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PLYMOUTH Observer

Fish dinner

The Lenten special goes beyond the frying pan. Taste, B1.



Pipelining

Irish workshop

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts an Irish Genealogy Workshop 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday March 8. Key speaker will be professional genealogist and Irish genealogy specialist Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens. Cost is \$25 which includes lunch and all handout materials. For reservations or more information call (734) 455-8940.

Unemployment

Plymouth area residents having trouble collecting their unemployment benefits checks can turn to the state House of Representatives. My office is determined to help everyone receive the money they are entitled to said State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth). Due to a new automated application system people have been having difficulties receiving their unemployment checks. One of my main jobs as a state representative is to facilitate the expediting of state services to my constituents. Constituents can call Stewart's office at (517) 373-3816.

Monsters run

Winter break at the Plymouth District Library had lots of youngsters feeling a bit monstrous. As part of its winter break activities library officials screened the animated feature film Monsters Inc. to a



packed house of children Wednesday. It continued a busy week for the library which started with a run on books, movies and DVDs before last week's big snow storm. Traffic through here has remained pretty steady all week, said the library's Susan Stoney. For information on library programs call (734) 453-0750.

Citizens Academy

Plymouth residents will get a bird's eye view about the inner workings of the city during the first Citizens Academy scheduled for March 19. The academy includes meeting with city commissioners and the Downtown Development Authority separate nights talking with law enforcement officers, parks and recreation officials and members of the fire department as well as hearing from the city clerk, treasurer, finance director and building department. Enrollment will be limited to the first 19 city residents who sign up. Anyone interested in enrollment for the Citizens Academy can contact Scott Cabauatan at (734) 453-7737 Ext. 108 or e-mail him at citizensacademy@ci.plymouth.mi.us.



Victoria Li from left, Ryan Fisher, Kortney Sneloff and Sierra Anderson all 4 play in the preschool kitchen at their Hulsing Elementary classroom recently.

PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Best-kept secret

Preschoolers are the focus of increasingly popular programs

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The child development programs in the Plymouth-Canton school district serve nearly 450 preschoolers. However, those who run the program believe it's still one of the district's best-kept secrets. A couple of the programs have been around for 30 years, but I still think they are a well-kept secret," said Martha Giles, early childhood coordinator for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "Next (school) year, we'll open more classrooms and be able to serve close to 500 kids."

The secret will be let out of the bag Tuesday, as Giles will hold an informational session at Canton High School outlining the district's three programs — Kiddie Kampus, PLUS and Stay and Play — and have enrollment and cost information for parents. At Hulsing Elementary, where the PLUS (Pupils Learning Useful Skills) program for 4-year-olds is taught, Ryan Fisher said she likes the half-day sessions because "I get to play with the toys." Her mother, Andrea Fisher of Canton Township, said the PLUS program helped her son last year, and she

wanted Ryan in the class this year. "They really prepare them for kindergarten, where a lot of schools are more like day care," Fisher said. "They focus on learning and getting along with other kids, and they do a lot of hands-on activities and field trips." Giles said the PLUS program is designed to get at-risk kids ready for kindergarten. "Since the program is federally- and state-funded, students have qualifying factors to get in the program, which is free," Giles said. "Things like low birth

PLEASE SEE PRESCHOOLERS, A7

Hall facelift unlikely

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth City Hall, constructed in 1961, is in dire need of updates and renovations. Except for a few essential updates, though, it's doubtful the building will get a total makeover, estimated to cost \$4 million. City commissioners will receive a 50-page master plan Monday, outlining changes recommended by Redstone Architects of Southfield and Wade Trim of Taylor. The three conceptual updates presented in the report range in cost from \$3.7 million to \$4.3 million. In this day of dwindling revenue sharing money from the state, and even fewer federal dollars, City Manager Paul Sincock said it's clear the city will budget and identify immediate needs, but the rest of the plan will be mothballed until better financial times. "The report has a lot of good evaluation of the building and the infrastructure, as it stands today, which is good for the short term," Sincock said. "In the long term, if the financial conditions of the country and state turn around, we may be able to look at implementing some of the concepts they've identified." "We're going to use the information on what we're going to need for the short term," he added. "Such as, the boiler has a couple of years left on it, so we've got to come up with a

PLEASE SEE CITY HALL, A6

New symphony director impressed with program

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Angel Bakos had already heard a lot about Plymouth and its symphony from her friend, the late Ralph Lorenz. When the symphony came looking for a new executive director, Bakos was interested, especially when she discovered the symphony's leadership is looking to expand its education programs. The mutual interest helped Bakos, the owner of a West Bloomfield public relations firm, land the job. She was hired recently as the new executive director, replacing Darlene Dreyer, who left last fall to spend more time with her family in New Jersey. "What really intrigued me is all the work the symphony does in the schools," said Bakos, whose firm specializes in public relations, marketing and work climate effectiveness. "What they're doing here is classical outreach, sending musicians into classrooms. These are the kinds of things that brought me into community involvement." Bakos was particularly impressed with programs such as the Instrumentship



Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Angel Bakos

PLEASE SEE BAKOS, A6

McNamara comes home for cancer treatment

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Former Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara began treatment for mantle cell lymphoma cancer at the University of Michigan Hospital this week. McNamara, who earlier this month traveled to New York to begin a 31-week experimental treatment program at Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, left Manhattan after 12 days without being treated. "The serum for the treatment became contaminated," said McNamara, "and there was going to be a lot of red tape before they could resume the program." Ten of the 11 patients who were treated by radioimmunotherapy — which calls for a radioactive solution to be injected directly into the body to seek out cancer cells — have seen their cancers go into remission. McNamara, 76, was hopeful the experimental treatment would do the same for him. Instead, the Plymouth Township resident began treatments this week at the University of Michigan, where on Monday he spent nearly 16 hours for his first treatment of rituxan.

"I feel very good," he said. "So far I don't feel any of the side effects they suggested I might get. After a little nausea, I was back to normal." Mary Alice Worrell, a spokesperson for the National Cancer Institute's regional office in Detroit, said rituxan is an antibody that's used to treat non-Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer. "Rituxan targets the cancer cells, and doesn't have the same side effects as chemotherapy," said Worrell. "The more common side effects are nausea and tiredness. It has real good success in fighting non-Hodgkin's lymphoma." McNamara said he'll receive treatments every three weeks, for the next 18 weeks, in Ann Arbor. "I'm quite optimistic," McNamara said. "Mantle cell cancer is fairly new, a high-intensity disease. But, the swelling around my neck is down, and I'm not sweating like I was, so something is happening in my body." "I walked a mile at the mall this (Wednesday) morning, and I took out the garbage," McNamara said. "I'm doing all the things people do in retirement."

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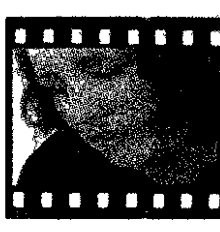
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Cutting edge
In Thursday's A&E section Ann Arbor Film Festival showcases latest work by experimental filmmakers



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CLARIFICATION

A story in Thursday's Observer about Anika Scott and a lost Mahler manuscript incorrectly identified her stepfather. His correct name is Richard Freeman.

NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

State Rep. John Stewart has announced 1,263 nursing scholarship grants totaling \$632,000 are now available through local universities.

Specifically, students can apply to four area colleges and universities to receive scholarship funding: Schoolcraft Community College, \$80,000 for 157 eligible students; Madonna University, \$100,000 for 204 eligible students; Eastern Michigan University, \$260,000 for 516 eligible students; and University of Michigan, \$192,000 for 386 eligible students.

"As a member of the appropriations committee I worked hard to secure the money for these nursing programs," said Stewart, R-Plymouth. Michigan is facing a nursing shortage and this

money will help ensure the safety of our residents.

For further information regarding these scholarships, you may contact the nursing program at the above named colleges and universities. Stewart's office number is (517) 373-3816.

FRIENDS OF MAYBURY

The Friends of Maybury meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 8 at the Northville Public Library, 212 W. Cady, in Northville, located behind City Hall. The topic of discussion will center around the recent fire at the Maybury Farm. All are welcome to join and participate at the meeting.

Friends of Maybury President Ed Pierce has coordinated an endowment through the Northville Community Foundation for the rebuilding of Maybury Farm.

In light of the recent fire at the Farm, the Northville Community Foundation has begun the fund to help rebuild the barn, replenish animals, and for the basic upkeep of the Maybury Farm.

Foundation President Ed Pierce believes the endowment might encourage more people to donate particularly because the foundation is state-certified as a community foundation, which allows for an additional 50-percent state tax credit for donations made to and through it.

To donate please send checks payable to The Northville Community Foundation - Maybury Farm, 321 N. Center, Ste. 130, Northville, MI 48167.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Shari Peters, President, Northville Community Foundation, (248) 374-0200.

CRAFT SHOW, FLEA MARKET

A spring craft show and flea market for to benefit Roosevelt Elementary School PTA in Livonia is set for Saturday, April 12.

The craft show/flea market is being held to raise money to replace playground equipment that had to be removed due to safety reasons for the kids. Show organizers are looking for local crafters and anyone inter-

ested in setting up a flea market table.

Table space is still available by contacting the Craft Show Hotline, (734) 748-4607.

KOHL'S SCHOLARSHIPS

Kohl's Department Stores is accepting nominations for its third-annual Kohl's Kids Who Care volunteer recognition program.

Each year, Kohl's recognizes kids across the country who work hard to give back to their communities. The program recognizes and rewards kids who volunteer in their communities. Nominees must be between the ages of 6 and 18. They will be judged in two age groups: 6-11 and 12-18. The deadline for entries is March 15.

Two winners will be selected at each store - one from each age range - to receive a \$50 gift card. Those winners will go on to compete for one of 94 regional scholarships worth \$1,000 each. Regional winners will compete for one of the 10 national scholarships worth \$5,000 each.

In addition, Kohl's will con-

tribute \$1,000 to a non-profit organization on behalf of each national winner.

Area residents can nominate a youth volunteer by downloading a nomination form from www.kohls.com or by picking up a nomination form at a local Kohl's store.

KIWANIS GOLF OUTING

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

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

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

SYMPHONY CONCERT

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

The concert will mark Athayde's final performance with the symphony, before pursuing a professional career in the larger world of classical music. To celebrate this final performance, Athayde, accompanied by the

PSO, will perform Prokofiev's 'Troika' from Lieutenant Kije, Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5 in D minor and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto Op. 35.

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

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

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

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

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CANTON COMMUNITY

Local hair salon a cut above

Old Village shop among nation's fastest-growing

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Old Village's Salon International seems to be immune from the ill effects of the flagging economy, with the 20-year-old business continuing to expand its client base and keep old customers coming back.

The full-service salon, 696 N. Mill, was listed in *Salon Today*, a trade magazine, as one of the nation's 200 fastest-growing salons.

Stacey Stoble, editor of *Salon Today*, said that salons thrive despite all odds.

"Despite the challenges of a struggling economy and national tension, our 200 honorees displayed impressive growth from 15.5 percent to 55.3 percent," Stoble said.

Salon International Manager Karen Roedding said that a client mentioned reading about how even in the Great Depression, salons tended to thrive.

Roedding said that for some people, the key to feeling good is a new hairstyle, new hair color or maybe even a manicure.

"It makes you feel good," Roedding said. "It's like instant gratification."

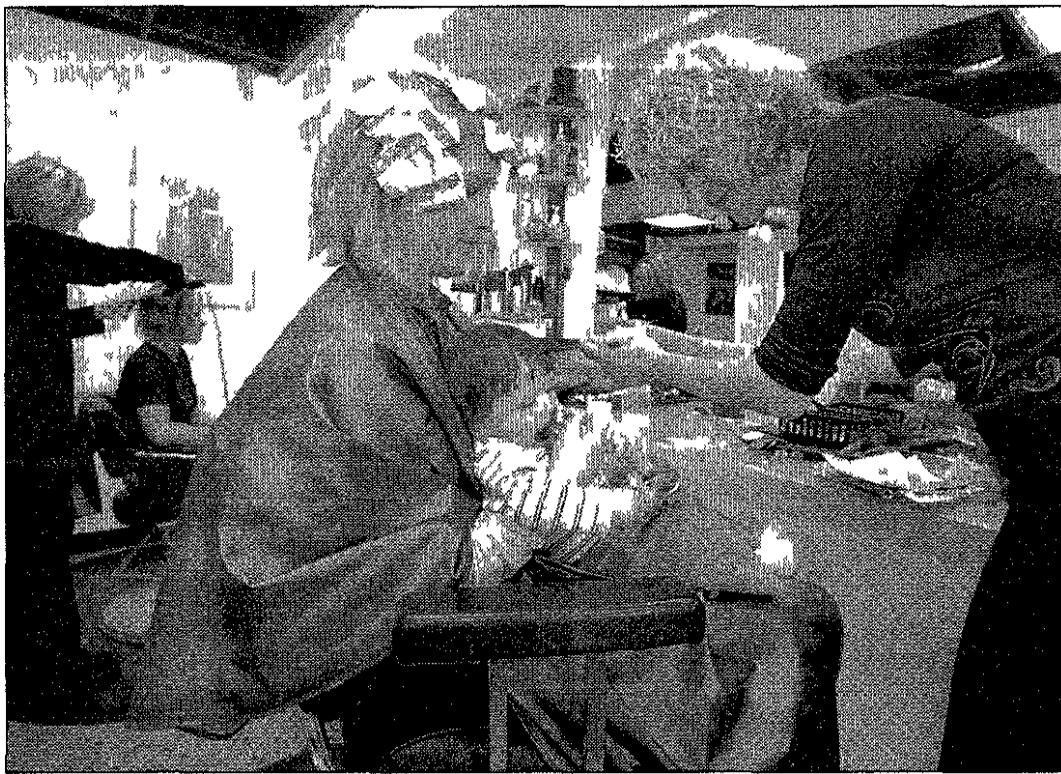
Owner John Thayer said business is very steady year-round and increased 45 percent during 2001.

"I just can't figure it out," he said. "The Lord's just blessing us."

Roedding listed the other keys to Salon International's success as great customer service, a talented staff (with very low turnover), customer loyalty and attention to details.

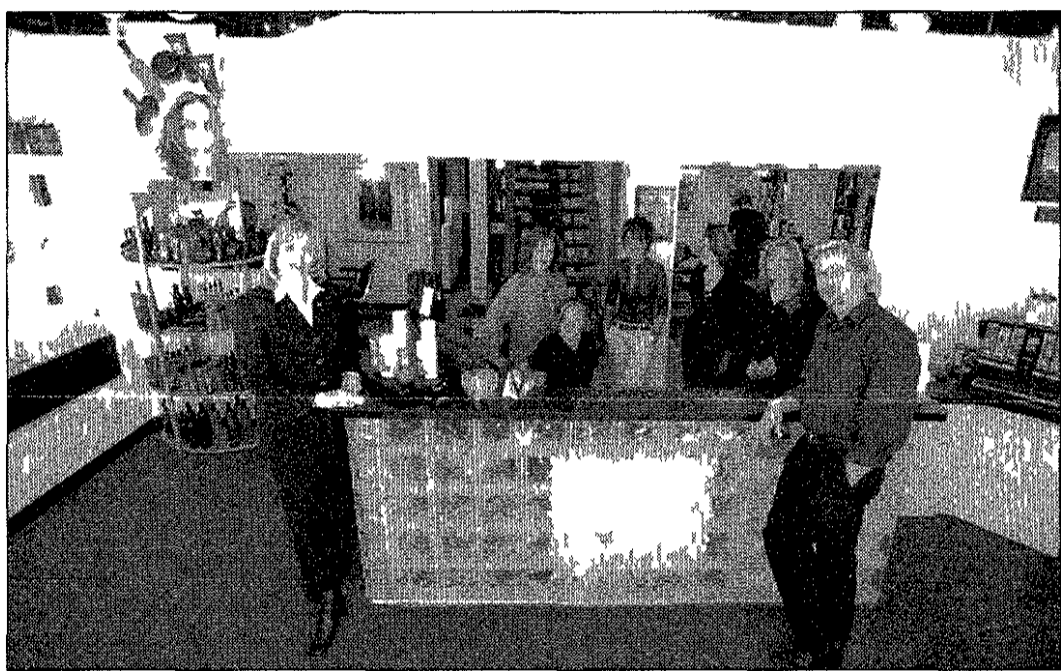
Some customers travel from quite a distance, too. Customers come from all over metro Detroit, with one even coming from England - and another from Atlanta.

Vicki Skeen, who comes twice annually from Atlanta, said the salons in her town just don't measure up to Salon International. In between



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stylist Pam Carravallah gives Gibson Gutierrez his first professional haircut as he sits on mom Kendra's lap as she gets some highlights at Salon International Thursday.



Karen Roedding from left, stylist Lori Robinson, receptionist Kim Duffy, nail specialist Kathy Duffy, stylist Melanie Azure, stylist Lisa Willard and John Thayer.

appointments, she frequently calls for consultations about hair styling and other topics.

"I've been coming here close to 20 years," Skeen said. "I just like the really personal service that you get. You feel that you're part of the family."

Salon hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The salon is closed Sunday and Monday. Phone: (734) 451-0855.

Cops pop pair for drug involvement

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to helpful contributions from a willing apartment complex manager, the Plymouth Township Police Department's Narcotics Interdiction Team put together several arrests earlier this month.

Acting on tips from the manager, the township's NIT team, working in concert with the Western Wayne Special Operations Team executed a warrant at the Hillcrest Club apartments on Risman Feb. 22, and came away with some 10 suspects and large amounts of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

According to police reports, officers executed the warrant shortly after 3 a.m. and found 10 people in the apartment. According to the reports, police seized some 362 grams of marijuana, plus a scales, bags and other drug materials.

Two people were arrested, a woman who police will charge with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, and a man for possession and loitering in a place where drugs are sold. The man is scheduled for a March 6 preliminary hearing in 35th District Court.

Eight other citations were issued for possession and loitering.

The arrests were actually made possible after police responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the complex parking lot, reports show. The apartment manager saw four males go into the building, stay for a period of time and then leave.

The vehicle left the scene, according to police reports, and was subsequently stopped by township police. Officers got permission from the four males - all teenagers - and found an air pistol and a dime bag of pot in the car. They also found four ski masks and gloves.

Police plan to charge the four with attempted armed robbery of the woman in the apartment. Police say the teens admitted they had gone into the apartment with the intent of robbing the woman, but that she foiled them with a gun of her own.

Police found no such gun when they searched the apartment.

The apartment manager had said residents were complaining about marijuana odor and foot traffic inside the building.

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building codes and permits, getting bids for labor and materials, insurance requirements and much more.

The seminar costs \$205 plus \$30 for two textbooks.

Registration with payment is required by Friday, March 14 to Plymouth-Canton Community Education. Call (734) 416-2937 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oakland Builders Institute offers builders' education including builder's pre-license seminars in 38 school districts in Michigan. Oakland Builders Institute is a member of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the National Association of Home Builders. On the Web: buildersinstitute.com

Paul Scott Dark

A memorial service for Paul Dark, 51, of Canton will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday March 8 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mr. Dark was born Nov. 14, 1951 in Detroit and died Feb. 20 in Dearborn. He was a die maker for Ford Motor Company for 30 years. He was a graduate of Clarenceville High School. He was a blues and jazz enthusiast and loved to cook.

Survivors include parents, Jeanne (Jim) Everhart of South Lyon, brothers, Francis (Barbara) Dark of Wayne, Steven Dark of Alabama, Christopher Dark of Livonia, Tom Lawson, and Walt G., sisters, Betty Sue (Jim) Gault of South Lyon, and Marguerite Dark of Livonia, aunts, Susan Earl and Margaret (Bob) Nixon, nephews, Jamie, Jack, Dakota and Sunny, nieces, Shawn, Danica, Fionna, Catlin and Ava.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, 3390 Pinetree Road, Ste. 20, Lansing, MI 48911-4212.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

Lillian I. Macer

Services for Lillian Macer, 82, of Howell (formerly of Plymouth) were held Feb. 24 at MacDonald's Funeral Home in Howell. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

Mrs. Macer was born June 3, 1920 in Stockbridge and died Feb. 20 in Howell.

Mrs. Macer was preceded in death by her son, Charles Robert Macer in 1991.

Survivors include husband, Chester Macer, daughter, Elizabeth (Johnnie) Osborne of Whitmore Lake, grandson, Matthew D. Knepler of Whitmore Lake, and sister, Frances Ellen Witt of Fowlerville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospice.

Arrangements made by MacDonald's Funeral Home.

Mercy Bathey

A memorial service for Mercy Bathey, 88, of Naples, Fla. (formerly of Northville) will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 1 at the Unity of Naples Church in Naples, Fla.

Mrs. Bathey died Feb. 19 in Naples. She had moved to Naples from Northville in 1963. She had more friends than she could ever count and all who knew her loved her. She was an avid sports enthusiast, enjoying golf, tennis, boating and fishing as well as a world-class ice skater and an accomplished pilot.

But unquestionably, that which will be her true legacy will be that of the generous philanthropist. It was the sheer joy of giving, both of her time and her funds, that Mercy's light shone brightest. Her loving heart and wonderful smile was the true spirit of Mercy's heart.

Mrs. Bathey was preceded in death by her son, David Lawrence in 1976 and her husband of 54 years, Doug Bathey, in 1992.

Survivors include son, Hank (Linda) Bathey of Napa, Calif., son, Richard (Judie) Bathey of Mission Viejo, Calif., grandchildren, Wendy Bathey Korzelus, Kim Bathey Holmes, Daniel Bathey, and Lorena Moerbeck, great-grandchildren, Jessica Korzelus, David Korzelus, Kendall Moerbeck, and Bryce Moerbeck, and sister, Marjorie Selmer of Cincinnati, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her memory to the following charities: The David Lawrence Foundation, 6075 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, FL 34116; The Education Foundation of Collier County, 2590 Golden Gate Parkway #101, Naples, FL, or The Boys and Girls Club of Collier County, P.O. Box 889, Naples, FL 34101.

Robert G. Prieskorn

Services for Robert Prieskorn, 90, of Canton, were held Feb. 15 at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Randy Lavender officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Mr. Prieskorn was born Nov.

OBITUARIES

3, 1912 and died Feb. 12 in Canton. He was retired as a greenskeeper.

Survivors include wife, Adeline Prieskorn, sons, Dallas (Elie), Darwin (Pamela) and Dwight (Doris), brother, Elmer Prieskorn, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements made by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

Edward Henry

Services for Edward Henry, 90, of Plymouth, will be held at noon, March 4 at St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Lew Trawler officiating.

Mr. Henry was born May 24, 1912 in Plymouth and died Feb. 23 in Plymouth. He started working for the railroad when he was 14 and retired from the Ford Motor Company-Rawsonville Plant, where he was in sales. After he retired, he opened a tool and gauge plant "Etronic" in Detroit until 1974. He was born and raised in Plymouth and was a life-long member of St. John's Episcopal Church and a life-long member of the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed gardening and traveling with his wife.

Survivors include daughter, Carole Jean (Jim) Frederick of Plymouth, son, William B. Henry of Franklin, Tenn., grandchildren, Pamela (Bob) Mason of Calif., William (Selina) Maxwell of Calif., and Jacquelyn A. (Steve) Schlum of Plymouth, and great-grandchildren, Ashley, Nicholas, Corty, Madison, and Maclaine.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Patricia J. Hulett

Services for Patricia Hulett, 69, of Ypsilanti were held March 1 at Trinity Presbyterian Church with the Rev. William C. Moore officiating.

Mrs. Hulett was born July 1, 1933 in St. Louis, Mo. and died Feb. 9 in Ypsilanti. She lived in Ann Arbor most of her life, graduating from Ann Arbor High School. She also attended Cleary College. She worked at the City of Ann Arbor helping

people with retirement plans. She also worked at Weber's Inn. She was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth and the Washtenaw Country Club. Her favorite activities were golf and playing bridge.

Survivors include daughter, Carol L. (David) Maben of Plymouth, son, Donald D. (Kimberly) Hulett, sister, Suzanne Cagwin of Hamburg, grandsons, Jason Maben and Donald D. Hulett, III, granddaughter, Michelle Bowling, step-granddaughter, Amy Hughes, and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 10101 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Harriet Zella Taylor

Services for Harriet Taylor, 83, of Plymouth will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 3 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial will be at Parkview Cemetery.

Mrs. Taylor was born Nov. 5, 1919 in Fenton and died Feb. 28 in Plymouth. She lived in Plymouth for 63 years and spent most of her life as a dedicated wife and homemaker. She also spent several years in the 1950s as a school crossing guard. She and her husband enjoyed working on wood crafts together. They also bowled together in leagues in Northville as well as in Plymouth. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Plymouth for over 30 years.

Survivors include husband of 63 years, Glen W. Taylor, children, Bethany (John) Whitley of Plymouth, Douglas Taylor of Plymouth, Lynda (Donald) Sell of Canton, and Lewis Taylor of Westland, nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and sisters, Hazel Taylor of Fenton and Mary Spies of Simcoe, Ontario, Canada.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Odyssey Hospice, 26111 Evergreen, Suite 303, Southfield, MI 48076.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

CAMPUS NEWS

Taylor University

Bryon Lake of Plymouth, graduated from Taylor University's Upland campus in December 2002 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is the son of James and Kathy Lake and is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Kenyon College

Taryn A. Myers, daughter of Geraldine and Douglas Myers of Canton, has been named to the Merit List at Kenyon College for the first semester of the 2002-2003 academic year. A graduate of Greenhills School, Myers is a junior, majoring in psychology at Kenyon.

Howe Military School

Cadet Mark Lewallen, a 10th-grader at Howe and the son of Steven and Anita Lewallen of Plymouth, has been placed on the Honors List by attaining at least a 3.5 GPA in his studies in a college prep curriculum. Cadet Lewallen has attended Howe Military School since July 2002.

Canterbury School

Joshua Belfiore, son of Robert and Cinzia Belfiore of Canton and a freshman at Canterbury School, New Milford, Conn., has been named to the Honor Roll for the second marking period of the 2002-2003 school year.

Spring Arbor University

The following local students have been placed on the Dean's List at Spring Arbor by receiving a 3.5 GPA for the semester. Elizabeth Cox, Plymouth, sophomore, mathematics, daughter of William and Kathy Cox, Geila Rajae, Canton, senior, sociology, and Hannah Riddell, Canton, freshman, communications, daughter of Mark and Cindy Riddell.

Adrian College

The following Canton students have been placed on the Dean's List for the 2002 Fall Semester. Brianna M. Harcourt, a sophomore majoring in Biology, is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and is the daughter of Leslie and Kristin Harcourt, Megan McClenaghan, a freshman majoring in Mathematics, is a 2002 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and is the daughter of David and Cynthia McClenaghan, and Erin McCormack, a junior majoring in Psychology, is a 2002 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and is the daughter of Rebecca McCormack.

Kettering University

The following local students have been named to the Dean's List for the summer 2002 semester. Michelle Magat and Amanda Spence, both of Canton.

