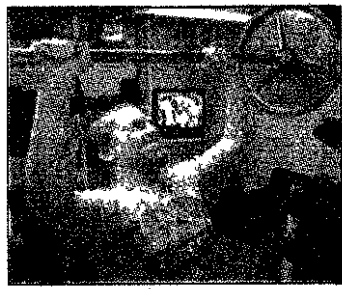


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East Middle School seventh-grader Steven Robinson goes over Shiloh the current book he's reading with reading coach Missy Rugh at the Salem High School Library

Turning potential into production

Foundation program gets students back on track

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Eleven-year-old Eugene Merlino looked at the vocabulary words in front of him "Scramble to jumble, to mix," he said aloud to his coach from the Wilcox Learning Program "I had scrambled eggs for breakfast" Merlino, a sixth-grader at West Middle School, did the same for other words - complicated, swindle and groggy Merlino then spent some time

reading aloud, discussing what he just learned Italy is the world's biggest wine producer," said Merlino after reading several paragraphs from the book, *First Atlas* There's a place called the Vatican and they make Ferraris" Merlino is one of about a dozen students who spend two hours a week at Salem High School with a coach, one-on-one, to improve reading and writing skills It's a volunteer program funded by the Jack

Wilcox Foundation Our motto is "Turning potential into production," said James Piazza, who oversees the program Students are referred to the Wilcox Learning Program by school counselors These students are at least a year behind, but with help they can get back to grade level," said Piazza "The first hour of the session we focus on reading, the second hour on writing Those two areas have impact on all

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Reading coach Cindy Wilder goes over some work with East Middle School eighth-grader Daryl Vettese

Generosity shines in campaigns

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Each winter, during the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign, there are stories nationwide of some who anonymously drop gold coins with their change into the big red buckets

An anonymous donor from Plymouth went one better The donor, whose name isn't being released by the Army, walked into the Plymouth Township corps and handed Major Kathy Hogg a check for \$40,000 The donation helped push the Red Kettle total to \$221,446 "People here were buzzing about it," said Kelly Zmudczynski, the Army's Red Kettle campaign coord-

PLEASE SEE DONATIONS, A7

Waves of change fuel relief effort

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Linda and Kelly Erickson saw the television coverage of the tsunami in south Asia, they decided they wanted to help its victims

After a family meeting on the subject, and a visit to church, the Ericksons landed upon an idea They would roam their Trailwood neighborhood with a jar and collect as much loose change as people were willing to donate, figuring they could land maybe \$50 Some 64 pounds of coins and nearly \$400 later, the girls were sending a check to the American Red Cross for its tsunami relief efforts

"We watched the news, and I was feeling so bad," said Linda Erickson, 9 "I thought we should do something about it, but I wasn't sure what"

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Calling all former Academic All-Stars

Since 1985, the Observer & Eccentric has honored outstanding students through its Academic All-Star program

This year marks the Observer's 20th year of honoring local students and we'd like to hear from our former Academic All-Stars

If you were an Observer Academic All-Star, let us know what you have been doing since your selection What did you study? What careers did you have? What's your life been like since that time? Tell us your story and include your high school graduation photo and a recent photo, too

Special annual sections about the Academic All-Stars have saluted the intelligence, involvement and industry of the best and brightest students in public and private high schools around Oakland and Wayne counties

This year, we're planning a special edition in honor of the programs 20th anniversary

If you're a former All Star or a parent who can provide information and photos about your former All Star e-mail Special Editor Mary Klemic at mkiemc@oe.hometownlife.com or mail to Observer & Eccentric 805 E. Maple Birmingham 48009 Attn: Mary Klemic Be sure to include a phone number where you can be reached You can e-mail photos in a jpeg format (please send largest size possible) and make sure photos are identified

The special section will be published in May 2005



Spring fever

Actors from the Plymouth Uptown Players create a live sculpture as a group exercise to learn how to work with their fellow actors to please the audience The Plymouth Community Arts Council is holding open auditions for children ages 6 to 14 for the Uptown Players spring production As a bit of a twist, the play to be performed will not be chosen until after auditions so that Sharon Belobraidich the director, can choose the best play according to the strengths of the group Auditions take place 6:30-8 p.m. Jan 17 and 19 at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon from 6:30 to 8:00pm The auditions are free of charge, no special preparation is required and you do not need to register in advance The children should plan to choose one day and stay for the entire "workshop" and all children who audition will receive a part For more information, call the PCAC (734) 416-4278

Plymouth picks parking officer

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The City of Plymouth has hired an enforcement officer to patrol downtown parking lots City Manager Paul Sincock said Jerry Greener of Plymouth Township will begin enforcement of downtown parking regulations sometime after the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, which runs Jan. 17-23

"There are several elements of the plan we're still putting together," said Sincock, "such as

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Women's health seminar

Mashike Chiropractic of Plymouth hosts a women's health seminar designed to disclose "What every woman needs to know and your doctor may not tell you about the role your hormones play in your life."

The seminar, scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, is designed to help women gain a better understanding about the life cycles women's bodies go through (puberty through post-menopause) and what happens when hormones get out of balance.

This is an open, free seminar and Mashike officials call it "a must for all women, especially ages 25-45."

Mashike Chiropractic is located at 851 S. Main in Plymouth. For reservations, call (734) 354-0020. For more information, call Karen Smith of Arbonne International at (734) 459-0265.

Theft prevention

Police departments in Plymouth Township, Canton and Northville Township have partnered with Crime Stoppers to prevent what has become an ongoing problem both for the law enforcement and construction industries: construction site theft.

The agencies are sponsoring a construction site theft prevention seminar, "We Nail Thieves," from 2-4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 at the Canton Police Department. Law enforcement officials are strongly urging builders encourage their management-level representatives to attend the seminar.

Participants can RSVP to the Canton police by calling (734) 394-5325.

Newcomers mixer

The Plymouth Newcomers host their second-annual New Member Mixer and Wine Tasting from 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the

Plymouth Community Arts Council.

There will be various wines available to taste. Mark Tanski from Bellavino's will be there to kick off the event with a short talk and discussion on wine and wine tasting.

Anyone is welcome to come and meet some new friends and find out about what the group may have to offer.

Plymouth Newcomers is a group dedicated to helping people in the Plymouth area meet new people and make new friends. Various interest groups are available, including but not limited to women's bowling, men's poker, scrapbooking, dinner club, euchre, gardening and games.

Playgroups for children of various ages are available throughout the year. Newcomers typically hosts one event a month designed to bring together people from all different interest groups.

Any questions can be directed to Colleen Abb, (734) 455-1647, or Cornelia Schafer, (734) 207-8352. Members do not have to be new to Plymouth, nor even live in Plymouth, since the group draws people from all over.

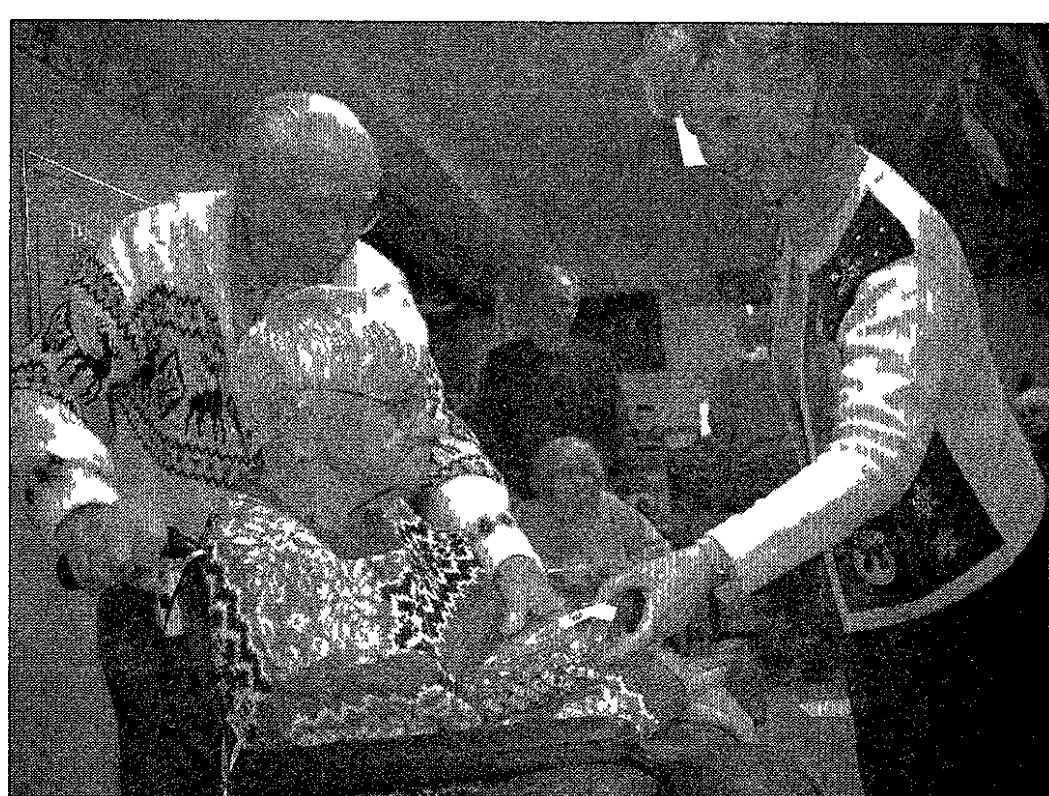


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Party time

Rotarian Teresa Cischke gives Agnes Caldwell cookies she won during the cake walk with some help from her husband, Walter Caldwell, at the Medlodge Nursing Home's holiday party for residents and their families. The annual event for some 30 residents and their families included the cookie walk, door prizes and presents for the residents. Activity director Cathy Newborn had special thanks for the Rotary Club, Our Lady of Good Counsel and activity staffers Nicole Couchman, Kim Welton and Danielle Leader.

OLGC open house

As a kickoff to National Catholic Schools Week, the folks at Our Lady of Good Counsel have invited area families to join students and staff for a special open house celebration.

The open house is set for 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30. Special performances and presentations have been scheduled throughout the day by the student choirs, quiz bowl and art and science areas. Tours of the school and registration information will be available. The open house is open to the public and

refreshments will be served.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to showcase the wonderful advantages of a catholic education offered at OLGC," said principal Kay Reilly. "OLGC truly believes in the theme 'Faith in Every Student.' The education offered to students at OLGC is built on the solid fundamentals of math, science, English, religion and we complete it with exceptional art, music and sporting programs."

For more information, call (734) 453-3053.

Top employee

Moussa Faraj is the January 2005 Employee of the Month at the Plymouth Bannigan's, officials of LaBelle Management, the restaurant's owner, announced.

According to LaBelle spokesperson Alicia Wickert, crew members are selected based on "job performance, customer service, attitude, team spirit, dependability and professionalism."

LaBelle Management owns and operates 33 restaurants

and six hotels in Michigan and Indiana.

Youth soccer registration

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department takes spring youth soccer registration through the month of January during normal business hours 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Fee for 6-Under through 8-Under divisions is \$60 for city residents, \$85 for non-residents. For 9-Under and older divisions, the fee is \$65 for city residents, \$95 for non-residents.

The recreation department is located at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

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Sri Lanka relief starts at home for local family

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Sheran and Hiranthini Alles didn't waste much time.

They awoke on Dec. 26 to hear the devastating news that their native Sri Lanka had been hit by a tsunami. By that same evening the Livonia couple had already composed a letter to send around the community seeking help for a relief effort aimed at near-destroyed the region.

Since then, the Sri Lanka Disaster Relief Fund has been arranged through the Great Lakes Buddhist Vihara, a temple in Southfield, using a tax-exempt account with Bank One.

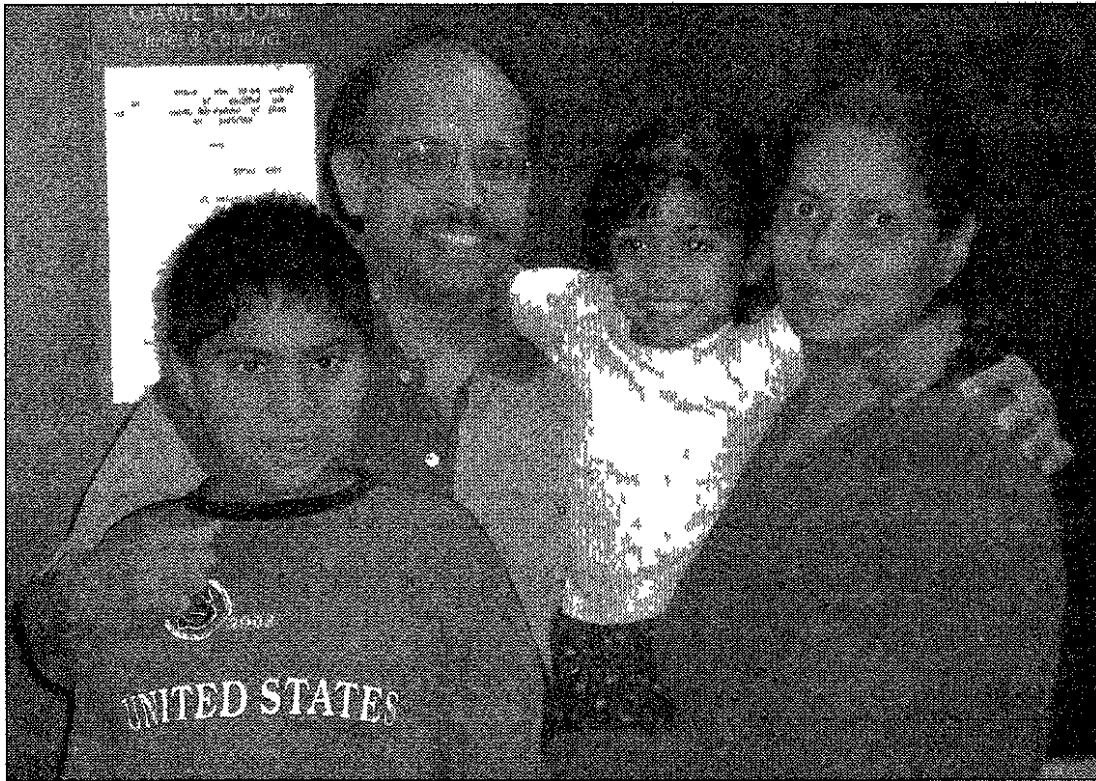
"We don't have many Sri Lankans (in the area)," said Sheran Alles. "We all got together the next day itself and started to think how we can help."

Residents from Livonia, Westland, Novi, Northville, Farmington Hills, Troy, Rochester Hills, and even Windsor, Ontario are part of this multi-community effort to support the rebuilding of Sri Lanka. Those involved - like the Alles family - hope to provide long-term support in addition to the immediate assistance already being sent by the U.S. government.

The money raised locally will go toward rebuilding housing, and eventually schools for those in the hardest-hit places, those who have the least income.

For \$2,000 to \$3,000, a basic two-bedroom home can be built in Sri Lanka, according to Sheran Alles. A third world country located in the Indian Ocean, it was one of 11 nations affected by the disaster. Sri Lanka is home to 18 million people. The entire island is about one-quarter of the size of Michigan.

Sheran Alles hopes those Sri Lankans who lost their homes will play an active role in the rebuilding effort. And anyone



The Alles family is heading up efforts to support those in need in Sri Lanka, following the tsunami disaster. The family - Hiran (from left), Sheran, Shehani and Hiranthini - visited the country in August, where they have family and friends.

who donates to this cause will be informed with updates on the progress.

Sheran and Hiranthini Alles are originally from Sri Lanka and still have family and friends living there. Though their relatives live in or near Colombo, along the west coast, the storms still affected the area. The southeastern part of the country was hardest hit.

Initially after the tsunami struck, Hiranthini Alles said it was difficult to get ahold of people.

HOLIDAY VISIT MISSED
Sheran Alles said nearly every Christmas they travel to Sri Lanka to visit relatives. This was the first time they opted to stay home.

"This is the first time my parents said 'We're happy you didn't come,'" he said.

The couple moved to the United States in 1988 and both attended Wayne State University. They lived in uni-

versity housing until 1995 when they moved to Westland. In 2002, they bought their first home in Livonia.

The Alles have two children. Their son, Hiran, is 10 years old and attends Tyler Elementary. Their daughter, Shehani, is 4 and attends Livonia Montessori Center. According to Hiranthini, her daughter's school has adopted the tsunami relief effort as a school-wide service project this year.

Because she is a PTA member at Tyler, Hiranthini has been in contact with Livonia Public Schools to assist with relief efforts as well.

The Alles family had just visited Sri Lanka in August. The news of the tsunami came as a shock, since such extreme weather is not common to the area.

There had never been an earthquake before, they said. That's why it took so many people by surprise, and took so many lives. Current estimates

show 35,000 people died and 15 million were left homeless in Sri Lanka alone.

"I have never heard of a large-scale natural disaster in Sri Lanka," said Hiranthini Alles.

The fishing and tourism industries so crucial to Sri Lanka have been devastated by the disaster, they said. Unlike the United States, residents with lower income tend to live and work on the coastline.

In addition, roads and rail lines circling Sri Lanka have been demolished.

Several friends have lost family, said Hiranthini Alles.

Though the Alles family itself has not lost anyone, they have been hearing about friends and acquaintances who perished. Some were just visiting the country on holiday. Such news

Comcast adds channels for tsunami coverage

Residents in four western Wayne County communities will have access to the International Channel for extensive news coverage of the tsunami recovery efforts.

Comcast Digital Cable is making the channel available to customers in Westland, Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township through Jan. 31 at no additional cost, even to those customers that do not currently subscribe to these channels (which are normally offered on a subscription basis).

In light of the tragic aftermath of the Dec. 26 tsunami, Comcast Cable is providing access to two South Asian television news channels - TV Asia and Zee TV.

According to the cable provider, Comcast "is committed to providing our valued customers with the most up-to-date information available from Asia. News about the tsunami recovery efforts will be especially important to South Asian Americans in Michigan who are desperately seeking information about the welfare of family and friends in their homelands."

A digital set-top box and remote control are required to receive the signal. Customers don't need to request the channels or make any changes to their existing equipment.

Customers who have questions can call Comcast at (888) COMCAST.

LONG-TERM RECOVERY

They plan to collect donations through mid-February before putting the relief efforts in action. And for Sri Lankans, this project will continue indefinitely.

Sheran Alles said he feels a responsibility to reach out and help, as long as it's needed.

And that sentiment has come through for his son, Hiran, as well. Hiran asked his parents if he could collect money from his friends at school for the relief effort.

"I was really touched by that," said his mother. "It doesn't matter if they make a 25-cent donation. They care. They want to help kids they've never seen who live half-way around the world."

That's the sort of response the Alles family has found from

their neighbors as well. "Everyone wants to be part of it," said Hiranthini Alles.

Her husband added, "This is the least we can do."

He believes it could take 20 years to bring about change and make a difference in the country.

To donate to this local effort for the homeless families and orphaned children in Sri Lanka, send checks payable to Help Sri Lanka Disaster Relief Fund to Great Lakes Buddhist Vihara, 21491 Beech Road, Southfield, MI 48034. All donations are tax-deductible and 100 percent of the proceeds will go toward this effort.

To donate online, see the Web at glbvi.hara.org. For more information, contact the Alles family at (734) 474-5650.

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Mike Thoresen of Exhibit Works, at the Ford display which is designed to have an open, spacious feeling

Local company sets stage to showcase latest auto designs

BY SAM TRICOMO
STAFF WRITER

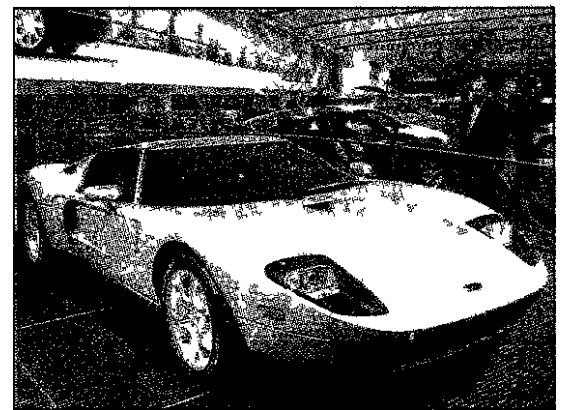


Exhibit Works display for Ford Motor shows off everything from the Ford Focus to their Ford GT supercar

Within several thousand square feet Mike Thoresen creates an entire world

Thoresen is vice president of Exhibit Works a Livonia-based company that creates the dramatic and often ghtzy staging areas at shows where automakers showcase their latest designs and attempt to woo buyers

Fresh from setting up displays at the Los Angeles Auto Show, Thoresen and his crews were busy putting together displays for the entire Ford line up, Hyundai, Porsche, Kia and Saleen at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit earlier this week

"We have to create something that reflects the personality of the vehicle and projects the ideas of the company overall," Thoresen said

That means attention to detail and that's where Exhibit Works' 350 skilled trades people, designers and consultants get to work

One of the company's newest customers, Hyundai Motors charged Exhibit Works with helping to set the stage for the introduction of its redesigned Sonata

To do that, Exhibit Works created a 134-foot by 24-foot translucent wall with multi-color light displays, a 192-square-foot LED screen featuring commercials and past auto show footage and an electronic center where show goers can access vehicle information

Contractual agreements with his clients prevent Thoresen from discussing the strategies behind the various exhibits

I can tell you that in all cases it's very important to make sure that visitors know immediately that they are leaving one company's display and entering another, he said

His company also had a hand in creating the massive display area for the Ford family of vehicles including Lincoln-Mercury and Mazda

As Ford also owns Range Rover, Volvo, Jaguar and Aston Martin, the exhibit area containing the Blue Oval's holdings is vast

Cobo is an open exhibit space but Exhibit Works used different lighting as one way to differentiate the various brands

Music and flooring materials are other obvious boundary creators

Near the Macomb entrance to the show is a good example of corporate boundaries. To the left visitors will see the Honda exhibit where the company is showing off its first ever pickup, the Ridgeline

Known for high quality and for grabbing market share from domestic automakers in the

small and medium sized markets, Honda is attacking the truck market with a sort of cross over vehicle complete with unique bed storage options and comfortable appointments inside

Directly to the right though is a reminder that Ford doesn't plan to let go of its king of the truck market hill position easily as the company's F-250 Harley Davidson Edition sits bathed in bright light

The contrast between the two trucks is obvious and also highlighted by the music playing near each. Honda opted for a near New Age sound and Ford further enhanced the bad boy image of the F-series truck with pounding rock

Across from the truck area is more evidence of the company's success as the '05, retro inspired Mustang sits in all its various trim packages

A flat panoramic screen television monitor stretching 150 feet is hoisted high above the pony cars and viewers can see the new street machines racing around mountain roads

NAIAS chairman Bill Cook said companies like Exhibit Works, together with manufacturers, have worked hard to recreate the show

It's very evident that this year's show is already proving to be our best. The exhibit companies and manufacturers really stepped up and helped us to create a very open feel to the show, Cook said

Improved lighting in Cobo Hall is one improvement that was ready and waiting for the show but Cook said improving sight lines and traffic flow were among the major charges for this year's show

"One thing that people will really notice as a new standard this year is the use of very large, high quality video screens as a way of conveying a company's message," Cook said

Early positive responses from foreign media tell Cook the '05 show will be one to beat

The North American International Auto Show runs Saturday-Sunday, Jan 15-23 at the Cobo Conference Center, One Washington Blvd., Detroit. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday-Saturday, Jan 15-22, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan 23. Admission \$12 adult, \$6 seniors 65 and older, children 12 and under free with parent, at door. To order tickets online, or more information, visit www.naias.com

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PARKING

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the residential permits (\$25) for downtown residents who want to park overnight in the parking deck, and the yearly parking permits (\$750) for nonresidents who want to park in the lower deck."

Sincock said additional signage will also be placed in the downtown area to signify the two- and eight-hour parking lots.

The city commission passed the parking policy in November. It's aimed at increasing the turnover rate for the prime two-hour parking

spots in downtown Plymouth. Without enforcement, many times those parking spaces are occupied for more than two hours at a time, with some of the main culprits being employees who work downtown and park all day in choice spaces in front of retail establishments.

"A certain amount park all day in close proximity, in places the community would better be served with turnover," said Bob Anderson, Plymouth Downtown Development director. "If someone works in a business for eight hours, they should park somewhere else."

That somewhere else could be the central parking deck off Harvey Street or the lot behind

The Gathering, where the city administration and the DDA wants employees, and those who plan to be in the city for more than two hours, to park.

The lower portion of the parking deck will have a two-hour limit, but the upper deck and The Gathering are essentially all-day parking, with eight-hour limits.

Susie Delagarza, an employee at Dearborn Jewelers in the Mayflower Center at the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail, said she parks across the street in the parking deck.

"My manager tells me to park in the deck," said Delagarza, to keep the spaces open for customers. "It seems

there are always cars pulling in and out of the spaces in front of our store to go to Panera Bread and Starbucks."

"Going across the street isn't bad when the weather is nice, or there's not a lot of construction," she said. "A lot of the people don't know about the deck. They need more signs."

Anderson said he's working on getting temporary signs up until permanent signs can be designed. The DDA is spending \$120,000 over the next two years to pay for costs of the parking program, including signs and Greener's \$11-an-hour salary.

When Greener hits the streets, violators of the parking

policy will receive a grace period.

"We'll start out with a warning program for about the first week," said Sincock. "After that, the tickets will cost \$15."

The new parking policy also allows the city to charge for parking in the central deck during at least three major events - the Ice Spectacular, Art in the Park and Fall Festival.

"You can anticipate that Friday night (Jan. 21) from 5-8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday (Jan. 22-23) from about 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., during the Ice Festival we'll be charging \$5 to park in the central deck," said Sincock. "It's really not to

make money, but to manage the parking lot and the available spaces. People drive around in circles waiting for a parking space, so it's a traffic congestion issue."

Since the city doesn't have enough personnel to manage the lot, service clubs will get an opportunity to make extra money. During the Ice Spectacular, the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth will manage the two entrances to the parking deck.

Sincock said the city will retain \$3 of the fee, with the Kiwanis Club getting \$2.

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FOR THE RECORD



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Sports section in Passages on page C9.

DEATHS

B
James Wellington Bushway III, 58, of Westland, died Dec. 25.

C
Marie L. Crocket of Westland, died Jan. 9.

G
Arthur John Giese Jr., 82, died Jan. 9.

H
Thomas E. Herman and Mary Louise Herman, died Jan. 9.

J
Nina A. Johnston, 87, of Rochester Hills, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 8.

L
Wanda Jewelene "Julie" Lahr, 73, died Jan. 8.
Evan J. "Jake" Leonard of Clarkston, died Jan. 7.

N
Mary Nelson, 87, died Jan. 9.

P
Ahti Ellis Petaja, 90, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 24.

S
Geneva Juanita Shira, of Clarkston, 93, formerly of Muskegon, died Jan. 8.

Melvin Charles St. Pierre, of Garden City, died Jan. 5.

W
Mike Waldecker, 74, formerly of Plymouth, died Jan. 10.

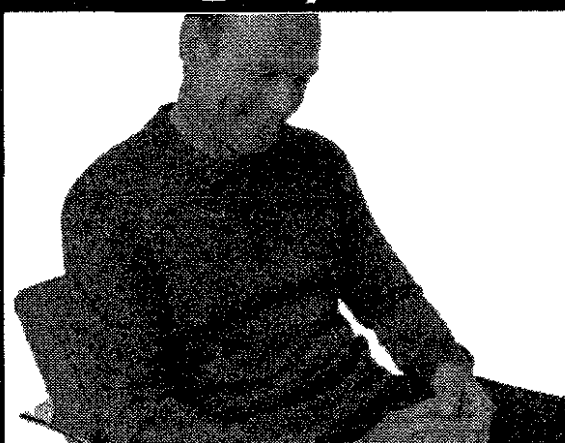
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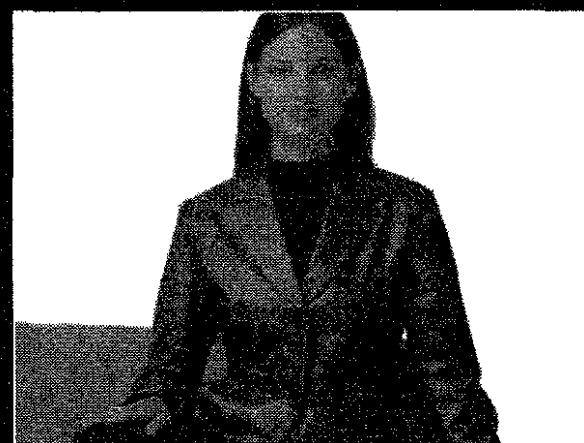
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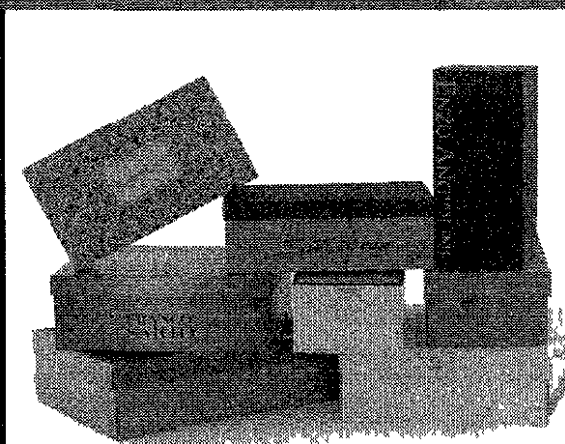


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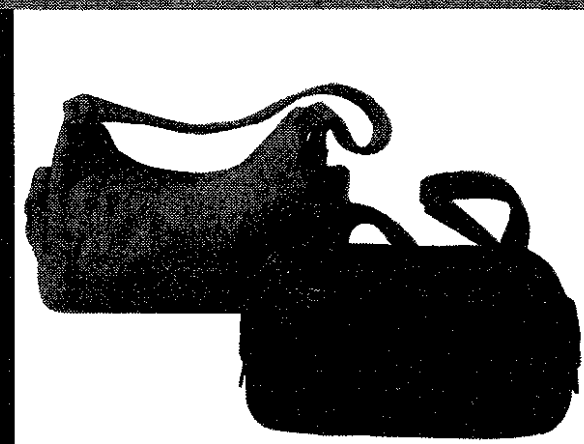
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COLLECTION

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The family discussion settled on the loose change idea and on Monday and Tuesday the Erickson girls, plus friends Sarah and Stacy Ager, Jennifer Walter and Sydney Bardelli, hit the pavement hoping to fill a medium-sized plastic candy jar.

But a funny thing happened on the way to what they hoped was a \$50 donation. People started giving more than they expected. Not only did the loose change flow freely, but people started tossing paper money into the pot.

"We targeted loose change, because it seems like people would be more willing to part with that than the green stuff," said Lauren Erickson, Linda and Kelly's mom. "The generosity of our neighbors was overwhelming."

The level of support surprised the family. People were just being very generous, said 7-year-old Kelly. "We didn't expect to get that much money."

With 64 pounds of change in hand, Lauren Erickson called Charter One bank in Plymouth



Jennifer Walter (from left) Kelly Erickson, Sydney Bardelli, Stacey Agar and (in back) Linda Erickson with some of the \$400 they collected for tsunami relief. Not pictured is Stacey's sister Sarah, who also helped collect.

Management of the bank agreed to help the girls roll the coins, and the bank will also provide the check to the Red Cross.

Charter One officials declined to comment, but Lauren Erickson had nothing but praise for the bank. "Their advertising right now is centered around 'random acts of kindness,'" Lauren said. "This was certainly one of them."

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STUDENTS

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your classes.

Merlino said in the first marking period at West he received "a lot of C's and B's. But, with the help of his coach, my last progress report had all A's and B's."

Merlino's coach is Carol Powell, who taught elementary students in the Plymouth-Canton school district for 30 years.

It's nice to be back in a school atmosphere, and one-to-one, said Powell, who volunteers to help struggling students. "This is more individualized. I can see what he needs to work on, and then find the materials that are appropriate to what his needs are."

"I give him some homework, mainly using some of the reading strategies and vocabulary," she said. "He has to read at least 15 minutes a day, four days a week. I try to key it into the work he already has at West."

The program currently helps a dozen students, but the program has 29 referrals. Piazza said the bottleneck is getting enough coaches.

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West Middle School sixth-grader Eugene Merlino goes over some work with reading coach Carol Powell during a work session at the Plymouth Salem Library.

once a week, that's as powerful as any lesson plan," he said. "That's what triggers a kid to do well."

The coaches come from all backgrounds - retired teachers, an attorney, a retired nurse. Paolo Motta of Canton is a sales engineer. He's been with the program for about a year after taking the training course and following the lesson plans provided by the program.

"Teaching is something I've thought about doing," said Motta. "It's just rewarding to be able to help someone, especially helping a child and being able to make a difference academically."

"It's just fun to spend time with them, after spending time with adults all day," he said. "You can sometimes take

things a bit too seriously, and just being around them kind of makes you lighten up."

One of his former students is Nick Austin, a seventh-grader at West Middle School. "He's a bright kid," said Motta. "He just needed a little motivation and some organization. The structure of coming here every week and going over basic skills helped him out."

"I read better now. It helped me a lot with my grades and writing skills," said Austin, 12, of Plymouth Township. "I didn't know how to study well, but the program showed me a better way to study."

"Sometimes I used wrong grammar, and said wrong things in sentences," he said. "Before I got D's and C's, and now I get B's and C's. It makes me feel pretty good - proud of myself."

For Austin's mother, Cathy Robinson, the change in her son's attitude is very noticeable.

"He would never like to read, but now he likes to read," she said. "He's much better focused, and gets much better grades."

"Getting into the program was a very lucky break," said Robinson. "He comes home and does his homework every night. I don't have to argue and sit right next to him to make sure it's done."

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Kmart official: 'No plans to close' Plymouth location

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

The last vestige of Kmart in Canton could be shutting down — but the struggling retail giant has no such plans in Plymouth.

Kmart, which is in the process of merging with Sears, is considering closing its distribution center on Joy Road at Haggerty. A decision is expected by the end of the month.

The company held a series of meetings last Friday with employees at the center, which employs about 325 workers.

Stephen Pagnani, manager of media relations for Kmart Holding Corporation, said Wednesday the company has

no current plans for store closures, including the Plymouth location.

Pagnani issued the following statement about the Canton distribution center:

Due to the change in Kmart's store base, the company has too many distribution centers and needs to better align its DC network to service its current store base. Because of this, Kmart is looking at possibly closing the Canton Distribution Center and is expected to make a final decision before the end of January.

In the interim, the Company is meeting with Union representatives to discuss the reasons for the possible closure and to discuss the

potential impact on the approximately 325 employees at the Center.

The statement came as no surprise to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who said speculation about the closing of the center has been around for at least two years.

In January 2003 Kmart closed the Super Kmart at Ford Road and Haggerty, which had been open since 1997.

Yack said the impact of the closing of the distribution center probably wouldn't have any huge impact on the township.

"You feel sorry for anybody who loses their job or is put in the position of having to move," he said. "It's amazing how over a short period of time

organizations that have been around for years just suddenly disappear."

He pointed to Kmart and Franks Nursery and Crafts on Ford Road, which has declared bankruptcy and is going out of business.

I haven't looked at the assessed valuation (of the distribution center site), he said. The real estate value doesn't change. From the personal property standpoint, there may be some tens of thousands of dollars of personal property.

That shouldn't have much of an impact on Canton's revenue, since only the general fund revenue collects money on personal property taxes. Yack said there was some

speculation that the relationship between Kmart and the UAW, which represents workers at the distribution center, was not too cordial.

That was confirmed by a plant worker, who didn't want to be identified.

We have something like 400 grievances against the company," the worker said. "They won't even address them."

The workers organized with the UAW in 2000. They agreed to a new three-year contract in 2002. That contract expires later this year.

"We are the smallest distribution center in the network," the worker said. "We are in the top five in service quality, but we're the highest paid and we

have the oldest work force. There are guys who have been here for 20 to 25 years."

Paul Krell, a spokesman for the UAW, said the union has been talking with Kmart officials.

"The UAW has been engaged in discussions with Kmart about the Canton center," he said, "and we're working very hard to keep those jobs there."

Kmart has 15 distribution centers nationwide. The Canton center is the only one in Michigan.

Since the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy it has closed about 600 stores and eliminated about 57,000 jobs.

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DONATIONS

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donator. "What an amazing, generous person to be able to do that for us. It certainly put a smile on everyone's face."

Zmudzynski said this year's Red Kettle goal was \$158,000, so even with the large donation the Army beat its objective.

I think people showed compassion for the loss of money at Target, said Zmudzynski, referring to the giant retailer's decision not to allow bell ringers in front of their stores. "People were more aware, and were more generous because of it. It was a very successful campaign."

Zmudzynski said the mail-in campaign for the Plymouth Army raised \$27,178. Unlike previous years, unless a mail-in donation is specifically earmarked to remain with the Plymouth corps, the funds are transferred to the Salvation Army's Eastern District.

