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Daylight saving time begins Don't forget to turn your clock ahead one hour at 1 a.m. on Sunday, April 1

(or before you go to bed on Saturday, March 31.)



Derby day: The competition was tough at Farrand Elementary School as 46 Cub Scouts from Pack 863 raced their wood model cars at the Pinewood Derby. Some 130 people, most family and friends, watched the race. / A3

AT HOME

Hot, hot. hot: Barbecue lovers may spend a little more for their new grills, but these models offer a solid construction and stainless steel. /C1

Drivers beware: I-275 work begins

■ Getting in and out of town is going to get a lit-tle tougher, especially if you travel the I-275/M-14 interchange, because the Michigan Department of Transportation begins work on that area Friday evening.

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER buckfoe homecomm.net

Motorists in western Wayne County will see a "high impact" project on M-14/I-96/I-275 through Livonia, Plymouth Township and Redford Township this year.

Initial work beginning Friday evening will force closure on the eastbound M-14 ramp to northbound I-275, along with a one-lane closure on northbound I-275 at the interchange.

Daily construction will be continuous

through May, according to Michigan Department of Transportation officials. "As the work progresses, commuters can expect to find the southbound I-275 ramp to eastbound I-96 closed, too," said

Rob Morosi, an MDOT spokesman. Phase I of the project involves detour-

ing some ramp movements on the interchange to facilitate the reconstruction, Morosi said.

Pavement work involves total reconstruction of I-96/M-14 between Haggerty Road and Newburgh Road and pavement patching on I-96 from Newburgh

Artistic endeavor

Road to Telegraph Road.

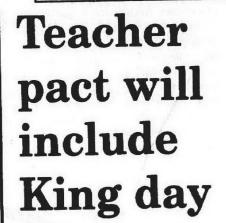
"Pavement work is expected to begin once spring season breaks," Morosi said. "Construction on 50 bridges between Newburgh and Telegraph will range from minor substructure repair to fullscale bridge replacement

"This stretch of M-14/1-96 carries over 142,000 vehicles a day so our planning has to be precise," said Mark Chaput of the Taylor Transportation Service Center.

"We understand the inconvenience to motorists this project entails but plenty of commuters have indicated fixing this section of M-14/I-96 is a must. When at all possible motorists will find two lanes available in each direction."

The \$49 million project is funded through the Build Michigan II plan and TEA-21.





BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER hruscato@oe.h omm net

The Plymouth-Canton Education Association and Plymouth-Canton Schools have tentatively consented to a contract stipulation that will give students Martin Luther King Day off next 5 year, while providing teachers with diversity training that same day.

The issue is only one of many to be negotiated by the two sides as they develop a contract that will replace the t three-year pact, which expires Aug. 31.

Thus far we have no specific format for the diversity training," said Superintendent Kathleen Booher. "We've had a lot of groups step forward to offer their services to the district." "We've been asking for this to happen for five years, ever since we went to half-day classes on Martin Luther King Day," said Chuck Portelli, presi-dent of the 950-member PCEA. "We're asking for diversity training for our staff to include cultural, harassment and sensitivity training, as well as gay and lesbian issues. All of those need to be dealt with that day." Rev. Virgil Humes, a Plymouth resident who is pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Wayne, has been instrumental in recent talks to bring diversity training and programs to teachers and students since a controversial editorial concerning Black History Month was published in the high school newspaper. "We need to make sure diversity training for the staff starts, and doesn't stop," said Humes. "We also need to teach young children about the world we live in, to be sensitive to those people who don't look like us." While teachers will be receiving diversity and sensitivity training, students will get the entire day off from



COMMUNITY LIFE

Going places: Rotary is seeking students and families for an exchange program./C7

Birthplace: Three St. Mary Mercy doctors have found themselves working in the very hospital in which they were born. /C7

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Eye for art: Art instructor Ivan Kende of Ann Arbor (center) works with student Bill Goddard of Ypsilanti on his drawing of model Virginia A. Becerra of Ann Arbor during an art class at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Donna Conger of Plymouth works on her drawing, at left. Figure Drawing with Iran Kende classes meet at the Plymouth Community Arts Council Friday mornings 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for eight weeks beginning Friday. Fee is \$100 for members/\$110 non-members. The classes are designed to develop your artist's eye, receive individual attention and learn fundamental concepts by drawing from a live model.

Township revises soccer park plans

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@oe.homecomm.net

Plymouth Township officials went back to the drawing board and acted on suggestions for a proposed new park on the northwest corner of M-14 and Haggerty.

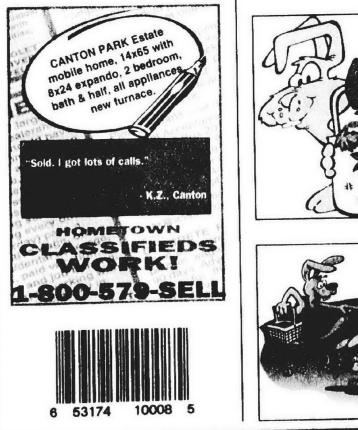
The board approved a resolution to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

The original development plan has been revised to address the majority of comments received from the public at the meeting held March 19," said Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township public services director. That meeting, which sought input from residents, took place at St. Kenneth Church. "We asked our design consultants to go back and

respond to concerns raised by the public. We anticipate ongoing dialogue."

The revised site development plan includes two soccer fields rather than three. "The younger children will play closer to the residential homes," said Kristin Miner of Dietrich, Bailey & Associates, the township engineers. "We anticipate fewer balls going longer distances that way. We also changed

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Scavengers can get into hunt

In Plymouth, there are certain ways to tell spring has arrived.

The weather starts getting a little better, the birds start singing ... and it's time for the annual Spring Scavenger Hunt.

The centerpiece of the hunt, being sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority and the Plymouth Observer, will once again be the colorful posters adorning the windows of participating downtown businesses. Participants will have to match the pictures on the posters to corresponding entries on the contest entry form. Entries with the most correct answers will be put into a drawing for a Grand Prize Easter Basket and one of three runner-up baskets.

The baskets will be filled with goodies donated courtesy of downtown businesses Frameworks, Gabriala's, Muriel's Doll House, Native West and sideways.

"It's a lot of fun, and it gets folks to walk around downtown," said DDA



Director Melanie Purcell. "It'll be fun to see who finds all the hints the Easter Bunny left around downtown Plymouth, because he knows downtown Plymouth is the place to be."

The hunt begins Saturday, March 31, with entry forms being available in

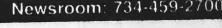
downtown stores and at the Plymouth Observer office, 794 S. Main. Contest forms must be returned by April 9, and can be returned to marked boxes at the DDA (831 Penniman Ave.), Plymouth Chamber of Commerce (386 S. Main), Plymouth City Hall (201 S. Main) and the Plymouth District Library (223 S. Main).

"The Observer is pleased to partner with the DDA and local businesses to co-sponsor the scavenger hunt," said Susan Rosiek, publisher of seven Observer newspapers, including the Plymouth Observer. "The colorful posters in some 41 local stores are sure signs that spring is here. As your local community newspaper, we are proud to be involved in such a unique community event."

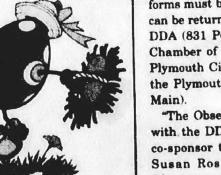
For more information on the contest, call Purcell at the DDA, 455-1453.

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Police chief tops new manager's agenda

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER tbruscato@oe. comm.net

Only a week after he was appointed Plymouth city manager, Paul Sincock said his top priority is filling the city's vacant police chief position.

"It's number one on the list," said Sincock. "We'll put a significant amount of effort into finding a police chief, taking a look at options and involving the city commission in the process."

As of early this week, only days after he was unanimously appointed by the city commission, Sincock was still developing his strategy in finding the city's top cop.

Whomever it is will be the fourth person to hold the position since Bob Scoggins retired in December 1999. A national search provided Dick Miller from the ranks of the Michigan State Police, who left after six months. Steve Hundersmarck was promoted from within, and retired from the force after several months. Currently, the acting I 'That's what we'll focus on, delivering services to our residents.'

chief is Commander Wayne Carroll, who is overseeing the department until a permanent chief is named.

Phymoleth (Sector), process

And just like commissioners, who found their city manager under their nose, Sincock may not have to look far to find his police chief. Sincock has said he wants to make the appointment soon, and is believed to want Carroll to take the position permanently. While Carroll won't discuss it, indications are he might be willing to take the word "acting" from his current title if he has a fallback position written into his contract.

In other words, he'd like a deal similar to Sincock's, which would allow him to revert back to commander status if for some reason he is no longer wanted as chief. Carroll has 23 years with

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Paul Sincock -City manager

the Plymouth police department and doesn't want to lose his job before he plans on retiring.

Carroll declined to comment on the possibility of becoming the city's next police chief.

Meanwhile, Sincock said the budget, street improvements, upgrades in the water and sewer systems, recreation and parking are top priorities for his administration.

"Financially, we're doing well, considering two years ago we were in deficits in multiple funds," he said. "That's despite the costs of early winter snowstorms and the increases in fuel prices.

"We're looking at some energy cost-saving measures," said Sincock. "Part of our Cultural Center recreation grant is for putting in a more efficient ener-

gy system."

Earlier this year, Sincock announced a street paving program for Ann Arbor Trail, Maple and Herald streets. The \$1.5 million project will also include upgrading the water and sewer systems.

"Parking is a goal with the city commission, and we'll be working with the DDA (Downtown Development Authority), which has already come up with possible sites for new parking," Sincock said. "We'll also be working with the Old Village Business Association."

Sincock also noted he will be working with the city commission and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce to come up with a long-term solution for downtown restroom facilities. The temporary solution will be portable toilets behind The Gathering.

"We'll be working on those projects, plus providing service every single day of the week," he said. "That's what we'll focus on, delivering services to our residents."

Preschool registration begins

Mail in registration for preschool begins April 2. For the safety of the students, and with respect for the educational program at Central Middle School, this is a mail in registration only.

Completed registration forms with registration fee may be submitted by mail to P.O. Box 5519, Plymouth, MI 48170. Registration forms with registration fee may also be placed in a drop box located behind Central Middle School.

Applicants will receive notification of placement for the 2001-02 school year within 10 business days. For more information, please call (734) 416-6190.



PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Symphony winners

Zach Shemon, a junior alto saxophonist at Plymouth Canton High School, was one of three winners announced in the 2000-2001: A Sound Odyssey Youth Artist Competition sponsored by the Plymouth Symphony, the Plymouth Rotary Foundation and Evola Music.

Shemon, a section leader in the marching band, won an Honorable Mention scholarship worth \$150. He has attended the allstate program at Interlochen the last two summers and holds the principal chair in the Michigan Youth Band.

The other winners were Kristin Naigus (English horn), a 16year-old Northville High School junior who got a \$500 scholarship as the first-place winner in the Senior Division, and French horn player James Naigus, also of Northville. He received a \$350 scholarship for his performance.

The Youth Artist Competition is held each year by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra to recognize the young talent in Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren and Wayne-Westland school districts. The competition this year was open to all orchestral instruments, including piano.

Young musicians interested in participating in the 2001-2002 competition can place their names on a list now to receive information in the fall. For further information, contact the symphony office, (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at plymouthsymphony@ aol.com.

Hall of Fame

Tickets are going quickly, so Plymouth Chamber of Commerce officials are urging anyone who wants to attend the 2001 Plymouth Hall of Fame banquet, set for April 10 at Plymouth Manor.

Tickets are available for \$20 apiece and are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 386 S. Main St. downtown.

Judge James Garber and the late Robert Sincock, father of new city manager Paul Sincock, are the 2001 inductees. They follow the inductions in 2000 of Jim Jabara, James McKeon and Jack Wilcox, and the 1999 inductions of Joanne Winkelman Hulce, Ralph Kenyon and Dr. Jane Moehle.

For more information, call the Plymouth chamber, 453-1540.

Shakespearean excellence

Patricia Apperson, a senior at Plymouth Canton High School,









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Starting gate: Cub Scouts gather to watch the competition as Ken Carlson gets a heat started in the Pinewood Derby at Farrand Elementary School. Forty-six Scouts entered the derby. Among the observers were Sean Baluha (left), Dakota Bird, Charles Foster, Jack Barrie and Justin Johnson.

Start your engines! Derby draws racing hopefuls

The competition was tough March 16 at Farrand Elementary School as 46 Cub Scouts from Pack 863 raced their wood model cars at the Pinewood Derby. More than 130 people attended the event, including the scouts and their families.

The scouts, most of whom attend Farrand Elementary School in Plymouth Township, came together for a night of racing frenzy along a 32-foot, four-lane track. The Pinewood Derby cars are each made from a block of wood; strict model wheel and weight requirements must be met by each car in order to qualify for the races.

"This event enables each boy to design his own model from a simple block of wood," said Robert Simpson, Pack 863 Cubmaster. "The boys worked hard and raced hard in this event. They experienced all the feelings that go in any com-



Big winners: The design element winners included Nicholas Jenner (left), school spirit; Brandon Kingry, Cub Scout spirit; Dakota Bird, most creative; Sam Harmon Jr., funniest; and Greg Mogos, the files in the most colorful.

I Jarrod Altschuh - first First-place winners of the race for each rank within rack 863, all of whom will compete in the Sunset District Finals to be held May 12 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford,

County rejects 3rd recall bid

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER bruscato@os.h

The Wayne County Elections Commission, for the third consecutive time, has turned down an effort to recall Plymouth Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur.

The Elections Commission Wednesday morning turned down petition language submitted by Jerry Vorva, saying it lacked clarity. In his petitions, Vorva claimed Pobur "failed to require of Mayflower Development Ventures, L.L.C., a performance bond upon the sale of certain land owned by the City of Plymouth commonly known as the Weidman parking lot in a contract dated Sept. 17, 1999."

"When my language was turned down last month, I asked the elections commission what I needed to do to get the petition

language approved," said Vorva. "I did what they suggested and they still turned it down. I think that no matter what I did, they were going to turn the language down.

Vorva said he'll stop his recall efforts and turn his attention to keeping Pobur from being reelected.

Pobur, as she has claimed all along, said she had no authority to authorize a performance bond for the Mayflower project.

"Mr. Vorva is implying that I had a duty to require a performance bond, when in reality I didn't have the ability to require a performance bond for the Mayflower project," said Pobur. "In that respect, the petition was misleading and unclear. I maintain it's not about a particular issue, Mr. Vorva just doesn't like me.

Vorva believes the city could

have required a performance bond by Tri-Mount Vincenti Companies to make certain the Mayflower Town Centre, which has been delayed for nearly six months because of developer John Vincenti's financial problems, would be completed in a timely fashion.

City attorney Bob Marzano said cities can't require performance bonds on private sector construction. However, Vorva believes a performance bond could have been required when it sold the old Weidman lot to Tri-Mount so it could build the Mayflower.

In the first recall attempt, Plymouth resident Dan Taylor attempted to recall Pobur and Mayor Dave McDonald. However, the elections commission rejected those petitions in February, citing the petition language lacked clarity.

Township sets new election date

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER comm.net

Plymouth voters should mark May 15 on their calendars to head to the polls for a special election to decide whether they want to continue fire services.

Plymouth Township officials expected to forward the new date to the Wayne County Election Clerk following the township board's approval Tuesday night.

They rescinded an earlier resolution which established April 24 as the date for a special election for a 1 mill renewal for fire services.

Though Plymouth Township board members had previously approved April 24 as the election date at the March 13 board meeting, Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill learned two days later the Wayne County Clerk denied the request because an election can only be held 45 or more days following receipt of the proposed election date by the Wayne County Clerk's office.

"I spoke to the county several times prior to placing this item on the March 13 agenda and the proposed election date was discussed," Massengill said. "Had I been informed of the 45 days, I would not have placed this item on the March 13 agenda. Though I called them a dozen times, Wayne County did not tell me the request had to be 45 days prior to schedule of the election."

After the new date is forwarded to the county, an election scheduling commission approves it, Massengill said. To start the process she needed the board's approval of the new resolution.

"That is the process," she said. "The election scheduling commission is called in and they make the decision if that date is acceptable. This is the recommended date I got from the county but that does not necessarily mean the election scheduling commission will approve it. If they disapprove it, we will be doing this again."

Trustee Abe Munfakh asked if this will provide enough time for the election and commented it is embarrassing to keep rescinding resolutions.

Massengill expects absentee ballots can be picked up four weeks before the election.

The renewal would be for 20 years, the maximum allowable period the ballot language can include.

Board members had earlier discussed whether to either hold the election in April or September, taking into account the necessary days between elections considering the scheduling of the June 11 school election.

"It needs to be sent to the county by Oct. 1," Massengill said.

The millage would run through 2020 and, at 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) would raise more than \$1.6 million in the first year.

etition and hopefully learned that it's just as much fun to compete in the race as it is to win.

The evening began with voting for various style categories. Winners included Dakota Bird, creative; Sam Harmon, Jr., funniest; Nicholas Jenner, School Spirit; Brandon Kingry, Cub Scout Spirit; and Greg Mogos, most colorful.

Joel Simpson - Tiger Cubs (first grade) Andrew Magee - Wolf

Scouts (second grade) Sean Bahula - Bear Scouts la (third grade)

(fourth grade) Sam Harmon - second year Webelos (fifth grade)

The first-place winners in each rank raced against each other to determine the night's top three winners, each of

whom won trophies: first place - Joel Simpson second place - Sean Bahu-

third place - Sam Harmon

Township tables rezoning request

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@oe.hom comm.net

The same traffic concerns repeated for other impending development projects in the Five Mile/ Schoolcraft/ Haggerty Road area were among reasons cited for tabling a rezoning request at the Wednesday Plymouth Township Planning Commission meeting.

The request was made by Schonsheck, Inc. for Harmon Highway Co. for rezoning 11.62 acres from office service to technology and research.

Company representative Craig McDonnell, a representative from Schonsheck sought the rezoning for the parcel bounded by M-14 on the north, Schoolcraft Road on the south and Haggerty Road on the west.

"We thought it was sensible and would fit in with the master plan," McDonnell said. "We thought it would be a good zoning classification."

The applicant will meet with the township to review some issues.

Rezoning as requested would increase trafficgenerating characteristics from that anticipated in the master plan. TAR uses, which include light manufacturing, are expected to produce more truck trips than is typical of office uses, said Sally Hodges, vice-president of McKenna Associates, Inc., the township's planning consultants.

"Protection of the Haggerty Road residential neighborhood from negative impacts of truck noise, fumes, traffic delays and safety hazards is a major issue in the consideration of the Plymouth Lake PUD development to the north," Hodges said. "Truck traffic from the subject site would similarly negatively affect the residential quality of life."

The site's location on the northeast corner of Haggerty and Schoolcraft makes it more likely Haggerty and Schoolcraft makes it more likely that traffic, including trucks, will turn north on Haggerty Road to get to Six Mile Road for freeway access, negatively affecting the single family resi-dential neighborhood to the north, she said. "To go east on Schoolcraft requires a U-turn, a more difficult movement than a right turn, and Schoolcraft will be a less attractive route for vehi-cles," Hodges said. Besides the Flymouth Lakes PUD, east of Hag-gerty and south of Five Mile Road, Flymouth

Township plans soccer fields at the northwest cor-ner of M-14 and Haggerty. A 21-acre office park on Haggerty, north of Five Mile in Northville Township is also planned.

Consideration could be given to creating a less intensive TAR-2 district, which has been discussed in the past, or other acceptable uses which address concerns, she said.

"If after due consideration, the concerns have not been resolved we should have to recommend denial of the requested rezoning based upon our evaluation in this report," Hodges said.

The rezoning to TAR would permit uses like laboratories and offices for research and product design, business schools, data processing, high technology, service uses and light manufacturing following special approval, medical offices, motel/hotels, publicly owned buildings outdoor testing facilities, communication or public utility facilities, retail uses, (incidental and complementary to the principal technology and research uses) restaurants within a building containing a principal use, corporate fitness and recreation facilities, day care facilities and limited accessory outdoor storage are among the uses permitted.

The township seeks a buffer.

"This area of the township has been planned and zoned for office uses to create a transition of uses buffering lower-intensity single family residential uses to the north from heavier industrial uses to the south," Hodges said.

"The township's future land use plan identifies the area north of M-14 at the Beck Road interchange as the appropriate location for technology and research uses," she said.

The site is in a prominent location, visible from M-14 and residential areas to the north and west,

Hodges said. Ray Sturdy, a Thoraridge resident who lives about 1,000 feet from the site, recommended

denial based on permitted use. "One of the problems I have with the TAR ordi-nance is that it is far too broad," Sturdy said. "Specifically of the nine permitted uses, two of them cause the bulk of the problem. That's light manufacturing, assembling and machining. Those are the things which belong in industrial and not a buffer same."

suggested a "TAR light" zone which could

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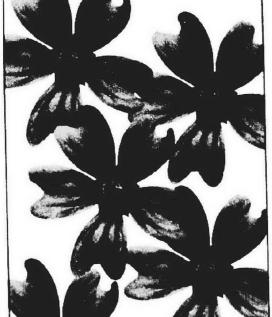
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the alignment of the fields." A stronger, taller berm was developed for a noise buffer.

"We took out the smaller field and switched the location of the two larger fields," Miner said

Plans for a smaller soccer field were converted to incorporate skating in the winter and volleyball in the summer.

There's also reduced paved parking and a handicapped parking area, a barrier-free accessible path, a covered pavilion with restrooms and fireplace,

picnic area, children's play structure for the 2-10 year old range, tot sledding hill, ice skating area and landscaping.

The board faced an April 1 deadline to expedite the project. Grants are awarded in August. Even if the township secures the grant, construction is unlikely this year, officials said.

Plans for a community pool were deleted.

Development of the soccer fields is expected to cost about \$1.2 million. The township, which has owned the land since 1999, hopes to qualify for about \$300,000 in grant funding with the rest coming from the general fund.

"The State of Michigan likes to respond to smaller requests so the limited pot of money can be spread among the greatest number of municipalities," said Sally Hodges, vice-president of McKenna Associates, Inc., the township's planning consultants. "The project will score better

under the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a smaller pool of money."

The township would provide matched funds of about \$898,000, she said. Trustee Abe Munfakh com-

mended the revised plan for being less intense. He added he will look at funding critically throughout this process.

Treasurer Ron Edwards assured the board there is money both in the general fund and the improvement revolving The park is expected to be popular.

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"People will travel great distances to this park so we have to be aware of this as we plan," said trustee Ron Griffith. "Just as they travel to our golf course and our other park, they will travel to this one."

Trustee Kay Arnold asked if the goals could be removed for other activities like field hockey.

Trustee Chuck Curmi said the plan doesn't include anything for teens. "I know some of you don't want teenage kids in there," Curmi said. "But we have trouble with youths who don't have enough to do."

Some residents expressed concerns about traffic, lighting, loiterers and trespassers at Tuesday's public hearing.

"Because one raises a concern about a proposal doesn't mean they are opposed to it," said resident Carl Berry. He questioned the planning process used, asked if there were might not be other

uses, and how the plan impacted nearby residents. "This park will be located on a heavily traveled roadway," he said. "I'm not against recreation."

"Casual traffic" will result, he said.

Bruce Hill of Breckenridge said the changes made are good. "We're concerned about the traffic going in and out of the park," Hill said. "The fact that they have removed the pool is positive. We were concerned about the liability and everything else."

A traffic study requested by both Plymouth and Northville Townships hasn't been completed, nor have solutions been found to problems such as traffic cited by neighbors.

Developers have proposed both the 60-acre Plymouth Lakes Corporate Park located east of Haggerty and south of Five Mile Road in Plymouth Township and an office park on 21 acres on Haggerty, north of Five Mile in Northville Township.

POLICE BLOTTER

Plymouth Township Police are calling a West Bloomfield man a Good Samaritan after he stopped his truck when he spotted a 2year-old boy walking alone at Powell and Ridge about 12:30 p.m. March 19.

"He took the child into his truck and called police," wrote the responding officer.

Police discovered the child walked out of a house south of Powell Road and through a large field onto Powell Road.

His mother, a Redford resident, was taking care of two other children when she noticed her son missing, said Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer.

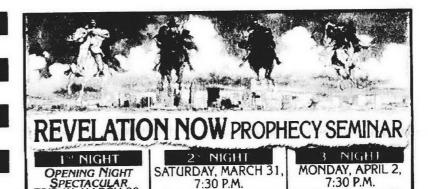
Hunting/discharge of a firearm

A Johnson Controls security guard on Halyard called the police department after hearing gunshots March 19.

He saw two men in the fields wearing orange hunting vests. One of the Detroit men told police they were hunting rabbits and have hunted in the area for the past 10 years.

Police issued citations for discharge of a firearm and hunting in violation of the township ordinance.

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School district garners key NCA endorsement

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To sustain membership in NCA, schools must meet both membership and improvement criteria annually and engage in continuous school improvement that focuses on improving student performance. It requires its members to use one of three endorsement options, one option

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OBITUARIES

SHARON ELIZABETH HOLROYDE Services for Sharon Elizabeth Holroyde, 46, of

Canton, were held March 29 at Vermeulen Funer-

brother, Michael Nevin of Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Michigan.

were held March 26 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at Fort Custer National

died March 23 in Westland. He was an employment counselor. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic

and Ruth Haas of Plymouth; daughter, Melissa Haas of Commerce Township; son, Joey Haas of Commerce Township; sister, Nancy (Michael) Morency of Canton; sister, Mary K. Grendell of Canton; sister, Theresia (Jerry) Brink of Canton;

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral

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Elaine (George) Taro of Canton; nieces Delores (Richard) Crysler, Jacqui (Forest) Milzow, Joanne (George) Baran, Dorothy (Paul) McNulty, Barbara (Patrick) Cence, and Margaret (Ronald) Lipin; nephews Richard (Jan) Haycox and Steve (Bernadette) Haycox; 24 grand nieces and

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Lawmaker looks to alter CCW restriction

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Petition passers may have just finished gathering the necessary signatures to put on the ballot a referendum of state lawmakers' "shall issue" conceal weapons bill, but already amendments have been proposed in Lansing to alter that act.

For one, state Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Township, has introduced Senate Bill 329 lowering the age requirement for getting a CCW permit from 21 to 18. Jaye opposed raising the age limit when it was added to the bill last year. He said he did not think it was inappropriate to introduce the bill despite the fact opponents were passing petitions to challenge it.

"People are always challenging 151,000, to get the question

Gun owners want law

to go into effect in July

acts," Jaye said. "In the meantime, I still have a duty to represent my constituents, many of which were very unhappy with that aspect of the bill."

explained that because the bill "My goodness, it just keeps contained an appropriation, \$1 coming," said Ruth Carter, million for trigger locks, it may not be susceptible to referendum. spokesperson for the People Who Care About Kids Committee, the The Constitution states that organization which sponsored spending items cannot be put to the petition. "Lowering the age a vote by petition. Wayne County Prosecutor is just not something that I Mike Duggan has said he would think anybody would think is a good idea. At 18, you

expects the courts to let the question go on the ballot. Previare still trying to figure things ous court cases had stopped lawout, how to handle your anger. makers from using appropria-On top of that, the opportunity to carry a gun, I would think, tions to try to protect acts from challenge at the ballot box. Pierce said the Secretary of The committee submitted

State has asked Attorney General Jennifer Granholm for an opinion of whether the question should be placed on the ballot. In the meantime, the elections division will continue counting and verifying petition signatures. She said canvassing would be complete in 60 days.

Although Granholm has expressed her position on this issue, supporting the referendum drive, that did not create a conflict of interest, said communications specialist Jenna Jent. It is the attorney general's role to advise departments on legal questions and render such opinions, Jent said, so she will do

When the state legislature passed the "shall issue" CCW

reform last December, taking placed on the ballot in November discretion out of the hands of 2002. But placement is not yet assured. Julie Pierce, spokesperlocal gun boards and requiring son for the Secretary of State, that permits be issued to applicants that met the criteria, proponents argued that their criteria were the toughest in the nation. Raising the age to 21, the bills also required firearms training classes and prohibited those with a criminal record or a history of mental illness from getting such a permit. The law also established gun free zones schools, day cares, bars, sports

arena. etc. Jaye's bill to lower the age limit is pending in committee and has yet to see any action. Other bills revising the CCW law have also been introduced.

Rep. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, has introduced House Bill 4422, clarifying the rules about the purposes for which a gun can be transported. Gov. John Engler vetoed that portion of the CCW package last year.

lord, has proposed House Bill 4229 revise the purchase permitting process.

per, including SB 268 to exempt holders of out-of-state permits from the need to get a Michigan CCW permit; SB 269 to make CCW applications subject to the Freedom of Information Act; and SB 330 allowing a family member of an owner to transport a

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Gun owners who filed suit to block a referendum on Michigan's new concealed weapons law say they are not opposed to a public vote on the issue. Rather, according to attorney

tory shows that the sky does not fall in when such concealed gun

laws go into effect," he said.

"Promoters of this petition drive

say they fear there will be an increase in gun crime as a result,

but that has not been the history

when similar laws were put in place in more than 30 other

states. If it takes effect in July, it

will have been in effect one and

a half years before the election

and voters will see it does not

have the effect promoters say it

Ellsworth filed suit Friday,

March 23, to the Court of

Appeals in Lansing on behalf of

the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners

and three individuals. The suit

Peter Ellsworth, the goal is to let the law take effect in July so Michigan voters can see how it works before they cast their ballots in November 2002. "The reason for this is that his-

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state Supreme Court. Mike Duggan, Wayne County Prosecutor and an opponent of the CCW legislation, has contended that the legislature can't use appropriations to protect

would only mean trouble."

"over 260,000" signatures to the

Secretary of State's office in

Lansing Friday morning. That is

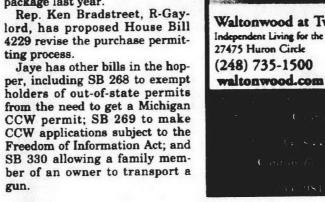
well over the amount needed,

bills from referendum, and he said the courts have ruled that way in the past.

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names as defendants the Secretary of State and the State Board of Canvassers, but Ellsworth expects it will primarily be up to petition proponents to defend the case in court.

The Beople Who Care About Kids Committee submitted an estimated 260,000 signatures to the state last week to call a referendum on a law, passed last December, which states that local gun boards "shall issue" permits to carry concealed weapons to applicants who meet certain criteria. Applicants must take a training course, have no criminal record and no history of mental illness.

Ellsworth said a referendum should not be allowed because lawmakers included in the bill a \$1 million appropriation for distribution of trigger locks, and the state Constitution prohibits referendums on spending bills.

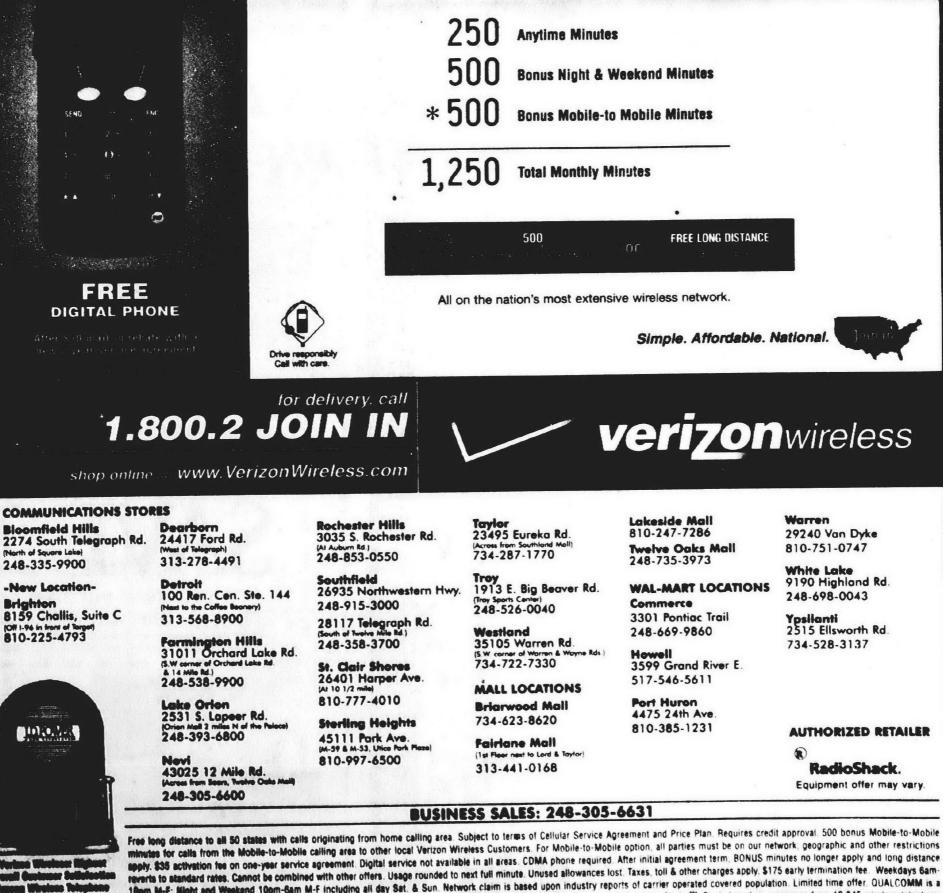
The suit asks the Court of Appeals to toss the petitions out on that basis. To put the issue on the ballot, the committee would then have to pass petitions again this time in the form of initiative legislation. Ellsworth has also asked that the Board of Canvassers be ordered not to certify the petitions until the case is settled, and that the Court of Appeals run quickly enough to allow time for appeals to the

Walleye Week begins April 2

Walleye Week Celebration Community Family Day is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton. This event will include a boat show, a regional chili cook-off, children's crafts and performances by Trenton youths. Coastie, the animated robotic cartoon character, will instruct children on safe boating.

Community Day marks the end of Trenton's Walleye Week Celebration which begins Mon-day, April 2. Walleye Week fos-tures a variety of fishing events including In-Fisherman Profes-sional Walleye Train Pro-Am Tournament in Elizabeth Park Marina

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OBITUARIES

MARGARET M. ERMIGER

Services for Margaret M. Ermiger, 91, of Canton Township, were held on March 23 at St. John Neumann Church with burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Mrs. Ermiger was born June 27, 1909 in Detroit and died



by Steve Mansfield

STUNNING **STONES**

To add interest to your floral arrangements, try using a cylindrical, clear glass vase filled with washed river stones as your container. Be sure to wash the stones beforehand in a mild bleach solution to rid them of dirt and bacteria that might otherwise cloud the vase water or harm the flowers. Then, arrange the flowers in a simple hand-tied bouquet. Cut the stems to fit between the stones, and secure them with a few more stones around the edges. For the flowers, try a mixture of white roses, eucalyptus, viburnum berries, and ivy. As for the stones, they do not have to be gray. Search for interestingly mottled and veined varieties. There color will become richer when wet.

There are many ways of incorporating nature around you into your flower arrangements, and the best part is that they are inexpensive as well as creative. For more tips on the wonderful world of flowers, call or visit HEIDE'S FLOWERS & GIFTS, 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. To place your order by phone, call 453-5140, or visit our website at www.heidesflowers.com. Since 1899, we have been dedicated to providing quality and service to our community. Look for our next article in two weeks.

HINT: Marbles also often find themselves in clear vases as attractive means of propping up flower stems.



her husband, William Pinkerton, March 20. She was a homemak-

> Survivors include her daughters, Cynthia A. Hoffman; and Janice J. (Russell) Wade; son, William (Donna) Pinkerton, Jr.; sister, Jean (Robert) Denzer; and grandchildren, Kimberly, Kristi and Elizabeth.

ELLIS D. ENRSTINE

She was preceded in death by

Survivors include her sons,

her husband, Robert C. Ermiger.

Michael (Julie) Ermiger and

Thomas N. (Colleen) Ermiger;

daughters Ann M. (Carl)

Burleigh and Mary E. (David)

Marx; 14 grandchildren; and

Services for Anna Bella

Pinkerton, 76, of Plymouth Township were held March 23 at

Mrs. Pinkerton was born

August 5, 1924 and died March

21. She was an accountant clerk

She was preceded in death by

seven great-grandchildren.

L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

for an automotive company.

ANNA BELLA PINKERTON

Services for Ellis D. Ehrstine, 77, of Plymouth were held March 27 at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia with the Rev. Thomas Badley officiating Burial was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia.

Mr. Ehrstine was born Jan. 18, 1924 in Detroit and died March 23 in Ann Arbor. He was



Ward Presbyterian Church

project manager for General Motors for 30 years. He retired in 1984. He and Joan had been married for 50 years. They were married in Henderson Memorial Methodist Church in Detroit. They came to the Plymouth community in 1993 from Livonia, having lived there for 26 years. He was a member of the New-

burg United Methodist Church for over 30 years. He was a member of the General Motors Retirees and he was an active volunteer at Greenmead in Livonia. He was a member of the Livonia Historical Society, holding the office of president for three years. He was an active board member at Hidden Ridge Condo Association. He served with the Blackhawks during World War II in the Army. He enjoyed reading, listening to music, traveling and doing vol-unteer work. He was a very faithful volunteer at Livonia Friends of the Library and volunteer at Sinai Hospital for eight years.

Survivors include wife, Joan of Plymouth Twp.; daughter, Linda Ehrstine of Saline; son, Glenn Ehrstine of Iowa City, Iowa; sister, June Carpenter of Sun City, Ariz.; and brother, Gene (Debbie) Ehrstin of Hilton Head, S.C.

VIVA NEVENE FLANDERS

Services for Viva Nevene Flanders, 89, of Plymouth Township, will be held March 30 at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating.

Mrs. Flanders was born Feb. 15, 1912 in Lansing and died March 23 in Ann Arbor. She and Dr. Flanders were married for 45 years. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1934 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She taught English in Laingsburg, Mich., and at Monroe High School. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She was past president of the

following organizations in Monroe: Monroe County Medical Auxiliary; Camp Fire Girls; Lotus Garden Club; Monroe Thrift Shop; and American Association of University Women. Other affiliations include: Delta Delta Delta Sorority; Monroe Friends in Council and St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Monroe. She belonged to the Symphony Guild of Phoenix, Ariz., and was a member of the original planning committee instrumental in establishing Monroe Community College. She traveled to existing community colleges in Wayne County to gather information to start a college in Monroe.

Mrs. Flanders was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. John P. Flanders, and her son, Gerald P. Flanders.

Survivors include daughters, Patricia F. Payne of Tucson, Ariz., and Janis N. (Charles, Jr.) Migyanka of Plymouth; grandchildren, David W. (Nancy) Payne of San Antonio, Texas, Alisa P. (Arnold) Neave of Tucson, Ariz., Bruce E. Payne of Phoenix, Ariz., Deirdre (Edward) Flanders Heffner of Flemington, N.J., John P. Flanders II of New York, Jennifer F. D'Amato of New Brunswick, N.J., John C. Migyanka of Canton, and Susan E. Migyanka of Plymouth; greatgrandchildren Mary Heffner,

Tedd Heffner, Charles Heffner, Anthony Payne, Brandon Payne, Sara Helean-Payne, Erica D'Amato and Nichole D'Amato. Arrangements made by

Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. MARGARET MARION BLUNK

Services for Margaret Marion Blunk, 82, were held in Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Blunk was born Nov. 21, 1918 in Sagola, Mich., and died March 16 in Jacksonville Beach. She was the youngest of 18 children. In the 1940s, she was a coowner of an IGA grocery and liquor store in Harrison, Mich.

Formerly of Plymouth, she moved to Union Lake in June 1964. She was the co-owner and operator of Round Lake IGA, which later became Blunk's Family Center. She moved to Jacksonville Beach in 1975 with her husband, her sons, and their families. There they managed a Ramada Inn, two motels and a bar. Margaret was an excellent cook and housekeeper. She worked hard all of her life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Elmer Blunk.

Survivors include her children, Clyde James (Linda) Blunk of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., Thomas Wayne (Marion) Blunk of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and Mary Margaret (William) Frank of South Lyon; step-daughter, Virginia Cora Findley (Daryl) Bartlett; grandchildren, Carey Ann Blunk, Clyde Thomas Blunk, Charles Francis Blunk, Craig Blunk, Crissy Blunk, Scott Thomas Blunk, Connie Marie Blunk, John Henry Frank; stepgrandchildren, Clyde James Findley, Donald Wayne Findley, Debbie Anne Findley, and Sheri Lynn Findley; great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

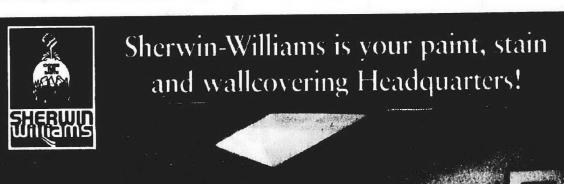
ROSE M. SEBUCK

Services for Rose M. Sebuck, 83, of Canton, will be held March 30 at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home and to St. John Neumann Catholic Church for Mass.

Mrs. Sebuck was born Oct. 22, 1917 in Arcadia, Pa., and died March 26 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter and sister, Emily.

Survivors include son Lawrence (Veronica) Sebuck; grandchildren, David (Denise) and Jeffery (Shari); great-grandmother of Sara and Shane; sister of David, Albert, Betty, Genevieve, Bernice and Robert.



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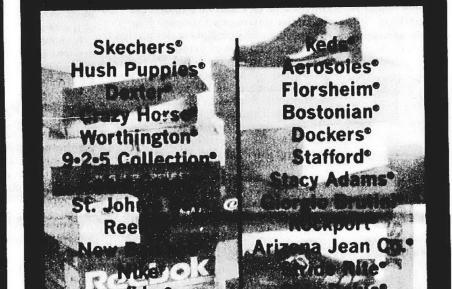
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Westchester perfect to kick off parking fixes

At its goal-setting session last month, the City Commission set the lack of parking as one of the city's great scourges, and decreed it would be one of the first problems tackled.

We've got the perfect place for commissioners to start.

The parking lot behind Westchester Square, which fronts Forest and backs up to Harvey, is a jumbled mess that requires a degree in physics to figure out. The problem is that several owners have all scoped it out to meet their own best interests, which might be the capitalistic American way, but does little for customers confuse i by the configuration or who get stuck by others confused by the configuration.

