and John F. Kerry. With this year's primary contest over, earlier than ever before, Americans will have eight months to get to know both men.

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Those are the colors TV uses on election night to show how states voted — Democratic blue and Republican red. Four years ago, the nation was divided so closely that had even the smallest red state switched to blue, Al Gore would have won. Yet most states are not real

ly in play anymore. Back when John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon were fighting their cliffhanger campaign in 1960 both campaigned in nearly every state of the union. This year, the candidates will make a real effort in half the states — maybe as few as 15. Most of the Rocky Mountain west and most of all the South are hopeless for Kerry, and he knows it. Bush can forget about New York, New England and California.

Which leaves the Midwest. Last time, both parties fought hard for Michigan. At the end, both Democrats surprised even themselves by winning by a comfortable 217,000. United Auto Workers union members had election day off, a well-oiled and efficient machine got black workers in Detroit to the polls, and Gov. John Engler failed to deliver for George W., one reason he wasn't even considered for a cabinet post.

Ohio was another story. With a week to go, Gore essentially conceded defeat and pulled all his TV advertising, sending the money to other states. During the campaign, he never visited Toledo. Not surprisingly, Bush won.

But he didn't win by very much, just 4 percent — 2,351,309 to 2,186,190. Democrats later grumbled that a real effort might have turned the tide.

That's doubtful — but there is reason to think that Bush's stock has fallen in the Buckeye State. Manufacturing has been hard hit by the recession, recovery has been slower than expected and Ohio unions and Democrats are energized. Take note: Twice as many Democrats voted in last Tuesday's primary than voted the same day in New York, though the Empire State has almost twice Ohio's popula-

tion. Michigan's unemployment figures are even higher — but that is not unusual, after years of the boom-and-bust auto economy. But while President Bush isn't especially popular here, the Democrats are in some disarray. Detroit's "boy mayor," Kwame Kilpatrick, has nowhere near the get out the vote ability Dennis Archer and his brilliant and ruthless lieutenant, Freeman Hendrix, displayed four years ago.

Worse, the party has not one but two state chairmen, an embarrassment that resulted when the governor, as is traditional, wanted to name her choice — Butch Hollowell — and the unions refused to give up their man, Mark Brewer.

Brewer and Hollowell have a simple relationship. They loathe each other, and each wishes the other wasn't there. That led to a mess in the state's Democratic caucuses last month, and could spell trouble in November. It would be a poor idea for either party to take either state for granted.

Book for Easter Break? Jack Kevoorkian, aka No. 284797, has written a new volume from his prison cell in Lapeer. *GlimmerIQs* is sort of a pot-pourri of limericks, essays, the suicide specialist's notorious paintings, etc. If you are dying to get one, send \$32 to Penumbra, Inc., P.O. Box 231, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303. You may have to wait a while for an autograph, but the good ex doctor will be released no later than 2024.

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It's time administration listens to concerns about education law

It's for the children. Let's get that straight from the very get-go. It's always for the children.

We'll assume the good, noble motivations behind all educational reforms.



Hugh Gallagher

We can also assume that concern for the children who are being left behind in the race to succeed academically is the strongest motivation.

The No Child Left Behind Act is an outgrowth of that concern. The act builds on already established federal involvement in education, especially for children living at or below the poverty level. The act was passed with overwhelming bipartisan support. It was a centerpiece of President George W. Bush's conception of himself as the "education president." It was also supported by Democrats, including Sen. Edward Kennedy and presidential candidate John Kerry.

As stories in today's *Observer* show, local educators generally support the goals of No Child Left Behind. While political leaders and educators in some states are uncomfortable with federal involvement in education, that doesn't seem to be an issue in southeast Michigan. In fact, some educators say they would prefer to have a national test which would not put Michigan at a disadvantage in comparison with states with less comprehensive tests. They argue the MEAP is a more rigorous testing program than used by most states.

Local educators support better school assessment, better teacher training, early reading programs and an effort to

reach 100-percent proficiency for third-graders by 2013. They question the commitment and the details.

The issue that comes up time and again is funding. Educators complain that the education act imposes several new and expensive "mandates" without providing the promised funding.

Those expenses include yearly testing of students in grades 3 through 8 beginning next year and implementation of a series of remedies to improve schools that fail to meet adequate yearly progress.

The administration counters that federal funding for education is at an all-time high, but concedes that funding for NCLB is not at the level authorized. Of course, at a time when the government has a record deficit and is fighting a war, funding will continue to be a problem.

Educators also argue about rules they find inflexible and counterproductive.

While administrators support the law's goal of promoting the progress of all children, they argue that the law creates an unfair burden on some schools that have a large population of immigrant children or students with special needs. These students are included in the general school population, which makes it harder for those schools to meet adequate yearly progress. They argue that those students need to be tested and helped separately.

Educators also complain about Michigan's Education Yes! compliance program. They argue that the requirement for AYP puts high-achieving schools at a disadvantage because it's difficult to keep moving forward as required when they're already at the top. These districts are also at a disadvantage at the high school level because so many of their students opt out

of taking the voluntary MEAP test. Education Yes! requires that 95 percent of students in a school take the test to reach AYP.

Education Secretary Rod Paige recently got into hot water for "joking" that the National Education Association was a "terrorist organization." He was immediately called to task and issued an apology, while reiterating his objections to NEA lobbying against various aspects of NCLB.

Paige, like many conservatives, also tried to drive a wedge between teachers and the nation's largest teachers union in suggesting that the union doesn't speak for teachers.

Paige's use of the inflammatory word "terrorist" at a time when we are fighting a war against terrorism seems too calculated to be an "innocent joke." But what seems clear is that criticism of NCLB is not confined to the NEA. State politicians of both parties, school board members, superintendents, principals and education specialists are also concerned about the details.

Some have suggested that Paige should resign. A better idea is that he should listen to the complaints and find ways to administer the law so that it can achieve the laudable goals that have been set.

It would be better if he were an advocate for more funding, an advocate for having Congress reassess some aspects of the law, an advocate for working with educational professionals, unions and administrators, to make good ideas work.

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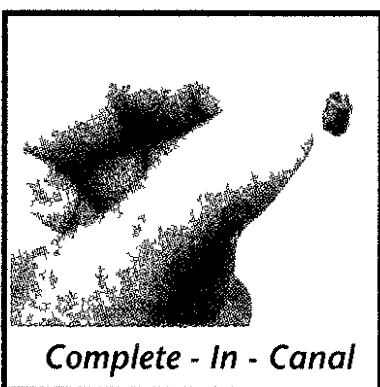
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Sidelines

Wildcat volleyball

Plymouth HS completed its regular season in volleyball by beating the Canton Agape Christian varsity 15-6, 15-7 Tuesday at Plymouth. Jeanine Moise paced Agape with nine kills, four digs and nine blocks; Sarah Haskins had 14 set assists, three kills and six blocks; Janet Hanchett had four kills and four digs; and Katie Hughes had seven digs.

Golf America

St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth has been selected as the site for "Play Golf American Day", slated for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on May 22.

On that day, St. John's will be transformed into a golf fairground, featuring free lessons, demonstrations and exhibitions. St. John's, which features Carl's Golf and offers 27 holes of golf, is located at 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. It is one of only three sites nationally to be selected to host this presentation, introduced by the PGA of America to aid in the growth of golf.

For more information, call St. John's at (734) 453-1047.

CCJBSA signup

The Canton Community Junior Baseball/Softball Association will have its final spring 2004 registrations from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 27 in the Chestnut Room of the Summit in the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Registration is open to boys and girls, 4-18 years old, who are residents of Canton or Plymouth, or who live in the PCCS school district. All registrants must show proof of age and residency at time of registering. Fees range from \$75-\$110 for recreation leagues; travel teams' rates are higher. For further information, call (734) 394-5489.

Figure skating

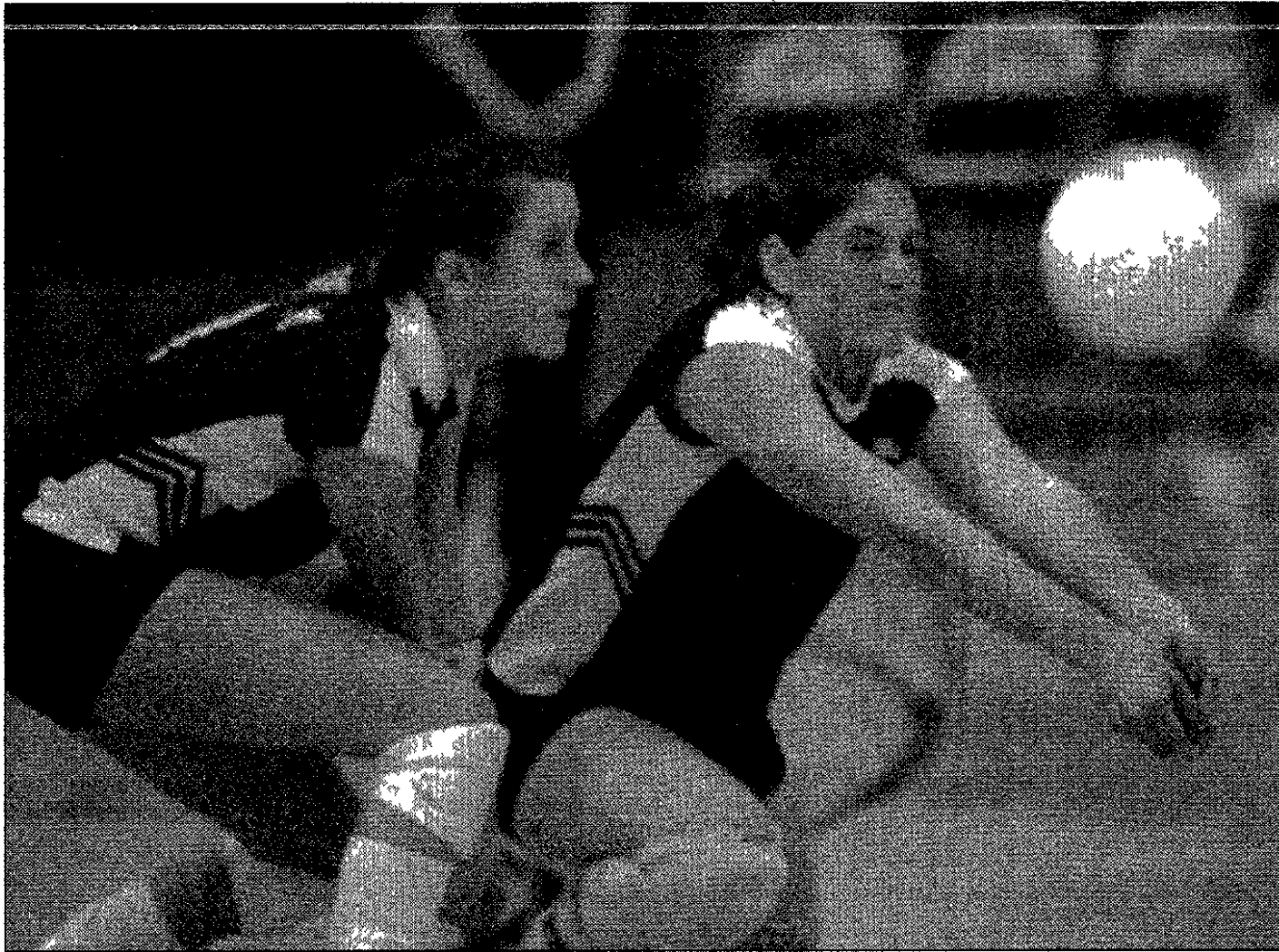
Garden City Figure Skating Club is hosting its 24th Annual Figure Skating & Basic Skills Competition on Saturday and Sunday, March 13-14.

More than 200 skaters from Michigan and Ohio will compete. Competitive events will include: Freestyle, compulsory moves, short program, spins and artistic showcase. Skill levels range from the beginner to Senior Ladies and Adult Silver Freestyle.

There is no admission fee to watch the competition.

Competition will run from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on March 13 and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on March 14. On March 27 p.m., there will be regional High School competition. Skaters from Ladywood, Farmington United, Plymouth/Canton Educational Park, Northville, Dexter, and Ann Arbor Pioneer and Huron high schools will be competing.

For information on the competition or the Garden City Figure Skating Club, call Dora Rautiola at (734) 981-6554.



Salem's Jill Niemi (left) and Theresa Coppellie dig up this shot in Friday's district final against Livonia Churchill.

Churchill tops Salem for title

Salem didn't get blindsided in Friday's Class A district girls volleyball final.

The Rocks got hit head-on by a Mack truck.

Livonia Churchill thrilled its home following with a 15-8, 15-10 triumph in the championship final as 6-foot junior outside hitter Kelsey Mack finished with a game-high 15 kills and three solo blocks.

The 49-7-2 Chargers, who repeated as district champion, move on to the regional this Saturday at Chelsea to face the Ypsilanti Lincoln district champ.

Churchill had lost its last two meetings against the Rocks, including the Western Lakes Activities Association final on Feb. 28.

"It was all mental, we were starting from scratch, don't worry about the past," said Mack, who wore jersey No. 13 for the match after she misplaced No. 15. "It was the intensity, the determination." Churchill took control of Game No. 1

early as Mack and senior outside hitter Jacqui Gatt each recorded six kills.

But in the second game, Churchill fell behind 8-2.

Coach Mark Grenier then called a timeout.

"He told us, 'Just focus, bring the intensity up,' and we did," Mack said. "He said, 'Just play it one point at a time and don't try and get it back all on one swing.'"

"Our momentum shot way up after that."

Mack and Gatt then started attacking the seams of a stubborn Salem defense, led by senior setter Jordan Falcusan, who was magnificent all night with her passing and digging.

Churchill then reeled off 13 of the next 15 points to send Salem home with a 49-9-5 record.

"Mack, we couldn't stop," Salem coach Tom Teeters said. "They were missing a setter and they went to a 5-1 system that

actually suited them better. Their coach did a nice job, too."

Teeters changed lineups in the second game, but it couldn't stem the Churchill tide.

"We used (setters) Jill (Niemi) and Jordan (Falcusan) opposite," Teeters said. "We had used it once before with a good result."

Gatt, who finished with 10 kills, also had 24 digs. Kimmy Meyer added 19 digs.

Junior setter Kristyna Archer also came up big, especially in the second game with two kills and block. She finished 22 assist-to-kills.

"(Rebecca) Fedrigo closed the block and Meyer played great defense," Grenier said. "Both Stephame Gorte and Stephame Merlo were also outstanding on defense. We played well in all areas."

Salem's top attacker was 5-11 fresh-

PLEASE SEE VOLLEYBALL, B2

Drew carries Whalers past Owen Sound

A team's success begins in the back. Which means the defense, and that is anchored by the goalie.

Paul Drew lived up to the billing on Friday. Drew was nearly unbeatable in the net for the Plymouth Whalers against the Owen Sound Attack, turning away 40 of 41 shots to lead the Whalers to a 4-1 triumph in an Ontario Hockey League contest at Owen Sound.

Jonas Fiedler contributed a goal and an assist for Plymouth, scoring the game's first goal at 10:11 of the first period, with assists from Mike Knight and John Vigilante. Craig Cescon made it 2-0 at 13:04 of the

second with his first goal of the season, assisted by James Wisniewski (from Canton) and Tim Sestito, but the Attack responded quickly, getting a goal from Mark

The Whalers remained 10 points behind division leader Sarnia.

Giordano at 13:39 to make it a 2-1 game.

It was the only goal Owen Sound would get. Third-period scores by Plymouth's John Mitchell (from Fiedler) at 11:00 and Ryan Ramsay at 15:43 clinched the win for the Whalers.

Plymouth improved to 30-22-9-3 (72 points) in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with its third-consecutive win. The Whalers remained 10 points behind division leader Sarnia.

Owen Sound dropped to 27-27-7-4 (65 points), last in the OHL's Midwest Division.

The Whalers host Erie at 7:30 p.m. today, then go on the road for games at Kitchener Friday and at Erie Saturday. Their final game of the OHL regular season is at Plymouth's Compuware Arena at 2 p.m. Sunday against the Windsor Spitfires.

After that, the playoffs begin.

Chiefs power past Rocks

Imagine that. Salem finishes its Western Lakes Activities Association basketball crossover against Canton with an 18-6 run.

The Rocks hold the visiting Chiefs' leading scorer, D.J. Bridges, to just eight points. And they have just two second-half turnovers.

How 'bout that? Pretty darn good — except Canton dominated the one statistic that really mattered: the final score, which favored the Chiefs, 69-50.

Canton takes a 13-7 record into the Class A state district tournament hosted by Salem. The Rocks finish their regular season at 8-12.

"I really thought it would be a battle coming in," said Canton coach Charlie Paye.

It was — for nearly three minutes. Then Andy Cortellini took matters into his own hands.

The Chiefs' junior point guard launched a three-pointer from beyond the top of the key with 5:23 left in the first swish.

After a basket by Salem's Dominique Washington, Cortellini fired again, with 4:56 to go. Swish again. Then after a Salem miss, he got off another triple-try with 4:25 left, drained it.

Three three-point shots, nine points and an 11-3 Canton lead. The Rocks scored the next two baskets to make it 11-7, but the last 3:30 of the first quarter belonged to the Chiefs.

A Matt Paye triple, a Bridges score inside, a Cortellini drive down the lane, then — with just two seconds left — a fourth Cortellini triple, this one from the corner, resulting in a 21-7 lead.

"I think he knew (he was hot) because he was aggressive with it," said Charlie Paye of Cortellini's streak. "He does that and it opens everything up."

The game was pretty much over after that. Salem never got closer than 14, an 11-3 Chiefs' run to end the second quarter stretching their lead to 38-15 by halftime.