This year, the Salvation Army helped 132 families in Plymouth, Canton and Northville during Christmas, with another 125 in Belleville. Zmudzynski said during the holidays, 316 children were assisted in Plymouth, Canton and Northville, with 308 assisted in Belleville.

Meanwhile, the Plymouth Community United Way surpassed its goal for the 22nd consecutive year, receiving pledges and donations topping \$125 million. The 2004-05 campaign — which reached throughout Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton and Northville — had a goal of \$12 million.

"In these economic times, I'm very pleased," said Howard Behr, PCUW chairman of the board. "We set a goal that was aggressive, and accomplished it."

In these times, with all the pain that is being suffered by a lot of people in a lot of industries, it was very successful, he said. In their hearts, they still give."

PCUW President Marie Morrow said in addition to the allocated dollars given to the 12 local agencies the United Way serves, the organization handed out \$152,000 in grants.

"We're seeing increased needs in the community," Morrow said. "Many people have lost jobs, and we're seeing more people with severe medical conditions. We're very fortunate in reaching our goal to help fund many of the programs that help a lot of people in our communities."

Among the agencies which receive help from the Plymouth Community United Way are First Step, Angela Hospice, Plymouth Council on Aging, Growth Works, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Plymouth Salvation Army, Plymouth Dental Fund, Helpsource Senior Citizens of Plymouth

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It is proper to celebrate King's life in such a way. He has, after all, become an American symbol of justice and the power of positive change. More than any leader, regardless of color, he is the man who carries the message forward even from beyond the grave.

Just as John F. Kennedy inspired his fellow Americans as to what we could accomplish as a nation, King's legacy continues to inspire us as to what we can accomplish as individuals.

We all should remember that M.L. King Jr. Day is not a "black" holiday, nor a celebration of his life. It is a dedication to his cause, which should be the cause of all Americans: justice and equality for all. And that message is even more important as our nation struggles to comprehend the ongoing war in Iraq and lends a helping hand to victims of the recent tsunami.

If your community has a Martin Luther King Jr. Day march, join it. If it has a school program, take part. If it doesn't have any M.L. King Jr. Day celebration, then start a movement to begin one. Or at the least take time to read his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. It's short, direct and challenges all Americans to live up to the principles of this country.

New test is good for students and schools

For the last few years many suburban high school juniors turned up their noses at the MEAP. Even the enticement of a scholarship wouldn't convince them that taking the test had any relationship to their plans to go to college.

The result was that many schools didn't have the necessary 95 percent participation in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test to make adequate yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind legislation.

Beginning with the 2006-07 school year, the MEAP high school proficiency test will be replaced by the new Michigan Merit Exam, a college entrance-style test. The legislation was signed last week by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

The new test was one of the 19 recommendations of the Cherry Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth report released in December. The report calls for more rigorous standards for high school students based on skills needed in the college classroom and the workplace.

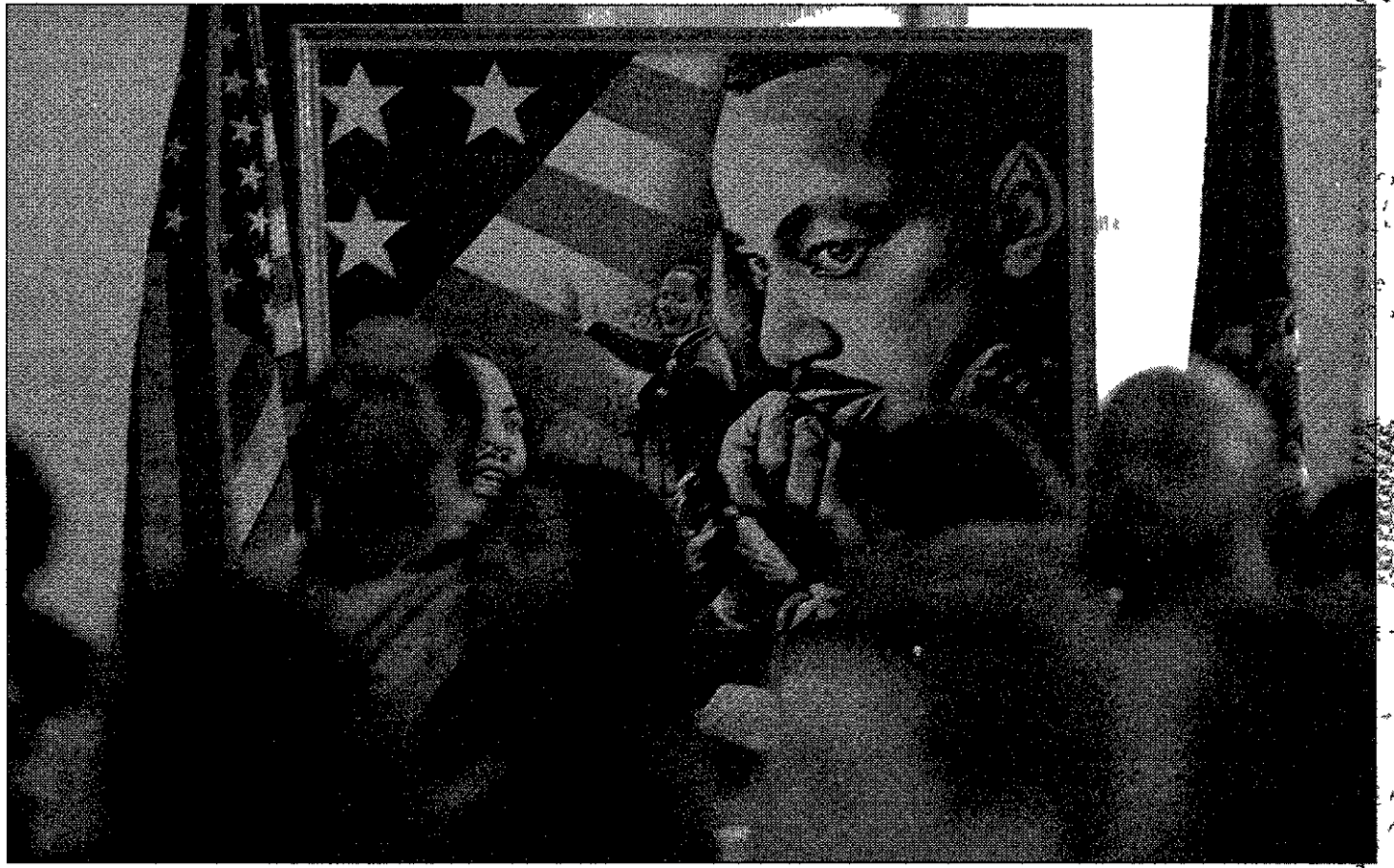
The Merit Exam will measure both the readiness of students to compete at the college level and whether the high school is meeting state curriculum standards.

Many high school juniors balked at taking a test that wasn't accepted for college entrance. Michigan colleges traditionally use the ACT in their evaluation of students, schools in other parts of the country use the SAT. The MEAP became just another test that didn't serve the needs of the students and their parents, but was needed by the state to evaluate the school.

Some have questioned whether the new test might be inappropriate for students who aren't planning to attend college. But the Cherry Commission and Granholm make a strong case that our changing economy demands higher standards and an expectation that most students will need post-secondary education.

"To create a strong economy and good jobs, we need to reach our goal of doubling the number of college graduates in Michigan," Granholm said on signing the legislation. "We know the more you learn, the more you earn, and this new exam will help high school students gain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in college and the workplace. This new exam sends the message that we expect every student will continue their education beyond high school."

It also sends the message to local school districts that they need to elevate their curriculums to meet these standards.



Many communities throughout metro Detroit will hold ceremonies and celebrations Monday marking the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. We should all embrace the message of tolerance and equal opportunity that King delivered.

LETTERS

Salvation Army thanks

We at the Plymouth Salvation Army would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all of the volunteers who generously gave of their time, talent and energy during this Christmas season.

From the bell ringers to those who dropped money in the kettles, from those who adopted a family to those who sent checks here to be used for assistance, we thank you. For those that helped pack and distribute food baskets, and also set up the toy shop, please know that a total of 257 families, including more than 600 children, had a merry Christmas because of your help.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Plymouth Kroger, Parkside Gallery, Bellavino, Busch's Market, Hiller's Kmart, Plymouth post office, Canton Farmer Jack stores, Michael's, Canton Walgreens, Canton Kroger, Holiday Market, Sam's Club and Wal-Mart. We also wish to thank Papa Romano's, Genetti's, Lees Chicken, Pizza Hut, Jimmy John's, Bob Jeannotte and Dadco Inc.

We hope that you all felt the joy that comes from helping others this holiday season.

Plymouth Salvation Army

Talk to officials

We just completed a national election with a record voter turnout. That was the first step in making our democracy work. We each voted for whom we believed were the best candidates after carefully weighing many factors.

Now we have an assortment of elected officials, some we probably voted for and some we didn't, who now work for us and are ready to go to work with many critical issues before them that affect all of us.

Regardless of who we voted for, a vote for a candidate rarely, if ever, signifies consensus with everything that person stands for or their party stands for. Each of us has different life experiences that have shaped our values.

It is now up to each of us to voice our concerns and to express our opinions, whatever they may be, to all of our elected officials to assist them in serving us. I encourage everyone to find time to contact your elected officials and to share your views. It can only help them make more informed decisions.

Judge Michael Gerou
35th District Court
Canton resident

Legal reform

Now is the time to reform the legal system. Do not say "justice system" as we have not had that for many decades. Now that the Democrats and Republicans have both endorsed limits on liability among other law reforms, we should act with haste.

The best speech I heard on this was from a lawyer speaking to our Rotary Club. He said he tried unlimited actual loss, with a pain and suffering limit of \$200,000, but was soundly defeated. The idea was defeated because 85 percent of our lawmakers are lawyers. The speech was by then-Gov. John Engler. We have the wolf overseeing the sheep.

The lawyers, (it's that 99 percent that give the 1 percent a bad name) have ruined our system with unconscionable greed. Every day we are inundated with false TV advertising. "Have you been hurt? Call Sam, our consultation is free. Wrong on both counts!" One can only collect damages under certain circumstances where there is gross neglect or a deliberate act. Also, these attorneys do not work for free and add to the list of legal reform, to enforce "unfair and false advertising" to the legal profession in the strictest level.

I am writing my political representative to support the president's push for legal reform. Let us hope we can do this before the attorneys put too many more hospitals out of business.

Tom Goebel
Plymouth Township

Observe American culture

Look what secularism has done to Canada! Will we go the same sex marriage road, accept the idea that partial birth abortion is certainly the proper decision after six months of pregnancy, that businesses must be mandated to sponsor each and every liaison when "family rights, leave, medical care, inheritance and spousal considerations are put on the table?"

Ours is a Christian nation with 90 percent or so observing some "one-God" concept as we live our lives. Secularists are among us, but should one child be able to cry foul when some Judaic-Christian observance is suggested as school fare, one child denying 99 believers their holiday preference to sing carols on school grounds?

Minority rights are protected in our country, but should one among us be able to rule the day when the rest wish to salute the flag, pledge allegiance, sing a carol, pray, or bulletin board the Ten Commandments? We have readily accepted all to our shores, but our welcome must expect acceptance and respect from those new to our land for our customs, our American culture, our way of life.

Secularists abound. Respect can be theirs when our American culture is observed.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Fraud at polls

A front page article in *The New York Times* on Dec. 24 detailed voting problems in Ohio, but while the article was careful to emphasize the belief that few experts think the problems were enough to overturn President Bush's victory, it is unfortunate that it did not also include the views others, who have carefully analyzed the data, and pored over sworn testimony from the thousands of people who came forward after the election with complaints of widespread fraud and abuse, and come to the opposite conclusion. That had the votes been counted fairly, John Kerry would be the winner.

Right now there is an election challenge before the state Supreme Court in Ohio claiming George W. Bush was wrongly declared the winner on Nov. 2 and seeking a court-ordered reversal of that victory. The filing claims that the real outcome

was a 134,000-vote victory for John Kerry, and demands the court install a slate of Democratic electors.

Free and fair elections are fundamental to democracy.

Tampering with an election to influence the outcome constitutes an assault on democracy, and if the allegations of election fraud prove to be true, it must not be tolerated. Surely a nation that stands up for democracy all over the world, and at such a great cost, would not accept anything less at home.

Katie Jacob
Birmingham

Need fairness

The president has declared his intent to overhaul the federal tax code along with Social Security. That can only mean one thing: doing away with the progressive income tax. Ever since the modern income tax was implemented in 1913, the fairness of a progressively higher rate for people with higher incomes has been well accepted. The argument is that it is fair for the wealthy, who benefit more from our economic system and have a higher percentage of disposable income, to pay a higher percent than the rest of us. Until now.

Some are suggesting a flat income tax rate. Even a federal sales tax. The clever idea being to invert the whole deal and tax those of us at the lower end of the ladder more. Local, state and federal taxes are already stacked against the least fortunate. It surprised me to learn that due to special breaks, a very high portion of business pays no federal income tax whatsoever (and don't tell me it's because they aren't making money).

Let me make one very simple suggestion. If a flat tax is fair, it seems like it would also be fair to eliminate the \$87,000 cap on income taxable for Social Security. That would mean, for example, that a person earning \$200,000 would pay \$26,000 (instead of under \$6,000) or just about enough to cover their own retirement benefit for one year. That seems fair to me. Oh, incidentally, it would pump billions into the trust fund and go a long way toward bailing our Social Security — without the inherent risk of "privatizing" that the president insists on.

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"I'm excited about the opportunity in Howell, but I've been a part of Plymouth for so long it's sad ... It will be strange living in the community and not be a part of what goes on here."

- Carol Stone, Plymouth administrative services director, on leaving the city after nearly 25 years

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State's education system needs complete overhaul

The Chinese character for 'crisis' is a compound of two other characters, one meaning "danger" and the other "opportunity." And this may be the most hopeful way to look at Michigan's looming financial crisis, which is the product of a chronic structural deficit in the state's budget combined with the persistent inability of the politicians we've sent to Lansing to really tackle the problem in a comprehensive way.

Case in point: our schools. Eleven years ago, Proposal A, combined with the earlier Headlee Amendment to the state constitution, ended our public schools' longtime reliance on ever-increasing property values and the property taxes they generated. This has meant that school funding has become Lansing's responsibility. So it should come as no surprise that per-pupil state funding has been essentially flat for three straight years.

At the same time, schools have been forced to absorb cost increases. Some come from general price hikes owing to inflation, others, from double-digit increases in health insurance and pension costs. That all means when it comes to state funding, staying even really equals falling behind, as State Board of Education President Kathleen Straus has pointed out.

This problem isn't confined to chronically dysfunctional school systems like Detroit. It affects every district in the state, from Livonia to East Lansing, from Birmingham to Howell.

And, worse, the problem isn't going to be solved and couldn't be solved by more money alone. Imagine for a moment that the governor and the Legislature decided, in spite of the looming deficit, to increase per-pupil funding by \$300 for the next three years. Two-thirds of this — two-thirds! — would be consumed just to meet soaring health care and pension costs.

Plainly, this is a broken financial model and it simply isn't sustainable, even assuming we had lots of money to throw at the problem. Instead, we need to take a hard-eyed look at radical — the polite term here is "structural" — ways to reconstruct the entire system. To their credit, the State Board of Education and state Supt. Tom Watkins have decided to undertake exactly that kind of look. They intend to consult with the governor and Legislature to invite public input and to turn the dialogue about our schools into an inquiry

into fundamental design and cost issues. Here are some of the hard questions they — and we — need to ask:

■ Can we really justify having 750 public school districts and public charter schools along with 57 intermediate school districts in Michigan?

■ Can we really afford to have tiny vestigial districts like Clarenceville, wedged uneasily between Livonia and Farmington, with only 1,994 students but an entire load of overhead? I realize lots of local families would prefer to keep things the way they are, but does it make any sense at all to tolerate tiny school districts with a disproportionately top-heavy overhead structure?

■ Do we really need to pay hundreds of school superintendents around the state annual salaries that nearly all exceed \$100,000 a year?

■ Are we getting anything meaningful out of all these expensive intermediate school districts? They are institutions that might have had a recognizable purpose a decade or so ago, but today seem about as useful as an appendix. But could they now be empowered to manage all local school districts within their boundaries, which mostly follow county lines?

Think of the savings if all administrative functions — purchasing, information technology, food service, bus fleet management — were consolidated.

The last time anyone subjected our state schools to such a far-reaching scrutiny was 1968. The time is ripe for a new effort, and Watkins and the state board deserve big pats on the back for pushing into the uncharted waters of a radical review of the entire system.

As board President Straus pointed out, "The state and nation that gets its education system 'right' and provides its citizens with lifelong learning opportunities will be the state or nation that will rule economically. It behooves us all to make Michigan that state."

Amen. By the way, you can be part of this process, too. Just go to the Michigan Department of Education's Web site <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>, navigate to the "What's New" section and click on "Structural Issues Surrounding School Funding in the 21st Century." You may just teach the bureaucrats something. In any event, it's a good way to roll up your sleeves and get involved in something that really matters as we start off this new year.

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



Phil Power

Longtime teacher leaves legacy as career woman who juggled it all

Elizabeth Donnelly was working as a teacher when, at around 30 years old, she got married and decided to have a family. Then, after having seven children, she decided to go back to the classroom.

Not unusual, you say? Maybe not today. But this all took place back in the 1940s and 1950s, when women simply didn't do that. According to Elizabeth Barker, that made her mother a woman ahead of her time.

"She got married at almost 30, which wasn't heard of back then," Barker said of her mother, a longtime Plymouth-Canton teacher who died Dec. 2. "Then she had seven kids. It wasn't the norm back then to have a big family and then go back into the classroom."

According to Barker, not following the norm was the norm for her mom in a life where Elizabeth Donnelly saw a lot of firsts. She was 3 when World War I started, she was but a toddler when the Titanic sank. She saw the first airplane land in her native Bay City. She learned how to drive while her father walked on the sidewalk, shouting directions to Donnelly behind the wheel.

She got her teaching certificate from Michigan State Normal College (you know it now as Eastern Michigan University) and came to Starkweather in 1932. When then-Supt. George Smith hired her in 1932, Barker said, he asked her "all kinds of questions you couldn't get away with now."

Donnelly then worked briefly for Trenton schools and, on Dec. 26, 1940, married Mac John Donnelly after what Mac called a "whirlwind" nine-year courtship. However, when she came back to work after the holiday, she found she no longer had a job.

When she came back from Christmas break, they fired her, Barker said. "Isn't that a kick in the pants? Things have really changed for women."

That really didn't stop Donnelly, who charged into motherhood the same way she'd charged into the classroom — full steam ahead. Barker was the seventh child — the baby — born in 1952. Donnelly's itch to get back to teaching got stronger, and she scratched it by substitute teaching in 1953. She came back to work full time in Plymouth in 1954.

Though she taught primarily at Starkweather, Barker pointed out her moms' contemporaries read like a who's who of Plymouth-Canton education. She taught at the old high school with Gert Fiegel, and Mildred Field was her principal at Starkweather. Russell Isbister was the superintendent.



Elizabeth Donnelly was a longtime Plymouth-Canton teacher who managed to juggle a career and a family.

Recognize those names? (Hint: they all have schools named after them.)

Donnelly was a "life-long learner," according to her daughter. She got her master's degree in 1958, when Barker was 6. When she retired, she

became active with the Community Literacy Council. Ironically, by that time Barker — herself now a teacher — was teaching at, of

all places, Starkweather. Her mother's biggest strength? According to Barker, it was her positive attitude.

"She was fun, and she was always encouraging," Barker remembered. "I never heard her say anything detrimental about a student. I think the strongest thing I ever heard her say was, 'Your child could wear down a diamond!'"

She didn't limit her involvement to the classroom. Donnelly taught Spanish and creative writing at the women's prison, became the chair of the Department of Classroom Teachers for the state, was a charter member of Delta Kappa Gamma and was active in the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club.

She and Mac lost their eldest son, police officer Mac Jr., in the line of duty in 1976. Then Donnelly lost Mac in 1980. Through it all, she managed to remain active. At the tender age of 79, Donnelly even flew a plane.

"The pilot let her do the takeoff, but she declined to do the landing," Barker said with a laugh, which she does often when talking about her mother. "She was always up for stuff. If she could move, she'd do it. She adopted the philosophy, 'Better to wear out than rust out.'"

Barker looks at her mother's career and sees her as a terrific role model, especially for young women. And she looks at the current elementary school buildings, many named for educators whose careers paralleled Donnelly's. And she sees a new elementary school scheduled to be built in Canton.

And she wonders how it would look Donnelly Elementary School.

"What a nice role model she was," Barker said. "She was a career woman who had seven kids, continued to teach and managed to juggle all of it. Her big belief was, 'You can do everything. Don't limit yourself!'"

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Holocaust film premieres at UM-Dearborn

A new PBS documentary titled "Auschwitz Inside the Nazi State" will get its first local screening at a preview and discussion to be held at the University of Michigan-Dearborn on Sunday, Jan. 16. "Auschwitz Inside the Nazi State," a six-hour television series, is a chronological portrait of Auschwitz, the site of the greatest mechanized mass murder in history. The program will be broadcast in three parts beginning Jan. 19 on most PBS stations across the country.

UM-Dearborn has partnered with Michigan Television (WFUM PBS-TV 28), the university's public broadcasting service, to preview the program for Detroit-area viewers. The program, and panel discussion to follow, will begin at 1 p.m. Jan. 16, in the Social Science Building on the Dearborn campus. Parts two and three of the program also will be presented at 1 p.m. Jan. 23 and 30 at the Social Science Building at UM-Dearborn.

This is the first time that Michigan Television and UM-Dearborn have collaborated on an event of this type.

"We chose UM-Dearborn as the site for this special screening because the campus has done so much to document this history through the Voice/Vision Holocaust

Survivor Oral History Archive, directed by history professor Sidney Bolkosky," according to Jennifer White, interim station manager of Michigan Television. Guests attending these events will get the benefit of excellent PBS programming and access to an outstanding academic and community resource.

UM-Dearborn's Voice/Vision project has recorded interviews with hundreds of Holocaust survivors in the Detroit area over the past 20 years. Christopher Browning, professor of history at the University of North Carolina and author of numerous books on the history of the Holocaust, has described the UM-Dearborn effort as "a model program." The recordings are available at <http://holocaust.umd.umich.edu/>.

Bolkosky will be one of the speakers on a panel discussion and conversation following the screening.

Other speakers are Jamie L. Wright, historian and curator of the Voice/Vision Holocaust Survivor Oral History Archive, and Larry Wilcox, professor of history at the University of Toledo.

The program is open to the public, but reservations are requested by Jan. 12 at (866) 203-1136 or by e-mail to dheyse@umich.edu.

Chinese piano sensation offers free master class

Lang Lang, a 22-year-old piano prodigy who was featured on the television program 60 Minutes Jan. 9, will present a free master class at Schoolcraft College 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15. The class will take place in the VisTaTech Center Presentation Room.

Seating is limited and those wishing to attend must call Hammell Music for a reservation at (734)427-0040.

Lang Lang will critique the work of three local piano stu-

dents during the master class. In the area to perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Jan. 14, 15 and 16, his visit to Schoolcraft is made possible through Hammell Music in Livonia.

A reception will follow the two-hour class to meet and speak with the artist.

Donald Morelock, Schoolcraft professor of music, described Lang Lang as one of the most exciting and charismatic pianists to appear on the scene since Van Cliburn won

the Tchaikovsky competition in the 1950s.

Lang Lang records for Deutsche Gramophone. His signature piece is Rachmaninoff's 3rd Piano Concerto.

He began formal lessons at age 3, was a standout student at the Beijing Conservatory, and won the International Tchaikovsky Competition for Young Musicians.

At 15, Lang Lang moved to Philadelphia where he had won a music scholarship, and

at 17 was tapped as a last-minute replacement at a Chicago music festival. He made his Carnegie Hall debut at 21, and performs 150 concerts a year.

For information, call the Schoolcraft Music Department at 734-462-4403. Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online.

ACT-SO holds organizing meeting Jan. 18

An organizing meeting for the Western Wayne County NAACP's second annual ACT-SO competition will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut, Inkster. There will be an orientation video, discussion about the program and assignments. The meeting is for students, mentors, judges and other volunteers.

The NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific

Olympics (ACT-SO) was developed to enhance and showcase the academic and artistic achievement of African-American high school students (grades 9 through 12).

ACT-SO is a yearlong enrichment program that culminates in a local and national competition where students compete for awards and scholarships totaling over \$50,000. ACT-SO, the Olympics of the Mind, seeks to promote positive self-esteem, academic and

artistic excellence, positive interaction between our youth and the adult professional community. Furthermore, ACT-SO encourages more African-American youths to pursue higher education. The local competition is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2004.

Additional information about ACT-SO can be found at www.naacp.org or by contacting Raymond G. Mullins at (734)485-7515 or email at

attyraymullins@provide.net

The Branch is seeking students in 15 communities of Western Wayne County, including Belleville, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Lincoln Park, Sumpter Township, Plymouth, Redford, Taylor, Romulus, Wayne and Westland.

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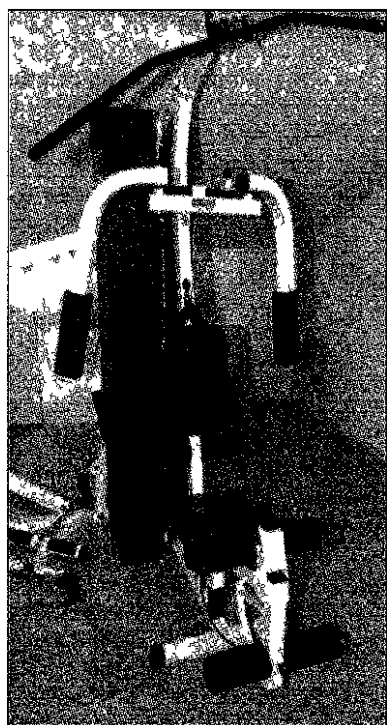
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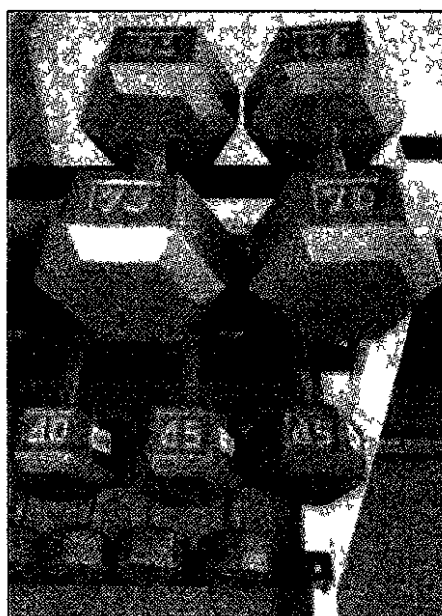
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A strength training machine is one of the pieces of equipment in the Fullers' home gym



Gym dandy



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Austin Gubert's workouts with free weights are intense

You don't have to break your back (or bank) for an exercise room



Lloyd Gubert works out on one of the machines

When Lloyd Gubert created his home gym for himself and his family, he didn't remodel the basement, he only transformed it. He began a weightlifting regimen after he read books on the subject.

"I had read a number of interesting books that said muscle is the key to the fountain of youth and that you should keep the muscle tone up," said Gubert, a Canton resident.

Gubert started with a treadmill, then a multi-gym machine, then weightlifting benches. Today, a 20- by 20-foot workout room contains equipment used by the entire family, including Gubert, wife Tracy and sons, Austin, 16, and Ryan, 14.

There it is all set up and ready to go at any time. A stationary bike, abdominal crunch bench, "workout center" bench, an incline-to-flat bench, leg press/hack squat machine, self-spotting barbell machine, bars and free weights.

For exercise buffs, it is sometimes difficult to get on

PLEASE SEE GYM, B4

STORY BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

Exercising options

Home gym customized for convenience, comfort

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

It's a room with a view — and a purpose.

It's the workout studio in the Farmington Hills home of Jack and Nancy Fuller.

On the second floor of an attached garage — taking up about half of the 1,000 square-foot space — the Fullers' home gym contains a variety of equipment and materials for exercising. Skylights and windows bring in the outdoors.

"I never have to worry about getting in the car and going if it's hard to do that (because of the weather). For me, I just walk up here," said Nancy Fuller, who works out five or six days a week in the space.

Jack Fuller exercises there, too. So do the Fullers' grown children, when they visit.

Nancy Fuller built the home gym over the last eight years. She started once she "finally got it" that she needed to exercise at least five times a week to stay fit and manage her weight, she said.

At first, Fuller used a NordicTrack machine that simulated cross country skiing, a treadmill and an Aerodyne stationary bike.

She exercised in a corner of the basement that was lit by one bulb and featured a motivational chart on the wall.

EXERCISE ENVIRONMENT

Fuller's dream of a "true workout studio" came true when the family moved to their current home.

The previous owner had used the attached garage as a hobby area. It was heated and air-conditioned.

Jack rebuilds British cars in the garage. He built a loft above it for the home gym.

PLEASE SEE OPTIONS, B3

Get fit and trim with a little help from your PDA

With the possible exception of performing brain surgery or carrying a handfull of water, nothing is harder than losing weight.

Numbers represent a big part of the problem: the sheer act of calorie-counting can discourage even the most determined dieter. Enter BalanceLog (www.healthetech.com), a little-known but extremely effective program that runs on Palm OS handhelds. BalanceLog helps you determine a daily calorie cap relative to your weight-loss goal. It then logs your food intake and exercise for each day, giving you instant feedback on their caloric impact.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

If you're interested in nutritional information, BalanceLog has data on everything from carbs to cholesterol, sugar to saturated fat.

The program includes a database of more than 4,000 foods, including menus from a few dozen restaurant chains, and 300 exercises. You can easily add foods to the data-

base by entering the relevant information from the FDA-standard Nutrition Facts label.

A few taps is all it takes to record a food you've eaten or an exercise you've performed. As you record items, the software keeps a running tally of calories consumed (and burned), right alongside your daily allotment.

BalanceLog's reports include an at-a-glance daily nutrition chart, as well as graphs and summaries of your progress over time. Because it's so easy to use, and because your PDA probably stays close to you throughout the day, BalanceLog really can help you meet your goals.

I have firsthand proof. Her name is Shawna. She's the mother of my children.

As long as I've known her (and especially since the kids came along), she's been unhappy with her weight.

Like so many people, she's dieted on and off for years. Nothing really worked.

Then, after our son was born, she tried BalanceLog.

Long story short: She dropped 30 pounds in about six months and has kept it off for nearly two years. Suffice it to say, she looks fantastic.

Now, just so you don't mistake this for a BalanceLog infomercial, I've tried the pro-

gram as well — with somewhat less success.

My problem is that certain meals, especially those in restaurants, are just plain impossible to log accurately. Trying to estimate can prove daunting — and discouraging.

But if you're diligent, like Shawna was, you can work around this by sticking to known quantities — foods you know are in the database.

Hey, I didn't say using BalanceLog would make dieting easy. But it's definitely the best program of its kind, and I've tried most of them.

Healthetech sells it for \$29.95. For \$20 more, you

also get the robust Windows counterpart, which supports up to four users.

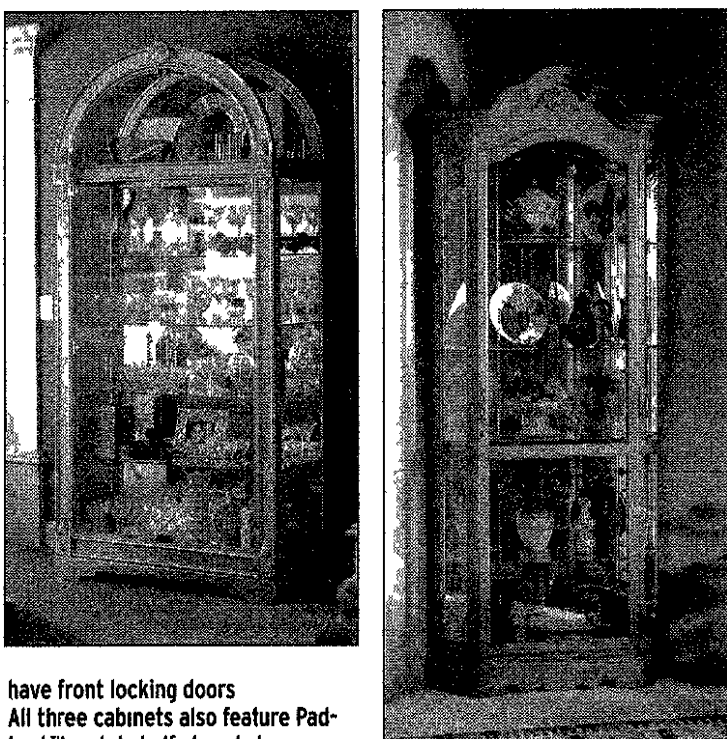
Alas, BalanceLog isn't available for Pocket PC handhelds. A close equivalent is FitnessPlus (www.smartcell.com), which costs \$19.95. If you're serious about sticking with this year's weight-loss resolution, your PDA could be the tool that, ahem, tips the scales.

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HOME CALENDAR

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Colors should work together in dining room

Danielle from Westland writes "I want to paint my dining room a warm, rich color. The rest of my house is in a light taupe. I have cherry stained furniture in the dining room. Do you have any color suggestions?"



Terri Guastella

"I would consider a chair rail moulding, but I'm not sure if I should put the darker color on the top or the bottom. I also have a large mirror with a frame that I would like to faux finish for the dining room. Is this too much going on?"

Let's start with the paint color.

Choosing paint colors can be a daunting task for many people, but remember that this is very much like putting together an outfit to wear.

The colors need to work together, patterns should not compete or clash with one another, and elegant accessories and lighting become the "jewelry" in the room.

You mention that you have cherry stained furniture, but you did not mention any upholstery, or other textiles in the room. The answer to your question will be based on the understanding that the seats are not upholstered and there are no window treatments up at this time.

As you begin to establish a color palette for the public spaces in your home, you will want to limit your colors to three or four different color families. You've already mentioned that you have light taupe walls throughout most of your home.

Your cherry stained furniture is another color in the palette of your home.

Since cherry is usually an intense color with red tones, it needs to be considered in your overall palette.

Is your carpet color in another family of colors? We have established two colors already. If you have a piece of art picked out for the dining room, you can work off of that for selecting the wall color. You

can use a fabric for your wall color inspiration.

Maybe you will upholster the chairs or make some window treatments with patterned fabric.

Another option is to use an area rug under your dining room table, which works over hardwood floors or carpeting. The pattern in the rug will help establish the remaining colors in your palette and lead you to your wall color.

With the description of your dining room dilemma, you have many color options available to achieve that warm, rich wall color you want to see. If you prefer a neutral palette, use your taupe color from the rest of the house, but have it mixed two or three shades darker.

Navy looks beautiful with cherry tones and taupe, as do many shades of green. The reds are very popular right now, but because of the cherry stained furniture, you need to be careful when selecting a color.

If you have your hopes set on painting the dining room in the red family, consider all of the aspects of cherry stain before purchasing your paint.

Cherry staining can take on tones from orange-red to blue-red colors. Look objectively at your particular piece of furniture to see the exact tones of your stained furniture. The easiest way to do this is to get hold of a paint color fan deck from a paint store.

Try and match up the exact color of the wood, in a good light, to find out just where your furniture stain color falls on a color chart.

Use this color as a reference point for your wall color selection to avoid selecting one that clashes with your furniture.

You mentioned the possibility of hanging a mirror on the dining room wall and a direction for painting the mirror frame. There are a couple of ways to approach the frame color. If you opt to go with a bold color on the dining room walls, you may want the mirror to have some contrast from the walls.

For example, if you decide on navy blue walls, then the mirror would look very nice in the

taupe tones of the rest of the house.

If your dining room needs some sparkle, the mirror frame could be faux finished with a metallic look.

The finish could be shiny, as in polished brass, or more subdued with a rustic, mottled finish giving an aged metal look to the frame.

If you decide to go with the chair rail moulding, remember that your moulding would come up about one third of the height of the walls.

If your dining room is on the small side, you may want to put the darker color on the bottom, but be sure to bring that bolder color to the upper part of the walls with artwork, window treatments, etc., for a cohesive look in the room.

A more daring approach is to put the bolder color on the top of the moulding, but again, remember to pull the lower, lighter color up over the moulding to visually balance the room.

I like the idea of the darker color on the top, especially if you will be using the mirror in this room.

You could paint the mirror in the lighter color. Mirrors look quite stunning on bold colored walls.

Be selective in your accessories and avoid the temptation to put small things on every available wall space and horizontal surface. A clean, crisp decorating approach will help to highlight the beautiful colors you are working so hard to select. The cohesiveness of color and accessories will help you avoid that busy and overdone look.

Congratulations on your willingness to venture into bolder colors.