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FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period from Feb. 19-25

■ **Tuesday, Feb. 25** — Residential rescue runs on F Drive, on Aspen and on Colony Farms, commercial rescue runs on S Main and on Haggerty, and special run on Ann Arbor Rd

■ **Monday, Feb. 24** — Commercial rescue runs on Haggerty and on S Main, residential rescue runs on N Holbrook and on Robinwood

■ **Sunday, Feb. 23** — Residential rescue runs on Newport Dr, and Chandler, commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Rd, and on Eastside Dr, vehicle accident with special extrication on northbound I-275, north of Ann Arbor Rd, and CO detector run on Deer Ct

■ **Saturday, Feb. 22** — Residential rescue runs on S Evergreen, on Bradner, on Northville and on Sheldon, commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Beck, vehicle accident rescue run on

Ann Arbor Rd at railroad underpass, and downed wires on N Evergreen

■ **Friday - Feb. 21** — Commercial rescue runs on Northville Road, residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Barrington, and on N Harvey, vehicle accident rescue runs on Joy and on General Dr, school rescue run on Ann Arbor Rd, investigation run on W Ann Arbor Trail, and special run on Risman

■ **Thursday, Feb. 20** — Residential rescue runs on Coohdge, on Oakview Ct, on Starkweather, on Newport, and on Northville Rd, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Rd, and rescue run on Penniman

■ **Wednesday, Feb. 19** — Residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Beacon Hill, on Haggerty, on Princeton, on Northville #152 and on Newport, vehicle accident with washdown on Beck and Ann Arbor Rd, industrial rescue on Sheldon, dumpster fire run on Five Mile

Security panel: Use common sense, not duct tape, in preparations

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

More than 100 people filed into the Livonia Public Library's auditorium, seeking answers about homeland security from those they hoped would be in-the-know. The Tuesday evening meeting was the first Town Hall meeting to be hosted by the Wayne County Homeland Security Commission.

The commission will hold other similar meetings in each district throughout the county. Panelists included Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and newly appointed county director of homeland security Tony Shannon, as well as county commissioners and public safety officials.

Emergency preparedness wasn't a concern of Sylvia Finnegan of Canton, who said her home is well prepared for emergencies of most types. What she wanted to

know is how to get out of the metropolitan area in the event of evacuation.

"I moved to Florida the week of Hurricane Andrew. You would be very surprised to see what happens during an evacuation," she said. "The worst side of human nature comes out."

She said people panicked as they tried to escape Florida. "People were stuck on the highways for hours at a time, not moving. People were driving on the grass and in the medians. They were armed. I was never so scared in my life," she said. "What can you tell me, if anything, to assure me this won't happen on I-696 or I-275?"

Unfortunately, there are no guarantees, panelists told her.

"We will be able to move our people as quickly as possible," Shannon said. "People are going to do exactly what you're talking about."

Still others wanted to know if Livonia's emergency sirens

would go off in the event of a security threat (the answer yes, they will), and do they need duct tape (not necessarily), or where to find the designated emergency shelters in Livonia (the middle schools and high schools).

The homeland security commission is a little behind schedule, according to chairwoman Lyn Bankes. However, it is now meeting regularly and hosting informational meetings to keep residents informed.

The commission was recently granted \$250,000 to develop a homeland security master plan.

"What we realized (during the time after Sept. 11, 2001) is that we are an important area because we are a border community," Ficano said. "We have an emergency preparedness plan under the charter, but the concept behind homeland security is to be proactive as well as plan for emergency management."

As for preparing for emer-

gencies, Ficano suggested common sense.

"Most of this stuff, if you were to sit down for an hour by yourself you could figure out on your own," he said.

However, planning for specific emergencies is futile right now, because actions will vary depending on the type of emergency and even which way the wind is blowing, said Livonia police Lt. Ron Dehne.

"This is a new era to us," said Shannon, who recalls "duck and cover" exercises when he was a schoolboy.

"But times were good. We went into a lull. Then the planes came. We expected nuclear attacks. We expected weapons of mass destruction. Who ever thought of an airplane with gas? Who ever thought of fertilizer? We forgot the inside and what threats come from inside."

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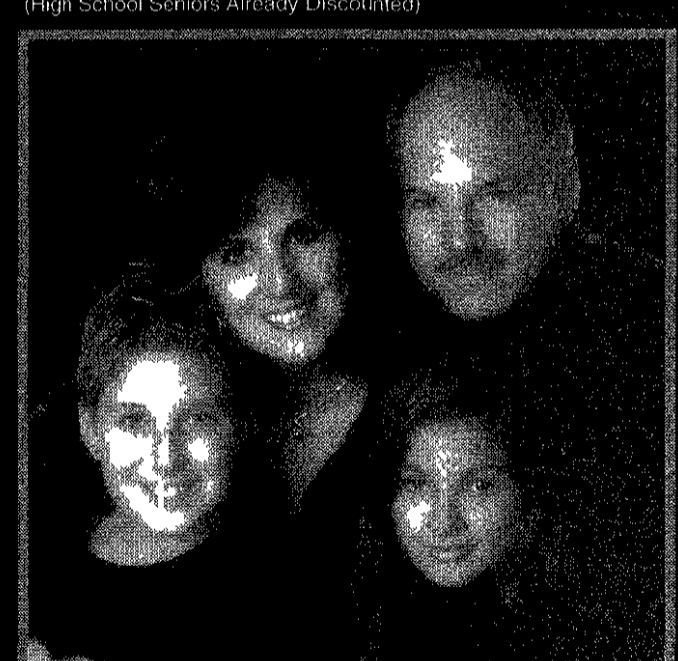
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CITY HALL

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replacement plan Obviously, when it was built, they certainly didn't plan on a computer on every desk So, the electrical system isn't what it should be" Sincock said it could be five

years before the city is in a position to begin major renovations at 201 S Main

"The building has been maintained well over the years, but it's over 40 years old," he said "We'll probably move some offices around, based on some of the concepts, but we aren't in a position of implementing the concepts"

Last summer, commissioners

approved the expenditure of \$40,000 to replace windows at City Hall Sincock said within the last 10 years, a new chiller for the air conditioning system was installed for about \$25,000, and a new roof was added

According to the master plan report, the building will be a challenge for architects when it's time to renovate

"The building itself is well built and well maintained, but has been overtaken by changes in functions over the years, so that some of the spaces do not function well or are under-utilized The building presents a challenge to preserve its appearance and take advantage of its good condition while remodeling it to current needs"

Among the findings in the needs assessment
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BAKOS

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Program, and with the symphony's dedication to working closely with children
 "The (school) district has a wonderful thing going with the symphony," Bakos said
 Whereas Dreyer's experience was largely centered around music, Bakos brings a more varied background, less focused on music, to the job Her resume includes time spent in



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The Plymouth Symphony's commitment to education is one of the things that attracted new executive director Angel Bakos to the job

Washington, D.C., forming community development organizations designed to revitalize neighborhoods, she helped establish community arts councils in Utica, Shelby and Sterling Heights, she's a former vice president of the Macomb Arts Council, and a former member of the board of the Livonia symphony
 Bakos was the first-ever intern for the Michigan Council for the Arts, and she helped set up the first Congress for the Arts in 1977
 "This is really a jewel here," Bakos said of the Plymouth Symphony "The board members here are very serious about what they do"

Bakos got much of her information about Plymouth from Lorenz, a member of one of Plymouth's best-known families When she heard the job was open, she jumped at the chance

Bakos has a bachelor's degree in communications and management from Oakland University and has three grown children son Howard, who works for General Motors in Japan, daughter Renee Bakos, a strategic consultant in Santa Cruz, Calif., and daughter Bethany Bakos-Collins, who with husband John runs a landscape design company in Carmel, Calif

Bakos was one of some two dozen applicants, and was chosen after the search committee pared down the list through a series of interviews

"She has so much acumen with the kind of organization we are," said Plymouth Symphony Society President Landa Alvarado "She understands where it is we want to go, where our development is and where it's headed She's a people person who understands how the arts and community life are integrated

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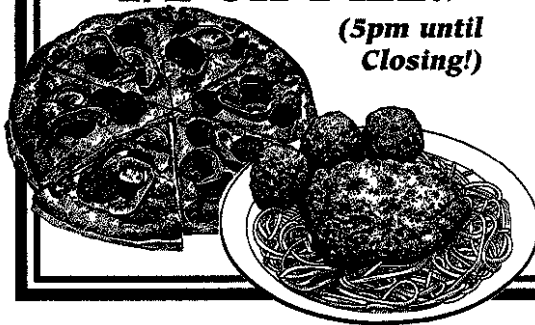
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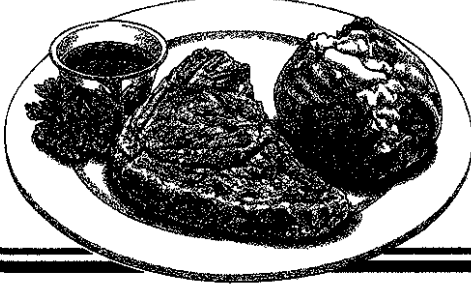
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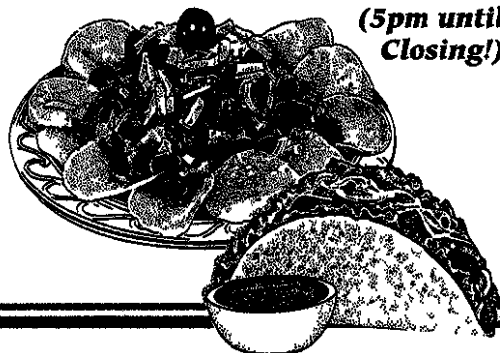
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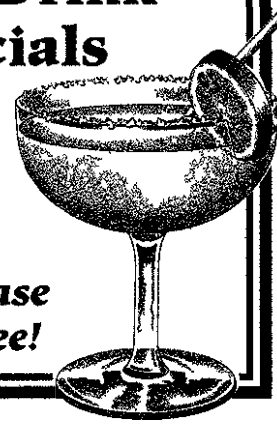
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PRESCHOOLERS

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weight, low-income, single-parent families, the things we know make it hard for kids to do well in school. Not that they won't be successful, but just harder for them."

All of the programs are play-based, meaning kids are taught to do things that are developmentally appropriate through hands-on activities.

Nancy McNamara has been teaching the PLUS program for five years, and said it's all about readiness for the jump into K-12.

"We want to develop their physical skills, thinking skills and social skills so they'll be successful in kindergarten,"

McNamara said "We provide the play-rich experiences so they can develop and grow Hands-on activities, interaction with each other, and with adults, as well."

Students recently were involved in community helpers week, learning from "Dr. Andy" how to brush their teeth, a vision screening turned into a lesson and, in the future, they'll receive a visit from a librarian.

"We use community resources to show how to take care of yourself, and how they take care of us," McNamara said "What we don't do are pencil and paper drills."

Kimberly Seymour of Canton wishes she had known of the PLUS program before this year. Her 7-year-old daughter, now a first-grader, struggled in kindergarten, taking it twice.

"My oldest daughter is really struggling because she didn't have this program," Seymour said "I like that this program gives them what they need before kindergarten, and interact with other kids."

Seymour's daughter, 4-year-old Courtney Sietoff, likes going to school.

"It's great," she said "I get to play and get messy in art."

While the PLUS program is for at-risk students who live in the Plymouth-Canton school district, Giles said 3- and 4-year-olds receive the same type of curriculum in the Kiddie Kampus program, in which there is tuition.

The Stay and Play program, one day a week for couple of hours a day, is play time for parents and their 2-year-olds. "The whole idea is getting them together," Giles said "And, the parents have a networking group of other parents with kids in the same age group."

Tuesday's informational meeting concerning the early childhood development programs will be held in the Canton High School Dubois Little Theater from 7-8:30 p.m. Information can also be obtained by calling (734) 416-6190.

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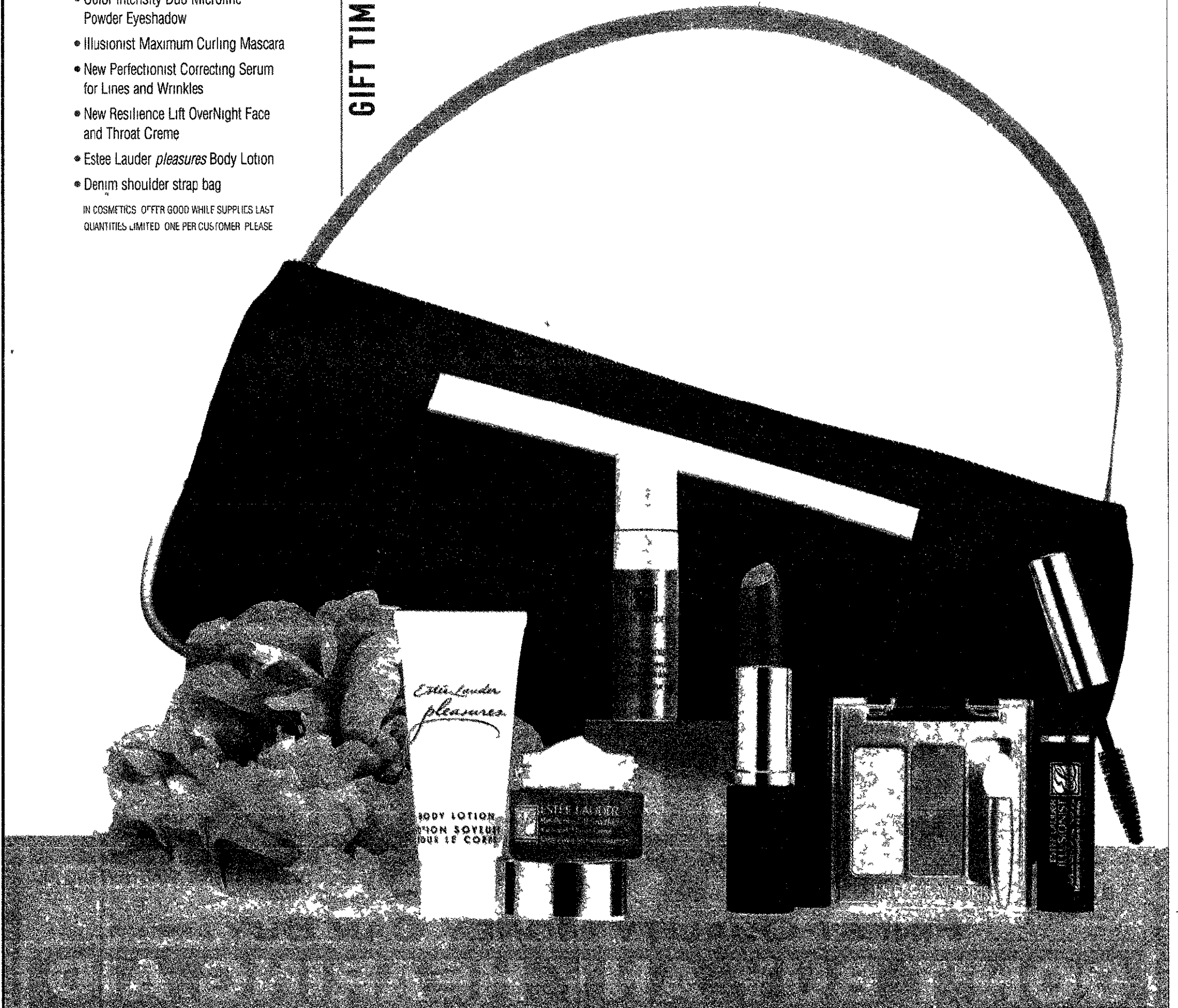
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Side dish

3-A-Day Dairy

The American Dairy Association/National Dairy Council has launched the 3 A Day Dairy campaign to remind parents to eat three servings of dairy a day to build stronger bones and better bodies



A survey completed in November 2002 found that nearly half of mothers (48 percent) think they are getting enough calcium but the U.S. Department of Agriculture confirms that 75 percent of Americans are not meeting calcium recommendations. The survey also found that only one of three moms drinks milk daily.

The United Dairy Association of Michigan encourages families to incorporate the 3 A Day of Dairy into family meal plans. Monday kicks off 3 A Day Week (March 3-9).

Families should seek out milk, snackable cheeses and portable yogurt in at least three meals a day. The UDIM recommends three servings a day can help get not only calcium but potassium, phosphorus, protein, vitamins D and A, riboflavin and niacin. Families can visit www.3aday.org for recipes and information.

Moore is the master

Derin Moore, a former executive chef at the Golden Mushroom and one-time part-time faculty member at Schoolcraft College, has earned master chef status from the American Culinary Federation. Moore, executive chef at Dunwoody Country Club in Dunwoody, Ga., received the certified master chef certification from the ACF, which is the highest and most demanding level of achievement of all ACF certification levels granted only after the candidate has passed an intensive 10-day test of culinary skills and knowledge. The addition of these three CMCs brings the national total to 70 certified master chefs in the United States. The exam was given Jan. 30-Feb. 9 at The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

Moore graduated from The Culinary Institute of America in 1986. For the next 16 years, he worked in Michigan at The Bloomfield Hills Country Club, Pike Street Restaurant in Pontiac, and Bay Harbor resort. In 1997, he became executive chef at Detroit's landmark Golden Mushroom Restaurant as it celebrated its 25th anniversary. He also served as a part-time faculty member at Schoolcraft College.

Moore has won many hot food and cold food awards in national and international cooking competitions. He was a member of ACF Culinary Team USA 1996, formed a regional team to compete in Luxembourg in 1998, and was a member of ACF Culinary Team USA 2000.

More than a fish fry

Lenten dinner isn't restricted to the frying pan

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

There's no rule that says fish has to be fried during Lent.

Churches and markets sell just as much baked fish today as fried during Lenten events, according to fish dinner experts.

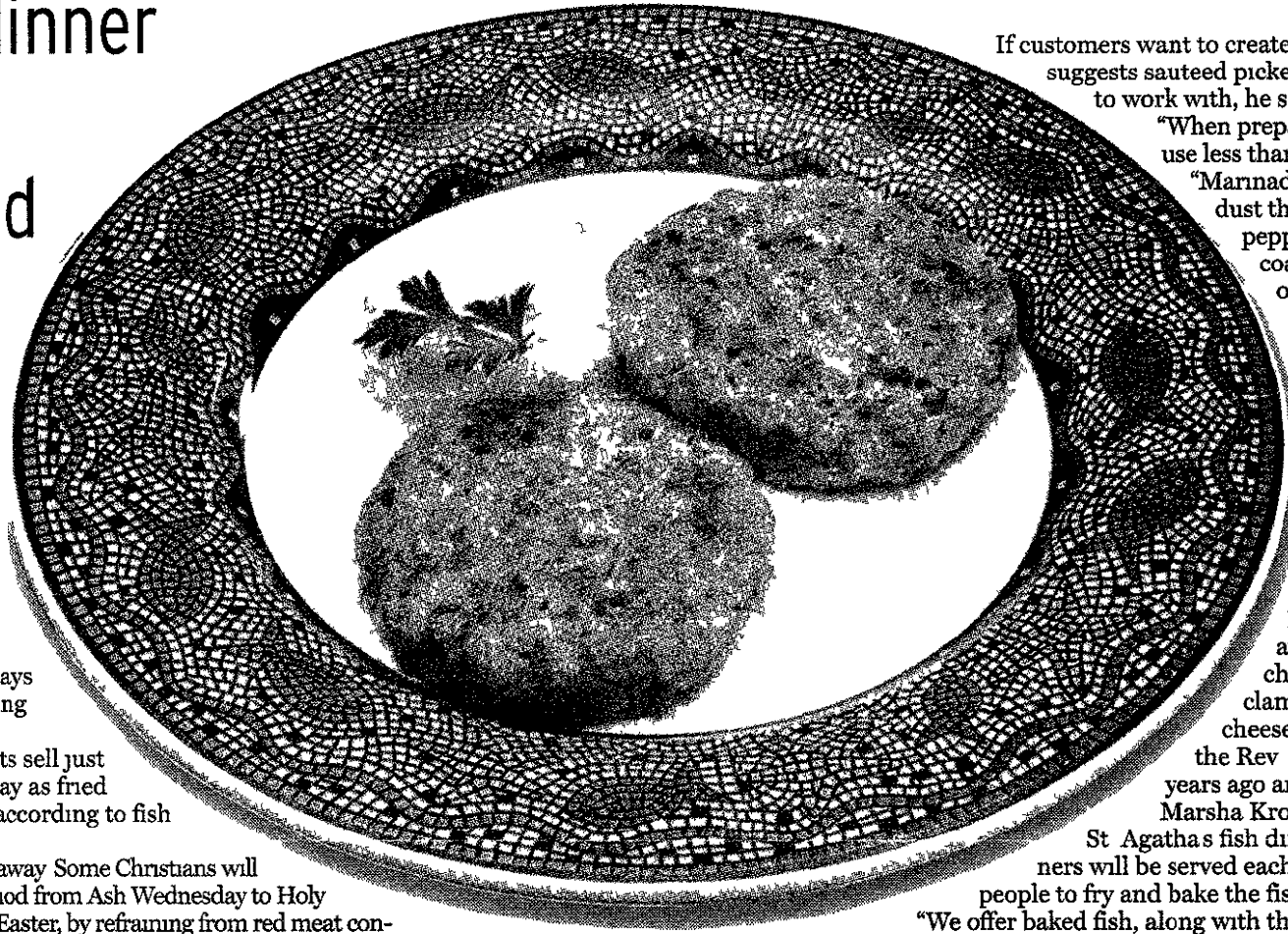
Lent is just three days away. Some Christians will recognize the 40-day period from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, the day before Easter, by refraining from red meat consumption for that time period.

More common, however, is that many will just avoid it on Fridays and opt for fish instead. Local churches and some nonprofit organizations embrace the Lenten traditions by serving fish fry dinners. However, today the fish aren't just hitting the deep fryers. They're on the broilers and pans, too.

"Sure, we sell the fried fish, but we also offer broiled haddock and orange roughy and sauteed perch," said Mark Kromk, manager of the Knights of Columbus on Farmington Road in Livonia. "We also have deep-fried cod and shrimp."

The K of C, 19801 Farmington Road, opens its restaurant to the public every Friday throughout the year. Fish, prepared in a variety of ways, is the specialty. "The golden days of the fish fries are mostly at the churches and pubs," said Peter Julian, executive chef of Hiller's Markets located in Ann Arbor, Plymouth, West Bloomfield and Berkley. Frying fish is messy and it's a big event.

Instead of cooking or buying deep-fried perch, Julian recommends pan sauteed Grecian tuna steak with calamata olives that can be purchased at Hiller's - or it can be made in residential kitchens.



Fried salmon cakes with green onions, mayonnaise and bread crumbs (above) are an easy creation for Lent. Now this is an easy creation (below). Pre-purchased ready-to-eat shrimp is simply marinated in lime juice and added to a mixture of red pepper, pineapple, avocado and cilantro. Chill and serve.



If customers want to create even simpler meals, Julian suggests sauteed pickerel. Filet style pickerel is easy to work with, he said.

"When preparing fish, keep it simple and use less than five ingredients," Julian said. "Marinate for just one hour. Lightly dust the filets with flour and white pepper and then pan fry in lightly coated canola oil for five minutes on each side."

And to be sure it's cooked thoroughly, heat an oven to 350° F and bake the pickerel for an additional five minutes if needed.

St. Agatha's Parish, on Beech Daly Road in Redford, hosts traditional fish fries with fried cod and shrimp beginning Ash Wednesday and then every Friday through Lent. But to attract new customers, the church also offers baked cod, clam chowder and macaroni and cheese. The menu was developed by the Rev. Thomas Slowinski seven years ago and has been successful.

Marsha Krozek, a longtime organizer for St. Agatha's fish dinners, said at least 350 diners will be served each week. It will take at least 10 people to fry and bake the fish every Friday.

"We offer baked fish, along with the fried, to meet the requests of those who attend. Some people want baked fish," Krozek said.

The evolution of the basic perch fish fry stems from public demand, Kromk said. Lent, however, is its busiest season for the Knights of Columbus restaurant with an expanded fish menu. Hand-battered fish and chips with coleslaw and bread is \$7.25, but customers can also order shrimp, perch and roughly. Fish is a relatively good business for the K of C.

"Twenty-five years ago, we'd serve 700 people each Friday during Lent," Kromk said. "But then regular restaurants started getting in on the fish dinners. Today we serve about 300 people, which is still good. This is what pays our building rent."

"People aren't just eating their Lenten fish at restaurants anymore because cooking at home is so popular today," Julian said.

The days of worrying about fish tasting "too fishy" aren't as common either, Julian said. Today, markets and good restaurants receive fresh fish daily - the fishy taste that's a sign of decay isn't quite as common. At Hiller's, salmon is the "big fish."

"Salmon is huge such as dill poached salmon with white wine, sea salt and white pepper, but right now cod and scrod are, too," Julian said.

FISH FRY - INDIAN STYLE

- One pound of flounder or any fish of your choice
- 1/4 teaspoon red chili powder
- 1 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 1/4 teaspoon spring onion paste (found at gourmet markets or Indian grocers)
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic paste
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt to taste
- 1 cup canola oil

Clean the fish well and marinate it with the ingredients for one hour. Heat the oil in a frying pan on medium heat. Put the fish and fry both sides in low heat until cooked about five minutes on each side. Serve it hot. If desired, fish can be baked for an additional five to 10 minutes in oven at 350° F.

BROILED SHAD OR SALMON WITH HERBED LEMON BUTTER

- 2 pounds salmon or shad fillet
- 1/4 cup butter melted
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon dill weed or rosemary or marjoram crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper

Line broiler pan with foil and place fish on the well greased rack. Combine remaining ingredients, baste shad with mixture. Broil four inches from heat, allowing 10 minutes cooking time per inch of thickness measured at its thickest part or until shad flakes easily when tested with a fork. Baste several times during cooking. Makes 8 servings. May also be charcoal grilled. Recipe courtesy of www.adelphiaseafood.com

Many reasons to like Badia a Coltibuono wines

Badia a Coltibuono, one of Tuscany's loveliest wine estates, situated amid rolling hills planted in vineyards and olive groves, is only an hour's drive from Florence. Sited high on a Tuscan hill in the heart of the Chianti Classico wine zone, this awesome property has a commanding view of 2,000 acres of forests, vineyards, ancient farmhouses and olive trees.

Badia a Coltibuono (Abbey of the Good Harvest) is an 11th-century medieval Benedictine Abbey and the first documented site of Chianti, the celebrated wine jewel of Tuscany. It is also the home of Lorenza de Medici, whose numerous books on Italian culinary arts have been published worldwide.

Her son, Roberto Stucchi, is the winemaker for the famous



Focus on wine

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wines of Badia a Coltibuono

MAGNIFICENT TASTES

Coltibuono's 2000 Trappolme (\$13), a blend of chardonnay and pinot blanc, challenges many pinot grugios at this price point!

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The 2000 Coltibuono "Cetamura" Chianti (\$11) is 90 percent sangiovese and 10 percent canaiolo. The absence of oak aging retains natural fruit characters in a pleasant quaff at this price.