"Canton stepped out to play and we didn't," was Rocks' coach Bob Brodie's game summary. "They're so good, they've got so many weapons."

"Cortellini stepped up and hit those threes, and we didn't step up and play. You

BASKETBALL

can't hang your head."

Despite having the homecourt advantage, Salem shot poorly. Canton didn't.

The Rocks were 6-of-24 from the floor (25 percent) and 3-of-10 from the free-throw line (30 percent) in the first half. The Chiefs weren't good from the line (2-of-7, 28.6 percent), but they were from the field (15-of-26 (57.7 percent)).

Even when Kevin Bradley found the range for Salem in the third quarter, nailing back-to-back threes, it had little impact. After that burst, the Rocks still trailed 42-24.

"I thought we did a good job defensively on (Brad) Clark and Washington," said Charlie Paye. "Bradley did hurt our zone a bit (three second-half three-pointers). It always seems like we lose a shooter when we go to our zone."

As well as the Chiefs' defense played — Salem was 19-of-61 from the floor for the game (31.1 percent) — it was their offense that carried them, converting 26-of-48 shots (54.2 percent).

Cortellini finished with 14 points, all in the opening quarter, to lead Canton in a game that everyone played.

Dave Cahille had 11 points and Brad Waidmann scored 10.

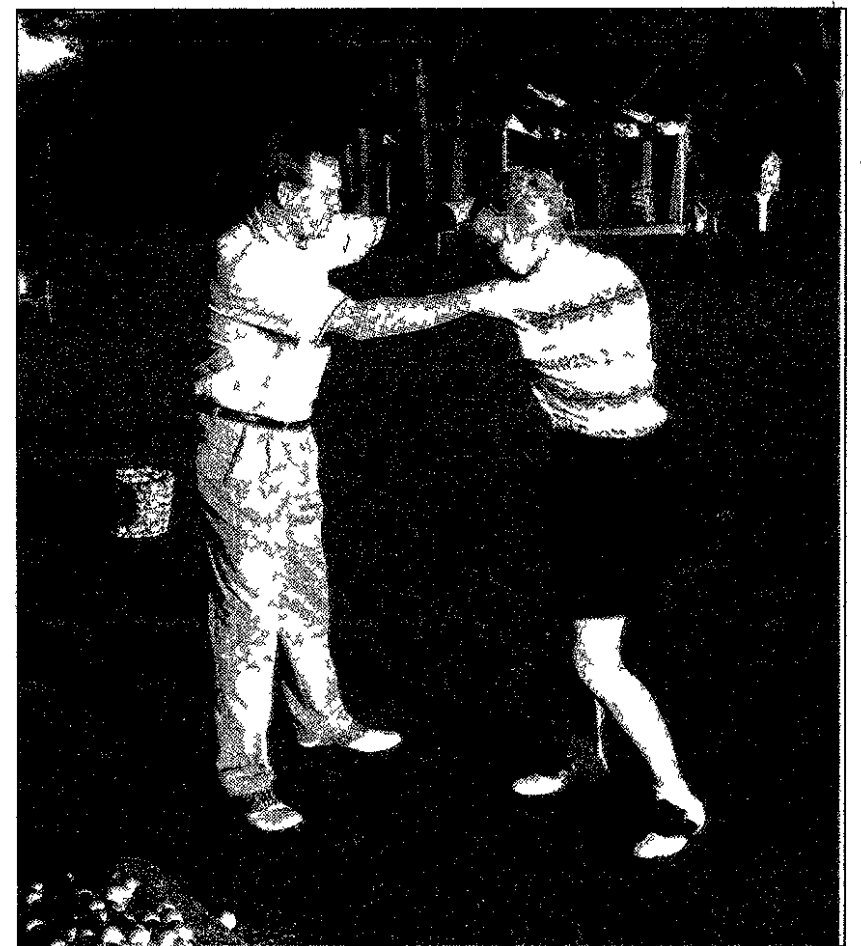
Bridges grabbed seven rebounds to go with his eight points in a little more than two quarters of action, and Kevin Thornton had six blocked shots.

The Rocks got 12 points apiece from Bradley and Jeff Lake. Canton held Washington and Clark to eight points combined.

"Shooting has been our Achilles' heel all year long," said Brodie, noting Salem's 34 percent conversion rate on two-point shots, 19 percent on threes and 60 percent on free throws. "But as many games as we've lost, we've never given up."

"We've fought to the bitter end."

Salem opens the district tournament it hosts against Northville, which met Wayne Memorial for the WLAA title Friday, at 7 p.m. Monday. Canton faces Novi at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.



DAVE RICHARDS

Brad Dean, director of golf at the award-winning Crystal Mountain Golf School, will bring that same expertise to the school's new branch at Fox Hills in Salem Township.

Fox Hills adds Crystal Mountain school

The nationally acclaimed golf school was looking to expand, to relocate part of its business closer to a large segment of its customer base.

The golf course, located in Salem Township near Plymouth, was searching for "first-rate golf instruction." So the word went out. There were several replies,

according to Rich Apodaca, general manager of Fox Hills Golf Course — the above-mentioned facility. And when the Fox Hills folk started talking to the Crystal Mountain Golf School people, located in Thompsonville, near Traverse City, the match was made.

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VOLLEYBALL

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man Teresa Coppellie with 10 kills Senior Cortney Edwards and sophomore Lauren Price each added six Churchill advanced to the final by dispatching Canton in the play-in round, 15-5, 15-1 and then eliminated Northville in the semifinal, 15-5-15-9 Salem won the other semifinal against South Lyon, 15-3, 15-8 That set the stage for the much-anticipated final The

series between the two area powers ends in a 3-3 draw "It's no fun losing," Greiner said "We said Saturday (the WLAA final) was just Saturday This means a lot more We had a great week of practice and we were ready to come out and play our best." Meanwhile, Teeters tried to find a silver lining with a near 50-win season "This team did a great job," he said "They had speed It's one of the most exciting I've coached, especially when you have a player like Jordan, and the team defense"

PCA ends season with lopsided victory

The outcome was decided early — by the end of the first quarter, in fact But Plymouth Christian Academy kept pouring it on against Macomb Christian in this Michigan Independent Athletic Conference crossover game, rolling to a 71-41 win Friday at PCA The Eagles finish their regular season with a 13-7 record Macomb is 3-16 PCA led 22-5 after one quarter, thanks to three three-pointers The Eagles added three more triples in the second as they built a 41-18 lead by half-time Ben Baloga paced PCA with 21 points Jordan Johnston

BASKETBALL added 13 and Lew Tripp had 11, and Daniel Carty finished with eight rebounds and seven assists The Crusaders got 13 points from Mike Woodhouse and seven apiece from Jeff Helberg and Ryan Tucker There was one thing that stopped the Eagles Aaron Ciborowski, their junior center, who grabbed his 208th rebound of the season three nights earlier in a win at Taylor Baptist Park, eclipsing the single-season record previously held by Mike Huntsman Ciborowski finished the regular season with 223, play was

halted to present him with a game ball **W.L. Western 69, John Glenn 59:** Brian Kowaleski scored 17 points and Scott Vanderpool added 12 Thursday, leading Walled Lake Western (12-8) to a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover victory over host Westland John Glenn (10-10) in a battle of second-place divisional teams Senior forward Brandon Westbrook scored 17 for the Rockets, who trailed 38-27 at halftime Junior forward Ryan Hudy added 14 **Urban 72, Lutheran Westland 63:** Dan Haller

scored 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Friday, but it couldn't prevent Lutheran High Westland (8-12) from falling to visiting Detroit Urban Lutheran (17-3) in a non-conference game Ian McLaughlin added 19 points and 10 rebounds, while Ben Moldenhauer chipped in with 11 points Urban outscored the Warriors 29-21 in the decisive final quarter, hitting 12-of-20 free throws Tony White scored 25 for Urban, while Robert Russell added 21 Lutheran Westland made 7-of-13 free throws, while Urban finished 18-of-26

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"We always looked at the possibility of expanding our program," said Brad Dean, Crystal Mountain's director and the state's 2003 professional of the year "And Fox Hills was looking to expand its program "All the stars aligned Or, as Apodaca explained, "A

good percentage of (Crystal Mountain's) business is here It can be kind of an inconvenience to drive four hours (to Thompsonville) for a golf lesson Just knowing people were willing to do just that says something about the Crystal Mountain school's success As Dean said, "We don't have a methodology style We like working with what each person

has, what they bring to the table "Most people don't have the time to make wholesale changes to their game We work on their strengths" In other words, the Crystal Mountain approach is rather than teach just one "right" way to play golf, work with each golfer to perfect the game they have

off and spend it with us," said Dean Scott Wilson, who has worked at Crystal Mountain for 10 years, will relocate to this area and become the director of instruction Other instructors include former LPGA tour pro Elaine Crosby and renowned golf pro Barry Redmond

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The school opens this spring at Fox Hills, but those interested don't have to wait to see what this partnership has to offer Both are at the golf show currently running at the Novi Expo Center When the school does open this spring at Fox Hills, its business will more than double In addition to the 80 schools and clinics in Thompsonville, there will be more than 100 at Fox Hills, tailored to the specific golfer weekly one-day schools, two-day weekend schools, beginners-only sessions, intermediate sessions, women-only and couples sessions, and junior beginner, intermediate and advanced playing camps "This program will give a person a chance to take the day

What made Fox Hills so attractive was its 63 holes of golf, including the Strategic Fox, an 18-hole, par-3, 2,554-yard (from the gold tees) course that opened in June 2001 "Strategic Fox lends itself to playing lessons," said Apodaca There's more In addition to two driving ranges, Fox Hills will add covered, heated hitting areas so that lessons can be offered year-round And besides the Strategic Fox course, there's the Golden Fox championship course, which measures 6,783 yards (gold tees) for its 18 holes, and the Fox Classic, three nine-hole courses the Hills (3,028 yards), the Woodlands (2,941 yards) and the Lakes (3,450 yards) What more could a golf pro searching for the perfect place to teach ask for?

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Curt Fournier, far left, has a staff of six dedicated to helping clients. Pictured from left are Fournier, Eric Lewandowski, Tami Rogers, Deniele LaButte, Carla Eagan and Victoria Januscewski (seated). Jason Fournier is not pictured.

For Curt, meeting a new customer isn't just about getting them a loan He strives to make them clients for life Just as a patient develops a long-standing relationship with a doctor or dentist, Curt develops a relationship with each of his clients He sends out a quarterly newsletter to keep his customers informed of the financial market And, when a new program comes along that will help his client he contacts them to see if they wish to refinance He even keeps information on file so a second loan is quick and easy to approve His reputation is the most important thing to him and he makes sure he follows through

"Never have I delivered anything other than what I said I would do," he says

He never tells a client, "no" Instead, he looks at their credit scores and tells them what they need to do so he can offer them a better rate He can even help a customer clean up errors on their credit report

"Every person's situation is different Everyone's goals are different," Curt says "Choosing the right program is crucial"

For example, some clients may benefit from an interest-only loan The interest only loan allows customers to make low minimum payments, free

ing up cash to pay off non-tax deductible, high interest credit cards or to help someone through a temporary financial setback

For instance, assume someone has \$5,000 in credit card debt and a \$200,000 mortgage at 6 percent interest for 30 years Their payment would be \$1,199 per month for the home, plus about \$200 to make the minimum payment on the credit card, Curt says If they paid only the minimum, it would take them about 13 years to pay off the credit card

However, if they convert their mortgage into an interest-only product, their monthly payment would be only \$666, Curt says They can then take the \$533 they were paying on their mortgage and combine it with the \$200 minimum payment and pay off the credit card in a year "Once the credit card debt is paid off, that \$200 will help afford a 15 year or 20 year mortgage that will potentially save the borrower tens of thousands of dollars in interest," Curt says And, with property

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rates appreciating the client will still build equity in the home while paying interest only "Interest-only products usually are a make sense loan for someone who is really trying to consolidate debt," he says Interest only products are also useful for clients who need cash to invest want to take a vacation or need cash to get back on their feet "Don't let your debt get higher Pay it down now before you end up paying too much money," Curt says

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CC icers hold off Farmington, 3-2

When the final buzzer sounded on Thursday night, Catholic Central's hockey team exploded off the bench like it just won another state title.

While it wasn't for a state title, the emotion was no less intense as the Shamrocks came from behind twice in the final period to beat a gritty Farmington Unified team in the regional semifinal, 3-2.

"We had a sense of urgency on us in the third period," said CC coach Todd Johnson after his team advanced to meet Birmingham Unified in Saturday's regional final at Dearborn Ice Skating Center. (Results were unavailable at press time.) "There's a lot of passion in our locker room and a lot of pride. We might go down, but we're going down hard. We pressed and fortunately we won."

The Shamrocks capitalized on three goals in the third. All three came off rebounds when the Farmington defense - which had kept CC at bay for the first two periods - couldn't clear the puck away from in front of LeeTal Levran.

"I think in the second half of the game, we played much better," said Johnson. "The first half, they did exactly what they wanted to. They had three guys back on defense and pressed with two forwards. They had 13 seniors, win a lot of battles and made us work for it."

But the game winner was a typical CC goal - with all five players touching the puck and the Shamrocks grinding inside.

Kevin Horal moved the puck up to Dave McGrorty, who came in on Levran. Levran made the save but Travis Hamway was there for the rebound and he slid it past Levran with 2:56 for the game winner.

CC wasn't out of the woods yet, even though it held momentum.

Farmington made furious rushes late in the game and skated six attackers on five after pulling Levran with 1:30 left. But what CC's defense didn't stop, goalie Andrew Godoshian did.

"LeeTal played a great game and our defense played a great game," said Flyers coach Mark Vellucci. "We covered

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rebounds well all game. But when you get tired, you kind of lose your focus. But I can't say enough about our guys. It's a lot like last year's game."

Farmington (15-9-2), which lost to the Shamrocks earlier in the year 5-1, had the upper hand for the first two periods, forcing the play and not backing down a bit against CC (17-6-3).

The Flyers scored the game's only goal in the first 30 minutes, catching CC in the middle of a line change as Sean Ellis passed the puck up the far side of the boards to Joe McKeon, who threw it in the middle to Phil Scott for the goal with 8:07 left in the second.

"After that, we were content to play dump and chase," said Vellucci. "We wanted to make them come back and bring the puck up 200 feet every time if they wanted to beat us. Our guys went so hard that we just ran out of gas."

CC had plenty of opportunities too, but misfired wide on several occasions.

When they finally started putting the puck on Levran, the senior rose to the occasion and stopped all 19 shots in the first two periods.

But the Shamrocks finally got through two minutes into the third as Harrison Niemann got a rebound past Levran during a scramble for the puck with Jimmy Burns and Pete Pfeffer getting the assists.

Farmington came back 34 seconds later as Neil Clapp got a loose puck past Godoshian with Lee Bibicoff and Chris Clapp assisting for the 2-1 lead.

That celebration was short-lived as Drew Kahle took the puck from Dan Barczuk and shot at Levran, who made the save but Tim Buttery scored on the rebound to tie the game at 2-2.

"I'm so proud of these guys and what they've done," said Vellucci. "We had 13 seniors in their last game and came close. But CC played their usual game. They are the state champs. One of these times, we're going to beat them. But they played well when they had to."

Ladywood bounces Plymouth in district

BY DAVID REGNIER
STAFF WRITER

DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL

the younger than us'

Plymouth, which played a JV and varsity schedule this season, finished the year 33-13-5. The Wildcats' roster is made up entirely of freshmen and sophomores compared to the Blazers, who'll graduate four starters this year.

Plymouth stayed close in the first game, trailing 11-10. But that's when Ladywood senior Danielle Palasak went on tear, serving four unanswered points.

Plymouth's Jeanine Moise blocked a Ladywood attempt giving the Wildcats life, but they managed two points as Ladywood held on 15-12.

Plymouth came out strong in the second game, gaining a 4-1 lead before Ladywood once again managed five unan-

sured points.

With the score at 13-7 in favor of the Blazers, Plymouth would use its two timeouts, but scoring only two more points before losing 15-9.

"I thought our girls worked extremely hard," Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland said. "We got beat by an experienced Blazers, but we played well together."

Palasak had 10 kills and five blocks. Lauren Boehmer served 7 aces, while Amy Szymanski had 24 assist-to-kills. Julie St. Onge had 13 digs for the Blazers.

"Amy and Danielle have really come into their own," said Craggs, of her seniors, "It's been fun watching them lead the team."

Plymouth beat Clarenceville earlier Friday to advance to the finals. Middle hitter Moise had six blocks and 15 kills. Janet

Hanchett contributed 11 digs, while Sarah Haskins had two aces and 12 assists.

"The pressure was on us and we stepped up," said McCausland. "Jeanine dominated in that game, she's become our go-to girl."

The Trojans were led in kills by Katie Tuomi with 16. Jessica Gutierrez had a game-high 32 digs, seven serving aces for Clarenceville while Mirjana Gjonaj had four solo blocks.

"Our primary players waited too late to step up," said Clarenceville coach Alisha Love, whose team bowed out at 36-10-6 overall. "They finally got mad at the end and stepped it up but by then it was too late."

"Not to take anything away from Plymouth, they're a very good team."

The second best team in Class B district, anyway.

Scoring drought proves costly; SC is eliminated

With 9:28 left to play in Wednesday's NJCAA District H women's basketball game at Owens CC in Toledo, Schoolcraft College's Tiffani Pattillo completed a three-point play with a free throw that gave the Ocelots a 39-36 lead over Owens.

Whatever momentum that play gave SC was quickly lost. The Ocelots followed that with a scoreless streak that spanned 4:16 - scoreless for them, not Owens. The Lady Express put 15 points on the board in that period to open up a 51-39 lead, a lead SC threatened a few times but never eliminated in losing, 60-55.

The Ocelots end their season with a 21-8 record. Owens (21-9) advanced to play Wayne County CCD in Friday's district semifinal.