New city manager Paul Sincock points out that the city, which owns the corner of the lot at Harvey and Wing, already has engineers scoping out possible solutions, for which we say a sincere, "Thank you.

The problem stems from the development of property along that corridor, which used to be home to houses. According to Sincock, who grew up here and knows the town inside and out, as the property began to develop, owners laid down patches of pavement to suit their needs. Unfortunately for the people left to suffer the parking ignominies, their

needs didn't always coincide.

Now what customers of E.G. Nicks and the Village Shopkeeper and every other store along that stretch are subjected to is either a complete lack of parking, or total confusion as to which way to go. Of course, regulars are probably used to it, but visitors or infrequent parkers could have a lot of trouble getting around the maze.

Maybe some sort of land swap could be instituted. Sincock suggests perhaps the city could lease the parking lot property from the current owners, thereby establishing a municipal lot which could be reconfigured so it isn't so confusing. We love that idea.

Sincock, just hired as the new city manager, has a lot on his plate, including the hiring of a new police chief. But he and others, including Downtown Development Authority director Melanie Purcell, are already trying to get ahead of the game when it comes to parking. Sincock said some plans are already being considered for the Westchester Square problem

That's good for both customers, who have to be frustrated by the problem, and business owners, who should be.

Residents should join fight against diversion

Our Great Lakes water is not for sale. 1. 2001

in our ailing inner cities Gov. John Engler But we have so much water; we'd State of the State Address never miss just a little bit ... and those people out West (or down South) are s0000 dry Let us hope our lawmakers, present and future, don't fall for those lines. Great Lakes water must stay here. Water is not a commodity to be sold away, any more than are the Rocky Mountains or the Grand Canyon. Plaintive cry No. 3 will be especially galling when we hear it. The Great Lakes need the water that feeds them, all of the water. Lake levels, which rise and fall over the decades, are in a down cycle right now, as anyone who lives on the shore will tell you. Levels are said to be down more than two feet, leaving many docks and marinas high and dry along our lake shores. Low lake levels are becoming an expensive problem that will only be exacerbated by water diversion. We're pleased that our leaders are recognizing the threat and planning action to stop it The shame is that Michigan residents may have to comply with new water use rules to protect the Great Lakes from diversions by others who have already abused their water resources. According to Tracy Mehan, director of the Office of the Great Lakes, and Dennis Schornack, of the governor's office, any law prohibiting diversion or "withdrawal" of water from the Great Lakes basin that does not also apply to Michigan residents themselves would likely be susceptible to a court challenge. And it would apply, not just to pipes laid directly to the lakes, but even to far from the shoreline that draw water from acquifers supplied by the Great Lakes. Users or diverters who take a net amount over 1 million gallons per day would have to comply with the new rules It all seems somehow backward. Those who choose to live in arid climates and abuse their own water supplies apparently have a right to dip into ours. The only way to prevent that is for residents here to submit to water use rules in an area abundant with the resource.



Keep reading: Chris Theisen, from left, Tyler Gibson and Stephen Ostrowski, all 10, along with Matt Revers, 11, listen to one of the poetry readers at the "Bird Coffee House" at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth, as part of National Reading Month activities in the district.



Donations misleading

Recently, John Stewart has made much of the fact that he opposed the recent legislative pay increase. Furthermore, he has pledged to donate his salary, above a cost of living increase of 4 percent, to the Plymouth Historical Museum, the Plymouth First Presbyterian Church, the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Salvation Army.

It is no surprise that he has selected these charities. His wife, Beth, is the director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, and he is a member of the Plymouth First Presbyterian Church and the Plymouth Kiwanis Club. In short, he is taking a 4 percent pay increase and writing off his \$20,000 raise in taxpayer-funded donations on his taxes.

Representative Stewart can afford to donate part of his salary sine publicly stated that he spends his Mondays and Fridays at his law office. It is no wonder that he wants to meet constituents there. He does not have to interrupt his law practice very much and he can pick up a few clients along the way. **Kevin Lambert** Plymouth

Movies have merit

My first response when first reading Patricia Courtney's letter (Observer, March 22) was to question my judgment as my 12-year-old had seen one of the two movies listed.

However, a few minutes thought brought to mind that the R-rated movies my son has seen are ones that we have seen first and seen fit for him.

Both Saving Private Ryan and Schindler's List are graphic in their nature.

But I would hope that everyone seeing these movies would take with them an understanding of how real war is - that it is not some far off concept with few repercussions - and just how horrific discrimination of any sort

While I wouldn't want to totally demoralize these students by driving home that point that war is still going on - that ethnic "cleansing" is still

Thanks for listening. James K. Kivell, USAF (Ret.) **Plymouth Township**

Assigning blame is despicable

First of all, Mr. Clos (Observer, March 8), the explanation of your comments denouncing Chief Harvey's position are summed up with three words: I'm an attorney.

If you were a police officer, as you claim to have been, I would venture to say you were not a good one.

For you to assign blame to the police officers involved in the pursuit is despicable.

It is only a property crime, you say, so let me ask you this, where do we as

the police draw the line? The death of Travis, without ques tion, was a terrible thing! However, apply the blame to where it belongs, on the lowlifes that committed the crime and then chose to run!

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With that flat declaration Michigan's governor vowed earlier this year to fight any scheme to divert Great Lakes water to any other state, region or foreign nation for any reason.

We hear you, governor. We support you. And know also that we'll be watching you and your successors and the rest of our representative government to make certain that our water - certainly more vital than oil — stays in the Great Lakes basin where it belongs.

That Great Lakes water should not be diverted to other regions is a no-brainer, you think? Well, think again. People all over the world are casting covetous eyes on our precious water.

A couple of years ago, a Canadian company came up with a scheme to "merchandise" more than 150 million gallons of Lake Superior water each year to Asia. Thankfully, that deal was scotched by right-thinking people on both sides of the border. But planners and developers in the arid Southwest, a region that is rapidly running out of water because of careless development, are looking at the Great Lakes, which contain 20 percent of all fresh water on Planet Earth, as an untapped source to slake their mighty thirsts.

The feud over fresh water has been simmering for years. But now the feud could become a battle that could turn into a war, and the politicians know it. Note Engler's statement on water diversion, delivered to a standing ovation before the Legislature. Note also that former Michigan Gov. James Blanchard, a probable Democratic candidate for governor in 2002, is out with a "Great Lakes Protection Plan." Water diversion is a coming campaign issue.

We can close our eyes and almost hear the justifications for selling Great Lakes water in the years to come:

But if we sold just a little water to Japan or Arizona or Florida, we'd have money to fix these crummy Michigan roads

But if we sold just a little water, we'd have money to fix all the failing schools

GUEST OPINION

Right decision

I applaud the Plymouth-Canton School administration for allowing ninthgraders to view and discuss the films Saving Private Ryan and Schindler's List. Both films document historical events but even more, they dramatically show the impact of those events on real people. There are lessons to be learned by studying history, lessons that young

minds must learn if they are to become responsible citizens of this world.

Parents who isolate their children from the realities of the past and present do their children and society a disservice. Their intentions may be sincere but their children may be ill-equipped when it's time to enter adulthood

Janusz M. Szyszko Canton

Stabenow works for families

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, from the time she was a state representative, has worked quietly behind the scenes to help fathers reestablish relationships with their children following divorce.

There has been a bias against fathers in the Family Court system which has made fatherhood following a divorce difficult, if not impossible.

The result has been dramatic increases in juvenile crime, psychological problems and general family mis-

This problem knows no racial barriers and affects all families.

Ms. Stabenow was on the board of advisors for years to the Michigan Chapter of the National Congress for Fathers and Children, an organization that has helped fathers and mothers to achieve justice justice from a court system which sometimes does far more harm than good.

Ms. Stabenow realized that mothers trying to raise children by themselves have an extraordinarily difficult task, as it takes the cooperation and efforts of both parents plus a small miracle to raise children successfully.

Ms. Stabenow, as a Democrat, took some heat from radical feminists, who hold the spurious belief that fathers are unnecessary to families except as wallets. The "chin music" did not deter Ms. Stabenow who put principle above politics. In my opinion, she is a great lady with a heart of gold.

Our own State Rep. Andrew Rackowski (R-Farmington Hills) is currently on the board of advisors, having replaced Ms. Stabenow when she won national office.

I would like to say a loud and heartfelt thank you to Senator Stabenow for her work on behalf of Michigan Families and wish her the best.

Ron Oliverio Former Vice President National Congress for Fathers and Children (Michigan Chapter)

practiced. I would certainly want them to have some understanding and compassion.

These students, hopefully, will be able to bring us a "better tomorrow" in their adult years.

These movies represent events in our not-so-distant past. Some of the persons involved are still living.

This is an opportunity to better understand what grandparents, greatgrandparents, and acquaintances may have actually experienced.

Terri Harleton Canton

Month isn't racist

Black History Month is not a racist event, it is an opportunity to share and learn about one of the many cultures that make up our society in America and the world.

The focus of Black History Month is not about overcoming slavery, it is not about announcing the wrong perpetuated upon a group of people based on the color of their skin.

It is not about saying that the only culture worth celebrating is the black culture.

There are so many things that Black History Month is not about that one could not list them all in a single letter.

Let us instead address some of the things that Black History Month is about.

It is about exposing people to the cultural history belonging to a group of our citizens. It is a celebration of the achievements of individuals from this group of citizens that have benefited all of the citizens of this nation and

the population of the planet at large. It is also an opportunity to pay tribute to those individuals that not only risked their lives, but in many cases gave their lives to correct some of the inequities in a society which claimed to provide equal rights to all. There are also too many things which it is about to list here

Black History Month provides all of us a chance to learn about our neighbors' heritage, to share history from a different perspective, to honor the men and women that helped build our country and have changed our society.

I, for one, hope that we can continue to celebrate Black History Month and welcome other members of our community to put forth the energy, effort, and commitment to enhance our understanding of their cultures as well.

Just for the record, I happen to be of white European ethnic background.

You sit back with your legal degree and want to look down on the officers involved and sit in judgment.

Who do you think you are? I have been involved in several pursuits in my career, and thank god, no one has ever been seriously hurt or killed. For you to call the officers, and Chief Harvey, "cowboys" is pathetic.

I have been involved in pursuits that I have started, and called off, because I felt the pursuit was not worth the possibility of loss of life versus the reason for the pursuit.

With that said, I will still not say the pursuit should have been terminated. Why? Because I was not involved and I will not sit on a throne and pass judgment as you have chose to do!

So continue to sit in your office with your law degree and your cushy job and leave law enforcement to the men and women who have the guts to do the job!

Norm Brooks

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OTHER OPINIONS

Say you want evolution: We all want to change the world

"While the people retain their virtue and vigilance, no administration, by any extreme of wickedness or folly, can very seriously injure the government in the short space of four years."

> Abraham Lincoln First Inaugural Address, 1861



Reflecting upon the shenanigans of the Michigan Legislature, all I can do is hope Lincoln was right. For current wickedness, consider Sen. David Jaye, R-Washington Township, who has introduced Senate Bill 329 that would lower the age requirement for

getting a permit to

carry a concealed

Phil Powe

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weapon from 21 to Passed in lame duck session. CCW legislation requires local gun boards to issue permits to applicants who do not have a criminal record or a history of mental illness. Gov. John Engler, who usually has a better sense of political implication,

signed the measure. Last week an outfit called "People Who Care About Kids Committee" filed 260,000 signatures with the Secretary of State's office to get the measure on the ballot in November 2002. Thousands of volunteers got the signatures in near-record time. The bill itself has roused enormous concern from groups as diverse as the Million Mom March and Michigan prosecutors. Polls suggest a referendum will pass easily, although there will be a court challenge because the measure contained an appropriation for trigger locks and, hence, may not be constitutionally eligible for referen-

dum. Jaye, whose degree of maturity and self-control are suggested by his problems with Michigan drunk driving laws, seemed unfazed in wanting to lower the age limit for packing concealed heat to kids 18 and up. "I have a duty to represent my constituents, many of which (sic) were very unhappy about that aspect of the bill."

For current folly, consider state Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, who has introduced House Bill 4382 to amend the science standards in the state model school code to specify that evolution is "an unproven theory." His bill would add to the state curriculum standards the statement, "All stu-

weekly to Ann Arbor for his speech therapy. Life

didn't always come easy for my easy going, loving,

caring middle child. His speech apraxia made ver-

bal skills difficult, and many adults did little to

hide the annoyance they felt as they struggled to

slowed the signaling from brain to mouth, and

Though he was bright and literate, the apraxia

understand him as he spoke.

dents will explain the competing theories of evolution and natural selection based on random mutation, and the theory that life is the result of the purposeful, intelligent design of a Creator."

I had a nice talk with Gosselin, who seems an amiable enough fellow, who attended Lawrence Tech and worked for GM. He attends Berkley Community Church and is, "broadly speaking, Christian.

I spent quite some time trying to make sense out of my notes from our conversation. Failing, I offer these quotes: "If you looked up in the sky and saw a cloud in the shape of a horse, you would be right in concluding that random wind currents created it. But if you look up and see 'Red Wings win the Stanley Cup', you would reasonably conclude that was the work of an intelligent, purposeful Creator."

"Evolution could be proven a bunch of hogwash; I believe it will eventually be proven a bunch of hogwash. Religion is to be found at home; the idea that evolution is the result of intelligent design is a concept that belongs in the classroom. We should all be in pursuit of the truth."

"What would be adequate proof of evolution? There is none; I doubt there ever could be. Evolution is faith; you have to believe in evolution as a faith, just like a religion. They don't have any proof for evolution and they never will. I have no evidence for intelligent design, but I know it when I see it."

Gosselin deserves a round of applause for highlighting the kinds of silly stuff lawmakers dump into the legislative hopper on slow days. In fact, I'm prepared to offer a small prize to the best entry submitted by readers as a friendly amendment to Gosselin's bill.

Just to start things off, I suggest the school code be amended to require Dalton's Theory of Atomic Chemistry be classified as "unproven theory." I have no evidence that the four elements of earth, air, fire and water are the basis of chemistry, but I sure know it when I see it.

P.S. It cannot be pure coincidence that last weekend's newspapers carried news of the death of Charles K. Johnson, president of the International Flat Earth Research Society. Since 1972, Johnson promoted the view that the earth actually is a flat disk floating on primordial waters. He regarded scientists as frauds, basing his ideas on the Old Testament and common sense observation. "Reasonable, intelligent people have always recognized that the earth is flat," he said.

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Sharon's passing leaves world with one less bright light

Brad Kadrich

I started this job Nov. 15, 1999, completely new to the town, a born-and-bred Eastsider learning for the first time that Plymouth even existed. The first person I met was Fran Toney, the executive director of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. The second person I met was Sharon Holroyde, Fran's assistant. It didn't take long to realize they were a matched set, Fran dependent on Sharon like all good executives trust their assistants, and Sharon ever-capable of handling

whatever came her way. Including the cancer.

Sharon died Sunday, taken from us the way so many are taken - too soon. She was herself to the end, her mind staying bright and alert even when her body resisted.

"My little girl," Toney said, fighting back the inevitable tears. "Her mind was sharp, right up until ..." And the sentence trailed off.

It was the somber reaction all over town Monday as friends reacted to the news. which surprised some who didn't even know she was sick. She'd been fighting cancer for quite some time, though such a thought would never pass through the mind of anyone dealing with her. She thought she had a shot at beating it, but got the awful news four weeks ago that nothing more could be done.

It wasn't until then that Sharon backed off her work schedule, when the disease had eaten at her enough so that even her will couldn't overcome it. For the first time in 23 years, Sharon Holroyde abdicated the little cubicle in the front of the Chamber offices.

She came to Plymouth after graduating from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1977. She wanted to be a teacher; trouble was, so did about a gazillion other students at the time. Unable to find a job, Sharon found what she thought would be a temporary gig, something to pass the time until she could start her real career.

"It was supposed to be a stepping stone," she said three years ago, while celebrating her 20th anniversary with the chamber.

From stepping stone to rock-solid foundation. Sharon became the steadfast presence, the calming influence. She lived through four moves, survived 20 chamber board presidents. She broke in eight different executive directors, teaching them everything they knew.

"There were times when this place didn't have a director for months at a time, and Sharon kept it running," Fran Toney said. "She was always the one constant."



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PHOTO COURTEST PLYBOUTH CHANNEL OF COM Happy anniversary: Chamber executive director Fran Toney, right, honored assistant Sharon Holroyde three years ago for her 20-year chamber career.

mere mortals is the ability to face down adversity and not let it beat you. Sharon Holroyde did that, on her own terms. When she celebrated her 20th anniversary three years ago, she told this newspaper about the growth she'd seen in the chamber.

"There have been a lot of changes," she said. Now the chamber is undergoing perhaps its biggest, and maybe most difficult, change in 23 years - the shift to life without Sharon.

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his future, wrapped into a golden ball of the 6year-old imagination, full of wonder and endless opportunity.

Cathy Standish

The story that I caught and saved, the one I have wrapped in my mind and open on occasions when this now 13-year-old child drives me to distraction, is the story of his presidency.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" "I want to be the President of the United States. I want to live in the White House. I want to bowl and swim in the White House, and you and Dad can visit me."

"We can stay in the White House when you are

president? How cool!" "Yes, you can. You can swim for free, but I am going to have to make you pay for bowling." "We have to pay for bowling? But I am your Mommy and I love you, even when you are presi-

dent." It was when my middle son was 6 that we drove

Speech struggles paved path

for youth hoping to 'talk right'

"Yes, but you have to pay for bowling."

"Then I will just swim. It will be a big job to be president, a lot of responsibility. Why do you want to be the president?"

"Because I want to stand up and give a speech. I want everyone to listen to me and understand me. Because I want to talk right."

I held back the tears as I thought about the dreams of this child who sat weekly with his beloved speech therapist. I thought of this child sweating out his T's and F's and S's. I thought of this child's perseverance and how he had wrapped big dreams around a solid reality.

"To talk right."

Now a teenager, my son does "talk right." School-yard battles, bullies and teachers insisting on the Ritalin cure all did little to discourage him. Kind tutors and gentle speech therapists helped ease the hurt, anguish and frustration I often sensed in him on those summer days when he wanted to play as we drove to his therapy.

Some days bribes of McDonald's or pieces of forbidden candy were offered as a salve to the aching little mind.

He never gave up.

When I look back and remember, I smile. This brave boy will be remembered by people who crossed his path when he was a child, struggling to speak. People will recognize him and say they knew him "way back when."

Before he became the president.

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and regular contributor to the Observer. She can be reached by e-mail at cate 19560 acl. com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

II Police enact will of the people

Mr. Clos' letter concerning the trapedy of the lit-tic boy's death as a result of a folon fleeing the scene of a rubbery (in The Observer on March 8) and the blame being placed on the police is merely an opinion effected by Mr. Cles. We are all estitled to an opinion and therefore, I would like to effic misse Falles are charged with a responsibility to fight union in any fashion that may suit the effection is meretakes with the ground rubbe of common mans. I doe nothing that the police did is the inducate that was in visintion of that pression.

What are the Police to do in like situations? Call a meeting of citizens to determine if they should engage in the pursuit of a felon?

The police are enacting the will of the people, and if the people don't want police pursuing felons, then they should get the legislature to pass rigid laws preventing police chases.

Police chiefs setting up guidelines is all well and good, but it sets them up for criticisms by one and all who may have an az to grind.

> Bill Marrocco **Garden** City

And she accomplished it with two basic tools her penchant for kind words and a killer smile that was always there, no matter the circumstance.

Chuck Skene of Visual Impressions has known Sharon for a long time

"When someone came into town and didn't know the area and stopped in at the chamber, they were always greeted with a smile," he said. "Never once did that smile leave her face, even when she was sick.

What separates the really great people from us

There are too few truly shining lights in this world. Sharon was one. And with her passing, life is a little dimmer now.

For all of us.

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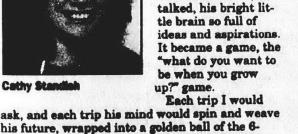
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Lawmaker proposes teaching of 'intelligent design'

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

"If you looked up in the sky and saw a cloud in the shape of a horse, you would not need any further explanation than that random wind currents created it," said Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy. "But if you look up and see 'Red Wings win the Stanley Cup,' you could reasonably conclude that was the work of some intelligent, purposeful designer."

That's the logic behind a bill that would have science teachers instruct Michigan students about the theory of Intelligent Design, as the cause shaping life on Earth, alongside the theory of evolution and natural selection. Scientists are appalled by the idea.

House Bill 4382 would amend the science standards in the state model school code to indicate that evolution is "an unproven theory." The bill would add to the state standards the phrase: "All students will explain the competing theories of evolution and natural selection based on random mutation, and the theory that life is the result of the purposeful, intelligent design of a Creator." School districts technically are not required to adopt the state model code.

It's not creationism, Gosselin said, nor is it religious doctrine.

Intelligent design

"A growing number of respected scientists support the theory of 'Intelligent Design' as a reasonable alternative to natural selection based on random mutation. Intelligent Design might be considered as a 'big tent' theory "How he did it is what we' with room enough for fundamen- debating."

stand the utter improbability of

in the House Education Commit-

tee, where Gosselin hopes the

proposal will be the subject of

future hearings. He promised

scientists, as well as religious

leaders, would be invited to tes-

tify. Committee chair Rep.

Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, is a

While debates may rage at the

state house or in the classroom,

even the religious community

has struggles over the origins of

"Not all churches teach cre-

ationism," said the Rev. Paul

Melrose, a staff therapist at the

Samaritan Counseling Center of

Southeast Michigan. "That is a

major debate that divides Chris-

tians even in the same denomi-

mutually exclusive beliefs, Mel-

rose said. "Many Methodists

understand the wisdom and

genius in evolution theory and

find there's a lot there to consid-

the Farmington Interfaith Asso-

ciation, said "science and religion do not conflict," and the

first two chapters of Genesis are "poetic explanations of people's

To say God created the world

"would support both creationism

and evolution," Jensen said.

Mark Jensen, the president of

Religion and evolution are not

nation."

faith.

The bill is now awaiting action

life forming by accident."

co-sponsor of the bill.

Religious disagree

talist Christians who believe that the Old Testament is literal truth, as well as cutting-edge molecular biologists who under-

Although proponents call it the theory of intelligent design, Wine said it's still creationism, and "creationism isn't science. There's no evidence to support creationism from a scientific perspective."

'Not a science'

"I believe creationism is not a science and should not be taught in school as part of a science curriculum," said Barb Church, Clarenceville's curriculum director who taught science in the middle school level and served as the Plymouth Canton district's science coordinator.

"Parents who hold strong religious views will, of course, impart those beliefs to their young children."

Church also sees the proposal accus

"How he did it is what we're debating." Rabbi Sherwin Wine of the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills called the legislation "Evolution is already a diffi-

cult topic to discuss," Waeschle said. "It can be controversial without adding the teaching of creationism."

Westland parent Gena Giannuzzi, expecting her fourth child in July, supports teaching intelligent design in schools. She belongs to the Free Methodist congregation of Warren Road Church in Westland.

"What would it hurt to put another theory out there (for students)?" she asked. "What would it hurt for children to hear both theories?"

Giannuzzi believes it's unfair to teach evolution and not intelligent design or creationism. "I feel that it's in essence an

e, intellectual censorship," she said. She said Christians often are

e proposal accused of being closed-minded,

but she said people who want only evolution taught in classrooms are more guilty of quashing differing viewpoints. Henry Morgan, Michigan

director of American Atheists, strongly opposes the teaching of intelligent design.

"This is not science. This is religion. This is trying to inject religious dogma into a science classroom," Morgan, a Westland resident, said. "Evolution is the only explanation."

Morgan said he has made some contacts to state legislators to oppose the bill, and he plans to speak against it in Lansing.

"This is nothing but religious garbage," he said. "It is not science."

Michael Shermer, editor in chief of Skeptic Magazine agrees it is not science.

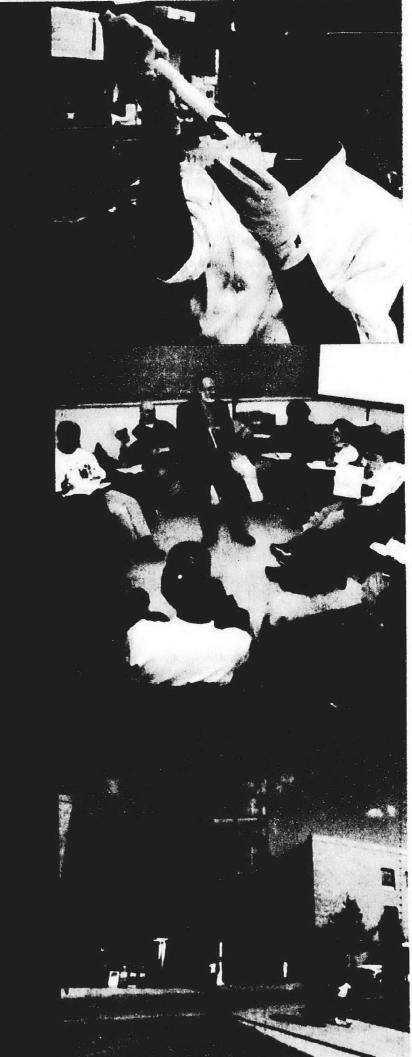
"Intelligent Design is a new version of a very old argument, called 'The Design Argument,' which was originally put forth by

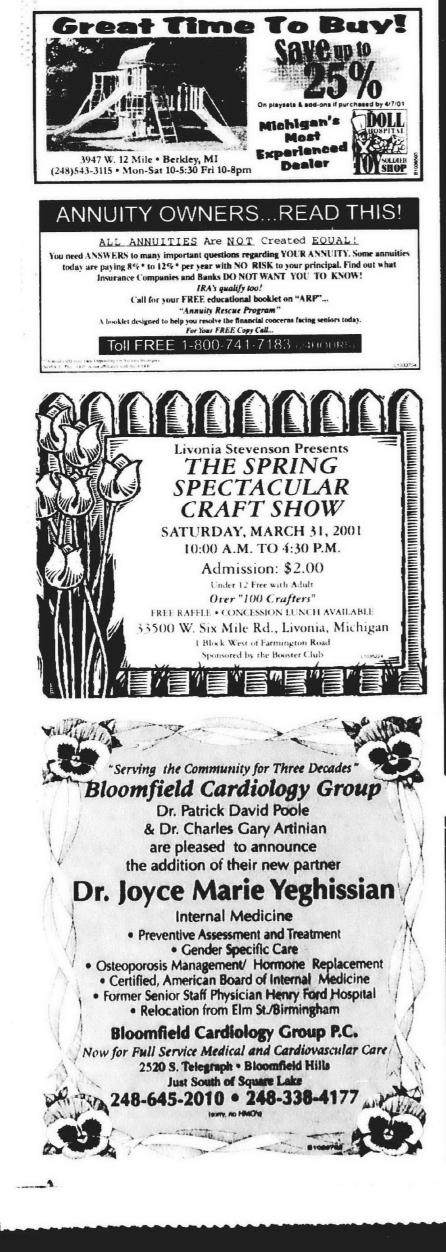
a theologian named William Paley, 18th Century Brit, who made the famous Watchmaker argument. If you stumble across a stone on the beach, you assume it was made by natural processes. If you stumble upon a watch, that does not look like it was made by natural processes, so you assume there was a watchmaker and that of course is God." Shermer said. "Variations on these theories have been around since the 18th Century, and Charles Darwin put the nail in the coffin of that argument by showing that there is a process in nature that creates what looks like intelligent design when in fact it is just natural design."

But evolution does not deny the existence of God, said Shermer. There are many scientists who accept evolution yet maintain religious beliefs, including fundamentalist Christianity, he said.

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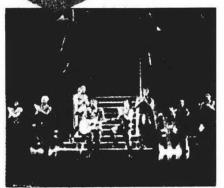
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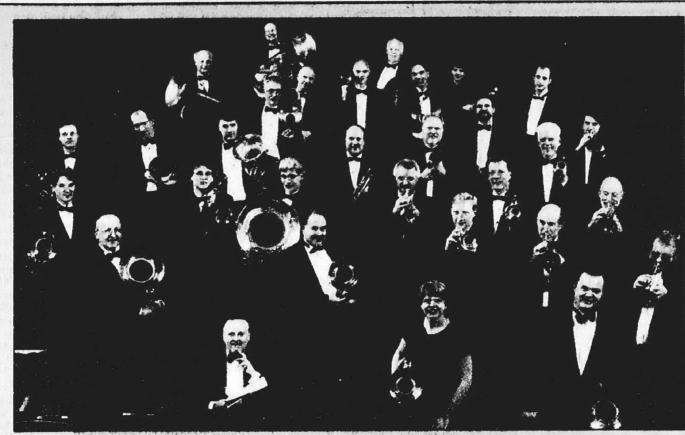
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SATURDAY



See Gumboots, a dance concept which originated in the mines of South Africa, 8 p.m. at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit. Tickets \$25-\$40, call (313) 963-2366.





Blow-out: The Brass Band of Battle Creek is coming to Ann Arbor Friday to present a concert.

Brass band blows into town for concert

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITE mm.net

r. Jim Gray loves tra-ditional British brass band music so much that when he no longer felt capable of playing at the same level as the rest of

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Ann Arbor

the group he founded with his brother William, both stepped aside. Never could they have imagined that one day the Brass Band of Battle Creek would attract musicians of the caliber of Wycliffe Gordon, trombonist with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, and from England and all over the U.S. On Friday, March 30, Gordon and the rest of the band, under the direction of Constantine Kitsopoulos, will blow into town to perform a mix of marches and big band favorites as well as classics by Stravinsky and Shostakovich.

and the sound engineer Brass Band of from Wales. Britain is **Battle Creek** where the sound originat-When: 8 p.m. Friday,

"You might ask why all Where: Hill Auditorium 825 North University, these English guys? Brass bands really got their start Tickets: \$10-\$22, call in England in 1860," said (734) 764-2538 Gray. "If you really want to hear brass bands England

is the place to go." Not necessarily. The University Musical Society series is making it possible to swing to the music of the 32-member Brass Band of Battle Creek in its debut performance in Ann Arbor. Gordon, a music instructor at Michigan State University, will lead a medley featuring "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and "When the Saints Come Marching In." It's sure to make the audience want to get up and dance. Stravinsky's "Firebird" will stir the soul as will the band's rendition of 'Lover Man."

City Brass Band in Pittsburgh.

Challenging and exciting

"The music is much more challenging and the players are top- notch from all over the world," said Hawes who taught at a brass band camp in Canton two summers ago. "Music is written mainly by British composers. It's very exciting. Some of the most difficult pieces for brass are in the British brass literature.

Gray doesn't have to worry about the difficulty of the music any more, as producer of the band he has an entirely different set of challenges from booking hotel rooms to sending out music six weeks in advance to musicians. In 1998, he coordinated the band's 10-day tour of the United Kingdom including a stop at Royal Albert Hall. While in Ann Arbor he's making sure all will be ready for the musicians to teach master classes at Cass Tech and the Detroit High

DSO

Thursday, March 29, 2001

features guest cellist

BY KRELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.ho mecomm.net

E-mail is a convenient way to keep in touch with friends especially if you're a busy musician like cellist Steven Isserlis.

The chance to see a friend is one of the reasons he accepted a March 29 to April 1 engagement with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

"I have a good friend in the DSO cello section with whom I have kept up the same running joke through letters, occasional meetings and now e-mails for over 15 years - and it needs a fresh infusion of ideas," said Isserlis in an e-mail interview from his home in London.

The grandson of Russian pianist composer Julius Isserlis, and a descendent of Felix Mendelssohn, Isserlis is a world renowned performer, instructor and musicologist

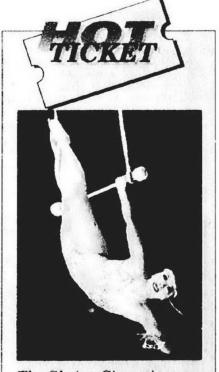


Steven Isseriis

What: The Detroit He last per-Symphony formed with the DSO in 1992, and will be featured on Camille Saint-Saens' Cello Concerto No. 1. "I love the Saint-Saens con-

Orchestra, led by music director Neeme Jarvi, in a program featuring guest cellist Steven Isseriis performing Saint-Saens Cello Concerto No. 1. When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, certo, and not March 29-30, 8:30 that many orchesp.m. Saturday, tras ask for it,

Mary Gutzi stars as Emma Goldman in "Ragtime," 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. Tickets \$35-\$75, call (313) 872-1000.



The Shrine Circus is coming to town, Friday, March 30, through Sunday, April 15, at the State Fair Coliseum. Tickets \$8 general admission, \$20, \$15 and \$12 reserved, call (313) 366-6200 for more information, or visit shrinecircus.net.

Growing up with music

"I always loved band music," said Gray, who grew up in Lincoln Park and lived for many years in Bloomfield Hills before moving to the west side of the state. Gray now plays clarinet with the Marshall Community Band during the summer. "My grandfather was a trombonist in circus bands during the Depression and my father was president of the Michigan State Marching Band in the 1940s. We listened to the New York Philharmonic and the U of M Concert Band on the record player. We wore out five of the records from their Soviet Union tour."

The Grays early exposure to music led to the two podiatrists founding the Brass Band of Battle Creek in 1989. In 1990 they received funding from the Kellogg Foundation and were on their way.

Five members of the Brass Band of Battle Creek will fly in from England

"A brass band can perform different styles of music," said Gray. "They can legitimately play 'Firebird' and do it very well in a classic sense and then turn around and do 'Sing, Sing, Sing' and sound like a big band, or play any type of Broadway and Hollywood songs. Technically a brass band can't play 'Firebird' but come hear it and

you'll see. "There's a wide dynamic range that can pull you out of your seats. What they don't expect is the sensitive quiet pieces."

Versatility is the reason Randy Hawes joined the band three years ago. Unfortunately he won't be able to play at the Ann Arbor concert because of a scheduling conflict. The Bloomfield Hills trombonist will be performing with the Detroit Symphony. Orchestra at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Like the Grays, Hawes developed a love of British brass music early and later played with the River

School for the Fine and Performing Arts during their stay.

"Musicians aren't as difficult to deal with as a bunch of surgeons," said Gray who raised the \$200,000 necessary for the current tour of Michigan which began in Battle Creek then traveled to Interlochen Center for the Arts before arriving at Hill Auditorium.

"The hard part is raising the money. We've received grants from the Kellogg Foundation and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, plus money from tickets sales from the 2,000 seat hall in Calhoun County where we regularly play. We're planning a summer camp for ages 15 to 24 in Battle Creek for 2002. Young people are the future of brass band music whether they decide to play or are out there in the audience. Brass band music is different from what you've heard. It's rewarding when you hear the music."

and because I wanted to play with Neeme Jarvi, with whom I haven't worked for more years than I care to remember," said

March 31, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 1. Where: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. Detroit Tickets: \$15-\$52. call (313) 576-5111

Isserlis giving two more reasons why he's looking forward to performing with the DSO.

Musical background

He didn't choose to play cello growing up, his family chose it for him.

"It was needed in my family," he said. "My mother played the piano, my father the violin, my elder sister Annette was going to learn the viola. my middle sister Rachel played the violin and our dog howled so there was a vacancy for a cellist."

His warm sense of humor comes across e-mail, and it's easy to see how he could maintain a long distance

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THEATER

'Play by Play' parades across stage during marathon

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Hay by Play What: A marathon of

short plays to benefit

Heartlande Theatre

midnight, Saturday, April 7. Reception in

the lobby 5:30-6:30

When: Noon to

Company

p.m.

Playing around with scripts is something Heartlande Theatre Company does just for the fun of it. Unlike other groups who present the works of oth-

ers, Heartlande works with writers to develop original plays that say something about the human experience. On Saturday, April 7, Heart-

Where: The Studio lande is present-Theatre, Varner Hall on ing a 12-hour the Rochester campus of Oakland University. marathon of oneact plays in the southeast corner of Studio Theatre at Squirrel and Welton Oakland Univer-Cost: All day" edmission \$20 or hoursity. Each of the by hour \$5. All tickets 24 short plays will be sold at the door, call (246) 985-1094, sxt. 1 ar information, cr visit will be presented twice during the evening. Plays range in length from seven to 15 minutes. Four are presented every hour. Most are comedies, some are absurd. Six dramas will be presented, one each hour.

"This is the only fund-raiser we do all year," said Jan Radcliff of Birmingham. "We are committed primarily to the creation, development and presentation of original works, and to the nurturing of the resident theatrical community."

Local actors and directors will present the plays submitted by playwrights from Michigan, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, Minnesota, Chicago, Connecticut and Scotland.

Of the 24 plays being presented, 11 were written by Michigan playwrights.

Full day

David MacGregor of Livonia is one of those playwrights, and has been participating in the marathon for the past four years.

"It's a full day, there's nothing like it," he said. "It's almost like watching sketch TV. If you don't like what you're seeing in 10 minutes it will be different. Wherever it is people show up, and it's gradually becoming an institution.

His "Towards the Perpetuation of the Species" is typical of the plays you'll see - "short, punchy, self-contained."



Rehearsing: Cindy Hansen (left to right), Eric Franz, Kim Howe, and Mark Barerra rehearse their lines for "Accelerated Learning" by Robert Morse of Indianapolis.

A man and woman meet in a bar, and surprise, they're completely honest with one another.

"It's a comedy about the standard dating ritual," said MacGregor who teaches film writing at Wayne State University. "I'm always intrigued with the idea of truth, so much is predicated on spin. If you strip all the facades away what's left? These two people are attracted to each other, but they know each other too well; there's no mystery. So they drink too much to forget and start over."

With help from Heartlande Theatre Company, MacGregor has written two full-length plays.

"They provided directors, staged readings, actors, to hear this stuff out loud," he said. "It's useful to see the play kind of on its feet. You see what works and what doesn't."

He has a lot respect for the group, what it stands for.

"It's almost a philanthropic exercise," said MacGregor. "They put their love and heart into it for the love of theater."

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Cellist from page B1

Sonata.

"Recording all of Saint-Saen's

output for cello has been deeply

satisfying," he said. "Of course,

the concerto I am playing in

Detroit is well-known, but works

such as the 2nd concerto, 'La

Muse et le Poete' (for violin, cello

and orchestra) and the wonder-

ful 'Priere' (for cello and organ)

are little known, even though they have all been recorded

before, and they deserve to be

just as famous as the first con-

In addition to discovering

what he calls "Sleeping Beau-

ties," Isserlis is committed to

education, and inspiring a new

He developed a collection of

eight contemporary miniatures

for cello designed for children

and amateur cellists, and is

working on a children's book

"I love playing to children and

seeing their honest reactions to

the music," he said. "Also, I had

the privilege of being brought up

in a house full of music, and as

far as it's possible, I'd like to

pass on a bit of that luck to other

children. Also, my son plays the

generation of musicians.

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Inspiring young

musicians

friendship for over 15 years.

But joking aside, Isserlis is a serious musician who has a passion for research and expanding the repertory for cello.

"I love finding unknown, or little known works for the cello, and playing/recording them," he said. "It is a real thrill to know that one is breathing life into a neglected offspring of a major composer – or that one is dusting off the work of a composer who has been unjustly ignored, and would have gone to the grave hoping that his or her works would one day be rediscovered."

Contemporaries

Isserlis also enjoys working with contemporary composers, and musicians like violinist Joshua Bell who performed with the DSO on Jan. 12. Bell and Isserlis have been friends for 15 years.

"We clicked musically as soon as we played together," said Isserlis. "I love playing with him because he's a wonderful artist; we also have great fun together even though we are very different people."

Bell is featured in almost all of Isserlis' major projects including his latest recording for RCA Red Seal, a CD devoted to the cello music of Saint-Saens that features the neglected Cello Concer-

Marathon from page B1

Heartlande Theatre Company has been in existence for 11 years. Radcliff and Mary Rychlewski of Ferndale are the remaining original members.

"We ultimately do what we want to do," said Radcliff. "Outside of academic training, there's no place to go to learn how to write a play. The need rose out of just looking at the community."

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Heartlande works to develop new talent through its New Plays Initiative. Writers meet twice a month to discuss their works.

"Play by Play" is a showcase of works by new playwrights, and also an opportunity to see local directors and actors at work. Featured playwrights include Kitty Dubin of Birmingham – "Bye Bye Love," and Kim Carney

develop of Beverly Hills, "Dependence ts New Day."

to No. 2 and the second Cello cello and listens to lots of music,

he says.

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He'd rather be performing

than composing music, and

believes his talents lie in inter-

preting, not in creating music.

'I'm only a secondhand artist."

But, there's nothing second-

hand about him, he's an original,

someone who believes "to be rou-

In addition to finishing the

children's book, Isserlis is orga-

nizing a performance of the St.

Matthew Passion by Bach in

Gloucester Cathedral to be con-

ducted by Sir Colin Davis and

led by Joshua Bell, which, he

says, "has been a longtime

Concert-wise, he goes immedi-

ately to Frankfurt to play with

Paavo Jarvi after the last con-

If you've never seen Isserlis

play, or unfamiliar with his

music, why should you come to

on TV that night," he jokes, and

although you can't see it, you can

feel his smile, and hear his

The all-Romantic program also

includes Symphony No. 2 by

Sergei Rachmaninoff, and Cesar

Franck's "The Accused Hunter."

"Because there's nothing good

cert in Detroit on April 1.

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this concert?

laugh.

"We hope that maybe we can find new writers, directors and actors," said Radcliff. "It's an opportunity to see a whole group of people that we didn't know before. It becomes a community networking opportunity.

"The biggest lesson for me was because people have ownership, they do incredibly good work. You see wonderful acting and directing. When you see these plays parading across the stage, it's mind boggling."

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REDUCE STRESS

WaldenBooks, 30200 Plymouth Road, Livonia will be hosting a "Dianetics Stress Test" event 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 7. Find out how to get rid of the stress in your life with "Dianetics." Call (734) 261-7811 for information.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Family Book Talk selection for April is "Dragon's Milk" by Susan Fletcher. For more information, call (734) 397-0999. There is no charge for these programs.

SPRING BOOK SALE

Hosted by the Ann Arbor District Library 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28 (all paperbacks 25 cents each, hardcover 50 cents each). From 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 30 anyone can fill a brown paper grocery bag with books for \$4. In the Book Shop, lower level of the Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave., (734) 327-4211.