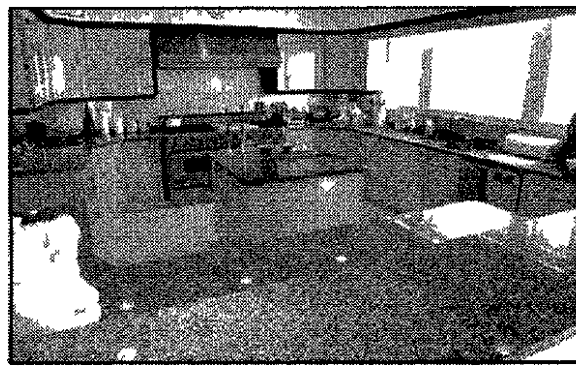
Remember, this is only paint and once you've lived with bold, vivid colors, then plain old beige will not even be an option.

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Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Check the solenoid on humidifier

Let's all try to stay healthy this winter by following some old advice. Keep your feet warm, a scarf around your neck and mittens on your fingers (You didn't think, did you, that I only give out information on home appliances.)

Harry called to tell me his Carrier humidifier on the furnace is not working. He placed a bowl under the drain hose which leads into the laundry sink, but no water entered it.

I asked him to check the solenoid valve which allows water to go through the pad. He said he wanted to check it by applying 110 volts directly to the solenoid, but I told him not to do that. (He would destroy the solenoid because it is a low voltage electrical component receiving current from the transformer within the furnace.)

I told him to disconnect the solenoid by removing the two water lines and the two screws that mount it, then take it to his furnace dealer who could check it out and sell him a new one if needed. The solenoid on a flow-through type furnace humidifier is a common part to fail on the unit, but it is very easy for any consumer to replace. This consumer tip can incorporate you into what I write in a future column.

Its winter time and you're stuck in the house with nothing to do. I have a suggestion: drop me a note, ask me a question about your appliances. Please write to this paper to the attention of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150. Stay tuned.

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Couples get home gyms in shape

 BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

David Roth has been interested in weightlifting for a long time, says his wife, Linda.

"My husband was always into weightlifting. We went to see Arnold (Schwarzenegger) on *Kelly & Co.* before he was famous," she said.

"It has been a lifestyle of mine for more than 30 years," David said.

Both Tony and Sheri Rivera like to work out.

"We were always serious about working out," said Sheri, who recently became a certified trainer.

Each couple developed an area in their residence that's shaped up for exercising a personal home gym.

For the Roths, it's a space measuring about 30 by 20 feet in the lower level of their West Bloomfield home.

For the Riveras, it's a space about 10 by 12 feet in their Rochester Hills residence.

Both couples enjoy their workout rooms, which are convenient and comfortable for them to use.

ROTH GYM

It's great. It's convenient, you don't have to drive," said Linda Roth, who exercises on a treadmill and recumbent bike at home. "I like to exercise in the morning and my husband likes to exercise at night."

David Roth said he's a "night owl" when it comes to working out, so he likes being able to use the equipment at night or on weekends when commercial gyms are closed.

"I love the fact that I can work out at the hours that suit me," he said.

David incorporates powerlifting with Olympic lifting, using a platform and chalking his hands with the latter.

"I work out six days, sometimes seven days a week," he said.

The couple's grown sons also exercise at the home gym.

David Roth researched various equipment, and had it customized for his purposes.

More than \$20,000 was spent for the Roths' home gym, which also includes a power rack, a rowing machine, dumbbells and an 8-foot hot tub.

The flooring is rubber to protect it from the weights and because of the hot tub.

"There's nothing that I can't do in my home gym that I couldn't do in Powerhouse (Gym)," David said.

Linda designed and decorated the room, which is dressed in Michigan State University colors and features a door labeled Roth Gym.

The floor is black with green specks, the walls cream-colored with green on top, the equipment green.

RIVERA GYM

The Riveras use their home gym at least five days a week, Sheri said.

"It is not too big, but it is perfect to get a total body workout," she said. "It's very convenient. You can go downstairs, work out, shower and you're done. (Going to a gym) you pack your bag, drive to the gym, do your workout, shower."

The Riveras started setting up the gym when they bought a treadmill several years ago. A couple of years ago when they bought a new True treadmill, it happened that the store was offering a deal that gave them a free bike.

A Maxxam full-body workout machine, an Essential bike, a bench, hand weights, free weights, an exercise ball and a fitness band were added. The most expensive piece cost around \$3,000.

A mirror is on one wall and a TV is in the room. Through an opening in the wall, Tony and Sheri can keep an eye on their young children playing in the adjoining room while the adults work out.

"The kids have been told it's not a play area," Sheri said of the home gym.

The treadmill faces the entrance to the workout area so users will know if the children are approaching.

"An advantage to the (public) gym is the motivation," Sheri said. "You have to be self-motivated for a home gym."

To help motivation, Sheri sets workout goals for a period of time, such as 12 weeks. She tracks these on a calendar that is on a wall.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Equipping a home gym depends on your level of dedication and how much you want to spend, David Roth said.

"All you need are the basics (for a home gym)," Sheri said.

These include a piece of cardio equipment, such as a treadmill, hand weights and free weights. (The weights should be "what they can handle starting at 5 pounds to around 25," Sheri said.)

There are a lot of new exercises for the ball. You really need to be experienced at working out (before using the ball), you need to know balance.

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OPTIONS

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The fully carpeted loft area is like a living room. Besides sunlight, track lighting also illuminates the space.

One corner is a sitting area, with comfortable chairs and end and coffee tables. A TV is in another corner.

A friend who's a carpenter put in a storage area around the perimeter of the room. This storage space, hidden behind doors, is easily accessible.

Fuller found that a Horizon Fitness elliptical trainer was easier on her knees than the NordicTrack machine. The moving elements of the elliptical trainer allow the user to exercise arms, legs or both.

Another addition was a Parabody strength training machine with various stations. This is the most expensive item in the studio, costing around \$1,000.

Fuller wanted a diversity of exercise methods so working out wouldn't get boring.

This includes taekwondo (kickboxing), aerobic dance, pilates and what she calls "plain ol' fat busting" tapes, free weights, a mat, an ExerFlex fitness ball, and a machine called a thigh roller that Fuller ordered from TV. She had a rowing machine for a while.

A lot of times you have to play around (to find) what works best for you," Fuller said.

Another advantage to a home gym is the individual atmosphere.

For Nancy Fuller, an exercise period is a quiet, private time.

It's my way to focus on the day. I don't like distractions, she said. Everybody's got their own thing. My

husband likes to listen to news (while he exercises)."

There's also the motivation that comes from the equipment staring you in the face," Nancy said.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Anyone can make an area into a home gym, Fuller said.

Go to a good, reputable exercise equipment store," she said. "Talk with somebody very knowledgeable."

Talk to them about your goals — whether it's strength, endurance, health, weight loss. Let them know if you have any health concerns — bad knees, back. Go to more than one store."

Consult with your physician, Fuller said. And try out equipment in the store so representatives can tell you if you are using the equipment correctly.

Watch for sales on equipment. Fuller bought the ExerFlex ball from T.J. Maxx for around \$9, she has seen them in other stores for around \$20.

Fuller said she doesn't like to get a piece of equipment that has too many features. If a machine isn't working right, call the store.

A lot of times the store will send people out to look at it," she said.

Fuller is enthusiastic about exercising. She has maintained a weight loss of more than 50 pounds.

I think it's the number one stress reducer, Fuller said. "The more that I keep myself healthy through exercising, the more energy I have."

Feeling fit has her interested in other activities.

I really like snowshoeing," she added.

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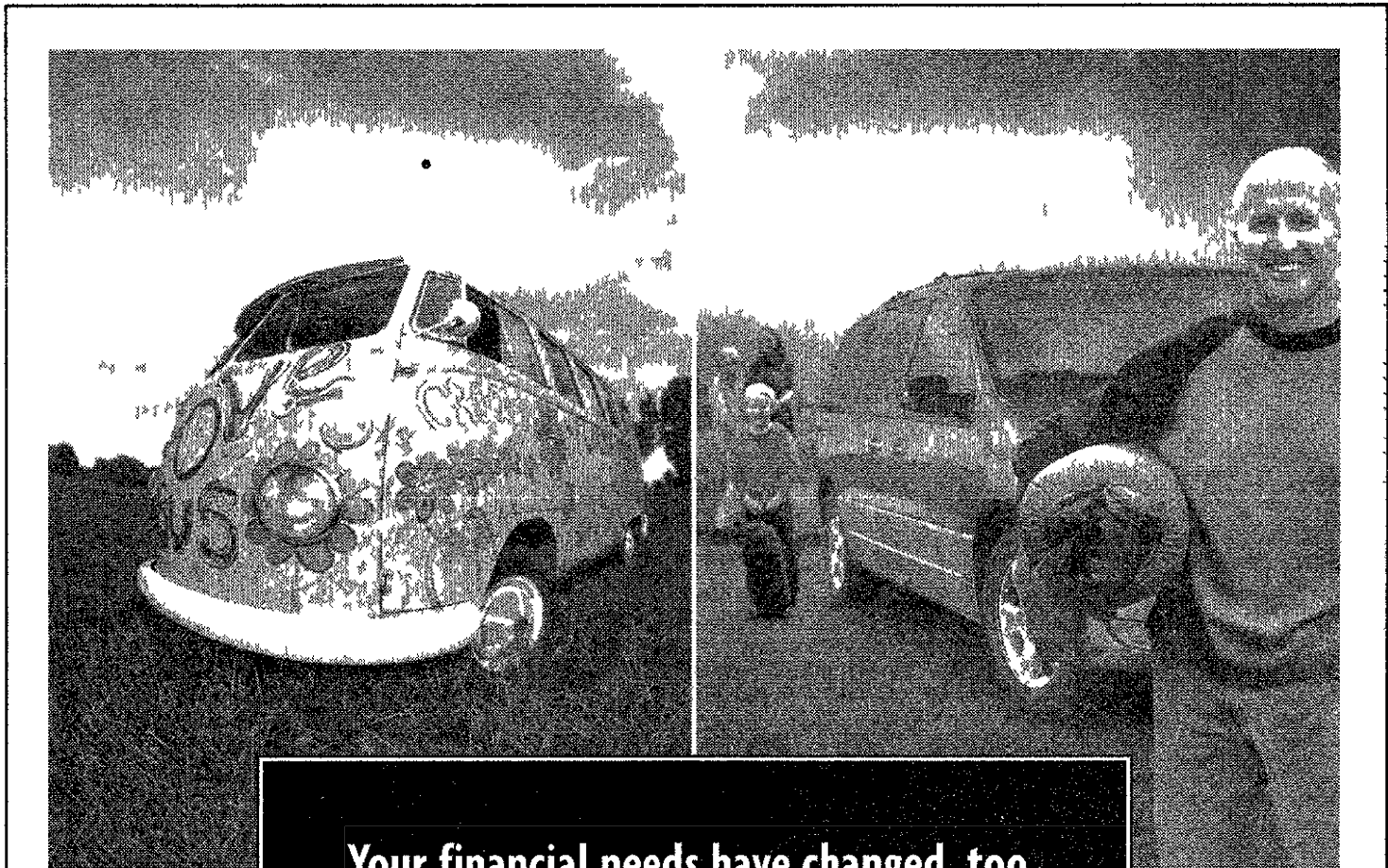
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Before buying equipment, check with doctor first

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

John Micallef believes anyone interested in creating a personal home gym should ask themselves a basic question: "What do you really need?"

I guess it all depends on what type of person they are, whether they want aerobics, building up muscles or weight loss," said Micallef, a Farmington Hills resident and certified personal trainer.

But before buying the more expensive home gym equipment, gym buffs should check with their doctors.

They should also start small, say Donna Rice and Denise Holmes, who are both Wellness Program managers at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi.

Start with stability or exercise balls, small dumbbells in the 3- to 5-pound range and a small exercise mat. Their pilot program is aimed at weight loss and "getting people moving," Holmes said. "They can develop an inexpensive home gym."

"Make it safe, make it fun." And if they complete that, they should again check with their doctor (or, better yet, an exercise physiologist, especially if they have had surgery) before buying a major piece of equipment. "Depending on their ability, they can go with a treadmill or go with an exercise bike," Holmes said.

Mike Bales said equipment purchasers should look at safety, ease of use and space. Does the piece of equipment fit your required needs? Bales asks Bales is the district manager for The Fitness Experience, a specialty fitness retailer, selling fitness equipment, with 10 stores in Michigan, including Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills, Canton, Novi, Sterling Heights, Taylor and Troy.

Costs can range from \$300 to \$10,000. "It all depends on what you need," Bales said. Exercise can be frustrating and exercise can be tiring. You have to find equipment that is interesting to them and that is fun, and they will use them.

Cardiovascular equipment is the No. 1 seller, Bales said. "We always sell more treadmills than ellipticals because it is the most (similar to) walking," Bales said. "It is a natural piece of equipment. Ellipticals

are the new revolution in equipment," Bales pointed out that some of the higher-end ellipticals allow a full body workout with moving arms and legs.

Treadmills start at \$799, and the best rated treadmill, a True Fitness model, retails for about \$3,000. The average price is \$1,200, he said.

Ellipticals are priced in a similar range, but the quality of the equipment is different, Bales said. The low-end elliptical is not yet the same caliber as the low-end treadmill, Bales said.

Home gym systems consist of a minimum of a lat pull-down tower, bench press and a leg curl or a leg press. These range from \$299 to \$10,000, with an average of about \$1,500.

Exercise should be fun, Ruce said. "It doesn't have to be 45 minutes, they can just use (the treadmill) for 10," Ruce said. "It should be easy and quick or they won't do it."

"A key piece of it is what will keep them motivated," Ruce said. Micallef recommends a treadmill for losing weight, free weights for more intense body building and elliptical machines for low-impact cardiovascular workouts. The treadmill is a great machine for runners or walkers, he said. With free weights, users can build up chest and shoulders, but should be careful not to injure themselves. Bowflex-type machines are also good for muscle tone, he said.

"If you have bad knees, you should stay away from the recumbent bicycle," Micallef said. "Treadmills are the way to go."

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement has a lecture designed to learn how to break down barriers that stop people from reaching fitness goals. The lecture addresses motivation and adherence, financial limitations and exercising with physical limitations. The lecture is scheduled 7-8 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 25 at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi. Fee: \$10. Call (248) 473-5600 or email mpagels@botsford.org.

GYM

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machines at 7 p.m. on a week night at a local health club, especially in January. If you want to work out at 5, 6 or 7 p.m., then it's well worth it to get the equipment for your home, said John Micallef of Farmington Hills.

Micallef enjoys having his own gym.

"It gives me flexibility," Micallef said. At Lifetime (Fitness), it is so packed. I can go downstairs and work out anytime at night. It offers flexibility. You don't have to travel anywhere.

Micallef has a treadmill, free weights and Bowflex machine in his basement. He owns a NordicTrack treadmill he estimated at \$900, which he describes as mid-range.

I know friends and physicians who own the \$2,000-\$3,000 models, and you can also get them for \$200-\$300, the simple belt drive ones, he said.

But if you're going to the gym every day, "then you shouldn't spend a lot of money on equipment," Micallef said.

TREAD LIGHTLY

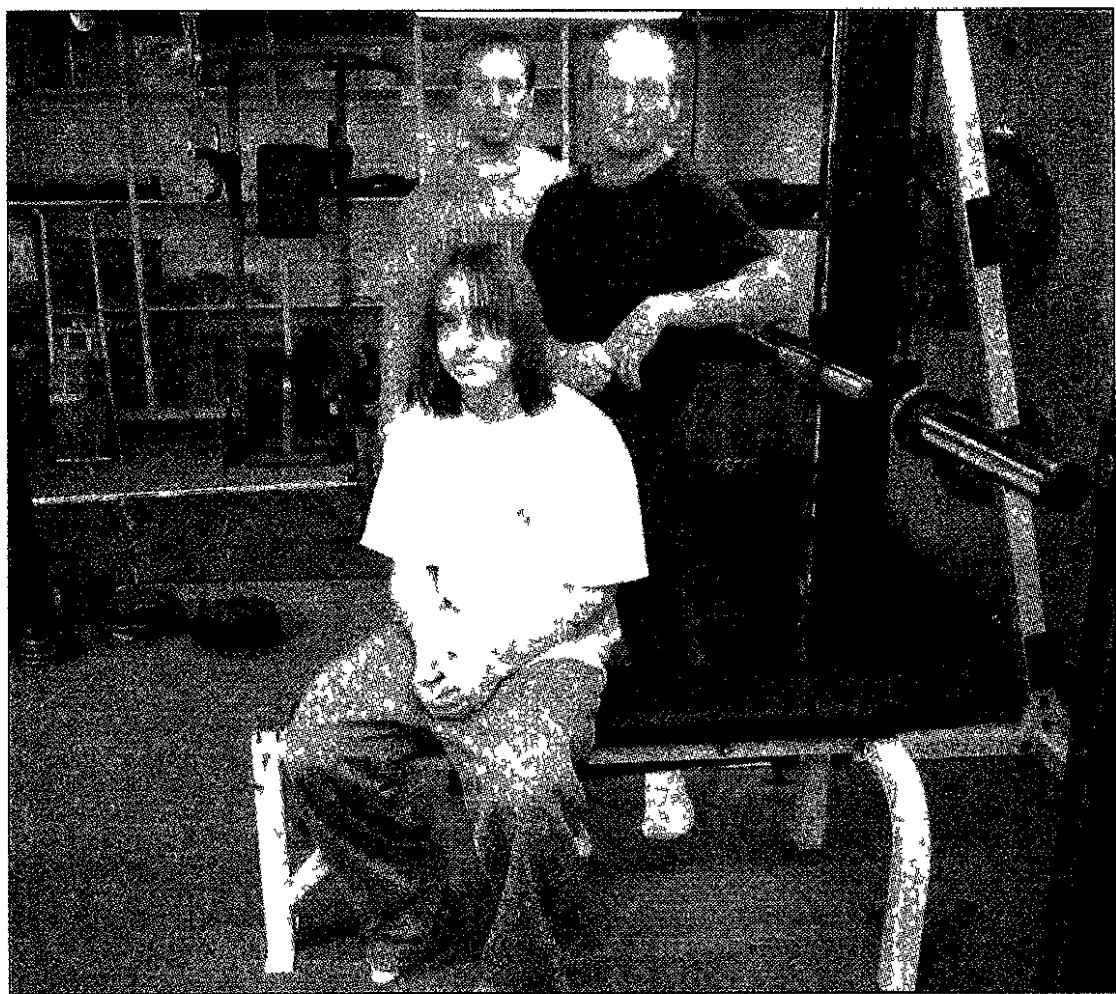
The home gym gives Gubert convenience with a television to watch and a phone nearby. He's retired and works out to stay in shape and to keep up with his sons, he says. The family enjoys camping, hiking and rock climbing.

"The treadmill is perfect and you still have the convenience," Gubert said. If I was out running, that would be two hours where I would be out of touch.

Gubert exercises in the morning, while Austin and Ryan use the equipment in the afternoon or evening. Both play lacrosse.

Tracy uses the equipment when she has time, which is generally on weekends, Lloyd said.

"Austin works out like a madman, about five or six days a week, three or four hours at a time and that's a conservative estimate," Lloyd said. Ryan works out twice a week. Austin is a body builder and



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Lloyd Gubert and his sons, Austin and Ryan, use the home gym on a regular basis.

Ryan isn't as passionate, but he will work out on the different machines depending on what muscle he wants to work on.

Lloyd lifts weights for three days a week, then runs on the treadmill for two.

He estimates the family has spent \$4,800-\$5,000 on the home gym equipment.

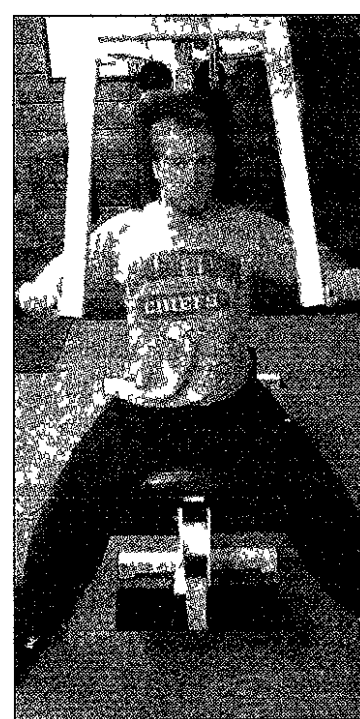
"You look at the cost of a full family in Lifetime Fitness, and the home gym is a good deal, but it's really the convenience," he said. "You can just stay at home and take care of it."

Gubert said he might sell the equipment someday.

I might only get \$1,000 or \$2,000 for it, but what I get for five to 10 years of use it may be a lot more cost-effective than a gym membership, he said.

The home gym gives the family a common focus, Gubert said.

The kids will go up to the library and get information, he said. (The home gym) gives us a common thing to



Austin Gubert works out.

The weightlifting helps with the rigors of preparing for rock climbing at the New River Gorge in West Virginia and in Utah.

"The kids love to rappel," Gubert said.

GET READY

A set of dumbbells, Bowflex machine and treadmill can cost about \$2,000-\$3,000 and give exercisers what they need, Micallef said.

"You can also find this equipment used and cut the price in half," Micallef said.

"You can also get a set of dumbbells for \$200."

Whether you're lifting 5-pound dumbbells, walking a treadmill or playing racquetball, at least you are exercising.

"Anything is better than nothing, as long as you're moving," Micallef said.

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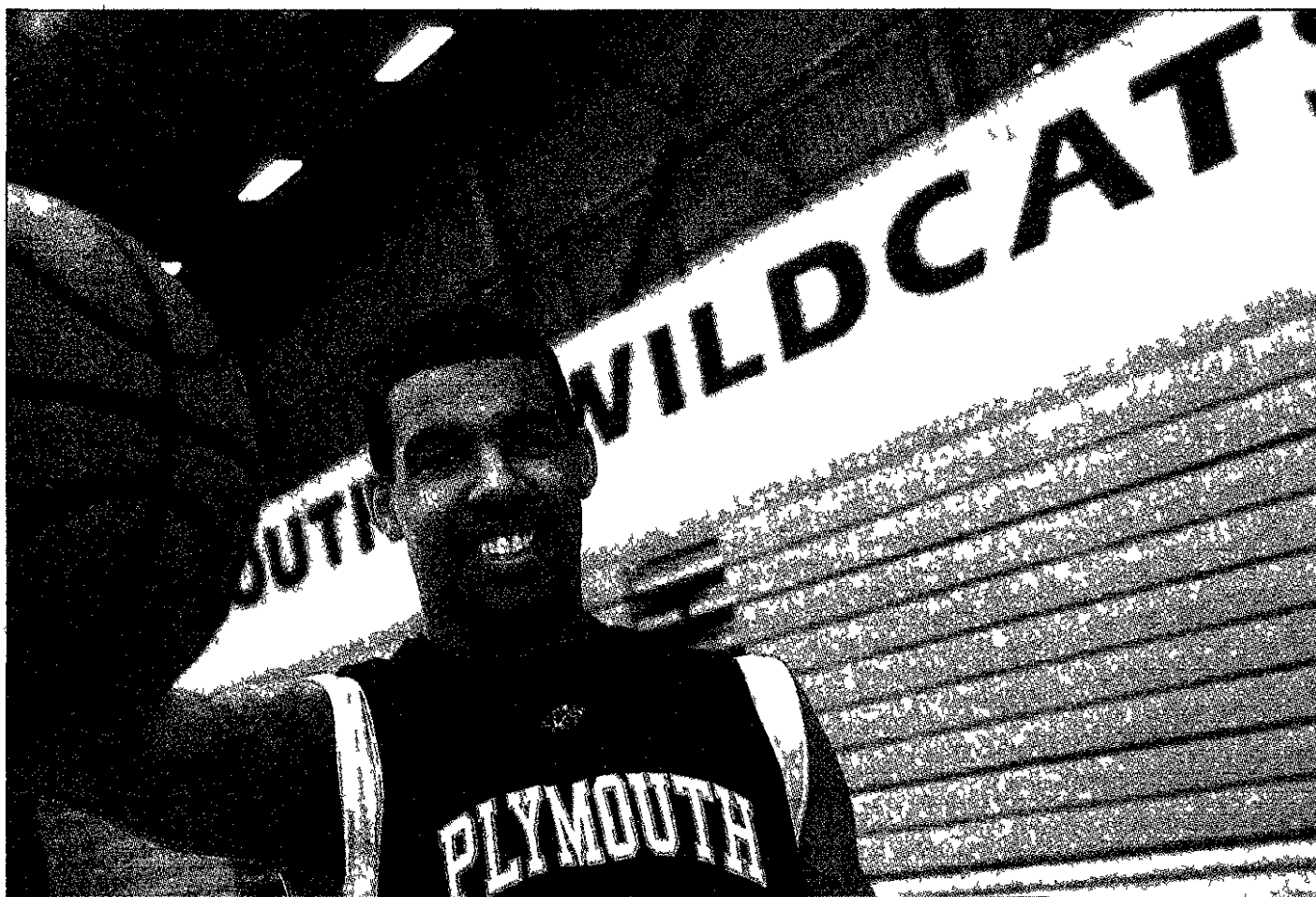
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Junior Josh Le Duc has made a name for himself on the football field, on the basketball court and in the classroom at Plymouth High School over the past two-plus years.

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Making his presence felt Plymouth's Le Duc is force on court, field

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

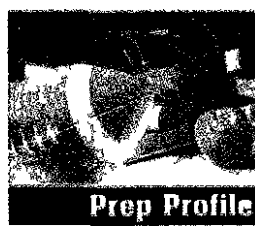
Josh Le Duc took a short trip into his past recently when he sat down and watched a videotape of a freshmen basketball game in which he played during his ninth-grade year at Plymouth High School.

It was an eye-opening experience for Le Duc, who got to witness how far his physical development had progressed in a relatively short time.

"I was a stick," Le Duc said, smiling, referring to the image of himself he saw on the screen. "I was six feet tall and probably weighed about 150 pounds."

Now, two years, a couple of growth spurts and hundreds of hours of dedicated time in the weight room later, Le Duc is a 6-4, 205-pound force to be reckoned with on both the football field and basketball court. The junior is also a stellar student, having sculpted a muscular 3.5 grade-point average.

Le Duc credited a desire to play collegiate football and the school's 'Cats



Prep Profile

One of my goals is to play college football," Le Duc said. "To reach that goal, I knew I would have to work extremely hard. I have seen a noticeable change in my strength and speed because of the weight-lifting and speed program we have here. A couple years ago, when I caught a pass, I'd usually get tackled. Now, I can run away from people."

I work pretty much year-round at it. I've decided to give it a 100-percent commitment.

HOOP IS SECOND

While football is his first love athletically, basketball is a close second.

Program — a slightly revised form of the popular Bigger, Faster, Stronger program — for the strides he has made athletically.

"I like to get physical, which you can't always do in basketball," he said. "In football, you can just let it go and do whatever. If you do that in basketball, you'll end up in foul trouble."

Le Duc has played an instrumental role in helping Plymouth's boys basketball team build a 6-2 record (2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association) in the early stages of its first full varsity campaign. Through Friday's impressive victory against Livonia Churchill, Le Duc had averaged 11.3 points per game, a team-high 11.3 rebounds and 2.3 blocks per contest.

Josh means a lot to this team," first-year Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said. "He's the most athletic player on our team, he can shoot the jump shot, he posts up real well, he can rebound and block shots. He has an all-around good game."

"Josh was absolutely fantastic in Friday's game. Churchill kind of focused on stopping him on the offensive end, so

PLEASE SEE LE DUC, C2

The thirst for the 1st Salem hoopers earn initial win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

How do you spell relief? S-A-L-E-M.

The Rocks secured their first victory of the season Tuesday night, 45-44, over Livonia Churchill, but not before the Chargers gave them a big-time scare.

With the clock winding down, Churchill attempted a potential game-winning layup, but the ball rolled off the rim, generating equal amounts of relief and joy on the Salem side of the court.

"It always feels good when you win your first game," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team improved to 1-7 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. "We were down the entire first half, and we didn't get the lead until late in the third quarter."

The Chargers slipped to 1-7 and 0-2.

Senior Dave Cardenas had a solid game for the host Rocks, pouring in 14 points and yanking down seven rebounds. Kevin Bradley scored seven, while Jeff Lake ripped down a team-high nine boards.

Churchill was paced by Corte Diaz, who had seven.

The Chargers took command early and led 14-10 after one quarter and 29-25 at the half.

Salem battled back to nab a 30-29 advantage after three quarters, setting the stage for the dramatic final eight minutes.

With less than two minutes to play, the Rocks secured a two-point lead and the ball, but they missed the front end of a one-and-one situation. The Chargers snared the rebound and drew a Salem foul with 11 seconds left. The first free throw swished, but the second bounced out. A mad scramble ensued and Salem garnered possession of the ball.

"I really thought it was going to go into overtime," Brodie said. "It's definitely a relief that the boys finally figured out a way to win one."

The Rocks will put their modest win streak on the line Friday night when they travel to Westland John Glenn to take on the 1-7 Rockets.

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Sidelines

Little League info

Spring registration for the Canton Little League will commence 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, and Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Victory Park Softball Center in the Diamonds restaurant in Canton Township.

The league is open to all students who attend schools in the Plymouth-Canton School District. All players must have proof of residency with them along with a birth certificate.

The program is divided into four leagues: Minor (7-10 year-olds), Major (11-12 year-olds), Junior (13-14 year-olds), and Senior (15-16 year-olds).

For more information on the league, visit www.cantonlittleleague.net or e-mail questions to cantonlittleleague@wowway.com.

GCYBSA signup

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association will hold its initial registration 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at Canton's Summit on the Park. The GCYBSA, which is replacing the dissolved Canton Community Junior Baseball/Softball Association, will offer T-Ball, baseball and softball teams for youths ages 4-18 who are residents of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton. Non-residents who attend school in the Plymouth-Canton School District are also eligible.

Interested players who cannot attend the Feb. 6 registration may register after that date at any time during regular business hours at the Summit. They can also mail in their registration forms.

Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be held Saturday, March 26, and Saturday, April 9, in the Salem High School gymnasium. Participants will receive three hours of baseball instruction with the Salem varsity baseball team's players and coaches, a T-shirt, snack and drink.

The fee for the clinic, which is for players ages 7-15, is \$25. To reserve a place in either session or for further information, contact Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

Salem Linebackers

The Salem Linebackers will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, in Room 2703 of Salem High School. Elections for 2005 officers will be held at this meeting. Parents of all current and incoming freshman players are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

Euchre tourney

The Canton Leisure Services Department will be hosting a co-ed euchre tournament 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Diamonds Bar and Grill in Canton. The tournament will consist of two-person teams.

The cost is \$20 per team for residents and \$26 for non-residents. For more information, contact the Canton Leisure Services Department.

Wildcats cagers beat Glenn in thriller, 43-42

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It was only fitting that the play that clinched Plymouth's dramatic 43-42 boys basketball victory over Westland John Glenn involved defense and hustle — the two traits that have been instrumental in the Wildcats' 6-2 start.

With Plymouth holding a one-point lead and the final 10 seconds ticking off,

Wildcats guard D.J. Coleman knocked the ball away from Rockets guard Alex McMillan. Plymouth's Josh Le Duc dove head-first for the loose ball along with two Rockets. Le Duc managed to push the ball to Coleman, who dribbled the final three seconds away.

The Wildcats are now 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. John Glenn fell to 1-7 overall and 0-2 in the WLA.

"Going into the season, we knew John Glenn had a lot of talent and, honestly, we didn't know if we would be able to hang with them," Wildcats coach Tom Van Wagoner said. "But our kids are really stepping up. They play with a never-say-die attitude."

"This win was a stepping stone for us because it shows we can beat athletic teams like John Glenn. They are definitely better than their record indi-

cates." Led by 6-6 center Barry Eberhardt, the Rockets soared to a 22-15 halftime lead thanks to tight defense and decent shooting. Plymouth's first lead came with 1:40 to go in the third quarter when Jim Wilbur drained an 18-foot jumper to put the hosts up 29-28. The 'Cats closed out the quarter with a 9-0

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, C2

Things are looking up

Sophomore leads Chiefs over Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Alyssa Kelley didn't act like a sophomore Tuesday night.

The 10th-grader displayed nerves of steel and skills to match, leading Canton's gymnastics team to a 140-133.8 victory over Salem in the Plymouth High School gymnastics room.

Kelley captured four firsts — all-around (36.75), vault (9.5), bars (9.35) and floor exercise (9.3).

"Alyssa is usually right around 36 on her all-around, but we're working to get her up to the mid-37s," Chiefs coach John Cunningham said. "The only non-9 she had tonight was an 8.6 on the balance beam because she had a fall. If she doesn't fall, she's right there in the mid-37s."

Salem was set back by the absence of one of its top performers, Elena Gueroguev, who missed the meet due

to illness.

"I thought the girls did well tonight," Salem coach Dana Driscoll said. "They did a lot better than our first meet, that's for sure. I saw a lot of improvement. We missed Elena, and it was Ashley (Aqunto)'s first meet with her new routine, so we did OK."

Freshman Jessie Murray turned in a strong performance for the Chiefs, earning seconds in all-around (34.74) and the vault (9.1), a third on the beam (8.75), and a fourth in the floor exercise (8.7).

Cunningham praised the work of Mina Pirzadeh, who racked up a fourth, a fifth and two sixths.

"Mina is really coming into her own," Cunningham said. "She is really showing a lot of improvement. She has one of the best leaps on the balance beam."

Cunningham also shined the Chiefs spotlight on Kara Ahern, who garnered seconds for her efforts in the

"They did a lot better than our first meet, that's for sure. I saw a lot of improvement."

Dana Driscoll
Salem coach

floor exercise (9.1) and beam (8.9). Sarah Bugosh, Aqunto and Brittany Young all had stellar meets for the Rocks. Bugosh was second on the bars, sixth on the beam and fifth on the floor, while Aqunto won the beam with an impressive 8.95.

The meet drew a standing-room-only crowd to the Plymouth High School gymnastics facility.

Chiefs win in Rockford

Canton finished first in Saturday's Rockford Invitational meet by com-

PLEASE SEE KELLEY, C3



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Canton gymnast Heather Wagner keeps her eyes on the bar as she makes her way through her routine on the uneven bars during Tuesday night's meet against Salem. The Chiefs triumphed, 140-133.8 over their cross-campus rivals.

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he had seven assists, which allowed some other players to score. That was an example of how unselfish of a player he is. He doesn't need the limelight. He'll do the dirty work that takes to win, no matter what that may take."

FIRST DUNK?

Although it's way down on his list of priorities when it comes to school and athletics, Le Duc admitted he would get a charge out of recording the first official dunk in the history of the school's basketball program. "Last year, I could only dunk if I got a running start from half-court," Le Duc admitted. "Now, all I need is one step. I'd love to get the first one, but we have quite a few other players who can dunk, too. The most important thing is winning, though."

Victories were rare for the Wildcats football team during the 2004 season, when the senior-less squad endured a 1-8 record. Even though Le Duc often played effectively on both sides of the ball — starting as a tight end on offense and a strong-side linebacker and safety on defense — he said he doesn't have a lot of fond memories from the defeat-marred season.

"It was a hard year for us, a learning year," Le Duc said. "I wasn't happy with my performance or the team's, and I know there are a lot of my teammates who weren't happy either. But we're committed to

getting better. Next year, most of us will be seniors, so we're hoping the hard work we're putting in pays off."

Le Duc excelled in the Wildcats' lone 2004 win against Wayne Memorial, recording two sacks on defense while racking up 50 receiving yards and a touch-down offensively.

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His days on the defensive side of the line of scrimmage may be a thing of the past, Le Duc said.

"The coaches have said they want to try and play 22 players next season, so nobody will go both ways," he said. "They asked me what I preferred, and I told them I'd rather play offense."

Le Duc said a strong bond has developed between the athletes at Plymouth, who realize they are setting the initial tone for the classes who follow them.

"It seems like everyone involved in sports at the school are centered around each other," he said.

"Everyone encourages one another and everyone knows each other. And it's not just the football players hanging out with football players, or basketball with basketball."

Le Duc has acquired a strong interest in computer-aided design (CAD), a skill he said he would like to possibly turn into a career some day.

"I have a CAD class now that I really like," he said. "I'm going to take an architecture class next semester."

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- PREP BASKETBALL - Friday Jan. 14**
Salem at Westland John Glenn 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton 7 p.m.
Plymouth Christian at Southfield Christian at Lawrence Tech 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School 7:30 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Belleville 7 p.m.
- PREP HOCKEY - Saturday Jan. 15**
Salem at W.L. Northern at Lakeland Arena 12:00 p.m.
Canton at Grand Rapids Christian 5 p.m.
PCS Penguins at Cranbrook Kingswood noon
Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth at Compuware Sports Arena 6:40 p.m.
- BOYS SWIMMING**
Thursday Jan. 13
Canton at W.L. Central 7 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.
- Friday Jan. 14**
Plymouth at Wayne Invitational 3 p.m.
- Saturday Jan. 15**
Plymouth at Wayne Invitational 1 p.m.
- WRESTLING**
Thursday Jan. 13
Westland John Glenn at Salem 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Wayne Memorial 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Plymouth 6 p.m.
- Saturday Jan. 15**
Salem at Adrian Invitational 10 a.m.
Canton at Springport Tournament 9 a.m.
Plymouth Wildcat Team Tournament 9 a.m.
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Thursday Jan. 13
Southfield at Plymouth Christian 7 p.m.
- Friday Jan. 14**
Canton Agape at Inter City at United Christian 8 p.m.
- Saturday Jan. 15**
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- Plymouth at U.M. Dearborn Tourney 9 a.m.
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Canton at Holland Invitational 10 a.m.
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- Saturday Jan. 15**
Whalers vs Guelph (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday Jan. 16**
Whalers vs Owen Sound (Compuware) 2 p.m.