SC missed six shots in that second-half scoreless streak, three of them layups. It was documented in the Ocelots' shooting for the game: 18-of-55 (32.7 percent), including 0-for-8 from three-point range.

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Owens shot poorly in the first half (7-of-25, 28 percent) but rebounded in the second half to convert 17-of-30 (56.7 percent). The Lady Express also won the battle of the boards, outrebounding SC 42-37.

Once Owens took the lead - Nicole Brown scored seven of its 15 points in the run - the Ocelots never got closer than four. Indeed, although 10 players played for SC, four of them didn't score, including two who saw at least 24 minutes of action. By contrast, Owens used 12 players and nine of them scored.

India Monteiro paced the Ocelots with 24 points, nine rebounds and three assists. Crystal Pittman added 13 points, five boards and two blocks. Owens got 19 points, 13 rebounds and three steals from Brown, next best was Laura Wilson with nine points and three steals.

Crusaders stumble after a fast start

After winning its first five games, Madonna University's baseball team managed just one win in its next four on its spring trip to Homestead, Fla.

Crusader starter Doug Brooks allowed five runs on five hits and two walks in three innings in their 6-4 loss to St. Thomas in Thursday's first game. The defeat left Madonna at 6-3, St. Thomas at 6-4.

The Crusaders scored all four of their runs in the fourth inning. Kellen Fry had two hits in the game, with a double and a run batted in, and Kevin Zerbo and Jake Ghannam (both from Farmington Harrison) each had a hit and an RBI.

In Thursday's second game, against Palm Beach Atlantic, Derek Dufrane tossed a four-hitter in the Crusaders' 5-1 victory.

Dufrane allowed three walks in his seven innings. Madonna scored all five of

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its runs in the first two innings against Palm Beach starter Paul Harvey.

The Crusaders had nine hits in the game, two apiece by Tony Kern and Zerbo, each also had a run batted in.

Gary VanAllen had a single and two RBIs, and Ben Galus had a single and scored two runs.

On Wednesday, Dakota Wesleyan edged Madonna, 5-4, in 12 innings. Scott Miller (Farmington Hills) took the loss, allowing one run on one hit and one walk in his one inning pitched. Jordan Will got the win in relief for Dakota.

Matt Lorida (Farmington Hills/Redford Catholic Central) had two hits, including a solo home run, Kern had two hits, including a double, and an RBI, and Ghannam had two hits.

Read Sports

Sunday health club open at Schoolcraft

The Sunday Health Club at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads just west of I-275, will be open for 26 Sundays for 2003-04.

The Sunday Health Club is designed for individuals or families from 1-5 p.m. with access to two gyms for basketball and volleyball, six courts for handball, paddleball, racquetball and wallyball, weightlifting equipment and aerobic equipment such as treadmills, exercise bikes, swimming pools with a pair of 1-meter and 3-meter diving boards, and saunas in both the men's and women's locker rooms.

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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 second-annual 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 thunderbirdssoftballtripod.com

SOCCER REGISTRATION

The Canton Soccer Club is currently accepting registrations for the spring season. Registration forms may be obtained either on-line at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or at the club office, located at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan in Canton. Office hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Registration fees for under-five division players is \$50, for under-six through under-eight division players, the fee is \$65 for Canton residents and \$90 for non-residents, for under-nine through under-19 divisions, the fee is \$100 for residents and \$125 for non-residents.

Registration closes March 1. Registration form, copy of birth certificate and payment may be mailed to Canton Soccer Club, P.O. Box 87244, Canton, MI, 48187. For more information, call (734) 480-7046.

BOAT SHOW

The 21st annual Michigan Boat, Sport and Fishing Show will be Wednesday through Sunday, March 3-7, at Ford Field in Detroit. Show hours will be 2-9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 3-4, noon-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 5, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, March 6, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-14 (5-and-under free). One dollar off coupons are available at all Speedway stations. Park is \$3 in lots adjacent to Ford Field. For more information, call (800) 328-6550 or visit www.MichBoatFish.com.

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Canton is now accepting registrations from individuals and teams for the spring roller hockey season. The season runs April 12-July 18, registration deadline is March 29. Individuals that sign up without a team pay \$135 per player plus a \$20 jersey fee. The team fee is \$1,000 for teams that pay in full by March 29, \$1,200 for teams that pay by their first game. The fees include 10 games plus playoffs.

A developmental dek (floor) hockey league (without inline skates) is available for 4-6 year olds. The playing surface is split in half so that four teams can play at once. All equipment is provided and players are taught the proper stick-handling techniques and general rules of the game. The fee is \$65 per player.

Dek (floor) hockey is also offered for adults. The season and deadlines are the same as the above-listed roller hockey dates, however the team fee is \$800 if paid by March 29 or \$1,000 by the team's first game. The individual fee is \$85 per player.

For the more seasoned roller hockey player, HVS offers a Cub league for 5-7 year olds. This league is for children that can already skate and are ready to play in league games.

HVS also offers youth roller hockey leagues for Atom (8-and-under), Mite (10-and-under), Squirt (12-and-under), PeeWee (14-and-under), and Midget (17-and-under) players.

The adult roller hockey leagues include Copper (recreational), Bronze (intermediate), Silver (competitive), Gold (ultra-competitive), Coed and Over-30 leagues.

For those trying to improve their skills, youth and adult drop-in roller hockey clinics are available. Drop-in roller hockey for youth and adults is also available. Check www.hvsports.com for updated days, times and fees. HVS will host the 2004 St

Paddy's Day Labeled Cup March 19-21. The team fee is \$400 or individuals pay \$50 each.

For more information on roller or dek (floor) hockey at HVS, or to register, please visit www.hvsports.com or call (734) HV-SPORT.

SKATING LESSONS

Basic skills classes in skating are being offered by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department now through March 13. These classes range from beginning to advanced freestyle skating. Each class is 25 minutes, with an additional 25 minutes for practice either before or after the lesson (depending on ice scheduling).

Cost is \$70 for city of Plymouth residents, \$90 for non-residents. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation office at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 304, or check out the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

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The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its River Challenge classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Community Center Aquatics pool.

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Monday March 8: (A) Redford Catholic Central vs (B) Redford Thurston 5:30 p.m. (C) Livonia Stevenson vs (D) Detroit Redford 7 p.m.
Wednesday March 10: Southfield vs A B winner 5:30 p.m. Redford Union vs C D winner 7 p.m.
Friday March 12: Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Macomb Dakota vs the Detroit Mumford district champion.)
at ROMULUS
Monday March 8: (A) Wayne Memorial vs (B) Westland John Glenn 6 p.m. (C) Romulus vs (D) Garden City 8 p.m.
Wednesday March 10: Livonia Franklin vs A B winner 5:30 p.m. Belleville vs C D winner 7 p.m.
Friday March 12: Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal at Romulus vs the Southgate Anderson district champion.)
at SALEM
Monday March 8: (A) Novi vs (B) Livonia Churchill 5:30 p.m. (C) Salem vs (D) Northville 7 p.m.
Wednesday March 10: Canton vs A B winner 5:30 p.m. South Lyon vs C D winner 7 p.m.
Friday March 12: Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Birmingham Groves vs Rochester district champion.)
CLASS B at PLYMOUTH
Monday March 8: (A) Plymouth vs (B) Detroit Southwestern 7 p.m.
Wednesday March 10: Dearborn Robicheau vs Dearborn Divine Child 5:30 p.m. A B winner vs Detroit Renaissance 7 p.m.
Thursday March 11: Championship final 6 p.m.
at CLAWSON
Monday March 8: (A) Clawson vs (B) Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day 7 p.m.
Wednesday March 10: Livonia Clarenceville vs Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook 6 p.m. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs A B winner 7:45 p.m.
Friday March 12: Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinal at Warren Woods Tower vs St. Clair Shores Lakeview district champion.)
at RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD
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Wednesday March 10: Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central vs A B winner 5:30 p.m. Ecorse vs C D winner 7:30 p.m.
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CLASS D at DETROIT URBAN LUTHERAN
Monday March 8: (A) Plymouth Christian Academy vs (B) Detroit Urban Lutheran 6 p.m.
Tuesday March 9: (C) Canton Agape Christian vs (D) Detroit City 6 p.m. (E) Redford St. Katharine Drexel vs. (B) Redford Bishop Borgess 8 p.m.
Thursday March 11: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs A B winner 6 p.m. C D winner vs E F winner 8 p.m.
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Friday March 12: Team competition 4 p.m.
Saturday March 13: Division I individual noon. Division II individual 3:30 p.m.
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Tuesday March 9: Ladywood vs Regina 7:30 p.m.
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People make the area cool

In September, Gov Jennifer Granholm launched the "Cool Cities Initiative." She encouraged Michigan mayors to find ways to keep people, especially young people, living, working and shopping in Michigan cities.

Bob Anderson, Plymouth's DDA director, Annette Horn, owner of Native West and creator of the Chili Fest, Scott Smith, Penniman Gallery, and Beth Stewart, Plymouth Historical Museum director, all agree Plymouth is a cool city.

Money magazine called Plymouth Township one of the hottest towns in the United States. Canton Township is growing and expanding every day.

I grew up here, and I want this to be a place where young people live and work and play.

These communities have unique landmarks, but if you want to attract young people to a community, advertise your best resources: the people who make a life here.

That's what this column is about - an opportunity for me to introduce people of all ages who make Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton great places to live.

One of my favorite people is Helen Goebel. Helen moved from Detroit to Plymouth in 1920. She worked at the Phoenix Mill during World War II.

Helen taught kindergarten for 23 years at St. Peter Lutheran Day School. She said she also taught a little music to the students, but if you ask anyone, they would tell you Helen Goebel was the music teacher.

Helen has been teaching piano for more than 50 years. She still has about a half-dozen students. One of them, Hannah Good, a sixth-grader at St. Peter, says, "Mrs. Goebel teaches you everything you need to know about the piano and every time you go to her house for a piano lesson, it's a party."

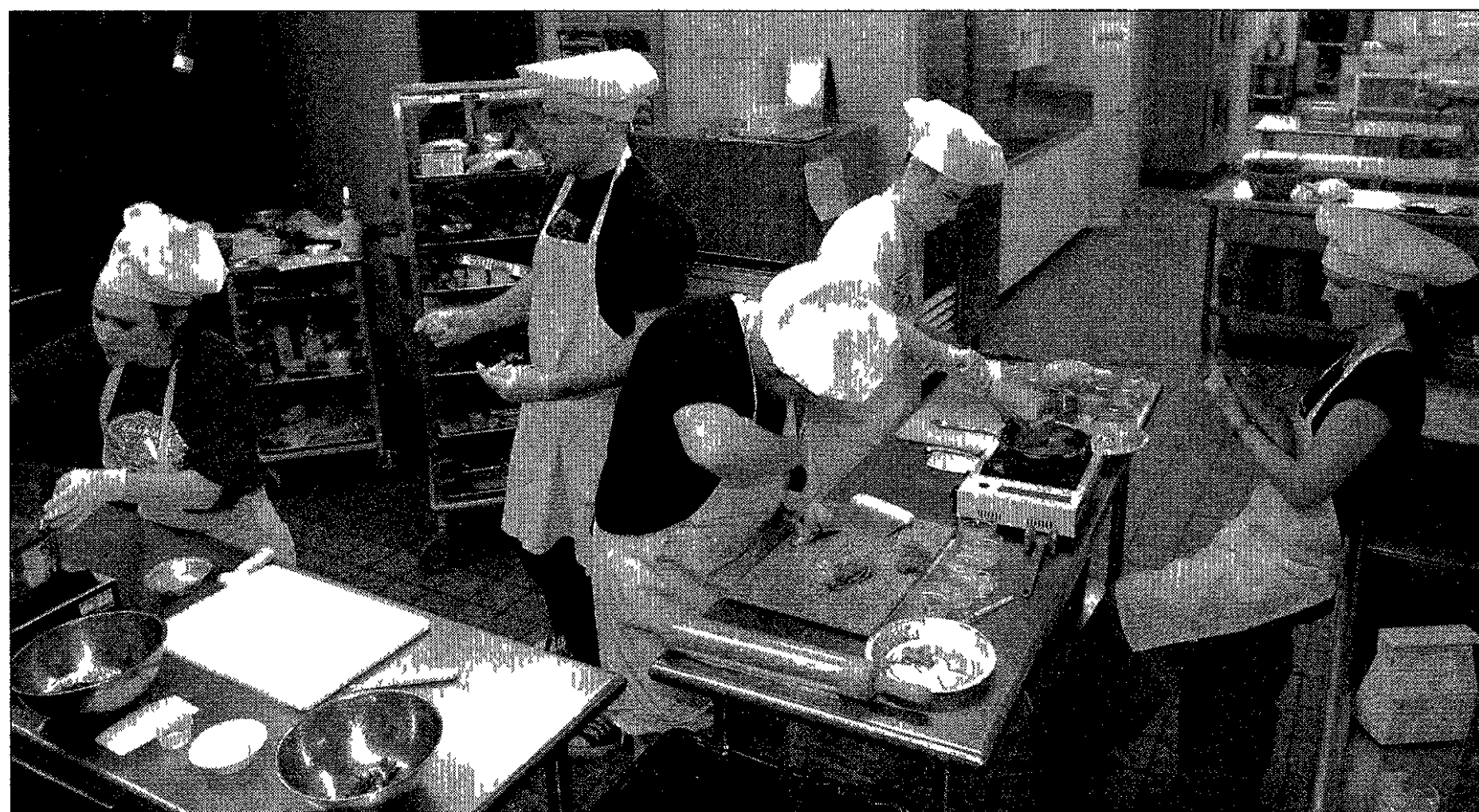
What are Helen's plans for the future? She's too busy with church activities, senior trips, lunch with friends and swimming twice a week at Schoolcraft to think about the future.

Maybe your child isn't interested in taking piano lessons, but you just want them to be able to walk to Allen School and safely cross the street, then you'll want to meet Lynne Hendzell and Amy Sczomak. Twice a day, rain or shine, they make sure kids get across the street safely. It's not the only thing they do all day, but it is one of the more important things.

Salem High School teachers Bill Boyd and Darrin Silvester teach Close-Up during the day and coach after school. Bill coaches Canton varsity boys cross country and Canton freshman baseball. Darrin coaches Salem's varsity hockey team. They make sure that kids have every opportunity to learn, to think, explore new ideas, skate fast, run far and achieve their personal best every day.

What do you think about Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township? Tell me if you think that P-PT-CT are cool or hot.

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The one-hour clock starts. Students Natalie Witkowski, Jeremy Walker, Jeff Sartor, A. J. Strong, and Sara Nickell begin their tasks.

Epicurean excellence

Culinary team takes aim at a trip to Orlando

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It's a meal fit for a king. And four Plymouth-Canton high school students are hoping their menu brings a king's ransom, in the form of a trip to Universal Studios in Florida.

The Salem High School culinary arts team competes Monday and Tuesday in Grand Rapids, hoping its recipe for lamb shank, salad and chocolate and strawberry-passion fruit mousse will earn members first place in the state culinary competition sponsored



Seared tuna steak is sliced for a salad.

by the Michigan Restaurant Association.

The winner of the state contest moves on to compete in the national finals in Orlando.

"We all want to go to Florida, that's our main focus," said Jeff Sartor of Plymouth Township, a member of the squad. "We don't care if we don't win the nationals, we just want to go to Florida."

The Plymouth-Canton team believes it's in a good position as it competes against 14 other teams from across Michigan.

"The first year of the competition we finished first, and last year we were second by only a point," said Diana Riley, a Salem culinary arts teacher. "This year we're the team to beat, so we have to go making an impression."

"The stakes are high," said Carey Gary, who runs the high school culinary program. "The menu is an evolution. We start with one thing, and keep changing it until the end so we can show enough skill and teamwork to keep them busy for 60 minutes."

Imagine trying to create a four-star dining experience using only two butane burners, a blow torch to preheat pans, a couple of coolers with ice and a handful of kitchen utensils.

The team of four has an hour to prepare the three-course meal without electricity and refrigeration. They're not only judged on how well they can cook, but also organizational skills, teamwork and sanitation.

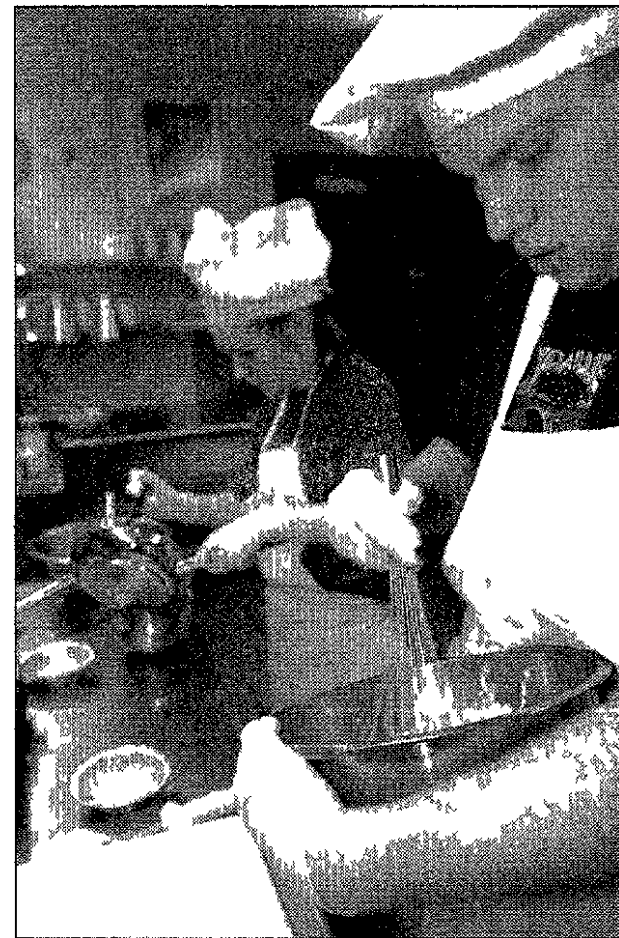
There's a lot of pressure," said Natalie Witkowski, a senior from Canton Township. "We all have one job that we don't know will turn out right until the end."