SCREENWRITER'S SEMINAR

Bonnie Garvin, a native Detroiter and successful screenwriter, will host a seminar 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2 at The Community House, 380 Bates St., downtown Birmingham for local movie buffs who wish to make their mark in show business. The cost is \$125 per person and includes a continental breakfast and box lunch. Call (248) 644-5832 to register.

WRITER'S GROUP

WaldenBooks Writers Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the store, 30200 Plymouth Road, Livonia. All writers are welcome. The group includes accomplished writers, beginning writers, and those who have always dreamed of being a writer. Call (734) 261-7811 and ask for Wanda if you have any questions.

Stephen Malkmus makes it out on his own



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"All I do is talk," announces the voice on the other end of my telephone in quite the sarcastic tone. It belongs to

Stephen Malk-STEPHANIE mus; he's been A. CASOLA on the phone all day. So much so.

the battery on his portable is dying out and he's forced to go upstairs to his cold bedroom just to talk to me.

"I don't even like sleeping up here," he says. "Downstairs, it's kids rules - the satellite dish and my stereo. Up here all there is a bed.'

But he doesn't want any sympathy. "It's nice to talk to an American," he says. And I'm flattered. I'm his first American interview all day. The reason I'm calling - along with hoards of other reporters, while Malkmus might rather be enjoying his last two days of freedom before leaving his Oregon home and heading out on tour? His brand new self-titled solo album of course.

The one I can't get out of the CD player.

Released last February on Matador Records, the solu effort feels like a seamless next-step for Malkmus, formerly of Pavement. He began writing the

songs just after finishing what became Pavement's swan song, Terror Twilight.

"I didn't really have much of a plan when I did it," he admits. "I just wrote tunes at my house in a digital studio. The people I thought about working with ended up being at the bar at the right time.

Those people are drummer John Moen (The Maroons, Elliot Smith), bassist Joanna Bolme (formerly of Calamity Jane), and new to the tour, pianist/guitarist Mike Clark (The No Nos).

"John Moen, he's the drummer, he's a local guy around here. He plays in millions of bands... We rehearsed in his girlfriend's basement. After a couple of weeks, I decided I really should ask Joanna. She works in a local studio, Jackpot. We play Scrabble. It made sense to ask her.'

And so he had his line up. He had his songs. The first of which is a jaunty rock tune called Black Book. "That was the best one of the 12 to go first," he said, his chipper voice dipping a little. "The lyrics are kinda bad."

It's not so much what Malkmus is trying to say in these songs, as how he's saying it. In the case of Black Book, no matter what meaning you extract, you'll be singing it in the grocery store or in line at the bank after just a few listens. It's that contagious. "It's more of a sound," he agrees. "It's kind of a rocking sound. It's all about flow."

While this batch of a dozen new songs definitely have flow, some will work better on a stage than others. "Phantasies and Jo Jo's Jacket, we hashed it out a little more," said Malkmus. "They're more fun to play live I suppose than Church on White. For some reason Discretion Grove (the first single) is good live. Troubbble is good. It's hard to play Vague Space. Trojan Curfew has a certain blend of instruments that is hard to recreate."

When asked if he expects some

of these songs will evolve on tour into something more friendly for Malkmus performance, responds: "It's a question of how much you care about them.

"We have a couple more songs made for a stage setting, where these initially weren't. They sound good out of the speakers."

Attendees at the upcoming show should listen for a new one, One Percent of One. Malkmus said it's the one song everyone wishes was on this album. "We'll have to wait a year a and a half," he savs.

That's good news to fans, a sign that he intends to stick with this project for awhile. But he's always been into music. Malkmus picked up guitar in high school, emulating the older kids that "seemed cool," he says. His musical diet then consisted of Kiss and Devo.

Like the idols of his youth, Paul, Gene, Peter and Ace, Malkmus returns to Rock City this month. "I do like Detroit," he says. And when you hear the indie rock icon confess he's pleasantly ridden a bicycle from Greektown to Belle Isle and

Stephen Mallumus

watched preparations for the Detroit Grand Prix, you start to believe him."

Catch Stephen Malkmus and the Jicks, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 5 at St. Andrews Hall, Detroit.

Call (248) 645-6666.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130.

Music award nominees unveiled

stage Pass.

PRNewswire - Triple Grammy Award winner Eminem, Kid Rock, Rochester native and superstar Madonna, Uncle Kracker, Carl Craig, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise and Livonia-based The Suicide Machines are among top nominees for the 2001 Detroit Music Awards, 7 p.m. Friday, April 6 at the State Theatre in Detroit.

> The DMAs are an annual presentation of the Motor City Music Foundation, a non-profit organization.

Among this year's multiple nominees in 73 categories are Alberta Adams, The Atomic Numbers, Valerie Barrymore, Buggs Beddow, Blackman & Arnold, Scott Campbell, DJ Assault, The Dungbeetles, Fred and an opening performance

Hammond, Lisa Hunter, Immu- drum circle led by Mahindi nity, Jennifer Knapp and Livo-Masai. nia native, Paradime.

Performing at this year's show

will be Alley Life, The Atomic

Numbers, The Brothers Groove,

Johnnie Bassett and the Butler

Twins with Thornetta Davis and

Just added to the list of per-**Distinguished Achievement** formers is D-12, which has insti-Awards will be presented to gated speculation that The Real Motown songwriting great Barrett Strong, of BoomTown Sound Slim Shady himself - Eminemin Southfield, the late blues hero might make an appearance. Willie D. Warren and longtime Sean Deason and DJ Assault, WRIF disc jockey Arthur Penhallow. The Board of Directors

both on Birmingham-based Intu-Award for Special Achievement it-Solar, will be the house DJs will go to public television sta-tion WTVS' arts program Backfor the evening. Detroit Music Award tickets

cost \$10 for balcony seats, \$25 for limited mezzanine seats and \$100 for tables of four. Main floor tables and sponsorship packages are available by calling Valerie Barrymore, Lisa Hunter (248) 486-3424.



Count on it: The Atomic Numbers - (left to right) Zach Shipps, Tim McHugh, Jeff Hupp and Matt Aljian - will perform at the 2001 Detroit Music Awards, Friday, April 6 at Detroit's State Theatre. Tickets are on sale. Call (248) 645-6666.







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CENTURY THEATRE: Mind Games continues through July 29, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: "T for 2" opens Thursday, March 29 and continues to Sunday, May 20, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater. No performances Easter Sunday. (313) 868-1347

FISHER THEATRE: Ragtime, the musical continues to April 15 (\$35-\$75); Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman April 18-29 (\$35-\$45). FOX THEATRE: Smokey Joe's Cafe, starring Gladys Knight, continues to April 1, at the theater. Showtimes vary. \$23.75-\$38.75. (313) 983-6611

GEM THEATRE: The Tropical Pickle continues through Aug. 26, at the Gem Theatre, Detroit. \$24.50-\$36.50. (313) 963-9800 HARMONIE THEATER: "Tony 'n Tina's Wedding," the off-Broadway interactive theater production continues through April, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$55-\$65. (313) 961-5211/(248) 645-6666

PLANET ANT: The Adding Machine by Elmer L. Rice Thursday-Sunday, April 5-29; 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 365-4948. **MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE:** The Phantom of the Opera opens Wednesday, April 25 for 5 weeks, at the theater, Detroit. \$16-\$68. (248) 645-6666 **MEADOW BROOK THEATRE:** The

Ride Down Mt. Morgan continues to April 15, at the theater, Rochester. \$24.50-\$37.50. (248) 377-3300

PERFORMANCE NETWORK: Struggling Truths continues to April 8, at the theater, Ann Arbor. (734) 663-0681

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: Sisters continues to April 8, at the Anderson Center Theater in Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$20, \$15 matinee/seniors/students. (313) 872-0279

COMMUNITY



Circus comes to town: The Flying Wallendas are just one of the acts you'll see at the Shrine Circus opening Friday, March 30, and continuing through Sunday, April 15, at the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit. Circus parade 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 31, features historic circus wagons. Shows 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday; 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$8 general admission, \$20, \$15 and \$12 reserved. Call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 or (313) 366-6200 for tickets and information, or visit shrinecircus.net

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT: Rally against sexual assault 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 on Gullen Mall on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 336-8191 or e-mail girlscout76@yahoo.com

BENEFITS

CLASSICAL BELLS: Present a benefit concert 6:45 p.m. Sunday, April 1 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 West Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. A free will offering will be taken for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County. (248) 643-0868

CELEBRATING LIFE: Michigan Jewish Aids Coalition present a musical revue featuring the cast of Ragtime: The Musical 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 2, at Temple Israel, West Bloomfield. \$36 open seating, \$72 reserved, sponsorships from \$100 to \$1,000. (248) 594-6522

COMMON GROUND SANCTUARY: Red Wagon Wine Shoppe will host a wine tasting 7 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the Townsend Hotel, Birmingham. \$35, to benefit Common Ground Sanctuary. (248) 852-9307

ELIZABETHAN ELEGANCE: The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold its annual dinner/auction fund-raiser Saturday, March 31 at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. \$60. (734) 416-4278 The evening features an Elizabethan theme complete with musician Matt Watroba as Henry VIII conducting the live auction. A silent auction will tempt revelers with a huge array of art works, jewelry, sports tickets, dinners, and travel getaways. Following a sumptuous meal and the live auction, guests can dance the night away to the music of the Couriers. In addition, a putting tournament has been included with a specialty putter as the prize. A preview of auction items will be held 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 23 at the arts council."

FANTASY CRUISE/ADMIRAL'S

BALL: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, (6:30 p.m. cocktails), at The Roostertail, Detroit. \$75, to bene fit Latino Family Services. (313) 841-7380, ext. 104 LIGHT UP THE PARK: Live and silent auctions, gourmet buffet. music by the Johnny Trudell Orchestra, fireworks display, and opportunity to meet Detroit sports celebrities 6 p.m. Monday, April 2, at Comerica Park's private Tiger Club, Detroit. \$350, to benefit the Atanas Ilitch Osteosarcoma Foundation which will award \$300,000 in checks to cancer programs at local hospitals and a nationally renowned cancer center. (313) 983-6050

Registration for Summer Camp of the Arts now being accepted, ages 7-11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 18-July 6, at the Huntington Woods Recreation Center. (313) 965-3544 JAZZ/SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE:

Auditions for modern/jazz dancers, age 18 and up, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday, throughout March, at the theater, 22715 Plymouth Road, between Telegraph and Outer Drive, Detroit. (313) 534-0301 MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE:

TROUPE: Open auditions by appointment on Saturdays at 2 p.m. only, ages 16 and older. Call (248) 552-5001 for audition time. \$25 non-refundable registration

fee.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS: An exciting music scholarship opportunity, designed and conducted by two mid-Michigan music educators, awaits 40 young male singers on May 18-20 on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing. "A Cappella Blast" will offer young men, ages 14-18, the chance to sing a cappella music using the Barbershop style in an ensemble setting. Clinics will help young singers to broaden their skills and musical experience. The Young Men in Harmony program of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA) has received generous grants from the Harmony Foundation and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, making the event possible for a cost of only \$25 per participant. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 18. For a form or more information, call Bob Wolf at (734) 421-1652 or visit the Web site

www.harmonize.com/pioneer/pio. htm. There are limited places in the chorus.

PRIME VOCAL JAZZ: Auditions for low bass singer, needed for established close harmony ensemble performing in Detroit/Ann Arbor area, requires strong music reading skills and excellent "ear," vocal jazz background a plus. (248) 682-6562

SCULPTORS WANTED: The Livonia Arts Commission is seeking sculptors interested in producing a commissioned sculpture for the city of Livonia. The work will be the third piece for a developing sculpture garden located behind city hall. Sculptors should send a letter to the arts commission by March 31 stating their interest in the project. Include photos or slides of previous work. Write the Livonia Arts Commission at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia MI 48154. For information, call the city's community resources department at (734) 466-2536 TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Holds auditions for actors, singers and dancers ages 8-12 to fill roles in the June 9-17 production of "Oliver" 10 a.m. Saturday, April 7, boys interested in the role of Oliver should be prepared to sing "Where is Love?", in the Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. To schedule an audition, call (313) 535-8962 TONY 'N TINA'S WEDDING: Female keyboardist/singer needed for understudy role in the interactive theater show in Detroit's Harmonie Theater. Need to read sheet music and chord charts for pop/jazz/wedding music. Acting ability a plus. Equipment provided. Compensated performance. Call for audition (248) 388-2700

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THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-**REDFORD:** Fantasticks, a romantic comedy musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31, April 6-7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1 and April 8, 15138 Beech Daly, (1 block south of 5 Mile Road), Redford. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students. Group rates available, (313) 531-0554. STAGECRAFTERS: Noises Off 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1 at the Baldwin Theatre, downtown Royal Oak. \$12-\$14, reserved. (248) 541-6430

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN **ASSEMBLY FAMILY THEATRE:** The

Price of Love, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 6-7, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 8, Northville Christian Assembly, Northville. No charge. (248) 348-9030

WEST END PRODUCTIONS: Always Patsy Cline, 6:30 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 20-May 20, Como's Restaurant, Ferndale. \$35. includes dinner and show, (248) 541-1763

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 28. Shows 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28 to May 19; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, May 13, at the theater, Dearborn. \$14. (313) 561-TKTS

COLLEGE THEATER

EMU THEATRE: Shakespeare's "The Winter's tale" 8 p.m. March 30-31. April 5-7, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1. in the Sponberg Theatre on campus, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursday, \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221 HILBERRY THEATRE: Picnic continues in rotating repertory through Thursday, May 10; Shakespeare's Cymbeline through April 5: Antigone by Jean Anouilh runs in rotating repertory through March 29. performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, at the theater, Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY: "Cabaret" Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 31 and April 1. Varner Studio Theatre, Rochester. . \$6-\$12. (248) 370-3013

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE THEATER: Presents Ernest Thompson's sentimental comedy "On Golden Pond" as dinner theater 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31; performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 6-7, in the Liberal Arts Building Theater on campus, Livonia. Dinner theater \$21, performance only \$10. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5457

STUDIO THEATRE: "Ton Girls" March 29-31 and April 5-7, in the theater on Wayne State University campus. Detroit. \$6-8. (313) 577-2972

THE THEATRE COMPANY: Between Daylight and Boonville continues to April 8, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, in McAuley Auditorium at University of Detroit Mercy. \$12. \$10 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130 or www.udmercy.edu **U-M THEATRE:** Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure" opens March 29 and continues to April 8, in the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS:

Snoopy, lunch 1 p.m., show 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1. Plymouth Masonic Lodge, 730 Penniman, downtown Plymouth. \$8.50 per person. includes lunch, (248) 476-8635; 'The Wizard of Oz" continues to Saturday-Sunday through April 29. at Al Matta Hail, Dearborn. \$8.50, includes lunch. (810) 344-7774/(248) 476-8635

MARQUIS THEATRE: Wizard of Oz 2:30 p.m. Saturday. March 31 and April 1, at the theater, Northville, \$7.50. Children under age 3 not admitted. (248) 349-8110 **RISING STARS:** Midsummer Night's Dream 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday. March 29-30, noon Saturday, March 31, Lahser High School. Bloomfield Hills. \$3. (248) 433-0885

PUPPETART: 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31 Marilyn O'Connor Miller and John Miller of Connecticut, John conducts a tour of the exhibit of their puppets, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. \$7. \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

YOUTHEATRE: "Are You My Mother?" 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1. at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS

SPECIAL EVENTS

A Celebration of the Fine Arts: Friday, March 30 to Sunday, April 1. includes concerts by Measure for Measure 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, and pianist Paul Bisaccia 3 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8860 AND THE WINNER IS: The Skating

Club of Novi presents its annual ice show 7 p.m. Friday, March 30 and 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Novi Ice Arena. \$5. (248) 347-1010

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT: Thursday-Sunday, March 29-April 1, most sessions begin at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m., separate sections for all levels of players, at the Finnish Cultural Center, Farmington Hills. Reservations no required. \$9 experienced players, \$7 intermediates/newcomers, \$5 students. (734) 480-9055. Call (248) 358-3089 if you need a partner. BUNNY HOP 'N' FUN: A Bunny Breakfast of pancakes and sausage, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., kicks off the fun for families on Saturday, April 7, at the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Face painting, egg decorating, games. crafts and petting farm, for elementary school children and younger. 10 a.m. to noon. Breakfast is \$5 per Southfield resident, includes one photo with the Easter Bunny per family. Activities are \$5 per resident. Non-residents may buy tickets for \$7 if someone in their immediate family lives in Southfield or attends Southfield schools. (248) 354-9603

MALL RALLY: Westland Parks and Recreation Department will hold a Mall Rally for disable people of all ages, groups will be given clues to find prizes throughout the mall 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 31, at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. (734) 722-7620

EASTER LUNCHEON: Polish Easter lunch and performance by the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, Sunday, April 8, Stitt Post No. 232, 23850 Military Road, Dearborn Heights. Doors open 12:30 p.m. Tickets \$19 per person, children 12 and under \$13. (734) 427-8640. MARCEL MARCEAU: To perform

briefly during the Ford Honors Program paying tribute to him 6 p.m. Saturday, May 12 in Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. The University Musical Society will present Marceau with its Distinguished Artist Award at that time. In addition to the performance, there will be a tribute to his legacy in Ann Arbor and throughout the world. A benefit dinner follows. (734) 764-2538 POLISH WEDDING GALA: Marysia and Janek are getting married and you're invited. The Highlanders' Wedding Feast: A Polish Evening of Goralski Tradition, Song and Dance takes place Saturday, April 28, presented by the Polish Alliance Dancers of Dearborn and the General Pulaski Polish Language School, the evening begins with cocktails and hors d'ouevres followed by the wedding, a full course authentic Polish feast will be served after entertainment by MuzaMix, at the American Polish Cultural Center, Troy. \$35, \$20 for children age 12 and under. Reservations must be made by Friday, April 13. Call (313) 581-3181 (days), (734) 789-8801 (evenings), or send e-mail to BusiasAttic@aol.com. More information is available at http://polishalliancedancers@hypermart.net **REDFORD THEATRE:** Three Stoogies Festival 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, March 30-31, and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, organ overtures begin 30-minutes earlier, at the theater. \$4. (313) 531-4407

SWIECONKA: Polish Easter lunch and performance by the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at the Stitt Post No. 232, Dearborn Heights. \$19, \$13 children age 12 and under. Deadline for reservation is March 31. (734) 427-8640

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Romantic Rachmaninoff" 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31 and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 1, Orchestra Hall. \$15-\$52, box seats \$45-\$71. (313) 576-5111 or www.detroitsymphony.com

MADONNA UNIVERSITY: Presents a student music recital, "Music Primavera," 3 p.m. Sunday, April 1 in Kresge Hall on campus, Livonia. Admission is free but donations to the music scholarship fund will be accepted.

WSU WIND ENSEMBLE: DSO cellist Mario DiFiore and University of Windsor planist Philip Adamson 11:45 a.m. Friday, March 30, Schaver Music Recital Hall on campus, Detroit. (313) 577-1783

AUDITIONS/ **OPPORTUNITIES**

ACTING WORKSHOP: Gordon Michaels, personal acting coach for Dylan McDermott on "The Practice," will give a workshop coaching Friday-Sunday, March 30 to April 1 in Northville. \$250. (734) 261-5354/(310) 727-2383. Michaels has been in the entertainment industry for more than 20 years. He's appeared on Broadway, in films and on television. Film credits include "The Lost World" "Air Force One," "Leaving Las Vegas," and the soon to be released "Texas Rangers."

COOKIES AND MILK: Auditions for volunteers to perform 10-minute musical or puppet segments for children ages 0-4 and their parent or caregiver 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at Cookies and Milk Drop-In Play Center. Canton. (734) 207-1655

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA: 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$7 cover. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, bop)

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through April, at Excalibur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

BRASS

BRASS BAND OF BATTLE CREEK: 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, at Hill Audtiorium, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$22. (734) 764-2538

CHORAL

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION CHOIR: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at Old St. Mary's Church in Greektown, Detroit. No charge. (313) 961-8711

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Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

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"Messiah" with the Detroit Chamber Winds, Strings and Brass 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at the church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free will offering. (313) 882-5330 MEASURE FOR MEASURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8860 U-M CHAMBER CHOIR: With James Kibbie at the organ 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Pontiac, \$10, \$8

seniors/students. (248) 334-4571 JAZZ/BLUES

BLUES JAM WITH BAREFOOT MARY: 9 p.m. Thursday, March 29 and April 5, and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31, at Cowley's Old Village Inn. Farmington. (248) 474-5941 RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310 PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAM SESSION: 9 p.m. Sunday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor, \$2 cover. (734) 662-8310 TIM FLAHARTY TRIO: 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sunday, at Rosie O'Grady's, Ferndale. (248) 591-9163

DALE GRISA TRIO: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, at Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriott Hotel. (734) 953-7480

LOS GATOS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310 SHEILA LANDIS WITH FRIENDS: Perform as part of the Creative

Arts Center's 6-week event titled "Improvisation: A Journey Into Jazz" 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 31. at the center, Pontiac. \$10. (248) 333-7849 MATT MICHAELS TRIO: 8-11:30

p.m. Wednesday, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road (east of Middlebelt), Garden City. (734) 762-7756 KELLY JOE PHELPS: 8 p.m. Friday,

April 6, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

WILL DANFORTH: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday, at Duke Humphries Pub,

RONALD K. BROWN'S/EVIDENCE: Makes its University Musical Society debut with a trio of recent works 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$32, \$30, \$22, \$16. (734) 764-2538

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE:

Celebrates its 10th anniversary with Encore: A Decade of Dance, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. \$22 adults, \$18 students/seniors, (810) 286-2222 M OON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$5. (248) 967-1428 U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984

COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Kevin McPeek, Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31, at the club, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: John Joseph Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31.at Palsano's: at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885 JACKIE MASON: Continues to April 1, at Second City, Detroit. \$35, \$45. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Lowell Sanders Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 THE QUEENS OF COMEDY: 7:30

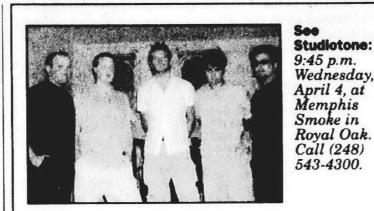
p.m. Friday, April 6, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$75, \$46, \$36. (248) 433-1515

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: The museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum. Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS:

T.G.I.F., an evening of art, music and fun 8-11 p.m. Friday, March 30, view "Treasures from the Roya Tombs of Ur," at the museum. Advance \$20, \$15 members; \$25 at door. (313) 833-7900 HENRY FORD



BON JOVI: "One Wild Night Tour 2001" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15, DTE Energy Music Theatre (Formerly Pine Knob), Independence Township. \$26-\$56. \$3 parking. (248) 645-6666 BONNE TEMPS ROULLE: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 JONATHA BROOKE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$20. (248) 645-6666

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU-BS 2000: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$12. (313) 833-9700 LTJ BUKEM: Friday, April 27, Motor

Detroit, details to come. AL CARMICHAEL: 7 p.m. Monday. April 2, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-

4800 ERIC CLAPTON: With Doyle Bramhall & Smokestack, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$39.50-\$75. (248) 645-6666

MIKE "AGENT X" CLARK: Beatdownsounds every Thursday, One X, Michigan Ave., Detroit. www. beatdown sounds.com (house) OLU DARA: 8 p.m. Thursday, March

29, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8. (248) 544-3030 DEEP BANANA BLACKOUT: 8 p.m. Friday, April 6, Magic Bag,

Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030 DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS: Featuring performances by D-12, The Brothers Groove, The Atomic Numbers Thornetta Davis, Lisa

BRIAN HODGE: 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 601-1100 IDLEWILD AND BRASSY: 9 p.m. Friday, March 30, Magic Stick. Detroit. \$10. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

JIMMIE JACKSON: 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 11-12, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 BOB JAMES: With Keiko Matsui, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. (248)

645-6666 LEMON JAMES: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Token Lounge, Westland. (734) 513-5030 JOURNEY: With Peter Frampton, John Waite, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666 K-CI & JO-JO: 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$50. (238) 433-1515 MARK KNOPFLER: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$29.50-\$60. (248) 645-6666 MARK KOZELEK: Formerly of the Red House Painters, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 8, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030 **ROBBY KRIEGER:** Formerly of The Doors, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$18. (248) 544-3030

DJ JAY LANGA AND IVAN PASKAL: "Stretch" Sundays at The Groove Room beginning this month, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344 LEFTOVER SALMON: With Terry

Farmer, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, The Majestic, Detroit. \$18. (313) 833-9700 GORDON LIGHTFOOT: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, Fox Theatre. Detroit. \$25-\$50. (248) 645-6666 LOS LOBOS: 8 p.m. Sunday, April 22, Magic Bag, Ferndale. 21 and older. \$30. (248) 544-3030 DJ MAC D: Funka and Hip Hop. Thursdays, The Groove Room, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344 DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Macy Gray, 6 p.m. Sunday-Monday, June 3-4, Comerica Park, Detroit. Tickets \$49.50 on sale, March 10. (248) 645-6666 LARRY MAXWELL: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 601-1100 SHANE MACGOWAN & THE POPES: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 TEENA MARIE: With Jeffrey Osborne, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 15. Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$32.50-\$75. (248) 645-6666 SARAH MASEN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 6. Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. Tickets \$10 or \$8 for members. (734) 464-6302 STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 14, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 6-7. Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 PAT MCDUNN BAND: 7:30 p.m. Fridays, Duke Humphries, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 601-1100 METAPHYSICAL JONES: 10 p.m. Thursdays, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067. KEN MURPHY: 7 p.m. Wednesday Thursday, April 4-5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 644-4800 STEVE NARDELLA: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 A NIGHT IN OZ: Riot in Progress. Black Magic Crossing, Hush, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, The Emerald Theatre, Mt. Clemens. All ages. 'N SYNC: 2001 Pop Odyssey Tour. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30,

Comerica Park, Detroit. \$49.50.

(248) 645-6666

Punk ethic: Shane MacGowan is one of the most elegant and overlooked songwriters of the last century. MacGowan's tales of barroom brawls, race horses and tipsy heart-stopping love should be revered in the same hallowed halls as Dylan, Cohen, Waits and Cave. His real life persona as a rowdy, drunken reveler constantly knocking on death's door has interfered with this recognition but has created one of the most endearing entertainers in music.

With his first band, The Pogues, MacGowan and company embodied everything that was right with traditional Irish music and the Punk climate of their day. MacGowan was ousted from the Pogues, allegedly for his drinking excesses ... sort of ironic considering the nature of their musical heritage. He has since continued his whiskey soaked tales with a new band (The Popes - haha) recording two wonderful, if sloppy, solo records.

Expect long delays and oxygen tanks, but once the notorious MacGowan is propped up on stage he will treat the crowd to an evening of old and new tales of whiskey and women. It's well worth stopping by to satisfy not only your inner punk but also your inner Mick.

- BY RICHARD S. HANSEN SPECIAL WRITER



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> April 3, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 763-TKTS JOHN HAMMOND: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (734) 763-TKTS SARA HICKMAN: 8 p.m. Monday, April 2, at The Ark, Ann Arbor.

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WORLD MUSIC AFRICAN DRUM ENSEMBLE:

Performs traditional music of Uganda, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, Varner Recital Hall on the Oakland University campus. Concert also features the college's new steel drum band playing the music of Trinidad. \$10 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

KELLY'S HEROES SHOWBAND:

8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31, at the Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall, 24242 Grand River, west of Telegraph. \$10. (313) 535-4110

PAT MCDUNN BAND: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries Pub, Rochester Hillis. (248) 608-0690 (Irish) LINEN-MCREID: Seturday, March 31, at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, Detroit. No charge.

(734) 455-1122 THE LASH: 9 p.m. Thursday, March

29, at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

DANCE

ANTERNAM BALLET THEATRE: The Merry Widow, Thursday-Sunday. March 29-April 1, Detroit Opera House: (313) 237-BING, (248) 645-9666, www.michiganopera.org

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE:

March is Family Fun Month, at the museum, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM:

"Tables to Treasure: a look at place settings from the past, continues to March 31, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663 or on the Web at www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm CHARLES WRIGHT MSUEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: "Spirit Awakening," a one woman

show by LA based actress Akuyoe Graham 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29 (\$20), at the museum. (313) 494-5820

LIVE MUSIC

ACDC: Stiff Upper Lip Tour, with Slash's Snakepit, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. \$35.25-\$45.25. (248) 433-1515 (rock) ARAB STRAP: Saturday, April 14. The Shelter, Detroit. Details to come.

A PERFECT CIRCLE: With Snake River Conspiracy, Thursday, March 29, on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Details to come. (rock) BABY AMBASSADOR: With The Jinx, 10 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 313, jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-6067 BADLY DRAWN BOY: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. (248) 645-6666 BARBARA BARRETT: 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Coyote Club. Pontiac. (248) 332-4695 JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Fridays, Center Street Pub, Detroit. (313) 965-3651

THE BLACK CROWES AND OASIS: "Tour of Brotherly Love", with Superhog, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2. DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$21.50-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666 BLUE HAWAHANS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

Hunter and much more, 7 p.m. Friday, April 6, State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$10-\$25 or \$100 for tables for four. (248) 486-3424 DISCO BISCUITS: 8 p.m. Saturday. April 7, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12 (313) 833-9700 **DISMEMBERMENT PLAN: With The** Climax Divine, Judah Johnson, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 833-

9700 **DOMESTIC PROBLEMS:** With Lucid Jones, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$7. (248) 544-3030

DOO WOP REUNION TOUR: Buck Ram's Platters, Speedo and the Cadillacs. The Tokens, The Drifters featuring Charlie Thomas, The Penguins and The Shirelles, 8 p.m. Friday, April 20, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30-\$50. (248) 433-1515. EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$16.75. All ages. (734) 668-8397 (jam band) FASTBALL: With The Atomic Numbers, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 24. Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

GODSMACK: With Staind, Cold & Systematic, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, Ypsilanti. \$27.50. (248) 645-6666 DAVID GRAY: Sunday, April 22. State Theatre, Detroit. Details to come. (singer-songwriter) **DJ MATT HANCHON:** Alternative from 1980s and 90s on "Love Factory" Fridays, and alternative dance Saturdays at The Groove Room, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344. AL HILL: Solo, 6-9 p.m. Mondays, Mac's Acadian Seafood, Saline. (734) 944-6227; 7-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday March 29-31. Tuesday-Thursday, April 3-5 and Saturday April 7, Zydeco Louisiana Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600

DJ ERIC HINCHMAN & JOHN ARNOLD: Techno and house. Wednesdays, The Groove Room, Royal Oak. Cover charge after 10 p.m. (248) 589-3344

HIS NAME IS ALIVE: With Year of the Robot, Magda, Clark Warner, Liz Copeland, 10 p.m. Friday, March 30, 313, jac, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-6067



ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Tuesday,

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(248) 644-4800 (blues variety)

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MACEO PARKER: Saturday, April

ROBERT PENN: 10 p.m. Thursday

THE PROMISE RING: 8 p.m. Friday

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STING: With Jill Scott, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$89.50. (248) 645-6666

STUDIOTONE: 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICK TAYLOR: Former Rolling Stone, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 5. Magic Bag, Ferndale, \$18. (248) 544-3030

TICKELPENNY CORNER: With Harbinger's Mile, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale. \$5. (248) 399-3946 U2: With PJ Harvey, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$45-\$130. (248) 645-6666

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: CD release party, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale, All ages.

VINYL: 9 p.m. Sunday, April 22. Motor Lounge, Hamtramck, 18 and older. \$8. (248) 645-6666.

VOLUNTEER JAM FEATURING THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND: With .38 Special, The Dickey Betts Band and Trent Summar & The New Row Mob, 6 p.m. Friday, June 1, DTE **Energy Music Theatre** Independence Township. \$18 lawn/ \$30.50 pavilion. (248) 645-6666 CLAY WALKER: 7:30 p.m. Thursday. June 14, DTE Energy Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$19-\$29. (248) 645-6666

ROBERT WALTERS 20TH

CONGRESS: 8 p.m. Sunday, April 15. Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030 THE WHITE STRIPES: With the Von Bondies, Drum Buddy Badass, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10. (313) 833-9700

THE WILDBUNCH: With Stun Gun and MHz, 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, Magic Bag. Ferndale. \$6. (248) 544-3030

BROOKS WILLIAMS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10 or \$8 for the ater members. (734) 464-6302

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THE SOFT BOYS: Featuring Robyn

Harding opening. 8 p.m. Thursday,

Detroit. 18 and older. \$17. (248)

The Farrelly Brothers fall short

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN STAFF WRITER grossman@oe.homecomm.net

Try writing a comedy. Make it a love story. Now throw in some incest and you'd probably end up with something like Say It Isn't So, the latest production from those zany Farrelly Brothers.

It's not a pretty combination. The Farrelly Brothers, responsible for the 1998 smash hit, There's Something About Mary, fail miserably in this adolescent attempt about a small-town guy who mistakenly comes to believe his fiancee is actually his sister.

In what's becoming a signature of the Farrelly Brothers. Say It Isn't So revolves around an eccentric cast that includes a

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sarcastic stroke victim, a Jimi Hendrix-like amputee and an overweight mental patient who really wants his pancakes.

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Ha ha, he's OK but his two legs fell off. Get it? Neither did I.

Chris Klien plays Gilly Noble, an animal shelter worker from Indiana who was raised in a foster home and now has a private detective trying to find his real parents. Klien provides a laidback naiveté to the role, almost identical to how he played the popular quarterback in the black comedy Election.

I laughed with Klien in Election, a movie well worth renting if you haven't seen it yet. But in

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Gilly, we need to see a little more of that 'Woody Allen neurosis' and Klien doesn't provide it.

Heather Graham (Boogie Nights) plays Jo Wingfield, the perky girl-next-door who earns a living as a hairdresser. Graham is skinny, sexy and blonde, which basically is all that's required of her role.

First funny scene: Jo accidentally cuts off half of Gilly's ear when she learns he found her missing cat! Oh my, what laughs.

Two-time Oscar winner Sally Field, of all people, plays Jo's mother. As Valdine, she's a tired combination of white trash and Spandex. Halfway through the movie I began wondering if our beloved Sally was either incredibly bored or desperately broke.

Maybe Burt Reynolds can throw something her way.

Sure, there are a few laughs along the way. Some gross scenes so far out that you can't help but chuckle. But Say It Isn't So definitely doesn't merit the price of a movie ticket, not even a matinee.

Perhaps a video rental if your first two choices are already taken.



Comedy: Chris Klein stars in "Say It Isn't So," in theaters this weekend.

'Heartbreakers' redefines fun

BY VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

Heartbreakers is silly and stupid and crazy and just plain ridiculous. Directed by David Mirkin (Romy and Michele's High School Reunion), it's also very, very funny.

One of the main reasons it's funny is Sigourney Weaver, who should take a turn at comedy more often. Another reason for so much fun and hilarity in this movie is the inimitable, one-andonly Gene Hackman.

Weaver plays Max, an unusual type of con artist, who lures rich guys into marriage, then divorces them profitably when she discovers them in compromising positions with her curvaceous daughter, Page (Jennifer Love Hewitt). Page, of course, is in on the con.

shine State to seek their fortune and settle their debts. I guess it's where they figure they'll find some "old" money and, anyway, for purposes of this movie, it looks good.

Sure enough, before very long, Max has hit pay dirt in the form of an old geezer named William B. Tensy (Hackman), who appears so repulsive that his very soul is surely malodorous and yellowed with nicotine (his fab fortune was made in tobacco). For some reason, Max decides to take on a Russian persona to reel in her catch - and when we see and hear her sing "Back in the U.S.S.R." to the accompaniment of a rather confused balalaika band (after protesting "Oh, please, I am so not musical"), we're oh-so-glad she did. It's like watching dy? Natasha of Rocky and Bullwinkle fame escape the cartoon and as an IRS "agent" and as Max's morph into a real-life femme old-time acquaintance. Also, fatale. watch for Carrie Fisher as a cool Mixed into this movie is a lot as-cash divorce attorney. She's of folderol about a high-priced hoot, but you may miss her statue, William's possessive housekeeper (Nora Dunn, in a you blink. The final twisty scene provides kind of Mrs. Danvers-goes-toa clever surprise. Florida mode), dead bodies, mud baths, and scenes that don't

and finds her own guy. Yes, you guessed it, Jack (Jason Lee) is not repulsive in any way - and, he's even potentially rich. And the two fall in love and look highly photogenic together and we wish them happily ever after and all that. Only trouble is, their affair slows down the fun of. this movie considerably, and you just wish Sigourney Weaver and Gene Hackman (and, to a lesser degree, Liotta) had been given more screen time because we definitely miss them when they're not around. Maybe writers Robert Dunn, Paul Guay, and Stephen Mazur were given specific instructions to include a sub-plot and this is what they came up with? Or maybe somebody bizarrely insisted that a longer comedy is a better come-

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Glenn Fitzgerald and Mary Louise Burke TOMCATS

Comedy about a group of friends who, years ago, bet that they would each be the last one to marry. Seven years pass and the money is wagered, invested widely and has become a sizable pot. Stars Jerry O'Connell, Jake Busey, Shannon Elizabeth and Horatio Sanz.

Creativity abounds in arts this spring

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goes off to a little seaside bar

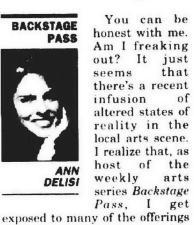
A jilted late night television talent book-

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ship went awry. Stars Ashley Judd, Greg

to understand why her latest relation-

Kinnear, Hugh Jackman and Marisa



that are massaging our psyches

this spring. It may also be true

that the program producers are

gravitating toward the fringes

after a three week pause due to

Detroit Public TV's March mem-

bership drive. There's nothing

too unsettling. Just a tinkering

with our perceptions and the

way things are usually said and

The quirky side of the classics

are showcased in an edition that

airs at 5:30 p.m., Thursday,

March 29, as Michael Daugherty

presents his composition Dead

Elvis, and the Complete Works of

William Shakespeare are uproar-

done.

Reduced Shakespeare Company. At 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1, a new edition of Backstage Pass explores how non-ordinary states of consciousness can be used to enhance creativity. Psychologist June Katzen, a specialist in the therapeutic use of such techniques as the "Theta Method" to facilitate healing and personal growth, also teaches the philosophy course "Visionary States and the Artist" at Detroit's Center for Creative Studies. Nearly two dozen artists who have trained with her exhibited their visionary artworks in digital media, design and fine arts at C-Pop Gallery last week. The always intriguing gallery also will host Dr. Katzen's Visionary States Training Series, which exposes the general public to this nontraditional creative realm for seven Saturdays beginning April

Another mind-bending option is the Mind Games show worldrenowned mentalist Marc Salem has been performing at the Century Theatre, located in the Gem Theatre building in Detroit. This excursion into the possibilities of

the human mind is primarily for entertainment value. The show is astounding and funny, but also claims to have some mental development components. Salem is well credentialed, having served on the faculty of a number of universities, and the research team of the producers of Sesame Street, the Children's Television Workshop. He incorporates such interpersonal techniques as non-verbal communication, organizational psycholor gy, behavior, group dynamics and communication research: into his show.

Whether it's a new slant on" classical music or theater, a consciousness raising journey to expand our creativity, or an" entertainment program that: broadens our intuitive senses, the arts have a way of heighten-" ing the advantages of poking around with the norm. Altering. or enhancing our view of reality? is business as usual for those in: the visual or performing arts.

So, I'm not freaking out. I'm: growing. That's my story and I'm." sticking to it.

'On Golden Pond' warm, funny evening of theater

Schoolcraft College's Theater ing old. Director, James Hart-Department presents "On Golden Pond," dinner theater 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31; performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Safurday, April 6-7 in the Liberal Arts Building Theater on campus, 18600 Haggerty; between Six-and Seven Mile roads, Livonia Dinner theater tickets \$21, performance only \$10. Call (734) 462.4400, Ext. 5457.

Schoolcraft 'College's current

production of "On Golden Pond"

by Ernest Thompson, is a

poignant story of a couple grow-

BY BOB WEIBEL

SPECIAL WRITER

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man has fashioned a warm and funny evening of theater with a mostly inexperienced cast, save for the exceptional talents of Ray Van Hoeck. He plays Norman Thayer, a sometimes forgetful, often cantankerous, but always lovable old codger about to celebrate his 80th birthday.

When we meet him, he and his wife have just returned to the family's summer home at Golden Pond in Maine. (Which by the way actually exists.) Van Hoeck skillfully captures the essence of a slightly befuddled senior citizen attempting to gracefully exit this life. Norman expects it to

Hoeck straddles the thin line between the morbidity of talking about death, and delivering comedic insights into his state of mind. For example, Norman, an avid reader, wants to finish a book before he goes, so he decides to read a "novelette." When asked how it feels to turn 80, he barks, "Twice as bad as it did turning 40!"

Doting wife

Deborah Morneweck makes her stage debut as his wife, Ethel. She is very good as a doting mate of 48 years who knows

happen at any moment. Van her husband's every mood and move. The eternal optimist, she props him up when he needs it most.

> Most every family has a strained relationship or two, and in the Thayer clan that is provided by their daughter, Chelsea, played by Madelaine Abernethy. She effectively portrays an estranged, divorced daughter who comes home this summer, with suitor in tow, and his 13year-old son, to work out a lack of communication over the years.

Ben Campbell in the role of the son, Billy Ray, joyfully delivers a life-altering change to Nor-

man. At first put off by this hiphop kid from California and his foreign language ("crusiing chicks" and "B.S-ing") they learn from each other and are soon fishing buddies.

The daughter's new husbandto-be (Bill Ray) is played by James Edwin Sholtz. His demeanor is somewhat distant (which doesn't always match the lines about him) but it's consistent and works in a strange way.

Danny Patrick, in his first role, appears to have a natural comedic bent (and a most inventive, infectious laugh) as Charlie Martin, who delivers the mail by

boat (which also is historically accurate at Golden Pond).

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The cast's ability to connect with the audience is especially clear near the end when Norman's ticker sends him to the floor in pain - and there is a palpable gasp - as the audience hopes this is not the end, and that perhaps another summer awaits on Golden Pond. Time may be running out, but its never to late to learn how to enjoy the many little things that life has to offer.