The 2000 Coltibuono "Roberto Stucchi," Chianti Classico (\$19) steps things up. Aged in oak casks and small French oak barrels, this wine showcases the skills of Stucchi in producing a wine from growers. "And I'm bent on doing it without adding merlot to the blend," he said. "I don't like what blending with merlot or cabernet sauvignon does to the true character of sangiovese and chianti."

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MORE ATTRIBUTES

In addition to the excellence of the Coltibuono wines, other elements are noteworthy. First, Coltibuono does not have a national importer. Wines are direct imported by interested distributors nationwide.

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Secondly, for several years, Coltibuono has been organically growing its estate grapes for chianti production. With rains that often plague Tuscan vineyards during the growing season, such as they did in 2002, one wonders whether vine diseases can be successfully deterred by organic methods.

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Learn about Jewish holiday meals

Marlene Sorosky, author of *Fast & Festive Meals for the Jewish Holidays*, will headline *The Flavors of Jewish Life*, a cooking program to take place Sunday, March 16 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

Other chefs expected to teach classes during the three-hour program include Matt Prentice, president and chief executive officer of Unique Restaurant Corp., Annabel Cohen, food writer, cookbook author and former caterer, Joan Kekst, Cleveland-based food writer and cookbook author, Paul Wertz, owner of Excellence Too catering, and Eric Novak, editor/founder of Jim Hiller's wine club newsletter and a wine buyer for Hiller's Markets.

The program instructs how to prepare the traditional Jewish foods to individuals who may never have experienced them converts to Judaism, interfaith couples and born Jews who were raised with little tradition or Jewish education. "Memories are very sensory-based," said Jill Sklar, chairperson of the event. "The taste of gefilte fish or the texture of a velvety matzah ball are experiences that can transport many Jews to a past Passover meal. But for those who are new or returning to the faith, you really have no memories of such foods."

"The purpose of the program is to equip these individuals with the tools to create these foods, with the hope that they

will create their own Jewish memories with these foods." Beginning at 1 p.m., *Flavors of Jewish Life* will feature two class periods, each 45 minutes in length. Through advance registration, participants will be able to choose classes such as "Cooking for the High Holidays," "Don't Pass-over Passover Cooking," "Fabulous Finishes," "Sharing Shabbat," and "Mazel Tov! It's a Simcha!" For a ticket price of \$18, participants will be able to register for two of the five classes and will receive a cookbook of all of the recipes presented that day.

The program is sponsored by Project NAOMI (Newcomers Affiliating through Outreach

and Mentoring Initiative), a project of the Agency for Jewish Education and Jewish Family Service. It is co-sponsored by the Community Outreach and Education department of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, the Detroit Jewish News and the sisterhoods of Adat Shalom Synagogue, Temple Beth El, Congregation Shaarey Zedek, Temple Israel, Congregation Shur Tikveh, Congregation Beth Shalom and Congregation Beth Ahm.

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Top sauce on pan seared fish (Hint: Heat oven to 350°. Place fish in a skillet heated with oil, sear then cook for about 7-8 minutes for every inch of thickness of fish.) Use to accompany flounder, sole, tuna, shrimp or halibut.

Recipe courtesy of Big Rock Chophouse in Birmingham

SEARED COD FISH

1 bunch spinach washed and stemmed

1 tablespoon margarine

1/4 cup cream

1/4 teaspoon salt

cracked black pepper to taste

1/4 cup finely chopped green onion

2 pounds cod fillet cut in pieces

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Juice from half a lemon

Preheat oven to 350° F. Blanch the spinach in boiling salted water for 90 seconds. Drain and rinse in cold water. Squeeze out juice. Chop.

In a small saucepan, heat butter and add the chopped spinach. Add cream and bring to a boil. Season with salt and pepper and add the green onions. Simmer one minute. For thicker sauce, simmer longer up to four minutes.

In a skillet, heat vegetable oil. Season fish with salt and pepper and sear one minute per side or until golden. Transfer fish to oven and bake for about 7-8 minutes for every inch of thickness of fish. Pour sauce on a plate and lay cooked fish on top. Spoon some sauce over top along with the juice of one-half a lemon.

Recipe courtesy of www.foodtv.com

EASY SALMON CAKES

1/4 cup finely chopped red pepper

1/4 cup finely chopped green onion

1/4 cup mayonnaise

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt

Cayenne (red) pepper to taste

1 beaten egg

1 pouch (71 ounces) pink salmon skinless and boneless (preferably Chicken of the Sea)

1 cup dry breadcrumbs divided

3 tablespoons butter

In small mixing bowl, combine chopped red pepper, green onion, mayonnaise, lemon juice, seasoned salt and cayenne pepper. Adjust seasonings to personal preference.

Stir in egg, salmon and 4 tablespoons breadcrumbs. Form mixture into 6 to 8 balls. Roll salmon balls in remaining breadcrumbs, flatten into cakes about 1/2 inch thick. Fry salmon cakes in melted butter over medium heat for three to four minutes per side. Makes 4 servings.

Recipe courtesy of Chicken of the Sea.

BAKED OCEAN PERCH WITH TOMATO, BLACK OLIVES AND FETA

1/2 cup finely chopped onion

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 garlic cloves minced

1/4 cup dry white wine

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

One 14 to 16 ounce can whole tomatoes drained

reserving 1/4 cup liquid chopped fine

3/4 pound ocean perch fillets

1/2 cup black olives pitted chopped

1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese

In a skillet cook onion in oil over moderately low heat, stirring, until it is softened. Add garlic and cook, stirring, one minute. Add wine and boil the mixture until almost all the liquid is evaporated. Add the thyme, oregano and tomatoes with reserved liquid, bring mixture to a boil, and cook it over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, five minutes, or until it is thickened slightly. Spread half the sauce in the bottom of a gratin dish just large enough to hold the fish in one layer. Top it with the perch, skin sides down and spread remaining sauce over perch. Sprinkle olives and feta evenly over the sauce and bake 15 to 20 minutes at 400° F. Or until fish just flakes when tested with a fork. Serves 2.

Recipe courtesy of cod-seafood.com

Wild rice is the key ingredient

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WILD RICE GUMBO

1/2 cup flour

2 slices bacon chopped

1 pound beef kielbasa cut into bite sized chunks

1 medium onion

2 celery ribs sliced

2 bell peppers (assorted color) chopped

4 scallions sliced

3 cloves garlic minced

2 cans (14 ounces each) chicken broth

1 can (14 ounces) beef broth

1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning

2 bay leaves

4 cups cooked wild rice

1 pound small raw shrimp peeled (approximately 50)

1 tablespoon filé powder (optional)

salt and pepper to taste

12 teaspoons hot pepper sauce (optional)

Preheat large skillet over medium heat 2 minutes. Add flour, stir constantly until dark beige (approximately 5 minutes - don't scorch). Immediately transfer to plate. In a large saucepan, cook bacon until starting to crisp, add kielbasa, onion, celery, peppers, scallions and garlic. Cover, cook 5 minutes. Uncover. Cook, stirring occasionally until vegetables are lightly browned, stir in flour. Gradually stir in broth, add tomatoes, parsley, Cajun seasoning and bay leaves. Partially cover, simmer 40 minutes. Add wild rice, shrimp and filé powder, simmer 10 minutes. Season with salt, pepper and hot pepper sauce. Remove bay leaves before serving. Makes 8-10 servings.

CALENDAR

Evening herb group
Karla Truxall of Two Sisters Gourmet will be the featured speaker 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 3 at the University of Michigan's Matthaei Gardens educational building. The public and new members are welcome. There will be samples of *Gourmet Taste in Take out Time* featuring such delights as herbed spinach, peanut ginger marinade, dried tomato and roasted garlic pesto or seasoned salt. There will also be a video showing of the HGTV special on the Matthaei Gardens telecast in November 2002. Join the group at U of M's Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor. For more info call H. Leland at (734) 459-8454 or e-mail heidmeister@provident.net

French cook Elondie Henderson 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 19. Cost is \$45. Adults can learn about make-ahead breakfasts for overnight guests to memorable desserts in a four-week class 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 5-26. The class fee is \$160. (This class also includes the French Cooking class on March 19.) For more information call or email Nanny at (248) 651-1622 or nanny@nannyskitchen.com

Pasty fund-raiser
Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia, is making and selling Cornish pasties for a fund-raiser. Only 1,000 pasties will be made. Pasties are \$3 each and can be ordered by calling the church office at (734) 422-0149 only at these times: between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 4-5. (Do not leave a message on the machine.) Pickup times will be 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, March 13, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, March 14.

Book signing
Ann Arbor nutritionist and psychotherapist Judy Stone will discuss and sign her new book *Take Two Apples and Call Me in the Morning* at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 6 at Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

Cooking demonstration
Trevarrow will be demonstrating Wolf ovens, cooktops, dual fuel ranges and other products at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4 at a complimentary cooking demonstration at Specialties Showroom, 2800 W. 11 Mile Rd. in Berkley. Call Trevarrow to reserve a place at (248) 377-2300.

Hawaiian in a Jar
Create Hawaiian wedding cookies layered like a rainbow inside a canning jar at a community education class in Farmington at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 5. Bring your own 1 quart true canning jar with lid, cutting board, sharp knife and \$15 materials fees. You will receive a book of exotic Hawaiian recipes and learn about traditional dishes that Hawaiians enjoy. Cost is \$12 tuition and \$15 for materials. Call (248) 489-3333 for information.

Texas in a Jar
Chili is the perfect comfort food for a frosty winter night. Create a Texas Chili Soup in a canning jar at a class 7

9 p.m. Friday, March 7 sponsored by the Lake Orion Community Educational Resource Center, 455 E. Scripps Road. You will need to bring your own wide mouth 1 quart true canning jar with lid, cutting board, sharp knife and \$15 materials fees. You will receive a book of traditional Texas recipes like barbeque ribs and brisket, hottest hot sauces, chuckwagon stews, jams, marinades, dips and soups, including the chili recipe that won five world championship. The \$15 materials fees will be collected in class. Call (248) 693-5436.

Winterfest beer tasting
Schoolcraft College's Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine of Grosse Pointe Woods, Dearborn and Royal Oak present the eighth annual *Winterfest Beer Tasting* 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 at the Schoolcraft College VisiTech Center, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, one block west of I-275 between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads. Fine culinary cuisine and 80 to 100 beers will be among the choices with tastings limited to 50 beers. Tickets are \$38 per person. Patrons must be 21 years of age and prove it to attend this event. Tickets can be pur-

chased at the Student Activities Office, Lower Waterman Center or at Merchant's Fine Wine locations. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. Make checks payable to Schoolcraft College. Call for tickets at (734) 462-4422.

Sandwich fare
Learn about new takes on the classics with chef Dan Vernia from Zodiac at Neiman Marcus and breads by Noel Black, artisan baker from The Give Thanks Bakery. Learn about Monte Cristo, Italian French Dip, seafood submarine, grilled chicken and cheese and meatloaf on rye at the class 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, March 20 at Bella Cucina, 2505 Orchard Lake Road in Sylvan Lake. Call Trevarrow at (248) 377-2300 for information.

Tropical Escapes
Enjoy wines at *Tropical Escapes* a wine tasting and auction gala to benefit student scholarships and educational projects at Madonna University at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 28 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia. The wine tasting and silent auction are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. while dinner

and the live auction will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wines art, crystal, fine jewelry and unique items are among items to be sold at the silent auction. Entertainment will be provided by the Livonia Symphony String Quartet. Tickets are \$125 per person. For information call (734) 432-5421 or visit www.madonna.edu (click on Auction 2003).

Celebrating Women
Henry Ford Museum will feature the accomplishments of women in medicine, aviation, publishing, politics, music and more. Henry Ford Museum will be celebrating these women with *Celebrate Women's History!* daily during the month of March. Visitors can view an informal style high lighting the kitchen innovations of the 1970s on weekdays at 10 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and weekends at 1:30, 3 and 4 p.m. For information call (313) 271-1620 or visit www.hfm.org. Do you have an item for the Taste calendar? Please submit it at least two weeks before the event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or email kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net

WINE FROM PAGE B1

COOKING CLASSES

An annual series of cooking classes are held in Coltibuono's Renaissance villa. Founded and originally taught by Lorenza de Medici, they are guided now by Tuscan resident John Meis and Coltibuono's Chef Paolo Pancotti. Meis is the author of "A Taste of Tuscany" and collaborator with de Medici in the Villa Table cooking agenda and numerous cookbooks. Cost for double occupancy is \$3,300 per person, single occupancy \$3,900.

During a stay, guests reside in comfortable rooms located in the ancient abbey. Attendance during the week of July 2 offers the special opportunity to experience the world-famous Palio horse race in Siena, enjoying Coltibuono's exclusive seats at the starting/finish line.

Dates for 2003 Cooking Classes are: May 26-31, June 16-21, June 30-July 5 (at supplement of \$500 per person for Palio), Sept 8-13 and Oct 6-11. For more information on the cooking school, e-mail the U.S. representative Louise Owens at coltibuono@charter.net or phone her at (214) 739-2846. The Web site www.coltibuono.com offers a visual taste of the estate.

The Healds are Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, food and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. To leave them a voice mail message dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

WINE PICKS

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Movies that spur debate go up at Detroit Film Theatre

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Ellot Wilhelm doesn't put a spin on the mission of Detroit Film Theatre, which has been under his direction for more than 20 years

The theater's goal is unequivocal: show great films

So criteria like urgent storytelling, directorial vision and artistry guide DFT's offerings

"There's no point in trying to chase down certain segments of the market. We don't pander to demographics," said Wilhelm. "We scour the waterfront and cover the globe to get the best films made."

Other venues can tango with targeting audiences, says Wilhelm. When it comes right down to it, great films don't always find broad appeal.

DUKE IT OUT

Isn't post-movie debate part of the cinema experience, anyway?

Wilhelm, who's also curator of film for the Detroit Institute of Arts, not only thinks so, he hopes so with every new season. This year's lineup, which runs through May and is expected to remain unchanged despite cuts at the DIA, is no exception.

One film he's counting on to spur controversy is *Gerry*, the latest from Gus Van Sant, director of *Drugstore Cowboy*, *To Die For* and *My Own Private Idaho*.

"Some hate the film, including Ebert, and some champion it," says Wilhelm. "It really



TAKASHI SEIDA

Ralph Fiennes plays the schizophrenic Spider, a man released on to the streets of London after a lengthy stay in a mental institution, in David Cronenberg's *Spider*, playing April 4-6 at the Detroit Film Theatre

divides audiences, which I describe as the good old days when people would argue about movies all night."

Gerry, which stars Matt Damon and Casey Affleck, is scheduled to run Friday-Sunday, March 14-16, at DFT. One week prior, the venue plans to show Van Sant's first feature film, *Mala Noche*, as well as three short films only available with the director's permission.

"It's a look at Gus' early career," says Wilhelm. "I think it's possible that many people are not familiar with the direc-

tor, and that gets into one of the things that we're trying to do here."

JOURNEYS WILD

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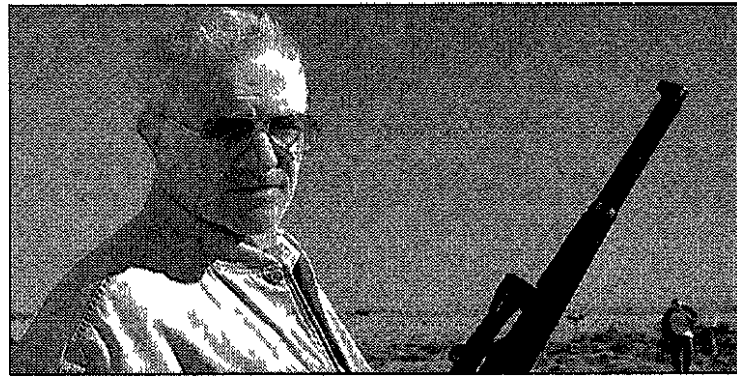
Expected to be a DFT highlight in the what-a-ride film category is *Interview with an Assassin* with Raymond J. Barry trying to convince an unemployed television reporter that he killed John F. Kennedy in Dallas in 1963. The film is scheduled to run Monday, March 3, and comes from first-

time director Neil Burger.

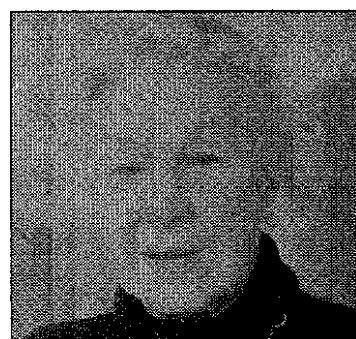
The Oscar-nominated documentary *Winged Migration* is another sort of journey, a bird's-eye view of the flight and migration of birds throughout the globe.

"It's an example of how technology can get you a view that you've never had before," said Wilhelm of *Winged Migration*, scheduled Friday-Sunday, May 9-11, at DFT. "It's really beautiful. It gives you that feeling that you have when you're dreaming of being in flight."

A simpler, but nonetheless suspenseful, journey takes



Raymond J. Barry gives a smoldering performance as a man trying to convince an unemployed television reporter that he assassinated President Kennedy in first-time director Neil Burger's *Interview with the Assassin*, scheduled for March 3 at the Detroit Film Theatre



Traudl Junge, who was Hitler's private secretary, breaks her silence after 50 years in *Blind Spot: Hitler's Secretary* slated March 28-30 at the Detroit Film Theatre

place in *Blind Spot: Hitler's Secretary*, a humble documentary that records the memories of Traudl Junge, Hitler's private secretary, in a series of interviews.

Blind Spot is set to run Friday-Sunday, March 28-30, at DFT.

"It's a suspense film in a sense," said Wilhelm. "We have a chance early in the film to sit

back and decide if she (Junge) leveling with us. Then we want to know if she is a human being, as we suspect."

A highlight in the classics category is a rarely seen, uncut version of John Frankenheimer's 1973 *The Iceman Cometh*, based on Eugene O'Neill's play. Set for Monday, April 7, it stars Fredric March, Robert Ryan, Jeff Bridges and Lee Marvin. The uncut version is more true to O'Neill's work than the one released commercially, said Wilhelm, adding, "I really like to find these things. We're dedicated not to just putting the film up on the screen, but making sure they're the way the director intended them to be."

To learn about other scheduled films or obtain Detroit Film Theatre's Winter/Spring 2003 schedule, call (313) 833-3237 or visit www.dia.org/dft

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

■ Fat Tuesday

Celebrate Mardi Gras at McCormick and Schmick's Seafood Restaurant of Troy, adjacent to the Somerset Collection South (Coolidge Highway and W. Big Beaver Road). A "Cajun Corner" spe-

cial menu features New Orleans-inspired foods including Creole Jambalaya, Jake's Etouffee and Oyster or Rock Shrimp Po Boy with Creole Remoulade. Samplings of these items are available on the \$1.95 bar menu along with drink specials. For dessert, try the tradi-

tional Mardi Gras King Cakes. On Tuesday, March 4, participate in the crawfish racing or eating contest. Races take place throughout the evening and the crawfish eating contest will be at 7 p.m. A King or Queen of Mardi Gras will be named, and at the end of the evening. Call

the restaurant, (248) 637-6400 or visit the Web site www.msng.com for details.

■ Competition

You won't want to miss the opening reception of the 22nd annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, March 7 at the Birmingham

Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook. Awards presentation 7 p.m. The exhibit continues through Friday, April 4. Show juror Richard Nonas will be at Hill Gallery, 407 W. Brown St., Birmingham, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5 for the opening of his exhibit, "Drawing and Sculpture."

Nonas will present a lecture at the BBAC, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6, (248) 644-0866, www.bbaccenter.org

■ Play ball

It may or may not feel like spring, but the Detroit Tigers will open their season 1:05 p.m. Monday, March 31 at Comerica Park in Detroit. Are you planning to be at the game? Is going to the Tigers' opening game a family tradition? Share your stories, along with suggestions for places to eat before or after the game with us for a story about the Tigers and other good sports to run in Arts & Entertainment, Thursday, March 27. Send, fax or e-mail

information to Keely Kaleski, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314, or e-mail kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net

■ Taste of spring

Toast the change in seasons 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29 at the Franklin Village Wine Tasting at the home of Rhonda and Jerry Byer. Tickets \$40 per person available at the Apple Tea Room, Yankee Designs and Market Basket, or call Anna Marie Roediger, (248) 851-9179. Event includes wine tasting, food from Market Basket, valet parking and silent auction.

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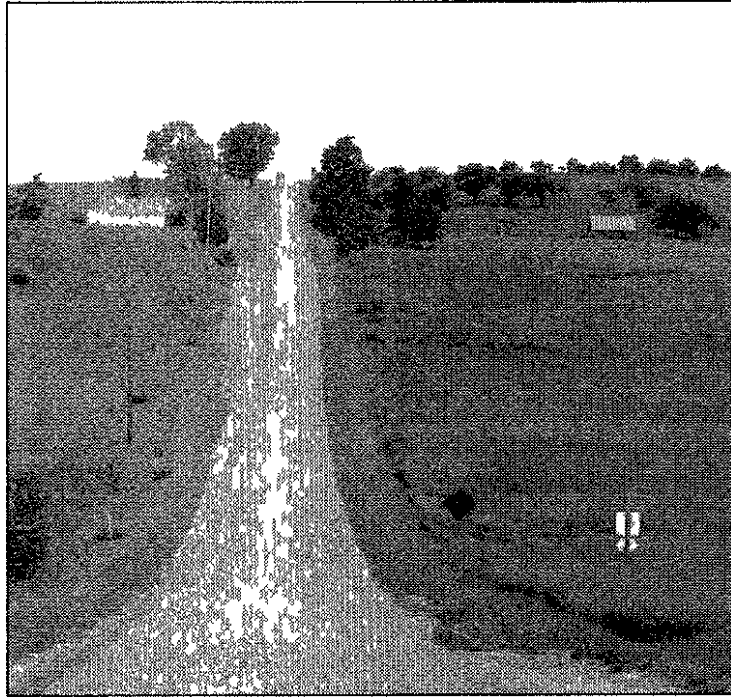
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Placing the road off center made a much more interesting composition. Monte Nagler photographed this road in northern Michigan.

Open new vistas, point your camera to the road

We've all heard the expression "hit the road." Well, by hitting the road with your camera, you'll be able to add new and exciting pictures to your photo album.

Whether it's a freeway, highway, or an endless country road, photographing roads will open up new vistas for you.

Roads have tremendous visual potential and pictures of them can capture an incredible variety of moods.

And remember, as we travel from place to place, it's most always a road that gets us there. So why not photograph them?

Begin by studying roads in different types of light and at different times of the day. Notice how a backlit road illuminated by a rising or setting sun will glisten and shine like an unfurling ribbon.

After a rainfall, a wet road with puddles offers reflections of overhanging trees and clouds that will add a mood to your shots no other weather conditions will do.

High angles and low angles

will also add variety to your pictures.

Climb a nearby hill so you can get a birds-eye view of a winding road or shoot from a low angle as the road undulates up the mountain.

As in all good photography, pay attention to depth-of-field so that everything is sharp from front to back.

You'll accomplish this by being sure to use a small lens opening.

I've always enjoyed photographing roads so that it appears the road is traveling into infinity.

Whether the road ends in a bank of low clouds or at the top of a hill, there's an element of unknown and mystique because the viewer wonders what lies ahead.

The country road shown here was taken in northern Michigan.

Notice how I placed the road off center and waited for a vehicle to reach the very top for added interest.

So the next time you feel like hitting the road, do so! Just make sure your camera is with you. Roads, quite literally, will take you and your camera to new and exciting places.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave a message for him at (734) 953-2047.



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

There are bad guys aplenty in new book

WHEN THE WOMEN COME OUT TO DANCE

By Elmore Leonard (William Morrow \$24.95)

Like bad guys. Well, maybe not real-life bad guys. Generally, what I'm referring to here are the bad guys in fiction. Specifically, these days, the bad guys who intrigue me the most are those I find on the pages of Elmore Leonard's work. Who can forget that old "redneck," Bob Gibbs, of "Maximum Bob," for



Victoria Diaz

instance, or his low-life nemeses, the Crowe family? Or the murderous Ordele Robbie from "Rum Punch"? Sometime later, in "Tishomungo Blues," we had the juicy pleasure of meeting the creepy-crawly cigar-chomper, Arlen Novis, and several of his cohorts.

Remember them? The bad guys in *When the Women Come Out to Dance* are sometimes not exactly bad, and sometimes they are not even guys, but gals.

In the lead-off story, cleverly titled "Sparks," we meet a seemingly ambivalent insurance investigator, as he checks up on a young, flirtatious widow who may or may not have set her posh mansion ablaze.

Maybe the best thing about this steamy story is Leonard's dead-on depiction of the sparks that fly, and the chemistry ignited between these two rather wayward souls.

In the title story, we're introduced to two frustrated females who decide to take the bull by the horns - investing in, shall we say, a bit of home improvement. The glam Mrs. Mahmood wants to off her husband (who seems bent on getting rid of her, too, in a particularly brutal way).

Her obsequious Cuban maid, Lourdes, appears helpful at first, until a twist emerges in her own twisted psyche.

They had dug coal together as young men. Now it looked like they'd be meeting again, this time as lawman and felon,

Raylan Givens and Boyd Crowder.

Thus begins "Fire in the Hole," one of the strongest, most well-developed stories in the collection. Boyd, a Vietnam veteran fresh out of the penitentiary (he balked at paying his income tax), has organized something called the East Kentucky Militia. This is "a bunch of boys wearing Doc Martens and swastika tattoos all natural-born racists and haters of authority" (Lawman Givens calls them "serious morons").

Seems Givens' ("Riding the Rap" and "Pronto") one-time girlfriend, Ava, has plugged her hateful hubby, Bowman, who happens to be Boyd's brother (stay with me here).

Looks like maybe she had an understandable reason for doing so, and Givens wants to help her out, in more ways than one.

hing is, he ends up needing some help himself. On the pages of "Karen Makes Out," we're up-close-and-personal with a particularly charming bad boy, Carl Tillman. Many readers may think Carl a practically perfect match for our "hero," the hard-working U.S. marshal, Karen Sisco (remember her in Leonard's "Out of Sight"?), but they will be forced to think again (regretfully) by story's end.

Not all these tales are contemporary. Set amid a dusty, bloody landscape of the American Southwest, "The Tonto Woman" and "Hurrah For Captain Early" take place during the 19th century.

One story seems misplaced in the collection. Though it's a compelling, exquisitely observed vignette, "Hanging Out at the Buena Vista" has nothing to do with felonies or misdemeanors of any kind, but, instead, provides a gentle, slightly wry look at two oldsters, making the best of their last days in a Florida retirement community. It's sparked by Leonard's famous voice and exquisitely convincing dialogue (not surprisingly, so is the entire collection).