"I do the mousse, and if I do it right it will come out and stand on its mold," she added. "But, if I overwhip the cream, or don't fold it right, then the gelatin turns into Jell-O and I have a big rubber ball."

Even during practice, the culinary team feels the pressure.

"It's very stressful," said A. J. Strong from Canton, whose pedigree includes a father who's owned three restaurants. "You have to know what your teammates are doing at all times, while at the same time focusing on what you're doing."

Jeremy Walker of Canton, like the other members of the culinary team, has several duties. He'll make the



Jeremy Walker and Natalie Witkowski work on dessert recipes.

sesame cracker and dressing for the salad, as well as help develop the dessert.

Like his teammates, Walker will use the skills learned at Salem to eventually earn a living in culinary arts.

"I've always wanted to open my own restaurant," said Walker, who plans to enroll in the culinary arts program at Schoolcraft College. "I knew this would be a great experience, and hopefully it will help me get a scholarship for college."

The public can taste food prepared by students in the culinary arts program at the Rock Cafe, located in Salem High School. The restaurant is open 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday-Friday.

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Menu...

Salad

Seasonal baby greens in a crisp sesame cracker accented by seared yellow fin tuna orange segments sliced cucumber marinated roasted pepper pecan crusted goat cheese quenelle and caramel citrus vinaigrette

Entrée

Lamb shank stuffed with rosemary and cremini sun dried tomato wheat berries carrot tourne, haricot verts tomato basil relish frizzled leeks and merlot sauce

Dessert

Chocolate and strawberry passion fruit mousse accompanied by strawberry apricot chutney pistachio tuille chambord raspberry coulis and caramel garni



Ingredients are measured out and ready to go.



Instructor Diana Riley and A. J. Strong work on timing in order to complete the meal in one hour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lobenherz-Aitman

Jan Lobenherz of Plymouth announces the engagement of her daughter, Jessica Anne Lobenherz, to Brett David Altman, the son of Dr Art and Debbie Altman of Dayton, Ohio

The bride-to-be is scheduled to graduate in May from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a bachelor's degree in biology

The prospective groom graduated the University of Michigan in May 2003 with a bachelor's degree in economics. He currently works for Goren, Goren and Harris, P.C., and plans to attend law school in the fall

A July 2004 wedding is



planned at the Northville Mill Race Historical Village in Northville

Adelman-Bodnar

Timothy and Adrienne Bodnar of Plymouth join with Michael and Melodie Adelman of Monroeville, Ohio, in announcing the engagement of their children, Vanessa Renee Bodnar and Ronald Phillip Adelman

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is a 2001 graduate of the Lee Honors College at Western Michigan University. She is currently a third-year medical student at the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Monroeville High School and a 2000 graduate of Ohio University. He is in his fourth year of medical school at the Ohio College of Podiatric



Medicine and will graduate in May 2004. He will begin a surgical residency in July 2004. The couple plans a December wedding

'St. Matthew Passion' matches intensity of Gibson film, Madonna Chorale director says

Madonna University Chorale director David Wagner hasn't seen Mel Gibson's film *The Passion of the Christ* but he's sure Bach matches the intensity in his "St. Matthew Passion" for double chorus and orchestra.

Johann Sebastian Bach's dramatic portrayal of the crucifixion sent chills through audiences long before Gibson's gruesome depiction

It's easy for audiences to close their eyes when the brutality on the screen becomes too much, but not their ears to a chorus crying out to nail Christ to the cross

The Madonna University and Ward Presbyterian Church choirs, 110-voices strong, sing the deeply moving work with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Ward Presbyterian Evangelical Church, 40000 W. Six Mile west of Haggerty. Tickets are \$17 adults, \$8 students and children. Call

(248) 645-6666 or (734) 425-4855

The program also features Felix Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5 Reformation

"The Passion is a monumental work for soloists, double chorus and orchestra. We're doing about one hour of selections from the three hour Passion," said Wagner. "It's one of the great masterworks of Western choral music. Bach sticks very close to the scriptures. He saw the Passion in light of his own feelings, the intensity of the suffering. It's extremely powerful."

"It's sung in English so people feel the intensity. My favorites are the opening chorus and final chorus that sums up the sacrifice that Jesus made for all mankind. It's a real personal expression of the intensity of love that Christ had for mankind, according to the scriptures, that he offered himself up for sacrifice."

This is the first time in 30 years that Wagner has been involved with presenting the work and he's moved by the experience. He last sang the Passion as an undergraduate at Wayne State University

"It's having the opportunity to not only present it to the community but to have community members in the chorale," said Wagner. "The more you sing it the more you see the richness and depth of the music. It's technically difficult, but emotionally rewarding."

Like Wagner, Robert Bennett hasn't seen Gibson's film but the Livonia Symphony Orchestra president appreciates Bach's music

"When we do a concert at this time and in a church we try to bring in a religiously based work," said Bennett. "In the past we've done Requiem. This is more of an oratorio or storytelling."

LSO conductor Volodymyr Shesuk compares "The

CONCERT TOUR IN FRANCE

The Madonna University Chorale is still auditioning singers for a concert tour in France June 15-28. The chorale will sing the weekend High Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral in addition to performing two concerts in Paris and two concerts in Tours in north France. Chorale director David Wagner is also inviting any one interested in sightseeing to come along. "If people want to more about the tour and sight see with us they should call (734) 432-5708 or send e-mail to dwagner@madonna.edu," said Wagner. For information about the tour, call Corporate Travel (313) 565-8888, Ext 121

Passion of Our Lord According to St. Matthew" to an opera. "It's not just choral music," said Shesuk. "It's soloists - Jesus, the high priests. It's so beautiful. It's like ancient Greek tragedy. They're telling a story. There is questioning and answering, commenting by the chorus."

To critics who have commented on the anti-Judaic aspects of Bach's Passion, Shesuk answers

"It's not only religious music. It's touching everybody because it's a human story, somebody doing something for other people. God is for everybody - Catholics, Moslems, Jews."

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Star Struck (March 7-March 10) By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20) Regardless of what else is going on now you must focus on relationships and pals. Don't let mighty Mars your ruler and planet of anger get the best of you because you'll soon regret what you do on the spur of the moment. Be less judgmental more patient (yeah sure)

TAURUS (April 21-May 21) You are much too realistic to allow a minor setback to kill your dreams. Planetary aspects affecting your ruler Venus may appear to inhibit your progress and communication with family and co-workers now but are in fact laying the groundwork for eventual successes

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Life deals more vigorously with some than with others, and the past few months certainly seem to have taken their toll. In years to come however you will look back at the period now beginning and see that it was at this moment that the tide began to turn to your favor

CANCER (June 22-July 23) Cancer is what is known as a cardinal sign which means you expect a lot of yourself but don't expect so much this week that you set your self impossible goals. Be real not wanting. Know your strengths and weaknesses and let that knowledge guide you. MoonChild

LEO (July 24-Aug 23) Your indomitable spirit has taken a few knocks recently and may take a few more before this time next week. But soon Mercury the planet of intimacy in your element says that you'll soon come bouncing back in the coming weeks. You can't keep a good Lion down!

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23) There is no such thing as something for nothing in this life but what ever takes place over the next week will make you aware that you have become overly concerned with family and finances. No need to despair - those who tricked you certainly won't get off scot free

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23) Sometimes it's more profitable to plunge into the deep water than to languish in the shallow end. You are now in a spot to convince an influential person that you know the ropes better than most. A few brave words will pay big dividends. Balancer

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) If you want to remain on friendly terms with cohorts don't try to force the pace or spring surprises because they won't be amused. In fact current planetary activity signifies that things may come unglued if you assume that they're on the same wavelength as you

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21) Don't think of yourself as a victim even though intense planetary activity in the most sensitive area of your solar chart seems to be putting you on the defensive. The truth is that current challenges aren't designed to cut you down to size but to set you on a different course

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21) Your devotion to a certain project and plan is admirable but there should be a cap on your financial liability. SeaGoat Your cautious ruler Saturn linked to Venus urges prudence based upon past experience. A few precautions taken now will smooth the way to the future

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19) Your ruler unpredictable Uranus is not as cosmically buggy now - which means that after weeks of uncertainty and self doubt the way ahead is clearly signposted. However it's also time to check that the route you are being asked to take will lead directly to your goals

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20) You came perilously close to getting up and walking out recently but you stuck to your guns and stuck it out - and now you can expect some sort of recompense. And what better reward could there possibly be than the opportunity to devise your escape? Time to swim soon!

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations phone (248) 646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com

Redford symphony performs The Redford Civic Symphony celebrates St. Patrick's Day during its Cabaret Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Hilbert Junior High School. The music will have an Irish bent. At the end of the concert the audience will be asked to join in an Irish sing-along which includes *I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover*, *Galway Bay*, *That's an Irish Lullaby*, *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling* and *My Wild Irish Rose*. Among the other selections are *The Star Spangled Banner*, *God Bless America*, *Warsaw Concerto*, *Finnian's Rainbow*, *The New Colonial March*, highlights from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, Strauss *Roses from the South Waltz*, *America-Our Heritage*, *Gayane Ballet* selections, and *Blue Velvet*. The concert is free

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Celebrating 60

Al and Fran Adams celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary March 11. The couple met when Fran was dating Al's brother when they lived in Dearborn. The couple married in the Chapel at Grosse Ile Naval Base March 11, 1944, and they've lived in the same Plymouth house for 50 years after moving from Dearborn.

Al is a retired building inspector for Canton Township, was a court processor for the 35th District Court for 35 years and has played Santa Claus for many years for schools, businesses, private parties and local groups. Fran is a homemaker who worked at the former Wayside Gift Shop in Plymouth for 18 years. She's a volunteer and active in church (Calvary Baptist in Canton), community and school activities.

They have four children: Sandy (Harold) Bessert of Hartland, John Adams, Jr., of Battle Creek, Jeff Adams of Howell and Pam (James) Mason of Dewitt, and five grandchildren, Kim Manaci, Jeremy Lindsey, Kelly and Abby Mason.



LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of 'Best Sellers' based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library, (734) 453-0750.

Fiction

- 1 The Last Juror John Grisham
- 2 The Da Vinci Code Dan Brown

- 3 The Five People You Meet in Heaven Mitch Albom
- 4 Angels & Demons Dan Brown
- 5 Ain't She Sweet Susan Elizabeth Phillips

Nonfiction

- 1 American Dynasty Kevin Phillips
- 2 The Price of Loyalty Ron Suskind
- 3 Give Me a Break John Stossel
- 4 Blindsided Richard M. Cohen
- 5 Perfectly Legal David Cay Johnston

Parents' Choice New Children's Poetry Books

- 1 Just Enough and Not Too Much Kaethe Zemach
- 2 Eat! Cried Little Pig Jonathan London
- 3 At the Firehouse Anne Rockwell
- 4 Daisy 123 Peter Catalanotto
- 5 Good Night Engines Denise Mortensen

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The 10 pyramid shapes that make up the kite require time to assemble, but they make it easy to fly. Even without a windy day, the kite will take to the air when the kite flyer begins to run. On a windy day, it soars.

The class meets 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 17. Children should be in the second

grade or older and parents must accompany children, with no more than two children per adult.

For more information, contact Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275 in Livonia.

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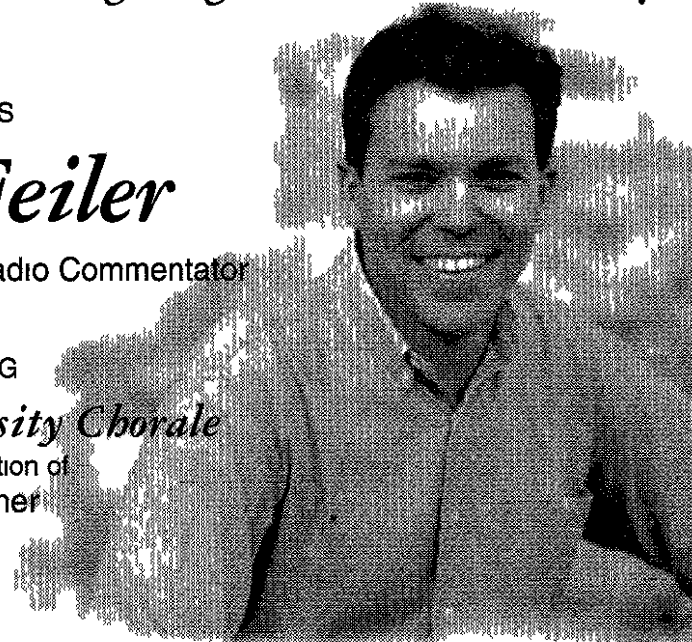
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'Velveteen Rabbit' a favorite

Every so often Theresa Weiss tries to give *The Velveteen Rabbit* a rest only to find audiences never tire of her musical adaptation of the beloved story.

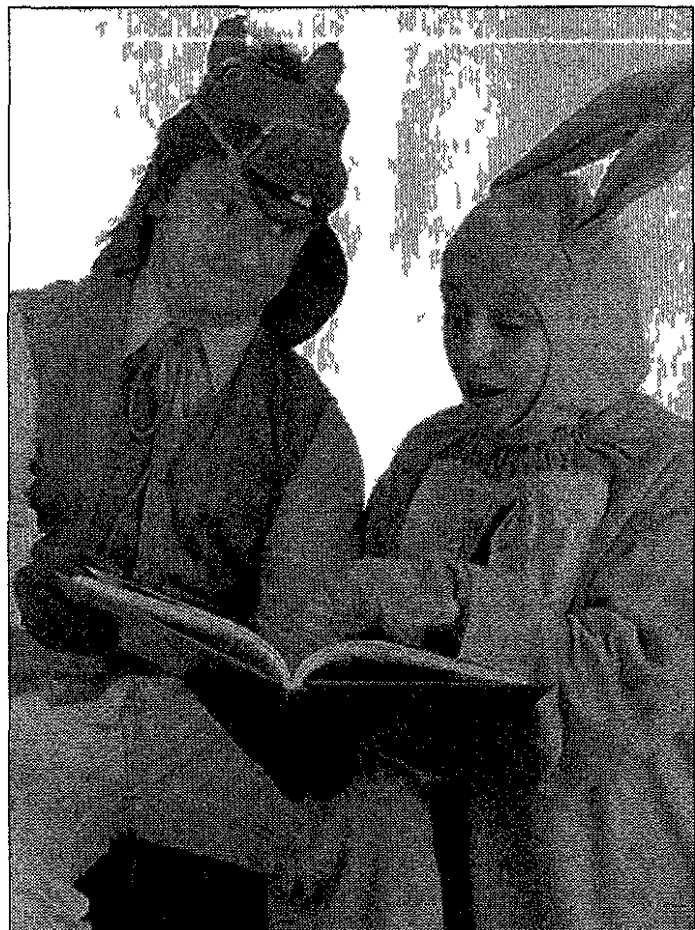
As not to disappoint them, she and September Productions are presenting a musical adaptation of *The Velveteen Rabbit* 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 12, and 11 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia.

Tickets are \$6, \$5 for groups (of 10 or more) and available by calling (248) 615-0414. For more information, visit the Web site at www.septemberproductions.org.

Based on Margery Williams' original story of a boy and his favorite toy, Weiss' production features professional adult actors portraying dancing toys, silly rabbits and a Magical Fairy.

Plymouth resident Brian Taylor plays the Skin Horse, the character narrating the tale.

"It's the heart-warming story of the rabbit who wants to become real and the little boy who loves him," said Weiss. "It's a combination of Looney Tunes and funny bits with two zany real rabbits, an evil toy soldier and a dumb Jack-in-the-Box. We've



September Productions presents 'The Velveteen Rabbit' March 12-13 at the Livonia Civic Center Library

added a subplot of the evil toy soldier trying to get rid of the rabbit. It's colorful, lots of movement."

There's one line in the story that Weiss dared not touch during the adaptation

process - "when you're loved you become real."

"We do all remember when we were young the things we were attached to and loved," said Weiss. "We all want to be loved."

Friends come together to raise funds for former musician who has ALS

Heidi Hepler hasn't forgotten her musician friends back in Michigan even though she and husband Michele Ramo left Livonia for the bright lights of New York City five years ago.

When the husband and wife jazz duo heard about a March 11 benefit at Herman's Old Town Grill in Plymouth for longtime friend Robin Posler, they decided to put on a May concert in Queens called "A Song for Robin."

Robin Posler, a songwriter and musician, is in the final stages of ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease. Her husband, Clay, is hoping his old friends from Livonia's Franklin High School and the Wayne Westland area where he grew up will come out for the Plymouth benefit to help Robin.

The concert features music by Shirley Franklin and Delta Drive, Rattlebox, Blues Owls, and Terraplanes 7 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 11, at Herman's Old Town Grill on Liberty in Plymouth.