Bob Weibel is a Westland resident and writes about theater for the Observer Newspapers.

Guild presents 'Fantastick' production

Theatre Guild of Livonia-Red- ing his beloved Louisa from the for 3 presents "The Fantasticks," 8 pm. Friday-Saturday, March 30-31, April 6-7, and 2 p.m. Sundag, April 1 and April 8, 15138 Beech Daly, (1 block south of 5 Mile Road), Redford. \$12 adults. \$10 seniors/students. Group rates available, (313) 531-0554. BY PAMELA JOY MCGOWAN SPHEIAL WRITER

If you were to lock Shakespeare, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and Abbott and Costello in a room together, give them a few drinks to loosen up, and tell them to collectively "think outside of the box," the result would be "The Fantasticks" as performed by The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

Best described as a romantic comedy musical, "The Fantaancient Roman comedy and adapted by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. The humorous tale, which is full of gags and audience interplay, centers on Matt (Craig Broombaugh) and Louisa (Maggie Keenan-Bolger), two young neighbors in love who have been forbidden to see each other by their parents.

(Misha Dionne) and Bellomy (Ken Wood) have built a wall between their homes to entice their children into falling in love and marrying. A little something we call "reverse psychology" in this day and age. The finishing touch to the parents' scheme is an abduction during

clutches of El Gallo (Steve Morgan) and various other characters.

Act Two finds the united neighbors unfulfilled with scrupulosity-they sing of things turning from scenic to cynic — so the young lovers separate to discover what other adventures the world has to offer. After the world has had its way with the naive individuals, they each return home to find that there is more to love than they originally thought, having outgrown their crush from months earlier.

Broombaugh's performance as Matt is stunning. His wellrounded talents turn the music and the character into a wonderful display of humor and passion. Similarly, Keenan-Bolger's cari-

rape and singing the sales pitch: "the sort of rape you get depends on what you pay." When taken in context, it is a very funny song

Also notable are the performances of the three mimes: Ethan Bobee, Mark Ripper and Renee Hermiz. They do everything from dress the stage to play the role of the "wall." They even have a few singing and dancing parts - a ramity for mimes, I'm sure. A constant on stage, the mimes are responsible for the simple set consisting of a bulky red box, a chair, some trees and four trellises. The

abduction-they refer to it as a audience is left to easily fill in rape-to Bellomy and Honeysuck- the rest with imagination le, offering them every variety of (though the mimes do supply the glittery rain and snow).

Director Rob Papineau and Music Director Ken Pletzer have brought fun and imagination to new theatrical levels with "The Fantasticks." Every aspect of the show, from the music to the costumes, draws the audience into a frenzied world that is so obviously our own. Kudos to the cast and crew for carrying on the longest-running musical in the world with such wonderful style.

Pamela Joy McGowan is a Livonia resident and writes about theater for the Observer Newspapers.





The Sheik puts focus on fresh, healthy cuisine

BY KRELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

ipping a glass of freshly squeezed carrot apple

juice, Dean Hachem, owner of The Sheik restaurant. is relaxed, yet keeping a watchful eye on diners seated around him

It's not that he's nervous, Hachem just wants to make sure everyone is happy and comfortable in the newly opened restau-rant at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

He graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in industrial and mechanical engineering, but missed being on the floor of a restaurant talking to people. "Serving fresh healthy food,

this is our joy," he said. Hachem put his engineering degree to work supervising restaurant renovations with much attention to detail.

His friend, Hashim Altowil created the restaurant's mosaic murals. A magic carpet decorates the top of the bar, the chandeliers and antiques were imported from the Middle East. Inlaid wood tables were special ordered, as were the Italian chairs.

The Shelk

Where: Laurel Park Place, 37716 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, , (734) 464-7400 Open: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Fri-

day-Saturday.

Atmosphere: Comfortable mixture of tables and booths. Mosaic murals, antiques and imported light fixtures transport diners to another world

Menu: Middle Eastern. Kid's menu includes wing dings, hamburger, chicken tenders served with fries

Cost: Moderate. Lunch specials \$5.95-\$7.95, served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Carryout available, to fax your order call (734) 464-1133.

Reservations: Recommended for parties of six or more

Credit cards: All majors accepted Extras: Banquet room seats 150 people, full bar, summer patio, catering.

Other locations

West Bloomfield - 4189 Orchard Lake Road, (248) 865-0000 The Midfield Terminal -- Metro Airport, scheduled to open in December

Cozy atmosphere

"We're trying to create a nice, cozy, relaxing atmosphere so people can enjoy tasting our homemade food and freshly squeezed juices," said Hachem.

A former Livonia resident, Hachem recently moved to West Bloomfield where he opened his first Sheik restaurant.

"We've been looking for a Livonia location for the last two years." he said. "It's one of the top cities in the U.S. There's a

lot of foot traffic in the mall, we'll have a summer patio."

So far the response has been very good. "Customers are coming, and going out happy," said Hachem. "Our food is fresh and exactly like you eat in a home. I try to make sure everyone has something they like."

The Sheik's menu contains the usual Middle Eastern fare hommous, Baba Ghannooj, grape leaves, falafel, tabbouli, lamb and chicken shawarma, shish kafta, kibbee, and some surprises too.

Pita bread is made fresh on the premises, and freshly squeezed juice selections include exotic fresh smoothies made with strawberries, banana and honey, mixed with your choice of

Entrees include some seafood items not traditionally found in

Swordfish Ghallaba round out the seafood menu.

You'll find lamb on the menu of most Middle Eastern restaurants, but you probably won't see baby lamb ribs, marinated and grilled with barbecue sauce. which are offered at The Sheik.

Vegetarians will dig this restaurant. A vegetarian combo for one features falafel, hommous, tabbouli, Baba Ghannooj, vegetarian grape leaves and mjadara (lentils, cracked wheat and sautéed onions) served with a salad.

Hachem points to the combos for two, the Desert Feast for Four, and The Sheik Delight for six to eight people. The combos include a variety of appetizers and are the perfect way to introduce friends to Middle Eastern cuisine.

"Our food is not spicy," said Hachem when asked to explain some of the seasonings used in Middle Eastern cuisine. "We use oregano, cumin, lemon juice. olive oil and garlic."

Chef Rudy Rammal has 25 years of experience. He attended culinary school in Lebanon and trained in Paris. Prior to moving to Michigan, Rammal worked at Al Ameer in New York City.

"We bring Middle Eastern food to a higher level with the presentation and atmosphere of the restaurant," he said.

The Sheik also has a full bar. In addition to the usual choices, the wine list includes Middle Eastern and French wines, available by the bottle or glass. There

style.

are eight different beers on tap. feature on the Dining page, send Try Almaza-Diamond a Lebanese beer that's pilsner in

menu to Keely Wygonik, assistant managing editor features, Obseserver Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, To recommend a restaurant to or fax (734) 591-7279.





STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

At your service: Dean and Andrea Hachem at the new Sheik restaurant in Livonia

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presentation: The Sheik Delight

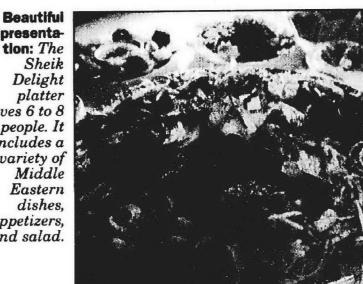
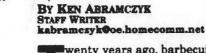




PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL Options galore: Barbecue grills often include convenient features, such as this center pan to hold and cook sauces or added chips for smoking.



wenty years ago, barbecuing meant emptying a bag of charcoal briquets into a grill, giving them a squirt of lighter fluid, a light, and waiting until they turn dusty white.

Traditionalists still swear by charcoal, but many grillers today prefer to simply turn Guests might o an ignitor switch. clare

You'll pay in the neighborhood of \$150 for the least expensive brand gas grill at a retail outlet or you can splurge and spend \$4,000 or more for a grill island custom-built out of tile. Many islands are displayed at the Expo Design Center in West Bloomfield. Grill configurations are designed by Dynamic Cooking Systems.

For \$7,232, you can get an island of your choice in six different tile colors with a grill and sideburner. The grills house two-sided,

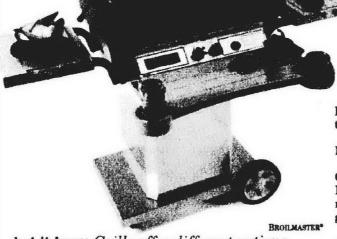
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that are built pretty solid to last, and include warranties.

Back to basics

Modern Home Products relies on a basic rectangular design, and sticks with thicker, solid cast - and rust-free - housing first created for the company by Walter Koziol in 1964. The Broilmaster[®] costs \$699-\$800. It fea-

tures a thick aluminum body, porcelain-coated cast iron cooking grids and a stainless steel



Let It burn: Grills offer different options, such as these side shelves and front shelf offered by Broilmaster* for condiments, vegetables or sauces. Stainless steel is also popular with consumers.

"Now you're cooking with gas!" Most of us are. Americans barbecue an

average of 2.9 billion times a year. Outdoor gas barbecue sales have more than doubled since 1989, according to the Barbecue Industry Association.

And with the new technology, Cro Magnon man and his rubbing sticks have met R2D2's stainless steel finish and simple ignitor switches.

These grills are the next generation and the New Wave.

"People are buying higher priced grills," said Chris Talbot, manager at Town & Country Hardware in Garden City. "They like the warranties, the quality and the appearance of the grill.

"Stainless steel has really taken off. People are tired of replacing grills every three or four years."

Movin' up

Grill masters who are buying a second or third grill like to choose them like they would a house - an upgrade in size, cost and quality. "They've already bought two of these," said Gary Martin, store manager of Fireplace & Spa in Canton. (Fireplace & Spa also sells grills at stores in Southfield and Utica.) "This

is their third grill and they don't want to buy another one in two years.

They want to spend more time at home. They buy expensive grills and spas, people are going outside and enjoying their decks, and they're enjoying their patios."

two-position plates to allow for variations in temperature. Ceramic radiant tubes prevent flare-ups.

High end island-style grills from TEC, available at Town & Country, can cost as much as \$4,000. These entertainment islands often include extra burners and storage.

The TEC grills house an infrared "ceramic" burner heated to a temperature of 1,600° F. The infrared heats up faster and cooks faster, company literature boasts. With the hood open, there is no hot air to dry food out, Talbot said.

"It sears in the juices," Talbot said. "It ignites the gas on the surface and it gets real hot. The infrared is the new technology in grills."

"This (grill island) is one of those things people buy because they are spending more and more time in the yard."

Not everyone is gah-gah over the infrared. Morris Ross of Four Seasons Fireplace and Barbecue in Farmington Hills thinks the infrared "isn't what it's cracked up to be." "You can go with the smokers if you want to smoke the food," Ross suggested. A special attachment can hold hickory or other wood pellets and costs about \$15.

Weber-Stephen also jumped on the upper-end bandwagon, offering the Summit[®] for about \$3,000. The Summit[®] contains 493 square inches of total cooking space and heats the cooking surface to 550° F.

OK, so you can't quite afford that kind of luxury. Still many stores offer grills in the \$500-\$1,000 price range

A step up: The Summit 450° (left) by Weber-Stephen features heavy-gauge stainless steel and four burners with two side work surfaces. The Performer® grill offers the features of a kettle barbecue grill with a gas ignition system.

"bowtie" burner with a 15-year pro-rated warranty. For the second or third generation buyer, it may fit the serious griller's bill. Then there's the Grand Hall[®] for \$1,500. Ceramic burners help prevent flare-ups.

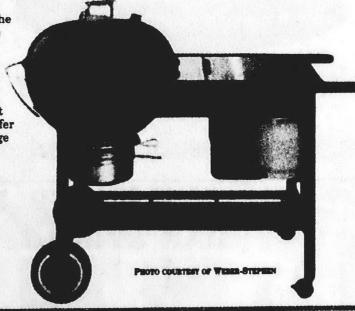
"The bottom comes out for cleaning," said Martin. Prices range from \$599-\$2,199. Some models now include options that allow you to cook sauces or chili in a cast iron pan in the middle of a circular grill."You can cook sauce or chili, then grill on the outside," Martin said. Ross agrees that consumers look more for

middle and upper-end grills, but believes that demand may slow down due to the economy. "They're all looking at stainless steel now,

but many more manufacturers are making (stainless steel grills) now," he said. While some consumers want them installed

directly to their gas lines, Ross finds customers still enjoy the portability of propane. We find that most of them still go with the propane," Ross said. "They like that they can move it around."

But a direct gas line also can be less expensive than the repeated filling of the propane.





MARTY FIGLEY **Bloomin' books** Take a look at these books, just in time for spring gardening season See Gardening, Page 2

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JOE GAGNON **Oooh, that smell!**

The Appliance Doctor says paint and varnish fumes can sometimes work themselves into clothes inside a dryer See Home Work, Page 5



HOMETOWN LIFE: **Going places:**

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GARDENING Consider these books for considerable information

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MARTY FIGLEY

Harper takes us on a walk through her Virginia garden that she has been developing for 30 years.

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Quite a variety of plants are the stars of each season of the year and she discusses each in detail - their good and undesirable qualities, including many cultivars.

Harper shares her successes and failures; what grows where and why, sometimes defying nature. She isn't afraid to try the new and different and the gar-

Here's a variety of the world. Photos of the garden enhance the experience. books for

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The award-winning The your consid-Undaunted Garden: Planting for In Time Weather-Resilient Beauty, Lauren Springer (Fulcrum, \$27.95), Tested Plants: 30 is now in paperback.

Years in a "A garden becomes beautiful when the plants in it adapt to Four-Season Garden their surroundings and thrive," (Timber Springer writes.

Press, She shares her experiences in \$39.95), her northern Colorado garden, author using word pictures as well as Pamela actual photographs. We learn how she feels about many plants and grows them so successfully while dealing with adverse conditions.

Many new ideas and much inspiration here. A list of tough, reliable plants follows each chapter. Detailed descriptions of 64 recommended plants are included.

Making arrangements

The Natural History of Medicinal Plants, Judith Sumner

den contains plants from around (\$24.95), is also published by Timber Press.

Although we may think plants that are used medicinally are for human benefit, the author explains that they are "defense strategies in a natural world colonized by organisms competing for survival.

In layman's terms, Sumner describes their biological and ecological importance as toxins and deterrents in protecting plants.

Not a "stuffy" book, it also reports on the new field of zoopharmacognosy where some animals seem to recognize and use plants as medicine. Fascinating stuff.

Libby Oliver, author of Flowers Are Almost Forever (Brandylane Publishers Inc., P.O. Box 261, White Stone, VA 22578; phone (800) 553-6922; \$12), has spent many years growing and arranging flowers. In 1994 she was honored as the National Flower Arranger of the Year by the American Horticulture Sociare given.

The American Horticultural Society Gardening Manual (Dorling Kindersley, \$39.95) is an up-to-date reference book on all aspects of gardening. It is set in four parts.

Part I, Planning Your Garden, has many suggestions and ideas to be considered, from style to choosing plants. Part II, Making and Looking After Your Garden, discusses patios and paths, lawns, beds and borders, boundaries, containers, trees, water features and more.

Part III, What Looks Good When, is filled with much information about plants' flowering times and when they are most interesting (i.e. fall foliage color, length of bloom), so the garden looks good throughout the seasons.

Part IV, What To Do When, deals with maintenance chores to keep the garden, structures and all parts of the garden in top condition. A sidebar contains

be made in the home or bought seasonal reminders with the appropriate pages for each chore listed for quick reference.

This is a most inclusive book. The language is user friendly, the photos and drawings illustrate extremely well. No onebook answers all questions, but this one comes close.

GOOD GARDEN TIPS Let's take the mystery out of soil pH. Think of it as a thermometer with a scale from 1 to 14. The higher the number, the more alkaline the soil; the lower the number, the more acidic. The middle number, 7, is neutral.

Many garden plants like a slightly acid soil, around 6. Herbs and veggies generally like it more neutral, around 7; and woodland plants like it more acidic, around 5.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then 3445. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

GARDENING CALENDAR

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Read Taste Sunday

Does your garden club have an upcoming event or meeting you want publicized? Send items for consideration in Gardening Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or email kabramczyk@ oe. homecomm. net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

GARDEN SPEAKERS

FARMINGTON

Shelly Buckman, plant ecologist, will show how to use garden herbs and discuss the aesthetic value of herbs with the Farmington Garden Club at noon Monday, April 2, at the Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Visitors are welcome. For information, call 476-3017 or 615-3616.

EVENING HERBS

Peter Stark from Renaissance Acres will talk with the evening herb study group 7-9 p.m.

Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro in Ann Arbor. For information, call (734) 998-7061. LIVONIA

Jean Moran, a member of the Hill and Dale Garden Club and the Greater Detroit Flower Arrangers Guild, will discuss flower arranging at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, with the Livonia Garden Club at the Livonia Senior Center. Moran also has been a flower show judge and a flower show school instructor.

Roses-West Rose Society of Novi

hosts Mif Claussen of Illinois at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, on latest "hot" roses at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile. Call (248) 347-0400. There is a social hour and it is free to the public.

NURSERY SCHOOL

ARRANGEMENTS

Several workshops are scheduled at Keller & Stein Florist and

workshop on Saturday, May 5. Call (734) 397-0800. **ORCHID SHOW**

Plant sales, raffle and growing tips about orchids will be available at the Palm Sunday Show 2001, presented by the Michigan Orchid Society, April 7 and 8 at Laurel Park Place Mall at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. Admission is free. Call Gail Lift for membership information at (734) 971-4117.

BACK TO SCHOOL

MORE GARDENING

The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers a variety of subjects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size. Weekly classes usually are scheduled for 9:30 a.m., while evening courses begin at 6:30 p.m. Classes listed here will be taught at the Livonia facility. Here is a list of some of the classes, some of which require prerequisite courses or experience: Water Gardens, meets on two consecutive Thursdays, starting April 5; Choosing Trees and Shrubs, four Thursdays, starting April 5: Choosing and Using Annuals and Perennials, four Wednesdays, starting May 2;

Difficult Sites Part I on wet and dry sites, two Thursdays, starting June 7; Difficult Sites Part II, starting Thursday, June 21. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information winter and spring classes, times and costs or click on www. michigangardening. com for class information or for classes at other locations in Detroit, Pontiac and Macomb Township. ORGANIC

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First Aid (\$9.95), describes and

illustrates diseases that occur on

all types of plants. It teaches

how to identify and control them

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ways to prevent disease using

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A patio gardening class will be taught at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Learn how to repot a vegetable plant. Class participants can take the plant home. Fee is \$3. Call (734) 466-2555 for information.

FLOWER SALE

AFRICAN VIOLETS

The Michigan State African Violet Society presents its annual spring display and sale of African violets, gesneriads and supplies 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Admission is free. POTTED PLANTS Approximately 500 potted plants will be available at the Friends of

the Wilson Barn annual spring flower sale, including lilies, chrysanthemums, tulips, daffodils, azaleas and small orchid corsages. Full flats of petunias, impatiens, begonias and pansies will be available. Pony rides will be available for children, weather permitting. For Easter, the hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12; 1-7 p.m. Friday, April 13; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April Sunday, April 15, at the Wilson Barn, 29350 West Chicago (at Middlebelt). A similar sale is scheduled for May 10-13 for Mother's Day.

LECTURES

plants to grow in low light areas at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 1 at Saguaro Nursery & Gardens, 470 W. Five Mile in Whitmore Lake. Call (734) 449-4237. Other free lectures are Flowering and Foliage Plants for sunny windows, Sunday, April 29, by Grass Roots Nursery, 24765 Bell Road in New Boston. Water garden construction classes are scheduled for Saturday, May 5 and 19 and water garden balancing on Sunday, May 13. Streams and waterfalls is scheduled for Sunday, May 27. Call (734) 753-9200.

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Learn about Winter-Hardy Roses at a slide presentation at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 15 at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Belleville. On Sunday, April 22, owners Roger and Nancy Lindley will present a hands-on demonstration on rose pruning and spring garden preparation in a display garden that contains over 400 plants in a residential landscape. Insect and disease control for roses will be presented on Sunday, April 29, for guests to learn about pests and controlling them with natural organic prevention and treatment. Slide lectures. are scheduled in the nursery's scenic, unheated 1890s barn, so participants are asked to dress

14; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OTHER SAGUARO

Learn about the easiest house

Monday, April 2, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Stark will discuss what to plant and how to design small herb gardens. Members of the public and new members are welcome. Meetings are held in Room. 125 of the Matthaei

Greenhouse, 42158 Michigan in Canton. Reservations are needed for the workshops. Each workshop costs \$10 per person and is non-refundable. Classes are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The classes include a patio pot

April 8, and Early Spring Standouts, April 15. **GRASS ROOTS**

Installing a water garden? Attend one or all of the free classes on opening your pond offered at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 7 and 14 or

appropriately for the weather. The nursery and retail center open April 13. Take I-94 to exit 187 (Rawsonville), south for seven miles, and east on Willow Road. For information, call (734) 461-1230.



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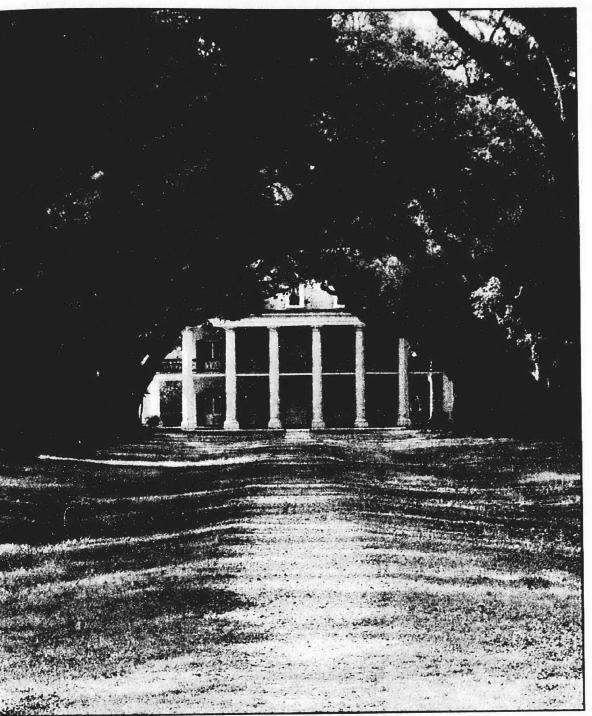
Spectacular exhibit gardens will be tuned to the theme of

Children will be entertained with a birdhouse workshop and petting zoo. A lecture series features Elvin

McDonald, senior staff editor and senior editor for Traditional Home Magazine. McDonald was named America's first gardener laureate in 1999 and the Garden Writers Association of America's Hall of Fame in 1997. Lecture times are Garden-Style Landscaping, 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., Saturday; Gardening for Life, 3-4 p.m., Saturday, and Garden-Style Landscaping, 12:30-2 p.m., Sunday.

Show hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for children 5-12. The grounds are located 3 miles south of I-94, exit 175.





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CREATIVE LIVING

Break new ground, break a few rules

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chievous? Want to break a few rules? With some thinking and planning and the right subject, you can do just that in

your photography. Listed MONTE NAGLER below are some hints and ideas that will allow you to break what are usually stead-

fast photographic rules. You don't always need a main subject. Abstracts and patterns can produce dramatic results. Pictures we don't instantly recognize can be stimulating and thought provoking.

■ Violate the "rule of thirds." Placing your subject in an

Feeling a lit- extreme corner of the viewfinder or even smack in the center misrather than the conventional "thirds" can often add an unusual perspective to your shot.

> Split your horizons. A horizon line directly in the middle of your picture can add interest and doesn't necessarily split the photo into two competing halves. Reflections particularly lend themselves to a split horizon line. Try it and see.

Photograph vertical subjects horizontally. A group of trees will often be compositionally stronger when viewed in a horizontal format.

Use color filters with color film. What? An orange filter with color slide film? Most definitely if shooting a dazzling sunset. You'll be amazed at the results.

tures - lens flare, that is. Try shooting with the sun just barely outside the viewfinder. You'll

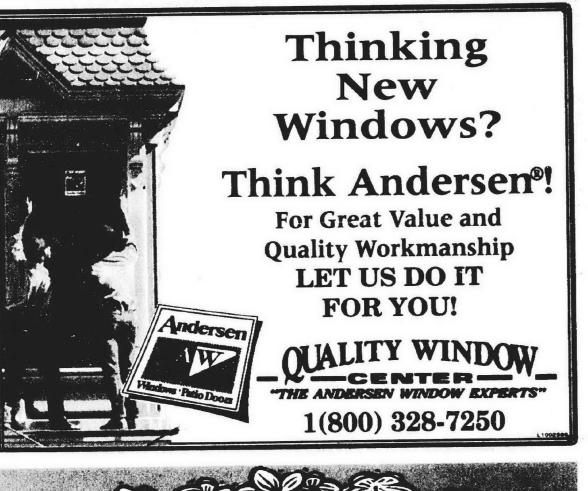
get lens flare that will add an artistic "touch" to your shot. Or shoot with the sun in the viewfinder at your camera's smallest aperture and fastest shutter speed.

In other words, underexpose intentionally! The sun will appear as a "star" and any foreground subjects will be dramatic silhouettes.

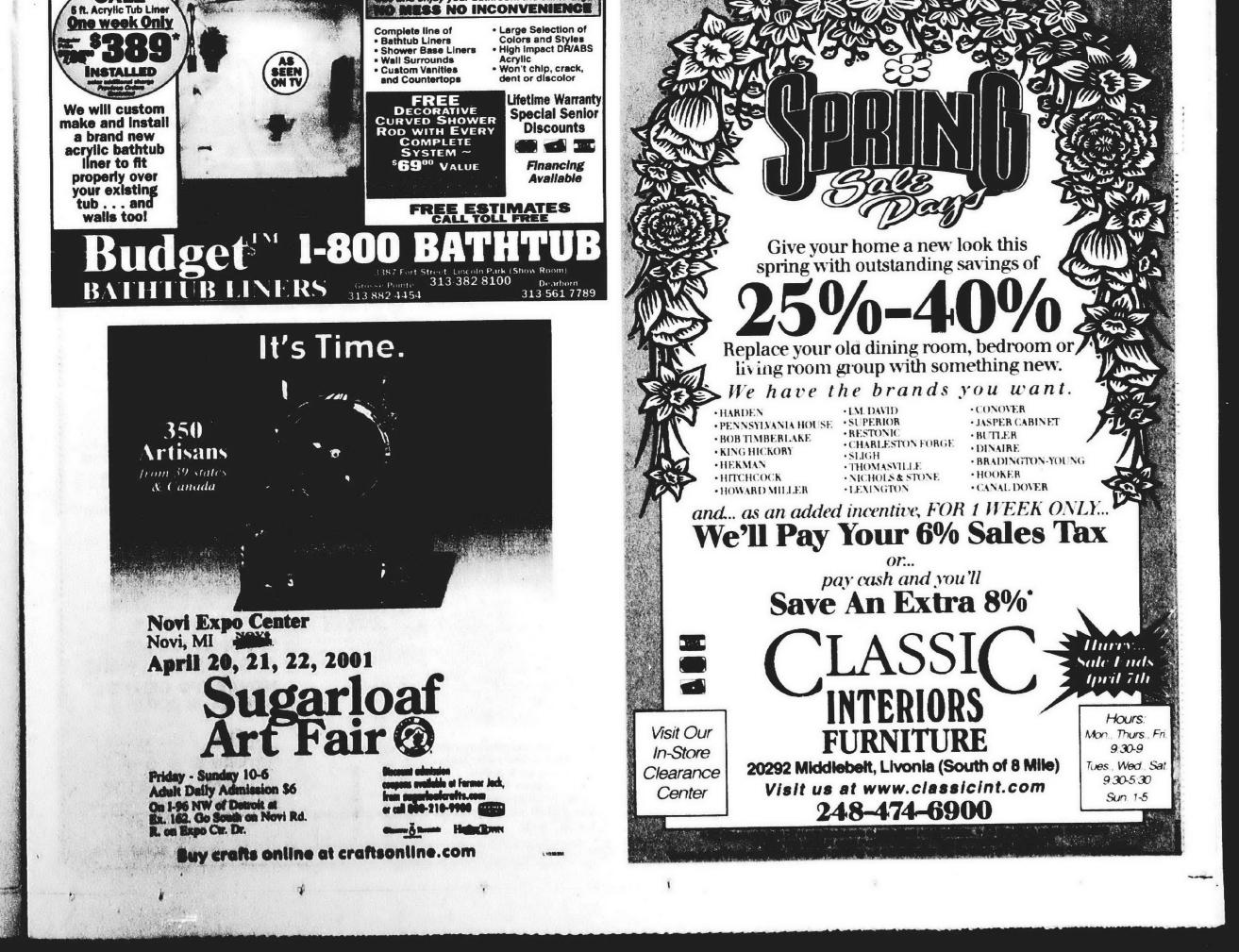
Use a different ASA setting. That's right. Slide film, for example, when shot at a slightly higher ASA (1/4 to 1/2 stop) will produce richer, deeper and more vivid colors.

So go ahead: Be daring and break some rules. You might just end up with some exciting new photographs.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a mes-Put some "flare" in your pic- sage by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then N-A-G-L-E-R. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



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INTERIOR DESIGN

DESIGN CALENDAR

The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will conduct an auction 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, April 3-5. Among the featured items will be an American needlework sampler dated 1799, a model of the USS Constitution, a large collection of sports memorabilia, paintings, graphics, silver and clocks. The gallery will have a "spring cleaning sale," in which the first half-hour of the auction Tuesday will consist of a sale of uncatalogued lots that will be tagged with a "G" and on view in the annex area. A preview will take place noon to 8

CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an \$2. No strollers please. Babysitupcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, e-mail 48150 or kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

CRAFTERS WANTED

The St. John Bosco (12170 Beech Daly, Redford) Fun Fair will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Limited space available. Call (313) 937-3856 or (313) 534-3808.

SPRING CRAFT SHOW

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will hold its first-ever Spring Craft Show on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nearly 20 exhibitors are expected to display a range of arts and crafts items including Easter gifts, woodworking, fun cat products and handmade stuffed animals. Proceeds from the craft show will benefit St. Mary Mercy's Employee Activities Committee which is sponsoring the event. The craft show will be held in the Auditorium, located inside the hospital at 36475 Five Mile Road, at Levan, in Livonia. Call Amanda Hosko at (734) 655-8942.

TOUCH OF SPRING

The Athletic Booster Club of Clarenceville High School (20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia) is sponsoring "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Over 150 juried crafters. Admission is

calling (248) 646-7847 for Birmp.m. Thursday-Friday, March 29-30, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 2. Call (248) 332visit 1500 or

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31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St.

John's Episcopal Church (555 S.

Wayne Road) in Westland. For

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extend an invitation to all artists to be involved in the 10th Annual Fine Arts and Craft Show at Liberty Fest 2001. The dates of the show are June 23 (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and 24 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists can choose to display their work under "the big tents" or can bring their own tent. The show is juried and each participant will be required to submit slides or pictures of their work from the approved categories: Painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise will be allowed. Deadline for an application submission is April 16. Call Sharon Dillenbeck of D & M Studio's at (734) 453-

FOUNDERS FESTIVAL

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The Farmington Founders Festival will host a juried outdoor Arts/Crafts fair to be held July 19-21. For an application and information call (248) 477-5837.

CRAFTERS NEEDED clothing. Lunch will be available. Admission, \$2. No baby strollers.

Crafters needed for the 15th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 20 at West Middle School (44401 w. Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Terri (248) 349-5344.

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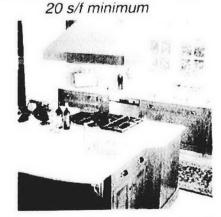
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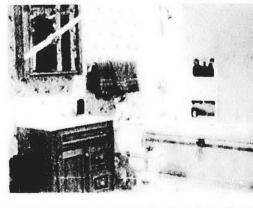
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Take a photo of your ugly bath-room and bring it into any Mathison Supply store or mail it to WJR, Ugliest Bathroom Contest, 2100 Fisher Building, Detroit, MI 48202.

The winner's bathroom will be upgraded with new fixtures, tile, medicine cabinet and accessories with a value of up to \$10,000. And, be sure to visit the WJR and Mathison Supply booths at:

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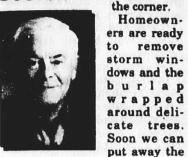
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underwear. It's time to be outside under the umbrella of clean crisp air and start the outdoor chores which so many people enjoy. Indoor projects also begin, such as spring cleaning, painting the house or repairing the water damage caused by iced-up gutters of this winter's freeze.

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Then there are those consumers who have other problems, including a clothes dryer that causes clothes to stink.

A reader writes who owns a 22-year-old gas dryer. It is described as "completely rebuilt and it runs just perfect." The machine dries clothes in the

The days expected time, but they smell of summer putrid. are around

Folks, let me tell you that thousands of service calls are performed by the service industry on complaints, such as this one. People pay for a service call when they could service the machine themselves if only they read this column.

Open the window

Your clothes dryer needs 200 cubic feet of air every minute it operates. That air is drawn from within the house, unless you have a window in the open position. This means that anyone with a gas dryer will have that air enter the dryer's burner system and then go directly into the drum before it exits out the vent we all know that a fire needs

air to burn. If you are painting, caulking or varnishing, that odor is in the air. Those fumes can enter the dryer drum and then, through the clothes which are tumbling inside. You should always open a window nearest the dryer when using it.

Another reason for smelly clothes can come from a little critter that may have entered

E Birds will build a nest just inside the vent line and sometimes one will fail all the way inside and enter the back of the dryer.

the dryer through the dryer flapper on the outside of the house. Birds will build a nest just inside the vent line and sometimes one will fall all the way inside and enter the back of the dryer. A squirrel can do the same thing and so can a few other creatures. Animals will enter inside the bottom of the dryer and set up residence without ever bothering anybody. Consumers have removed clothes from the dryer and in the dim light of a laundry room, a mouse ran up the clock or whatever. A little alarming I would say.

Watch for animals

Squirrels tend to like the smell of electric wires. Sometimes they bite into them, which can electrocute them. After these things

sit there for a few weeks, of course, they smell. That smell causes an unnecessary service call unless you take preventive action. It is now up to you to get a toothbrush and clean the hinges on the dryer door flapper on the outside of the house. Trust me folks, this has happened to some of the very people who work at this great newspaper I write for.

Now you know those little anti-static sheets that many of you use when you place a load in the dryer. When you take out the clothes, sometimes these things fall on the floor someplace. Remember the lesson learned today on how a dryer pulls in air. What if one of these little sheets was sucked inside the dryer where the flame is burning? Yes, it has happened and the whole house burned to the ground. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Newstalk 760, WJR-AM, every Saturday and Sunday mornings. His second book, "The Words and Wisdom of The Appliance Doctor" is available in book stores. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

Contestants can win bathroom renovation

room pictures to the upcoming Spring Home & Garden Show April 5-8 at the Novi Expo Center to enter in the Ugliest Bathroom Contest sponsored by Mathison Supply, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and WJR Radio.

The winner's bathroom will be gutted and a new bathtub. sink, toilet, tile, medicine cabinet and other accessories will be installed, all of which will be on display at the show.

The show itself features gardeners and home improvement specialists.

Roger Swain, "the man with the red suspenders" as he is known to viewers of PBS' "The Victory Garden," will share gardening insights at the Garden Theater. Joining Roger is Nancy Lindley, "Michigan's Rose Lady."

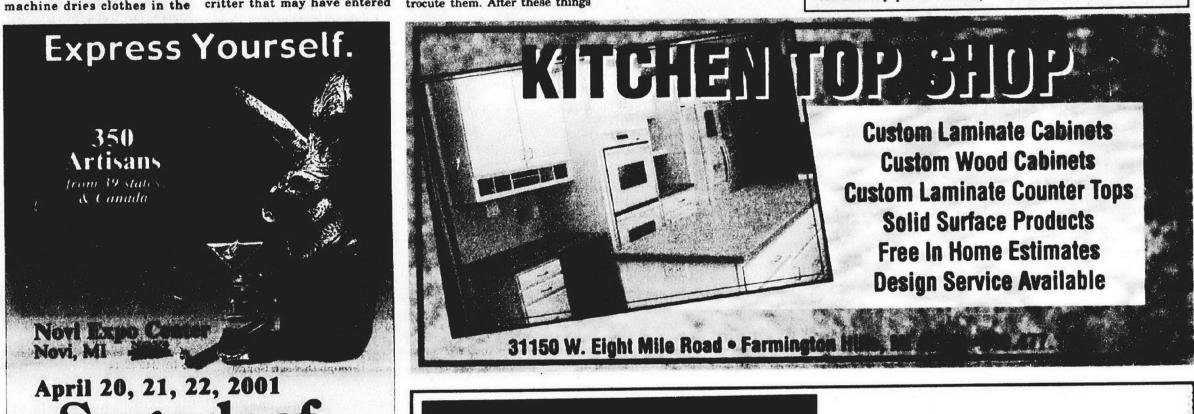
Landscaped flower displays will be featured from several landscape specialists. Showgoers can buy plants directly.

Homeowners can bring bath- Trees, flowers, tools and yard accessories will be available for purchase. Additional show features include demonstrations on decorating, home repair and remodeling and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes.

Exhibitors will have advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yard/gardens, spas, remodeling, interior design, decorative accessories, home offices, arts and crafts, furniture, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

Novi Expo Center is located at 1-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors and children 6-12, while children under 6 are admitted free of charge.

For information, visit http://www.builders.org or call (248) 862-1019.







Ryder-McPhail

Charles and Frances Ryder of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Michele, to Kenneth Roy McPhail of Kentwood.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 Livonia Stevenson High School graduate and a 1999 Wayne State University graduate. She works for Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé, son of Roy and Carol McPhail of Livonia, is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University. He works at Big Buck Brewery in Grand Rapids.

Furr-Rav

Steven and Theresa Furr of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Brent David Ray of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1996 graduate of University of Michigan, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is self-employed as a training consultant.

Her fiancé, son of Ronald and Christina Ray, is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business. He is corporate vice president of a national wholesale distribution company. A June wedding is planned at

Jannon-Setlock

Lawrence and Annette Jannon of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Melissa, to Todd Anthony Setlock of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a Western Michigan University graduate. Her fiancé, son of Todd and

Linda Setlock of Livonia, is a University of Michigan-Dearborn graduate.

An October wedding is planned at St. Genevieve Church.

ENGAGEMENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

LaGrow-Murdock

Kathleen Wagner of Dearborn announces the engagement of her daughter, Kelly Heather LaGrow, to Kevin Dale Murdock of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she earned her bachelor's degree in management. She works for Blue Dot Services as an accounting supervisor.

Her fiancé, son of Max and Diana Murdock of Northville, attended the Center for Creative Studies and Wayne State University, where he majored in design. He works for The Robert Carter Company Mechanical Contractors as a project manager and estimator.

Washington and Brian and Barb

Winters of Port Huron, is a

Mount Vernon High School and

Eastern Michigan University

graduate. He is a regional editor

Cervantes-Schlaud

for Student Sports Inc.

Rick Schlaud of Canton.

Livonia Public Schools.

Her fiancé, son of Lindsay

Schlaud of Columbiaville and

Kathy Schlaud of Lapeer, is a

graduate of North Branch High

School and Central Michigan

A June wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



A September wedding is planned at First United Presbyterian Church of Warren.



University. He works for the Plymouth-Canton Public Schools. A July wedding is planned at Plymouth Manor.

Savage

Harold E. and Lois (Bingman) Savage are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this April.

The couple wed April 14, 1951 in Detroit and lived for eight years in Farmington. They are now residents of Stuart, Florida.

The Savages have seven children: Karen Zaleski, Julie Crago, Diane Brown, Lynn Peterson, Gail Tann, William Savage and James Savage. They also have 11 grandsons

and 11 granddaughters. Harold Savage has been

retired for 12 years from his work at General Motors Corporation.

Rhein-Link

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rhein of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheri Michelle, to Ryan Link of Livo-

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as a special education teacher.

Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Link of Novi, is a 1989 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as an area sales manager for Ingersoll-Rand.

A July wedding is planned for Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

Shamley-Champoux

John and Carol Shamley of Sterling Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Yvonne Shamley, to Andre S. Champoux of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ferris State University and works at Alcoa in Dearborn.

Her fiancé, son of Andre and Lori Champoux of Westland, is a Franklin High School graduate and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He works at Ford Motor Company as a graphic designer.

A March 2002 wedding is planned at Ward Presbyterian Church.



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The couple will celebrate this occasion with a family reunion at Mountain Lake, Virginia.







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A June wedding is planned for

St. John's Center in Plymouth.



April Fools' Day Sale

Saturday, March 31st & Sunday, April 1st



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announce the dirth of twins Nicholas Daniel and Alexandria Rose born Jan. 8 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Dan and Sue Mahoney of Livonia and Leo and Shirley Snage of Redford Town-

Snage of Redford Township

their son Andrew Michael born Feb. 3 in Garden City. Andrew joins sister Alyssa, 4. Grandparents are Michael and Linda Macerti of Garden City, Frank Engelbert of Winchester, Tenn.,

lo, Ill., and Jean and Bill Purchase of Clinton Township. Nancy and Sam A. Milanovich of Plymouth announce the birth of their son Please see NEW ARRIVALS, C12



HOME TOWN LIFE

Religion Calendar C

Doctors, hospital feel effects by tragedy in India

On Feb. 4, St. Mary Mercy Hospital In Livonia sent one of the only

medical teams in the U.S. to India to help

treat those injured by the Jan. 26 earth-

quake. Dr. Babu

Paidipaty, Dr. Ash

Gokli, nurse Bobbie

Dowel and nurse

Mary Greer returned

from their mission on



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Feb. 17 tremendously JULIE affected by the expe-SPROUL rience. As one of those involved on

behalf of the hospital, it had a great impact on me as well. Following is my perspective.