Chiefs cagers drop third straight

Canton made a gallant second-half comeback Tuesday night in its road game at Walled Lake Central, but the Vikings hung on to win, 44-41.

The setback was the third straight for the Chiefs, who slipped to 4-4 overall and 0-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Central upped its record to 6-2 and 2-0.

The Vikings chiseled an 11-5 lead after one quarter and 19-11 halftime advantage. Central led 32-27 with eight minutes to go when Canton initiated its rally, which eventually led to a two-point Chief lead with three minutes to play.

However, late turnovers doomed Canton in the end. With his team trailing by three and a few seconds left on the clock, Canton's David Cahille just missed a three-point effort that would have sent the game into overtime. He had made two threes earlier in the contest.

Kevin Thornton had a huge night for Canton, netting 13 points, eight rebounds and five blocks. Julian Smith also played well, contributing 12 points and eight boards. Cahille finished with eight.

Brad Guldán sparked the Vikings with 16 points. The Chiefs buried just 5-of-9 free throws while Central drained 7-of-9 from the stripe. Canton will look to end its mini-skid with a home game

Friday night against Livonia Franklin. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

Warren Zoe Christian 38, PCA 29: The Warriors built a 23-12 halftime lead and held off a strong third-quarter surge by the Eagles to win comfortably. Zoe improved to 6-1 while Plymouth Christian dropped to 4-3.

Aaron Ciborowski led the Eagles with 11 points and 13 rebounds. Chase VanTiem and Steven Summer both twined six points in the losing effort. Jeff True led Zoe with 12 while Tommy Marquart had 10.

The Eagles canned just 5-of-10 free throws.

PCA closed its once-large deficit to just 25-21 following three quarters, but the Warriors held on.

CC 80, Old Redford 37: A balanced scoring attack and enhanced confidence can be interchangeable. That was the case Tuesday night every Redford Catholic Central player got into the scorebook as the visiting Shamrocks routed Old Redford Academy.

With the triumph, Catholic Central improved to 3-5 overall and 1-1 in the Catholic League entering Friday's 7 p.m. showdown at CC against undefeated Warren DeLaSalle (8-0 and ranked sixth in Class A).

"I think we kind of just

came out and played hard and with a lot of intensity," said Shamrocks head coach Rick Coratti. "It was a good bounce-back from last Friday (a 76-49 loss to U-D Jesuit)."

The victory also could help Catholic Central be ready for DeLaSalle.

"I hope it gives us some confidence," Coratti said.

The Shamrocks shot well from the start and took control early against Old Redford Academy (formerly Detroit Benedictine) with a 26-9 scoring advantage in the first quarter.

It was 44-16 at halftime and the rout was on.

According to Coratti, a combination of good outside shooting, defense and rebounding led to the triumph.

And, "everyone on the team got in and scored, so that was nice," he said.

The top scorer was Antyrno Raimer, with 18 points. Coratti said Raimer connected on six-of-seven from two-point range and two-of-two from beyond the three-point line.

Contributing 14 points each were Chris Davis and Chris Harding while Garrett Senczyszyn tallied 11. Coratti said it was good to see Harding playing well, after being slowed by pneumonia.

He (Harding) is finally feeling a little bit healthy," Coratti said.

WILDCATS

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run — and 34-28 lead — when Coleman sank two free throws with 50 seconds left and Wilbur canned a long trey with 15 ticks left on the clock.

John Glenn surged back into the game behind Eberhardt who scored four points in the opening 2 1/2 minutes of the fourth quarter to give the Rockets a 37-36 edge. It turned out to be the visitors' last lead as Plymouth scored

seven straight points — four from Le Duc and three from A.J. Davey — to go up 43-37.

Eberhardt almost tied the game with 22 seconds left when he was fouled while firing a 3-point shot and his team trailing 43-40. The senior calmly swished the first two attempts, but the third rolled around the cylinder before popping out and into the hands of Le Duc.

Eberhardt led all scorers with 17 points. McMillian finished with nine and Duncan Jones scored six for the

Rockets. Plymouth was paced by Wilbur's 11 points. Le Duc finished with 10 points and eight rebounds, Coleman had seven and Davey netted six. "Wilbur made some big shots for us tonight," Van Wagoner said.

He also did a good job of guarding Eberhardt on defense, he really challenged him.

Both teams struggled from the free throw line. The Wildcats sank 14 of 24 from the stripe, while the Rockets managed to drain just 5-of-14


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Canton setters earn silver title at Walled Lake Central

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Saturday's 16-team Walled Lake Central Volleyball tournament had a silver lining attached to it for Canton.

The Chiefs captured the silver bracket championship in the event and finished with an overall record of 4-2.

In pool play, Canton lost to Farmington Hills Harrison (25-20 and 25-17) and L'Anse Creuse — the eventual gold bracket champion — 25-12 and 25-16, before ousting Ferndale, 25-16 and 25-8.

The Chiefs thundered through the silver brackets by upending Ferndale in the quarterfinals, Walled Lake Western in the semis and Farmington in the finals, 25-7 and 25-17.

Molly Conlon shined for Canton, finishing with 26 kills, six aces and 31 digs. Andrea Johnson netted 22 kills, 13 aces, 41 digs and a 2.36 serve-receive average, while Laura McKendry contributed 24 kills, four aces, 24 digs and a 2.33 SRA.

Setter Stephanie Price was solid, netting 83 assists, five kills, five aces and 34 digs.

Churchill sweeps 'Cats

The Western Lakes Athletics Association welcomed Plymouth to the conference Monday by pitting the Wildcats against perennial powerhouse Livonia Churchill.

Plymouth was swept, 25-13, 25-21 and 25-18, but coach Kelly McCausland said not all was lost in defeat.

"It was kind of nice to open against an outstanding team like Churchill because you can learn a lot from playing good teams. Overall we've been struggling this year, but tonight I saw the potential this team has. We did a lot of things well, we just need to work on a few things like serve-receive."

Plymouth, which is now 3-4 overall, was paced by Jeanne Moise, who accumulated eight kills and four blocks. Sarah Haskins recorded 15 assists from her setter position while Janet Hanchett and Moise both had four digs.

Agape bumps B-M

The Wolverines notched their first victory of the season Monday night with a down-to-the-wire, five-game victory over Britton-Macon. Agape is now 1-3 while the Tonies slipped to 1-4.

The hosts won the first game, 25-15, before Agape rebounded to win games two and three, 25-22 and 25-11, respectively. B-M won game four, 25-16, but the Wolves earned the 'W' with a 15-4 victory in the finale.

It feels great to finally win one, said Agape co-coach Melissa Hanson. "The girls really needed to win one. It's the first time this season we've had all six starters ready to play. A.J. Creps has been out with an injury, but she returned tonight which really helped."

Creps had a huge night, finishing with 16 kills and seven aces while Brianna Chrenko chipped in with 11 kills and three aces.

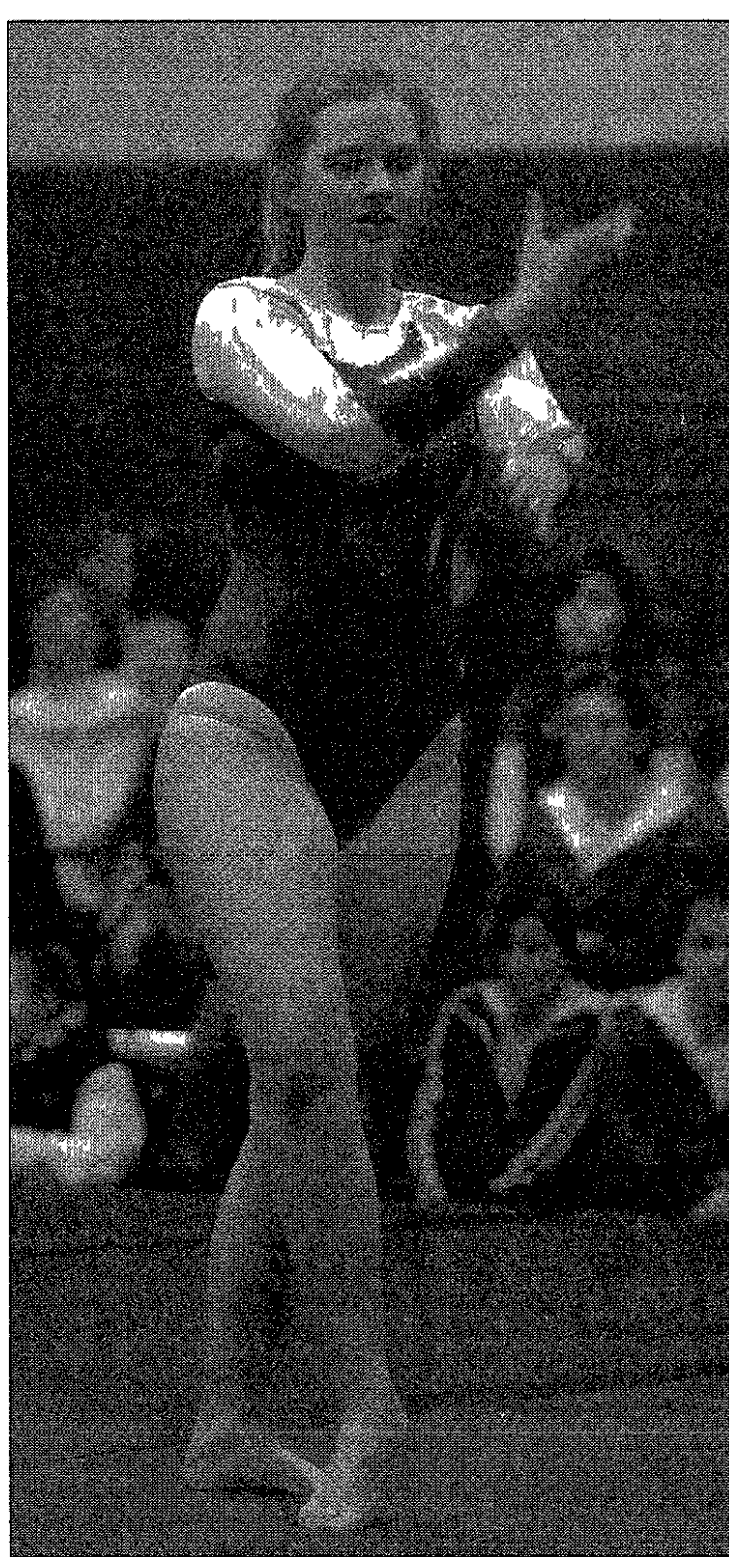
The Wolves' two setters — Danielle Henry and Katie Lambert — both recorded 18 assists.

We went back to a basic 4-2 offense tonight and it worked well," Hanson said.

PCA blanks Clarenceville

The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team swept Livonia Clarenceville Monday evening, 25-17, 25-17 and 25-22, in a match held in the PCA gymnasium. The victory improved the Eagles' record to 1-1.

Junior Julie Bahbah excelled for PCA, recording 20 digs and 10 kills. Senior Kelli Feiler also played well, getting 12 digs, seven kills and nine service points.



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Salem gymnast Megan Taley completes her floor routine during Tuesday night's meet against Canton.

KELLEY

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piling 137.50 points. The hosts finished second with 136.45, followed by Traverse City's 136.10.

"We pretty much had first place in hand until the bars," Cunningham said. "We had five falls on the bars, which made the final scores close."

Kelley finished third in the all-around (35.45), first in the vault (9.5) and third in the

floor exercise routine (9.45). Ahern shined in the beam competition, finishing first with a score of 8.85. Murray earned third in the beam and fifth with her floor routine.

It's a good meet because we get to compete against a lot of the best teams from the other side of the state, Cunningham said. "We were the only team from the east side of Michigan that competed."

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Ladywood battles PCS to draw

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team's eight-game winning streak was snapped Tuesday night — but the Penguins' lengthy unbeaten run is still alive.

Livonia Ladywood tied PCS, 1-1, in an overtime game played at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena.

"We didn't play well the first and second periods, but we really woke up in the third," said PCS coach Lori Callahan.

The Blazers grabbed a 1-0 lead 4:58 into the second period when Heather Sartorius scored off an assist from Brittany Holtz.

With one minute remaining in the game, the Penguins pulled goalie Kristie Kowalski. The move paid off 37 seconds later when Olivia Pennebaker scored off an assist from Kristen Schwan to knot the score at 1-1.

Neither team scored in the eight-minute overtime session.

"Kristie really kept us in the game tonight," Callahan said. "She did an outstanding job."

Michelle Wynemko played an outstanding game in goal for Ladywood, according to Callahan.

Chelsea 5, Plymouth 1: Chelsea stymied the Wildcats' offense,

limiting it to one goal and 16 shots. The winners led 2-1 after one period and 4-1 after two.

PCS Penguins 10, Walled Lake 1:

The high-flying Penguins improved their record to 9-2 (8-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League) Saturday afternoon with a convincing victory over the Wild. PCS iced Walled Lake by the same score earlier in the season.

"Before the game, we talked about not taking them too lightly just because we beat them the first time we played them," said PCS coach Lori Callahan.

"The girls went out and played hard the entire game. Hopefully, we can keep this going."

The Penguins are currently in control of second place in the MMGHSHL, one game behind unbeaten Grosse Pointe South.

Sharla Gillespie had a breakout game for the winners, tallying two goals and four assists. Tara Bohard also had a productive afternoon, finding the net twice in addition to two assists.

Kristen Schwan, Stephanie Murray, Adrienne Cercone (two) and Keely Kowalski also lit the lamp for PCS.

Shamrock icers are hitting stride

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central's varsity hockey team clicked on all cylinders in Saturday night's 7-3 victory over Grosse Pointe North.

All four lines chipped in with at least a goal to pace the Shamrocks to the non-league victory at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

"We scored on the power play, in even-strength situations and all four lines scored, which is a good sign that the team played at the top of its capability," said Shamrocks head coach Todd Johnson.

The win lifted CC to a record of 8-2-1 overall heading into a pair of tough games. On Friday, the Shamrocks will visit Cranbrook-Kingswood, ranked first in Division 3.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, they take on the top team in D2 — Trenton. That game will be played at Compuware.

But Johnson is confident the Cranes and Trojans will be in for a stiff challenge from his squad.

"I think we're starting to turn it on as a team," Johnson said. "I'm real happy with how we played (against the Norsemen). We moved the puck well and had speed and discipline against a tough team."

North actually took a 1-0 lead in the first minute of the game when Colin Brown

scored against Shamrocks' goalie Brian Hogan (17 saves).

Harrison Niemann (from Jason Lewarne and Dan Barczuk) tied the game at the five-minute mark but the Norsemen regained the lead a half minute later on a tally by Mike Rourke.

Before the opening stanza ended, the Shamrocks took a 3-2 lead. John Horal scored, on assists from Mychael Evans and Dominic Scala. The lead goal came when Barczuk (two goals, one assist) roofed a shot behind North netminder Jordan Zeilke, on a play started by the forechecking of CC junior forward Dan Naurato (two assists).

In the middle frame, Lewarne (one goal, one assist) made it 4-2 on a play set up by Tim Buttery (two assists) and Steve Jankowski.

After the Norsemen cut the lead to 4-3, Barczuk scored to give CC a two-goal margin entering the third. Picking up assists on the goal were Niemann (one goal, two assists) and Naurato.

Mike Oakleaf buried a wrist-er on the power play at the six-minute mark of the third, on a play set up by Niemann and Buttery.

Capping off the win for the Shamrocks was Brian Gioza's goal 30 seconds later, assisted by Chris New and Colin Ronayne.

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	Howard	household goods	
	Martens	household goods	
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	Early	household goods	
	Lafever	household goods	
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	Walker	household goods	
	Holland	household goods	
	Simpson	household goods	
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Shurgard of Livonia 30300 Plymouth Rd Livonia MI 48150 734 522 7811			
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SWIM STATS

Rock Kilgore Invitational
Saturday Jan 8 at Salem High School
TEAM STANDINGS 1 Zeeland 283 2 Ann Arbor 281 3 Northville 214 4 Livonia Stevenson 208 5 Salem 105 6 Canton 90
200 yard medley relay-A 1 Zeeland (Brando Rudick Zach Pellegrini Mitch Ruch Josh Gonzales) 1:50.39 2 Pioneer (Mark Buster Kenichi Bill Richardson Eric Parker) 1:53.91 3 Northville (Jon Bardsley Colin Smith Chris Fulas Adam Pulliam) 1:54.70
200 medley relay B 1 Zeeland (Jeremy Sall Anthony Sall Sean Hamstro Andrew Ornee) 2 Stevenson (Jeffery Pauza Jeff Weber Steven Bruestle Adam Whalen) 1:45.77 3 Northville (Hunter Schwartz Gregg Sheppard Ryan Smith Mark Stuber) 1:48.50
200 medley relay C 1 Zeeland (Jordan Diekema Justin Barkel Ryan Shrum Josh Ensing) 1:39.93 2 Stevenson (Garrett Baringhouse David Godzinsky Travis Hatt Matt Massman) 1:40.43 3 Pioneer (Pat Buck Patrick Whitehead Jason Hass Devin Talbot) 1:42.92
200 freestyle-A 1 Chris Buck (P) 1:50.91 2 Jonathan Kraai (Z) 1:57.53 3 Jon Bardsley (N) 2:05.73
200 freestyle B 1 David Curtis (P) 1:48.63 2 Mark Stuber (N) 1:59.35 3 Derek Schmitt (C) 1:59.93
200 freestyle C 1 Chris Culkun (N) 1:51.40 2 Andrew Schoff (LS) 1:51.92 3 Mike Zang (P) 1:55.29
200 freestyle D 1 Sho Koba (P) 1:43.24 2 Chris Keady (N) 1:48.00 3 Matt Jurcak (S) 1:50.39
200 IM A 1 Peter Keeler (P) 2:11.67 2 Ryan Smith (N) 2:15.15 3 Robert Luke (LS) 2:16.63
200 IM-B 1 Jeremy Sall (Z) 2:09.71 2 Greg Sheppard (N) 2:09.79 3 Patrick Whitehead (P) 2:12.75
200 IM-C 1 Anthony Sall (Z) 2:04.13 2 Pat Buck (P) 2:05.03 3 Westen Laabs (N) 2:15.14
200 IM D 1 Travis Hatt (LS) 1:58.84 2 Justin Barkel (Z) 2:01.47 3 Nick Dixon (S) 2:01.86
50 freestyle A 1 Andrew Ornee (Z) 23.64 2 Eric Parker (P) 24.41 3 Jim Mammamo (N) 25.92
50 freestyle B 1 Kjerstan Lyster (P) 23.84 2 Ian Hudson (Z) 24.09 3 Hunter Schwartz 24.70
50 freestyle-C 1 Steven Bruestle (LS) 23.66 2 Devin Talbot (P) 23.76 3 Josh Ensing (Z) 23.84
50 freestyle D 1 Jordan Diekema (Z) 22.33 2 Matt Massman (LS) 22.67 3 Brad Ferris (N) 23.00
Driving A 1 Will Funkell (N) 1:17.35 2 Adam Ratliff (LS) 1:16.80 3 Brent Etzel (Z) 1:15.80
Driving B 1 Steve Lempe (N) 2:06.20 2 Sam Meengs (Z) 1:59.35 3 Eric Smith (LS) 1:50.95
Driving C 1 Steven Smith (LS) 2:37.40 2 Scott Lee (N) 2:20.85 3 Zack Golin (Z) 2:05.15
Driving D 1 Kyle Overway (Z) 3:53.90 2 Cody Stafford (LS) 3:42.70 3 Brad Lempe (N) 3:25.70
100 butterfly A 1 Bill Richardson (P) 1:01.51 2 Chris Fulas (N) 1:05.38 3 Josh Gonzales (Z) 1:05.83
100 butterfly B 1 Josh D Angelo (P) 57.37 2 Ryan Smith (N) 59.93 3 Sean Hamstra (Z) 59.99
100 butterfly-C 1 Garrett Baringhouse (LS) 55.27 2 Brody Blicke (N) 56.24 3 David Greiner (P) 59.47
100 butterfly-D 1 Steven Bruestle (LS) 55.39 2 Will Blicke (N) 56.45 3 Shogo Uno (C) 57.51
100 freestyle A 1 Andrew Ornee (Z) 53.98 2 Adam Pulliam (N) 56.74 3 Connor Callam (P) 56.84
100 freestyle-B 1 Devin Talbot (P) 53.10 2 Adam Whalen (LS) 53.42 3 Justin Bussies (Z) 53.81
100 freestyle-C 1 Dustin Hennigar (P) 50.58 2 Matt Massman (LS) 51.02 3 Joe Hogan (N) 53.21
100 freestyle-D 1 Sho Koba (P) 47.77 2 Brad Ferris (N) 49.20 3 Matt Jurcak (S) 49.40
500 freestyle A 1 Mike Zang (P) 5:19.81 2 Brad Milburn (Z) 5:25.87 3 Salvatore Loria (LS) 5:31.47
500 freestyle B 1 Josh D Angelo (P) 5:14.43 2 Kyle Hermann (LS) 5:16.42 3 Jonathan Kraai (Z) 5:17.51
500 freestyle C 1 Chris Culkun (N) 5:00.95 2 Pat Buck (P) 5:00.97 3 Garrett Baringhouse (LS) 5:06.22
500 freestyle-D 1 Travis Hatt (LS) 4:46.21 2 Chris Keady (N) 4:49.47 3 David Curtis (P) 4:52.63
200 freestyle relay A 1 Zeeland (Josh Gonzales Sam Meengs Jake Vander Peyl James Bacon) 1:41.97 2 Pioneer (Matt Kantcheck Peter Burch Corey Gross David Heimstra) 1:47.96 3 Livonia Stevenson (Jeffrey Chuldzinski Scott Geverink Brendan Schoff Michael Burdick) 1:48.83
200 freestyle relay-B 1 Pioneer (David Greiner Mike Gottliebssen Eric Parker Josh D Angelo) 1:35.97 2 Zeeland (Justin Bussies Jonathan Kraai Jeremy Sall Zach Pellegrini) 1:37.62 3 Northville (Westen Laabs Greg Sheppard Adam Pulliam Ryan Smith) 1:40.54
200 freestyle relay C 1 Pioneer (Devin Talbot Dustin Hennigar David Curtis Sho Koba) 1:31.24 2 Livonia Stevenson (Steven Bruestle David Godzinsky Andrew Schoff Matt Massman) 1:32.63 3 Zeeland (Josh Ensing Ian Hudson Andrew Ornee Ryan Kraai) 1:33.80
100 backstroke A 1 Mark Buster (P) 1:01.91 2 Brandon Rudick (Z) 1:02.67 3 David Conzelman (C) 1:04.74
100 backstroke B 1 Sean Hamstra (Z) 58.60 2 Kjerstan Lyster (P) 58.77 3 Robert Luke (LS) 1:01.30
100 backstroke-C 1 Chris Buck (P) 58.04 2 Mitch Ruch (Z) 58.26 3 Adam Whalen (LS) 59.02
100 backstroke-D 1 Jordan Diekema (Z) 53.21 2 Nick Dixon (S) 55.13 3 Brody Blicke (N) 57.10
100 breaststroke A 1 Jake Vander Peyl (Z) 1:11.28 2 Ian McLwaine (P) 1:13.76 3 Iman Haghoic (C) 1:18.43
100 breaststroke B 1 Zach Pellegrini (Z) 1:07.32 2 Kenichi Osawa (P) 1:11.76 3 Colin Smith (N) 1:12.88
100 breaststroke-C 1 Anthony Sall (Z) 1:04.12 2 Stan Chen (S) 1:07.51 3 Peter Keeler (P) 1:08.05
100 breaststroke-D 1 Justin Barkel (Z) 1:01.97 2 David Godzinsky (LS) 1:04.13 3 Westen Laabs (N) 1:05.65
400 freestyle relay A 1 Zeeland (Ian Hudson Brandon Rudick Brad Milburn James Bacon) 3:40.17 2 Pioneer (Mike Gottliebssen Brian Gregorka Connor Callam Kjerstan Lyster) 3:40.24 3 Northville (Paul Young Dan O'Brien Joe Kargula Kyle Adams) 3:56.64
400 freestyle-B 1 Pioneer (Pat Buck Mike Zang Chris Buck David Greiner) 3:27.72 2 Zeeland (Ryan Shrum Jonathan Kraai Justin Bussies Mitch Ruch) 3:28.26 3 Livonia Stevenson (Adam Whalen Ryan Zuhlicke Salvatore Loria Kyle Hermann) 3:40.51
400 freestyle-C 1 Pioneer (Dustin Hennigar Jason Hass David Curtis Sho Koba) 3:17.19 2 Zeeland (Ryan Kraai Anthony Sall Jordan Diekema Justin Barkel) 3:18.48 3 Northville (Chris Keady Chris Culkun Will Blicke Brad Ferris) 3:20.89

Schoolcraft rolls in spite of sanctions

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK CORRESPONDENT

The formula for success seldom varies for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team good defense plus good effort equals good results Postseason goals or no, the Ocelots roll on

Schoolcraft dispatched Kirtland Community College, 106-85, Monday night to remain once-beaten on the season The Ocelots are 14-1 overall and 3-0 in league play Kirtland (12-4, 2-1) fell behind early and never caught up despite being able to make several strong runs at host Schoolcraft

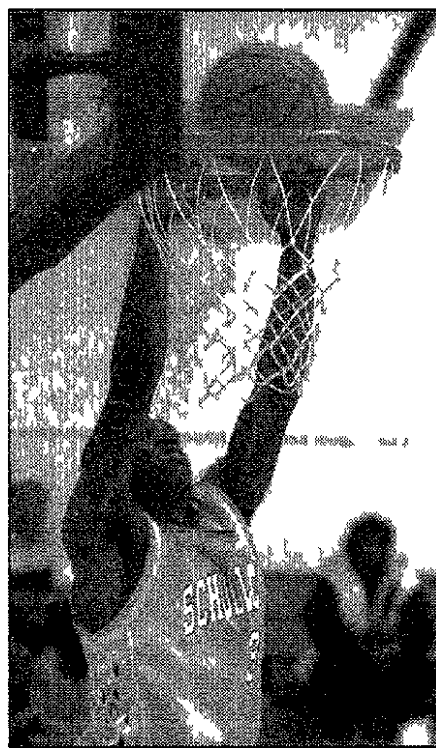
"We've got a big game Wednesday (against Delta College)," Kirtland coach Glen Donahue said "Hopefully, we'll be ready That's why we played all 12 against Schoolcraft We wanted to keep everybody fresh"

Coach Carlos Briggs doesn't have overwhelming size or bulk on his sophomore-dominated squad, but the Ocelots contest every shot on defense, make the extra pass on offense and do an excellent job of boxing out for rebounds

And if Briggs doesn't feel you're playing defense right, you sit, which he showed Monday night by yanking one of his leading scorers for a good portion of the early second half

Schoolcraft put five players in double figures, led by guard Martin Samarco's 24 points Freshman Genois Safford (Wayne) had 16 points, Tyrone Scott scored 15, Kevin Massiah added 13 and center Courtney Williams contributed 11 Freshman Jarred Axon scored nine and James Douglas had eight

"When you recruit players," Briggs said, "you want players that play hard You don't have to worry about things if they play hard And we've got kids that play hard,"



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Schoolcraft's James Douglas slams home two of his eight points against Kirtland on Monday night The Ocelots moved their record to 14-1 with a 105-86 victory

play smart and play together We beat a good team by 20"

Kirtland saw Schoolcraft score the first two baskets of the game and four of the first five for a 9-2 lead After stretching it to 25-15 midway through the first half, the Firebirds went on a 10-4 run to make it 29-25

The teams traded baskets for a few minutes before Jamaal Lock and Douglas scored on consecutive possessions to make it 35-27 and the Ocelots went on to lead, 47-39, at halftime

The freshman-dominated Firebirds got 18 points from fresh-

'Kirtland competed. Give them credit. But the better team won.'

Carlos Briggs Schoolcraft coach

man guard Bernard Daniels, 14 from freshman Frank Washington plus 10 apiece from freshman Demarvelous Carter (Romulus) and freshman David Allison

"We lost the game because we didn't shoot very well," Donahue said "We've probably got to improve our shot selection We have to do both better"

Kirtland hung within 10 points for the first four minutes of the second half before Massiah triggered a 10-3 run with a jumper in the paint The Firebirds crept back and trailed, 70-63, with 10:18 to play, but Samarco (Belleville) ended an 8-0 run with a basket off a rebound and the Ocelots maintained a double-digit lead from there out

"We talked about coming out to win," Donahue said, "and getting a win with everybody"

Schoolcraft missed just two shots while going from a 70-61 lead to 92-72 edge

A fairly common score in that span was a blocked shot or steal that was turned into an uncontested runout fast break layup

"If you're going to be on the floor," Briggs said, "you have to be able to guard We played with maximum effort"

"We knew Kirtland was good We talked about the cream rising to the top We played well and we played together"

"Kirtland competed Give them credit But the better team won"

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Physical Therapy UPDATE
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Presented by Hands On Center For Physical Therapy
BURSTS OF HEART-HEALTHY EXERCISE
You do not have to be a marathoner to improve cardiac health As little as the ten minute workouts during the day may clear the bloodstream of important artery clogging fats In fact for the average person, these short bursts of exercise may do more to improve heart health than a single long session of exercise
According to researchers who put a collection of men and women aged 18-45 through their paces short bursts of moderate exercise lowered blood levels of triglycerides (a fat linked with increased coronary risk) even more than a continuous exercise session did the repeated short bursts may have an additive effect on the body's fat burning rate throughout the day pushing it higher than a single workout would
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CANTON LITTLE LEAGUE
SPRING REGISTRATION
DATE: SATURDAY JANUARY 15th & FEBRUARY 19th at VICTORY PARK CANTON SOFTBALL CENTER in the DIAMONDS RESTAURANT FROM 1:00pm TO 5:00pm
LEAGUE OPEN TO ALL OF THE PLYMOUTH CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS
Proof of residency and have a birth certificate to register Leagues Available
Minor League 7-10 Major League 11-12
Junior League 13-14 Senior League 15-16
For more information on Canton Little League www.cantonlittleleague.net or cantonlittleleague@wowway.com

Ultimate Fishing Show set for Jan. 13-16

If fishing is anywhere on your list of favorite pastimes, then mark Jan. 13-16 on your calendar. That's when The Ultimate Fishing Show will be held at the Novi Expo Center. As the name implies, this should prove to be one heck of a fishing show.



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

For starters, the seminar lineup is one of the best ever assembled with 25 speakers providing 95 free, non-stop seminars. Want to learn about walleye fishing? Take in a session with Keith Kavajecz, Mark Martin, Jim Barta, Mark Romanack, Lance Valentine, John Bergsma, Gary Parsons, Ted Takasaki or Keith Krych.

On Saturday, Romanack will host a special two-hour Walleye Clinic, which promises to 'cover every new angle for fishermen who want to climb to the next level of catching walleyes.' The Walleye Clinic costs \$20, but in addition to the instruction, each participant will receive a 'goodie bag' filled with samples of some of the latest walleye fishing products, discount coupons and a chance to win one of dozens of door prizes.

Prefer bass fishing? Get a free lesson from Kevin Van Dam, Joe Thomas, Gerry Gostenik or Wayne Carpenter. There will be several seminars specific to fishing

Some of the seminars will be held on Lake Ultimate, a gigantic, 100,000-square-foot indoor swimming pool set up so speakers can conduct on-the-water demonstrations in fully equipped fishing boats.

Lakes in Oakland County as well as Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. If you're serious about catching bass, there will be a wealth of information for you available at the show.

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The Michigan BASS Federation will be holding a 'Casting Kids' contest 6-8 p.m. Friday, 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. Kids will receive casting instructions, then have a chance to cast for accuracy.

Winners of the contest will advance to the state finals in March.

There will also be a video fishing simulator, a trout pond, hundreds of vendors, factory exhibits, outfitters and conservation clubs. As if that's still not enough, there will also be wildlife art, taxidermy, rock climbing pellet and archery shooting and a whole lot more.

Now, here's the best part: Your *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, in cooperation with ShowSpan Inc., is holding a fishing trivia contest. The first 20 callers at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, with the correct answer to the following trivia question will win a pair of tickets to the show. In addition, a grand prize winner, selected at random from the pool of correct responses, will win a set of six *Fish Michigan* map books, autographed by author Tom Huggler.

Here's the question: Based on average body size, what is the largest North American species in the perch family?

Remember, be one of the first 20 callers at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at (248) 901-2560 and win a pair of tickets to the show.

Show hours are 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-14 and children age 5 and under will be admitted free.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

ACADEMY OPENS

Former Detroit Lion Frank Gallagher and major league pitching coach Jeff Leage recently opened the Bullpen Baseball/Softball Academy in Farmington.

The 12,000-square-foot facility is equipped with six batting cages and three pitch-

ing tunnels. Included on the Bullpens staff are Tigers hitting coach Bruce Fields, current Detroit pitcher Nate Robertson and several local collegiate players.

For more information, see the Bullpens Web site at www.bullpenbaseball.com.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Roof Replacement at Pioneer Middle School**. Specifications, bid forms and walk-through information is available by contacting Laura Hagan in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, RE Pioneer Roof Bid 454 S. Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 on or before 10:00 a.m. Tuesday February 1, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday January 27th 2005 for the following:

GAS/DIESEL FUEL FOR ON SITE USAGE AT PARKS & PHEASANT RUN GOLF COURSE

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sealed proposals will be received by Charter Township of Canton Engineering 2nd Floor 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton MI 48188 until 5:00 p.m. Friday January 28 2005 for the following described project:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to provide **CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL INSPECTIONS AND DATA MANAGEMENT** for 1,229 commercial industrial institution facilities and miscellaneous water customers.

Request for Proposal Documents are available to pick up at 2nd Floor Engineering at the address above.

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The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Terry Bennett
Clerk

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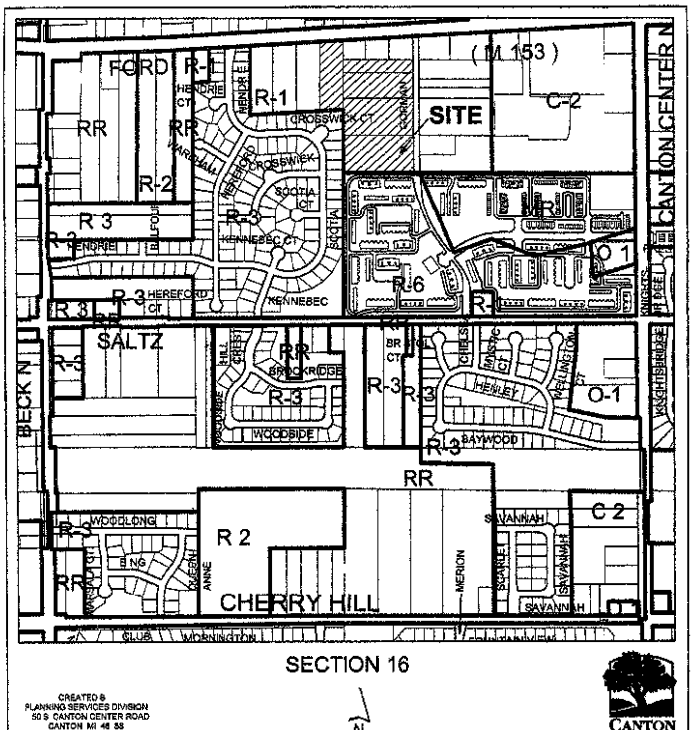
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday February 7, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CLINK/WATSON/STACHOWSKI REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 036 01 0004 001 036 01 0004 002 036 01 0005 000 AND 062 99 0005 000 FROM R 1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R 3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Ford and west of Canton Center Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday February 3 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Canton High School ADA Hardware**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, RE Canton ADA Hardware Bid 454 S. Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 on or before 11:00 a.m. Monday January 31 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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COLD WATER METERS & METERING CONTROL DEVICES

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TERRY G BENNETT, CLERK

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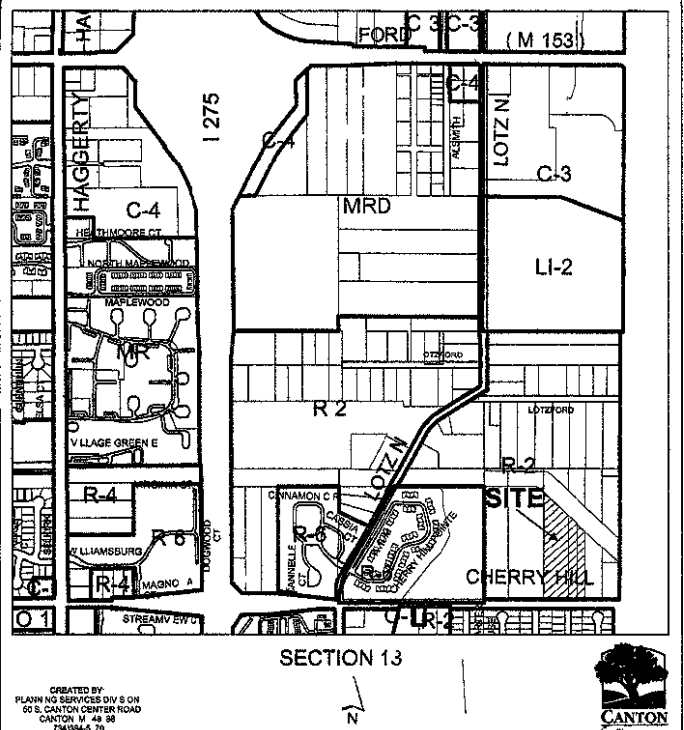
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday February 7, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

DEDVUKAJ REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 052 99 0042 000 052 99 0044 001 AND 052 99 0044 002 FROM R 2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R 6 SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and east of Lotz Road.