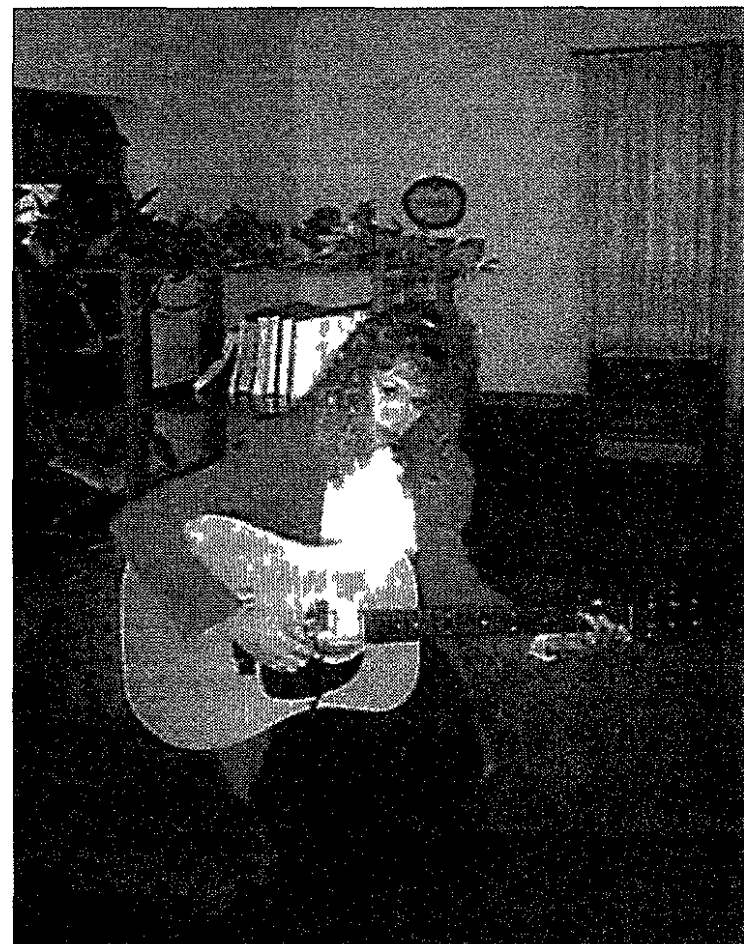
Cost is \$5. Donations accepted. For more information, call (734) 941-2851.

Clay will be sitting in with several of the bands while a nurse cares for Robin at their Dearborn home. ALS is a neurodegenerative disease that kills nerve cells and pathways in the brain and spinal cord. Patients like Robin in the later stages of the disease are totally paralyzed due to loss of muscle control.

"We thought if there's any way we can help we would," said Hepler. "Clay has been caring for her day and night and isn't able to work. We love them so much and wanted to help them out with their bills and to try to ease some of the stress that comes with that."

Dave Pascowski feels the same way. He came up with the idea for the Plymouth concert which he and his wife Shirley are coordinating. Pascowski was best man at the wedding of Clay and Robin Posler 23 years ago.

"When I see my friend crying and his wife can't speak without a computer, can't close her mouth, a machine runs con-



Robin Posler played guitar before being diagnosed with ALS. On March 11, her musician friends will gather for a concert to raise money for her medical bills.

stantly to remove saliva so she doesn't choke, I knew I had to do something," said Dave Pascowski.

Musicians like Hepler, Ramo, and Dave and Shirley Pascowski are keeping Robin and Clay Posler going through this difficult time. Robin was diagnosed in July 2001 with a very progressive type of ALS. Clay is her primary caregiver. He says when he sits down to pay bills it's like playing cat and mouse with the calendar. He had to quit work more than a year ago to care for Robin 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"Hospice is involved. Every day is like a borrowed day," said Clay Posler, who's better known in the music community for playing harmonica, saxophone and bottle neck slide guitar as Clay St. James. "We've been married 23 years. She's my friend. It's been fantastic. She's my fishing buddy. We were either playing music or fishing

"She has an incredible sense of humor. She's mentioned to me that what she misses most is conversation and food. She spoke several languages."

Robin, 43, can no longer talk or swallow but if Clay has his way her voice will never be silenced. He plans to market some of her musical recordings for ALS under the title *Angel Without a Voice*.

"When you think you have a little bit of a rough day, just think what Robin's going through," said Hepler. "The physical suffering of this disease is horrendous. It takes a lot of courage to withstand it on his and her end. They've been an inspiration to many people."

If you'd like to help the Poslers but can't attend the concert, checks can be made payable to Clay Posler and sent c/o Roger McClow at 400 Galleria Office Center, Suite 117, Southfield, MI 48034.

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Notice is hereby given that on 3/12/04 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth MI a public auction of the following:
1992 Ford Escort 1FAPP1287NW181708
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Publish Sunday March 7, 2004

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR March meeting Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
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Plymouth, MI 48170
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE
WEEDS TO BE CUT ON LOTS IN THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On or before May 1, 2004, it shall be the duty of every owner occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy noxious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done. Failure to comply with this notice under Section 32.050 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance means that the Township will enter upon such lands and mow the weeds and bill the property owners for the service as provided in Section 32.070 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of land on May 15, 2004, without further notice to the property owners.

MARILYN MASSENGILL CMC
Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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AROUND TOWN

NACW meeting

Susan Ontko a business coach and planning consultant presents Marketing is More than Product Place Promotion and Price at the March 9 meeting of the National Association of Career Women West Suburban Chapter Ontko will describe guerrilla marketing techniques she says can be used by small businesses to differentiate themselves The meeting takes place at Ernesto's Restaurant 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is \$18 for members \$22 for non members Guests are welcome Call Carolyn Arlen (248) 474-4241 to RSVP

Preschool registration

For the 2004-05 school year at Little Lambs Christian Preschool will be Saturday March 13 Doors will open at 9 a.m. The school is located inside First Baptist Church of Plymouth on the north side of North Territorial between Sheldon and Beck The school offers a two day program for 3 year olds and a three day program for 4 year olds with hands on learning in a theme based Kindergarten readiness program with monthly field trips low student to teacher ratio and student evaluations with parent conferences Students must be 3 or 4 years old respectively by Aug 1 For more information call Shari at (734) 414-7792

Genealogical Society

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday March 15 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of Five Mile Dr. Martin Brosnan will speak on You ought to have an auto Computer and beginner genealogy classes start at 6:30 Classes and the meeting are open to the public free of charge For information call Patricia Moon at (734) 425-3079

Mental health seminar

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill presents Removing the Chains of Mental Illness journeys to recovery at 7:30 p.m. 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 area 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 presidential election A discussion of themes in the Declaration of Independence led by EMU political science professor Jeffrey Bernstein opens the day at 3 p.m. For more information call Charmica Miller at (734) 487-3045

Madonna Open House

Madonna University in Livonia conducts 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 weekend sessions For more information e-mail mumfo@madonna.edu or call the admissions office (734) 432-5339

Flea market

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts the 50th annual Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 27 at 1830 Washtenaw Ave Art antiques collectibles 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. noon and an evening session from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Representatives from more than 130 colleges and universities will be on hand Special group information sessions will be held on topics such as ACT and SAT testing financial aid and opportunities in higher education for minority students The Metro Detroit National College Fair is free and directions to the Macomb Expo Center can be found at <http://www.nacac.com/exhibit/exhibit.cfm?code=04SMDE> For more information contact Fair Chair Gretchen Parks at (248) 341-5900

Road rally

The Canton Thunderbirds Girls Fastpitch Softball is organizing a Road Rally March 13 Tickets are \$20 per person and include clue solving fun buffet dinner and soft drinks prizes and music Cash bar available Entries are limited Contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or <http://thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com>

Winterfest beer tasting

The ninth annual Winterfest Beer Tasting sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine takes place from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday March 24 in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus Patrons must be 21 or older and provide identification at the door Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at Merchant's Fine Wine locations or in the Student Activities Office at Schoolcraft College by calling (734) 462-4422

Junior gardeners

Washtenaw County MSU Extension hosts a Junior Master Gardener Class for children ages 9-11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays from May 6-June 10 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor In this hands on program participants and their parents will explore various gardening topics in a casual atmosphere Cost for the class is \$35 For application and deadline information or for additional details call (734) 997-1678

Rafting trip

The 16th annual Schoolcraft College White Water Rafting Trip takes place on the Lower New River in West Virginia June 4-6 Cost is \$141 per participant and includes two nights camping a live band on Saturday night three meals and rafting on Saturday First payment of \$65 is due April 9 For more information call the Student Activities Office (734) 462-4422

Open house

The public is invited to an open house at Main Street Therapy for Children and Families from 9 a.m. noon Saturday March 20 It is located at 859 S. Main (in the Farmer's Insurance building) The event is designed to introduce the center to the community There will be opportunities to talk to mental health professionals get a bite to eat schedule a free consultation pick up free literature and win door prizes For questions e-mail therapy25@bigfoot.com visit the Web site at www.mainstreettherapy.com or call (734) 612-0985

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice 3840 Packard in Ann Arbor is looking for caring dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw Livingston and Monroe counties Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting patient transport/patient outings errand running and clerical services Call Ann Christensen volunteer coordinator (734) 973-1145 for more information

Madonna auction

Madonna University's Down Under Scholarship Dinner and Wine Tasting Auction Gala featuring the finest of Australian wines fabulous jewelry crystal cigars and collectibles takes place at 5:30 p.m. Friday April 23 at Laurel Manor Special Events Center in Livonia One lucky winner will have their choice of either a fully equipped 2004 Chevrolet Corvette two door coupe courtesy of Madonna University and Tennyson Chevrolet in Livonia or \$25,000 cash Only 650 tickets will be sold at \$200 each Reserved seating is \$150 Open seating tickets are \$125 before April 9 after April 9 tickets are \$150 For more information contact Rose Kachnowski University Advancement at (734) 432-5421

Plymouth Optimists

Entertainment 2004 Books on sale

with all proceeds to help children throughout southeast Michigan Price is \$30 and is home delivered Call Bill at (734) 453-8253

Fish Fry

The Plymouth YFW is again featuring Friday Night Fish Fry for only \$7 from 5-7 p.m. Also Sunday brunch is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month The post is at 1426 S. Mill St

Foster Care

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is a foster care agency in the community that places children in loving foster homes The agency is in need of loving and stable homes committed to parenting children ages 10 to 17 years old Call (734) 971-5776 to find out how you can help

Entertainment books

Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2004 Entertainment Books to help fund their musical scholarships and charitable activities They can be ordered by calling (734) 459-6829

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2004 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale The cost is \$30 Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016

CLUBS

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road Plymouth Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information

American Legion

Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the IOOF Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June excluding January Persons interested in joining contact club president Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker Call (734) 981-7259 for further info

LBN

Local Business Network is a business networking organization dedicated to helping you grow your business The Plymouth chapter meets on the first and third Friday of each month from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Old Village Law located at 771 N. Mill in Plymouth Please call Eric Morris at (313) 278-5070 or Scott Montgomery at (734) 462-2277 for further information

Kiwanis Evening Club

Meetings are held at Atlantis Restaurant 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday Visitors are always welcome For more information contact Charline Miller at (734) 455-4782

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth Call (866) 841-9140 Ext 4329 or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com

Exchange Club of Canton

Meetings are the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Roman Forum 41601 Ford Road in Canton at 6 p.m. Areas of activity are Americanism Community Service Youth Activities and the Prevention of Child Abuse

P/C Vietnam Vets of America

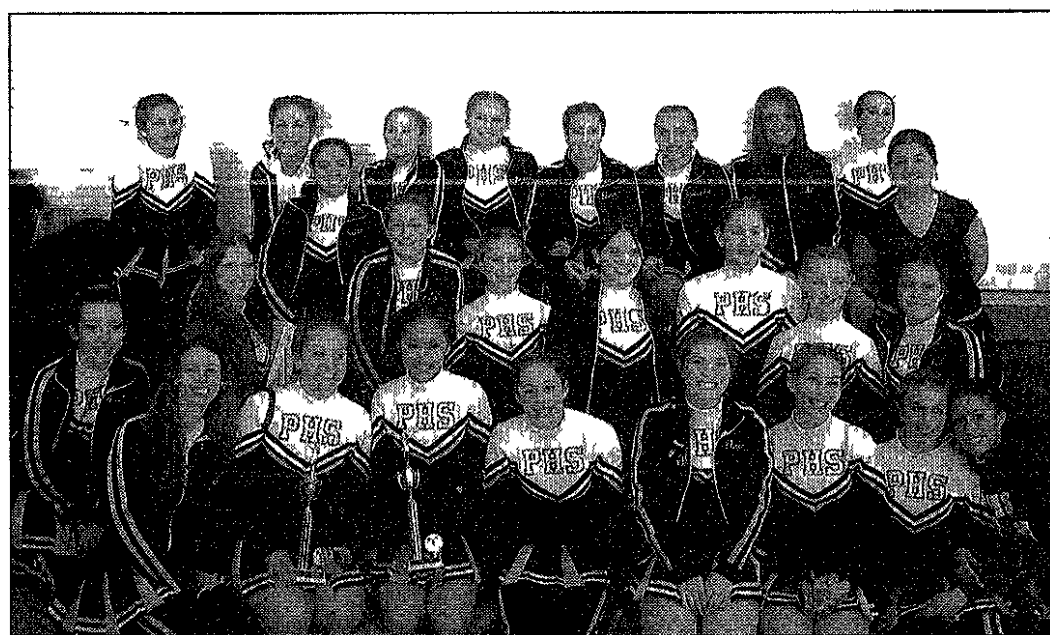
Chapter No. 528 meets every second Monday of the month at the Plymouth VFW Post No. 6695 on Mill Street just north of Ann Arbor Road at 7:30 p.m. If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1964 and 1975 you can join the Vietnam Vets Visit Web site www.geocities.com/edenright/PlymouthCantonVVAS28.html

BNI Plymouth II

The Plymouth Chapter II BNI Group meets Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant located at 1275 and Ann Arbor Road The group is looking for new members Call (734) 459-5696 for further information

West Suburban Stamp Club

Meetings are 8 p.m. the first and third



Pom perfection

The Plymouth High School pompon squad saved their best for a performance at States Competition at Eastern Michigan University, and came away with a fifth-place finish in a 14-team junior varsity field The team was also honored for "highest points" for first-time participation Pictured are (bottom, from left) Megan Heard, Laura Schulz, Sylvia Dai, Jessica Bono, Blair Locklar, Mallory Zarate, Angelina Moise and Keely Rudolph, (second row) Nicole Sofrios, Melissa Spillers, Kristina Ring, Audrey Freeman, Sarah Brown, Monica Lee, Kimberly Shelton and Tara Kay, (third row) Lisa Wieczorek, Christina Cooley, Brianna Osorio, Lauren Halpin, Amanda Baldwin, Alex Linderode, Alexandra Eckardt, Chrissy Hadjman and Lindsay McParlane The coach is Cheryl Custer Not pictured Christine Laws

Fridays at the Plymouth Historical Museum 155 S. Main in Plymouth

BPW

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

SEPA

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

MOPS-Kuyhoush

The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall Relaxing fun time for moms while

the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games stories singing and play Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9-11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel 42150 Schoolcraft Plymouth Call (734) 420-0515

Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth

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

MOPS-Westland

The group is looking for moms who are interested in meeting with other mothers for encouragement teaching support and friendship Meetings are the first and third Fridays of each month from September through May Child care provided for ages birth to 5 years Call (734) 728-2600 for more information

La Leche League

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

Canton Rotary Club

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road All guests are invited to join in for lunch for more information on the community and international service projects For more information e-mail Mary Beardsley at ExecSec@rotary6400.org

Astronomy Discussion

Plymouth District Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7-8 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older Door prizes slides video and handouts Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378 for more information



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DUPRAW

Joseph Edward, age 85 of Redford, MI died at his residence after a long illness Surviving are his wife Joan daughters Victoria (Jim) DuPray Denise (Paul) Watni & Julie (Jim) Bunker step daughters Mary (Wes) Dietrich Anne (Ron) Hartsell Margaret (Dave) Gordon & Catherine Mortiere step sons William Pierce Steve (Linda) Pierce & Charles 16 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren brother, Ashley (Mary) DuPray, sisters Donna Allyn & Beverly Loughran

HEIDEMAN

Charlene K., age 71 March 3, 2004 Beloved wife of the late John Dear mother of Kathy (John) Rokakis Dr Joyce Heideman and John (Anika) Heideman Dearest grandmother of Katie and Jennie Rokakis A funeral service was held Saturday, March 6 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia Memorials suggested to Michigan Extension Services Master Gardener Program or American Lung Association Please sign online guest book at www.rgharris.com

JEWHRST

Dorothy S. Age 83 of Farmington Hills, passed away on March 1 Survived by a loving daughter and granddaughter She assisted her husband in running their music school and store Visitation with family Sunday March 7 from 1pm-3pm Memorials to Brian Injury Association of MI 8619 W Grand River Suite 1 Brighton MI 48116 Arrangements entrusted to Edward Korkoian Funeral Home 248-541-8325

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LICKLIDER,

Adelaide (Heidi) Kern, age 87, died after a short illness on February 25 in Oberlin (Ohio) she resided at Kendal at Oberlin Born in Cincinnati Heidi graduated from Wyoming High School and received her BA from the University of Cincinnati She attended Yale Graduate School and received her MA from Wayne State University, majoring in French and receiving a Permanent Teaching Certificate Heidi and her beloved husband Templin (Temp) Licklider who predeceased her were highly respected faculty members who resided for many years on the grounds of Cranbrook/Kingswood Schools (Bloomfield Hills, Michigan) Heidi taught French at Kingswood, and later at the Academy of the Sacred Heart She also worked with students in Advanced Placement and did college counseling Her career in mastering and fostering use of the French language was well known, serving as President of the Detroit Chapter of American Association of Teachers in French she also was a life long member of Alliance Francaise Heidi was very active in the Experiment in International Living and with Temp, served as a leader to groups of American students living in France Upon retirement Heidi and Temp moved permanently to their retreat, a beautiful home (including their original cabin the Mouse House) on the shores and dunes of Lake Michigan (Northport) There while volunteering many hours at the local hospital Heidi cared for her gorgeous Springer Spaniels enjoying daily swims in the lake and sailing with Temp and her pets She also had great knowledge of wild flowers protecting them in their natural habitat wherever she lived Heidi is survived by her beloved nephews/nieces their progeny, in laws and a host of great friends The feeling she had for them is mutual - she is a treasure to each and every one It is recognized by all that Heidi and Temp had a great romantic relationship A typical scene at home a gourmet Christmas dinner for two dressed to the nines candles and roses a gorgeous table classical music fun and lovely interment will be at 2:30pm on Saturday, March 13 in the Memorial Garden at Christ Episcopal Church (Oberlin) A memorial service will follow in the Church at 3:00 pm Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Cowling Funeral Home in Oberlin Donations in Heidi's memory may be made to the Residents Assistance Fund, Kendal at Oberlin, 600 Kendal Drive, Oberlin OH 44074 or to the Christ Episcopal Church Memorial Garden, 162 S. Main Street, Oberlin, OH 44074