Julie Sproul, director, marketing / public relations, St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Monday, Feb. 19 - With just a few hours of sleep and suffering from jet lag, the four St. Mary Mercy doctors and nurses recapped their experiences in India to Larry O'Connor, **Observer & Eccentric Newspaper** reporter. It was the Monday after their return, and as I listened to the interview, the conversation almost seemed surreal. The scope of poverty, sickness and devastation being described was simply beyond comprehension by those of us living our relatively comfortable existence.

Unique perspective

What most impressed me was that through it all they had maintained a positive outlook and sense of humor. Those of us who know Paidipaty, Gokli, Dowel and Greer see them as serious, dedicated health care professionals. Together they have over 100 years of health care service, 82 of those at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. But, their experience in India gave them a global perspective on life that few of us will ever know.

I listened as they described how families were so broken apart there was nobody left to care for the sick, how the crew in their medical tent treated over 1,000 people a day using archaic medical supplies, and of the dirt and flies which made cleaning wounds almost futile.

one of the few hospitals left standing,

I heard Paidipaty, who worked at

Going places Families, students sought for exchange

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CABOLA STAFF WRITER

ate DeRoche never imagined she might leave her comfortable Plymouth home after graduating high school to spend a year with complete strangers in a tiny Brazil town.

But as a Rotary Exchange Student in 1998, that's what she did. She fondly refers to it as the best year of her life. DeRoche, now a 20-year-old sophomore at Central Michigan University, learned about the program while attending Plymouth Salem High School.

She passed the screening process and was soon eligible to spend a year in Baependi, Brazil - a small town tucked in the mountains, four hours outside Rio. It wasn't her first choice, but it became a temporary home.

From August 1998 to August 1999 she absorbed a new-to-her culture. But she will be the first to admit it wasn't easy

A month before it was time to leave, she didn't want to go. "All my friends were going off to school," she said. "I felt like I was doing nothing."

But DeRoche boarded the plane anyway. Even family friends questioned her decision to put off college for a year of travel. Her parents, Fred DeRoche and Jeanne Knopf DeRoche, knew the life experience would be worth it. When she returned, her mother said, "She was way more prepared to be on her own."

Being Brazilian

"I got there and cried for the first two weeks," said Kate. With some good advice from her mother, she agreed to stick it out. The language barrier was the hardest aspect to overcome. No one spoke English.

Four months into the program, though, she was getting along just fine. A few months later, DeRoche was fluent in Brazilian Portuguese. "It was the best thing I ever did," she said with confidence, "for me to walk away from my life and see it."

The year on her own made it much easier to move to college. DeRoche already knew she could take care of herself. Now a psychology major with an emphasis on neurology, she will

Her parents, both Rotarians, supported her decision. "We certainly missed her, but I guess I also believed this is the time to do it," said Fred DeRoche.

Mount Ranier in Washington State.

Kate's parents were familiar with the program. They had been a host to several students in the past, and Jeanne Knopf DeRoche served as a counselor to an exchange student. She is now District 6400 Youth Coordinator which serves southeastern Michigan and Windsor. She will oversee the student exchange program as well as other youth programs, such as leader-

ily feeling rewarded. "We have daughters all over the world who will always be special to us," said Jeanne Knopf DeRoche.

exchange student Angela Miotta (far left) of Brazil at the highest point you can drive a car on

Like many exchange students. DeRoche was able to travel around South America. She spent two weeks near the southern Amazon and traveled up the Atlantic coast of South America visiting beaches. She made friends in her classes as well as with other exchange students.

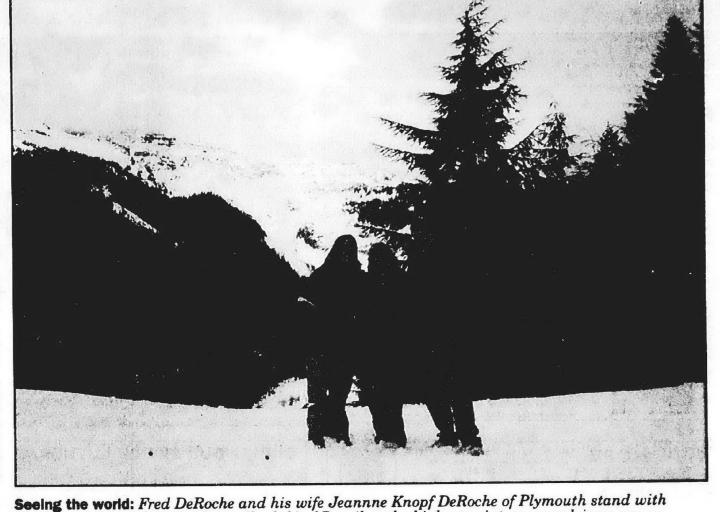
"I met people from Denmark, Sweden. I went to Paraguay and Argentina. I know more of Brazil than I know

extensively.

A learning experience

"The Youth Exchange Program is one of the pillars of Rotary," said Jan Eisen, Plymouth resident and co-chairman of the program. He and fellow chairman Scott LaRiche are seeking potential students and host families to participate.

Eisen understands the importance of traveling and living abroad. He was born in The Netherlands and is now president of STAR USA in downtown Plymouth - a worldwide company that specializes in translating. gram gives students the opportunity to look at another country," said Eisen. "They can be a year guest of Rotary." LaRiche said Rotary seeks students around age 17 who earn good grades,



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talk about surgery without anesthetic, the loss of limbs from crushing concrete, and how every square foot of space was used for patients including the floor. He was able to clean out an infected finger, but he was frustrated by what he couldn't do because of a lack of supplies or hygiene. Some of the hospital beds and equipment were over 30 years old.

Interspersed between these vivid descriptions, though, were indications that the group had possibly gained more than they had given. They had been welcomed with open arms by the people of India, and this seemed to have an even bigger impact on them than the devastation. They were invited into make-shift tents, offered food and treated like family. Dowel was asked to take a child back home to America; Greer seemed overwhelmed by their hospitality and generosity of spirit. Gokli described Dowel and Greer as "real troupers."

They even laughed at some of the ridiculous situations ... their excitement at finding a bathroom, eating off leaves as it was more sanitary than using dishes, and adopting a three-legged goat that faithfully remained by their tent.

Moving forward

The group was impressed there was no whining, crying or self-pity on the part of the Indian people. The harsh reality of losing so much seemed to bring out the best in the people left behind. Instead they were grateful that someone came to help them; strangers who became instant friends

Gokli mentioned that even though they were able to do only a small part of what needs to be done in India, they did make a difference.

I would say they made a huge dif-ference just by making the effort to to and help. And I would guess that those whose lives they touched and our entire community would agree.

Money continues to be raised for the India Relief Effort through St. Mary Mercy Haspital. If you would like to make a contribution, donations can be sent to the St. Mary Mercy Hospi-tal Foundation, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia, MI 48154, or you can call (734) 655-2121.

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spend the next six to seven years pursuing her dream of becoming a doctor. Her advice to prospective exchange

students? "You've got to research what you're getting into."

Host family

ship and service organizations within local school districts. She believes these programs say something to young people that they don't hear enough: "You're important to us. We really need you."

The experience left the DeRoche fam-

of (the United States)," said DeRoche.

The exchange students who stayed with the DeRoche family had the opportunity to visit places like New York City and Washington state. Travel depends upon the host family. Not all exchange students will travel as

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Doctor's Day reveals strong local ties

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

St. Mary Mercy Hospital doesn't just serve the Western Wayne County community, its doctors share special ties to the area.

Three of the hospital's doctors - John Wlezniak, emergency medicine; Michael Gatt, obstetrics/gynecology and John Frederick Harb, a board-certified urologist - were all born at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and now work there.

Wlezniak, Gatt and Harb are just three physicians who will be recognized in honor of National Doctor's Day, Friday, March 30. The holiday offers citizens a chance to publicly show appreciation for the role of physicians - caring for the sick, advancing medical knowledge, and promoting good health. It's the idea of community that keeps these doctors close to home.

"People should not feel obligated to drive 30-40 minutes to get treated," said Harb. "It should be available in our backyard."

The Urologic Clinic

Harb, born in 1967 and raised in Livonia, first realized he wanted to become a doctor at just 6 years old. During a family trip to Disney World, he became enamored with the "Body and Mind" exhibit.

His interest in health never waned. Harb attended University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and later medical school at Wayne State University. He completed his residency in urology and one year of research at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. "I always thought as a urologist I would be able to

improve the quality of life for all age groups," said Harb, now a Birmingham resident. "I was just amazed with the changes that occur in the field and I wanted to be part of it."

Harb chose to return to the hospital because he felt he would make a difference. And, in less than two years, he has.

Harb is the director of the hospital's ProSeed Prostate Implant Brachytherapy Center of Excellence - the only one of its kind in the state to offer Brachytherapy, a form of radiation therapy that implants small seeds into the prostate to treat cancer without harming surrounding tissues like the rectum and urethra.

No matter what the treatment, it's the patients who keep him motivated. "That's the reason I keep doing it," said Harb. "I like the interaction with people and helping them.

"I contemplated going to a large hospital, a large



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY Then, now: Dr. Michael Gatt (above) holds Kendal White of Garden City just minutes after he was born. Gatt (left as a toddler) is a staff member at St. Mary Mercy and maintains a Canton office.

medical center, but I chose this community hospital because of the challenge of introducing sorely needed state-of-the-art medicine."

Wlezniak, born in 1963, was raised in Redford. He knew he wanted to pursue a career in medicine while still in high school. "I wanted to do something that would be a bit cf a thrill for me and also be beneficial

attended college and medical school at Detroit's

Wayne State University.

It wasn't until he neared the end of his training that Wlezniak decided to pursue emergency medicine. "I got to thinking I'd be bored if I ended up doing the same thing all the time. Pretty much every day is different for me."

After three years at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital, Wlezniak returned to the hospital where his own life began. Seven years later, he feels he fits in pretty well. Wlezniak now resides in Plymouth. He treats 20-30 patients each day and his work days range from 8 to 12 hour shifts, starting at all hours of the day and night.

One minute Wlezniak might be a cardiologist, the next he's an orthopedic surgeon. Life in the Emergency Room remains unpredictable, as he likes it. But one thing is certain, his job requires continuing his medical education. In a usual day, I may be able to stop someone from having a heart attack," he said. That is rewarding enough.

Obstetrics and gynecology

Gatt, born in 1964 and raised in Livonia, is the son of a head operating room nurse. He remembers going to the hospital with his mother, at age 11, and witnessing plastic surgery procedures. It's among his first memories of wanting to become a doctor.

A Detroit Catholic Central High School graduate, Gatt attended Hillsdale College and medical school at Michigan State University. He chose to become an OB/GYN for three specific reasons: it offered the opportunity for a surgical sub-specialty, he is able to be a primary care physician, and he believes that expectant mothers tend to be more interested in their health than average patients.

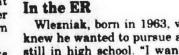
"They tended to be more knowledgeable and interested in being healthy," said Gatt, who lives in Novi and has four children of his own.

Gatt estimates in the six years he has been affiliated with St. Mary Mercy Hospital, he has delivered about 500 babies. As a resident at Southfield's Providence Hospital, it was possible to be involved in the delivery of 10 babies each day. Each time is a thrill.

"First of all, you focus on the health of the child and the health of the mom," said Gatt. "When you get to the point and you see that the baby's O.K. and the mom's O.K., you can be part of the joy. People come up to you and thank you. It's very overwhelming to get the opportunity and privilege to be involved in it." As for the upcoming day of recognition. Gatt believes every day can be Doctor's Day. "It's an honor

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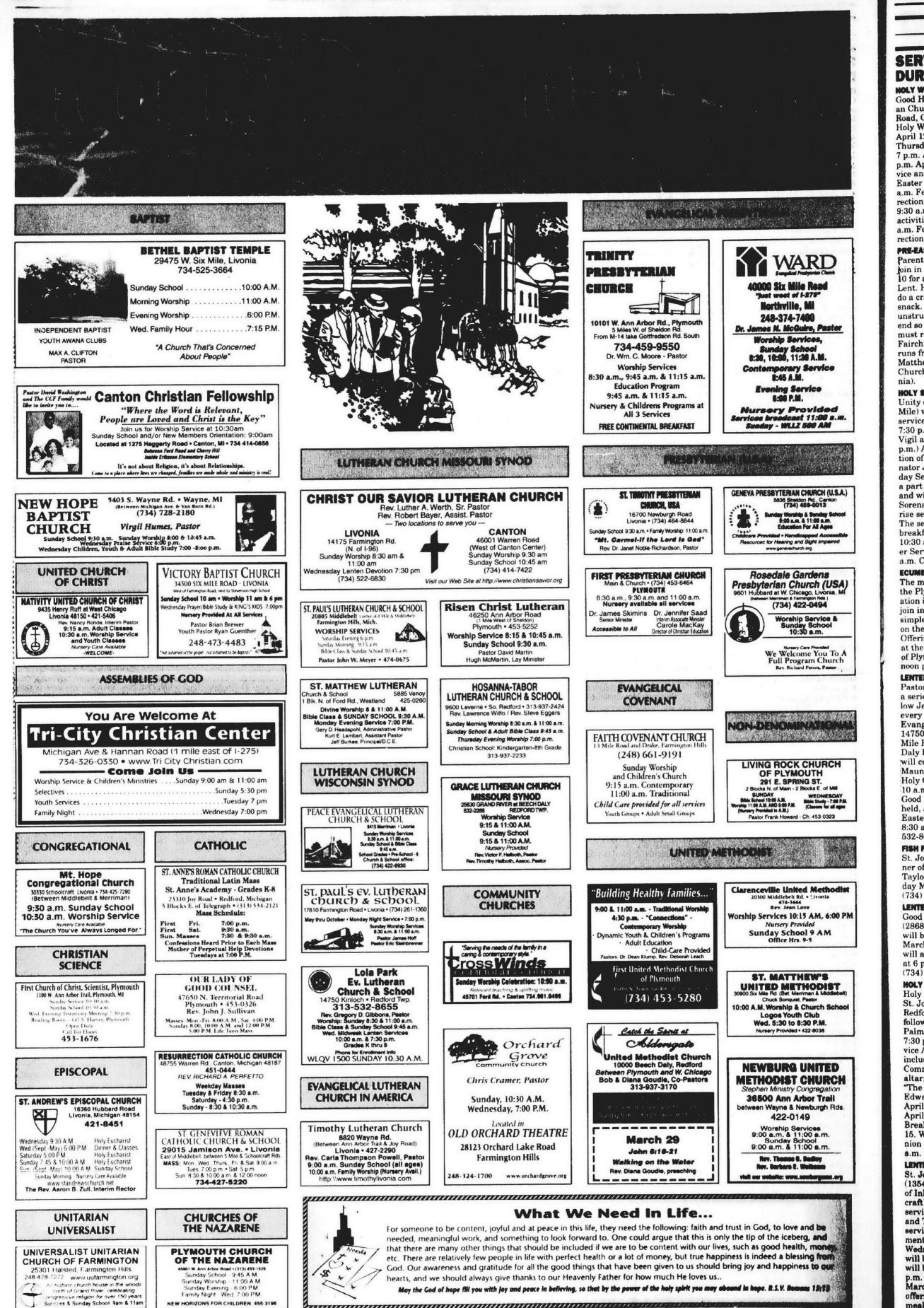
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SERVICES **DURING LENT**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church (28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City) will host Holy Week Services beginning April 12 at 7 p.m. with Maundy Thursday and Holy Communion; 7 p.m. April 13, Good Friday; 8 p.m. April 14 Easter Vigil service and Holy Communion; and Easter Sunday, April 15 8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Resurrection with Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Easter breakfast and activities for children and 11 a.m. Festival Service of Resurrection with Holy Communion.

PRE-EASTER FUN

Parents and children (2-5) can oin in the fun April 3 and April 10 for a free program during Lent. Hear a story, sing a song, do a craft/activity and enjoy a snack. There will be some unstructured playtime at the end so adults can socialize. You must register by calling Anne Fairchild (734) 422-6038. Event runs from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (30900 w. Six Mile, Livonia).

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Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile) will host Holy Communion services Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Prayer Vigil at 10 a.m. (concluding at 7 p.m.) April 13 under the direction of licensed teacher co-ordinator Joan Ham. The Good Friday Service from 1-2 p.m. will be a part of this prayer intensive and will be led by Rev. Gene Sorensen. Easter Sunday Sunrise service begins at 7:30 a.m. The service will be followed by breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m. The two regular Easter Services will be at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Call (734) 421-1760.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER

The members of congregations of the Plymouth Ministerial Association invite the community to join in ecumenical prayer and a simple lunch of soup and bread on the Wednesdays of Lent. Offering will run through April 4 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Lunch follows after noon prayer.

LENTEN SERIES

Pastor Gregory Gibbons presents a series based on the theme "Follow Jesus" 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

RELIGION CALENDAR

SPIRITUAL BEING

shrimp or macaroni dinners, 4-7

a.m. Saturday, April 7. Their

guests will be The Covenant

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LENTEN BREAKFAST

p.m. in the Activities Hall, Ann Men of Orchard present "Spiritual Beings, Angels and their Arbor Trail east of Beech Daly in Counterparts," at 6 p.m. Friday, Dearborn Heights. Call (313) March 30 in the fellowship hall (30450 Farmington Road) in Farmington Hills. Linda Wells The United Methodist Women of from the DIA will be discussing First United Methodist Church and showing how artists depict in Garden City (6443 Merriman the invisible in the visual arts. Road) will have their Annual Everyone welcome. No charge. Lenten Prayer Breakfast at 9:30

Call (248) 626-3620. **GUEST SPEAKER**

Unity of Livonia will host guest speaker Gene Sorensen at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31 in the church sanctuary. He will discuss "Unique Connections to Spirit." The church is located at 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 421-1760.

EASTER DISCUSSION

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road) continues its educational series from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 31. The guest speaker will be Randall Shields, campus pastor and professor at Concordia College, Ann Arbor. Shields will look at the historical Easter and its relevance to the 21st century. A continental breakfast will be offered. Cost is \$5. Please pre-register by March 28. (734) 522-6830.

CLASSICAL BELLS The Classical Bells, a group

handbell artistry through educational programs, workshops and concerts. They will perform at 6:45 p.m. Sunday, April 1 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia (30900 W. Six Mile). There is no admission charge but an offering will be accepted for the Habitat for Humanity-Western Wayne County organization. Call (734) 425-7861.

AN EVENING WITH SIMON PETER

Have you ever wondered what it was like to see Jesus? To travel with him? You can meet Simon Peter, talk with him and get some idea of the magnitude of Jesus' love for everyone, of his compassion and of his obedience to God's will. At 7 p.m. Sunday, April 1, John Dzwonkowski will present his interpretation of what it was like to be a follower of the chosen one at St. Colette Church (17600 Newburgh Road) of Livonia in the main church. There is no admission charge, baby sitting will be available in the social area of the church and the presentation is suitable for junior high school and older children and all adults.

DARRYL SCOTT SPEAKS

Tri-City Christian Center (2020 Hannan Road) of Canton will host Darryl Scott at 7 p.m. Monday, April 2. He is the father of Rachel Scott, who was tragically

killed in the Columbine High School shootings. He will be speaking about school violence and the tragedy that took place in his life. For information call (734) 326-0330.

RLOODMORILE

The American Red Cross bloodmobile will be held at Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Road, between 13 and 14 Mile roads) from 1:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, April 2 in Fellowship Hall. Call (248) 626-3620.

GRIEF SUPPORT

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center will begin a group for teens who are faced with grief after the death of a family member/friend. The group will meet the first and third Tuesday evenings beginning in May at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Youth House) - 220 Elm St. in Northville at 7 p.m. There will be an informational meeting for parents at 7 p.m. April 3 at

the Youth House. Call (248) 348-0115.

PARENTING WITH LOVE/LOGIC

Newburg United Methodist Church of Livonia will host "Parenting with Love and Logic" beginning April 3 and the following Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. The cost will be \$10 per person/couple for materials. This is the manual that you have been looking for to be a firm but loving parent. Call (734) 455-2116 to register.

A HEALTHIER YOU

Soy, flax, calcium, fruits, grains, nuts and beans. Miracle foods or hype --- what's the real story? Use this Lenten time of reflection, renewal and change to become a healthier you. Join the parish health nurses at St. Colette Church (17602 Newburgh, Livonia) and a registered dietitian (Lee McDonagh) for a presentation at 7 p.m. April 3. Sample a calcium fortified dip with diet healthy fruits and vegetables. Call (734) 464-4436.





every Wednesday at Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, south of Five Mile Road and west of Beech Daly Road in Redford. The series will culminate in Holy Week. A Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be held at 10 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. and two Good Friday services will be held, at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Easter Celebration will be at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call (313) 532-8655.

FISH FRY

St. John's Lutheran Church (corner of Telegraph/Northline in Taylor) will host a Fish Fry, Friday March 30 from 4-7 p.m. Call (734) 287-3866.

LENTEN SERVICES

Good Hope Lutheran Church (28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City) will be held every Wednesday in March and April 4 at 7 p.m. We will also be having a soup supper at 6 p.m. before the service. Call (734) 427-3660.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Holy Week worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford (13542 Mercedes) are as follows: Worship at 10:30 a.m. Paim/Passion Sunday April 8; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday service April 12. Service will include ritual foot-washing, Holy Communion and stripping of altar; 7:30 p.m. Dance-drama "The Mediation on the Cross" by Edward A. Cook, Good Friday, April 13; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14 Easter Vigil; and Easter Breakfast 9 a.m. Sunday, April 15. Worship with Holy Communion and special music 10:30 a.m.

LENTEN SERVICES

St. John's Lutheran Church (13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road, south of Schoolcraft) will hold mid-week Lenten services on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings. Each service will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Wednesday services at 10 a.m. will be April 4. Thursday service will be preceded by supper at 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m. March 29 and April 5. A freewill offering will be taken for the meal

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St. Bernardine pinochle and euchre card parties will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 30, April 6 and April 20. Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5, and includes cards, prizes, refreshments and munchies. Located at Ann Arbor Trail & Merriman.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church and School (9600 Leverne, Redford Twp.) will host a Mom to Mom Spring Resale from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 31. Admission is \$1; strollers allowed. For rental availability call Shirley (313) 531-8511.) One block north off West Chicago/west of Beech Daly.

MOM TO MOM SALE

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was given to me.

Sacred Heart Church (29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia) will be the host site of a Mom to Mom's sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Second hand children's clothing (newborn and up); toys, maternity items; children's furniture, cribs, strollers, high chairs and beds. Bake sale.

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\$1 admission. Call Jennifer (248) 426-6227 to rent a table. **Representatives from Creative** Memories, Discovery Toys, D.K. Books (personalized books also available) and Tupperware will be present.

WATCH/PERFUME FUND RAISER

St. Mary Mercy Hospital (34675 Five Mile) will hold a watch and perfume fund raiser sponsored by the St. Mary Mercy Foundation from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5 and 6 in the Pavilion lobby. All watches are licensed and include brands such as Seiko, Guess and Gruen. Call (734) 655-2980.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) will host a Mom to Mom Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21. A clown will be onhand to provide free face painting and balloon animals. Maternity through infant and pre-teen clothes, toys and furniture. Table renters get free lunch. Bake sale. Hot dogs, chips, Kool Aid and coffee. Call (734) 422-0149.

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

CLAWSON

Class of 1976 A 25-year reunion is planned for July 7 at the K of C Hall in Clawson. Call Cheryl (Strate) Brunette (248) 528-2652; Cathy (Grimes) MacKillop (248) 280-2764 or e-mail clawson1976@aol.com

COOLEY

Class of 1951 A reunion is planned for Sept. 8 at the Holiday Inn - Detroit. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

Class of 1981

A reunion is planned for June 23 at the Doubletree in Novi. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

A reunion is planned for Sept. 22 at Zuccaro's in Clinton Twp. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS Class of 1976

A 25-year reunion is planned for Aug. 11 at St. Clemens Hall in Dearborn. Call Kris (Schaefer) Garanich at (248) 486-1562 or email mauityme1@aol.com **DETROIT CENTRAL**

Class of 1946

A 55th reunion is planned for June 3 at the Glen Oaks Golf

Club in Farmington Hills. Nearly 530 attended the 50th reunion. Tickets are \$60 per person. Dine, dance, gossip and

scope your (olde) schoolmates. January graduates call Dr. Allen Weiss (248) 737-9313 or Esther (Klein) Bornstein (248) 851-6625. June graduates call Norma (Karball) Sklar (248) 626-6750 or Marilyn (Stone) Davidson (248) 865-9216.

DETROIT CODY

Class of 1961 A 40-year reunion is planned for the Novi Doubletree Sept. 22. Call Rita (248) 348-7437 or Connie (734) 425-7094. Visit Cody61.org online.

DETROIT COCLEY

Class of 1951 The classes of January and June of Cooley High School will hold a 50-year reunion Sept. 8. Those interested call Dennis and Joy Brown (810) 446-9636 or Class Reunions Plus.

DONDERO

Class of 1981 A reunion is planned for Aug. 11 at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636. Class of 1991

A reunion is planned for Nov. 23 at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.

Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

DWIGHT EISENHOWER

Class of 1991 Reunion is planned for Nov. 23 at the Sterling Inn. Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

EDGEL FORD/SACRED HEART Jan./June Classes 1956

REUNIONS

The 1956 January and June classes of Dearborn High Edsel Ford and Sacred Heart Dearborn are planning the 45th reunion on Friday, Aug. 3. Call Arlene Wen-cel (313) 561-6530.

FARMINGTON

Class of 1961 Farmington High School Class of 1961 is holding a 40-year reunion on Aug. 4 at the Best Western Executive Hotel & Suites, Orchard Lakes and 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. E-mail johnhelgren@aol.com or call Pam Overton Makouske at (248) 391-7534. If you've moved and we've missed you. Don't miss it.

Class of 1971

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 21 at Baker's of Milford. Call Mary Goodhue (810) 735-5296; Susan (Moss) Walker (248) 628-4295 or visit www.geocities.com/re71union Class of 1976 Reunion is planne for July 27-28 at the Novi Hilton (Novi). Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

FERNDALE

Class of 1971 A reunion is being planned for Sept. 29 at the Fox and Hounds in Bloomfield Hills. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

FITZGERALD HIGH

Class of 1961 The Fitzgerald High School (Warren) class of 1961 has planned a reunion for fall of 2001. Call Jeanie (Evans) (810) 758-6535 or e-mail jeaniecski@aol.com

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Class of 1971 A reunion is planned for Saturday, June 23 at the Park Place in Dearborn. Graduates who have not received mailings should call Frank D'Amore (313) 278-3926 or Kevin Brazell at (313) 562-5033. Sponsors, advertisers and prize donors are also being sought. Class of 1981

A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 3 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Tickets are \$65 each. Call Janine (734) 632-8473 or e-mail jgurka@todaylink.com

GARDEN CITY EAST

Class of 1971

A 30-year reunion is being planned for the class of 1971 on Saturday, Aug. 11. Festivities include entertainment by a dee jay, sit-down style dinner and dancing. For reservations call (248) 542-8918 Jenette or (313) 541-6834 Mary.

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Class of 1970 Reunion is planned for Oct. 6 at the Romulus Marriott. Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929. Class of 1976 A reunion is planned for Oct. 5 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-

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Please see REUNIONS, C11

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable

auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 397-5435 Publish: March 29, 2001

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150

end up with one of their top four choices.

tion. The DeRoches paid an administrative fee of \$750 for their daughter, bought an insurance policy and an airplane ticket, which cost \$1,600. Fred DeRoche estimated it cost \$2,600 plus miscellaneous expenses for her trips around South America. As a host, Rotary pays a \$50 monthly stipend for expenses and covers the insurance policy. There are incidental expenses, he said, comparing it to having an extra family member tem-

The program is not limited to Rotary members; anyone can apply. Eisen said the program benefits "anyone who is interested in learning and getting experiences that will have value for a lifetime.

The program begins around late July, usually before the student enters his or her senior year of high school. It lasts a full 12 months. The student attends classes, lives with a host family and will often become fluent in another language. "It's not just that they

ing a new language, they're

are kids. Fred DeRoche said he would happily be a host again. "You love them like they're your own," he said. "They're going to be part of your life."

His wife echoed his sentiments: "The kids, for the most part, are so grateful for everything you do.'

Students tend to stay with one host family for three or four months and then move onto another one. DeRoche was able to stay with the same family for ; the duration of her stay. She still keens in contact with them and calls them Mom and Dad. Rotary Youth Exchange is an unforgettable opportunity for adventurous young people who want to see the world. Students willing to travel or families interested in participating in the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange program can obtain more information at www. csrye. org, www.studentexchanges.org or call Jan at (734) 416-1865.

Wlezniak, emergency medicine -St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

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Dr. John

people around the

doctors... the nurses, the techs, we couldn't do it without them."

Exchange from page C7

possess an outgoing personality and are willing to learn. They choose a location from 43 participating countries and typically

Costs vary and depend on loca-

COUSINO Class of 1981

NOTICE IS HEREI Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 12th , 2001 for the following:

GLOCK MOUNTED FLASHLIGHTS & BELT HOLDERS

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All proposals 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.

Publish: March 29, 2001

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

Please Take Note: On or before May 1, 2001, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the Township of Plymouth, Michigan, to cut and destroy nozious weeds before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves or becoming a detriment to public health, or shall cause the same to be done. Failure to comply with this notice and Section 32.050 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance means that the Township will enter upon such lands and mow the weeds and bill the property owners for the service, as provided in Section 21.070 of the Plymouth Township Ordinance.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will begin mowing all unmowed lots or plots of land on May 15, 2001, without further notice to the property owners.

Publish: March 25 and 29, 2001

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 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 12th, 2001 for the following:

GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All proposals 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

Publish: March 29, 2001

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 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 12th , 2001 for the following:

MORTON TAYLOR ROAD STREET TREE PLANTING PROJECT

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A non-refundable plan deposit of \$10.00 shall be required. Checks shall be payable to Canton Township. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid 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

Publish March 29, 2001



BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS **MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**

porarily.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-01-04 701 N. Evergreen Non-Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Bradley Allan

Z-01-05 770 Deer St. Non-Use Variance Requested Side & Rear Yard Setback

Zoned: RM-2, Multiple Family Residential Applicant: Larry M. Rockind Architects

Z-01-06 Downtown Plymouth Non-Use Variance Requested Sign Variance Zoned: B-2, Central Business Applicant: Plymouth Chamber of Commerce

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services. such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Request for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

> Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator 201 S Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend

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learning a whole different culture," said Eisen. "The kids come back looking at their own coun-

try very, very differently. That's a benefit. Also for the host family, this is an advantage." families,

Extending friends

The DeRoches learned that despite cultural differences, kids

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 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 12th, 2001 for the following: FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All proposals 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

BOARD PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 20, 2001

A regular study session of the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees held Tuesday, March 20, 2001. Supervisor Yack at 6 p.m. called the meeting to order

Roll Call

Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, **Members** Present Shefferly, Yack

Members Absent: None

Director Durack, Director Machnik, Michael Ager, Gerry Staff Present: Martin

Item 1 Review of Architectural Plans From Architects Design Group for the Canton Township Human Services Facility

Anita Toews, The Architects Design Group, Inc., gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees regarding the progress on the Human Services Facility. Ms. Toews presented an overview of the following:

Site Plan

The entry to the building is in line with an alley of trees with parking both behind the building and behind the existing school. The area also has parallel parking on local area roads. The landscaping is designed with high and full plant material to screen the parking areas and with lower plant material to emphasize the entry area. Some trees on the property will be removed and re-planted elsewhere on the parcel. To date, only one (1) tree will need to be removed completely. It would be beneficial to design and bid the parking area and road improvements on the local area roads at the same time.

Floor Pian

The first floor contains an entry in the back of the building from the parking area and an entry from the street. The lobby (with reception area), begins at the front of the building and continues to the back with an elevator to the lower level and second floor. Each floor is approximately 7,000 square feet and the building has a full basement. A needs analysis for Growth Works was completed and resulted in an area on the first floor designed which contains

offices, restrooms, a copy space and large open area for work stations while allowing room to grow. The first floor also has two (2) small interview rooms that could be used by building occupants. There are somewhat larger meeting rooms with a folding partition in the middle to allow for two (2) smaller meeting rooms (approximately 13 x 19) or one larger room. Also on this floor are larger meeting rooms with a partition to allow for two (2) meeting rooms (approximately 27 x 21) or one large area which could be used for a voting precinct. The latter room(s) also have access to separate restrooms and a butler style kitchen with refrigerator to allow for the possibility to serve beverages. There is a lot of storage located throughout this building and a generous amount of storage located in the basement.

The second floor was designed with the Community Foundation in mind and is similar to that of the first floor. There are offices, restrooms, a copy space and contains a separate lobby area. The remainder of the second floor will remain unfinished to allow easier configuration for possible future tenants. This is an area which could also be used be local service groups.

Elevations

The area beginning at the base of the window and continuing down will be a split face rustic block. This gives a solid look for the foundation of the building. There will be approximately two (2) rows of soldier coursing and the remainder will be that of brick. The plan shows a shingle roof, but will also be bid with an alternate cost. This will keep the option for a standing seam metal roof option open. A comparison can then take place and a final determination made.

Anita Toews concluded by explaining that the site plan is anticipated to seek Planning Commission approval in April or May of 2001. The project will then be bid in June and construction is anticipated to begin in August, 2001.

Adjourn

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak at 6:35 to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The above is a synopsis from the Board of Trustees study session held Tuesday, March 20, 2001. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular board meeting of March 27, 2001.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor Publish: March 29, 2001

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A reunion is planned for the Jan. and June classes on Sept. 29 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in Grosse Pointe. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636. NOSSE POINTE NORTH

Class of 1991

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

IGHLAND PARK

Class of 1981 A 20-year reunion is planned for

Highland Park Community High School July 6-8. Call William Washington (248) 967-0483 or (313) 865-4962.

HENRY FORD

Class of 1991 A reunion is planned for July 21 at the Karas House in Redford. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

HENRY FORD I Class of 1981

Reunion is planned for July 28 at the Hillcrest Banquet Center (Clinton Twp.) Call (800) 677-7800. visit www.taylorreunions.com or email: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

HOLY REDEEMER

Boll Call

Planning Commission:

Board of Trustees:

Canton Project Arts:

Class of 1951 Classmates are being sought for a 50th reunion planned Saturday, Oct. 6. Please call Gerard Mc Master for information, (248) 471-1534. Class of 1962

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Classmates call Frank S.

Barkovich regarding the class reunion in 2002. Call (734) 397-8777.

NURON Class of 1981

A reunion is planned for July 7 at the Holiday Inn - Ann Arbor. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

JOIN GLENN

Class of 1971 A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Call Peggy (734) 981-4723. Class of 1981 A reunion is planned for Nov. 24 at the Warren Valley Country Club in Dearborn Heights. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

Class of 1991

at the Warren Valley Country Club in Dearborn. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 446-9636.

Reunion is planned for Aug. 18 at the Hillcredst Banquet Center (Clinton Twp.) Call (800) 677-7800, visit

mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

LADYWOOD

Class of 1961 A 40th reunion is planned for the class of 1961 at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 5 at the Holiday Inn West (6 Mile road and I-275) in Livonia. Call Jane (734) 453-9159 or Sandy (734) 453-0783.

Dodson, Gustafson, Johnson, Lieberman,

Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy,

Debby Bradley, Sharon Dillenbeck, Dick

LAKE ORIGN

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

MARCH 19, 2001/MARCH 20, 2001

A special joint meeting of the Historic District Commission, Planning

Commission, and Board of Trustees held Monday, March 19, 2001. At 3:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Historic District Commission: Bennett, Foley, King, McLaughlin, Parker,

Rusaki

Roughley, Welton

McLaughlin, Wade, Zarbo

McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack

Class of 1976

Requests the pleasure of your company to celebrate 25 years of adventure at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 at Beaver Creek Golf Links in Lake Orion. Write: Class of 1976, Tina (Walser) Jackson, 984 McClellan, Lake Orion, MI 48362 or e-mail tinaclassof76@aol.com

LIVONIA BENTLEY

A reunion is planned for July 28

L'ANSE CREUSE NORTH

Class of 1991

www.taylorreunions.com or e-

Class of 1976 A reunion is being planned for Sept. 1 at the Doubletree Suites Hotel in Novi. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565. LIVONIA STEVENSON Classes of 1975-77 Stevenson High School Class of

1975, 1976 and 1977 are holding a combined reunion on Oct. 6. For more information call (248) 879-9267.

MACKENZIE

Classes of 64-67 A combined 35 year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 27 for the class of 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967. Call (248) 746-9618. Class of 1956 A 45th reunion is planned for Sept. 7-9 at Holiday Inn - Livonia West. E- mail helenk@tir.com or (734) 261-0325 for information.

MERCY COLLEGE

Mercy College of Detroit graduates celebrating 60 years of heritage. Reunion is planned for Sept. 15 on the Mercy campus. Send name, year graduated, address, city/state, zip and phone number to Reunion, 5245 Hardwoods Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48323 or call Pat (248) 682-1807 or Anne-Marie (248) 647-5378.

NATIVITY HIGH

Alumni are being sought who graduated with the class of 1951 from Nativity High School in Detroit. A reunion is planned for Oct. 21. Contact Doris Kraft Fisher (810) 263-6133; or Margaret Caringi Leroy (248) 276-9730.

NORTH FARMINETON Class of 1970

Class of 1951

A reunion is being planned for Saturday, April 28 at the Novi Hilton. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565. Class of 1981

A reunion is being planned for Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southfield. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

Class of 1991 A 10-year reunion is in the planning stages. We are looking for classmates. Call Reunions Made Easy (248) 592-9565.

NORTHVILLE

Class of 1956 Alumni from grades K-12 are sought to attend a June 9, 2001 reunion at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall in Northville. Call Norm at (248) 437-0053 or Delores at (248) 486-3164 or send e-mail to dahdewit@aol.com.

NORTHWESTERN

Class of 1991 Attention classmates. We're organizing now for a 10-year reunion. Call Temisha Lee (313) 258-0698 or leet105@yahoo.com or Andra Laginess at allaginess@aol.com

NOVI Class of 1981

A 20-year reunion is being planned for Aug. 18 at Oak Pointe Country Club in

presentation reviewing the 400 seat theater including: a lobby with amenities, backstage areas, a rehearsal room, classroom area and technical capabilities.

TMP Associates Inc. explained the correlation for the aforementioned elements and included the parking design. TMP reviewed all of the features involved with the center, and explained that the following are the most important and must receive utmost attention: acoustics, view from the audience, backstage service areas, and expandable options. These issues are most important as they are items which are not repairable after completion. The design team then presented a number of options for seating configuration and the arts group representatives were given the opportunity to discuss design options. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. and would re-convene at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2001.

Tuesday March 20, 2001

A special joint meeting of the Historic District Commission, Planning Commission, and Board of Trustees held Monday, March 20, 2001. At 8:30 a.m., the meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Dionne, Joann Dionne, Gloria Hammonds, Norma Owens, Linda Shapona, Delphine Roll Call

Historic District Commission: Bennett, Foley, King, McLaughlin, Parker,

Brighton, Call heidi (Rushford) Bednarek at (248) 960-0261 or email heidib@ameritech.net or www.geocities.com/nhsclass81 for details. OAK PARK

Class of 1961 The Oak Park High School Class

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2001 INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION

CERTIFICATE FOR PRECISION.COM CORPORATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2001, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Precision.com Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for their new manufacturing facility. The request includes new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures to be installed within the new facility. The facility is located at 46201 Five Mile Road, Metro West Industrial Park, Phase 6, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Township Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, April 10, 2001, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MARCH 21, 2001/MARCH 22, 2001

A special joint meeting of the Historic District Commission, Planning Commission, and Board of Trustees held Wednesday, March 21, 2001. At 12:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Supervisor Yack.

Roll Call	
Historic District Commission:	Bennett, Foley, King, McLaughlin, Parker, Roughley, Welton
Planning Commission:	Dodson, Gustafson, Johnson, Lieberman, McLaughlin, Wade, Zarbo
Board of Trustees:	Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Canton Project Arts:	Debby Bradley, Sharon Dillenbeck, Dick Dionne, Joanne Dionne, Gloria Hammonds, Norma Owens, Linda Shapona, Delphine Rusaki
Cherry Hill Task Force:	Mike Gerou, Dave Curtis, Kay Hartman- Kuck, John Pardington
Plymouth Theatre Guild:	Ed Cox, Nancy Adams, Ken Juna, Mary Lynn Kuna, Frank Pfeiffer, Diana Wella, Eugene Hammonds, Barbara Stanford,
Historical Society:	Ronni Curtis
TMP Associates, Inc.:	Richard Borrelli, Tim Casai, Barry Nebhut
Plymouth Symphony Orchestra	: Darlene Dreyer, John Lewis

Tom Casari, Beborah Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Durack,



of '61 is seeking missing persons

6:30 p.m. to midnight May 12 at

the Kingsley Inn (39475 Wood-

tp let them know about its 40-

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ward Avenue at Long Lake

(248) 851-4541.