Finally, Leonard's love for and knowledge of the movies provides further texture throughout. His characters sometimes talk about or think on such cel-

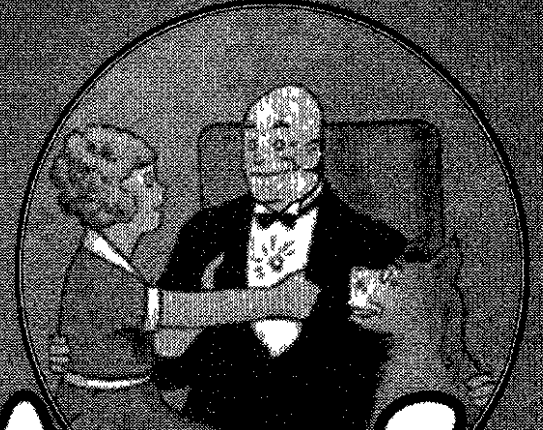
luloid luminaries as Jack Nicholson or Christian Slater or Dennis Quaid. One player seems to bear a resemblance to actress Linda Fiorentino, another to Harry Dean Stanton. Obviously, Leonard's low-key

humor punches up the collection as well.

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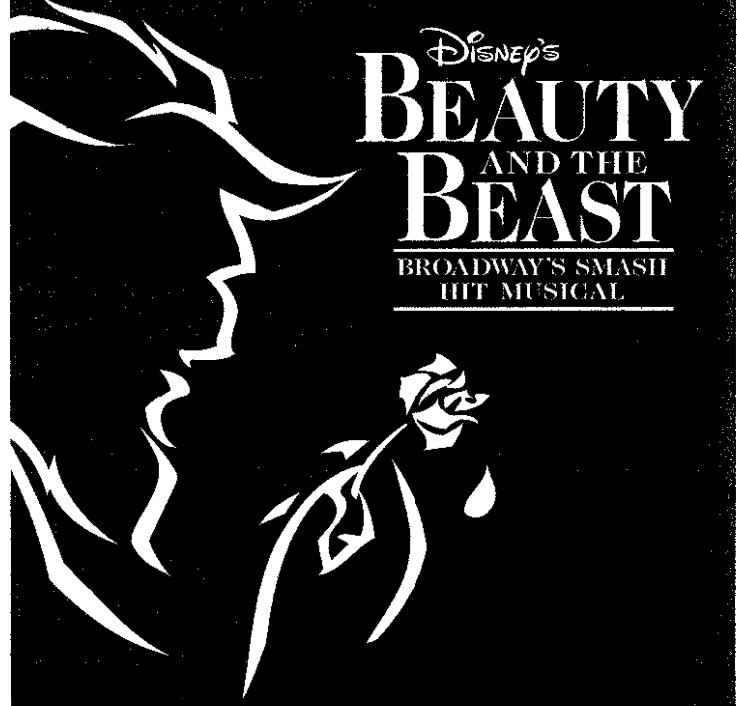
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 MON THURS 355, 635, 915

Daredevil 13
 SUN 1230, 55, 515, 735, 950,
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 SUN 110, 305, 455, 715
 MON THURS 455, 715

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 SUN 110, 310, 510, 710, 910
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NP THE LIFE OF DAVID GALE R
 SUN 120, 400, 650, 925
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 810

DAREDEVIL PG13
 SUN 1240, 250, 500, 720, 940
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JUNGLE BOOK 2 G
 SUN 100, 240, 430, 630
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HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS PG13
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Old School R
 SUN 1240, 245, 450, 710, 920
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How to Lose a Guy PG13
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Cradle to the Grave R
 SUN 1235, 550, 725, 950
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Life of David Gale R
 SUN 1245, 400, 655, 940
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Daredevil PG13
 SUN 1230, 255, 520, 735, 955
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NP GODS AND GENERALS (PG13)
 12:20, 5:00, 8:00, 9:40

NP THE LIFE OF DAVID GALE (R)
 (R) 11:40, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00

NP DARK BLUE (R)
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JUNGLE BOOK 2 (G)
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SHANGHAI KNIGHTS (PG13)
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DELIVER US FROM EVA (R)
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THE RECRUIT (PG13)
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DARKNESS FALLS (PG13)
 11:10, 4:10, 9:25

KANGAROO JACK (PG)
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THE HOURS (PG13)
 10:30, 1:25, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25

ADAPTATION (R)
 1:35, 3:35

ABOUT SCHMIDT (R)
 10:10, 1:05, 4:00, 7:10, 10:00

CHICAGO (PG13)

11:30, 3:05, 6:05, 8:45
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (PG13)
 3:25, 9:50

LORD OF THE RINGS THE TWO TOWERS (PG13)
 10:30, 2:20, 6:15, 10:05

GANGS OF NEW YORK (R)
 10:55, 2:35, 6:25, 9:55

FINAL DESTINATION 2 (R)
 10:20, 12:35, 2:45, 5:35, 8:10, 10:20

NP PIANIST (R)
 12:15, 6:40

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NP DARK BLUE R
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NP THE LIFE OF DAVID GALE (R)
 12:10, 3:10, 6:40, 10:00

NP OLD SCHOOL (R)
 12:00, 2:30, 4:40, 7:05, 9:20

NP GODS AND GENERALS (PG13)
 4:40, 8:15

JUNGLE BOOK 2 (PG)
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DAREDEVIL (PG13)
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SHANGHAI KNIGHTS (R)
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DELIVER US FROM EVA (R)
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HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS (PG13)
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THE HOURS (PG13)
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THE RECRUIT (PG13)
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FINAL DESTINATION 2 (R)
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KANGAROO JACK (PG)
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CHICAGO (PG13)
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NP OLD SCHOOL (R)
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DAREDEVIL (PG13)
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 9:10

KANGAROO JACK (PG)
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ADAPTATION (R)
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ABOUT SCHMIDT (R)
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CHICAGO (PG13)

ANTWONE FISHER (PG13)
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LORD OF THE RINGS 2 TWO TOWERS (PG13)
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DELIVER US FROM EVA (R)
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THE LIFE OF DAVID GALE (R) NV
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DARK BLUE (R) NV
 4:15, 7:05

GODS AND GENERALS (PG13) NV
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THE JUNGLE BOOK 2 (G) NV
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 12:30, 3:00

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 (R) 1:05, 1:50, 3:05, 4:45, 7:35, 8:40, 10:25

The Hours (PG 13)
 11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55

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CHICAGO (NR)
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 11:00, 1:20, 1:35, 2:55, 4:05, 5:20, 6:15, 7:35, 8:40, 9:50, 2:55, 8:55
 (NP) Daredevil (PG 13)
 11:30, 1:30, 2:10, 3:20, 4:30, 6:00, 6:50, 8:15, 9:20
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(NP) Jungle Book 2 (G)
 11:10, 1:05, 3:00, 5:15, 7:15, 9:10

Deliver Us From Eva (R)
 11:05, 1:15, 3:40, 6:10

Shanghai Knights (PG 13)
 11:20, 1:50, 4:35, 6:55, 9:25

The Recruit (PG 13)
 11:15, 2:15, 4:55, 7:25, 9:45

Final Destination 2 (PG 13)
 8:50

Kangaroo Jack (PG)
 11:05, 1:25

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CLASSES

Ann Arbor Art Center

The Art Center is offering a second session of youth classes to begin Monday March 3. A variety of six week courses are available for children ages 2-12. Registration is in progress at 117 West Liberty Ann Arbor or (734) 994 8004 to register online www.annarborartcenter.org

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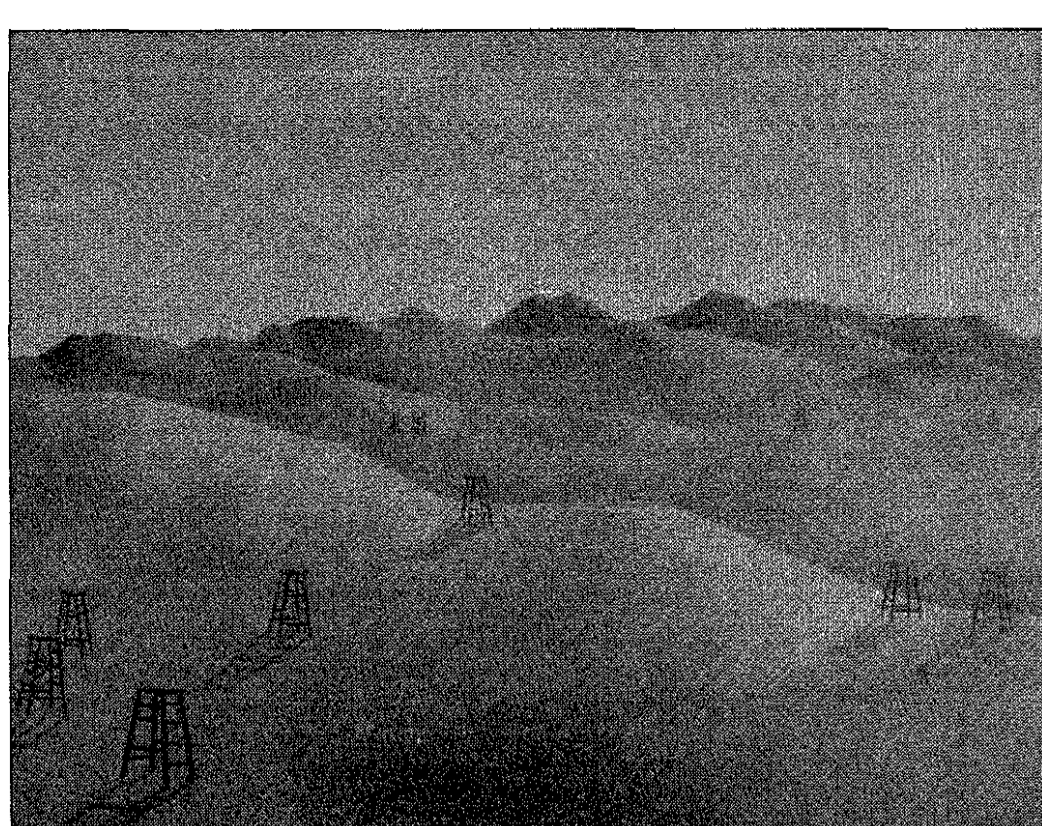
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Searching for artists with physical and mental disabilities for an international juried exhibition of art and fine crafts including works on paper canvas or board sculpture jewelry photography pottery. Only work executed after the onset of disability or injury is eligible. All works must be for sale - \$6,000 in prizes to be awarded. The show will take place at The Medical Center at Princeton. For more information call Leslie Watkins at (215) 576 0844 or send e-mail to ArtPrnt@aol.com

Franklin Council for Visual & Performing Arts



Exhibit

"Eastern Slope" by Darcy Scott of West Bloomfield is one of the paintings in "Path of Perception," an exhibit that also features Steven Blake Miller, at Ave Maria Fine Art Gallery, Domino's Farms, Lobby B, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr., Ann Arbor Show opens Tuesday, March 4 and continues to Friday, April 4. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 13. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For information, call (734) 930-7514 or www.avemariaart.com

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A \$500 fine arts competition for high school seniors in the Plymouth Canton school district. Applications available at 774 North Sheldon in Plymouth. The deadline is Saturday March 15. Award winner announced April 15. (734) 416 4278

Warren Cultural Commission

Warren's Annual Art in the Park (23rd) applications now available for original art work or crafts (no kits). This festival will be at Halmich Park July 12-13. Entry

deadline is May 10. Call (586) 977 1837 for details

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ONGOING)

Creative Arts Center

Black History Month Exhibit The Art of Ivan Stewart through March 29 at 47 Williams Street Pontiac (248) 333 7849

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Birmingham Historical Museum

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Don Schneider shows a variety of his works at 875 York Street in Plymouth's Old Village (734) 459 6419

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, MARCH 7

WHAT A GIRL WANTS

This timeless tale for all ages tells the story of Daphne a spirited young American girl who yearns to meet the father she's never known a man her bohemian mother considers to be the great love of her life. Determined to find her absentee dad and prove that love can conquer all Daphne impulsively journeys to London where she discovers that her father is none other than Lord Henry Dashwood an influential aristocratic politician. Henry's patrician lifestyle and stuffy attitude clash with Daphne's free-wheeling American upbringing as do his social climbing fiancée and her territorial debutante daughter. Daphne must stifle her personality in an effort to meet her new familial obligations but discovers that her dream life is not as picture perfect as she had hoped. Stars Amanda Bynes Colin Firth (Warner Brothers) Rated PG

BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE

The story centers on a middle class lonely guy who uses the Internet to find a date. Trouble ensues when he meets a woman in prison and she breaks out to be with him and wreaks havoc on his orderly life. Featured players include Steve Martin (Novocaine) as the lonely guy Queen Latifah (Chicago) as the woman he meets on the internet Eugene Levy (American Pie) and Joan Plowright (Tea With Mussolini). Adam Shankman (The Wedding Planner) directed the come

dy making his first since completing *A Walk to Remember* in 2002 (Touchstone Pictures) Rated PG 13

THE SAFETY OF OBJECTS

Esther Gold (Glenn Close) devotes her self to her comatose bedridden son and expresses love for her daughter by trying to win her a car in a last one standing radio contest. Jim Train (Dermot Mulroney) questions his value as a man when he is passed over for promotion. Annette Jennings (Patricia Clarkson) tries to keep her family intact in the wake of her divorce and Helen Christianson (Mary Kay Place) looks for fun and inspiration in her banal life. Despair and humor are delicately balanced in this film that examines people's investment in things that are more predictable if less satisfying than their relationships with other people (IF Films) Rated R

TEARS OF THE SUN

Bruce Willis (*Unbreakable*) stars as the leader of a Special Forces unit that is sent into an African jungle on a search and rescue mission. Retrieve a doctor doing humanitarian work in a small village before a civil war erupts. Featured players include Monica Bellucci (*Brotherhood Of The Wolf*) as the doctor Cole Hauser (*White Oleander*) and Fionnula Flanagan (*Divine Secrets Of The Ya Ya Sisterhood*). Antoine Fuqua (*The Replacement Killers*) directed the action. Marking his first since completing *Training Day* in 2001 (Revolution Studios/Columbia Pictures) Rated R

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, MARCH 14

THE HUNTED

A suspense thriller about a tracker Bonham who teams up with FBI agent Abby Durrell to hunt down a trained assassin Hallam. With precision and skill the predator remains one step ahead and escapes into the city. Stars Tommy Lee Jones Benicio Del Toro Connie Nielsen. Directed by William Friedkin (Paramount) Rated R Running time 94 minutes

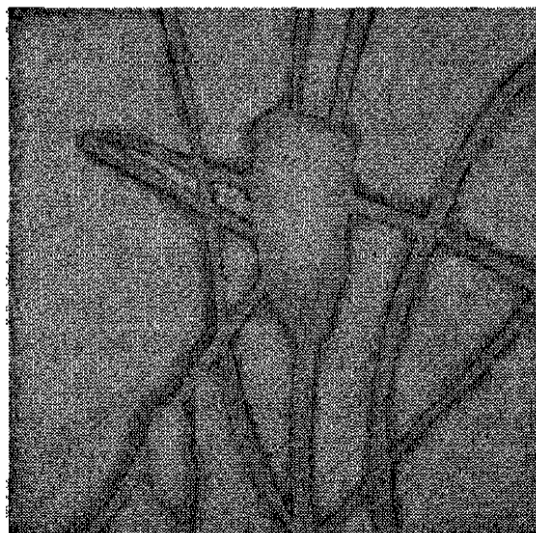
PROZAC NATION

Based on the best selling novel set in the mid 1980's before the prevalence of anti-depressants it follows a young working class woman's bout with depression during her first year at Harvard. The film explores this generation's struggle to navigate the effects of divorce drugs sex and an over bearing mother. Stars Christina Ricci Jessica Lange Jason Biggs Michelle Williams Anne Heche and Jonathan Rhys Myers. Directed by Erik Skjoldager (Miramax) Rated R

AGENT CODY BANKS

Frankie Muniz (TV's *Malcolm In The Middle*) stars as Cody Banks a teenager who is recruited by the U.S. government to go on covert missions that require youthful special agents. Also featured in the film are Angie Harmon (TV's *Law and Order*) as a government agent who trains Cody Banks and Hilary Duff (TV's *Lizzie McGuire*) as Cody's love interest. Harald Zwart directed the adventure (MGM/UA) This film is not yet rated

PATH of Perception



"Grasshopper"
Steven Blake Miller
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In this colorful exhibit featuring the works of Darcy Scott and Steven Blake Miller, individual perception leads the way. Whether you are experiencing Scott's portrayal of her dreams or enjoying Miller's interpretation of negative space, you are sure to find a piece that inspires you.

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Quaint with many shades of green, Ireland's a gem

BY NORMA AND WENDY SCHONWETTER
CORRESPONDENTS

Ireland is comprised of more shades of green than you can count. Not highly populated, the countryside is generally agricultural with rolling hills dotted with sheep. Cities are relatively small and towns are quaint and colorful with painted storefronts. Most of the cities we visited were easily walkable. Temperatures are mild by our standards, ranging from the 70s to the 40s with rain always a possibility. Probably the best months for price and weather are April, May and October. Pack a sturdy pair of shoes, umbrella, casual clothes, wind-breaker and sweater or sweat shirt. You'll find the people friendly and eager to help.

Bring a hearty appetite. The cuisine is cosmopolitan. Irish breakfasts are substantial, portions are ample, especially the varied vegetables. Root vegetables like turnip, were mixed with other vegetables. Salads were almost nonexistent, but delicious soups delighted our palates. Fresh salmon, caught in the local rivers, is popular and delicious. To our surprise, coffee shops have appeared everywhere even in the small towns.

We chose the seven-day *Irish Highlights Tour* from Trafalgar Tours. Most participants opt for the package that includes airfare from their home city and airport transfers. If you plan to visit the United Kingdom first, and book the land-only package, your trip will begin in Dublin. The most popular trips in Ireland seem to be for one week to ten days, traversing the southern part of Ireland from

Dublin to Kilkenny, Waterford, Cork, Blarney, Kenmare and Killarney, then up the west coast to Limerick and Galway before returning to Dublin.

BUS TRAVEL

Bus tours in Ireland offer some advantages. You don't have to drive the rural roads, you'll see a lot of tourist highlights, and get a guide to explain it all.

Dublin, the largest city and capitol of Ireland, is home to literary giants Bernard Shaw, Jonathan Swift, Oscar Wilde and James Joyce. A mecca for the erudite is the Dublin Writers Museum, housed in a stunning Georgian mansion. Dublin's attractions range from castles and museums to art galleries and cathedrals.

A historically entertaining place to visit is the Guinness Storehouse. Once the home of the world's most famous brewer, it now depicts the 250-year history of beer-making. At the end of the tour is the Gravity Bar where visitors receive a free pint of stout or soda and a spectacular view of Dublin.

The building also houses a restaurant and art exhibit. City Tour, offered by Hop on-Hop Off, is a great way to see the sights. The tours, lasting one hour and 15 minutes, allow you to hop on or off at any of the 16 stops. Buses leave every 10 minutes.

CASTLES, CRYSTAL

Next on to Kilkenny to see its ancient castle, a medieval fortress, on 50 acres, and Reginald's Tower, dating from A.D. 1002, en route to the Waterford Crystal Gallery, the No. 1 attraction, founded in 1783.

Several movies have been made in Ireland, including *Ryan's Wife* and *Braveheart*. Ireland is also the birthplace of some well-known actors including Pierce Brosnan and Peter O'Toole. We stopped in Youghal, where *Moby Dick* was filmed, and traveled on to Cork to visit Blarney Castle. The castle was built in 1446, and although what remains is a shell of a massive square tower, it's famous for the Blarney Stone. It's difficult to reach but that does not stop tourists from kissing it to acquire the 'gift of gab'.

Our bus covered the fabulous 100 mile Ring of Kerry. The



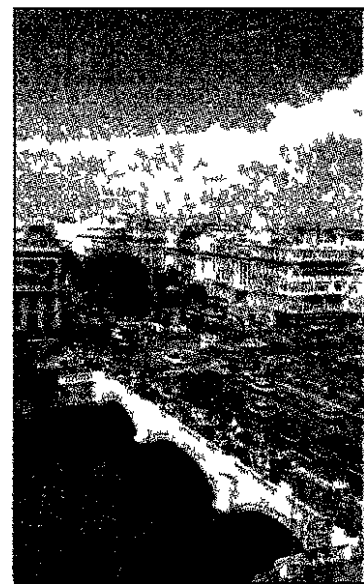
The fabulous 100 mile Ring of Kerry traverses a peninsula with the most scenic views of beautiful Dingle Bay.

road traverses a peninsula with the most scenic views of the peaks of MacGillucuddy's Reeks, cliffs, lush Lakes of Killarney, beaches and beautiful Dingle Bay. Lunch was at Waterville on the Atlantic Ocean, location of Charlie Chaplin's hideaway.

Adare, the third largest city and a port on the River Shannon, is a lovely village with thatched roofs and Tudor-style houses. A visit to the medieval Bunratty Castle gave us the

chance to see a restored castle with authentic furniture, tapestries and works of art. The castle is the focal point of a 20-acre theme park, Bunratty Folk Park. This is a re-creation of a typical 19th century Irish village with thatched cottages, farmhouses, village streets with shops and pub, all open for browsing. It reminded us of a small-scale Greenfield Village.

Galway is a major city with a population of 57,000. It's well-known for its university and the



O'Connell Street in Dublin is a busy thoroughfare.

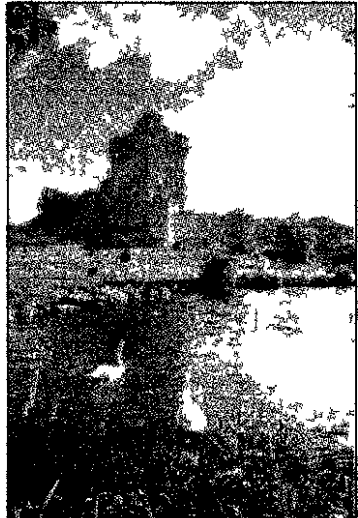
traditional Claddagh ring, with clasped hands representing friendship, a symbol dating from Roman times.

At the culmination of a trip to Ireland everyone should take in a good Irish dinner show consisting of a comedian, singers, and of course, Irish dancers. We didn't see one leprechaun, but in the sea of green that is Ireland, they are easily camouflaged.

Norma and Wendy Schonwetter are a mother-daughter travel writing team. Norma lives in Farmington Hills and Wendy in Seattle.

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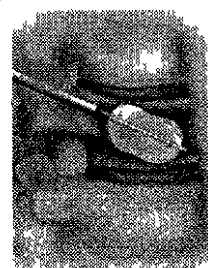
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Hall of Famer

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's Hall of Fame Banquet is set to start at 5:30 p.m. March 29 at Crisler Arena and one of the 21 coaches being inducted is a familiar name.

Tom Garrett, a long-time assistant coach at Salem HS under both Tom Moshimer and Bob Cummings, will be honored with induction. Garrett has served in a variety of assistant's positions. Last season he was the Rocks' defensive coordinator and wide receivers coach.

Also being inducted is Redford Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach. The guest speaker at the banquet will be University of Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr.

The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be ordered by sending a check and self-addressed envelope to the Muhlenkamp 2100 Lakeview Ave. St. Joseph, MI 49085. Checks should be made payable to Hall of Fame Banquet.

Foust honored

Kari Foust, a sophomore at Hope College and a Salem HS graduate, was selected to the all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association women's swim team after her strong performance at the MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

Foust finished second in the MIAA in both the 100 yard back stroke (1:02.03) and the 200 back (2:13.72) behind teammate Audrey Arnold.

Hope won the title with 583 points. Calvin College was second with 521.5.

Swim standouts

Eric Lynn, a freshman at Oakland University and a Salem HS graduate, helped the Grizzlies win the 200 yard medley relay in the first day at the National Independent Conference Championships hosted by OU.

Lynn led off the relay with a 23:13 split in the 50 back stroke. OU's team finished first in 1:28:19, bettering the NCAA's provisional qualifying standard.

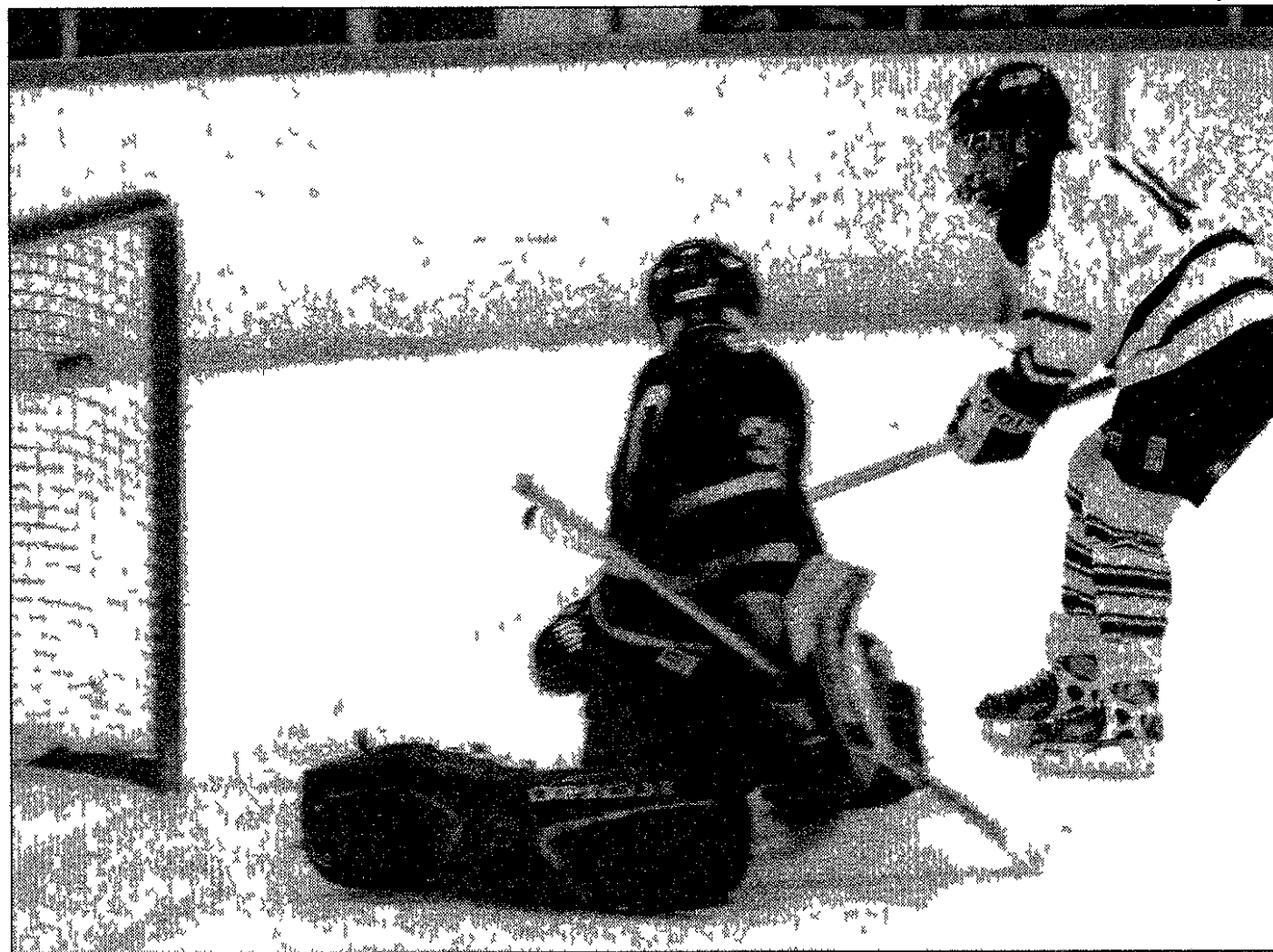
At a state cut qualifying meet Thursday at Northville HS, Salem's Mike Horgan did what he had to do. Horgan, a senior, earned his way to Saturday's state championships by clocking 55:89 in the 100 yard butterfly. The state cut for the event is 55:99.