RANDALL

Kathryn Benner of Vero Beach FL died February 29 2004 at Somerset House in Vero Beach Mrs Randall had been a resident of Vero Beach since 1982 moving from Bloomfield Hills MI She was a graduate of Syracuse University where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and Eta Pi Upsilon and Pi Lambda Theta honorary fraternities She served on the board of the Birmingham Community House and on the board of the Village Club in Bloomfield Hills MI She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and in the Order of the Daughters of the King She was a member of Oak Harbor Club and John's Island Club Vero Beach She is survived by a son Dr Jeffrey Fisher of Phoenix AZ a daughter Janet Bell of Bloomfield Hills, MI a son David Randall of McLean, VA a daughter Mary Randall of Seattle, WA and grandchildren, Meredith Brooked and Luke Fisher of Phoenix AZ, Kelsie Bell of Bloomfield Hills MI and Jennifer Zatterstrom of McLean VA There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 13 2004 at Trinity Episcopal Church As a memorial to Mrs Randall donations may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 2365 Pine Ave Vero Beach FL 32960 or Gifford Youth Activity Center Foundation PO Box 339 Vero Beach, FL 32961-0339

WIGHT

Ryan, March 1 2004 Beloved infant son of Kevin and Joanne brother of Andrew, dear grandson of Daniel (Diane) and Paul (Janis) White nephew of Dan Rob (Cindy), Anne (Shawn) Kelly and Paul (Michelle) White cousin to many Private services entrusted to the Harry J Will Funeral Home Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

WINEKOFF

Leonard G. March 4 2004 age 84 of Van Buren Twp Beloved Husband of Essie Dear Father of Edward (Sylvia) Linda (Chuck) Queener, David and Brenda (Gary) Felker Brother of Gerald, Norm Bill Irene Shirley and Chuck Preceded in death by 3 sisters and 3 brothers Service Tues 1pm at the UHT Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood, Westland Family will receive friends Sun. 1-9pm and Mon 9am-9pm Please visit and leave a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

WRIGHT

Fay (Fronck), Age 57 of St Petersberg FL formerly of Garden City passed away of terminal cancer on 2/28/04 She is survived by three children Dawn Cheryl and Danny her parents and brother, Emil Fronck Jr

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Take a lesson from pros

There's no question that the overall physical fitness and strength of today's athletes far exceed that of athletes of past generations.

The emphasis on physical fitness in professional sports seems to be exactly the opposite of what has been happening on Main Street. What I mean is this: While the enhanced physical fitness in sports has increased the quality of games and players' careers, the fans just seem to be getting fatter and fatter. There's no question that poor fitness is hurting the quality of life of a growing number of everyday Americans.

Let's start making fitness a priority. I don't mean that everyone should start heavy exercise routines. Fitness begins with doing the little things. Instead of sitting in a movie, go to the zoo or one of our parks, where you'll be sure to get some exercise. Next time you think about eating out, plan a night at home with a light, balanced meal. And as much as the kids love their computers, video games and TV, get them to turn it off and get outside in the fresh air — and go play with them.

We can improve the quality of our lives by doing the little things we enjoy and getting our hearts pumping at the same time.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

Ernie Harwell the voice of the Detroit Tigers for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone today at age 86. Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled *Life After Baseball* is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.

A personal trainer helps some get in good shape

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

Do I need a personal trainer? Abbey Werder, age 53, asked herself this question when her exercise workouts seemed to have little impact on her weight-loss efforts.

"I work out about five times a week and I play golf often when the weather is good," the Birmingham wife and mother of four said. "But I still haven't been able to shed the few pounds that would make me feel more comfortable."

She decided that a trainer was the way to go. "I needed a tune-up, more variety in my exercise routine and a more effective program," Werder said. "And I needed help to accomplish my goals." Enter Matthew Mikkola of Beverly Hills Club in Beverly Hills.

Mikkola, who is certified both as a massage therapist and through the International Fitness Professionals Association as a personal trainer, set Werder up with a new program after first assessing her health and fitness levels. In addition, he learned that this client wanted to lose weight.

Werder had become comfortable with her exercise routine, which hadn't changed in years, Mikkola said. "She was stuck on a plateau because her body had become used to this routine and her metabolism had adjusted to it. This was one of the reasons why she wasn't losing weight."

Under Mikkola's training, Werder's exercise intensity was increased and more variety — other exercises — was added. This gave her metabolism a boost and she began to get more positive results.

According to Mikkola, the assessment process and listening to the individual's personal goals — in this case, weight loss — are the necessary first steps to a successful relationship with a client. And, he added, you must be sensitive to their needs to gain their trust.

"A woman in her 50s usually isn't interested in building massive muscles or running marathons, like some other clients," Mikkola said. "This is why I wouldn't design a program for someone in this age group that is too intense with such strenuous activities as an excessive number of push-ups, sit-ups or lunges."

Instead, Mikkola chose "functional training" — exercises that help the client better perform everyday activities, such as climbing stairs and lifting heavy objects. "The main goal is fitness and keeping my clients motivated," he said.

Joe Stachura, wellness coordinator for the Livonia Family YMCA, said that a good trainer provides clients with a positive experience so that they stay motivated.

"You have to go slow and help the client build up to optimum exercise success that will help them stay fit for life," he said. Stachura added that if you have the client go too fast, they can not only hurt themselves, but acquire a dislike for exercise.

According to Stachura, there is no one exercise program that works for everyone. "This is why a personal trainer is so important. He or she can design a personalized workout, based on such details as age and fitness level, that can help the client gradually increase performance."

And, he stressed, variety must be built into the workout.

"Offering a variety of exercises helps eliminate boredom and create lifelong participation in fitness activities," he said.

John Bonner, general manager of Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield and Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield, said that once you decide to



Matthew Mikkola takes Abbey Werder's blood pressure after a workout.

work with a trainer, it's important to select one who you feel comfortable with and who makes you want to come back.

"You don't want a trainer who will provide you with a cookie-cutter program," Bonner said. "You want someone who will tailor a program to your needs."

Bonner, who has a bachelor of science degree in health and fitness from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in exercise science from Oakland University, as well as numerous professional fitness certificates, lists the following considerations when selecting a trainer:

- Does the trainer have a professional certification? At the very least, a personal trainer should be certified by a recognized professional organization, such as American College of Medicine, National Strength and Conditioning Association, American Council on Exercise or International Sports Sciences Association. A certificate indicates that the individual has passed a test reflecting basic knowledge of personal training.

- Is the trainer CPR-certified? You want a trainer who has these skills if a problem arises.

- Does the trainer have references? Other clients are the best sources to determine a trainer's abilities.

- Does the trainer encourage your input? Is the trainer a good listener? You should be instrumental in the process of mapping out your training program. Your needs, concerns and goals are important to success.

- Do your personalities fit? You are going to work closely with this person. Make sure you have found a trainer who is best suited to work with you, and someone you can work with. You should have confidence in and be comfortable with your trainer.



Abbey Werder of Birmingham uses an exercise machine while trainer Matthew Mikkola of Southfield monitors her.

www.depressioncenter.org

One of the biggest misconceptions about depression is that people who have it don't function well. In truth, even highly successful people unknowingly struggle with it. The University of Michigan Depression Center can help, even if you're not sure you need help. And it's the only multi-disciplinary program of its kind in the country, so you can be sure you're starting in the right place. To learn more about depression and to take an online depression screening, visit www.depressioncenter.org. After all, even the most effective help can't start unless you know you need it.

OF ALL THE POSSIBLE SYMPTOMS OF DEPRESSION, THERE IS ONE THAT CAN BE ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS.

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Don't eliminate all carbs from your diet

What's going on with the low-carb craze? Is this just another diet fad, or do carbohydrates really sabotage your efforts to maintain a healthy weight?

After decades of recommendations to eat low-fat foods, the fat content in America's diet has declined over the past 10 years. However, over that same time period the number of overweight and obese people has doubled!

How did we get so fat on a low fat approach to our diets? The answer is carbohydrates.

As it turns out, the most common sources of carbohydrates are baked goods (cookies, bagels, bread, crackers, chips, pizza and sandwich buns) and common foodstuffs including potatoes and white rice. These are loaded with simple carbohydrates which our bodies rapidly convert to sugar. The sugar is then absorbed into



Dr. Peter McCullough

the blood stream and contributes to our fat stores.

So it's no surprise that the cornerstone of the popular Atkins and South Beach diets is to limit or eliminate carbohydrates.

However, not all carbohydrates are bad. The carbohydrates in low-starch vegetables and fruits (cucumbers, celery, strawberries, grapes, oranges, apples, etc.) pack a modest amount of carbohydrates with soluble and insoluble fiber - both of which are very good for you. So do whole-grain breads, beans, pasta and cereal, brown rice and sweet potatoes. In fact, there is no scientific evidence that

eating fresh fruits and vegetables (excluding corn and potatoes) and whole-grain products make you fat. In fact, just the opposite is true! They are quite healthy for you.

So, a reasonable step to self-directed weight loss is to limit or eliminate simple carbohydrates that really are just sources of sugar in disguise. Replace these with fresh fruits and vegetables, beans and whole grains and you will see a gradual loss in weight.

And remember, at your next visit to a restaurant, ask for extra vegetables in place of the white potatoes or rice. Happy dining!

Dr. Peter A. McCullough is chief of Beaumont Hospital's Division of Nutrition and Preventive Medicine and Medical Director of the Beaumont Weight Control Center.

Workshop is Wednesday

Dr. Kramer will speak at a free workshop on revealing the shocking truth behind what can be causing fibromyalgia 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

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CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME

Dealing with fatigue is just as difficult for doctors as for you. First, the presence of fatigue is something you feel. We think of fatigue as being a profound and long-lasting tiredness, a state that does not respond to rest or extra sleep. There is no way physicians can measure this lethargy as they can do for blood pressure or pulse rate.

Second, the causes for fatigue are great. This condition can reflect problems of breathing of the heart's ability to pump blood that you have anemia, thyroid or adrenal gland dysfunction or that you are harboring an unusual infection such as tuberculosis. The reasons for fatigue go on and include, eventually, chronic fatigue syndrome.

This diagnosis is one of exclusion. That means that when your doctor has exhausted all other reasonable explanations for your fatigue, he turns to chronic fatigue syndrome. This diagnosis has other characteristics such as recurrent sore throat, prolonged flare of fatigue after attempted exercise, fitful sleep, muscle and joint aches, problems of memory, and presence of depression. Likely, anyone with prolonged fatigue will have these problems, particularly depression.

Treatment of chronic fatigue syndrome remains a work in progress. Therapy with stimulants, anti-anxiety or antidepressant drugs has not proved effective. What works best is to encourage exercise and activity to tolerance, not to the extent to bring on a flare, but to a point where you gain stamina and endurance in a slow and hopefully steady manner.

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Did you know magnesium helps you sleep better and fish oil reduces depression? Learn why as biochemist Sandy Baumann teaches you the importance of and food sources for common vitamins and minerals ways to choose the best supplements and the role of nutritional deficiencies in insomnia, arthritis, irritability, anxiety, bone loss, diabetes and depression during classes 6:30-9:10 p.m. Monday, March 8 and 15 at Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning, 22566 Ann Arbor Trail (at Warren), Dearborn Heights. The cost is \$49. \$5 materials fee due to instructor in class. To register, call (313) 317-1500 or visit the Web site at www.hfcc.edu/CL2. You will also learn to read food labels to increase your vitamin and mineral intake. Bring your own supplements to evaluate using reference guides and body responses.

Michigan Thyroid Support Group Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, March 8 at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. The speaker is Sue Atiyeh from Atiyeh Wellness and Injury Center. Atiyeh will be speaking about how we can make better choices on what we use on our skin. Many of us use products that are full of dyes, perfumes and harmful ingredients every day. Using products like those can cause an allergic reaction for many people. Come and find out how we can read the labels of our products to find these harmful ingredients. For more information, call Tracy Green (734) 453-7945.

Fibromyalgia lecture

The HOPE fibromyalgia/chronic fatigue syndrome support group meets 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 at the Farmington Community Library. Admission is \$5. For more information, visit the Web site at www.hfcc.org or call (248) 344-0896. The speaker is West Bloomfield physical therapist Loren DeVinney who specializes in treating fibromyalgia patients.

Weight Control Support Group

Meets 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 at the New Horizons Medical Center, 19335 Merriman Road, north of Seven Mile Livonia. For more information, call (248) 474-4900. Dr. Marc Mastropaolo will speak about medical concerns of obesity. There will also be planning for spring and summer activity such as guest speakers, a potluck, a fashion show and an outing. This is for anyone interested in living a healthy lifestyle and controlling weight.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 9. The workshop takes place the second and fourth Tuesday

of each month at 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Hatha Yoga classes

The Oakwood Complementary & Alternative Medicine (CAM) Center is offering Hatha Yoga classes beginning 6:15 p.m. or 7:30-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 at the Oakwood Healthcare Center, North Westland, 36555 Warren Road at Central City Parkway, Westland. Cost is \$68 for eight sessions. Space is limited. To register, call (800) 543-WELL or visit www.oakwood.org. Yoga is an ancient art suitable for all ages and fitness levels. This class is offered to newcomers or continuing students and uses yoga postures and breathing techniques to promote flexibility and strength as well as relaxation.

Livonia Fibromyalgia/CFS

The 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/livoniacfsms.

Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital will host a discussion on Diabetes Emergencies, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 in the hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan Road, Livonia. Please use the Main Entrance on Five Mile Road. For more information or directions, call (734) 655-8961 or visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org. The speaker is Michael Boczar, D.O., St. Mary's Mercy Hospital Emergency Center. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge and pre-registration is not required.

Overcoming nutritional challenges of elderly

Good nutrition is a key factor in warding off chronic illness and maintaining a high quality of life as we age. As we get older, however, getting good nutrition can be difficult.

"Several factors can affect a person's ability to eat the amount and variety of food the experts recommend," said Chris Warburton, president of the Right at Home in Troy. The organization offers in-home supportive care to seniors and other adults to help them continue living independently.

"Difficulty with cooking tasks, such as standing for long periods, lack of transportation to the grocery store and a lack of meal planning are some of the problems we know seniors face."

To overcome the special nutritional challenges of the elderly, Right at Home recommends the following tips, based on information from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, to help seniors maintain a healthy diet.

The act of cooking itself may present a problem for seniors who find it difficult to manage utensils, heavy pots or standing for long periods. Seniors can use a microwave oven to cook pre-made and frozen meals, take part in group meal programs through a local senior center or enlist the help of a family member, friend or in-home supportive care company to prepare easy, healthful meals.

Some supermarkets deliver groceries to your door, while local volunteer groups may have drivers assist you.

Sometimes aging leads to difficulty in chewing or digesting food. Seniors with these problems should substitute other foods in the same food group to be sure they are still getting those nutrients. For example, juices and soft, canned foods can take the place of fresh fruit and raw vegetables.

Planning meals ahead of time allows you to ensure that you are getting all of the nutrients and variety you need.

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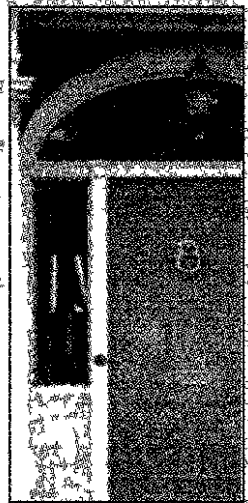
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To figure out how much coverage you need, make a detailed list of everything you own and its cost. Your belongings can be insured for their cash value or their replacement cost. A cash value policy pays the cost to replace your belongings, minus depreciation. A replacement cost policy reimburses you for the cost to replace the item (which is usually about 10 percent more than the actual cash value).

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Homeowners' policies also cover lawsuits for bodily injury you or family members cause to other people or damage caused by pets. If you are brought to court, the policy covers your legal and court fees. Most policies provide a minimum of \$100,000 worth of liability insurance.

Policies also pay for living expenses if you are living away from home temporarily while your home is being rebuilt after a fire, storm or other insured disaster. Coverage varies from company to company.

Mortgage lenders require that you purchase a minimum amount of homeowners insurance, but ask your insurance agent if your policy has enough coverage. You can get insurance through your local insurance agent or insurance companies, or via the phone, mail or online. Consult your state insurance department, the yellow pages, family or friends for recommendations or further information.



Having adequate homeowner's insurance gives peace of mind, allowing people to more fully enjoy their abode.

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Plan ahead to protect your home and family

(MS) - More often than not, people push the notion of developing a fire escape plan or regularly checking smoke detectors to the rear of their mind, somewhere between reorganizing the hall closet and cleaning out the garage once and for all.

But the truth is, fires are much more common than you might imagine. According to the United States Fire Administration:

- The United States has one of the highest fire-death rates in the industrialized world.

- At least 80 percent of all fire deaths occur in residences.

- About two million fires are reported each year. Many others go unreported, causing additional injuries and property loss.

- Direct property loss due to fires is estimated at \$8.6 billion annually.

There are ways to help your family survive should a fire occur, and there are many products designed with fire safety in mind.