Road), Call (248) 366-8972 or

Cherry Hill Task Force:	Mike Gerou, Dave Curtis, Kay Hartman-) the Fit	Roughley, Welton
and and state	Kuck, John Pardington	Planning Commission:	Dodson, Gustafson, Johnson, Liebern
Historic District Commission:	Ralph Welton, Virginia Parker, Gregg King		McLaughlin, Wade, Zarbo
Plymouth Theatre Guild:	Ed Cox, Nancy Adams, Ken Kuna, Mary Lynn Kuna, Frank Pfeiffer, Diana Wells,	Board of Trustees:	Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, La McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack
Historical Society:	Eugene Hammonds, Barbara Standford Ronni Curtis	Canton Project Arts:	Debby Bradley, Sharon Dillenbeck, I Dionne, Joann Dionne, Gloria Hammo
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Plymouth Symphony Orchestra:			Rusaki Mike Gerou, Dave Curtis, Kay Hartn
Staff Present:	Tom Casari, Deborah Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Conklin, Director Durack, Michael	Cherry Hill Task Force:	Kuck, John Pardington
	Ager, Jeff Goulet, Debbie Janice, Brad Sharp,	Historic District Commission:	Ralph Welton, Virginia Parker, Gregg Kin
Looney Ricks Kiss:	Debbie Zevalkink Rich Bubnowsky, Jim Constantine	Plymouth Theatre Guild:	Ed Cox, Nancy Adams, Ken Kuna, M Lynn Kuna, Frank Pfeiffer, Diana W Eugene Hammonds, Barbara Standford
Others Present:	Vicky Hardy (Theatre Consultant), Peter	Historical Society:	Ronni Curtis
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	Goodman (School for the Performing Arts),	Plymouth Symphony Orchestra	
	Ron Ruedger (Theatre Core Commission),	Staff Present:	Tom Casari, Deborah Bilbrey-Honsov
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Introduction: Transmiss Kimbertter asked th	a audience to stand, introduce themselves and		Debbie Zevalkink Rich Bubnowsky, Jim Constantine
the organization they represent		Looney Ricks Kiss: Others Present:	Vicky Hardy (Theatre Consultant), 1
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	architecture of Cherry Hill Village.		Lucy Spinner, John Zoretts (Verdi O
2. The structure must meet fin	nancial capabilities.		Theatre of Michigan), Dollie Lieberman
3. The public space must be buildings.	consistent with Canton's quality standards for	First Session	ber of locations throughout the room whe
4. Private spaces must be fun	ctional and durable.	those present could travel betw	veen locations while asking questions and
	user friendly technical systems.	comments regarding all design	elements, including, but not limited to: int ffic, and parking. This format continued
6. The building must be low n		the 6:00 p.m. dinner break.	
7. The public and private space	ces must be flexible, multiple use spaces.	Second Session	
8. The building is both an edu	cational and performing arts center.	The second session was called	to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Yack
Project Context:		then introduced members of the	he Historic District Commission, the Plan Trustees. Mr. Yack then reviewed the four
Mr. Jim Constantine reviewed create a village center concep with mined uses which concen- community with relationships the project. Historic design v	the context of Cherry Hill Village which is to t with energy and excitement. A development trates on historic resources. Develop of liveable of appropriate scale and design are important to with social interaction, recreation and active mital areas are designed to be the most dense	process which has lead up to the capacity of the TMP Associat Supervisor Yack introduced I principles and explained the indesign team members review questions.	this charette and introduced and explaine es Inc. and Looney Ricks Kiss (design to Ms. Vicky Hardy who reviewed the gu format for this session which will includ ring drawings and allowing opportunitie
near the center where there is along the street. The Performing as its correlation is important new.	a walking community including ventue parameters ong Arts building received special considerations to all surrounding buildings both historical and aballance as it is designed to correlate with the	and how the Performing Arts policies. Mr. Constantine the representing the possibilities f may be situated.	concept plan for Cherry Hill Village, its po Center must fit in with the concept plan hen continued with a visual present for the setting and context in which the th
back of other buildings and presented visual image ex- participation regarding building	its street computation. Mr. Sim Constantino ercises designed to receive total audience ag design, styles, features, size, materials, signs, resentation achieves common likes and dislikes agains team with their tasks. Other issues which	design process including its sp the most important factors w images perarding: seating, star	d who began with a review of their role is paces, sizes and characteristics. Barry rev which are not repairable and presented v re, expandable options (with the exception om, laundry, wardrobe facilities, restroom e rehearsal area.
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union was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. for dinner.

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included additional members of the arts community and was a session included additional members of the arts community and was not to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Yack. Again members of the audience re asked to stand, introduce themselves and the organization they recent. A review of the guiding principles was repeated. Ma. Virginia Hardy multiset assisting with the feasibility study), explained that the study demod that a Performing Arts Center would have the support of the time community. He Hardy explained that the three (3) location options for remeat of the building were asheed district property, civic center property; within Cherry Hill Willags. A determination was made that the best location this type of building was Cherry Hill Villags. She centinued her

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Cox, Nancy Adams, Ken Kuna, Mary n Kuna, Frank Pfeiffer, Diana Wells, ene Hammonds, Barbara Standford	Work-Section
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ard Borrelli, Tim Casai, Barry Nebhut	listened to public design team creat
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Supervisor Yack then opened the floor to the audience where design team members answered questions regarding the various elements of the building design.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Supervisor Yack.

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ring the work-sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, the design team tened to public comment regarding areas that caused concern. The ign team created multiple new drawings during the day based on the ments received.

arette Summary

12:45 p.m., the lunch summary portion of the meeting was called to

Jim Constantine began with a summary of the presentation. He lained that the original concept for the Avenue of the Arts was reined due to constraints of the original parcels. These constraints pacted the proposed location of the building do to the Fly Loft. The issue s that of the impact the sixty - seventy (60 - 70) foot Fly Loft would have the landscape and the Bartlett Travis historical home. One alternative is move this project to the east side of the village creating a theatre district erent from that of the core. The liability to this alternative is that it aces the original principles of the plan, commercial ventures in the age core and the theatre district at risk. The largest risk is that the village core and the theatre district can no longer support each other and is now not within a walk-able distance from the residential areas. It was because of major concerns that the concept changed to locate the theatre on the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads. Considerable discussion took place regarding the impact on the Cherry Hill School House and its relationship of scale and size with the theatre. A proposal to place the theatre entrance on an angle facing the center of the intersection with liner buildings on each side to disguise its size was made. The fly loft could then be hidden from view by the proposed commercial buildings which became accessory buildings to the theatre. This does change the character of the village core which now becomes more urbanized, however, the impact on the school house is lessened with this concept. There is an additional benefit that this concept now frames the school house, making it a part of the village square

An additional grocery store was proposed for the village whose entrance will be located off of Denton Road. This will allow for traffic needed to support this venture while not creating an issue for the residential areas in the village. Other smaller commercial buildings could then be located in this area to help disguise the large building that generally comes with a typical grocery store.

The areas in between are still in the design phase with the following under consideration: multiple living units, residential units, condominiums, worklive units and possibly cottage lots. The northeast corner of Denton Road is proposed as a school site with a fire station located behind that.

The consensus of the concept was well received and will continue to be refined by design team members of Looney Ricks Kiss. It is anticipated that a complete concept plan will be available in the coming weeks. There are still many technical issues that need to be considered including the impact of utility delivery on the development

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. by Supervisor Yack.

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Cheating gets you farther away from God

When I was about ten years old, I helped myself to a little glass figurine from a local dimestore. Even though I had learned the Ten Commandments in Sunday School, including the one that says "Thou shalt not steal," I didn't make the connection between the commandment and my actions.

At the time I remember thinking that the store would never miss a little glass horse (there were a lot of them there), and that someone had told me that even planned for they shoplifters, increasing the prices on items to cover stealing. Besides,

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I had done and he had quite a talk with me about the how wrong my actions were and he made me take the figurine back. Although I don't remember the specifics of what he said, what was clear to me was that this action separated me from feeling close to God. He had made me "in his image and likeness" and my job was to be that image, to express his qualities - including honesty and integrity.

I was thinking of this recently when I heard that more people are expected to cheat on their income tax returns, since the IRS is auditing far fewer people than ever before.

I think the reasons for this are similar to what I thought as a child. One may think, "I need the extra money," or, "the rich have more loopholes - it isn't fair that I have to pay so much," or, "the government won't know, or won't miss my extra dollars" or, "a lot of people do it," and even, "I'm afraid I won't be able to make ends meet without cheating a little."

All those reasons, however, pale in comparison when we know that we can trust God to provide us with all that we need. A book that has shown me the

blessings that come from obeying the commandments is "Science

Try timeout as a learning lesson for young children

Imagine yourself in the local supermarket. You're deep in thought pondering which brand of marinara sauce will be the most flavorful when your attention is drawn to a frazzled voice, "Bobby, stop hitting your sister!" You look up the aisle and see Bobby continue to gleefully bang his sister over the head with a box of cornflakes. Suddenly, the parent reacts by swatting the boy while scolding, "I told you (Whack) not to (Whack) hit your (Whack) sister."

At first this seems to be a fair and just punishment. After all. he was warned to stop ... and he hit his sister first. Besides, mom/dad's decisive reaction immediately halted his aggressive behavior. Soon, however, the absurdity of the situation strikes you (no pun intended). Even though spanking is a typical reaction to a variety of situations by countless parents, is it really the best response? The parent should consider another, more-effective alternative: timeout (T.O.) discipline.

When to call a timeout

Timeouts are brief respites during which the child sits quietly until he's told he can resume

activity. Timeouts break the he be well behaved. cycle of undesirable behavior and allow the child time to calm himself. Older children should be instructed to reflect upon their actions during their short respite, considering how they were inappropriate and better choices for the future. The length of any T.O. depends on the severity of the infraction. whether it's a repeat offense, but primarily on the child's age. A general rule of thumb is one minute of T.O. for each year of the child's life.

Let's return to our supermarket scenario. If Bobby is unwilling to comply with a T.O. while in the store, the parent should escort him to the car and supervise him in his seat until he's satisfactorily completed his respite.

Doing so will ensure that mom/dad has Bobby's full attention and separated from any distractions. Although inconvenient and time-consuming, consistency and follow-through are critical elements to the success of T.O. discipline. Unfortunately, if Bobby's still uncooperative, you may need to drive home without the groceries in order to demonstrate your determination that

Don't be discouraged Timeout discipline is best introduced at home. First, discuss with your child the expectations you have for his behavior and the consequences he can expect when rules aren't fol-

lowed. Then be consistent. Don't be discouraged if it doesn't seem to work at first. It's not unusual to experience an increase in undesirable behaviors before elimination begins to take hold.

When children become acquainted with and are responding to T.O. discipline, it becomes easier to implement in other environments. The good news is that although this is a sometimes taxing and time-consuming method of discipline, it is also very effective when administered on a consistent basis. Most importantly, you won't try to correct bad behavior with your bad conduct.

Finally, keep in mind that it's easier to increase a desirable

behavior than it is to decrease an undesirable behavior. Give your child lots of praise and reinforcement when he's well behaved.

Kris Sangregorio is a clinical behavioral psychologist providing home-based therapy to children and adolescents from the Lifespan Garden City clinic. Her treatment specialties include parent and child relationships, anxiety disorders / panic attacks, phobias, as well as attention deficit hyperactivity disorders.

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Students at ATA have access to experienced instructors, high tech facilities and all university resources, including the library, computer and science labs, the field house and dining facilities.

Tuition is free, but space is limited.



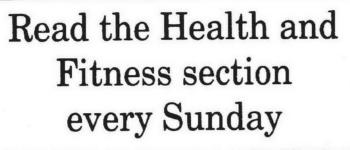
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and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy. She says in her book "Honesty is spiritual power. Dishonesty is material weakness which forfeits divine help."

I don't know about you, but I certainly don't want to be without God's help. And what we do when we do something that lacks integrity is like saying, " in order to have what I need I have to cheat" (or lie, or evade the truth, or whatever else you might call it). And that simply isn't true. By trusting God completely with our lives we experience his blessings and protection from all evil.

Jesus said once to his followers, "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12). We don't need to be concerned with what looks like unfairness or injustice. God is showering us with blessings. Our job is just to get to know him better, and see that "we are his people and the sheep of his pasture." (Ps. 100) Then our thoughts will be lifted above the suggestions of fear or lack and we will see God's abundance all 'around us.

In my thirty-plus years of home owning, and raising a family I have never experienced dishonesty in my dealings with others. This is proof to me that blessings come from those beloved Ten Commandments, and that rather than limiting what we can or can't do, they actually free us to experience limitless good.

Brenda Krachenberg is a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist - Plymouth and a longtime resident of Plymouth.



Matthew Edward born March 2 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Theodore and Jacqualine Wichorek of Novi, Dorothea and Michael Milanovich of Taylor and the late Mary A. Milanovich. Great-grandparents are Sophie Gralak of Dearborn heights. Godparents are Lisa Wolf and Gregory E. Milanovich, Jr. and Mary Ann Milanovich and Gregory E. Milanovich, Sr.



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Strickland signs

Danielle Strickland, the top player on Farmington Hills Harrison's girls soccer team last season, has signed a letter of intent to attend Madonna University this fall.

Strickland, a senior at Harrison, was an all-Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division selection playing forward last spring. She was her team's MVP. She has also been a member of the honor roll every semester.

Madonna, coached by Rick Larson, was 19-3-2 last fall, winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and the NAIA Region VIII titles and reaching the NAIA semifinals.

Canton trackmen 3rd

Plymouth Canton figured to have another strong season in boys track, and if last Saturday's performance at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Indoor Invitational at the University of Michigan track building is any indication, the Chiefs will.

Toledo Rogers won the 23-team event, scoring 53 points. Pinckney was second with 41, just a single point ahead of Canton (40).

Jordan Chapman broke his own school record in winning the pole vault, clearing 14-feet (his own old record was 13-7). Chapman also won the high jump (6-4).

The Chiefs got third-place finishes from Dane Kobus, Ricky Singh, Pawel Paszkowski and Chapman in the shuttle hurdle relay (33.2); from Brian Page, Aaron Schmidt, Marty Kane and Jerry Gaines in the 3,200meter relay (8:30.0); and from Gaines in the 400 (51.9).

Page placed sixth in the pole vault (11-0) and Page, Singh, Doug Kurth and Gaines combined for a sixth in the 1,600 relay (3:40.8).

A winner

The Plymouth Whalers weren't the only winners in their OHL playoffopener last Saturday against the Sarnia Sting.

Victoria Johnson, from Livonia, was the winner of two roundtrip airline tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S., a giveaway sponsored by Northwest Airlines.

Moshimer steps down

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.homecomm.net

"There comes a time when you have to make a decision like this.

True - but for some reason, it just didn't seem the rules of retirement applied to Tom Moshimer.

On Wednesday, Moshimer confirmed that they did. He officially announced he was leaving the position only he had held - as football coach for Plymouth Salem HS.

He leaves having accomplished nearly everything a coach could hope to. He was named to the Michigan High School Football Hall of Fame in 1985 and to the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1994, and was an active member in the state's football coaches association, having served as president in 1991-92 and lobbied successfully for the current expanded playoff format.

Now 66 and six years removed from teaching at Salem (he retired in June, 1995), Moshimer decided the benefits of coaching - which in itself he still relishes - did not outweigh the detriments associated with it.

do," Moshimer admitted of his decision. "Coaching kids was still fun, the preparation was still fun.

"But you have to deal with a lot of other things now that I never had to deal with when I first started coaching.

Moshimer was quick to add that "the parents have always been great here, and the principal (Gerald Ostoin) has been great. They've been very supportive." However, in other administrative

areas, the job wasn't fun any longer. "Decisions nowadays are made on higher-up levels than they used to be," said Moshimer. "And not just here, either.'

Moshimer leaves after 42 years as coach, 34 in the Plymouth-Canton school district. He also coached at Dundee HS for eight years before taking the job at then-Plymouth HS - for-

mer athletic director John Sandmann hired him - succeeding John McFall. Moshimer's career record: 219-146-6.

FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

"He's an institution, in my mind," said Plymouth-Canton current director of athletics Brian Wolcott. "He'll be missed, from a personal and professional standpoint.

Wolcott's perspective is somewhat unique. He graduated from Salem HS

in 1977; although he never played football for Moshimer (Wolcott starred in baseball and basketball), he knew him well.

"He took the time with this skinny little kid, helping him in the weight room," Wolcott recalled. "That's what he did with thousands of kids."

Who will succeed Moshimer is uncertain, but he made it clear he'd like some input in the selection process.

"I'm recommending a coach on my staff," Moshimer said. "I've recommended Bob Cummings."

Cummings, son of former district AD Paul Cummings (who also coached with Moshimer), has been part of Moshimer's staff since 1986, serving as offensive coordinator the past few seasons. Other assistant coaches, in particular Tom Garrett and Jim Jarvey, have been with Moshimer even longer, since 1976. Jarvey indicated to Moshimer he would not return either.

"They've been with me for so long, I can't remember," Moshimer said.

Wolcott said Cummings, who teaches in the district, would certainly be a candidate. He hoped to have the selection process wrapped up within a month.

The past few years haven't been good for Salem football. The Rocks were 2-7 in 2000, their worst record in Moshimer's tenure; they were 4-5 the year before.

"No question, we've been frustrated as of late with our lack of success," said Moshimer. "But that wasn't the thing that made me decide.

"Sooner or later, you have to call it

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"It was really, really very hard to A coach no longer: For the last 34 years, Tom Moshimer was football at Plymouth Salem. No one else has ever held that position at Salem.

It was part of a special playoff giveaway at Saturday's game, with fans attending the game having their ticket stubs put into a hopper, with the winner drawn during the second-period intermission. The Whalers also gave away a golf package to Northville Hills Golf Club, gift certificates to Max and Erma's, and flowers from Vanessa's Flowers

Final tryouts

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will conduct its final spring registration from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, March 31 at Diamonds Restaurant in the Canton Softball Center, located on Michigan between Canton Center and Beck.

Space is limited for lower age brackets due to overwhelming response to earlier registrations, so new registrants will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registrations will not be accepted after this date.

Space is available for baseball 11-18 years and softball 7-18 years.

Registration is open for boys and girls 4-18 years who are Plymouth or Canton residents or attend school in the Plymouth-Canton district. All new players must bring a copy of their birth certificate to registration.

Cost is \$65 for T-ball; \$75-95 for baseball/softball 7-18 years; \$350 for travel baseball 10-18 years; and, for travel softball under-10 to under-18. \$175-250. Only checks, cashier checks or money orders will be accepted.

For further information, please call: Chris Angel (T-ball 4-6) at (734) 981-3007; Mark Caples (baseball 8-12) at (734) 416-4233; Jay Obsniuk (baseball 13-18) at (734) 981-3272; Karon Barnhouse (softball 7-18) at (734) 454-7328; travel baseball/softball at (734) 453-2040.

Softball players

The Thunderbird fast-pitch softball teams are seeking young women for their 12-and-under Thunderbirds and 14-and-under Rampage teams for the upcoming summer season. Players ages are determined as of Jan. 1.

For more information regarding sign-up/tryouts, schedules, travel, etc., call (734) 981-7280 or (734) 546-0940 for 12-and-under; and (734) 397-9417 for 14-and-under.

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track team, that would not only be futile, but it would take an extended period of time.

The Rocks have lost a lot.

Gone are Tiffany Grubaugh, Rachel Jones, Brynne DeNeen, Aisha Chappell, Val Brown and Miranda White, to name a few. What those girls were part of was near perfection - they were instrumental in Salem's winning four-straight Western Lakes Activities Association championships.

coach Mark Gregor, in his 14th sea son, and those returning to see if they can make it five-straight.

"We do have a group of veterans, and we have a group of younger kids who will have a chance to gain some experience," said Gregor. How quickly those younger kids turn that experience into something positive could be the difference for the Rocks.

Make no assumptions - Salem isn't

shadows of its campus rival, Plymouth Salem.

But then again, in the Observerland area, who hasn't been? Salem has won the last four Western Lakes Activities Association championships, something no other WLAA team has managed in this sport.

Well, it's a new year. Canton coach John Venning isn't about to say his team will overtake Salem and chal-Please see SALEM TRACK, DS | lenge for the league championship -

sophomores and freshmen But the gap is closing. Last season, a Canton team loaded with freshmen finished seventh in the

WLAA. Those freshmen are now sophomores, and the Chiefs are looking much better.

"We're still a young, growing team," warned Venning. Then he added: "But unlike last year, when I could look at our lineup and see areas where we'd

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It's now or never in Rockers' playoff drive

The Detroit Rockers saw their four-game winning streak come to a close with a 10-6 loss to the NPSL National Conference-leading Milwaukee Wave Friday at Compuware Arena, but it didn't keep them down long.

With the regular season entering its final week, every game's significance is magnified. The Rockers, who have struggled mest of the season, are starting to turn that around with a late surge for the playoffs.

ROCKERS SOCCER

On Sunday at the Palace of Auburn Hills, they took a big step in that direction by holding off the Cleveland Crunch for a 17-13 triumph.

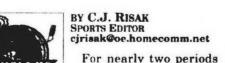
The win actually put Detroit a haif-game ahead of the Kansas City Attack in the battle for the final playoff berth. The Rockers are 13-24; the Attack are

It won't be easy for Detroit. Their final home game of the regular season was Sunday's; the Rockers finish with three road games in four days, at Wichita Thursday, at Kansas City Saturday and at Milwaukee Sunday.

Saturday's game at Kansas City is obviously pivotal to both team's playoff hopes. If the Rockers could

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That's dominace Whalers crush Sting, 6-2



For nearly two periods - to be precise, for the first two games and

almost two periods of the third - the Plymouth Whalers had dominated the Sarnia Sting, their first-round opponent in the Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

They had never trailed in the series and, with 1:19 left in the second period of Wednesday's game, played at Compuware Arena, their lead was 2-0.

The only surprise thus far was that the Sting faced only a two-goal deficit. The Whalers had pelted Sarnia goalie Robert Gherson with 31 shots to that point, many from in close; only Gherson's performance had kept the Sting within striking distance.

And with 1:19 to go in the second, that's what they did. The Sting struck.

When Nate Kiser was called for interfer-

ence, Sarnia went to the power play. Before play resumed, officials examined the stick of the Whalers' Kris Vernarsky. Ruling it illegal, they sent him to the box, too.

The Sting had a two-man advantage, and they took advantage of it, scoring twice to knot it at 2-all. Suddenly, Plymouth's stranglehold on the game - and the series - wasn't so certain.

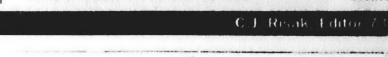
It was time for the Whalers' top players to step up, and they did. The Stephen Weiss-Stacey Britstone-Chad Wiseman line connected for two third-period goals while the defense kept Sarnia bottled up; two empty-net scores in the final minutes gave Plymouth a 6-2 victory and a 3-0 lead in the series.

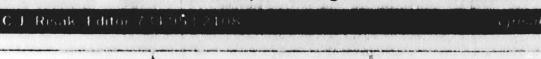
Game Four is at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Sarnia. If a Game Five is necessary, it will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Compuware Arena. "We lost a lot of momentum there," said Whaler coach Pete DeBoer of the Sting



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A tough spot: Whaler defenseman Libor Ustrnul tries to kill a two-man advantage penalty that the Sting capitalized on, Please see WHALERS, D6 scoring twice to tie it at 2-2.





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Whalers open playoffs with pair of wins



BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS EDITOR cjrisak@oe.hom

Two for two. The Plymouth Whalers ran their Ontario Hockey League playoff record to 2-0 with a 6-4 win at Sarnia Monday.

In the first two games, the good news for the Whalers was their offense, which has produced 14 goals. In both games they took the lead early and, although the Sting twice fought back to tie the Whalers Monday, Plymouth never trailed.

However, there are some concerns for the Whalers. During the OHL regular season, they boasted the league's best defense, led by goalie Rob Zepp. However, they surrendered eight goals in the first two games and were victimized on 7-of-19 power-play opportunities (37 percent) - too many chances, too many goals.

Still, Plymouth is 2-0 and has converted 5-of-12 power plays (42 percent). On Monday, Tomas Kurka got the Whalers going with two goals in a 2:56 span, the first at the 6:00 mark of the opening period, assisted by Stacey Britstone and Libor Ustrnul. The second came at 8:56, assisted by Britstone and Stephen Weiss.

The Sting tied it at 2-2 before the opening period was over, however, with power-play goals from Alexander Buturlin and Dusty Jamieson.

Plymouth recaptured the lead with second-period goals from Chad LaRose (assist to Cole Jarrett) and James Wisniewski (assist to Kurka). Again, however, the Whalers couldn't hold the two-goal lead; Jamieson made it 4-3 with his team's third power-play marker at 18:14 of the second, and Buturlin tied it with another extra-man goal at the midpoint of the third.

What proved to be the game-winner came from Kris Vernarsky at the 14:44 juncture of the third, on the power play. Damian Surma and Jarrett assisted. Preston Mizzi got the clincher, scoring into the empty net (from Chad Wiseman) with 37 seconds left.

Zepp made 28 saves in goal for Plymouth. Cory Campbell had 37 stops for Sarnia. The Whalers outshot the Sting, 42-32.

Plymouth wins opener

On Saturday, the Whalers showed that what had happened a night earlier was no fluke.

They concluded their OHL regular season, boasting the league's second-best overall record, and got ready for the playoffs by hammering the Sting 7-2 Friday in Sarnia.

The same teams met in the opening round of the playoffs Saturday, only at Plymouth's Compuware Arena

While the location and relevance of the game was different, the results were not. The Whalers put five goals on the board in the opening period, two by Chad LaRose, en route to an 8-4 romp.

LaRose finished with a playoff hattrick, scoring his third goal of the game in the second period. He also had an assist.

Stephen Weiss added two goals and an assist, Tomas Kurka contributed a goal and two assists, Kris Vernarsky had a goal and an assist and Chad Wiseman had a goal. James Wisniewski (from Canton) and Jared Newman each had three assists and George Nistas had two.

Plymouth led 5-1 after one period, scoring three times on the power play. The Sting got a goal from Kris Newbury. Two goals in the first 9:04 of the second period, another on the power play, allowed the Whalers to extend their lead to 7-2 midway through the period.

The Sting added two power play goals to their score (one in the second, one in the third) to narrow the gap, but not alter the outcome. Robb Palahnuk scored twice for Sarnia, with Dusty Jamieson getting a goal and an assist and Eric Himelfarb adding three assists.

Plymouth converted on 3-of-8 power-play opportunities; Sarnia was 3-of-11. Rob Zepp surrendered four goals and had 18 saves in goal for the Whalers. Cory Campbell started for Sarnia and, after giving up five goals (16 saves) in 21:35, gave way to Robert Gherson, who allowed three goals (27 saves). Plymouth outshot the Sting, 51-22.

Plymouth 7, Samla 2: In the regular-season finale for both teams Friday in Sarnia, the Whalers got two goals and two assists from Cole Jarrett in subduing the Sting.

The Sting finished the OHL regular season with a 28-30-7-2 record. Plymouth won the West Division with a 43-15-5-5 mark.

Plymouth had a 3-0 lead 1:13 into the second period of Friday's game on goals by Jarrett, Chad LaRose and Chad Wiseman. By the end of the period, it was 5-2 - Damian Surma and Stacey Britstone scored for the Whalers, Julius Halfkenny and Tyler Coleman for the Sting.

James Ramsay and Jarrett got third-period scores for Piymouth. Wiseman added two assists to his point total; so did omas Kurka. Britstone, LaRose and Surma also had assists. Rvan Hare had two assists for Sarnia.

Paul Drew made 35 saves while giving up just two goals for the Whalers. Robert Gherson surrendered seven goals and had 35 stops for Samia

Plymouth was 4-of-6 on the power play; the Sting were 1-of-9.

COLLEGE SPORTS

Lady Crusaders tumble to Shawnee State, Muskingum

A trip south into Ohio last weekend wasn't too successful for Madonna University's softball team. In fact, it wasn't successful at all.

The Lady Crusaders had a pair of double-headers swept from them, losing to Muskingum College 7-3 and 7-6 Saturday in New Concord and to Shawnee

SOFTBALL State 8-1 and 3-1 Friday in

Portsmouth. The four losses dropped

Madonna to 7-9 overall. Against Muskingum Saturday.

at least the Crusaders' offense

made a reappearance. They totaled 20 hits in the twinbill. Unfortunately, the Madonna pitchers surrendered the same number.

In the opening-game, 7-3 loss, three errors led to three unearned runs. Kristie Givens started for the Crusaders, allowing two unearned runs on three hits and a walk in three innings, striking out one. She took the loss. Missy VanDoorn relieved and was less effective, giving up five runs (four earned) on seven hits and a walk, fanning four in three innings.

Angie Burnside got the win for Muskingum, surrendering three runs (one earned) on seven hits, striking out six.

Shelli Manson wielded the big bat for the Muskies, slugging a double and a home run and driving in two runs. Jeanna Rayman and Kristin Emanuel each added two hits and Tammy Ulrich con-

tributed a triple and two RBI. Angela Litwin (from Plymouth Canton) provided the offense for Madonna, going 4-for-4 with an RBL

In the second game, the Crusaders never trailed until the bottom of the sixth. Again, sloppy defense was crucial; four Madonna errors led to four unearned runs.

Pam Konwinski slugged a tworun home run and Arin Fowler chipped in with two doubles and innings.

an RBI as the Crusaders struck for five runs in the first three

Muskingum countered with a four-run second inning, then tied it at 5-5 with a run in the fourth. After Madonna scored a run in the top of the fifth, the Muskies pushed across two in the bottom of the sixth to win it.

Devon Fletcher had three hits for the Crusaders, Kristy McDonald (Redford Thurston) had two hits, and Jamie Bobrowski contributed two hits and an RBI.

Emanuel, Mariah Holden, Jamie Shepherd and Chantelle Andrews each had two hits for Muskingum, Shepherd and Emanuel driving in runs.

Candace Morgan started and took the loss for Madonna, allowing seven runs (three earned) on 10 hits and one walk, striking out one in six innings. Elizabeth Gibson was the winner for the Muskies, giving up six runs (five earned) on 13 hits and a walk, with two strikeouts in seven

Against Shawnee State Friday, Madonna managed just nine hits in the two games. Jenny Tenyer started the first game and took the loss for the Crusaders, giving up six runs (three earned) on eight hits and a walk in five innings. Erica Brickey got the win for the Bears, tossing a five-hitter, giving up one earned run.

Fletcher had two hits and an RBI to pace Madonna. Amanda Crawford had a single, double and a triple for Shawnee State with three RBI; Brandy Orsborne and Joni Akers each had two hits and two RBI.

The second game was more of a pitchers' duel. VanDoorn absorbed the loss for Madonna, giving up three earned runs on five hits and three walks, striking out four in six innings. Shawnee State's Ashley Rawson outdueled her, however, allowing just one run on four hits and a walk, striking out two.

Meghan Quinn had a hit and an RBI for the Crusaders.

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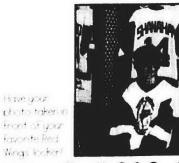


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Madonna swept by Spring Arbor in WHAC

Not the way you want to start your league season.

In its double-header at Spring Arbor College Friday, Madonna University's baseball team got the pitching it knows it will need to succeed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Fighting Crusaders allowed seven earned runs in the two games; the defense committed three errors in the two games, not great but acceptable.

Unfortunately, the offense managed a total of just 11 hits. The result was a pair of one-run losses, 3-2 in the opener and 5-4 in the nightcap.

Madonna slipped to 3-11 overall, 0-2 in the WHAC. Spring Arbor is 7-8 overall, 2-2 in the WHAC.

In the first game, Madonna's

BASEBALL Joel Halliday (now 1-2) allowed three earned runs on eight hits and a walk, striking out two in 5 1/3 innings; he took the loss. All three Spring Arbor runs scored in the fourth, Stanley Filiga doubling in one run, Jordan Gruppen singling in a second and Ronald Peau knocking in the third.

Madonna scored twice in the fifth, Greg Young singling in a run and Mario D'Herin driving in the second.

Justin Hahaj (2-2) allowed nine singles and did not walk a batter, striking out four to earn the win for the Cougars.

In the second game, Madonna

led 3-1 after four innings, but Spring Arbor rallied to score twice in the bottom of the fifth and countered the Crusaders' run in the top of the sixth with one of its own to knot it at 4-all. The Cougars got the game-winner in the bottom of the seventh with one out.

Madonna's hits were singles by Young and D'Herin (one RBI), but they benefitted from nine walks. Halliday also had an RBI. Seth Coffing had two hits and an **RBI** for Spring Arbor.

Ryan Andrzejewski started and went 4 2/3 innings for the Crusaders, giving up three earned runs on four hits and two walks, striking out three. Devin Cole (0-1) took the loss, surrendering a run on two hits and a walk in one inning pitched.



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Autumn Hicks, a senior who placed third in the 400-meter run, tied for fourth in the high jump and was fifth in the 200 at last season's WLAA finals, returns. A three-time state qualifier, Hicks "has a great attitude," Gregor said. "She's in super shape. She'll contribute in more ways than just the events she's in. She's a good leader."

Michelle Bonior, another senior, has similar leadership qualities. Bonior was third in the 100 and fourth in the shot put at the WLAAs last year.

Heather Whittington is a senior who, like Hicks and Bonior, is in her fourth year on the team. A cross country runner, "she's setting a good pace for the distance kids," said Gregor.

Eliken Amable, a senior in her third varsity season, will compete in the 200, 400 and high jump, while senior Katie Gerst will help in the throwing events. Cayna Carnes, a senior distance runner who started well last year but tailed off, should be a factor this season. So should senior identical twins Ashley and Amber Heard, Ashley in the pole vault and Amber in the throwing events.

"They're all good leaders," said Gregor. "I've liked the attitude they've displayed."

The team's juniors are another matter. The talent is easily apparent - the question is health. Last season, four top talents were bothered by injuries that hurt their performances.

Jessica Shamberger and Celena Davis both suffered injuries at the state regional

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meet that kept them from competing in the conference finals. Both will compete in sprints and the long jump.

Melissa Drake helped the Rocks in relay events, the long jump and the 200 and 400, but a pin inserted in her foot to aid the healing of another injury hampered her all last season. April Aquinto, like Drake an accomplished gymnast, missed all of last season with a knee injury suffered in gymnastics.

She'll be back this season, and at full strength. "She's an amazing athlete," said Gregor, adding he'll use her in the 100 hurdles, the high jump, the long jump and perhaps the pole vault. "We've got her in a lot of things to see what is best for her."

There's plenty of other juniors. Like Staci Schmedding in the hurdles, Jenni Jedlick in the pole vault - she holds the school record (8-feet, 9-inches) - and hurdles, Kim Brown in the pole vault and Jill Grey in the distance events.

"This is a good group," said Gregor. "We knew that a couple of years ago."

There's a few sophomores who could help at least address those massive holes in the lineup left from those who graduated. Like Susan Woodard, who competed in last season's state meet in the 4x100 relay and could run any of the sprints, and perhaps help in the throwing events, too.

Then there's Jennifer Early in the throwing events, Erin Jensen and Stephanie Hejduk in the distance runs, and Amy Masterson in the hurdles.

There are also 15 freshmen on the team, a group with "some speed in it," Gregor said.

They may get an opportunity to show it. The freshmen to watch are Drew Franklin and Teresa Chandler in the 100, 200 and jumps, and Jordan Falcusan, a natural athlete who's also playing soccer and could be in anything from the 200 to the 800, and per-

haps the pole vault. Gregor also has a pair of transfer students who figure to contribute: Vicky Rozalski, a sophomore from Dearborn Fordson, in the sprints and jumps, and Erienne Bundle, a junior from Farmington Mercy, in the 200, 400, 300 hurdles and jumps.

"Our biggest strength," said Gregor, "is the great attitude. Everybody's working as hard as we can coach them. We've tried to instill in everyone to take advantage of the short season we have."

So the question is how quickly the newcomers can adjust. "I don't think we have any real weaknesses," said Gregor, preferring to call the holes in the lineup left from the graduations as "opportunities that have opened up that need to be filled by kids who want that challenge.

"We try to build our team so that it's competitive in every event. We've got a little inexperience in certain areas. But we've got some good competition coming up. We want to see how they react to that early on."

Salem will remain near the top of the WLAA. Whether or not it can repel challenges made by Walled Lake Central, which was third last year and returns nearly everyone, and Livonia Stevenson, second a year ago, and retain its title is the question.

400 on up, and the long jump, too; as well as Sarah McCormack, Tonda Shimbo and Erica Stoney.

Other sophomores to watch include Cindy Rotramel in the sprints, long jump and high jump; Jessica Levely in the middle-distance; Ashley Bolyard in the hurdles and pole vault; J.Q. Williams in sprints, the pole vault and 400; and Stacey Hudson, a transfer from Ohio.

There's loads of freshmen, too, including Allison Schmitz, a distance threat who ran cross country last fall. All could contribute; which ones will remains to be established.

It all spells optimism for the Chiefs. "I look for us to improve on that (seventh-place finish)," said Venning, referring to Canton's league standing last sea-

"We've got a good senior class.

good leadership. They got their feet wet last year, and they had a good cross country season. They all worked very hard, and the experience they got last year will definitely help them out."

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Still, while Salem may have lost quite a bit, the championship is still theirs. The strongest pre-season contenders figure to be Walled Lake Central, which returns nearly everyone from last season's thirdplace squad; Livonia Stevenson, another top team a year ago (second) which has several holes to fill; and perhaps Livonia Churchill, which was sixth but has also has a sizable number of returnees.

Canton has its share of veterans, too. "The beginning of this year will set the tone for us,' said Venning.

How quickly they learn will be reflected in how far they advance.

stocked.

Back competing: Despite a serious knee injury, Amy Driscoll will be back for Can-

Venning, quickly adding he Another strength is the pole 6-inches. She won't be able to run the 400, and perhaps the 200 and 800.

Shiri Leventhal, a senior cocaptain, has worked extremely hard as a distance runner and should be a major factor in an area the Chiefs are well-

Other returning seniors who will make an impact are Terra Kubert in the hurdles and 400; Shellie Kloeckner in the throwing events; Milyne Matheny in the hurdles; and Becky Robison in the distance events.

A senior new to the team is foreign exchange student Tina Berger, from Germany. "She will help us," said Venning, naming her possible events as the shot put, discus, high jump, long jump and sprints. Canton's junior class isn't as large, but it has potential.

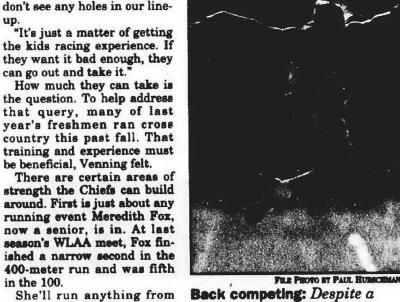
Tekla Bude "is a worker,"

Venning said, tabbing her for sprints to mid-distance events, and maybe the long jump. Amy Fitzsimmons can compete "in every running event," the Canton coach said, while Julie Rotramel has experience in the sprints, hurdles and distance events. "I see 800 written all over her," Venning said of Rotramel.

Now for those underclassmen. "We're going to work with our sophomores and freshmen like crazy," promised Venning. Good reason — there's a lot to work with.

In the sophomore class, distance threats include Pam Reasor, whom Venning thought could be in the "low 12s, high 11s" in the 3,200 by season's end; Mary Maloney, who placed seventh in the 3,200 at the WLAAs last season and could compete in anything from the

FILE PROTO BY TOM HAWLEY Big contributor: Michelle Bonior scored at the WLAA meet for Salem in the 100-meter dash and the shot put.





ton this spring.

vault. It was feared the Chiefs may have suffered a major blow in this venue when senior Amy Driscoll, second at last season's WLAAs, suffered a torn ligament in her knee in gymnastics.

the 100 to the 800 this season.

"I could throw her in the

1,600 if I wanted to," said

had no plans to do so.

Driscoll is back, however; at the Eastern Michigan Invitational last week, she cleared 9-feet,

contribute elsewhere — the hurdles or any running events but she'll be among the top vaulters and could be a factor in the shot put. "She's just a great athlete," said Venning.

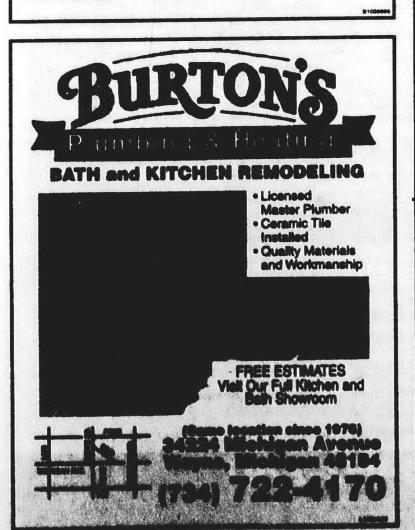
Kristen Schilk, another senior (and a gymnast, too), returns in the pole vault, in which she placed at the WLAAs. She'll also

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A bad move

Relocating to Novi would be a bad idea for Catholic Central



BY PAUL BEAUDRY

The things you think about while waiting on the tee box, having a pop, getting sunburned and waiting for slow Floridians to hit the stupid golf ball at a pace slightly faster than glaciers retreating ...

■ I have no problem at all with BEAUDRY Drew Henson giving up his foot-

ball career at Michigan to play baseball for the Yankees. If someone offered me \$18 million over six years to play ball, I'd do it, too.

But timing is everything and frankly, George Steinbrenner's was cruel. Why didn't he offer that two months ago, before National Letter of Intent day, so Lloyd Carr could have recruited a quarterback to go with the team's gaping holes at running back, wide receiver, offensive line and secondary?

But I do have a problem with Catholic Central's plan to move to Novi.

I understand school officials wanting to move out of their cramped location in Redford Township just as I understood why CC moved from Detroit to Redford in 1978 and my alma mater, DeLaSalle,

moved from Detroit to Warren in 1983.

If I didn't realize it before, it was glaringly apparent during the district basketball tourney when the Shamrocks lost to Detroit Redford in their bandbox of a gym. And it became even clearer watching students move down the halls during a recent school day.

The building is tired.

But CC's last move and DeLaSalle's move were to communities that reflected their tradition and work ethic as well a shift in where their students lived.

Despite what anyone says, it's not the case this time.

To go out to northwest Oakland County - toward the new money, SUV-driving, me-first parents and away from the core of blue-collar students that CC was built on and prided itself in - is just wrong. The powers that be aren't moving the school toward the population trends, they're moving toward money.

True, only about 10 percent of the student body lives in Redford. In fact, 75 percent of the students at CC lives in six communities - Livonia, Plymouth, Redford, Northville, Farmington Hills and Canton.

To say that the student body is shifting toward

the far northwest suburbs is wrong. Less than 10 percent of the student body lives off the northwest I-96 corridor. And maybe I'm making a broadbased assumption, but in the last 15 years Brighton, Novi, Milford and South Lyon have become more brie and Bordeaux than blue collar.

For CC to abandon the type of student it built a tradition on is wrong. You can hear the spin that "those same kids will want to come to CC," but that's not going to last. You heard it here first: Five years after CC moves to Novi, it will be just another private school in Oakland County for students with affluent parents.

Oakland County has at least two of those already. It doesn't need a third.