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Vic Gustafson Chairman

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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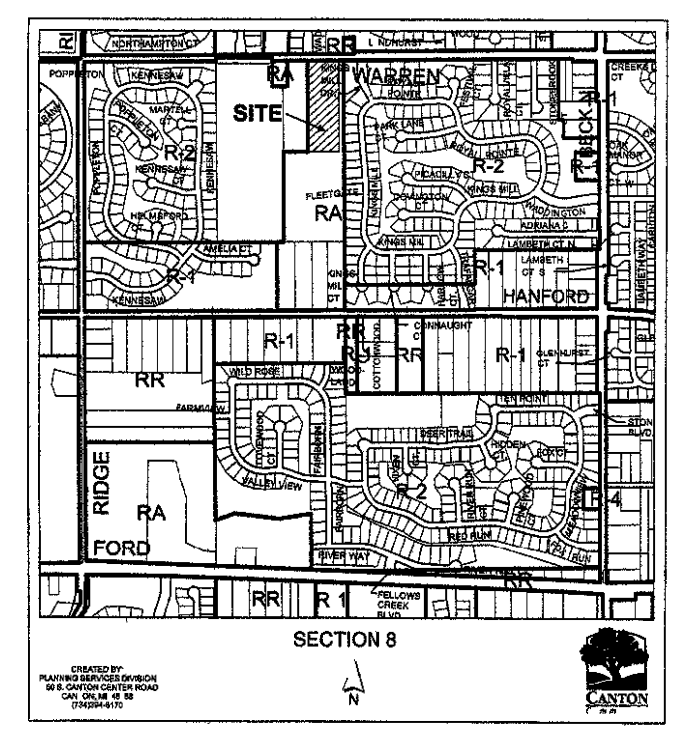
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LEGACY DEVELOPMENT REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 030 99 0001 003 FROM RA RURAL AGRICULTURAL TO R 2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Warren between Beck and Ridge Roads.



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No Detroit QB has ever led the league in passing. Greg Landry, back in 1972, is the last one to play in a Pro Bowl. Layne is the only other one to even be selected. It's ridiculous that the Lions have not been able to find one real true All-Pro quarterback in the last half century.

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out and give Lions fans a reason for hope. If it's not Harrington, then someone else.

Yes, one of these years a Lions quarterback will be making playoff magic instead of just watching it on television. Just hope we are all alive to see it.

Mark Wilson is host of the *Steve Mariucci Show* Mondays on WKRK FM (97.1). He is a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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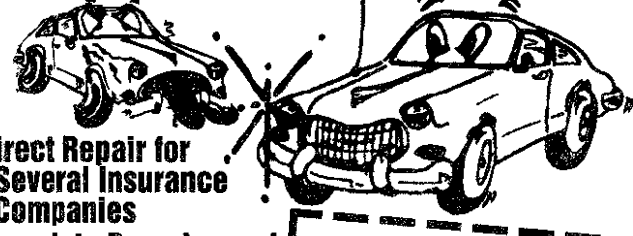
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New schedule

Began Jan 9 St. Matthew's United Methodist Church begins a new schedule for Sunday morning Worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by classes for all ages (nursery to adult) at 10:45 a.m. Fishin' for Friends & Faith is the Wednesday program running from Jan 19 to March 16 Optional buffet dinner is at 6 p.m. followed by program from 6:30-8 p.m. There is something for everyone Kids travel to different stations as they learn through games crafts songs and mission projects the evening's Bible message Adults study Wrestling with Angels through video and discussion Fees are dependent on attendance and supplies cover food curriculum and sup costs Pre pay for a discount or pay as you go Dinner and program is \$40 program only \$25 Drop in dinner and program \$5 per night drop in program \$2.50 per night at St. Matthew's 30900 Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt Livonia For more information call (734) 422 6038

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A Spirituality of the Ragged Edges The Honesty & Hope of Biblical Faith takes place 4-7 p.m. Sunday Jan 30 with J. Richard Middleton at Trinity Church 34500 Six Mile between Farmington and Newburgh roads Livonia Middleton is associate professor of Biblical studies at Roberts Wesleyan College and Bible and Culture at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester New York Focusing on suffering and the disorientation of life he divides the topic into two sessions How the psalms of lament are an important resource for our growth in faith and how the redemption story addresses our real life needs invites our participation and empowers us with hope Cost is \$12 For more information call (734) 425 2800

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As a kick off to National Catholic schools week Our Lady of Good Counsel school is inviting area families to join students and staff for an open house celebration 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Jan 30 Special performances and presentations have been scheduled throughout the day by the student choirs quiz bowl and art and science areas Tours of the school and registration information will be available For more information visit www.olgcschool.net

Grief workshops

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight week grief workshop From Grief to New Hope beginning 7:45 p.m. Monday Jan 31 at the church on Six Mile at Haggerty Northville This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses For registration information call Dorothy at (248) 374 5966 For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348 0115

UPCOMING

Christian Motorcyclists Association

Meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month Beginning Tuesday Feb 8 Forgiven Warrior Chapter meetings will be held at Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road just east of I 275 in Plymouth The first hour is dinner and fellowship and open to everyone We encourage visitors who would like to get to know more about us For more information visit the Web site at www.forgivenwarriors.com

ONGOING

Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the Brethren 27350 W Chicago at Inkster is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement To participate in this cost free 30 minute class wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional) For more information call the church office (313) 937 1199

Bible studies

Led by C. Jack Brinkman 8-9 p.m. Thursdays at the Birmingham YMCA 400 east Lincoln Brinkman wrote the book *The Word of God* Jesus Christ Part of the proceeds from book sales go to the YMCA

Bible Study for Parents

For Parents with Young Children 6 p.m. Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road four miles south of Michigan Avenue Belleville Child care available Call (734) 699 3361

Services

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (1550 Walton Rochester Hills) will be holding services at the usual time during construction of the addition 5 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (contemporary service) on Sunday Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Enter and exit using the East drive For more information call (248) 651 6550

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday For more information call (734) 422 1470

Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Proverbs break fast 7 a.m. or Bible study 8-9 a.m. at the American Table Eight Mile Farmington Come when you can leave when you must For more information call (248) 924 2779

Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt south of Ford Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional Call (734) 421 7620

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the church 11575 Belleville Road 4 miles south of Michigan Ave Belleville Call (734) 699 3361

Orthodoxy 101

Explore issues of faith and morals in a course entitled *Orthodoxy 101* It meets weekly 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church 36075 W Seven Mile Road between Farmington and Newburgh roads Livonia The course is open to the public and there is no cost involved The Rev. Michael Matsko will be the instructor and will lead the discussion Please invite your friends and as Philip told Nathaniel Come and see if you have any additional questions call Beth at (248) 348 8631

Support group

Provides spiritual social and educational support for divorced and separated

Catholic men and women 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at St. Andrew's Parish Center 1400 Englewood Rochester For information call (248) 652 9713 or (248) 652 3860

New contemporary service

9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard Livonia A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season a church event or current newsworthy situation For more information call (734) 422 0494

Prayer group

Join us 7 p.m. Thursdays for music singing prayer and friendship at St. Edith Church 15089 Newburgh Livonia Come to the back of the church enter entrance No. 2 For more information call Grace at (734) 464 1896 Shirley (734) 464 3656 or Geri (734) 464 8906

Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Women of the Word studies the Book of Luke entitled *Grace Under Pressure* 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty north of Eight Mile \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials Childcare available for children through age 5 For more information call (248) 348 7600

Worship schedule

Resumed regular Sunday worship schedule beginning Sept 12 at Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church 33360 W 13 Mile at Farmington Road Farmington Hills Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. A contemporary service called *Praise Fort* is held on the fourth Sunday of each month For information call (248) 626 7906

New modern-style worship

Come be part of something big! Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Rd Livonia Just north of I 96) presents a MODERN style worship service The multi media service is informal using modern and praise music led by vocalists and various instruments Dramas led by the members are often a part of this service The service is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School youth and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday For information call Linda Hollman Outreach Director at (734) 522 6830

New service times

9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. began Sept 12 for the fall and winter months at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 476 8860

New Sunday School

At Heart of the Hills Church 5085 Orion Road Rochester for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press The non denominational program is open to all ages No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information call (248) 652 7774

Adat Shalom

Synagogue services 6 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays and 8:30 a.m. Sunday at Adat Shalom Synagogue 29901 Middlebelt Farmington Hills For more information call (248) 851 5100

Welcome to the church

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615 5574 for more information

Self help groups

Local church provides space for self help groups Overeaters Anonymous a 12 step program for eating disorders meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays Alcoholics Anonymous a 12 step program for alcohol related problems meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous a 12 step program for co dependency and destructive relationship problems meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church 300 Willits one block north of Maple one block west of Old Woodward Parking adjacent to church's north entrance

Addiction No More

Do you have any addictive behavior problems - drugs alcohol overeating gambling etc? Come to the meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach 23800 West Chicago Redford For more information call (313) 255 2222 Ext 244

Detroit World Outreach

Non denominational church with cutting edge drama productions contemporary energized music hi tech video and lighting relevant life changing messages ministries for all ages services times are 8 a.m. 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. junior high serves for grades 6 to 8 at 10:45 a.m.) Wednesday services 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Family Night) and service for ages 18 to 28 Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at 23800 West Chicago Redford Call (313) 255 2222 or visit www.wayofvictory.com

Wednesday Evening Prayer

7 p.m. Wednesday This is not a structured service but an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 West 11 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 476 8860

Single Point Lighthouse Cafe

Single and feeling alone? Come join us Single Point Ministries invites you to join more than 550 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement The Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and relationship with God Coffee doughnuts conversation and Christ are always present Single Point Ministries has a program and activity for every age group and life situation For more information or to receive a newsletter call (248) 374 5920

Single Point Walking Club

Meets 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville All fitness levels welcome Single Point Ministries (ages 30 and up) offers 45 ministries for singles including Men's Fellowship Women's Fellowship and PACS People Active in Christian Study) Bible study group Call (248) 374 5920

AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church 23414 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills Drop your children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents 7:30-8:30 p.m. For more information call (248) 426 0096

Scrapbook and cropping

If you're interested in learning about scrapbook and cropping Faith Bible Church is offering a place to put it all together 3-10 p.m. the second Friday of the month at 23414 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills A Creative Moment consultant will be available to everyone from diehard scrapbookers to novices wanting to learn more about it For more information call (248) 426 0096

Sunday Worship service

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church Congregational Praise Team leads the 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service featuring contemporary style liturgy and music 11:50 Walton Rochester Hills No charge For more information call (248) 651 6550

Worship service

Plymouth Baptist Church has added a second Sunday worship celebration

The new service times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in depth Bible teaching Full nursery and preschool programs are also provided for both services The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail west of Haggerty For more information call (734) 453 5534

Contemporary worship service

A contemporary worship service is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. the fourth Sunday of the month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 Six Mile Livonia For more information call (734) 422 6038

Worship services

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia For information call (734) 422 1470

Community Messenger features faith based announcements from Oakland County on a space available basis To submit an announcement write Beliefs & Values Observer & Eccentric 805 E. Maple Birmingham 48009 Or fax (248) 644 1314

ONGOING

Cong B'nai Moshe and its Kolel Moshe Institute for Lifelong Jewish Learning 6800 Drake Road West Bloomfield offers the following programs

■ Cinema Moshe Mondays at noon a weekly film series features videos of recent Kolel Moshe lectures contemporary Israeli films and other videos of Jewish interest Now in process a video replay of Prof. Howard Lupovitch's recent evening lecture series *Jews and the City* All welcome no charge no reservations needed Small charge for refreshments

There will be no Cinema Moshe on Jan 17 because of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Upcoming videos and dates are Jan 24 *Istanbul The Sultan* and his Jewish Courtiers Jan 31 *Vienna The Habsburgs Jews Feb 7 S'ant Petersburg Beyond the Pale Feb 14 Budapest Jews and the Pearl of the Danube Feb 21 New York City The Ambiguities of the Melting Pot*

■ Adult Hebrew classes Second semester adult Hebrew reading classes on various levels total beginner to advanced are offered Sunday and Monday mornings and Wednesday nights Open to the community Some classes are offered free of charge in cooperation with the New York City based National Jewish Outreach Program For other classes there is a modest tuition fee For more information on programs contact Nancy Kaplan at (248) 737 1931 or e-mail kolelmoshe@comcast.net

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Bethany South Oakland

Bethany South Oakland a support group for the divorced and separated holds regular monthly meetings at 7:30 p.m. at St. Columban's Catholic Church 1775 Melton in Birmingham For more information call Carol at (248) 541 0007 or Christine at (248) 542 6117

Seventh-day Adventist

Each Saturday Seventh day Adventist Church 2775 Crooks Road Troy hosts a 9:30 a.m. Sabbath school 11 a.m. worship service with visitors luncheon 5 p.m. Spirit of Prophecy study and 6:15 p.m. songs prayer and praise for all ages. A Daniel and Revelations Bible study is 7 p.m. Tuesdays (248) 643 6766

St. Anastasia

St. Anastasia Church 4571 John R. Troy offers a separated and divorce support group at 7 p.m. Thursdays facilitated by therapist Angela Mazura The session includes a video and time for discussion (248) 689 8380

■ Lifetree for High School is every Sunday Night with Mass at 5:20 p.m. All are welcome bring a friend

Muddy Waters Zen

Muddy Waters Zen in Emerson Church 4230 Livornois Troy holds weekly 5 p.m. services that last one hour Tea and snacks are served afterward Homage to the Buddhas are chanted at 4:25 p.m. before the formal service (248) 524 9339

Northbrook Presbyterian

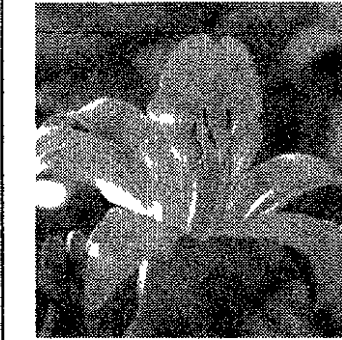
Northbrook Presbyterian Church on the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Lahser Roads in Beverly Hills (248) 642 0200 hosts a bereavement support group facilitated by a licensed bereavement counselor the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Woodside Bible

DivorceCare a series of support groups and seminars holds 13 week sessions at Woodside Bible Church 3193 Rochester Road in Troy DivorceCare is non denominational and features biblical teaching for recovering from divorce and separation Call Shari at (248) 689 2015 for more information Registration fee is \$15 (for workbook)

Beautiful Savior Lutheran

Cross Walk at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church 5631 N. Adams Bloomfield Hills is 6 p.m. Wednesdays The evening starts with dinner and a choice of three Bible studies at 6:55 p.m. Basic Christianity See Through the Scriptures and Boundaries (248) 646 5041



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AHTI ELLIS PETAJA

45 year resident of Rochester Hills died Christmas Eve in Arcadia CA where he had been living with his son Gary & Yvonne Petaja He was 90 Ahti was born on July 5 1914 in Laurium Michigan to Finnish immigrants Gust and Anna Petaja He was the 8th of 13 children He received a BS Michigan Technological University and an MS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin During the War Ahti worked in aeronautics engineering at Wright Field Airforce base in Ohio In 1960 he joined Ford Motor Co until 1979 In retirement Ahti pursued music the great love of his life playing repairing and collecting pianos and bringing music into everyone's life He continued to invent and kept actively involved in many civic projects around town including bringing high quality water to Rochester Hills Ahti was married for 56 years to Dorothy Miller until her death in 1998 He is survived and will be greatly missed by his four children five grand children one great grand son and three siblings Memorial services will be held on January 15th 11 AM Christ Community Church 250 W Avon Rd Rochester Hills MI

ARTHUR JOHN GIESE, JR.

Age 82 Beloved husband of Irene Arthur was a pilot in WWII and retired from Hoskins Manufacturing He had 5 children Arthur Kathy Steve Mary & Alex and 7 grandchildren

KRISTIN MARIE CLARK

(suddenly) age 22 January 4 2005 Beloved daughter of Suzann Magers (Clark) & Barry Sirmad of St. Peter's Missouri and Larry Clark & wife Cynda Clark of Kennewick Washington Krissy was the loving sister of Andrea Clark & Karl North of Westland Michigan and Erin Clark & Scott Bradford and their daughter Kristin's niece Payton of Mt. Pleasant Michigan Kristin also is survived by her paternal grandmother Mabel Clark of Duluth Minnesota In addition Krissy's several loving Aunts Uncles other relatives and friends will miss her dearly Funeral services were held Saturday January 8 2005 at St. John Neuman Catholic Church Canton Michigan The family would prefer memorial contributions be made in Kristin's name to be sent to Suzann Magers at 25 El Cabello Dr St. Peter's MO 63376 to be used for a fitting memorial The family appreciates everyone's prayers

MARY NELSON

January 9 2005 age 87 Beloved wife of the late Floyd Dea mother of Shirley (Richard) Waite and the late Patricia Londeau Grandmother of Michael and Steven Londeau Great grandmother of Brenden Sister of Bill (Sally) Dobransky Predeceased by her brothers Mike Joe Andy and John Dobransky Sister in law of Edna Dobransky Visitation and services were at the Santeu & Son Funeral Home 1139 Inkster Rd Garden City

MIKE WALDECKER

Age 74 formerly of Plymouth and Ypsilanti passed away January 10 2005 in Phoenix Arizona Mr. Waldecker is survived by his son John (Laura) and by his grandchildren Jessie Heather and Vicki Waldecker Preceded in death by his son Donald Jr. Mr. Waldecker was a retired mechanic of 30 years from Ford Automotive Mr. Waldecker had a passion for motorcycles He retired after 30 years of membership from the Huron Valley Nite Hawks Motorcycle Club in Ypsilanti where he was five time Past President He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict He was a loving Father & Grandfather Funeral service Saturday 11:00AM at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main Plymouth Visitation Friday 2:00PM

NINA A. JOHNSTON

(Nee Lyman) Died Saturday January 8 2005 at Boulevard Hills Nursing Home in Rochester Hills Michigan She was born August 21 1917 in Nevada Iowa to the late Charles and Mary (Campbell) Lyman Resident of Bloomfield Hills Mrs. Johnston was a Homemaker She was voracious reader and was a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills Mrs. Johnston was the widow of H.G. Johnston who was the Director of the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham Michigan from 1966 until he retired in 1983 Mr. Johnston died in 1985 Survived by daughter Dianne Rice of Troy MI and grandson Yale Rice A private family service will be held Inurnment at White Chapel Cemetery Troy MI Arrangements by A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 248 362 2500 Share memories at obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

SUSAN G. RAYNES

(nee FARYNK)

Age 59 January 6 2005 Devoted wife of Seymour Raynes and loving mother of Christine (John) Jaworsky Dear sister of Walter Terry Farynk, Linda Farynk and Judy Pepper She was preceded in death by her beloved son Patrick Reed, her parents Walter and Amelia Farynk, and her sister Juliana Farynk Also survived by three nieces and nephews Funeral arrangements handled by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home Family service to be held later at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery

THOMAS E. HERMAN & MARY LOUISE HERMAN

January 9 2005 Beloved parents of Arthur W. (Karen) Herman and Craig E. (Cheryl) Herman Loving grandparents of Brent (Stacy), Joshua, and Scott Visitation Tuesday and Wednesday 3-9 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia Funeral Service Thursday 10 am at the funeral home Entombment Glen Eden Memorial Park

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Wednesday Noon for Thursday

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Kitchen Kapers

Ken Abramczyk

Stock up warmth this winter

If soups weren't created in winter by our ancestors, they should have been. I can't think of a better, more versatile, dish that blends beef, chicken or fish with spices, herbs, stocks and fresh vegetables. Soups are a meal that, once you master their construction and composition, will surely make family members and friends notice your culinary prowess.

And at this time of year, what better feel and smell to the kitchen than simmering pots of beef, chicken or vegetable stocks or beef and chicken broths, well on their way to a tomato vegetable soup, a beef barley or home made chicken noodle soup? (Stock is the strained liquid of cooking vegetables, meat or fish and other seasonings in water. Broth is similar, but includes meat from chicken, fish and beef bones.)

One of the first stories I did for this section a few years ago was on soups. Jeff Gabriel, master chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College, stressed the importance of homemade stocks and broths in soups. (Gabriel teaches a continuing education class on soups and stews, scheduled 5-9 p.m. Thursday, March 17. For information pick up a registration form and schedule at Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Services building or call [734] 462 4448.)

Shortly after I did the story, I made my own broths and stocks, using Gabriel's recipes and now I'm hooked. The taste is phenomenal, but the soups also look terrific. Broths and stocks are truly great building blocks in food preparation.

Of course, if you'd prefer, you can use beef bases and bouillon, or chicken bouillon or canned broths. Those also provide flavor and work in a pinch as it's hard to find time to cook.

But if you happen to have a morning or early afternoon available, make your own. It's really worth the effort.

The following recipes are two of my favorites. Homemade chicken noodle soup — including homemade egg noodles — can't be beat. And yes, it is labor intensive and it will take a few hours. And you will need a pasta machine to create angel hair pasta noodles. But what the heck, it is winter, and you wanted to sink your hands into some dough, right?

If you have leftover stock, great. If you think you won't have any left, make another batch.

Chicken stock or broth can be used in many, many other soups or can be used in risottos.

The beef stock can help create new sauces for beef dishes or beef broth can be used for a base in beef barley or French onion soups.

The key to a great chicken broth and stock is finding good fresh stewing hens. (If you've ever wondered what to do with that turkey neck from Thanksgiving, it helps create a more gelatinous and thicker broth.)

And of course, a good beef broth requires good thick bones, roasting them, adding it to cold water and simmering slowly. Roast your vegetables with tomato paste, too.

Here are the stock recipes, followed by the soups.

And warm up your winter

PLEASE SEE STOCK, D2



This finished product is cream of broccoli soup, created by Dan Sarb, owner of Harvey's Olde Village Deli in Plymouth

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

souped



Story by Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Maybe the notorious "Soup Nazi" from the Seinfeld television show was onto something.

That misanthropic, grouchy soup cook made famous in the classic Seinfeld episode (and no, he had nothing to do with Nazis, that was only a nickname), ran a strict soup line at the takeout counter with militaristic instructions — pick the soup you want, have money ready and move to the extreme left after ordering.

He exhibited an absolute disdain for customers who asked too many questions, charging George Costanza \$2 — then \$3 — extra for bread and banning Elaine for one year for taking too long to order.

But the soup was delicious. And so,

the Seinfeld characters returned to the eatery for more verbal abuse and punishment.

It's easy to see why the Seinfeld writers stocked a little soup in the show's storyline — it's hard to find a good soup. Chefs who show a little patience will find it's not that hard to make.

Soups are delicious as a main meal or an appetizer. They are diverse in color, flavor, texture and ingredients. You can use beef, chicken, fish or vegetable stocks. You can chop into winter's heartiness (parsnips, squash and potatoes) or simmer a slow-cooked beef vegetable with carrots, corn and beans.

That leftover ham hock from Christmas always can use a new home order.

Many soup recipes to warm you on a cold winter day can be found inside today's Taste section. **Page D2**

PLEASE SEE SOUP, D3

Wines of a place star at Ravenswood

Americans are becoming more knowledgeable about the food they eat and how it is grown.

If you shop at farmer's markets or roadside stands, you appreciate fresh produce and knowing who grew it and where.

Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

sustainable and biodynamic. They look for the appellation on a wine label. They want to know the vineyard name because that helps locate the vines

and grapes that made the wine.

Joel Peterson, winemaker at Ravenswood Winery, Sonoma County, Calif., well-known for his rich, powerful zinfandels says, "Vineyard designates are the heart and soul of this winery. For 28 years, we have cultivated collaborative relationships with our grower partners. You'll see the results of our combined dedication and best vineyard practices in each and every bottle."

GROWING THE GRAPES

Let us introduce you to some of the Ravenswood growers. When Patricia Heron and Barbara Olesen bought 36 acres of old Sonoma Valley grape vines, they named the parcel Barrica, a name you find on a Ravenswood

Zinfandel label. Heron always knew she would become a farmer, but it didn't happen until after law school, serving as dean of several colleges, and being elected presiding judge of the Seventh Circuit Court.

The purchased vineyards were in bad shape, so she learned to drive a tractor, prune vines, and identify grape vine pests and diseases. After bringing the 100-year-old vineyards back to life, Heron and Olesen began selling grapes to Joel Peterson at Ravenswood.

Ricardo Belloni grew up in Emilia Romagna, Italy. His wife Natalia came from the other side of a nearby mountain. They moved to Sonoma County, Calif., where Ricardo worked as a cabinet maker. Having grown up

on a farm, he wanted to own a vineyard. On the outskirts of Santa Rosa, he found one for sale that was planted in the early 1900s. Each autumn he harvested his zinfandel that was field blended with small amounts of carignane, petite sirah and Alicante bouschet to his family wine.

Peterson began making Belloni Zinfandel in 1991. Ricardo died in 1997, but his wife, children and grandchildren still tend the family vineyard. Ricardo would be proud of the 2002 Ravenswood Zinfandel that carries his name.

In a time when there were few good Napa Valley wineries, Bill Dickerson was a psychiatrist and serious wine buff. He met a

WINE PICKS

CHARDONNAY remains the wine of choice in the U.S. The following are the rankings from a recent tasting.

■ **Excellent**: 2002 Joseph Phelps Ovation, \$48, 2002 Morgan Double L Vineyard \$34, and 2002 St. Clement Carneros-Napa Valley \$16

■ **Very good**: 2002 J. Lohr Arroyo Vista Vineyard \$25 in a buttery popcorn style, 2003 Dubouef Pouilly Fuisse \$19, 2002 Domaine Chandon \$19, 2003 Chateau St. Jean Sonoma County \$14, 2003 Gallo of Sonoma, \$13, 2003 Cousino-Macul Antiguas Reservas (Chile) \$13, 2003 Kendall Jackson Vintner's Reserve, \$12, 2003 Clos du Bois North Coast Chardonnay \$12 and 2003 McWilliams Hanwood Estate (Australia), \$11

■ **Wallet friendly**: 2003 Lindemans Reserve (Australia) \$10

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

PLEASE SEE WINE, D4

STOCK

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BROWN STOCK

- 8 pounds of beef or veal bones or beef shanks
- oil (as needed)
- 6 to 8 quarts of cold water
- 4 cups onions
- 2 cups carrots
- 2 cups celery
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup tomato puree or paste
- 1 sachet d'espice (a sack of spices created with a sprig of fresh thyme or one teaspoon of dried thyme, two bay leaves, 10 peppercorns and two tablespoons parsley stems wrapped inside cheesecloth and tied with string)

Rinse the bones. Brown the bones in a 400° F oven for about 45 minutes. Combine the bones with the water and bring slowly to a simmer.

Mix the onions, carrots, celery and tomato puree in the same roasting pan, then also roast in a 400° F oven until they brown, or about 30 minutes. Reserve.

Simmer the bones for six to eight hours. Add the sachet and onions, carrots and celery and simmer an additional one to two hours. Strain, cool and store properly.

Note: To cool soups or stocks quickly, place hot soup pan in a cold ice bath created in the sink with water and ice. This method prevents overcooking the soup or stocks and cools it enough to put the soup away quickly.

CHICKEN STOCK

- 8 pounds chicken pieces (legs, thighs, backs and necks) or stewing hens
- 6 quarts cold water
- 4 cups onions
- 2 cups carrots
- 2 cups celery
- 1 sachet d'espice (a sack of spices created with a sprig of fresh thyme or one teaspoon of dried thyme, two bay leaves, 10 peppercorns and two tablespoons parsley stems wrapped inside cheesecloth and tied with string)

Rinse the bones. Combine the

bones with the water. Bring them to a boil, then dump the water. (This will get rid of any impurities.)

Combine the bones again with a fresh batch of 6 quarts of water or until the water is one inch over the bones. Bring them slowly to a boil, then simmer. Skim the surface as necessary. Simmer the stock for five hours.

Add onions, carrots and celery and sachet d'espice and simmer for an additional one to two hours. Strain, cool and store properly. Save chicken meat for chicken soup recipe below.

VEGETABLE STOCK

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup onions
- 1 cup leeks, green and white parts, chopped
- 1/2 cup celery, chopped
- 1/2 cup cabbage, chopped
- 1/2 cup carrots, chopped
- 1/2 cup turnip, chopped
- 1/2 cup tomato puree
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 4 quarts cold water
- standard sachet d'espice (a sack of spices created with a sprig of fresh thyme or one teaspoon of dried thyme, two bay leaves, 10 peppercorns and two tablespoons parsley stems wrapped inside cheesecloth and tied with string)

1 teaspoon fennel seeds
4 whole cloves

Heat the oil. Add the vegetables and sweat them for three to five minutes. Add water, sachet and herbs and simmer for 30 to 40 minutes. Strain. If desired, fresh or dried chilies may be added.

Stock recipes courtesy of Jeff Gabriel, certified master chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College.

BEEF VEGETABLE SOUP

- 1/4 cup salad oil
 - 1 small onion, diced
 - 3 celery stalks, diced
 - 2 medium carrots, diced
 - 1/4 small head of red cabbage, chopped
 - 1 medium zucchini, diced
 - 1 1/2 pounds beef for stew, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
 - 4 medium potatoes
 - 2 (16 ounce) cans of tomatoes, diced
 - 6 cups of beef stock (more or less according to taste)
 - 1 cup of green beans, frozen
 - 1/2 cup of corn, frozen
- Saute onion, celery, carrots, zucchini and red cabbage in pan

Remove vegetables from pan, then saute beef pieces until meat is well browned on all sides.

Cut potatoes into 1/2-inch cubes. Combine vegetables and cooked meat with beef stock, along with canned tomatoes. (You may want to add more tomatoes if you prefer a more tomato flavor vs. beef.) Add potatoes, green beans and corn, then heat soup to a boil and simmer for about 30 minutes or when potatoes are fork-tender. Taste and adjust seasonings.

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

- Chicken meat (from chicken stock recipe above)
- 6 quarts chicken stock (from recipe above)
- Pasta noodles (from recipe below)
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 1 celery stalk, sliced
- Celery salt
- Pepper

Reheat stock from recipe above with fresh sliced carrots and sliced celery. Bring to boil, then immediately simmer until vegetables are tender. Taste and adjust seasonings. Cook pasta noodles in separate pot and drain. Reheat chicken meat. Place cooked noodles in bowl, season with celery salt and pepper, then add cooked chicken and pour chicken soup over it.

NOODLES FOR CHICKEN SOUP

- 1 pound of flour
- 4 eggs
- 1 ounce oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Water (if necessary)

In large bowl, pour the flour in, then place the eggs in the middle of the flour, creating a "well." Mix flour, salt and eggs with a wooden spoon, making a loose dough. It should resemble coarse meal. (Don't overprocess. On dry days it may be necessary to add more flour or, if flour is too dry, add a little water.) Knead dough with floured hands on a lightly floured surface, kneading until smooth and elastic, about 10 minutes. Let dough relax at room temperature for one hour.

Cut dough into smaller pieces and create strips by flattening them with a roller. Sprinkle flour on the pasta strips, then run them through the pasta machine from the No. 1 setting (thickest) through No. 6 or follow instructions on the machine to create thin angel hair noodles. Cook pasta in rolling boiling water until tender, which should take about 3-5 minutes.

SOUP RECIPES

CREAM OF BROCCOLI SOUP

- 1 cup broccoli, chopped
- 1/4 cup carrots, chopped
- 2 tablespoons onion, chopped
- Flour
- Butter
- Milk
- Chicken stock or chicken base

Make a cream soup base (Dan Sarb uses a roux (flour and butter) in a pan, then mixes it with milk). Add a little chicken stock, a little celery salt and black pepper. Saute vegetables while warming the cream stock. Combine vegetables with stock. Season to taste. Recipe adapted from Dan Sarb, owner of Harvey's Old Village Deli in Plymouth.

CHICKEN BROTH & ARTICHOKE TAGLIATELLE

- 1 gallon chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup Chablis wine (or a dry white wine)
- 1 pound Spanish onions, diced
- 1 pound celery, peeled and diced
- 1/4 pound artichoke hearts, quartered (fresh or canned)
- 1/2 pound chicken meat (or chicken meat pulled from a 2 1/2 to 3 pound chicken)
- 1/4 cup basil leaf chiffonade
- 1/4 pound cut Tagliatelle spinach (pasta)
- 1/4 cup cut Tagliatelle (pasta)
- 1/4 lemon, zested
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1/4 cup blended olive oil
- Kosher salt to taste
- Fresh ground black pepper to taste

In a heavy stock pot, heat 1/2 cup of blended oil and add onion and celery. Saute, then add the Chablis (or white wine), cook off and then add the chicken stock. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat to a slow simmer.

Add the artichoke hearts, lemon zest, lemon juice, pulled chicken meat and adjust your seasonings. Finish off by adding the basil and pasta.

Recipe courtesy of William Hall

TUSCAN LENTILS WITH FENNEL SAUSAGE

- 1/4 pounds lentils, washed, sorted and soaked
- 1 pound Spanish onion, diced
- 1/2 pound celery, peeled and diced
- 2 ounces Pancetta, diced and browned
- 3/4 pounds fennel sausage, out of casing
- 1/2 ounce garlic, minced
- 1 gallon veal stock
- 2.5 ounces of canned plum tomatoes or 1/2 pound of fresh Roma tomatoes, concasse
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup red wine
- 1 sprig fresh sage
- 1/2 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 1 tablespoon crushed red pepper
- Salt to taste
- Fresh ground black pepper to taste

In a heavy stock pot, heat 1/4 cup olive oil. Add Pancetta and fennel sausage and let brown.

Drain excess grease. Add garlic, onion, celery and saute until softened.

Add red wine, veal stock and Roma tomatoes and bring to a boil. Add lentils. Fill sachet d'espice with sage, rosemary and bay leaves (or tie a cheesecloth filled with these herbs) and bring to a boil. Adjust seasonings.

Recipe courtesy of William Hall, executive chef at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham.

MINNESOTA WILD RICE SOUP

- 1/2 pound medium diced onion
- 1/2 pound diced celery
- 1/2 pound diced carrots
- 1/2 pound bacon, diced and browned
- 1 gallon chicken stock, cold
- 1/4 pound tomatoes, concasse
- 1/2 tablespoon butter, unsalted
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 1/2 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 cup dry sherry
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1/2 thyme sprigs
- 1/2 bay leaves
- 1 ounce fresh snipped chives
- 1/2 pound wild rice, cooked al dente

Recipe courtesy of William Hall

SOUP TIPS

A good soup starts with a good homemade stock, but if time is critical, go ahead and take the short-cuts in making that soup.

If you start with a wonderful homemade broth, your soup will be distinguished by its fragrance according to the Culinary Institute of America's Book of Soups. But the book also states that prepared broths and soup bases are convenient and very necessary time savers under the right circumstances.

Use cold water. Hot water congeals the meat. Heat cold water slowly to a gentle simmer. An even simmer prevents scorching vegetables and thick soups and minimizes evaporation.

Add vegetables according to cooking time. Fresh herbs lose cooking flavor the longer they are cooked while spices intensify.

Taste the soup frequently and cook only until flavors are developed and vegetables are tender. You can add chopped fresh herbs a few drops of lemon or lime juice.

Tabasco sauce, Worcestershire sauce or grated citrus zest to brighten the flavor of the soup. Seasoning should be checked after each addition by tasting the soup.

To cool the soup quickly, place the soup pot into an ice bath in the sink.

Source: The Culinary Institute of America's Book of Soups

1 pinch of hot pepper seed (optional)

Melt butter in a heavy stockpot. Add garlic, celery and onions. Saute until slightly softened, then add carrots and saute.

Add your flour and cook for 10 minutes. Whisk in the cold chicken stock and dry sherry, bring to a boil and turn to simmer. Simmer for 15 minutes and then add the browned bacon (fat drained). Add a sachet, cheese cloth sack with the thyme and bay leaves, then add fresh tomatoes and wild rice. Adjust seasoning, then add dry sherry, cream and finish with the fresh snipped chives.