Baseball meeting

A mandatory meeting for all Plymouth HS boys who would like to tryout for the Wildcat baseball team is scheduled for after school on Wednesday in the Plymouth gymnasium.

The meeting will be with head baseball coach Mark LaPointe and will last approximately 45 minutes.

For more information, call coach LaPointe at (734) 459-3791.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Mark Nagel puts the game-winning shot over the shoulder of Huron goalie Nate Reichwage and into the net in overtime Thursday.

Nagel gets OT win for Rocks

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Mark Nagel, smiling but weary after 3 1/2 tough periods of hockey, exited the Salem lockerroom at the Ice Cube Arena in Ann Arbor and, after stopping to talk briefly with a reporter, trudged up the stairs leading to the main concourse outside the rink.

As he reached the top, he was greeted

by loud cheers from fans and family. They were well-deserved, Nagel, one of three team captains, had come through in the clutch.

He delivered when his team needed it most, scoring the go-ahead goal in the opening seconds of the third period and, after Ann Arbor Huron had re-tied the game, popping in the game-winner 4:18 into overtime to give Salem a 4-3 triumph over the state's fifth-ranked

team Thursday in a state regional semifinal.

The win put the seventh-ranked Rocks into Saturday night's regional final against third-ranked Brighton, an easy winner over Temperance Bedford Thursday (results of that game will appear in Thursday's Observer). The regional champ plays the

PLEASE SEE NAGEL, C2

Madonna University's baseball team seeking to improve

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Bigger and, hopefully, better. That's what Madonna University's baseball team is aiming for. Coach Greg Haeger, now in his seventh season, took a larger team on the spring trip this season (28 players compared with 22 last season), the Crusaders' first game was Friday against Northwood (Fla.) University in Homestead, Fla.

There are areas of improvement from a year ago. But the pitching will be a question mark. Four of the top six pitchers from a year ago, when Madonna was 20-23 overall, are gone. Mike Hayes, Corey Farnier, Jeremy Stevens and Eric Williamson. The Crusaders went 13-11 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and reached the NAIA Region VIII Tournament, but lost their first two games.

Returning from that team are two solid starters in Joel Halliday, a 6-foot-3 junior right-hander from Redford Union who was 5-3 last season (4.05 earned-run average), and Mark Cole, a 5-9 senior left-hander from Farmington (Redford Catholic Central) who went 3-3 with a 3.86 ERA. Haeger, who is bringing in 11 new players, has some options he thinks will offset the pitching losses. One is Roy Rabe, a senior

pitcher/third baseman and a right-hander from Livonia Stevenson who pitched last season (1-3 record, 33 2/3 innings, 5.88 ERA). Then there's Devin Cole, a senior right-hander from Garden City who was 1-2 last season on the mound and played the outfield as well. And sophomore Adam Kline, a right-hander from CC who led the WHAC in saves last season with six. New pitching prospects include senior right-hander

Sterling Mintzer, a 6-6 Orchard Lake St. Mary's graduate who was outstanding at third base last season, batting .315 with five home runs and 28 runs batted in, both team highs. A pitcher in high school, Mintzer gave it a try during fall baseball. "He looked good in fall ball," said Haeger, adding Mintzer throws in the upper 80s.

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, C4

Canton stops Stevenson, 54-48

Canton built a 10-point lead after three quarters then turned back a comeback try by Livonia Stevenson in posting a 54-48 basketball victory Thursday in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover at Canton. The Chiefs finished their regular season with a 7-13 record. Stevenson is 13-7. "The kids hung in there," Canton coach Jeremy Rheault said. "I liked the way we played." What Canton did was get the ball to its frontcourt scorers, Steve Thornton and D.J. Bridges. Both had excellent games, Thornton scoring 20 points and grabbing 13 rebounds and Bridges netting 16 points. Stevenson was paced by Brady Crosby with 13 points. Keith Hearn added 12 and Brandon Chitwood scored 11. After playing to a 12-12 tie after one quarter, the Chiefs took control by outscoring the Spartans 15-8 in the second period for a 27-20 halftime lead. Stevenson managed to trim the deficit to three in the fourth quarter, with Crosby scoring six points, but could never

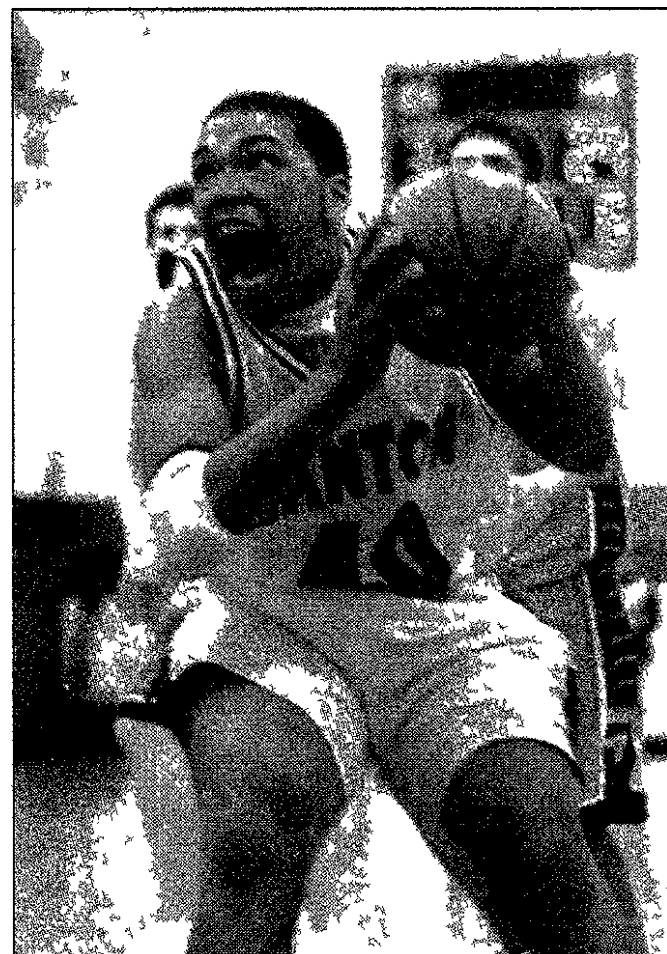
'The division is something we didn't win last year - Salem won it. So it's nice to win both the division and the Western Lakes.'

Joel Lloyd
Glenn coach

catch Canton. John Glenn 70, Franklin 61. In the WLAA championship game Friday at Livonia Franklin, Westland John Glenn - the Lakes Division champion - held off the Patriots despite a 37-point effort by Derek Opett. For Opett, a senior guard, it was a career-high. He knocked down 11 3-pointers. What the Patriots lacked was the Rockets' depth of talent. Darnell Wilson and Darnell Smith, both seniors, scored 20

and 16 points, respectively. Allen Barker added 13. "We wanted to treat this like a tournament game and it was a tourney atmosphere," Glenn coach Joel Lloyd said. "The division is something we didn't win last year - Salem won it. So it's nice to win both the division and the Western Lakes." Center Chris Austin had 11 points for Franklin. John Glenn enters state district play with a 16-4 record. Franklin is 8-12. The Rockets never trailed in the game, but found themselves in trouble with 2:47 left when Franklin's Cory Baird, who finished with eight points, sank a pair of free throws to pull the Patriots to within two, 60-58. To make matters worse, Glenn sophomore point guard Jerret Smith (eight points) went to the bench with his fifth personal foul. Following a Glenn turnover with 2:15 to play, Franklin had a chance to take the lead, but Opett's baseline triple try grazed

PLEASE SEE WLAA, C3



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Canton's D.J. Bridges (40) scored 16 points in the Chiefs' upset win over Livonia Stevenson.

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 Tuesday, March 4 (A) Livonia Stevenson vs (B) Southfield 7 p.m.
 Thursday March 6 Redford Union vs Redford Catholic Central 5:30 p.m. Detroit Redford vs A B winner 7 p.m.
 Saturday March 8 Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Eastpointe East Detroit vs Detroit Mumford district champion)
at ROMULUS
 Monday March 3 (A) Romulus vs (B) Garden City 6 p.m. (C) Wayne Memorial vs (B) Livonia Franklin 8 p.m.
 March 5 Belleville vs A B winner 6 p.m. Westland John Glenn vs. C D winner 8 p.m.
 March 7 Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Ypsilanti Lincoln vs Taylor Truman district champion)
at SOUTH LYON
 Monday March 3 (A) Livonia Churchill vs (B) Nov 5:30 p.m. (C) South Lyon vs (D) Salem 7 p.m.
 Wednesday March 5, Canton vs A B winner 5:30 p.m. Northville vs C D winner 7 p.m.
 Friday March 7 Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to regional semifinals at West Bloomfield vs West Bloomfield district champion)
CLASS B
at DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD
 Monday March 3 (A) Livonia Clarenceville vs (B) Detroit Southwestern 6 p.m. (C) Dearborn Divine Child vs (D) Detroit Renaissance 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday March 5 Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs A B winner 6 p.m. Redford Thurston vs C D winner 7:30 p.m.
 Friday March 7 Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Riverview vs Dexter district champion)
CLASS C
at DUNDEE
 Monday March 3 (A) Dundee vs (B) Allen Park Cabrini 7 p.m.
 March 4 Romulus Summit Academy vs Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 7 p.m.
 Thursday March 6 Lutheran High Westland vs A B winner 7 p.m.
 Saturday March 8 Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Whitmore Lake vs Detroit St. Martin DePorres district champion)
CLASS D
at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
 Monday March 3 (A) Detroit City vs (B) Redford Bishop Borgess, 5:30 p.m. (C) Plymouth Christian Academy vs (D) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran 7 p.m.
 Tuesday March 4 (E) Detroit Urban Lutheran vs (F) Redford St. Agatha 5:30 p.m. (G) Canton Agape Christian vs (H) Detroit Westside Christian Academy 7 p.m.
 Thursday March 6 A B winner vs C D winner

5:30 p.m. E F winner vs G H winner 7 p.m.
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 Div I quarterfinal Redford Ice Arena 7 p.m.
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Saturday March 8
 Div I final at Ply Compuware 7 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday March 5
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Thursday March 6
 NJCAA Region 12 final at Lansing 7:30 p.m.
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Shamrocks charge past Churchill

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

There was no overlooking its opponent Thursday as four-time defending Division I boys hockey champion Redford Catholic Central connected on three first-period goals to catapult the Shamrocks to a 5-1 triumph over Livonia Churchill at Redford Ice Arena.

The win put CC (23-3 overall) into Saturday's regional final against Royal Oak Unified, which edged Livonia Stevenson in the first game of a double-header at Redford Arena, 2-1, in overtime.

CC was coming off Tuesday's opening-round 4-3 victory over Farmington Unified in battle of the state's No. 1- and 2-ranked teams before 3,500 fans at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

"We tried to emphasize intensity and proper emotion," CC co-coach Todd Johnson said. "I'm sure Churchill saw the draw and loved it hoping we'd come out of our game with a letdown."

"But these guys feel the pressure and the presence of four straight state championships. Somebody can come out and outplay us, but you won't see a mental or emotional letdown beat us."

Only three penalties were called in the game (all against CC), a far cry from the penalty-filled meeting between the two teams on Feb. 1 (won by CC 6-1).

"We came out and stressed discipline," said Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni, whose team finished 10-11-4 overall. "The first period I don't know if that we were scared or gave them too much respect, but they (CC) definitely had the jump."

CC's Drew Kahle opened the scoring at 7:39 with an assist from David McGorty. Eric Reinhardt then score from

STATE HOCKEY

Jason Lewarne at 8:34. The line of Brandon Naurato, Travis Hamway and Eric Giosa then went to work, combining efforts on CC's final three goals.

Naurato notched his 31st of the year from Hamway and Giosa with 47 seconds left in the opening period.

Churchill's Steve Yarber cut the deficit to 3-1 on a goal from Brandon Hayes at 10:30 of the second period.

"The second period might have been our best all year," Mazzoni said.

CC put it away with a pair of third-period goals — Hamway from Naurato and Giosa, followed by Giosa from Hamway and Naurato.

"With those three guys it's puck movement," Mazzoni said. "They do it so well. They're constantly moving their feet and that's tough to defend."

"They also have good special teams and depth. Year-to-year they change the names and the faces, but they're still a dominant team. And they have the best goalie in the state and three top-notch defensemen."

Churchill netminder Justin Bolla made 26 saves, while CC counterpart Jimmy Blanchard made 21 stops.

ROYAL OAK 2 STEVENSON 1 (OT) Ryan Hubbard's goal early at 3:24 of the first over time enabled Royal Oak Unified to squeak past Livonia Stevenson (15-10-1) in a regional semifinal Thursday at Redford Arena.

Stevenson's Jared Gaudet opened the scoring at 8:26 of the opening period on assists from Mike McCray and Matt Fortler. But Royal Oak Unified which defeated the Spartans 3-2 earlier this season tallied the equalizer on Scott Brown's unassisted goal at 14:12 of the same period.

The game remained 1-1 through 45 minutes before Hubbard's quick shot beat Rob Thomas nearly four minutes into the first OT. Russ Auro and Brown drew assists on the game winner.

Royal Oak netminder M. Ke. Tatcho made 21 saves while Thomas stopped 19.

NAGEL

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Redford Catholic Central-Royal Oak Unified winner in Wednesday's state quarterfinal at Redford Arena.

The cheers were not for Nagel alone, although those he received may have been a bit higher in volume. His teammates were greeted similarly.

In a lockerroom down the hall from Salem's, the story was quite different. There was no noise emanating from the Huron lockerroom — none. It was a bitter defeat to absorb for the River Rats, losers of just three games previously.

"I thought we clearly outplayed them," said Huron coach John Bacon. "We played a fantastic game and clearly deserved to win."

The shots-on-goal total would validate Bacon's claim. The River Rats had a 28-12 advantage. Still, their slow start allowed Salem to grab an early lead, one the Rocks would never relinquish.

Just 3:09 into the first period, a Salem rush to the goal resulted in a loose puck resting in the goal mouth, which Jeff Harris was only too happy to knock in to give the Rocks a 1-0 lead. Eric Culps and Nagel assisted.

Less than two minutes later, that lead was doubled.

Working on the power play, Salem — after goalie Brandon DeMars stoned Huron's Keith Ferris on a breakaway — broke in behind the River Rats' defense, with Bryan Young and Aaron Cheesman on a 2-on-1. Cheesman fed the puck to Young and he finished it, making it 2-0 with 10:05 left.

Penalties were rampant through the rest of the period, eight called in total (only five others were called in the rest of the game). DeMars faced a couple of 5-on-3 power plays in the game, but couldn't stop Huron's potent power play completely.

Ross Gimbel's shot from the slot beat DeMars with 1:39 left in the first, a power-play goal that narrowed Salem's lead to 2-1. Bobby Chappus and Mark Moran assisted.

The River Rats tied the game 2-2 into the second

period when Moran got their second power-play score, taking the puck at the point and sliding over before unleashing his shot. Gimbel and Perry Merrilat assisted.

Huron had regained the momentum by the midpoint of the first period, and would maintain it through much of the game. But Salem, picking its spots, never allowed the River Rats to get in front.

"We got into penalty trouble (in the first period)," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "And it took away the flow of the game. We knew we had to stay out of the (penalty) box."

"Their power play is just awesome."

If Nagel was the game's top star, DeMars was No. 2. He stopped 25 shots to keep Salem alive.

Bacon had barely settled behind the Huron bench for the start of the third period when Rocks got their second power-play goal. Young shipped a pass to Nagel and he got in behind the defensemen to pop the puck past Huron goalie Nate Reichwage, giving Salem a 3-2 lead six seconds into the period. Harris also assisted.

Huron pressured continuously and got the equalizer with 13:10 left on the clock, Phil Coron scoring on the power play from a crowd in front of the Salem net. Gimbel and Chappus assisted.

That's the way it would stay, although both teams had chances, until 3:42 of overtime had been played. That's when Nagel did something he had been doing his entire prep career.

He forced a turnover, deep in the Huron end. "I was trying to force a pass," Nagel said afterward. He then stepped in to intercept and broke in on Reichwage, all alone.

"I went top shelf, off my backhand," he recalled. It worked. Game over. Asked if he had ever scored such an important goal, Nagel answered, "Not that I can remember. Not in high school, that's for sure."

His efforts Thursday gave him another chance to outdo himself.

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Long-range shooting carries CC to win

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

Even though it was a win, Redford Catholic Central found a few things that need a lot of work before Thursday's district opener with Redford Union.

The host Shamrocks moved to 10-7 overall with their 82-68 win over Detroit Henry Ford on Thursday afternoon, but the numbers that catch a coach's attention are 21 turnovers and 32-for-71 shooting from the floor.

"We've got to work on some things for next week," said CC coach Rick Coratti. "We've got to take better care of the ball

Henry Ford is quick and forced a lot of turnovers. We'd bring the ball to our waist and it would get stripped, or we wouldn't come down strong with the rebound and it would get ripped."

A couple of things did help the Shamrocks. One was that Henry Ford (9-8) shot worse than CC did, going 29-for-70 from the floor. And while the Trojans' Brian Nelson led everyone with 30 points, CC knocked down 11 3-pointers - many of them coming at key moments when the Trojans started to make a run.

"Three's have been our game, that's nothing new," said Coratti, whose team opens district play at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Livonia

Stevenson against RU. "We got them at the right times."

Jared Henderson and Jim Cash knocked down the bulk of them as Henderson hit three of his five and Cash one of his four in a 16-2 CC run to start in the second quarter the Shamrocks grabbed a 32-16 lead.

But the Trojans started forcing CC into either one shot and out, or a turnover (eight in the quarter alone) and crawled back into the game - hold the Shamrocks to just a trey by cash as they cut the lead to 35-32.

Henry Ford actually took the lead in the third quarter as Nelson's drive gave the Trojans a 41-40 lead. But CC spread the

wealth in an 11-3 run and the Trojans never pulled within six again.

Cash led CC with 23 points, while Henderson kicked in with 19. Dan Waterstradt added 10, Darnell Tyson had eight and Doug Creighton had six.

Kendal Norflect added 16 for the Trojans, while Kevin Norega had 11 and Harold Martin had five.

"Games like this are to work things out and stay in condition," said Coratti. "Once we hit the tourney (this week) we could have four games in a week's time and the kids will be running hard."

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WLAA HOOP TEAMS

ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL TEAMS

All Conference Dave Hoskins sr Salem Chris Austin sr Livonia Franklin Darnell Wilson sr Westland John Glenn Jerret Smith soph John Glenn Gencis Safford jr Wayne Memorial Brandon Chitwood sr Livonia Stevenson

All Western Division D J Bridges jr Canton Tim Van Dusen jr Livonia Churchill Roger Garfield sr Northville Adam Konst sr Northville John Sowders sr Walled Lake Western Derek Opelt sr Franklin

All-Lakes Division Brady Crosby sr Stevenson Jonathon Raspberry sr Wayne Stevland Davis sr Salem Darnell Smith sr John Glenn Brian Czekiewicz sr John Glenn Darre Johnson sr Wayne

Honorable mention Steve Thornton Dave Nicoloff Travis McKinney Brad Waidmann Canton Kevin Savitskie Brad Clark Dominique Wahsington Nick Prentice Salem Anthony

Acho Ronney Neely Tim Acho WL Western Andrew Veeck Jeff Matheny WL Central Tristen Thomas Andrew Bannoura Churchill Cory Baird Nick Warra Eddie Jankowski Franklin Scott McNeish Mark Soronsen Northville John Rehberg Matt McCowan Mike Kotowski Keith Hearnings Stevenson T J McClain Gene Nix Brian Hearst Chris Judd Wayne John Adams Allen Barker John Glenn

Final records
Lakes Division John Glenn 71 in division 112 in conference 154 overall Wayne 62 division 112 in conference 145 overall Salem 44 division 85 conference 136 overall WL Central 08 division 49 conference 613 overall

Western Division Franklin 62 division 67 conference 811 overall WL Western 53 division 58 conference 711 overall Northville 53 division 76 conference 127 overall Canton 35 division 49 conference 613 overall Churchill 17 division 112 conference 118 overall

Madonna puts Warriors out of WHAC playoffs

Madonna University's women's basketball team kept its post-season hopes alive by winning for the second time in five days at Indiana Tech, this time by a 73-62 margin Wednesday in the first round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament.

Lindsay Simmon and Nikka Blaszak scored 20 points apiece to lead the Crusaders, who improved to 11-19. Madonna also got a huge boost from freshman forward Sarah Thomson, who scored 16 points on 7-of-11 floor shooting and grabbed 12 rebounds, eight of them offen-

sive. Blaszak had 11 boards and Simmon had three steals, while Lorann Tschirhart scored seven points and dished out eight assists.

The Warriors, who finished their season at 19-12, were plagued by the same problem that crippled them in their 70-63 loss to Madonna Feb. 22: poor shooting. Tech made just 22-of-68 floor shots (32.4 percent), while the Crusaders converted 24-of-50 (48 percent). Madonna also had a 45-34 rebounding advantage.

Kattina Krings' 14 points and eight rebounds led the Warriors

Thyoshi Chambers and Lashanda Conwell added 13 points apiece.

The Crusaders played at top-seeded Tri-State University Saturday (results will appear in Thursday's Observer).

Mott CC 69, Schoolcraft 60: Mott's Monique Edwards-Thames riddled Schoolcraft for 25 points and Tracy Johnson contributed 15 points and 16 rebounds as the Bears pulled off a mild upset in a Michigan Community College Athletic Association quarterfinal Wednesday at SC.

The Lady Ocelots led 29-25 at the half, but Mott made 17-of-35 second-half shots (48.5 percent) to outscore SC 44-31. Keiona Johnson also scored 17 points for the Bears, who forced 25 SC turnovers. Edwards-Thames and Tracy Johnson had three steals apiece.

Pam Wingate led SC with 21 points. Tara Charles (from Redford Bishop Borgess) contributed 14 points and seven rebounds, and Mia Henderson had six points and 11 boards.

The result left both teams at 18-9.

Plymouth Spikers have solid season

It seems the Plymouth HS volleyball program is on the right track.

Under the coaching of Kelly McCausland, a former NAIA All-American at Madonna University and a standout at Redford Thurston, the Wildcats all-freshmen team finished first at the Western Lakes Activities Association's freshmen tournament Feb. 20 at Walled Lake Northern.

The Wildcats beat Northville 21-11, 21-16 (rally scoring), Walled Lake Northern 21-14, 21-3, Livonia Churchill 21-13, 21-17, and in the finals Livonia Stevenson 15-8, 15-4.

A day later, Plymouth competed in a junior varsity tournament at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and reached the finals before losing to Temperance Bedford 16-24, 25-20, 15-8.

The 'Cats reached the final by beating

VOLLEYBALL

Detroit Renaissance 25-13, 25-16, Dearborn 25-20, 25-15, Anchor Bay 25-22, 25-19, and, in the semifinals, Lakeland 25-19, 25-21. All these teams were junior varsities.

"I could not have been prouder of these girls for their accomplishments these past two days," said McCausland.

"They were both mentally and physically exhausted, yet they battled through adversity."

"The strength and conditioning that they have been doing has certainly shown during the season."

Plymouth competed at the Class C varsity district tournament hosted by Whitmore Lake Friday (results will appear in Thursday's Observer).

WLAA

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the rim at the 2:00 mark.


Glenn then went on to outscore the Patriots by a 10-3 margin down the stretch as the 6-6 Wilson scored five of his 20 to go along with 13 rebounds and five blocks.

Franklin also made a pair of critical turnovers down the stretch that Glenn converted into valuable points.


"We did not do a good job vs. their pressure," Franklin coach John Santi said. "We struggled out of the gate, too. Our defensive game plan was to make them shoot jump shots and keep them off the glass."

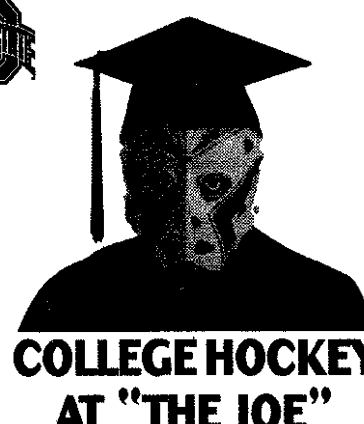
"Offensively, we had to take care of the basketball and control the tempo. A 70-61 score is not our style. That's not where we want to be."