SMOKE DETECTORS

At its most annoying when a grilled-cheese sandwich runs amuck, the high-pitched beeping of these devices is one of your first defenses against fire. In fact, many homes and apartments are required by law to have a certain number of smoke alarms in ratio to rooms of the house.

Recent advances in technology have made these life-saving devices even more valuable. For instance, the Intelligent 4D Multisensor Detector from Honeywell gathers information from two fire-sensing elements - ionization and photoelectricity - and a heat-sensing element to signal if there's a problem.

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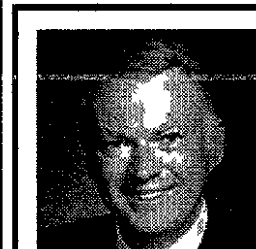
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March 7 1-4 PM
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Northville 3280 IMMACULATE VERY ATTRACTIVE Location cul de sac in Abbey Knoll Sub 3 bed 2 1/2 baths library fireplace hardwood floors in kitchen 2 decks walk out finished bsmt This home is a must see! \$442 900 VIRGINIA MARTIN 248 578 0113 248 348 6430

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Wayne 3424

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COLONIAL Updated 2415 sqft 4 bed 3 1/2 bath 1st floor laun dry finished bsmt hardwood floors granite island crown moldings Built ins family room & library Great location \$349 900 248 790 0212

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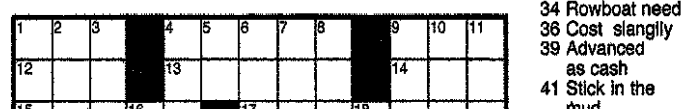
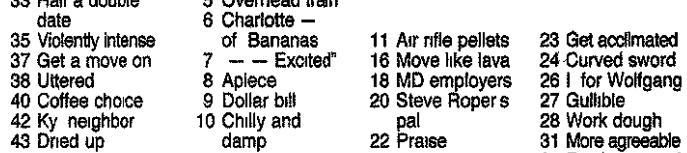
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4 BR colonial just a few blocks from downtown. Many updates including roof, kitchen, stainless steel appliances, HWH, mechanicals, windows and hardwood floors. Fin bsmt. 2 car att gar on large private lot w/inn. poss.
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From top to bottom. 3 BR suites. 2 car attached garage. 2 gas fireplaces. marble foyer. maple cabinets. den w/wet bar. impressive great room. stunning walk out lower level. Beautiful view of wooded area.
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TROY Never Built 1999
Premium brick great room ranch. White kitchen. first floor laundry. master bedroom with whirlpool tub and finished lower level with kitchen and bath. Custom raised patio. sprinklers. Troy schools. Quick occupancy.
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Remarkable once in a lifetime opportunity to own this beautiful serene 2.5 acre anchorage w/275 ft on Gerundout Bay on Cass Lake. This property offers a stunning atmosphere. Motivated seller.
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Exquisite custom built & designed home. Open floor plan soaring ceilings. custom paint & window treatment. 2 gourmet kits. 1 w/sitting room. Trpc & DR area. MBR w/sitting rm. 2 way triple. FR. 4 car gar.
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WHITE LAKE Built in 2000
3 BR 3.5 BA contemporary. meticulously maintained and updated. Architectural detail and custom amenities. Finished w/o w/posible 4th BR or in sw quarters. Vaulted ceilings. wood floors and open floor plan.
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3 BR 2.5 BA rambling brick ranch w/2 car attached garage. basement formal dining room. library w/bay window. vaulted ceiling in great room. fireplace. 1st floor laundry. oak kitchen w/appis + 4 season sunroom.
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TROY Large Colonial
With 4 BR 2.5 BA first floor laundry. library. GR, deck and wooded lot with a park across the street. Newer Walkside windows. roof cement patio and fresh paint. Paver bricks and sunset stone.
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COMMERCE Artist At Work
Approx. 850 sq. ft. of waterfront peninsula. 2 p. w/2 DR. n. th. s. 4 BR 3.5 BA. master suite. finished w/ oak. custom detail. w/ Had to find beauty & tranquility in this n. mt. setting. Love. S. ats. t. easu. e.
(B05COM) 248 363 1200 \$1 099,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD A Stunning 4 BR
Royal point new double glass door entry. newer roof. stunning finished basement with a wet bar and BA. Large lot for study room. 3 fireplaces. ceramic tile. w/ Hardwood floor in DR. Inground pool for summer fun.
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BLOOMFIELD Move Right Into
This 3 BR 2 BA ranch. New in DR. cherry/granite kit. windows. finished hardwood. neutral paint and carpet in FR and stairs. 2 car detached garage. private fenced yard and basement. Great location w/Blrm. Schls.
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SALEM TWP Beautiful Country Home
5 BR 2 full & 2.5 BA. 19th century colonial on approx 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom. hardwood floors. country kitchen & formal dining room. Large pole barn. pond. deck & gazebo. A must see!
(B68TER) 734 455-5600 \$599,900



ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction
4 BR 2.5 BA colonial w/3 car side garage and full basement. Home sits on nearly one acre of wooded land. Many impressive features. w/ Luxury master w/jetted tub. Rochester schools.
(B73BRE) 248-524-1600 \$449,900



WOLVERINE LAKE Finesse And Style
Lakefront 5 BR 3.5 BA. cath ceiling. 2 stone fireplaces. w/ wate. sauna/hot tub. gourmet kt. w/ sand climate control. n. lay. guest quarters. 1 n. w. o. huge master suite. 2 W.C. 3 wet bar. sound system. roomy w/s deck.
(B30WOL) 248 363 1200 \$749,900



MILFORD Welcome To Royalty Home
Home has it all. sits on a wooded 3.63 acre lot. Two story foyer & GR w/2 beautiful spiral staircases. FF master. 4 adult bedrooms on second floor with jack & jill baths. two study rooms. fin w/o bsmt. w/kt. 1 b. toy. rm.
(B56TAL) 248 626 8800 \$2,200 000



ROYAL OAK Gorgeous Beverly Hills
Cape Cod w/4 BR and 2 full baths. Stunning from the curb and exiting inside. just what you've dreamed of. FR. finished basement, updated kitchen. roof and plumbing. Patio and deck. Charm. ng throughout.
(B08AMH) 248 642-8100 \$338,000



SOUTH LYON Country Near The City
Super 4 bedroom ranch. 2.5 baths. great room w/cath ceiling. master suite. 2 fireplaces. Deck. basement. 2 car attached garage. Bring your horses. 8 acres. barn w/way loft. 3 stalls. fenced. shed. South Lyon schools.
(B25EIG) 734 455 5600 \$435 000




OAKLAND TWP Showcase Nantucket
Elegant home features commercial kitchen with limestone. triple tumbled marble & granite. 4 bedrooms. 4.5 baths. walnut. hwd. frs. media room. multiple fireplaces. garden room. 3 car gar on nearly 4 acres.
(B20PIN) 248 652-8000 \$1,949,900




WHITE LAKE So Much To Appreciate
Approx. 6 acres or a sports lake. 4 BR 4.5 BA. walk out soft contour w/attrav. e. amb. e. n. e. s. d. e. r. v. e. 3 car gar. curved staircase. study. ma. n. e. v. e. master. ste. w/spa. Ult. mate. kt. food. sto. age. a. e. n. Fin. bsmt.
(B30COR) 248 363 1200 \$597,500



OAKLAND TWP Sensational Custom Estate
On approx. 10 acres of serene setting. 6 BR 6 BA. gourmet kit. open flowing floor plan. staircase leading to 2nd level. Lg. fin. w/o. w/game room. ex. rm. BR. Gar. hols. 16 cars. custom pool. w/waterfall. & 3 tier deck.
(B01BRE) 248-642-8100 \$1,800 000



MILFORD Former Builders Dream
4 BR 2.5 BA colonial located in Orchard Estates on approx. 1.6 acres. High quality. w/o. 3 fireplaces. MBR suite. w/garden tub & Trpc. Sunroom leads to secluded deck. State of the art kitchen & appis. Walk out LL.
(F25LEW) 248-349-5600 \$499 900




PLYMOUTH Exquisite Entertaining Home
Boasts 4 bedrooms. 2.5 baths. cathedral ceilings. hardwood. foyer. oak island. 2 way fireplace. basement & 3 car attached garage. A wonderful find. You must see!
(B84DEE) 734-455-5600 \$499,900



OAKLAND Custom Quality
French Tudor w/6 bedrooms. 5.2 baths. Extensive use of marble. granite. oak & hickory. 3 trpc. 2 staircases. nine foot ceilings throughout. finished lower level. w/full kitchen. theatre room. sauna. fireplace. billiard & DR.
(B27BAY) 248-652-8000 \$1,175,000



WHITE LAKE Sunsets On White Lakefront
Updated ranch. 3 BR 3.5 BA. We. k. o. u. t. o. v. e. r. 70. w. 2. p. e. r. m. a. n. t. d. o. o. k. s. & b. o. a. t. h. o. u. s. e. K. i. t. c. h. e. n. h. a. s. m. o. v. a. b. l. e. i. s. l. a. n. d. & d. o. o. r. w. a. l. e. o. n. d. e. c. k. D. R. h. a. s. w. a. l. l. o. f. w. i. n. d. o. w. s. & o. p. e. n. t. o. L. R. & b. N. e. w. e. 2.5 c. a. g. a. r. a. g. e.
(B55RID) 248 363 1200 \$560,000




SHELBY TWP Built To Impeccable Taste
Extensive use of granite. oak and maple. custom woodwork. w/o. GR. w/20 ceiling. 2 kitchens. dual staircases & a fabulous master. Central vac. 4 GFA and C/A zoned. 2 laundry facilities. 4 trpc. & fin. w/o. bsmt.
(B63QUE) 248-642-8100 \$1,449,999



NOVI You Want It, We've Got It
All the most wanted features. open floor plan. 1st floor master. 1 replace. finished LL. 4 BR. 4 BA. FF. Large deck and wooded lot & sidewalks. Northville schools. Fresh paint.
(68MYS) 248-349-5600 \$489,900



CANTON Golf Course Community
5 BR 3.5 BA colonial w/2 car garage. 2 story foyer w/hardwood. fire. FF. master suite w/cath ceiling. fin. bsmt. w/counter area for entertaining. FR w/trpc. office w/French doors. sprinkler & sec. sys. Home warr.
(B70HIG) 734-455-5600 \$420,000



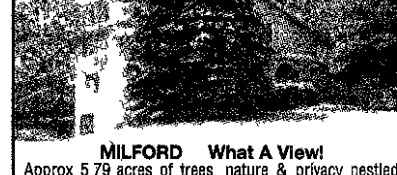
TROY Wooded Walk Out
Spacious 5 bedroom. 3.2 bath on approximately an acre. First floor master. covered deck. accessible from bedroom and family room. Walk out basement. 2 fireplaces. bedroom with skylights. newer appis & roof.
(B30WIN) 248-652-8000 \$659,000



COMMERCE Lakefront Home
Lakefront 4 BR 3 BA. Fin. LL. sta. n. e. s. s. steel. kt. appis. w/ wate. s. w. e. t. bar. surround sound system. large 2 car. n. s. u. a. t. e. d. g. a. r. a. g. e. 3. f. o. o. d. a. c. e. s. p. a. v. e. p. a. t. o. All. appis. i. n. c. l. u. d. e. d. E. n. j. o. y. t. h. i. s. c. o. v. e. r. e. d. B. o. d. e. L. a. k. e.
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BIRMINGHAM New Construction
On a premier street! High quality w/attention to detail. 4 bedrooms. 4.1 baths. butler area. 2 fireplaces and home theatre. Jack & Jill bath. 5th BR and bath in LL. Skylights. Kitchen w/island. formal DR & master sta.
(B20PLE) 248-642-8100 \$1,050,000



MILFORD What A View!
Approx. 5.79 acres of trees. nature & privacy. nestled into Kensington Metro Park. 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial w/many updated amenities such as w/h island kt. updated BA's. h/wd. stone. flooring. Finished w/o.
(B00VAL) 248-349-5600 \$454,900



TROY A Rare Find
On over one acre w/Troy schools. 4 BR 2.5 BA and finished w/ oak lower level. Neutral throughout. Lots of storage. All appliances are included. Immediate occupancy. Troy schools. Just start unpacking!
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OXFORD So Many Extra Touches
Designer showplace. professionally landscaped. gas fireplace. four skylights. 9 ft ceiling with granite island. lavish master bath with jet tub. 3 car garage. finished basement with bath and second kitchen.
(B31BAY) 248-652-8000 \$419 000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Gorgeous Luxury Condo
A beauty 3 years. Very open high ceilings. a model. ca. p. n. g. 2.5 BA. 3 BR. DR. GR. white kitchen. Bleached wooden floor. 2 fireplaces. Jacuzzi. full basement. 2 car garage.
(B14CRA) 248 626 8800 \$464,900



BIRMINGHAM Custom
4 BR 3.5 BA home with top of the line finishing touches. Extensive use of granite and nickel. limestone. Open floor plan. great layout. finished basement and office over garage. Very exquisite.
(B60SMI) 248-642-8100 \$698,900



NORTHVILLE Best Of Both Worlds
Extensively remodeled home. located w/in walking distance to Tour Goumet kitchen. wonderful open floor plan. w/ floating staircase to the b. liard & family room. 3 BR 3 BA. 3 trpc. Treat yourself to this home.
(B75BLO) 248-349 5600 \$450 000



TROY Stunning
New construction on an extra deep lot. Dual staircase w/wo. stoy. foyer. Bridge overlooking GR w/windows to the ceiling. Formal dining room. Huge master suite with pan ceiling. Daylight windows in basement.
(B37WIN) 248-524-1600 \$439,900



FARMINGTON Farmington Spectacular
Beautiful colonial situated on professionally landscaped lot. 3 bedroom with additional bedroom in lower level. walk out 3 tiered deck overlooking creek. First floor laundry. 3 baths. dining room & sprinklers.
(B95COU) 248-652 8000 \$420,000



ORCHARD LAKE Perfectly Private
Beautifully contemporary in woods overlooking ravine. open floor plan w/ vaulted ceilings. FF. MBR. h. s. & her walk in closets. trayed ceiling. Custom kt. w/island. Jenna. re. gas cooktop & ovens. hwd. fir.
(B06DEE) 248 626 8800 \$760,000



BIRMINGHAM Great Contemporary
Sitting on approx. 2/3 acre lot backing to Fairway Park and the Rouge River. Remodeled throughout. white kitchen. private master suite w/bath and walls of windows overlooking park like yard.
(B01LIN) 248 642 8100 \$695,000



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Beauty
Remodeled 2003. 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial. New granite. gourmet kitchen. hardwood floors. finished basement. granite & tile bath. Stone fireplace. landscaped private yard. 2 car att gar. Terracotta sun porch. Prime locat on.
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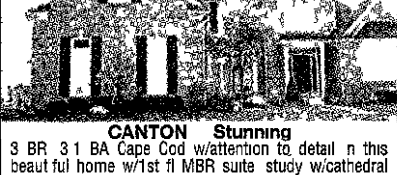
ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction
4 BR 3.5 BA colonial with full basement and 3 car side entry garage. Two story foyer with oak staircase. GR w/custom fireplace. Maple kitchen with island and walk in pantry. MBR w/jetted tub.
(B33SEV) 248 524 1600 \$545 000



OXFORD Lake Of Indianwood
Builder's own ranch style home. loads of details and a wooded private lot. Large first floor master w/spa tub. All season sunroom. paver patio. hardwood. ceramic. crown moldings. finished basement w/kt & bath.
(B01EAG) 248-652-8000 \$579,900



SHELBY TWP Sharp Modern Lakefront Home
A premium block elevation & an excellent lot w/ a wonderful view of the lake and an sand. The house features a huge kt. w/loads of cabinets. 2 story foyer. GR. o. t. s. w. d. o. v. a. s. b. i. g. 3. c. a. g. a. r. e. x. h. g. n. c. e. l. l. i. n. g.
(B45FLO) 248 626 8800 \$569 900



CANTON Stunning
3 BR 3.1 BA Cape Cod w/attention to detail in this beautiful home w/1st fl. MBR suite. study. w/cathedral ceilings & fireplace in GR and kt. 2nd floor w/loft. 2 BRs and bath. Huge kt. w/bu. it. ns. & bsmt. w/kt. & bath.
(B76POP) 248 642 8100 \$499,900



NORTHVILLE Smile You Found It
Sharp 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial family home. GR w/replace off well appointed kt. Door to multi tiered deck. Finished w/o. LL. Terrific master suite. 3 n. c. e. s. i. z. e. d. BRs. Plenty of storage. 3 car garage. Move right in.
(B57HOL) 248-349 5600 \$446,950



SHELBY TWP Stunning
4 BR 2.5 BA home on a cul de sac backing to a private nature preserve. Pato pavers and a two tier cedar deck facing the woods. Custom cherry kitchen. 1st floor master with dual walk ins and large whirlpool.
(B26MOR) 248 524 1600 \$429 900



LAKE ORION Dock Your Boat Out Back
Love y 4 bedroom home located on canal with access to all sports lake. Relax on the deck and enjoy the water view. Walk out basement. convenient second floor laundry. Double Jacuzzi in master bedroom.
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Cozy Aiken an ideal home for a young couple or empty nester

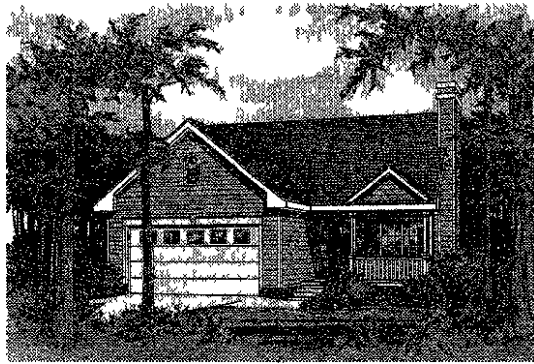
This single level home with its clean lines would be ideal for a first-time homeowner or empty nester. The Aiken has a contemporary ranch look with a covered porch. Another feature that helps in this new era of narrow, deep lots is that this home is only 34 feet 8 inches wide.