Recipe courtesy of William Hall, executive chef at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham.

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SOUP

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- bean soup
You can follow the seasons for freshness, but even frozen vegetables fair well steeped and simmered in a favorite stock. Puree them or strain them, leave them chunky or make them smooth.

Often restaurants serve them as appetizers, but they can fill the bowl and your stomach as a main dish, accompanied by bread or crackers, garnished with croutons or cheese.

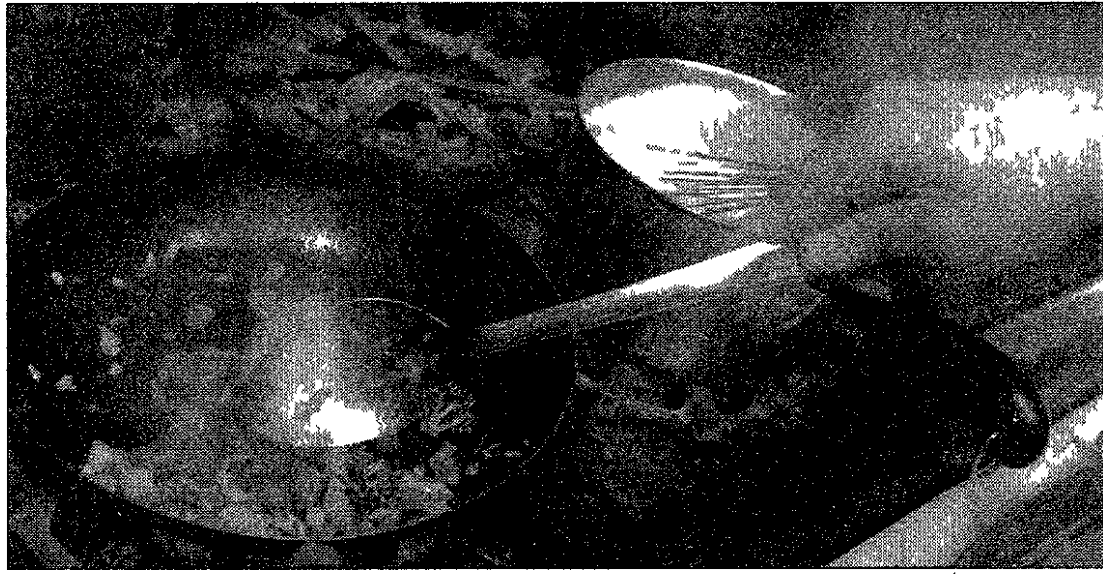
William Hall, executive chef at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham, calls himself a "soup fanatic." "I enjoy making any kind of soup," Hall said.

It can be wild mushroom marsala one day, tomato basil the next. "You need to base it on natural stocks," Hall said, whether the stocks are beef, veal, chicken or vegetable.

And delicious soup takes time. Sometimes Hall and the kitchen crew at Papa Joe's will simmer a beef or veal stock for 12 hours. "You need to pay attention to those details," he said. Chicken backs and parts are placed in water, brought to a boil, then the water is dumped, then a fresh batch of cold water is used to get the stock going with vegetables and herbs. For beef stocks, Hall said he uses leg bones that are split and roasted with tomato paste.

Vegetables can be sauteed before placing them in the soup, but it all depends on what kind of soup and flavor the cook wants, Hall said. "But don't overcook them," he said.

The more popular soups at Papa Joe's are wild mushroom marsala, tomato basil and homemade chicken with wide noodles. When prepar-



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Sarb sautés the fresh vegetables as he warms the cream stock for the soup.

ing soups at home, cooks should pay attention to detail, Hall said.

"The biggest problem for people is probably that when they prepare the vegetables, they didn't do an even cut," Hall said. "By the time the larger sized pieces are cooked, the smaller ones will be mashed out."

Variation in the soups also can allow for new wrinkles in the soups.

One day might be eggplant, the next day will be roasted eggplant and tomato. Squash, pumpkin and party soups with beans are all popular winter vegetable soups.

Dan Sarb, owner of Harvey's Old Village Deli in Plymouth, believes fresh vegetables beat frozen ones hands down.

"An old friend once told me you taste food with your eyes first, then your mouth," Sarb said.

"The color and presentation of the food is better. Frozen (vegetables) don't hold the color and the texture as well."

Sarb enjoys a variety of soups at this time of year: beef vegetable, bean with ham, potato soup and corn

chowder. Sarb isn't afraid to use a chicken base for his soups; they taste delicious in chicken noodle soup.

"But you can't beat a ham bone in bean soup," Sarb said.

You cook it right in with the soup and get the marrow in there. You don't have to put any seasoning in it.

Customers prefer the heartier soups at this time of year: bean with ham, potato and clam chowder. People tend to make a meal out of the soups that are heartier," Sarb said.

"It goes back to when you were a kid, out sledding or tobogganing," Sarb said. "You come home and she sets a big bowl in front of you with a grilled cheese, and it's a comfort-type thing. It's like meat loaf."

"It's a good filling lunch without spending \$5 or \$6. It's good food and it's relatively healthy."

And, in the words of the Seinfeld restaurateur, if it tastes good enough, there'll be "no more soup for you" or anyone else the next day.

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TYPES OF SOUPS

Stocks or broths: Bouillions and consomes.
Cream soups: Those thickened with a white sauce.

Bisques: Heavy cream soups usually containing shellfish. Quick cookery gives this name to a soup made with a white sauce base to which is added a puree of fish, vegetables or fruits. At one time bisques were thickened with rice, but today they are more frequently thickened with roux.

Purees: thickened with cooked vegetables or fish passed through a sieve or pureed with a blender or food processor.

Chowders: Thick soups or stews usually containing seafood, potatoes and milk or cream. Chowder originates from the French word cauldron meaning cooking kettle. Vegetables or fish stewed in a cauldron became known as chowder in English speaking nations, a corruption of the name of the pot or kettle in which they were cooked. The first chowders on the North American continent were brought by French fishermen to Canada.

Pottages: Broths heavy with ingredients such as gumbo, chicken, noodles or vegetables.

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Dan Sarb, owner of Harvey's Old Village Deli in Plymouth, makes a batch of the deli's soup of the day: cream of broccoli soup.

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A World-wide Tour of Varietal Wines begins Jan. 20 and introduces wines made from the six most distinctive grape varieties: Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Pinot Noir. Participants

will learn how to recognize and describe each unique flavor, as well as the history behind the grapes.

Wine Appreciation: An Introduction to France begins Feb. 17 and features a tour of the main wine regions of France. Participants will taste wines and cheeses from each appellation.

Wine Appreciation: A Connoisseur's Guide to Riesling begins March 24 and introduces participants to the remarkable flexibility of

Riesling, and the varieties that are chosen from all over the world.

Participants must pre-register for all workshops. The cost for members is \$77, nonmember cost is \$85 and there is a \$30 lab fee for all wine tasting workshops.

For more information on Art Center classes, call 734-994-8004, stop by the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor, or register online at www.annarborartcenter.org

CALENDAR

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The class will end with a discussion on proper wine storage climate. Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna are the instructors for the class scheduled 7:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19. The session costs \$29. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com.

WINE

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talented young winemaker and financed his winery. That winemaker was Joe Heitz, who helped make Napa Valley wines famous via his Heitz Martha's Vineyard Cabernet. Appreciating the eucalyptus-tinted wine of Heitz, Dickerson purchased a zinfandel vineyard near St. Helena that was surrounded by eucalyptus trees. Today, Joel Peterson makes Dickerson Zinfandel that Robert Parker described as the Heitz Martha's Vineyard of Zinfandels.

Long before it was politically correct, Otto Teller was a larger than life environmentalist and organic farmer. His pride and joy was Oak Hill Farm in Sonoma Valley, which he expanded in 1981 by purchasing an abandoned vineyard known as Old Hill Ranch.

The century-old zinfandel vines were overgrown by blackberries, poison oak and junk.

Consultants advised Teller to rip out the vineyard, fumigate and replant. He would have none of that!

Teller rejected chemical herbicides and fertilizers, so he cleared the brush and stimulated vine growth organically while using beneficial insects

to curb pests. Since grape quality was his goal, he saw no need to improve a vineyard that already produced a ton per acre of intensely flavored fruit.

Space does not allow us to include the personalities at Teldeschi, Big River, Monte Rosso or Cooke vineyards, but you can find these vineyard names on designated Ravenswood Zinfandels at \$30 to \$60 per bottle.

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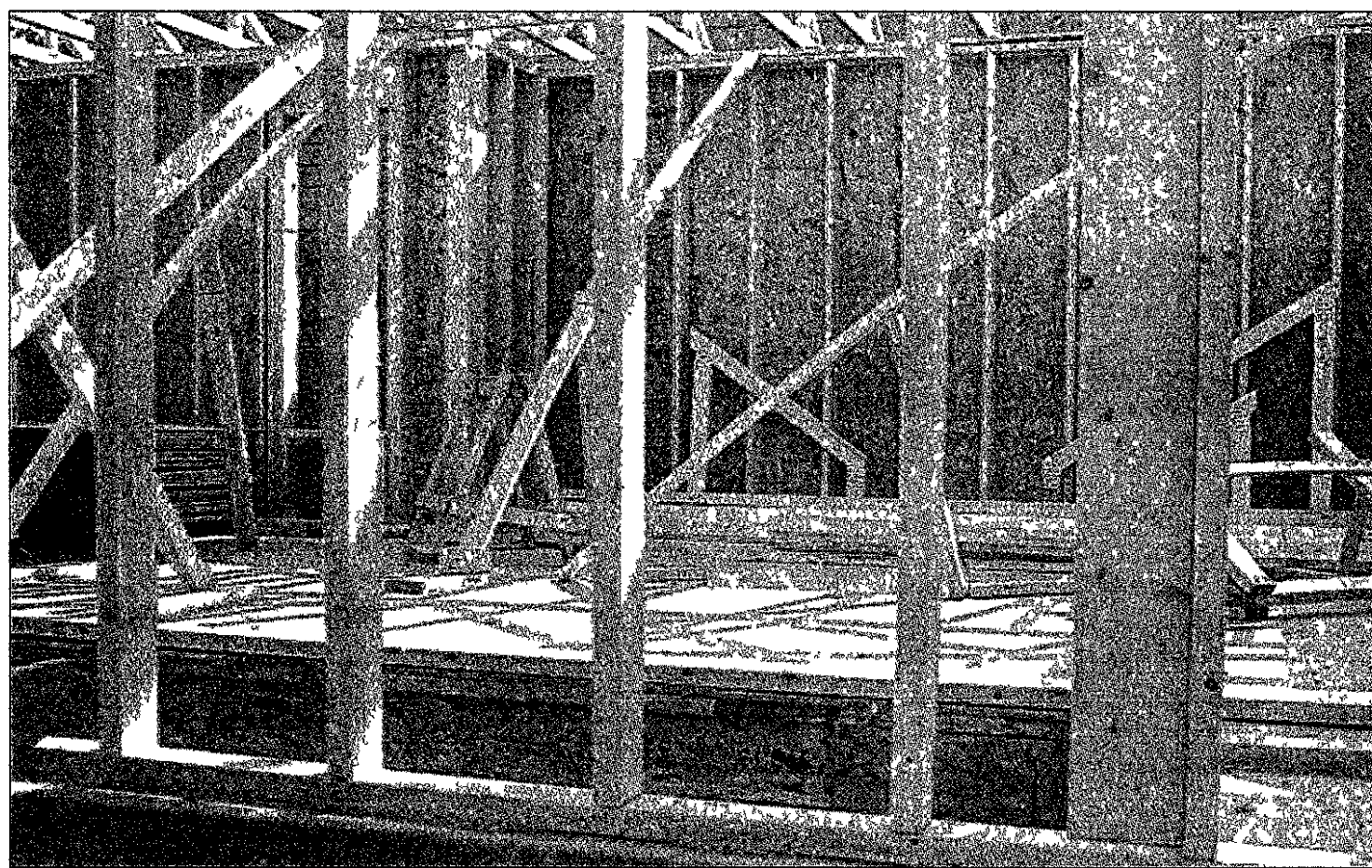
Of course, each case must rest on its own facts and circumstances but a recent case from the Supreme Court of Nevada held that homeowners suing a developer are not bound by an arbitration clause that was inconspicuous, one-sided and failed to advise them that they were waiving significant rights by agreeing to arbitration. The contracts in question, presented to the home buyers, were difficult to read and the arbitration clause was on the back page. The court noted that nothing drew attention to the arbitration clause. The court reasoned that an arbitration clause must be at least conspicuous and clearly put a purchaser on notice that she or he is waiving important rights. You may well be able to utilize this argument in your particular situation. You are best to consult with a knowledgeable real estate attorney regarding this issue and have that attorney deal with the developer.

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Builders celebrate banner year, look forward to 2005

BY KEELY SCHRAMM
STAFF WRITER

Michigan's job market turned out to be weaker than David Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders anticipated, still, low long-term interest rates fueled record home sales in 2004.

The two big questions for 2005 are, where is the job market going? And are long term interest rates going to increase? he said during the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's trade show and economic forecast luncheon on Jan. 5 in Sterling Heights.

Housing values have continued to increase despite concerns that real estate would be the next bubble to burst.

"It's one heck of a success story," said Seiders. "We've had record housing sales in the face of a deteriorating job market."

Low long-term interest rates fueled new housing construction, the sale and remodeling of existing homes, and made home ownership an affordable option for renters.

"Apartment vacancy rates have gone to an all time high," said Seiders.

He predicts long-term interest rates will rise slightly in 2005, but this will be offset by better job growth.

"I think it will be a very good year for housing," he said. "But you can't keep pulling people out of the rental market. It's a little scary to me. The interest

rate structure and job market are critical. Watch your inventory very carefully - 2005 has these funny things about it. This is not the year to be stuck with inventory. The number of unsold units has been rising. Don't get lulled into complacency."

The shift to low Adjustable Rate Mortgages, which stretches affordability, and record appreciation, has fueled investor speculation in some states. But that hasn't happened in Michigan where most of the homes are owner occupied. Michigan's home ownership rate, 73.8 percent reported in the 2000 Census, is third highest in the nation, above the national rate of 66.2 percent. Seiders said that figure has grown to 77 percent in Michigan, 70 percent nationwide.

Real estate has become a driving force in Southeast Michigan's economy. New housing permits issued for single-family homes in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Monroe, St. Clair and Livingston counties in 2004 increased for the third year in a row from 14,952 to 15,196. Permits issued for attached condominiums also rose from 5,411 to 6,380.

Dominic J. Mocerri, BIA president and principal of Mocerri Companies of Auburn Hills, believes new housing permits will remain at, or near the levels of 2004.

"Permit numbers indicate builders' belief in a demand for



housing, and in 2004, it looks like the builders were rightfully optimistic," said Mocerri.

He believes the stampede for new housing is unstoppable. People are living longer. Active adult communities are coming to town. There are more single parent households. Growing families, new businesses moving to the state, and immigration are creating a need for more housing.

Local builders are concerned about slow-growth and no-growth proposals and have introduced legislation - Senate Bill 420 and House Bill 4919 - to recommend that 50 percent of developable land be zoned for reasonable density building, up to eight units per acre.

"BIA's legislation preserves freedom of choice for families," Mocerri said. "It provides affordable housing and allows them to choose where and how they would want to live and

raise their children." Richard Komer, president of Wineman & Komer Building Co. in Southfield, and BIA treasurer, believes it's an education process. "The more restrictive the zoning, the more sprawl," he said. "The idea of smart growth is to cluster homes and have open space for parks, it fights the problem of sprawl."

Komer believes more small builders and developers will form joint ventures to combine their expertise "so we aren't competing with one another," he said. "It's the only way for the little guy to survive."

Seiders admitted his 2004 building industry growth estimates were conservative. "I hope when I come back next year you'll say my estimates were on the low side," he said. "Some people accuse me of being too conservative. But it keeps the builders in line."

Mortgage Bits



Timothy Phillips

Pick mortgage to boost your cash flow

A huge percentage of homeowners fall into my "summer" category. These homeowners are not first-time buyers, and often have huge demands on their pocketbooks. Most are juggling the recurring and usually substantial bills associated with raising a family and establishing a household. Often, summer borrowers find themselves trying to get a nickel to fit where a dollar bill belongs.

Summer borrowers are in the "acquisition phase" of life, which normally involves the purchase of items required to establish a home. These purchases, which include appliances, furniture and children's clothing, are necessary and costly. Some opt to use credit cards to facilitate these purchases, often causing cash flow problems down the road.

Categorically, mortgage choices for my summer borrowers involve a "cash flow" bias. Virtually every one of my summer clients places an emphasis on managing their monthly payments so they can, in turn, manage their other financial obligations.

The most conservative choice for this group is not always the most appropriate one. Many reach for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage - the most expensive of the cash flow options - because of parental pressure, naivete or fear of the future. For many, more appropriate choices would include interest-only options or shorter-term products like a three- or five-year ARM.

Selecting a mortgage that frees up monthly cash flow helps summer borrowers live a more stress-free life. By reducing their monthly mortgage payment by perhaps hundreds of dollars, most can pay cash for their essential purchases instead of running up a credit card tab.

When asked, many summer borrowers say they plan to upgrade their homes in the near future. Thus, less expensive, shorter-term mortgages can be a perfect fit for them. Their homes are going to appreciate over a say, five-year period at the same rate regardless of how much they pay monthly. It makes a lot of sense for this cash-strapped bunch to consider cheaper mortgage options to stay in the same home.

This is the third part of a five-part series. Readers may download the entire series online at www.PhillipsHQ.com in two weeks after all five columns have appeared in the paper. Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www.PhillipsHQ.com or phone him toll free at (866) 369-4516.

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43623 Abbey Woods	\$395,000
1471 Aberdeen	\$238,000
7198 Admiralty	\$250,000
206 Alexandria	\$465,000
7342 Andover	\$460,000
8280 Brewster	\$343,000
8370 Brewster	\$440,000
6845 Bridgmont	\$359,000
2146 Cameo	\$170,000
43587 Candlewood	\$245,000
2043 Centennial	\$510,000

2075 Centennial	\$586,000
40385 Chatsworth	\$235,000
42570 Colling	\$23,000
39931 Deepwood	\$187,000
6698 Edgewood	\$254,000
2166 Fairway	\$245,000
40433 Glen Eagle	\$165,000
40451 Glen Eagle	\$9,000
48105 Glenmount	\$33,000
48123 Glenmount	\$93,000
48124 Glenmount	\$83,000
48 41 Glenmount	\$165,000
48160 Glenmount	\$49,000
41657 Greenood	\$265,000
6217 Gufo	\$92,000
47033 Hadden River	\$493,000
4157 Hunters	\$58,000
4238 Hunters	\$5,000

8350 Kings	\$246,000
49 87 Manhattan	\$380,000
87 6 May	\$168,000
4 43 Monaco	\$283,000
77 10 Son	\$80,000
44854 Whisman	\$450,000
45399 W Ham	\$431,000
42015 Woodbrook	\$501,000
46979 Yarmouth	\$19,000
522 Beaton	\$182,000
308 7 Brown	\$77,000
421 E Rose	\$207,000
6415 Fairfield	\$218,000
161 G Man	\$200,000
29554 Maquette	\$2,000
31461 Maquette	\$195,000
31311 Pardo	\$415,000
32219 Rosslyn	\$246,000
29725 Winter	\$172,000
33765 Eght Mile	\$95,000
16426 Alpine	\$260,000
1756 Arcola	\$172,000
14454 Auburndale	\$230,000
10507 Bassett	\$330,000
14891 Bassett	\$219,000
19928 Brentwood	\$180,000
29620 Bretton	\$195,000
12121 Cavell	\$108,000

1595 Trinity	\$163,000
2101 Vane	\$129,000
1906 Wentworth	\$265,000
8309 Westchester	\$290,000
44528 Whisman	\$179,000
28268 Gita	\$180,000
15365 Green Lane	\$317,000
14200 Hcrest	\$287,000
9015 Iowa	\$421,000
34081 La Moyn	\$165,000
18841 Lathers	\$126,000
11320 Loveland	\$135,000
38875 Lyndon	\$160,000
29737 Mark	\$144,000
28129 N Clements	\$162,000
8953 Parent	\$154,000
35148 Richland	\$151,000
14794 Riverside	\$128,000
38573 Roycroft	\$124,000
14899 Santa Anita	\$352,000
35220 Scone	\$95,000
37579 Sherwood	\$260,000
19621 Stamford	\$172,000
16488 Surrey	\$230,000
16586 Surrey	\$330,000
37319 Vargo	\$219,000
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\$73,000	13612 Eaton	\$362,000
\$207,000	11003 Fellows Hill	\$518,000
\$223,000	12557 How and Park	\$488,000
\$141,000	14534 Huntington	\$223,000
\$267,000	595 Lindsay	\$140,000
\$177,000	9668 N Haggerty	\$206,000
\$255,000	11929 Pine Way	\$330,000
\$128,000	345 Roe	\$264,000

Redford

\$199,000	9189 Appleton	\$139,000
\$216,000	24777 Ashley	\$175,000
\$170,000	24811 Ashley	\$188,000
\$187,000	24823 Ashley	\$175,000
\$150,000	11382 Beech Da y	\$123,000
\$233,000	17231 Beech Da y	\$100,000
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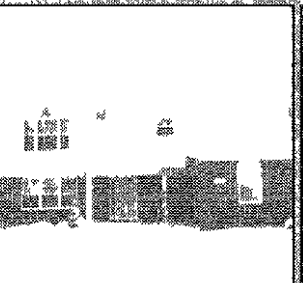
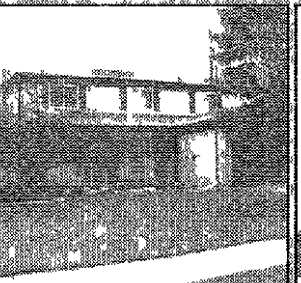






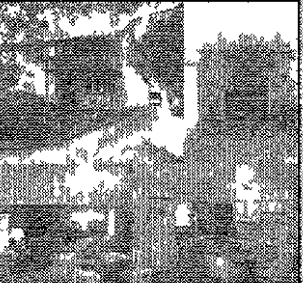
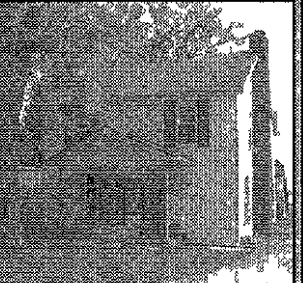









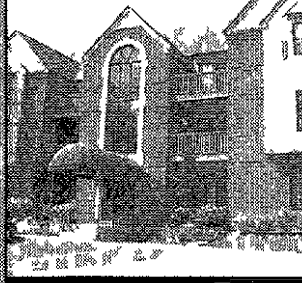
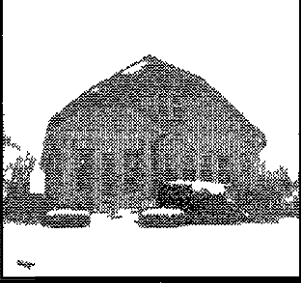








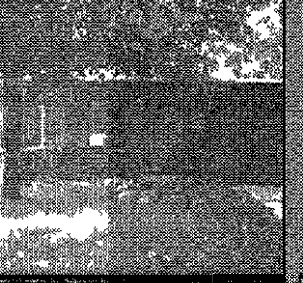
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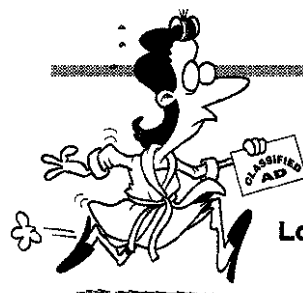
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REDFORD One Hot Deal!
Great 3 bedroom brick ranch w/ newer furnace HWT roof and garage shingles and finished basement garage and all appliances Home warranty Needs a little TLC

(E75DX) 734 455 5600 \$120,213




PLYMOUTH Move Right In!
Excite ent coat on n Plymouth Th s 2 bedroom condo has newer carpet kitchen cabinets dining room floor and windows n vinyl room La ge private basement and more

(E99SHE) 734 455 5600 \$90,900



DETROIT Warrendale Bungalow
Cute freshly painted brick home w/ 3 bedrooms 1 bath n hardwood floors covered ceilings newer windows roof w/ finished basement and fenced yard

(E10BRA) 734 455 5600 \$89,900



WAYNE Updates Galore Must See!
Updates n this charming 3BR bungalow include kitchen w/ granite counter top w/ new appliances and more. F n basement 2 car garage Close to community center Across from park limited occupancy Not a or via by

(E60JOH) 248 349 5600 \$132,900



CANTON Wow What a House!
Loaded w/ extras 4BR 3BA master suite w/ WIC jetted tub s t n g room Kitchen w/ but l ins Dual Staircase 2 story foyer 9ft ceilings fireplace n FR P of landscaped w/ or ck paves Ne gborhood pool

(E75DEL) 248-349 5600 \$477,900




GARDEN CITY Real Cute Cape Cod
3 bedroom home w/ 2 car garage family room with doorwall to deck some appliances some new carpet and windows formal dining room and a first floor laundry

(E74BRO) 734 455-5600 \$114,900




MELVINDALE Fantastic Buy
on this sharp 2 unit brick income property Both units identical w/ 2 bedrooms living room dining room kitchen and bath Separate basements with separate furnaces N ca s zed fenced yard

(E81WOO) 734 455 5600 \$138,000



WESTLAND Country in the City
2 stis gives you almost 1 acre of gorgeous landscaping and your own wooded park 1st floor master bedroom 2nd and 3rd bedroom on 2nd floor newer roof windows and siding Large full clean basement Spotless

(E80VAN) 734 455 5600 \$127,900



BLOOMFIELD TWP Walkout Ranch
Walkout ranch w/ tons of equity based on appraised value 4BR 3.5BA 2 car walkout bsmt w/ kitchen and bath Priced to sell Time s of the essence So d as s

(E91KEN) 248 349 5600 \$298,400



LIVONIA Opportunity Knocking
This brick ranch can't be beat Open floor plan with huge kitchen Large living room 1.5 baths on 1st floor Great basement w/ rec room and add'l BR possible App apes One yea home warranty & qu ck occ

(E72MER) 248 349 5600 \$166,200




GROSSE ILE Wonderful Colonial
La ge 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home on wooded lot offers master suite w/ jacuzzi tub & vaulted ceiling to main living room dining room family room w/ fireplace FFL n bsmt 2 car att garage sprinkles & brick patio

(E82BAL) 734 455 5600 \$339,900



VAN BUREN Awesome Cape Cod
Elegance from the front door to the back yard presenting 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths 2 car att garage basement ready for you custom finished DR FR w/ fireplace & tub Built in 2001 & easy to you

(E32WAL) 734 455 5600 \$299,999



PLYMOUTH A Real Charmer
Custom built all brick contemporary big lot in little Plymouth Very clean and well taken care of Has built in double ovens newer roof and HWH Unique 100 pan n this 2 bedroom 5 bath home

(E90ANN) 734 455 5600 \$209,900



WESTLAND Prime Westland Location
Close to shopping & restaurants yet quiet little neighborhood Big backyard 3BR 2BA brick ranch w/ bsmt & garage Sellers replaced roof w/ new roof n C A HWH & plumbing Florida Room HW floor s

(E02KEN) 248 349 5600 \$159,900



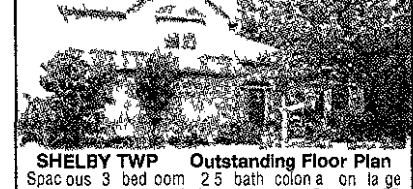
NOVI Spectacular Custom Home
Beautifully detailed offers 4 spacious bedrooms 4.5 baths Master suite features fireplace 2 WIC & granite bath Gourmet kitchen w/ w/ink stove Sub Zero frg We kout LL w heated floors sauna & full granite kitchen

(E55VAS) 248 349 5600 \$999,900




CANTON Don't Miss This One!
New paint n this lovely 3 bedroom 1.5 bath colonial condo Kitchen has granite cabinets pantry & breakfast room & 2x11 loft area Kitchen w/ granite counter top and large basement & carport

(E74FRA) 734 455 5600 \$139,900




SHELBY TWP Outstanding Floor Plan
Spacious 3 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial on large premium part wooded lot presents 2 story GR w/ fireplace built in w/ sink and 2 car att garage finished basement leads to lg deck & stamped concrete

(E79STR) 734-455 5600 \$304,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial
Charming 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial with 2 car attached garage finished basement with natural fireplace & cathedral ceilings Updated 1000 top to bottom just move right in and enjoy

(E36SIL) 734 455 5600 \$329,900



FARMINGTON HILLS This is a Great Deal
Spacious 2BR 2BA ranch unit w/ th underground 2 car garage & elevator LR w/ fireplace & door wall to large p vate balcony Seller to pay buyers closing costs

(E94ORC) 248 349 5600 \$139,900



SOUTH LYON Shows Like a Model
Freshly painted New carpet updated kitchen w/ newer appliances own moldings a ge laundry room Condo faces courtyard Close to shopping schools and churches All the work is done Move in and enjoy

(E34PRI) 248 349 5600 \$94,000



GARDEN CITY Absolutely Fabulous
You will not find a better home in the area for home Newer construction w/ open a split ranch floor plan w/ 3 BRs Prof fr n LLs natl deco newer Berber carpet freshly painted w/ new windows less than a year Oak kitchen cabinets

(E21BEL) 734 455 5600 \$164,999



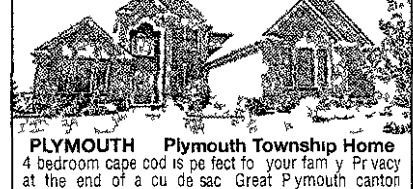
SOUTH LYON Great Family House
Charming 4 bedroom 1.5 bath home w/ th open 100 plan updated oak kitchen with granite floor Family room walkout basement and 2.5 car garage

(E54LYO) 734 455 5600 \$179,900



TAYLOR Don't Miss This One!
Newer construction condo opens to a 2 story foyer Beautiful gas fireplace master bedroom with walk in closet and vaulted ceiling Features C A 2 car attached garage and carpeted basement

(E78COA) 734 455 5600 \$172,000



PLYMOUTH Plymouth Township Home
4 bedroom cape cod is perfect for your family Privacy at the end of a cul de sac Great Plymouth canton schools and all of the activities that Plymouth has to offer n sub sw m n no pool

(E83PLE) 248 349 5600 \$454,900



NOVI Walked Lake Privileges
2BR ranch remodeled n 2001 2 full baths newer vinyl windows roof furnace hot water heater carpeting steel entry door Newer white kitchen cabinets Appliances stay Come take a look at the possibilities

(E59PEN) 248 349 5600 \$169,900



DETROIT Great First Home
Newly updated 2 bedroom 1 bath brick ranch Newer 2003 roof kitchen w/ newer oak cabinets & vinyl floor 1.5 car garage Security system Fenced yard

(E40MN) 734 455 5600 \$79,900



DETROIT Updated Home
What a charming home with granite and finished basement with home theater room Updated marble bath and updated kitchen Floor to room overlooking n ca yard Once you see it you will be in love

(E22ROS) 734 455 5600 \$68,500



LIVONIA Beautiful Custom Home
backing to private park & nature preserve with 1000 to ceiling windows to enjoy the views Very nice 4BR home w/ open foyer leading to bright kitchen & FR w/ soaring ceilings \$340,000

(E20TRI) 248 349 5600 \$340,000



WESTLAND Sharp Westland Ranch
Wonderfully updated & maintained Newer kitchen bath carpet w/ windows C/A & hardwood Large LR & kitchen finished basement La ge yard & 2+ car garage Move in & enjoy

(E56POR) 248 349 5600 \$169,900



CANTON Ranch End Unit
Great location Newer windows carpet neutral T/O Spacious LR children's play area Plymouth Canton schools Why pay rent when you can own A must see n & enjoy

(E38ORC) 248 349 5600 \$98,000



SOUTHFIELD Check Out This One
A most new condo w/ neutral walls & carpet across from park setting w/ vaulted ceilings 2 skylights great room & 2x11 loft area Kitchen w/ granite cabinets & all appliances & attached garage w/ opener

(E05STO) 734 455-5600 \$147,000



LINCOLN PARK Great Location
4 bedroom 2.5 bath w/ th eating n kitchen hardwood floors under newer carpet ceiling fans newer roof and furnace Bedrooms updated w/ tile sink and stove hookup Finished basement and 2 car garage

(E69GRE) 734-455 5600 \$129,000




SOUTH LYON Ranch Condo
Centennial Farms end unit w/ 2BR & 2 full ceramic baths Extra sink n dressing area Great view from DR w/ ndow Newer dishwasher Large patio single car garage Enjoy clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake

(E52CAM) 248 349 5600 \$142,000




CANTON Welcome Home
Absolutely gorgeous on a n popular Meadow Village sub 4 spacious BRs 2.5BAs & gourmet kitchen Master suite w/ walk in closet & garden tub Brock patio 2 story entry Awesome a must see

(E37SHO) 248-349 5600 \$299,900



PLYMOUTH Tudor Estate on 10+ Acres
Chance of a lifetime to own a lovely Tudor on nearly 11 acres of rolling countryside Spectacular GR with amazing views Wonderful curb appeal Must see

(E91BRO) 248 349 5600 \$1,050,000



FREEDOM TWP Custom Built in 2000
20+ acres offers this wonderful 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial on a 3 car attached garage walkout basement Gambell barn stone fireplace n family room cedar deck and panoramic views

(E10BT) 734 455 5600 \$439,900



GARDEN CITY Clean & Cozy Ranch
3 bedrooms 2 full baths master suite w/ th walk in bath WIC and sitting area spacious kitchen w/ granite stone top & breakfast room 2.5 car att garage newer patio vinyl siding furnace electrical HWT & roof

(E13KAT) 734 455 5600 \$119,900



GREEN OAK TWP Yearning For Space?
Large ranch offers W/O and approx 6 acres Pond and shed treed lot porch and patio for outdoor fun Open floor plan w/ oak cabinets kitchen for busy family

(E21DIX) 248 349 5600 \$439,000



SOUTH LYON Super Sharp!
Spacious 2BR 3BA condo Great room w/ vaulted ceilings Kitchen w/ oak cabinets & ceramic floor Thrd BR n LL w/ fabulous jet tub Upper loft FFL 2 car garage App apes Close to schools and trails

(E97VL) 248 349 5600 \$216,900




FARMINGTON HILLS Charming Home
Newly updated 2BR BR home Newer siding roof C/A deck kitchen w/ granite finished hardwood floors upstairs carpet FR n LR updated elect cal & plumbing La ge yard w/ car garage Move n condition

(E22ALB) 248 349 5600 \$124,900



DEARBORN Desirable Dearborn Hills
3 bedroom brick b adfront bungalow w/ th full bath up living room with fireplace dining room family room finished basement Lovely yard w/ th covered deck C/A and 2 car garage

(E46MER) 734 455 5600 \$187,000



LIVONIA Something Special
Updated 4 bedroom 1.5 bath colonial with newer windows roof furnace and C/A Fresh and neutral Family room with wood stove and 2 car attached garage

(E25RIC) 734-455 5600 \$214,900



TAYLOR Meticulously Maintained
Perfect townhouse condo w/ 2BR 1.5BA Newer furnace A/C carpet windows appliances Updated kitchen w/ ceramic floors n foyer and bath Gas and H2O included in associat on fees clubhouse pool and tennis

(E98DUP) 248 349-5600 \$74,900



SOUTH LYON Walkout Colonial
Premium elevat on w/ stunning views of wooded nature preserve from each of your 3 stories 4BR 2.5BA features a 2 story entrance w/ hardwood floors massive kitchen bay n LR fireplace n FR Luxurious master suite

(E33WES) 248 349-5600 \$349,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Broadfront Ranch
3BR brick home w/ basement and kitchen Roof on home & garage furnace & A/C 10 yrs 100 amp service Plaster walls wood floors under carpet n Appliances included Near shopping and transportation

(E05AMB) 248 349-5600 \$144,900



PLYMOUTH Private Treed Interior Lot
In Rdge wood h/ sl Full front porch n dwd frs n LR DR kitchen & bath Kt new DR 2 car counter & sink cher w/ cabinets to main DR n new Ance spin bay window fam room w/ tile 2 tiered deck bsmt & 2.5 car att ga

(E66WOO) 734 455 5600 \$361,500




LODI TWP Country Club Living
Spacious 4 bedroom 4.5 bath Cape Cod sitting on the 5th green offers full basement 3 car attached garage la ge suite with cathedral ceiling and elegant bath - 1st floor master suite w/ th Jacuzzi and double shower

(E66HEA) 734 455 5600 \$749,900



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
Huge 4BR 2.5BA home w/ enormous gourmet kitchen w/ granite cabinets and hardwood floors W/ rdng sta case MBR w/ master BA & WIC 2 fireplaces 3 car garage W/O basement & dual heating and cooling

(E65HIL) 248 349 5600 \$679,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Like New Ranch
Must see this updated 3BR ranch w/ newer Pe go floors kitchen HWH appliances & ceiling paint Newer roof bath vinyl w/ windows Detached garage & great location