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MADONNA

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Other prospects include Dan Duffey, a 6-4 junior right-hander from Farmington Hills who hasn't played since helping the Catholic Central win a state title. He attended Michigan State, then decided he wanted to play again. Bobby Houchins, a freshman right-hander from Farmington HS, and Luke Anderson, a junior left-hander from Kellogg CC, could figure

in the mix, too

While pitching may be a question, Madonna's position players are solid. The leaders are Mintzer, who will play in the field when not pitching, Chris Woodruff, a senior left fielder from Livonia (CC) who led the team with a .358 average and 13 doubles, as well as 27 RBI, Brian Williams, a sophomore center fielder from Livonia (CC) who hit .311, Matt Rigley, a junior catcher from Redford Union who hit .264 with 11 doubles and 13 RBI, Eric Lightle, a junior from Livonia Churchill who

hit .260 with five homers and 15 RBI as a designated hitter last season, and Mario D'Hern, a senior second baseman who's started since his freshman season (hit .221 last season)

Gone from last season are first baseman Joe Pruchnik (.307, 16 RBI) and shortstop Neil Wildfong. Lightle is expected to replace Pruchnik at first, at short newcomers Dave Nester (Taylor Kennedy) and Scott Miller (Farmington Hills/OLSM) are vying for the starting slot

Rigley is set at catcher, and Mintzer will be at third or, when he's pitching, it could be Rabe Woodruff, Williams and Cole give Madonna a solid returning outfield with Joe Greene, a sophomore from Southgate Anderson who saw some action last year (.242, five doubles, four RBI) as the fourth outfielder

"Position player-wise, we're a good team, Haeger said. "We have a very nice offensive team coming back. And we have six or seven guys who have the capability of stealing 20 bases each

"We lost two pitchers (Farner and Hayes) during fall ball that we thought we'd have back, and that will hold us back a bit. We have a lot of

inexperience on the mound"

Which leads to one other important addition: pitching coach Rick Berryman, who last year was coaching Redford Union's baseball team. Berryman is well-respected as a pitching coach and, if he can develop some of the new arms on the Crusader staff, this could indeed be a special season

As far as the WHAC season is concerned, it's difficult to tell this early. Indiana Tech and Spring Arbor are always tough, but Haeger believes the better teams may have slipped some and the lesser teams have improved. "I think the conference has leveled out a bit," he said

It will be easier to figure where that puts Madonna once the Crusaders return north

Madonna 5 Northwood 2 Brian Williams had three hits, stole two bases and scored two runs. Chris Woodruff had two hits and drove in two runs and Sterling Mintzer had a hit and two RBI to lead the Crusaders to a season opening win over Northwood (Fla.) University in a game played Friday in Homestead. Fla. Mark Cole got the pitching win allowing two earned runs on three hits and three walks in 5 2/3 innings. Adam Cline got the save with 1 1/3 innings of hitless relief pitching he struck out two

Sammy Montanez took the loss for the Seahawks

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

HOCKEY BOOSTER ELECTIONS

The annual meeting and election of officers for the Plymouth-Canton Community Hockey Booster Club is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth

Current members, and those with Canton or Salem hockey players, are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Mary Maurer at (734) 254-9234

FLAG FOOTBALL

Total Soccer will be running 7-vs-7 Flag Football Leagues on Tuesdays (recreational) and Thursdays (competitive) from March 4 through April 17. The league is open to those 18 years and over

Flags and umpires fees are included. Team rosters are limited to a maximum of 14 players

Cost is \$899 per team, with a six-team minimum and a 16-team maximum. Trophies and T-shirts will be awarded to the champions

Call Total Soccer at (248) 669-9817 for more details

TABLE TENNIS TOURNEY

A Table Tennis Tournament is scheduled for 10 a.m. March 22 at the Recreation Center at Hillside in the Northville Parks and Recreation

There will be eight tables

available. Play will be divided into three groups: A — 1900 or above USTTA rating, or the equivalent, B — 1600-1900 rating, or C — under 1600. Individual round robin play will be for small groups, with top players advancing to the second round of playoffs

Registration is limited, cost is \$15 per player. Top three players in each division will be awarded trophies

Entry deadline is March 8. Checks should be made payable to CAGD (Chinese Association of Greater Detroit) and set to Yong Huang, 17549 White Pine Ct., Northville, MI, 48167

Call Yong Huang at (248) 380-0936 (home) or at (734) 416-7253 (work)

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

The TSI Thunderbirds, the TSI Silver Bullets and the TSI Krush are planning tryouts, registrations and informational meetings at 6-8 p.m. on Monday, March 3 at the Doug Gillis Hitting and Pitching Academy in Wixom

There are girls teams in age brackets from 10-and-under to 18-and-under. TSI is one of the largest girls fastpitch organizations in the area

For more information, email TSI at playfastpitch@hotmail.com, or call the director of team development, Bruce Horste, at (734) 981-1796. Also, check out the organization's website at Thunderbirdssoftballtrap.com

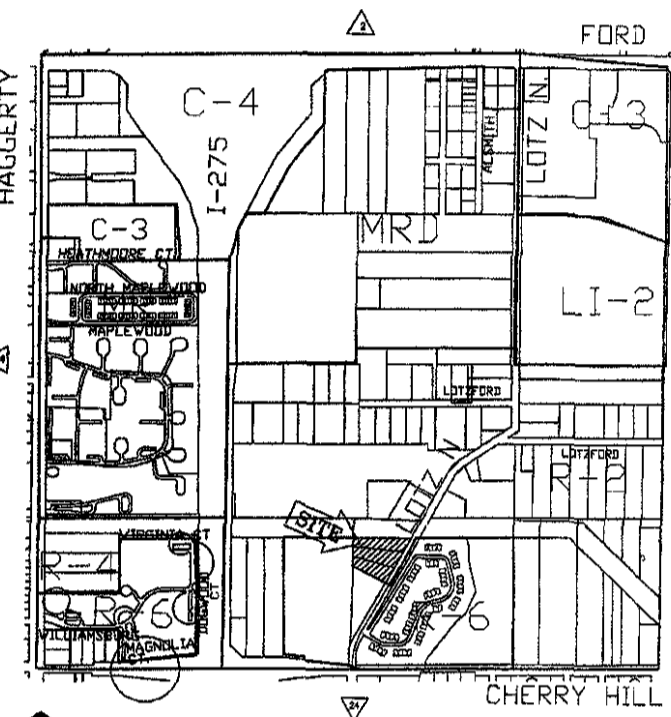
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday February 28 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review



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VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Terry G Bennett Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessors office by March 11 2003

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor at 1150 S Canton Center Road. Please come prepared as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review appointments

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| Saturday March 8 2003 | Hearings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
| First Come First Serve | (Walk in Schedule) |
| Monday March 10 2003 | Hearings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. AND 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only) |
| Tuesday March 11, 2003 | Hearings from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. AND 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only) |

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call Emily Pizzo Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394 5111

TERRY G BENNETT Clerk Charter Township of Canton

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Care Care Towing 6375 Hix Rd., Westland MI 48185

Please note the bidding will start at the towing and storage charges

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Rx briefs

Geriatrics

The University of Michigan's Turner Geriatric Clinic is hosting a six week seminar titled "Caring for Aging Relatives" 6-8 p.m. Wednesday evenings March 12 to April 16. Topics covered in the seminar include the caregiver role, Medicare and Medicaid legal issues, community resources, depression and dementia, substance abuse, physical changes of growing older and planning for the future.

Participants will meet in Room 1139 Geriatric Center Level 1, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. There is a fee of \$30 per person and \$50 per couple. Scholarships are available. Please call (734) 764-2556 to register. The dead line is March 5.

Super athlete

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement will offer the "Masterful Athlete" Program. Play at the Top of Your Game, 7 p.m. beginning Tuesday, March 4. This three week class will help you to break through to higher performance by discovering the secrets of professional and Olympic athletes. Learn strategies to improve your performance, no matter what your sport.

Instructor Carrie Ann Apap is a certified medical hypnotherapist who has worked with sports teams to improve performance and motivation. The fee is \$175.

Individualized sessions also available. To register call (248) 477-6100. The center is at 39750 Grand River Avenue between Haggerty and Meadowbrook in Novi.

Governor's Award

Canton Health Center was one of six University of Michigan Health System sites honored with the prestigious 2002 Governor's Award of Excellence for Improving Preventive Care in the Ambulatory Care Setting. The award was recently presented to the UMHS sites by the Michigan Peer Review Organization and former Michigan Gov. John Engler.

Specifically, the award honors the UMHS sites' commitment to continuously improving preventive services in the areas of diabetes care, yearly mammograms and adult immunizations for influenza and pneumococcal pneumonia.

In an effort to make a healthy impact of not only Medicare recipients but also all of Michigan's residents, Engler challenged health centers and physicians offices across the state to further their preventive services before leaving office in 2002.

Other U-M sites honored were Brighton Health Center, Briarwood Medical Group, Briarwood Family Practice, Chelsea Family Practice and Turner Geriatrics Center.

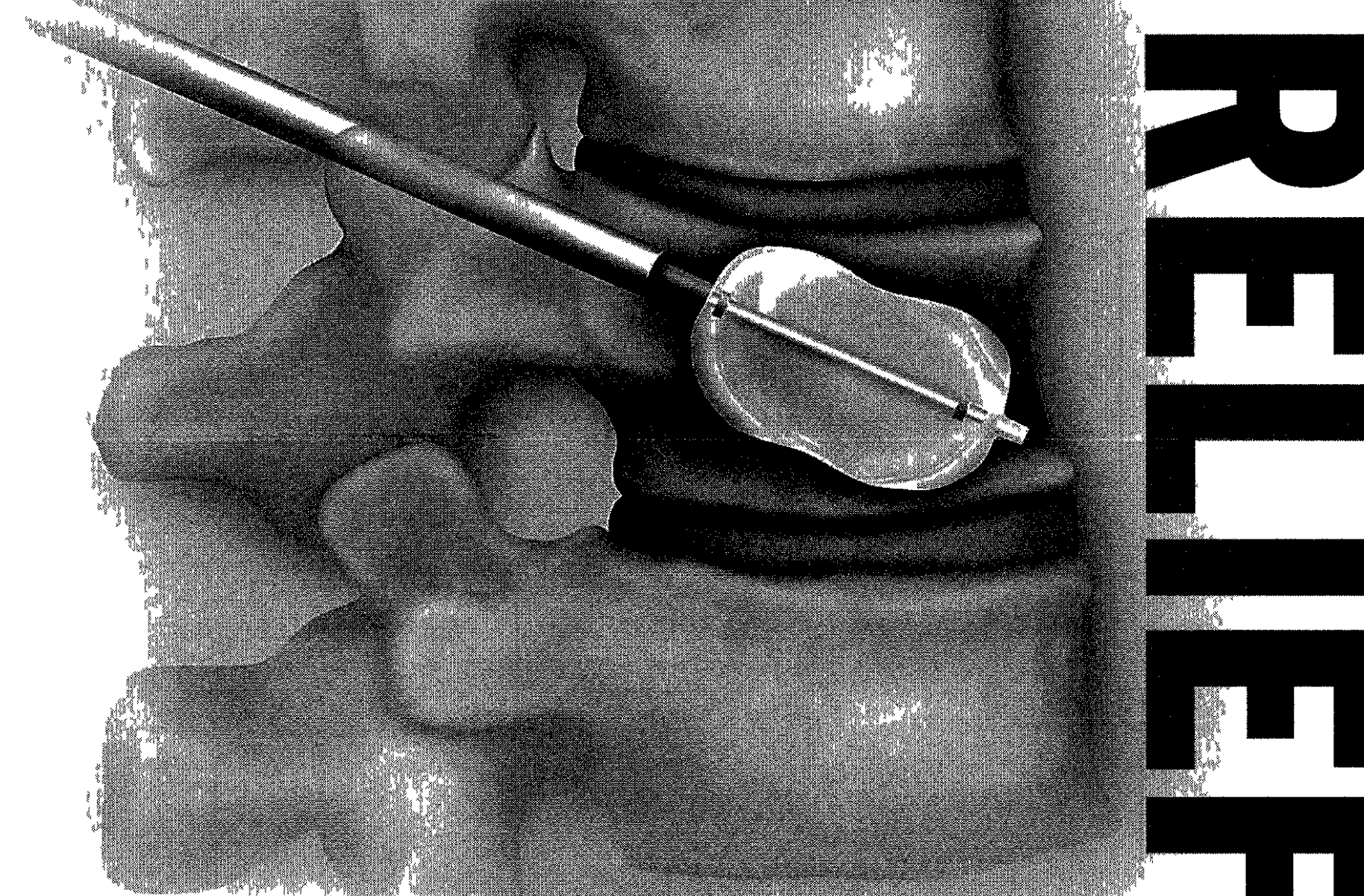
Tea

Drinking lots of tea may reduce a person's risk of dying after a heart attack, according to the American Heart Association.

In the Determinants of Myocardial Infarction Onset Study, participants who drank the most tea were the least likely to die during the three or four years after a heart attack. The researchers suspect that this may be because tea has flavonoids, antioxidants found naturally in various foods derived from plants. Flavonoids are thought to prevent cardiovascular disease.

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Under the procedure, a doctor creates a narrow pathway into the fracture bone through a small incision and inserts a balloon. The balloon is inflated slowly with a specialized liquid. This allows the fracture's position and shape to be viewed via real-time C-ray.

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Oh, my aching back? may become a much less-used lament thanks to procedures being implemented at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Neurosurgeons at St. Joseph's are using a "balloon" device in a minimally invasive procedure that allows them to repair spine fractures. The KyphX Inflatable Bone Tamp (balloon) allows doctors to repair a collapsed portion of the bone in the spine through a small incision.

A vertebral compression fracture (VCF) occurs when a bone in the spine fractures and collapses. The most common cause is osteoporosis, which most people associate with hip fractures. Over 700,000 VCFs occur each year in the United States. Until now, VCFs were one of the only fractures not traditionally treated in an orthopedic manner with reduction and fixation.

After a VCF is diagnosed, the doctor creates a narrow pathway into the fracture bone through a small incision and inserts a balloon. The balloon is inflated slowly with a specialized liquid. This allows the fracture's position and shape to be viewed via real-time C-ray. The doctor uses the balloon's inflation to attempt an orthopedic fracture reduction, with the goal of returning the vertebra to a more normal position and shape.

Once the doctor has achieved the desired result, the balloon is deflated and removed. The doctor then finishes the procedure.

"The current standard for care for VCFs is bed rest, pain medications and back braces," said Dr. Jason Brodkey, a neurosurgeon with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. "This standard care is designed to help manage the pain, not correct the spinal deformity. With this new device, we can repair the source of and eliminate the pain instead of treating the pain."

The signs of a VCF are often debilitating back pain and stooped posture. Called kyphosis or "Dowager's Hump," the spinal deformity is often seen in the elderly. VCFs can lead to health problems such as chronic pain, eating and sleeping disorders, difficulty walking or performing normal daily activities

'Ten-year follow-up results in Europe have been very exciting with the lumbar disc. The preliminary results in the United States show similar high rates of success.'

Dr. Douglas Geiger
orthopedic spine surgeon, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

ties and an increased risk of serious or fatal lung disorders. This is a result of the chest and abdomen becoming compressed, making normal activities - walking, eating and sleeping - painful or difficult.

ARTIFICIAL DISCS

Many people with chronic low back or neck pain have a condition known as degenerative disc disease (DDD), which often starts with an injury that weakens the disc and creates excessive motion. Over time this instability, coupled with ongoing inflammation, produces pain that can become chronic.

Doctors at St. Joseph's recently opened two nationwide FDA investigational studies that may revolutionize treatment for patients facing surgery to treat chronic neck and back pain. The study will evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an artificial disc. Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is the only site in Michigan that is currently conducting the study.

Typically, patients for whom conservative treatments have failed would undergo a surgical procedure, or disc fusion, where bone is taken from another area of the body and is placed between two disc bones. This bone graft is often augmented with plates, screws, rods or cages to provide additional support to the fused area. With an artificial disc, the diseased disc is replaced with an artificial disc. If successful, the new implants will reduce neck or back pain, provide better motion and reduce the risk of disc degeneration at other levels.

"This could be a remarkable advancement because

instead of requiring a fusion with its potential long-term risks, we can relieve the pain from pressure on the nerves while preserving spinal motion," said Dr. Steven Swanson, chief of neurology at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. "Results of this study should demonstrate that patients will be more functional and have fewer problems in the future."

For some people, DDD can be successfully treated with anti-inflammatory drugs combined with physical therapy - resulting in lower-grade, continuous but tolerable pain that may occasionally intensify. Others may require stronger therapies, such as oral steroids or epidural injections, or surgical procedures such as discectomy (removal of disc). For many, these conservative treatments are unsuccessful, and they are left with fusion surgery as their only option.

But there are drawbacks to fusion surgery. Fusion surgery stops the motion at a painful segment of the spine by removing the disc and fusing the bones together. This can change the area's mechanics and range of motion. An artificial disc, on the other hand, preserves motion.

For the back (lumbar), an artificial disc made of plastic and metal is screwed into the vertebrae. For the neck (cervical), a stainless steel device comprised of two metal plates that interface via a ball and socket mechanism is inserted into the disc space. Both devices are intended to reduce pain by removing the diseased disc while restoring the disc height and re-establishing normal motion and stability.

"Ten-year follow-up results in Europe have been very exciting with the lumbar disc. The preliminary results in the United States show similar high rates of success," said Dr. Douglas Geiger, orthopedic spine surgeon at St. Joseph's. Geiger is the first surgeon in Michigan to implant this artificial lumbar disc.

Participants in these studies will be randomly placed into either the investigational group (those receiving the artificial disc) or the control group (those receiving standard fusion surgery). Participants in either study must meet all inclusion/exclusion criteria. This includes people who are otherwise healthy, have not had a previous fusion and have failed conservative treatment methods.

Study shows narrowing gap in access to proper dialysis

BY LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO (AP) - A program to improve kidney dialysis appeared to narrow the racial and gender gaps in the quality of care given to patients in the United States.

Blacks and men in the program were still less likely than whites and women to receive adequate dialysis. But the differences became smaller.

In 1993, only 46 percent of white patients and 36 percent of black patients received the right amount of dialysis. In

2000, those figures jumped to 87 percent and 84 percent respectively.

Also in 1993, only 54 percent of female patients and 31 percent of male patients received adequate dialysis, compared with 91 percent and 82 percent respectively in 2000.

The study analyzed data on 58,700 kidney failure patients who participated in a project to improve the treatment from 1993 to 2000. The program was sponsored by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the federal agency that oversees the federal medical insurance

program. Nearly half the patients were 65 or older.

The findings appear in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The program to improve dialysis included educating health-care workers with workshops and reading material about how to improve the care of patients getting dialysis.

In dialysis, a machine performs normal kidney functions of removing waste products from the blood and excess fluid from the body.

Patients generally undergo dialysis

three times a week for about four hours at a time. The optimum treatment can be achieved by changing the length of a session, the rate of blood flow or the size of the blood filters.

The study was led by Dr. Ashwini Sehgal, an associate professor at Case Western Reserve University.

Sehgal said the reasons for the racial and gender disparities are unclear. He said one possibility is that blacks and men tend to be larger than whites and women and thus require longer sessions, and doctors often fail to give them more dialysis.

ONGOING

Self-Help groups

Anyone seeking information on a variety of self help groups may visit the Michigan Self Help Clearing House at the Michigan Protection Advocacy Service Web site www.mpas.org If you have a disability rights issue contact the MPAS at (800) 288 5923

Grief support

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the center 14100 Newburgh Road Livonia Call (734) 464 7810

Bipolar

The MDDA Bipolar Support Group meets 3 5 p m the second and fourth Thursday at Beaumont Hospital Administration Bldg 3601 W 13 Mile Road Royal Oak Call Kathie at (248) 544 1097

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will offer a "Divorce Support Group" 7 9 p m the second and fourth Tuesday of each month Call the WRC at (734) 462 4443

Bereavement

Together to Share a grief support group meets 10 a m the first Monday of each month at American House on Middlebelt Road in Livonia The group meets 3 p m the third Thursday of the month at Dorvin Nursing Center on Middlebelt Road in Livonia Both groups are facilitated by a bereavement coordinator from Heartland Hospice in Southfield Call (800) 770 9859

Overeaters Anonymous

Support group for overeaters meets 7 p m every Friday at Providence Park Novi 47601 Grand River Avenue Novi HelpLine (313) 438 HELP or (248) 474 9456

Alcoholics Anonymous

Everyone is welcome to Providence Hospital sponsored AA meetings held noon every Tuesday and Thursday at Providence Medical Office Center Novi 39500 W 10 Mile Road (at Haggerty) Novi Call (248) 348 9362 noon every Wednesday at Mission Health Medical Center Livonia 37595 Seven Mile Road Livonia Call (734) 953 1188 and 8 30 p m every Wednesday at Providence Hospital 16001 W Nine Mile Road Southfield Call (248) 333 4911

Headaches

Suffer from constant headaches? Join the Headache Foundation Support Group which meets 7 p m the first Wednesday of the month at Providence Northwestern Medical Center 30055 Northwestern Farmington Hills Call (248) 258 1973 Family members invited

Gambling

The Gamblers Anonymous Support Groups meets 7 30 9 p m Mondays at St Mary Mercy Hospital 36475 Five Mile Road Livonia in Classroom 4 Call (734) 655 2944 or (800) 494 0277 Group is open to anyone with a gambling dependency

Cancer

Join Focus on Living a cancer support group offered 7 8 30 p m the first Wednesday of each month at St Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia The group is designed to help cancer patients and families come together to help each other in living with a cancer diagnosis and treatment Co sponsored by the American Cancer Society Call (734) 655 8940 or (800) 494 1650

Tremor Disorder Support

Shari Finsilver of Orchard Lake leads a local support group for those who suffer from Essential Tremor a debilitating and incurable movement disorder The group meets 7 8 30 p m on the second Thursday of the month at Temple Israel 5725 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield Contact Finsilver at (248) 683 4138 or Finsilver@earthlink.net or visit www.tremorsupport.com To learn more about the International Tremor Foundation visit www.essentialtremor.org or call (888) 387 3667

Parents Supporting Parents

Parents coping with the loss of an infant through miscarriage stillbirth or newborn death meet 7 p m the third Monday of the month at Providence Hospital Southfield 16001 W Nine Mile Road Southfield Call (248) 849 5342

Stroke

The St John Health System Providence offers a Stroke Support Group 7 p m the first Thursday of the month at Providence Park Novi 47601 Grand River Ave Novi Call (248) 465 4190

Medicare counseling

Senior citizens with Medicare questions and concerns can get assistance through Beaumont Hospital's

Department of Older Adult Services The department's staff of trained volunteers can provide counseling on Medicare long term care insurance and insurance plans that supplement Medicare Call Beaumont's toll free Senior Resource Line at (800) 328 2241 8 30 a m to 4 p m Monday through Friday to make an appointment

MARCH

Anorexia/bulimia

Beaumont Hospital offers a support group led by recovering or recovered anorexics and/or bulimics 7 8 30 p m Mondays March 3 10 17 24 and 31 The group meets in the hospital's 10th Floor Classrooms A and B 3601 W Thirteen Mile Road Royal Oak Call (248) 551 9790

Weight control

Informational seminars for Beaumont Hospital's Weight Control program will take place 7 p m Tuesday March 4 11 18 or 25 or 1 p m Wednesday March 5 12 19 or 26 and on scheduled Saturdays The seminars are held at the Beaumont Weight Control Center 4949 Coolidge Highway (north of 14 Mile Road) Royal Oak The Center specializes in the treatment of people who are mildly to severely overweight

Breast cancer

Beaumont Hospital's Sharing & Caring program will host a discussion on "Comparing Hormonal Treatments for Breast Cancer" 7 9 p m Thursday March 6 in the 1st Floor Conference Room Beaumont Cancer Center 3577 W 13 Mile Road Royal Oak Dr Nuhaed K Ibrahim Department of Breast Medical Oncology M D Anderson Cancer Center Houston Texas will be the guest speaker Coffee and dessert reception to follow \$10 donation Reservations required Call (248) 551 8588

Natural hormones

The advantages and disadvantages of chemical and natural hormone replacements for men and women will be the focus of an upcoming program at the Plymouth District Library The free program will be held 10 a m Saturday March 8 Scott Popyk is a registered pharmacist and founder of Health Dimensions a laboratory pharmacy in Farmington Hills A 1991 graduate of Wayne State University's College of Pharmacy he now focuses his prac-

tice on custom prescription formulation having obtained specialty training through the Professional Compounding Centers of America Register for this program at the Reader's Advisory Desk (734) 453 0750 press 4 or on the Library home page plymouthlibrary.org

Yoga

Botsford Center for Health Improvement 39750 Grand River Novi will offer Gentle Yoga for Beginners 10 11 a m Mondays The first six week session begins March 10 the second begins April 28 The fee is \$55 The class emphasizes stretches for strength flexibility relaxation and energy enhancement Learn techniques to help alleviate insomnia anxiety and stress Includes breathing and meditation exercises To register call (248) 477 6100

Thyroid

The Michigan Thyroid Support Group will hold its next meeting 6 30 p m Monday March 10 at the Plymouth Library 223 S Main Street Plymouth Guest speaker Brad Mallard of Health Strategies has over 25 years experience in trauma and emergency medicine family medicine and herbal/holistic/alternative/integrative medicine Call Tracy Green at 734 453 7945 or email mthyroid@yahoo.com or visit our web site at http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid

Diabetes support

The Diabetes Support Group at St Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia will host a demonstration/discussion on "All About Insulin Pumps" 7 8 30 p m Wednesday March 12 in the hospital's Auditorium The speakers are representatives from Mini Med Disetronic and Animas Insulin Pump Companies and Kelly Mann RN CDE The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members Parents and children with diabetes are welcome to attend this special program There is no charge and pre registration is not required Call 734 655 8961

Falling and home safety

St Mary Mercy Hospital is offering a Community Falls Prevention Program titled "Fall Facts and Home Safety" 1 3 p m March 12 Learn the common risk

factors associated with falls in older adults the consequences of falls on your health and three ways to reduce your personal risk for falls Free To register or for more information call (734) 655 8940 or (800) 494 1650 (out of area callers only)

Menopause naturally

Center for Lifelong Learning Henry Ford Community College 22586 Ann Arbor Trail (at Warren east of Telegraph) Dearborn Heights will host two discussions on hormones by pharmacist Scott Popyk n "Natural versus Synthetic Hormones" 6 30 8 40 p m Thursday March 13 Popyk will describe the role of estrogen testosterone and progesterone in managing hot flashes night sweats vaginal dryness insomnia and other symptoms and present other natural approaches including vitamins minerals diet and herbs Optional \$10 course book CEHFS 4947 Section 19078 for general public \$24 CESBU 4947 Section 19078 for nurses (2 nursing contact hours) \$34 n "Filling the Gap for Men" 6 30 8 10 p m Thursday March 20 Did you know that men undergo midlife hormone declines that affect muscle strength and the ability to play sports as well as love life memory mood sleep and energy? Popyk will describe the symptoms of hormone declines and discuss how natural hormone replacement can benefit men CEHFS 4049 Section 19076 for general public \$19 CESBU 4049 Section 19076 for nurses (1.5 nursing contact hours) \$29 To register visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2 or call (313) 317 1500 or 317 1504

Ovarian cancer

Beaumont Hospital's Cancer Center 3601 W Thirteen Mile Road Royal Oak will host the "One to One Ovarian Cancer Support Group" 4 5 30 p m Thursday March 13 Call Marilyn

Brozovic at (248) 597 2710

Low vision

Peer Support offers emotional support coping skills and information for people with visual problems The groups will meet 6 30 7 30 p m Tuesday March 18 at Beaumont Hospital's Medical Office Building 5th Floor Beaumont Eye Institute 3535 W Thirteen Mile Road Royal Oak Call (248) 551 2020

Autism

Everyday Miracles Autism Support Network will host a discussion "Special Diets for Special Kids" featuring the author of the book by the same title 7 p m Tuesday March 18 at Zion Lutheran Church 143 Albany Ferndale Tickets are \$20 for group members and \$25 for non members Seating is limited Advance ticket purchase required Support group meetings are held at various locations the second Monday and Tuesday of each month Contact Laurey Tedeschi at (248) 398 6220 Online message board available (everydaymiraclesautism@yahoo.com)


Post-polio support

The first meeting of the Southeast Michigan Post Polio Support Group will be 10 a m to noon Saturday March 22 at the First Presbyterian Church of Troy 4328 Livernois Troy The church is about a half mile north of Wattles (17 Mile Road) on the east side of the street Call (734) 425 0788 or (313) 885 7855

Quit smoking

Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center 18101 Oakwood Blvd Dearborn will host the Wellness Seminar for smoking cessation 10 a m to noon Saturday March 29 in the Kalman Auditorium The first 45 minutes is a free orientation If the participant feels comfortable with the program they pay a one time fee of \$59 Call (800) 848 2822

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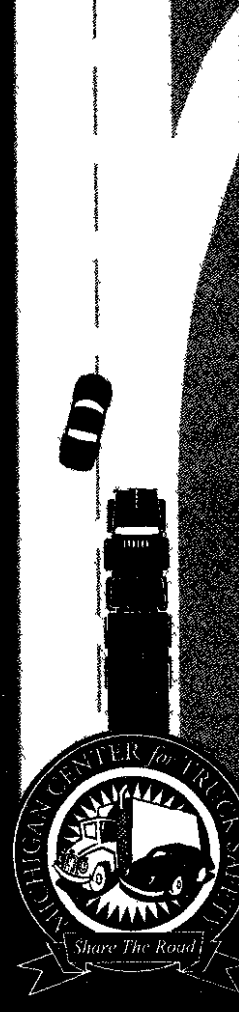
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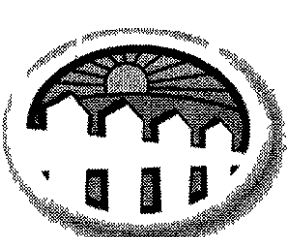
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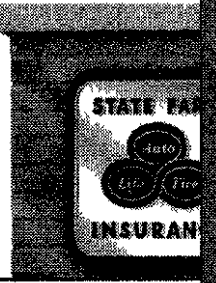
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Attitudes differ on exam permission

Medical students commonly perform pelvic examinations in the operating room when the patient is under anesthesia.