CC officials would be better off staying close to the I-96 - I-275 - M-14 corridor (Looking for a spot? There's a shuttered GM parts warehouse with a ton of adjacent land right across the street from the Observer that could be had for a song.) CC would still be closer to the upscale clientele they crave but at the same time would still remain close to the type of families - hard-working, willing to make sacrifices for an education instead of just cutting a check - that has supported the school for nearly 80 years.

CC needs to move out of its current building. It doesn't need to move to Novi.

Nice job by the Ilitches, forcing fans to buy tickets for the second game of the season if they wanted to buy single seats for Opening Day. What's next - forcing fans to buy two pieces of their pizza if they only want one?

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If the Mikey and the kids actually spent some money during the winter on the team, instead of trying to squirrel it away for the ball park, I could almost understand it. But it's just another example of how greedy owners have become.

Speaking of Mikey, the kids and money, a friend lamented about the price of his playoff tickets for the Red Wings. Two seats, 16 possible games, two rows from the top of Joe Louis Arena, payable in full, in advance - \$2,600 bucks.

If they don't play all potential 16 home games? He'll get his refund. Eventually. Meanwhile, Mikey and the kids collect the interest.

He's come a long way from his first pizza store in Garden City - in more ways than one.

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Lady Ocelots stop Penn Valley to earn a 6th

Strong finish.

That's the best way to describe the trip Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team took to the NJCAA Division II Basketball Tournament in Hagerstown, Md., last week.

A poor performance against Monroe (N.Y.) in their opener that resulted in a 21-point loss meant the best the Lady Ocelots could hope for in the tournament was a sixth place.

On Saturday, that's what they got when they edged Penn Valley (Mo.) CC

SC BASKETBALL

67-66. SC finishes its season with a 27-6 record, tying the school mark for most wins. Penn Valley finishes at 28-4.

Monroe went on to beat Frederick (Md.) College 69-41 Saturday to earn the NJCAA Division II championship.

SC's win didn't come easily. Penn Valley led 34-28 at the half, but the Ocelots rallied behind the long-distance shooting of Shafawnda Smelley.

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Smelley, who led SC with 24 points, nailed five three-pointers in the second half as the Ocelots took a five-point lead late in the game and managed to hold on to it.

A free throw by Devin Francois gave SC a 67-63 advantage with :09 remaining. It proved to be an important point; Penn Valley nailed a three at the buzzer.

Ra'Sheida Edwards added 17 points, 10 rebounds and five steals for the Ocelots, and Rachel Eley contributed eight points, eight assists and five steals. Angelica Blakely ended with six percent). points and 14 boards.

Penn Valley got 19 points, 17 rebounds, seven assists and two steals from Keasha Cannon; 17 points from Ruth Washington; and 12 points from Jessica Allen

It was a complete turnaround in fortunes at the half. SC was a miserable 11-of-38 (28.9 percent) from the floor in the first half, including 1-of-12 on threepointers (8.3 percent). Penn Valley was 15-of-33 from the field in the first half (45.5 percent) and 2-of-6 on threes (33.3

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In the second half, the Ocelots made 14-of-31 from the floor (45.2 percent) and 5-of-8 threes (62.5 percent). Penn Valley was 10-of-34 from the field in the second half (29.4 percent) and 3-of-12 on threes (25 percent). For the game, SC was 25-of-69 from the floor (36.2 percent); Penn Valley was 25-of-67 (37.3 percent).

Penn Valley outrebounded SC 55-38 in the game, but committed 33 turnovers to the Ocelots' 22.

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quits. Football's been great to struction, the situation doesn't "Being on the field. Game night me. I always felt I got more out of it than I put into it.

Others might find that difficult to believe, considering how much effort he put into his profession. Still, off-the-field decisions that Moshimer thought handicapped his team's chances to succeed led to his decision.

And, although he didn't elaborate, the future doesn't necessarily look bright. Moshimer and Canton coach

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Tim Baechler have lamented a lack of a middle-school football program for years. Although both Plymouth and Canton have highly successful junior football programs, they have weight limits that prevent bigger kids from playing.

Also, the opening of a third high school, scheduled for 2002, will hurt both school's football programs. For one, the present plan is for all three schools to share the same facility. With the land behind the schools, previously used for practice, already shrinking due to the new con-

Rockers . D1

win at Wichita Thursday and then beat the Attack Saturday, the outcome of Sunday's match Detroit would be in.

In Sunday's win over Cleveland, the Rockers first in three meetings this season over the Crunch (18-20 through the weekend), Domenic Mobilio again provided a spark - but not the only one

Detroit led 5-4 after one quarter and 11-7 at the half. Cleveland narrowed the gap to 11-9 early in the third, but Martin Nash, who had a three-point goal in the first half, scored a two-pointer in the third to push the Rockers' lead back to four.

Droo Callahan and Tim Ernst scored fourth-quarter two-pointers to keep Detroit in command.

Mobilio finished with his seventh hattrick since joining the Rockers in a trade with the Philadelphia Kixx last month. He also had an assist for seven points.

Nash finished with five points, Matt Knowles had a two-point goal and two assists (four points), Callahan had a two and an assist (three points), and Ernst had a goal.

Hector Marinaro paced the

figure to improve.

"I have no clue how they're going to work that out," said Moshimer.

His lack of input into those decisions had to rankle Moshimer, although he refused to comment on it.

"It was just a lot of different things," he said. What wasn't difficult was fig-

uring what he would miss the

the state playoffs was 1991, and they've never won a playoff game - there are fond memories. "There's been so many," he said. "Obviously, that team of '74

was always exciting, and I really

Although recent seasons

haven't been too successful -

the last time the Rocks were in

most. "Absolutely, the coaching is one. We weren't big - we part of it," said Moshimer. were small. But we had the high-

est playoff point total ever. "Unfortunately, that was the year of the paper playenjoyed the preparation part of it. Practice time just flew by for offs.

Moshimer's Salem teams, with their option-oriented offenses, were always wellprepared and ready to play, Wolcott said. "He got a lot out of our tal-

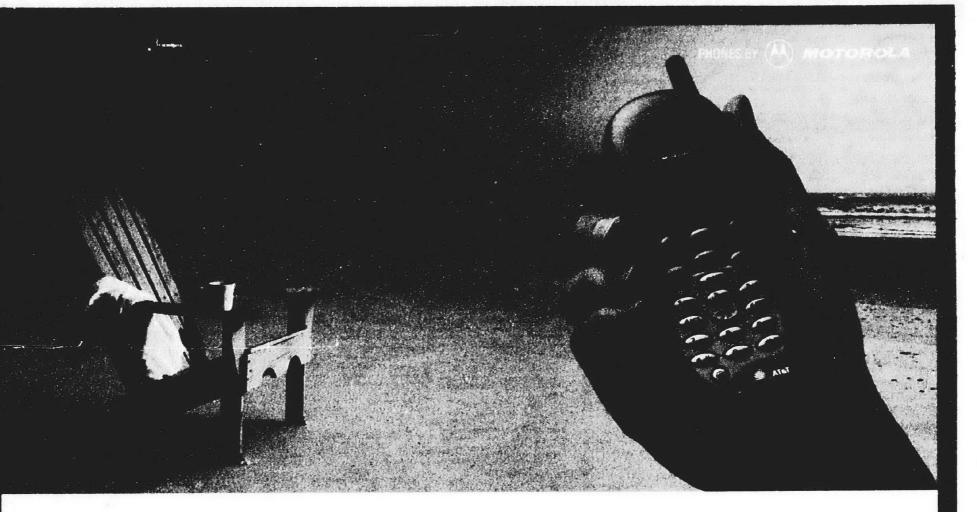
ent," Wolcott said. "That's the hallmark of his career."

It won't be easy to follow those footsteps.

E "Absolutely, the coaching part of it. Being on the field. Game night was always exciting, and I really enjoyed the preparation art of it. Practice time just flew by for me."

- Tom Moshimer (right)





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Crunch with a three, two twos and three assists for 10 points. Tommy Tanner had two twos and an assist (five points) and Troy Dusosky had a two.

Detroit bombarded Cleveland goalie Nick DiCello with 36 shots; he made 26 saves. Alan Placek faced 18 shots in goal for the Rockers, making 12 stops.

In Friday's loss to the Wave, a lack of offense severely hampered Detroit's efforts. The Rockers trailed 4-0 at the half, Joe Reiniger and Alen Osmanovic scoring for Milwaukee.

Detroit wouldn't allow the Wave to pull away, however. Nash's two-pointer narrowed the deficit to 4-2 2:27 into the third quarter.

Sipho Sibiya pushed Milwaukee's lead back to four with a two-point goal three minutes later, but again the Rockers struck back with a two by Dennis Brose, making it 6-4 after three quarters.

Reiniger's second goal of the game made it 8-4 with 5:10 left to play, but Ernst pulled the Rockers back to within two with a goal with 2:22 remaining. However, Jason Russell's two with :27 to go clinched it for Cleveland.

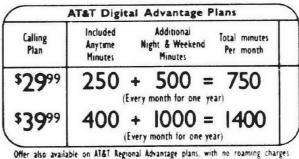
Joe Malachino had two assists for Detroit.

Placek faced 14 shots in goal for the Rockers, making 10 saves. Victor Nogueira turned away 22 of the 25 shots the Rockers took at Milwaukee's net. The Wave were 22-16 through the weekend.

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HAPPY, HONEST GUY emale who share similar interests 44, divorced white male, 5'11', 225 Ibs., non-smoker, non-drinker. Seeking single lady, medium build, non-smoker, 38 to 48, for friend-Good looking male, 30's, looking for a fit, attractive, single, non-smoker female who can value and long lasting relationship. BOX ship, possible long term relation ship. Let's enhance each others lives Wayne County, BOX 33701

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County BOX 32010 QUEENLESS IN CANTON Mature, secure, fit, 54, 617, 192 Ibs, degreed, non-couch potato, white professional male, seeks active, fit, attractive, siender to medium lady, 42 to 49, who can live, laugh, love. Enjoys children, can show emotion, communicate, and is interested in vanety. Have two teens who live, no outstanding engagements please. Wayne County, BOX 25997 WatTING FOR YOU JUST ME AND YOU Hispanic male, 59°, likes dining out, movies, just having fun and cozy nights at home. Seeking while female, 18 to 26, 5'7' to 5'8', 120 ibs, blonde or brown hair, for friend-ship, possible serious relationship. Wayne County, BOX 33386

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common goals, and new adven-tures together. Wayne county BOX 25999

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GOOD NATURED Intelligent, handsome, sensusi, passionate, funny, tail, well built, 6'3', 205 lbs, single white male, mid 30's. Looking for very sensual, passionate, intelligent, kind hear-ed female, for fun times and romance. Oakland County. BO) 26001

DO YOU BELIEVE... In love at first sight? Let's meet and seel Charming gent, white male, 39. easy to talk to, active and adventurous. Seeks playful part-ner, a lady, 29 to 45. BOX 33694

I AM LOOKING FOR YOU Single white male, 40 yr old, 5'8". 180 lbs. is seeking a smaller, slim build white or Asian female, up to up to 50 years old With a good warn personality, sanse of humor, some interest in outdoors, movies and

travel. For possible serious rela-tionship. Wayne county BOX 26003 FIRST TIME AD Single white male, 40 yr old, 5'9', 200 ibe, physically fit, financially secure, non-smoker, drug free, social dinker. Enjoys dining out, socializing, and traveling. Seeking a white lemale, 35 to mid 40's, for finandship, possible lona term ratamale, 43, is easy to talk to. Meet me. I am special, handsome, and available. BOX 26075 Divorced white male in search of ideal mate, 38 plus, for fun and friendship, dating or possible long term relationship. Non-smoker. Inendship, possible long term rela-tionship. Oakland county BOX 26008

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Christian, non-smoker, non-drinker, young 60's, 5'8', 180 bs, blond hair, blue eyes, seeking friendship and companionship, of sim female counterpart, 60 or under, for dating. Oakland County BOX 24974 OPEN TOUR INCANT 49 yr old, professional white male, 5111, 198 ba, with brown hair, blue eyes, college educated, with a rice smile, great sense of humor and good listener. Enjoys the outdoors, weekend getaways and traveling. Looking for an attractive, college exiscated, single female with same NEW ADS!!! educated, single famale with same interests and qualities. BOX 11078 SPIRITUAL MILLIONAIR

Seeking spirited female, 30's to 40's, with interests in family, travel, personal growth, etc. Contact this white male, CEO, at once! BOX BY YOURSELF TONIGHT?

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TELL ME ABOUT TOU 36 yr old, single white male, 61*, 155 Ibs. Seeking a lady, 18 to 40, for friendiship and more. Fuil fig-ured is a plus, but all are welcome. Interests include movies, biking, Las Vegas, going up North and more, BOX 11210

Veil traveled, single white male 46 mm r yr old, 5'11", 190 lbs, degreed, Catholic, never marned, weil trav-eled. Loves outdoors. Seeks femi-nine counterpart 35 to 45, to share

SINCERE AND HONEST

CALL 4 MORE DETAILS Single white male, 36, 6', 230 lbs, a non-smoker and light drinker, drug free. Enjoys concerts, movies, dining out, play darts and go for walks. BOX 27297

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loves animals, significant weigh loss, still losing. Seeking a single white male, for friendship, compan-

fil, active, and ready for dating, friendship, and more, take a chance. Oakland county. BOX 26045

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more. Seeking a single male, 5'10" or above, who's fun and loves to do family things. BOX 14450

ROMANCE AWAITS US Single white female. 42, likes din-ing out, quiet times, dancing, and more. Searching for a single male ng. and friendship and romance. BOX 4483

ALL FOR YOU

ALL FOH YOU 47 yr old, 59°, divorced white lemaie with a full figured Enjoy country music, slow dancing, din-ing out, concerts and movies Seeking a single male, 45 to 55, who's honest, loyal and effection-ate BOX 14497

TWO HEARTS Single female, 51°, 125 lbs, blond hair, outgoing, social drinker and non-smoker. Some of my interests are playing pool, dancing, watching movies, and more Searching for a single male. 27 to 32, to go out and have fun. BOX 14544

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Single temale seriously seeking a gentleman 53 to 62 who's honest, sincere, humorous, cute and tall Must be ready for a serious and monogamous relationship. BOX 14615

A PHONE CALL AWAY

Single white female, 25, likes cor certs, plays, movies, social drinking and hanging out. Seeks profes-sional male, 23 to 35, to enjoy life together. BOX 14637 TRUE ROMANCE

A young 49, 5'9" blonde hair, hazel eved female, likes the outdoors, eyed female, likes the outdoors, traveling, sports and animals. Searching for an honest, romantic man, 45 to 60, who's willing to have BOX 26856

JUST LOOKING 42, 517, 116 lb, divorced female. black hair, green eyes, non-smok-er, social dinker. Looking for a unattached man. 59° or taller, who likes dancing and music BOX 26660

CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

White length 40, 59°, sim, blonde hair/blue eyes, enjoys movies, good conversations and spirtual Seeking a Christian male, 39 to 50, 59° or tailer, height and weight pro-portionate. Same interest give me a call. BOX 26863

SOMEDAY ...

White female, 58, warm hearted white temale, 58, warm, hearted and kind, enjoys casinos, traveling, diving out and gardening. Seeking a sincere gentleman who's looking for a long, term relationship and willing to take things slow. BOX 26877

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World Walling Const White female, 35, 56°, average build with good sense of humor. In search of a humorous, trustworthy and respectful male with lots of interest. BOX 26996

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33 yr old, single white lemale, non-smoker, 57, light brown hair and blue eyes. Likes camping, dancing, sports, and more. Searching for a single professional male, who enjoys the same for friendship and more. BCX 27370

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Looking for a male, in his **60**'s, who still like to have fun. Single white female, attractive, classy likes din-ing, dancing, casinos, traveling and fun times with someone special BOX 11276

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what life has in store for us. BOX 35996 43, strawberry blonde, blue eyes, no dependents, Down River area, likes sunshine, smiles, romantic evenings and sunsets, has a heart of gold Wayne County. BOX 29570. JULIET SEEKS ROMEO prced white female, 47, 110 lbs red hair, blue eyes, non-smoker fun and sincere. Has a wide variety of interests. In search of white nale, 6' and under, 40 to 50, who's

passionate, sincere, financially secure, for a fun and refreshing relationship to enjoy life with Oakland county BOX 26085 FASHIONABLE

HEADY, SET, CALL! 21 yr old single white female. car-ing, honest and affactionate. Enjoys motorcycles, NASCAR, snownöb/ling, long walks and more Seeking tail and attractive single white male, 22 to 30, honest and caring, for fun, possible long term ielationship BOX 11203 Attractive and healthy single white female, blonde, 5'4', 130 lbs., nonsmoker, social drinker. Looking for LOOKING FOR SOULMATE a romantic, financially secure white 26 year old 55' 135 lbs, black hair, brown eyes, divorced with two teenagers, works full time, interests include bowling, movies, walking and music. Seeking male 35 to 40 for friendship, and possible relamale, sense of humor, 50 to 60, attractive, healthy, average build, who likes to travel, dance or just being friends. Oakland County BOX 24979 inship Wayne county BO?

SEEKS PERFECT MATE

tractive, 50+ widow, fun loving LOOKING FOH: A kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long term monogamous relation-ship L am 51 yr old divorced female L believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasuriss. Down River area. BOX 14421 CALL ME physically fit. Seeks male desiring travel, working out, bicycling, golf mountain hiking, skiing swimming, dancing, dining out, family, cook-ing, quiet evenings, closeness, shanng, intimacy, love. Requesting to much? Tell me BOX 24980 QUALITY, QUALITY

CALL ME... Divorced, 44 yr old, white female, 5/3°, platinum blonde hair and brown eyes enjoys working out, walking concerts plays animals and more. Would be interested in a gentieman, 35 to 46, with similar interests BOX 27442 Seeking a sincere, honest, no games played, non-smoking, social drinking, single white male by a divorced white female, 54, who ikes to do almost everything ooking for friendship, companior ship or something long term. We side, Wayne County, BOX 25333 DO YOU BELIEVE

31 yr old single Christian woman is looking for a Christian male, who's active in the church! BOX

Fit, 5'6", brown eyed, blonde hair, passionate about life, and laugh-HOPE WE CONNECT SOON ing, enjoy gotfing, theater, movies, and areast HOPE WE CONNECT SOON 45 yr old livorced white female, is seeking single, divorced or wid-owed male, 39 to 40, with similar qualities as mine, for fun, daling and possible long term. I'm very romantic, non-smoker, social drinker Looking for someone with-in, 100 miles of Wayne County BOX 14622 and great conversations Interested in meeting tall, 49 to 58, financially, and emotionally stable, true gentleman, with similar interest Oakland County BOX 26031

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Looking for a single white male, 6 40 to 50, who enjoys bowling, soft-ball reading, boating, travel, din-ners and is romantic, intelligent and athletic. I'm a **42** yr old, 517°, blonde PERKY AND PASSIONATES Successful, bright, energetic, 541 125 lbs, blonde, above average looking, wants 47 to 55 profes-sional average locking white male, has his life together, must be fit and has faith. No drugs. Oakland County BOX 26950 hair, blue eved phys ed teacher who enjoys all of the above the above Oakland County BOX 26063 NICE AND SWEET

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Single white intelligent female, **59**, 56° 130 lbs enjoys, outdoors, good conservation hockey dining out and much more. Seeking sin-Giving loving, compassionate, curvy lots of fun great conversationalist, looking for sincere, suc out, and much more Seeking sin gle white male, financially and emotionally secure, who has a wide variety of interests. Bes cessful Caucasian gentleman, 45-late 70 s, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answe my ad today, BOX 25322 friends maybe more Wayne County BOX 33664

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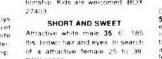
LOVE 2 HEAR FROM U! By rold, 61 180 lbs, single male, non smoker, non-drinker. I have a lot of hobbies that include antiques, going out and more. Seeking a sin-gle female with a nice personality, and easy to get along. BOX 1120 ALL THIS AND MORE

27 27. 5'11" muscular male, 200 lbs short dark hair, blue eyes, a home owner enious camping, movies. In search of a female, 18 to 35, who is independent. If you would like to independent. If you would like to inow more about me, leave me a message. BOX 11196

LET'S GO HAVE FUN 27 yr old, 56°, 175 libs, loving and caring, single male. Likes camping, swimming, the beach. Looking for a female, 21 to 67, for friendship and romance. BOX 11237

LET'S SETTLE DOWN 26.55° 175 lb single male, enjoys the outdoors, movies and quiet nights at home. Seeks white female, 20 to 28, with same interest for a long term relationship BOX 11258

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LET'S SHARE LIFE Single white father of two 42, 5'9', great shape, fun, caring, honest, secure, homeowner, has many interests. Seeks fun fowing, caring single female, for a monogamous relationship, kids welcome Oakland county BOX 24996 42, 62° 200 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes single male is looking for a single famale to go out with movies, diving out, sporting events and concerts. BOX 14510 LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH 44 yr old, Italian, single white male 5'5", 180 lbs, easygoing, romantic AFFECTIONATE CARING

Cong brown hairlyees, Italian, 40:s, easygoing, great kisser. Bionde or ? Movies, dinners, quiet nights, candles, videos. Looking for friendfover to share times, thoughts and ideas Downriver. Wayne county BOX 33702 hardworker. Looking for a caring and loving female, open on age, race, height and weight. It's what's inside that's important. BOX 26898 SO MUCH TO OFFER 50 s. 5'9", 170 lb, single male, enjoys old movies, cookouts and

good conversations. Looking for a petite to medium build female for friendship first BOX 26901 TIRED OF BEING ALONE 33703

55 yr old, 250 lbs, 6', male, hobbies are flea markets, reading, garage sales, dining out and movies. Searching for a woman for companionship and maybe more BOX 26933

LONELY WITH OUT YOU Lonely, white widowed male 43, 170 lbs, 5'5", fun loving, gentle and easy going Enjoys walking, camp ing fishing beaches and amusement parks. Searching for some-33704 one, open on race, height and weight BOX 27311

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DO YOU QUALIFY? bo too quality white male, 48, muscular, attrac-tive, financial and self secure Seeking selective classy attrac-tive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term relationship Wayne county BOX 25970

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ADDRESSING OUR NEEDS

FIRST TIME AD Divorced white professional male. 52, 577, 175 lbs, non-smoker, entrepreneurial, toving, gente, and romanic. Loves kissing, and giving back rubs. Enjoys tennis, movies, and more. Seeking sensual white female. For a loving relationship. Wayne county. BOX 31995

30 yr old divorced male, medium build who loves to spend time with his kids, dining out, movies, and time with that special person. Seeking a white female, 30 to 36. for possible relationship. Children okay Wayne County BOX 33688

SPRING FEVER SPRING FEVEN Down River male, 47. Lalian, 58°, 165 Ibs, handsome, fit, affection-ate, humorous, likes sports, music, roller blading, drives up North, din-ing out, movies. Seeks attractive, fit female. 30 to 47, with similar inter-ests. Wayne county, BOX 33693 BOX 26039 Affectionate, retired, single male, 50, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes,

50, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes drining out, movies, walks in the park, watching tv and traveling. Seeking a nice lady, to have some fun with. BOX 36081 WHY BE ALONE?

ests. Wayne county. BOX 33693 BRIGHT EYES 46 yr old, white male, 57°, 145 lbs, dark blue eyes, fun loving, non-smoker, who likes walking, swim-ming and camping. Seeking a petite white femate, for possible long term relationship. BOX 36096 Caring, affectionate, loving, hard working, divorced white male, 54, 5'7", silver fox hair, 176 lbs. Loves ocean beaches, spending quality time together. Seeking friendship for monogamous relationship, 40 to 50 yr. BOX 35913

Escape the single life with me. Single white male, 42 yrs old, 510°, 195° bis, curly blond hair, hazel eyes, somewhat active, very adventurous. Looking for single white female, 35 to 50, petite to medium build, non-smoker, social diricker, with similar interests finan-Originally from Florida, new to the area, single black male, retired from the service, 43, 5'7', 165 lbs. from the service, 43, 57, 105 los. Enjoys movies, travel, dining out and spending quality time with that special person. Seeking an honest Caucasian female, heavy set, who likes to be treated like a lady and pampered, for friendship and more. Wayne county BOX 33668 drinker with similar interests, finan cially secure. BOX 26015

LOOKING FOR LOVE LOOKING POR LOVE Single white male, 51, 5107, 210 Ibs, brown hair, blue eyes, smoker. Seeks single white female, 45 to 55, slim and tail, who lives in the down river area, for possible loving relationship. Wayne county BOX press HAPPLE EVEN AFTER 43 yr old, professional male, non-smoker, social drinker, with dark hair, brown eyes, is looking for a cute liftle woman, 35 to 45, to call my very own! BOX 14443

I AM YOUR MAN Hardworking divorced white male. 49, 5'8", 175 lbs. Is seeking a fun loving, easy going, intelligent, pret-ty, and nice shaped white female,

my very own! BOX 14443 **I'M YOUR KNIGHT** and daytime friend, too! 47, divorced adventurous, tun loving, easygoing, slim, Catholic, honest, coilege graduate, non-smoker, social diriker. Enjoys boating, amateur theatre, bowing, walks, movies, dancing aixi travel seeks a lady, close in age, with similar interests. Ior a long term relation-ship BOX 26002 EUM TO BE WITH for companionship. Prefer lady, in her middle 40's, for companionship and possible long term relation-ship Redford area. Wayne county BOX 25974 R U COMPATIBLE

R U COMPATIBLE Single white professional mate, 45, 5'8', fit, dependentless, commu-nicative, humorous, persevering, enjoys outdoors, variety of music, movies, etc. Seeking fit, emotional-ty available, single white profes-sional female, for hapy, healthy relationship. BOX 33696

Win ME OVER 45 yr old, African American male, 577, 170 fbs, easy going, clean, employed, never married, medium brown complexion, medium build with a variety of interests. In search of a single or divorced white female, 35 to 55, with a nice per-sonality BOX 27354 MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE 45 yr old attractive, single white Italian male, 511', brown hair and eyes, athletic, muscular build. Sensitive, canng, witty, humorous Enjoy hugs, cudding and romance. Seeking an attractive single white female, weight and height propor-tionate, for finendship and long term relationship. BOX 33515

SEEKING ROMANCE

LOID MY PART... Now it's time to do yours. I'm 51 yr old 6'1", 190 ibs, brown hair, blue eyes, like the water, fun times as well as quiet times. Seeking a white female, 40 to 53, for a long term relationship. I would love to put a smile on your face Down river area. Wayne County BOX 33676 SEERING RUMANCE Looking for a lady that wants a life long commitment, that stays in shape, likes the outdoors and the Caribbean, that is linancially secure as I am 49, brown hair, blue eyes, well tarined, from the Dearborn Area. Wayne County BOX 32631

MARRIAGE MINDED Athletic, muscular, single white male, 41, 62', 235 lbs, brown hair and blue eys, clean cut, degreed, no dependents, outgoing personal-ity, Enjoys outdoors, working out, reading, Las Vegas, quiet nights Seeks friendly single female, ageflocation open, BOX 36124 MARRIAGE MINDED Single white male .59 .510°, 170 ibs enjoys cars, during out cook-ing quiet times and more Seeking a single female. 45 plus, with simi-lar interests, for a long term rela-tionship. BOX 14255

AS GOOD AS IT GETS AS GOOD AS IT GETS Very kind, respectful, considerate, single white male, **39**, 65°, 246 fbs, with brown hair and green eyes 1 enjoy camping, fishing, hiking, any-thing outdoors, denoing and the movies. Seeking an honest, loyal and loving female who enjoys doing similar things. Children okay. BOX 15466 I'M TOUR DREAM... Come True...40 yr old. 6'1', 190 ibs, single white male, profession-al, tim, degread with a variety ol interests. Looking to meet a sim, petite, single white or Asian femate, to develop a long term romantic, monogemous, passionate relation-ship. BOX 14537

EYES LIKE THE SKY

EYES LIKE THE SKY Single white male, 44, honest, faithful, trustworthy, caning, loving, up front, amoker, social drinker, brown hair, blue eyes, 6', 165 lbs, looking for a white female, 35-50, on the alim side, 100-125 lbs, who has the same qualities at 1 do. Looking for a very serious relation-ship, no head games. Oakland county, BOX 26014

LOOKING FOR YOU

31 yr old African American male, 6'4", 202 lbs, bald head, looking for a single female, 28 to 39, for f ship and possibly more. My inte ests are sports, plays, and co Oakland County, BOX 26021 ung

Oakland County, BUX 26021 HONEST Tall, divorced white male, 6'4", good physical condition, 55, non-smoker, self-employed, honest, sincere, sense of humor. I would like to meet a siender lady, 45 to 50, who is easy going, with good values, for companionship, and possible long term relationship. BOX 35984

COMPATABLE?

Single white professional male, 45 5'8", fit, no dependents, humorous intro communicative, introspective, Enjoys the outdoors, music, movies and more. Seeking fit, emo-tionally available, professional sin-gle white female, for happy, healthy relationship.Oakland County. BOX 26038 LOOKING FOR LOVE

Attractive white male, 6'1", 180 lbs, brown hair and eyes, seeking attractive female to have good times with. If your looking for a man to treat you the way you need to be treated, call. Genessee County

FUN TO BE WITH Single white male, young 50's, tail, good looking, has many interests, loves life and enjoys it to the fullest Seeking an attractive white female, 35 to 50, to enjoy life with Downriver area BOX 33674 BOX 26055

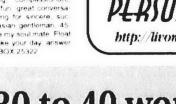
BUX 26055 FIRST TIME AD Single white male, seeking serious relationship, professional regis-tered nurse Enjoys candlelight din-ners, movies, dancing, comedy shows, works out twice a week, goft, tenns, warm vacation spots. Seeking serious relationship only. No arguing, Wayne County, BOX 26058

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Registration is under way for men's and women's adult spring/summer recreational hockey teams.

The Rockets (over 21), Lady Rockets (over 21), Masters (over 30) and Golden Eagles (over 45) leagues will play out of the Plymouth and Chelsea arenas.

The season will last from April 22 to July 19, and teams will play on various evenings. For more information call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, email to john@rspi.net or visit the Web site at www.rspi.net.

WESTLAND GOLF LESSONS

The City of Westland Senior Resources Department is offering golf lessons in cooperation with the Westland Municipal Golf Course, 500 S. Merriman, Westland.

The cost is \$40 for the fiveweek session (includes coffee and donuts). Students participating in the golf class will be working with a golf pro and simulators.

Lessons will begin at 10 a.m. Thursdays, March 29, and April 5, 12 and 19.

There will be no lessons today due to golf league orientation at the Senior Resources Center (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Refreshments will be served. League details will be covered at the orientation.

For more information, call (734) 722-7632.

UMPS WANTED

The Canton Umpires Association is looking for people interested in being a baseball umpire with the CCJBSA league.

Weekly hours vary, trainging and major equipment is provided. Applicants must be at least 14-years-old with some knowledge of baseball.

For more information, call Greg Angel at (734) 981-3007 or Dave Giove at (734) 981-3427, or by email at wdivgreg4@aol.com.

WESTLAND SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Open registration for the City of Westland Department of Parks and Recreation summer softball leagues will be Monday, April 2 through Sunday, April 22 at the Bailey Recreation Center, located at 36651 Ford Road.

Registration for returning teams began March 12. For more information, call

(734) 722-7620.

WACO WOLVES GOLF OUTING

The WaCo Wolves USA travel baseball team will stage a golf outing fundraiser beginning at noon Sunday, April 29 at the Woodlands of Van Buren, located at 39670 Ecorse Road in Wayne.

The cost is \$75 per person. Included in the fee is 18 holes of golf with cart (four-person teeoff), closest to the pin and long drive prizes, lunch special at the turn (hot dog, chips and drink), cookout and open bar at the 19th hole along with door prizes. There will also be a skins competition and 50-50 raffle.

Hole sponsorships are also available.

For more information, call Lou Jamnick at (734) 595-2975 or email ljamnick@ameritech.net.

SPREE TEAMS WANTED

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club (LYSC) is encouraging local youth soccer teams to become charter entries in the Livonia Spree Invitational Tournament 0203. (June 22-24).

The tournament is open to boys and girls teams in age groups from under-9 through under-19. It offers recreational, select and premier divisions.

The tournament, scheduled in conjunction with the city's 51st anniversary, has been sanctioned by the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA).

All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games in pool play with group winners and wild card teams moving on to play in a trophy round.

All players will receive commemorative participation pins and they, along with their families, will be eligible for discount tickets to the Livonia Spree.

For an information packet including team entry forms as well as additional rules and information, call the tournament hotline at 734-462-5889. You can e-mail also

lysctournament@ameritech. net or visit the Livonia Youth Soccer Club's website at www.livoniasoccer .org.

RUGBY RECRUITS

The Oakland Highlanders, a new rugby club in the Midwest and Michigan Rugby Football Unions, is currently recruiting new members of all skill levels for the spring season.

The team consists of men 18-

and-over. Experienced rugby players as well as amateur athletes looking to explore a new sport are welcome. The team competes against other clubs in the Midwest Territorial Union, such as Battle Creek, South Bend, Flint, Traverse City, Midland, Fort Wayne, Findlay, Toledo and Grand Rapids.

You need not reside in Oakland County to join. For further information, call Matt Martello at (248) 307-0938.

NORTHVILLE PARKS AND REC

Middle School Travel Lacrosse: April-May, 11 games, 7th-8th graders; cost is \$150. Coach needed. Paid posttion. For more information, call Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203. Adult softball leagues: Men --

Mondays: Women - Tuesdays: Co-ed -Sundays. Cost is \$345 per team, a 12game schedule. Umpire fees extra. Nonresidents are \$15 extra per person. Call Northville Parks and Rec at (248) 349-

Women's Spring Basketball League: Wednesdays, April 18-June 13. Cost is \$340 per team, eight-game season. Referee fees extra. Non-residents. \$15 per person. Call Northville Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

Men's Spring Basketball League: Monday or Tuesday, April 23/24-June 12/18. Cost is \$340 per team. Referees fees extra. Non-residents, \$15 per person. Call Northville Parks and Rec at (248) 349-0203.

CITY SOFTBALL SIGNUP

The City of Farmington Hills is accepting new adult team registrations for men's and coed softball.

Registration is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Leagues will play one night per week.

For fees and nights of play, call the recreation department at (248) 473-9570. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PREMIER PLAYERS SOUGHT

The Farmington Fury/Waza boys under-15 premier soccer team is looking for advanced players to complete its roster for the spring outdoor season. For information call Alan Helisek at (248) 471-4475.

C'VILLE BOOSTERS CRAFT SHOW

The Livonia Clarenceville Athletic Booster Club will present its annual Touch of Spring arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 31.

Over 150 artisans will display their creations.

Proceeds will provide college scholarships, training equipment, uniforms and other items need to maintain the extra-curricular sports budget. The show offers a variety of

shooper services including babysitting, snack bar and raffle of craft items.

WESTLAND ICE SHOW

The City of Wayne Department of Parks and Recreation and Silver Picks will present its "School Days" figure skating ice show at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 6-7, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8 at the Wayne Community Center.

Pre-sale tickets are \$4.50 (adult) and \$3.50 (seniors and students). Tickets are the door are \$5 and \$4.

For more information, call (734) 721-7400.

SPONSORS NEEDED

Sponsors are needed for the Eighth Annual Krajny Invitational - the Redford Township Junior Athletic Association's annual Minor and Major Boys' Basketball Post Season Tournament

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ad, and from one-quarter up to a full page ad in the program.

The tourney runs in late March through early April. For information, please call (313) 937-3181.

ICA DAY CAMPS

The Wayne-Westland YMCA, located at 827 S. Wayne Road, is now registering children for its Summer 2001 Day Camp program

Youths ages 5-7, 8-11 and 12-14 will experience five field trips per week, while learning about caring, honesty, respect and responsibility as they participate in games, sports, outdoor activities designed to build self-esteem and leadership skills.

The camp will be from June 25 through Aug. 30.

Space is limited to ensure optimum counselor/camper ratios. Registration is filling up fast.

For more information or to obtain a brochure, call the YMCA at (734) 721-7044. Financial assistance is available. There is no residency requirement.

ADRAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Henry Ford Community College's 10th annual Mike Adray Memorial Golf Tournament will

be Wednesday, May 16 at Mystic Creek Golf Club, located at Camp Dearborn, in Milford.

Proceeds from the tourney will go to support student scholarships. Since its inception, the golf tourney has raised more than \$394.00 for Henry Ford student scholarships.

Individual golfer can participate in a full day of activities for \$195. The dinner and auction package is \$85.

For more information, call the tournament hotline at (313) 540-9880 or visit Henry Ford's web site at www.hfcc.net

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Madonna University will host a series of summer volleyball camps including: 8:30 a.m.-noon (elite) and 1-4:30 p.m. (general players) Thursday through Sunday, July 5-8; 8:30 a.m.-noon (setters) and 1-4 p.m. (youth) Sunday through Thursday, July 9-12; 8:30 a.m.-noon (hitters session I) and 1-4:30 p.m. (defensive specialist), Sunday through Wednesday, July 15-18.

For more information, call Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612 or (734) 254-0698 (evenings).



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comeback. "But I thought our guys really responded well."

Going into the playoffs, DeBoer's greatest worry was how to get his players to respond. "We wrapped up the division so early, I thought we played complacent over the last month," he said. "That's what concerned me the most.

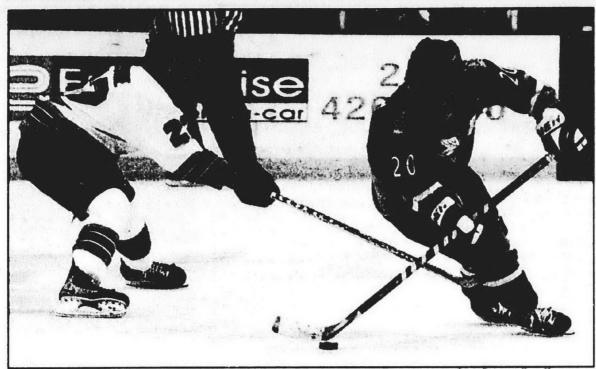
"I wanted them to play with emotion, as if their playoff hopes hung in the balance of every game. That's when we play our best, when we play like everything's on the line."

The Whalers started this game just as they had the previous two in the series - by taking command early. With 3:32 elapsed, Kiser took a not-particularlyhard shot from the point to the left of Gherson; George Nistas deflected it past the Sting goalie and the Whalers had a 1-0 lead. Preston Mizzi also got an assist.

Despite Plymouth's complete dominance — it was 16-3 in shots on goal after one period it was still a 1-0 game when Damian Surma took possession of the puck which Vernarsky had kept in the Sarnia zone. Surma rifled a shot from the top of the circle on Gherson's right into the net, making it 2-0 with 14:30 left in the second period.

The Sting had offered little resistance thus far, and they did-

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No escape: Sarnia's Mike Craigen (left) tries to get past the Whalers' Stacey Britstone, which proved a difficult task. Britstone had two assists in the game.

Wiseman, and he placed it over

penalty expired, Weiss skated in

unchallenged to just in front of

the Sting net and flipped a shot

also assisted.

n't until the double-penalties to be in, but as DeBoer noted, his Kiser and Vernarsky. With the two-man advantage, Dusty Jamieson scored from just in front of Whaler goalie Rob Zepp with 23.9 seconds left in the second to narrow the gap to 2-1.

As the second penalty expired 42 seconds into the third period, Sarnia's Alex Buturlin lifted the puck over Zepp and just under the crossbar, knotting it at 2-2.

It was a dangerous position to

past Gherson, making it 4-2. Britstone and Wiseman assisted. team responded well. With 16:19 left, Weiss chased down the puck behind the Sting net and cen-The Sting were never able to

wrestle control of the game away tered a pass to the on-charging from Plymouth. Empty-net goals Gherson's shoulder to regain a 3by Karl Stewart (from Chad LaRose) with 2:44 remaining 2 lead for Plymouth. Britstone and LaRose (from Surma) with 1:31 to go iced it for the Whalers, With 7:29 to play, it was who finished with a 38-15 shot Weiss' turn. Just as a Sarnia advantage.

What it means is this: They are one win from the Western Conference semifinals.

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BOYS TENNIS Friday, March 30 Milford at Franklin, 4 p.m. Lakeland at Farmington, 4 p.m. Seturday, March 31 Monroe Invitational, 9 a.m.

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You should find out who for certain owns the property and contact the bank directly to determine how they are going to market the property. Presumably, the bank will sell it for

fair market value, although it depends on the circumstances.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. His e-mail address is bmeisner@ mich. com, and his Web site is www. meisner-law. com This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



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> below 10,000 has many investors on edge. Fears of a slowing market and sliding consumer confidence are forming the basis of what appears to be a mild recession.

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Realtors who stay at it for any length of time usually grow to enjoy their careers – doing the deal, unlimited income potential, flexible hours.

Even with a dream job, the world of work isn't always perfect. Big and little irritations dot the landscape. Professionals, through experience, learn how to read the mine field. They develop coping mechanisms.

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■ "I guess phone calls not being returned in a timely manner," said Faye Moran, an associate broker with Century 21 Val U Way in Waterford.

"It can be the client, itself, the lender, the title company. We're all in business to get the end accomplished, get everyone happy. One way to do that is communication," Moran said.

■ "A lack of – what you would call it – a lack of loyalty on the part of buyers," said Marian Greer, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth. "Rather than call their agent about a

house they (buyers) drive by, they'll call another agent. They should contact their agent with questions. They should have their agents do searches. "I guess agents have to do a better

job of explaining their role," Greer added. "How about non-serious buyers,"

said Brad Wolf, a Realtor with Hall &

Hunter in Birmingham. "They waste my time. I don't get paid for driving people around. I get paid for selling houses.

"That's the only part of my job that's frustrating sometimes. Other than that, I love what I do," Wolf said.

■ "Being used by people, buyers especially," said Elisabeth Less, a Realtor with Max Broock in Clarkston.

"You screen them carefully. If they're not in a position of making a move or just out for a Sunday ride, I will basically be busy with other clients. Thank God it doesn't happen often," Less said.

■ "Insensitivity on the part of the public," said Mike Cotter, broker/ owner with Snyder, Kinney, Bennett & Keating in Birmingham.

"Insensitivity on the part of the public would be someone not really interested in buying a house, just occupying a professional's time. People out just fooling around, entertaining themselves.