Convenience is the word of the day with the Aiken. A guest comes into the great room that's large and open for entertaining. It has a fireplace on the right side, and two large windows that overlook the front yard and street. The 1,311-square-foot unfinished basement could be remodeled later.

The "L" shaped kitchen is to the left of the front door. There's a center island for extra counter space. To the left of the kitchen is the dining room. Large windows bathe the room in light. Between the dining room and two-car garage is the utility room.

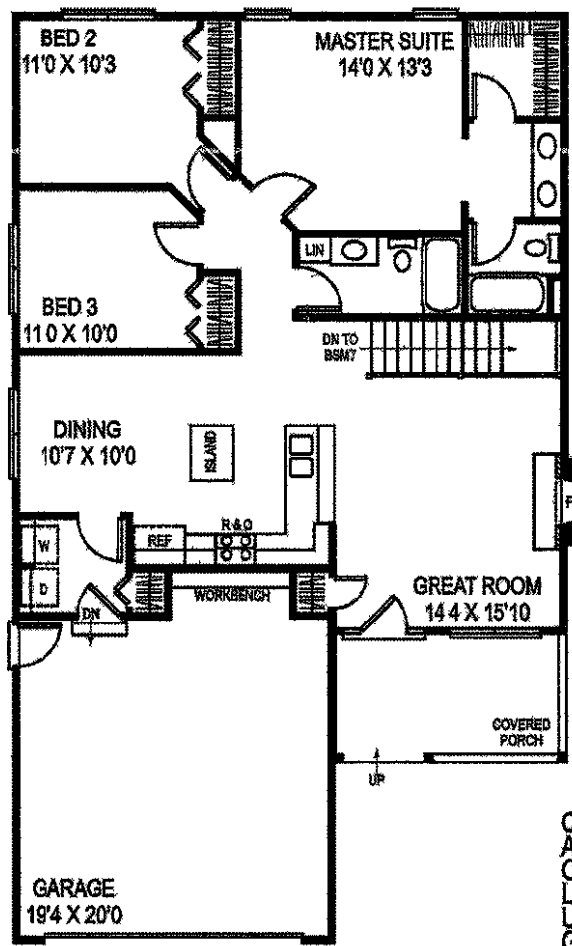
The rear of the Aiken is a sleeping area. There are two bedrooms on the left side, each with a wall closet and their own large windows. Straight across the hall is a full bath with a tub and linen closet.

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Get moving to make over a room

One of the fastest ways to give a room a makeover, apart from painting or wallpapering, is to rearrange furniture. By simply switching around your sofa, loveseat and entertainment center, you'll find the room can take on a completely new look. However, unless your family comes fully equipped with several moving professionals, moving furniture can be a backbreaking job.

So how do you revamp your room without ending up in the chiropractor's office? Here are some ways to achieve success without the pain.

■ **Sketch it out** Professional decorators often make quick outline sketches of their ideas on paper. They also do some of their work on graph paper, which makes it easy to map out the square footage of a room and then compare it in relation to the squares of the graph paper. Each square on the paper represents one foot. For example, a 2-foot-by-2-foot overstuffed chair on the graph paper would be two blocks wide by two blocks high. Label the shapes for what item of furniture or decorative item (like a rug) each is representing.

■ **Go high tech** Browse through the software aisle of your local computer store or office supply store and you should find several programs geared toward interior and exterior design. With these programs, you enter in the measurements of your room and furniture and then you can move around each item on the screen until you're happy with the placement. Some of these programs also offer a 3-D virtual walk-through tour, where you can get a "humans' eye view" of just what the room looks like.

■ **Comparison shop** If you live in a housing development, which are popular in suburban America, many of the houses in the development are the same model. See what your neighbors have done with the room you're looking to change, so you can get an idea of what works and what doesn't.

■ **Smooth sailing** If you're a hands-on type of person and believe moving around the actual furniture is the only way to get an accurate view of your new design plan, invest in tools that will make the job easier. New "as seen on TV" disks that are coated with ultra-slippery silicon can be placed under your furniture legs, making it easy to slide around cumbersome items. Plus, the disks won't snag on your carpet, preventing more headaches.

Having right tools for job saves time

New homeowners often purchase tools on an as-needed basis—or realize they don't have the right tools at the time of an emergency repair. A properly equipped toolbox can save time and frustration and make projects fun and exciting.

In addition to screwdrivers, hammers and wrenches, power tools are important for any do-it-yourselfer.

"Confidence comes with the right power tools," said Tim Brasher with Skil Power Tools. "The Internet is a great resource to find the right tools to meet your needs. At Skil.com, do-it-yourselfers can find buying guides, as well as project instructions at any level."

Here's the Skil recommended New Homeowner's Guide to Power Tool Essentials.

■ **Cordless drill/drivers** provide versatility and are good for projects ranging from hanging up pictures and drywall to erecting a tool shed or attaching a satellite dish. Both 12-volt and 14-volt drills are great for occasional household drilling or screw-driving projects. If your projects are more comprehensive, such as deck building, then an 18-volt drill is a good choice.

Sanders add the finishing touch for a variety of projects. A random orbit sander removes twice as much surface area as sheet belt sanders. A common gripe with sanding projects is that they are dirty and cause too much dust. Look for sanders with a Micro Filter system that captures two times the dust of conventional sanders.

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■ Another power tool to consider is a reciprocating saw for pruning and handling fallen branches after storms or to power through metals and tackling demolition projects.

■ A cost-effective way to get your tool kit started is with power tool combination kits. Many kits include power tool essentials and sell for under \$200. For example, Skil has a cordless combo-pack that has an 18-volt X-Drive drill/driver, a Skilsaw, a reciprocating saw, light and stud finder. The Skil X-Drive 18-volt Combo-Pack has a carrying bag, two batteries and a one-hour quick charger for user convenience. It's available nationwide at Lowe's.

■ Skilsaws are ideal for making straight cuts through a single piece or multiple pieces of wood. Typical uses include cutting plywood, paneling or 2 by 4s for decks. When shopping for a Skilsaw, look for a safety latch that locks the blade in.

Play it safe when you're improving your home

Spring home-improvement projects can be exciting, especially when they involve changing the decor of the home. Whether you plan to make a minor change, like hanging new drapes, or you have something extensive in mind, it is important to consider your health and safety in the process.

■ Wear a mask to minimize the amount of dust and fine particles that you inhale.

■ Wear safety glasses to protect eyes from flying debris.

■ Wear gloves to protect skin from injury and irritation.

■ Keep all chemicals and tools away from children and pets, and out of the way of corridors in your work area.

or chemicals safely, complying with statutory legislation regulating the use of hazardous substances.

DEALING WITH ELECTRICITY

■ Disconnect any electrical equipment when it is not in use, even if it is for a short time.

■ Switch off the power supply when decorating around switches or wall outlets and when cleaning them.

■ Consider using a ground-fault interrupter to prevent electrocution.

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■ Always read manufacturers' operating instructions before using any equipment.

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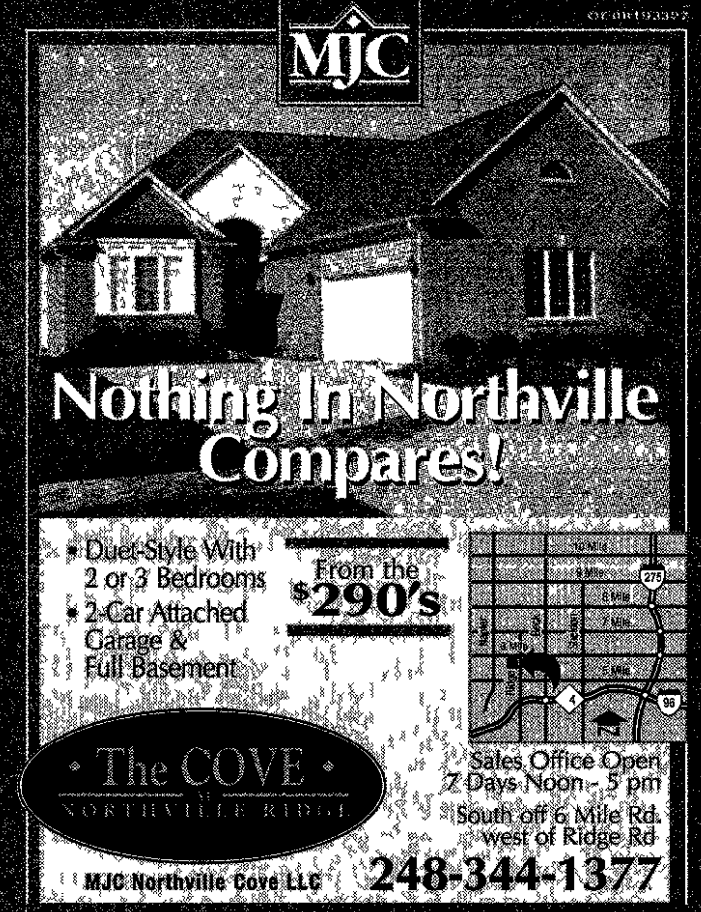
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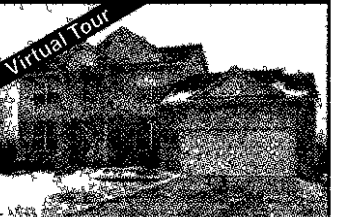

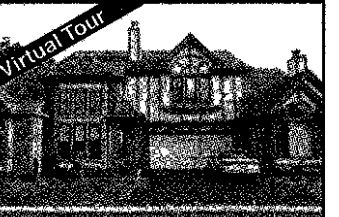



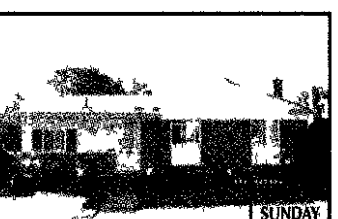


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Event Coordinator National health agency western Wayne county is seeking a goal oriented motivated professional to initiate and implement community fundraising programs coordinate special events prospect and recruit corporate and community support Position requires sales good communication fundraising/ event coordination public speaking and organization skills Some travel evenings and weekends Vehicle required Excellent benefits EOE/M/F Email resume and salary requirements to detroitregion@mduisa.org No phone calls please

EXPERIENCED MECHANIC WANTED Must be certified with tools 10 bay shop lots of potential Call Howard 248 425 6088

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Candidates must successfully complete a testing process background investigation psychological and physical Applications are available and returned completed with all certificates to Charter Township of Northville Human Resources Department 41660 Six Mile Rd Northville MI 48167 by 4:00 pm Wednesday April 7 2004 An application is also available at our website at www.northvill emich.com Resumes will not be accepted with out an application Equal Employment Opportunity

GENERAL ACCOUNTING Duties to include A/P A/R collections filing and etc Northville area Please fax resume 248 449 8710 or email npro@earthlink.net

GENERAL OFFICE Are you looking to earn extra money? Would you like to get out of the house? Are you transitioning into the work force? Franklin Bank currently has part time openings for general office clerks Mon-Fri 2:00pm-6:00pm We are located in Southfield Pays \$8.75/hour 20.25 hours per week Must meet/clear our pre employment screenings (Credit criteria drug screen employment Verification criminal search) If interested You can fax your resume to 248 358 1404 Or complete an application at 24725 W 12 Mile Sulte 200 Mon-Fri from 9am-4pm EOE

GENERAL SHOP/DRIVER JANITORIAL/TRAINEE For tool shop Must have a good driving record Full time benefits 734 522 4780

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GOLF SHOP Private golf club has seasonal openings for Golf Shop Sales Staff (M/F) and outside golf services operation available to service oriented mature & energetic need only apply Call Jeff Roth 248 655 0825

GREETER / SALES ASSISTANT/ Selections Coordinator Immediate opening for Northville Residential builder Weekend hours Sat & Sun 11 00-6 00 Weekday hours are flexible Please fax resume to 248 646 3529

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HVAC TECH Required experience to 100 tons Strong electrical exp CALL 9am-10am ONLY (248) 646 2160

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Insurance AUTO/HOME SALES REPRESENTATIVES & COORDINATOR Marsh @WorkSolutions the nation's leader in insurance program management is seeking candidates with insurance sales and/or call center experience for the Dearborn office This is your opportunity to turn your sales and customer service skills into an insurance career Insurance experience and a P&C insurance license are a plus but we will assist qualified applicants to become licensed If you have insurance sales call center and/or customer service experience and would like to advance your career we would like to talk to you Coordinator candidates must have previous insurance and call center leadership experience

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Leasing/Marketing Manager Respected Property Management firm seeks Experienced Creative Aggressive and Motivated person for a Large Award Winning and Prestigious West Bloomfield MI Multi family Apartment Community Candidate must possess strong verbal and written communication skills Responsibilities include the creation and supervision of marketing budgets promotion hiring training supervision motivation and evaluation of leasing team members as well as occupancy performance Full time position with competitive compensation and benefits Please fax your resume to 248 661 3246 or email to styler@beztak.com EOE

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Service Person Reliable self motivated person wanted to do warranty servicing of manfactured homes...

SERVICE TECH (Electronics background) for fitness equipment Must be mechanically inclined...

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WAREHOUSE Auto parts warehouse needs driver/warehouse person Good benefits BC/BS Dental life insurance 401K (313) 255 1122

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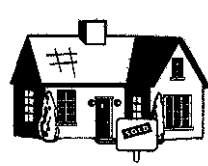
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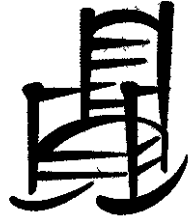
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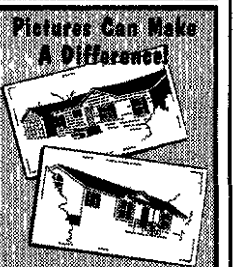
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The smaller SUVs are great if you're looking for a car-like ride with some extra cargo room for groceries and kids, and decent gas mileage - a little sexier version of a minivan, perhaps. On the other hand, if you need lots of space, a powerful engine for towing a boat or trailer, or you do some off-roading, the larger SUVs may be what you need. And luxury SUVs are another category altogether.

For the past few years, DaimlerChrysler has tried to straddle the middle with its Dodge Durango model. Larger than the small SUVs like the Jeeps and the Toyota RAV4, but smaller than the mammoth Ford Expedition, Lincoln Navigator and Toyota Land Cruiser, the Durango attempted to give you the advantages of each size in one package, like cargo room and towing power. Unfortunately, with its truck-like ride, and mediocre gas mileage, some of the disadvantages of each came along for the ride, too.

For 2004, DaimlerChrysler has given the Durango a makeover, inching it closer to the larger classes of SUVs and using its Ram pickups as inspiration. This year's model is seven inches longer, two inches wider and more than three inches taller than previous Durangos. The engines are more powerful, with a new 5.7-liter HEMI Magnum V8 (345 hp) among the three offerings. More power, more room, better seating options - all improvements, but the Durango is now firmly in the full-size (but not behemoth luxury) SUV camp.

As noted above, the new Durango is longer, wider and taller than it was for the last few years. It's now more than 16 feet long, more than six feet wide, and more than six feet tall. The optional running boards help, but with the standard 17-inch wheels, the vertically-challenged may



2004 Dodge Durango SLT Vehicle class: Special purpose sport utility truck. Power: V6 engine. Mileage: 16 city / 21 highway. Where built: Newark, Del. Base price: \$28,160.

have some trouble getting in. Once inside, though, you'll notice plenty of head, leg and shoulder room. The optional leather-trimmed bucket seats are comfortable and provide good support. There are multiple storage areas, including a new "fast food bin," to keep your lunch from spilling all over the place while you drive (you don't really eat-and-drive, do you?).

The Durango SLT comes with air conditioning (front and rear), remote keyless entry, power seats, power windows and locks, tilt steering column, and cruise control. An AM/FM/CD player is standard, you can upgrade to an eight-speaker, 288-watt, six-disc system that also plays MP3s as part of a package that includes an overhead console, cargo net, garage door opener, security system, and cast aluminum wheels. Other options include the leather-trimmed seats, power sunroof, off-road tires and a 384-watt amplifier for the sound system.

The new Durango comes with a second row 40/20/40 seat and a third row bench seat. A reclining 40/20/40 second row seat is an option. With the second and third row seats folded, you get 101 cu. ft. of cargo room.

One of the areas of improvement over previous Durangos is in the ride and handling. Even though the new Durango is bigger, it's also more solid and handles better. The ride still won't be confused with a luxury car, but for a vehicle of its type and size, it's not bad at all. An

all-new and torsionally stiff fully-hydroformed frame is linked to an independent front suspension and rack-and-pinion steering. The rear suspension is also new, with coil springs and a solid rear axle. The Durango is rated to a towing capacity of 8900 lbs. Power fold-away mirrors, a seven and four pin wiring harness and hitch receiver make up the optional light towing package.

The new Durango comes with a lineup of three engines. The standard engine is the new Magnum 3.7-liter V6 rated at 210 hp. Acceleration is decent, but if you want a little more jump off the line, you might want to look at the optional 4.7-liter Magnum V8 (230 hp) or the HEMI Magnum V8 (345 hp at 5600 rpm and 375 lb-ft of torque). ABS brakes are standard and stopped very well.

The 2004 Dodge Durango SLT starts at about \$28,000. Add the option packages above and you're looking at about \$33,000. While the new Durango may have moved farther away from the smaller SUVs, with a better ride, more power, better seating and more cargo room, it's moved closer to being an excellent choice for the full-size SUV crowd.

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