This educational practice poses no physical harm to the patient, and research shows that most women are willing to allow medical students to perform the examinations, but with the proviso that permission is asked for – and granted. Nevertheless, many OB/GYN departments do not regularly inform women when they will be undergoing pelvic examinations by medical students while under anesthesia.

Against this backdrop, researchers wondered, "Is completion of an OB/GYN clerkship associated with a decline in the perceived importance of securing permission from patients before conducting pelvic examinations under anesthesia?"

According to a Philadelphia-area study published today in the February issue of the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, researchers at the University of Michigan Health System believe the answer is YES

"We found that medical students who have not yet done their OB/GYN clerkship place more value on securing consent than do medical students who have completed the OB/GYN clerkship," says author Dr. Peter Ubel, director, U-M Medical School's Program for Improving Health Care Decisions, and associate professor of internal medicine. "The OB/GYN clerkship seems to be the defining event in this erosion, as opposed to gradual erosion throughout students' many clerkships or rotations."

The study looked at questionnaires that were distributed in 1995 to all 4,511 medical students at five Philadelphia area medical schools. Students were asked how important it would be for a patient to be told that a medical student is going to perform a pelvic examination under anesthesia. Researchers tested for associations between completion of an OB/GYN clerkship and attitudes toward pelvic examinations using linear regression to adjust for gender and total amount of clerkship experience

"Something clearly happens during OB/GYN clerkships that is associated with students placing less importance on consent for pelvic examinations under anesthesia," says Ubel, who was on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Bioethics at the time the study was conducted.

The experiences of two of the authors as medical students suggest that consent is either not routinely obtained for educational pelvic examinations performed by medical students in the operating room or, at best, somewhat murky.

"In our medical student experiences, we were unclear whether the patients we were asked to examine had given explicit consent to be examined. The study suggests that similar experiences are associated with a decline in the importance students place on seeking permission for such examinations," Ubel says.

At the U-M Health System, however, policy and practice are in unison, and patient consent is the norm.

When weight goes up, so do costs for employers

Effective worksite weight control programs could bring about substantial savings in medical costs for employers and help prevent overweight- and obesity-related diseases, University of Michigan Health Management Research Center research shows.

The study of 177,971 employees, retirees and adult dependents of General Motors Corp. showed a consistent relationship between medical costs and progressively higher categories of overweight and obesity, according to HMRC lead author Fei-Fei Wang and senior research analyst Shurley Musich.

"The median medical cost for healthy weight people was \$2,225, compared with \$2,388 for the next category of overweight and \$3,753 for the most extreme obesity category. Except for the underweight group, medical costs gradually increase as weight increases," Musich said.

The study, published in January's *American Journal of Health Promotion*, is the first to examine the relationship between median medical costs and the six weight groups defined by the national Heart, Lungs and Blood Institute in 1988. The NHLB weight guidelines use body mass index or BMI, which calculates weight in kilograms, divided by height in meters squared.

According to BMI measures across gender and age, 55 percent of American adults, or 97 million people, are classified as overweight or obese, Musich said. In the General Motors study population, 40 percent were overweight and more than 21 percent were obese. Healthy weight employees made up

37 percent of the population, and less than 2 percent were underweight.

"Being overweight was more prevalent in men than women in this study. 46 percent of the males were overweight compared with 33 percent of the females. However, in the obese category, the prevalence was approximately the same: 22 percent for females and 21 percent for males."

"For the most part, the median costs increased as BMI increased regardless of age or gender," Musich said. "The relationship between BMI levels and costs was only unclear for the oldest males in the study, ages 75 and older."

The date as collected over two years ending in 2000.

"While there is a concern that some people – especially those who are overweight – tend to understate their weight, a cross-check of those who had follow-up screenings showed that the margin of error was minimal," Musich said. Further, an underestimation of BMI would put even more people into the high weight/high cost category.

In 1994, researchers conservatively estimated the direct medical costs of obesity in the United States at over \$51 billion. Obesity has been clearly associated with many diseases such as type II diabetes, coronary heart disease, hypertension, stroke and some forms of cancer.

The authors conclude that, "Helping people control and even lose weight could improve their health status and reduce risk of disease, and in the process reduce the overall burden of health care costs for corporations and other payers."

Coalition asks U.S. to withdraw from tobacco treaty talks

BY CLARE NULLIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

GENEVA (AP) — A coalition of U.S. medical advocacy groups said Tuesday that the United States should withdraw altogether from negotiations on a sweeping new international anti-tobacco treaty and accused Washington of trying to sabotage the accord.

With three days remaining before talks on the so-called Framework Convention on Tobacco Control conclude, the chief executive officer of the American Cancer Society accused U.S. President George W. Bush's administration of being beholden to cigarette multinationals.

"At this critical juncture, the United States government is working methodically to weaken virtually every aspect of this treaty," John Saffron said. "We call on the U.S. government to observe the first rule of the Hippocratic Oath: Do No Harm."

"I am ashamed of the role my government has played in the negotiations," said Alfred Munzer of the American Lung Association.

U.S. officials rejected the criticism, saying that the team was negotiating in good faith.

"We are making a very sincere effort to bring home a

treaty which can be signed and ratified," said Terry Pechacek, of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Thailand, Saudi Arabia and other developing countries also complained that the U.S. delegation was using strong-arm tactics and financial threats to force through its will.

Representatives from at least 180 countries attending the talks have until Friday to agree on an accord in order for the 192-nation World Health Assembly to approve a deal at its annual meeting in May.

Officials decline to speculate on what would happen if no agreement is reached.

The vast majority of countries want to introduce sweeping restrictions, including a total ban on tobacco advertising and requiring tobacco companies to put graphic images on their products – such as pictures of diseased lungs.

Most also want cigarette companies to stop marketing cigarettes as "mild" and "light" and also want the protections against potential U.S. trade sanctions or retaliation if they try to impose restrictions on cigarette imports.

The United States – home to the world's biggest cigarette exporter, Philip Morris – has flatly rejected an advertising ban, saying it would violate

constitutional principles of free speech.

Negotiators are expected to agree on terms that would allow countries with constitutional objections to impose restrictions, while other nations would introduce a complete ban after three years.

A senior Thai government negotiator said the U.S. delegation had told the meeting that the U.S. government would stop funding international anti-tobacco programs if it didn't get its way on exemptions.

"It's very arrogant," Hat Chitanondh said. "The United States has the technology and sophisticated tobacco control programs and yet they are behaving like this toward the rest of the world."

David Hohmann, U.S. health attaché in Geneva, said Washington had made no threats to withdraw funding for anti-tobacco programs, which he said totals about \$2 million annually.

American health campaigners said the talks would be much easier without the United States government's involvement.

The World Health Organization estimates more than 13.3 million people have died of cancer, heart disease and other smoking-related ailments since 1999, when the talks began.

Irene's Myomassology Institute offers scholarship

Irene's Myomassology Institute in Southfield, a nationally accredited school of therapeutic massage, is now accepting scholarship applications for its May 2003 program. This full tuition scholarship is designed for those in need of financial assistance who wish to pursue a massage career.

Irene's 600-hour program includes classes in Swedish and sports massage, reiki, shiatsu

and polarity. Scholarship applicants must demonstrate need, proof of high school completion or equivalent, good character, a desire to be of service to the public and a commitment to health and wellness. Applicants must also write a two-page essay describing why they deserve the scholarship, why they are interested in a massage therapy career and why they feel that Irene's Myomassology

Institute is the right choice for their education.

Application deadlines for the May scholarship is April 1. In addition, full tuition scholarships are also available for the September 2003 or February 2004 programs.

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Spec houses on lake loaded with luxury features

John Ted Cullen, the financing expert, and Julian Evola, builder, might seem to take a big risk by constructing three spec homes ranging in price from \$1.8 to \$2.7 million on adjoining lots fronting Upper Straits Lake in West Bloomfield.

But they don't think so, trusting their instincts and building acumen.

"When people spend that kind of money we should have the knowledge to build something they can move right into," Cullen said. "It should be designed - turnkey is the right word. By buying 'wow' properties, I try to minimize risk on investments."

"You try to get a good design up front," Evola said of the nearly completed two-story model.

"The floor plan is very conducive to a family. It's open, generous closet space, as well as a nice trim package. Upscale appliances, upscale cabinets. My trades are good," Evola added.

"Julian's relations with his subcontractors is just great and he's always around," Cullen said. "It's our team that contributes to the fact we provide product desired by people in this market."

Other team members include Chris Ramanauskas of Xavier Designs in Rochester Hills, who designed the nearly completed model, Rob McCalpin of Bryce, McCalpin and Palazzola of Bloomfield Township, who designed the roughly framed second home under construction, and Dottie Cullen, interior decorator, Traditional Design, Troy, and John's mom.

Here's what available from the team at Shore Drive and Shady Beach Boulevard off Old Orchard Trail.

■ A two-story of 3,550 square feet with four bedrooms, three full baths and two half baths (completed) plus a lower level of 1,500 square feet that will be finished to include a game room, theater and full bath. Lasting price is \$1.8 million.

■ A story-and-a-half of 4,800 square feet, plus a finished lower level of 3,000 square feet - all just roughly framed now - to include five bedrooms, five full baths and two half baths. The home is expected to sell for about \$2.7 million.

■ Not yet begun, a two-story of 3,800 square feet on the main two living areas plus a finished lower level of 1,500 square feet all to include four bedrooms, four full baths and a pair of half baths. This home probably will carry a price of about \$2.1 million.

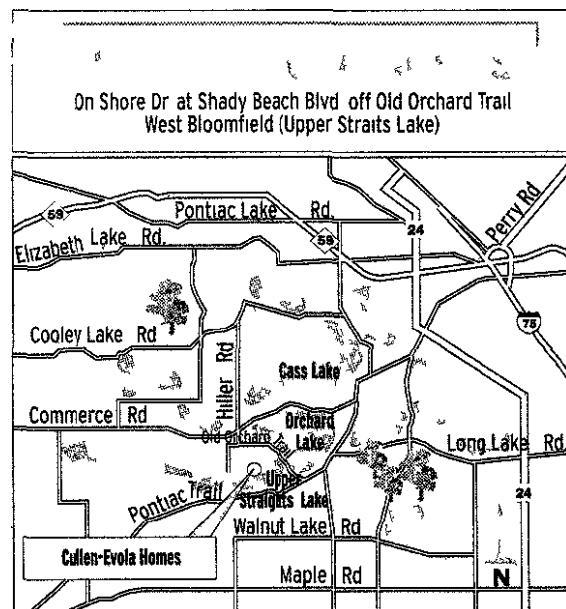
Gwen J. Schultz, sales representative, acknowledges that the homes built by the Cullen/Evola combination on Upper Straits Lake appeal to a niche buyer - business executives/owners, entertainers and high-income professionals.

"People who want a lake lifestyle and have money," she said. "Being in a new house with high ceilings is a big attraction, a sandy beach on an all-sports lake, the camaraderie on the water."

"Usually when you get lakefront, you don't get a neighborhood. Here you do," she continued. "It's great for summer parties. You don't need the cottage up north and fight traffic. You can have your cake and it too."



Large homes built by the Evola/Cullen tandem on Upper Straits Lake will contain all kinds of amenities.



The Evola/Cullen home that's nearly done features such luxury amenities as stainless steel double oven, refrigerator and microwave in the kitchen, an all marble master suite bath, three fireplaces, volume ceilings, hardwood floors and a central vacuuming system.

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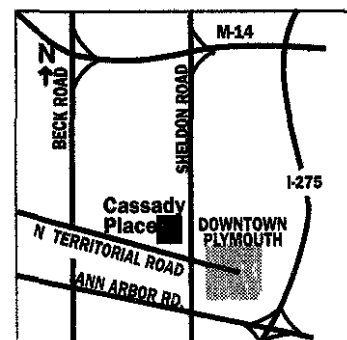
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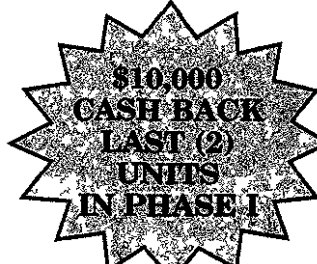
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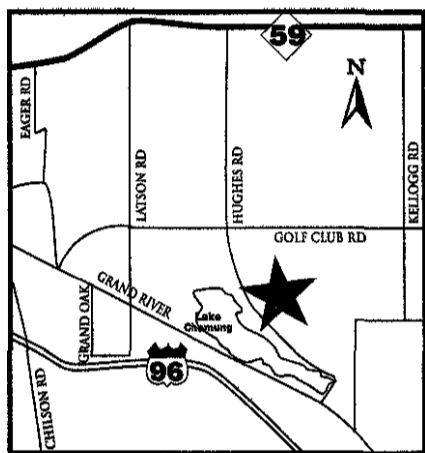


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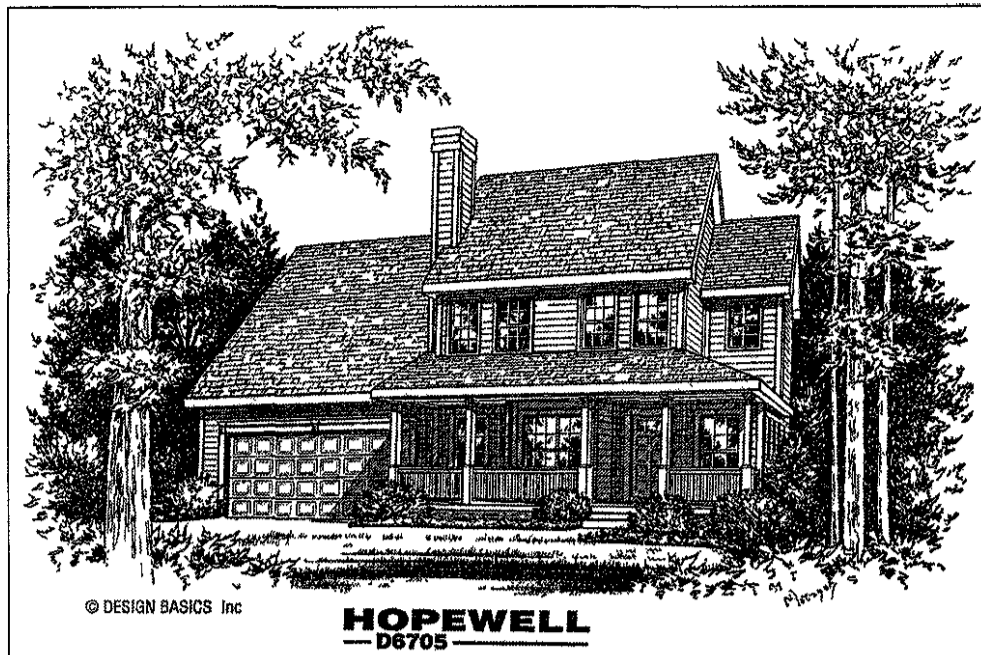
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Hopewell has lots of windows, upstairs bedrooms, 3-season porch

A traditional two-story ranch home of 1,650 square feet with many windows and wraparound porch describes the Hopewell.

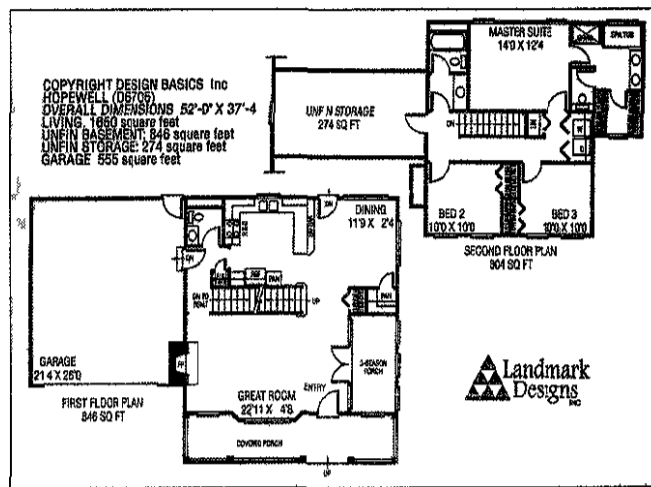
It has a two-car garage and special options of an unfinished basement of 846 square feet and an unfinished storage area of 274 square feet. The many windows not only enhance the exterior of the Hopewell, but bathe rooms in light.

Entry of the Hopewell is into the great room. The front of the home has a bay window facing the street, a fireplace on the left, and three-season porch to right through French doors.

A straight staircase leading up to the second floor and to the unfinished basement divides the great room from the kitchen and dining room.

A corner pantry and closet are at the end of the dining room, which is surrounded by windows. There is a door that opens out to the back yard.

The kitchen is "C" shaped with an eating bar facing the dining area. A double sink with a large window faces the rear. A smaller secondary pantry is across from the main counter,



ters, along with the refrigerator and a storage closet. A door opens into the garage with a half bath adjacent.

Upstairs are three bedrooms and an unfinished storage area. The two bedrooms in the front have two large windows and long wall closets.

Because all the bedrooms are upstairs, this home has the washer and dryer upstairs. A full bath with a tub is adjacent to the master suite for these secondary bedrooms.

The master has a large man suite area. The master bath contains a shower, spa tub and his-and-her sinks. There is a huge walk-in closet

to the side of the bathroom. The unfinished storage area could be used for many purposes. It could be a playroom for the kids, if it were finished, or a spare bedroom, or even possibly the family computer room.

For a study plan including scaled floor plans, elevations, sections and an artist rendering, send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E, Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Specify plan name (Hopewell) and the number (D6705). A catalog featuring hundreds of home plans is available for \$12.95 or save by ordering both for \$29.95. For faster processing call (800) 562-1151 or visit www.landmarkdesigns.com.

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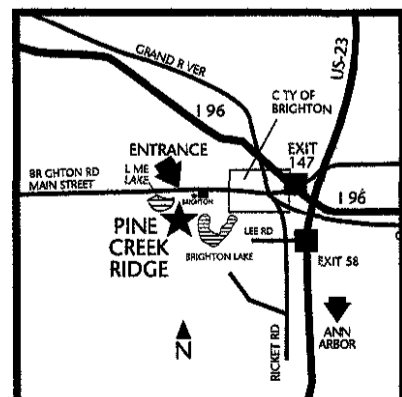
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the bedrooms are

The two-story foyer allows bridges upstairs overlooking the front entry and the great room, which includes 10 windows offering a view of Upper Strats Lake.

A two-way fireplace separates the great room from a hearth room/kitchen/nook. An island in the kitchen includes a vegetable sink and food warming drawer.

A butler's pantry serves as a go-between the kitchen and formal dining room with wainscot wall covering. The study with fireplace contains doors with beveled glass.

Half baths are at either end of the main level. The master suite is truly that with a fireplace, built-in refrigerator/coffee bar and terrace balcony overlooking the lake. A

separate jet tub and shower and a pair of walk-in closets complete the picture.

A second bedroom upstairs has its own bath with shower, while bedrooms three and four share a Jack-and-Jill bath.

The lower level will be finished to include a theater, game room and full bath. Brick and stone are primary exterior materials.

The spec houses built by Evola/Cullen on Upper Strats Lake will be serviced by city water and sewers. They're within the West Bloomfield school boundaries.

The property tax rate is \$35.91 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price, for new construction. That means the owners of the \$1.8 million house would pay about \$32,000 the first year.

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Cooktop, oven give decorative options

Kitchens in homes today borrow design elements and

appliances from commercial kitchens. Some split the cooking functions with a separate wall-mounted double oven and a gas cooktop.

A working vent hood above the cooktop can be the focal point of the room. Instead of a small upper cabinet that would offer little storage space, an angled hood creates an elegance that makes the whole kitchen special.

A row of decorative tile on the hood could match the back-splash tile work. Granite and maple give rich color and texture to the space.

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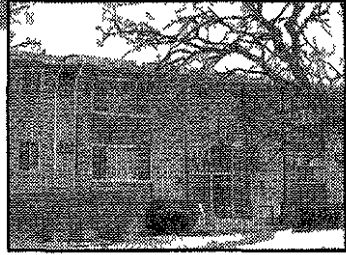
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WESTLAND - Livonia schools! Three bedroom Ranch offers family room & kitchen combined with fireplace doorway to huge fenced back yard some appliances plus 3 car attached garage \$162,000 (74ANN) 734 455 5600



FARMINGTON - Easy peaceful living Walk to town from this clean comfortable first floor Ranch One bedroom 1 bath nice Florida room spacious living areas no maintenance and hardwood floors under carpet One car garage Stove & refrigerator included It's all here & affordable \$74,900 (53KIN) 734 455 5600



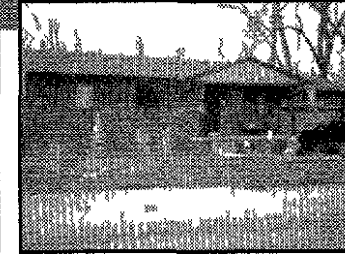
FLAT ROCK - Great opportunity Large 3 bedroom Ranch on good size lot Roof & central air 02 some windows & furnace 01 vinyl siding 00 Large foyer with bay window Bath remodeled Home stl needs some work but the majors are done \$99,500 (26SEN) 734 455 5600



LIVONIA - Awesome Colonial 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath maintenance free home on treed lot with awesome oak kitchen overlooking family room with fireplace Large master finished rec room & cedar closet Many upgrades ke windows furnace central air sprinkler system & more Must see this beauty \$239,900 (15PAR) 248 349 5600



REDFORD - Priced for quick sale This charming 3 bedroom home has so much potential Dining room with bay windows Nice sized living room and bedrooms Plaster walls hardwood floors in most rooms Finished basement Two car garage Located on a corner lot \$119,900 (06SOU) 248 349 5600



WESTLAND - Country in the city Nice 3 bedroom Ranch located on just under one acre of beautiful land that is part wetlands with a stream running through it Two car heated garage Large basement One year old water heater \$189,900 (55HUF) 248 349 5600



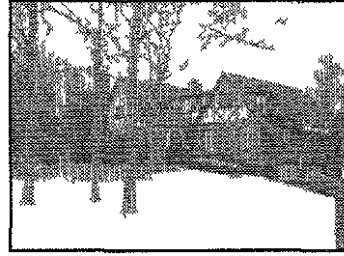
NORTHVILLE - Full of character! Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath New England Colonial on 2 acres Hardwood floors crown moldings living room with fireplace & French doors Spa room hearth room with 10 foot brick fireplace deck gardens pond tennis court and gazebo \$479,900 (00BEC) 734-455 5600



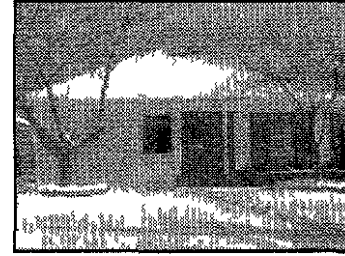
SOUTH LYON - Move in ready! Three bedroom 3 bath Colonial completely renovated in 2001 Maintenance free exterior Master on main floor or second floor Enormous kitchen with snack bar First floor laundry & deep lot \$219,900 (04LIB) 734 455 5600



DEARBORN - Great starter home Three bedroom 1 bath brick Ranch Coved ceilings hardwood floors in living room and bedrooms + basement Close to Oakwood hospital and expressways \$100,000 (20SOU) 734 455 5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Truly one of a kind! Franklin style Tudor in beautiful Wood Creek From the turret entry to the incredible approx mately 1 1/3 acre lot you'll be impressed Four bedroom 4 bath 4 1/2 car garage newer custom kitchen Viking & Sub Zero Tennis court & more \$525,000 (10VIL) 248 349 5600



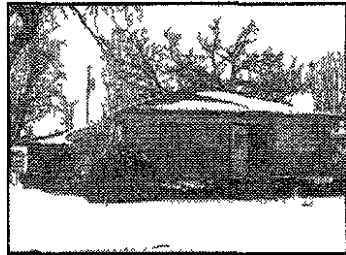
DEARBORN - Great home for the money Three bedroom 1 bath Ranch with open floor plan and newer flooring Large fenced in yard and 1 car garage One year home warranty Priced to sell quickly \$134,900 (62BUR) 248 349 5600



NORTHVILLE - Affordable Colonial Walk to downtown from this updated 3 bedroom home with beautiful hardwood floors living room dining room & updated kitchen with maple cabinets Family room with natural fireplace basement and 2 car garage One year home warranty \$234,900 (12ELY) 248-349 5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Views galore! Four bedroom 3 1/2 bath Colonial Gorgeous lot with spacious walk out Two tier deck dual staircases with bridge over looking great room and nature preserve Formal dining room and master with fire place \$827,500 (46BRI) 734 455 5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Spacious brick Ranch Three bedrooms 1 1/2 baths bright country kitchen cozy family room with fire place refinished hardwood floors in bedrooms rec room with lavatory 2 car attached garage & fenced yard Walk to public & private schools Great terms \$145,000 (08LIN) 734 455 5600

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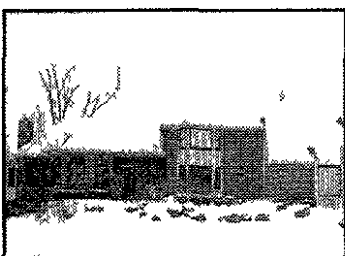
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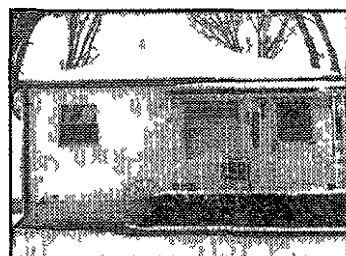
WOODHAVEN - Wonderful Cape Cod Charming 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod with 2 car attached garage library part finished basement large kitchen with breakfast bar dining room leads to 1 of 2 decks Master bedroom with full bath & walk in closet \$245,000 (76CRE) 734 455 5600