(E74CLJ) 248 349 5600 \$129,999



VAN BUREN TWP Curb Appeal
Neutral color on a beautiful w/ th maintained 4BR 2.5BA w/ C A vaulted ceiling n FR w/ fireplace FFL W/O n MBR att garage & sprinklers Freshly painted bridge over looking FR Ceramic tile n kit Home warranty

(E09AND) 248 349 5600 \$269,900

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HAMBURG 734-455-7000
WHAT A BEAUTY! Super maintained brk col on superb 1 acre lot w/wooded backdrop 4 BR, 2.5 BA, deep bsmt 3 car gar patio Terrific mstr ste (23O7807) \$404 900



CANTON 734-455-7000
FANTASTIC CUSTOM HOME! Foyer shows view to gorgeous wooded lot backs to commons area 3 BR 2.5 BA gourmet kit w/ island & glass cab doors Cedar 3 seasons rm GR, skylights (23W42154) \$364 900



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
WELCOMING SPACIOUS RNCH Over 2080 SF w/3 BR, 2.5 BA, kit DR FR w/fplc & mstr w/BA & WIC Full fin bsmt Fncd yrd w/cement patio garage & shed Numerous recent updt's 349-6200 (24110562) \$337,500



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
UPDTD HM IN GRT LOCATION Quiet street w/sidewalks Near schools & town New wndw beaut red oak flrs Updts galore New baths lrg BRs FR w/fplc prvt yrd 349-6200 (24142068) \$309 900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
POPULAR BURTON HOLLOW SUB 4 BR 2 BA 2133 SF Open fir plan w/vault ceils in LR, DR & kit New rf (04) wndw & DR Fla rm overlooking lndscpd & fncd yrd (24142312) \$269,000



CANTON 248-348-6430
CONDO Better-than-new 3 BR 2.5 BA w/2-car gar & full bsmt Open design w/fplc & deck that backs to commons Clean & ready to move in! Grt price Quick Occup 349-6200 (24156050) \$217,000



TAYLOR 248-348-6430
COMFORTABLE/INVITING Cozy 3 BR, 1.5 bath colonial w/a newer open kit Natural fplc in FR Some new wndws & doorwall Beautifully fin'd bsmt 349-6200 (24134371) \$187 500



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
A MUST SEE! 3 BR 1.5 BA brick ranch in Rosedale Gardens Updates A/C (04) re-fin hwdw flrs, lndscp in frnt & back, prvcy fence copper plmb Fin bsmt w/glass block windows (24151396) \$184,900



CANTON 734-591-9200
WELCOME! Home features updated kit w/oak cabs & new appls that stay Updted main BA on 1st flr 1st flr MBR glass blk wndws in bsmt Subject to bank approval (24155086) \$184 900



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
OUTSTANDING LOCATION Clean well kept condo New carpet on 1st floor oak kitchen cabinets, all appls included Fin d bsmt Deck from doorwall Absolutely turn-key! 349-6200 (24103092) \$172 500



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
OVERSIZE LOT & OVERSIZE GARAGE highlight this 3 BR vinyl cape cod with fireplace & basement (J295) \$158 900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
THE END OF THE RAINBOW is here in this 3 bedroom brick ranch with full basement 2 full baths 24x25 garage, C/A and remodeled kitchen and baths (H636) \$154 900



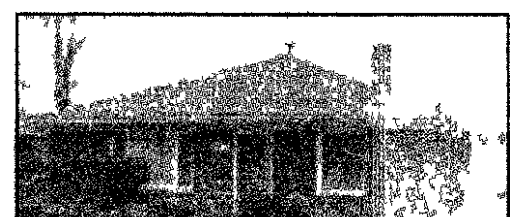
CANTON 734-455-7000
2-STORY CONDO - GREAT LOCATION 2 BRs 1.5 BAs 2 stories w/walk-in closets. Wonderfully maintained sliding doors lead to lovely deck for entertaining Bsmt & 1 car att gar (23C1667) \$151 900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
BEST BUY! 1436 SF broadfront brick bungalow on double lot in desired golf & CC sub 3 BRs 1.5 BAs fin rec rm sun porch 1.5 car att gar (24148804) \$149 900



GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
DREAM BOAT! Updated to the max! Doors wndws gorgeous kit bath and much more! 3 BRs full bsmt lrg 2.5 car gar Quiet location (23H5710) \$139 900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
READY FOR YOU TO MOVE IN 1152 SF 3 bedroom brick ranch located in S Livonia (schools) newer tile bath and 2 car garage (24138583) \$140 000



REDFORD 734-591-9200
3 BEDROOM RNCH W/SPECIAL FEATURES such as formal DR bay wndw w/wndw seat & half baths Updts incld remodeled kit wndws bas, rf & furn S Redford schl district (24153519) \$137 900



WAYNE 734-591-9200
TOO GOOD TO MISS! Completely updt'd 3 BR ranch w/wrap-around porch on a sizable lot LR w/FP & bay wndw Kit, DR LR open concept w/vaulted ceiling (24151965) \$129 500



INKSTER 248-348-6430
DELIGHTFUL BRK RNCH Spotless 3 BR 1 BA mch w/updtd kit & all appls Newer roof & windows Prvt yard w/fence & above grnd pool Walking distance to park 349-6200 (24115241) \$125 900



FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
COMFORTABLE, COZY & GLISTENING CLEAN! Freshly painted 2 BR, 1 BA New since 2000 furnace, hwh, carpet, kit and bath flr gar rf and door Located on double lot 349-6200 (24118754) \$118 000



LINCOLN PARK 248-348-6430
3 BR COLONIAL W/LOTS OF UPDATES Newly remodld eat-in kit freshly painted fin bsmt w/berber carp Nice size lot most appls stay, near schools A must see! 349-6200 (24096942) \$109 500



REDFORD 734-591-9200
3 BR UPDATED RANCH Updates kit w/new flr & dbl SS sink crpt wndws, roof on house & gar steel entry door copper plmb Some appls stay Gutters 8 yrs woodburning stove in bsmt (24149016) \$108 900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
OPEN FLOOR PLAN Newer windows, fresh paint and an updated bath makes this 1200+ SF ranch special Buyer to assume remainder of city required repairs (C309) \$99 900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
EXCELLENT LOCATION! Open floor plan. Originally a 3 BR & can easily be converted back again New oak kitchen, new copper plumbing, new H2O, furnace A/C 5 yrs (K564) \$88,500

SALEM 734-455-7000
28 ACRES - 1658 FRONT Yes 1 658 feet of frontage on 7 Mile & Chubb Rd Private rural yet near everything South Lyon schools & Northville mailing Investor s delight! (23S0) \$700 000

CANTON 734-455-7000
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IT'S ALL GOOD

Coof SBF 31 58" N/S likes to bowl fish skate and travel seeks SBM 19-35 N/S to share honest friendship romance quality time together **2541882**

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS

SF 29 likes laughing hanging out having fun Looking for similar SM 38-41 N/S for friendship or more **2510395**

HAPPY HEALTHY

adventurous athletic SWF 39 52 mother of 2 seeks adventurous energetic WM 35-46 with a good sense of humor **2542710**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN

40-30 who's looking for commitment love and laughter I'm a 43-year old DJF who's bright spunky and pretty Please only Jewish men inquire **2962317**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT

Mature and outgoing SBF 50 years young 5'11 lbs. I'm a fun loving figure interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously **279032**

CALL ME

If you are a business man 60-70 SWM N/S and honest interests in home life sports I am a SWF 73, white above 40 **2512857**

SEEKING KINDRED SPIRIT

SM 45 blonde attractive friendly kind considerate, polite, seeking a SW/DM 42-62 for friendship possibly more **2512857**

ATTN WORKAHOLICS

SWF 39 57" 125lbs, ISO professional male for friendship poss on pions feelings not just am candy have opinions feel things don't want perfection just ght per son **4101965**

A LOT TO OFFER

Outgoing SBF 24 56 130lbs professioal engaged loves the fun and excitement of festivals enjoys new movies and concerts seeks handsome honest SM **2226633**

WANTED TALL CLASSY MALE

I am in my early 80s 5'2 brown/blond eye dancing outdoors and travel Seeking a companion and maybe a relationship Please call **2922305**

TRY ME!

SF 37 blonde/blue 5'8 mother enjoys bowling pool concerts long park walks cycling musc (especially Rod Stewart) never Seeking Macomb man to share happiness with **2542653**

SMOKER FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

SBF 40 mother N/S likes d'ring and/out moves plays bowling shooting pool parks traveling cooking Seeking gentleman 45+ sense of humor values knows how to treat a lady No game playing **2479737**

WORKS HARD PLAYS HARD

Hard working fun loving SF 22 blonde w/ly almost anything once I kiss Mex can do anything top 3 I love Seeking open minded spontaneous good humored athletic SM into sports movies and art **2556130**

FULL FIGURED BEAUTY

Light complected SBF 25 55 265lbs blue eyes d'ring enjoys movies and parks playing pool Seeking SM 18-32 who is sweet treats a woman with respect **2112932**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SBF 41 5 with a nice outgoing and a kng 52 SM 41+ for fr endsh p and com onsh p **2555520**

TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE

SBF tall med build N/S who enjoys music traveling comedy shows seeks male 45-55 N/S outgoing affectionate stable for LTR **2444748**

IN IT FOR THE LONG TERM

SBF 30 56 likes to get away for the weekend would like to get to know SBM 22-47 w/passion for travel and life **2509782**

BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL

Attractive voluptuous SBF 33 N/S beautiful smile seeks single man 21-60 who is adventurous spontaneous interested in dating **2552000**

STILL LOOKING

Attractive tall SBF 48 N/S business woman enjoys fishing boating movies long walks Seeking 35+ w/same inter est **2552000**

SINGLE MOM

BF 31 sweet and sincere looking for respectful intelligent fun loving SM 35-40 who is honest and trustworthy Must be children **2526294**

WELCOME TO MY WORLD

SF 42 intelligent sexy honest seeking a spontaneous honest hard working sincere SM 38-47 for dating and possible relationship **2552278**

SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE

SWF 37 long blonde hair looking for an educated man 35-55 who likes politics reading and going to movies **2529129**

LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL

In a SBF 38-50 who is honest honest and laid back I enjoys movies go out walks nice conversat on d'ring more **2531636**

GET IT TOGETHER

SBF 28 55 N/S plus sized brown/brown would love to spend some time with a nice SBM 30-40 N/S who has his life together **2543576**

LIFE IN THE COUNTRY

SF 30 57 medium build college educated real estate agent dog breeder seeks SF 27-35 N/S pass on goals and motivat on in life **2120949**

LOST IN MICHIGAN

SBPF 29 55 190lbs no children never married very attract ve easygoing laid back love travel Looking for sincere open minded laid back male who has his stuff together **2229089**

LOVABLE AND SWEET

SBF 30 52" brown/brown 170lbs mother working student Libra N/S seeks independent smart BM 35-75 for friendship possible relationship LTR **2437579**

ARE WE A MATCH?

SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors rollerblading biking long walks and romantic dinners. Looking for SWM 25-30 for LTR **2465784**

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED

Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys comedy and romance watching walks in the park Seeking tall dark handsome SBM 33-50 **2481293**

SELF EMPLOYED

Intelligent funny SBF 35 full figured Aris marriage minded N/S likes jazz music comedy and action movies Seeking man 29-45 **2525351**

WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE

SBF 27 Capricorn smoker 5 stable financially secure seeking a SM 28-45 who is stable and knows what he wants in life **2531401**

ATTRACTIVE PRINCESS

seeks knight SBF 26 5 desires SBM 28-35 for possible LTR must be amblyous enjoy pets long walks sports be employed and full of possibility **2530859**

THICK AND HEALTHY

SBF 30 55 240lbs N/S no kids employed Seeking nice looking SM 20-35 who kds N/S for fr endsh p possi by more **2534802**

BRIGHT EYES

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MERRY CHRISTMAS BABY

Very attractive petite BF 53 110lbs youthful open minded outgoing loves to have fun seeking a SWM 36-39 who is very open minded and outgoing **2544337**

MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES

SWCF 51 41" 115lbs blonde hair two grown children loves an m's church children sports Seeking a good Christian man 50-62 for fr endsh p first possible LTR **2530353**

LOVES TO DANCE

Tall brunette very attractive 59 long black/brn looking for an available WM 50-70 5'10+ who loves to dance also **2531511**

SOUND LIKE YOU?

SWF 18 58" blonde/hazel 150lbs sweet honest outgoing likes concerts movies hanging with friends Seeking honest attractive funny outgoing SM for casual dates fun and fr endsh p **2562708**

VERY SPICY

BBW passionate SBF 46 honey complexion d'imples seeks outgoing fun loving gentleman 35-55 N/S N/Drugs any race for movies pool dancing music, and romance Dating possible LTR **2522243**

SWEET FUN LOVING

adventurous attractive friendly young lady looking for a friend and possibly more Seeking good hearted male 29-50 w/ the same **2557342**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

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WORTH YOUR WILD

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LOVE IS HARD 2 FIND

SBF 28 libra N/S N/D no ch dren sweet fun loving outgoing SM 25-35 for fr endsh p and possible LTR **2935890**

ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB

Financially secure independent SBF 21 57 160lbs enjoys concerts movies d'ring out with friends Seeking SM 30-45 with smilar interests, for possible LTR **2211475**

BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE

Sports oriented SBF 39 no teenage daughters enjoys golf and tennis jazz sports gospel p'ns amusement parks Seeking SF 29-45 **2220800**

CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR

Me 28 49 153lbs brown complected employed Nov 59 64 190lbs 240lbs single drama free handsome loves Fr endsh p I fr maybe long term late **221252**

LOOKING FOR GOOD FRIENDS

SBF 38 is looking to SW/AM who is educated fun loving outgoing and spontaneous Laughter and conversat on are good things Must be a gentleman **2252589**

HONESTY REQUIRED

Beautiful full figured SBF 35 looking for tall dark handsome SBPM who is honest and down to ea h spend me w **2401088**

NOT INTO GAMES

Petite WF 50s with her pes w ng to give I seek a chiseled seeks one on one eationship with SM Race age unmpo lat **2405798**

LET'S COMMUNICATE

Active affectionate SBF enjoys d'ring out movies plays concerts travel n Seeking honest good humored SBM 55-70 w/smlr interests for compan ionsh p **2413505**

GET TO KNOW ME!

SF 38 N/S mother of two looking for working man 28-55 N/S for fr endsh p first **2431382**

LET'S HANG OUT

SF 28 51 136lbs CNA enjoys movies travel hanging out seeking compatible SM 28-40 who shares smilar interests **2475292**

SEARCH NO MORE

Genuine attract ve fem nine independ ent SBF 56 140lbs who enjoys jazz romantic dinners quiet evenings plays nghts in seeking honest independent sincere fem nine SF 30-42 **2473831**

SECRETARY OF FUN

SWF 36 Leo N/S blonde/green moth er of 2 seeks serious h d working SM 35-55 N/S who s not into bars **2486442**

YOU NEED ME

Very attract ve young full figu ed m xed BF 30/56 searching for down to-earth tall 5'8" SBF 35+ who is mentally/physically/financially secure male I need you as much as you need me **2519124**

ARE YOU ROMANTIC?

SBF 43 N/S 160 lbs athletic sports running dancing swiming cooking Looking for outgo ng goal oriented BM 38-50 **2548448**

ROMANTIC NIGHTS

Black BBW 42 dark complexion enjoys movies dancing quiet romantic nights seeking a SM 30-45 for dating and possible relationship **2552147**

HOMEBODY

SBF 63 58" 153lbs retired (but does work part time) seeks a nice outgoing Scorpio N/S seeks BM 58-65 honest and caring **2553674**

AAA YOUR HEART

Let's keep the New Year r ght Come nto my world SBF 45 great smile I'm sure you'll like me **255379**

LOVAL

SWF 43 Leo N/S blonde/blue p ofes s onal chef great humn peite enjoys cooking boating seeks compatible SBM 43-50 N/S for dating and possi ble relationship **2556732**

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF 54 142lbs 56 enjoys blues ane male gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SM 5'10+ N/S soc al drinker for LTR **2548989**

SEEKING THE RAINBOW

Open minded energetic spontaneous SBF 48 53 seeks the star of the out of the rainbow WY star someone commu nicat ve kind hearted who enjoys romance exploring life **2988477**

ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?

But gentle of heart? Good looking, frm SM 42 55 N/S? Very cute SBF 53 emotionally and physically n shape w/ eclectic interests currently accepting applicat ons **2263684**

SWEET SINGLE FEMALE

looking for sweet SM SF 21 dark brown/brown 52 150lbs tattoos/eyecr nes ISO commt mented lov ng kind guy interested in fr endsh p happiness and a loving ong term relat onsh p **2452322**

VERY OUTGOING

Catholc D/WF 32 looks like younger N/S very outgoing for gentleman 56 63 w/ubepet personalty to enjoy family activities camping travel much more **2455079**

QUET QUALIFIED

SBF 47 N/S attractive shy w great sense of humor enjoys nature sk ng plays movies musc trs to save the joyous moment Seeking BM 42 55 **2460494**

THE LITTLE THINGS MATTER

SBF 41 54 very outgoing loving honest trust worthy hard working enjoys reading wring walks in the park movies concerts seeking hard woking man who's fun God fearing SM 38-55 **2471499**

ARE WE A MATCH?

SBF 45 tall p etty enjoys working out theatre cooking comedy clubs Seeking tall SWM 42-50 attractive financially secure, smilar interests **2483446**

TAKING IT IN

SWF 52 52 190lbs youthful looking shoulder length hair brown/brown love motorcycles James Taylor d'ring seeking SM 48-59 **2253084**

LOOKING FOR YOU

SWF 61 looking for a man who likes good books good conversation and appreciates the many differences between men and womer 59-70 **2532307**

PETITE AND SEXY

SBF 50 Scorpio N/S petite 5'1 105lbs energetic enjoys fitness movies theater art shows seeks SM SBM 50-61 N/S who is energetic smilar interests **2544500**

ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF

49 HW w/ oportunate medium build enjoys crissis concerts d'ring out moves travel d'ring out seeks sonate SM 45-60 with smilar interests for dating, possy by more **2134441**

TALK TO ME!

SF 43 seeks movies d'ring shopping the zoo time with my k ds Seeking honest good looking sincere man 38-48 **2114115**

NO NONSENSE

Nce looking active no nonsensé gal seeks good looking active no-nonsense guy 35-49 with a Hispanic DWPF young 43 athletic Companion-ship and fun des red **2448655**

LOVELY CULTURED TRIM

Warm professor one who enjoys dancing theater classical and big band musc movie books travel d'ring out seeks tall attractive educated gent man w/good build to LTR 63-73 **2506895**

SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE

Full figured, Afr can Amer can woman attract ve 44 no children ISO African American male 40-50 to spend quiet evenings lm ca ee eve laughter good times concerts plays sp'ng events travelng and quality time **2280167**

DON'T PASS ME BY

SBF 19 wants to meet a man who loves working out reading books playing with coogs and playing basketball **2906394**

R U OUT THERE?

Attract ve fr ng SBF 39 never been married no kids enjoys musc sp's Seeking same n tal SM 30-45 prefer ably w/ fac al ha **2914171**

BEAUTY AND BRAINS

Hard working SBF 50 smoker enjoys movies books travel d'ring out seeks tall attractive educated gent man w/good build to LTR 63-73 **2506895**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Good looking outgoing nte gent SBF 43 enjoys d'ring out the outdoors enjoyng d'ring out gospel musc and more Seeking good hearing honest caring SM 40-45 for fr endsh p first **2212712**

DARK EBONY

SBF 42 58 full figured seeks ntel gent man 46-60 58 62 med um build or heavyset for possible relat onsh p **2326593**

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Classy attract ve SBF 50 53 120 lb SO SWPM 50 spec a fr endsh p love boating musc cmea moves at home on the udoo ave **2405798**

AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?

Attractive kind hearted SBF 44 58 full figured enjoys d'ring out movies plays cae fam y and more Seeking fun y entered nteligent humorous SBHM 40-60 for fr endsh p and companionship **2328211**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

No drama no games 45 BPF nterests concerts plays movies d'ring out and more Enjoys having fun seeking S/DM for LTR **2432020**

NEW TO WAYNE CO AREA

SBF 40ish 5'6 nurse with chldren marriage minded smoker loves drama movies dancing and c osso puzzles Seeking WM 45-60 smoker who enjoys musc and sports **2425454**

SHALL WE?

DWF 40 54 HW proportionate light brown hair N/S loves golfng suspense movies and travel Seeking active outgoing WM 40-49 N/S for fr endsh p **2425989**

WHERE IS MR RIGHT?

SBF 46 seeking dating romantic evenings swimng Seeking SM 40-55 with good sense of humor **2257065**

YOUR WILDEST DREAMS

SBF 48 smoker loves actng d'ring out romantc evenngs and movies Seeking firm nine BF 35-50 under 54 honesty a must **2260017**

SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing active DWF retired ISO fun male 60+ who likes bridge tennis reading hiking an male kds popcorn wllng to don a tuxedo now and then **2271793**

GET TO KNOW THIS

petite active SBF 57 N/S enjoys musc cncets d'ring Looking for SBM 57-63 to fr endsh p possible LTR **2402995**

LIFE BEGINS AT 60

61 year o d WF 5'12 135lbs N/D brown/blue nose enjoys cooking Civil War Revolut onary War history travel seeking gentleman 56-70 loyal honest N/S affect onate enjoys beng pam pered **2409879**

RESCUE ME!

SBF 41 55 average build enjoys church fam ly shopping much more Looking for SBM 43-47 professioal employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman **2409653**

ARE YOU THE ONE

DBF 53 HW proportionate outgoing loves the arts, plays dancing movie outdoors scen d're ISO SM D/D frker ok No games **2417295**

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Attractive SWF 50 5 105lbs willing to try just about anything w/ the right person Seeking SBM 32-50, for special relationship **2419069**

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2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee

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BY DALE BUSS

Jeep's new Grand Cherokee is a delight to drive - a trim, sporty, nimble package that's as clean and sparkling in its own way as some of DaimlerChrysler's other new vehicle designs these days that admittedly have more pizzazz. But in completely redesigning a vehicle that was in the vanguard of the entire sport-utility-vehicle market, it's possible to argue that the company compromised a little too much all around and came up with a new Grand Cherokee that doesn't quite satisfy anyone.

In other words, it is considerably smaller than the previous version of Grand Cherokee, and while a little shorter and wider than the competitive Ford Explorer, the new Grand Cherokee actually has about 25% less cargo space and, unlike Explorer, no third-row seating. It's hard to look at or climb into the new Grand Cherokee and conclude that it's a big carrier for either people or things, it just can't accommodate that many individuals or that much stuff. Grand Cherokee's fuel economy is nothing special, and the power resident in most versions of Grand Cherokee is far to middling.

Actually, this is best illustrated by comparing the new Grand Cherokee, the largest and top-of-the-line Jeep, with its compact cousin, Jeep Liberty. The new Grand Cherokee is a foot longer and a couple of inches wider than the Liberty SUV, but they're rated to haul about the same 1,000 pounds, and when the back seat is folded, Liberty has 69 cubic feet while Grand Cherokee offers just 67.4. Meanwhile, the 3.7-liter V-6 engine in the base Cherokee is the same engine that's in the Liberty, which weighs about 400 pounds less. It's no wonder that Grand Cherokee doesn't demonstrate remarkable get-up-and-go.

While I didn't take it off-road, however, apparently that's where the new Grand Cherokee



The new designed Jeep Grand Cherokee is a delight to drive.

stands out, continuing the Jeep heritage. Its adjustable roof rails, auxiliary 12-volt power outlet and other amenities help the vehicle continue to lend itself well to hunters, fishermen and other SUV-based outdoors types.

The 2005 Grand Cherokee represents a complete redesign of the Jeep flagship, a midsize, four-door, five-passenger SUV that is available with rear-wheel drive or one of three different types of four-wheel-drive gear trains. The Laredo base model starts at a suggested retail price of \$26,775 for a rear-wheel-drive version, and the line prices all the way up to a Limited with a Hemi V-8, loaded for about \$45,000.

The version I drove was the Limited Grand Cherokee with a Quadra-Trac II four-wheel-drive system and a 4.7-liter V8 engine, which garners about 15 miles a gallon in city driving and about 20 mpg on the highway.

The old Grand Cherokee was more organic-looking. In its own way, its exterior design was a trailblazer for many, many SUVs that would come after it. The new version is much sleeker and cleaner outside, which also contributes to the impression of less bulkiness. But without the side cladding and a few other lines and curves,

the new version also has less personality than the old one. One thing that Jeep would never part with, of course, is its distinctive grille, and it nicely heads up the new Grand Cherokee.

I also like the look of the new interior. It's crisp and clean, although it's not all that distinctive. The console, specifically, is designed very efficiently, especially the rear portion of it, with its hidden audio controls and slide-away drink holders.

In this and higher versions of Grand Cherokee, other amenities stand out as well, such as a panel in the cargo area that is reversible. One side is carpeted to match the floor. But after twisting several latches and turning the panel upside down, you get a rubberized, waterproof panel with a lip that would contain spills. Another option called Smart Beam headlights, on the version I drove and others, not only come on when it's dark out but also shift from low to high beams without driver involvement.

Clearly, Jeep gave the new Grand Cherokee its best shot. If only they'd made it a bit larger and not left you thinking that maybe just down the road the company could use an entry in the SUV segment that is even bigger.

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Pure Picks

Usually we write something here about picking the best weekly events. Filtered just for you. This week we look back and select the best er things of 2004. Filtered just for you.

Year in Review

And so I give you part deux of Pure Picks 2004 Year in Review. Please note that I realize this column is quickly turning into a me for all, but if I don't get any complaints about its recent leanings I will continue to turn all Lester Bangs on you (but with less swearing and let's just admit it: quality writing).

BOOKS

A rough count revealed I read 41 books in 2004. For those of you who read two books a week I salute you. For those who read two books last year I impress you. That being said, while I consider myself an avid reader, I will be the first to admit I probably missed some really great books this year. Taking that into account, here are the best books that littered by nightstand in 2004.

Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim by David Sedaris

The Secret Goldfish by David Means

Happy Baby by Stephen Elliott

Yoga for People Who Can't Be Bothered to Do It by Geoff Dyer (I think this was technically released in 2003, but I read it at the beginning of 2004 so it totally counts.)

And two because this was a political year: *The Future Dictionary of America* with contributions from a ton of great writers; *America: The Book* with Jon Stewart, who just kicks butt, doesn't he?

FILMS

My favorite part of *Eternal Sunshine of a Spotless Mind* is when the two main characters played by Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet are running from the erasers inside a bookstore and all the books are slowly being turned to the back of the shelf. When I mention this to people in bars, most didn't even notice. Pay attention, people!

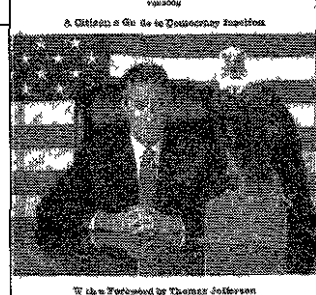
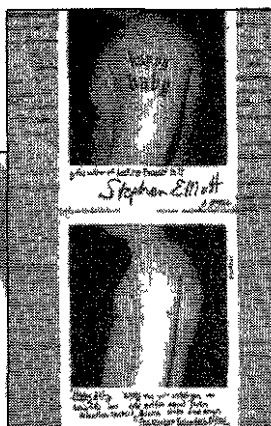
I also waited all year for the latest Wes Anderson (swoon) film, *A Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou*. My nerves were bouncing off the popcorn by the time I sat in my theater seat. Would it live up to the hype I had built for it? Would it disappoint me and thus cast a dark shadow on one of my favorite directors? I'm happy to report it seriously was good.

In other celluloid, *Napoleon Dynamite* was sweet and I hear *Sideways* was really good, too, but it just looked really bad to me from the preview. Whatever, you can't trust me anyway. I still haven't seen *Star Wars*. Yeah, not any of them.

SHOWS

This year provided a plethora of good things for those of us with working ears and a love of live

music. The Detroit Rock City Festival debuted behind the Majestic Theater Complex to lower attendance than expected, but better times than I had expected. The Pixies arose from the dead and rocked Detroit for three dates. They played almost everything off *Surfer Rosa*, which made me happy. The best festival this year by far was D Pollen. With



three stages (am I remembering right?) and my first time seeing Lee Marvin Computer Arm (officially I am adding Best Live Band in Detroit. Right now I to their name, please refer to them as I will by the acronym LMCABLIDRN) it trumped Fourth Street Movement and Daily in Alley. My best show pick happened one night, not too long ago when I caught Andre Williams @ Smalls and then headed over to see Nathaniel Mayer @ the Belmont. These are the kinds of nights you feel electric.

LOOKING AHEAD OR 2005 DON'T BORE US

Last week I promised a look forward, but I realize now that anything too in-depth means I can't write about it in my tiny space when it comes out. So briefly, here are the things you'll see in Pure Picks 2005 (unless I don't write this column anymore).

■ *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* Directed by Tim Burton, starring Johnny Depp. trailer looks particularly creepy.

■ The return of Mike Judge. Gave us *Office Space*, new movie about secret Army program. Luke Wilson stars.

■ Motor City Music Conference 2005, aka MC2 huge music conference, billed as Midwest's SXSW.

■ Brendan Benson. New album early 2005. Jack White collaboration.

■ Other albums: Doves, Magnolia Electric Company, many others. I fell in love and haven't been paying attention.

Correction: Last week it was stated you could hear a Kings of Convenience song on an Old Navy commercial. The truth is I heard it once while shopping in an Old Navy store (I didn't buy anything). You probably realized this because Old Navy commercials have those annoying sing-a-long songs, not anything cool. I deeply regret this. The error and the horrible singing. I'll be back next week with my regularly scheduled picks.

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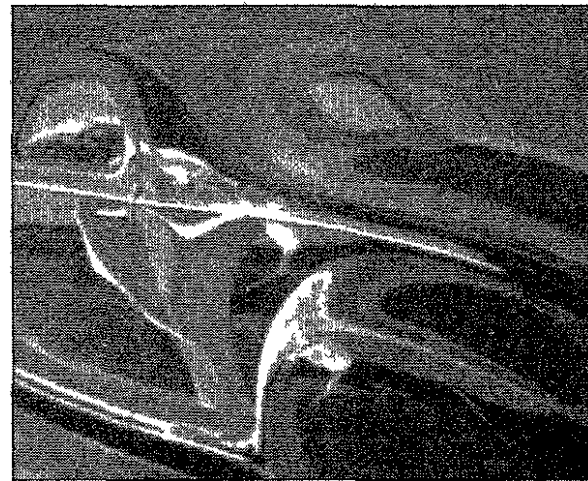
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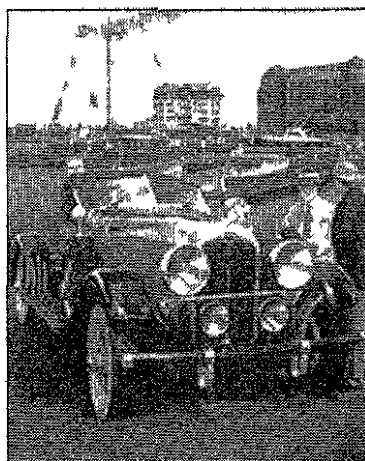
Car Culture



Tom Hale is fascinated with the reflective surfaces of the automobiles he likes to paint.

Artists share their 'Automotive Impressions'

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER



Gerald Freeman's work draw viewers into a moment in time to feel the atmosphere and excitement of great auto races of the past.

Auto show fever has spread to Plymouth.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is hosting *Automotive Impressions*, an exhibit on automotive art, through the end of January.

Three prestigious Michigan artists are exhibiting their work, each presenting a different approach to the depiction of autos. All three artists have exhibited nationally and have received numerous awards for their work.

"We wanted a show to blend with the excitement of the auto show," said Leshe Greenesen of the PCAC. "This is our first-ever auto-related exhibit."

The show is expected to attract substantial attention. Typically, about 400 people visit the arts center on Sheldon Road each month. More than 150 people attended the exhibit opening on Saturday, Jan. 8.

The show features works from

■ Gerald Freeman of South Lyon, a freelance illustrator and graphic

AUTOMOTIVE IMPRESSIONS

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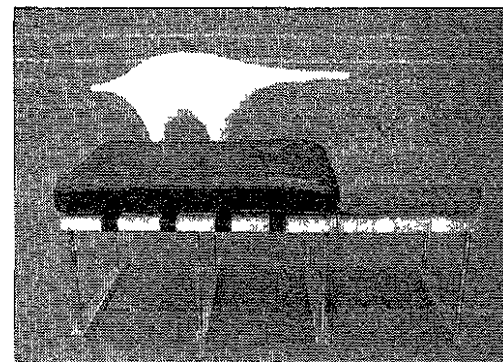
When the North American International Auto Show goes up, most of us focus our attention on automotive design.

"But it is important that people understand that we're not just the Motor City. There are a lot of talented artists here in many mediums," said Aaron Timlin, executive director of Detroit Artists Market.

That's why the gallery annually presents *Detroit Design*, a showcase of furniture by local designers in its gallery during Auto Show week.

Unlike past events, this year's exhibit runs only one week: Friday, Jan. 14, to Sunday, Jan. 23.

Some people see it as an alternative to the auto show, but I find that others see it as a complement to the auto show.



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PLEASE SEE DESIGN, E5

Furniture designer Andy Weitnauer created this bench.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

DanceDetroit

Will host the Regional Detroit Salsa Competition at Posh Nightclub Sunday Jan. 16 to raise money for the Tsunami Disaster. Professional amateur and pro-am couples are welcome to compete and the night is open to the general public. The Grand Prize winners will be pre-qualified to compete in the International Hustle and Salsa Competition (www.hustleandsalsa.com) in Miami in April and will receive free entry and a free pass to the Miami event as well as free dance shoes from Dance Sole (www.dancesole.com). All of the profits from admission sales will be donated to the United-Way South Asia Response Fund. Doors open 9 p.m. free Cuban Salsa lesson by Randy Atlas (IHSC Miami) at 9:30 p.m. \$5 admission/21+ welcome. Posh Nightclub is at 22061 Woodward Ave., Ferndale (248) 756-4821 or visit www.danceindetroit.com

The Shirelles

Will perform at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14. Universally credited as the originators of the Girl Group Sound, their long string of hits include "Soldier Boy," "Dedicated to the One I Love" and so many others. Tickets \$30, available at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, and the Village Theater Ticket Office, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. The Village Theater ticket office will be open two hours prior to the performance. For more information visit www.cantonmi.org or call (734) 394-5300.

Youtheatre

Debuts Forever Free, A Story of the Civil War, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. Musical based on an untold story of the Civil War revolves around a young slave named Kofi. \$8 (248) 557-PLAY (7529). www.youtheatre.org

Stagecrafters

To kick off the opening of Pippin, Stagecrafters is hosting a Mardi Gras Magic To Do Party Night 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$30 each and include dress rehearsal performance of the show, pre-glow with foods from area restaurants and silent auction. Call (248) 541-6430. Proceeds to benefit Stagecrafters' programs.

Jewish Film Festival

Unlikely Heroes featuring Ben Kingsley will be presented at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19 at the Jewish Community Center in Oak Park, 15110 West Ten Mile Road. The film highlights seven extraordinary people whose unique and inspiring stories add a new chapter to the story of Jewish resistance. Presented by the Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival. All seats are \$8 (pre-season passes accepted) and may be purchased at the door or by calling (248) 432-5577 or (248) 967-4030.

MUSIC

Chamber Music Society of Detroit

Oboist Heinz Holliger with the Juilliard String Quartet, 6:45 p.m. lecture, 8 p.m. concert Saturday, Jan. 15, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road (corner of Lahser and 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills campus of the Detroit Country Day School, \$33 to \$75, students \$23 and \$35. (248) 855-6070 or www.ComeHearCMSD.org

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Pianist Andrew von Oeyen, 8 p.m. hors d'oeuvres reception, 8:30 p.m. concert Friday, Jan. 14, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, \$20 (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org

Onnik Dinkjian

Will perform a concert of Sacred Hymns of the Armenian Church accompanied by Ara Dinkjian on organ, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, doors open 5:30 p.m., St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church, 19300 Ford Road, Dearborn, \$20 per person (advanced tickets only), afterglow reception follows concert, atopouzian@arpmusic.com or (248) 851-9225.

Orchestra Canton

The Mozart Effect, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan.

15 Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, \$15 adults, \$16 children and seniors, (734) 394-5460, (734) 451-2112.

Trinity House Theatre

Joe Mabus, 8 p.m. Saturday, \$12, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, www.trinityhouse.org

Blackthorn

Benefit concert for the Birmingham Groves Birmingham senior class, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, \$25 (248) 203-3530, (248) 642-1689.

PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Jewish Ensemble Theatre

Door to Door by James Sherman, Jan. 19 to Feb. 13, 6600 W. Maple West, Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900, www.jettheatre.org

Meadow Brook Theatre

Driving Miss Daisy runs through Jan. 30 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Show times and ticket prices vary, visit www.mbttheatre.com or call (248) 377-3300.

Tony n' Tina's Wedding

Extended run through Saturday, Feb. 12. Performances Friday, Saturday, Freedom Hill's Ralph A. Liberato Hall at Freedom Hill County Park, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile Road), east of Van Dyke (M-53) in Sterling Heights. Doors open 7 p.m. The evening includes a full Italian style dinner by Andiamo's, champagne toast and piece of the wedding cake. Live band provides music for dancing. \$60 in advance, (586) 268-7820, (248) 645-6666, www.freedomhill.net or www.ticketmaster.com

The Fisher Theatre

The King and I through Jan. 30, show times vary, tickets \$30-\$68, (248) 645-6666, (313) 872-1000 or www.nederlanderdetroit.com

Heartlande Theatre Company

New reading series at Meadow Brook Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, Radio Ball by Lauren Kettler. Suggested donation \$5. Tribute to Uta Hagen (1919-2004), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 at The Roeper School on two blocks north of Maple on Adams Road in Birmingham, no charge, visit www.heartlande.com for details.



NICOLE M. YOUNG

Tony Bozzuto as Biff, Andrew Huff as Willy Loman and Christopher M. Bohan as Happy in Arthur Miller's *'Death of a Salesman'*, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit. Plays in rotating repertory with *'I Hate Hamlet'* by Paul Rudnick and *Henry IV, Part I* by William Shakespeare through March 24. Tickets \$13-\$22, call (313) 577-2972, or visit www.theatre.wayne.edu

COMMUNITY THEATER

Avon Players

A New Brain, musical based on the life of composer William Finn, with book co-authored by James Lapine, Jan. 14, 16, 21, 23 and 27, 29, Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances start at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees 2 p.m. at 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills, \$16-\$14 student/senior discount tickets for Sunday matinees, (248) 608-9077.

Ridgedale Players

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, 23, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, \$14 students/seniors (on Sunday), \$13 (248) 988-7049.

Players Guild of Dearborn

Comedy *Dear Ruth* by Norman Krasna, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 14, 15, Jan. 21, 22, Jan. 28, 29, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 & 30, 21730 Madison, Dearborn, (313) 561-TKTS or www.playersguildofdearborn.org

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild

Neil Simon's *Rumors*, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 14, 15, 21, 22, Thursday, Saturday, Jan. 27, 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, \$15 students/seniors, \$13, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-0527, www.stdunstanstheatre.com

Village Players

High Spirits, Noel Coward's classic comedy *Blithe Spirit*, is set to a rollicking musical score, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 and 30, 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, \$15 (248) 644-2075 or www.birminghamvillageplayers.com

Starlight Theater

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 children under 12, www.starlighttheaternet.com, (248) 335-1788, inside Summit Place Mall (between Kohls and Claire's), 315 N. Telegraph, corner of Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford, Starlight Theater, s

offering acting classes for children in grades 3-12 and adults. Winter term begins Jan. 17. Visit Web site or call number listed above for details.

StarBrite Dinner Theater

Presents *Ripe Conditions* by Claudia Allen, Friday, Saturday, Jan. 14 through Feb. 19 at 14th Street Grille & Bar, 350 East 14 Mile in Madison Heights. The laugh-filled romp tells the story of a pair of bumbling brothers who compete for the affection of their attractive and newly widowed sister-in-law, while a tornado threatens to blow apart their plans. Cocktails and dinner are at 6:30 p.m., curtain 7:30 p.m. Three-course dinner and theater, including tax, cost \$39.50 per person. Visit www.starbriteprod.com for information or call (248) 589-9900 for reservations.

ART/GALLERIES

Lawrence Street Gallery

Is hosting an all-members exhibition with gallery fund-raiser celebrating the 50th anniversary of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan through Jan. 29. Opening reception 5-9 p.m. today, 22620 Woodward Avenue, Suite A, Ferndale. A percentage of proceeds from sales for the month of January will be donated to help the National Kidney Foundation. Gallery open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Saturday, wheelchair accessible from the Woodward Avenue front entrance, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Scarab Club/The Great Frame Up

Joint exhibit opens 6-9 p.m. Friday at The Great Frame Up, 215 Peabody, Birmingham. The show features a variety of different art styles and mediums, including photography, printmaking, painting, and drawing.

Revolution Gallery

Opening reception for Bevy, a group exhibition featuring works by 13 artists, 5-7 p.m. Friday, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 541-3444, www.revolutn.com

EXHIBIT

FROM PAGE E3

designer He paints well researched historical auto pieces using acrylic and oil His goal is to capture a moment in history and show the excitement of old auto races

■ Tom Hale, a watercolor artist from Northville He graduated with honors from the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles Hale worked as a styling designer at General Motors, Chrysler and American Motors before deciding to pursue his art career full time in 1985 Hes intrigued by the reflective surfaces of automobiles and likes to paint close up views Hale said there is great beauty in something as mundane as a chrome headlight

■ Alexander Buchan of Warren, who worked as a design sculptor at the General Motors Design Center and has been a professor at the College of Creative Studies in Detroit Buchan creates bronze sculptures of early 1900s racing vehicles Each piece, such as a 1910 Buick, is signed by the artist as a limited edition

'I started as a wood carver, but years ago I was asked to create an outdoor sculpture in Algonac, and that's how I started working with bronze, Buchan said This is the first exhibit that I know of at a gallery that's strictly auto-related

Buchan said auto related art is popular Nearly every week in the summer his works are on display at various events

DESIGN

FROM PAGE E3

Detroit Design showcases more than 15 pieces by six local furniture designers — many are graduates of or students at the College for Creative Studies or Cranbrook Academy of Art Work by several fashion designers mostly from the Chicago area is also featured

A creative black-tie opening, held the same night as the Auto Show's gala celebration, is "almost a spoof on the Auto Show black tie," Timlin said, adding, "This is definitely our alternative."

DETROIT DESIGN

When Preview reception 5:30-8 p.m. Friday Jan. 14; exhibit Friday Jan. 14 to Sunday Jan. 23; regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday

Where Detroit Artists Market in the Detroit Cultural Center, 4719 Woodward Ave. Detroit
Tickets: Preview reception \$20 in advance \$25 at the door; call (313) 832-8540 or visit www.detroitartistsmarket.org

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 6 PM
MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 8 PM
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in the Rock & others)

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Upside Down (1998) (Brown/Sangare & Kuti)
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Grace (1999) (Brown/Ellington, Kuti & others)

FREE EDUCATION EVENTS:

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Saturday, January 15, 12 noon-1:30 pm and 1:30-3 pm
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Sunday, January 16, 4:15-5:45 pm
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Monday, January 17, 1-4:30 pm
Betty Pease Dance Studio • 1310 N. University Ct.

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3:45-5:00 PM Panel Discussion
7:00-8:30 PM Screening of *Within Our Gates*
Natural Sciences Building Auditorium
603 N. University Ave.

NETWORK Reception

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 6:15-7:45 PM
Michigan League Hussay Room and Concourse
Presented in partnership with the U-M Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives. Media partners: WEMU 89.1 FM and Michigan Chronicle/Front Page. This event is part of the U-M Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium and the Celebration of African-American Culture.

Label Symphony with Louis Lortie, piano

Osma Vanska, conductor
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 8 PM
Hill Auditorium

PROGRAM

Rachmaninoff: Prelude from *The Last Symphony* (1973-75)
Liszt: Piano Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Major, Op. 11 (1848)
Prokofiev: Piano Concerto No. 1 in D-flat Major, Op. 10 (1911-12)
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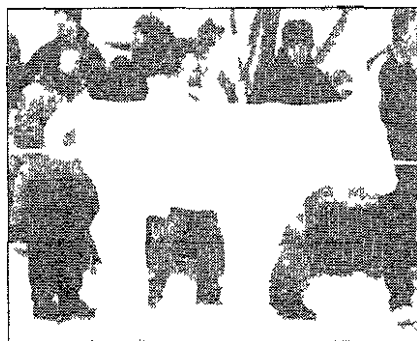
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 8 PM
Hill Auditorium

After McLeod's soaring, vibrant voice has soared into the nation, he is one of the brightest horns in the world. He is a true artist. The recording *John McLeod* will be made in the Harbor for New York University concert series in 2000 and 2001. A presence and a power that many say comes along once in a lifetime.

(www.ums.org)

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Spectators will see professional ice carving demonstrations as well as student/amateur competitions during the five day Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular



Above and below the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular draws children of all ages with its wide variety of ice sculpture shapes and sizes



Lindsay Natiw and Jennifer Natiw of Canton and Lindsay Gerst of Plymouth found plenty of food to go with the other fun at last year's Plymouth festival

Frozen Michigan

There's an ice show coming to a city near you

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

It's huge in Plymouth, new for Detroit and quaint in Lake Orion. We're talking about ice carving shows taking place this month throughout metro Detroit.

Professional chef, amateur and student carvers are competing for thousands of dollars in prizes and scholarships.

The ice show in Detroit is part of Motown Winter Blast, Friday-Sunday Jan 21-23. It's part of a 2006 Super Bowl kick-off event in and around Campus Martius Park.

The Olde World Canterbury Village Ice Paradise Winter Festival in Lake Orion Saturday, Jan. 29 is set in the historic retail complex that looks like a village from a Charles Dickens story.

The most well known ice event is in Plymouth. More than 500,000 people are expected to stroll the city's charming downtown area during the event, which begins Tuesday Jan. 17.

It's fun, free and it's open 24 hours all day all night, said Mike Watt of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular. The Detroit area has many third shift workers who want something to do during the wee hours. We'll have security there all night long.

The Plymouth Ice Spectacular attracts carvers from around the world including top designers from Japan. There's no theme for the event, because Watt said organizers don't want to limit artists' creativity. However, there is an Ice Age area where carvers will create sabertooth-tigers, woolly mammoths and other prehistoric critters.

Ice shows are one of few art events where the viewer can actually see the work being created right before their eyes, Watt said.

And the Plymouth show re-introduces people to the downtown shopping area, he added. Its popularity increases each year.

It's reached a cult following in a way, Watt said. We even know of a couple who met there and then married there several years later. It's definitely a family event.

CANTERBURY VILLAGE

Artists at all events will sculpt from blocks that are at least 350 pounds of crystal clear frozen water.

We import our blocks from Quebec and want the ice as pure and clear as possible, said Mary Ellen Krause of Canterbury Village's Second Annual Ice Paradise.

The sculptures will be scattered throughout the village.

PLEASE SEE FESTIVALS, E7

Plymouth Ice Spectacular highlights

MONDAY, JAN. 17

■ 10 a.m. - Festival opens with display of over 100 individual block sculptures placed in front of participating businesses throughout downtown Plymouth and in Kellogg Park.

■ Rockin' the Ice Age opens in The Gathering at 10 a.m.

■ Light Show begins at 6 p.m.

■ The First Ladies of Fashion exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum 115 S. Main 1-4 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 18 - Friday Jan. 21.

■ Rockin' the Ice Age opens in The Gathering at 10 a.m.



Ice sculptures were the featured attractions at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular last year.

SATURDAY, JAN. 22

■ 'Rockin' the Ice Age' in The Gathering opens at 9 a.m.

■ Exhibit "The First Ladies of Fashion" at the Plymouth Historical Museum 115 S. Main 1-4 p.m.

■ Championship professional carver exhibition 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

■ Championship professional carver exhibition, noon to 5 p.m.

■ College individual competition noon to 4 p.m.

■ High school team competition noon to 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, JAN. 23

■ Amateur individual competition noon to 4 p.m.

■ College team competition noon to 4 p.m.

■ High school individual competition noon to 4 p.m.

■ Rockin' the Ice Age in The Gathering opens at 11 a.m.

■ Major multi-block works on display.

■ Championship professional carver exhibition 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Championship professional carver exhibition noon to 5 p.m.

Art

Photos reveal a woman's point of view

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Canadian photographer Julie Sando is a working professional, mother and artist. And both the nature and volume of her work reflects such a routine of daily living. 'It's hard to be an artist and work, and then throw in being a mother,' said Dick Goody, director of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, where an exhibit of Sando's work opens Saturday. She doesn't produce an awful lot of work, but when she does it's absolutely stunning.

Shopping for Pleasure, a collection of three distinct groups of photographs displayed separately, continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Rochester Hills gallery on the campus of Oakland University.

More than 15 photographs make up the exhibit, but the self-portrait entitled *Self Styled Shopper* goes far in divulging Sando's artistic sensibilities and point of view.

The piece captures Sando in a household cleaning products aisle of a typical suburban grocery store. Dressed in utilitarian fashion — a pair of khakis and white top — she grasps a bottle of pink cleaning solution in one hand, while the other keeps a firm grip on a metal shopping cart. A harsh, almost sanitizing, artificial light highlights the shelves of brightly colored cleaning products.

'It's about empowerment,' Goody said of *Self Styled Shopper*. 'It's the most benign thing, but somehow this woman looks like a warrior. It's the fact that she's in this iconic setting, and she's alone. It's just her and her warrior shopping cart.'

The exhibit showcases photographs taken by Sando during the last four years and include, in addition to several lush, allegorical self-portraits, a series of stark images of Windsor's massage parlors. Sando's take on the commercial enterprises known for engaging in the illegal sex trade is one of disconnection, the images are cold, formalistic, abstract and dispassionate.



JULIE SANDO | COURTESY OF MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

'Self Styled Shopper,' is a self-portrait by photographer Julie Sando that goes up with more than 15 other works by the artist at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery in Rochester Hills.

Although each group of work represented in the exhibit differs in style from the others, the images share a common theme. Goody, the show's curator, has dubbed the motif a "domestic/urban ground zero," adding that Sando is an artist who's making social commentary.

'She's not really a photographer in a way I see her as an artist and a post-feminist. But the media in which she chooses to express herself is photography,' said Goody. 'Her work is about ideas and about messing with one's perceptions of certain things.'

Opening reception for the exhibit is 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15. Exhibit continues through Sunday, Feb. 27. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Meadow Brook Art Gallery is on the campus of Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills. Call (248) 370-3005.

FESTIVALS

FROM PAGE E6

Canterbury Village extends more than 21 acres in Lake Orion and has 18 specialty shops, a huge Christmas shop and castle with an antique English fireplace. Inside the village are stores with stained glass windows and antique doors, French wood carvings, European armor and tapestries, and a replica of an old German carousel.

A dinner dance is being held at Canterbury Castle after the ice show to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

MOTOWN WINTER BLAST

Professional skaters will glide across the newly built Campus Martius Park ice rink in downtown Detroit while local bands play. Ice artists will create more than 25 sculptures just east of the area on Monroe Street.

But really it's all about football. Motown Winter Blast is an event designed to showcase Detroit's offerings in anticipation of the 2006 Super Bowl. Sculptors from Michigan, Morocco, Mexico, Russia and Canada will carve the cityscape backdrop.

To preview the Super Bowl we wanted to have as many events as possible that cater to families," promoter Jon Witz said. "We will have two teams of artists — a category for those who've competed on an international level and one for those who've competed at a local level."

ICE SHOWS

■ Twenty-third Annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular

Professional, amateur and student artists carve more than 100 ice sculptures downtown Plymouth Monday, Jan. 17 through Sunday, Jan. 23. Visit www.wattsupinc.com or call (734) 459-9157.

■ General Motors Snow Spectacular & Ice Show

An ice show to celebrate Motown Winter Blast — on Monroe Street in downtown Detroit east of Campus Martius Park. Open 24 hours Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22 and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23. Laser shows highlight the ice sculptures 5 p.m.-6 p.m., 7 p.m.-8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday 5 p.m.-6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. Visit www.motownwinterblast.com.

■ Ice paradise winter festival 2005

An ice-carving event to benefit the Ronald McDonald House — Olde World Canterbury Village, 2369 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29. Hearts Aglow Dinner & Dance follows show 4-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Canterbury Castle in Canterbury Village. Tickets \$75. Call (313) 745-5909. Call (248) 391-5700 or visit www.canterburyvillage.com.

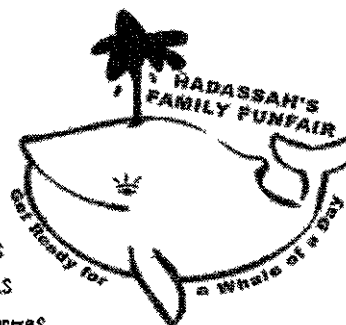
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BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A purple orchid edged in white and yellow floats on a sake martini

Up lit white see through drapes hang from floor to ceiling, models pose for evening patrons

If you have a passion for beauty and elegant function, and want to stimulate your senses, Crave is the place to go

Club caters to people who 'Crave' beauty

One enters the Michigan Avenue club in West Dearborn through a winding rear hallway Above rich African panga-panga hardwood flooring are flat wall-mounted TV screens depicting lit fireplaces

Style and novelty are evident throughout Crave, even in white marble-floored bathrooms where shadows can be spotted through the semi translucent wall separating men and women

At the end of the hall is the club's main room, with small-backed hard couches on one side and a bar and DJ station opposite The firmness of the seating has a function 'You don't sink in too far,' Ramadan said

The couches are appropriate for club-goers or restaurant patrons, as Crave doubles as a sushi bar and gourmet Pan Asian dining spot for lunch or dinner

'I hope to contract the 25- to 55-year-old, young-at-heart, stylish, business-oriented person who at the same time has a fashion sense and says I want to look different, I want to feel different, I want to eat

different,' Ramadan said Besides DJs spinning dance music, Crave regularly presents live music Wednesday nights, ranging from Brazilian jazz to an Armenian band

'The world is changing people are traveling, admiring things tasting exotic foods,' Ramadan said He sees the styles merging to create something new

'It's very retro' said Tam Shell of Wayne sipping a strawberry saketini with co worker Britt Scott of Royal Oak

It's a very good vibe it's very eclectic Scott added



Joann Miller of Royal Oak and Darri McFadden of Dearborn enjoy drinks and a good time with friends at Crave A Lychee Saketini with an edible orchid is just one of the delicious martinis served at the club

But Crave isn't just about cerebral appreciation of fine style They should be able to stand up and dance and just go nuts explained owner Khalil Ramadan

It's a pretty irresistible combination as evidenced by lines of well-dressed patrons clamoring to get in on weekends since it opened in late November

It's not surprising that Ramadan, the founder of Pure Bar Room in Detroit, would hit a home run with his newest club

Pure presented everything from live dancers to circus performers But with Crave the sense of fun is tempered with a hip boutique hotel lobby design vibe, inspired by the team of Philippe Stark and Ian Schraeger, the co-founder of Studio 54

Ramadan gestures with feeling when describing their creations - which include a room where floor lighting shines up through clear furniture, tables and clear everything Similarly, Crave seeks to offer a stylish, compelling, unique escape

No matter where you look you'll be entertained - with your food, anywhere you look, said Ramadan There's something for you to look at and to talk about You're thinking, I'm going somewhere different right now

Ramadan, who grew up in Royal Oak, said he learned from the Pure experience 'We just went totally to the edge We said, 'Let's go out of the box completely

'We made some mistakes But no matter what we did, people loved and accepted it It opened my eyes that people want a different thing this is what entertainment and nightlife is about

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Flavor marks Taylor Fladgate style

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
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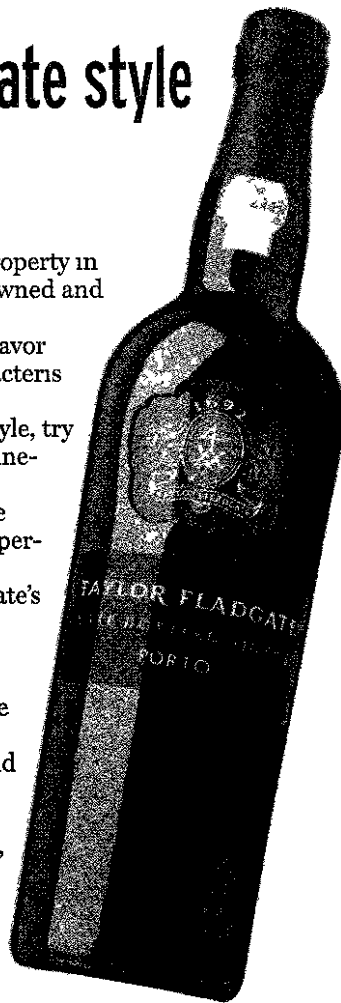
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If you're just learning about port and port styles, a good choice for cold weather sipping near a roaring fire is 1999 Taylor Fladgate Late Bottled Vintage (LBV for short) at \$25. Taylor Fladgate created the LBV style and is the category's international brand leader.

Mellow, rich and delicious, it's a less expensive alternative to a vintage or single quinta port. After opening, Taylor Fladgate LBV retains its flavor for about three weeks.



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Hot Ticket

Club crawl part of Winter Blast

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Motown Winter Blast is an event aimed at reminding Michiganders, and the world, of all that Detroit has to offer.

The Blast is a series of happenings scheduled in and around Campus Martius Park and downtown Detroit Friday Sunday, Jan. 21-23. Call it a giant Super Bowl XL preview party.

Most of the events are family-oriented, said Blast organizer Jon Witz.

Except for one that's 21 and over only. Motown Winter Blast Bounce is a club crawl taking place Friday, Jan. 21. Seven Detroit clubs are participating. For \$10, guests can take a shuttle bus to each nightclub.

'We expect more than 150,000 people to attend the events all over town,' Witz said. 'Motown Winter Blast is the countdown to the 2006 Super Bowl. It's kind of a practice event. We'll test the transportation and parking to help prepare for the Super Bowl. Being that the auto show is going on at the same time as the Blast, a lot of people will be in the city, so it's a great way to test logistics.'

And it's no coincidence that Blast is held during the 2005 North American International Auto Show, since international journalists will be here and have the chance to see Detroit.

Bounce features old-time, laid-back legendary Detroit watering holes like the

WINTER BLAST BOUNCE

What: A club hopping after party to Motown Winter Blast.

When: 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21. Details: Attendees pay \$10 to be admitted to seven downtown nightclubs. Shuttles provide transportation to each location.

Clubs: Town Pump Tavern, 100 W. Montcalm (313) 961-1929; Envy, 234 W. Larned (313) 962-ENNY; Elysium Lounge, 625 Shelby St. (313) 962-2244; Fifth Avenue Downtown, 13500 Fenkell St. (313) 837-5283; Goodlife Lounge, 630 Woodward Ave. (313) 962-1200; Zoo Bar, 415 E. Congress (313) 961-5005; and Bookies Tavern, 1249 Washington (313) 742-0165.

Information: www.motownwinterblast.com

Town Pump Tavern and Bookies Tavern plus wild dance clubs like Envy and Elysium. Fifth Avenue Downtown near Tiger Stadium is known for hosting some of the area's best live bands.

The Goodlife Lounge often has WJLB-FM events that attract young hipsters, and The Zoo Bar Night Club hosts WDRQ-FM events.

Purchase the wrist band at any nightclub for free shuttle transportation.

CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE TASTE OF DETROIT MUSIC SCHEDULE

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Friday, Jan. 21: Noon The Singles, 1:30 p.m., The Sirens, 3 p.m. Ray St. Park, 4:30 p.m. Rattlesnake Shake, 6 p.m. Barb Payton, 7:30 p.m. Mystery Train featuring Jim McCarty, 9 p.m. Twistin' Tarantulas.

Saturday, Jan. 22: Noon Alright Tokyo, 1:30 p.m. Grayling, 3 p.m. Twin Pigs, 4:30 p.m. Reefermen, 6 p.m. Calling Marvin, 7:30 p.m. Nadir Distorted Soul, 9 p.m. Black Merda.

Sunday, Jan. 23: 11 a.m. Broadzilla, 12:30 p.m. Candy Band, 2 p.m. The Orbitsuns, 3:30 p.m. Brothers From Another Planet, 5 p.m. Question Mark & The Mysterians, 6:30 p.m. Hemigod.

CHRYSLER R&B/JAZZ STAGE

Friday, Jan. 21: 1:30 p.m. KGB & Karen Harr, 3 p.m. Brothers Grove, 4:30 p.m. Donald Walden, 6 p.m. Aladocious, 7:30 p.m. Kaleidoscope, 9 p.m. Justin Young.

Saturday, Jan. 22: Noon Straight Ahead, 1:30 p.m. Percilla Price, 3 p.m. Tom

Allport Brand, 4:30 p.m. Alfreda Upshaw, 6 p.m. Larry Lee, 7:30 p.m. Dal Bouey, 9 p.m. Thornetta Davis.

Sunday, Jan. 23: 11 a.m. Ed Wells, 12:30 p.m. Shahida Narullah, 2 p.m. Flaming Emeralds, 3:30 p.m. Makeeta Birdsong, 5 p.m. Serieux.

FIFTH THIRD BANK STAGE

Friday, Jan. 21: noon Jan Krist, 1:30 p.m. Portfolio X, 3 p.m. The Project, 4:30 p.m. Janis Leigh, 6 p.m. The Satin Dolls, 7:30 p.m. Norm Talley, 9 p.m. Eddie Fowlkes.

Saturday, Jan. 22: noon Zomar, 1:30 p.m. Sean Blackman & John Arnold, 3 p.m. Jeremy Kittel, 4:30 p.m. Uncle James, 6 p.m. Roots Vibration, 7:30 p.m. DJ Surgeon, 9 p.m. Juan Atkins.

Sunday, Jan. 23: 11 a.m. Sax Maniacs, 12:30 p.m. Luba, 2 p.m. Saoco, 3:30 p.m. Honest D & The Steel Reserve Band, 5 p.m. The Lash, 6:30 p.m. Norma Jean Bell.

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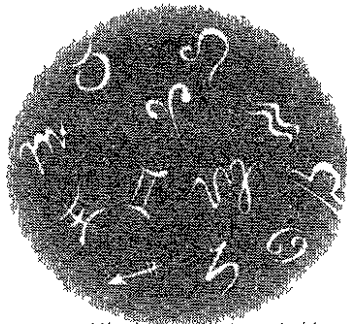
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(Jan 13 Jan 15)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Since 2005 began it may feel as if someone has popped the balloon that was holding you up but don't fret kiddo This is probably not a bad thing You desperately need a rest Slow down regroup and pull in your markers now before you burn out New year new opportunities are yours

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Aside from the cold temperatures this is a great time to be a Bull and it's going to get better in the future Both the Sun and your ruling planet Venus move into your favor next week so anything is possible if you want it enough Some people think you're easily satisfied Prove them wrong!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Hey Twin Venus moves into the most sensitive area of your chart this week so don't be surprised if you feel a bit raw emotionally Don't turn people away if they try to help you What you need more than anything is a friend to talk to and maybe a shoulder to cry on Keep dancing

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

With Saturn leaving your sign in the coming months now is your time of year to push push push and you're determined to make the most of it You're more likely to do something memorable that stands the test of time if you do it from the purest of motives Personal fame is cool and nice but it's what you do for others that will earn you lasting glory!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You may be tempted to cut corners this week especially if you think you might gain financially but this weekend's Sun Saturn dance warns that if you cut corners now you'll only have to go back and negotiate them properly before your birthday this summer Shortcuts don't exist Lion!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

The only thing that is holding you back is your rather typical Virgo self doubt So get off it! You have to convince yourself this week that you have what it takes to succeed You also have to convince yourself that you deserve the best that life has to offer No one deserves it more kiddo Pat yourself on the back and ree lax.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You can be as silver tongued as anyone when it suits you Balancer and with your ruling planet Venus changing signs now you should be able to charm the birds off the trees Just don't waste time on lost causes or deadbeat associates when there are so many worthwhile ones You can't please everybody at the same time

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

It's been a rough winter so far right? Well suck some java and stay awake because the planets suggest that something big is coming your way Scorp If you nod off you may miss it Also if you have a money making idea you must do something positive with it If you don't someone else may get rich at your expense

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Are you aiming too high or expecting too much Sadge? Not according to the current planetary setup which is so unbelievably good in the weeks ahead that no matter how high you aim you should still reach your objective This is also a terrific time for making much needed travel plans go for it!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

With the Sun leaving your sign soon the time has come to decide which is more important to you Money or love It's possible to have both Cap but these sides of your life have been rather out of balance recently and if you don't equalize them soon you may lose someone you treasure

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

Love is in the air as your birthday approaches and in almost direction you turn there will be opportunities to improve an existing relationship or forge a new one Don't let your reservations hold you back Water Bearer Leave the object of your affection in no doubt that he or she is the one for you!

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Loved ones will want to go their own way and do their own thing this week and if you're a wise Fish not only will you let them you'll encourage them too You should be delighted that they want to be more independent it means they've learned something positive from you

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Music

Catch Emilio Basa at small venue while you still can

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

One of life's sweetesses is discovering a musician before he or she bursts into mainstream popularity

Imagine being one of the lucky ones who discovered Led Zeppelin playing small gigs. Or seeing The White Stripes when they were unknown and played at small places like Paychecks in Hamtramck.

Singer/songwriter Emilio Basa, 26, of Troy hasn't made a mark yet on the big map of music. He's still relatively unknown even in the Detroit area and mostly plays coffeehouses. No big label is sniffing around him yet. His CDs are self-published. So the right time is on our side.

Basa, whose musical history is an interesting one, will perform at the tiny, intimate Xhedo's Cafe in Ferndale on Saturday. He'll play his guitar acoustic style, sing solo, and will perform pumped-up, overdriven tunes in the band Resident Alien.

He's not a crooning folk-style solo artist. Basa's style is raw, raspy, with some R&B influence. His often sad lyrics are different from his cheery personality.

I'm a completely upbeat person, I



Emilio Basa strives to create music that's honest and beautiful

never want to be pessimistic about life," Basa said. "I think I use the music to get rid of any negativity that I might feel even a bit."

NEVER HEARD THE BEATLES

Basa was raised in a strict Baptist family and wasn't permitted to listen to any music except classical. But it was a blessing because he is classically trained in piano, violin and voice.

I didn't hear rock 'n roll until I was 19, Basa said. I sang in a gospel choir. I remember the first time I heard Led Zeppelin, I listened to *Houses of the Holy* over and over again.

He became obsessed with rock 'n roll, diving into Radiohead, The Counting Crowes, Oasis, Incubus, Sarah McLachlan, Jimi Hendrix and of course, The Beatles. He realized that playing guitar and singing enabled him to express feelings that he never knew he could say.

My biggest inspiration is Kenny Babyface' Edmonds. His songwriting is incredible.

Basa is currently working on his first full-length CD, but his five-song EP, *Fade*, is available at his shows.

And they always sell.

"I hold nothing back in my music," Basa said. "I try to keep my lyrics broad. I don't want to sing about things that only a few people can understand or connect to. A lot of people tell me they get something

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out of my music, I don't know what that is, but I hope it can make people feel

Top of the World is about being near people you love and living life the way it was supposed to be lived. *Fade* is about fading from the eyes of your lover and not being able to stop it.

There is a song he never plays live anymore. It's called *Everything Fell Apart* and it's so sad. I wrote the whole song in one night because of a relationship that just went to garbage, it's too depressing.

Proof of his desire to be happy-go-lucky. "I love sharing my music, I love to play."

The enthusiasm is part of the pleasure of seeing a musician who's still new. A musician whose name, if luck allows it, won't be unknown for long.

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Movies

Bugs bedevil troopers in a nifty, but smaller sequel

The big bugs are back in *Starship Troopers 2*, a less-than-stellar – but still noteworthy – sequel to the big hit of 1997

Unlike its predecessor, *Starship Troopers 2* isn't very ambitious. The cast is scaled back to a mere handful of space rangers and only about a million bugs. The action is confined to a lonely space outpost besieged by the insects.

A little background: *Starship Troopers* was based on the Robert Heinlein classic novel about gung-ho space soldiers. The tale was converted into a \$105 million special-effects-laden adventure tale that showed flashes of sly wit amid splashes of blood.

I wasn't a great fan of it because I thought it was a bit of a cop-out. It wasn't politically correct then to make a

slam-bang war movie (remember, this was prior to 9/11) in which people would get killed, but no one minds squashing bugs.

In *ST2*, a small group of troopers takes refuge in an abandoned outpost on a remote planet.

They are periodically beset by the bugs but manage to fend them off.

However, the troopers don't realize that the bugs are smarter than they think and have found a way to infiltrate them – literally, by disgorging wiggly insects into their mouths.

The plan is to infect the general leading the troopers, allow him to be rescued, transported back to earth headquarters and spread the bug business there.

Standing in the way is a heroic Capt. J. J. Dax, who was the only person in the outpost when the troopers arrived. He was in a jail cell where he had been placed after murdering his incompetent commanding officer.

Some hero. Yet he does manage to unravel the bugs' plot and foil their plan.

ST2 is much more modest than its predecessor with an obviously smaller

budget. That may account why it went straight to video.

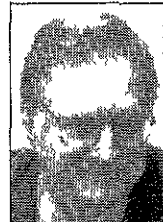
Even so, it is a worthy sequel. The special effects are still impressive and the whole film has a sense of oppression and darkness that works to its advantage.

There are some truly grisly scenes as the bugs reveal their true identity, burst-

ing out of people with real vigor. That's always refreshing.

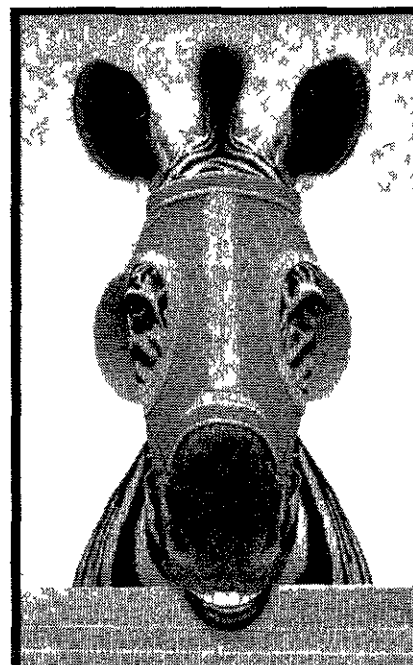
ST2 is no classic, but it stands as a decent sequel.

Greg Kowalski only squashes bugs if they enter the house. He can be reached at (248) 901 2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net



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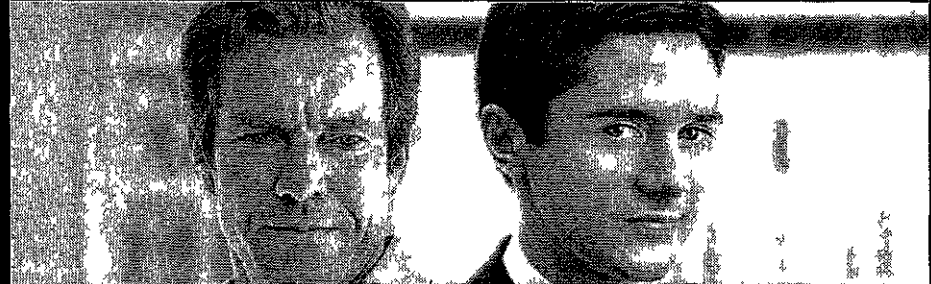
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On stage

Victorian feminists do battle in premiere of Mamet's 'Boston Marriage'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Followers of contemporary theater know all too well how biting, and even offensive, playwright David Mamet's male dialogue can be

His recent play about women, *Boston Marriage*, opening Friday, Jan. 21, at the Performance Network Theatre in Ann Arbor, is Mamet's female version of wicked repartee

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marks the work's Michigan premiere

It's just recently being introduced into regional theater, said the show's director, Gillian Eaton of Plymouth

The play is set in the Victorian-era parlor of two women who are living together as lesbians. The phrase "Boston Marriage" is a 19th-century euphemism for a long-term romantic friendship between two women.

"What's fascinating is that Mamet allows the women to live in their Victorian-Edwardian world, and so you have that language mixed with this Mamet-type speak that makes it feel very contemporary," Eaton said. "You have women who speak like Oscar Wilde, but who sound like the gutter as well."

In *Boston Marriage*, the female couple Anna and Claire, unlike most other independent women of the time, lack a source of income.

"So they have to fall back on the wiles of femininity," explained Eaton.

Anna becomes a wealthy man's mistress to fund the couple's household, only to discover later that Claire has fallen in love with their benefactor's daughter.

Enter the mental game-playing, button pushing and stinging wit for which Mamet is so well known.

Ultimately, it's a total comedy of manners that borders on farce, and there's a

heightened reality to it, said Eaton. "The thing that is interesting is that they (the women) share an affection that underlies all the bitchy wickedness and artifice. There's something that is very feminine."

Boston Marriage is Mamet's first all-woman play and was released in 2000. Mamet is perhaps best known for the film *Glengarry Glen Ross*, based on his play about a group of cutthroat male real estate agents.

Like *Glengarry Glen Ross*, *Boston Marriage* presents characters capable of great cruelty and manipulation. The difference — the characters' gender — makes for perhaps an even more shocking Mamet dialogue experience.

"It's very interesting to hear women speak to each other in this way," said Eaton. "But it shows that women are as efficient as men in getting what they want to secure their own interests. They just go about it differently."

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