"If you're good at what you do, we can eliminate that. But new agents spend a reasonable amount of time with people like that who aren't going to reach the finish line," Cotter said.

■ "There are some Realtors out there who aren't as knowledgeable as they should be about the property they represent," said Bobbie Reid, associate broker with Prudential Accent Realty in Livonia.

"They aren't as careful with details as they should be, details like informing you of any title concerns that may have arisen, assessments that may not have been reported.

"That's not to say there's a great amount. But there are some people

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who don't follow through with the transaction. They rely on other people to do the job," Reid said.

When people make an appointment and don't show up," said Steve Smith, an associate broker with Real Estate One in Westland. "It doesn't happen much.

"I'm a professional and out of courtesy, they can at least make a phone call. That way, I'm not waiting. I can reschedule my day. I'm not wasting time," Smith said.

■ "All the muddy roads," said Kristie McCaffrey, a Realtor with Red Carpet Keim Unlimited in Oxford. "You always get the car cleaned then have to go down that muddy road again.

"It's not so bad in winter because the roads are frozen, but in spring ... I probably wash the car once or twice a week, depending on where I have to go.

"Dirt roads can be hard on brakes and everything else," McCaffrey added. "When it snows or rains when I

have a showing," said Robert Khami, a Realtor with Re/MAX Classic in Farmington Hills.

"You get your clothes all screwed up. Clients don't want to go so they cancel at the last minute. Maneuvering your car through snow," Khami said.

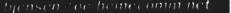
■ "It would probably be a lack of knowledge of associate Realtors who haven't been trained properly to be out in the field," said Richard Sidick, a Realtor with Remerica Realteam in Troy.

"Basically, contracts," he added. "We see offers for FHA written on conventional paper (forms) and vice versa. Things like that. I assume things would be done right." If you decide to buy other properties, your Realtor and mortgage loan officer can outline your options. Your existing equity can open doors you never thought possible.

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a mortgage loan officer in Plymouth. You may contact him at PhillipsHQ@ yahoo. com, or at (734) 797-5522 [24 hours].

Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.





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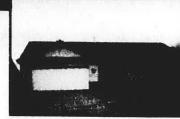
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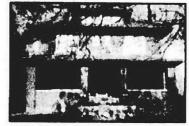
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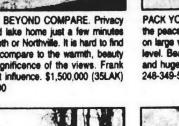
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NORTHVILLE CAPE COD. Nestled on approximately 3.36 secluded and wooded setting with lovely pond. 3 horses allowed. Impressive looking home with 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths. 1st floor master, dining room, oak kitchen, family room with fireplace, central air, basement, 2 car garage and 1st floor laundry. \$389,000 (30RID) 248-349-5600



COUNTRY IN THE CITY. Beautiful Edenderry area in Northville. 4 bedrooms, 31/2 baths with newer windows and updated kitchen. Quality built home with hardwood floors and wet plaster walls. Huge master suite. \$379,900 (05SHA) 248-349-5600





NEED MORE ROOM? Look no further. Large ranch offers 4 bedrooms, open floor plan, 3+ car garage with heated workshop, skylights.Pella windows and more. \$499,000 (16SPR) 248-349-5600



IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER. Tum-key condo with 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 1st floor laundry and attached garage. Not a thing to do-only 31/2 years old. Fantastic finished basement with family room. Neutral. \$162,900 (77HUN) 248-349-5600



BEAUTIFUL WOLVERINE LAKE is the prefect setting for this stunning 3 bedrooms, 21/2 bath home with partially finished basement and 2 car attached garage. Many updates including baths & kitchen. Newer Berber carpet, furnace and hardwood flooring. \$209,900 (60DEL) 248-349-5600





LARGE MASTER BEDROOM! 5 bedroom, lots of sq. footage and loads of storage Huge garage. Basement, newer furnace and air conditioning-industrial size. Newer vinyl windows-bow window in living room. (46AVO) \$175,000 734-455-5600



MINT! BEAUTIFUL UPDATED CANTON RANCH! Recessed lighting, finished basement with glass block windows. Light oak kitchen cabinets. Florida room, beautiful wood entry door. Home protection plan. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. (57BEL) \$184,464 734-455-5600



\$139,000 734-455-5600



SPECTACULAR 2 BEDROOM, 11/2 BATH

RANCH CONDO! New 2001 light oak

kitchen with double ceramic sink, appli-

ances, doorwall to private deck, newer win-

dows throughout, updated main bath, mas-

ter bedroom with walk-in closet. Family

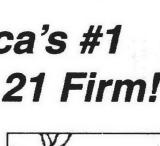
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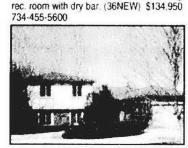
GORGEOUS! GORGEOUS! Many updates



COZY QUAD! On deep wooded lot. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Newer: roof, circuit breakers Natural fireplace in family room lower level bedroom with full bath. Door wall from dining room. Enjoy the pond from the patio. Steel entry doors, some appliances stay. Bring offer! (34BIG) \$164,900 734-455-5600



TERRIFIC CANTON BRICK RANCH! Neutral decor and very clean. 3 bedroom, (4th in basement), 1'2 bath, family room with door wall to fenced yard and shed.Newer roof, tiled rec room. Loads of storage Backs to woods. Open floor plan for entertaining. (69BUC) \$184,500 734-455-5600



ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! Ceramic tile in foyer and light oak updated kitchen. Neutral carpet. Bay window and crown moldings in living room which overlooks deck. Spacious lamily room, gas fireplace, doorwall to hot tub. 4 bedrooms, 2's baths. Sunroom. Newer windows & roof. (45NOR) \$309,900 734-455-5600



OUTSTANDING 4 BEDROOM! Cape Cod, open floor plan, wonderful neighborhood, Livonia Schools. 1st floor master suite with garden tub, enormous kitchen and cabinets. 1st floor laundry. loft overlooking family room, showpiece fireplace, privacy fence, sprinklers. (48TIM) \$259,900 734-455-5600

LAKE FRONTAGE on all sports Carroll



WALK-OUT RANCH. Clean & neutral 3 bedroom. 2 bath condo with family room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, Florida room with heat and air conditioning. Activities at clubhouse on Crooked Lake. 55+ communily. \$155,000 (83SHE) 248-349-5600



ONE OF WAYNE'S FINEST. This cute, 3 bedroom bungalow features newer furnace. hot water heater, kitchen cupboards, insulation and siding, windows & tear-off roof were done. Add to all this a great finished basement in a serene quiet neighborhood. \$104,900 (81WIN) 248-349-5600



RECENTLY RENOVATED THROUGHOUT!

Beautifully updated 4 bedroom, 2 bath colo-



WAYNE-UNDER \$90,000. 3 bedroom bungalow with full basement, newer windows, steel doors.enclosed porch, hot water heated, plaster wall with cove ceilings, quiet street. Wayne-Westland schools. \$89,900 (90WIN) 248-349-5600



GREAT BRICK RANCH! 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Newer: windows, furnace, sprinklers. Professionally finished basement with full kitchen and bath-great room for family. Nice yard. Washer, dryer, refrigerator, stove stay! mmaculate. Super clean! (85CHA) \$156,000 734-455-5600



CLEAN AND WELL KEPT! 3 bedroom home with many updates: thermo windows, storm doors, copper plumbing, 2 car garage, Base-ment, Large lot with privacy fence, (400XF) \$169,900 734-455-5600



BEAUTIFUL CONTEMPORARY HOME!

Open two-story entry 3 bedroom, 2 bath.

Master bedroom with loft and doorwall to upper deck.Living room with wood

stove.built-in bookcase. All natural wood

throughout. Doorwall to patio. Screened

porch overlooks 2-sided waterfall. (31VIR)

\$246.900 734-455-5600

LOVELY 3 BEDROOM LIVONIA RANCH! Updates galore! Kitchen, bath, vinyl win dows, rool, furnace, copper plumbing & huinidifier, carpet. Family room with cathedral ceilings. Deck and fenced yard. (20WES) \$167,500 734-455-5600



AWESOME 3 BEDROOM, 1'2 bath brick

ranch.Elegant formal dining room. Open

floor plan. Spacious master bedroom with

his & hers closets. Hardwood floors, newer

carpet windows doors, furnace and finished

basement. \$184,900 (04PUR) 248-349-5600

RANCH CONDO-ADULT COMMUNITY Three bedroom, 2 full baths, central air. Florida room, finished basement, Franklin stove in family room. Many extras plus activilies at clubhouse and beach on Crooked Lake. \$130.000 (73CAM) 248-349-5600



COMFORT AND AFFORDABILITY. Lovely 2 bedrooms, 1's bath condo. Features include: Newer windows, large patio, community pool and clubhouse, close to x-ways, freshly painted throughout, appliances, formal dining room. Great neighborhood. \$72,500 (87WOO) 248-349-5600



WELCOME HOME. Impressive 2 story home with 4 spacious bedrooms, stone entry, den with glass privacy doors, large family room with fireplace, 1st floor laundry, side entry garage, professionally landscaped yard and many upgrades. \$409,900 (53WAR) 248-349-5600



HEY! CHECK IT OUT! Many updates on this Plymouth ranch! 3 bedrooms, 1'2 baths. Totally redone full bath with custom cabinets and counter. 2 story pole barn/7 ft. ceilings upstairs. 2's car attached garage. Huge family room, fireplace in living room, (48CLE) Only \$244,000 734-455-5600



CONDO! Ready for your personal touches. Many upgrades. Fireplace with gas logs ceramic tile baths. 1st floor laundry Great room. Master bedroom and main bath skylights Upgraded kitchen appliances. 2 bedroom, 21/2 bath. (69RIV) \$253,625 734-455-5600



updated kitchen, ceramic floor and island Finished basement, high efficiency furnace, central air, deck. Newer: landscaping, windows, copper plumbing, doorwall, leaded glass entry door. (22WIN) \$117,900 734-455-5600



house on a double lot. All new inside and out. Could build home on vacant lot. Great investment. Walk to parks and school. Crestwood schools. One year home warranty included. \$129,900 (14NGU) 248-349-5600



STUNNING-UNIQUE-ELEGANT. This beau tiful brick colonial features 4 decks, one off master bedroom, vaulted great room ceiling. natural and gas fireplace, 3 car garage." acre on wooded lot. A multitude of large windows & skylights to let the view shine in. \$399,900 (05MET) 248-349-5600



ing room, 1st floor laundry, finished lower level, attached 2% car garage with additional storage. Nicely landscaped with deck and brick paver walk. \$259,900 (44STR) 248-349-5600



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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area		6952 Helen St	\$128,000	9210 Ball St	\$191.000	
residential real-est	ate clos-	29931 Hennepin St	\$114.000	300 Parkview Dr	\$168.000	
ings recorded Jan.	8 - 12.	32200 Kennepin St	\$146.000	320 Parkview Dr	\$168.000	
2001, at the Wayn	e County	227 Henry Ruff Rd	\$120,000	400 Parkview Dr	\$175.000	
Register of Deeds	office.	33710 Leone St	\$113.000	8830 Pine Trail Ct	\$388.000	
Listed below are cities.		30560 Rossivn Ave	\$154,000			
addresses, and sales prices.		29132 Rush St	\$125,000	Baddand		
		Livenia		9226 Berwyn	\$143.000	
Canton		29491 Bobrich St	\$72.000	16621 Brady	\$82.000	
42047 Addison Ave	\$182,000	9666 Cavell St	\$148.000	14132 Centralia	\$127.000	
1451 Bayberry Park Cir	\$228.000	11330 E Clements Cir	\$90,000	20545 Daiby	\$116.000	
43821 Brandywyne Rd	\$176,000	15063 Golfview Dr	\$290.000	17709 Delaware Ave	\$148,000	
46572 Crosswick	\$338,000	38655 Grandon St	\$194,000	13983 Dixie	\$135.000	
39620 Dorchester Cir	\$291,000	33325 Kentucky St	\$148,000	8830 Farley	\$107.000	
8330 Forrest Dr	\$163,000	37755 Margareta Dr	\$277,000	18657 Garfield	\$66.000	
4375 Hunters Cir E	\$154.000	29642 Mark Ln	\$183,000	17650 Kinioch	\$86,000	
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6771 Norwood Dr	\$252,000	34426 Munger St	\$242,000	20466 MacArthur	\$60,000	
8498 Orhan St	\$164,000	18749 Nola St	\$195,000	26925 Plymouth Rd	\$80.000	
3683 Parklawn Dr	\$200,000	29031 Orangelawn St	\$125,000	16271 Ryland	\$168.000	
619 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$303.000	17370 Stamwich St	\$185,000	20084 Seminole	\$80,000	
42546 Saratoga Rd	\$107,000	18102 Ventura Ct	\$260,000	8860 Virgil	\$187,000	
45095 Turnberry Ct	\$281.000	33031 Vermont St	\$155,000	15801 Woodworth	\$140.000	
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Bardon City		14458 Yale St	\$170,000	7351 Affeldt St	\$115.000	
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Mortgage rates dip

WASHINGTON (AP) -Mortgage rates around the country fell sharply this week, with rates on 15-year and oneyear adjustable rate mortgages dipping to their lowest point in two years.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages declined to 6.89 percent, down from 6.96 percent last week, according to a nationwide survey released Thursday by Freddie Mac, the mortgage company. That was the lowest since a 6.89 percent for the week ending Jan. 12.

A year ago, 30-year mortgages averaged 8.23 percent and were rising. Rates hit a five-year high of 8.64 percent in mid-May of last year.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, fell to 6.44 percent last week, down from 6.54 percent the previous week. That was the lowest since Feb. 12, 1999, when 15-year mortgages aver-

aged 6.40 percent. A year ago, 15-year mortgages averaged 7.84 percent.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 6.22 percent, compared with 6.32 percent the week before. That was the lowest since a rate of 6.12 percent in Oct. 1, 1999. Last year, one-year ARMs averaged 6.78 percent. The rates do not include add-on fees known as points, which averaged around 1 percent of the loan amount for all three types of mortgages.

"The Federal Reserve's recent cut in interest rates and a continued concern over weakness in the overall economy contributed to another drop in mortgage rates this week," said Freddie Mac economist Frank Nothaft. "Lower rates should continue to fuel the housing market well into the spring buying period."



ING. COMFORTABLE & COZY CHARM Updated three bedroom ranch on corner lot. Bath with Jacuzzi tub, family room with wood burning stove, oak kitchen cabinetry, plaster walls, tasteful décor and extremely well maintained. Located on quiet tree-lined street with a front view of lush protected woodlands. \$134,900 734-455-6000



ESCAPE THE EVERYDAY! Big city feel! You'll love this nearly new brownstone, over 1,500 square foot condo with library and attached garage. Open contemporary floor plan. \$165,500 734-455-6000

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This home is located in one of Plymouth's newest

developments. Some amenities: .75 acre lot, wood flooring throughout most of entry level, gournet kitchen



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FORMER BUILDER'S MODEL This home shows beautifully. Neutral décor with wood floors in foyer, powder room, kitchen & nook. Spacious family room with vaulted ceilings and fireplace. Island kitchen with access to newer cedar deck. \$284,900 734-455-6000



WESTLAND DESIRABLE WESTLAND RANCH North West bedroom, 1% beth ranch with Livonia Schools. Updated

kitchen with breaktast area, new carpet, newer viny windows, electric garage floor. Oversized garage ready for workshop. Move-in clean! (P24SAN) \$152,900 (734) 451-5400

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WESTLAND MINT CONDITION RANCH. 3 bedrooms, new kitchen floor and built in settee. Finished basement with 4th bedroom or office, full brick, has oversized 2 car garage Freshly painted, hardwood floors through out Occupancy is negotiable! (17AVO) \$129,800 (734) 451-5400



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Localed in a quiet neighborhood, this well bedroom and much more. Don't delay! \$135,500 (962CO)



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MANY UPGRADES Pristine Model attached garage. \$293,900 (448CH)



HOUSE BEAUTIFUL Newer colonia Beautiful Country Club Condo! Ceramic located on low traffic cul-de-sac Beautifu inter the second of the second floor master suite wiprivate deck, remodeled basement with rec room and gorgeous finished lower level & 2 car office. \$224,900 (575LO)



ith this Canton 4 bedroom, 1½ beth colonial on quiet court location. Newe windows, roof and kitchen. Enjoy the summer with in-ground pool and deck. Finished basement, 2 car garage. \$179,900 (314CH)



COLONNAL With 2% beths. Drematic great room with cathedral ceilings and huge bey window. Ceramic foyer, large master bedroom with bath and WIC. Large idichen and library with French door leading to megnificent two tiered deck with screened-in gazeto overlooking beautiful commons. \$408,000 (828PI)



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NO COLONIAL festures 3 bedrooms, 1% bath, formal living room, and family room with fireplace. Beautiful kitchen with leand & dirette, finished basement, shed, inground pool. \$204,500 (428CO)

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fireplace, Anderson windows & French room and dining room, first floor laundry, tamity room, 2 car garage and private taundry. Neutral doors. Updated baths, central air, roof and attached garage - only FOUR years old! yard with mature trees. Home warranty \$243,900 (520GR) provided. \$164,900 (113BR)



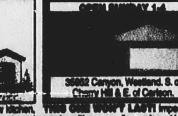
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WHY BUILD. THIS ONE'S DO weil Located on .8 acre, lushly landscaped belts and whistles included! Four maintained home with gorgeous Four bedroom, 2% bath colonial with wooded lot, this 2,323 square foot ranch bedroom, 2% bath with Aden island landscaping. Remodeled kitchen and beautifully landscaped yard. Large deck offers hardwood floors, family room with counter in kitchen. Bay windows in living bath. Newer windows and doors. Large with gazebo. Huge master sulte, first floor decor throughout



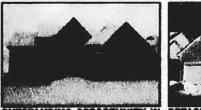
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square feet. Four bedrooms, 3% Ten foot cellings throughout R PLAN Over cellings three basement. e throughout. ment. Home on % of an acre on a premium lot with deluse landscaping. galore/ \$479,900 (451VA)



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PROPERTY INVESTORS The Real Estate Investors HOME SHOW Association of Wayne County presents a program on living trusts, wills, and power of attorshow Thursday-Sunday, April 5ney 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at 8, at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, and Novi Road. 17201 Northline, east of I-75, Southgate. expected.

Cost is \$10.

Beginning landlords interested in a free newsletter may call (313) 386-7228.

HEATING CLASS

The Remodelors Council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a class, "Radiant In-Floor Heating Made Easy," 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at BIA headquarters, 330375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Topics include technical data, planning and pricing support, cost and installation.

Cost, which includes dinner, is \$30 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. To register, call (248)

Road, Farmington Hills. For reservations, call Yasmine at (248) 851-2975, or Teri at (734) 414-0805. The BIA presents its fifth annual spring home and garden

More than 200 exhibitors are

Hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4

and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

for senior citizens and children

6-12 years of age. Parking is

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gages, Matt Kenkel, ERA

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sor a free seminar, "For Sale by

Owner," 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at the Weight Watchers

Building, 28555 Orchard Lake

SELL HOME CLASS

BUSINESS EXPO

Henry Ford Community College and several heating, ventilating and air conditioning firms take part in a free career fair/ business expo 4-8 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in the technology building at the college, 5101 Evergreen, south of Ford, Dearborn.

Bergstrom's, Kast and Blue Dot Service Companies are expected to participate.

Call Mary Jo Plante at (313) 845-9885, or Chris Elder, (800) BLUEDOT, Ext. 213.

BASEMENT REMODELING

Saturdays, April 28 and May 5, 9 a.m. to 1p.m. at Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee, Farmington. Fee: \$80. Pre-registration required through Farmington Community School (248) 489-3333. Fax (248) 489-3380. www. farmington. k12. mi. us Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, 48336

BUILD YOUR OWN HOME

Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 8-17, 6-10 p.m. at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shi-awassee, Farmington, east of Orchard Lake Road. Fee: \$175. Pre-registration required through Farmington Community School (248) 489-3333.

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textbook and sample test questions. To register, call (734) 523-9277.

BUILDER'S PRE-LICENSE

Two Mondays and Wednesdays 6-10 p.m. beginning April 2 at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, east of Orchard Lake Road. Fee: \$175. Pre-registration required through Farmington Community School (248) 489-3333. Fax (248) 489-3380. www. farmington. k12. mi. us Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farm-

Cost is \$199 plus \$20 for a

The Great Lakes Construction Alliance is looking for nominations for the sixth annual Gender And Race Diversification **Excellence** Awards for promoting racial and gender diversity in the construction workforce. Forms are available from Deborah Hamilton at the National Center for Dispute Settlement at

ington, 48336

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

(248) 356-0870 or e-mail ncds-

Nominations are due by

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our e-mail address is bjensen@ oe. homecomm. net

Our fax number is (734) 591. 7279.

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The team consists of Craig Lescoe, Dennis Weese, Al Malott, Jackie Coleman. Wendi McClendon, Amy Lucas and

John Toye, broker owner.

Ford & Earl Associates, an interior architecture and graphic design firm in Troy, had 12 winning entries in the recently published annual coffee table book, American Corporate Identity 2001.

The entries included three environmental exhibit/ signage projects for the Detroit Opera House, FANUC Robotics and Chelsea Community Hospital.

Etkin Skanska Construction, headquartered in Farmington Hills, has been awarded construction management services contracts for the Warren Community Center, Royal South End Community Center renovation and the Lincoln Consolidat-Brown, Jamie ed Schools new building program.



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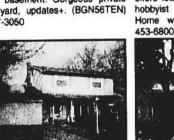
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\$125,000 FARMINGTON HILLS \$695.000 Three Bedroom Bungalow! Beautiful Fantastic Business Opportunity! Well built home offers 4 br, 3.5 ba, 3-car Carriage Hills w/master ste., full home with large master BR w/full bath established restaurant in Farm. Hills garage,1st flr laundry, private library, finished basement, large kitchen, many & walk-in closet. Fin. basement, 2 car includes liquor license, and listed items formal dining room, private yard, pool updates including windows. Park at the garage, cedar closets, newer carpet & of inventory. Call listing agent for additional information. (BG-L-8212M) 734-462-1811



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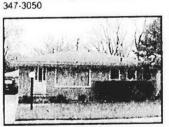
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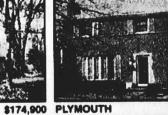
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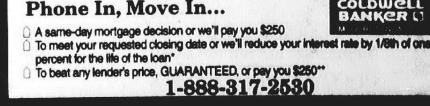
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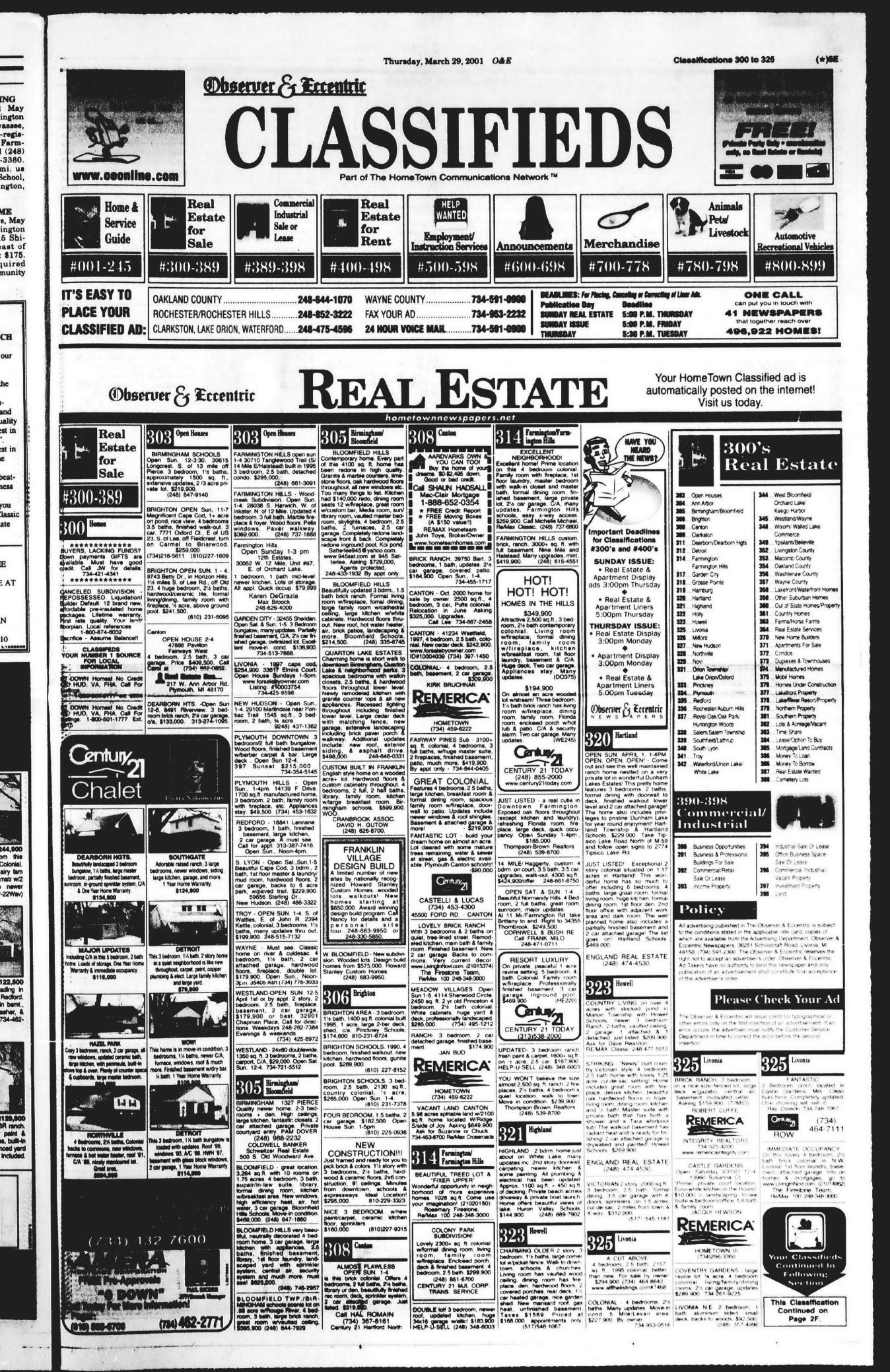
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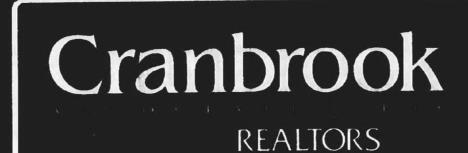


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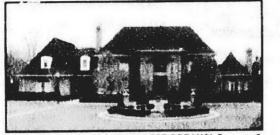
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2.5 ACRES IN THE CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS. 5 br's., 4½ baths, nanny suite w/sitting room & bath, formal living room, dining room & family room, sweeping staircase, original leaded & stained glass windows. A wonderful opportunity for renovation. \$1,950,000 200369565COU 626-8700



BIRMINGHAM NEW CONSTRUCTION. 4 BR, 3¹/₂ bath Colonial. Kitchen w/wood cabinets & granite counter tops, large family room & library, master w/Jacuzzi & shower, large closets, 3 car garage. Still time to make a few choicesi \$734,900 20081294BAT 626-8700



FRANKLIN VILLAGE ESTATE LOT. 2.3 acres w/4 BR's, 2¹/₂ baths, updated kitchen, finished basement & fabulous closet space. Peaceful, serene & trangull country setting. On a straet of multi-million dollar homes. \$595,000 21019500OAK 626-8700



WING LAKE PRIVILEGESI Sharp redone ranch with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 fpis., great room & living room. Gazebo with bot tub. Workshop/exercise room off garage. Updated



EVERY ROOM IS SPECIAL! Overlooks Oak Pointe Golf Course and West Crooked Lake in Brighton, step-down GR with natural river rock fpl., French drs. open to covered patio. Limestone arches, copper gutters & turnet define the exterior creating an old world look. \$1,950,000 OAK 647-0100



BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE COLONIAL. 4 BR's, 2½ beths, great living room, den & family room, updated kitchen, new paint, new roof, new garage door & opener. \$669,000 21005857GLE 626-8700



EXPANSIVE, OPEN CONTEMPORARY with step down great room, wet bar & built-ins. Gourmet kitchen w/island & Subzero, double ovens. 1st floor master, Jacuzzi & lots of closets. 3 bedrooms up, 2 additional baths. Wooded. \$565,000 FOX 855-2200



LAKE PRIVILEGES Dramatic renovation w/top of the line detailing throughout. French limestone & fireplace. Fantastic kitchen. 2 MBR suites. Slate front entrance and



BLOOMFIELD HILLS! New in 1994. Absolutely gorgeous. Move in condition. 3 bedroom, $3\frac{1}{2}$ baths, first floor master bedroom. Professionally decorated and landscaped. 3,486 sq. ft. and 3 car garage. Best buy in Hickory Ridge at \$659,900. RID 647-0100



BEVERLY HILLS RANCH. 3 BR's, 3¹/₂ baths, new dream kitchen opens to the family rm. w/a doorwall to the deck.



on the golf course w/private setting. 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, spacious library, open kitchen overlooks a great deck. Neutral colors. Move in condition. \$614,900 21001958TUR 626-8700



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New master suite w/walk-in closet, master bath w/siate noor. New windows, furnace & circular drive. Beautifully landscaped. \$564,000 20074517SYL 626-8700



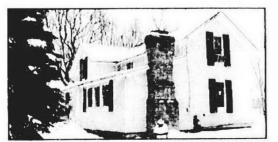
WELL BUILT RANCH! Located on a peaceful, desirable Birmingham street. Sits on a wonderful lot. Features three bedrooms, 2 car attached garage. Good curb appeal! \$399,900 FAI 647-0100



FABULOUS LAKE VOORHEIS. Wonderful contemporary home w/lake views, privileges & boat launching. 4 BR's, 2¹/₂ baths, large deck off kitchen, library, master w/French doors & beautiful view of the lake, 1st floor laundry, more! \$294.900 20058893CED 626-8700

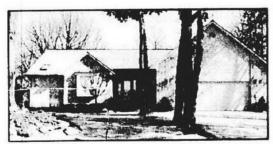


PRESTIGIOUS address on the Detroit River with views of Canada, the River, Belle Isle and Detroit from the 16th floor. 24 hour doorman & valet parking. \$220,000 JEF 855-2200

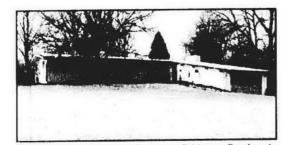


WONDERFUL WEST BLOOMFIELD FARMHOUSE Lots of charm! 4 BR's, 2 baths, living rm. w/fireplace, library, large dining rm. & enclosed porch. Near Pleasant Lake and Shenandoah Country Club. A builder's delight opportunity. \$174,900 20083870WAL 626-8700

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LAKE PRIVILEGES - Dramatic ranch-open fir. plan-master suite w/spa tub & sep. shower. Lib. has built-ins Kitchen has custom cabinets. Fabulous walkout-backs to nature preserve and so much more! \$349,900 TWI 855-2200



CONVENIENT LOCATION! Gorgeous fieldstone fireplace is featured in the 30' x 24' great room with beamed celling. This ranch also features three bedrooms, 2 baths, located on a large lot. Three doorwalls open onto patio. A virtual dollhouse! \$290,000 GRE 647-0100



WALLED LAKE CONTEMPORARY. 3 BR's, 2¹/₂ baths, dramatic great rm. w/soaring ceiling, dining rm. w/bay window & door to yard. Master up w/bath & walk-in closet. Large 2nd bedrm. w/eyebrow window & access to bath. Brick paver patio & front walk. \$199,900 WOO 626-8700



GREAT CONDO! Beautiful second floor end unit with new windows, kitchen and bath all in last two years. New hot water heater, neutral decor, common basement and common pool. All appliances stay. \$150,000 ETO 647-0100

master bedroom with stunning beth & giant walk-in closet. Turn-key! \$449,000 THU 647-0100



HILLS OF LONE PINE. Waterfall lot in a fabulous gated community w/pool & tennis courts, jogging paths & putting green. Lush landscaping, total privacy, pond, lake & more! Build your dream home. \$325.000 21012031WOB 626-6700.



ALMOST NEW CONTEMPORARY COLONIAL. Specious floor plan w/neutral decor, 3 BR's, 2½ baths, 1st floor laundry, skylights & attached 2 car garage, finished basement. Close to downtown Birmingham. \$262,500 20074851HOL 626-8700



THIS IS IT! Ranch style condo that looks new! Open floor plan. Great room with cathedral ceiling with skylights, gas fireplace. Large kitchen has light oak cupboards. This end unit is quiet, yet handy to 1-75 & shopping. \$199,000 BAV 647-0100



WATERFORD RANCH! Located on .33 acre. 3 bedrooms with full besement, side drive and wraperound wood deck. Home newly remodeled top to bottom. Convenient first floor leundry. All the charm of up North without the drive. \$100,000 \$ WIN 647-0100

wonderful landscaping. Privileges on Walnut Lk. \$430,000 WEN 855-2200



GORGEOUS LOT. Meticulously maintained ranch home w/3 BR's, 2 baths, family rm. w/bleached pine, updated kitchen, Anderson windows, newer roof, electric, driveway. In an area of increasingly expensive homes. \$314,898 20067658PEM 626-8700



CENTER ENTRANCE COLONIAL - 4 bedrooms, 2¹/₂ baths, formal dining room & living room. Island kitchen w/breekfast nook, family room w/fireplace. Greet master suite w/private dressing area West Bloomfield Schools. \$249,900 CHA2 855-2200



LOVELY BIRMINGHAM NEIGHBORHOOD! 3 bedroom bungalow on double lot with privacy fence and new 2+ car garage. Improvements include 2 baths with new fixtures hardwood floors & doors. Partially finished besement with wine celler. home warranty. \$188,900 TAU 647-0100



BEAUTIFULLY WOODED well-out lot on Fielderest in Green Cales Township, Brighton Schools, Surrounded by 200,000homes \$60,000 FIE 656-5200





\$199,900 CANTON BROADFRONT RANCH Open floor plan. DON'T MISS THIS charming Canton quad- BEAUTIFUL 4 BR HOME in Livonial Fenced Newer windows, marble sills, furnace, steel level. 4 BR, 2 baths, family room, library, baseentry doors, garage door. 3 season FLA RM, ment, 2 car att. garage, most appliances, deck, hdwd floors, ceramic tile, newer windows, huge country kitchen, .92 acress. Many ex- inground pool. Over 2000 sq ftl doors, furnace & c/a. Move-in condition. 734-326-2000 734-591-9200 (64BUT2) (A43620)

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family rm, living rm w/fp, and attd garage.

FROMER MODEL Only a year old. 3 bedroom,

2 1/2 bath Colonial, full basement, 2 car attd

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gar, C/A, fireplace, formal dining room, den, lots

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\$185,300 LIVONIA 1600 SQ FT CONTEMPORARY BRICK 1/2 acre setting, new kitchen and 1.5 baths,

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Finished lower level w/natural frpl.

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$184,900 WELL MAINTAINED TRI-LEVEL IN LIVONIA! COUNTRY IN THIS CITY This 3 BR brick ranch windows, carpet, kitchen floor & landscaping. tached garage, and an extra garage in back.

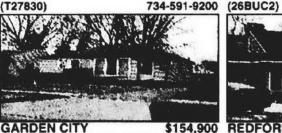


hwh. 1st fl laundry and 2 car att. garage.





WATERFORD \$155,500 SPACIOUS LIVONIA RANCH Nearly 1600 sq GET READY FOR SUMMER! Access to an all-RANCH Quality, value, and charm. A park like 3 BR, 2 full baths, recent updates: Anderson sits on almost an acre, has 2 baths, 2 car at- ft - features 3 BR, 2 full baths, updated kitchen sports lake and near Pontiac Lake Recreation area. Immaculate Ranch home on double lot, 3 BR, 2 bath, 2-car garage.



YOU COULD BE THE THIRD OWNER 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath Ranch wiht fam rm, finished bsmt w/ wet bar. Upgraded C/A, plumbing, windows, nace, A/C, vinyl siding, cement, oak kitchen, ished basement. roof, kitchen, more.



carpet, elec, and plumbing.

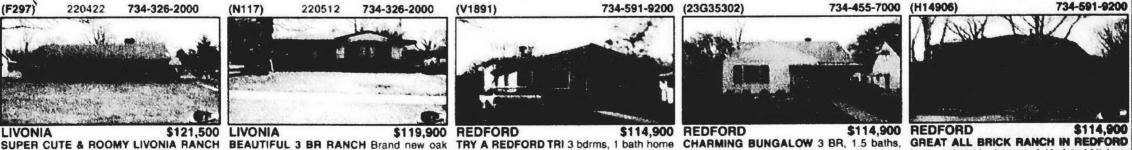
CANTON \$129,900



\$126,000 RAINBOWS END Large 4 bedroom home with SHARP 2 BR RANCH CONDO Cathedral ceil- A GREAT PLACE TO BEGIN! Brick faced 3 ACT FAST! 3 BR ranch in popular Livonia lo-2 baths, 2 car att garage, newer windows, fur- ings and skylights in kitchen and bath, nice fin- bdrm ranch w/fin bsmt w/full bath & possible cation. Updated w/quality t/o. Huge cedar deck 4th bdrm. Hrdwd under carpet. C/A & furnace '94. New kit appliances stay!



\$124,900 LIVONIA & fence in oversized yard. 2 car attd garage. family rm, & move in condition.



SUPER CUTE & ROOMY LIVONIA RANCH On almost 1/2 acre to enjoy. Fireplace for cozy days, 2 large BR, 2.5 car garage, up-ground bath, high efficiency furnace, 2.5 car garage. pool

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dows. Side-entry garage.

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GREAT STARTER HOME! 3 BR, 2 bath Ranch,



large front porch w/hanging swing.

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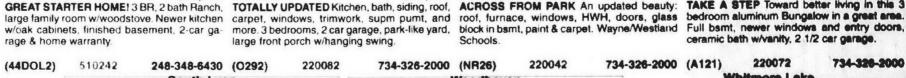
kitchen, newer roof, windows, carpet, updated has all newer windows and carpet. Beautiful 2 updated bath, oak cabinets in kitchen, new ished basement, 1 car garage.

GREAT ALL BRICK RANCH IN REDFORD Neat and nicely decorated. Updated kitchen,

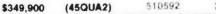
a/c, new roof, new carpet, 2nd bath in basement. It won't last at this great price - hurry!

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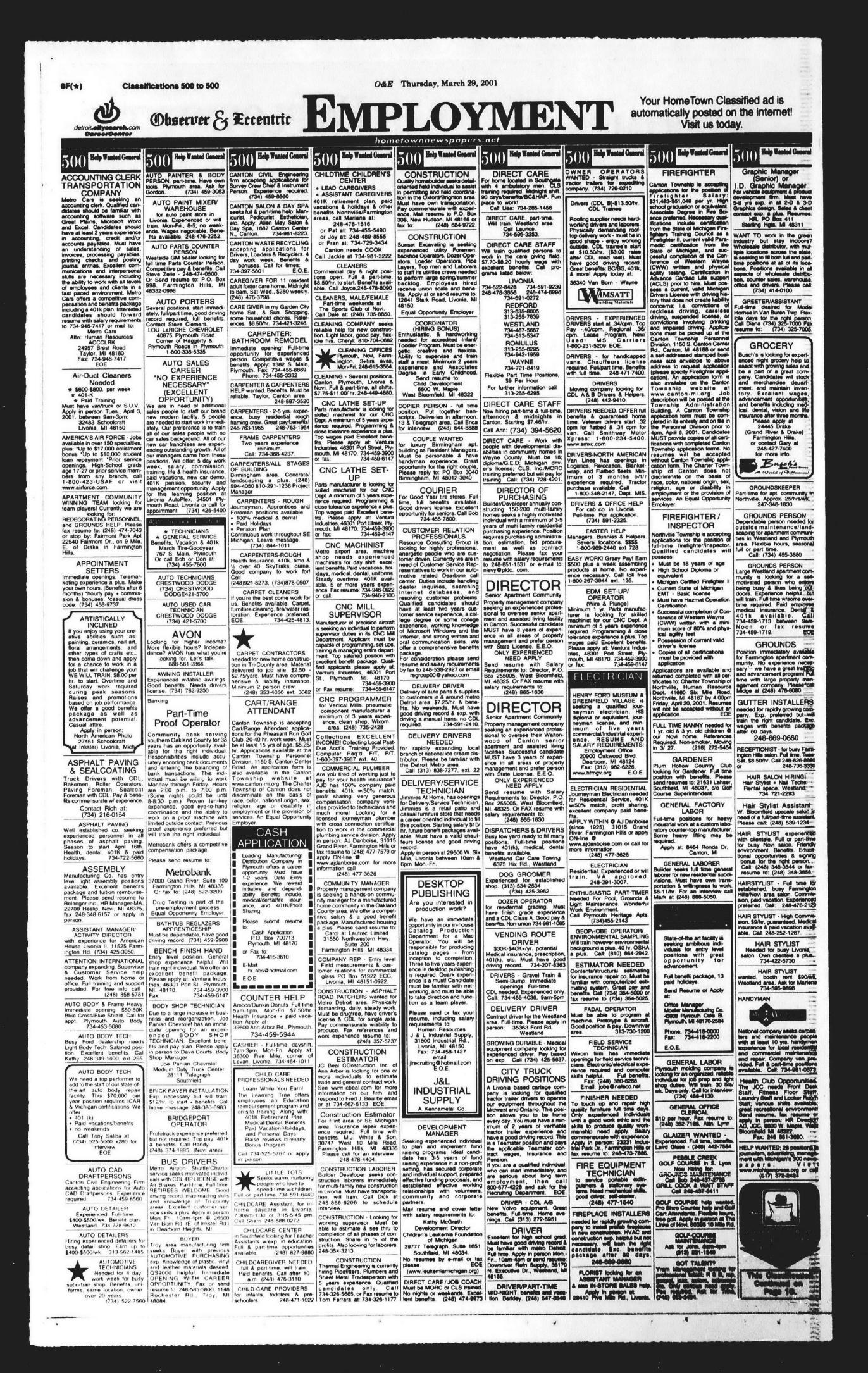
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