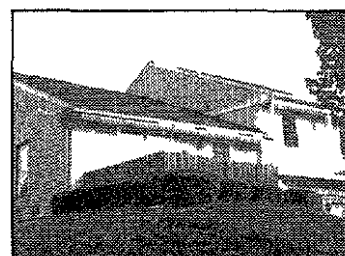
WESTLAND - Immaculate! Three bedroom brick Ranch with many updates Newer kitchen with white washed oak cabinets Conan counters & Tiffany lamp Newer furnace & hot water heater Newer windows Cathedral ceilings & newer carpet \$134,900 (48NAN) 734 455 5600



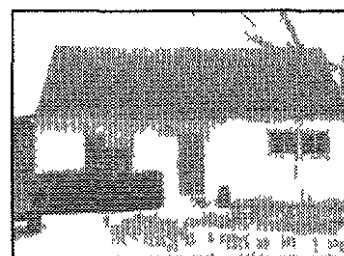
MILFORD - Builders home Custom built 4 bedroom 2 full and 2 half baths with 3 car attached garage finished walk out basement 2 master suites and gourmet kitchen with appliances \$579,900 (01DEE) 734 455 5600



REDFORD - Charming starter Nice 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home with 13 x 9 Florida room & major updates done Roof siding copper plumbing windows furnace & hot water heater Cute covered porch fenced yard and 1 car garage Come take a look! \$106,000 (79NOR) 734 455 5600



NOVI - Seldom seen! Two bedroom 1 1/2 bath Split level end unit Condo with basement Open floor plan with studio ceiling spacious rooms newer kitchen floor appliances ceramic bath and newer carpet Garage \$137,000 (02STO) 734 455 5600



WHITMORE LAKE - Horses welcome Enjoy country living in this 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath Bungalow with possible fourth bedroom Hardwood floors walk out basement pole barn on approximately five acres Newer roof well pump and furnace \$212,500 (03KEA) 248 349 5600



NORTHVILLE - Location! Location! This stunning 3 bedroom Cape Cod 1996 built Condo sets new meaning to prime lot It is located on a gorgeous waterfront lot with a breathtaking view Add a professionally finished walk out basement & large deck off great room Sharp clean & wow \$429,900 (38LAK) 248 349 5600



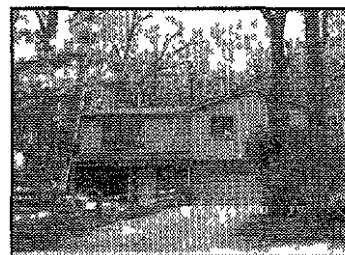
YPSILANTI - Lakefront Condo Awesome 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath 3 story unit with beautiful scenic view of an all sports lake Boat and dock facilities available Fireplace in living room Large working kitchen \$119,900 (92CLI) 248 349 5600



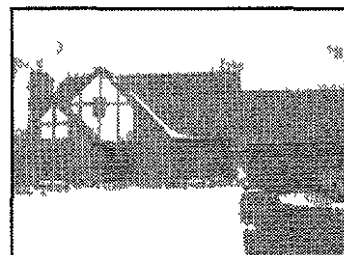
DEARBORN HEIGHTS - Move right in! Charming 3 bedroom brick/aluminum Ranch offers finished basement 2 car garage plus newer roof central air furnace and storm doors \$149,900 (38HAS) 734 455 5600



ALLEN PARK - Rare find! Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial has oversized master suite with bath and hardwood floors formal living room dining room family room with fireplace open to kitchen and basement Located on a cul de sac Allen Park schools \$245,000 (00NOR) 734 455 5600



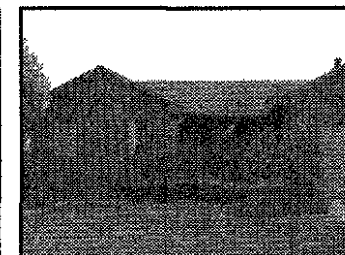
BRIGHTON - Nestled in the woods Three bedroom 2 bath on 12 acres Winans Lake access! Raised Ranch living room with fireplace newer carpet dining room with skylight & wooded views Kitchen with newer cabinets floors newer septic & furnace \$253,000 (91TEA) 734 455 5600



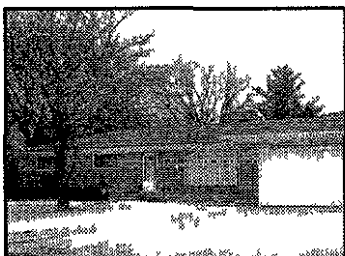
GREEN OAK - Beautiful family home Move right into this 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial Large kitchen with a lot of cupboards & granite counters Ceramic floors newer driveway & gutters Painted inside & out Large deck & covered porch Finished basement with wet bar \$359,000 (11DIC) 248 349 5600



NOVI - Move in and relax What's your choice TV in finished walk out room for games & exercise or gathering in large family room by fireplace overlooking fenced yard & beautiful pool Five bedroom 3 1/2 bath Filled with quality design Buy now and be ready for spring \$535,000 (93BRI) 248 349 5600



LIVONIA - Custom throughout Incredible lot offers custom Ranch with 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths and finished lower level Home features oak crown moldings hardwood floors custom window treatments newer carpet 3-tiered deck and brick paver patio \$419,900 (25STM) 248 349 5600



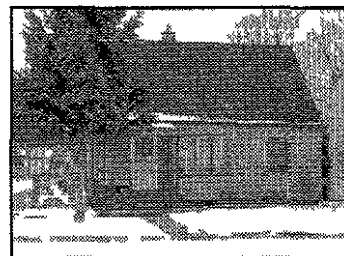
REDFORD - Immaculate custom 3 bedroom 3 1/2 bath brick Ranch with 2 natural fireplaces on over 1/2 acre well maintained private lot Updates windows exterior & garage doors 4-season Florida room 90-efficiency furnace & AC finished basement 2 car attached garage with separate workshop \$229,900 (92INK) 734 455 5600



REDFORD - Beautifully maintained 3 bedroom Ranch hardwood floors vinyl windows plaster walls & coved ceilings Updates include furnace central air electric and carpet Neutral colors ceramic tile in kitchen and large basement Two car garage has 1 car door and South Redford schools \$136,000 (73ORA) 734 455 5600



DETROIT - Move right in! Beautiful 3 bedroom 1 bath brick Ranch offers 1 1/2 car garage with many updates A must see! \$144,900 (55WES) 734 455 5600



REDFORD - Move in condition This super 3 bedroom 2 bath home has a beautiful updated kitchen windows turquoise central air electrical breakers fresh paint decor & much more Finished basement with walk in closet & bath \$259,900 (77SPR) 248 349 5600



COMMERCE PINES - Four bedroom 3 bath contemporary Ranch Large great room with fireplace Vaulted ceiling & Florida room Wooded lot overlooks pond Outside lights & sprinklers Multi level deck with hot tub Home warranty included Lower level rec room with bath \$259,900 (77SPR) 248 349 5600



NOVI - Beautiful custom all brick exterior First floor master with walk in closet Huge jet tub All bedrooms have attached baths Kitchen granite counters great room fireplace 3 car garage hardwood floor in foyer & stone floor in kitchen Gas log fireplace Dual zone furnaces Nine foot ceilings in full basement \$479,000 (50IOR) 248-349-5600



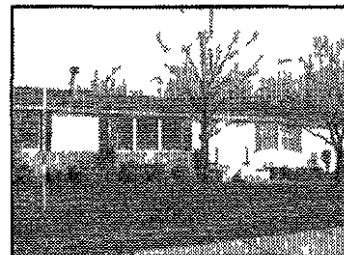
DEARBORN - Great income property Brick 2 family home with 2 bedrooms on each floor separate furnaces and utilities newer roof and siding dining room full basement 2 car garage and fenced yard Great investment \$139,900 (05KEN) 734 455 5600



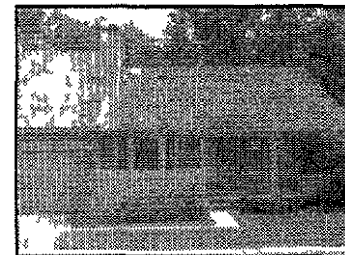
CANTON - Stately! Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath 2 story with 2 story foyer crown moldings throughout downstairs Two way fireplace through library and family room Formal living room dining room & large kitchen First floor laundry Private wooded lot \$386,000 (89RED) 734 455 5600



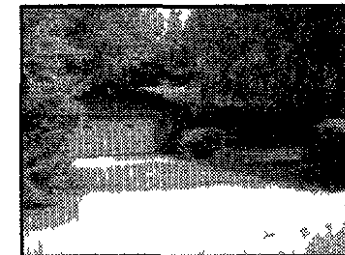
PLYMOUTH - Immaculate Two bedroom two bath spacious Ranch Condo Open floor plan Updated kitchen and breakfast room with appliances included Large living room with gas fireplace End unit with extra wide doors Handicap accessible \$183,900 (00WOO) 734 455 5600



FARMINGTON - Great 3 bedroom 3 bath Ranch with newer hardwood floors and carpet Natural stone counter tops newer paint and front door Finished heated Florida room and huge basement \$219,900 (10MID) 248 349 5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Beautiful end unit 2 bedroom 3 bath 1 story in a wooded lot with pond Vaulted ceilings skylights fireplace in living room & oak kitchen with appliances Master with walk in closet & bath Finished lower level could be third bedroom with full bath First floor laundry Pool & tennis courts \$199,000 (11DAN) 248 349 5600



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ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction

Just completed beautiful 4 bedroom colonial w/ many options and upgrades to list. Approx 2350 sq ft 1 1/2 bath large master suite w/sitting area & walk in closet. Marble kitchen w/ snack bar gas fireplace A/C full basement 2 car garage Rochester Schools. Asking \$316,900.

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ROYAL OAK
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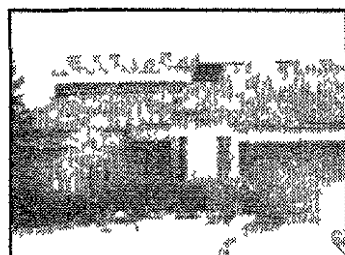
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OAKLAND - Exquisite executive estate. Bring your horses and take advantage of this wooded 7+ acres with creek. Enjoy year round indoor pool, gourmet kitchen finished walk out sprawling deck with gazebo, 7 car garage, 4 bedrooms and 6+ baths. \$1,650,000 (05HIG) 248 652 8000



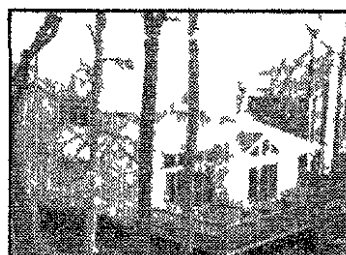
WOODCREEK ESTATES - Serene beautiful 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home on large estate sized lot. Master with private deck, 2 story entry & living room. Walk out lower level 3+ car garage. Newer carpet neutral decor. deeded docking on all sports. Commerce Lake. Hurry up & see this home. \$429,900 (21WOO) 248 363 1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Exquisite contemporary 2 story with a great room & family room with fireplace and wet bar. Four bedrooms 3+ baths. Walk out finished basement with hot tub. Tired deck overlooks a private wooded lot. \$424,900 (62TIM) 248 626 8800



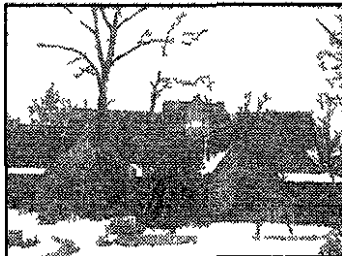
WEST BLOOMFIELD - 3 bedrooms 2 1/2 bath w/exceptional decor & custom features. 2 story foyer high ceilings, hardwood floors & plantation shades. Cherry fireplace mantel, gourmet white kitchen w/island, master bedroom w/walk in closet & custom cabinets. Cedar deck with view of home. \$365,000 (704ER) 248 642 8100



NORTHVILLE - Gorgeous custom 3 bedroom home 2 1/2 bath w/FR DR LR heat sunroom and full basement. Antique leaded glass wall. Walk to school and town. Gas fireplace A/C California closets wet bar 2x6 construction. All appliances and window treatments. \$649,900 (20HIG) 248 349 5600



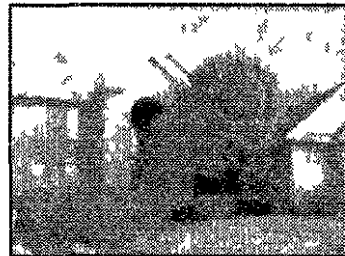
CLASSIC ELEGANCE - Backing to a private wooded setting. This 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath town home with private courtyard entrance. Living room w/marble fireplace formal dining room opens to large deck. Kitchen w/corner & cherry cabinets. Master suite. \$327,500 (23TIM) 734 455 5600



LAKE ORION - Golf community. Exquisite and tasteful country French decor. Elevator first floor master with walk in closet fireplace sitting area bath with Jacuzzi and shower. Cherry floors finished lower level study fireplace and view of Indianwoods 18th hole. \$1,185,000 (23KIR) 248 652 8000



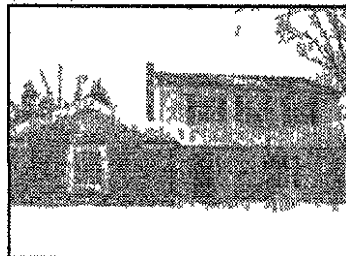
LAKEFRONT LOG HOME - Four bedroom 2 bath beautiful home on quiet Sullivan Lake. Home sits on approximately 1.45 acres with 180 feet of lake frontage. Natural fireplace cathedral ceiling hardwood floors throughout newer windows & roof. Deck facing lake. Priced to sell. \$324,900 (10LAK) 248 363 1200



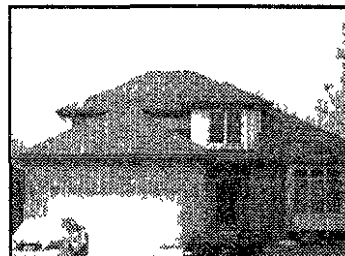
FARMINGTON HILLS - Gorgeous wood clad rear yard. Absolute move in condition! Newer 4 bedroom tudor features 9 foot & cathedral ceilings throughout family room with fireplace & wet bar library with built in bookshelves & French doors. Hardwood floors 2 story foyer and 3 car garage. \$474,900 (27WIN) 248 626 8800



FRANKLIN - 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath cape cod w/brand new addition. Newer roof windows & exterior doors. 2 car side entry garage approximately 6 acre lot w/Birmingham Schools. \$339,900 (45FUS) 248 642 8100



LEXINGTON COMMONS NORTH - 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath FR w/natural fireplace hardwood kitchen DR LR FFL 2 car attached garage. Invisible fence brick paver walk & patio. Finished basement super court location. Close to downtown. All kitchen appliances stay. \$314,900 (81MOR) 248 349 5600



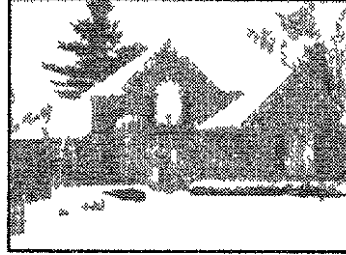
SPECTACULAR HOME AT TPC - Luxurious gated community offers hardwood floors in spacious foyer library & gourmet kitchen which has white cabinets wine rack & built in appliances. Basement Rec room & 2 car attached garage. All this offered in this 3 bedroom 3 full & 2 half baths. \$579,900 (36TUR) 734 455 5600



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Elegant estate with indoor pool. Large 4 bedroom colonial 4 baths 2 lavs sauna jetted tub 24 hour security remodeled in 1997 huge deck and brick patio. Second floor bridge overlooking first floor. Common pool and tennis. \$1,275,000 (64KIF) 248 652 8000



UPGRADES GALORE - Five bedrooms master with double whirlpool tub steam shower & fireplace. Oak with leaded glass lighting over island with Jenn Air formal dining central vac intercom skylights second floor laundry living room family room with fireplace 3 car garage. 30x40 in ground pool. \$419,500 (26ROT) 248 363 1200



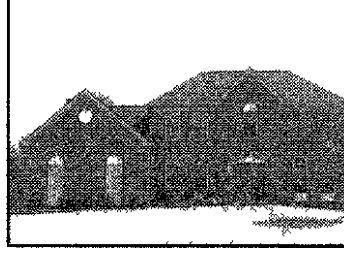
BEAUTY & QUALITY POPULAR SUB - Hills of Creswood 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath. Upgrades include extensive use of crown moldings extra large gourmet kitchen & dual staircases. Immaculate condition 3 car garage. Beautiful window treatments. Well worth seeing. \$499,900 (62RED) 248 349 5600



MACOMB TOWNSHIP - Old world workmanship plus state of the art features equals the best of 2002 new build. Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath tudor with 3 1/2 car side turned garage island kitchen & master with custom tiled jacuzzi bath & separate shower. \$319,000 (72LAM) 248 524 1600



OAKLAND - Custom built gracious country living on (approximately) 3 wooded acres with creek on private paved road. Four bedrooms 3 1/2 baths 3 car garage walk out basement with 9 foot ceilings first floor master cedar deck and bay windows. \$619,000 (57HIG) 248 652 8000



ALMOST NEW COLONIAL - Neutral & open with 9 foot ceilings crown molding hardwood floors Corian counters & Andersen windows. Four bedrooms 2 1/2 baths master suite with tray ceiling and jetted tub. Cherry cabinets in kitchen. Over 1/2 acre lot with cedar decking in back. \$379,900 (90TIM) 248 363 1200

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MOVE IN AND RELAX - What's your choice TV in finished walk out with room for games & exercise or gathering in large family room by fireplace overlooking fenced yard & beautiful pool. 5 bedroom 3 1/2 bath. Filled with quality design. Buy now & be ready for spring. \$535,000 (93BRI) 248 349 5600



AUBURN HILLS - Spectacular wooded lot with this new four bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial. Three car attached garage den for mail dining room two story great room and foyer. Huge 1st floor laundry 9 daylight basement. Open kitchen with island. \$340,000 (37SHI) 248 524 1600



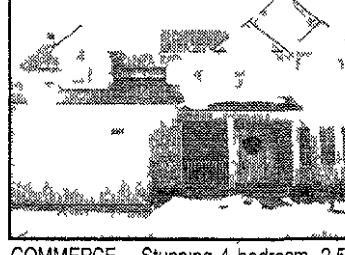
OAKLAND - Attention builders. Approximately 3 acre premium lot overlooking 2 streams and woods. Three bedroom ranch with detached garage newer fireplace alarm dining room and deck overlooking great view. Value is in the property. \$457,000 (10ORI) 248 652 8000



LIVONIA - Spacious Tudor. Rare 5 bedroom 3 1/2 bath newer home. Formal living & dining room. Large country kitchen with oak cabinets. Family room with cathedral ceiling skylight fan & fireplace. Absolute move in condition. Home protection plan. Top rated schools. \$379,900 (19AUG) 248 626 8800



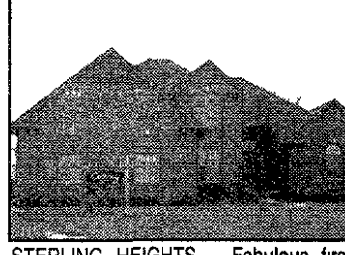
BLOOMFIELD - Unbelievable Tudor w/authentic & quality appointments throughout. Marble foyer formal DR & LR marble trimmed fireplace library w/oak paneling & built in Kt w/top of the line appliances island & pantry family room w/fireplace skylights open to lounge overlooking indoor pool. \$1,464,900 (95STO) 248 642 8100



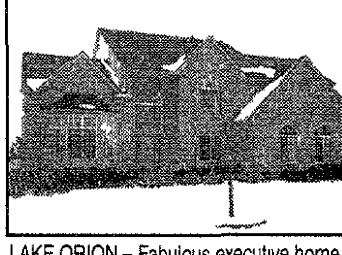
COMMERCE - Stunning 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath 2000 built colonial w/magnificent light oak kitchen w/island & pantry. Large master with walk in closet bath w/garden tub & shower. Daylight basement w/gh ceilings all on the 9th hole of Beacon Hill. \$327,500 (691VY) 248 642 8100



FABULOUS - Ranch on nearly an acre. Upgraded custom kitchen with appliances & ceramic floor. Formal dining room fireplace in living room & woodstove in family room. Jacuzzi tub in bath & skylights. 3 car garage. \$334,900 (17EVA) 734 455 5600



STERLING HEIGHTS - Fabulous first floor master in this four bedroom 2 1/2 bath home on a cul de sac backing to the commons. Ceramic floors maple cabinets jetted tub island kitchen and numerous upgrades. Three plus car garage. Must see! \$419,900 (54CIT) 248 524 1600



LAKE ORION - Fabulous executive home. Lovely court lot. Two story foyer living and family rooms 4 bedrooms large 2002 island kitchen with granite counters. Butlers pantry marble fireplace some hardwood and marble floors 2 staircases. \$439,900 (13LAK) 248 652 8000



OAKLAND - Understated elegance. Distinctive custom home with 4 bedrooms 4 1/2 baths fine detail with wood granite & Corian. Quality throughout. Superb kitchen. Elegant master suite. Finished walk out with fireplace. 3 car garage all the amenities. Great lot & location. \$770,000 (34CEN) 248 626 8800



MILFORD - Simply gorgeous & custom built all brick on approximately 1 1/2 acres of beautiful private land. First floor master large kitchen overlooking Florida room 2 staircases and 2 fireplaces. All bedrooms are good size and 4 car garage. \$745,000 (52CAN) 248 642 8100



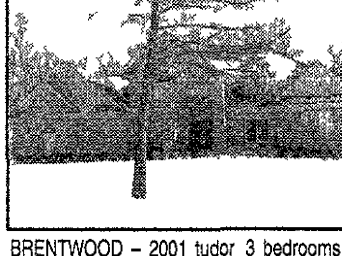
SYLVAN LAKE - 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath 87 built colonial. Kitchen w/white floor great cabinet space w/eat in area 1st floor library could be 4th bedroom. Oversized garage has finished loft for office guest suite or rental. Lake access on Sylvan Lake. \$324,900 (66PON) 248 642 8100



ARTS & CRAFTS - Spectacular home will dazzle you w/its hardwood floors crown moldings & spacious family room. Nestled in the heart of Northville easy walking distance to downtown. It has a dramatic panoramic view of the wooded lot & creek. \$349,900 (36FRAN) 734 455 5600



STERLING HEIGHTS - Outstanding colonial with Utca schools. Beautiful four bedrooms 2 1/2 bath family home in move in condition. Ceramic and hardwood floors. Library with French doors. Oak island kitchen. Professionally finished basement. \$349,900 (61CUR) 248 524 1600



BRENTWOOD - 2001 Tudor 3 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths w/premium amenities. Main floor master 2 walk in closets & jetted tub J & J bath upstairs w/lot family room great room w/fireplace hardwood vaulted ceilings first floor laundry part fin lower level 4 car garage. Wooded lot sprinkler system & club house. \$459,900 (69MAY) 248 363 1200



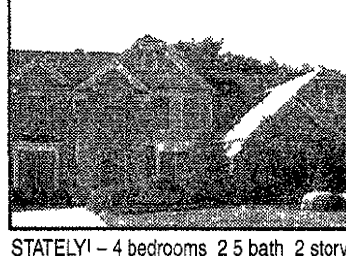
WHITE LAKE - Lakefront Upper Sherwood. Panoramic views. Custom built architect home. Three bedroom 2 bath formal dining family room with vaulted ceiling & fireplace. Open spacious floor plan. Modern kitchen with breakfast area/snack bar. Three car garage. Deck pavers gazebo dock & more. \$389,900 (26FOR) 248 626 8800



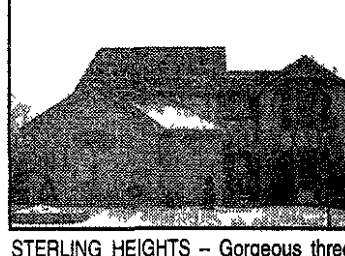
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Lovely 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial. Breakfast room could be second family room. 2 fireplaces & fenced stone patio on approximately 1/2 acre. Circular driveway side entry 2 car garage and part finished basement. Great location. \$574,900 (21PAR) 248 642 8100



BEAUTIFUL FAMILY HOME - Move right into this 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial. Large kitchen w/lots of cupboards & granite counters. Ceramic floors newer driveway & gutters. Painted inside & out. Large deck & covered porch. Finished basement w/wet bar. \$359,000 (11DIC) 248 349 5600



STATELY - 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 bath 2 story w/2 story foyer crown moldings thru out downstairs 2 way fireplace thru library & family room. Formal living room dining room & large kitchen 1st floor laundry. Private wooded lot. \$386,000 (89RED) 734 455 5600



STERLING HEIGHTS - Gorgeous three bedroom 2 1/2 bath contemporary built in 1996. Library great room first floor laundry huge kitchen with ceramic floors dining room study and sitting loft. Professionally finished basement. Cedar deck paver patio and large well landscaped lot. \$345,000 (60MAY) 248 524 1600



CAN IT REALLY BE TRUE - This amazing 6 7 bedroom colonial sits on approximately 1 1/2 acre and offers 120' of frontage on a private all sports lake. New paint & carpeting huge master with balcony in ground pool hot tub finished basement and a second 3 car garage. \$449,900 (49CAR) 248 363 1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Car connoisseurs estate. On just under 3 acres. Exquisite country estate renovation with additions. First floor master suite. Two story window great room turret breakfast room lower level game room 3 bedrooms up with study. Note second garage for 6. \$1,999,000 (31SPR) 248 626 8800



ROCHESTER HILLS - Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial with nice floor plan deck and wooded lot backing to commons. Top of the line kitchen large pantry family room with cathedral ceilings gas fireplace and recessed lights. First floor laundry cedar deck pavers and basement. \$389,900 (00DAK) 248 642 8100



TASTEFULLY DECORATED - 5 BDR 2 1/2 BA colonial upgraded thru out 2 story foyer oak floors circular stairway 2 story FR w/oversized masonry fireplace open bridge above. Formal DR w/butters pantry. Spacious gourmet kit w/built in appls. Spectacular fin LL w/5th BDR full BA wet bar/kitchen. \$505,000 (41DEV) 248 349 5600



BEAUTIFUL - 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial w/professional landscape. Brick paver patio large deck overlooking 2 1/2 wooded acres w/stocked pond & beach. Hardwood floors finished basement w/4th bedroom. \$349,900 (03SHA) 734 455 5600



ROCHESTER HILLS - Stunning brick split level with first floor master bedroom suite vaulted great room with marble fireplace dining room study and sitting loft. Professionally finished basement. Cedar deck paver patio and large well landscaped lot. \$345,000 (60MAY) 248 524 1600

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